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COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Surely it cannot be time for the Commander's Message again. But, alas, the Adjutant/Quartermaster says yes. As I began thinking about what I wanted to say this month, I received several Department newspapers from other states. As I read the Commander's messages in these papers, I was struck by the similarity among them. They, as I do, mix "happy talk" and comments about the problems they perceive in their departments. What problems do they cite? They cite lagging membership, lack of support for VFW programs, decreasing attendance at VFW functions, failure to report activities, and non-compliance with our By-Laws. Does this sound familiar? We have a National problem, not just a Virginia problem.

Many organizations like the VFW fold up or continue to exist in a twilight, only remembering past camaraderie and services to their members and community. So what do we do? Our National Organization has begun to institute change at the top. And I have become convinced over the past six months that continuing just to talk about our problems has diminishing returns. We have had some success in turning things around, but not enough. There are still some "rotten apples" that are spoiling the whole basket—so to speak. I believe we must effect change from the top down and bottom up—not massive change, but incremental change over time. Undoubtedly, it will be unsettling to some. But the VFW is too important to veterans and our communities to let it dwindle away.

The Post is the basic building block of the VFW. We must recruit and integrate younger members into our posts, organizationally and socially. We must hold the Post leadership accountable for the viability of their post. In some cases, past leaders must gracefully relinquish leadership to new members and stand ready to support changes made. Old community services and fellowship activities can be revitalized and new ones started. The result will be a stronger and perhaps larger Post. Our Posts must be active or no amount of change will have lasting effect.

Now a few words about the Winter Conference—There will be changes this year. First, we will honor the State winners in Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen at the banquet Saturday night. In the past, we have waited until the State Convention, some three months after they have received National Recognition. Second, I have moved some meetings previously held Saturday morning to Friday night. The times freed up will be used for two workshops—Military Assistance and Unmet Needs Programs and Membership and Recruiting. These are important programs, so come out, attend, and learn something you can use. Finally, I am attempting to limit the Council of Administration Meeting to two hours. Why don't you attend and see how I do.

Now I can talk about membership. This is one area where talk and action have produced remarkable results. Recruiting fever has broken out all around our state. I continue to receive reports from National citing individuals who have received 3, 5, 10 member recruiting pins and several who have received 25 member recruiting plaques. I am impressed and grateful. Your efforts have brought us to 88.95 percent—0.94 percentage points behind Kansas. We have recruited 932 more members than they have. If our annual members continue to renew, we should move ahead soon. Comrades, let's not slack off now, but keep our recruiting efforts going. All the State officers are ready to help you, particularly our recruiting machines Doc Crouch and Roy Swanner.

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.

AUDIT REPORTS:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees. Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each Quarter, one of which ends December 31, 2005. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster records.

Audit Reports for period ending **6/30/05** have not been received from the following Posts and Districts as of 12/21/05

DIST. 8	1177	4468	8208										
DIST. 10	9274												
DIST. 11	10773												

Audit Reports for period ending **9/30/05** have not been received from the following Posts and Districts as of 12/21/05

DIST. 1	824	5500	9358										
DIST. 2	100%												
DIST. 3	8046	10387	11124										
DIST. 4	2163	8228	8902										
DIST. 5	100%												
DIST. 6	4299	8184											
DIST. 7	100%												
DIST. 8	1177	3103	8208										
DIST. 9	100%												
DIST. 10	609	9274											
DIST. 11	4204	4989	8279	10773									
DIST. 12	100%												
DIST. 13	8717												

BONDS:

As of August 31, 2005 your Post Quartermaster Bond expired. In accordance to the National By-Laws you are in violation of Section 703.

Please send in your payment or proof of bond immediately.

