

**VFW LICENSE
PLATE
FREE**



To the **FIRST**
350 APPLICATIONS

Fill your's out today!

(Application on reverse side)

Return Applications to:
State Headquarters
403 Lee Jackson Hwy
Staunton, VA 24401

Personalized or Special Interest License Plate Application

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

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<p><i>I/we certify that (check only one box.)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle is <u>insured</u> by a <u>liability</u> policy issued through an insurance company licensed to do business in Virginia and it will remain insured while registered.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle is <u>not insured</u>; therefore, I am remitting the applicable uninsured motor vehicle fee (provides <u>NO</u> insurance coverage).</p> <p><i>A vehicle must be insured with <u>liability</u> coverage when it is registered. It must remain insured while registered whether or not it is operated. If it is not insured, the uninsured motor vehicle fee must be paid. Penalties are severe for violation of this requirement.</i></p> <p><i>I certify that all information contained herein is true and correct. For a corporation or company, an authorized representative must sign.</i></p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Phone Number () _____</p> <p>If paying by credit card, enter credit card number _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">expiration date (MM/YY)</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>																																		
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**PLEASE READ
VERY IMPORTANT!**

State Convention will be held June 15 – 18, 2006 at the
Sheraton Richmond West Hotel
6624 West Broad Street
Richmond
804-285-1234

The banquet/dance will be held on June 17th. You will **NOT** be able to purchase tickets the weekend of the Convention.
You **MUST PRE-REGISTER**.
Dinner/Dance tickets are \$40.00

Your choice of:

Roast Beef au Jus

Served with Mashed Potatoes and Green Bean Almondine

~or~

Almond Crusted Tilapia with Grilled Pineapple Relish

Served with Rice Pilaf and Green Bean Almondine

Both Served with:

House Salad with Mixed Greens, Cucumbers, Carrots, Cherry Tomatoes
Warm Rolls and Butter
Chocolate Cake

Your choice of Iced Tea, Iced Water, Coffee, or Hot Tea

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY June 9, 2006 No Exceptions No Refunds after June 9th
Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

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

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ Food Choice: (circle) Beef or Tilapia

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Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ Food Choice: (circle) Beef or Tilapia

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.

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March 1, 2006

Staunton, Virginia 24401
In Virginia 800-888-3521
Email: stateheadquarters@vfwva.org

COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

It hardly seems possible that 8 months of this administrative year have passed, but the calendar and eight fingers do not lie. I confess to being busy, and the road miles are building up, but my spirit is good. How is yours?

We have heard the State of the Union, so how about a State of the Department report. The Department, overall, is in good shape. Our membership program is slightly ahead of last year at this time. We have reached 94.78% of our goal. We need 1778 more members for 100%. We have conducted several state sponsored recruiting events in communities and at Guard and Reserve units. Several Posts have conducted their own recruiting events. The results are 1919 new/reinstated and 273 new life members. We have three Century Recruiters and one on the way to being the fourth. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gary Kurpius expressed the desire to visit Virginia again and will do so on a membership roundup March 12-16. By the way, we finally passed Kansas, overcoming their life member advantage through persistent recruiting.

We have been using the Military Assistance program to the benefit of young veterans and their families and the VFW. We average one financial assistance per week. So far this month, we have aided four soldiers or families through the Department MAP Program. I also want to thank Danville Post 647 for assisting Sgt. Kevin Hubbard, on their own, in the amount of \$4076.99. Providing financial aid is the right thing to do; it brings the VFW positive publicity, and it's a great recruiting tool.

Organizationally, two Posts—Big Stone Gap and Coeburn—have risen from the dead and are now well over 100% in membership and active in their communities. Coeburn has officially established a Ladies Auxiliary. The Grundy Post has become more active and is also over 100% in membership. Posts in Standardsville and Fredericksburg are back on the positive path. I want to thank the leadership and membership in these Posts for their renewed commitment to the VFW.

Now for the other side---We do have some bumps in the road. Reports are not where they should be. The 7th, 9th, and 12th Districts are 100%. The other 10 Districts range from good to fair to poor. These District Commanders and Post Commanders need to get off their duffs and get the reports in.

We still have a few problem Posts, but by and large, these Posts have been long standing problems. These Posts could be fixed quickly by a recommendation to the Commander-in-Chief. But there is the desire to try one more time to get these Posts to commit to the VFW. By the time a Commander realizes it is hopeless, it's time to pass the hat to a new Commander. That's why they are still problem Posts. However, Big Stone Gap and Coeburn illustrate that persistence does have its rewards.

