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### 1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

The Department Schools of Instruction are over, and now is the time for Districts to be pro-active and schedule their own Schools Of Instruction. Comrades, it is absolutely imperative that the Posts, Districts and Department continue this year with a pro-active attitude rather than a re-active one. If your Post/District needs help, please ask, we have all the assets available to help you in recruiting, reorganization, revitalizing and general help.

We have 90 Posts that are still not 100% reported for the first half, please get the reports in and get them in often. Commanders please remember, your members do the work so make sure they get the credit and send in the report. There are several Posts that only lack 1 report to be 100%, please check to ensure that all the reports you sent in are counted. The first half period ends on October 31, 2008, don't wait until the last minute to submit your reports as they may not be counted. The Department stops accepting first half reports on November 15, 2008.

Life membership will not reflect until September, please don't wait until then to start your recruiting efforts. National has set a goal of 3,600 new/reinstated members above last year's total. We need to get out there and set up some recruiting events before the weather gets too cold. If you need help or training we are here to help.

In August, we had two (2) fund-raising motorcycle rides sponsored by the VFW Riders of Hampton Roads. The first ride raised over \$10,000 for the Virginia National Guard Family Services to fund the children programs of deployed troops. Thanks go out to Posts 7059 (Farmville) and Post 2157 (Bedford) for providing their Posts as stopping points for the ride that went from the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond and the D-Day Memorial in Bedford. There were also numerous VFW Post and Auxiliary's that made monetary donations and I want to thank them also for their support and help with this ride. The second ride raised over \$8,000 for the Vethouse in Virginia Beach, that helps homeless Vets get back on their feet. I want to thank Posts 4809 (Norfolk), 993 (Portsmouth), 3160 (Ocean View) and 392 (Virginia Beach) for their support and help with this ride.

Hal Roesch, II  
State Commander

## 2. NATIONAL SPECIAL ORDER NO. 372:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 210 of the National By-Laws, the charter of Highland County Post No. 4989, Monterey, VA mustered January 11, 1946, is hereby canceled and the Post declared defunct.

By Order of  
George J. Lisicki  
Commander-in-Chief

## 3. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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|------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 9/13/08<br><b>Meeting:</b> 11:00 AM - meal after<br><b>Location:</b> Post 3219 Phoebus<br><b>Rep:</b> James Martin, State JVC                | <b>7<sup>th</sup>-</b>  | <b>Date:</b> 5/17/09 (Convention)<br><b>Lunch:</b> 11:30 AM<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 9760 Clarke County<br><b>Rep:</b>   |
| <b>2<sup>ND</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 11/15/08<br><b>Lunch:</b> 12:00 Noon<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 3160 Oceanview<br><b>Rep:</b> Jim Martin, State JVC | <b>8<sup>th</sup>-</b>  | <b>Date:</b> 09/14/08<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 2524 Culpeper<br><b>Rep:</b> Charles Absher, Judge Advocate   |
| <b>3<sup>RD</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 11/15/2008<br><b>Meeting:</b> 10:00 AM<br><b>Location:</b> District 3 Headquarters<br><b>Rep:</b> Hal Roesch, State CMDR                     | <b>8<sup>th</sup>-</b>  | <b>Date:</b> 11/16/08<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 1177 Leesburg (No Ladies)<br><b>Rep:</b> Rex Faris State SVC  |
| <b>4<sup>TH</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 11/16/08<br><b>Meeting:</b> 2:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> 9954 Victoria<br><b>Rep:</b>   | <b>8<sup>th</sup>-</b>  | <b>Date:</b> 3/8/09<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 3103 Fredericksburg<br><b>Rep:</b>  |
| <b>5<sup>TH</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 11/15/08<br><b>Meeting:</b> Noon<br><b>Location:</b> Post 7800 Stuart<br><b>Rep:</b> Rex Faris State SVC                                     | <b>8<sup>th</sup>-</b>  | <b>Date:</b> 5/17/09<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 7589 Manassas<br>(Convention)<br><b>Rep:</b>   |
| <b>6<sup>TH</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> TBA<br><b>Meeting:</b><br><b>Location:</b><br><b>Rep:</b>  | <b>9<sup>th</sup>-</b>  | <b>Date:</b> 09/07/08<br><b>Meeting:</b> 11:00 AM Lunch to follow<br><b>Location:</b> Post 6000 Narrows<br><b>Rep:</b> Rex Faris, State SVC   |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 9/14/08<br><b>Lunch:</b> 11:30 AM<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 1860 Front Royal<br><b>Rep:</b> Kim DeShano, State QM  | <b>10<sup>th</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 9/21/08<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Springfield American Legion<br>6520 Amherst Avenue<br>Springfield<br>Hosted by: Posts 7327, 609,<br>3150, and 9478<br><b>Rep:</b> Rex Faris State SVC |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 12/14/08<br><b>Lunch:</b> 11:30 AM<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 2123 Winchester<br><b>Rep:</b>                        | <b>10<sup>th</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 12/07/08<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 9274 Falls Church<br><b>Rep:</b>  |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup>-</b> | <b>Date:</b> 3/08/09<br><b>Lunch:</b> 11:30 AM<br><b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM<br><b>Location:</b> Post 8613 Shenandoah<br><b>Rep:</b>                         |                         |   |

