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COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

The Washington Conference 4-7 March was very successful from a variety of aspects and also quite inspiring. Adelaide Clark, the Department Voice of Democracy winner from VFW-1994 Abingdon, was very enthusiastic about her trip to our nation's capital as were all the other winners; and the young lady from New Mexico who was the overall winner was the highlight of the banquet with an essay that was most thought provoking. Additionally, we were able to meet with our elected representatives and/or their staff to present our concerns on pending legislation from the veteran's perspective. A legislative aide to Congressman Frank Wolfe followed up at the Sunday brunch at VFW-3150 where she met Junior Vice Commander in Chief Glen Gardner, but most importantly got an opportunity to meet and talk with some of the patients from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. There is much to learn from newspapers and television news, but there is no substitute for face to face discussions with those directly involved in issues and problem areas. There was also a VFW sponsored cook-out at WRAMC on Wednesday that was well attended.

Membership is lagging. We are falling behind and need to move NOW! We have only gotten a little over seventy percent of our annual members to renew their membership at this time and we need to get them back on board to continue their support of the Posts. We also need to start moving forward more vigorously in our recruiting efforts. The weather is becoming more pleasant and our ability to get out and recruit should be much better. The Districts and the Department will help you to succeed; all you have to do is let us know when and where.

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

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1ST- **Date:** 05-19-07
 Time: 11:00 AM
 Location: Post 3219 Phoebus
 Rep: Commander C. D. Crouch

2ND- **Date:** 05-20-07
 Lunch: 1:00 PM
 Meeting: 2:00 PM
 Location: Post 4809 Norfolk
 Rep: Adj/QM Kim DeShano

3RD- **Date:** 05-05-07
 Time: Loyalty Day/Memorial Service
 10:00 AM Followed by Lunch
 Meeting: 2:00 PM
 Location: 3rd District Headquarters
 Rep: PDC Paul Moore

4TH- **Date:** 05-06-07
 Time: 2:00 PM
 Location: Post 637 Hopewell
 Rep: Surgeon Jim Martin

5TH- **Date:** 05-20-07
 Lunch: Noon
 Time: Meeting follows lunch
 Location: Post 7726 Independence
 Rep: PDC Dan Boyer

6TH- **Date:** 05-20-07
 Time: 1:00 PM
 Location: VAMC Salem
 Sponsored by: Post 4318 Salem
 Rep: Judge Advocate Rex Faris

7TH- **Date:** 05-20-07
 Time: 11:30 AM
 Location: Post 9760 Berryville
 Rep: Chief of Staff Roy Swanner

8TH- **Date:** 05-20-07
 Time: 1:00 PM
 Location: Post 7589 Manassas
 Rep: Surgeon Jim Martin

9TH- **Date:** 05-06-07
Time: 10:30 AM
Location: Post 9696 Bluefield
Rep: Judge Advocate Rex Faris

10TH- **Date:** 05-20-07
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 1503 Dale City
Rep: Commander C. D. Crouch

11TH- **Date:** 05-06-07
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Time: Meeting follows lunch
Location: Post 632 Harrisonburg
Rep: Commander C. D. Crouch

12TH- **Date:** 05-05-07
Registration: 10:00 AM
Meeting Time: 11:00 AM followed by lunch
Location: Post 8652 Coeburn
Rep: JVC Hal Roesch

13TH- **Date:** TBA
Time:
Location:
Rep:

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 1, 2007 Eagle Scout Deadline for District entries must be submitted to Stan Hunter, 15617 Neath Dr, Woodbridge, VA 22193.
- April 21, 2007 Commander C. D. Crouch and President Rebecca Mason Homecoming at the 3rd District Headquarters Noon-5:00 PM.
- May 11, 2007 All-State Deadline, all materials **MUST** be received by 5:00 PM. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- June 14-17, 2007 State Convention, Room Rates \$87.00, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA, Telephone 804-285-2000.
- July 20-22, 2007 School of Instruction, Post 9808 Mechanicsville. Room Rates \$99.00 at the Holiday Inn Express, 7141 Bell Creek Rd, Mechanicsville, Telephone, 804-559-0022.
- August 18-23, 2007 National VFW Convention, Kansas City, MO., Hyatt Regency-Crown Ctr.
- November 1-4, 2007 Southern Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC. Room Rates \$102.00 at the Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes, 8400 Costa Verde Dr, Myrtle Beach, SC. Registration form attached. Phone 843-449-8880.
- June 12-15, 2008 State Convention Room Rates \$89.00, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA, Telephone 804-285-2000.
- August 16-21, 2008 National VFW Convention, Orlando, FL.
- August 15-20, 2009 National VFW Convention, Phoenix, AZ.

ROSTER CHANGES:

POST 2123: Meeting Location
200 Sulky Dr
Winchester, 22604

POST 10295: Commander, Denise McTighe
344 9th Street
Colonial Beach, 22443

POST 4411: Post Phone, 757-569-8169

POST 7136: Address Change, QM Troy Ross
1053 Goose Creek Rd
N. Tazewell, 24630

SVC, Paul Pitts
18005 Dodge City Rd
Milford, 22514

POST 8617: Meeting location change
American Legion Building
3386 River Rd West

QM, James Koch
16035 Paige Rd
Woodford, 22580

ALL-STATE JUDGING:

There will be a maximum of 20 Posts on The All State Team.

The 20 All State Posts will receive an All State Post Banner.

For a Post to be eligible, it must have reached 100% of their Membership Quota by the day prior to awards judging.

The Post Quartermaster must be bonded.

The Post must have been inspected by the day prior to awards judging.

The Post Commander must attend each District Meeting or have an authorized member attend.

All Audit Reports must be turned into State Headquarters as required by the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.

Posts with less than 50 members are not eligible for the All State Team. To be eligible the Post must increase their membership to 50 members. The Post will then be classified as 100%.

The Post must participate in the following programs.

Buddy Poppy Program
Patriot's Pen Program

Voice of Democracy Program
Teacher of the Year Program

The Post must have submitted the following reports at least once during the first half of the year (May 1 thru October 31) and once during the second half (November 1 thru April 30)

Hospital Report
Community Activities Report
Youth Activities Report

Americanism Report
Safety Report

Post must submit a Community Service Record Book for judging.

