

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**



**DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**

**SERVICE AND TEAMWORK**

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**COMMANDERS MESSAGE:**

We now have the Department School of Instruction behind us and a number of District meetings before us that will continue our learning process. I heard a good deal of positive feedback from a number of participants, especially those attending for the first time. While it would have been wonderful to have had representatives from all of our Posts at Lynchburg we all know how difficult that would be to achieve. Let's continue to share what was presented with those who were not able to make it. I wish to thank those who did find time in their busy schedules to attend and to those who made presentations. I would like to especially thank our Adjutant/Quartermaster, Kim Deshano, for his efforts. Now it's time to apply what was presented in order to go forward and improve on what we have in place, and to build for the future.

In building on that future, let us reach out to our veterans returning from the present conflict and welcome them on board our organization. I recently saw a letter from a young IEF veteran who observed that on a recent visit to a VFW Post, that because of his youth and lack of gray hair, he was not really all that well received. After all the griping and groaning I've heard from Posts about not being able to recruit these young veterans, I find it hard to believe that they wouldn't be welcomed with open arms. New members should always be made to feel welcome and encouraged to participate in all of the Post activities. I am reminded of the old saying that VFW stands for "Very Few Workers"; by welcoming these new members in the same spirit of camaraderie that should be extended to all Comrades these folks might very well become volunteers, and I have never been to a Post that has too many of those good people.

C.D. "Doc" Crouch  
State Commander

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 295:**

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 Madison Memorial Post No. 472, Madison, Virginia mustered July 27, 1966, is hereby canceled and the Post declared defunct.

By order of  
James R. Mueller  
Commander-in-Chief

**DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

- FIRST –** 08-20-06 11:00 AM MEETING WARSAW POST 7167 STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
COMMANDER DOC CROUCH
- SECOND –** 08-12-06 NOON MEAL 1:00 PM MEETING VA BEACH POST 392  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER HAL ROESCH
- THIRD –** 09-16-06 2:00 PM MEETING 3<sup>RD</sup> DIST HDQRTRS  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER HAL ROESCH
- FOURTH –** 08-13-06 2:00 PM MEETING CLARKSVILLE POST 8163 STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
COMMANDER DOC CROUCH

- FIFTH –** 08-12-06 LUNCH AT NOON MEETING TO FOLLOW HALIFAX POST 8243 STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER DOC CROUCH
- SIXTH –** 08-27-06 2:00 PM MEETING VA MED CENTER SPONSORED BY POST 2157 STATE REPRESENTATIVE PDC TOM HINES
- SEVENTH –** 09-10-06 11:30 AM MEETING BROADWAY POST 9660 STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER DOC CROUCH
- EIGHTH –** 09-17-06 1:00 PM MEETING CULPEPER POST 2524 STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER SURGEON JIM MARTIN
- NINTH –** 09-10-06 10:30 AM MEETING PULASKI POST 1184 STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHIEF-OF-STAFF ROY SWANNER
- TENTH –** 09-10-06 1:00 PM MEETING SPRINGFIELD POST 7327 STATE REPRESENTATIVE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER JIMMY LEE WALLACE
- 12-03-06 1:00 PM MEETING OCCOQUAN POST 7916
- 02-25-07 1:00 PM MEETING MCCLEAN POST 8241
- 05-20-07 1:00 PM DISTRICT CONVENTION DALE CITY POST 1503
- ELEVENTH –** 09-10-06 11:30 AM LUNCH MEETING TO FOLLOW BRIDGEWATER POST 8644 STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER SURGEON JIM MARTIN
- TWELFTH –** 08-19-06 11:00 AM MEETING CLINTWOOD POST 8979 STATE REPRESENTATIVE PDC TOM HINES
- THIRTEENTH –** 09-17-06 1:00 PM MEETING CHARLOTTESVILLE POST 1827 STATE REPRESENTATIVE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER JIMMY LEE WALLACE

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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| August 26-31, 2006  | National VFW Convention Reno, Nevada.   |
| September 8-9, 2006 | Fall Council, State Headquarters  |
| November 2-5, 2006  | Southern Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina, Sheraton Four Seasons, Room Rates are \$95.00 plus tax. 1-800-242-6556. Reservation deadline October 3, 2006. Agenda and other information enclosed. |
| January 19-21, 2007 | Winter Council Meeting, Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg, 757-220-2250, Room Rates 60.00 must be book by December 27, 2006.  |
| July 12-14, 2007    | School of Instruction   |

