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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

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December 1, 2006

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

While at the Southern Conference earlier in the month, our Conference took on a new leadership role in the Veterans of Foreign Wars by becoming the first Conference to seek to sponsor one of the Houses at our National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Our Department Adjutant/Quartermaster, Kim DeShano, was a part of the committee that looked into this matter and came forward with the recommendation. The motion was received by those present and passed with great enthusiasm.

The holiday season is already upon us with Thanksgiving just a couple of days away. It is a time to remember the blessings that we enjoy as citizens of our great nation. It is also a time to remember those who are less fortunate and to try to reach out to them. It is a time to remember those young men and women in our Armed Forces who are serving to keep our nation and the world a safe place to live. Remember them and their families in your prayers when it comes time to have your family meal; remember them when your congregation comes together for worship; and think of them as you wished to be remembered when you were serving. Let us take a moment and think of them in this a time of festivities and good will.

Yours in Comradeship,
C. D. "Doc" Crouch

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 73:

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 Gate City Post No. 10611, Gate City, Virginia mustered October 18, 1990, 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 the Post in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws.

By order of
Gary L. Kurpius
Commander-in-Chief

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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| FIRST – | TBA |
| SECOND – | 03-10-07 LUNCH NOON 1:00 PM MEETING FRANKLIN POST 4411 |
| THIRD – | 12-03-06 2:00 PM MEETING 3RD DISTRICT HQ'S STATE REPRESENTATIVE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER JIMMY LEE WALLACE |
| FOURTH – | 02-11-07 2:00 PM MEETING AMELIA COURT HOUSE |
| FIFTH – | 02-25-07 NOON LUNCH MEETING TO FOLLOW DANVILLE POST 647
05-20-07 NOON LUNCH MEETING TO FOLLOW INDEPENDENCE POST 7726 |

- SIXTH – 02-18-07 2:00 PM MEETING CLIFTON FORGE POST 4299**
- SEVENTH – 12-10-06 11:30 AM MEETING FRONT ROYAL POST 1860 STATE REPRESENTATIVE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER JIMMY LEE WALLACE**
 03-11-07 11:30 AM MEETING SHENANDOAH POST 8613
 05-20-07 11:30 AM MEETING BERRYVILLE POST 9760
- EIGHTH – 03-18-07 1:00 PM FREDERICKSBURG POST 3103**
- NINTH – 01-28-07 10:30 AM MEETING MARION POST 4667 STATE REPRESENTATIVE JUDGE ADVOCATE REX FARIS**
- TENTH – 12-03-06 1:00 PM MEETING WOODBRIDGE POST 7916 STATE REPRESENTATIVE SURGEON JAMES MARTIN**
 02-25-07 1:00 PM MEETING McLEAN POST 8241
 05-20-07 1:00 PM DISTRICT CONVENTION DALE CITY POST 1503
- ELEVENTH – 01-28-07 11:30 AM LUNCH MEETING TO FOLLOW LEXINGTON POST 1499 STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER C. D. CROUCH**
- TWELFTH – 01-06-07 10:00 AM REGISTRATION 11:00 AM MEETING FOLLOWED BY LUNCH PRIME SIRLOIN STEAKHOUSE, MEETING/DINING ROOM, WEST PARK AVE, NORTON, SPONSORED BY NORTON POST 4301 STATE REPRESENTATIVE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER KIM DESHANO**
05-05-07 10:00 AM REGISTRATION 11:00 AM MEETING FOLLOWED BY LUNCH COEBURN POST 8652
- THIRTEENTH – 12-03-06 1:00 PM MEETING LUNCH TO FOLLOW GORDONSVILLE POST 7638 STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER C. D. CROUCH**

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| January 1, 2007 | Clair B. Poff Public Relations Award Deadline. See enclosed. |
| January 18, 2007 | Legislative Day on the Hill. See 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. Pre-registration due by January 12, 2007, see attached. Agenda attached. |
| March 4-7, 2007 | Community Services Conference, Room Rates \$194.00, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., See attached registration form. Must be received no later than February 5, 2007. |
| June 14-17, 2007 | State Convention, Room Rates \$87.00, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA, Telephone 804-285-1234. |
| July 20-22, 2007 | School of Instruction, Post 9808 Mechanicsville. |
| June 12-15, 2008 | State Convention Room Rates \$89.00, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA, Telephone 804-285-1234. |

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending 9/30/06 as of 11/20/06

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CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHERS AWARD:

Deadlines:

December 15, 2006: District judging completed and submitted to Department.

December 20, 2006: District Winners to State Chairman

December 22, 2006: State judging to be held

I want to remind everyone of the District deadlines for Teacher of the Year. Please follow all instructions and ensure that entries have the necessary enclosures. 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.