Post will receive points for membership - **When the Post has completed all the above programs, reports, and submitted Community Service Record Book**, one fifth (1/5) of one (1) point will be assigned for each additional member above 100%.

Posts reported in 3 categories of Community Activities, 4 categories of Safety, 8 categories of Americanism and 4 categories of Youth Activities during the reporting period of May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 will receive a State Citation.

ALL STATE TEAM AWARDS

The All State Post Commanders will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; an All State pin; two (2) free tickets for you and your spouse/guest to the State Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday night. A check in the amount of \$300.00, **to**

assist in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention, will be presented. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander.

The All State Post Quartermasters will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; an All State pin; two (2) free tickets for you and your spouse/guest to the State Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday night. A check in the amount of \$300.00 to assist in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention will be presented. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander.

The All State Commanders and All State Quartermasters will be individually recognized at the Awards Program during the State Convention.

From the All State Team, the Post with the highest points in the All State Judging will be designated as the Outstanding Post of the Year 2006-2007. The Commander and Quartermaster of this Post will be the Captains of the All State Team.

The Awards and Citation Committee will break all ties and their decision will be final.

2006-2007 ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS

For a District Commander to qualify, the Commander must meet the following All State District Commanders criteria:

1. Have the District at 100% or more in membership by the day prior to awards judging.
2. Have all Posts, in the District, inspected by January 31, 2007.
3. Have Post Quartermasters, for all Posts in the District, properly bonded by the day prior to awards judging.
4. Have all Audit Reports, for **the District and** all Posts in the District, turned into State Headquarters **as required by the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.**
5. Have all Posts in the District reported in: Americanism, Community Activities, Hospital, Safety and Youth Activities in each reporting period.

ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS AWARDS

Each All State District Commander will receive the following: A Citation and an All State District Commander's cap.

The All State District Commander(s) will also receive two (2) tickets for you and your spouse/guest to the State Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday night and a check in the amount of \$300.00. (Duplicate awards will not be given if a similar one has been earned). Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander.

Each All State District Commander will receive a VFW Jacket if all Post within the District are 100% or more in membership.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

All individual recruiting awards must be certified to State Headquarters, by the Post Quartermasters, by the day prior to awards judging. The names of the individuals recruited, Post Number and the name of the recruiter must be received before any award is given.

An annual member who recruits 5 New or Reinstated Members will receive:

Annual Dues (National & Department portions) paid, for the current year, by the Department.
Name and membership number entered into a drawing for a Life Membership.
(For each additional 5 members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the Life Membership Drawing).

A Life Member who recruits 5 New or Reinstated Members will receive:

Name and membership number entered into a drawing for one of three \$100.00 cash awards.
(For each additional 5 members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the cash award drawing).
The drawings for the Life Membership and cash award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging.

An individual recruiter may also receive for:

- 15 New or Reinstated Members - a Pen and Pencil Set.
- 25 New or Reinstated Members - a Department Aide-de-Camp Recruiting Award with engraved citation and an official cap.
- 50 New or Reinstated Members - a National Aide-de-Camp Recruiting Award with engraved citation and an official cap.
- 100 New or Reinstated Members - a Century Recruiter Award with engraved citation, an official cap, and a pen and pencil set.

RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The recruiter signing up the most new or reinstated members by May 11, 2007 will receive the following:

- Round trip airfare to the 108th National Convention in Kansas City, MO.
- One National Convention banquet ticket.
- Expense check in the amount of \$500 to help defray expenses.
- Department citation.
- Distinctive cap and name badge.

A NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE will be awarded to the Post that recruits the most new and reinstated members by the day prior to awards judging. This plaque will be awarded at the State Convention.

A LIFE MEMBERSHIP INCREASE PLAQUE and \$100.00 will be awarded to one Post in each District. To qualify, the increase must be at least 5% over the total at the beginning of the year. The greatest percentage of increase in Life Members by the day prior to awards judging will determine the Posts selected. The plaques will be awarded at the State Convention.

DRAWING FOR \$200.00 CASH AWARD - There will be three (3) Posts selected for this award. Posts must meet their membership quota by the day prior to awards judging to be eligible. Drawings will be held on the day of awards judging.

POST RECOGNITION AWARDS

A POST MEMBERSHIP BANNER will be awarded to each Post that meets their 2007 Membership Quota by May 11, 2007.

- Victory Streamer for reaching the previous years' membership by May 11, 2007.
- 100% plus Post Commander and Quartermaster pins to Posts exceeding 100% by May 11, 2007.
- Post Commander and Post Quartermaster Ball Cap to Posts who are 100% in membership by May 11, 2007.

THE SAMUEL B. DeVAUGHAN MEMBERSHIP AWARD is awarded to the member who recruits the most new and/or reinstated members of the 2006-2007 Membership Year. Entry must be certified by Post Quartermaster and entry with names of recruited members must be submitted by the day prior to awards judging. Post Quartermasters are excluded from this award. (Post Quartermasters are entitled to participate in most phases of the State Membership Campaign and are eligible to earn other individual awards). This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE GEORGE C. DALBY AWARD is awarded to any Post member for outstanding participation in VFW programs. Rules for this contest are sent to each Post in the spring. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is the day prior to awards judging. Post and District Commanders are excluded from this award. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE W. B. SHAFER, JR. MEMBERSHIP AWARD is awarded to the Post making the greatest percentage gain in membership as shown by the State Membership Report dated the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE RICHARD A. (AL) GUAGER AMERICANISM AWARD is awarded annually and rules for this contest are sent to each post in the spring. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is by the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE GEORGE E. McCRACKEN HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD AWARD is awarded to the most outstanding Post Honor Guard/Color Guard. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is by the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE W. I. WOODDELL MEMORIAL POST QUARTERMASTER AWARD is awarded annually to the Post Quartermaster who has shown outstanding dedication to his Post and the Department. Submission of nominee is to be sent in by the Post Commander. Submission must be received the day prior to the awards judging. The recipient is to be selected by a committee headed by the State Quartermaster. The award will consist of a custom-lettered citation, plus a check in the amount of \$200.00 from the Department. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE ROBERT H. RINER AWARD is awarded to the District Commander with the highest percentage gain in membership over last year. Membership gain will be as shown by the State Membership Report dated the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

WILLIAM T. (BILL) ALLEN HOSPITAL AWARD is awarded to Posts for their outstanding reporting in hospital work. Plaques for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be presented. The winning Posts will be determined by the State Hospital Chairman. These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

The Eagle Scout selected for this award will receive a plaque and a check for \$500.00. The award will be presented at the State Convention.

