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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

I want to thank everyone for their help and look forward to your continuing Membership as of 20 Feb for the Department is at 92.08% and we have no Districts at 100%. I have been told that current members may not renew because of the economy? I counter with; they can't afford not to renew. If we can't keep our membership we risk losing entitlements we have worked long and hard for. When the economy is bad the first place the government looks for cuts is the military, active and retired. Let your unpaid members know that we need them so we can continue to work for their entitlements. Our organization was started not only to champion the cause of those that have served but also those still serving. We need our unpaid members to renew so we can continue to work for the cause(s) of those men and women that are currently serving and those that will be serving. We only have 4 months left to reach 100% in membership. That said; on March 20-22 we will have a recruiting school at Post 3160. The Department will pay for 3 members from each District to attend. Each District Commander has been tasked to nominate at least 3 members to attend. There is NO excuse for not sending 3 members from your District; these members will come back to your District and help with recruiting new members and retaining current ones.

Congratulations to the 7th and 9th District for 100% reporting for the 2nd half. We started the second half on 1 Nov 08, we have been through the holidays when we do a bulk of our work. I find it hard to believe that we have Posts that didn't do anything during that time. If we do have Posts that are not doing the business of the VFW, we will look at the Post to see if they should consolidated or closed. If we have a Post that has not reported anything for the year as of 01 May, I will put them on suspension immediately. We are here to do the work of the VFW, not to be a paper Post, no new or reinstated members, no audits or always late on audits, not reporting, no programs, ect...

I want all District Commanders to contact every one of their Posts by 22 Mar and see what their plans are to complete their reports and reach 100% in membership. Please provide HQ with the results and what your plans are to assist them NLT 30 Mar. We are coming out of the 4th turn and heading down the home stretch, we don't want to let any Posts fall through the cracks.

I want to remind everyone that all Post's should be opening nominations for Post Officers at your March meeting if you only have one Post meeting a month and elect in April. On that note, I want you all to think long and hard who would be the best leaders for your Post and do not nominate a person because he or she is your best friend. As I travel the state I find Posts who are in trouble because they have weak leadership and most of the time they were elected because of popularity and not leadership skills, if this Organization is going to continue, if your Post is going to

continue to be a productive Post in your Community than we are going to need strong leadership. Please keep this in mind when you elect your 2009- 2010 Post Officers and District Officers.

I want to thank everyone for their help and look forward to your continued support. Let's set the bar high for next year!!

Hal Roesch, II, State Commander

2. GENERAL ORDERS No. 7, 2008-09 series:

National General Orders No.7, 2008-09 series, will announce the consolidation of Myers-Hodges Post No. 8644, Bridgewater, Virginia and Carl D. Lee Post No. 9872, Hinton, Virginia the consolidated Post to be known as Myers-Hodges Post No. 8644, Bridgewater, Virginia. Approved February 4, 2009. The senior muster date is October 29, 1946.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 273:

Upon the recommendation of the Commander, Department of Virginia, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the National By-Laws, the charter of Dahlgren-King George Post No. 8717, King George, Virginia mustered October 20, 1966 is hereby cancelled and the Post declared defunct.

4. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1ST- Date: TBA | 7th- Date: 3/08/09 |
| Meeting: | Lunch: 11:30 AM |
| Location: | Meeting: 1:00 PM |
| Rep: | Location: Post 8613 |
| | 1103 Varina Ave, Shenandoah |
| 2ND- Date: 5/17/09 | Rep: Hal Roesch, State Cmdr |
| Lunch: 1:00 PM | |
| Meeting: 2:00 PM | 7th- Date: 5/17/09 |
| Location: Post 4809 | Lunch: 11:30 AM |
| 5728 Barte St, Norfolk | Meeting: 1:00 PM |
| Rep: Steve Lasseter, State Surgeon | Location: Post 9760 |
| | 425 S. Buckmarsh St, Berryville |
| 3RD- Date: 5/3/09 | Rep: Charles Absher, Judge Advocate |
| Meeting: 10:00 AM | |
| Location: 3 rd District HQ | 8th- Date: 3/8/09 |
| 10044 Pamunkey Rd., | Meeting: 1:00 PM |
| Mechanicsville | Location: Post 3103 Lunch to follow |
| Rep: John Edwards, St. Chief-of-Staff | 2701 Princess Anne St, |
| | Fredericksburg |
| 4TH- Date: 05/17/09 | Rep: Jim Martin, State JVC |
| Meeting: 2:00 PM | |
| Location: Post 622 | 8th- Date: 5/17/09 |
| 1925 Johnson Rd, Petersburg | Meeting: 1:00 PM |
| Rep: Jimmy Lee Wallace, PDC | Location: Post 7589 |
| | 9304 Centerville Rd. Manassas |
| 5TH- Date: 5/23/09 | Rep: Rex Faris, SVC |
| Meeting: Lunch at noon meeting to follow | |
| Location: Post 7726 | 9th- Date: 5/3/09 |
| 115 Klondike Rd., Independence | Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting to follow |
| Rep: | Location: Post 9696 |
| | 131 Lovelane St., Bluefield |
| 6TH- Date: 5/17/09 | Rep: Hal Roesch, II, State Cmdr |
| Meeting: 2:00 PM | |
| Location: Post 1033 | |
| 710 Dolly Ann Dr., Covington | |
| Rep: Hal Roesch, II, State Cmdr | |