**10<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 02/22/09  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 7916 Woodbridge  
**Rep:**

**10<sup>th</sup> - Date** 05/03/09  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 1503 Dale City  
**Rep:**

**11<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 09/14/08  
**Lunch:** 11:30 AM  
**Meeting:** 12:30 PM

**Location:** Post 8644 Bridgewater  
**Rep:** Hal Roesch, State CMDR

**12<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 09/13/08  
**Meeting:** 11:00 AM  
**Location:** Post 3782 Haysi  
**Rep:** Hal Roesch, State CMDR

**13<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 10/26/08  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 8947 Louisa  
**Rep:** Hal Roesch, State CMDR

#### 4. IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept 27, 2008 Council of Administration, State Headquarters, Staunton, VA

Oct 30-Nov 2, 2008 Southern Conference, Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK Room Rate \$79.00 Deadline for reservations - October 16, 2008. Call 800-522-6220 or 405-947-7681

Jan 16-19, 2009 Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$69.00 Call 757-220-2250 Deadline for reservations –December 24, 2008 to insure a group rate.

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

Jan15-18, 2010 Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$67.00 Deadline for reservations – December 24, 2009 to insure group rates 757-220-2250

Aug 21-26, 2010 National VFW Convention, Indianapolis, IN

#### 5. ROSTER CHANGES:

**Chaplain:** Ray Wells  
4301

**Nat'l 6<sup>th</sup> Dist:** Melvin L. Reed  
RR 2 Box 248  
Clarksburg, WV 26301  
304-682-2634

**4<sup>th</sup> District:** Kumiko Lewis  
804-722-9776

##### **Veterans Affairs Medical Centers McGuire Deputies**

Tom Briggs  
4025 Sharon Ct, Apt 17  
Richmond, VA 23225  
804-233-4208

##### **Scouting Chairman:**

Curtis S Hunter  
7544 Mill Pond Ct  
Warrenton, VA 20187  
540-347-1093  
Post 9835

##### **Military Services – Dist 1:**

Lawrence Mattera  
828 Berkshire Terr  
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757-838-4588

##### **Military Services – Dist 8:**

Ron Link, Chairman  
9347 Hedgeford St  
Manassas Park, VA 20111  
Post 7589  
703-392-5038 Home  
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[ron.link@us.army.mil](mailto:ron.link@us.army.mil)

