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COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Another month has passed, and I have just returned from the 106th VFW National Convention. As in past years, the Convention was a great experience. The convention is both important and entertaining—important because it's the forum for conducting the business of the VFW and entertaining because it provides an opportunity to meet Comrades and Sisters from across the U.S., to socialize, and to enjoy the camaraderie that is an important part of what the VFW is all about. If you have never attended a National Convention, you should put one in your travel plans. You will enjoy the experience.

Of course, the highlight of the Convention was the appearance of President Bush. Another highlight, from my viewpoint, was my five minutes of fame on stage receiving a National Recruiting Award. I also accepted an Operation Uplink Award for our Department.

I want to report action on three resolutions that are of interest to the general membership. The resolution to increase Life Membership fees was defeated by approximately 200 votes. It will be back next year. The resolution to terminate the Military Initiative Program (MIP) was defeated after vigorous floor debate for and against. Finally, the resolution to eliminate citizenship as a requirement for VFW membership was defeated by a substantial majority. This is an emotional issue, and the floor arguments for and against were long and loud. The Department of Europe appears to be the most vociferous supporter of citizenship requirement elimination. The primary argument against citizenship elimination, as expressed over and over on the floor, is that citizenship is easily available for any non-citizen veteran who wants it. The resolution, I'm sure, will be debated again next year.

Our Fall Conference will be held the weekend of 23-25 September in Lynchburg. I hope you have made plans to attend. The Council of Administration will conduct the business of the Department, and all members are welcome to attend, but may not participate in discussion. Only Council members may make motions, speak, or vote on issues. The Conference is also an opportunity to visit with Comrades and Sisters from around the state and share ideas to make our Department more successful this year than last.

Now let me say a few words about canteen operations. A properly run canteen is an asset to any Post. Poorly managed canteens are always a source of potential problems. The operation, management, and control of canteens is a Post responsibility. Posts with canteens should have By-laws or have adopted Rules and Regulations for their operation, management and control, which comply with State and local ABC regulations and Gaming Commission rules. Posts must also be in compliance with the applicable mandates of Sections 708 and 709 of our National By-laws, which address incorporation and control of Units. I urge all Post Commanders to take a hard look at your canteen By-laws or Rules and Regulations, the House Committee, the Manager, and service personnel. Posts should strive to deal with canteen problems internally via the House Committee, the Post Commander, or the Membership. If canteen problems rise to the Department level, we will conduct a comprehensive and vigorous investigation of all aspects of canteen operations. I will deal firmly with all canteen problems.

In closing, I have only three things left to say—membership, membership, membership. We did have a good year for membership last year. However, in looking at the final results, I note many Posts that failed to achieve 100% by one to ten members. To me, that indicates a total lack of recruiting effort. If your Post is in this category, one of the State recruiters or I will be contacting you. My goal is 103% membership this year, and we will make every effort to see that you participate—either on your own or with our help. It's comforting to look back on the successes of the past, but our challenge and the opportunity this year is to move our Department forward.

Yours in Comradeship,
Daniel D. Boyer

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 243:

His eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National By-Laws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership, it is hereby ordered that the name of Thelmar Branham, Life Membership No. 1390178, be removed from the rolls of Dickenson Memorial Post No. 8979, Clintwood, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
John F. Gwizdak
Commander-in-Chief

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 321:

Based on subsequent documentation received at this headquarters from the National Personnel Records Center voiding the military records of the Armed forces Expeditionary Medal, it is hereby ordered that the name of Bobby L. Dotson, Life Membership No. 1480179, be removed from the rolls of Dickenson Memorial Post No. 8979, Clintwood, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
John Furgess
Commander-in-Chief

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 328:

Upon the recommendation of the Commander, Department of Virginia, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the National By-Laws, the charter of Glasgow Post No. 7578, Glasgow, Virginia mustered February 12, 1988, is hereby canceled and the Post declared defunct.

The Commander, Department of Virginia, will at once recover the charter, rituals, paraphernalia and all monies and other property of Post in accordance with provisions of the National By-Laws.

By order of
John Furgess
Commander-in Chief

FALL COUNCIL:

The Fall Council Meeting will be held September 23-25, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, VA Phone 434-528-5000 (group rate deadline was August 23rd) A registration form is attached to the General Orders, please submit to State Headquarters. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET/DANCE. THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 16, 2005. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR THE BANQUET AFTER THIS DATE.**

GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. If you received a hard copy of the General Orders and have the ability to print satisfactory copies from the internet please call us or email us at stateheadquarters@vfwva.org. Subscriptions for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year or \$2.00 per issue.

QUARTERLY AUDIT REPORTS:

Attention is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure Duty of Trustees, Form P-113. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ended June 30th and is now past due please submit to State Headquarters immediately.

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED AN **AUDIT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 6/30/05 AS OF: 08/26/05**

DIST. 1	5500	8629											
DIST. 2	100%												
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DIST. 4	2163	8228	8902										
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BONDS:

All bonds expired August 31, 2005. Please see attached rate schedule for costs of your bond and return completed form and payment to State Headquarters. If you are bonded locally a copy of the bond must be submitted to State Headquarters

REPORT FORMS:

Please mail all Reports to State Headquarters. This includes Americanism, Community Activities, Deceased Reports, Homeless Veterans, Hospital, Inspection, Safety, and Youth Activities.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAY OUT 2005:

Palmer & Cay, a professional actuarial firm, recently completed an evaluation of the Life Membership Fund. Based on this evaluation, National Life Membership Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 111 of the VFW By-Laws, has determined that, for the 2005 membership year, the Life Membership Fund will pay out **\$3.50** for each **Plan A, B and C** life member, and **\$5.50** for each **Plan D** life member to their Post, Department and to National Headquarters. Payment will be made in September 2005 for all life members recorded as of August 31, 2005.

In addition, **\$5.50 will be paid in January 2006** for each life member processed from September through December 2005 (Plan D) to their Post, Department and to National Headquarters.

