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**1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

As we enter our second month of our new membership year, we are off and running. As you read this we will have completed seven (7) Schools of Instruction. I would like to thank Posts 3219-Phoebus, 1503-Dale City, 6975-Bristol, 7726-Independence, 1499-Lexington, 2447-Edinburg, and 637-Hopewell for hosting these Schools of Instruction. Personally, I appreciate all the time, trouble and effort which was expended in hosting these events by our Comrades. There were a few new Commanders and Quartermasters at each event and they received the most current information available to assist them in their new positions. The "Retreads" received the changes in their respective jobs. Hopefully all the information that was presented will help those Posts to be the best they can be at doing the business of the VFW.

The Department of Virginia was down 1.4% or a few over 500 short for the 2008-2009 membership year. This is the first time in five (5) years that our membership has failed to exceed 100%. While our recruiting figure for new members was above the previous year, our continuous membership did not re-new at the rate of the previous year. Our continuous members slipped out the back door. The Post leadership must do all that it can do to retain the continuous member. As one of our Past Department Commanders was famous for stating; "Membership, Membership, Membership."

We now start our fourth month of the First Half Reporting period. Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and many Post and District events have occurred. All should have been reported. Reporting is how the Post publicizes it's activities within the VFW. Reporting is one of the building blocks of our legislative efforts at both the state and federal level. All Posts should be 100% in reporting for the First Half by this time. Report, Report, Report.

The new Congressional Charter By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and the Ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be updated and published after the close of our National Convention in Phoenix. All Posts should make sure that sufficient copies of the new By-Laws and Manual of Procedure are available for their Post and Line Officers. "You cannot get into trouble if you go by the book" was a statement by another Past Department Commander in reference to the By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. I believe this is one of the truest statements about our great organization. **Go by the Book.**

Yours in Comradeship,  
Rex Faris, State Commander

## 2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

**1<sup>ST</sup>- Date:** TBA  
**Meeting:** 11 AM Meal After  
**Location:** Post 176  
24 Forest Dr., Newport News

**2<sup>ND</sup>- Date:** 8/29/09  
**Lunch:** 12:00 PM  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 392  
2408 Bowland Pkwy, VA Beach  
**Rep:** Jim Martin, State SVC

**3<sup>RD</sup>- Date:** 9/12/09  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** 3<sup>rd</sup> District HQ  
10044 Pamunkey Rd,  
Mechanicsville  
**Rep:** Steve Lasseter, State Judge  
Advocate

**4<sup>TH</sup>- Date:** 8/8/09  
**Meeting:** 2:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 7059  
1616 Graham Rd, Farmville  
**Rep:** Rex Faris, State Cmdr

**5<sup>TH</sup>- Date:** 8/29/09  
**Meeting:** Lunch at noon meeting to follow  
**Location:** Post 4637  
2327 Old Chatham Rd,  
Martinsville  
**Rep:** Rex Faris, State Cmdr

**6<sup>TH</sup>- Date:** 8/9/09  
**Meeting:** 2:00 PM  
**Location:** Sponsoring Post 9877  
Bldg 5 & Chapel  
VA Medical Center, Salem  
**Rep:** Charles Absher, State JVC

**7<sup>th</sup>- Date:** 09/13/09  
**Lunch:** 11:30 AM  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 1860  
1847 N Royal Ave, Front Royal  
**Rep:** Margo Sheridan, State Surgeon

**8<sup>th</sup>- Date:** 8/9/09  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM meal after  
**Location:** Post 1177  
401 Oldwaterford Rd NW,  
Leesburg  
**Rep:** Jim Martin, State SVC

**8<sup>th</sup>- Date:** 10/25/09  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM meal after  
**Location:** Post 2524  
12210 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper

**8<sup>th</sup>- Date:** 1/10/10  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM meal after  
**Location:** Post 3103  
2701 Princess Anne St,  
Fredericksburg

**8<sup>th</sup>- Date:** 4/11/10  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM meal after  
**Location:** Post 7589  
9304 Centerville Rd, Manassas

**9<sup>th</sup>- Date:** 9/20/09  
**Lunch:** 11:30 AM Meeting to follow  
**Location:** Post 1184  
2 Dora Hwy, Pulaski  
**Rep:** Rex Faris, State Cmdr

