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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

With only one month left in the first half reporting period, we need to report all of the good and wonderful activities that our individual Posts have done. If your Post has not reported its activities now is the time to "Get'er Done!"

It is time for all of us to push for the renewals of our continuous members. It is past time for the phone calls and the letters from the Post to encourage them to renew their membership in our great organization. Doc Crouch, our membership co-chair, has issued a straw letter for the Posts to copy, modify and mail to their un-paid members. Whatever means are used to contact and encourage our continuous members to renew is what we should be doing through-out the year. The Department fell short, our last membership year, due to 500 or so Comrades that did not re-new. Don't let your Post membership slip out the back door. Get your renewals now.

Rex Faris, Department Commander

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1st – Date: 10/3/09
Meeting: 11:00 am Meal After
Location: Post 176
21 Forest Dr.
New Port News
Rep: Margo Sheridan, State Surgeon

2nd - Date: 12/5/09
Lunch: 12:00 pm
Meeting: 1:00 pm
Location: Post 3160
111 A View Ave.
Norfolk
Rep: Rex Faris, State Cmdr

- 3rd - Date:** 12/05/09
Meeting: 1:00 pm
Location: 3rd District HQ
10044 Pamunkey Rd.
Mechanicsville
Rep: Jim Martin, State SVC
- 4th - Date:** 11/08/09
Meeting: 2:00 pm
Location: 7488 Highway 15N
Clarksville
Rep: Roy Swanner, Chief of Staff
- 5th - Date:** 11/14/09
Meeting: Lunch at noon Meeting
to follow
Location: Post 1115
701 W. Stuart Dr
Hillsville
Rep: Jim Martin, SVC
- 6th - Date:** 11/22/09
Meeting: 2:00 pm
Location: VA Medical Center, Salem
Bldg 77
Rep:
- 7th - Date:** 12/13/09
Lunch: 11:30 am
Meeting: 1:00 pm
Location: Post 2123
200 Sulky Dr.
Winchester
Rep: Rex Faris, State Cmdr
- 8th - Date:** 10/25/09
Meeting: 1:00 pm Meal after
Location: Post 2524
12210 Sperryville Pike
Culpeper
Rep: Jim Martin, State SVC
- 8th - Date:** 1/10/10
Meeting: 1:00 pm Meal after
Location: Post 3103
2701 Princess Anne St.
Fredericksburg
Rep:
- 8th - Date:** 4/11/10
Meeting: 1:00 pm Meal after
Location: Post 7589
9304 Centerville
Manassas
Rep:
- 9th - Date:** TBA
Lunch: 11:30 am, Meeting after
Location:
Rep:
- 10th - Date:** 12/6/09
Meeting: 12:00 pm Comrades Only
Location: Post 9274
7118 Shreve Rd.
Falls Church
Rep: Rex Faris, State Cmdr
- 10th - Date:** 2/21/10
Meeting: 12:00 pm Joint Meeting
Location: Post 7916
204 Mill St
Occoquan
Rep:
- 10th - Date:** 5/2/10
Meeting: 12:00 pm District Convention
Location: Post 1503
14631 Minnieville Rd
Dale City
Rep:
- 11th - Date:** 1/10/10
Lunch: 11:30 am
Meeting: 12:30 pm
Location: Post 2216
1212 Frontier Dr.
Staunton
Rep: Rex Faris, State Cmdr
- 12th - Date:** 1/09/10
Reg: 10:00 am
Meeting: 11:00 am
Location: Post 6975
516 Cumberland St.
Bristol
Rep: Rex Faris, State Cmdr
- 13th - Date:** 10/11/09
Meeting: 1:00 pm
Location: Post 8947
102 Mineral Ave.
Mineral
Rep: Rex Faris, State Cmdr

3. AMERICANISM REPORT:

The following Posts have **not** submitted a report for the first-half as of **Sept. 11, 2009**.

Dist 1	6002	7167	8629					
Dist 2	2582	2894	4809	9382				
Dist 3	9501	10387	10654	10657				
Dist 4	2163	7166	9954	10570				
Dist 5	873	7568	7800	8243				
Dist 6	1264	1444	2157	4318	4522	4920	7854	8184
Dist 7	100%							
Dist 8	7728	8208						
Dist 9	100%							
Dist 10	609	8469	9274					
Dist 11	452	632	1499	3060	4204	8479	9339	9480
Dist 12	6975	8979	10298	10310				
Dist 13	1827	2613	10295					

J. Gary Wagner, Chairman

4. ALCOHOL IN MEETING ROOM:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting as set forth below:

It is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting is completely unacceptable and any such practice known to exist shall be terminated.