ROSTER CHANGES:

- Post 776 Meeting time 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30 PM
- Post 1033 Quartermaster home phone, 540-962-5900, office phone, 540-962-6377
Adjutant, John C May, 805 Oneida Trl., Covington, VA 24426, 540-962-3137
- Post 1264 Karl G. Shorter, Address change, 116 Trinkle Ave, N.E, Roanoke, VA 24012
- Post 1503 Commander, James Martin, Phone number correction 703-670-8616
- Post 2044 Commander, Ed Floyd, Phone number 434-973-5847, email efloyd4882@aol.com
Senior Vice Commander, Donald R Hemmer, 785 Bedford Hills Dr, Earlysville, VA 22936
- Post 2524 Commander, address change, 16353 Lake Front Dr, Culpeper, VA 22701
- Post 3060 Meeting time change 7:30 PM

Post 3125 Commander, James Gethers, PO Box 541, Ruther Glen, VA 22546
 Quartermaster, Reginald A Beverly, 26178 Beverly Cir, Ruther Glen, VA 22546
 Adjutant, Wylie Walker, 14555 Countyline Church Rd, Woodford, VA 22580, 804-448-1163

Post 4318 New Meeting time 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM

Post 4989 Houston T. Smith, Address correction, PO Box 181

Post 5412 Commander Margo Sheridan, work phone 202-366-7201 email, margo.diane@verizon.net
 SVC David Meyers email david.meyers@mrisc.com
 JVC Jim Whiting, email whitingjf1@cs.com (number 1 not an "l")

Post 7360 Donnie Blankenship. Address correction, PO Box 578, Vansant, VA 24656

Post 7728 Monthly Meeting 3rd Saturday at 10:00 AM

Post 8356 Name correction Commander Roger Webb
 Junior Vice Commander, Tom Vosnick, 1533 Moorefield Rd, West Point, VA 23181 Phone 804-843-3073

Post 9382 Quartermaster change, new QM Russell Ragle, 4161 Pughsville Rd, Suffok, VA 23435

Post 10657 Post phone number correction 804-752-7815, email, vfwpost10657@aol.com
 Quartermaster, Ervin R Waid, PO Box 29083, Richmond, VA 23242, 804-249-8226
 Junior Vice, Bruce L Ivey, 15203 W Patrick Henry Rd, Montpelier, VA, 23192
 Adjutant, Angelo Ricca, 5709 Gray Cliff Rd, Richmond, VA 23294, 804-346-3136

2nd District Adjutant Charles E Walden, Post 4809, 6045 Clear Springs Rd, VA Beach, 23464, 757-938-9898,
cwalden1Waarea.hrcoxmail.com

Honor Guard Member, George McCracken, 6700 Suttles Ct, Fredericksburg, VA 22407, 540-786-2334

Phillip Hewitt address change, 41 Mansfield Circle, Greensboro, NC 27455, 336-288-8651

Historian, John S Nealey 9347 Inkberry Ct, Manassas, VA 20110, 703-361-5554

Chief-of-Staff, Roy Swanner Post Correction 7726

Resolutions Committee, Douglas Hayes 459 Chadwyck Drive, Danville, VA 24541, 434-250-5927

IMPORTANT 2005-2006 DATES:

September 23-25, 2005	Fall Council Meeting: Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Virginia- Room Rates are \$63.00 per night. Telephone # 434-528-2500. Pre-registration for Banquet deadline September 16, 2005.
November 4-6, 2005	Southern Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi, Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino Resort, Room Rates are \$65.00 for double occupancy, cut off date for reservations is October 4, 2005, Telephone # 1-888-946-2847
January 13-15, 2006	Winter Council Meeting, Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Room Rates \$65.00 plus Tax based on single/double occupancy. Reservation # 757-220-2250
June 15-18, 2006	State Convention, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Room Rates are \$85.00 per night Reservations 804-285-1234
September 15-17, 2006	Fall Council Meeting: Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Virginia- Room Rates are \$63.00 per night. Telephone # 434-528-2500

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

- FIRST** – 09-17-2005 POST 2296 TASLEY 11:00 AM
- SECOND** – 11-19-2005 POST 3160 NORFOLK, LUNCH 12:00 NOON Meeting to follow
- THIRD** – 09-10-2005 3RD DISTRICT HDQTRS MEETING AT 2:00 PM, Representative State Judge Advocate Hal Roesch
- FOURTH** – TBD POST 7166 SOUTH HILL
- FIFTH** – 11-13-2005 POST 1115 HILLSVILLE LUNCH 12:00 NOON Meeting to follow
- SIXTH** – 11-20-2005 POST 1264 SALEM VAMC 2:00 PM
- SEVENTH** – 09-11-2005 POST 621 LURAY, Meeting 11:30 AM, Lunch to follow Representative State Junior Vice Commander, Jimmy Lee Wallace
- EIGHTH** – 09-18-2005 POST 2524 CULPEPER Meeting AT 1:00 PM, Representative State Senior Vice Commander Doc Crouch
- NINTH** – 09-11-2005 POST 1184 PULASKI Registration 10:30 AM, Representative State Commander Dan Boyer
- TENTH** – 09-18-2005 POST 7327 SPRINGFIELD Meeting 1:00 PM, Representative State Adjutant/Quartermaster Kim DeShano
- ELEVENTH** – 09-11-2005 POST 2216 STAUNTON Lunch 11:30 AM, Meeting 12:30 PM Representative State Surgeon Rex Faris
- TWELFTH** – 09-17-2005 POST 9830 DAMASCUS Registration at 10:00 AM Meeting at 11:00 AM followed by lunch, Representative State Surgeon Rex Faris
01-07-2006 POST 1994 ABINGDON Registration at 10:00 AM Meeting at 11:00 AM followed by lunch
05-12-2006 POST 9600 POUND Registration at 10:00 AM Meeting at 11:00 AM followed by lunch
- THIRTEENTH** – 09-11-2005 POST 7638 GORDONSVILLE TIME Meeting 1:30 PM Representative State Chief-of-Staff Roy Swanner

VFW SPECIAL INTEREST LICENSE PLATE:

Legislation was approved by the General Assembly authorizing the issuance of a VFW license plate. An application form is attached to the General Orders, 350 pre-signed applications must be received within 180 days to avoid reauthorization by the General Assembly. Please complete the License Plate Application and submit along with \$10.00. Applications **MUST BE** submitted to **State Headquarters**. Upon receipt of the 350 required applications, State Headquarters will forward them to DMV to begin production. If you have any questions please contact Dan Watts, Post 4639, 4680 Hickory Signpost Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185, exseabird@msn.com.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

We are fast approaching the end of our first Quarter of this administrative year. Request that all members of the Council and Committee Chairs submit voucher to State Headquarters for any authorized expenditures by the 10th of the Month. Our State Quartermaster needs this information to be able to prepare the financial statement for our Fall Council Meeting.

