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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

This is an election year and who you vote for is your preference. I ask each and every one of you to get out, grab a veteran who might not be able to get out on their own and VOTE!!

I have heard some members questioning why the VFW PAC is backing a Presidential candidate that is not the case. The PAC is only making recommendations through the Senate races.

Membership is progressing very slowly, we have missed some great recruiting opportunities and now that the cold weather is on the way we need to call or visit those members who have not renewed. As of Dec 31st they will not be members in good standing. As always, if asked, many will renew. It just takes an effort on your part.

Veterans Day ceremonies will be conducted from Nov 8th - 11th, please get out and support these functions and I encourage each post to sponsor its own program.

Sears has given us a great opportunity to recruit inside their stores from Nov 2nd - Dec 24th. Let's make the most of this great chance to spread the word of the VFW and get new members.

Hal Roesch, II
State Commander

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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| 1ST - Date: TBA | 8th - Date: 11/16/08 |
| Meeting: 11:00 AM – Meal After | Meeting: 1:00 PM |
| Location: 7167 Warsaw | Location: Post 1177 Leesburg (No Ladies) |
| Rep: Steve Lasseter, Surgeon | Rep: Hal Roesch, State CMDR |
| 2ND - Date: 11/15/08 | 8th - Date: 3/08/09 |
| Lunch: 12:00 Noon | Meeting: 1:00 PM |
| Meeting: 1:00 PM | Location: Post 3103 Fredericksburg |
| Location: Post 3160 Ocean View | Rep: |
| Rep: Jim Martin, State JVC | 8th - Date: 5/17/09 (Convention) |
| 3RD - Date: 11/15/08 | Meeting: 1:00 PM |
| Meeting: 10:00 AM | Location: Post 7589 Manassas |
| Location: District 3 Headquarters | Rep: |
| Rep: Hal Roesch, State CMDR | 9th - Date: 1/25/09 |
| 4TH - Date: 11/16/08 | Meeting: 10:30 AM Lunch to Follow |
| Meeting: 2:00 PM | Location: Post 4667 Marion |
| Location: 9954 Victoria | Rep: Kim DeShano, State ADJ/QM |
| Rep: Kim DeShano, State ADJ/QM | 10th - Date: 12/7/08 |
| 5TH - Date: 11/15/08 | Meeting: 1:00 PM |
| Meeting: Noon | Location: Post 9274 Falls Church |
| Location: Post 7800 Stuart | Rep: Steve Lasseter, Surgeon |
| Rep: Charles Absher, Judge Advocate | 10th - Date: 2/22/09 |
| 6TH - Date: 11/16/08 | Meeting: 1:00 PM |
| Meeting: 2:00 PM | Location: Post 7916 Woodbridge |
| Location: Post 7854 Floyd | Rep: Charles Absher, Judge Advocate |
| Rep: Rex Faris, State SVC | 10th - Date: 05/03/09 |
| 7th - Date: 12/14/08 | Meeting: 1:00 PM |
| Lunch: 11:30 AM | Location: Post 1503 Dale City |
| Meeting: 1:00 PM | Rep: Jim Martin, State JVC |
| Location: Post 2123 Winchester | 11th - Date: 1/11/09 |
| Rep: Hal Roesch, State CMDR | Lunch: 11:30 AM |
| 7th - Date: 3/08/09 | Meeting: 12:30 PM |
| Lunch: 11:30 AM | Location: Post 2216 Staunton |
| Meeting: 1:00 PM | Rep: Steve Lasseter, Surgeon |
| Location: Post 8613 Shenandoah | 12th - Date: TBA |
| Rep: Jim Martin, State JVC | Meeting: 11:00 AM |
| 7th - Date: 5/17/09 (Convention) | Location: Post 9600 Pound |
| Lunch: 11:30 AM | Rep: |
| Meeting: 1:00 PM | 13th - Date: TBA |
| Location: Post 9760 Clarke County | Meeting: |
| Rep: Charles Absher, Judge Advocate | Location: |
| | Rep: |

3. AMERICANISM REPORT:

Deadline to have First Half reports, All Activities completed BEFORE November 1, to State HQ is November 15th. Veterans Day activities and others done after October 31st should be reported for the Second Half. Congratulations to

Districts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 12 for reaching 100% reported, a record for the last seven years, 282 reports have been received from 146 posts. 43 posts have sent multiple reports.

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted an Americanism report for the first half as of October 20, 2008

DIST. 1	100%												
DIST. 2	100%												
DIST. 3	100%												
DIST. 4	2163	8902											
DIST. 5	7800	8243											
DIST. 6	1841	4318	4522	5895	7854	8184							
DIST. 7	100%												
DIST. 8	8208												
DIST. 9	2719												
DIST. 10	609												
DIST. 11	452	4204	7701	7814	9480								
DIST. 12	100%												
DIST. 13	10295												

J. Gary Wagner
Chairman

4. AUDIT REPORT:

In accordance with the SOP and the National By-Laws, **three Trustees must sign** the Trustees' Report of Audit before it can be accepted.

Attention is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure Duty of Trustees, Form P-113. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which is September 2008 and is now due.

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending September 30, 2008

DIST. 1	176	824	3219	5500	6002	8252	8629	9358						
DIST. 2	993	3160	4809	8545	9382									
DIST. 3	1426	2239	6364	8046	9224	10387	10654	10657						
DIST. 4	637	2163	2584	7059	7166	7819	8163	8902	9855	10570				
DIST. 5	873	2820	7568	7726	8243									
DIST. 6	776	1033	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4491	4920	5311	8184	9877
DIST. 7	621	1860	2123	2447	6044	7899	9760	9872						
DIST. 8	1177	2524	3103	7589	7728	8208								
DIST. 9	7136	7360	7969	9696	9864									
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	9478								
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	4204	4805	8479	8644	9339			
DIST. 12	3782	6975	9600	10298										
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574					

5. BLOGMASTER REPORT:

Have Lap Top – Will Travel

It has been a full year since all Department Officials' e-mails have been sent by the va.vfwwebmail.com system. Those who have signed on to this system get important VFW information and can pass it on to their Posts. Those who have yet to sign on can use this opportunity to recruit a younger member who is computer literate to pass the information on to you and the Post. I am available to help you in numerous ways, but you need to let me know your needs.