DIST. 3	3125												
DIST. 8	3103												

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

- FIRST** – 02-25-2006 POST 3219 PHOEBUS 11:00 AM State Representative Commander Daniel Boyer
- SECOND** – 03-11-2006 POST 4411 FRANKLIN, Lunch 12:00, Meeting at 1:00 PM State Representative Commander Daniel Boyer
- THIRD** – 02-11-2006 3rd DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 2:00 PM Meal to follow State Representative Chief of Staff Roy Swanner
- FOURTH** – 02-19-2006 POST 637 HOPEWELL, 2:00 PM State Representative Surgeon Rex Faris
- FIFTH** – 02-26-2006 POST 8467 MEADOWS OF DAN, 12:00 Lunch, Meeting to follow State Representative Senior Vice Commander Charles "Doc" Crouch
- SIXTH** – 02-05-2006 POST 1444 VAMC 2:00 PM State Representative Adjutant/Quartermaster Kim DeShano
- SEVENTH** – 03-12-2006 POST 9760 BERRYVILLE 11:30 AM State Representative Judge Advocate Hal Roesch

- EIGHTH –** 03-12-2006 POST 7589 MANASSAS 1:00 PM State Representative Commander Daniel Boyer
- NINTH –** 01-29-2006 POST 4667 MARION 10:30 AM State Representative Senior Vice Commander Charles “Doc” Crouch
- TENTH –** 02-26-2006 POST 8241 MCLEAN 1:00 PM State Representative Judge Advocate Hal Roesch
- ELEVENTH –** 01-08-2006 POST 9339 STUARTS DRAFT 11:30 AM State Representative Commander Daniel Boyer
- TWELFTH –** 01-07-2006 POST 1994 ABINGDON Registration at 10:00 AM Meeting at 11:00 AM followed by lunch State Representative Commander Daniel Boyer
- 05-06-2006 POST 9600 POUND Registration at 10:00 AM Meeting at 11:00 AM followed by lunch
- THIRTEENTH –** 03-19-2006 POST 10546 SPOTSYLVANIA 1:00 PM State Representative Junior Vice Commander Jimmy Lee Wallace

IMPORTANT 2005-2006 DATES:

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| January 1, 2006 | Citizenship Education Teachers Award Must submit to State Headquarters |
| January 1, 2006 | Clair B Poff Public Relations Award Deadline; Must submit to State Headquarters |
| January 12, 2006 | Legislative Day on the Hill |
| January 13-15, 2006 | Winter Council Meeting, Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Room Rates \$59.00 plus Tax based on single/double occupancy. Reservation # 757-220-2250 Banquet Pre-Registration deadline January 6 th |
| February 1, 2006 | Community Service Awards Deadline. Must submit to State Headquarters |
| March 5-8, 2006 | Legislative/Community Conference, Washington, D.C. |
| April 22, 2006 | Commander and Ladies Auxiliary President's Homecoming, Staunton more information to come |
| June 15-18, 2006 | State Convention, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Room Rates are \$85.00 per night Reservations 804-285-1234 |
| July 29, 2006 | Satellite Training |
| August 26-31, 2006 | National VFW Convention Reno, Nevada |
| September 15-17, 2006 | Fall Council Meeting: Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Virginia- Room Rates are \$63.00 per night. Telephone # 434-528-2500 |

ROSTER CHANGES:

Post 1994 QM Samuel Dolinger, Address Change, 38318 Robindale Rd, Meadowview, 24361, 276-944-3963

Post 5715 ADJ Joseph Toney, Jr., 213 East 1st St, Big Stone Gap, 24219, 276-523-2531

Post 8046 CMDR Barbra Riani, 7214 Kings Arms Dr, Manassas, 20112-3236

Post 8446 CMDR Calvin McIlroy, Address Change 227 Cleveland Ave, Lynchburg, 24503-2719

Post 8717 CMDR Elmore Tyler, Address Correction, 4506 Danube Dr, King George, 22485

Post 8979 CMDR John Bill Vanover, Rt 4 Box 41C, Clintwood, 24228, 276-926-4982
SVC Rodney L Owens, Rt 2 Box 85, Haysi, 24256, 276-865-4397
JVC Jackie Dean Branham, Rt 2 Box 122, Haysi, 24256 276-865-0016

Post 10657 QM Ervin Waid, Address Change, PO Box 796, Glen Allen, 23060-0795

BUDDY POPPIES:

The distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 711 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies for the Memorial Day campaign in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used for the relief of disabled and needy veterans and their dependents.

“To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs.” The Manual of Procedure provides that Post Relief Funds may be used for programs such as Voice of Democracy, Youth Essay, Citizenship Education and Community Service as long as the chairmen guidebooks are used as an example of promoting these programs.