**1211:** Clyde C. Shelton, CMDR  
709 Beacon Hill Rd  
Chesapeake, VA 23322  
757-410-9950

**1211:** Johnny L. Steele, QM  
1572 Nanneys Creek Rd  
Virginia Beach, VA 23457

- 1426:** Bernard C Branch, CMDR  
804-745-3422 Home  
804-335-9161 Cell
- 1860:** Warren Roach, QM  
260 Rolling View Dr  
Front Royal, VA 22630
- 2216:** Gilbert L. Grylls, CMDR  
540-849-0951 Cell
- 2583:** Ernest M. Terry, SVC  
12400 Mt Hermon Rd  
Ashland, VA 23005
- 2719:** Gary L. Donaldson, CMDR  
280 S 11<sup>th</sup> St  
Wytheville, VA 24382
- 3782:** George D. Owen, CMDR  
538 Thunder Rd  
Birchleaf, VA 24220  
276-865-4908
- 3782:** Sunny J Barton, SVC  
RR 1 Box 148  
Haysi, VA 24256  
276-865-5458
- 4301:** Billy R. Ryan, CMDR  
6042 West Norton Rd  
Norton, VA 24273
- 4318:** P. M. Hallahan  
540-389-2116 Home  
540-330-6932 Cell (preferred)
- 7328:** Meeting Change  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month
- 7728:** Gregory D Cumbey, CMDR  
549 Courtney School Rd  
Midland, VA 22728
- 8243:** James Ray Hancock, CMDR  
3026 Bellevue Rd  
Halifax, VA 24558
- 8446:** Carroll C Gathright, III, CMDR  
5356 Spears Mountain Rd  
Winginia, VA 24599
- 446:** Roger L. Craft, JVC  
71 Slate River Rd  
Buckingham, VA 23921
- 9224:** Jacob J. Anderson, QM  
3840 Mastin Ln #121  
Richmond, VA 23230
- 9274:** Grant F. Haggquist, QM  
703-356-9776 Home  
703-887-2218 Cell
- 9808:** Boyd C. Burnett, CMDR  
12243 Mt Hermon Rd  
Ashland, VA 23005
- 9954:** Donald Westerlund, CMDR  
PO Box 126  
Victoria, VA 23974

## 6. ALL AMERICAN:

Congratulations to Past Department Commander Jimmy Lee Wallace for earning the status of All American Department Commander. Our congratulations go out to Past District Commanders Joseph Longstreet, Charles Absher, and M. Conrad Agresti for achieving All American District Commander. And, to the following Post Commanders, David Goldstein (392), James McQuery (1177), Bernard Branch (1426), Ronald Laney (1503), David Kipfinger (2820), Carl Penning, III (3160), John Grylonis (4639), James Rickard (6002), Richard Yancey (7327), John Miska (8208), and David Jonker (9808) for achieving All American Post Commander. Again, Congratulations on a job well done!

## 7. AMERICANISM:

September is a rich month for Americanism activities. At the top of the list is Patriot's Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> and then POW / MIA Remembrance Day on the 19<sup>th</sup>. VFW Day on the 29<sup>th</sup> marks the founding of the VFW 109 years ago. Other notable dates include the anniversary of the end of World War II on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Citizenship Day and VFW Ladies Auxiliary 94<sup>th</sup> birthday, both on the 17<sup>th</sup>, USAF birthday on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Gold Star Mother's Day on the 28<sup>th</sup>. On a different topic, if you donate a flag, report it under "Flag Presentation" on your report form.

This report is a bit early this month due to the National Convention. One hundred-thirty-four reports have been received from 84 posts. Twenty-two (22) posts have sent multiple reports. Status as of 8/11/08:

<b>DIST. 1</b>	2296	7167	8629										
<b>DIST. 2</b>	1211	2582											
<b>DIST. 3</b>	2239	2583	8046	8356	9501	10387	10657	11124					

<b>DIST. 4</b>	2163	2584	5313	8228	8902	9954							
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873	7568	7800	8243	10840								
<b>DIST. 6</b>	776	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854
	8184	9877											
<b>DIST. 7</b>	6044	9660	9872										
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1811	2524	7728	8208									
<b>DIST. 9</b>	2719	7969	9696										
<b>DIST. 10</b>	609	5412	7916	8469	9274								
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	632	3060	3136	4204	7701	7814	8479	8644	9480			
<b>DIST. 12</b>	5715	6975	8652	8979	10298	10310							
<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947	10295						

Gary Wagner  
Chairman

## 8. AUDIT REPORTS:

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 June 30 and is now due.

Congratulations to Districts 2, 9 and 12 for 100% reporting.