This competition is open to any Eagle Scout between the ages of 15 and 18 who is still in High School. Each scout must submit his application to a VFW Post for sponsorship. Each District may submit one (1) entry to the Chairman. Entry must be submitted no later than April 1, 2007.

Each **Post** participating in the Eagle Scout Program will receive a citation.

Department judging for this award will be conducted by the Department Eagle Scout and Scouting Committee. The Department's winning entry will be submitted to National for judging.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD BOOK should be kept from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007 for State judging. Plaques will be awarded to the top three (3) entries. Special Citations will be awarded to the fourth through tenth places; and all other entries not placing in the top ten will receive a citation. The top ten winners will be presented plaques/citations at the State Convention. One award from National will be presented for the top State entry.

In addition to the above awards, all Posts entering a Community Service Record Book will have a chance to win a monetary award in the amount of \$200.00 if judged best overall entry in their respective membership category. One (1) check will be issued to each membership category.

Category A - Posts with Membership of 10 thru 100.
Category B - Posts with Membership of 101 thru 200.
Category C - Posts with Membership of 201 thru 500.
Category D - Posts with Membership over 500.

NOTE: To receive the monetary award for a record book entry in any of the four categories a Post must be 100% in membership.

NOTE: Record Book entries may be used to help break any ties in the All State Team Judging. The amount of effort placed in preparing the entry will be considered.

BUDDY POPPY CITATIONS will be presented to the District Commander whose District purchased the most Buddy Poppies and to the District Commander whose District had 100% participation in the Buddy Poppy Program.

The Post in each District who purchased the most Buddy Poppies will be given a citation.

These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

All judging material must be at State Headquarters by 5:00 P.M. (1700 Hours) on May 11, 2007. **(NO EXCEPTIONS!)**

AMERICANISM:

Congratulations to District 3 for being the first district to attain 100%. Forty-two posts have only 40 days to get their activities completed and get their reports in --- or likely just to get their reports in as I know most of you have done the work already!

Now is also the time to begin your Americanism Record Book for submission to the Awards and Citations judging committee in May. Winner receives The Richard A. (AL) Guager Americanism Award at the Department Convention in June. For further information, see 2007 Membership Awards Program in July 2006 General Orders, part two, or click on Membership Program and Awards on the state webpage (www.vfwva.org). If no further guidelines are provided, use those for the Community Activities Record Book as far as size and other general specifications.

Do you have Desert Storm veterans in your post? Consider a commemorative ceremony for 11 April marking the official cease fire of the Persian Gulf War. And it's also time to begin thinking about your plans for Loyalty Day on 1 May.

J. Gary Wagner
Americanism Chairman

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Americanism Report for the first half as of 03/16/07

DIST. 1	4856	8629	9358				
DIST. 2	392	2582	3160	4809			
DIST. 3	100%						
DIST. 4	8048	8228	8446	8599	8617		
DIST. 5	873	2820	8243				
DIST. 6	1841	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	
DIST. 7	1150	9660					
DIST. 8	1177	2524	4468	7728			
DIST. 9	2719						
DIST. 10	7916						
DIST. 11	452	4204	4989	7701	8479		
DIST. 12	10298						
DIST. 13	1827	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	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 is March 31st and is now due. Please submit to State Headquarters. 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.

Audits for June 30th, September 30th, and December 31st are Past Due and are noted below.

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending 6/30/06 as of 3/23/07

DIST. 3	3125					
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Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending 9/30/06 as of 3/23/07

DIST. 3	3125	9224	10387	11124		
DIST. 11	3060					

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending 12/31/06 as of 3/23/07

DIST. 1	8629	9358				
DIST. 3	Dist	3125	9501	11124		
DIST. 4	5313	7897				
DIST. 5	Dist					
DIST. 6	7854	8184	9877			
DIST. 11	3060	4805	4989	7814		
DIST. 13	2044	7638	8717	10295		

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), anyone wishing to make a donation send a check to Department Headquarters earmarked (MAP).

Buddy Poppy Chairman
Kim A. DeShano

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Comrades, we are in the last month of the SECOND HALF of the reporting period, but you still have time to be 100% by the last of April.

Lynn Harris
Community Activities

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Community Activities Report for the first half as of 03/16/07

DIST. 1	176	2296	4856	8629	9358				
DIST. 2	2582	8545							
DIST. 3	100%								
DIST. 4	8048	8228	8599	8617					
DIST. 5	647	873	2820	7800	8243	10840			
DIST. 6	1841	4165	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	
DIST. 7	1150	4698	9660	9872					
DIST. 8	1177	2524	3103	7728					
DIST. 9	2719	7969	9864						
DIST. 10	609	7916							
DIST. 11	452	4204	4989	7701	8479				
DIST. 12	10298								
DIST. 13	2613	7638	8436	8717					

GOLF TOURNAMENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MAP:

We would like to invite you to participate in the VFW Department of Virginia Golf Tournament, held at the Hollows Golf Course, located in Montpelier, to be held June 13th, 2007. A registration form is attached for your use. If you are unable to attend, please pass this information on to those that may be interested. Hole sponsorships in the amount of \$100.00 (minimum) are available. Donations of other amounts are needed and appreciated. Proceeds will benefit the Department of Virginia's Military Assistance Program.

HOSPITAL:

Agent Orange: Anyone who served in Vietnam is presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange, a herbicide that was used extensively in Vietnam to kill unwanted plant life and to remove leaves from trees, which otherwise provided cover for the enemy.

Who is eligible? All service members who served in Vietnam.