#### **ROSTER CHANGES:**

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|---------------------|---|
| Mountain Home Rep   | Bascomb E Giles, Address Correction, 811 Wood Ave E, Big Stone Gap, 24219   |
| Salem VAVS Deputy   | Guy S Clifton, Address Change, 3535 Robyn Rd SW, Roanoke 24015  |
| Hampton VAVS Deputy | James Maley, Sr Address Change, 757 Cottonwood Ct, VA Beach 23462   |
| Post 452            | CMDR Raleigh E Fitzgerald, 597 Eastside Hwy, Waynesboro 22980, 540-569-0676<br>QM Richard L Ryder, 37 LaSalle Dr, Grottoes 24441, 249-4349<br>SVC Jerry I Robinson, 29 Viburnum Dr, Waynesboro 22980, 540-943-5590<br>JVC Barnard T Edwards, 55 Viburnum Dr, Waynesboro 22980, 540-973-5619<br>ADJ Cecil L Boggs, Jr, 264 Dooks Crossing Rd, Waynesboro 22980, 540-943-2990 |

Post 1033                    CMDR Dan Jones, PO Box 66, Selma 24474, 540-862-1138  
                                   QM William T Setliff, Jr, 105 Sammys Rd, Covington 24426, 540-962-5900  
                                   SVC Jerry Q Allard, 2800 School House Rd, Covington 24426, 540-559-4141  
                                   JVC Vance E Davis, 1610 Jefferson Ave, Clifton Forge 24422, 540-862-3936

Post 2157                    New QM George Kelly, 1659 Virginia Byway, Bedford 24523

Post 2583                    CMDR Ulric H Rainard, 3215 Seminary Ave, Richmond 23227  
                                   QM Joseph N Bell, 12387 Mount Hermon Rd, Ashland 23005

Post 3125                    CMDR James W Gethers, PO Box 541, Ruther Glen 22546, 804-994-5217  
                                   QM Reginald Beverly, PO Box 825, Ruther Glen 22546  
                                   SVC Walter Boone, 5210 Jerico Rd, Ruther Glen 22546  
                                   JVC Elom M Pleasant, 23296 Telegraph Rd, Ruther Glen 22546, 804-448-3957

Post 4165                    QM James Blevins, Jr, Address Change, 74 Clinton Dr, Evington 24550

Post 7728                    CMDR Gregory D Cumbey, 14038 Mary Ann Ln, Sumerduck 22742, 540-439-9856  
                                   QM Arney M Johnson, Jr, Poplar Hill Farm 14557 Warrenton Rd, Fredericksburg 22406,  
                                   540-752-2479  
                                   SVC Barry B McGranahan, 7291 Covingtons Corner Rd, Bealeton 22712, 540-439-1137  
                                   JVC Harold P Neale, 12238 Morgansburg Rd, Bealeton 22712, 540-439-3465

Post 7819                    CMDR Robert K Martin, Phone Number Correction, 434-645-8382

Post 8479                    CMDR John Loan, RR 2 Box 300, Stuarts Draft 24477  
                                   QM William W Gibson, 69 Featherstone Dr, Lyndhurst 22952, 540-943-1940  
                                   SVC Chester C Powell, PO Box 216, Fishersville 22939, 540-337-4103  
                                   JVC John W Gibson, 20 Sugar Hill Ln, Crimora 24431

Post 8644                    QM Richard Knupp, Phone Number Correction, 540-828-0051

## **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT-**

Enclosed is information offering an Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit from TIA. The benefit amount of Accidental Death and Dismemberment is \$25,000 with an annual premium of \$18.00 per person. If interested in this protection complete the enclosed application and return with premium payable to the Tallman Insurance Agency, 406 West 34<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 806, Kansas City, MO 64111.

## **AMERICANISM:**

The First Half for reports is now half way through, with less than a third of the posts reporting so far; however, several districts are flirting with the 50% rate. In addition to the May and June events, we have just passed Independence Day. Report what you have already accomplished while it's fresh in your mind and then send in an update before 31 October. There are several events possible in August as well as many possibilities in the event-heavy month of September.

Note the addition of "Support Our Troops" category on the new form available on the state webpage at [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org) or from your District Commander.

Sixty-six reports have been received from 48 posts.