Posts are further reminded that Section 711 of the Manual of Procedure provides that non-profit organizations, exempt from taxes under Section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code, may assist with the distribution of Buddy Poppies, provided there shall be no division of proceeds. A donation to these groups may be made from the Post General Fund.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DEADLINES:

All nominations for each award (EMT, Law Enforcement, Firefighters) must be submitted to Department Headquarters by February 1, 2006.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE:

Tickets for the Community Service/Legislative Conference scheduled for March 5-8, 2006 to be held at the Omni Shore Hotel, in Washington DC, can be purchased by contacting State Headquarters. The last day to purchase these tickets is January 17, 2006. Tickets cost \$50.00 per person.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

State Headquarters will be closed for the following holidays:

New Years, January 2, 2006
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 16, 2006

HOMECOMING:

State Commander Daniel Boyer and Auxiliary President Debbie Martin's Homecoming will be held April 22, 2006 at the Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton.

LEGISLATIVE:

THE 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As the result of the General Election on 8 November 2005 and two upcoming special elections (3 January and 10 January 2006), there will be 99 members in the House of Delegates (HOD) when it convenes on 11 January 2006. Of this number, 17 will be first-term Delegates. Later in January there will be another special election to fill the 100th seat in the HOD.

There were no elections for State Senators on 8 November. Since Senator William T. Bolling won the race for Lieutenant Governor, there will be a special election in January 2006 to fill his vacated position. The Senate, too, will convene for the 2006 Session on 11 January.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION ON VFW DAY ON THE HILL IN RICHMOND

On behalf of the leadership of the VFW Department of Virginia I urge members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary to participate in our annual Legislative Day on the Hill in Richmond on Thursday, 12 January 2006. Your presence will be important.

Since the State Capitol Building is closed for renovation and new construction, the General Assembly will conduct its business sessions in the old State Library (Patrick Henry Building), two buildings east of the General Assembly Office Building. Thus, the normal routine of legislators, staffers and visitors will be changed for the sixty day session of the General Assembly. The information provided below is current as of 20 December 2005:

1. Our legislative briefing will begin at 8:20 AM in Conference Room 5E of the General Assembly Office Building (GAOB). We will have access to cited room from 7:30 to 10:00 AM.
2. Coupons for free coffee and a roll will be given to all participants for use in the snack shop on the sixth floor of the GAOB.
3. Visits to the offices of all 140 members of the General Assembly will begin at 9:00 AM and end no later than 11:30 AM.
4. Free parking will be available at the Virginia War Memorial (VWM) located at 621 S. Belvedere Street (Tel. No. 804 786-2060). Participants will be shuttled by bus to the GAOB commencing at 7:30 AM. The return shuttle will start at 11:50 AM and continue until participants have been returned to their vehicles.

Note: We extend our special thanks to VFW Post 9808, Mechanicsville, for providing the bus and driver for our Day on the Hill.

5. VFW and Auxiliary members who desire to use commercial parking closer to the State Capital Building are urged to get their parking spaces no later than 7:30 AM. After that time, parking spaces will probably be hard to find.

Additional information will be provided at the introductory briefing scheduled for 8:20 AM in Room 5E of the GAOB.

John P. McAnaw, Chairman
Legislative and Resolutions Committees

MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades the 2005 membership year is now over and we have too many Comrades who have failed to renew their membership for the coming year. It is time to send another letter, make a phone call or pay a visit to these good folks to remind them that their membership is vitally needed not only at the Post but at all levels in our organization. Without their membership our ability to carry out our efforts to keep the Veterans entitlements that we now have and to bring those entitlements up to where they should be, not only for ourselves, but for those who now serve in harms way. Elected officials pay more attention if our membership stays strong. We not only have to recruit new members, but we have to keep those we have on board. Let's get hot and get those renewals in NOW!

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

NEW/REINSTATED & MIP MEMBERSHIP CONTEST:

In our effort to achieve 100% in membership this year Commander-in-Chief James Mueller has issued the following challenges to each Department Commander.

The first challenge is a new and reinstated contest in which each Department must recruit 10% more new and reinstated members than it did during the 2004-2005 year.

For those Departments reaching 60% of their respective goal by January 31, 2006, a check in the amount of \$200 will be issued to those Commanders to assist in their travel to the Legislative/Community Service Conference in March. This \$200 will be in addition to the \$500 normally received from National Headquarters for this conference.