At the School of Instructions in Lynchburg, I provided District Commanders with the report forms Chairmen will need to fill out. If any District Chairman did not receive these report forms, contact me and I will send them to you.

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

Email: katbirch@visuallink.com

Chris Birch
Department Chairman

CLAIR B. POFF PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD:

Clair B. Poff Public Relations Award must be submitted to Department Headquarters by January 1, 2007. To enter the Clair B. Poff, send two different copies of your Post newsletter to State Headquarters along with the Editor's name and address.

COMMANDERS CLUB:

If you are a present Commander or past Commander (Post, District, Department) or Seam Squirrel of Pup Tents or Grands of Virginia you can be a member. The Commanders Club is dedicated to the promotion of the interest of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in accordance with the By-Laws of the Department of Virginia. As it is stated in the Manual of Procedure, as a Past Commander it is your duty to assist your successors with all the counsel and experience you gained during your term of office. What better place to pass on the knowledge you have gained as a Past Commander than during a Past Commanders Club meeting? The club meets during the Department Conventions and the cost is only \$5 to join and \$25 for life. I would like to see some new faces during the next club meeting in Williamsburg at the winter council meeting; if you are an out going Commander you could sign up your successor as a way of welcoming them into the club.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars has a rich tradition of enhancing the lives of millions through its community service programs and special projects. From providing free phone cards to our nation's active-duty military personnel to raising money for the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., the VFW is there –

HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAMS:

The mission of the VFW Homeless Veteran's Chairmen is to assist homeless veterans to ensure they receive a full continuum of services and programs designed to return them to a productive life in their communities. We also have the responsibility to inform and disseminate Homeless Veterans information to the Post, District, County, Department, and Conference levels, and generate enthusiasm and participation in our National Program. To be an effective advocate for homeless veterans, you have to understand the reasons for homelessness and learn about the supportive services veterans need to regain an optimum level of self-reliance and productivity. The following resources are available to help prepare you for your advocacy:

1. *VFW website*, Go to www.vfwdc.org. Click on the heading National Veterans Employment Assistance and go to the Homeless Veterans section.
2. *NCHV website*, Go to www.nchv.org for a wealth of information, including facts about homeless veterans, policies impacting the availability of services, organizations that help homeless veterans in your area, and assistance programs funded by federal agencies.
3. *Department of Housing and Urban Development*, HUD has produced a guide on developing comprehensive care programs (Continuums of Care) for homeless veterans. Go to: www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/library/coc/index.cfm.
4. *Department of Veterans Affairs*, The VA website includes information about programs to assist homeless veterans, and contact information for Regional Homeless Services Coordinators. Go to www.va.gov.
5. *Homeless Veteran Service Providers*, is a list of organizations in your area that's available on the internet at www.nchv.org. Click on "Locate a Community-Based Organization."

Contacts

Cheryl Beversdorf President and CEO, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV), one of the nation's foremost authorities on homeless veterans issues, programs in place to help homeless veterans, legislation, federal funding streams, national policy issues, inter-agency coordination of services, and organizations providing direct services to homeless veterans nationwide: 202-546-1969; e-mail nchv1@nchv.org.

Peter Dougherty Director of Homeless Veterans Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs, Principal advisor to VA Secretary on programs to help homeless veterans, and primary VA point of contact for information on the partnership between the VA and community-based organizations. Phone number: 202-273-5774; e-mail: pete.dougherty@mail.va.gov.

Dr. Craig Burnett CHALENG Project Coordinator, Lead contact for information about the VA CHALENG Program. For project overview, go to <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=17>. Phone number: 404-327-4033; email: craig.burnette1@med.va.gov.

Charles "Chick" Ciccolella Assistant Secretary of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS). Key administrator of the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP), the Department of Labor's primary veteran-specific grant program for community-based service providers. Phone number: 202-693-4733; email: ciccolella-charles@dol.gov.

State Directors of Veterans Affairs Every state has a Department of Veterans Affairs, which is not associated with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and offers its own assistance programs. For state contacts, go to www.nasdva.com.

Local Homeless Service Providers Contact information for homeless service providers in communities nationwide is available at <http://www.nchv.org/network.cfm>.

Assess Services and Needs

Whether your efforts are to assist homeless veterans find resources, support established homeless veteran programs to expand the services they provide, or to help develop new programs in underserved areas, you will need to be familiar with existing programs and unmet needs in your community. People you should contact include:

1. Homeless coordinator at VA Medical Centers (www.va.gov, VHA, Homeless Programs).
2. Homeless Coalitions, for your state, city or county, found in your local telephone directory.
3. Local Homeless Service Providers – Go to www.nchv.org and click on “Locate a Community-Based Organization.”
4. State homeless services coordinator (usually appointed by governor).
5. State Director of Veterans Affairs – Look in the state government pages of your phone book, or go to www.nasdva.org.
6. Local law enforcement agencies.