J.Gary Wagner  
 Vice Chairman for Americanism

Post Listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Americanism Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Half as of 07/14/2006

<b>DIST. 1</b>	176	824	2296	3219	4856	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358			
<b>DIST. 2</b>	392	2582	2894	3160	4411	8545	9382						
<b>DIST. 3</b>	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	10387	10654
	10657	11124											
<b>DIST. 4</b>	622	2584	5313	7166	8048	8163	8228	8446					
	8599	8617	8759	8902	9855	9954	10570						
<b>DIST. 5</b>	647	873	7568	7800	8243	10840							
<b>DIST. 6</b>	484	776	1444	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184	9877	
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660	9760	9872					
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177	2524	3103	4468	7728	8208							
<b>DIST. 9</b>	2719	4667	7136	7969	9696	9864							
<b>DIST. 10</b>	609	1503	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274						
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	632	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8479	8644
	9339	9480	10826										
<b>DIST. 12</b>	3782	4301	6975	8979	10298	10310	10611						
<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8717	8947	10295	10574				

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> and is now Past Due. Please submit to State Headquarters.

Audits have not been received from the following Posts as of 7/25/06

<b>DIST. 1</b>	176	824	3219	5500	6002	8252	8629	9358					
<b>DIST. 2</b>	392	993	9382										
<b>DIST. 3</b>	1426	3125	6364	8046	8356	9224	9501	9808	10387	10654	District		
<b>DIST. 4</b>	637	2163	2584	5313	7059	7166	7897	8599	8759	8902	9954	10570	District
<b>DIST. 5</b>	7726	10840	District										
<b>DIST. 6</b>	776	1033	1444	2157	4920	7854	9877	District					
<b>DIST. 7</b>	621	1150	4698	6044	9292	9660							
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177	1811	2524	3103	4468	District							
<b>DIST. 9</b>	7136	7360											
<b>DIST. 10</b>	5412	7327	9274	District									
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	632	1499	3060	3136	4805	7814	8279	District				
<b>DIST. 12</b>	3782	6975	9600	10611									
<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574		

### BONDS:

All bonds will **expire August 31, 2006**. Please see attached rate schedule for costs of your bond and return completed form and payment to State Headquarters.

### BUDGET AND FINANCE:

The Department Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) requires that the Chairperson of each Standing or Special Committee submit a budget within thirty (30) days after the committee appointment.

The budget should be submitted to the Chairperson of the Budget & Finance Committee and should reflect the anticipated expenses of the committee for the year.

Failure to submit an estimated budget might indicate that you do not anticipate submitting any expense vouchers for your committee during the year.

Also all members of the Council of Administration and each Committee Chairperson are reminded that the SOP requires vouchers for authorized expenses. These are to be submitted each month to State Headquarters for the review of the State Quartermaster and State Commander for action and payment.

Paul T. Moore, Chairman  
Budget & Finance Committee

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Comrades, we are now half way in the first half reporting period, so please submit your reports. Please do not forget to double check your reports for accuracy and legibility before you send them to State Headquarters.

Lynn Harris  
Vice Chairman  
Community Activities

Post Listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Community Activities Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Half as of 07/14/2006

<b>DIST. 1</b>	176	824	2296	3219	4856	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358			
<b>DIST. 2</b>	392	2582	2894	3160	4411	8545	9382						
<b>DIST. 3</b>	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	10387	10654
	10657	11124											
<b>DIST. 4</b>	622	2163	2584	5313	7059	7166	8048	8163	8228	8446	8599	8617	8759
	8902	9855	10570										
<b>DIST. 5</b>	647	873	4637	7568	7800	8243	10840						
<b>DIST. 6</b>	484	776	1444	1841	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184	9877
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660	9760	9872					
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177	2524	3103	4468	7728	8208	9835						
<b>DIST. 9</b>	2719	4667	7969	9696	9864								
<b>DIST. 10</b>	609	1503	7327	7916	8469	9274							
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	632	1499	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	8479	8644	9339	9480
	10826												
<b>DIST. 12</b>	3782	4301	6975	8979	10298	10310	10611						
<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8717	8947	10295	10574				

## GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stateheadquarters@vfwva.org). Subscriptions for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year or \$2.00 per issue.

## EX-QUARTERMASTER:

A trial date has been set for September 1, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at the Harrisonburg Federal Courthouse for the trial of Ex-Quartermaster Robert Klausung.

## HOSPITAL:

Energize Your Life! Who ever said physical activity is all work and no play? In fact, it can be just the opposite! There is no need to think of strenuous workouts that are painful and boring. Instead, imagine doing fun physical activities you enjoy and look forward to. Do physical activity for enjoyment and watch the health benefits follow!

