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COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

As I write the message Comrades many of us are getting ready to depart for the VFW National Convention to carry forward the business of the Department and the national organization. It will be a time of decision making and learning for all of us. I am asking all National Committee members to keep a close eye on the resolutions that the Department has submitted for consideration and to shepherd them through the committee process so that the membership can vote on them on the floor. I am going to ask for a report on each of these resolutions so that we can report back to you in September. The convention will also provide an opportunity for those going to Reno to attend a number of instructive and informative workshops and briefings. Let's take a lot of good notes and pick up the handouts so that we can share what we have learned with those who were not able to attend. Not to take away from Senior Vice Commander Wallace's messages on membership, but while we are making progress in that vital area of importance we need to redouble our efforts NOW, because I have no doubt that the resolutions dealing with dues increases will be approved by the membership at the convention. Quite honestly, what I'm really looking forward to is getting the convention behind us and back to Virginia so we can go forward with all the tools and guidance necessary for a great year.

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

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 306:

Upon the recommendation of the Commander, Department of Virginia, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the National By-Laws, the charter of Madison Memorial Post No. 10773, Goshen, Virginia mustered September 15, 1994 is hereby canceled and the Post declared defunct.

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

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

- FIRST –** 11-18-06 11:00 AM PHOEBUS POST 3219
- SECOND –** 11-18-06 NOON LUNCH 1:00 PM MEETING 3160 NORFOLK
- THIRD –** 09-16-06 2:00 PM MEETING 3RD DIST HDQRTRS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER HAL ROESCH
- FOURTH –** TBD
- FIFTH –** 11-19-06 NOON LUNCH MEETING TO FOLLOW STUART POST 7800 HELD AT
AMERICAN LEGION POST
02-25-07 NOON LUNCH MEETING TO FOLLOW DANVILLE POST 647
05-20-07 NOON LUNCH MEETING TO FOLLOW INDEPENDENCE POST 7726

- SIXTH –** TBD
- SEVENTH –** 09-10-06 11:30 AM MEETING BROADWAY POST 9660 STATE REPRESENTATIVE
COMMANDER DOC CROUCH
- 12-10-06 11:30 AM MEETING FRONT ROYAL POST 1860
- 03-11-07 11:30 AM MEETING SHENANDOAH POST 8613
- 05-20-07 11:30 AM MEETING BERRYVILLE POST 9760
- EIGHTH –** 09-17-06 1:00 PM MEETING CULPEPER POST 2524 STATE REPRESENTATIVE
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER JIMMY LEE WALLACE
- NINTH –** 09-10-06 10:30 AM MEETING PULASKI POST 1184 STATE REPRESENTATIVE
CHIEF-OF-STAFF ROY SWANNER
- TENTH –** 09-10-06 1:00 PM MEETING SPRINGFIELD POST 7327 STATE REPRESENTATIVE
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER JIMMY LEE WALLACE
- 12-03-06 1:00 PM MEETING WOODBRIDGE POST 7916
- 02-25-07 1:00 PM MEETING MCCLEAN POST 8241
- 05-20-07 1:00 PM DISTRICT CONVENTION DALE CITY POST 1503
- ELEVENTH –** 09-10-06 11:30 AM LUNCH MEETING TO FOLLOW BRIDGEWATER POST 8644
STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER SURGEON JIM MARTIN
- TWELFTH –** 01-06-07 11:00 AM 11:00 AM PENNINGTON GAP POST 10298
- THIRTEENTH –** 09-17-06 1:00 PM MEETING CHARLOTTESVILLE POST 1827 STATE
REPRESENTATIVE CHIEF-OF-STAFF ROY SWANNER

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| September 9, 2006 | Fall Council, State Headquarters |
| November 2-5, 2006 | Southern Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina, Sheraton Four Seasons, Room Rates are \$95.00 plus tax. 1-800-242-6556. Reservation deadline October 3, 2006. |
| January 19-21, 2007 | Winter Council Meeting, Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg, 757-220-2250, Room Rates 60.00 must be book by December 27, 2006. |
| July 12-14, 2007 | School of Instruction, Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Room Rates are \$64.00 per night. Telephone 434-528-2500 must be made by 6/12/2007 for group rate. |