It is the intent of the Commander-in-Chief's decision regarding this response to include Post, County Council, District and Department meetings, at which it is held to be objectionable. Section 1001 of the Manual of Procedure has been amended to reflect such objection.

Kim DeShano, ADJ/QM

5. 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 **PAST DUE**.

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

DIST 1	8629					
DIST 2	2894	3160				
DIST 3	10387					
DIST 4	2163					
DIST 5	100%					
DIST 6	1841	4299	4318			
DIST 7	621					
DIST 8	1177	8208				
DIST 9	9864					
DIST 10	100%					
DIST 11	100%					
DIST 12	100%					
DIST 13	100%					

6. BONDS- SEC. 703 – ATTENTION ALL COMMANDERS:

Each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of these By-Laws **shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety** in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department, District, County Council or Post, as the case may be, to which each officer is accountable.

The bonds of such accountable officers, in amount and as to surety, shall be approved by their respective units and held by their respective Commanders. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in his unit.

An Insurance policy with a employee theft rider is not a Bond and does not meet the requirements of Section 703 and will not be accepted.

All bonds **expired August 31, 2009**. 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.

The following Posts have **NOT** paid for their 2009-2010 Quartermaster bond as of **Sept. 11, 2009**

Dist 1	7167	9358							
Dist 2	3160								
Dist 3	2239	8046	9808	9224	10387				
Dist 4	2163	9855							
Dist 5	1115	8243	8467						
Dist 6	1264	1444	1841	2157	4920	7854	8184		
Dist 7	621	9760							
Dist 8	3103	8208							
Dist 9	7969	9640							
Dist 10	609	9478							
Dist 11	1499	4805	7701	8479	9339				
Dist 12	Dist	3782	8652	9830					
Dist 13	Dist	1827	2044	10295	10546				

7. BUDDY POPPY:

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

Kim DeShano, Chairman

8. FORM 990-N FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Form 990-N, also called the E-postcard, is a short electronic notice that most small, tax-exempt organizations (such as [501\(c\)3s](#)) have to file with the IRS, starting in 2008 for activities from January 1, 2007 onward. Form 990-N is a way of ensuring transparency among small non-profits.

Who must file Form 990-N?

If your nonprofit organization:

- Is Tax-exempt
- Has gross receipts of \$25,000 or less
- Is not required to file another IRS form such as Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF
- Is not part of a group return

Then the organization must file the e-postcard with the IRS. Your organization may choose to submit a completed IRS [Form 990 or Form 990-EZ](#) instead. However, the Form 990-N is much simpler and quicker to fill out.

What is required in Form 990-N?

The IRS's e-postcard is short and simple. Here is what you must provide:

- Organization's name
- Any other names your organization uses
- Organization's mailing address
- Organization's website address (if applicable)
- Organization's employer identification number (EIN)
- Name and address of a principal officer of your organization
- Organization's annual tax period
- A statement that your organization's annual gross receipts are still normally \$25,000 or less
- If applicable, indicate if your organization is going out of business

Why is Form 990-N necessary?

Before, most small non-profits (grossing less than \$25,000 a year) did not have to file anything with the IRS. However, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) changed that. Requiring that you file annually ensures that the IRS and potential donors can access up-to-date information on your organization.

How do I file Form 990-N?

The IRS requires that the e-postcard be filed electronically. There is no paper form. You must be able to access the internet, but no software or download is required. If your non-profit does not have a computer, you will be able to fill out Form 990-N using a computer at a public library.

When is Form 990-N due?

Form 990-N must be filed every year; however there is no one due date for filing the e-postcard. Instead, you must file "by the 15th day of the 5th month after" your non-profits' fiscal year ends. For instance, if your fiscal year is the same as the calendar year (ie, ending on December 31st), your organization does not need to file the e-postcard until May 15.

What happens if I don't file Form 990-N?