10th- **Date:** 5/3/09
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 1503
14631 Minnieville Rd., Dale City
Rep: Jim Martin, State JVC

12th- **Date:** 5/9/09
Register: 10:00 AM
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Host: Post 8652
Location: Coeburn High School, 314
School House Hill Dr, Coeburn
Rep: Rex Faris, SVC

11th- **Date:** 5/3/09
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 12:30 PM
Location: Post 632
450 Waterman Dr., Harrisonburg
Rep: Rex Faris, SVC

13th- **Date:** 5/31/09
Meeting:
Location:
Rep: Jimmy Lee Wallace, PDC

5. AMERICANISM REPORT:

Congratulations to District 2, 7, and 9 for being 100% reported. Ten Posts fewer are reported than last year at this same time, with the total reports received and second reports down accordingly. Only two months to go to complete those projects!

One hundred eighty-eight reports have been received from 119 posts. Thirty-six posts have sent multiple reports.

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a report for the Second Half as of February 20, 2009

DIST. 1	2296	7167	8629						
DIST. 2	100%								
DIST. 3	2583	11124							
DIST. 4	2163	8048	8228						
DIST. 5	873	7568	7800	10840					
DIST. 6	2157	4165	4318	4522	4920	5895	7854	8184	
DIST. 7	100%								
DIST. 8	1811	2524	3103	7728					
DIST. 9	100%								
DIST. 10	609	5412	9274						
DIST. 11	452	1499	2424	7814	8479	8644	9339		
DIST. 12	6975	10298	10310						
DIST. 13	1827	7638	8436	8717	10295	10546			

J. Gary Wagner, Chairman

6. 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 December 2008 and is now **Past Due**.

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted an Audit Report as of February 20th for the period ending December 31, 2008

DIST. 1	100%								
DIST. 2	9382								
DIST. 3	2583								
DIST. 4	637								
DIST. 5	873	1115	7568						
DIST. 6	4299	4522	9877						
DIST. 7	7899								
DIST. 8	8208								
DIST. 9	100%								
DIST. 10	609	5412							
DIST. 11	452	632	7814						

DIST. 12	8652							
DIST. 13	10546	10574						

7. BUDDY POPPIES:

Commanders on all levels should begin organizing their 2008 Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. Every Post is urged to order and distribute VFW Buddy Poppies. Do not wait until May to place your order.

8. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Congratulations to Districts 7 and 9 for 100% reporting for the 2nd Half. Several of the Districts are getting close to being 100%. But there are some Districts still struggling with getting their reports turned in for the 2nd Half. You still have time to get your reports in on time.

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a second half report as of February 20, 2009

DIST. 1	2296	7167	8629						
DIST. 2	392								
DIST. 3	2583	11124							
DIST. 4	622	2163	8228	10570					
DIST. 5	873	7568	7800	10840					
DIST. 6	2157	4165	4318	4522	4920	5895	7854	8184	
DIST. 7	100%								
DIST. 8	2524	3103	7728	8208	9835				
DIST. 9	100%								
DIST. 10	609	5412	9274						
DIST. 11	452	1499	2424	7814	8479	8644	9339		
DIST. 12	6975	10298	10310						
DIST. 13	1827	2613	7638	8436	10295	10546			

Lynn Harris, Chairman

9. 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 distributed on a first come basis and must be picked up from State Headquarters. We will **NOT** ship them due to the cost of shipping. They are ready for pick-up **NOW**.

Kim DeShano, State ADJ/QM

10. 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.

11. HOSPITAL REPORT:

Congratulations to Districts 7 and 9 for both being 100% reported. Some of the Districts are still struggling with getting their reports turned in. Posts that have submitted reports for the second half of the reporting period have been taken off of the Matrix. There has been a great improvement over the last month. We are already into the fourth month of the Second-half cycle. We need a lot more reports to get to 100%.

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a second half report as of February 18, 2009

Dist. 1	2296	7167	8629					
Dist. 2	392	993	4411					
Dist. 3	2583	8046	8529	11124				

Dist. 4	2163	8048	8228	8617	8759	8902	10570		
Dist. 5	647	873	7568	7726	7800	8243			
Dist. 6	2157	4165	4318	4522	4920	5895	7854	8184	
Dist. 7	100%								
Dist. 8	2524	3103	4468	7728					
Dist. 9	100%								
Dist. 10	609	7327	8469	9274					
Dist. 11	452	2424	7707	7814	8479	8644	9339		
Dist. 12	6975	9830	10298	10310					
Dist. 13	1827	2613	7638	8436	10295	10546	10574		

Steve Lasseter, Chairman

12. IMPORTANT DATES:

- 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

13. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

Reserve Retirement Bill Introduced: Legislation has been introduced during the new Congress to amend Title 10, United States Code, to ensure that members of the Reserve Components who have served on active duty, or performed active service since 9/11 in support of contingency operation or in other emergency situations, receive credit for early receipt of retired pay. The measure will expand the provision of the FY08 National Defense Authorization Act that allows members to receive retirement pay earlier than the normal age 60 by three months for every 90 days served on active duty after January 28, 2008. This issue is among the legislative resolutions approved by the VFW National Convention. Contact your members of Congress to sign on as a cosponsor of H.R. 208.