What am I eligible for? Free medical care to Vietnam veterans with any health problems, which may have resulted from Agent Orange exposure. Special compensation for 10 diseases associated with Agent Orange exposure:

- Chloracne
- Hodgkin's disease
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Porphyria cutanea tarda
- Respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx and trachea)
- Soft-tissue sarcoma
- Acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy
- Prostate cancer
- Diabetes mellitus

In addition, monetary benefits, health care and vocational rehabilitation services are provided to Vietnam veterans' offspring with spina bifida, a congenital birth defect of the spine.

How do I file a compensation claim? VFW Service Officers can help you file a compensation claim for a current disability related to Agent Orange. You may also call the VFW's Veterans' Service hotline at (202) 543-2239.

What is the Agent Orange Registry Physical Examination? In 1978, the VA set up a register of Vietnam veterans who were worried that they may have been exposed to chemical herbicides. Any veteran who had active service between 1962 and 1975 and who expresses a concern relating to exposure to herbicides may participate in the registry. Eligible veterans should contact the nearest VA medical facility for an appointment.

Yours in Comradeship
Jim Martin
Department Surgeon

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Hospital Report for the first half as of 03/16/07

DIST. 1	2296	4856	8629	9358				
DIST. 2	392	993	8545	9382				
DIST. 3	2583	3125	4639	8046	10654	11124		
DIST. 4	2584	8048	8228	8446	8599	8617	8759	8902
DIST. 5	647	873	1115	2820	7800	8243		
DIST. 6	776	1841	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184
DIST. 7	1150	2123	4698	9660	9872			
DIST. 8	2524	3103	7728	8208				
DIST. 9	2719	7969	9864					
DIST.10	7916							
DIST.11	4204	4989	7701	7814	8479			
DIST.12	10298	10310	10611					
DIST.13	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	10295		

INSPECTION REPORT:

NUMBERS THAT ARE LISTED HAVE NOT BEEN INSPECTED AS OF MARCH 20, 2007!

Percentage Inspected is 96%

Yours in Comradeship,
William R. Shifflett
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Virginia- State Inspector

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Inspection Report for the first half as of 03/16/07

DIST. 1	2296	9358						
DIST. 8	2524	4468	9835					
DIST. 13	10574							

MEMBERSHIP:

For some reason, our membership seems to be stuck in neutral. With less than 1/3 of our Posts at 100%, an extreme amount of work remains to be done. The weather is getting warmer, there are worthy veterans available to recruit, and there are certainly many, many annual members who still have not renewed. Now is the time for effective leadership to step up, and let's get our membership back on track. We have way too many Posts that are dying on the vine due to a lack of recruiting new or reinstated members. Without an effective membership, your Post will fail – it's that simple. Every Post has been provided lists of their unpaid members, lists of Member At Large in their respective areas, and offers of assistance from both the District leadership and the Department leadership. Every Post should be having some form of recruiting event every weekend until they reach their goal. We have Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day coming up. All of these could be excellent dates to get out and recruit some new members. Every member should make it their personal goal to recruit at least one new member for the remainder of this membership year. Let's all work together to meet the State Commander's goal of 103% in membership.

Jimmy Lee Wallace
Membership Chairman

NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National By-Laws, which provides that each Post shall register, in advance, at least one delegate to the National Convention by the payment of a fee in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) per delegate. Advanced registration for the 108th National Convention should be mailed with each delegate's name and address to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 or you may register on-line at vfw.org.

NOMINATION, ELECTION, & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete and return the forms directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers.

Section 222 of the National By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to County Councils at the same time the annual election of Post officers is held; two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates for the first fifty (50) members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each additional fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election.

Delegates and alternates to District conventions shall be elected at a regular Post meeting held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District convention at which District officers are to be elected; one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of election or as the Department By-Laws may provide.

Delegates and alternates to the Department convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department convention. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election or as the Department By-Laws may provide.

Pursuant to Section 405 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department convention. District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed. District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 414 of the National By-Laws.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE:

This month we will focus on one of the 2006-2007 VFW Legislative Priority Goals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Veterans Administration Education Benefits

Education

Secure authority and full funding for a GI Bill for the 21st Century that supports recruitment and retention and recognizes the valuable contributions of those serving in uniform. Provide for the total cost of education including tuition, books, fees and living expenses for attendance at any educational institution.

It is imperative that we elect a Congress that will be receptive to the needs of our Veterans.

Our collective VOICE makes a difference.

Jerry Peterson
Chairman, Virginia VFW-PAC
pacchrm@va.vfwwebmail.com

RAFFLES (CANCUN & DESKTOP):

All tickets **sold or unsold** need to be returned to State Headquarters by **June 8, 2007**. Please get the word out to your Members that this is their last chance to purchase a ticket locally. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the State Convention. If you have sold tickets please return them and the money immediately to State Headquarters.

If you would like more tickets we have Cancun tickets available now. Please check with us on the availability of the desktop tickets periodically as others may return tickets.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS NEEDED FOR STATE AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS: During the 2006 State Convention of the Virginia Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States 14 Resolutions were submitted by our membership for consideration. Of these 14 Resolutions, eight were defeated at the State Convention, five were forwarded to the National Convention for consideration, and one was to be included in that State's Legislative Package for the 2007 General Assembly at Richmond. Two of the five considered at the National Convention were approved: (1) Involvement of veterans service organizations in Veterans Affairs decision criteria for DNA collection and (2) Sever the Veterans Affairs budget from HUD and other independent agency budgets. The Resolution to fly the American Flag on Virginia Interstate Highways was considered by the 2007 General Assembly Legislative Package, however, defeated in the Transportation Committee both in the Senate and the House of Delegates.

It is time to consider submission of Resolutions for the 2007 VFW Virginia State Convention in June. Resolution should be prepared in the proper format: a listing of WHEREAS justifying the recommendation followed by RESOLVED outlining the proposal. If you have any questions or in need of assistance, please contact the Resolution Chairman (JB Young) at telephone (703) 329-1357 or e-mail jrbubba3@juno.com. Resolution must be received by the State Quartermaster not later than 30 days prior to the State Convention or May 15, 2007.

