

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



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**COMMANDERS MESSAGE:**

We are fast approaching the Washington Conference which will include the honoring of Community Service volunteers throughout the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Voice of Democracy winners from all the Departments. It will also provide us with of forum for visiting our senators and members of congress in Washington, DC. We hope to visit each of them on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to present and discuss the VFW's legislative goals for the upcoming year. Additionally, as many of you are aware, Virginia has sponsored numerous cookouts at Walter Reed Army Medical Center's Mologne House in the past. We are taking the lead to sponsor another one on 7 March so that our Comrades and Sisters from around the world will be able to meet and talk with these wounded troops and get a better understanding of what they are going through. While we can read magazines and newspapers that help us know some things about them, there is no substitute for sitting down and talking with them face to face. Anyone who would like to join us in this evolution is invited to come on by – we start at 1700.

Now to membership. The cold months are fading and it's time to get out and recruit. Instead of standing in front of Food Lion with two thermos jugs full of coffee I only plan to carry one with me, but regardless we need to move forward and move now. If we don't have membership we don't have volunteers to carry through with our programs; if we don't have membership we don't have the clout we need with our elected officials to insure that the veterans entitlements we have don't erode; if we don't have membership we cannot adequately support those who now stand in harm's way; if we don't have membership we cannot carry out our responsibility to honor our dead by serving the living. Strength and volunteers can only be brought about through recruiting and renewals.

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

**DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

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|------------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 03-10-07<br><b>Time:</b> 11:00 AM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 8252 Gloucester<br><b>Rep:</b> JVC Hal Roesch  | <b>5<sup>TH</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 05-20-07<br><b>Lunch:</b> Noon<br><b>Time:</b> Meeting follows lunch<br><b>Location:</b> Post 7726 Independence<br><b>Rep:</b> Past State Commander Dan Boyer |
| <b>2<sup>ND</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 03-10-07<br><b>Lunch:</b> Noon<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 4411 Franklin<br><b>Rep:</b> SVC Jimmy Lee Wallace   | <b>6<sup>TH</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 05-20-07<br><b>Time:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> VAMC Salem<br><b>Sponsored by:</b> Post 4318 Salem<br><b>Rep:</b> TBA                                    |
| <b>3<sup>RD</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 05-05-07<br><b>Time:</b> Loyalty Day/Memorial Service<br>10:00 AM Followed by Lunch<br><b>Meeting:</b> 2:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Headquarters<br><b>Rep:</b> TBA | <b>7<sup>TH</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 03-11-07<br><b>Time:</b> 11:30 AM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 8613 Shenandoah<br><b>Rep:</b> Surgeon Jim Martin  |
| <b>4<sup>TH</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 05-06-07<br><b>Time:</b> 2:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 637 Hopewell<br><b>Rep:</b> TBA   | <b>8<sup>TH</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 03-18-07<br><b>Time:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 3103 Fredericksburg<br><b>Rep:</b> Commander C. D. Crouch   |

<b>9<sup>TH</sup>-</b>	<b>Date:</b> 05-06-07 <b>Time:</b> 10:30 AM <b>Location:</b> Post 9696 Bluefield <b>Rep:</b> Judge Advocate Rex	<b>11<sup>TH</sup>-</b>	<b>Date:</b> 05-06-07 <b>Lunch:</b> 11:30 AM <b>Time:</b> Meeting follows lunch <b>Location:</b> Post 632 Harrisonburg <b>Rep:</b> Commander C. D. Crouch
<b>10<sup>TH</sup>-</b>	<b>Date:</b> 05-20-07 <b>Time:</b> 1:00 PM <b>Location:</b> Post 1503 Dale City <b>Rep:</b> Commander C. D. Crouch	<b>12<sup>TH</sup>-</b>	<b>Date:</b> 05-05-07 <b>Registration:</b> 10:00 AM <b>Meeting Time:</b> 11:00 AM followed by lunch <b>Location:</b> Post 8652 Coeburn <b>Rep:</b> JVC Hal Roesch
		<b>13<sup>TH</sup>-</b>	<b>Date:</b> 03-25-07 <b>Time:</b> 1:00 PM <b>Location:</b> Post 8947 Louisa <b>Rep:</b> Surgeon Jim Martin

## IMPORTANT DATES:

March 4-7, 2007	Community Services Conference, Room Rates \$194.00, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.
March 15, 2007	Eagle Scout Deadline, for Post selected Eagle Scout of the Year entries. Applications must be submitted to District Scouting Representative.
April 1, 2007	Eagle Scout Deadline for District entries must be submitted to State Headquarters.
April 21, 2007	Commander C. D. Crouch and President Rebecca Mason Homecoming at the 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Headquarters, Noon-5:00 PM.
May 11, 2007	All-State Deadline, all materials MUST be received by 5:00 PM. NO EXCEPTIONS! Record Book Guidelines enclosed.
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. Registration form enclosed.
August 18-23, 2007	National VFW Convention, Kansas City, MO.
November 1-4, 2007	Southern Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.
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.



Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending 9/30/06 as of 2/23/07

<b>DIST. 3</b>	3125	9224	10387	11124									
<b>DIST. 11</b>	3060												

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending 12/31/06 as of 2/23/07

<b>DIST. 1</b>	8629	9358											
<b>DIST. 3</b>	Dist	3125	9224	9501	10387	11124							
<b>DIST. 4</b>	2163	5313	7897										
<b>DIST. 5</b>	Dist												
<b>DIST. 6</b>	Dist	1033	2157	7854	8184	9877							
<b>DIST. 7</b>	621	1150											
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177	3103	4468										
<b>DIST. 9</b>	7360												
<b>DIST. 11</b>	3060	4805	4989	7814									
<b>DIST. 13</b>	2044	7638	8717	10295	10574								

### AWARDS JUDGING DATE:

The deadline for the awards judging is May 11 by 5:00 pm. Judging will be held May 12, 2007.

### BUDDY POPPIES:

Commanders on all levels should begin organizing their 2007 Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. Promotional material was mailed to all Commanders this past July. Every Post is urged to order and distribute VFW Buddy Poppies.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Comrades, by the time you get your General Orders you will have just March and April to submit your reports for the second half.

Lynn Harris  
Community Activities

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Community Activities Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half as of 2/16/07

<b>DIST. 1</b>	176	2296	4856	8629	9358								
<b>DIST. 2</b>	1211	2582	2894	4411	8545								
<b>DIST. 3</b>	3125	8046	10387										
<b>DIST. 4</b>	8048	8228	8599	8617	9954	10570							
<b>DIST. 5</b>	647	873	2820	7800	8243	8467	10840						
<b>DIST. 6</b>	1841	4165	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184					
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	1860	4698	6044	7899	9660	9872						
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177	2524	3103	7728									
<b>DIST. 9</b>	2719	7969	9864										
<b>DIST. 10</b>	609	7916	8469	8815									
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	632	1499	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8479	9339	
<b>DIST. 12</b>	6975	8652	10298	10310									
<b>DIST. 13</b>	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947							

### HOMECOMING:

State Commander C. D. Crouch and Auxiliary President Becky Mason's Homecoming will be held April 21, 2007 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Headquarters, 1044 Pamunkey Rd, Mechanicsville. A schedule of events is attached to the end of the General Orders.

### HOSPITAL:

Comrades and sisters, here we are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of the second reporting period and the reports still are not coming in. As I travel around the Department and listen to the great things that each Post and District is doing to

help the Veterans and their communities, I reflect on the reports I receive every week. Comrades we are not reporting or some one is telling some little white lies during their District meetings. Please report what you do, I can not stress this enough, it helps the organization and it tells what we do as the best Veterans Organization in the world. It only takes a minute to report the numerous hours your members donate to make those hospital visits, to ride an old friend to the doctor, and the visits to the senior citizens homes to see loved ones. For those that are reporting, please continue, you don't have to be the Commander or Surgeon to fill out a report; they are on the state web page under forms. The Cooties raised a good deal of money at the winter conference for the emergency rooms in the state; I want to thank each candidate that volunteered to help raise the cash for this worthy cause. When was the last time you called and old friend that use to attend your post meetings and you have not seen in a while, give him or her a call and let them know that they are not forgotten!

Yours in Comradeship,  
 Jim Martin  
 Department Surgeon

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Hospital Report for the first half as of 02/16/07

<b>DIST. 1</b>	176	2296	4856	8629	9358								
<b>DIST. 2</b>	392	993	1211	2894	4411	8545	9382						
<b>DIST. 3</b>	2583	3125	4639	8046	9224	10387	10654	11124					
<b>DIST. 4</b>	2584	8048	8228	8446	8599	8617	8759	8902	9954	10570			
<b>DIST. 5</b>	647	873	1115	2820	7800	8243							
<b>DIST. 6</b>	1841	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184						
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	2123	4698	6044	9660	9872							
<b>DIST. 8</b>	2524	3103	7728	8208									
<b>DIST. 9</b>	2719	9864											
<b>DIST.10</b>	7916	8469	8815										
<b>DIST.11</b>	632	1499	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8479	9339	10826	
<b>DIST.12</b>	6975	10298	10310										
<b>DIST.13</b>	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295						

## MEMBERSHIP:

Hopefully, the bad winter months are behind us. Now is the time to start concentrating on renewing our recruiting endeavors. With the warmer weather arriving, we should be out doing recruiting events as often as possible. There will only be 20 All State Posts this year, and every Post should be striving for the status. The State Commander's goal of 103% in membership is within our reach, with less than 10% more new, reinstated and continuous members needed. Every District Commander was provided a listing of Member's At Large (MAL) in their respective areas. Those lists should be in the hands of the Posts, and be actively worked to bring these individuals into your Posts as stand-up members. I am very pleased at the number of younger Iraq/Afghan veterans that I see joining our ranks. This new blood in our organization will ensure that the growth of the VFW will continue. Every effort should be made to offer these returning warriors an opportunity to become VFW members. A special congratulations, to those 30+ Posts that have already made and exceeded 100% in membership. Job Well Done! If a Post needs assistance with their recruiting effort, they should contact their District Commander/District Membership Chairman. Everyone from the Department level down, is available to assist any Post with their recruiting efforts. With only four months left in this membership year, let's all pull together and meet the Commander's membership goal.

Jimmy Lee Wallace  
 Membership Chairman

## NATIONAL BY-LAWS:

Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National By-Laws concerning arrearages of Posts for National, Department, or District dues, National Convention registration, poppy money, supply money or other financial obligations, or failure to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703 of the National By-Laws, or failure to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit or Post Election Reports. Posts that are delinquent in any of the aforementioned shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National Conventions.