These contacts will be important allies during your advocacy. Their guidance and counsel will help steer your efforts to where they are most needed, and their support will help ensure your success.

What Services Do Homeless Veterans Need?

Homeless veterans need a coordinated effort that provides secure housing and nutritional meals; essential physical health care, substance abuse aftercare and mental health counseling; and personal development and empowerment. Veterans also need job assessment, training and placement assistance. The VFW strongly believes that all programs to assist homeless veterans must focus on helping veterans reach the point where they can obtain and sustain gainful employment. If not, veterans will be unable to find and maintain safe, decent, permanent housing.

How You Can Help

There are limitless opportunities to improve and expand the services available to help homeless veterans, either as an individual or as a member of a group or organization. The most effective assistance is provided by community-based organizations that work within local networks offering a range of services from housing to continuing case management and counseling as the veteran proceeds through a detailed plan leading to self-sufficiency.

Focus your efforts on supporting the homeless veteran service providers in your community, or become an active advocate to make sure veterans receive an appropriate share of the resources that are available to address and prevent homelessness in your area.

Support emergency shelters – Donate personal care items, clothing (new underwear, socks and T-shirts are always needed) and food, or make cash contributions.

1. Volunteer as mentors, counselors or legal aides – Homeless veterans in transitional or supportive permanent housing often need help with learning basic life and social skills, employment training and placement, mental health or substance abuse counseling, and help with legal problems.
2. Raise funds for programs – Contact churches, civic and business groups, schools, and other veteran’s service organizations for contributions, or a share of proceeds from community events. Large corporations in your area may agree to an employee matching program. Involve the local media to ensure benefactors are recognized for their support of America’s veterans.
3. Volunteer at Stand Down programs – These are 1 - to 3-day events that give homeless veterans a secure, community-like retreat to receive healthcare and personal hygiene services, food, clothing, housing and employment referrals, and VA benefits counseling – all in one location.

Develop Homeless Veteran Burial Programs – Several programs have been developed over the last few years to ensure that homeless veterans receive proper burial with military honors. Programs are collaborative efforts involving local medical examiners, hospitals, VA regional offices and funeral services providers. For information on a successful national program, visit www.dignitymemorial.com/HomelessVets.html.

HOSPITAL:

James Martin
Hospital Chairman

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Hospital Report for the first half as of 11/15/06

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INSPECTIONS:

Congratulations District 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12 for being 100%!!! Percentage Inspected is 92%!

Yours in Comradeship,
William R. Shifflett
State Inspector

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Inspection Report for the first half as of 11/15/06

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LEGISLATIVE:

The VFW, Department of Virginia Legislative Day on the Hill (Richmond, Virginia) is scheduled for January 18, 2007. All members are encouraged to participate in this event. The Department will meet at the Virginia War Memorial at 7:30 AM for a pre-briefing prior to visiting our State Senators and Delegates. At approximately 9:30 AM, we will depart for the Capital Office Buildings.

The legislative issues for 2007 are:

1. Support the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Strategic Plan and Budget.
2. Funding for the Virginia War Memorial - Education Center
3. Funding for the Virginia National Guard and Reserve
4. State Tax Exemption for Virginia residents while serving in war or conflict areas.
5. Pay Day Lending Law - stop lenders from preying on military personnel and civilians by charging excessive interest rates.
6. Permitting Veterans Organizations to fly the American Flag over Interstate Highways.

We need maximum attendance at this event to demonstrate to our elected officials that Veterans Issues in the Commonwealth of Virginia are very important. We look forward to seeing a large turnout.

Pete Snelling
Legislative Committee Chairman

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:

Congratulations! Back Bay VFW Post 1211 is the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Back Bay VFW Post 1211 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 50 percent of your membership goal reported to State Headquarters by the November 1, 2006.

MEDICARE HEALTH AND DRUG PLANS FOR 2007:

Last year, comrade Charlie Sloan and Mr. Jeff Magg, the officially sponsored Medicare agents for the North Carolina and Virginia Departments of the VFW, personally served over 500 comrades, sisters, and friends to identify the best health and drug plan for their situation. Because of their dedication and hard work, they saved our NC and VA comrades tens of thousands of dollars in drug savings simply because they were enrolled in the wrong drug plan.

Their approach was simple – they worked with one comrade at a time, and employed the government's own Medicare database to select the best/lowest cost plan tailored exactly to his/her drug list (formulary). According to Comrade Sloan: "It's time consuming but there is no other way to get it done right."