J.B. Young
Resolutions Chairman

SAFETY:

We are almost through the entire year and we still have quite a few reports that have not been turned in. As you all know, these are required reports for All State Competition. So let's keep up the good work throughout this second half. The 9th District is doing an excellent job of getting all of their reports in early. Keep up the good work. All the Posts that have submitted reports so far have been taken off the listing. The Posts that have not submitted reports are the one's listed.

Steve Lasseter
Safety Vice-Chairman

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Safety Report for the first half as of 03/16/07

DIST. 1	176	2296	4856	9358						
DIST. 2	392	1211	2582	4411	8545	9382				
DIST. 3	2583	3125	6364	8046	9224	9501	10657	11124		
DIST. 4	8048	8228	8599	8617	8902					
DIST. 5	647	873	1115	2820	7800	8243	10840			
DIST. 6	1444	1841	2157	4165	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	9877
DIST. 7	1150	1860	2123	4698	9660	9872				
DIST. 8	1177	2524	3103	4468	7728					
DIST. 9	2719	9864								
DIST. 10	609	7916	8241	8815						
DIST. 11	452	4204	4989	7701	8479					
DIST. 12	3782	5715	10298	10611						
DIST. 13	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546		

2006-2007 CITIZEN EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following teachers and their sponsoring Posts:

- K-5: Karen Kennedy
Powell Valley Primary School
Post 5715 Big Stone Gap, District 12
- 6-8: John E. Sayers, Jr.
Beverly Manor Middle School
Post 2216 Staunton, District 11
- 9-12: Kimberly A. Thomas
Mt. View High School
Post 5412 Burke, District 10

VFW 108th NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING:

Kansas City - August 18-23, 2007

Our Department has been assigned to the Hyatt Regency Crown Center with a block of **35** rooms.

Kansas City hotels are becoming smoke-free or have limited smoking floors available. The Hyatt has one smoking floor. Violators of no smoking policies may incur a penalty.

If you need to know the amenities for your hotel, the phone number is 816.421.1234:

Housing for the 108th National Convention opened on **March 1, 2007**. Be sure to book your reservations by July 16, 2007 in order to receive special convention rates. See attached reservation form.

Rates for:

Single:	\$104	Suites:	
Double:	\$104	1 bdrm	Call for rates
Triple:	\$124	2 bdrm	Call for rates
Quad:	\$144		

Convention attendees requiring the use of motorized scooters over convention dates, August 18-23, are strongly encouraged to make arrangements prior to arriving in Kansas City. This year, scooter rental service will not be available at the convention center. You may contact the following vendor to arrange for this service:

John Kovelan
Doctor's Equipment Services
816.523.6644
M-F 8am – 5pm; Sat. 9am – 12:30pm (CST)

Fee: \$95 over convention dates (August 18-23, 2007) plus a one-time \$56 delivery fee.
Forms of Payment Accepted: Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express

Scooters are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. 24-hour notice is required to accommodate requests.

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. To date we have only received **225** applications. We need 350 applications before DMV will put the plate into production, so I am asking everyone to please fill out the application to put a VFW plate on your vehicle for at least one year at **NO COST TO YOU**. This will put the VFW plate into production, after that one year if you don't want to pay the additional \$10 to keep the plate just turn it into DMV and they will give you a standard plate back. This VFW Plate can have the permanent Handicap emblem on the plate.

The form is attached to the General Orders. Please notify your Membership! It is a shame that we have not received the 350 applications that are necessary to begin production. There is no cost to send the application in, please pass the word along!

VOD, PATRIOT'S PEN & TEACHER OF THE YEAR CREDIT:

If your Post participated in Patriot's Pen, VOD, and Teacher of the Year programs please check the reports spreadsheet on the web at <http://www.vfwva.org/Reports/districtreport.htm> and verify that your Post was given credit. If you have not been given credit contact your District Chairman or District Commander before the judging deadline. Do not wait until judging to say that you participated as it will be too late.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

John Miska
Youth Activities Chairman

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Youth Activities Report for the first half as of 03/16/07

DIST. 1	4856	8629	9358					
DIST. 2	392	2582	4809	8545				
DIST. 3	11124							
DIST. 4	8048	8228	8599	8617	8902	10570		
DIST. 5	647	873	2820	8243	10840			
DIST. 6	1841	4165	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	
DIST. 7	1150	2123	9660					
DIST. 8	1177	2524	4468	7728				
DIST. 9	2719	7136						
DIST. 10	7916							
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	4204	4805	4989	7701	9480
DIST. 12	6975	10298	10310	10611				
DIST. 13	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	10295	10574	

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



C. D. Crouch
State Commander

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA, VFW

SUBJECT: SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

There will be a School of Instruction held Friday, July 20, 2007 through Sunday morning, July 22, 2007, at Post 9808, 7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville.

All upcoming Council Members are required to attend, Post Commanders and Quartermasters are urged to attend, and everyone else is invited. Each person will be required to make their own room reservation and furnish their own transportation. Meals cost \$25.00 per person (non-refundable) and cover meals from breakfast on Saturday through breakfast Sunday morning for VFW members who **HAVE PRE-REGISTERED. IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED MEALS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.**

You must call the Holiday Inn Select, 7141 Bell Creek Rd, Mechanicsville, and make your own reservation; the phone number is 804-559-0022. Let them know you are with the VFW group. Room rate is \$99.00 plus tax for hotel.

Subjects of Instructions will include:

- *Membership*
- *MIP & Recruiting Programs*
- *Dept. & National Membership Awards Program*
- *Rules and Regulations of Club Rooms*
- *Parliamentary Law & Procedure, By-Laws (Nat'l/Dept/Post) & SOP*
- *Inspections & Reports*
- *Duties & Responsibilities of Post CMDR's, SVC & JVC*
- *Duties of Post ADJ & QM, QM Records (Ledger & Computer)*
- *Post Visits/Roundups*
- *VOD, Patriots Pen, Teachers Recognition Program, Scouting, MAP*
- *eMembership and Web Development*

We must know how many will be attending, so therefore, the following form must be completed and returned to State Headquarters **no later than July 6th.**

No food will be prepared for those that do not register with the Department.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION REGISTRATION - July 20-22, 2007

Return this form to:
Department of Virginia, VFW
403 Lee Jackson Hwy
Staunton, VA 24401

Or by Fax: 1-866-416-0586

No. of People Attending _____

Total number of meals: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Post: _____

Signed: _____
Post Commander

Name of Attendees: (please print)



STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

State Convention will be held June 14 – 17, 2007 at the

Sheraton Richmond West Hotel –
6624 West Broad Street -
Richmond - 804-285-2000

The banquet/dance will be held on June 16th.