If your non-profit fails to file the e-postcard for three consecutive years, the IRS will revoke the organization's tax-exempt status. Form 990-N is meant to be quick and easy to file, however, so there should be no reason for this to happen.

9. 2009-2010 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

Required Documents

1. 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.

Dist. 10	609	8469	9274										
Dist. 11	452	632	3060	4204	8479	9339	9480						
Dist. 12	8979	10310											
Dist. 13	1827	2613	8436	10295									

18. IMPORTANT DATES:

- 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
- April 24, 2010 Homecoming – Rex Faris and Auxiliary President Kathy Birch; 9:00 am – 12:00 am;
Gypsy Hill Park, Staunton. Reservations at Best Western Hotel, Staunton 540-885-1112
Rate \$59.95
- Jun 10-13, 2010 State Convention, Richmond, Rate \$89.00 Reservations by May 10, 2010
- Aug 21-26, 2010 National VFW Convention, Indianapolis, IN
- Jun 9-12, 2011 State Convention, Richmond, Rate \$89.00 Reservations by May 9, 2011

19. INSPECTION REPORT:

Posts listed below have **NOT** been inspected as of **Sept. 11, 2009**

Dist. 1	960	2296	5500	7167	8252	8629	9358						
Dist. 2	392	993	1211	2582	2894	3160	4411	4809	8545	9382			
Dist. 3	1426	4639	8046	10387	10657								
Dist. 4	622	637	2163	2584	8163	8228	8902	9855					
Dist 5	100%												
Dist. 6	776	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4491	4522	5311	9877	
Dist. 7	621	1860	2447	6044	9660	9760							
Dist. 8	1177	7589	8208										
Dist. 9	7360												
Dist. 10	609	1503	5412	7327	8469	9274							
Dist. 11	452	632	2216	2424	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279	8479	8644	
Dist. 12	100%												
Dist. 13	1827	2044	2217	2613	8169	8436	10295	10546	10574				

William Shifflett, Chairman

20. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

1. Patient Care Group Scam. The Veterans Administration has received reports that veterans are being contacted by a "Patient Care Group" (PCG) that claims it is helping to administer the VA's prescription medicine program. PCG is saying the VA recently changed its pharmacy billing procedures, therefore a personal credit card number is now required for prescription payments in advance. This is a scam! Do not provide credit card information over the phone to anyone who claims to represent VA!
2. VFW Legislative Alert. VFW urges all veterans to contact their Senators and ask them to pass Senate 252. The large health care bill, which passed the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee earlier this summer, contains a broad range of health care improvements for all veterans, including expanded mental health services and grants for homeless veterans programs. It also includes a number of significant improvements for female veterans and the health care and services VA provides to them, which are VFW priority goals.
3. Desecration of United State Flag Legislation. Currently, legislation has been introduced in both houses of Congress proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving powers to Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (HJR 47 and SJR 15). At this time there are 64 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and 25 in the Senate. With this number, there is little chance of them being heard. Of these co-sponsors only three Congressmen from Virginia have signed on: J. Randy

- Forbes (District 4). Robert J. Wittman (District 1), and Frank R. Wolf (District 10). Veterans are urged to contact their Congressional representatives and request they co-sponsor this legislation.
4. Richmond Day on the Hill. VFW Virginia is planning to visit our representatives at the Virginia General Assembly on Thursday, January 14, 2010. More information will be provided on the trip in later issues of the General Orders. Meanwhile, the Legislative Committee is preparing our agenda for consideration by the General Assembly. Anyone who has issues or proposed legislation may contact the Legislative Chairman, JB Young, at e-mail jrbubba3@juno.com or telephone (703) 329-1357. If any, please let him know by November 16, 2009.

21. MEMBERSHIP:

It's back to school time for many, so it's Reading, „Riting and „Rithmetic. The three R's. We should be practicing the three R's of membership all year long. Renew, Reinstate and Recruit. All three involve reaching out to people and involving them in our organization. Unlike the three R's in school that can be equally difficult. Our three R's get more difficult as we go along. Renewals should be easy if we have kept in touch with our membership and made them to feel that they are not only needed in our Posts but are valuable to the success of those Posts. Reinstatements are a little harder, but we know that these folks are eligible and we know that they have been members at one time. We need to find out why they left. Nine times out of ten it's because they felt left out. Recruiting is the most difficult because we have to approach everyone we meet: Are they veterans, are they eligible, what do they know about the VFW, can they afford to join, can they attend meetings or participate in projects at the Post? Again, all three areas involve reaching out to Comrades and prospective Comrades. It's personal and should be. Let's work on all three areas of membership, but why not start off with the easiest until we get our membership muscles built up for the bigger push.