Paul T. Moore, Chairman
Budget & Finance

AMERICA BANDS TOGETHER:

Band Together for America's Troops!

Remember - and support - those in harm's way by wearing this patriotic red wristband that proudly proclaims, "I Support Our Troops." Just think what this heartfelt symbol of support will mean to the soldier in a lonely outpost or the hospitalized veteran. Knowing that millions of Americans carry them in their thoughts - and hearts - each day will mean so much. Order yours today!



AMERICABANDSTOGETHER.ORG

Your donation will support emergency assistance for troops, as well as VFW programs that serve veterans and active-duty service members.

- Yes, please send me the following quantity of patriotic wristbands:*(price includes S/H):
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| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) | \$4.95 | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) | \$22.30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (50) | \$93.75 | <input type="checkbox"/> (100) | \$175.00 |

*For order sizes of 300 and 1,200 please call (816) 756-3390

- I want to do even more. Here's an additional gift of \$ _____
 I'd also like to know more about how to buy an American Flag.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

AMERICA BANDS TOGETHER



Please return this form to:

AMERICA BANDS TOGETHER VFW State Headquarters
403 Lee Jackson Hwy
Staunton, VA 24401

AMERICABANDSTOGETHER.ORG

BUDDY POPPY:

As the upcoming Veterans Day approaches, and given the daily hazards confronting our military on a daily basis during *Operation Iraqi Freedom*, it is appropriate that we direct as many VFW resources as possible to supporting our troops and their families.

In the ongoing effort to provide as much assistance as possible to those serving in the military, I recommend that proceeds or portions from this year's annual poppy distribution be designated for the purpose of providing VFW support to our military. Via the VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP), Posts now have the opportunity to assist qualified military personnel through the MAP *emergency financial grant* process.

In keeping with the intent of Section 704 (A) (C) of the Manual of Procedure "Relief Fund," this year's poppy campaign can play a direct role in demonstrating to those who are charged with protecting and defending our way of life that we appreciate and value their sacrifice.

We have set up a special account at the Department for the Military Assistance Program (MAP) anyone wishing to make a donation can send a check to Department headquarters earmarked (MAP).

Buddy Poppy Chairman
Kim A. DeShano

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY:

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY, SEPTEMBER 16. Posts should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Information on conducting a ceremony can be found in the current VFW Manual of Procedure.

POW/MIA FLAG - OFFICIAL DISPLAY DAYS. Public law 105 - 85 signed into law on November 16, 1997, indicates the day's federal agencies, military installations, and U.S. post offices are required to display the POW/MIA flag. The days are: Armed Forces Day, May 21, (third Saturday in May); Memorial Day, May 30, (last Monday in May); Flag Day, June 14; National POW/MIA Day, September 16, (third Friday in September) and Veterans Day, November 11.

POW-MIA REPORT:

Two Recovery Teams and one Investigative Team from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will deploy this week from Hawaii to conduct operations in five European countries to search for or bring home remains of Americans still missing from World War II. The first recovery team will deploy to Germany to conduct recovery operations East of Torgau, Germany and North of Hanover, Germany at two sites. One site is associated with a 1945 loss of a P-38J aircraft, while the other is associated with a 1944 loss of a P-51D aircraft. The second team will deploy to Hungary to conduct two recovery operations in relation to another P-47D aircraft loss. The team will also excavate a B-24H aircraft loss. Additionally, members of this recovery team will be going to Corsica, France to recover remains from a 1944 loss of a B-25 aircraft.

An investigative team will conduct additional operations and possible recoveries in Hungary, Poland, and Luxembourg. Teams will also exhume several graves purportedly of American service members buried during World War II.

In related news, researchers believe they have found the USS LAGARTO, a WW II submarine sunk in the Gulf of Thailand during the war. 86 men were lost. According to the U.S. Navy, all sunken U.S. ships are considered gravesites, and are off-limits.

The remains of Corporal Leslie R. Heath, USMC, a U.S. serviceman MIA from the Korean War, has been identified and returned to his family for burial.

Also, the remains of 12 servicemen listed as MIA during the Vietnam War have been identified and returned home. The 11 Marines and 1 Army soldier are the largest group of MIAs identified since the war. The servicemen were killed during a 10-hour battle on May 9, 1968 in South Vietnam. Two Air Force MIA Officers from Laos, Colonel James W. Lewis and Major Arthur Baker's bodies have been located and returned to their families. Four other Army servicemen MIA since March 16, 1969 from Vietnam were also identified and returned to their families. They are LTC Marvin Foster, Cpt David R. Smith, SFC Michael Batt, and SFC Raymond Bobe. PFC Robert Lopez, USMC, who was killed in action on May 10, 1968, has been identified and his remains have been returned to his family in Albuquerque, NM. Capt David J. Phillips, USAF, was shot down on July 3, 1966 in South Vietnam. His remains have been identified and returned to his family in Savannah, GA.

Today, there is one American missing from the Gulf War, more than 1,800 from the Vietnam War, 120 from the Cold War, more than 8,100 from the Korean War, and more than 78,000 from World War II.

The U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the VFW, are committed to scientific excellence and the fullest possible accounting of all Americans still missing as a result of our nation's conflicts.

I've received several calls concerning National POW-MIA Recognition Day, which is September 16, 2005. Many of the inquiries concern the "Missing Man Table". The following is provided for your use as you deem appropriate:

MISSING MAN TABLE & HONORS CEREMONY

Moderator: As you entered the dining area, you may have noticed a table at the front, raised to call your attention to its purpose -- it is reserved to honor our missing loved comrades. Set for six, the empty places represent our men missing from each of the five services - Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard - and civilians. This Honors Ceremony symbolizes that they are with us, here in spirit. Some here today/tonight were very young when the Vietnam War began; however, all Americans should never forget our brave men and women who answered our nation's call and served the cause of freedom in a special way. As the Honor Guard places one of the five service covers or a civilian cap on each empty plate, I would like to ask you to consider their sacrifices, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Honor Guard: (In silence or with dignified, reverent music as background, the Honor Guard moves into position around the table and simultaneously places one of the service covers, of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, or a civilian hat, on each empty dinner plate at each table setting. The Honor Guard then departs.)