Comrades, we are in the final turn and nearing the home stretch on membership. Congratulations to the 7th District for 104% in membership and kudos to the 13th for achieving 96.76%. Many of our Posts, including mine, have annual members yet to renew. I am working mine vigorously and I expect you to do the same. If you renew these folks, we will be 100% and every new member we recruit from here out will go to 103%.

Comrades, lest you think I am a constant complainer, I do recognize your hard work for the Department, your commitment to the VFW, and your willingness to put up with me. Together, we can make our Department the example that others want to emulate. Let's "gitter done." And I never said I would be brief!

Daniel Boyer
State Commander

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 160:

His eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National By-Laws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership, it is hereby ordered that the name of Clemith A. Jackson, Life Membership No. 1592802, be removed from the rolls of Tidewater Post No. 4809, Norfolk, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

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

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 192:

His eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National By-Laws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership, it is hereby ordered that the name of William A. Tolbert, Membership No. 5603103, be removed from the rolls of Patton-Crosswhite Post No. 6975, Bristol, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

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

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.

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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| FIRST – | TBA |
| SECOND – | 03-11-2006 POST 4411 FRANKLIN, Lunch 12:00, Meeting 1:00 PM, State Representative Commander Daniel Boyer |
| THIRD – | TBA |
| FOURTH – | 05-07-2006 FORT PICKETT OFFICERS CLUB sponsored by POST 5313 CHRISTIANSBURG, Meeting 2:00 PM |
| FIFTH – | TBA |
| SIXTH – | 05-07-2006 POST 1841 TROUTVILLE, Meeting 2:00 PM |
| SEVENTH – | 03-12-2006 POST 9760 BERRYVILLE, Meeting 11:30 AM, State Representative Judge Advocate Hal Roesch |
| EIGHTH – | 03-12-2006 POST 7589 MANASSAS, Meeting 1:00 PM, State Representative Commander Daniel Boyer |
| NINTH – | 05-14-06 POST 9696 BLUEFIELD, Meeting 10:30 AM |
| TENTH – | TBA |

- ELEVENTH –** 05-07-2006 POST 632 HARRISONBURG, Meeting 11:30 AM
- TWELFTH –** 05-06-2006 POST 9600 POUND, Registration at 10:00 AM Meeting, 11:00 AM, followed by lunch
- THIRTEENTH –** 03-26-2006 POST 10546 SPOTSYLVANIA, Meeting 1:00 PM, State Representative Junior Vice Commander Jimmy Lee Wallace

IMPORTANT 2006-2007 DATES:

- March 1, 2006 Official visit McGuire VAMC 10:00 AM
- March 5-8, 2006 Legislative/Community Conference
- March 12-15, 2006 National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Visit
- April 22, 2006 Commander and Ladies Auxiliary President's Homecoming, see attached flyer
- June 9, 2006 Deadline for Pre-Registration for State Convention
- June 15-18, 2006 State Convention, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Room Rates are \$85.00 per night Reservations 804-285-1234
- July 15-16, 2006 School of Instruction, Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Room Rates are \$66.00 per night. Telephone 434-528-2500. Reservations must be made by 6/15/2006 for group rate. Pre-registration enclosed; deadline July 7, 2006. **Meals must be pre-paid this year.**
- July 29, 2006 Satellite Training
- August 26-31, 2006 National VFW Convention Reno, Nevada, must book by July 26, 2006 for group rate. Each reservation must have a separate form, which is attached to the GO.
- July 12-14, 2007 School of Instruction, Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Room Rates are \$66.00 per night. Telephone 434-528-2500 must be made by 6/12/2007 for group rate.

ROSTER CHANGES:

- Post 392 JVC David Goldstein, 302 Rutherglen Muse, VA Beach, 23452
- Post 956 CMDR Floyd D Hall, HC 67 Box 138, Dante, 24237, 276-495-7604
SVC Calvin Phillips, RR 3 Box 50, Castlewood, 24224, 276-762-7119
- Post 3060 CMDR Ernest Eckard, Jr., 77 Painter Ln, Fishersville, 22939, 540-943-1358
- Post 4299 QM C.T. McHenry, 6252 McKinney Hollow Rd, Eagle Rock, 24085, 540-862-1619
- Post 5715 Meeting Location and phone number, DAV, 721 3rd Ave E, Big Stone Gap, 276-523-5229
- Post 7589 Meeting Date change, 1st Monday 7:30 PM
- Post 8208 QM Micah L Haines, 314 Goldenrod Rd, Ruckersville, 22968, 434-760-0085
Meeting Time and Location, 4th Monday at 1900 Hrs, at home of CMDR 86 Lumber Ln, Barboursville, VA 22923
- Post 8467 ADJ Rex Faris, 333 Burnett Rd SW, Meadows of Dan, 24120, 276-952-2532
- Post 9274 CMDR Robert W Smith, Phone Number correction, 703-979-8786