General Assembly Issues Review: The 2009 Session of the Richmond General Assembly is half over. The VFW Legislative Agenda include seven issues. At this point, five of those issues are still under consideration:

1. Employment of Automated Claims System. Approved by the House of Delegates unanimously to fund provided availability of sufficient nongeneral fund revenues. Awaiting action by the Senate.
2. Burial Vaults for Virginia State Veterans Cemeteries. Approved by the Senate unanimously to provide the vaults at no cost to eligible veterans and family members. Awaiting action by the House of Delegates.
3. Real Estates Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans. Approved a Constitutional Amendment by the Senate and House of Delegates. This must be voted on in the 2010 Session of the General Assembly before it is placed on a General Election ballot.
4. Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. Approved by the House of Delegates unanimously to remove barriers to educational success imposed on military children. Awaiting action by the Senate.
5. Criteria for Names of Virginia War Memorial. Approved by the House of Delegates unanimously to conduct a Study on the matter and report back to the 2010 Session of the General Assembly. Awaiting action by the Senate.

No action was taken of two issues: Military Family Relief Fund Tax Exemption and Homeless Veterans Study.

J. B. Young, Chairman

14. **MILITARY WOMEN'S ADVOCACY:**

I attended the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Women Veterans quarterly meeting, February 18-20, 2009, at the VA headquarters in Washington, DC.

The Honorable Eric Shinseki (General, U.S. Army, Retired), opened the meeting by sharing his overarching vision and direction for the VA. He clearly wants to change the VA, and to change it quickly by establishing a very high standard of service and holding VA personnel accountable and responsible. He acknowledged that women veterans are entitled to the same privileges and benefits as their male counterparts and vowed to provide high quality healthcare specific to women's unique needs; stating that women are also Warriors and should be honored and respected. With less than 1 month on the job, GEN Shinseki could not forecast the budget available for the next 2-3 years to provide much-needed improvements in services at centers. He plans to address his "share the Veteran" theme with SecDef Gates at their upcoming meeting, and to promote unified personnel and electronic health care records that can pass easily to the VA when service members transition from active service. He challenged the Committee to "be impatient" with him (but please be courteous) to implement the many changes and improvements needed at the VA.

Mr. Michael Walcoff, Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits at VA, shared his frustration with bad customer service (shredding documents, falsifying claim dates, etc.) that has led to Veterans' loss of faith in the VA benefit processing system. Mr. Walcoff vowed to implement needed changes, and is on track to implement a paperless claims process by 2012. He is also looking at new outreach proposals, such as YouTube and Facebook, to reach younger veterans. Some good news: delinquencies and foreclosures in VA guaranteed mortgages are very low compared to the rest of the U.S.

National VFW *She Serves* Campaign. Six Virginia-based female veterans recently joined the VFW as Members at Large through the national *She Serves* campaign. All have been personally contacted, referred to a local Virginia Post, and joined to our Department Women Veterans network. Hopefully these women and many others will become active in our Posts – please help them to feel welcome!

Margo Sheridan, Chairman

15. **110th NATIONAL CONVENTION:**

The 110th VFW National Convention will be held Aug. 15-20, 2009, in Phoenix, Arizona. The Department of Virginia has been assigned to the Hyatt Regency Hotel the price of the rooms are: Single: \$99, Double: \$99, Triple: \$124, Quad: \$149, The special convention rates are available until July 13 or until our block of 32 rooms sells out. For the Housing forms are attached to the GO or you can go online to www.vfw.org and look up 110th National Convention.

For information on what to do during your stay visit www.visitphoenix.com/vfw2009.

SuperShuttle, the nation's leading shared-ride airport shuttle, is offering **discounted rates** for all 110th VFW National Convention delegates. Take advantage of this opportunity when booking online by entering the special VFW national group/discount code: PX5R9. Visit www.supershuttle.com to get started.

16. **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICERS:**

All Posts, Districts and Departments should be reminded of the provisions of Sections 215, 414(c), and 515(d) of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective adjutant for review.

17. **2009 – 2010 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN THEMES:**

The 2009–2010 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Thomas Tradewell, Sr. The Voice of Democracy theme will be "**Does America Still Have Heroes?**" and the Patriot's Pen theme will be "**When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?**" This information will be posted on the VFW website.