Moderator: Please be seated.....I would like to explain the meaning of the items on this special table. The table is round - to show our everlasting concern for our men still missing. The cloth is white - symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty. The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of the missing, and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith, awaiting answers. The vase is tied with a red ribbon, symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing. A slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers. The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God. The glass is inverted - to symbolize their inability to share this evening's toast. The chairs are empty - they are missing. Let us now raise our water glasses in a toast to honor America's POW/MIA's and to the success of the accounting effort.

[In addition, you can find additional information on the POW/MIA ceremony in the VFW Ritual Manual.](#)

Jimmy Lee Wallace
Chairman, POW-MIA Committee

PATRIOTS DAY:

PATRIOTS DAY, SEPTEMBER 11. Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11th is designated as "Patriot Day." The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY:

Any Post (with or without their Ladies Auxiliary) that conducts a Make a Difference Day project that assist our military and their families can enter a drawing to receive up to \$250.00 to reimburse project expenses. The Post needs to send a copy of the project report (page 33) and expense receipts to the VFW National Community Service Department by November 10. Twenty-nine \$250.00 awards will be selected via random drawing.

The above activity is an excellent opportunity to promote family volunteering. It is also a great way to invite local military (active, Reserve, and National Guard) and their families to volunteer with us!

PATRIOT'S PEN:

I hope all schools in the districts have been contacted and our program is up and running. I do need the names, addresses (including e-mail) and phone numbers of your district chairmen. I will not be at the fall council meeting due to a conflict with the dates; however I will appreciate an up-date of the progress so far. e-mail (dist11qm@vfwva.org) or snail mail, whichever is convenient.

Thanks,
Don Hall
Chairman

CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHERS AWARD:

Deadlines:

<u>November 1, 2005:</u>	Nominations submitted to Post
<u>November 15, 2005:</u>	Post judging completed and submitted to District
<u>December 15, 2005:</u>	District judging completed and submitted to Department.

Information about this program was contained in the Quartermaster's package sent out from National. On pages 23-25 of the VFW Programs Chairmen's Guide 2005-06, along with the Teacher's Award brochure, contains all the necessary information. This brochure also serves as the nomination form. The brochure can be reproduced as needed. VFW National mailed a program brochure in May to Elementary Principals, Junior High and High School Teachers across the nation. Visit your area schools and make sure that each high school has copies of the brochure.

The "essay" talked about on page 23 of the Chairmen's Guide is the 350-word nomination written by the person nominating the teacher. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals (not relatives). Self-nominees are not eligible.

Based on the nominees submitted by November 1, local VFW Posts can recognize one outstanding teacher from each category - grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

The District Commanders received information at the July School of Instructions in Lynchburg. If any Post needs information or assistance – PLEASE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY.

District Chairmen: please contact me as there is information which I must furnish National in January. I will send you a form to fill out.

Phone: H: 540-955-3311
C: 540-539-5446

Email: grafarm@visuallink.com

Chris Birch
Department Chairman

ATTENTION GUARD AND RESERVE:

The Department of Labor (DOL) has announced a new service to help ensure National Guard and reserve service members return to the jobs and benefits they are entitled to under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). The latest improvement by the [Department of Labor](#) is a website where a USERRA or veterans' preference complaint can be filed electronically. Developed by the Labor Department's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), the form is called the VETS Form 1010. It is easy to fill out and can be filed in seconds electronically. Employers can obtain detailed information about USERRA by calling 1-866-4-USA-DOL or by visiting [U.S. Department of Labor](#).

M. C. "Connie" Agresti
Service Officer District 10

GULF WAR VETERANS STUDY ON EXPOSURE:

WASHINGTON, July 27, 2005 - The Defense Department is again sending letters to thousands of Gulf War veterans exposed to low levels of chemical agents contained in munitions destroyed at a weapons depot in Khamisiyah, Iraq, in March 1991.

A study released this week by the Institute of Medicine here concluded that veterans possibly exposed in that area appear to have a higher risk for brain cancer death than veterans who were not exposed. However, the study's authors said more research is needed to confirm their findings.

This letter is the third DoD is sending to update Gulf War veterans possibly exposed. Letters also were sent in 1997 and 2000 to inform veterans about developments.

Dr. Michael E. Kilpatrick, DoD's deputy director for deployment health support, said the purpose of the latest letters is to notify veterans whose units were in the possible hazard areas about the study and to remind them of medical services the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs can provide.

He said the letters won't recommend that veterans take any specific action, but will inform them on what to do if they feel affected. "If they feel fine, they don't need to do anything," he said. "We don't want them to get highly concerned about this study. It is a preliminary finding, and we will continue to investigate to better understand what this may or may not mean for their health."

Kilpatrick noted this is the first study saying there is a possibility Of a long-term health effect. "We do not have 'cause and effect' relationship at this point," he said. "But we do want the veterans to know that this data is there, and we want them to know from us that we are committed continuing the investigation to follow-up, because we are concerned about their health."

The Defense Department first prompted the study in 1997 after it was learned that rockets and other munitions destroyed at Khamisiyah in 1991 contained nerve agents sarin and cyclosarin. During the study, Kilpatrick said, IOM researchers compared the causes of death in a group of 100,487 possibly exposed U.S. Army Gulf War veterans with those among 224,980 Army Gulf War veterans who were not exposed to nerve agents released during the demolitions.

He said the study found no difference in overall mortality or all Cancer mortality.

Still, the study showed that exposed veterans were about twice as Likely to have died from brain cancer as unexposed veterans, corresponding to roughly 12 excess deaths due to brain cancer among the 100,487 exposed veterans over a nine-year period.

Kilpatrick said that finding has puzzled researchers, because neither sarin nor cyclosarin is a known carcinogen. "Neither has been shown to cause cancer," he said. "It's too early to speculate as to what could cause the brain cancer among those in the study."

He noted that medical science has tied only one factor to brain cancer. "When you take a look at the causes of brain cancer, the only one that is really recognized is exposure to high levels of ionizing radiation," he said. "That doesn't mix with what our Gulf War veterans were exposed to in the Gulf War."

He also pointed out that the length of time between the possible exposure and illness among the exposed Gulf War veterans is much less than is usual for development of brain cancer. "This period is generally 15 to 20 years for brain cancer. This study has only evaluated the first nine years after this possible exposure," he said.

Kilpatrick said a lot more research needs to be done before any conclusion can be drawn on whether chemical agents at the site can be linked to brain cancer among Gulf War veterans. He said he emphasized that the notifications are part of the Defense Department's commitment to keeping veterans informed about health issues related to their deployment.