I will make myself available to set up your computer or system. I now have a laptop and will be at the winter conference in Williamsburg.

Jerry Peterson
BlogMaster

6. BUDDY POPPY REPORT:

Plans should be under way for the Veterans Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. Contact your Department Quartermaster to place your order for Buddy Poppies. Miscellaneous items (coin cans, caps, buttons, posters, etc.) should be ordered directly from the VFW Store <http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=128> or the VFW Store/Emblem and Supply Catalog.

The 109th National Convention Buddy Poppy Display Contest winners are:

Category 1 – Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign

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| First Place – | Oregon Post No. 8739
Oregon, Illinois |
| Second Place – | Raymond T. Goldbach Post and Ladies Auxiliary No. 9460
Stratford, Connecticut |
| Third Place – | John Lyon Post No. 3150
Arlington, Virginia |
| Honorable Mention – | Hugo Matejcek Post and Ladies Auxiliary No. 3723
Owatonna, Minnesota |

Category 2 – Memorial or Inspirational Displays

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| First Place – | Starks Memorial Post and Ladies Auxiliary No. 4759
Starks, Louisiana |
| Second Place – | Fulton Post and Ladies Auxiliary No. 569
Fulton, New York |
| Third Place – | Joppatowne Memorial Post & Ladies Auxiliary No. 5838
Joppatowne, Maryland |
| Honorable Mention – | Pine Tree Post and Ladies Auxiliary No. 887
Augusta, Maine |
| Directors Award – | Hudson Memorial Post and Ladies Auxiliary No. 5791
Hudson, New Hampshire |

Category 3 – Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies

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| First Place – | Arthur W. Jones Post No. 7564
West Fargo, North Dakota |
| Second Place – | Acworth-Kennesaw Post and Ladies Auxiliary No. 5408
Acworth, Georgia |
| Third Place – | Marshall Schildmeyer Post No. 6095
Latonia, Kentucky |
| Honorable Mention – | Hamilton-Myers Post and Auxiliary No. 6070
Newville, Pennsylvania |

Category 4 – Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Jr. Girls Units/Sons of the VFW)

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| First Place – | Clarence Hoyt Jr. Girls Unit No. 9217
Liberty, New York |
| Second Place – | Golden Jr. Girls Unit No. 4171
Golden, Colorado |

Third Place – George A. Sutton Memorial Jr. Girls Unit No. 1831
De Soto, Missouri

Honorable Mention – Johnson Brown Post & Jr. Girls Unit No. 1736
Alexandria, Louisiana

Kim DeShano
Buddy Poppies Chairman

7. CHANGES TO RETIREE ID RENEWAL RULES:

Homeland Security Directive 12 now requires retirees and family members seeking to renew or replace a military identification card to provide two types of ID, one of which must include a photo. A list of acceptable documents can be found in PDF format on page No. 4 of the Form I-9. Before visiting a military ID card issuing facility, you may want to call first to determine what specific documents may be required, and to verify the process to renew or replace an ID card. For contact information and the location of the nearest ID card issuing facility, visit the RAPIDS Site Locator. On this website, you can search by city, state or ZIP code.

<http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/I-9.pdf>
<http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home>

Kim DeShano
State ADJ/QM

8. CLOSINGS:

State Headquarters will be closed Veterans Day, November 11, 2008 and November 27th & 28th for Thanksgiving.

9. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

First I would like to thank six districts for being 100 % reported. Districts # 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, & 12. Districts # 9, 10, & 13 need just one report to be 100%. You have until November 15th to get your report into State Headquarters.

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a report for the first half as of October 17, 2008

Dist. 1	100%											
Dist. 2	100%											
Dist. 3	100%											
Dist. 4	2163	8902	10570									
Dist. 5	873	7800	8243									
Dist. 6	1841	4522	5895	7854	8184							
Dist. 7	100%											
Dist. 8	100%											
Dist. 9	2719											
Dist. 10	609											
Dist. 11	452	4204	7701	7814	9480							
Dist. 12	100%											
Dist. 13	10295											

Lynn Harris
Chairman

10. COMMUNITY SERVICE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING:

Recent conclusion of the twelve-month Community Service Reporting period seems to have revealed that too many Posts are not clear on the manner in which community service hours and dollars should be reported.

Twice each year, in December and June, VFW Departments file a report with the VFW Programs office regarding community service activities listed by Post.

When the Post reports to the Department, they should list the hours of community service performed by the Post, affiliated Cootie Scratch, Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the VFW, Men's Auxiliary and Junior Girls for that reporting period. Only volunteer service hours benefiting the community are to be reported. Volunteer hours committed to projects and activities benefiting the Post and the affiliated units listed above cannot be reported.

The money that should be reported are the dollars donated or expended in the performance of the community service hours reported, plus \$.14 per mile for each mile driven by the volunteers.

Posts should not report any figures derived from the value of hours worked.

James Martin
Community Services Chairman

11. COMPENSATION AND OTHER BENEFITS:

DoD announced today it has developed a comprehensive handbook describing compensation and other benefits service members and their families would be entitled to upon separation or retirement as a result of serious injury or illness.

–The Compensation and Benefits Handbook is the one source of information that covers everything a seriously ill and injured service member will need during his or her recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration,” said Ronald A. Winter, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs.