ROSTER CHANGES:

Budget & Finance Committee:

John King, Post 5500, 28 Red Robin Turn, Hampton, 23669, 757-224-4900,
jking5500@cox.net

Conrad Yetter, Post 993, 507 Finchley Rd, Portsmouth, 23702, 757-397-8046

District 6:

MAP Chairman, Peter M. Snelling, Post 2157, 1113 Culpepper Ln, Bedford, 24523, 540-586-2602, pmsnellingvfw@aol.com

District 8: MAP Chairman, Post 8208, John Miska, 86 Lumber Ln, Barboursville, 22923, 434-760-1940

Membership Chairman, Post 7589, Stephen Meade, 7675 Callan Dr, Manassas, 20109, stevenameade@msn.com

District 10: Adjutant, Dean Massman, 1720 Ann Scarlet Ct, Woodbridge 22191, 703-670-8750, enr1981@yahoo.com

VAVS Rep: Tom Briggs, Address Correction, 4025 Sharon Ct, Apt 17, Richmond, 23225
Albert Quaye, Address Change, 1201 N. Garfield St, Apt PH 03, Arlington, 22201

Post 392: ADJ, William Moran, 513 Piney Ridge Rd, Virginia Beach, 23452, Home phone 757-675-2855, Email wmoran9@cox.net

Post 621: QM, Stanley D Tong, 635 Kite Hollow Rd, Stanley, 22851, Wk phone 540-743-5700

Post 1177: CMDR, James L Mc Quary, 16 Union St, NW, Leesburg, 20175, Hm phone 703-777-4948, Wk phone 703-471-0960, email jmcquary@longfence.com

SVC, Eugene M Barber, 233 South St, SE, Leesburg, 20175, Hm phone 703-777-1590, Wk phone 703-777-1590

JVC, Phillip Rusciollelli, 857 Macalister Dr, SE, Leesburg, 20175, Hm phone 703-669-1398, Wk phone 703-431-3859

QM, James R Dorsey, Jr, 839 Balls Bluff Rd, NE, Leesburg 20176, Hm phone 703-771-1699, Wk phone 703-778-2890, email jrdorsey@msn.com

Post 1264: CMDR, Harry E Gulliams, PO Box 786, Vinton, 24179

SVC, Ronald O White, 770 Skycoe Dr, Salem, 24153, Hm phone 540-375-3899

JVC, TBA

Post 1426: QM, Morris Starks C/O George Vogel, 13804 McTyres Cove Pl, Midlothian, 23112

JVC, Stanley White, 4021 Dunraven Rd, Richmond, 23236

Post 1841: QM, Bernard A West, Address Correction, 5225 Carriage Dr, SW, Roanoke, 24018

Post 1827: CMDR, William S Roudabush, 3142 Sandy Branch Ln, Barboursville, 22923

SVC, Gilbert Scruggs, 3854 Stoney Point Rd, Keswick, 22947

JVC, TBA

ACTING QM, Gerald Thomas, 103 S Pantops Dr, Charlottesville, 22911

Post 2157: QM, George J Kelly, 1659 Virginia Byway, Bedford, 24523

Post 4637: QM, Roger L Stanley, 2285 Old Chatham Rd, Martinsville, 24112

SVC, Robert E, Hobbs, Jr, 843 Odell Rd, Ridgeway, 24148, Home 276-956-5184, Work 276-666-3014, bobndolly@yahoo.com

Post 7638: QM, Frederic Caristo, Address & Phone # Change, 13809 Gilbert Rd, Woodbridge 22193, 703-670-0206

Post 8208: Meeting Change, 4th Monday at 7pm

Post 8446: CMDR, Calvin McIlroy, Address Change, PO Box 323, Madison Heights, 24572

Post 8467: CMDR, Billy G Underwood, Address Correction, 454 Gammons Rd, Stuart, 24171

Post 9382: QM, Billy Blackman 3609 White Chapel Arch, Chesapeake, 23321, 757-686-3387

JVC, TBA

Post 9501: CMDR, Wilbur L Hickman, Sr, 17183 The Trail, King & Queen, 23085, 804-785-6462