**10<sup>th</sup>- Date:** 9/13/09  
**Meeting:** 12:00 PM Joint Meeting  
**Location:** Post 8241  
1051 Springhill Rd, McLean  
**Rep:** Charles Absher, State JVC

**10<sup>th</sup>- Date:** 12/6/09  
**Meeting:** 12:00 PM Comrades Only  
**Location:** Post 9274  
7118 Shreve Rd, Falls Church

**10<sup>th</sup>-Date:** 2/21/10  
**Meeting:** 12:00 PM Joint Meeting  
**Location:** Post 7916  
204 Mill St, Occoquan

**10<sup>th</sup>-Date:** 5/2/10  
**Meeting:** 12:00 PM District Convention  
**Location:** Post 1503  
14631 Minnieville Rd, Dale City

**11<sup>th</sup>- Date:** 9/13/09  
**Lunch:** 11:30 AM  
**Meeting:** 12:30 PM  
**Location:** Post 1499  
105 Memorial Ln, Lexington  
**Rep:** Roy Swanner, Chief of Staff

**12<sup>th</sup>- Date:** 9/12/09  
**Registration:** 10:00 AM  
**Meeting:** 11:00 AM  
**Location:** Hosted by: Post 1994  
Abington Elementary School  
Elementary Dr, Abington  
**Rep:** Roy Swanner, Chief of Staff

**13<sup>th</sup>- Date:** 10/11/09  
**Meeting:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Post 8947  
102 Mineral Ave, Mineral  
**Rep:** Rex Faris, State Cmdr

### 3. AMERICANISM REPORT:

One hundred reports have been received from 59 posts. Twenty-two posts have submitted multiple reports. Status as of July 17, 2009.

The following Posts have **not** submitted a report for the first-half as of July 17, 2009.

<b>Dist 1</b>	824	2296	6002	7167	8629	9358						
<b>Dist 2</b>	1211	2582	2894	4809	9382							
<b>Dist 3</b>	2239	4639	8356	8329	9501	10387	10654					
<b>Dist 4</b>	637	2163	5313	7166	8163	8228	8759	8902				
<b>Dist 5</b>	873	7568	7726	7800	8243	10840						
<b>Dist 6</b>	776	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	
	5895	7854	8184									
<b>Dist 7</b>	621	2123	6044	9760								
<b>Dist 8</b>	1177	2524	3103	7589	7728	8208	9835					
<b>Dist 9</b>	4667	6000	7328	7969	9696							
<b>Dist 10</b>	609	5412	8469	9274								
<b>Dist 11</b>	452	632	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805				
<b>Dist 12</b>	5715	6975	8652	8979	10298	10310						
<b>Dist 13</b>	1827	2613	8169	8436	8947	10295	10546					

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 June 30, 2009 and is now **DUE**.

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending June 30, 2009

<b>Dist 1</b>	176	2296	3219	5500	6002	8252	8629	9358				
<b>Dist 2</b>	993	2894	3160	4411	4809	8545						
<b>Dist 3</b>	1426	6364	8046	8356	8529	9808	10387	10654	10657			
<b>Dist 4</b>	2163	5313	7166	8163	8228	10570						
<b>Dist 5</b>	2820	7568	7726	8243								
<b>Dist 6</b>	776	1033	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184
	9877											
<b>Dist 7</b>	621	1860	6044	8613	9292	9660	9760					
<b>Dist 8</b>	1177	1811	2524	3103	7728	8208						
<b>Dist 9</b>	1184	4667	7136	7328	7360	9696	9864					
<b>Dist 10</b>	609	1503	3150	5412	7327	7916	8241	8469	9274			
<b>Dist 11</b>	452	632	1499	2216	2424	4204	4805	7701	7814	8644	9339	
<b>Dist 12</b>	3782	4301	5715	6975	8652	8979	9830	10298				
<b>Dist 13</b>	2613	8947	10295	10546	10574							

**5. BLOGMASTER:**

**Don't Miss Out  
Get Automatic Emails  
Whenever Changes Happen!**

It can be hard getting to the Post you may have missed an important event notice or happening. There is an easy way to keep up to date with the news and events of the VFW in Virginia. Send me your email address and VFW Post number to [blogmaster@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:blogmaster@va.vfwwebmail.com) and I will add you to our growing list of Comrades in the know. Then any time a posting directly related to the Post or Post events is made, you will receive a text message. Then you can go directly to the web site at <http://vfwwebcom.org/virginia> and check out the full message along with other postings from the District, State and National VFW blogmasters that come to the site.