The handbook was compiled in cooperation with the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and the Social Security Administration. Additionally, there are references to assistance provided by other governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations.

–The handbook describes the disability eligibility process, various program qualifications, application procedures, and numerous resources with associated contact information,” said Sharon Gunselman, policy and resource analyst for the Department of Defense.

Web sites and toll-free numbers are provided, and the electronic version includes hyperlinks. The electronic version of the handbook will be updated frequently and the hard copy of the compensation and benefits handbook will be updated annually.

The electronic version of the handbook can be found on the five Web sites listed below:

<http://turbotap.org>

<https://www.nko.navy.mil>

<http://www.npc.navy.mil>

<https://www.aw2.army.mil>

<https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/AFP40/d/1073755231/Files/C&BHandbook>

Submitted by
Conrad Agresti

12. CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER AND BY-LAWS AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE AND RITUAL - 2009 REVISED EDITION:

The Podium and pocket editions of the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual, which reflect the amendments adopted by the 109th National Convention, effective September 20, 2008 are being printed and were expected by mid-October 2008.

The National Supply Department will fill orders as soon as the new editions have been received. All units and officers should have a copy of the latest By-Laws and Ritual for their use.

13. CONTROL OF UNITS:

All Commanders are reminded that Section 709, Manual of Procedure - Control of Units, requires that any activity, unit or club sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or in behalf of a Post shall be at all times under

the direct control of such Post and that all money, property or assets of any kind must be placed in the care and custody of the Quartermaster. All Commanders should ensure that all provisions of Section 709 are enforced.

Kim DeShano
State ADJ/QM

14. DELL PRINTERS:

Through Gifts-In-Kind the Department received 200 Dell printers. The Department would like to give one printer to each Post who would like one. The must be for the VFW and not personal use. We have various models, some are new and some are refurbished, all come with ink, USB cable and manual. They will be issued on first come basis and must be picked up from State Headquarters. We will **NOT** ship them due to the cost of shipping. We will have them ready for pick-up starting November 3rd.

15. DUES RESERVE FUND:

The attention of Post Commanders and Quartermasters is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, Duties of Quartermaster, which provides for the Dues Reserve Fund. The Post Quartermaster is required to maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than one-half the Post's part of the current year's dues paid by each member prior to July 1. Included therein, shall be not less than one-half of the per capita tax refunded annually to Posts for Life Members, as set forth in Section 717, Manual of Procedure.

Kim DeShano
State ADJ/QM

16. 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.

17. HOSPITAL REPORT:

Congratulations to Districts 2 and 9 for being 100% reported. There are a couple of Districts that are getting really close to being at 100%. Just because you have sent in a single report does not mean that you have to stop reporting. The more reports the better off your post or District will be.

Posts who have **NOT** submitted a report as of October 17, 2008:

Dist. 1	7167									
Dist. 2	100%									
Dist. 3	3125	8046	10654							
Dist. 4	2163	8048	8599	8617	8759	8902				
Dist. 5	873	7800	8243							
Dist. 6	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	
Dist. 7	1150	4698								
Dist. 8	4468	7728	8208							
Dist. 9	100%									
Dist. 10	7327	7916	8815							
Dist. 11	452	4204	7701	7814	9480					
Dist. 12	10298									
Dist. 13	8717	10295								

Steve Lasseter
Chairman

18. IMPORTANT DATES:

- Jan 16-18, 2009 Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$69.00 Call 800-227-6963
Deadline for reservations –December 24, 2008 to insure a group rate.
- May 15, 2009 Deadline for All-State Judging, **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Must be received by 5:00 PM.
- Jun 11-14, 2009 Department of Virginia State Convention, Richmond, VA. Reservation Cut-off is May 11, 2009 Room Rate: \$93.00 Call 804-285-2000
- Aug 15-20, 2009 National VFW Convention, Phoenix, AZ
- Jan 15-18, 2010 Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$67.00
Deadline for reservations – December 24, 2009 to insure group rates. Call 800-227-6963
- Aug 21-26, 2010 National VFW Convention, Indianapolis, IN

19. INCORPORATION OF POST:

The attention of the Post Commander is directed to sections 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the procedure for the Incorporation of Units. It shall be the responsibility of the Post Commander to ensure full compliance with both sections, and to ensure that all state requirements for annual filing, fees, etc., are met in a timely manner.

Kim DeShano
State ADJ/QM

20. INSPECTION REPORT:

Congratulations to Districts 1, 4, 8, & 9 for 100%.

Posts that have **NOT** been inspected as of October 17, 2008

Dist. 1	100%										
Dist. 2	2894	9382									
Dist. 3	9224	11124									
Dist. 4	100%										
Dist. 5	1115	7568									
Dist. 6	1264	1841	4522	5895							
Dist. 7	9660										
Dist. 8	100%										
Dist. 9	100%										
Dist. 10	5412	7327									
Dist. 11	452	1499	2424								
Dist. 12	1994	4301	5715	6975	8652	9600	9830	10298	10310		
Dist. 13	2044	8436									

William R. Shifflett
Chairman

21. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

The Legislative Committee has been busy preparing for VFW Virginia’s visit to the General Assembly on Thursday, January 2009. Please mark your calendars for the morning to show our strength to our senators and delegates in the General Assembly. More information will be provided in the December issue of the General Orders.

I reported last month that VFW Virginia visited our Congressional delegation to lobby for veterans and their families entitlements. I am pleased to inform you that after our visit Congress passed a comprehensive spending measure to fund the Department of Veterans Affairs programs for FY 2009. VA was funded at \$4.5 billion about last year. The appropriation meets independent Budget recommendation for VA healthcare. This is the first time in well over a decade that VA was able to begin a new fiscal year with an on-time budget. This was one of the major goals of our Congressional visit. Some of the highlights include:

- a. \$3.8 billion for mental healthcare and \$584 million for substance abuse programs.
- b. \$250 million to improve access for veterans in rural areas.
- c. \$510 million for medical and prosthetic research.
- d. Allows the VA Benefits Administration to hire 2,000 additional claims adjudicators to help reduce the disability claims backlog.