SVC, Harold C Hamlett, 4079 Dorrell Rd, Aylett, 23009, 804-769-0812

JVC, Herbert E Johnson, Upshaw Rd, Aylett, 23009

Post 9872: SVC, A. Max Showalter, Address Change, 1501 Virginia Ave, Apt 208, Harrisonburg, 22802

ALL AMERICAN:

Congratulations to Past Department Commander Dan Boyer for earning the status of All American Department Commander. Our congratulation also goes out to the following Post Commanders for achieving All American Post Commander. Harry F Sharp, II, Post 392; James K Martin, Post 1503; Stephen W Hoover, Post 3160; and John P Miska, Post 8208. Again, congratulations on a job well done!

AMERICANISM:

The First Half for reports is now two-thirds of the way through, with about half of the posts still to report. Ten districts have gone over the 50% rate. September has a large number of reporting possibilities, including 9-11/Patriot's Day and POW / MIA Day, as well as others. Report NOW so that you don't get caught in the mad rush in October. You can always submit an additional report. And please watch the decimal point especially in your "Total Amount of Monies Used to Complete Projects" field.

J.Gary Wagner
Vice Chairman for Americanism

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Americanism Report for the first half as of 8/20/06

DIST. 1	824	2296	6002	7167	8629	9358					
DIST. 2	2582	4411	8545	9382							
DIST. 3	2239	2583	3125	10387	10654						
DIST. 4	622	7166	8048	8228	8599	8902	9954	10570			
DIST. 5	873	8243	10840								
DIST. 6	484	776	1444	4165	4299	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184	9877
DIST. 7	1150	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660					
DIST. 8	2524	3103	4468	7728							
DIST. 9	2719	7136	7969								
DIST. 10	609	7327	7916	8469	8815						
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	4805	4989	7814	8479				
DIST. 12	3782	10298	10310	10611							
DIST. 13	2613	8169	8717	8947	10295						

AUDIT REPORTS:

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

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending 6/30/06 as of 8/20/06

DIST. 1	5500	8629	9358										
DIST. 2	100%												
DIST. 3	3125	6364											
DIST. 4	8902	10570											
DIST. 5	100%												
DIST. 6	1033	7854	9877										
DIST. 7	100%												
DIST. 8	1177	2524	3103	District									
DIST. 9	100%												
DIST. 10	100%												
DIST. 11	632	7814	District										
DIST. 12	100%												
DIST. 13	7368												

BONDS:

All bonds **EXPIRED August 31, 2006**. Please send completed form and payment to State Headquarters immediately.

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Bond Application or proof of Bond as of 8/20/06

DIST. 1	176	960	3219	5500	9358	District							
DIST. 2	4411	8545											
DIST. 3	2239	2583	3125	4639	8046	8356	9221	9808	10387	11124			
DIST. 4	637	7166	7819	7897	8228	8599	8617	8902	9855				
DIST. 5	7568	7726	8243										
DIST. 6	4920	7854	9877	District									
DIST. 7	621	1150	2123	2447	9292	9660	9760	District					
DIST. 8	2524	3103	4468										
DIST. 9	4667	7969	9864	District									
DIST. 10	609	3150	7327										
DIST. 11	4805	4989	7814	9339									
DIST. 12	3782	4301	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10310	10611	District			
DIST. 13	1827	2044	5613	7638	8717	10295	District						

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Comrades, we have just about two months to go in the FIRST HALF reporting period. Only 96 Posts out of 173 have submitted reports as of 8-18-06. Comrades, PLEASE submit your reports.