8th District ADJ/QM Sam Nealey, Phone Number correction 703-368-7639

MAP Western Area Coordinator, Graham Leaver, 2085 Silver Lake Dr, Virginia Beach, 23464, 757-495-8267

PDC Henry E. Cluney, Phone Number Change, 757-484-9093

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 and is now Past Due. 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 2/17/06

DIST. 8	4468												
DIST. 11	10773												

Audit Reports for period ending **9/30/05** have not been received from the following Posts and Districts as of 2/17/06

DIST. 3	8046	10387	11124										
DIST. 4	8228												
DIST. 11	10773												
DIST. 13	8717												

Audit Reports for period ending **12/31/05** have not been received from the following Posts and Districts as of 2/17/06

DIST. 1	824	3219	8629	9358									
DIST. 2	993												
DIST. 3	1426	3125	8046	9224	10387	11124							
DIST. 4	7819	8599	District										
DIST. 5	4637	District											
DIST. 6	1033	7854	9877										
DIST. 7	100%												
DIST. 8	4468	8208	District										
DIST. 9	100%												
DIST. 10	609	5412	8469	8815									
DIST. 11	3060												
DIST. 12	100%												
DIST. 13	1827	2044	8717	8947	10574								

BUDDY POPPY:

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

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

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

We have set up a special account at the Department for the Military Assistance Program (MAP), any one wishing to make a donation send a check to Department Headquarters earmarked (MAP).

Buddy Poppy Chairman
Kim A. DeShano

AWARDS JUDGING DATE:

The deadline for the awards judging is May 12, 2006 by 5:00 pm. Judging will be held May 13th and 14th, 2006. A spreadsheet with the progress of the All-State ranks can be viewed on the Department Website www.vfwva.org under reports and by clicking on the blue All-State Standings button.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS:

The Battle of the Bands is On!

Beginning this month, VFW Posts across the nation will have the chance to compete for top honors in the Battle of the Bands – an exciting contest to increase awareness of the VFW and its mission to support our nation's veterans and active-duty troops by distributing VFW's **America Bands Together** wristbands. The competition – which concludes May 31, 2006 – will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as well as an Honorable Mention to the top four Posts in each Conference. All awards include features in VFW Magazine, recognition on the **American Bands Together** website, and a citation from the Commander-in-Chief. First place winners will also be featured in a press release from the Commander-in-Chief to all Departments and Posts recognizing winners as well as being featured in the 2006 National Convention Program.

If your Post would like to learn more, or to request a complete Battle of the Bands kit, email Ben Vargas at bvargas@vfw.org or call (816) 756-3390.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS:

Congratulations to this year's winner's:

EMT of the Year:
Laura A Westrick Post 824

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year:
Brian M Berke Post 3150

Firefighter of the Year:
William D Stallings Post 824

The Clair B. Poff Public Relations Award:
Post 7327

DISPLAYING MILITARY SERVICE SYMBOLS:

Military Service flags, insignias, etc. should be displayed in the following order (L – R), Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

HOME COMING:

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

HOME DEPOT COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT:

Home Depot is offering an exciting grant that could possibly help Posts improve their buildings. The Post can apply on-line to receive a gift card valued between \$250-\$2,999 to acquire free supplies to refurbish their building. Posts must own their own building to qualify.

A brochure is available by contacting State Headquarters. This brochure will walk the Post through the process of applying on-line over the Internet (applications cannot be submitted through the mail).

KANSAS CITY MEMBERSHIP TRIP AWARD:

A reminder to all District and Post Commanders that March 31, 2006 is the official close date for the Kansas City Trip Award. End of month reports will be printed on April 1, 2006 and all District and Post Commanders leading in their respective membership divisions will be invited to join the Commander-in-Chief for a fun-filled weekend in Kansas City, May 5-7, 2006.

LEGISLATIVE:

The health challenges confronting me necessitate that, for the good of the order that I stand down as Department Legislative Chairman. I take this step with great regret as I have thoroughly enjoyed the many years that I have served on this committee, particularly gratifying has been the significant progress that has been made in the past several years in getting key elements, of our Legislative Agenda through the General Assembly in Richmond.