You will **NOT** be able to purchase banquet/dance tickets the weekend of the Convention.
Dance tickets may be pre-purchased or they will be available at the registration table.

You **MUST** PRE-REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET/DANCE

Banquet/Dance tickets are \$40.00
Dance tickets only \$10.00

Your choice of:

Roast Beef au Jus

Served with Mashed Potatoes & Green Bean Almandine

Almond Crusted Tilapia w/ Grilled Pineapple Relish

Served with Rice Pilaf and Green Bean Almandine

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 8, 2007 No Exceptions No Refunds after June 8th
Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

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

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

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.

85th ANNUAL CONVENTION
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
SHERATON RICHMOND WEST – RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
JUNE 14-17, 2007

Harry Huff
Convention Chairman

Eugene Chavis
Convention Vice Chairman

**Thursday,
June 14, 2007**

1:00 PM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	BALLROOM FOYER
9:30 AM	1:00 PM	REGISTRATION, MOC	BALLROOM FOYER
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	ADVISORY MEETING	POTOMAC
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	POTOMAC
11:00 AM	NOON	COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATOR MEETING	CAPITOL
2:30 PM	4:00 PM	JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES	BALLROOM B/C/D
7:00 PM	10:30 PM	JOINT PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	BALLROOM B/C/D

**Friday,
June 15, 2007**

8:00 AM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	BALLROOM FOYER
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	JOINT OPENING SESSION	BALLROOM B/C/D
9:30 AM	1:00 PM	REGISTRATION, MOC	BALLROOM FOYER
11:30 AM	2:00 PM	COMMANDERS CLUB LUNCHEON	CAPITOL
2:30 PM	5:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION	BALLROOM A
5:30 PM	8:00 PM	COOTIE GRAND SCRATCH	MONTICELLO
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	DANCE	REGENCY BALLROOM

**Saturday,
June 16, 2007**

7:30 AM	8:30 AM	PAST STATE COMMANDERS/PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST	TIDEWATER ROOM
9:00 AM	3:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	BALLROOM FOYER
9:00 AM	1:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (NOMINATION OF STATE OFFICERS)	BALLROOM A
2:00 PM	5:00 PM	NEW DISTRICT COMMANDERS SCHOOL	TIDEWATER
1:30 PM	4:30 PM	SERVICE OFFICERS MEETING	SHULA'S
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR BY MERRILL LYNCH	STATE ROOM
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	RECEPTION	MONTICELLO A/B
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	ANNUAL BANQUET	REGENCY BALLROOM
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	DANCE	REGENCY BALLROOM

**Sunday,
June 17, 2007**

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	JOINT DEVOTIONAL SERVICE	BALLROOM B/C/D
9:30 AM	1:30 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS)	BALLROOM A
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF CONVENTION	BALLROOM A

Registration \$3.00 (**All persons are required to register**)
FRIDAY DANCE: \$10.00 per person

SATURDAY BANQUET AND DANCE TICKETS

MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED- THEY CAN NOT BE PURCHASED AT THE CONVENTION

The hotel will not have cash bars set up for either dance. Bottles will be permitted in the ballroom during both dances. The hotel will furnish ice and mix. **THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE AT EITHER DANCE WITHOUT A TICKET. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

HOSPITALITY ROOMS

State - Room 147**First & Second Districts - Room 257**Third District - George Washington Room**
Fourth District - Madison Room**Tenth District - Room 267** Cooties - Room 139

Commanders Club Luncheon

ATTENTION: All Past and Present Commanders

You are invited to attend the Annual Commanders Club Luncheon to be held on Friday, June 15, 2007, at the Sheraton Richmond West from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Commanders, please pass this information on to your Comrades.

COST: \$25.00 (includes tax & gratuity)

MENU: House Salad
Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
Chef's Choice of Vegetable
Apple Pie
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Commanders Club

MAIL CHECK TO: Earle P. Weekley, Jr.
Commanders Club Treasurer
595 Bowman Road
Dayton, VA 22821

DEADLINE: June 8, 2007 ***PRE-REGISTRATION FOR MEAL IS REQUIRED.
PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 8TH, NO EXCEPTIONS.
NO MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNLESS PRE-REGISTERED.***

REMEMBER: You can become a LIFE MEMBER for \$25.00; ANNUAL DUES are \$5.00. All dues can be sent to Earle P. Weekley, Jr. at the above address.

Jim Martin, President

Bill Shifflett, Luncheon Chairman

PLEASE SEND THE FORM BELOW ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO ASSURE ACCURACY.

Post No. _____ **Amount Enclosed** _____

Name of each person attending luncheon (please print clearly)

NAME	COMMANDERS CLUB CARD NO.	DATE JOINED
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Annual Dues for _____

Life Member Dues for _____

**Department of Virginia
VFW Commander & Ladies Auxiliary
President's Homecoming**

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Noon until 5:00 pm

**Third District Headquarters
1044 Pamunkey Road, Mechanicsville, VA**

**Come and join us in saying thanks to Commander Doc and
President Becky for a job well done.**

**There will be good food, drinks, conversation, horse shoes,
surprises and an afternoon of fun.**

Presentation of gifts will be at 2:00 pm.