"The message is that we care about our veterans' health, and we are continuing to investigate to try and understand what the long-term health effects are," he said. "We are working closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs to understand this issue, and as we get more information, we will continue to share it with those concerned."

Kilpatrick said one comforting aspect of the study is that the overall death rate from diseases, injuries and other causes for Gulf War veterans was similar between those whose units may have been exposed and those whose units were not.

"This study overall shows that the death rate of those in the Gulf is no different for military personnel," he said. "We have done other studies looking at death rate of those in the Gulf to those who didn't deploy, and it is the same in every aspect. So that is very comforting."

Related Site:

DoD Deployment Health Support [<http://www.pdhealth.mil/main.asp>]

AMERICANISM:

Recently received reports indicate there is still some confusion on filling out the report form. If you have one person participating in three events, then you have THREE "total number of VFW volunteers involved in projects", not one volunteer. Count each person at each event and count the hours and miles accordingly for each event. Then you will receive proper credit for what you've actually done.

Three major Americanism events show up on the September calendar: 60th anniversary of the end of World War II (2 Sept), Patriot's Day (9-11), and POW/MIA Day (16 Sept). Make plans now for each event and be sure to report them. Other events to consider are the VFW's 106th birthday on 29 September and the USAF Birthday on the 18th. My post observes "Air Forces Birthday" so as to not leave out the Army Air Force and Army Air Corps who served the nation so well earlier.

Congratulations to District 6 on being 100% reported.

J. Gary Wagner
Americanism

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED AN **AMERICANISM REPORT** AS OF: **08/17/05**

DIST. 1	2296	6002	7167	8629								
DIST. 2	993	2894	8545									
DIST. 3	2583	4639	6364	8046	8529	9501	10387	10654	10657	11124		
DIST. 4	2163	8163	8228	8759	9954	10570						
DIST. 5	647	873	7568	7800	8243	10840						
DIST. 6	100%											
DIST. 7	1150	4698	7899	9292	9660	9872						
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835			
DIST. 9	956	1184	2719	4667	7360	7969	9343					
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274					
DIST. 11	452	632	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	8479	9339	9480	10773	
DIST. 12	3782	4301	6975	8652								
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295			

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Congratulations to District 6 on being 100% reported.

Lynn Harris
Community Activities

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT** AS OF: **08/17/05**

DIST. 1	2296	7167	8629									
DIST. 2	993	2894	8545									
DIST. 3	2583	4639	8046	9501	10657	11124						
DIST. 4	2163	8048	8228	8599	9954	10570						
DIST. 5	647	7568	7800	8243	10840							
DIST. 6	100%											
DIST. 7	1150	1860	4698	7899	8613	9292	9660	9872				
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835			
DIST. 9	1184	2719	4667	7360	7969	9343						
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274					
DIST. 11	452	632	2424	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8279	8644		
DIST. 12	4301	6975										
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8947	10295					

HOSPITAL:

The first half reporting period has only a couple of months left. Send in your hospital reports now. The following Posts **HAVE NOT** submitted a Hospital Report:

Congratulations to District 6 on being 100% reported.

Rex Faris
Surgeon

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **HOSPITAL REPORT** AS OF: **8/17/05**

DIST. 1	176	2296	6002	7167	8629	9358							
DIST. 2	392	993	2894	8545	9382								
DIST. 3	1426	2583	4639	8046	8529	9501	10387	10657	11124				
DIST. 4	2163	2584	8048	8228	8446	8599	8759	8902	9954	10570			
DIST. 5	647	7568	7800	8243									
DIST. 6	100%												
DIST. 7	1150	4698	7899	9660	9872								
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208					
DIST. 9	956	1184	4667	7360	7969	9343	9696						
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274						
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	2424	3136	4204	4805	4989	8479	9339	9480	10773	
DIST. 12	3782	4301	6975	8652	9600	10298							
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546			

INSPECTION:

As of today's date only 18% of 178 Post have been inspected.

Congratulations to District 6 on being 100% reported.

Bill Shifflett
State Inspector

SAFETY:

Safety Reports have not been received for the First Reporting Period (2005-06) for the posts shown below.

Congratulations to District 6 on being 100% reported. With two months remaining in the reporting period, reports have been submitted from 93 or approximately half (51.96%) of the 179 Posts in the Department. District Commanders should keep in mind that post visitations and inspections provide an excellent opportunity to assist the posts in preparing these reports.

Charles B. Harris
Safety Vice-Chairman

POST LISTED BELOW HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A SAFETY REPORT AS OF: 08/17/05

DIST. 1	2296	6002	7167	8629								
DIST. 2	993	1211	2894	3160	8545							
DIST. 3	1426	2583	4639	6364	8046	9501	10654	10657	11124			
DIST. 4	2163	8228	8446	8599	8617	8759	8902	9954	10570			
DIST. 5	647	7568	7800	8243	10840							
DIST. 6	100%	for	1 st	Half								
DIST. 7	1150	1860	4698	7899	9292	9660	9872					
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835			
DIST. 9	956	1184	2719	4667	7360	7969	9343					
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274					
DIST. 11	452	632	3136	4204	4805	4989	7814	8479	9339	9480	10773	
DIST. 12	3782	4301	6975	8652								
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8436	8947	10295				

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Comrades, thus far 126 reports from **94 (52.51%) of 179 Posts** have been submitted for our 1st Half Reporting period.

Please do not forget to double-check your reports for accuracy and legibility before you send them off to the Department.

Congratulations to District 6 for being the 1st to reach 100% in 1st Half reports.