Don Hall, Chairman

18. ROSTER CHANGES:

2447: Francis F. Painter, SVC
466 Meadow Dr.
Edinburg, VA 22824
(540)984-8425

7638: Dennis T. Desttemps, QM
4578 Burnley Station Rd
Barboursville, VA 22923

2447: Clarence L. Rush, JVC
396 Short Mountain Rd.
Edinburg, VA 22824
(540)984-4186

19. SAFETY REPORT:

Posts who have **NOT** submitted a report as of February 20, 2009:

DIST. 1	2296	5500	7167	8629								
DIST. 2	4411											
DIST. 3	1426	2583	8046	10654	11124							
DIST. 4	2163	7166	8048	8163	8228							
DIST. 5	647	873	7568	7800	8243	8467	10840					
DIST. 6	2157	4165	4318	4522	4920	5895	7854	8184				
DIST. 7	100%											
DIST. 8	2524	3103	7728									
DIST. 9	100%											
DIST. 10	609	3150	5412	7327	8469	9274						
DIST. 11	452	1499	2424	3060	7701	7814	8479	8644	9339			
DIST. 12	6975	9830	10298	10310								
DIST. 13	1827	7638	8436	10295	10546							

Carl A Penning, III, Chairman

20. TRUSTEES:

Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees. Among the duties of the three (3) elected Post Trustees, they shall:

- a. At least monthly, review the Monthly Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Post Quartermaster.
- b. Not later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period, at the direction of the Post Commander, properly audit the books and records of the Post Quartermaster, Post Adjutant and any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or on behalf of the Post and submit a Post Trustees Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector.
- c. The Report shall be in accordance with and upon such form as may be prescribed by the Adjutant General. The audit shall be signed by the Post Commander and Trustees, who shall, by their signatures, certify to the accuracy of the information contained therein.
- d. Perform such other duties as may be incident to the office or may from time to time be required by the laws and usages of the organization or lawful orders from proper authority.

Kim DeShano, ADJ/QM

21. VFW MILITARY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP:

Now in its fourth year, this scholarship program has been expanded to members of the military, National Guard and Reserves, and anyone discharged within 36 months preceding the annual deadline of December 31. Fifty \$1,500 scholarships are awarded annually. Brochures that include the entry form are available at

www.vfwdepartmentresources.org, or by contacting the VFW Programs office at 816-968-1116. The scholarship may be used for the spouse and/or children of the veteran.

Kim DeShano, ADJ/QM

22. VFW SPONSORED PROGRAMS PUT MONEY BACK IN THE DEPARTMENT:

The VFW offers over 35 different products and programs to our members and their families.

The revenue generated through the sales of these products is shared with Departments based on the participation by members and posts. Your support of these programs is appreciated and vital to the financial health of the VFW and various veterans programs.

Please make the VFW your first stop when shopping for Post Liability, Medicare Supplement, Medicare Part D Prescription Plans, Pet, Cancer, Life, Long-Term Care and Vehicle Insurance. We also offer Annuities, Home Reliance Plans, Computers and the VFW Member Honor Roll.

If you have any questions or suggestions for new products, please send an email to Denise Edelman at dedelman@vfw.org or call 1-800-821-2606, Option 3.

Kim DeShano, ADJ/QM

23. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Congratulations to Districts 2, 7 and 9 for 100% reporting.

Posts who have **NOT** submitted a report as of February 20, 2009:

Dist. 1	176	824	960	2296	7167	8629								
Dist. 2	100%													
Dist. 3	2583	6364	8046	8529	9808	10387								
Dist. 4	622	2163	7819	8048	8228	8446	8759	8617	8902	9855	10570			
Dist. 5	873	4637	7568	7800	8243	10840								
Dist. 6	484	776	1444	2157	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	
	9805													
Dist. 7	100%													
Dist. 8	1811	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	9835							
Dist. 9	100%													
Dist. 10	609	5412	7327	8241	8469	8815	9274	9478						
Dist. 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	4204	7701	7814	8279	8479	8644		
	9339													
Dist. 12	6975	9830	10298	10310										
Dist. 13	1827	7638	8436	10295	10546									

John Miska, Chairman

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Harold Roesch
State Commander

Commanders Club Luncheon

ATTENTION: All Past and Present Commanders

You are invited to attend the Annual Commanders Club Luncheon to be held on Friday, June 12, 2009, at the Sheraton Richmond West from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Commanders, please pass this information on to your Comrades.

COST: \$27.00 (includes tax & gratuity)

MENU:
House Salad
Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
Chef's Choice of Vegetable
Chef's Choice of Potato
Apple Pie
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Commanders Club

MAIL CHECK TO:
Earle P. Weekley, Jr.
Commanders Club Treasurer
595 Bowman Road
Dayton, VA 22821

DEADLINE: June 1, 2009 ***PRE-REGISTRATION FOR MEAL IS REQUIRED.
PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1st, NO EXCEPTIONS.
NO MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNLESS PRE-REGISTERED.***

REMEMBER: You can become a LIFE MEMBER for \$25.00; ANNUAL DUES are \$5.00. All dues can be sent to Earle P. Weekley, Jr. at the above address.