An additional check in the amount of \$300 will be issued to those Department Commanders achieving the total assigned goal by May 31, 2006. If you are not successful in reaching the January 31, 2006 goal, but reach the May 31, 2006 goal, you will receive the full \$500.

The second challenge is a MIP contest that will reward those individuals converting/reinstating the most unpaid MIP members to Post membership during the period beginning January 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2006.

Each of the top twenty members converting/reinstating the most MIP members during this period will receive \$500 in cash to help defray costs to the National Convention in Reno, Nevada plus special recognition from the Commander-in-Chief during the Joint Opening Ceremony (minimum requirement of 50 MIP conversions to qualify).

In addition, each member who converts at least twenty-five MIP members will have their name entered into a drawing to receive a check in the amount of \$500.

OPERATION UPLINK:

Operation Uplink is a unique program that keeps military personnel and hospitalized veterans in touch with their families and loved ones by providing them with a free phone card. Using contributions from supporters like you. **Operation Uplink** purchases phone cards and distributes them to servicemen and women who are separated from those they care about.

This Holiday Season National distributed over 95,000 cards with a value of \$551,750.00. Thanks to all of you who made contributions to **Operation Uplink** they were able to fill all requests for cards.

At this year's Washington Conference our Department Commander Dan Boyer will be making a check presentation to the National Commander-in-Chief James R. Mueller for **Operation Uplink**. I would ask that every Post in the Department of Virginia send in a donation to State Headquarters earmarked **Operation Uplink** so Dan may have a large check to proudly present on behalf of all the Department of Virginia. I know with all your help we can make Department of Virginia look good. So please send in your Donation today.

Kim A. DeShano
Adjutant/Quartermaster

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - INSTALLMENT PLAN ENROLLMENT:

January 1 through March 31

Annual reminder that the enrollment period for the Installment Plan is only open during the three months indicated. Note that 2006 annual dues must be paid and recorded at National before a member can enroll in the Life Membership Installment Plan. Write to Life Membership Department at National for a small supply of forms to be mailed.

Plan "D" Life Membership Fee Schedule

<u>ATTAINED AGE</u> (at December 31)	<u>FEE</u>	<u>QUARTERLY</u> Installment Plan Only
Through age 30	\$245.00	\$61.25
Age 31 – 40	\$235.00	\$58.75
Age 41 – 50	\$215.00	\$53.75
Age 51 – 60	\$195.00	\$48.75
Age 61 – 70	\$165.00	\$41.25
Age 71 – 80	\$125.00	\$31.25
Age 81 and over	\$ 85.00	\$21.25

The absolute deadline for Installment Plan enrollment is March 31

PATRIOTS PEN WINNERS:

This is the results of the state judging which was completed 14 Dec 2005 the winners are as follows:

FIRST PLACE:	District 13, Post 10546 and Auxiliary Jennifer R. Wheeler
SECOND PLACE:	District 9, Post 7328 and Auxiliary Denisha R. Woodard
THIRD PLACE:	District 3, Post 6364 Gabriele L. Bonner

POW-MIA REPORT:

The DoD POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced December 7, 2005, that the remains of Tech Sergeant Patrick L. Shannon of Owasso, OK had been identified and will be returned to his family for burial. Shannon and 18 other servicemen operated a radar installation atop Pha Thi Mountain in Laos.

AIR FORCE OFFICER ACCOUNTED FOR: The remains of Captain Eugene D. Hamilton, USAF, of Alabama, listed as MIA in North Vietnam on January 31, 1966, were repatriated March 4, 2005 and identified on October 10th. The remains of Captain Burke H. Morgan, USAF, listed as KIA/BNR in Laos on August 22, 1967, were repatriated on February 17, 2005 and identified on October 30th. There are now **1,813** Americans listed by the Defense Department as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War – 1,382 in Vietnam, 369 in Laos, 55 in Cambodia and 7 in PRC territorial water – though others have been identified and not yet announced. Over 90% of the total missing were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia controlled by Vietnam.