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees. Trustees Report of Audit must be completed by the Trustees, in detail, at the close of each quarter, one of which ends March 31st. Commanders are reminded that all funds are to be under the custody and control of the Post

Quartermaster. Persons other than the Post Quartermaster who may handle Post funds, such as the club manager, bingo chairman, or committee chairmen are responsible to the Post Quartermaster to maintain accurate records and accounts and should be properly bonded. Post Trustees are to ensure that the financial records of these special funds are also audited in the same manner as the other accounts of the Post Quartermaster.

## **NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:**

Registration forms for the VFW 108<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be mailed to Posts by the first week of March. Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure and By-laws mandates each post register, in advance, at least one delegate (member in good standing) to the VFW National Convention. Posts that do not comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears. Members in good standing should register for the convention. Support the Veterans of Foreign Wars 108<sup>th</sup> National Convention by registering early.

## **NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF GLEN GARDNER VIRGINIA TOUR AGENDA MARCH 9-14, 2007:**

### **Friday 3/9**

Arrive Richmond Airport

### **Saturday 3/10**

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

Arrive **Colonial Beach** Post 10574 - 11:00 am

Arrive **Fredericksburg** Post 3103 - 12:30 am

Arrive **Woodbridge** Post 7916 – 3:30 pm

### **Sunday 3/11**

Arrive **Arlington** Post 3150 – 9:45 am

Arrive **Falls Church** Post 9274 - 11:30 am

Arrive **Manassas** Post 7589 – 12:45 pm

Arrive **Winchester** Post 2123 – 4:00 pm

### **Monday 3/12**

Arrive **Front Royal** Post 1860 – 9:00 am

Arrive **Bridgewater** Post 8644 – 11:00 am

Arrive **State Headquarters** - 12:30 pm

Arrive **Charlottesville** Post 1827 - 1:30 pm

Arrive **Crewe** Post 7819 – 4:00 pm

### **Tuesday 3/13**

Arrive **Clarksville** Post 8163 - 9:30 am

Arrive **South Hill** Post 7166 – 11:45 am

Arrive **Franklin** Post 4411 – 3:30 pm

Arrive **Virginia Beach** Post 329 – 5:30 pm

### **Wednesday 3/14**

Depart

## **NEW DEPARTMENT EMAIL:**

The Department email is changing everyone who has an email address with vfwva.org will need to log into their new email account and take ownership. You may reach the login in screen by using the VFWVA webpage [http://www.vfwva.org/New\\_Dept\\_Email.htm](http://www.vfwva.org/New_Dept_Email.htm) or by going directly the VFW Webmail [www.vfwwebmail.com](http://www.vfwwebmail.com) (Directions are not available at this site) Follow the directions below or from our site and activate your email. Once you have logged into your new account please go back to the old account and forward all your emails you would like to keep.



Full Email Address

Password

[Anti-Spam Policy](#)



Here are directions for logging into your new account for the first time:

1. Put your full address in the first line see below for your new address.
2. Your password will be abc123 once you have accessed the mail program change your password and name under profile.

*For Post Officers your address will be [cdrpost\(post number\)@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:cdrpost(post number)@va.vfwwebmail.com)*

*example:*      [cdrpost993@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:cdrpost993@va.vfwwebmail.com)  
[adjpost\(post number\)@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:adjpost(post number)@va.vfwwebmail.com)  
[qmpost\(post number\)@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:qmpost(post number)@va.vfwwebmail.com)

For District Officers your address will be [cdrdist1@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:cdrdist1@va.vfwwebmail.com) for Districts other than the first just replace the 1 with your district #

*example:*      [adjdist1@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:adjdist1@va.vfwwebmail.com)  
[qmdist1@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:qmdist1@va.vfwwebmail.com)

For State Officers the following is your new address:

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Login Name</b>
Commander	<a href="mailto:cdr@va.vfwwebmail.com">cdr@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
Quartermaster	<a href="mailto:qm@va.vfwwebmail.com">qm@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
Sr Vice Commander	<a href="mailto:srviccdr@va.vfwwebmail.com">srviccdr@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
Jr. Vice Commander	<a href="mailto:jrviccdr@va.vfwwebmail.com">jrviccdr@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
Judge Advocate	<a href="mailto:judge@va.vfwwebmail.com">judge@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
Surgeon	<a href="mailto:surgeon@va.vfwwebmail.com">surgeon@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
chaplain	<a href="mailto:chaplain@va.vfwwebmail.com">chaplain@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
Inspector	<a href="mailto:inspector@va.vfwwebmail.com">inspector@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
Chief of Staff	<a href="mailto:chiefstaff@va.vfwwebmail.com">chiefstaff@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
pastcdr	<a href="mailto:pastcdr@va.vfwwebmail.com">pastcdr@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
State Headquarters	<a href="mailto:stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com">stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
<b>Chairmen</b>	
americanism chrm	<a href="mailto:americanismchrm@va.vfwwebmail.com">americanismchrm@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>

buddypoppy chrm	buddypoppychrm@va.vfwwebmail.com
budgetcomm chrm	budgetcommchrm@va.vfwwebmail.com
colorguardcapt	colorguardcapt@va.vfwwebmail.com
comactiv chrm	comactivchrm@va.vfwwebmail.com
hosp chrm	hospchrm@va.vfwwebmail.com
legislative chrm	legislativechrm@va.vfwwebmail.com
map chrm	mapchrm@va.vfwwebmail.com
powmia chrm	powmiachrm@va.vfwwebmail.com
scout chrm	scoutchrm@va.vfwwebmail.com
vod chrm	vodchrm@va.vfwwebmail.com
youth chrm	youthchrm@va.vfwwebmail.com

## NEW VFW MEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

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

## OPERATION UPLINK:

State Headquarters received these thank you's after the soldiers received their cards to call home with. We thought we would pass them along to you-

~Thanks for the Card! It enabled me to call DSN to San Diego, then AT&T to VA & FL to talk to my family on Christmas Day from Asad, Iraq. I really appreciate the support!

