

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

Service to Others

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

As we start the 2d month of this membership year, I would like to thank those Posts who have jumped on the membership goals. Now is the time to really start working those annual members to renew. Our first membership goal is 75% by September 30th. With Life Membership stats posting around 15 September, this should be the easiest goal to reach. Every Post should have submitted a first half report for community activities by now. The reporting period started May 1st. Since then, we've had Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Army Birthday and July 4th celebrations. Many of us will be attending the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri this month to voice our opinions on the administration and operation of the VFW for the future. Our prime motivation is to ensure that the organization continues to live up to our National motto of "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living". The best way to do this is by having a strong active membership and by being extremely visible in our respective communities. This means "involvement." My motto this year is "Service To Others." Please remember to contact your local media if you plan on having an event that emphasizes what the VFW does in the communities. Let's not forget that our Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary are important parts of this organization, and a valuable resource for volunteers to assist in our many programs and activities. A reminder that President Ellen Stogsdill and my Homecoming will be held on September 8th at Post 1503, Dale City, Virginia. I would like to also remind everyone that we have an extremely dedicated and hard working staff at Headquarters that are available to assist ANY member in this organization. Please visit our website at <http://www.vfwva.org/>.

Jimmy Lee Wallace
State Commander

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 was June 30 and is now past 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.

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending 6/30/07 as of 7/20/07

DIST. 1	176	2296	4856	5500	6002	8629	9358				
DIST. 2	993	1211	2582	3160	4411	4809	8545				
DIST. 3	2239	3125	4639	8046	8356	9224	9808	10387	10654	10657	11124
DIST. 4	637	2163	2584	5313	7059	7166	7819	7897	8759	8902	9855
	9954	10570									
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DIST. 6	776	1033	1444	1841	2157	4491	4522	4920	5311	9877	
DIST. 7	621	1150	4698	6044	9292	9660	9760				
DIST. 8	1811	2524	3103	7728	8208	9835					
DIST. 9	4667	7136	7969	9864							
DIST. 10	609	1503	3150	5412	7916	8469	8815	9274			
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	3060	3136	4204	7814	8644	9339	9480	
DIST. 12	6975	8652	8979	9830							
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8717	10546	10574				

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1ST-	Date: 08-11-07 Time: 11:00 AM Meal to follow Location: Post 7167 Warsaw Rep: PDC Bobby Walls	7TH-	Date: 09-09-07 Time: 11:30 am Location: Post 9660 Broadway Rep: State CMDR Jimmy Lee Wallace
2ND-	Date: 08-11-07 Lunch: Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 392 Virginia Beach Rep: State CMDR Jimmy Lee Wallace	8TH-	Date: 09-16-07 Time: 1:00 PM Location: Post 2524 Culpeper Rep: State Judge Advocate Jim Martin
3RD-	Date: 08-11-07 Meeting: 2:00 PM Location: 3 rd District Headquarters Rep: State Judge Advocate Jim Martin	9TH-	Date: 09-16-07 Time: 10:30 AM Location: Post 1184 Pulaski Rep: State Chaplain Ray Wells
4TH-	Date: 08-12-07 Time: 2:00 PM Location: Post 5313 Nottaway Rep: State CMDR Jimmy Lee Wallace	10TH-	Date: 08-05-07 Time: 1:00 PM Sponsored By: Post 7328 Springfield Location: American Legion Post 176 6620 Amherst Ave, Springfield Rep: State SVC Hal Roesch
5TH-	Date: 08-12-07 Lunch: 12:30 PM Time: Meeting follows lunch Location: Post 4637 Martinsville Rep: State C-O-S Roy Swanner	11TH-	Date: 09-16-07 Lunch: 11:30 AM Time: Meeting follows Lunch Location: Post 2216 Staunton Rep: State JVC Rex Faris
6TH-	Date: 08-26-07 Time: 2:00 PM Location: VAMC Salem Sponsored by: Post 4491 Rep: State Surgeon Bob Loy	12TH-	Date: 09-15-07 Registration: 10:00 AM Meeting Time: 11:00 AM followed by lunch Location: Post 1994 Abingdon Rep: State SVC Hal Roesch
		13TH-	Date: 09-09-07 Time: 1:00 PM Location: Post 7638 Gordonsville Rep: State C-O-S Roy Swanner

IMPORTANT DATES:

August 18-23, 2007	National VFW Convention, Kansas City, MO. Hyatt Regency-Crown Ctr. Registration deadline was July 16, 2007. Agenda enclosed.
September 8, 2007	State Commander Jimmy Lee Wallace and Ladies Auxiliary President Ellen Stogsdill Homecoming. VFW Post 1503 Dale City. Information enclosed.
September 22, 2007	Fall Council Meeting, State Headquarters. Meeting starts 9:00 am. Room Rates \$49.00, Comfort Inn, Staunton, VA, Telephone 540-886-5000
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. Room rates through October 1, 2007.
January 18-20, 2007	Winter Council Meeting, Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg 800-227-6963. Hotel Reservation deadline is December 26, 2007.
February 12, 2008	Commander's Official visit at Martinsburg VAMC. 10:00 am
June 12-15, 2008	State Convention Room Rates \$89.00, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA, Telephone 804-285-2000. Room rates through May 21, 2008.
August 16-21, 2008	National VFW Convention, Orlando, FL.