For each comrade and sister, Sloan and Magg were able to compare the drug plans our comrades were already enrolled in with the plan that the Medicare site showed was actually best for them... in most cases they were enrolled on the wrong plan. They then provided each comrade with printed Medicare results of the comparisons, and in most cases, saved our comrades from needlessly spending hundreds and several cases even thousands of dollars. In one notable example, Comrade Sloan was able to assist an elderly comrade and sister that had a combined annual drug bill of over \$24,000! Their monthly pension didn't even cover the cost and by the time the contacted comrade Sloan they had already charged \$12K of drugs on their credit card. In less than an hour, he was able to reduce their annual cost from \$24K to well under \$7K!

The important point to our comrades is that the Medicare health and drug plans change (including premiums and drug formularies) each year and this November 15th starts the next enrollment period for 2007. Unlike this year, the prescription drug annual election period closes on 31 December 2006, and the open enrollment period for health plans ends in March '07. The most important thing each of you can do contact Charlie Sloan and Jeff Magg to see if your current plan is still the best for you or if you're just looking for advice. Also, the good news is the \$0/low-premium health plans will also be available for 2007. Give them a call toll free at 866-223-1431 and they'll be glad to help.

MEMBERSHIP:

I hope everyone had a very good Thanksgiving, with family and friends. It's now December, and everyone should be working on their goal of being 100% in membership by December 31st. Start calling those annual members who have not renewed, and get them to either renew or go Life. Both annual dues and Life membership increase January 1, 2007. That's only 31 days away. Life Membership makes a great holiday gift. The weather is going to get colder, which will make outside recruiting even harder. Every time you speak to someone, find out if they're eligible for membership in this great organization and sign them up. Membership is our biggest program. Without membership, there is no VFW. Continuous growth in membership makes your Post stronger, your District stronger and the Department stronger. Remember, every member of this organization serves on the Membership Committee. In this season of giving, remember those less fortunate. I sincerely wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Jimmy Lee Wallace
Membership Chairman

SAVE LIDS TO SAVE LIVES:

Yoplait Yogurt is conducting its annual Save Lids to Save Lives fund raiser. VFW and Auxiliary members are asked to save pink Yoplait yogurt lids, wash them, and mail them to "Save Lids to Save Lives, P.O. Box 72716, Rockford MN 55572-7016" before December 31, 2006. Up to 20 lids can be mailed under a single first class stamp. For each lid donated, Yoplait will donate 10 cents to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, up to a total donation of \$1.5 million dollars.

VFW SPECIAL INTEREST LICENSE PLATE UPDATE:

At the Winter COA meeting held January 14, 2006 in Williamsburg the COA voted to pay for the first 350 applications submitted to State Headquarters to insure the production of the plate. Now is the time to make the decision and submit your application to State Headquarters. Applications will be **FREE to THE FIRST 350 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO STATE HEADQUARTERS.** The form is attached to the General Orders. Please notify your Membership! It is a shame that we have not received the 350 applications that are necessary to begin production. There is no cost to send the application in, please pass the word along!

WALTER REED CHRISTMAS DINNER:

On December 13, 2006, the VFW will be sponsoring a free Christmas meal for the patients and family members at Walter Reed Hospital. The Southern Conference donated \$3,000 to cover the meals, we are asking for donations to help with the costs of presents for the patients and their family. Please send donations to State Headquarters earmarked Walter Reed Christmas.

Thanks,
Kim DeShano

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Larry Parham
Vice Chairman Youth Activities

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Youth Activities Report for the first half as of 11/15/06

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Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



C. D. Crouch
State Commander

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 12TH

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 19-21, 2007

Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder ~ Williamsburg, Virginia ~ 757-220-2250 ~

\$60.00 Per night

(Group Rate Deadline is December 27th)

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 WINTER COUNCIL MEETING.)

Dinner Menu

Your choice of:

Stuffed Flounder

Tender flounder filet wrapped around our famous crabmeat stuffing and asparagus

~or~

Crushed Roast Pork Loin

With Andouille sausage stuffing, red onion marmalade and thyme au jus

Both Served with:
House Salad Coffee/Tea/Decaf Side Dishes Warm Rolls and Butter Dessert

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY **JANUARY 12, 2007 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post number or Auxiliary number:

Name: _____ Post _____ Aux _____ Food Choice: (circle) Pork or Flounder
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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

Winter Council of Administration Meeting

January 19 - January 21, 2007

Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder

Williamsburg, Virginia

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2007

3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Registration	Petersburg Hall Foyer
6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Line Officers Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
6:30 PM	7:00 PM	District Presidents' Meeting w/Program Chairman	General Hill's/McClellan's
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting	General Longstreet's
7:30 PM	8:00 PM	Advisory Committee Meeting	General Longstreet's
8:00 PM	8:30 PM	Department Officers & Past Dept. Commanders	General Longstreet's
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	Military Order of the Cootie Dance	General Emory's