Glenn Ritchie  
Maj/USMC

~I remember when a phone call home was a rare treat while deployed, but with phones readily available and your generosity, I'm able to stay close to my wife and three daughters. You have made a difference for me and my family. Thank you!

Alex DAgosnao  
Maj/USA

~I thank you for this card. You have contributed to the many service members here in Kuwait in being able to call home our loved ones. God Bless Everyone.

Elliot Rodriguez  
SPC/USA

~To all at Operation Uplink, I sincerely thank you for all that you are doing & all that you have done in our support, as we travel so far away from our love ones. It is a real blessing to know that someone has our back! Thanks!

Earl Davis  
CE1/USN

~The phone card was a great morale booster! Thank you!

Meschelle Curley  
Maj/USA

## PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICERS:

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



## REAL ESTATE AND MORTGAGE SERVICES:

National Headquarters is pleased to announce our newest member benefit. Effective February 1, 2007, the VFW will offer Real Estate and Mortgage Services to all VFW members. Get extra cash you need by applying for a refinance or a no credit check reverse mortgage. Find out more by calling Denise Edelman at 1-800-821-2606 ext 723 or send an email to dedelman@vfw.org.

## SAFETY:

We have now started the Second-Half of the Year and there have been a number of reports already submitted. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Half as of 2/16/07

<b>DIST. 1</b>	2296	4856	8629	9358								
<b>DIST. 2</b>	392	1211	2582	2894	4411	8545	9382					
<b>DIST. 3</b>	2583	3125	8046	10387	11124							
<b>DIST. 4</b>	8048	8228	8599	8617	8902	9954	10570					
<b>DIST. 5</b>	647	873	1115	2820	7800	8243	10840					
<b>DIST. 6</b>	1444	1841	4165	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184			
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	1860	2123	4698	6044	9660						
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177	2524	3103	4468	7728							
<b>DIST. 9</b>	2719	9864										
<b>DIST. 10</b>	7916	8469	8815									
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	632	1499	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8479	9339
<b>DIST. 12</b>	6975	10298	10310									
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## SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:

The School of Instruction will be held July 20-22, 2007 at Post 9808 in Mechanicsville. Registration form is enclosed.

## 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 199 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 plain 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!

## VFW 108<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING:

**Kansas City - August 18-23, 2007**

The housing assignments are finalized and your Department has been assigned to the Hyatt Regency Crown Center with a block of **35** rooms.

Additionally, Kansas City hotels are becoming smoke-free or have limited smoking floors available. Both the Marriott and the Westin Crown Center hotels are smoke free. The Hyatt has one smoking floor. Violators of no smoking policies may incur a penalty. Please review the hotel's smoking policy with your catering contact if this should be a requirement for your hospitality suite.

If you need to know the amenities for your hotel, the phone number is 816-421-1234:

Housing for the 108<sup>th</sup> National Convention will officially open 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		

**YOUTH ACTIVITES:**

John Miska  
Youth Activities Chairman

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Youth Activities Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half as of 2/16/07

<b>DIST. 1</b>	2296	4856	8629	9358									
<b>DIST. 2</b>	392	1211	2582	2894	4411	4809	8545	9382					
<b>DIST. 3</b>	3125	8046	10387	11124									
<b>DIST. 4</b>	7166	8048	8228	8599	8617	8902	9954	10570					
<b>DIST. 5</b>	647	873	2820	7800	8243	10840							
<b>DIST. 6</b>	1841	4165	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184					
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	2123	4698	6044	9660	9872							
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<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	632	1499	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7701	7814	8479	9339	9480
<b>DIST. 12</b>	6975	10298	10310										
<b>DIST. 13</b>	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295						

**VOD & PATRIOTS PEN THEMES 2007-2008:**

VOD Theme: My Role in Honoring America's Veterans

Patriot's Pen Theme: Why I am An American Patriot

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 7th.**

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

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**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

Name of Attendees: (please print)

No. of People Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Commander

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# 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

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RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY June 8, 2006 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)

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Please charge my card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Pre-paid tickets will not be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.*

## 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 4/1/06 \_\_\_\_\_ City Population \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Post \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Chairman) (Name of Chairman)

JUDGES, NOTE THE FOLLOWING LEADING PROJECTS

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RETURN RECORD BOOK TO:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

# 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.

**XXL SIZES (ONLY 3 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 8<sup>TH</sup>, 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

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**PLEASE SEND THE FORM BELOW ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO ASSURE ACCURACY.**  
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**Post No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of each person attending luncheon (please print clearly)*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMMANDERS CLUB CARD NO.</b>	<b>DATE JOINED</b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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**



**Veterans of Foreign Wars  
2007 National Convention  
August 18 – 23, 2007**



**Kansas City™**  
Convention & Visitors Association

**KANSAS CITY HOUSING FORM**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Reservations can be made in one of the following ways:

**INTERNET:** Visit the **VFW** web site at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

**TELEPHONE:**  
Toll free (US) 800-767-7700 x3833

**FAX:**  
816-691-3880

**MAIL:**  
KCCVA/VFW HOUSING BUREAU  
P. O. Box 26310  
Kansas City, MO 64105-6310

**DEADLINE**

Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail, or internet by **July 16, 2007** in order to guarantee convention rates.