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

22. MILITARY WOMEN ADVOCACY:

The Department of Veteran's Affairs' Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will meet in October in Washington, DC. The three-day meeting, which is open to the public, covers the full range of the VA's direct and indirect support to women veterans. The meeting is open to the public. A separate notification will be made when the meeting dates are announced.

VFW National headquarters has suggested that female Comrades form a nationwide caucus to share information and ideas, and continue the unity of effort begun at the national Convention. Your Virginia Military Women's Advocacy members have volunteered to assist in launching this initiative, and we will ensure that all Comrades are kept informed on our progress.

Margo D. Sheridan, Chairman

23. PATRIOT'S PEN REPORTING DATES:

6TH through 8TH Grade Students

Theme: "When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military 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

All district winner's Essays and District Information must be mailed and received by Don Hall, Department Patriot's Pen Co-Chairman, Department Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Hwy, Staunton, VA 24401
By Saturday December 12, 2009.

Be sure you send **ALL** of the District Information that is needed, the Official Student Entry Form, Typed Student Essay and Photo of the District Winner.

Also, you must complete the District Chairman Report Forms that the District Commanders received at the Department Convention.

If this information that is requested according to the guidelines is **not** received, your District Winner will be disqualified.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Department Judging will be held on Friday, December 18, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at Department Headquarters, Staunton, VA.

Patriot's Pen Department Awards:

- 1st Place: Student will receive \$500.00 and be expected to attend the Winter Council Meeting in Williamsburg on January 16, 2010 to read their entry and receive the award. The student will also receive a check for \$200.00 from the Department of Virginia Commander's Club.
- 2nd Place: Will receive \$300.00 which the Department will mail.
- 3rd Place: Will receive \$200.00 which the Department will mail.

Each Post/Auxiliary that participates in the Patriot's Pen Program will receive a citation.

Don Hall, Co-Chairman
Joe Martin, Co-Chairman

24. POST RESERVE:

Attention is directed to Section 218(a)(5)(f), Manual of Procedure which mandates Post Quartermasters to maintain a dues reserve fund as prescribed in sections 717 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure.

25. POST TRUSTEES:

Attention of Post commanders is directed to Section 218(a)(11), Manual of Procedure, Trustees, which states that Post trustees shall prepare and submit quarterly, through their Post Commander, a Post Trustees' Report of Audit (Supply Department Stock No. 4214) to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. The first report is due at the close of September. Do not mail these reports to National Headquarters.

26. REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT MILITARY EQUIPMENT:

Reminder to all Post Officers refer to your 2009-2010 *Leadership Reference Guide* when requesting "conditional" donation of any government military equipment, ceremonial rifles or ammunition.

Before contacting the governmental agency, a formal written request is to be addressed and mailed to the Adjutant General at VFW National Headquarters, and must be completed and signed by the current Post Commander, Post Adjutant or Post Quartermaster, one of who needs to be the contact person.

Also to be included is that contact person's mailing address (street number) and phone number, not the Post address. Address the request to the Adjutant General, VFW National HQ, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111.

Include the proper information as outlined in the *Leadership Reference Guide*. It is requested that a Post not go through their Department Headquarters. This only slows down the processing and creates unnecessary paperwork for the Department personnel.

Kim DeShano, ADJ/QM

27. ROSTER CHANGES:

First District/ State Recruiting Coordinator/ QM Post 824

Thomas E Randall, JVC
Post 824
2805 Butternut Dr
Hampton, VA 23666

757-838-3181 (H)
757-570-3181 (C)
qmpost824@va.vfwwebmail.com

Audit Committee:

Tom Gimble
703-491-9249 (h)