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending 06/30/08 as of 08/20/08

<b>DIST. 1</b>	960	8629											
<b>DIST. 2</b>	100%												
<b>DIST. 3</b>	9224	10387	11124										
<b>DIST. 4</b>	637	8902	9954										
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873	7568											
<b>DIST. 6</b>	1444	2157	4299										
<b>DIST. 7</b>	621	7899	9660										
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177												
<b>DIST. 9</b>	100%												
<b>DIST. 10</b>	5412												
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452												
<b>DIST. 12</b>	100%												
<b>DIST. 13</b>	2044	2613	8717	10546	10574								

## 9. BONDS

All bonds **expired August 31, 2008**. Please see attached rate schedule for costs of your bond and return completed form and payment to State Headquarters immediately. If you have purchased a bond elsewhere please send a copy of the bond.

<b>DIST. 1</b>	District	3219	6002	7167									
<b>DIST. 2</b>	District	2582	3160										
<b>DIST. 3</b>		8046	8356	9224	9501	9808	10387	11124					
<b>DIST. 4</b>	District	637	2163	2584	5313	7166	8163	8759	9855				
<b>DIST. 5</b>	District	2820	7568	7726	7800	8243							
<b>DIST. 6</b>	District	1033	1444	4165	4299	4522	4920	7854					
<b>DIST. 7</b>		621	2123	2447	7899	9760							
<b>DIST. 8</b>		100%											
<b>DIST. 9</b>	District	2719	7136	7360	7969								
<b>DIST. 10</b>	District	5412	7327	8241									
<b>DIST. 11</b>	District	452	4204	4805	8644	9339	9480						
<b>DIST. 12</b>	District	3782	5715	8652	9600	9830	10310						
<b>DIST. 13</b>	District	1827	2044	2613	7638	8717	8947	10546	10574				

## 10. CLOSINGS:

State Headquarters will be closed Monday, September 2, 2008 for Labor Day and October 13, 2008 for Columbus Day.

## 11. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

COMRADES, time is running out for the first half, SO PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REPORTS!

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a report for the first half as of 8/20/08

<b>Dist. 1</b>	176	2296	5500	7167	8629								
<b>Dist. 2</b>	392	4111											
<b>Dist. 3</b>	2239	2583	4639	8356	10387	10657	11124						
<b>Dist. 4</b>	2163	2584	5313	8048	8228	8902	9954	10570					
<b>Dist. 5</b>	873	7568	7726	7800	8243	10840							
<b>Dist. 6</b>	776	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184
<b>Dist. 7</b>	9660	9872											
<b>Dist. 8</b>	1811	2524	7728	8208									
<b>Dist. 9</b>	2719												
<b>Dist. 10</b>	609	8469	9274										
<b>Dist. 11</b>	452	2216	3060	3136	4204	7701	7814	8479	8644	9480			
<b>Dist. 12</b>	5715	6975	8652	8979	10298	10310							
<b>Dist. 13</b>	1827	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295					

Lynn Harris  
Chairman

## 12. FALL COUNCIL:

The fall Council Meeting is being held at State Headquarters on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is scheduled from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm with lunch scheduled from noon until 1:00 pm. Due to the space the meeting is being made available to everyone through a conference call. If you would like to be involved with the meeting the conference call number is available beginning at 9:00 am. You may join the call by calling toll-free 1-866-842-9555; you will be prompted for a pass code. At this time enter 7630688 and then press #. You will then be connected to the conference call. The conference call will not be available during the lunch scheduled from noon until 1:00 pm. You may call again to be reconnected at 1:00pm.

## 13. GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com). Subscriptions for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year or \$2.00 per issue.

## 14. GOLD MEMBER AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS:

Each year the VFW selects an emergency services person, a law enforcement officer and a firefighter to receive VFW Gold Medal Awards. These three award winners are presented their awards at the VFW State Convention in June or a respective award ceremony. Post Safety Chairman is encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to Department Headquarters by **November 1, 2008**. Documentation required for all candidates should include the following:

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

## 15. HOSPITAL REPORT:

Posts who have **NOT** submitted a report as of July 18, 2008:

<b>Dist. 1</b>	2296	7167	8629							
<b>Dist. 2</b>	392	993	1211	4411						
<b>Dist. 3</b>	2583	4639	8046	8356	8529	9501	10654	10657	11124	
<b>Dist. 4</b>	2136	2584	5313	8048	8228	8599	8759	8902	9954	
<b>Dist. 5</b>	647	873	7568	7800						
<b>Dist. 6</b>	776	1444	2157	4165	4299	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311
	5895	8184	9877							
<b>Dist. 7</b>	6044	9660	9872							
<b>Dist. 8</b>	1177	1811	2524	3103	7728	8208				
<b>Dist. 9</b>	4667	7328	7969	9696						
<b>Dist. 10</b>	609	5412	7327	7916	8241	9274	9478			
<b>Dist. 11</b>	452	632	2424	3136	4204	7701	8479	8644	9339	
<b>Dist. 12</b>	5715	6975	8652	8979	9600	10298	10310			
<b>Dist. 13</b>	1827	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947	10295			

Steve Lassiter  
Chairman

## 16. INSPECTION REPORT:

10% of Posts have been inspected.

William R. Shifflett  
Chairman

## 17. POW/MIA:

**June 27, 2008**

### **Vietnam MIA Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that 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 **Lt. Cmdr. Ralph C. Bisz**, U.S. Navy, of Miami Shores, FL.

**July 03, 2008**

### **Korean War MIA Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is **Sgt. Edward J. O'Brien**, U.S. Army, of Omaha, NE.

**July 11, 2008**

### **Korean War MIAs Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that the remains of two U.S. servicemen, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors. **Capt. William K. Mauldin**, U.S. Air Force, of Pickens, S.C. and **Cpl. Steven Lucas**, U.S. Army, of Johnson City, N.Y.

**July 18, 2008**

### **Vietnam War MIAs Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that 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 **Chief Warrant Officer Bobby L. McKain**, of Garden City, KS; and **Warrant Officer Arthur F. Chaney**, of Vienna, VA,

**July 24, 2008**

### **Soldier Missing in Action from Korean War is Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is **Master Sgt. Cirildo Valencio**, U.S. Army, of Carrizo Springs, Texas.

**August 04, 2008**

**Sailor Missing from The Vietnam War is Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that a U.S. serviceman, missing from the Vietnam War, has been identified. He is **Hospital Corpsman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Manuel R. Denton**, U.S. Navy, of Kerrville, Texas.

**August 13, 2008**

**Missing WWII Pilot Is Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Howard C. Enoch Jr.**, U.S. Army Air Forces, of Marion, Ky.

James Martin  
POW/MIA Chairman

**18. SAFETY REPORT:**

Posts who have **NOT** submitted a report as of 8/20/08:

<b>DIST. 1</b>	2296	5500	7167	8629						
<b>DIST. 2</b>	2582	4411								
<b>DIST. 3</b>	2239	2583	4639	8356	10387	10657	11124			
<b>DIST. 4</b>	2163	2584	5313	8048	8228	8902				
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873	7568	7800	8243	8467	10840				
<b>DIST. 6</b>	776	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4522	5311	5895
	7854	8184								
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1860	9660	9872							
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177	1811	2524	7728	8208	9835				
<b>DIST. 9</b>	2719									
<b>DIST. 10</b>	609	5412	7327	8469	9274	9478				
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	2424	3060	3136	4204	7701	7814	8479	8644	9480
<b>DIST. 12</b>	5715	6975	8652	8979	10298	10310				
<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947	10295			

Carl A Penning, III  
Chairman

**19. 2008-2009 CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM:**

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

**Dates To Remember**

November 1: Nominations to Post

November 15: Post judging completed

**Required Documents**

12. Original entry form and essay of 350 words or less signed by the person who has nominated the teacher. All words must be counted including one-letter words.

13. Official Post Teacher Entry Form with



signatures at Post, District and Department level.