I extend my sincere thanks to Department Commander Dan Boyer and to those Past Department Commanders who gave me the opportunity to serve on our Legislative Committee. Also, I appreciate all the work, done by Department VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members to further our Legislative Agenda both at the National and Commonwealth level particularly those who participated on our "Day's on the Hill" in Richmond and Washington D.C.

Lastly, I want to thank all those who served with me on the Legislative Committee, particularly long time associates Ed Essertier, Ken Ward, and J.B. Young.

John P McAnaw
Legislative Chairman

STATUS OF SELECTED LEGISLATION BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Anything I write now will probably be outdated by the time you read this article. Regardless I ask all members to contact, as appropriate, either your State Senator or your State Delegate and voice your support for the following:

CONTACT	SUBJECT/PURPOSE
1. Senator	Third Veterans Care Center. Show support for House Bill 1383 and accompanying budget amendment which pledges \$14.6 million of Commonwealth money for 240-bed facility (35% of total cost).
2. Delegate	Fisher House-McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond, need \$1 million in Commonwealth funding for construction Senate Budget amendment is for \$1 million. However, House Budget amendment is for only \$.5 million.

John P McAnaw
Legislative Chairman

RESOLUTIONS:

The number of resolutions submitted thus far by Posts has been disappointing. Post members are urged to commence preparation of resolutions now for consideration at the 2006 Department Convention in Richmond. The policies of the VFW at both the Department and National level are set by resolutions. Therefore, it is imperative that we, the membership, take time to express our views on issues that we feel are important.

All resolutions of statewide and national concern must be acted upon at the annual Department Convention. This means that all resolutions must be submitted to the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING of the 2006 Department Convention in Richmond (15-18 June 2006). Please disseminate this information to the Post membership. The importance of Post member involvement in the actual preparation of resolutions cannot be overemphasized.

In recent years the great majority of resolutions approved or disapproved at the annual Department Convention were actually prepared at National VFW Headquarters. Cited National VFW resolutions were sent to the VFW Department of Virginia prior to our annual Convention for review, approval or disapproval. At the 2005 Department Convention in Richmond, only 15 resolutions prepared by Virginia VFW members were brought to the floor. Simply put, we need more resolutions prepared by Virginia VFW members. The VFW is our organization and we must be more active in establishing its policies. Apathy is an unmistakable sign of an organization in decline.

The VFW 2005-2006 Leadership Manual contains a section titled "Resolutions." It is well written. The preparation of a resolution is a simple matter. There are two parts. First, there is a "Whereas" section which states the problem to be solved. Second, there is a "Resolved" section which recommends a solution to the problem. In summary, Post members are urged to prepare resolutions on topics deemed important. Contact me if you need assistance. I will do my best to help.

John Mc Anaw
Resolutions Chairman

NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Registration forms for the VFW 107th National Convention will be mailed to Posts by the first week of March. Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure and By-laws mandates each post register, in advance, at least one delegate (member in good standing) to the VFW National Convention. Posts that do not comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears. Members in good standing should register for the convention. Support the Veterans of Foreign Wars 107th National Convention by registering early.

107th NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING Reno, Nevada - August 26-31, 2006:

The housing assignments are finalized and our Department has been assigned to the Reno Hilton with a block of 31 rooms.

Housing for the 107th National Convention officially opened on **February 15, 2006**. Be sure to book your reservations by July 26, 2006 in order to receive special convention rates.

Room Rates: Single: \$99
 Double: \$99
 Triple: \$109
 Quad: \$119

Suites: \$275 and up (VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will receive a 30% discount off rack rates for 1 & 2 bedroom suites)

If you would like information on basic amenities, the hotel phone number is: 775-789-2000.

Enclosed is a housing form. The Hilton requires a separate form for each room reservation.

NATIONAL SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF VISIT:

The National Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gary Kurpius will be visiting the State March 12th through March 15th. Below is a copy of his itinerary, we are trying to have him in as many Districts and Post's as possible during his visit please try to attend the Post that is closest to you that he will be visiting.

In the Commanders Manual it has some suggestions for when National Officers visit your town. Let's see if we can get some newspapers, television stations, or radio stations to do some publicity for us as well as have them do an interview with the Sr. Vice C-in-C. Let's use this visit to get the VFW word out to our communities.

If you are planning to attend one of the Posts that will be hosting the Sr. Vice C-in-C please give that Post a call and let them know so they will know how many attendees they will have so they can plan accordingly. The Ladies Auxiliary is welcome to attend.