Stanley Dixon
Vice Chairman – Youth Activity

POST LISTED BELOW HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A YOUTH ACTIVITY REPORT AS OF: 08/17/05

DIST. 1	2296	6002	7167	8629								
DIST. 2	993	2894	3160	8545								
DIST. 3	2239	2583	4639	8046	9501	10387	10654	10657	11124			
DIST. 4	2163	8163	8228	8617	8759	9954	10570					
DIST. 5	647	1115	2820	7568	7800	8243	10840					
DIST. 6	100%											
DIST. 7	1150	4698	7899	9292	9660	9872						
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835			
DIST. 9	956	1184	2719	4667	7360	7969	9343					
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274					
DIST. 11	452	632	2424	3136	4204	4805	4989	8479	8644	9339	9480	10773
DIST. 12	3782	4301	6975	8652								
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8436	8947	10295				

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Daniel D. Boyer, Jr
State Commander



FALL COUNCIL MEETING

September 23-25, 2005

Holiday Inn Select ~ Lynchburg, Virginia ~ 434-528-5000 ~ 63.00 Per night

(Group Rate Deadline was August 23rd)

Friday, September 23, 2005

1:00 PM until 5:00 PM	Registration	7:30 PM	Council Members & all Past Dept.
6:30 PM until 9:00 PM	Program Chairmen report to Dist. Pres.		
7:00 PM until 9:00 PM	Ladies Aux Council of Administration Meeting		

Saturday, September 24, 2005

7:45 AM until	Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice		
9:00 AM until 4:30 PM	Registration	12:30 PM until 3:45 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting
9:00 AM until 10:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	1:00 PM until 4:30 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting
9:00 AM until 11:15 AM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting	5:45 PM until 6:45 PM	Reception-State Commander/State Pres.
10:00 AM until 11:00 AM	Advisory Committee Meeting	7:00 PM until 9:00 PM	Banquet-Guest Speaker - TBA
11:00 AM until 11:30 AM	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 PM until 1:00 AM	Dance- DJ Patrick Byrd

Sunday, September 25, 2005

9:00 AM until 9:30AM	Joint Devotional Service	10:00 AM until	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, if needed
9:30 AM until	VFW Council of Administration Meeting		

**PRE REGISTRATION FOR COMBINATION BANQUET/DANCE TICKETS
\$30.00 INCLUDES RECEPTION, DINNER BANQUET, AND SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE**

(ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE FALL COUNCIL MEETING.)

Dinner Menu

Your choice of:

Roasted Pork Loin

Stuffed with shiitake mushroom and roasted red pepper. Cuxelle with a wild mushroom and prosciutto salpicon. Served with rosemary roasted red bliss potatoes.

~or~

Grilled Salmon Filet

Grilled to perfection with a dill sauce served with herb couscous.

Both Served with:

House Salad Coffee/Tea/Decaf Chef's Choice of Vegetable Rolls and Butter Cheesecake

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY September 16, 2005

Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post number.

Name: _____	Post: _____	Food Choice: (circle) Pork or Salmon
Name: _____	Post: _____	Food Choice: (circle) Pork or Salmon
Name: _____	Post: _____	Food Choice: (circle) Pork or Salmon
Name: _____	Post: _____	Food Choice: (circle) Pork or Salmon
Name: _____	Post: _____	Food Choice: (circle) Pork or Salmon
Name: _____	Post: _____	Food Choice: (circle) Pork or Salmon

Please charge my card: \$ _____ Name on Card: _____

Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Pre-paid tickets will not be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND
LADIES AUXILIARY

Fall Council of Administration Meeting

September 23 - September 25, 2005

Holiday Inn Select
Lynchburg, Virginia

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT/ACTIVITY</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
<u>Friday, September 23, 2005</u>		
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration, VFW	Lobby
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Program Chairmen report to District Presidents	Ballroom D
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Ladies Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting	Ballroom D
7:30 p.m. -	Council Members and all Past Department Commanders	Ballroom D
<u>Saturday, September 24, 2005</u>		
8:00 a.m. -	Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice	Ballroom D
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Registration,	Lobby
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Commanders Club Meeting	Poplar Forest
9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting	Ballroom D
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting	Poplar Forest
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	MOC Council of Administration Meeting - CANCELED	Ballroom B
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting	Poplar Forest
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Ballroom A
1:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting	Ballroom D
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting – CANCELED	Poplar Forest
5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Reception	Prefunction
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Annual Banquet	Ballroom ABCD
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.	Dance DJ Patrick Byrd	Ballroom ABCD
<u>Sunday, September 25, 2005</u>		
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Joint Devotional Service	Ballroom BC
9:30 a.m. -	VFW Council of Administration Meeting, if needed	Ballroom A
10:00 a.m. -	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, if needed	Ballroom D

HOSPITALITY ROOM: 823

COMBINATION BANQUET/DANCE TICKETS: \$30.00 - Includes Reception, Banquet, and Saturday Night Dance.

TALLMAN INSURANCE AGENCY
406 WEST 34TH STREET – SUITE 806
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64111
816-753-2345

VFW CLUB MANAGERS AND BINGO RATE SCHEDULE

\$ 3,000.----- \$ 21.00 Minimum Premium

Rates \$4,000. And Over - \$7.00 Per Thousand

\$ 4,000.-----	\$ 28.00
\$ 5,000.-----	\$ 35.00
\$ 6,000.-----	\$ 42.00
\$ 7,000.-----	\$ 49.00
\$ 8,000.-----	\$ 56.00
\$ 9,000.-----	\$ 63.00
\$ 10,000.-----	\$ 70.00
\$ 15,000.-----	\$105.00
\$ 20,000.-----	\$140.00

Rates \$25,000. And Over - \$5.00 Per Thousand

\$ 25,000.-----	\$125.00
\$ 30,000.-----	\$150.00
\$ 35,000.-----	\$175.00
\$ 40,000.-----	\$200.00

Rates \$50,000. And Over - \$4.00 Per Thousand

\$ 50,000.-----	\$200.00
\$ 55,000.-----	\$220.00
\$ 60,000.-----	\$240.00
\$ 65,000.-----	\$260.00
\$ 70,000.-----	\$280.00
\$ 75,000.-----	\$320.00
\$ 80,000.-----	\$320.00
\$ 85,000.-----	\$340.00
\$ 90,000.-----	\$360.00
\$100,000.-----	\$400.00



APPLICATION FOR DISHONESTY BOND
APPLICANT STATEMENT

- 1. a) Name of Applicant (Person):
b) Applicant (Person) Social Security #:
2. Residence Address:
3. a) Bond Amount: \$ b) Effective Date:
4. Are you a citizen of the United States?
5. If married, full name and address of spouse:
6. Name and Number of your present Post:
7. Address of Post:
8. Position to be bonded for:
9. Length of time:
10. a) Have you ever been discharged from any position:
b) If Yes, Please explain:
11. a) Have you ever been bankrupt or insolvent?
b) If Yes, Please give details in a separate confidential letter to Insurance Company.
12. a) Have you ever been refused a bond?
b) When:
c) What company?
13. a) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? (Do not include speed tickets or other traffic violations.):
b) If Yes, explain:

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I agree upon demand to indemnify and hold harmless The Travelers Insurance Company, hereinafter called the Company, against any loss, costs, attorneys fees, damages or expense, of whatever kind, which it may have paid or for which it may become liable by reason of having provided insurance for me under this or any other policy or obligation or any modification, continuation or renewal thereof. The Company shall have the right in its sole discretion to adjust, settle, compromise or pay any claim, demand, suit or judgment upon any such policy. I further agree that the voucher, check, draft or any other proper evidence of payment made in good faith to satisfy any claim, demand, suit, judgment, attorneys fees, damages or expense shall be conclusive evidence of the fact and amount of my liability to the Company. I further agree that the Company in it sole discretion retains the right to terminate the policy in accordance with the terms. I hereby give my consent to the disclosure of information from my references and past employers of any information deemed pertinent by the Company in evaluation of the underwriting risk.