Jerry Peterson – Blogmaster

**6. BONDS:**

**All bonds will expire August 31, 2009.** Please see attached rate schedule for costs of your bond and return completed form and payment to State Headquarters before August 31st.

**7. CLOSINGS:**

State Headquarters will be not be closed for a holiday during August.

**8. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

The following Posts have **not** submitted a report for the first-half as of July 20, 2009.

<b>Dist 1</b>	824	2296	6002	7167	8629	9358						
<b>Dist 2</b>	1211	2582	2894	4809	9382							
<b>Dist 3</b>	2239	4639	8046	8356	8529	9501	10387	10654	10657			
<b>Dist 4</b>	2163	5313	7166	8048	8163	8228	8759	8902	9855	10570		
<b>Dist 5</b>	873	7568	7726	7800	8243	10840						
<b>Dist 6</b>	776	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895
<b>Dist 7</b>	621	2123	6044	9660	9760							
<b>Dist 8</b>	1177	2524	3103	7728	8208	9835						
<b>Dist 9</b>	4667	6000	7328	7969	9696							
<b>Dist 10</b>	609	5412	8241	8469	9274							
<b>Dist 11</b>	452	632	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279	8479
	9339	9480										
<b>Dist 12</b>	5715	6975	8652	8979	10298	10310						
<b>Dist 13</b>	1827	8169	8436	8947	10295	10546						

Lynn Harris, Chairman

**9. 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.

## 10. HONOR FLIGHT HISTORIC TRIANGLE VIRGINIA:

Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia is a Williamsburg based non-profit organization with one goal - to take by bus every World War II veteran in the Hampton Roads area that is able and has not been to Washington, DC on a day trip to visit the World War II Memorial built in their honor. We also will visit the Korean Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, and Arlington Cemetery. This trip will be at no charge whatsoever to the veterans. They paid for it in their youth over sixty years ago.

A Honor Flight trip from Hampton Roads has been scheduled for Saturday, October 17. We will be seeking World War II veterans from the Hampton Roads area who would like to visit THEIR MEMORIAL, as well as Arlington Cemetery and other sites in the Washington area. As like the first trip, we will go up and back in one day. Our preference is to take World War II veterans who have previously not been to Washington.

Also, we will be seeking Guardians who would like to accompany the veterans on our next journey. Many of the Guardians from our first trip in May plan to go again in October, but we are always seeking both Veterans and Guardians.

Both Veterans and Guardians can obtain an application from our website at [www.HonorFlightHTVA.org](http://www.HonorFlightHTVA.org) and send it into our PO Box.

We are also seeking financial donations from anyone who would like to make a tax deductible contribution. As you know, World War II veterans pay nothing for this trip and we plan to take two trips to Washington each year.

The support of the VFW Posts throughout Virginia was most instrumental in the overall success of our first trip and we hope your support and cooperation will continue. World War II veterans are encouraged to submit their applications now.

Chuck Reusing

## 11. HOSPITAL REPORT:

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Hospital Report for the period ending July 20, 2009

<b>Dist 1</b>	824	2296	6002	7167	8629	9358						
<b>Dist 2</b>	1211	2582	2894	3160	9382							
<b>Dist 3</b>	4639	8046	8356	8529	9501	10387	10654	10657				
<b>Dist 4</b>	2163	5313	7166	8048	8163	8446	8759	8902	9855	9954	10570	
<b>Dist 5</b>	647	873	7568	7726	7800	8243	8467					
<b>Dist 6</b>	776	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	
<b>Dist 7</b>	621	2123	6044	9292	9660	9760						
<b>Dist 8</b>	1177	2524	3103	7589	7728	8208	9835					
<b>Dist 9</b>	4667	6000	7969	9696								
<b>Dist 10</b>	609	5412	8469	9274								
<b>Dist 11</b>	452	632	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	8279	8479	8644
	9339	9480	10826									
<b>Dist 12</b>	5715	6975	8979	9600	10298	10310						
<b>Dist 13</b>	1827	2044	2613	8169	8436	8947	10295	10546				

## 12. IMPORTANT DATES:

Aug 15-20, 2009      National VFW Convention, Phoenix, AZ

Sept 19, 2009      Council of Administration Meeting, Staunton

Nov 5-8, 2009      VFW Southern Conference, Corpus Christi, TX, Bayfront Rooms, \$99.00