- 176: Post Address Chesapeake VA 23322
21 Forrest Drive 757-620-0087 (Cell)
Newport News 23606
- 824: Venner Milewski, Cmdr
757-223-5763
- 1860: Michael A. Kohrt, JVC
795 Rocky Ln
Front Royal, VA 22630
- 2820: David Kipfinger, QM
276-806-6187
- 2894: Carl M. Dozier, CMDR
816 Weatherby Ct
- 8208: John Miska, QM
POB 653
Ruckersville, VA 22968
434-760-1940
- 8613: David Lucas, QM
1103 Varina Ave
Shenandoah, VA 22849
540-652-8813
- 9382: John S. Lorber, QM
101 Tyler Cres E
Portsmouth, VA 23707

28. SAFETY:

Posts listed below have ***NOT*** submitted a Safety Report for the 1st half as of **Sept. 11, 2009**

Dist 1	6002	7167	8629							
Dist 2	282	2894	4411	4809	9382					
Dist 3	8046	8529	9501	10387	10654	10657				
Dist 4	2163	7166	8048	8163	8228	9954				
Dist 5	647	873	7568	7800						
Dist 6	1264	2157	4522	4920	7854	8184				
Dist 7	9292									
Dist 8	1811	7728	8208							
Dist 9	100%									
Dist 10	609	5412	8469	9274						
Dist 11	452	632	1499	2424	3060	4204	7814	8479	9339	9480
Dist 12	3782	6975	8979	10310						
Dist 13	1827	2613	10295							

Milton Dye, Chairman

29. VFW AT WORK:

Please be sure to visit www.vfw.org/vfwatwork to read the inspiring stories of how VFW Departments, Posts and individuals are reaching out to America's defenders and their families. You can sign up to receive the monthly VFW at Work! e-newsletter by clicking on the link to "Join Friends of Freedom." Don't forget to check the site often to see all the new success stories of veterans and military families being helped by VFW. Be sure to click on the "Read More Stories" link at the bottom of the page to view an archive of VFW success stories from fellow members around the country.

Do you have a great success story? We want to hear about it! We are looking for great stories that demonstrate how the VFW reaches out to others in the community that we can share on the VFW at Work! website (www.vfw.org/vfwatwork). Members of your Post who have "gone the extra mile" could be our next feature! If you have a story about yourself or your post that you would like to share, please email success@vfw.org to let us know.

Kim DeShano, ADJ/QM

30. VFW STORE/EMBLEM & SUPPLY:

THE NEW AND EXPANDED 2009-10 VFW STORE CATALOG now includes **LADIES AUXILIARY** merchandise! VFW and Ladies Auxiliary joined forces to provide a 1-STOP SHOPPING for all our members. Ladies Auxiliary merchandise will be available for ordering beginning September 8th.

A catalog will be sent to all Department Officers, Post Quartermasters and Commanders, and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents and Treasurers. VFW STORE - www.vfwstore.org 1-800-821-2606

Kim Deshano, State ADJ/QM

31. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Posts listed below have ***NOT*** submitted a Youth Activities Report for the period ending **Sept. 21, 2009**

Dist. 1	6002	7167	8629						
Dist. 2	2582	2894	4411	4809	9382				
Dist. 3	2583	10387	10654	10657	11124				
Dist. 4	2163	8048	9954						
Dist. 5	873	7568	7800						
Dist. 6	1264	2157	4522	7854	8184				
Dist. 7	7899	9660	9872						
Dist. 8	1811	7728	8208						
Dist. 9	100%								
Dist. 10	609	5412	8469	9274					
Dist. 11	452	632	1499	1499	9339	9480			
Dist. 12	6975	10310							
Dist. 13	1827	2613	8717	10295					

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

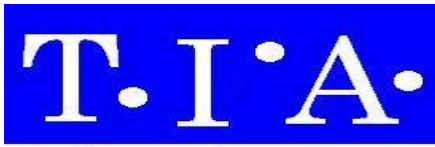
TO DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER:

(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



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

Form # 4B

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

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

STATE COMMANDER
REX FARIS
&
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
KATHY BIRCH
HOMECOMING

Date:
April 24, 2010

Location:
Staunton Gypsy Hill
Park

**Schedule of
Events**

1. Fishing tournament will start at 9:00 am till 11:00 am at the fishing pond in Gypsy Hill Park with a prize to the one who catches the largest fish and a prize to the biggest fish story.
2. Lunch at the Park starts at 12:30 pm with presentations starting at 1:30 pm rain or shine covered shelter available. (No alcohol permitted in park).
3. Dance at the National Armory from 9 pm to 12 am with live band "City Limits". Adult beverages and non alcohol drinks provided.
4. Hotel prices are \$59.95 for single and double occupancy at the Best Western (540-885-1112).