Lynn Harris
Vice Chairman
Community Activities

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Community Activities report for the first half as of 8/20/06

DIST. 1	824	2296	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358						
DIST. 2	2582	2894	4411	8545	9382								
DIST. 3	2239	2583	3125	4639	9501	10387							
DIST. 4	622	7166	8048	8228	8599	8617	9855	10570					
DIST. 5	873	6130	7568	7800	8243	10840							
DIST. 6	484	776	1444	4165	4299	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184	9877		
DIST. 7	1150	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660	9872						
DIST. 8	1177	2524	3103	4468	7728								
DIST. 9	2719	7969	9343										
DIST. 10	609	7327	7916	8469									
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	3060	4805	4989	8479						
DIST. 12	3782	10298	10310	10611									
DIST. 13	2613	8169	8717	8947	10295								

CVS-NEW FLAG PROGRAM:

The Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars has made an arrangement with CVS Wholesale Flags of Indiana where our Posts can purchase flags and flag related items at wholesale prices. Department Headquarters will receive a \$1.00 per flag contribution (excluding stick *flags*) for each flag purchased from CVS through this program. Money from this program will go toward helping the Department fund the many programs we participate in. Catalogs will be mailed to all Post Quartermasters in the next few weeks.

How to Use This Program

- You will place your orders directly with CVS; you need not contact Department Headquarters when ordering, unless you have any questions.
- For fax orders, make copies of the order form on the rear of the catalog. Fax your completed order to (765) 668-4290.
- You may phone your orders in if you prefer (800) 825-1100 ext. 555.
- You may order direct from the CVS web site, www.cvsflags.com
- They offer FREE shipping with orders of one dozen or more flags, mix or match. (Excluding stick flags.)
- Department posts will be offered Net 15-day terms.
- All flags are **made in the United States**. Typical ship time for most products is 24 hours.
- If you are not satisfied with any product from CVS, simply return it for replacement or full refund. (Does not apply to normal wear)

Please look the program price list over, if it makes economic sense please consider purchasing your flags and flag related items through this program.

FALL COUNCIL MEETING:

The Fall Council Meeting is being held at State Headquarters on September 9th. The meeting is scheduled from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm with lunch schedule from noon until 1:30 pm. Due to space the meeting is being made available to everyone through a conference call. If you would like to be involved with the meeting the conference call number is available beginning at 9:00 am. You may join the call by calling toll-free 1-866-842-9555; you will be prompted for a pass code. At this time enter 7630688 and then press #. You will then be connected to the conference call. The conference call will not be available during the lunch scheduled from noon until 1:30 pm. You may call again to be reconnected at 1:30 pm.

GOLD MEMBER AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS:

Each year the VFW selects an emergency services person, a law enforcement officer and a firefighter to receive VFW Gold Medal Awards. These three award winners are presented their awards at the VFW State Convention in June/July or a respective award ceremony. Post Safety Chairman is encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to their respective Department Headquarters by **November 1, 2006**. The Department must select a single candidate for each award and submit those to VFW National Headquarters by December 1, 2006. Documentation required for all candidates should include the following:

- Nomination letter containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
- One page resume of the candidate's overall background.
- One page resume of the candidate's background in their respective field.
- One page listing of the candidate's accomplishment and awards in their field.
- photograph (preferably a head shot) of the candidate.

GRANTING FREEDOM:

VHDA is pleased to partner with the [Department of Housing and Community Development <http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov>](http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov), [Community Housing Partners <http://www.communityhousingpartners.org>](http://www.communityhousingpartners.org) and

other community groups in order to make the Granting Freedom program available to Virginia servicemen and women injured while serving our country.

Granting Freedom is a grant program that pays for modifications to make living spaces more accessible for servicemen or women who sustained injury during service in a combat theatre of operations. These funds can be used to widen doorways and add ramps to make a home wheelchair accessible, to install grab bars in a bathroom or to make other modifications that help eligible recipients feel more at home.

Currently, over \$1 million of funding is available to pay for modifications to houses and apartments. If you meet the eligibility requirements and feel you could benefit from accessibility modifications to your home, we encourage you to apply.

Due to funding limitations, Granting Freedom is a first-come, first-served opportunity

The Application Process

To apply for these grant funds, each applicant is required to submit an application and W-9. These forms can be downloaded below. The Granting Freedom application package includes detailed instructions and outlines program specifics.

Completed applications and questions should be submitted to the [Grant Administrator](#):

Julia Perkinson

Grant Administrator

VHDA

601 S. Belvidere Street

Richmond, VA 23220

(877) VHDA-123 toll-free

(804) 783-6705 TDD

(804) 343-5580 fax

julia.perkinson@vhda.com <<mailto:julia.perkinson@vhda.com>>

HOSPITAL:

FLU SHOTS

Each year in the US, the flu (influenza) and complications from the flu cause more than 200,000 hospital visits. Each year more than 36,000 Americans die from complications of the flu. A flu shot (Influenza immunization) can prevent the flu. You will not get the flu from a flu shot.