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

Jun 10-13, 2010            State Convention, Richmond, Rates \$89.00 Reservations by May 10, 2010

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

Jun 9-12, 2011            State Convention, Richmond, Rates \$89.00 Reservations by May 9, 2011

### **13. IN-STATE TUITION PROGRAM:**

For periods of enrollment that begin after July 1, 2009, members of the armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) on active duty for a period of more than 30 days and his or her spouse, or his or her dependent children will be eligible to receive in-state tuition at public colleges and universities in the state where they reside or are permanently stationed. Once a Service member or their family members are enrolled and paying in-state tuition, they will continue to pay the in-state tuition rate as long as they remain continuously enrolled at the institution even if the Service member is reassigned outside the state.

This change is included in section 135 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (H. R. 4137) (HEOA) which was signed into law on August 14, 2008 and amends and extends the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA). This requirement applies to all public institutions that receive funds under a program authorized by the HEA.

The Department of Education has worked with the institutions of higher education and is confident they are aware of the changes in the law and are fully implementing the policy. However, as we all know, there is always the chance that someone just doesn't get the word. If this happens, you should contact the financial aid or registrar's office at the institution. You can also contact the Veterans Affairs office at the institution. Even though you are active duty, these offices should be able to assist you.

In the rare cases where these steps don't resolve the situation, please contact the Department of Education's Ombudsman's office (toll-free at 877 557-2575) or via the internet. The online [Ombudsman Assistance Request Form](https://ombudsman.ed.gov/OmbudsmanWebApp/do?action=getRequest) (<https://ombudsman.ed.gov/OmbudsmanWebApp/do?action=getRequest>) can be found at the [Office of the Ombudsman](http://www.ombudsman.ed.gov/) (<http://www.ombudsman.ed.gov/>) website. Both links access complaint information.

Kim DeShano, State ADJ/QM

### **14. MEMBERSHIP:**

It has been said many times by many different Comrades that, "It is easier to retain a current member than it to recruit a new member or reinstate an old member". That was true the first time it was spoken and remains true today and if that's the case, why are we losing so many of our current annual members? There's only one way to find out and that's to reach out and talk to them. We need to do that year around and not just when it's time to ask them for money to renew their dues. If we're in talk with these Comrades on a regular basis they will probably renew more readily AND in some cases start to volunteer in support of some of the Posts programs and projects.

However, that having been said, we still need to recruit new members and return previous members to the fold. The time to start is now. The weather is warm...very warm on some days, but I'll personally take that over standing out in front of Food Lion while it's cold and freezing rain. It seems to happen every year. January and February roll around and it becomes obvious that membership is running short of what we need to carry out our objectives. If we start now and recruit on a regular basis we can avoid the last minute rush and also prevent frostbite. Let's get rolling NOW – renewals AND recruiting; they're both part of membership.

C. D. "Doc" Crouch, Co-Chair

### **15. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:**

For District Commanders and State Chairman who receive a reimbursement from State for mileage for their travels the rate per mile changed from .40 cents to .30 cents per mile effective June 11, 2009.

Kim A. DeShano, State Quartermaster

## 16. MILITARY WOMENS ADVOCACY:

**VA Health Care.** Congress has recently focused on the quality and availability of care provided by the VA to women veterans. The Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs held a hearing on July 14, and the Government Accountability Office testified before the House Subcommittees on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs and Health. At both hearings it was clearly evident that the VA has significantly improved specialized care provided to female veterans. Although several challenges remain, such as space constraints for gender-specific care and the ongoing difficulty to hire medical providers with specific training and experience in women's health care and in mental health care; the VA has committed itself to providing the best quality care possible to all veterans, male and female.

**VFW's *She Serves* Networking Session.** On Tuesday, 18 August 2009, at the National Convention, all female veterans are invited to attend. This membership-focused networking session complements the Female Issues Forum hosted by VFW's National Veterans Service office. A continental breakfast will be provided.

Margo Sheridan, Chairman

## 17. NATIONAL HOME TRIP:

After a journey of more than 1100 miles, seventeen tired Riders from Virginia arrived at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids Michigan on the morning of July 4, 2009. They were joined by riders from Texas, Colorado, Indiana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. The first National Home Memorial Ride culminated with a parade at 11:00 a.m. followed by brunch and a presentation ceremony at 1:00 p.m.