Any Post or individual wishing to make a donation towards a gift for the Commander may do so by sending a check to State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401 Earmarked Commander's Homecoming.

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
1	176	75	0	0	10	85	134	63.43	NEWPORT NEWS
1	824	74	1	2	10	87	129	67.44	GRAFTON
1	960	63	3	2	6	74	87	85.06	YORKTOWN
1	2296	34	0	0	23	57	73	78.08	TASLEY
1	3219	442	15	5	47	509	692	73.55	PHOEBUS
1	5500	48	0	0	9	57	89	64.04	HAMPTON
1	6002	91	1	0	18	110	204	53.92	DENBIGH
1	7167	55	1	0	26	82	122	67.21	WARSAW
1	8252	269	4	0	14	287	327	87.77	GLOUCESTER
1	8629	12	0	0	7	19	23	82.61	CHINCOTEAGUE
1	9358	8	0	0	3	11	18	61.11	TANGIER
District	Totals	1171	25	9	173	1378	1898	72.6	Eleventh
2	392	1318	29	8	91	1446	1743	82.96	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	993	99	7	0	12	118	159	74.21	PORTSMOUTH
2	1211	36	0	0	9	45	52	86.54	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	2582	27	0	0	3	30	46	65.22	SUFFOLK
2	2894	34	0	1	13	48	70	68.57	CHESAPEAKE
2	3160	668	20	5	76	769	1004	76.59	NORFOLK
2	4411	79	0	0	10	89	106	83.96	FRANKLIN
2	4809	947	20	3	117	1087	1321	82.29	NORFOLK
2	8545	80	2	3	11	96	122	78.69	SMITHFIELD
2	9382	93	0	0	15	108	159	67.92	SUFFOLK
District	Totals	3381	78	20	357	3836	4782	80.22	Third

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
3	1426	43	0	2	11	56	113	49.56	MIDLOTHIAN
3	2239	136	15	1	26	178	211	84.36	COLONIAL HEIGHTS
3	4639	100	2	1	20	123	146	84.25	WILLIAMSBURG
3	6364	172	4	0	19	195	251	77.69	RICHMOND
3	8046	38	0	0	3	41	54	75.93	NORGE
3	8356	46	0	0	23	69	108	63.89	WEST POINT
3	8529	69	0	0	14	83	108	76.85	SANDSTON
3	9224	33	0	0	4	37	49	75.51	RICHMOND
3	9501	22	0	0	6	28	39	71.79	AYLETT
3	9808	625	1	0	54	680	845	80.47	MECHANICSVILLE
3	10387	26	0	0	4	30	118	25.42	PETERSBURG
3	10654	82	0	0	4	86	100	86	RICHMOND
3	10657	63	0	0	8	71	98	72.45	GLEN ALLEN
District Totals		1455	22	4	196	1677	2240	74.87	Ninth
4	622	78	3	3	22	106	159	66.67	PETERSBURG
4	637	182	5	0	77	264	314	84.08	HOPEWELL
4	2163	52	0	1	20	73	82	89.02	CHESTERFIELD
4	2584	15	0	0	4	19	30	63.33	CULLEN
4	5313	50	1	0	13	64	80	80	NOTTOWAY
4	7059	109	3	1	34	147	195	75.38	FARMVILLE
4	7166	138	0	1	16	155	209	74.16	SOUTH HILL
4	7819	60	0	0	19	79	104	75.96	CREWE
4	7897	24	0	0	7	31	42	73.81	BLACKSTONE
4	8048	15	0	0	6	21	34	61.76	LAWRENCEVILLE
4	8163	71	2	3	26	102	148	68.92	CLARKSVILLE
4	8228	9	0	0	8	17	20	85	CHASE CITY
4	8446	35	1	0	10	46	64	71.88	BUCKINGHAM
4	8759	28	0	0	11	39	70	55.71	AMELIA COURT HSE
4	8902	11	0	0	8	19	24	79.17	KEYSVILLE
4	9855	43	0	7	20	70	85	82.35	APPOMATTOX
4	9954	117	0	1	24	142	166	85.54	VICTORIA
4	10570	20	0	1	8	29	36	80.56	POWHATAN
District Totals		1057	15	18	333	1423	1862	76.42	Seventh