ROSTER CHANGES:

637	Name Correction SVC Bartolow M Buffo	8046	CMDR John F. Worley 108 King William Rd Williamsburg, VA 23188 757-565-1828
2524	CMDR Maury W Fincham, Jr. 16353 Lake Front Ct Culpeper, VA 22701 540-825-0078		SVC Raymond Shaffer 500 Lynnlake Ct Barhamsville, VA 23011 757-566-3932
	SVC Billy L Fincham 240 Wayland Rd Culpeper, VA 22701 540-825-1813		JVC Willie Rinehart 303 Stonehouse Rd Williamsburg, VA 23176 804-776-6625
	JVC Richard L Jones, Jr. 11173 Eggbornsville Rd Culpeper, VA 22701 540-937-1731		QM Jimmy L. Bristow PO Box 37 Wake, VA 23176
	QM Johnny T Price 126 Foothills Ln Brightwood, VA 22715 540-948-4661	10654	SVC William Bodrick 1219 W Moore St Richmond, VA 23220 804-359-1181
2583	CMDR Ulric Rainard 3215 Seminary Ave Richmond, VA 23229 804-355-7802		JVC Cornell Bynum 626 Labrook Dr Richmond, VA 23225 804-232-2432
	SVC Gabor Fulop 10249 Malabar Cir Mechanicsville, VA 23116 804-730-2300	11124	CMDR John R Dismond PO Box 87 Quinton, VA 23141 804-932-4246
	JVC Michael Wiblin 12211 Mt Hermon Rd Ashland, VA 23005 804-798-1239		SVC Robert W Smith 6900 Courthouse Rd Providence Forge, VA 23140 804-966-5624
	QM Joseph N Bell 12387 Mt Hernon Rd Ashland, VA 23005 804-498-5649		QM Eugene R Williams 5930 New Kent Hwy Quinton, VA 23141
5715	QM Ray Wells 6228 Josephine Rd Norton, VA 24273 276-679-2096 chaplain@va.vfwwebmail.com	PDC	Marshall E Guy 904 Hollow Rd Marion, VA 24354

AMERICANISM:

The First Half for reports is now half way through, with only about a quarter of the posts reporting so far. However, several districts are flirting with the 50% rate which means others are lagging way behind.

In addition to the May and June events, we have just passed Independence Day. Report what you have already accomplished while it's fresh in your mind and then send in an update before 31 October. There are several events possible in August as well as many possibilities in the event-heavy month of September.

Did you know that you can obtain full color certificates of appreciation for service in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Vietnam? Go to <http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org/default.asp> and click on Program Information. Among the other possibilities are the certificates in PDF which you can download and print.

You collect and save items for your Community Services record book you submit in May of every year. Think about saving items for an Americanism book to be submitted at the same time.

J.Gary Wagner
Vice Chairman for Americanism

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Americanism Report for the 1st Half as of 7/13/07

DIST.# 1	176	824	960	2296	4856	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358
DIST.# 2	392	993	1211	2582	2894	4411	4809	9382		
DIST.# 3	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	8046	8529	9501	10387	10654
	10657	11124								
DIST.# 4	2163	2584	5313	7819	8048	8228	8446	8617	8759	8902
	9855	9954	10570							
DIST.# 5	647	873	1115	7568	7726	7800	10840			
DIST.# 6	776	1033	1444	1841	2157	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311
	5895	7854	8184	9877						
DIST.# 7	1150	1860	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660	9872		
DIST.# 8	1177	2524	3103	7589	7728	8208				
DIST.# 9	6000	7328	7969	9696	9864					
DIST.# 10	609	7916	8469	8815	9274					
DIST.# 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989
	7701	7814	8479	8644	10826					
DIST.# 12	3782	4301	6975	8652	8979	10298	10310			
DIST.# 13	1827	2217	2613	7638	8169	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574

BONDS:

All bonds will expire August 31, 2007. Please see attached rate schedule for costs of your bond and return completed form and payment to State Headquarters.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Comrades we are now in the first half of the reporting period, so please submit your reports now. Please do not forget to double check your reports for accuracy and legibility before you send them to State Headquarters.

Lynn Harris
Community Activities
Vice Chairman

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Community Activities Report for the 1st Half as of 7/13/07

DIST.# 1	176	824	960	2296	4856	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358
DIST.# 2	392	993	1211	2582	2894	4411	4809	9382		
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	10657	11124								
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	8902	9855	9954	10570						
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DIST.# 6	776	1033	1444	1841	2157	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311
	5895	7854	8184	9877						
DIST.# 7	1150	1860	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660	9872		
DIST.# 8	1177	1811	2524	3103	7589	7728	8208			
DIST.# 9	6000	7328	7969	9696	9864					

DIST.# 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274			
DIST.# 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989
	7701	7814	8279	8479	8644	10826				
DIST.# 12	3782	4301	5715	6975	8652	8979	10298	10310		
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COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Report, Report, Report. Memorial Day and the 4th of July are behind us. Posts have conducted or participated in various events on these two holidays. Now is the time to report these activities. It is not rocket science to report activities. You can use the US Postal Service, the toll free fax number at Department Headquarters (866-416-0586), email or hand carry them to a District Meeting. The forms are easy to fill out. All it takes is a little time. So PLEASE – Report, Report, Report.