### The importance of physical activity

The evidence is growing and is more convincing than ever! People of all ages who are generally inactive can improve their health and well-being by becoming active at a moderate-intensity on a regular basis.

Regular physical activity substantially reduces the risk of dying of coronary [heart disease](#), the nation's leading cause of death, and decreases the risk for [stroke](#), [colon cancer](#), [diabetes](#), and [high blood pressure](#). It also helps

to control weight; contributes to healthy bones, muscles, and joints; reduces falls among older adults; helps to relieve the pain of [arthritis](#); reduces symptoms of [anxiety](#) and [depression](#); and is associated with fewer hospitalizations, physician visits, and medications. Moreover, physical activity need not be strenuous to be beneficial; people of all ages benefit from participating in regular, moderate-intensity physical activity, such as 30 minutes of brisk walking five or more times a week.

Despite the proven benefits of physical activity, more than 50% of American adults do not get enough physical activity to provide health benefits. 25% of adults are not active at all in their leisure time. Activity decreases with age and is less common among women than men and among those with lower income and less education.

Insufficient physical activity is not limited to adults. More than a third of young people in grades 9–12 do not regularly engage in vigorous-intensity physical activity. Daily participation in high school physical education classes dropped from 42% in 1991 to 32% in 2001.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Jim Martin

Post Listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Hospital Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Half as of 07/14/2006

<b>DIST. 1</b>	176	824	960	2296	3219	4856	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358		
<b>DIST. 2</b>	392	993	1211	2582	2894	3160	8545	9382					
<b>DIST. 3</b>	1426	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	10387	10654	10657
	11124												
<b>DIST. 4</b>	2163	2584	5313	7166	8048	8163	8228	8446	8599	8617	8759	8902	9855
	9954	10570											
<b>DIST. 5</b>	647	873	1115	7568	7726	7800	8243	8467					
<b>DIST. 6</b>	484	776	1264	1444	4165	4299	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184
	9877												
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	2123	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660	9760	9872				
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208						
<b>DIST. 9</b>	4667	6000	7136	7969	9696	9864							
<b>DIST. 10</b>	609	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274	9478						
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	632	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8479	8644
	9339	9480	10826										
<b>DIST. 12</b>	1994	3782	4301	6975	8979	9600	10298	10310	10611				
<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574		

## INSPECTIONS:

All District Commanders are asked to begin Post inspections immediately. If you haven't already started your already behind. All Posts must be inspected by January 31 to be eligible for All-State District Commander.

## MEMBERSHIP:

I'm glad to see that some Posts have already stepped up to the plate, and instigated recruiting activities for their respective Posts. Now is the time to jump on new memberships. Every day we should be considering ways to entice eligible comrades to join our ranks in this great organization. I know there has been a big push on getting individuals from the Reserves and Guard who are returning from harms way. But, we also need to remember those comrades from wars past that meet the eligibility criteria. I also notice that we lose many members "out the back door". Those are the former members who, for whatever reason, failed to renew their membership the preceding year. These should be fairly easy to recruit and reinstate. Contact these former members and ascertain why they did not renew, and let's get them back as active members. As I said previously, if each member would just recruit one new member, we would lead the nation. If you need help with your recruiting efforts, contact your District Commander and the State Headquarters. Remember our goals – 75% by 30 September, 100% by 31 December and 103% by year's end. As always, thank you for all the great things you do for your membership, the community you live in and the VFW.

Jimmy Lee Wallace  
State Sr. Vice Commander

## **MIA REMAINS RETURNED:**

Forty years after being shot down over Vietnam, the remains of Air Force Major John Conlon III were repatriated in mid June. Major Conlon III is from Wilkes-Barre, PA. This marks the hundredth repatriation since 1992. More than 1,800 U.S. service members are still missing in action. Major Conlon will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery this fall.

The Defense POW/MIA Missing Personnel Office announced today that nine airmen missing in action from World War II have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors. The nine are 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Hugh L. Johnson Jr., Montgomery Ala.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Byron L. Stenen, Northridge, Calif.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. John F. Green, Watertown, N.Y.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. John M. Meisner, Pembroke, Mass.; Staff Sgt. Walter Knudsen, Sioux City, Iowa; Cpl. John A. DeCarlo, Newark, N.J.; Cpl. Robert E. Raney, Monon, Ind.; Cpl William G. Mohr, Mt. Wolf, Pa.; and Cpl. Michael J. Pushkar, Mahanoy City, Pa. On the morning of Oct. 9, 1944, the crew took off on a training mission from Nadzab, New Guinea, in their B-24D Liberator. The aircraft was not seen again.