Past National Commander Jim Goldsmith offered praise and congratulations and predicted his home state of Michigan would participate next year. The home received donations from the departments of Texas and Indiana leaving Virginia as the finale.

On behalf of the Department of Virginia's VFW Posts, the Men and Women's Auxiliaries and the Cootie Pup Tents a check for \$13,035.00 was presented followed by thunderous applause from the assembly. As we stood for the presentation photograph the sound of children's laughter filled our ears and warmed our hearts as our reward. The grand total fell just short of \$30,000.00 the largest single contribution was from Virginia. What a wonderful honor it was for us to represent the Department of Virginia.

Randy Schilling, Chairman

## 18. ROSTER CHANGES:

### District:

**13<sup>th</sup> :** Ed Crebbs, ADJ  
540-832-2708 Home

**PDC:** Eugene Wiseman, PDC  
PO Box 986  
Lake Alfred, FL 33850

### Committee Members:

Please remove the following individuals from the Honor Guard list

Robert H Crowe  
Kenneth R. Williams  
Richard Zick

Please change the following e-mail address for a State Recruiting Coordinator

Craig Dudley  
Misterclean\_72@msn.com

**1184:** Bobby Ward, CMDR  
619 Randolph Ave  
Pulaski, VA 24301

**1184:** Bennie Hill, SVC  
622 Hickory Ave  
Pulaski, VA 24301

**1264:** Jim Warren III, CMDR  
460 Bluebell Ln Apt 303  
Roanoke, VA 24012  
(540)362-3666

**1264:** Douglas Burnette, SVC  
4419 Harford Cir NW  
Roanoke, VA 24012  
540-798-6520

**1860:** Post Phone #:(540)635-9024

**3160:** Ernest Kitchen, SVC  
333 E Lorengo Ave  
Norfolk, VA 23503  
(575)480-5121

**3160:** Dena Hatcher, JVC  
8600 Glen Myrtle Ave  
Norfolk, VA 23505

**7327:** George Sweeney, SVC  
9356 Burke Rd  
Burke, VA 22015  
(703)978-6435

**3103:** Sheila Tritle, QM  
32 Willow Branch Pl  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405  
(540)899-9538

**7327:** Gary Kelch, JVC  
7701 Huntsman Blvd  
Springfield, VA 22153

**8208:** Walter Hein, CMDR  
PO Box 653  
Ruckersville, VA 22923

**9382:** Daniel Williams, QM  
693 S George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA 23323

## 19. SAFETY:

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Safety Report for the period ending July 20, 2009

<b>Dist 1</b>	176	824	960	2296	6002	7167	8629	9358				
<b>Dist 2</b>	1211	2582	2894	4411	4809	9382						
<b>Dist 3</b>	2239	4639	8046	8356	8529	9501	10387	10546	10657			
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<b>Dist 12</b>	3782	5715	6975	8979	10298	10310						
<b>Dist 13</b>	1827	2044	2613	8169	8436	8947	10295	10546				

## 20. VIRGINIA INDOOR CLEAN AIR ACT:

New legislation goes into effect Dec. 1, 2009. Smoking shall be prohibited and no person shall smoke in any restaurant in the Commonwealth or in any restroom within such restaurant, except that smoking may be permitted in any private club. Private clubs, such as local VFWs and lodges, are exempt. I spoke with the Director, Division of Food and Environmental Services Virginia Department of Health to clarify some concerns about private clubs and the new In Door Clean Air Act. According to him and the new legislation, VFW's are exempt through out the Commonwealth Of Virginia. I used different examples such as Bingos, hall rentals, other events and his response was "As discussed, since the bingo and events are sponsored by your organization, which meets the definition of a private club, it is a "club sponsored event" as addressed in the new law." Therefore, the new law does not apply to our situation.

I have provided the definition of a private club as defined in the new bill:

"Private club" means an organization, whether incorporated or not, that (i) is the owner, lessee, or occupant of a building or portion thereof used exclusively for club purposes, including club or member sponsored events; (ii) is operated solely for recreational, fraternal, social, patriotic, political, benevolent, or athletic purposes, and only sells alcoholic beverages incidental to its operation; (iii) has established bylaws, a constitution, or both that govern its activities; and (iv) the affairs and management of which are conducted by a board of directors, executive committee, or similar body chosen by the members at an annual meeting.