JPAC OPERATIONS: JPAC personnel finished technical talks and joint field operations in Southeast Asia until after the first of the New Year. In the interim, unilateral Lao, Vietnamese and Cambodian investigations are slated to take place; however, there is some question as to whether the schedule will hold due to budget constraints. JPAC Commander Michael Flowers, USA, and Senior Civilian Advisor Johnie Webb visited Seoul, South Korea, this week for talks with officials there. Congress has yet to pass the Defense Appropriations Bill for FY06, and all Defense organizations and agencies have been operating under a continuing resolution, with no budget increases and predictable budget reductions. Some POW/MIA-related budgets, including funds for DIA's Stony Beach Team and DPMO, are fenced and not available for any other purpose. JPAC's budget is not protected in that way and could become a target for reduction. The League has appealed to relevant Congressional offices to ensure that humanitarian accounting efforts can continue without interruption.

LAOS TAKES POSITIVE STEP: In response to requests from JPAC, reinforced by our supportive Ambassador Patricia Haslach, the Lao Government has officially notified the US, via diplomatic note, of their agreement to permit two-year, accompanied tours for the Detachment II personnel. That is a positive development and, hopefully, reflects improving military-to-military relations that will lead to exchanging Defense Attaches, as is the norm for most countries around the world. Vietnam permitted this step for Detachment Two some time ago, and the two governments have improved relations across the board. The Prime Minister visited Washington, DC,

last June, a visit preceded by the November and December 2003 visits of Vietnam's Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defense. It is anticipated that US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld will soon visit Hanoi. This track is one that should be pursued to continue improving bilateral relations between the US and Laos. Of course, Detachment One in Bangkok, Thailand, has long been led by an Air Force LtCol for a three-year, accompanied tour. Thailand is a treaty ally, and the military-to-military relationship is very close.

DPMO DIRECTOR RESIGNS: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs Jerry D. Jennings tendered his resignation on December 2nd following an absence from his office of over seven months. Press reports written by Robert Burns, Associated Press military writer, circulated throughout the country and accurately quoted League Executive Director Ann Mills Griffiths: *"We're all relieved that he's no longer in a position to undercut the seriousness of the U.S. government's commitment or inflict the damage on his own office that has occurred. His record on the job was very disappointing, unexpectedly so. We're just thankful that Jennings is no longer in position to obstruct an integrated, thoughtful policy approach to achieve accounting objectives more rapidly."* Jennings' letter didn't mention the completed DoD Inspector General's investigation into allegations that include reprisals against subordinates and sexual harassment of a female employee, but gave poor health as the reason for his resignation. The report should soon be available to Members of Congress who have requested copies, as have members of the media.

DPMO TO LEAD TALKS WITH THE PRC: A delegation led by DPMO's Senior Director for Policy Melinda Cooke will hold talks in Beijing December 13-14th to follow-up on issues raised by Assistant Secretary of Defense Peter Rodman during Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld's recent visit.

DPMO-HOSTS KOREAN WAR/COLD WAR/WORLD WAR II FAMILIES: POW/MIA family members of the three wars listed gathered in Arlington, VA, the week of October 25th to hear briefings from US officials concerning the status of government efforts to account for their relatives. Since field operations in North Korea have been on hold since late May of this year, personnel from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) and its Central Identification Laboratory (CIL) have been conducting surveys and excavations in South Korea, Europe and within the continental United States, but have not returned to North Korea, and there is no indication of when such operations will resume.

NEW POW/MIA BRACELETS AVAILABLE: The Special Projects Committee's Fundraising Subcommittee initiated a project to raise sorely needed funds by producing generic black silicone POW/MIA bracelets. Not intended to replace the original POW/MIA bracelets bearing the name of an American POW or MIA, the concept is to bring the issue to a new generation of Americans with this readily available, inexpensive symbol of support and awareness. Send a check made out to the National League of POW/MIA Families, with a donation of only \$2 per bracelet (and postage would be appreciated as well) to: Traci Wood, 419 Wakefield Lane, Geneva, IL 60134-1006.

The remains of three US servicemen, missing in action since 1941, have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial. They are Army Air Forces 2d Lt Augustus J. Allen, of Myrtle Springs, Texas, Staff Sgt James D. Cartwright, of Los Angeles, CA, and Cpl Paul R. Stubbs, of Haverill, MA. On June 8, 1941, they departed France Field, Panama in an O-47A aircraft, enroute to Rio Hato, Panama. Also, the remains of Seaman 2d class Dee Hall of Syra, OK who was missing in action from WW II, has been identified and returned to his family for burial.