The Defense POW/MIA Missing Personnel Office announced today that nine airmen missing in action from World War II have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors. They are 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William Hafner, Norfolk, Va.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Arthur C. Armacost, III, Cincinnati, Ohio; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. David R. Eppright, Warrensburg, Mo.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Charles F. Feucht, Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Technical Sgt. Raymond S. Cisneros, San Antonio, Texas; Technical Sgt. Alfred W. Hill, Temple, Okla.; Technical Sgt. James G. Lascelles, New York, N.Y.; Staff Sgt. William Cameron, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Staff Sgt. Wilburn W. Rozzell, Duncan, Okla. All were members of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 43 Bombardment Group.

May they rest in peace.

Joe B. Martin  
POW/MIA Chairman

## **NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:**

Posts are reminded they must register, in advance, one or more delegates to the VFW National Convention (Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure). The advance registration fee is ten dollars (\$10.00) per delegate and should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, ATTN: Convention Registration, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

## **REPORT FORMS:**

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

## **SAFETY REPORTS:**

This being one of the required reports for making All-State, there has to be a minimum of two (2) submitted each year. One during the first half and the other during the second half. The chart below reflects the Posts that HAVE NOT submitted any reports as of this date:

Steve Lasseter  
Safety Vice-Chairman

Post Listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Safety Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Half as of 07/14/2006

<b>DIST. 1</b>	176	824	2296	3219	4856	6002	7167	8629	9358				
<b>DIST. 2</b>	392	1211	2582	2894	3160	4411	4809	8545	9382				
<b>DIST. 3</b>	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	10387	10654
	10657	11124											
<b>DIST. 4</b>	622	2163	2584	5313	7166	8163	8228	8446	8599	8617	8759	8902	9855
	9954	10570											
<b>DIST. 5</b>	647	873	1115	2820	7568	7800	8243	8467	10840				
<b>DIST. 6</b>	484	776	1444	1841	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184	9877
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	1860	2123	2447	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660	9760	9872		
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177	2524	3103	4468	7728	8208							
<b>DIST. 9</b>	2719	4667	7136	7969	9696	9864							
<b>DIST. 10</b>	609	1503	3150	5412	7327	7916	8241	8469	8815	9274			
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	632	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8479	8644
	9339	9480	10826										
<b>DIST. 12</b>	3782	4301	6975	8979	10298	10310	10611						
<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10574			

## 2006-2007 CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM:

A reminder to all those who attended the School of Instruction, and those who did not, now is the time to start working on this year's Teacher of the Year nominations. All the information is in this year's Service Program Guide. You can also use last year's guide as the information is the same.

### Dates To Remember

### Required Documents

November 1: Nominations to Post

1. Nominating form (include local post information).

November 15: Post judging completed

2. Signed letter of nomination (not more than 350 words)

December 1: Post winners to District

3. One page resume (both sides)

December 15: District judging completed

4. Up to 5 pages (both sides) of support documentation.

December 20: District winners to State Chairman

5. Head & shoulder photograph

January 10: State judging completed

6. Post Teacher Entry Form to be filled out and signed at both Post and District level.

Two Questions were raised in Lynchburg at the School of Instruction:

1. Home School Teachers – are not eligible primarily because of the half-day in a class room environment requirement teaching citizenship education specific courses.
2. Photograph requirement – is a time factor. The time from when the winners are selected to the time the publicity process begins usually does not allow time to have to go back to the winners and secure a photograph. The size of the photo can vary from wallet size on up to 3" x 5". Please make sure it is a good quality photograph.

If you have trouble getting information on the program or getting any of the necessary forms, please contact me and I will mail you what you need.

Remember: Nominations can be submitted in each of three categories: K-5, 6-8, 9-12.