James Martin, State SVC



**21. 2009 – 2010 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:**

**2009-2010**

Voice of Democracy Program Reporting Dates  
**9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**  
 Theme: "Does America Still Have Heroes?"

Student Entry	Deadline: November 1, 2009
Complete Post Judging	Deadline: November 15, 2009
Complete District Judging	Deadline: December 6, 2009
Awards to be given to Department Winner	Winter Council Meeting

The District Winner must be mailed and received by Earle (Buddy) P. Weekley, Jr., Department Voice of Democracy Chairman, 595 Bowman Road, Dayton, VA 22821 by **Saturday, December 12, 2009.**

**No exceptions!**

**Be sure you send all of the District information that is needed.** This means the Official Student Entry Form, a Typed Script and Recorded Cassette/CD and a photo of District Winner. I suggest that if any way possible you submit a CD for judging. Your local radio station or school will be happy to do this. If you do not have the District information that is requested according to the guidelines, your District winner will not be eligible. **Also, you must complete the District Chairman Report Form (which you will receive from National Headquarters in November) and send to me by January 9, 2010.** National Headquarters will obtain all other information from the Department winning student.

Department Judging will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Myers-Hodges VFW Post 8644 in Bridgewater, Virginia.

Voice of Democracy Department Awards:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Winner	Student will receive \$1,000.00 and be expected to attend the Winter Council Meeting to be held in Williamsburg on January 16, 2010, to read their entry and receive this award. In addition, student will receive a check for \$500.00 from the Department of Virginia Commanders Club.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Winner	Will receive \$600.00 which the Department will mail
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Winner	Will receive \$400.00 which the Department will mail

Each Post that participates in the Voice of Democracy Program will receive a Citation.

The Post that sponsors the Department's 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner will be awarded the Clarence E. Kelley Memorial Voice of Democracy Trophy and will be presented at the Awards Ceremony at the Department Convention in June 2010.

Earle P. (Buddy) Weekley, Jr., Chairman  
 Don Hall, Chairman

**22. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Youth Activities Report for the period ending July 20, 2009

<b>Dist 1</b>	824	2296	6002	7167	8629	9358						
<b>Dist 2</b>	1211	2582	2894	4411	4809	9382						
<b>Dist 3</b>	2239	4639	8046	8356	8529	9501	10387	10654	10657			
<b>Dist 4</b>	637	2163	5313	7166	8048	8163	8228	8446	8759	8902	9855	9954
	10570											
<b>Dist 5</b>	873	7568	7726	6800	8243	10840						
<b>Dist 6</b>	776	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895
	7854	8184										
<b>Dist 7</b>	621	2123	6044	9660	9760							
<b>Dist 8</b>	1177	1811	2524	3103	7728	8208	9835					
<b>Dist 9</b>	4667	6000	7328	7360	7969	9696						

<b>Dist 10</b>	609	5412	8469	9274								
<b>Dist 11</b>	452	632	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279	8479
	8644	9339	8480									
<b>Dist 12</b>	5715	6975	8652	8979	10298	10310						
<b>Dist 13</b>	1827	2613	8169	8436	8947	01295	10546					

William J. Shepherd, Chairman

Official:



Kim A. DeShano  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Rex Faris  
State Commander



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



Dear Comrade Commander:

August 1, 2009

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, 2009

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, 2009 TO AUGUST 31, 2010.**

**The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2010.**

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

**APPLICATION FOR V.F.W. OFFICERS BOND – SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 TO AUGUST 31, 2010**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 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, 2009 to August 31, 2010. 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  
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 \$259,000.-----\$ 518.00  
 \$260,000.-----\$ 520.00  
 \$270,000.-----\$ 540.00  
 \$280,000.-----\$ 560.00  
 \$290,000.-----\$ 580.00  
 \$300,000.-----\$ 600.00  
 \$310,000.-----\$ 620.00  
 \$320,000.-----\$ 640.00  
 \$330,000.-----\$ 660.00  
 \$340,000.-----\$ 680.00  
 \$350,000.-----\$ 700.00  
 \$360,000.-----\$ 720.00  
 \$370,000.-----\$ 740.00  
 \$380,000.-----\$ 760.00  
 \$390,000.-----\$ 780.00  
 \$400,000.-----\$ 800.00  
 \$410,000.-----\$ 820.00  
 \$420,000.-----\$ 840.00  
 \$430,000.-----\$ 860.00  
 \$440,000.-----\$ 880.00  
 \$450,000.-----\$ 900.00  
 \$460,000.-----\$ 920.00  
 \$470,000.-----\$ 940.00  
 \$480,000.-----\$ 960.00  
 \$490,000.-----\$ 980.00  
 \$500,000.-----\$1,000.00