What is the flu? The flu (Influenza) is a highly contagious infection caused by a virus. It is one of the most severe illnesses of the winter season. The flu virus causes fever, chills, cough, sore throat, muscle aches and fatigue.

The flu can be life-threatening in older adults.

Getting a flu shot is the #1 way to prevent the flu and control a flu outbreak.

You should get a flu shot if you:

- Are 50 years of age or older.

- Have chronic heart disease, lung disease, chronic kidney disease or diabetes.

- Have a weakened immune system, caused by medicines, HIV or AIDS.

- Have any condition that makes it hard to breathe or swallow.

- Are a woman who will be pregnant during influenza season.

- Live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

- Are a health care worker.

Live with someone who has chronic heart, lung, kidney disease, diabetes, a weakened immune system or a condition that makes it hard to breathe or swallow.

It takes about 2 weeks for the flu shot to provide protection from the flu. You can experience some soreness or redness at injection site or a low grade fever and aches following your flu shot. Talk with your health care team about when they will be giving flu shots.

Yours in Comradeship
Jim Martin

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Hospital Report for the first half as of 8/20/06

DIST. 1	176	824	960	2296	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358				
DIST. 2	993	1211	2582	2894	8545	9382							
DIST. 3	1426	2583	3125	4639	6364	9501	10387	10657					
DIST. 4	2163	7166	8048	8228	8599	8617	8759	8902	9855	9954	10570		
DIST. 5	647	873	1115	7568	7726	7800	8243	8467					
DIST. 6	484	776	1264	1444	2157	4165	4299	4491	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184
	9877												
DIST. 7	1150	2123	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660	9872					
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208					
DIST. 9	6000	7136	7969	9696									
DIST. 10	609	7327	7916	8469	8815	9478							
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	2424	3060	4204	4805	4989	7814	8479	9480		
DIST. 12	3782	6975	10298	10310	10611								
DIST. 13	2613	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574					

INSPECTION:

Congratulations District 12 for being 100%!!!
 Percentage Inspected is 29%!

Yours in Comradeship,
 William R. Shifflett
 State Inspector

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Inspection for the first half as of 8/20/06

DIST. 1	176	824	960	2296	3219	4856	5500	6002	7167	8252	8629	9358	
DIST. 2	392	993	1211	2582	2894	3160	4411	4809	8545	9382			
DIST. 3	2583	3125	8046	8356	10387								
DIST. 4	622	637	2163	2584	7166	8048	8163	8228	8599	8617	8902	9855	10570
DIST. 5	647	1115	2820	4637	7568	7726	7800	8243	8467	10840			
DIST. 6	484	1033	1841	4299	4491	4522	4920	5311	5895				
DIST. 7	1150	1860	2123	2447	6044	7899	8613	9292	9660	9760	9872		
DIST. 8	1177	1811	2524	3103	4468	7728	8208	9835					
DIST. 9	1184	2719	6000	7969	9696	9864							
DIST. 10	609	1503	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									
DIST. 12	100%												
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574	

MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER SUPPORTS OUR MILITARY DURING HOLIDAY SEASON:

Beginning October 1, 2006 and running through November 15, 2006, American Gramophone and Mannheim Steamroller will feature a special offer to Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) members and supporters.

Mannheim Steamroller has sold more than 23 million Christmas records and is the #1 selling Christmas music artist of all time. This VFW offer features the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Collection, all four Mannheim Steamroller studio CDs for the special price of only \$29.98 (a \$39.98 value) + \$5.50 shipping and handling.

A portion of the purchase price will be donated to the VFW Foundation for the VFW's Military Assistance Program (MAP) and Veterans Service Program. Additionally, for each Christmas Collection sold to VFW members and supporters during this period, American Gramophone will donate an additional Christmas CD to VFW MAP to distribute to military service members and their families.