Rex Faris, Jr. Vice Commander
Community Services Chairman

EMAIL ADDRESSES:

The first page of July's General Orders listed all Council of Administration Officer's va.vfwwebmail.com e-mail address. These addresses will be used for all communication to Department of Virginia's Officers. Provisions have also been made to assign an e-mail address to each Post and District Commander, Quartermaster and Adjutant. This standardization of e-mail addresses will reduce the massive workload incurred every year required to up date new elected Officers e-mail addresses.

The Department of Virginia will only use these standardized addresses for official business in the future. Instructions on how to log on and take ownership of these e-mail addresses are located in the March issue of the General Orders or Go to: http://www.vfwva.org/New_Dept_Email.htm.

You can contact comrade Jerry Peterson at blogmaster@va.webmail.com for assistance.

Jerry Peterson
Blogmaster

GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. If you received a hard copy of the General Orders and have the ability to print satisfactory copies from the internet please call us or email us at stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com. Subscriptions for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year or \$2.00 per issue.

HOMECOMING:

Place: Post 1503 in Dale City

Date: September 8, 2007

Times: Social 18:00 Dinner 19:00 Program 20:00 DJ 21:00

Hotel: Days Inn - on Rt. 234, in Dumfries, VA

Directions to hotel: From the south (on I-95N), take Rt. 234 (exit 153-B) going towards Manassas. The hotel will be on your right - behind the Exxon Station and just after Cracker Barrel. Phone number: 703 221-6300. Mention the VFW party and receive a special rate of \$69.99 per night. A breakfast bar will be provided the following morning.

Reservations will be taken beginning July 1st.

Directions to 1503: From the Days Inn to VFW Post 1503 is approx. 10 minutes. Turn right (west onto 234 from the hotel), turn right on Spriggs Road (about 5 traffic lights), then turn right at the second traffic light (Minnieville Rd.). VFW Post 1503 will be directly ahead on your right.

HOSPITAL:

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Hospital Report for the 1st Half as of 7/13/07

DIST.# 1	176	824	960	2296	4856	6002	7167	8252	8629	9358
DIST.# 2	392	1211	2582	2894	4411	4809	9382			
DIST.# 3	1426	2583	3125	8046	8529	9501	10387	10654	10657	11124
DIST.# 4	2163	2584	5313	7166	7819	8048	8228	8446	8617	8759
	8902	9855	9954	10570						
DIST.# 5	647	873	1115	7568	7726	7800				
DIST.# 6	776	1444	1841	2157	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311	5895
	7854	8184	9877							
DIST.# 7	1150	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660	9872			
DIST.# 8	1177	2524	3103	7589	7728	8208				
DIST.# 9	6000	7136	7328	7969	9696	9864				
DIST.# 10	609	3150	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274		
DIST.# 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989
	7701	7814	8479	8644	10826					
DIST.# 12	3782	4301	8652	8979	9600	10298	10310			
DIST.# 13	1827	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546
	10574									

INSPECTIONS:

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Inspection Report as of 7/13/07

DIST.# 1	176	824	960	2296	4856	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358	
DIST.# 2	392	993	1211	2582	2894	3160	4411	4809	8545	9382	
DIST.# 3	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501
	10387	10654	10657	11124							
DIST.# 4	622	637	2163	2584	5313	7059	7166	7819	7897	8048	8163
	8228	8446	8617	8759	8902	9855	9954	10570			
DIST.# 5	647	873	2820	4637	7726	7800	8243	10840			
DIST.# 6	776	1033	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4491	4522
	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	9877					
DIST.# 7	621	1150	1860	2123	2447	4698	6044	7899	8613	9292	9660
	9760	9872									
DIST.# 8	1177	1811	2524	3103	7589	7728	8208	9835			
DIST.# 9	1184	2719	46637	6000	7136	7328	7360	7969	9640	9696	9864
DIST.# 10	609	1503	3150	5412	7327	7916	8241	8469	8815	9274	9478
DIST.# 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701
	7814	8279	8479	8644	9339	9480	10826				
DIST.# 12	1994	5715	6975	8652	8979	9600					
DIST.# 13	1827	2044	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574	

IRS NEW FILING REQUIREMENTS:

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file returns may be required to submit an annual electronic notice, Form 990-N, *Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ*. Small tax-exempt organizations, whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, are not required to file Form 990, *Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax*, or Form 990-EZ, *Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax*. With the enactment of the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006, these small tax-exempt organizations will now be required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the 3-Postcard, with the IRS annually.

How to Submit the e-Postcard:

Small organizations must submit the e-Postcard electronically. There will be no paper form. The IRS is developing an electronic filing system for the e-Postcard. Filing procedures will be publicized on the IRS website at www.irs.gov/eo when the system is completed and ready for use.

ROBERT KLAUSING CASE FINALIZED: (Past State Adjutant/Quartermaster)

On July 13, 2007 Robert Klausung was sentenced as follows in regards to the theft of the money from State Headquarters and Post 2216:

SENTENCE IMPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

PROB 42 months to incl. an 18 mo period of home confinement as condition
REST \$120,000 payable to Clerk's Office - Payee - Zurich NA Bonding
FINE Waived-inability to pay
SP/ASMT \$500 (paid prior to sentencing 3/3/6/07)
Special Conditions of Supervision: # as needed

1 - The defendant shall participate in the Home Confinement Program for a period of 18 months and shall abide by all program requirements. The defendant is restricted to his residence at all times, except for medical and/or mental health treatment, or for other activities as pre-approved by the probation officer. All medical appointments shall be pre-approved by the supervising officer, except in cases where emergency medical treatment, precludes pre-approval. In any emergency situation, defendant is advised that he or his designee, should notify the supervising probation officer as soon as possible of any medical emergency causing him to leave his residence without prior approval as soon as possible immediately thereafter.