SENIOR VICE GARY KURPIUS VIRGINIA TOUR AGENDA MARCH 12-15, 2006:

Sunday 3/12

Arrive Post 3150

Arrive **Edinburg** Post 2447 - 11:00 am

Monday 3/13

Arrive **Mechanicsville** Post 9808 - 8:00 am

Arrive **Harrisonburg** Post 632 - 2:00 pm

Arrive **Springfield** Post 7327 - 11:30 am

Arrive **Stuarts Draft** Post 9339 - 4:15 pm

Arrive **Fairfax** Post 8469 - 2:15 pm

Arrive **Roanoke** Post 1264 - 6:30 pm

Arrive **Berryville** Post 9760 - 5:30 pm

Wednesday 3/15

Tuesday 3/14

Arrive **Front Royal** Post 1860 - 8:30 am

Arrive **Abingdon** Post 1994 - 10:30 am

Arrive **Coeburn** Post 8652 - 1:30 pm

Arrive **Big Stone Gap** Post 5715 - 3:15 pm

Arrive **Norton** Post 4301 - 4:30 pm

NEW VFW MEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

Each Post is invited to nominate one VFW member (of less than two years) for their community service work on behalf of the VFW. Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting State Headquarters. The nomination form, with no more than five (5) pages of supporting documentation, should be submitted to Department Headquarters by April 1.

PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICERS:

All Posts, and Districts should be reminded of the provisions of Section 216(c), 316, 414(c), and 515(d) of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until such proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Adjutant for review.

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 front of the General Orders. To date we have received 95 applications.

VOD & PATRIOTS PEN THEMES 2006-2007:

VOD Theme: Freedom's Challenge

Patriot's Pen Theme: Citizenship in America

AMERICANISM:

Congratulations to Districts 7, 9 and 12 for being 100% Reported. Only two months to go...

J. Gary Wagner
Vice Chairman for Americanism

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED AN **AMERICANISM REPORT** FOR THE 2ND HALF AS OF: 02/17/06

DIST. 1	2296	6002	8629								
DIST. 2	2894										
DIST. 3	2239	2583	3125	4639	8046	10387	10654	10657	11124		
DIST. 4	2584	8048	8163	8228	8599	8759	8902	9954	10570		
DIST. 5	873	1115	4637	7568	8243	10840					
DIST. 6	484	4165	4920	5895	8184						
DIST. 7	100%										
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	4468	7728	8208					
DIST. 9	100%										
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274				
DIST. 11	452	632	3136	4204	4805	4989	7814	8479	9480	10773	
DIST. 12	100%										
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	10295				

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Comrades we have two months to go for the second half reporting period and half of the Post's have not reported.

Thanks to District 7 and District 9 for being 100%

Lynn Harris
Vice Chairman – Community Activities

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT** FOR THE 2ND HALF AS OF: 02/17/06

DIST. 1	2296	6002	8629								
DIST. 2	2582	2894	8545								
DIST. 3	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	8046	9501	10387	10654	10657	11124
DIST. 4	622	2584	8163	8599	8759	8902	9954	10570			
DIST. 5	873	1115	4637	7568	8243	10840					
DIST. 6	484	1841	4165	4920	5895	8184					
DIST. 7	100%										
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	4468	7728	8208	9835				
DIST. 9	100%										
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815					
DIST. 11	452	632	3136	4204	4805	4989	7814	8479	9480	10773	
DIST. 12	1994										
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	10295				

HOMELESS REPORTS:

With only 2 months to go, Homeless Veterans Reports are slowly coming in. As of this date, 52 Posts have submitted Homeless Veterans Reports. As previously announced, any Post who donated to the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita disasters can claim such donation on a Homeless Veterans Report utilizing example number 6 (Donating funds to non-VA programs that assist homeless veterans). Take pride in what you do in your Posts and communities, and complete the reports.

Jimmy Lee Wallace
Homeless Chairman

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **HOMELESS REPORT** AS OF: 02/17/06

DIST. 1	176	2296	4856	7167	8252	8629	9358						
DIST. 2	993	2583	2894	4411	8545	9382							
DIST. 3	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	9224	10387	10654	10657	11124	
DIST. 4	622	2584	5313	7166	7819	7897	8048	8163	8228	8599	8617	8759	8902
	9954	10570											
DIST. 5	647	873	7568	7726	7800	8243	10840						
DIST. 6	484	1033	1444	4165	4318	4491	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	9877	
DIST. 7	621	1150	2123	4698	6044	7899	8613	9292	9660				
DIST. 8	472	1177	1811	2524	4468	7589	7728	9835					
DIST. 9	956	2719	7328	7969	9343	9864							
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8241	8469	8815	9274					
DIST. 11	452	632	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8479	8644	9339
	9480	10773	10826										
DIST. 12	1994	3782	6975	8979	9830	10298	10310	10611					
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947	10295	10574				

HOSPITAL:

Four months into the Second Half Reporting Period, only 111 of the 177 Posts in the Department of Virginia has submitted Hospital Reports. This is just 62.7%.