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2007

8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Registration	Petersburg Hall Foyer
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	General Longstreet's
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice	General Hill's/McClellan's
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	MAP & UNMET NEEDS Workshop	General Longstreet's
9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting	General Longstreet's
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	General Longstreet's
10:00 AM	NOON	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	Stuart's Redoubt
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Cash Lunch	
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Petersburg Hall
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting	Stuarts Redoubt
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Reception	General Emory's
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Banquet-Guest Speaker- John Furgess	Richmond Hall
		Past National Commander-in-Chief	
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	Dance	Richmond Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2007

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Joint Devotional Service	Longstreet
9:30 AM	NOON	Ladies Auxiliary Conference, if needed	Richmond Hall
9:30 AM	NOON	VFW Council of Admin. Meeting, if needed	Petersburg Hall

COMBINATION BANQUET/DANCE TICKETS: \$30.00

Includes Reception, Banquet, and Saturday Night Dance. Bottles will be permitted at the Dance.

DEPARTMENT HOSPITALITY ROOM 267



Operation Uplink

Yes I want to help keep America's servicemen and women in touch with their families and loved ones. Please use my donation to Operation Uplink to provide prepaid calling time for active-duty military personnel and hospitalized veterans.

*"I was deployed to overseas when my son was two weeks old. The card helped me to hear him cry and laugh. Thanks for what you do for the active duty force!"
-Service Member, United States Armed Forces*

Please accept my donation of:

- \$100.00**
- \$500.00**
- \$1000.00**
- Other** _____

My Check in Enclosed
 Please charge my credit card

Name on Card _____
Billing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mastercard or Visa (circle one)

Credit Card # _____
Expiration Date: _____
Day Time Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Post Number: _____ Contact Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DO YOU KNOW A POST WHO IS UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

I would like to Challenge Post # _____ City _____ to match our contribution. You may send them a letter regarding my challenge and the challenge amount.

OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL

In an ideal world...

Our nation's capital is rich in history and diversity, and the Omni Shoreham Hotel is no exception. Since opening in 1930, the Omni Shoreham Hotel has been central to many important events in the diplomatic, social and official lives of Washington. Inaugural balls of presidents from Franklin D. Roosevelt through George W. Bush have been held here at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. In addition to being a favorite gathering place for presidents, the hotel has featured some of the greatest figures in the entertainment world including Judy Garland, Maurice Chevalier, Marlene Dietrich, Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne, and Bob Hope.

The Omni Shoreham is located on eleven picturesque acres in Rock Creek Park. It is one hundred yards from the Woodley Park Metro station, connecting you to the many attractions of our nation's capital. The Smithsonian, the White House, Capitol Hill, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the boutiques of Georgetown are all just minutes away.

To reserve your guest room at the special conference rate, please call (202) 756-5125 or (800) 545-8700 and ask for the **Veterans of Foreign Wars** rate. You may also complete the bottom of this page and fax it to 202-756-5145 or you can mail this form in an envelope and send it to: Reservations Department, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. NW, Washington DC, 20008.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

Veterans of Foreign Wars/Community Service & Legislative Conference March 4-7, 2007

Please print or type

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Arrival Date (Check-in time is 3 PM): _____

Departure Date: (Check-out time is 12PM): _____

Special Requests: Non-smoking Room
(Please Circle) Handicap Accessible Room

Rooms: Single **\$194** Triple **\$204**
(Please Circle) Double **\$194** Quad **\$204**

**Room rates do not
include 14.5 % sales tax

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**National VFW and Ladies Auxiliary
Community Service and Legislative Conference
March 4-7, 2007
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC**

**Tentative Agenda
(Meetings subject to change)**

Sunday, March 4, 2007

National Veterans Service	7a-8:30a
Political Action Committee Board	8:30a-10a
Budget & Finance Committee	10a-11:30a
Council of Administration	2p-4p
National Legislative Committee	5p-6p

Monday, March 5, 2007

Joint Opening Session	8a-11:30a
Information Fair	12:30p-3:30p

Committee/Workshop Meetings 1p-2:30p

National Youth Education, & Community Service
Military Assistance
National POW/MIA
National Homeless Veterans, Employment & Training
National By-Laws Review

VFW Membership Briefing

Ladies Auxiliary Membership Meeting

Committee/Workshop Meetings 3p-4:30p

Buddy Poppy
Veterans Care
National Security
National Military Affairs

National Home

VFW Membership Briefing

Ladies Auxiliary Membership Meeting

Parade of Winners	6:15p
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Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Commander-in-Chief Testimony	10a
Celebration of Achievement Banquet	6p-10p

11/21/06

Department Commander's Homecoming Fund Raiser



Shirts are available thru State Headquarters for purchase with the Cross of Malta on the right side and a pocket on the left side for the VFW. These shirts are forest green in color with the emblem in color and the State in red, white, and blue. You can use the Shirt order form below.