2 - While under home confinement, the defendant shall submit to GPS electronic monitoring and shall pay the costs of the electronic monitoring service.

3 - The defendant shall pay the special assessment and restitution imposed by this court.

MAP:

I am trying to communicate with all of you better this year. I had to buy a new laptop computer my old one just quit, so I am now back up and running. Let me first say if there is any of you that may have a problem with a MAP case and need help please contact me. Please send me reports on your cases so I can make an accurate report to the Commander I am trying to put together an updated list of all our adopted units. If any of your Posts have adopted a unit please email me your Unit information at mapchrn@va.vfwwebmail.com. Until next month, thanks for all you do.

Yours in comradeship,
Graham Leaver
MAP Chairman

NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Posts are reminded they must register, in advance, one or more delegates to the VFW National Convention (Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure). The advance registration fee is ten dollars (\$10.00) per delegate and should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, ATTN: Convention Registration, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE:

Congratulations to the Glen Allen VFW Post 10657 of Ashland, VA. This Post has been awarded the American Eagle plaque by the VFW National Political Action Committee for their outstanding support.

The Virginia PAC has been working with a company appointed by VFW National in developing a political presence on the internet. The web site is <http://election08.policlicks.com/> and is devoted to the candidates and issues. Please send me any questions that you would like to be answered by Virginia candidates concerning

VFW issues. These questions will be asked of potential candidates and their answers will be published on the web site.

Our collective **VOICE** makes a difference.

Jerry Peterson Chairman
Virginia VFW-PAC
pacchrm@webcomva.org

SAFETY:

All of the Safety reports that have been received to this point in time are listed on the matrix. All of the Posts that have submitted Safety reports have been removed from the chart. Those that have not submitted Safety reports are still listed. As you are all aware, this is a required report for All-State competition.

Steve Lasseter
Safety Vice Chairman

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Safety Report for the 1st Half as of 7/13/07

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DIST. 4	622	2163	2584	5313	7166	7819	8048	8163	8228	8446	8617	8759	8902
	9855	9954	10570										
DIST. 5	647	873	2820	7568	7726	7800	8243	8467	10840				
DIST. 6	776	1033	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311	5895
	7854	8184	9877										
DIST. 7	1150	1860	2123	2447	4698	6044	7899	8613	9292	9660	9760	9872	
DIST. 8	1177	1811	2524	3103	7589	7728	8208	9835					
DIST. 9	1184	4667	6000	7328	7360	7969	9696	9864					
DIST. 10	609	3150	5412	7916	8469	8815	9274						
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8279
	8479	8644	9339	10826									
DIST. 12	3782	4301	6975	8652	8979	9830	10298	10310					
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2007-2008 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 & shoulder 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. |

Two Questions were asked last year at the School of Instruction:

1. Home School Teachers – are not eligible primarily because of the half-day in a class room environment requirement teaching citizenship education specific courses.
2. Photograph requirement – is a time factor. The time from when the winners are selected to the time the publicity process begins usually does not allow time to have to go back to the winners and secure a photograph. The size of the photo can vary from wallet size on up to 3” x 5”. Please make sure it is a good quality photograph.

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
304 E. Main St
Berryville, VA 22611-1306

Home: (540) 955-3311
Cell: (540) 539-5446
email: bigredtruk@comcast.net

VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL:

During the State Convention it was announced that the Joint Leadership Council lobbied the General Assembly to provide \$3.5 Million to fund the construction of a much needed education center at the Virginia War Memorial. The General Assembly committed the State of Virginia to provide the money, but the Virginia War Memorial must first raise \$2.0 million. It was discussed and voted on and passed at the State Convention that the month of October be designated Virginia War Memorial Fundraising Month.

At the COA meeting immediately following the Convention it was voted on and passed that the Department of Virginia, VFW will match all Donations made by Virginia VFW Posts during the month of October up to \$25,000. A challenge has gone out to all Post's to make a donation of \$2 per member. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

2007-2008 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM REPORTING DATES:

9th through 12th Grade Students
“My Role in Honoring America’s Veterans”

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

The District Winner must be mailed and received by Earle (Buddy) P. Weekley, Jr., State Voice of Democracy Chairman, 595 Bowman Road, Dayton, VA 22821 by **Wednesday, December 12, 2007.**

No exceptions!

Be sure you send all of the District information that is needed. This means the Official Student Entry Form, a Typed Script and Recorded Cassette/CD and a photo of District Winner. If you do not have the District 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, 2008.** National Headquarters will obtain all other information from the Department winning student.

State Judging will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Myers-Hodges 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 19, 2008, 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

3rd 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 Awards Ceremony at the State Convention in June 2008.