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.

Jimmy Lee Wallace
Chairman, POW-MIA Committee

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.

2005-2006 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNERS:

Congratulations to the following Virginia students who were chosen as the top three winners of the Department's Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay scholarship program:

First Place Winner
Morgan L. Hembree

Melvin Rosson VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
Post 8356, West Point, District 3

Second Place Winner
Nathaniel J. Goodman

Goochland County VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
Post 8617, Goochland, District 4

Third Place Winner
Stepheno A. Zollos

Chesapeake VFW
Post 2894, Chesapeake, District 2

AMERICANISM:

A quarter of the last bunch of reports I received included Loyalty Day, Memorial Day, or Flag Day. A reminder that these are first half events and are either very early or very late. You can not report an event before it happens. However NOW is the time for Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day reporting, among other events.

Congratulations to District 7 for being the first district over 50% reported. A Happy New Year to all.

J. Gary Wagner
Vice Chairman for Americanism

POSTS LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED AN **AMERICANISM REPORT** FOR THE 2ND HALF AS OF: **12/16/05**

DIST. 1	176	960	2296	4856	6002	8629	9358						
DIST. 2	2582	2894	3160	4411	8545	9382							
DIST. 3	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8529	9501	10387	10654	10657	11124	
DIST. 4	622	637	2584	7166	7819	7897	8048	8163	8228	8599	8617	8759	8902
	9855	9954	10570										
DIST. 5	647	873	1115	4637	7568	7800	8243	10840					
DIST. 6	484	776	1444	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	9877
DIST. 7	621	1150	6044	7899	9660	9872							
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208					
DIST. 9	1184	2719	4667	6000	7328	7969	9343	9696	9864				
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274						
DIST. 11	452	632	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8279	8479	9339
	9480	10773	10826										
DIST. 12	3782	4301	6975	8652	9830	10298	10310	10611					
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947	10295					

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Comrades, we are now into the 2nd Half Reporting Period, so please complete and submit your activity reports.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lynn Harris
Community Activities

POSTS LISTED BELOW **HAVE SUBMITTED A COMMUNITY ACTIVITES REPORT** FOR THE 2ND HALF AS OF: **12/16/05**

DIST. 1	824	3219	5500	8252									
DIST. 2	392	1211	3160	4809									
DIST. 3	8356	9224	9808										
DIST. 4	2163	5313	7059	8446									
DIST. 5	2820	7726	8467										
DIST. 6	1033	1264	2157										
DIST. 7	2123	2447	8613	9292	9760								
DIST. 8	1811												
DIST. 9	956	7136	7360	9640									
DIST. 10	1503	3150	8241	9478									
DIST. 11	1499	2216	8644										
DIST. 12	1994	5715	8979	9600									
DIST. 13	2217	8169	10546	10574									

HOMELESS VETERANS REPORT:

Beginning in September, after the hurricane KATRINA, I sent out two separate e-mails to all District Commanders informing them that any Post who made a contribution to the Katrina Relief Fund, could claim such donation on their Homeless Veteran's Report. To date, the response has been unsatisfactory. Based on reports I have received, only a very small number of Posts have claimed to have supported the Katrina Relief.

To put it in a better perspective, only 22 Posts have submitted a Homeless Veterans Report this entire year.

For information on homeless programs in Virginia go to

http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/HOUSING/Homeless_Shelter_Support_Programs.htm.

Jimmy Lee Wallace
Chairman, Homeless Veterans Program

POSTS LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A HOMELESS REPORT** FOR THE YEAR AS OF: **12/16/05**