The 110th Congress has wrapped up. The needs of veterans were at the forefront in both the House and Senate's agenda. VA received two years of historic increases in funding. Collectively, the House and Senate VA Committees held more than 140 hearings on healthcare, the disability claims backlog, education, vocational rehabilitation, traumatic brain injuries, PTSD, and DOD-VA seamless transition. This can be attributed to the thousands of veterans who called, emailed, and visited their legislators. Thanks for your support!

J. B. Young
Chairman

22. LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:

Congratulations! Chimney Rock VFW Post 9660 is the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Chimney Rock VFW Post 9660 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 75% of their membership goal reported to State Headquarters by the September 29, 2008 deadline.

23. MEDICARE PROGRAM BENEFITS:

The Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved (and published on its web site) a new Medicare Advantage Plan for 2009 that may be of significant interest to VA Category 1 Medicare veterans (normally those who are 50-100% service-disabled, or deemed unemployable) who receive their health care primarily within the VA health network, yet continue to pay their monthly Medicare Part B premiums to CMS.

This new \$0 premium plan, a result of the VA/NC VFW Partnership in cooperation with a major U.S. health provider, will refund 100% of the monthly Medicare Part B premiums, for an annual Social Security refund of up to \$1,156.80! Enrollees will see an increase of \$96.40 in their monthly social security checks. In addition, the plan will also provide annual contributions towards Vision and Dental benefits that may not be provided by Original Medicare or the VA.

Again, there is no monthly premium with this plan, and it will have no effect on veterans VA benefits. They will continue to receive their care within in the VA network without interruption. Like most Medicare Advantage plans, this plan has been approved and funded by CMS, effective 1 January 2009. Enrollment information is now available for Medicare veterans living in select counties in North Carolina and Virginia:

Virginia Counties: Amelia, Botetourt, Caroline, Charles City, Chesterfield, Craig, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Franklin, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, King William, King and Queen, Louisa, New Kent, Petersburg City, Powhatan, Prince George, Richmond City, Roanoke, Roanoke City, Salem City, Sussex.

The annual election period for 2009 is limited and VA Category 1 veterans are urged to contact the company directly at: 1-877-346-5034, 8am to 8pm, local time, seven days a week for enrollment information. Please contact us anytime at 1-866-633-2226.

Charles E. Sloan
Chairman

24. MILITARY WOMEN'S ADVOCACY:

The United States veteran population as of September 2008 was approximately 23.4 million. Of those veterans, women comprised 1.8 million. The Commonwealth of Virginia's population of women veterans exceeds 88 thousand. (Source: Department of Veterans Affairs Fact Sheet, October 2008, *Women Veterans Population*)

In my recent meeting with Dr. Betty Moseley Brown, associate Director of the Center for Women Veterans, she noted the highly valued partnership her organization has with the VFW, and looks forward to continuing that partnership well into the future.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has many health programs for women veterans. In the area of general healthcare, the VA offers treatment in primary care, family planning and birth control, gynecological care, maternity care, infertility evaluation and treatment, midlife and menopausal issues, osteoporosis, nutrition, weight management, smoking cessation, cancer screenings, and mammograms. VA's mental health services include management of depression, anxiety and stress; adjustment from deployment; PTSD; and counseling and medication for Military Sexual Trauma, family and parenting issues, interpersonal violence, and alcohol and drug dependence. Special programs offered by the VA include vocational rehabilitation, education opportunities, job and career counseling, services for homelessness, and MOVE! (Managing Obesity in Veterans Everywhere). Older female veterans are also eligible for screening for geriatric nursing home care. Contact 1-877-222-VETS or 1-800-827-100. Websites providing additional information: www.vba.va.gov, and www.va.gov/wvhp (Women Veteran Health Strategic Healthcare Group).

Of course, female veterans are eligible for the same VA programs as their male counterparts, including disability compensation, home, guaranteed home loans, the Montgomery GI Bill, homeless services, and burial benefits. Your service status—Active, Retired, Reserve, National Guard—may affect your eligibility for some of these benefits. Contact your post Service Officer for additional information and assistance.

I will be attending the upcoming meeting of the VA Advisory Committee On Women Veterans (October 28-30, Washington, DC) and will report on that meeting in next month's General Orders.

Margo Sheridan
Chairman

25. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE:

Please Vote!

It is important that the Congress hears your voice. If all Veterans voted and took an active part in speaking to their Representatives and Senators we would not have to fight the uphill battle to get the entitlements that you paid for already with your blood and sacrifice. The VFW PAC has spent a considerable amount of time to list our friends in Congress. You may disagree with an individual Representative, but understand that the VFW PAC only is concerned with how that Representative treated the Veteran in their voting. The VFW PAC does not care what political party the Representatives comes from or what other positions they hold. It is up to you to determine if they meet all of your criteria for support, but be assured the listings of endorsed candidates are friends of Veterans. You can find this listing in the October issue of the VFW magazine. The Virginia candidates that are endorsed as friends of Veterans are: Thelma Drake, J. Randy Forbes, Virgil Goode, Jr., James Moran and Frank Wolf

It is imperative that the Department Officers from the State Commander on down emphasizes the importance of Comrades participating in the political process to insure the rights of our Veterans are championed.

Our collective **VOICE** makes a difference.