**CONFIRMATIONS**

The KCCVA/VFW Housing Bureau will send you a confirmation of your reservation. Please review all information for accuracy. Email confirmations will be sent if an e-mail address is provided (preferred), or they can be faxed or mailed. If you do not receive a confirmation or have questions, please call the KCCVA/VFW Housing Bureau. **You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel.**

**TAX RATE and REQUESTS**

All rates are per room and are subject to 15.225% tax (subject to change). Special requests cannot be guaranteed, however hotels will do their best to honor all requests. Hotels will assign specific rooms upon check-in based on availability.

**ROOM DEPOSIT BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD GUARANTEE REQUIRED TO SECURE RESERVATIONS:**

**Room Deposit/Guarantee** will be accepted by form of a check in the amount of \$105.00 (\$5.00 of that amount is a non-refundable processing fee.) Make check payable to: KCCVA/VFW Housing Bureau, mail to the address above. **Rooms** can also be guaranteed with a valid credit card, expiration date, and authorized signature of cardholder. If the charge to the credit card is denied, we reserve the right to release your reservation.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

**Cancellations after July 16, 2007 through August 3, 2007 will be subject to a \$25.00 cancellation fee. After August 3, 2007 and within 72 hours of arrival, one night's room and tax or full check deposit will be forfeited entirely to the hotel.**

**GUEST INFORMATION**

FOR BEST AVAILABILITY, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION VIA INTERNET ([www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)) OR BY FAX (816-691-3880)

**Arrival Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date** \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

If providing international numbers, please include country and city access numbers

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL SELECTION**

Each state/department has been assigned a hotel with an allocation of rooms. In the event the allotment has been filled, a room will be reserved at another VFW hotel based on your preference of rates, proximity, and availability.

**If hotel assignment is sold out, which is more important? (check one)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room Rate** \_\_\_\_\_ **Location**

**State you reside in:** \_\_\_\_\_

Marriott-Downtown & Westin-Crown Ctr. Hotels are **Smoke-Free Hotels**  
Hyatt Regency-Crown Ctr. – Only has 1 Floor of **Smoking Rooms**

**Room Type Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_ **One Bed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Two Beds**  
(Submit only one room request per form. Should additional forms be needed, please make copies.)

List all room occupants:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Disability requiring special services  N/S room request

**Special Requests:**

**DEPOSIT INFORMATION**

All reservations requests must be accompanied by a credit card guarantee or check for a \$105.00 deposit. Housing Forms received without a valid guarantee/deposit will not be processed. Faxed requests must include a valid credit card. Check deposits must be mailed with a completed housing form.

American Express  Visa  MasterCard

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*I hereby authorize the KCCVA/VFW Housing Bureau or any one of the participating hotels to process a charge to my credit card for each Room Deposit in accordance with the policies and information provide herein.

Check deposit for \$105.00 is enclosed and made payable to KCCVA/VFW Housing. Mail housing forms to: KCCVA/VFW Housing Bureau, PO Box 26310, Kansas City, MO 64105-6310. Check deposits must be mailed and post marked no later than the deadline of July 16, 2007.

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## News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 14, 2007

Contact: Anne Atkins  
(804) 371-0441

### *Veterans Benefits Service Office Now Located at Salem VA Medical Center*

ROANOKE—The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) has opened a new veterans service office at the Salem VA Medical Center. The office is located at 1970 Roanoke Blvd., Building 12, Room 101 in Salem.

DVS Benefits Service Representative Brad Marsolek staffs the office and helps veterans file for VA benefits. Marsolek, a former Marine, served on multiple deployments between 1993 and 1999. He previously worked as a benefits service representative at the DVS office in Fairfax.

Benefits service representatives, like Marsolek, work one-on-one with veterans and their families helping them obtain benefits and entitlements on a local, state and federal level. These representatives help veterans apply for medical services, disability benefits due to disease or injury incurred during or aggravated by time-in-service, or disability benefits due to secondary medical conditions resulting from a service connection. “For example, Diabetes Mellitus, type II, is presumptive by law to be associated with exposure to Agent Orange. Veterans exposed to Agent Orange should file a claim to obtain assistance in treating their diabetes,” explained Marsolek.

DVS representatives also assist with other types of claims, such as veterans compensation and pension claims, dependency and indemnity compensation for widows/widowers and children of disabled veterans, widows’ pensions, dependents’ education, veteran home loans and death benefit claims. “Basically, we’re advocates for veterans. We help them with their paperwork, we

track the claim with the VA, and we represent them if they need to appeal a claim,” said Marsolek. “I am honored to have this opportunity to continue serving my fellow veterans.”