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| <u>December 1:</u> Post winners to District  | 3. One page resume (no more than two sides)  |
| <u>December 15:</u> District judging completed   | 4. Up to 5 pages (both sides) of additional documentation.                         |
| <u>December 20:</u> District winners to State Chairman                                   | 5. Good quality head & shoulder photograph (no poor quality or computer pictures). |
| <u>January 3:</u> State judging completed  |  |
| <u>January 18:</u> State winners receive awards at Winter COA/Conference in Williamsburg |  |

Two Questions were as asked at State School of Instruction:

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

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

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

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## **20. VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES AND IRS PARTNER TO HELP VETERANS:**

RICHMOND—The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) and the IRS have teamed up to ensure that all Virginia veterans receive their economic stimulus payments. According to the IRS, nearly 124,000 VA and social security benefit recipients have not filed for the economic stimulus rebate.

Congress passed and President Bush signed the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 earlier this year. The Act provides for economic stimulus payments to be made to more than 130 million American households.

Even if you were not required to file a 2007 tax return, you are still eligible for a payment if you have at least \$3,000 in qualifying income. Qualifying income includes earned income, social security benefits, certain Veterans benefits, and nontaxable combat pay.

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services has representatives at 21 locations across the state. Additionally, DVS representatives visit more than 70 additional locations every month.

DVS representatives help veterans and their families file for federal and state veterans benefits. They will also assist veterans with completing and submitting IRS Form 1040A so they can receive their economic stimulus payment. The stimulus payments may be for up to \$300 for an individual, \$600 for a married couple filing jointly, and an additional \$300 per child for eligible children under age 17.

Visit [www.virginiaforveterans](http://www.virginiaforveterans) for the location of a DVS office near you. For more information about the economic stimulus payment, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call the IRS hotline at 1-866-234-2942.

**21. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

Comrades we are off to a good start. Please remember to contact your local schools with reference to VOD and Patriots Pen and submit a Youth Report for that contact!

Have you considered putting on your cover and taking lunch at your local Middle or High School? That is an easy way to get the word out that we are alive and kicking. Try it!

Big John

Posts who have **NOT** submitted a report as of 8/20/08:

<b>Dist. 1</b>	2296	5500	7167	8629						
<b>Dist. 2</b>	392	1211	2582	2894	4411	4809				
<b>Dist. 3</b>	4639	8356	10387	10657						
<b>Dist. 4</b>	2163	2584	5313	7819	7897	8048	8902			
<b>Dist. 5</b>	873	7568	7800	8243	10840					
<b>Dist. 6</b>	5311	5895	7854	8184						
<b>Dist. 7</b>	621	8613	9660	9872						
<b>Dist. 8</b>	1811	2524	9835							
<b>Dist. 9</b>	2719	7328	9696							
<b>Dist. 10</b>	609	5412	7916	8469	9274	9478				
<b>Dist. 11</b>	452	2424	3060	3136	4204	7701	7814	8479	8644	9480
<b>Dist. 12</b>	5715	6975	8652	8979	10298	10310				
<b>Dist. 13</b>	1827	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947				

John Miska  
Chairman

Official:



Kim A. DeShano  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Harold Roesch  
State Commander



DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**



Dear Comrade Commander:

August 1, 2008

One of the most important communications you will receive during the year concerns the bond of your Unit Quartermaster. Section 703 of our National By-Laws requires that each accountable officer shall be bonded with an Indemnity Company as surety and the By-Laws places the responsibility for adequate bonding upon the Commander of the post. In any business it is customary to bond any officer handling funds. **THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE QUARTERMASTER MUST BE AUDITED AT LEAST QUARTERLY BY THE TRUSTEES. THIS IS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 218 OF THE NATIONAL MANUAL OF PROCEDURES.**

The Department Headquarters carries a schedule bond for the bonding of Department and Post accountable officers. This bond runs for a year – from September 1 to August 31 – and premium payments are made on that basis. All bonds expire on August 31 and the premium for the new year is due on September 1.

Any unit may decide whether it prefers to take out a bond with some other surety company or have its funds protected by the Department Headquarters schedule bond. But the matter should be given prompt attention because if your Unit Quartermaster had previously been bonded through the National Headquarters, a new premium payment is required on September 1, 2008

To take advantage of Department coverage, all you have to do is to determine what amount of bond is necessary, fill out and detach the application below and mail it with a check for the proper amount of annual premium to your DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER.