Jerry Peterson
Chairman

26. POST RELIEF FUND:

Section 704 of the Manual of Procedure outlines the various things for which the Post Relief Fund can be used. A few years ago, the phrase, "To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs," was added to

this section. This allows the post to use the relief funds for the Voice of Democracy program or other Americanism programs that are educational. This does not include post building projects, hall remodeling, color guard uniforms or any other expenditure that does not follow the guidelines as outlined in Section 704.

Kim DeShano
State ADJ/QM

27. POW/MIA:

September 23, 2008

Soldier Missing From The Vietnam War Is Identified

The remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from the Vietnam War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is **Sgt. Timothy J. Jacobsen**, U.S. Army, of Oakland, Calif. He will be buried on Oct. 4 in Ferndale, Calif.

September 25, 2008

Air Force Pilots Missing From The Vietnam War Are Identified

The remains of two U.S. servicemen, missing from the Vietnam War, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors. They are **Capt. James E. Cross**, of Warren, Ohio; and **Capt. Gomer D. Reese III**, of Scarsdale, N.Y., both U.S. Air Force. Cross will be buried on Oct. 10 in Warren, and Reese will be buried in the spring in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington D.C.

September 30, 2008

Pilot Missing In Action From The Vietnam War Is Identified

The remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is **Colonel David H. Zook, Jr.**, U.S. Air Force, of West Liberty, OH.

October 02, 2008

Soldier Missing In Action From WWII Is Identified

The remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is **2LT Ernest E. Martin, U.S. Army**, of Hanover, MT.

October 08, 2008

Pilot Missing in Action From The Vietnam War is Identified

The remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is **Capt. Lorenza Conner**, U.S. Air Force, of Cartersville, Ga. He will be buried Oct. 25 in Cartersville.

October 06, 2008

DoD Revises Purple Heart Eligibility Criteria to Allow Award to POWs Who Die in Captivity

The Department of Defense announced today it has expanded the Purple Heart eligibility criteria allowing prisoners-of-war who died in captivity to receive the award.

Joe Martin
Chairman

28. ROSTER CHANGES:

2613: Thomas Yancey, CMDR
21 Persimmon Tree Ln
Columbia, VA 23038
804-314-2133

6364: Peter Sheriff, CMDR
10810 Savoy Rd.
Richmond, VA 23235
804-272-6514

8184: Calvin D. McIlroy, , QM
306 Killarney Ct. Apt B
Lynchburg, VA 24502

8467: Donald C. Worley, SVC
PO Box 80
Woolwine, VA 24185
276-930-1364

8467: Roy E. Knowles, JVC
415 Oakhurst Dr.
Stuart, VA 24171
276-694-3869

8717: Dominic P. Garino, QM
8409 Tompkins Dr.
King George, VA 22485

9660: Edgar W. Harper, CMDR
189 Maple Ave.
Timberville, VA 22853

9660: Jacob C. Saylor, JVC
2301 Maryland Rd.
Broadway, VA 22815

9660: Thomas W. Ballweg, SVC
18501 Brocks Gap Rd.
Fulks Run, VA 22830

9660: Emery L. Griffith, ADJ
5442 Byrd Orchard Rd.
Timberville, VA 22853

29. SAFETY REPORT:

Posts who have **NOT** submitted a report as of October 13, 2008:

DIST. 1	100%									
DIST. 2	100%									
DIST. 3	100%									
DIST. 4	2163	8902								
DIST. 5	873	7568	7800	8243	8467					
DIST. 6	1841	4165	4522							
DIST. 7	100%									
DIST. 8	100%									
DIST. 9	2719									
DIST. 10	609									
DIST. 11	452	4204	7701	7814	9480					
DIST. 12	100%									
DIST. 13	10295									

Carl A Penning, III
Chairman

30. SCOUT OF THE YEAR:

We have ten (10) slots for any Eagle scout submitting an application for our Scout of the year program by Dec 31, 2008 to attend the Freedom Foundation Scouting program "The Price of Freedom" Feb 12 – 15, 2009 in Philadelphia.

This is an outstanding opportunity for any Eagle scout to participate with 100 Eagle Scouts from all over the country. We need posts to check with local scout troops and seek out an Eagle scout. Applications received by Dec 31st provide eligibility to attend. We will give participating Scouts an opportunity to update their application prior to March 31st if they desire. We will provide transportation from Dale City to Philadelphia and return. Please contact Stan Hunter or Ron Knowles with any questions.

Stan Hunter
Chairman

31. SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS DISABILITY:

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for more than 55 million Americans will increase 5.8 percent in 2009, the Social Security Administration announced today. The 5.8 percent increase is the largest since 1982. This increase also applies to veterans receiving disability compensation and military retirees. This increase will begin on January 1, 2009.

Jimmy Lee Wallace
State PDC

32. SPECIAL PROJECT PROGRAM:

This program was put in place to recognize VFW units for creating and completing unique and extraordinary community service projects.

Record book entry nominations that are found to be complete and well substantiated will be endorsed by the Department Adjutant or VFW Department Community Activities Chairman and forwarded to National Programs Department. Deadline for entries is December 1 of each year.

Every Post Special Project receiving the Award of Excellence in the December judging will be entered in the Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Competition. Complete information can be found in the 2008 – 2009 *–#’s About Service* VFW Program Chairman’s Guide, page 31.

Kim DeShano
State ADJ/QM

33. TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL OVERSEAS NEWS:

Retired TRICARE beneficiaries living overseas may now enroll in the Enhanced-Overseas TRICARE Retiree Dental Program.

Enrollees who need to locate a dentist for covered services may call the International SOS Assistance Inc., a 24 hour referral service, toll free from inside the U. S. at 800-523-6586 or outside of the U. S. to 215-942-8226. A host-nation provider list of more than 500 dentists and dental clinics in nearly 50 countries is located on the TRDP Website.