Statewide, the Department of Veterans Services operates 20 benefits offices where veterans can work with representatives like Marsolek. The agency operates two cemeteries for veterans: the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia and the Albert G. Horton Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. A third cemetery in Dublin, Virginia is in the initial stages of development. The agency also operates the Virginia Veterans Care Center in Roanoke, a long-term care facility that offers nursing and assisted living care for veterans. A second care center is under construction in Richmond. The Sitter-Barfoot Veterans Care Center is slated to open in May 2007.

For more information about the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, visit [www.virginiaforveterans.com](http://www.virginiaforveterans.com). To reach the Marsolek at the Salem VAMC office, call (540) 982-2463, extension 3557.

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## News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 14, 2007

Contact: Anne Atkins  
(804) 371-0441

### *Tidewater Veterans Benefit Services Office Relocating*

NORFOLK—The Veterans benefit services office operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is relocating to 6350 Center Drive, Building 5, Suite 100, in Norfolk. Currently the DVS office is located at 6315 North Center Drive in Norfolk. The office will be open for business at the new location on February 27, 2007.

“Our new location is only a block from our current location,” said Senior Veterans Service Representative Johnny Beale. “However, our new space is on the ground floor and is easily accessible. The office is more spacious and can accommodate wheel chairs and electric scooters without any problem.”

Veterans service representatives like Beale, work one-on-one with veterans and their families helping them obtain benefits and entitlements on a local, state and federal level. Beale and seven other representatives in the Tidewater office help veterans apply for medical services, disability benefits due to disease or injury incurred during or aggravated by time-in-service, or disability benefits due to secondary medical conditions resulting from a service connection. “For example, Diabetes Mellitus, type II, is presumptive by law to be associated with exposure to Agent Orange. Veterans exposed to Agent Orange should file a claim to obtain assistance in treating their diabetes,” explained Beale.

DVS representatives also assist with other types of claims, such as veterans compensation and pension claims, dependency and indemnity compensation for widows/widowers and children of disabled veterans, widows’ pensions, dependents’ education, veteran home loans and death benefit claims. In short, DVS veterans service representatives are advocates for veterans and

their family members. They help veterans with their paperwork, track the claim with the VA, and represent veterans if they need to appeal a claim.

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For more information about the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, visit [www.virginiaforveterans.com](http://www.virginiaforveterans.com). To reach the DVS Tidewater office, call (757) 455-0814.

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## Personalized or Special Interest License Plate Application

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

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District	Post	Life	New	Reinstat	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
1	176	89	1	1	38	129	174	74.14	NEWPORT NEWS
1	824	62	7	0	23	92	95	96.84	GRAFTON
1	960	62	11	0	13	86	75	114.67	YORKTOWN
1	2296	31	2	0	36	69	64	107.81	TASLEY
1	3219	420	32	14	110	576	771	74.71	PHOEBUS
1	4856	29	1	0	17	47	74	63.51	EXMORE
1	5500	49	2	6	42	99	98	101.02	HAMPTON
1	6002	95	0	2	38	135	149	90.6	DENBIGH
1	7167	67	4	2	67	140	154	90.91	WARSAW
1	8252	258	2	0	28	288	297	96.97	GLOUCESTER
1	8629	8	0	0	13	21	25	84	CHINCOTEAGUE
1	9358	9	1	0	9	19	23	82.61	TANGIER
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>1701</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>85.09</b>	<b>Thirteenth</b>
2	392	1313	42	16	223	1594	1669	95.51	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	993	108	2	0	30	140	160	87.5	PORTSMOUTH
2	1211	39	0	0	12	51	53	96.23	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	2582	30	0	0	15	45	51	88.24	SUFFOLK
2	2894	39	2	1	31	73	82	89.02	CHESAPEAKE
2	3160	659	59	6	151	875	905	96.69	NORFOLK
2	4411	81	1	1	27	110	121	90.91	FRANKLIN
2	4809	1010	25	13	254	1302	1454	89.55	NORFOLK
2	8545	77	2	0	21	100	111	90.09	SMITHFIELD
2	9382	94	2	5	32	133	133	100	SUFFOLK
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>3450</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>4423</b>	<b>4739</b>	<b>93.33</b>	<b>Fifth</b>