Connie Agresti, President

Bill Shifflett, Luncheon Chairman

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PLEASE SEND THE FORM BELOW ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO ASSURE ACCURACY.
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Post No. _____

Amount Enclosed _____

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

NAME	COMMANDERS CLUB CARD NO.	DATE JOINED
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Annual Dues for _____
Life Member Dues for _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORD BOOK GUIDELINES

1. Record books should contain community service projects that are completed during the period May 1, through April 30.
2. **BOOK SIZE:** Should be no larger than 12 by 16 inches nor more than three inches thick. Make two or more volumes if thicker than three inches. Number each volume, e.g., Volume I; Volume II, etc.
3. **FASTENER and COVER:** If books have metal posts, steel is preferable to brass or aluminum. If covers have decals, place self-adhesive clear plastic over the decals so they will not be damaged during shipping and handling. Please use superior quality page dividers and index tabbing; the extensive handling that the record books experience must be considered.
4. **CLIPPINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS:** Show dates and captions. Include supporting information.
5. **ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES:** In a brief statement show how money was spent for each category (one or two pages at the most for each category).
6. **ARRANGEMENT OF BOOK:** Enter each project by category. (Chronological or month by month listing makes your entry more difficult for the judges to evaluate.)
7. **ENTRY FORM:** Complete and fasten inside front cover of volume one.
8. **MAIL OR SHIP RECORD BOOK ENTRY FOR THE DEPARTMENT CONTEST** to your Department Headquarters or the address they designate.
9. Avoid non-community service related items in your record book entry. Pictures of Post Officers, installation of officers, meeting, etc., will not be credited.

(This material should be assembled in a separate section and kept by the Post until the record book is returned after the competition, then it can be added to the record book for permanent reference).

PREPARING A RECORD BOOK

Posts and Auxiliaries carry on many projects which are of public service. The best way to tell the story of your Post and Auxiliary's work in the community is through a Community Activity record book that contains evidence of the many projects and programs your Post and Auxiliary perform.

The contents of your record book should be arranged and in such detail that it tells the story of each project, clearly and completely, to those who may read and judge it.

Posts and Auxiliaries should combine their community activity programs into one book or one set of books the Post and its Auxiliary are judged as a unit.

When making up a record book it is advisable to group your projects and programs into one of the seven categories. If a project qualifies for more than one category, select and list it under one category. It will be given credit, regardless of whether it is listed under the proper category.

For example:

Lite-a-Bike could be listed under categories five or seven.

Do not duplicate your efforts by placing them in each of the categories.

Remember, when compiling your community service record book you are telling a story of your work to judges who generally are not familiar with your efforts or community. The easier it is for the judges to read the facts, the easier it is for them to evaluate your work. Some Community Activity record book entries have an additional index for each category which lists the subgroups within the categories. Some entries have an index only in the front of volume one.

Remember, also if you enter your record book in other competitions, the judges will be less likely to know about the VFW Community Activities Program. Just like composing a good letter, let your record book present the story so there will be no misunderstanding.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE POST

RECORD BOOK
ENTRY FORM

1. This form must be filled in and attached to the inside cover of the Community Activities Record Book that your Post enters in the Department Community activities Record Book Contest.
2. Be sure to provide the name, address and zip code of the person to whom the Record Book should be returned following the judging.
3. This form must be signed by the Post Commander

CATEGORIES FOR RECORDING PROJECTS

The Community Activities Program is divided into seven general categories:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Community Involvement | 4. School and Church Assistance |
| 2. Cooperation with other organizations | 5. Safety |
| 3. Aide to others | 6. Americanism |
| | 7. Youth and Voice of Democracy |

Post No. _____ City _____ State _____

Total Projects Since 5/1/08 _____	Total Hours (Volunteered) _____	Total Funds Used/Donated _____
Total Post Members as of 4/1/09 _____	Total Auxiliary Members as of 4/1/09 _____	City Population _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Post _____ Auxiliary _____
(Name of Chairman) (Name of Chairman)

JUDGES, NOTE THE FOLLOWING LEADING PROJECTS

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RETURN RECORD BOOK TO:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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



**Veterans of Foreign Wars
2009 National Convention
August 15-20, 2009**

PHOENIX HOUSING FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

Reservations can be made in one of the following ways:

INTERNET: Visit the VFW web site at www.vfw.org

TELEPHONE:

No telephone reservations will be accepted. For questions only, call VFW/Phoenix Housing Bureau at 602-452-6269.

FAX:

602-256-5292

MAIL:

VFW Housing Bureau
C/O GPCVB
400 E Van Buren Street, Suite 600
Phoenix, AZ 85004

DEADLINE

Reservations must be made by fax, mail, or internet by 7/13/2009 in order to guarantee convention rates.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Please review all information for accuracy. The VFW Housing Bureau system will generate an emailed, faxed or mailed acknowledgement after processing. If you do not receive your acknowledgement within 14 days, please contact the VFW Housing Bureau immediately. You may modify or cancel your reservation on-line at www.vfw.org. You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel. Hotels receive reservation information after July 30, 2009.