Chris Birch, Chairman  
304 E. Main St  
Berryville, VA 22611-1306

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## VOICE OF DEMOCRACY REPORTING DATES:

**2006-2007**  
**9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**  
**“Freedom’s Challenge”**

Student Entry	Deadline: November 1, 2006
Complete Post Judging	Deadline: November 15, 2006
Complete District Judging	Deadline: December 6, 2006
Complete Department Judging	Deadline: January 7, 2007
Department Winner to National	Deadline: January 15, 2007
Department Report to National	Deadline: January 31, 2007
Awards to be Given to Department Winner	Winter Council Meeting

The District Winner must be mailed to Earle (Buddy) P. Weekley, Jr., State Voice of Democracy Chairman, 595 Bowman Road, Dayton, VA 22821 by **Tuesday, December 12, 2006. No exceptions! Be sure you send all of the information that is needed. This means the Official Student Entry Form, a Typed Script and Recorded Cassette/CD and a photo of Post Winner. No follow-up phone calls will be made.** If you do not have the information that is requested according to the guidelines, your District winner will not be eligible. **Also, you must complete the District Chairman Report Form (which you will receive from National Headquarters in November) and send to me by January 10, 2007.** National Headquarters will obtain all other information from the Department winning student.

State Judging will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the VFW Post 8644 in Bridgewater, Virginia.

Voice of Democracy Department Awards:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Winner	Student will receive \$1,000.00 and be expected to attend the Winter Council Meeting to be held in Williamsburg on January 20, 2007, to read their entry and receive this award. In addition, student will receive a check for \$500.00 from the Department of Virginia Commanders Club.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Winner	Will receive \$600.00 which the Department will mail
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Winner	Will receive \$400.00 which the Department will mail

The Voice of Democracy Chairman of the Post that sponsors the Department Winner will receive one night's lodging and a Banquet Ticket to attend the Community Service Conference in Washington, D.C. (Duplicate award will not be given if the chairman receives a National Appointment.)

Each Post that participates in the Voice of Democracy Program will receive a Citation.

The Post that sponsors the Department's 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner will be awarded the Clarence E. Kelley Memorial Voice of Democracy Trophy and will be presented at the Winter Council Meeting.

Earle P. (Buddy) Weekley, VFW Chairman  
Beverly Abbott, Ladies Auxiliary Chairwoman

## THANK YOU:

As many of you are aware, I have been very ill. I had to have an operation on my leg and I have lost much weight. I spent seven (7) days in the hospital for the operation, recovery and to increase my weight. I'm pleased to report that I am much better and I'm on my way to full recovery.

I would like to thank all who sent me cards, called to talk and visited me. It is great people like you that makes me glad to be associated with such a great organization.

Thanks to all,  
Pete Snelling  
PDC 2003 – 2004

Official:



Kim A. DeShano  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



C.D. Crouch  
State Commander

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE  
VFW DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA  
ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

RENEWAL DATE – JULY 1, 2006

APPLICATION

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_
5. Amount of Principal Sum: \$25,000
6. Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

TALLMAN INSURANCE AGENCY  
406 WEST 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET – SUITE 806  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
816-753-2345

VFW-72001

For Company Use Only

Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_

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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

**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 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Kansas City, Missouri 64111  
 816-753-2345**



APPLICATION FOR DISHONESTY BOND
POST STATEMENT

- 1. a) Name of Applicant (Post): Post #:
b) Post Address:
c) Bond Amount: \$
2. a) Name and Position of Person to be Bonded:
3. a) Will Person being bonded have access to Cash or Checks?:
b) Largest amount of cash or checks at one time? \$ Amount monthly? \$
c) How frequently will such cash or checks be audited or reconciled?:
d) By whom?:
e) When was the last such reconciliation or audit performed?:
f) By whom?:
g) Was the Reconciliation or Audit correct?:
4. a) Will this bonded person be authorized to sign checks?:
b) If Yes, will checks be countersigned?:
c) If Yes, who will countersign checks?:
d) If countersignature is not required, briefly describe the type of voucher system in effect to prevent the unauthorized issuance of checks:
5. a) Is there an audit by an independent CPA or Public Accountant?:
b) If yes, how often?:
c) Name and address of person or firm performing audit:

The foregoing answers, statements and representations are made with the intent to induce The Travelers Insurance Company to execute the policy described herein and are true to the best of our/my knowledge and belief.

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

ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFAUD ANY INSURANCE COMPANY OR OTHER PERSON FILES AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE CONTAINING ANY FALSE INFORMATION, OR CONCEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MISLEADING INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO, COMMITS A FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT, WHICH IS A CRIME.

Signature: Applicant (Post Representative)

By: (Representative's Title)



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)

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, 2006 and ending August 31, 2007, 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 will expire August 31, 2006.

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RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS

POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT OF BOND \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION BONDING FOR \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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City

State

Zip Code

All Bonds will be mailed to the District or Post Commander