**If you would like to make a contribution or for more information
please contact:**

Rex Faris 276-952-2532

Roy Swanner 276-579-2321

Department Commander's Homecoming Fund Raiser



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

**ONLY MEDIUM, LARGE AND X-LARGE LEFT
ORDER NOW!**

_____ Date

_____ Post/Auxiliary Number

_____ Full Name

_____ Phone Number

_____ Street

_____ City State Zip Code

Number	Size	Price	Total
_____	Medium	\$25.00	_____
_____	Large	\$25.00	_____
_____	X-Large	\$25.00	_____
_____	XX-Large	\$25.00	_____

Method of Payment: Cash Check Mastercard Visa

Check Number _____

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Shipping add \$5.00 for the first Shirt and \$3.00 for each additional Shirt not to exceed \$11.00

SHIPPING _____

TOTAL _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORD BOOK GUIDELINES

1. Record books should contain community service projects that are completed during the period May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007.
2. **BOOK SIZE:** Should be no larger than 12 by 16 inches nor more than three inches thick. Make two or more volumes if thicker than three inches. Number each volume, e.g., Volume I; Volume II, etc.
3. **FASTENER and COVER:** If books have metal posts, steel is preferable to brass or aluminum. If covers have decals, place self-adhesive clear plastic over the decals so they will not be damaged during shipping and handling. Please use superior quality page dividers and index tabbing; the extensive handling that the record books experience must be considered.
4. **CLIPPINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS:** Show dates and captions. Include supporting information.
5. **ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES:** In a brief statement show how money was spent for each category (one or two pages at the most for each category).
6. **ARRANGEMENT OF BOOK:** Enter each project by category. (Chronological or month by month listing makes your entry more difficult for the judges to evaluate.)
7. **ENTRY FORM:** Complete and fasten inside front cover of volume one.
8. **MAIL OR SHIP RECORD BOOK ENTRY FOR THE DEPARTMENT CONTEST** to your Department Headquarters or the address they designate.
9. Avoid non-community service related items in your record book entry. Pictures of Post Officers, installation of officers, meeting, etc., will not be credited.

(This material should be assembled in a separate section and kept by the Post until the record book is returned after the competition, then it can be added to the record book for permanent reference).

PREPARING A RECORD BOOK

Posts and Auxiliaries carry on many projects which are of public service. The best way to tell the story of your Post and Auxiliary's work in the community is through a Community Activity record book that contains evidence of the many projects and programs your Post and Auxiliary perform.

The contents of your record book should be arranged and in such detail that it tells the story of each project, clearly and completely, to those who may read and judge it.

Posts and Auxiliaries should combine their community activity programs into one book or one set of books the Post and its Auxiliary are judged as a unit.

When making up a record book it is advisable to group your projects and programs into one of the seven categories. If a project qualifies for more than one category, select and list it under one category. It will be given credit, regardless of whether it is listed under the proper category.

For example:

Lite-a-Bike could be listed under categories five or seven.

Do not duplicate your efforts by placing them in each of the categories.

Remember, when compiling your community service record book you are telling a story of your work to judges who generally are not familiar with your efforts or community. The easier it is for the judges to read the facts, the easier it is for them to evaluate your work. Some Community Activity record book entries have an additional index for each category which lists the subgroups within the categories. Some entries have an index only in the front of volume one.

Remember, also if you enter your record book in other competitions, the judges will be less likely to know about the VFW Community Activities Program. Just like composing a good letter, let your record book present the story so there will be no misunderstanding.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE POST

RECORD BOOK ENTRY FORM

1. This form must be filled in and attached to the inside cover of the Community Activities Record Book that your Post enters in the Department Community activities Record Book Contest.
2. Be sure to provide the name, address and zip code of the person to whom the Record Book should be returned following the judging.
3. This form must be signed by the Post Commander.

CATEGORIES FOR RECORDING PROJECTS

The Community Activities Program is divided into seven general categories:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Community Involvement | 4. School and Church Assistance |
| 2. Cooperation with other organizations | 5. Safety |
| 3. Aide to others | 6. Americanism |
| | 7. Youth and Voice of Democracy |

Post No. _____ City _____ State _____

Total Projects Since 5/1/06 _____ Total Hours (Volunteered) _____ Total Funds Used/Donated _____

Total Post Members as of 4/1/07 _____ Total Auxiliary Members as of 4/1/07 _____ City Population _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Post _____ Auxiliary _____
(Name of Chairman) (Name of Chairman)

JUDGES, NOTE THE FOLLOWING LEADING PROJECTS

Page _____, _____
Page _____, _____
Page _____, _____
Page _____, _____

RETURN RECORD BOOK TO:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature - Post Commander _____
Post Commander's Name (Print) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

RULES FOR CONTEST

GEORGE C. DALBY PERPETUAL TROPHY

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

- 1. Post Commanders and District Commanders are excluded from this award because other awards have been set up for them.**
- 2. Contest will run from Convention to Convention - the award to be made at the Annual Department Convention and based on:**
 - A. Number of dues collected;**
 - B. Hospital Visits - (visits to Comrades in hospitals and in homes);**
 - C. Community Activities : Number of projects participated in and what part the contestant performed;**
 - D. Youth Activities: Number of projects in which the contestant participated in and what he did;**
 - E. What part the contestant took in Buddy Poppy sales;**
 - F. How much time was lost from work in each project;**
 - G. How much money contestant spent in attending meetings out of his area in which he was not reimbursed; and**
 - H. Approximately the time, money, and miles traveled in performing tasks beyond the call of duty.**
- 3. Nominee from each Post to be submitted to the District Commander, who will appoint a committee of at least three members to select the winner in his District. Each District Commander will be responsible for forwarding the application of the winner in his District to Department Headquarters.**

****ENTRIES MUST BE AT STATE HEADQUARTERS BY MAY 11, 2007 by 5:00 PM.**

**GEORGE C. DALBY PERPETUAL TROPHY
NOMINATION BLANK**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**

Name of Comrade (Post Commanders and District Commanders excluded):

Post Number: _____ **Address:** _____

A. Number of dues collected:

B. Hospital Visits (visits to Comrades in hospitals and in homes):

C. Community Activities (number of projects participated in what part the contestant performed):

D. Youth Activities (number of projects in which the contestant participated and what he did):

E. What part the contestant took in the Buddy Poppy Sales: _____

F. How much time missed from work in each project: _____

G. How much money contestant spent in attending meetings out of his area in which he was not reimbursed: _____

H. Approximately the time, money, and miles traveled in performing tasked beyond the call of duty:

REMARKS:

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
AMERICANISM
RECORD BOOK GUIDELINES
Post Americanism Record Book Program

There will be a Post somewhere that will be recognized for their efforts in Americanism.