For customer service questions, contact Delta Dental of California via the following international toll-free number (AT&T USADirect Access Number) at 866-721-8737. <http://www.trdp.org/>

Learn more about TRICARE: <http://www.military.com/benefits/tricare>

Michael D. McGhee
CSM, USA
116th BSTB
"Take Care of the Soldier"

34. VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM MONTH IN NOVEMBER:

VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members are encouraged to volunteer in their schools to talk about their military and home front experiences to students. Invite your local military recruiter to join you to talk about military service today. Additional information can be found in the 2008 – 2009 *–#’s About Service* VFW Programs Chairman’s Guide (page 43), which can be accessed on www.vfw.org. Participate in this activity as part of *–National Veterans Awareness* week, November 9-15, as designated by Congress.

John Miska
Chairman
Youth Activities

35. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Congratulations to Districts 1, 2, 3, & 8 being 100 percent. Remember your Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy activities in your reporting!

Posts who have **NOT** submitted a report as of October 17, 2008:

Dist. 1	100%									
Dist. 2	100%									
Dist. 3	100%									
Dist. 4	2163	8048	8902							
Dist. 5	873	7568	7800	10840						
Dist. 6	1033	1841	4165	4522	7854	8184				
Dist. 7	9660									
Dist. 8	100%									
Dist. 9	2719									
Dist. 10	609									
Dist. 11	452	4204	7701	7814	9480					
Dist. 12	10298									
Dist. 13	10295									

John Miska
Chairman

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Harold Roesch
State Commander

THANK YOU FROM EVELYN HARDING SHELTON FAMILY:

Dear Commander and Members of the Dept. of Virginia Veterans of Foreign Wars,

Words are hard to find to express my thanks to you for all the love and support you have showed mother over the years. She loved the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies Auxiliary and gave 110% of her energy to support the programs and to help both the men and women.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that you sent for her funeral. Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and calls while she was in the hospital.

It will be hard coming to the council meetings and convention but I know she would want me to keep coming. So thank you all again for your love and support and May God Bless each and every one of you.

Love,
Kay S. Giles

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
1	176	80	8	0	17	105	153	68.63	NEWPORT NEWS
1	824	66	4	1	13	84	103	81.55	GRAFTON
1	960	60	5	1	7	73	92	79.35	YORKTOWN
1	2296	32	1	1	22	56	70	80	TASLEY
1	3219	425	42	3	53	523	675	77.48	PHOEBUS
1	5500	49	1	0	22	72	109	66.06	HAMPTON
1	6002	85	8	0	46	139	181	76.8	DENBIGH
1	7167	58	5	1	36	100	131	76.34	WARSAW
1	8252	262	5	1	17	285	308	92.53	GLOUCESTER
1	8629	10	0	0	5	15	23	65.22	CHINCOTEAGUE
1	9358	8	0	0	3	11	23	47.83	TANGIER
District	Totals	1135	79	8	241	1463	1868	78.32	Fifth
2	392	1305	50	8	107	1470	1735	84.73	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	993	100	7	0	16	123	159	77.36	PORTSMOUTH
2	1211	36	1	0	6	43	53	81.13	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	2582	29	2	0	7	38	49	77.55	SUFFOLK
2	2894	37	1	0	13	51	70	72.86	CHESAPEAKE
2	3160	655	56	3	82	796	978	81.39	NORFOLK
2	4411	77	1	1	18	97	108	89.81	FRANKLIN
2	4809	951	16	5	121	1093	1319	82.87	NORFOLK
2	8545	79	7	2	12	100	109	91.74	SMITHFIELD
2	9382	94	6	0	21	121	141	85.82	SUFFOLK
District	Totals	3363	147	19	403	3932	4721	83.29	Second