Earle P. (Buddy) Weekley, VFW Chairman
Ellen Carleton, Ladies Auxiliary Chairwoman

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Youth Activities Report for the 1st Half as of 7/13/07

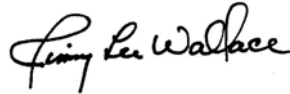
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DIST.# 2	392	993	1211	2582	2894	4411	4809	9382		
DIST.# 3	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	8046	8529	9501	10387	10654
	10657	11124								
DIST.# 4	622	2163	2584	5313	7166	7819	8048	8228	8446	8617
	8759	8902	9855	9954	10570					
DIST.# 5	647	873	1115	7568	7726	7800	10840			
DIST.# 6	776	1033	1444	1841	2157	4165	4318	4491	4522	4920
	5311	5895	7854	8184	9877					
DIST.# 7	621	1150	1860	2123	2447	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660
	9872									
DIST.# 8	1177	1811	2524	3103	7589	7728	8208	9835		
DIST.# 9	6000	7328	7969	9696	9864					
DIST.# 10	609	5412	7916	8469	8815	9274				
DIST.# 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989
	7701	7814	8479	8644	10826					
DIST.# 12	3782	4301	6975	8652	8979	10298	10310			
DIST.# 13	1827	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546
	10574									

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Jimmy Lee Wallace
State Commander

Operation War Memorial

- The Virginia War Memorial honors all Virginia veterans and especially those who died in battle.
- The Memorial's educational programs have outgrown the Memorial's meager space and a new Education Center is necessary so all visitors can take advantage of the learning opportunities.
- The Veterans of Foreign Wars is one of the leader's of Governor Kaine's Joint Leadership Council (JLC) of over twenty veteran's organizations.
- With the leadership of the VFW, the JLC lobbied the 2007 General Assembly to provide \$3.5 million to fund the construction of an Education Center at the Virginia War Memorial.
- The General Assembly committed the State to provide \$3.5 million provided that the Virginia War Memorial first raises \$2.0 million to contribute to the project.
- *To support the Memorial and its educational programs in this effort, the VFW, State Department, is challenging all Posts in Virginia to make a donation to the Memorial during October 2007.*
- *Donations made during the month of October 2007, will be matched by the Department up to \$25,000.*
- *The suggested donation from each Post is \$2 per member*
- **This goal will allow one of the primary rooms of the Memorial's proposed Education Center to be sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.**

Thanks for being a part of Operation War Memorial!

Please send your donations to State Headquarters Earmarked Virginia War Memorial – 403 Lee Jackson Hwy – Staunton, VA 24401

Department Commander's Homecoming Fund Raiser



Shirts are available thru State Headquarters for purchase with the state of Virginia on the left side above the pocket. These shirts are yellow in color with the State in red, white, and blue. You can use the Shirt order form below.

SIZES ARE LIMITED- ORDER NOW!

_____ Date

_____ Post/Auxiliary Number

_____ Full Name

_____ Phone Number

_____ Street

_____ City State Zip Code

Number	Size	Price	Total
_____	Small	\$20.00	_____
_____	Medium	\$20.00	_____
_____	Large	\$20.00	_____
_____	X-Large	\$20.00	_____
_____	XX-Large	\$20.00	_____
_____	XXX-Large	\$20.00	_____

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 _____

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

BONDING OF ACCOUNTABLE OFFICERS

The VFW National By-Laws, Article VII, Section 703: **BONDS**, states:

“Each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of these By-Laws shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department, County Council, or Post, as the case may be, to which each officer is accountable.”

“The bonds of such accountable officers, in amount and as to surety, shall be approved by their respective units and held by their respective Commanders. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in his unit.”

Although the language of the above section is quite specific, experience has shown a need for greater clarification as to its application, the degree of protection offered, and procedures in establishing a claim.

The reference to **ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER** is primarily directed to the position of Quartermaster, although it might very well extend to an Assistant Quartermaster, Club Manager, or Bingo Chairman. From a practical standpoint, anyone who has access to funds should be bonded, especially club employees and others who regularly handle cash. The premium rate for club employees is higher than for a Post Officer.

Departments have made arrangements with an indemnity or surety company to handle the bond requirements under a **FRATERNAL POSITION BOND**. The cost of such a bond is relatively low and there is a particular advantage in having the position bonded rather than the individual in that it is not necessary to change records each time there is a change in the officer.

The bond only guarantees the **HONESTY** of the person holding the bonded position. Before any indemnity is paid, it must be proven that the money has been lost through the fraudulent or dishonest acts of the bonded person. It does not cover money lost through burglary, careless handling, or mismanagement. It does not take the place of insurance in any way.

The By-Laws only give a rough guide as to how much the individual should be bonded for. There may be only \$2,000 in the Post treasury, but this may be because the Quartermaster has been systematically skimming off thousands of dollars before the money is banked. Usually the money is stolen before it goes into the bank, but it may also disappear because of the conversion of bonds, savings, or investments to cash. Anything which is easily converted to cash should be protected by a bond.

Only the person holding the bonded position is covered by the bond. Funds stolen by an Assistant Quartermaster are not protected by the bond on the Quartermaster. If the Assistant Quartermaster handles funds, he must be covered by a separate bond on that position.

The fact that an accountable officer may already be bonded through his regular employer does not protect the VFW. A County Treasurer, for instance, may be bonded for \$100,000 but this only protects the County from his dishonest acts. If he steals from the Post in his capacity as Post Quartermaster, the Post cannot collect on his County bond.

All bonding companies require reasonable care on the part of the insured. Regular audits and controls on the individual are presumed to be a part of the agreement. Claim files reveal that most defalcations occur where the Post Trustees do not conduct regular audits, do not take the precaution of obtaining monthly statements directly from the bank, or fail to verify the books against other records.

If Post Trustee Reports have not been done in accordance with the by-laws and forwarded to Department Headquarters within thirty (30) days of the end of each quarter, bonds will be considered forfeited.