3	1426	28	0	1	16	45	60	75	MIDLOTHIAN
3	2239	154	7	6	60	227	237	95.78	COLONIAL HEIGHTS
3	2583	11	2	1	13	27	34	79.41	ASHLAND
3	3125	6	0	0	4	10	27	37.04	DOSWELL
3	4639	94	3	0	38	135	144	93.75	WILLIAMSBURG
3	6364	165	8	1	43	217	221	98.19	RICHMOND
3	8046	35	1	0	14	50	85	58.82	NORGE
3	8356	49	3	1	45	98	112	87.5	WEST POINT
3	8529	80	0	3	33	116	125	92.8	SANDSTON
3	9224	36	1	0	16	53	54	98.15	RICHMOND
3	9501	23	1	1	14	39	46	84.78	AYLETT
3	9808	591	2	4	76	673	679	99.12	MECHANICSVILLE
3	10387	23	10	7	97	137	131	104.58	PETERSBURG
3	10654	87	0	1	7	95	103	92.23	RICHMOND
3	10657	66	3	0	8	77	98	78.57	GLEN ALLEN
3	11124	14	0	0	9	23	27	85.19	QUINTON
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1462</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2183</b>	<b>92.62</b>	<b>Sixth</b>
4	622	69	21	4	45	139	153	90.85	PETERSBURG
4	637	185	7	0	139	331	385	85.97	HOPEWELL
4	2163	62	4	0	43	109	118	92.37	CHESTERFIELD
4	2584	19	0	2	17	38	38	100	CULLEN
4	5313	55	1	0	16	72	88	81.82	NOTTOWAY
4	7059	119	7	0	73	199	244	81.56	FARMVILLE
4	7166	151	2	5	70	228	286	79.72	SOUTH HILL
4	7819	68	3	0	58	129	130	99.23	CREWE
4	7897	25	0	0	25	50	56	89.29	BLACKSTONE
4	8048	17	0	0	23	40	50	80	LAWRENCEVILLE
4	8163	72	8	2	63	145	140	103.57	CLARKSVILLE
4	8228	10	0	1	9	20	28	71.43	CHASE CITY
4	8446	31	2	0	19	52	50	104	BUCKINGHAM
4	8599	2	0	0	11	13	21	61.9	BROOKNEAL
4	8617	30	0	1	15	46	54	85.19	GOOCHLAND
4	8759	33	1	0	26	60	76	78.95	AMELIA COURT HSE
4	8902	12	0	0	6	18	22	81.82	KEYSVILLE
4	9855	37	8	0	48	93	111	83.78	APPOMATTOX
4	9954	129	2	1	41	173	174	99.43	VICTORIA
4	10570	23	0	1	17	41	43	95.35	POWHATAN

<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1149</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>2267</b>	<b>88.05</b>	<b>Twelfth</b>
5	647	247	6	4	123	380	403	94.29	DANVILLE
5	873	17	1	0	5	23	23	100	GRETNA
5	1115	552	5	15	394	966	1083	89.2	HILLSVILLE
5	2820	16	6	1	25	48	46	104.35	BASSETT
5	4637	74	11	3	75	163	175	93.14	MARTINSVILLE
5	7568	31	5	15	26	77	53	145.28	GALAX
5	7726	167	9	0	150	326	401	81.3	INDEPENDENCE
5	7800	73	1	2	37	113	128	88.28	STUART
5	8243	45	15	1	48	109	135	80.74	HALIFAX
5	8467	69	7	1	44	121	136	88.97	MEADOWS OF DAN
5	10840	32	0	0	25	57	58	98.28	PENHOOK
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>2383</b>	<b>2641</b>	<b>90.23</b>	<b>Tenth</b>
6	776	95	3	0	30	128	142	90.14	RADFORD
6	1033	143	0	7	78	228	245	93.06	COVINGTON
6	1264	265	6	5	81	357	400	89.25	ROANOKE
6	1444	54	0	0	13	67	93	72.04	ROANOKE
6	1841	60	1	4	73	138	147	93.88	TROUTVILLE
6	2157	119	3	4	97	223	255	87.45	BEDFORD
6	4165	36	1	0	29	66	72	91.67	ALTAVISTA
6	4299	27	2	0	22	51	62	82.26	CLIFTON FORGE
6	4318	41	1	1	29	72	73	98.63	SALEM
6	4491	76	0	0	31	107	119	89.92	NEW CASTLE
6	4522	161	6	8	60	235	232	101.29	VINTON
6	4920	13	0	0	8	21	27	77.78	ELLISTON
6	5311	87	0	1	38	126	146	86.3	CHRISTIANSBURG
6	5895	21	0	0	2	23	25	92	BUCHANAN
6	7854	87	2	0	44	133	164	81.1	FLOYD
6	8184	55	0	0	19	74	97	76.29	LYNCHBURG
6	9877	20	0	1	19	40	43	93.02	AMHERST
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1360</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>2089</b>	<b>2342</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>Eleventh</b>

7	621	133	2	0	89	224	256	87.5	LURAY
7	1150	16	0	1	7	24	28	85.71	SPERRYVILLE
7	1860	218	13	5	102	338	361	93.63	FRONT ROYAL
7	2123	282	2	1	102	387	416	93.03	WINCHESTER
7	2447	211	9	4	130	354	417	84.89	EDINBURG
7	4698	20	0	0	22	42	47	89.36	GROTTOES
7	6044	17	0	0	8	25	32	78.13	WINCHESTER
7	7899	23	0	0	30	53	58	91.38	STANLEY
7	8613	120	5	2	77	204	204	100	SHENANDOAH
7	9292	122	1	1	62	186	194	95.88	ELKTON
7	9660	63	2	1	59	125	133	93.98	BROADWAY
7	9760	131	7	4	151	293	289	101.38	BERRYVILLE
7	9872	63	0	0	0	63	71	88.73	HINTON
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1419</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>2318</b>	<b>2506</b>	<b>92.5</b>	<b>Seventh</b>
8	1177	38	10	1	9	58	44	131.82	LEESBURG
8	1811	185	5	1	3	194	190	102.11	MANASSAS PARK
8	2524	195	4	6	64	269	271	99.26	CULPEPER
8	3103	206	17	9	149	381	408	93.38	FREDERICKSBURG
8	4468	36	1	0	0	37	36	102.78	PURCELLVILLE
8	7589	154	12	0	63	229	242	94.63	MANASSAS
8	7728	31	0	0	17	48	53	90.57	REMINGTON
8	8208	32	105	14	50	201	65	309.23	STANARDSVILLE
8	9835	39	2	2	11	54	53	101.89	WARRENTON
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>1471</b>	<b>1362</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>First</b>
9	1184	127	21	3	84	235	225	104.44	PULASKI
9	2719	30	4	0	22	56	64	87.5	WYTHEVILLE
9	4667	525	17	13	275	830	876	94.75	MARION
9	6000	157	1	0	95	253	298	84.9	NARROWS
9	7136	131	11	3	75	220	234	94.02	TAZEWELL
9	7328	32	3	1	45	81	93	87.1	SALTVILLE
9	7360	47	11	0	53	111	112	99.11	GRUNDY
9	7969	22	3	1	20	46	56	82.14	BLAND
9	9640	115	13	1	58	187	189	98.94	RICHLANDS
9	9696	135	8	3	87	233	236	98.73	BLUEFIELD
9	9864	61	4	2	19	86	83	103.61	LEBANON
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>2338</b>	<b>2466</b>	<b>94.81</b>	<b>Fourth</b>