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
3	1426	40	8	3	11	62	83	74.7	MIDLOTHIAN
3	2239	139	4	2	28	173	215	80.47	COLONIAL HEIGHTS
3	2583	11	0	0	16	27	31	87.1	ASHLAND
3	4639	93	5	1	23	122	181	67.4	WILLIAMSBURG
3	6364	169	8	1	21	199	242	82.23	RICHMOND
3	8046	35	0	0	5	40	50	80	NORGE
3	8356	45	0	0	31	76	110	69.09	WEST POINT
3	8529	73	0	0	18	91	123	73.98	SANDSTON
3	9224	33	0	1	11	45	53	84.91	RICHMOND
3	9501	21	1	0	8	30	42	71.43	AYLETT
3	9808	604	16	3	58	681	810	84.07	MECHANICSVILLE
3	10387	24	0	0	3	27	136	19.85	PETERSBURG
3	10654	85	0	0	6	91	99	91.92	RICHMOND
3	10657	64	6	0	9	79	90	87.78	GLEN ALLEN
3	11124	12	0	0	5	17	22	77.27	QUINTON
District	Totals	1448	48	11	253	1760	2287	76.96	Seventh
4	622	77	2	0	19	98	193	50.78	PETERSBURG
4	637	182	4	1	82	269	341	78.89	HOPEWELL
4	2163	54	0	0	21	75	89	84.27	CHESTERFIELD
4	2584	16	0	0	7	23	38	60.53	CULLEN
4	5313	50	1	2	7	60	75	80	NOTTOWAY
4	7059	110	9	3	34	156	220	70.91	FARMVILLE
4	7166	144	1	0	24	169	218	77.52	SOUTH HILL
4	7819	62	1	1	18	82	114	71.93	CREWE
4	7897	24	0	0	9	33	42	78.57	BLACKSTONE
4	8048	16	0	0	7	23	38	60.53	LAWRENCEVILLE
4	8163	71	6	0	27	104	155	67.1	CLARKSVILLE
4	8228	10	0	1	6	17	20	85	CHASE CITY
4	8446	31	6	0	12	49	54	90.74	BUCKINGHAM
4	8759	29	3	0	18	50	70	71.43	AMELIA COURT HSE
4	8902	11	0	0	6	17	22	77.27	KEYSVILLE
4	9855	43	0	0	21	64	107	59.81	APPOMATTOX
4	9954	117	1	0	23	141	174	81.03	VICTORIA
4	10570	21	0	0	7	28	40	70	POWHATAN
District	Totals	1068	34	8	348	1458	2010	72.54	Thirteenth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
5	647	233	1	0	79	313	371	84.37	DANVILLE
5	873	17	0	0	6	23	26	88.46	GRETNA
5	1115	516	11	3	223	753	930	80.97	HILLSVILLE
5	2820	25	4	1	23	53	100	53	BASSETT
5	4637	69	0	1	52	122	171	71.35	MARTINSVILLE
5	7568	28	3	1	18	50	73	68.49	GALAX
5	7726	165	5	0	83	253	443	57.11	INDEPENDENCE
5	7800	65	3	1	17	86	101	85.15	STUART
5	8243	42	6	0	50	98	128	76.56	HALIFAX
5	8467	70	0	0	30	100	138	72.46	MEADOWS OF DAN
District	Totals	1263	33	7	595	1898	2539	74.75	Ninth
6	776	82	3	0	19	104	122	85.25	RADFORD
6	1033	135	5	1	54	195	229	85.15	COVINGTON
6	1264	265	2	1	62	330	372	88.71	ROANOKE
6	1444	44	0	5	7	56	68	82.35	ROANOKE
6	1841	54	0	0	39	93	139	66.91	TROUTVILLE
6	2157	111	1	2	59	173	217	79.72	BEDFORD
6	4165	35	0	0	19	54	67	80.6	ALTAVISTA
6	4299	25	0	1	11	37	57	64.91	CLIFTON FORGE
6	4318	43	3	0	20	66	69	95.65	SALEM
6	4491	68	3	1	15	87	100	87	NEW CASTLE
6	4522	153	0	0	22	175	216	81.02	VINTON
6	4920	17	0	0	6	23	28	82.14	ELLISTON
6	5311	87	0	0	24	111	148	75	CHRISTIANSBURG
6	5895	18	0	0	1	19	24	79.17	BUCHANAN
6	7854	75	4	0	20	99	132	75	FLOYD
6	8184	55	0	1	7	63	72	87.5	LYNCHBURG
6	9877	18	2	1	12	33	45	73.33	AMHERST
District	Totals	1285	23	13	397	1718	2105	81.62	Fourth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
7	621	125	0	0	49	174	216	80.56	LURAY
7	1860	202	5	0	51	258	322	80.12	FRONT ROYAL
7	2123	287	2	2	73	364	416	87.5	WINCHESTER
7	2447	206	14	1	67	288	364	79.12	EDINBURG
7	6044	16	0	0	3	19	28	67.86	WINCHESTER
7	7899	20	0	0	9	29	49	59.18	STANLEY
7	8613	129	2	0	46	177	210	84.29	SHENANDOAH
7	9292	114	9	1	46	170	195	87.18	ELKTON
7	9660	62	1	1	40	104	125	83.2	BROADWAY
7	9760	125	7	1	140	273	326	83.74	BERRYVILLE
7	9872	55	0	0	0	55	59	93.22	HINTON
District	Totals	1341	40	6	524	1911	2310	82.73	Third
8	1177	46	22	3	6	77	94	81.91	LEESBURG
8	1811	175	1	0	0	176	189	93.12	MANASSAS PARK
8	2524	185	2	2	38	227	268	84.7	CULPEPER
8	3103	208	28	2	62	300	350	85.71	FREDERICKSBURG
8	7589	161	54	3	54	272	291	93.47	MANASSAS
8	7728	28	1	0	9	38	48	79.17	REMINGTON
8	8208	34	0	0	13	47	294	15.99	STANARDSVILLE
8	9835	41	0	0	7	48	56	85.71	WARRENTON
District	Totals	878	108	10	189	1185	1590	74.53	Tenth
9	1184	122	1	1	53	177	258	68.6	PULASKI
9	2719	30	1	0	17	48	60	80	WYTHEVILLE
9	4667	513	7	2	165	687	856	80.26	MARION
9	6000	154	16	4	67	241	288	83.68	NARROWS
9	7136	123	10	1	43	177	274	64.6	TAZEWELL
9	7328	29	1	0	34	64	78	82.05	SALTVILLE
9	7360	48	2	0	44	94	133	70.68	GRUNDY
9	7969	20	2	0	15	37	44	84.09	BLAND
9	9640	115	14	0	38	167	210	79.52	RICHLANDS
9	9696	136	3	1	46	186	252	73.81	BLUEFIELD
9	9864	56	0	0	10	66	90	73.33	LEBANON
District	Totals	1346	57	9	532	1944	2543	76.45	Eighth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
10	609	94	6	0	16	116	121	95.87	ALEXANDRIA
10	1503	1401	154	14	200	1769	1937	91.33	DALE CITY
10	3150	404	6	0	30	440	500	88	ARLINGTON
10	5412	63	12	0	15	90	94	95.74	BURKE
10	7327	428	22	1	59	510	704	72.44	SPRINGFIELD
10	7916	375	9	1	65	450	536	83.96	WOODBIDGE
10	8241	184	13	0	28	225	313	71.88	MC LEAN
10	8469	199	12	1	35	247	282	87.59	FAIRFAX
10	9274	210	2	0	15	227	263	86.31	FALLS CHURCH
10	9478	68	2	0	13	83	132	62.88	STERLING
District	Totals	3426	238	17	476	4157	4882	85.15	First
11	452	22	0	1	9	32	41	78.05	CRIMORA
11	632	307	3	3	82	395	474	83.33	HARRISONBURG
11	1499	80	0	0	20	100	131	76.34	LEXINGTON
11	2216	197	10	2	98	307	452	67.92	STAUNTON
11	2424	25	0	0	10	35	44	79.55	WAYNESBORO
11	3060	39	0	0	0	39	42	92.86	DEERFIELD
11	3136	27	0	0	17	44	56	78.57	MOUNT SOLON
11	4204	28	3	1	15	47	59	79.66	HOT SPRINGS
11	4805	50	4	0	1	55	55	100	BUENA VISTA
11	7701	39	0	0	18	57	72	79.17	LOVINGSTON
11	7814	21	0	0	0	21	23	91.3	STAUNTON
11	8279	18	0	1	11	30	37	81.08	STEELES TAVERN
11	8479	5	0	0	4	9	15	60	LYNDHURST
11	8644	123	1	1	51	176	209	84.21	BRIDGEWATER
11	9339	52	1	0	23	76	92	82.61	STUARTS DRAFT
11	9480	33	0	0	8	41	50	82	CRAIGSVILLE
11	10826	46	1	0	27	74	121	61.16	VERONA
District	Totals	1112	23	9	394	1538	1973	77.95	Sixth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
12	1994	79	7	0	40	126	173	72.83	ABINGDON
12	3782	39	0	0	10	49	75	65.33	HAYSI
12	4301	64	4	0	16	84	110	76.36	NORTON
12	5715	152	0	0	14	166	264	62.88	BIG STONE GAP
12	6975	378	3	1	161	543	708	76.69	BRISTOL
12	8652	58	1	1	21	81	106	76.42	COEBURN
12	8979	88	3	0	31	122	160	76.25	CLINTWOOD
12	9600	64	0	0	53	117	151	77.48	POUND
12	9830	49	0	0	24	73	94	77.66	DAMASCUS
12	10298	43	0	0	13	56	72	77.78	PENNINGTON GAP
12	10310	42	1	1	6	50	68	73.53	EWING
District	Totals	1056	19	3	389	1467	1981	74.05	Twelfth
13	1827	147	8	1	49	205	269	76.21	CHARLOTTESVILLE
13	2044	34	0	0	5	39	56	69.64	EARLYSVILLE
13	2217	31	0	0	17	48	67	71.64	ORANGE
13	2613	5	0	0	2	7	24	29.17	COLUMBIA
13	7638	55	3	1	13	72	99	72.73	GORDONSVILLE
13	8169	29	4	0	15	48	59	81.36	SCOTTSVILLE
13	8436	15	0	0	11	26	43	60.47	YANCEY MILLS
13	8717	36	1	1	7	45	62	72.58	KING GEORGE
13	8947	93	1	1	17	112	137	81.75	LOUISA
13	10295	58	1	1	9	69	85	81.18	BOWLING GREEN
13	10546	79	0	0	2	81	107	75.7	SPOTSYLVANIA
13	10574	80	22	0	29	131	184	71.2	COLONIAL BEACH
District	Totals	662	40	5	176	883	1192	74.08	Eleventh
MAL	15048	2378	119	21	823	3341	4570	73.11	STAUNTON
State	Totals	21761	1008	146	5740	28655	36571	78.35	