PROCEDURE IN SUBMITTING INDEMNITY CLAIMS

The insured Post has the responsibility of reporting a loss as soon as possible after it is discovered. The fraternal position bond form requires the Post to give all reasonable cooperation in determining details of fact to substantiate the claim and in attempting to make recovery from the defaulting person.

If the bond is held through a local agent, that agent should be informed immediately when a loss is discovered. If the bond was obtained through Department, the Department must be notified so the information can be passed on to the proper Bonding Company.

The Post will be required to show evidence of loss and submit a "proof of loss" form with any further information which may be required. The Proof of Loss form will be provided by the bonding company or its agent. The final claim should not be submitted until it is substantiated, preferably through an audit by a qualified accountant.

The bonding company may itself follow up the claim or it may have an outside attorney or adjuster gather details on the claim and on the defaulting officer or employee. It will probably attempt to recover losses from the defaulting person. The Post, accepting the bonding or Surety Company's check, passes on its right of recovery of Post funds to the bonding company.

The funds of a Post are the responsibility of its officers. If dishonest acts result in a loss to the Post, the Commander and other officers are obligated to attempt recovery. It is generally better for all concerned to present a claim to the bonding company and let them arrange recovery from the individual rather than to try to do so on the Post level.

The diversion of Post funds to personal use is a serious offense and one with which the Post should have no sympathy. A person who has stolen money from his comrades has no place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Post is entirely justified in and should consider bringing Disciplinary Actions against the miscreant and removing him from membership.

TYPES OF BONDING AVAILABLE THROUGH DEPARTMENT

VFW Department of Virginia presently offers two (2) types of bonding. Following is a short description of each type of bond:

QUARTERMASTER BONDING

This bond is available on **ONLY** the Post Quartermaster. The minimum amount of coverage is \$3,000.^{oo} at a cost of \$9.^{oo}. Additional coverage is available see rate sheet Enclosure 3. Since this is a Position Type Bond, it only requires the submission of the Post Quartermaster's name, along with amount of bond desired and proper premium to Department. A change of Post Quartermaster only requires that Department be notified of the name of the new Post Quartermaster.

VFW CLUB MANAGERS & BINGO CHAIRMAN BONDING

This bond is through Tallman Insurance Agency. The cost of coverage is attached as Enclosure 4 and Application form as Enclosure 5.

MEN'S AUXILIARY TRASURER BONDING

VFW National By-Laws require that the Men's Auxiliary Treasurer shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable.

This type bond is available through the VFW for the Men's Auxiliary Treasurer. This is a "**POSITION TYPE BOND**", should your Treasurer change during the year, the new Treasurer would automatically be covered.

The minimum amount of bond coverage is \$3,000 for a cost of \$9.^{oo}. Additional coverage is available see rate sheet Enclosure 3. The bonding period runs from September 1 of the current year through August 31 of the next year.

2007-2008 QUARTERMASTER BONDING

VFW National By-Laws require that the Post/District Quartermaster shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable.

This type bond is available through the VFW for the Post/District Quartermaster. This is a “**POSITION TYPE BOND**”, should your Post/District Quartermaster change during the year, the new Quartermaster would automatically be covered.

The minimum amount of bond coverage is \$3,000 for a cost of \$9.⁰⁰. Additional amounts are available see rate sheet Enclosure 3. The bonding period runs from **September 1** of the current year through **August 31** of the next year.

Bonds are only good **if Trustee Reports** are done on time and **accurately**. If trustee reports are not received at Department Headquarters within thirty (30) days of the end of the quarter, the bond will be suspended until the trustee report is received. Negligently done trustee reports will void any future claims. Claims must be filed within two (2) years of the theft.

All Posts/Districts desiring this Quartermaster Bond should complete and return the following form, along with the proper amount of premium, to:

**VFW Department Headquarters
403 Lee Jackson Hwy
Staunton, VA 24401**

BOND INFORMATION

VFW Post: _____ VFW District #: _____

Post/District Location: _____

Amount of Bond: _____ Premium Enclosed: \$ _____

Minimum Bond is \$3000.00 for \$9.00 – For Additional amounts see rate sheet Enclosure 3

IF USING A LOCAL BONDING COMPANY, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name of Bonding Company: _____

Name of Bonding Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Amount of Coverage: \$ _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

MENS AUXILIARY TREASURER BONDING for 2007-2008

VFW National By-Laws require that the Men's Auxiliary Treasurer shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable.

This type bond is available through the VFW for the Men's Auxiliary Treasurer. This is a **"POSITION TYPE BOND"**, should your Treasurer change during the year, the new Treasurer would automatically be covered. The minimum amount of bond coverage is \$3,000 for a cost of \$9.⁰⁰. Additional amounts are available see rate sheet Enclosure 3. The bonding period runs from September 1 of the current year through August 31 of the next year.

Bonds are only good **if Trustee Reports** are done on time and **accurately**. If trustee reports are not received at Department Headquarters within thirty (30) days of the end of the quarter, the bond will be suspended until the trustee report is received. Negligently done trustee reports will void any future claims. Claims must be filed within two (2) years of the theft.