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Number	Size	Price	Total
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_____	Large	\$25.00	_____
_____	X-Large	\$25.00	_____
_____	XX-Large	\$25.00	_____
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District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continous	Current	Prior	%	City
1	176	87	0	0	26	113	174	64.94	NEWPORT NEWS
1	824	58	1	0	15	74	95	77.89	GRAFTON
1	960	57	10	0	11	78	75	104	YORKTOWN
1	2296	24	0	0	40	64	64	100	TASLEY
1	3219	398	28	12	84	522	771	67.7	PHOEBUS
1	4856	28	0	0	14	42	74	56.76	EXMORE
1	5500	47	2	3	28	80	98	81.63	HAMPTON
1	6002	93	0	2	33	128	149	85.91	DENBIGH
1	7167	66	3	2	59	130	154	84.42	WARSAW
1	8252	239	1	0	22	262	297	88.22	GLOUCESTER
1	8629	8	0	0	11	19	25	76	CHINCOTEAGUE
1	9358	9	1	0	9	19	23	82.61	TANGIER
District	Totals	1114	46	19	352	1531	1999	76.59	Thirteenth
2	392	1259	30	10	174	1473	1669	88.26	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	993	104	2	0	23	129	160	80.63	PORTSMOUTH
2	1211	37	0	1	11	49	53	92.45	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	2582	30	0	0	12	42	51	82.35	SUFFOLK
2	2894	37	1	1	28	67	82	81.71	CHESAPEAKE
2	3160	627	19	4	122	772	905	85.3	NORFOLK
2	4411	78	1	1	24	104	121	85.95	FRANKLIN
2	4809	976	22	13	224	1235	1454	84.94	NORFOLK
2	8545	74	2	0	14	90	111	81.08	SMITHFIELD
2	9382	90	2	5	26	123	133	92.48	SUFFOLK
District	Totals	3312	79	35	658	4084	4739	86.18	Fifth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continous	Current	Prior	%	City
3	1426	28	0	1	15	44	60	73.33	MIDLOTHIAN
3	2239	146	5	4	48	203	237	85.65	COLONIAL HEIGHTS
3	2583	11	2	1	12	26	34	76.47	ASHLAND
3	3125	6	0	0	4	10	27	37.04	DOSWELL
3	4639	87	1	0	31	119	144	82.64	WILLIAMSBURG
3	6364	159	5	1	34	199	221	90.05	RICHMOND
3	8046	33	0	0	13	46	85	54.12	NORGE
3	8356	49	0	1	39	89	112	79.46	WEST POINT
3	8529	77	0	2	27	106	125	84.8	SANDSTON
3	9224	36	0	0	16	52	54	96.3	RICHMOND
3	9501	22	1	1	11	35	46	76.09	AYLETT
3	9808	566	2	3	67	638	679	93.96	MECHANICSVILLE
3	10387	23	10	7	97	137	131	104.58	PETERSBURG
3	10654	86	0	1	5	92	103	89.32	RICHMOND
3	10657	65	3	0	7	75	98	76.53	GLEN ALLEN
3	11124	14	0	0	8	22	27	81.48	QUINTON
District	Totals	1408	29	22	434	1893	2183	86.72	Fourth
4	622	59	23	3	36	121	153	79.08	PETERSBURG
4	637	184	7	0	123	314	385	81.56	HOPEWELL
4	2163	59	4	0	31	94	118	79.66	CHESTERFIELD
4	2584	19	0	2	12	33	38	86.84	CULLEN
4	5313	50	0	0	11	61	88	69.32	NOTTOWAY
4	7059	115	3	0	56	174	244	71.31	FARMVILLE
4	7166	149	0	2	42	193	286	67.48	SOUTH HILL
4	7819	67	0	0	32	99	130	76.15	CREWE
4	7897	22	0	0	19	41	56	73.21	BLACKSTONE
4	8048	17	0	0	16	33	50	66	LAWRENCEVILLE
4	8163	62	7	1	49	119	140	85	CLARKSVILLE
4	8228	8	0	1	8	17	28	60.71	CHASE CITY
4	8446	30	1	0	16	47	50	94	BUCKINGHAM
4	8599	2	0	0	10	12	21	57.14	BROOKNEAL
4	8617	30	0	1	14	45	54	83.33	GOOCHLAND
4	8759	33	0	0	19	52	76	68.42	AMELIA COURT HSE
4	8902	12	0	0	3	15	22	68.18	KEYSVILLE
4	9855	33	6	0	35	74	111	66.67	APPOMATTOX
4	9954	123	2	0	38	163	174	93.68	VICTORIA
4	10570	23	0	0	15	38	43	88.37	POWHATAN