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 9TH

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 16-18, 2009

Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder ~ Williamsburg, Virginia ~ 800-227-6963 ~
69.00 Per night

(Group Rate Deadline is December 24th)

PRE REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET TICKET
\$37.00 INCLUDES RECEPTION AND DINNER BANQUET

(ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE WINTER COUNCIL MEETING.)

There will be no Dance Saturday night.

Dinner Menu

Your choice of:

Stuffed Flounder

Tender flounder filet wrapped around our famous crabmeat stuffing and asparagus

~or~

Sliced Pork Loin

Chef's choice of Sauce

Both Served with:

House Salad Coffee/Tea/Decaf Side Dishes Warm Rolls and Butter Dessert

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY **JANUARY 9, 2009 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**
Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

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

Name: _____ Post _____ Aux _____ Food Choice: (circle) Pork or Flounder

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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.

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND
LADIES AUXILIARY

Winter Council of Administration Meeting
January 16 - January 18, 2009
Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder
Williamsburg, Virginia
1-800-227-6963

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009

3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Registration	Petersburg Hall Foyer
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Line Officers Meeting	Dept. President's Room
6:30 PM	7:00 PM	District Presidents' Meeting w/Program Chairman	General Hill's/McClellan's
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting	General Longstreet's
7:30 PM	8:00 PM	Advisory Committee Meeting	General Longstreet's
8:00 PM	8:30 PM	Department Officers & Past Dept. Commanders	General Longstreet's
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	Military Order of the Cootie Dance	General Emory's

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009

8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Registration	Petersburg Hall Foyer
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	General Longstreet's
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice	General Hill's/McClellan's
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Blog and Email Presentation/Workshop	General Longstreet's
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	MAP & UNMET NEEDS Workshop	General Longstreet's
9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting	General Longstreet's
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	General Longstreet's
10:00 AM	NOON	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	Stuart's Redoubt
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Cash Lunch furnished by Hotel	
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Petersburg Hall
2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Program Chairmen	Dept. President's Room
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting	Stuarts Redoubt
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Reception	General Emory's
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Banquet-Guest Speaker -	Richmond Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Joint Devotional Service	Longstreet
9:30 AM	NOON	Ladies Auxiliary Conference, if needed	Richmond Hall
9:30 AM	NOON	VFW Council of Admin. Meeting, if needed	Petersburg Hall

BANQUET TICKETS: \$37.00

Includes Reception and Banquet. THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE.
FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

(Tentative schedule subject to change)