**COVERAGES OF THE POLICY REQUIRE THAT:**

1. You agree to make/or cause to be made, at least annually, an audit of your books and accounts, including complete verification of all securities and bank balances pertaining to each "employee".  
 If the above is not complied with, the Surety Company will refuse to honor claim of missing funds which cannot be proven by records. Monthly audits and reconciliation of bank statements may avoid this denial of claim.
2. The Surety Company will not pay for loss resulting from any unauthorized advances made by an "employee" to any member for delinquent dues and assessments.
3. "Employee" means any duly elected position, as listed in the policy schedule.
4. Proof of loss resulting from dishonest acts on the part of the bonded officer is required in settlement of claims. Post must submit a proof of loss form within 120 days from the first date of discovery of the loss.

**THIS BOND IS ONLY FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 TO AUGUST 31, 2009.**

**The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2009.**

DETACH AND RETURN THIS SECTION WITH YOUR PREMIUM CHECK TO YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

**APPLICATION FOR V.F.W. OFFICERS BOND – SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 TO AUGUST 31, 2009**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Give Name, Number, and Location of Post

TO DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER:

( Dated ) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for bond in the principal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Quartermaster of the above Unit for the fiscal year from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009. Premium in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is herewith enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Commander

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and City

**VFW QUARTERMASTER BOND --- ALL STATES**

**\$3.00 Per Thousand**

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

(\$3,000. To \$25,000.)

\$3.00 Per Thousand

**\$2.50 Per Thousand**

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

(\$26,000. To \$250,000.)

\$2.50 Per Thousand

**\$2.00 Per Thousand**

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

(\$251,000. To \$500,000.)

\$2.00 Per Thousand

**\$1.75 Per Thousand**

\$501,000.-----\$ 876.75  
 \$502,000.-----\$ 878.50  
 \$503,000.-----\$ 880.25  
 \$504,000.-----\$ 882.00  
 \$505,000.-----\$ 883.75  
 \$506,000.-----\$ 885.50  
 \$507,000.-----\$ 887.25  
 \$508,000.-----\$ 889.00  
 \$509,000.-----\$ 890.85  
 \$510,000.-----\$ 892.50  
 \$520,000.-----\$ 910.00  
 \$530,000.-----\$ 927.50  
 \$540,000.-----\$ 945.00  
 \$550,000.-----\$ 962.50  
 \$560,000.-----\$ 980.00  
 \$570,000.-----\$ 997.50  
 \$580,000.-----\$1,015.00  
 \$590,000.-----\$1,032.50  
 \$600,000.-----\$1,050.00

(\$501,000. And UP)

\$1.75 Per Thousand

VFW CLUB MANAGERS AND BINGO RATE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Form (9/00)

Enclosure 4



Tallman Insurance

APPLICATION FOR DISHONESTY BOND TO BE COMPLETED BY BONDED INDIVIDUAL

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

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

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

Signature: Person to be Bonded

## RECOGNITION

### GOLD MEDAL AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects an emergency services person, a law enforcement officer and a firefighter to receive VFW Gold Medal Awards. The presentation of these awards is made at the VFW Department Convention in June/July or a respective award ceremony. Post Safety Chairmen are encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to their Department Headquarters by November 1. The Department must select a single candidate for each award and submit those to VFW National Headquarters by November 17. Eligible candidates for each award are as follows:

#### **Emergency Medical Technician Gold Medal**

Any individual who actively gives emergency medical treatment, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to give emergency medical care, provide rescue and civil disaster assistance to our nation's citizens.

#### **Law Enforcement Gold Medal**

Any individual who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility. This award does not apply to individual employed by private companies or security services.

#### **Firefighters Gold Medal**

Any individual who actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation's citizens.

#### Criteria for all Gold Medal Awards:

Candidates must have demonstrated:

- Recognition by their colleagues or those they serve.
- Consistent excellence in the performance of their duties.
- Consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibilities and skills within their profession.

#### Documentation required for all candidates:

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

#### Nomination:

Post Safety Chairmen should send the above information to their Department Headquarters to arrive no later than November 1. Departments should forward their candidate and documentation to arrive no later than November 17 to:

VFW National Headquarters, Attn: Programs – Gold Medal Award, 406 W 34 St  
Kansas City, MO 64111