District	Totals	1097	53	10	585	1745	2267	76.97	Twelfth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continous	Current	Prior	%	City
5	647	244	4	3	99	350	403	86.85	DANVILLE
5	873	17	1	0	5	23	23	100	GRETNA
5	1115	545	4	10	342	901	1083	83.19	HILLSVILLE
5	2820	14	3	0	14	31	46	67.39	BASSETT
5	4637	74	6	3	69	152	175	86.86	MARTINSVILLE
5	7568	30	4	14	24	72	53	135.85	GALAX
5	7726	161	6	0	123	290	401	72.32	INDEPENDENCE
5	7800	72	1	2	35	110	128	85.94	STUART
5	8243	45	12	1	39	97	135	71.85	HALIFAX
5	8467	66	3	0	34	103	136	75.74	MEADOWS OF DAN
5	10840	32	0	0	24	56	58	96.55	PENHOOK
District	Totals	1300	44	33	808	2185	2641	82.73	Eleventh
6	484	32	0	1	15	48	52	92.31	ROANOKE
6	776	95	2	0	27	124	142	87.32	RADFORD
6	1033	139	0	5	73	217	245	88.57	COVINGTON
6	1264	261	3	5	69	338	400	84.5	ROANOKE
6	1444	53	0	0	8	61	93	65.59	ROANOKE
6	1841	60	0	3	65	128	147	87.07	TROUTVILLE
6	2157	117	0	2	88	207	255	81.18	BEDFORD
6	4165	35	1	0	28	64	72	88.89	ALTAVISTA
6	4299	24	0	0	18	42	62	67.74	CLIFTON FORGE
6	4318	41	1	0	27	69	73	94.52	SALEM
6	4491	76	0	0	27	103	119	86.55	NEW CASTLE
6	4522	159	5	2	42	208	232	89.66	VINTON
6	4920	13	0	0	7	20	27	74.07	ELLISTON
6	5311	83	0	1	38	122	146	83.56	CHRISTIANSBURG
6	5895	15	0	0	6	21	25	84	BUCHANAN
6	7854	87	1	0	28	116	164	70.73	FLOYD
6	8184	55	0	0	16	71	97	73.2	LYNCHBURG
6	9877	19	0	1	16	36	43	83.72	AMHERST
District	Totals	1364	13	20	598	1995	2394	83.33	Ninth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continous	Current	Prior	%	City
7	621	131	2	0	84	217	256	84.77	LURAY
7	1150	15	0	1	4	20	28	71.43	SPERRYVILLE
7	1860	214	10	3	74	301	361	83.38	FRONT ROYAL
7	2123	269	4	0	92	365	416	87.74	WINCHESTER
7	2447	190	7	0	120	317	417	76.02	EDINBURG
7	4698	18	0	0	20	38	47	80.85	GROTTOES
7	6044	15	0	0	7	22	32	68.75	WINCHESTER
7	7899	22	0	0	28	50	58	86.21	STANLEY
7	8613	115	3	1	64	183	204	89.71	SHENANDOAH
7	9292	116	1	1	50	168	194	86.6	ELKTON
7	9660	58	1	1	59	119	133	89.47	BROADWAY
7	9760	125	5	4	135	269	289	93.08	BERRYVILLE
7	9872	63	0	0	0	63	71	88.73	HINTON
District	Totals	1351	33	11	737	2132	2506	85.08	Sixth
8	1177	32	10	1	6	49	44	111.36	LEESBURG
8	1811	185	3	1	3	192	190	101.05	MANASSAS PARK
8	2524	191	2	2	51	246	271	90.77	CULPEPER
8	3103	202	5	4	129	340	408	83.33	FREDERICKSBURG
8	4468	36	1	0	0	37	36	102.78	PURCELLVILLE
8	7589	145	11	0	56	212	242	87.6	MANASSAS
8	7728	31	0	0	17	48	53	90.57	REMINGTON
8	8208	23	76	10	27	136	65	209.23	STANARDSVILLE
8	9835	37	2	0	11	50	53	94.34	WARRENTON
District	Totals	882	110	18	300	1310	1362	96.18	First
9	1184	122	19	2	59	202	225	89.78	PULASKI
9	2719	29	3	0	20	52	64	81.25	WYTHEVILLE
9	4667	513	13	7	244	777	876	88.7	MARION
9	6000	147	2	0	72	221	298	74.16	NARROWS
9	7136	113	6	2	67	188	234	80.34	TAZEWELL
9	7328	30	1	0	36	67	93	72.04	SALTVILLE
9	7360	46	6	0	51	103	112	91.96	GRUNDY
9	7969	20	1	1	18	40	56	71.43	BLAND
9	9640	110	0	0	47	157	189	83.07	RICHLANDS
9	9696	130	2	2	71	205	236	86.86	BLUEFIELD
9	9864	60	2	0	17	79	83	95.18	LEBANON
District	Totals	1320	55	14	702	2091	2466	84.79	Seventh