Signed at: (Time) This (Day) day of (Month), (Year)

Signature: Witness

Signature: Applicant (Person)

VFW QUARTERMASTER BOND

\$4.00 Per Thousand

\$ 3,000.----\$12.00
 \$ 4,000.----\$16.00
 \$ 5,000.----\$20.00
 \$ 6,000.----\$24.00
 \$ 7,000.----\$28.00
 \$ 8,000.----\$32.00
 \$ 9,000.----\$36.00
 \$ 10,000.----\$40.00
 \$ 11,000.----\$44.00
 \$ 12,000.----\$48.00
 \$ 13,000.----\$52.00
 \$ 14,000.----\$56.00
 \$ 15,000.----\$60.00
 \$ 16,000.----\$64.00
 \$ 17,000.----\$68.00
 \$ 18,000.----\$72.00
 \$ 19,000.----\$76.00
 \$ 20,000.----\$80.00
 \$ 21,000.----\$84.00
 \$ 22,000.----\$88.00
 \$ 23,000.----\$92.00
 \$ 24,000.----\$96.00
 \$ 25,000.----\$100.00

(\$3,000. To \$25,000.)
 \$4.00 Per Thousand

\$3.50 Per Thousand

\$ 26,000.----\$ 91.00
 \$ 27,000.----\$ 94.50
 \$ 28,000.----\$ 98.00
 \$ 29,000.----\$ 101.50
 \$ 30,000.----\$ 105.00
 \$ 40,000.----\$ 140.00
 \$ 50,000.----\$ 175.00
 \$ 60,000.----\$ 210.00
 \$ 70,000.----\$ 245.00
 \$ 80,000.----\$ 280.00
 \$ 90,000.----\$ 315.00
 \$100,000.----\$ 350.00
 \$110,000.----\$ 385.00
 \$120,000.----\$ 420.00
 \$130,000.----\$ 455.00
 \$140,000.----\$ 490.00
 \$150,000.----\$ 525.00
 \$160,000.----\$ 560.00
 \$170,000.----\$ 595.00
 \$180,000.----\$ 630.00
 \$190,000.----\$ 665.00
 \$200,000.----\$ 700.00
 \$210,000.----\$ 735.00
 \$220,000.----\$ 770.00
 \$230,000.----\$ 805.00
 \$240,000.----\$ 840.00
 \$250,000.----\$ 875.00

(\$26,000. To \$250,000.)
 \$3.50 Per Thousand

\$2.50 Per Thousand

\$251,000.----\$ 627.50
 \$252,000.----\$ 630.00
 \$253,000.----\$ 632.50
 \$254,000.----\$ 635.00
 \$255,000.----\$ 637.50
 \$256,000.----\$ 640.00
 \$257,000.----\$ 642.50
 \$258,000.----\$ 645.00
 \$259,000.----\$ 647.50
 \$260,000.----\$ 650.00
 \$270,000.----\$ 675.00
 \$280,000.----\$ 700.00
 \$290,000.----\$ 725.00
 \$300,000.----\$ 750.00
 \$310,000.----\$ 775.00
 \$320,000.----\$ 800.00
 \$330,000.----\$ 825.00
 \$340,000.----\$ 850.00
 \$350,000.----\$ 875.00
 \$360,000.----\$ 900.00
 \$370,000.----\$ 925.00
 \$380,000.----\$ 950.00
 \$390,000.----\$ 975.00
 \$400,000.----\$ 1,000.00
 \$410,000.----\$ 1,025.00
 \$420,000.----\$ 1,050.00
 \$430,000.----\$ 1,075.00
 \$440,000.----\$ 1,100.00
 \$450,000.----\$ 1,125.00
 \$460,000.----\$ 1,150.00
 \$470,000.----\$ 1,175.00
 \$480,000.----\$ 1,200.00
 \$490,000.----\$ 1,225.00
 \$500,000.----\$ 1,250.00

(\$251,000. To \$500,000.)
 \$2.50 Per Thousand

\$2.00 Per Thousand

\$501,000.---\$1,002.00
 \$502,000.---\$1,004.00
 \$503,000.---\$1,006.00
 \$504,000.---\$1,008.00
 \$505,000.---\$1,010.00
 \$506,000.---\$1,012.00
 \$507,000.---\$1,014.00
 \$508,000.---\$1,016.00
 \$509,000.---\$1,018.00
 \$510,000.---\$1,020.00
 \$520,000.---\$1,040.00
 \$530,000.---\$1,060.00
 \$540,000.---\$1,080.00
 \$550,000.---\$1,100.00
 \$560,000.---\$1,120.00
 \$570,000.---\$1,140.00
 \$580,000.---\$1,160.00
 \$590,000.---\$1,180.00
 \$600,000.---\$1,200.00

(\$501,000. And UP)
 \$2.00 Per Thousand

**Tallman Insurance Agency
 406 West 34th Street
 Kansas City, Missouri 64111
 816-753-2345**

BONDING YOUR ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER

The National By-Laws state your Post must be bonded and if not, you are in violation of the National By-Laws Section 703.

It is recommended the Quartermaster be bonded for one and one-half times the amount of money and liquid assets he/she normally handles.

The minimum Bond is \$3,000.00 for the price of \$12.00 for a one-year period, beginning September 1, 2005 and ending August 31, 2006, made payable to the Department of Virginia through the Tallman Insurance Agency.

Use the attached chart to determine the amount of the Bond, please fill out and return the lower section to State Headquarters along with your check made payable to the Department of Virginia, VFW.