All Men's Auxiliaries desiring this Treasurer Bond should complete and return the following form, along with the proper amount of premium, to:

VFW Department Headquarters
403 Lee Jackson Hwy
Staunton, VA 24401

BOND INFORMATION

Men's Auxiliary #: _____ VFW District #: _____

Auxiliary Location: _____

Amount of Bond: _____ Premium Enclosed: \$ _____

Minimum Bond is \$3,000 for \$9.⁰⁰. Additional amounts are available see rate sheet Enclosure 3.

IF USING A LOCAL BONDING COMPANY, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name of Bonding Company: _____

Name of Bonding Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Amount of Coverage: \$ _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

VFW QUARTERMASTER BOND --- ALL STATES

\$3.00 Per Thousand

\$ 3,000.----\$ 9.00
 \$ 4,000.----\$12.00
 \$ 5,000.----\$15.00
 \$ 6,000.----\$18.00
 \$ 7,000.----\$21.00
 \$ 8,000.----\$24.00
 \$ 9,000.----\$27.00
 \$ 10,000.----\$30.00
 \$ 11,000.----\$33.00
 \$ 12,000.----\$36.00
 \$ 13,000.----\$39.00
 \$ 14,000.----\$42.00
 \$ 15,000.----\$45.00
 \$ 16,000.----\$48.00
 \$ 17,000.----\$51.00
 \$ 18,000.----\$54.00
 \$ 19,000.----\$57.00
 \$ 20,000.----\$60.00
 \$ 21,000.----\$63.00
 \$ 22,000.----\$66.00
 \$ 23,000.----\$69.00
 \$ 24,000.----\$72.00
 \$ 25,000.----\$75.00

(\$3,000. To \$25,000.)
 \$3.00 Per Thousand

\$2.50 Per Thousand

\$ 26,000.----\$ 65.00
 \$ 27,000.----\$ 67.50
 \$ 28,000.----\$ 70.00
 \$ 29,000.----\$ 72.50
 \$ 30,000.----\$ 75.00
 \$ 40,000.----\$ 100.00
 \$ 50,000.----\$ 125.00
 \$ 60,000.----\$ 150.00
 \$ 70,000.----\$ 175.00
 \$ 80,000.----\$ 200.00
 \$ 90,000.----\$ 225.00
 \$100,000.----\$ 250.00
 \$110,000.----\$ 275.00
 \$120,000.----\$ 300.00
 \$130,000.----\$ 325.00
 \$140,000.----\$ 350.00
 \$150,000.----\$ 375.00
 \$160,000.----\$ 400.00
 \$170,000.----\$ 425.00
 \$180,000.----\$ 450.00
 \$190,000.----\$ 475.00
 \$200,000.----\$ 500.00
 \$210,000.----\$ 525.00
 \$220,000.----\$ 550.00
 \$230,000.----\$ 575.00
 \$240,000.----\$ 600.00
 \$250,000.----\$ 625.00

(\$26,000. To \$250,000.)
 \$2.50 Per Thousand

\$2.00 Per Thousand

\$251,000.----\$ 502.00
 \$252,000.----\$ 504.00
 \$253,000.----\$ 506.00
 \$254,000.----\$ 508.00
 \$255,000.----\$ 510.00
 \$256,000.----\$ 512.00
 \$257,000.----\$ 514.00
 \$258,000.----\$ 516.00
 \$259,000.----\$ 518.00
 \$260,000.----\$ 520.00
 \$270,000.----\$ 540.00
 \$280,000.----\$ 560.00
 \$290,000.----\$ 580.00
 \$300,000.----\$ 600.00
 \$310,000.----\$ 620.00
 \$320,000.----\$ 640.00
 \$330,000.----\$ 660.00
 \$340,000.----\$ 680.00
 \$350,000.----\$ 700.00
 \$360,000.----\$ 720.00
 \$370,000.----\$ 740.00
 \$380,000.----\$ 760.00
 \$390,000.----\$ 780.00
 \$400,000.----\$ 800.00
 \$410,000.----\$ 820.00
 \$420,000.----\$ 840.00
 \$430,000.----\$ 860.00
 \$440,000.----\$ 880.00
 \$450,000.----\$ 900.00
 \$460,000.----\$ 920.00
 \$470,000.----\$ 940.00
 \$480,000.----\$ 960.00
 \$490,000.----\$ 980.00
 \$500,000.----\$ 1,000.00

(\$251,000. To \$500,000.)
 \$2.00 Per Thousand

\$1.75 Per Thousand

\$501,000.---\$ 876.75
 \$502,000.---\$ 878.50
 \$503,000.---\$ 880.25
 \$504,000.---\$ 882.00
 \$505,000.---\$ 883.75
 \$506,000.---\$ 885.50
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 \$520,000.---\$ 910.00
 \$530,000.---\$ 927.50
 \$540,000.---\$ 945.00
 \$550,000.---\$ 962.50
 \$560,000.---\$ 980.00
 \$570,000.---\$ 997.50
 \$580,000.---\$1,015.00
 \$590,000.---\$1,032.50
 \$600,000.---\$1,050.00

(\$501,000. And UP)
 \$1.75 Per Thousand

VFW CLUB MANAGERS AND BINGO RATE SCHEDULE

\$ 3,000.----- \$ 21.00 Minimum Premium

Rates \$4,000. And Over - \$7.00 Per Thousand

\$ 4,000.-----	\$ 28.00
\$ 5,000.-----	\$ 35.00
\$ 6,000.-----	\$ 42.00
\$ 7,000.-----	\$ 49.00
\$ 8,000.-----	\$ 56.00
\$ 9,000.-----	\$ 63.00
\$ 10,000.-----	\$ 70.00
\$ 15,000.-----	\$105.00
\$ 20,000.-----	\$140.00