How will this recognition be earned? By participating in the Americanism Program, and by being the “Outstanding” Americanism Post in the Department. From the entries received the Post selected number one will receive a trophy at Department Convention. The Post placing second through ten will receive a Department Citation.

The rules governing this completion are relatively simple.

1. To qualify a winner at the Department level, the Post must be selected by the Department’s Awards Committee.
2. The entry must include the name and address of the person to whom the entry is to be returned.
3. Selection by the Department shall be based on Americanism projects performed during May 1, 2006 - April 30, 2007.
4. For the Post to qualify as an entrant, it must be reported in Americanism for the current year.
5. In order for the judges to have something on which to base their decision, some form of substantiating data (newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, etc.) must accompany each entry. All substantiating data should be organized into a record book format.

You should record the following programs and any other Americanism Projects completed in your entry.

Independence Day

Parades

Loyalty Day

Legislative Program

Buddy Poppy Education Program

Flag Presentation

Voice of Democracy

POW/MIA Program

Veterans Day

Memorial Day Services

Other Patriotic Holidays

Citizenship Education Programs

Flag Day

Post and District Americanism Chairmen have to begin their program early because the Department entry must be received at Department Headquarters no later than May 11, 2007.

For further information contact your Department Chairman.

GEORGE E. McCracken HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD PLAQUE

ENTRY FORM

George E. McCracken served for over 30 years as the State Honor Guard Captain and know of the many hours, out-of-pocket funds given by these truly special groups, who serve with pride, dignity, and honor throughout the states, representing their Posts and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This contest runs from July 1 to the following May.

To enter, a Post must submit a complete detailed report of the participation and activities of their Post Honor/Color Guard, including the following:

Post Number: _____ **Post Name:** _____

Number of Parades:

Number of Funerals:

Number of Flag Raising Ceremonies:

Number of Members Participating:

Other Activities:

**This report must be submitted to STATE HEADQUARTERS by 5:00 p.m.,
May 11, 2007 for the STATE AWARD JUDGING.**

INDIVIDUAL RECRUITING AWARDS
NEW/REINSTATED MEMBER AWARDS

This is to certify that the comrade listed below has qualified for the following by recruiting the amount required of new/reinstated members for _____ year. Name and Post number of the new/reinstated members must be shown in the space provided on this application form.

AWARDS

_____ 5 new/reinstated members	Annual Dues paid, entry into a drawing for a Life Membership, each additional 5 members an additional entry will be made in the Life Drawing (Life Members will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$100.00 cash award, each additional 5 members an additional entry will be entered)
_____ 15 new/reinstated members	VFW Pen and Pencil Set
_____ 25 new/reinstated members	Department Aide-de-Camp Recruiting Award with engraved citation and an official cap
_____ 50 new/reinstated members	National Aide-de-Camp Recruiting Award with engraved citation and an official cap;
_____ 100 new/reinstated members	Century Recruiter Award with engraved citation, an official cap, and a pen and pencil set

NAME OF RECRUITER _____ POST NO. _____

ADDRESS _____

CAP SIZE _____

JACKET SIZE _____

Application deadline is MAY 11.

Completed applications are to be mailed to DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA, VFW,
403 LEE JACKSON HIGHWAY, STAUNTON, VA 24401.

CERTIFICATION: We certify that the recruiter listed above recruited _____ new/reinstated members for _____ year as listed on the back of this application.

Signed _____ Signed _____

Post Commander

Post Quartermaster

New/reinstated members from any Post can be used to qualify recruiter for this award...all applications for recruiter awards are checked against department tax records for verification...awards will not be mailed until verification is made.

Please feel free to duplicate

NEW/REINSTATED MEMBERS RECRUITED

Name of member	Post no.	Name of member	Post no.
1.		26.	
2.		27.	
3.		28.	
4.		29.	
5.		30.	
6.		31.	
7.		32.	
8.		33.	
9.		34.	
10.		35.	
11.		36.	
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If extra space is needed, add additional sheet



Photographer
will be
available for
pictures before
the banquet at
the State
Convention



Inquire with VFW registration desk for
photographers location

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NAME _____

NAME(S) OF ADDITIONAL PERSON(S) SHARING ROOM:

STREET ADDRESS

CITY _____ STATE _____
ZIP CODE _____ PHONE (DAY) _____

GROUP/ORGANIZATION: (group) VFWVFWA

DATE(S) _____

SPECIAL REQUEST _____

Reservations must be received by: ^{10/1/07} (cut off date)
All shoulder dates may be available on a space and rate availability.
After the above date, rooms will be confirmed on a space and rate available
basis.

~~SMOKING~~ ~~XXXXXXXX~~ NON-SMOKING _____

ARRIVAL DAY/DATE _____

TIME OF ARRIVAL _____

DEPARTURE DAY/DATE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

- SELF PARKING IS COMPLIMENTARY.
- CHECK IN TIME AFTER 4:00PM.

CHECK-IN TIME AFTER 4:00PM:

Accommodations prior to that time will be handled on a space available
basis. Luggage storage is available.

CHECK-OUT TIME IS 11:00AM

Please check the type of accommodations desired. ALL
ACCOMMODATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AT
CHECK-IN.

NO. Rooms	TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS	RATE
	Single: One (1) person	102.00
	Double: Two (2) persons, One (1) Bed	102.00
	Double: Two (2) Persons, Two (2) Beds	102.00

For all reservations, please list each guest's name where provided.

Reservations must be accompanied by a guarantee for first night's lodging
via check or credit card.

Fill in American Express, Diners Club, Carte Blanche, VISA, MasterCard
or Discover Card information below. You will be charged for the first
night's lodging unless reservations are cancelled 7 days prior to arrival.

CARD TYPE _____ EXP. DATE _____

CARD NUMBER _____

SIGNATURE _____

Advance Deposit. Please include one night's room plus 10% tax. Deposits
are refundable if cancelled 7 days prior to arrival.

CHECK ENCLOSED _____ AMOUNT \$ _____