A big **WELL DONE** to Bill Shifflett, 7th District Commander; Milton Dye, 9th District Commander; and Ray Wells, 12th District Commander in reaching the 100% mark in Hospital Reporting.

With the various means of reporting these activities; online, e-mail, fax, the US Postal Service, it only takes a few minutes to submit a report. Each Post has at least one member who has been involved in some type of activity which falls under the guidelines of the Hospital Report.

We are striving for 100% for the Second Half. This is obtainable if each of us does our part as Department, District and Post Officers.

Yours in Comradeship,
Rex Faris
Hospital Chairman

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **HOSPITAL REPORT** FOR THE 2ND HALF AS OF: 02/17/06

DIST. 1	2296	7167	8629	9358									
DIST. 2	2582	2894	3160	8545									
DIST. 3	1426	2583	3125	4639	8046	8529	9501	10387	10654	10657	11124		
DIST. 4	2584	8048	8163	8599	8617	8759	8902	9954	10570				
DIST. 5	647	7800	8243										
DIST. 6	484	1841	4165	4920	5895	8184	9805						
DIST. 7	100%												
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	4468	7728	8208							
DIST. 9	100%												
DIST. 10	609	5412	7916	8469	8815	9274							
DIST. 11	452	632	3136	4204	4805	4989	7814	8479	10773				
DIST. 12	100%												
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	10295						

INSPECTION:

96% OF THE POSTS HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AS OF FEBRUARY 17, 2006.

Yours In Comradeship,
William R Shifflett
State Inspector

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED AN **INSPECTION REPORT** AS OF: 02/17/06

DIST. 1	4856	6002											
DIST. 2	100%												
DIST. 3	10387												
DIST. 4	10570												
DIST. 5	100%												
DIST. 6	100%												
DIST. 7	100%												
DIST. 8	472	8208	9835										
DIST. 9	100%												
DIST. 10	100%												
DIST. 11	100%												
DIST. 12	100%												
DIST. 13	100%												

SAFETY:

Safety Reports have not been received for the Second Reporting Period for the posts shown above. Congratulations to the District Commanders and members of Districts 7, 9 and 12 for 100% reporting. With two months remaining in the reporting period, we have received reports from 114 or 64.04% of the 178 posts in the Department.

Charles B. Harris
Safety Vice-Chairman

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **SAFETY REPORT** FOR THE 2ND HALF AS OF: 02/17/06

DIST. 1	2296	6002	8629										
DIST. 2	392	2894	3160	8545									
DIST. 3	2239	2583	3125	8046	10387	10654	10657	11124					
DIST. 4	2584	7166	8048	8163	8599	8759	8902	9954	10570				
DIST. 5	647	873	1115	2820	8243	10840							
DIST. 6	484	1444	4165	4920	5895	8184	9805						
DIST. 7	100%												
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	4468	7728	8208							
DIST. 9	100%												
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815							
DIST. 11	452	632	4204	4805	4989	7814	8479	10773					
DIST. 12	100%												
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	10295						

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Comrades so far for the 2nd Half reporting period we have received 153 reports from 114 (64.40%) of 177 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.

Congratulations to District(s) 7, 9 & 12 for reaching 100% in reporting.

Stanley Dixon
Vice Chairman – Youth Activity

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **YOUTH ACTIVITY REPORT** FOR THE 2ND HALF AS OF: 02/17/06

DIST. 1	2296	6002	8629	9358									
DIST. 2	2582	2894	8545										
DIST. 3	2239	2583	3125	4639	8046	10387	10654	10657	11124				
DIST. 4	2584	8048	8163	8599	8759	8902	9954	10570					
DIST. 5	873	1115	2820	8243	10840								
DIST. 6	484	1444	4165	4920	5895	8184							
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DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815							
DIST. 11	452	632	4204	4805	4989	7814	8479	10773					
DIST. 12	100%												
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	10295						

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Daniel D. Boyer, Jr.
State Commander