Rates \$25,000. And Over - \$5.00 Per Thousand

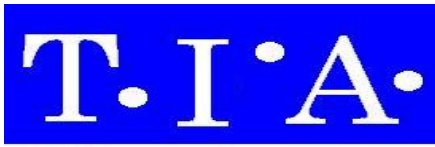
\$ 25,000.-----	\$125.00
\$ 30,000.-----	\$150.00
\$ 35,000.-----	\$175.00
\$ 40,000.-----	\$200.00

Rates \$50,000. And Over - \$4.00 Per Thousand

\$ 50,000.-----	\$200.00
\$ 55,000.-----	\$220.00
\$ 60,000.-----	\$240.00
\$ 65,000.-----	\$260.00
\$ 70,000.-----	\$280.00
\$ 75,000.-----	\$320.00
\$ 80,000.-----	\$320.00
\$ 85,000.-----	\$340.00
\$ 90,000.-----	\$360.00
\$100,000.-----	\$400.00

Form (9/00)

Enclosure 4



Tallman Insurance

APPLICATION FOR DISHONESTY BOND TO BE COMPLETED BY BONDED INDIVIDUAL

- 1. a) Name of Post Post # b) Post Address
2. a) Name of Person to be Bonded b) Residence Address c) Social Security #
3. Position to be Bonded Bond Amount \$
4. Largest amount of cash or check at one time? \$ Amount Monthly? \$
5. How frequently will such cash or checks be audited or reconciled?
6. Are you authorized to sign checks? If yes, will check be countersigned?
7. Is the audit done by an independent CPA or Public Accountant?
8. a) Have you ever been discharged from any position b) If yes, please explain
9. a) Have you ever been bankrupt or insolvent? b) If yes, please give details in a separate confidential letter to the Insurance Company.
10. a) Have you ever been refused a bond? b) When c) What Company
11. a) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? (Other than Traffic Violations) b) If yes, explain

The foregoing answers, statements and representations are made with the intent to induce The Travelers Insurance Company to execute the policy described herein and are true to the best of our/my knowledge and belief.

Signed this day of , (day) (month) (year)

Signature: Person to be Bonded

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www.myrtlebeachmarriottresort.com**

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 \$ _____

TENTATIVE AGENDA

**VFW 108th National Convention
Kansas City, Missouri
Kansas City Convention Center
August 18-23, 2007**

*All meetings are held in the convention center unless otherwise noted.
Times for various functions are subject to change
Meeting rooms will be posted closer to conference dates*

Saturday, August 18, 2007

7a- Natl. Veterans Service Committee
9a – PAC Board
10:30a-12:30p – Budget & Finance Committee
11a – NVS Resolution Sub committee preliminary meeting
VFW Health Fair
VFW/Registration/Exhibits
National Council of Administration Meeting
5p-6p – Catholic Mass

Sunday, August 19, 2007

VFW Health Fair
VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:30a - Annual Memorial Service

Eastern Conference Caucus
Southern Conference Caucus
Big Ten Conference Caucus
Western Conference Caucus

Committee Meetings

2p Finance and Internal Organization
2p General Resolutions
2p Natl. By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual
2p Natl. Veterans Service Resolutions
2p Natl. Security and Foreign Affairs
2p Military Assistance Program & Operation Uplink
Chairmen
4p POW/MIA Sub committee
4p Women Veterans Forum

Monday, August 20, 2007

VFW Health Fair
VFW Registration/Exhibits
Joint Opening Session (*session will resume after a lunch break*)
11:30a Natl. Outstanding Community Service Post Reception (*time changed to follow joint session*) –
Sponsored by Wal-Mart
Field Competition
General Reception
National Convention Banquet

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

7a Member Dues Processing
7a Estate Planning Seminar

VFW Health Fair
VFW Registration/Exhibits
8a - VFW Business Session
Field Competition

VFW Workshops

1p Membership
1p Chaplain Workshop
1p Programs Workshop
1p Grant Workshop
1p Estate Planning Seminar
1p Military Assistance Program Workshop
1:30p Communications/Public Affairs
2p VFW Post Insurance Program Protecting Your Post
2p VFW/VA Health Care and Benefits Forum

Patriotic Rally - *Co-sponsored by Lockton-Post Insurance*

Wednesday, August 22, 2007

6:30a – All American Commander Breakfast
7a Grant Workshop
7a Estate Planning Seminar
7:30a Citizenship Education
VFW Health Fair
VFW Registration/Exhibits - **Closing at 12noon**
8a -Business Session /Nomination of officers

VFW Workshops

1p Natl. Legislative and Action Corps

1p VFW Natl. Home

1p Dept. VFW AQ and Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurers

Orientation meeting

2p PAC

3p Financial Planning Seminar

7p-9:30p All Conference Reception – *Liberty Memorial (WWI Monument/Museum) (Free tours for VFW & Auxiliary Members 7p-9p)*

Sponsored by Anheuser-Busch

Thursday, August 23, 2007

- 8a*** Business Session: Election and Installation of National Officers
- 12:30p*** National Council of Administration Meeting
(Immediately following business session)
- 3p-5p*** Commander-in-Chief's and National President's Reception
– KC Downtown Marriott

Updated: 6/11/07