TAX RATE and REQUESTS

All rates are per room and are subject to 12.27% tax (subject to change). Special requests cannot be guaranteed, however hotels will do their best to honor all requests based upon availability and will assign specific room types upon check-in based on availability.

ROOM DEPOSIT/GUARANTEE

will be accepted in the form of a check in the amount of \$99.00. Make check payable to: The VFW Housing Bureau and mail to the address above. Rooms can also be guaranteed with a valid credit card, expiration date, and authorized signature of cardholder. If the charge to the credit card is denied, we reserve the right to release your reservation.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations after 7/13/2009 will be subject to a \$25.00 cancellation fee. If cancellation occurs within 72 hours of arrival, one night's room and tax or full check deposit will be forfeited entirely to the hotel.

GUEST INFORMATION

FOR BEST AVAILABILITY, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION
VIA INTERNET (www.vfw.org) OR BY FAX (602-256-5292)

Arrival Date _____ **Departure Date** _____

First Name: _____ M.I.: ____ Last Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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

Company: _____

Address: _____

Address 2: _____

City/State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code, Country: _____

HOTEL SELECTION

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

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

State you reside in: _____

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

List all room occupants:

Disability requiring special services

*Smoking rooms
Limited at Hyatt only.*
Smoking in a non-smoking
room at Wyndham or
Sheraton will result in a fee.

Special Requests:

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

All reservation requests must be accompanied by a credit card guarantee or check for a \$99.00+tax for deposit. Housing Forms received without a valid guarantee/deposit will not be processed. Faxed requests must include a valid credit card. Check deposits must be mailed with a completed housing form.

American Express Visa MasterCard Discover

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Cardholder's Signature* _____

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

Check deposit for \$99.00 is enclosed and made payable to The VFW Housing Bureau. Mail housing forms to: The VFW Housing Bureau, 400 E Van Buren Street, Suite 600, Phoenix, AZ 85004-2290. Check deposits must be mailed and post marked no later than the deadline of 7/13/2009.

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
1	176	80	9	2	27	118	153	77.12	NEWPORT NEWS
1	824	67	6	1	32	106	103	102.91	GRAFTON
1	960	61	9	1	14	85	92	92.39	YORKTOWN
1	2296	33	2	1	32	68	70	97.14	TASLEY
1	3219	431	65	6	116	618	675	91.56	PHOEBUS
1	5500	49	2	0	30	81	109	74.31	HAMPTON
1	6002	88	14	0	89	191	181	105.52	DENBIGH
1	7167	58	4	1	52	115	131	87.79	WARSAW
1	8252	266	9	2	35	312	308	101.3	GLOUCESTER
1	8629	10	0	0	12	22	23	95.65	CHINCOTEAGUE
1	9358	8	0	0	8	16	23	69.57	TANGIER
District	Totals	1151	120	14	447	1732	1868	92.72	Sixth
2	392	1321	89	8	220	1638	1735	94.41	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	993	102	7	2	32	143	159	89.94	PORTSMOUTH
2	1211	36	1	0	11	48	53	90.57	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	2582	29	2	0	10	41	49	83.67	SUFFOLK
2	2894	37	1	2	24	64	70	91.43	CHESAPEAKE
2	3160	661	87	10	168	926	978	94.68	NORFOLK
2	4411	77	1	1	24	103	108	95.37	FRANKLIN
2	4809	960	49	11	204	1224	1319	92.8	NORFOLK
2	8545	80	11	3	19	113	109	103.67	SMITHFIELD
2	9382	96	6	0	36	138	141	97.87	SUFFOLK
District	Totals	3399	254	37	748	4438	4721	94.01	Fourth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
3	1426	40	20	4	37	101	83	121.69	MIDLOTHIAN
3	2239	140	4	3	52	199	215	92.56	COLONIAL HEIGHTS
3	2583	11	0	0	17	28	31	90.32	ASHLAND
3	4639	94	10	1	38	143	181	79.01	WILLIAMSBURG
3	6364	174	16	2	51	243	242	100.41	RICHMOND
3	8046	36	5	1	11	53	50	106	NORGE
3	8356	46	0	0	39	85	110	77.27	WEST POINT
3	8529	73	3	0	30	106	123	86.18	SANDSTON
3	9224	33	0	1	15	49	53	92.45	RICHMOND
3	9501	22	1	1	12	36	42	85.71	AYLETT
3	9808	621	44	6	110	781	810	96.42	MECHANICSVILLE
3	10387	25	10	8	74	117	136	86.03	PETERSBURG
3	10654	85	1	1	8	95	99	95.96	RICHMOND
3	10657	65	9	1	12	87	90	96.67	GLEN ALLEN
3	11124	12	0	0	7	19	22	86.36	QUINTON
District	Totals	1477	123	29	513	2142	2287	93.66	Fifth
4	622	78	6	2	42	128	193	66.32	PETERSBURG
4	637	182	10	3	104	299	341	87.68	HOPEWELL
4	2163	54	0	0	28	82	89	92.13	CHESTERFIELD
4	2584	16	0	0	14	30	38	78.95	CULLEN
4	5313	50	3	4	19	76	75	101.33	NOTTOWAY
4	7059	112	10	4	67	193	220	87.73	FARMVILLE
4	7166	144	2	2	37	185	218	84.86	SOUTH HILL
4	7819	63	1	1	36	101	114	88.6	CREWE
4	7897	24	0	0	13	37	42	88.1	BLACKSTONE
4	8048	16	0	0	18	34	38	89.47	LAWRENCEVILLE
4	8163	71	7	0	48	126	155	81.29	CLARKSVILLE
4	8228	10	0	1	9	20	20	100	CHASE CITY
4	8446	31	7	0	23	61	54	112.96	BUCKINGHAM
4	8759	29	3	0	26	58	70	82.86	AMELIA COURT HSE
4	8902	11	0	0	7	18	22	81.82	KEYSVILLE
4	9855	45	0	2	33	80	107	74.77	APPOMATTOX
4	9954	118	2	1	41	162	174	93.1	VICTORIA
4	10570	21	0	0	14	35	40	87.5	POWHATAN
District	Totals	1075	51	20	579	1725	2010	85.82	twelfth