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
5	647	223	4	1	63	291	375	77.6	DANVILLE
5	873	17	0	0	3	20	25	80	GRETNA
5	1115	512	10	3	189	714	933	76.53	HILLSVILLE
5	2820	28	2	2	34	66	102	64.71	BASSETT
5	4637	62	3	0	44	109	173	63.01	MARTINSVILLE
5	7568	29	0	0	13	42	73	57.53	GALAX
5	7726	165	9	1	81	256	399	64.16	INDEPENDENCE
5	7800	61	0	0	20	81	98	82.65	STUART
5	8243	49	0	0	34	83	117	70.94	HALIFAX
5	8467	63	4	2	17	86	126	68.25	MEADOWS OF DAN
5	10840	34	4	0	20	58	66	87.88	PENHOOK
District Totals	1243	36	9	518	1806	2487	72.62	Tenth	
6	776	81	1	0	16	98	122	80.33	RADFORD
6	1033	135	2	0	49	186	232	80.17	COVINGTON
6	1264	263	5	1	39	308	366	84.15	ROANOKE
6	1444	45	0	0	1	46	63	73.02	ROANOKE
6	1841	51	2	0	20	73	116	62.93	TROUTVILLE
6	2157	113	0	0	52	165	201	82.09	BEDFORD
6	4165	34	0	1	17	52	61	85.25	ALTAVISTA
6	4299	24	0	0	12	36	52	69.23	CLIFTON FORGE
6	4318	43	0	0	17	60	72	83.33	SALEM
6	4491	65	1	0	13	79	95	83.16	NEW CASTLE
6	4522	145	0	5	22	172	188	91.49	VINTON
6	4920	18	0	1	5	24	26	92.31	ELLISTON
6	5311	84	0	0	22	106	141	75.18	CHRISTIANSBURG
6	5895	18	5	0	3	26	21	123.81	BUCHANAN
6	7854	71	0	1	17	89	125	71.2	FLOYD
6	8184	54	0	1	6	61	72	84.72	LYNCHBURG
6	9877	20	1	0	13	34	46	73.91	AMHERST
District Totals	1264	17	10	324	1615	1999	80.79	Second	