DIST. 1	176	960	2296	4856	5500	6002	7167	8252	8629	9358			
DIST. 2	993	1211	2582	2894	3160	4411	4809	8545	9382				
DIST. 3	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8529	9224	9501	9808	10387	10654
	10657	11124											
DIST. 4	622	2163	2584	5313	7059	7166	7819	7897	8048	8163	8228	8446	8599
	8617	8759	8902	9855	10570								
DIST. 5	647	873	1115	2820	7568	7726	7800	8243	10840				
DIST. 6	484	776	1033	1264	1444	2157	4165	4299	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311
	5895	7854	8184	9877									
DIST. 7	621	1150	1860	2123	2447	4698	6044	7899	8613	9292	9660	9760	9872
DIST. 8	472	1177	1811	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	9835				
DIST. 9	956	2719	7328	7969	9343	9864							
DIST. 10	609	3150	5412	7327	7916	8241	8469	8815	9274	9478			
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8279
	8479	8644	9339	9480	10773	10826							
DIST. 12	1994	3782	6975	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	10611				
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947	10295	10574			

HOSPITAL:

We are two months into the second half reporting period and only 33.7% of our Posts have submitted Hospital Reports.

Rex Faris
Hospital Chairman

SAFETY:

Charles B. Harris
Safety Vice-Chairman

POSTS LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **SAFETY REPORT** FOR THE 2ND HALF AS OF: **12/16/05**

DIST. 1	176	960	2296	4856	6002	8629	9358						
DIST. 2	392	993	2582	2894	3160	4411	8545	9382					
DIST. 3	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8529	9501	10387	10654	10657	11124	
DIST. 4	622	637	2584	7166	7819	7897	8048	8163	8228	8599	8617	8759	8902
	9855	9954	10570										
DIST. 5	647	873	1115	2820	4637	7568	7800	8243	8467	10840			
DIST. 6	484	776	1444	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	9877
DIST. 7	621	1150	2447	4698	6044	7899	9660	9872					
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208					
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DIST. 12	1994	3722	4301	6975	8652	9830	10298	10310	10611				
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947	10295					

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Comrades we are now in the 2nd Half reporting period and we have received 58 reports from 48 (26.96%) of 178 Posts. Thanks to the Post that have submitted their reports. Please do not forget to double-check your reports for accuracy and legibility before you send them to the Department.

Stanley Dixon
Vice Chairman – Youth Activity

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **YOUTH ACTIVITY REPORT** AS OF: **12/16/05**

DIST. 1	176	960	2296	4856	6002	8629	9358						
DIST. 2	392	993	2582	2894	3160	4411	8545	9382					
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Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Daniel D. Boyer, Jr.
State Commander

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AND LADIES AUXILIARY

Winter Council of Administration Meeting

January 14 - January 16, 2005

Radisson Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center

Williamsburg, Virginia

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2005

12:00 NOON	5:00 PM	Registration	Petersburg Hall Foyer
5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Line Officers Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice	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
7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Department Officers & District Commanders	General Longstreet's
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	Military Order of the Cootie Dance	General Emory's

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2005

9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Registration	Petersburg Hall Foyer
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	General Longstreet's
9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting	Richmond
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Advisory Committee Meeting	General Longstreet's
10:00 AM	NOON	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	Stuart's Redoubt
11:00 AM	NOON	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting	General Longstreet's
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Cash Lunch	
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Petersburg Hall
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting	General Jackson
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	RECEPTION	General Emory's
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	BANQUET-Guest Speaker- John Furgess National Commander-in-Chief	Richmond Hall
9:00 PM	12:00 AM	DANCE	Richmond Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2005

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: \$35.00

Includes Reception, Banquet, and Saturday Night Dance. Bottles will not be permitted at the Dance.

DEPARTMENT HOSPITALITY ROOM 267 - 3RD DISTRICT HOSPITALITY ROOM 367 -
10TH DISTRICT HOSPITALITY ROOM 467

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 6TH

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 13-15, 2006

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

(Group Rate Deadline was December 21st)

PRE REGISTRATION FOR COMBINATION BANQUET/DANCE TICKETS
\$35.00 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~

Roast Prime Rib of Beef

With Rosemary au jus

Both Served with:

House Salad Coffee/Tea/Decaf Side Dishes Warm Rolls and Butter Dessert

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Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

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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 Commander's & Department President'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, for the Aux they have the Aux emblem on the left side and no pocket. These shirts are blue in color with the emblems in color and the State in red, white, and blue. You can use the attached Shirt order form. They will also be available at the Winter Council Meeting in Williamsburg.

Order now to make sure we will have your size!

Department Commander and Presidents Homecoming is scheduled for April 22, 2006 in Staunton more info to come.