VFW members and supporters can call 1-800-446-6860 or shop online and listen to audio samples at www.mannheimsteamroller.com. On the telephone, please make sure to mention promotional code VFW and on the website, enter VFW as your promotional code.

Chip Davis, Mannheim Steamroller composer and president of American Gramophone said, "Military families make tremendous sacrifices and this donation is our small way of saying 'thank you.' Hopefully our

Christmas music will create a sense of home for the holidays for the men and women of the U.S. armed forces."

MEMBERSHIP:

September is upon us. Life Membership totals will be posted mid-month, and everyone should be busy on their recruiting efforts by now. The State Commander's first goal of 75% by September 30th is fast approaching. I've noticed that several Posts have been in the forefront on their getting new and reinstated members. A lot more needs to be done. District Commander's are reminded that the Commander asked that each District have at least two recruiting evolutions within their respective District each month. Commanders should be looking at those Posts who have not recruiting anyone so far this year, and reach out to them and offer assistance. The Department Recruiters are available to assist, but the District Leadership and District Membership Chairmen must make the initial effort. At every District Meeting, Post Commanders should be ready to discuss what recruiting efforts they have completed and what they have planned for the future. The Manual of Procedure, Section 218, subsection "j", directs each Post Commander to "assure that eligible veterans are encouraged to join and maintain membership." We can no longer afford to have Posts who go year after year, not recruiting any new members or reinstating old members. These once proud Posts will dry up and die without new membership blood to continue their growth. To all, thank you for what you do for your Post, your membership and the communities in which you live.

Jimmy Lee Wallace
State Sr. Vice Commander
Membership Chairman

NATION TO HONOR VICTIMS OF 9/11 WITH FREEDOM WALKS ACROSS AMERICA:

Kansas City, Mo, Aug. 4, 2006) --Thousands of Americans across the country will be commemorating the fifth anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11 in Freedom Walks across America.

The walks, sponsored by the Department of Defense's "America Supports You" program, honors those who lost their lives on 9/11, as well as pays tribute to the nation's military veterans --past and present. This year's walk, which DOD officials hope to become an annual tradition, is an outgrowth of last year's Freedom Walk in Washington D.C., that drew more than 15,000 walkers, including family members of the 9-11 victims, members of Congress, administration officials, federal and corporate workers and civic organizations. Every year since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, DOD has organized a commemoration event.

In Kansas City at the VFW National Headquarters, employees will be donning red, white and blue patriotic wear, as well as hosting a short commemoration ceremony in front of the veteran organization's Citizen-Soldier statute on the corner of Broadway and Linwood. The event will culminate with an employee walk and distribution of "support the troops" flag posters.

VFW posts around the nation also are planning on hosting freedom walks and special events for the citizens in their local communities. To Plan a 'Freedom Walk' or learn how to become involved, visit the "American Supports You" website our website at www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil/freedomwalk. To find an event in your area, click here:

<http://66.139.76.141/FreedomWalk/map.asp>. To register an event or find out how to host one, click here: <http://www.americasupportsyou.mil/freedomwalk/about-local-walk.html>.

"America Supports You" is an ongoing nationwide program launched by DOD to recognize citizens' support for our military men and women and to communicate that support to members of our armed forces and their families at home and abroad. Since its launch in November 2004, the program has welcomed more than 225 grassroots organizations and 25 corporations to its team. Many America Supports You team members support the troops through letter writing, assembling care packages, helping the wounded when they return home, assisting military families or sending an e-mail or kind gesture.

Note to Departments: All VFW Departments should encourage their posts to hold similar walks in conjunction with DOD's Freedom Walk or to coordinate local efforts with already planned events. Two flyers are attached to this email, which details how to host an event or find events already scheduled. For more information, contact Mike Gormalley, director, VFW Foundation at 816-968-1154.

PURPLE HEART VETERANS: WIN A FREE TRIP TO VIETNAM:

Kansas City, Mo., July 18, 2006--If you received a Purple Heart while serving in Vietnam, you could be one of nine veterans to win the VFW's "Return to Vietnam" trip.

From May 11-20, 2007, you will visit Saigon, the Mekong Delta, Cu Chi, Hue, the DMZ, Hoi An, Marble Mountain and China Beach. Airfare, accommodations and meals are included.