The Quartermaster Bond is by Position not individuals.

Separate Bonds are needed for the Canteen Manager, Bartenders, Bingo Chairman and anyone else who handles money. These Bonds are not by the Position. We must have the person's name to complete the Bond.

Please note your current Bond expired August 31, 2005.

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS

POST NO. _____ AMOUNT OF BOND \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

POSITION BONDING FOR _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

City

State

Zip Code

All Bonds will be mailed to the District or Post Commander

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

TO: ALL STATE, DISTRICT, AND POST OFFICERS

Now is the time to begin planning for the Buddy Poppy Sale. Begin making your plans now. Decide when you will sell. Select your working organization – members of your Post, Ladies Auxiliary, Boy or Girl Scouts, or another group.

The price of Buddy Poppies is \$105.00 per 1,000 Poppies, and the minimum order is 500 poppies. PLEASE NOTE THAT POSTERS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE POPPY KITS. THESE MUST BE ORDERED SEPARATELY WHEN YOU ORDER OTHER POPPY SUPPLIES.

PLACE ALL ORDERS FOR BUDDY POPPIES AND SUPPLIES WITH STATE HEADQUARTERS. Order blank is below. Orders should be placed early. Payment may be made for Buddy Poppies and Supplies after the sale is concluded. POPPIES CANNOT BE RETURNED FOR CREDIT.

***In order to avoid possibility of not receiving your Poppies from National Headquarters in time for your sale, we are asking that you designate month and date of your sale. National uses this date to fill orders from their warehouses.

The following Buddy Poppy Citations will be awarded at the next State Convention.

1. Post in each District purchasing the most Buddy Poppies.
2. District Commander whose District purchases the most Poppies.
3. District Commander with all Posts in his District registering in Buddy Poppy purchases for the current year.

Kim A. DeShano
State Buddy Poppy Chairman

PLEASE DETACH ALONG THIS LINE AND RETURN TO STATE HEADQUARTERS

POST NUMBER _____ SHIP TO: _____

DATE OF ORDER _____

DATE OF SALE _____

STATE BUDDY POPPY CHAIRMAN
403 Lee Jackson Highway
STAUNTON, VA 24401

PLEASE DO NOT USE POST OFFICE BOX FOR DELIVERY

Please enter our order for Buddy Poppies and Supplies as follows:

- _____ Buddy Poppies @ \$105.00 per 1,000 – minimum order is 500
- _____ Collection Box Stickers @ \$10.00 per 100 – minimum order is 100
- _____ Collection Banks @ 60 cents each – order is 10, 25, or 50 to a box
- _____ Buddy Poppy Caps @ 40 cents each – minimum order is 10
- _____ Volunteer Buttons @ 20 cents each – minimum order is 10
- _____ Posters @ 30 cents each – minimum order is 10
- _____ Easels @ 20 cents each – minimum order is 10
- _____ Buddy Poppy Booster Plates @ 35 cents each – minimum order is 10
- _____ Buddy Poppy Video @ \$15.00 each
- _____ Buddy Poppy Boards @ 75 cents each – minimum order is 10
- _____ Buddy Poppy Pins -1 year @ \$3.00 each
- _____ Buddy Poppy Pins -5 year @ \$3.00 each
- _____ Buddy Poppy Pins -10 year @ \$3.00 each
- _____ Buddy Poppy Pins - 500 poppies @ \$3.00 each
- _____ Buddy Poppy Pins - 1,000 poppies @ \$3.00 each

Personalized or Special Interest License Plate Application

Purpose: This form is to be used when requesting personalized or special interest license plates.
Instructions: See reverse side for additional information and prorated fee schedule.

<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Owner's Name</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Last</td> <td style="width: 25%;">First</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Middle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Co-Owner's Name</td> <td>Last</td> <td>First</td> <td>Middle</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Mailing Address</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City</td> <td>State</td> <td colspan="2">Zip Code</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current Plate Number</td> <td colspan="3">Expiration: Month Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Title Number</td> <td colspan="3">Telephone Number</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: center;">()</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Vehicle Identification Number</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>I/we certify that (check only one box.)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle is <u>insured</u> by a <u>liability</u> policy issued through an insurance company licensed to do business in Virginia and it will remain insured while registered.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle is <u>not insured</u>; therefore, I am remitting the applicable uninsured motor vehicle fee (provides <u>NO</u> insurance coverage).</p> <p><i>A vehicle must be insured with <u>liability</u> coverage when it is registered. It must remain insured while registered whether or not it is operated. If it is not insured, the uninsured motor vehicle fee must be paid. Penalties are severe for violation of this requirement.</i></p> <p><i>I certify that all information contained herein is true and correct. For a corporation or company, an authorized representative must sign.</i></p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Phone Number () _____</p> <p>If paying by credit card, enter credit card number _____ expiration date (MM/YY) _____</p>	Owner's Name	Last	First	Middle	Co-Owner's Name	Last	First	Middle	Mailing Address				City	State	Zip Code		Current Plate Number	Expiration: Month Year			Title Number	Telephone Number			()				Vehicle Identification Number				<p>I wish to apply for:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personalized license plates <u>only</u>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special interest license plates <u>only</u>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personalized special interest license plates.</p> <hr/> <p>I wish to request:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Souvenir plate. (One plate will be issued. Plate is not for use on motor vehicles).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personalized souvenir plate. (One plate will be issued. Plate is not for use on motor vehicles).</p> <hr/> <p>Use the following guidelines to request your personalized plates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicate three choices in order of your preference. Combinations will be centered on the license plates. Standard passenger and scenic (mountain to seashore, autumn, patriot) license plates can have a maximum of seven characters plus one space, dash or ampersand (&). No other punctuation is allowed. Logo license plates allow two to six characters including spaces, dashes and ampersands (&). However, each ampersand is considered one space and they cannot be used consecutively. No other punctuation is allowed. Most other plates allow two to six characters with no more than two spaces or two dashes. Spaces and dashes cannot be used consecutively. <p>Check Type of Plate Requested:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage (Dogwood-Cardinal) <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic (Mountain to Seashore)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (Autumn) <input type="checkbox"/> (Patriot)</p> <p>Name of Plate _____</p> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>DMV Use Only</p> <p>Check Available Choice _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Fee \$ _____</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>Choice:</p> <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">1ST</td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">2ND</td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">3RD</td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table> </div> </div>	1 ST										2 ND										3 RD									
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