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

\$2.00 Per Thousand

**\$1.75 Per Thousand**

\$501,000.-----\$ 876.75  
 \$502,000.-----\$ 878.50  
 \$503,000.-----\$ 880.25  
 \$504,000.-----\$ 882.00  
 \$505,000.-----\$ 883.75  
 \$506,000.-----\$ 885.50  
 \$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

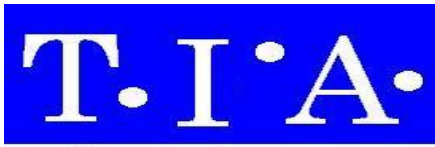
\$ 25,000.-----	\$125.00
\$ 30,000.-----	\$150.00
\$ 35,000.-----	\$175.00
\$ 40,000.-----	\$200.00

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

## **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

### **VFW 110th National Convention Phoenix, Arizona Phoenix Convention Center August 15-20, 2009**

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

#### **Saturday, August 15, 2009**

7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW/Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	National Veterans Service Advisory Committee
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Political Action Committee Board Meeting
10:30 a.m.	Budget and Finance Committee
12:00 p.m.	Vander Clute Memorial Ride - Check Presentation
2:00 p.m.	National Council of Administration Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass
6:00 p.m.	National Veterans Service Sub Committee

#### **Sunday, August 16, 2009**

7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
7:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass
7:00 a.m.	Protestant Service
8:30 a.m.	Annual Memorial Service
10:30 a.m.	Eastern Conference Caucus
10:30 a.m.	Southern Conference Caucus
10:30 a.m.	Big Ten Conference Caucus
10:30 a.m.	Western Conference Caucus
5:30p	Current Conflicts Workshop – Hyatt Regency

#### **Committee Meetings:**

1:45 p.m.	Resolutions Committees ( <i>General Session Hall</i> )
2:00 p.m.	National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual
2:00 p.m.	National Military Services

#### **Resolutions Committees:**

2:00 p.m.	Finance and Internal Organization (200 series)
2:00 p.m.	General Resolutions (300 Series)
2:00 p.m.	National Security and Foreign Affairs (400 series)

Sub Committee – POW/MIA

**Sunday, August 16, 2009 (cont.)**

2:00 p.m. National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series)  
Sub-committee – Medical  
Sub-committee – Employment  
Sub-committee – Other Benefits

**Monday, August 17, 2009**

7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. VFW Health Fair  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Registration/Exhibits  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Field Competition  
8:00 a.m. Joint Opening Session  
*(Business session will resume after lunch break)*  
12:30 p.m. National Outstanding Community Service Post Reception  
3:30 p.m. Membership Part I

**Tuesday, August 18, 2009**

7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. VFW Health Fair  
7:00a. m.-8:30 a. m. She Serves Networking Session (*open to all female veterans*)  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Registration/Exhibits  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Field Competition  
8:00 a.m. VFW Business Session  
1:00 p.m. Programs Workshop: *The Successful Post*  
1:00 p.m. Chaplains Workshop  
1:00 p.m. Membership Part II  
1:00 p.m. National Military Services Workshop  
1:30 p.m. Communications & Public Affairs Workshop: *VFW Social  
Networking Basics*  
2:00 p.m. Women Veterans Forum  
2:00 p.m. VFW/VA Health Care Benefits Forum  
2:00 p.m. VA Overview of Research and Development: *Diabetes  
and Aging*  
2:00 p.m. National Scouting Team and VFW Scouters  
4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Patriotic Rally

**Wednesday, August 19, 2009**

7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VFW Health Fair  
7:00 a.m. Foundation Workshop: *Grants & Financial Assistance*  
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VFW Registration/Exhibits  
8:00 a.m. Business Session /Nomination of Officers



1:00 p.m. VFW National Home Workshop  
2:00 p.m. PAC Workshop  
7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. All Conference Reception (*Location TBD*)

**Thursday, August 20, 2009**

8:00 a.m. Business Session: Election/Installation of National Officers  
National Council of Administration Meeting  
(*Following business session*)  
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Commander-in-Chief's and National President's Reception

*Updated: 7/8/09*