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
7	621	123	0	0	46	169	204	82.84	LURAY
7	1860	201	5	2	51	259	331	78.25	FRONT ROYAL
7	2123	274	3	4	78	359	419	85.68	WINCHESTER
7	2447	205	6	0	62	273	364	75	EDINBURG
7	6044	16	0	0	3	19	25	76	WINCHESTER
7	8613	131	1	1	43	176	212	83.02	SHENANDOAH
7	9292	112	1	2	43	158	197	80.2	ELKTON
7	9660	62	0	0	35	97	127	76.38	BROADWAY
7	9760	123	1	1	78	203	332	61.14	BERRYVILLE
District Totals		1247	17	10	439	1713	2211	77.48	Sixth
8	1177	50	3	0	11	64	103	62.14	LEESBURG
8	1811	171	1	0	0	172	183	93.99	MANASSAS PARK
8	2524	181	1	0	29	211	251	84.06	CULPEPER
8	3103	205	4	1	54	264	365	72.33	FREDERICKSBURG
8	7589	172	17	1	44	234	333	70.27	MANASSAS
8	7728	26	1	0	11	38	44	86.36	REMINGTON
8	8208	37	0	0	8	45	57	78.95	STANARDSVILLE
8	9835	47	2	0	8	57	57	100	WARRENTON
District Totals		889	29	2	165	1085	1393	77.89	Fifth
9	1184	123	4	0	35	162	263	61.6	PULASKI
9	2719	29	0	0	17	46	63	73.02	WYTHEVILLE
9	4667	497	2	1	135	635	803	79.08	MARION
9	6000	151	7	2	47	207	305	67.87	NARROWS
9	7136	121	3	1	36	161	279	57.71	TAZEWELL
9	7328	27	0	0	24	51	82	62.2	SALTVILLE
9	7360	49	5	1	37	92	124	74.19	GRUNDY
9	7969	16	0	0	11	27	44	61.36	BLAND
9	9640	113	5	0	48	166	224	74.11	RICHLANDS
9	9696	130	3	1	43	177	283	62.54	BLUEFIELD
9	9864	51	2	0	14	67	89	75.28	LEBANON
District Totals		1307	31	6	447	1791	2559	69.99	Twelfth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
10	609	96	3	1	18	118	138	85.51	ALEXANDRIA
10	1503	1457	144	21	146	1768	2013	87.83	DALE CITY
10	3150	424	5	3	29	461	516	89.34	ARLINGTON
10	5412	67	8	1	17	93	101	92.08	BURKE
10	7327	433	42	5	53	533	730	73.01	SPRINGFIELD
10	7916	381	11	1	46	439	540	81.3	WOODBIDGE
10	8241	184	4	0	27	215	331	64.95	MC LEAN
10	8469	195	15	4	35	249	302	82.45	FAIRFAX
10	9274	197	5	2	16	220	263	83.65	FALLS CHURCH
10	9478	70	0	1	25	96	165	58.18	STERLING
District	Totals	3504	237	39	412	4192	5099	82.21	First
11	452	21	0	0	5	26	41	63.41	CRIMORA
11	632	305	0	0	74	379	446	84.98	HARRISONBURG
11	1499	78	0	1	24	103	123	83.74	LEXINGTON
11	2216	196	0	1	85	282	378	74.6	STAUNTON
11	2424	23	0	0	9	32	40	80	WAYNESBORO
11	3060	40	0	0	0	40	44	90.91	DEERFIELD
11	3136	27	0	0	14	41	56	73.21	MOUNT SOLON
11	4204	31	1	1	18	51	60	85	HOT SPRINGS
11	4805	48	1	0	1	50	56	89.29	BUENA VISTA
11	7701	39	1	0	14	54	69	78.26	LOVINGSTON
11	7814	21	0	0	0	21	25	84	STAUNTON
11	8279	17	0	0	10	27	37	72.97	STEELES TAVERN
11	8479	5	0	0	5	10	16	62.5	LYNDHURST
11	8644	172	1	0	44	217	269	80.67	BRIDGEWATER
11	9339	50	0	0	22	72	90	80	STUARTS DRAFT
11	9480	32	0	0	4	36	50	72	CRAIGSVILLE
11	10826	43	3	0	20	66	122	54.1	VERONA
District	Totals	1148	7	3	349	1507	1922	78.41	Fourth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	%	City
12	1994	85	7	2	32	126	188	67.02	ABINGDON
12	3782	38	2	0	10	50	67	74.63	HAYSI
12	4301	64	3	0	19	86	120	71.67	NORTON
12	5715	148	0	1	16	165	186	88.71	BIG STONE GAP
12	6975	371	2	4	138	515	654	78.75	BRISTOL
12	8652	55	1	1	25	82	108	75.93	COEBURN
12	8979	88	0	0	27	115	161	71.43	CLINTWOOD
12	9600	65	1	1	42	109	145	75.17	POUND
12	9830	48	0	0	17	65	91	71.43	DAMASCUS
12	10298	44	0	0	13	57	78	73.08	PENNINGTON GAP
12	10310	41	1	0	3	45	69	65.22	EWING
District	Totals	1047	17	9	342	1415	1867	75.79	Eighth
13	1827	150	8	1	40	199	269	73.98	CHARLOTTESVILLE
13	2044	35	1	0	6	42	50	84	EARLYSVILLE
13	2217	31	0	0	18	49	57	85.96	ORANGE
13	2613	6	0	0	4	10	26	38.46	COLUMBIA
13	7638	54	2	0	18	74	86	86.05	GORDONSVILLE
13	8169	30	1	0	11	42	62	67.74	SCOTTSVILLE
13	8436	13	0	0	8	21	35	60	YANCEY MILLS
13	8947	91	0	0	13	104	128	81.25	LOUISA
13	10295	60	0	1	12	73	84	86.9	BOWLING GREEN
13	10546	81	0	1	3	85	100	85	SPOTSYLVANIA
13	10574	78	10	0	31	119	274	43.43	COLONIAL BEACH
District	Totals	629	22	3	164	818	1171	69.85	Last
99	15048	2511	97	31	689	3328	4565	72.9	STAUNTON
255	0	21853	650	173	4908	27584	36055	76.51	