Don't miss this chance to revisit battle sites and to share your experiences with fellow Vietnam veterans.

Entries must be received before the Dec. 1, 2006, drawing. Winners will be notified by mail or e-mail in early December. To enter you must visit webs site: <http://www.vfw.org/resources/pdf/vietnam.pdf>

QUARTERMASTER TOOLS:

On Friday, August 11, 2006, the Quartermaster Tools (excluding MemStats and Query) will be moved to our new VFW eMembership website.

This new website requires the Quartermaster to set up an account to gain access. After providing specific information for verification, a PIN will be sent to the Post/Department address via U.S. mail. Once they enter the PIN, they will have access to Quartermaster Tools and eMembership.

We have attempted to notify users of this change by various channels, including VMAIL, the Sr. Vice Commander-In-Chief Conference, and an announcement on the existing QM Tools site.

We encourage all Quartermasters who currently use the online Quartermaster Tools to create an eMembership Quartermaster account now to avoid any interruption in service.

Regards,
Doug Butscher
Chief Technology Officer
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Kansas City, MO
<http://emem.vfw.org>
<http://www.vfw.org>
<http://www.vfwstore.org>

SAFETY:

This being one of the required reports for making All-State, there has to be a minimum of two (2) submitted each year. One during the first half and the other during the second half. The chart below reflects the Posts that HAVE NOT submitted any reports as of this date. As you can tell by the chart there are a lot of Posts that have not reported. There is only one month left before the reporting period ends:

Steve Lasseter
Safety Vice-Chairman

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Safety Report for the first half as of 8/20/06

DIST. 1	824	2296	6002	7167	8629	9358						
DIST. 2	1211	2582	2894	3160	4411	8545	9382					
DIST. 3	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	9501	10387					
DIST. 4	622	7166	8228	8446	8599	8759	8902	9855	9954	10570		
DIST. 5	873	1115	2820	7568	7800	8243	8467	10840				
DIST. 6	484	776	1444	4165	4299	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184	9877	
DIST. 7	1150	2123	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660	9872				
DIST. 8	1177	2524	3103	4468	7728							
DIST. 9	2719	4667	7136	7969								
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8241	8469	8815					
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	3060	4805	4989	7814	8479	9480			
DIST. 12	3782	4301	10298	10310	10611							
DIST. 13	1827	2613	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295					

TEACHER OF THE YEAR:

2006-2007 Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Program

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

Dates To Remember

Required Documents

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| <u>November 1:</u> Nominations to Post | 1. Nominating form (include local post information). |
| <u>November 15:</u> Post judging completed | 2. Signed letter of nomination (not more than 350 words) |
| <u>December 1:</u> Post winners to District | 3. One page resume (both sides) |
| <u>December 15:</u> District judging completed | 4. Up to 5 pages (both sides) of support documentation. |
| <u>December 20:</u> District winners to State Chairman | 5. Head & shoulders photograph |
| <u>January 10:</u> State judging completed | 6. Post Teacher Entry Form to be filled out and signed at both Post and District level. |

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

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

Chris Birch, Chairman
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VETERANS JOB PREFERENCE:

Post-9/11 Veterans Get U.S. Job Preference

Veterans honorably discharged after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks have started getting a hiring preference for jobs in the federal government. Congress earlier this year voted to extend the veterans' preference to military personnel honorably discharged after serving at least 180 consecutive days on active duty after the 9/11 attacks. The preference gives veterans extra points on federal employment exams and requires agencies to hire a qualified veteran over others with similar test scores and qualifications.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:

2006-2007
Voice of Democracy Reporting Dates
9th through 12th Grade Students
"Freedom's Challenge"

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

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

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

Voice of Democracy Department Awards:

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

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

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

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

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

2006 WEBSITE COMPETITION WINNER:

Congratulations to VFW Post 7327 on their first place finish in the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2006 website competition. Their entry represents the best of VFW Post websites. Again, congratulations on a job well done! You can visit the website at www.vfwpost7327.org.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Larry D Parham
Youth Activities Chairman

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Youth Activities Report for the first half as of 8/20/06

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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:

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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.