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5	647	233	5	0	116	354	371	95.42	DANVILLE
5	873	17	0	0	8	25	26	96.15	GRETNA
5	1115	536	16	10	324	886	930	95.27	HILLSVILLE
5	2820	25	15	2	53	95	100	95	BASSETT
5	4637	69	2	4	77	152	171	88.89	MARTINSVILLE
5	7568	29	3	1	32	65	73	89.04	GALAX
5	7726	165	8	0	152	325	443	73.36	INDEPENDENCE
5	7800	65	5	1	25	96	101	95.05	STUART
5	8243	44	7	0	58	109	128	85.16	HALIFAX
5	8467	70	2	1	46	119	138	86.23	MEADOWS OF DAN
5	10840	34	7	0	19	60	58	103.45	PENHOOK
District	Totals	1287	70	19	910	2286	2539	90.04	Ninth
6	776	82	5	1	28	116	122	95.08	RADFORD
6	1033	135	8	2	68	213	229	93.01	COVINGTON
6	1264	266	3	5	87	361	372	97.04	ROANOKE
6	1444	45	0	5	12	62	68	91.18	ROANOKE
6	1841	54	1	0	60	115	139	82.73	TROUTVILLE
6	2157	111	2	2	78	193	217	88.94	BEDFORD
6	4165	35	0	0	25	60	67	89.55	ALTAVISTA
6	4299	25	1	1	22	49	57	85.96	CLIFTON FORGE
6	4318	43	3	0	26	72	69	104.35	SALEM
6	4491	68	3	1	19	91	100	91	NEW CASTLE
6	4522	153	0	0	30	183	216	84.72	VINTON
6	4920	18	0	0	8	26	28	92.86	ELLISTON
6	5311	87	0	1	53	141	148	95.27	CHRISTIANSBURG
6	5895	18	0	0	2	20	24	83.33	BUCHANAN
6	7854	75	6	2	37	120	132	90.91	FLOYD
6	8184	56	0	1	11	68	72	94.44	LYNCHBURG
6	9877	19	2	1	23	45	45	100	AMHERST
District	Totals	1290	34	22	589	1935	2105	91.92	Seventh

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
7	621	125	0	0	71	196	216	90.74	LURAY
7	1860	206	20	1	78	305	322	94.72	FRONT ROYAL
7	2123	287	10	6	107	410	416	98.56	WINCHESTER
7	2447	207	16	1	116	340	364	93.41	EDINBURG
7	6044	16	0	0	9	25	28	89.29	WINCHESTER
7	7899	21	0	0	18	39	49	79.59	STANLEY
7	8613	129	5	3	67	204	210	97.14	SHENANDOAH
7	9292	115	15	1	64	195	195	100	ELKTON
7	9660	64	4	3	52	123	125	98.4	BROADWAY
7	9760	125	7	3	179	314	326	96.32	BERRYVILLE
District	Totals	1295	77	18	761	2151	2251	95.56	Second
8	1177	46	25	4	22	97	94	103.19	LEESBURG
8	1811	175	2	0	0	177	189	93.65	MANASSAS PARK
8	2524	186	3	3	56	248	268	92.54	CULPEPER
8	3103	210	31	4	101	346	350	98.86	FREDERICKSBURG
8	7589	164	88	3	72	327	291	112.37	MANASSAS
8	7728	28	2	1	12	43	48	89.58	REMINGTON
8	8208	36	0	0	21	57	294	19.39	STANARDSVILLE
8	9835	42	0	1	11	54	56	96.43	WARRENTON
District	Totals	887	151	16	295	1349	1590	84.84	Thirteenth
9	1184	123	8	4	124	259	258	100.39	PULASKI
9	2719	30	2	2	22	56	60	93.33	WYTHEVILLE
9	4667	514	10	3	250	777	856	90.77	MARION
9	6000	157	28	5	113	303	288	105.21	NARROWS
9	7136	123	13	1	90	227	274	82.85	TAZEWELL
9	7328	29	4	1	44	78	78	100	SALTVILLE
9	7360	48	6	2	60	116	133	87.22	GRUNDY
9	7969	20	3	1	19	43	44	97.73	BLAND
9	9640	117	19	0	66	202	210	96.19	RICHLANDS
9	9696	136	33	11	79	259	252	102.78	BLUEFIELD
9	9864	56	1	0	21	78	90	86.67	LEBANON
District	Totals	1353	127	30	888	2398	2543	94.3	Third