10	609	82	6	0	26	114	116	98.28	ALEXANDRIA
10	1503	1385	44	14	367	1810	1878	96.38	DALE CITY
10	3150	388	12	4	53	457	457	100	ARLINGTON
10	5412	60	6	1	21	88	85	103.53	BURKE
10	7327	417	41	9	103	570	611	93.29	SPRINGFIELD
10	7916	334	12	6	86	438	477	91.82	WOODBIDGE
10	8241	184	3	0	103	290	276	105.07	MC LEAN
10	8469	179	13	2	51	245	245	100	FAIRFAX
10	8815	20	3	0	3	26	29	89.66	LORTON
10	9274	221	12	1	39	273	269	101.49	FALLS CHURCH
10	9478	68	5	0	32	105	101	103.96	STERLING
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>3338</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>4416</b>	<b>4544</b>	<b>97.18</b>	<b>Third</b>
11	452	22	0	2	14	38	42	90.48	CRIMORA
11	632	331	3	5	150	489	521	93.86	HARRISONBURG
11	1499	82	5	1	41	129	134	96.27	LEXINGTON
11	2216	205	14	15	197	431	492	87.6	STAUNTON
11	2424	32	1	1	17	51	57	89.47	WAYNESBORO
11	3060	40	0	1	1	42	42	100	DEERFIELD
11	3136	27	0	3	24	54	62	87.1	MOUNT SOLON
11	4204	29	0	3	22	54	63	85.71	HOT SPRINGS
11	4805	57	0	0	1	58	59	98.31	BUENA VISTA
11	4989	55	0	0	0	55	57	96.49	MONTEREY
11	7701	39	0	1	28	68	75	90.67	LOVINGSTON
11	7814	23	2	0	0	25	27	92.59	STAUNTON
11	8279	17	0	0	28	45	51	88.24	STEELES TAVERN
11	8479	5	0	0	8	13	20	65	LYNDHURST
11	8644	122	3	0	73	198	206	96.12	BRIDGEWATER
11	9339	55	1	1	40	97	103	94.17	STUARTS DRAFT
11	9480	34	1	0	14	49	55	89.09	CRAIGSVILLE
11	10826	44	17	0	54	115	111	103.6	VERONA
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1219</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2177</b>	<b>92.37</b>	<b>Eighth</b>

12	1994	74	16	5	53	148	130	113.85	ABINGDON
12	3782	38	2	0	20	60	74	81.08	HAYSI
12	4301	76	8	0	26	110	102	107.84	NORTON
12	5715	147	20	8	54	229	159	144.03	BIG STONE GAP
12	6975	400	5	8	322	735	809	90.85	BRISTOL
12	8652	56	19	0	35	110	53	207.55	COEBURN
12	8979	91	3	5	71	170	161	105.59	CLINTWOOD
12	9600	73	0	0	87	160	177	90.4	POUND
12	9830	54	0	2	35	91	92	98.91	DAMASCUS
12	10298	44	7	3	24	78	86	90.7	PENNINGTON GAP
12	10310	39	4	2	20	65	69	94.2	EWING
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1092</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>1956</b>	<b>1912</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>Second</b>
13	1827	158	13	0	79	250	263	95.06	CHARLOTTESVILLE
13	2044	38	1	1	6	46	47	97.87	EARLYSVILLE
13	2217	31	0	2	34	67	67	100	ORANGE
13	2613	5	0	2	15	22	18	122.22	COLUMBIA
13	7638	70	0	3	21	94	98	95.92	GORDONSVILLE
13	8169	22	1	0	18	41	38	107.89	SCOTTSVILLE
13	8436	18	1	3	17	39	38	102.63	YANCEY MILLS
13	8717	39	0	0	14	53	61	86.89	KING GEORGE
13	8947	107	1	1	30	139	150	92.67	LOUISA
13	10295	59	1	2	12	74	87	85.06	BOWLING GREEN
13	10546	85	3	0	17	105	123	85.37	SPOTSYLVANIA
13	10574	81	6	2	52	141	170	82.94	COLONIAL BEACH
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>1071</b>	<b>1160</b>	<b>92.33</b>	<b>Ninth</b>
MAL	Totals	853	162	92	1311	2418	2454	100.43	STAUNTON
<b>State</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>20855</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>10119</b>	<b>32613</b>	<b>34752</b>	<b>93.84</b>	