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continous	Current	Prior	%	City
10	609	79	6	0	20	105	116	90.52	ALEXANDRIA
10	1503	1344	30	5	235	1614	1878	85.94	DALE CITY
10	3150	367	12	4	48	431	457	94.31	ARLINGTON
10	5412	55	6	1	17	79	85	92.94	BURKE
10	7327	398	41	8	83	530	611	86.74	SPRINGFIELD
10	7916	319	8	6	69	402	477	84.28	WOODBIDGE
10	8241	172	2	0	48	222	276	80.43	MC LEAN
10	8469	175	3	1	46	225	245	91.84	FAIRFAX
10	8815	20	3	0	1	24	29	82.76	LORTON
10	9274	213	9	1	31	254	269	94.42	FALLS CHURCH
10	9478	65	3	0	29	97	101	96.04	STERLING
District	Totals	3207	123	26	627	3983	4544	87.65	Third
11	452	22	0	2	12	36	42	85.71	CRIMORA
11	632	327	2	4	121	454	521	87.14	HARRISONBURG
11	1499	79	3	1	36	119	134	88.81	LEXINGTON
11	2216	199	8	4	173	384	492	78.05	STAUNTON
11	2424	32	1	1	16	50	57	87.72	WAYNESBORO
11	3060	40	0	0	0	40	42	95.24	DEERFIELD
11	3136	27	0	3	19	49	62	79.03	MOUNT SOLON
11	4204	29	0	2	20	51	63	80.95	HOT SPRINGS
11	4805	11	0	0	14	25	59	42.37	BUENA VISTA
11	4989	55	0	0	0	55	57	96.49	MONTEREY
11	7701	37	0	1	24	62	75	82.67	LOVINGSTON
11	7814	23	1	0	0	24	27	88.89	STAUNTON
11	8279	16	0	0	25	41	51	80.39	STEELES TAVERN
11	8479	5	0	0	5	10	20	50	LYNDHURST
11	8644	119	1	0	60	180	206	87.38	BRIDGEWATER
11	9339	55	1	1	33	90	103	87.38	STUARTS DRAFT
11	9480	34	1	0	11	46	55	83.64	CRAIGSVILLE
11	10826	39	14	0	37	90	111	81.08	VERONA
District	Totals	1149	32	19	606	1806	2177	82.96	Tenth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continous	Current	Prior	%	City
12	1994	67	6	2	39	114	130	87.69	ABINGDON
12	3782	36	1	0	14	51	74	68.92	HAYSI
12	4301	76	7	0	15	98	102	96.08	NORTON
12	5715	132	3	7	62	204	159	128.3	BIG STONE GAP
12	6975	396	2	7	261	666	809	82.32	BRISTOL
12	8652	48	18	0	24	90	53	169.81	COEBURN
12	8979	88	2	3	49	142	161	88.2	CLINTWOOD
12	9600	71	0	0	75	146	177	82.49	POUND
12	9830	54	0	1	30	85	92	92.39	DAMASCUS
12	10298	40	4	2	19	65	86	75.58	PENNINGTON GAP
12	10310	35	0	1	12	48	69	69.57	EWING
District	Totals	1043	43	23	600	1709	1912	89.38	Second
13	1827	158	8	0	63	229	263	87.07	CHARLOTTESVILLE
13	2044	38	0	1	6	45	47	95.74	EARLYSVILLE
13	2217	31	0	0	26	57	67	85.07	ORANGE
13	2613	5	0	0	7	12	18	66.67	COLUMBIA
13	7638	70	0	1	13	84	98	85.71	GORDONSVILLE
13	8169	17	1	0	16	34	38	89.47	SCOTTSVILLE
13	8436	18	0	3	11	32	38	84.21	YANCEY MILLS
13	8717	39	0	0	13	52	61	85.25	KING GEORGE
13	8947	104	2	0	25	131	150	87.33	LOUISA
13	10295	58	0	0	10	68	87	78.16	BOWLING GREEN
13	10546	81	3	0	13	97	123	78.86	SPOTSYLVANIA
13	10574	79	3	0	46	128	170	75.29	COLONIAL BEACH
District	Totals	698	17	5	249	969	1160	83.53	Eighth
MAL		795	109	68	820	1792	2402	75.7	
State	Totals	20040	786	323	8076	29225	34752	84.1	