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10	609	94	14	1	29	138	121	114.05	ALEXANDRIA
10	1503	1426	217	24	311	1978	1937	102.12	DALE CITY
10	3150	418	10	1	54	483	500	96.6	ARLINGTON
10	5412	63	12	0	22	97	94	103.19	BURKE
10	7327	436	99	4	106	645	704	91.62	SPRINGFIELD
10	7916	380	15	3	104	502	536	93.66	WOODBIDGE
10	8241	186	21	1	114	322	313	102.88	MC LEAN
10	8469	202	23	1	61	287	282	101.77	FAIRFAX
10	9274	211	3	0	24	238	263	90.49	FALLS CHURCH
10	9478	68	16	1	49	134	132	101.52	STERLING
District	Totals	3484	430	36	874	4824	4882	98.81	First
11	452	22	0	1	14	37	41	90.24	CRIMORA
11	632	309	5	3	122	439	474	92.62	HARRISONBURG
11	1499	80	0	0	37	117	131	89.31	LEXINGTON
11	2216	197	11	3	146	357	452	78.98	STAUNTON
11	2424	25	0	0	13	38	44	86.36	WAYNESBORO
11	3060	40	0	2	2	44	42	104.76	DEERFIELD
11	3136	27	1	0	24	52	56	92.86	MOUNT SOLON
11	4204	28	4	1	25	58	59	98.31	HOT SPRINGS
11	4805	51	3	0	1	55	55	100	BUENA VISTA
11	7701	39	0	0	26	65	72	90.28	LOVINGSTON
11	7814	21	0	0	1	22	23	95.65	STAUNTON
11	8279	18	0	1	17	36	37	97.3	STEELES TAVERN
11	8479	5	0	0	7	12	15	80	LYNDHURST
11	8644	178	4	2	73	257	268	95.9	BRIDGEWATER
11	9339	52	1	0	33	86	92	93.48	STUARTS DRAFT
11	9480	33	0	1	13	47	50	94	CRAIGSVILLE
11	10826	46	3	1	52	102	121	84.3	VERONA
District	Totals	1171	32	15	606	1824	2032	89.76	Tenth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
12	1994	84	14	5	78	181	173	104.62	ABINGDON
12	3782	39	4	1	21	65	75	86.67	HAYSI
12	4301	64	11	0	44	119	110	108.18	NORTON
12	5715	154	0	0	28	182	264	68.94	BIG STONE GAP
12	6975	379	3	1	254	637	708	89.97	BRISTOL
12	8652	60	2	1	30	93	106	87.74	COEBURN
12	8979	90	7	1	63	161	160	100.63	CLINTWOOD
12	9600	65	0	1	68	134	151	88.74	POUND
12	9830	50	1	0	29	80	94	85.11	DAMASCUS
12	10298	43	0	0	21	64	72	88.89	PENNINGTON GAP
12	10310	42	3	2	15	62	68	91.18	EWING
District	Totals	1070	45	12	651	1778	1981	89.75	Eleventh
13	1827	149	15	4	80	248	269	92.19	CHARLOTTESVILLE
13	2044	35	0	0	11	46	56	82.14	EARLYSVILLE
13	2217	31	0	0	24	55	67	82.09	ORANGE
13	2613	5	2	2	17	26	24	108.33	COLUMBIA
13	7638	55	4	1	24	84	99	84.85	GORDONSVILLE
13	8169	31	5	0	24	60	59	101.69	SCOTTSVILLE
13	8436	15	0	0	17	32	43	74.42	YANCEY MILLS
13	8947	93	3	1	27	124	137	90.51	LOUISA
13	10295	61	3	3	13	80	85	94.12	BOWLING GREEN
13	10546	81	1	0	11	93	107	86.92	SPOTSYLVANIA
13	10574	82	30	0	59	171	184	92.93	COLONIAL BEACH
District	Totals	638	63	11	307	1019	1130	90.18	Eighth
MAL	15048	2487	244	45	1354	4130	4632	89.16	STAUNTON
State	Totals	22064	1821	324	9522	33731	36571	92.23	