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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades as we start the 2nd month of this membership year, I would like to thank those Posts who have jumped on the membership goals. Now is the time to really start working those annual members to renew. Every Post should have submitted a first half report for community activities by now. The reporting period started May 1st. Since then, we've had Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Army Birthday and July 4th celebrations.

Many of us will be attending the National Convention in Indianapolis Indiana this month to voice our opinions on the administration and operation of the VFW for the future. Our prime motivation is to ensure that the organization continues to live up to our National motto of "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living". The best way to do this is by having a strong active membership and by being extremely visible in our respective communities. This means involvement."

Congratulations to the Commanders from the following posts for making All American, 1503, 3219, 4809, and 9808. All American status is designed to recognize outstanding units and is based on participation in VFW Programs as well as membership gains by Posts, Districts and Departments. This is a high honor and most deserving for all your hard work, thank you!

I would like to thank everyone who attended our School of Instructions. There were some first timers present. That was great and it means that more comrades are getting involved in the VFW. I would like to thank Posts 9808 and 5311 for hosting the Schools of Instruction.

I urge all District Commanders to set up District Schools of Instructions, to bring all members up to date on the new programs and reports and the proper way to submit them. If you need a State Representative to help teach these schools, send your request to State Headquarters or State Commander.

Please remember to contact your local media if you plan on having an event that emphasizes what the VFW does in the communities. Let's not forget that our Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary are important parts of this organization, and a valuable resource for volunteers to assist in our many programs and activities.

A reminder that President Betty Gimble and my Homecoming will be held on September 25th at Post 1503, Dale City, more information to come.

My first two months have been interesting and eye opening. There have been very few problems but Angie from State Headquarters has kept me busy, I want to thank Angie for her 20 years as a dedicated employee of our Department, she is an efficient and highly knowledgeable administrative assistant whose performance, singularly and collectively, has been and continues to be outstanding. I know her, Susie and our QM stay very busy and serve us well, next time you contact State Headquarters, SAY THANK YOU!

James Martin
Department Of Virginia VFW
Commander 2010-2011

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1ST - Date: 8/14/10
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 3219, Phoebus
122 E. Mellon Street, Hampton
Rep: Tom Gimble, State Chief of Staff

2ND - Date: 8/07/10
Lunch: 12:00 PM
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 392
2408 Bowland Pkwy, VA Beach
Rep: Steve Lasseter, State JVC

3RD - Date: 8/07/10
Meeting: 10:00 AM
Location: 3rd District HQ, Mechanicsville
10044 Pamunkey Rd,
Rep: Charles Absher, State SVC

4TH - Date: 8/7/10
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 7166 South Hill
1472 N Mecklenburg Ave
Rep: Tom Hines, PDC

5TH - Date: 8/28/10
Meeting: 12 noon
Location: Post 647 Danville
275 VFW Drive
Rep: Margo Sheridan, State Judge
Advocate

6TH - Date: 8/1/10
Meeting: 2:00 PM
Location: Sponsored by Post 2157,
Bedford, Bldg 5 & Chapel
VA Medical Center, Salem
Rep: Chris Birch, State Surgeon

7th - Date: TBA

8th - Date: 10/3/10
Meeting: 1:00 Pm
Location: Post 7728, Remington
Corner of Rt 17& Rt 836,
Morrisville
Rep: Chris Birch, State Surgeon

9th - Date: 9/12/10
Registration: 10 AM
Location: Post 1184
2 Dora Hwy, Pulaski
Rep: Steve Lasseter, State JVC

10th - Date: 10/03/10
Lunch: 11:30
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 1503, Dale City
14631 Minnieville Road
Rep: Jim Martin, State Commander

11th - Date: 9/19/10
Lunch: 11:00 AM
Meeting: 12:00 PM
Location: Post 1499
105 Memorial Lane, Lexington
Rep: Kim Deshano, State QM

12th - Date: 8/28/10
Registration: 10:00 AM
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Prime Sirloin Steakhouse
1728 Park Ave NW, Norton
Rep: Tom Gimble, State Chief of Staff

13th - Date: 10/10/10
Lunch: to follow meeting
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 7638, Gordonsville
10271 Gordon Ave, Gordonsville
Rep: Jim Martin, State Commander

3. ALL-AMERICANS:

Posts 1503, 3219, 4809 and 9808 have been verified as All Americans for the 2009-2010 membership year.

4. AMERICANISM REPORT:

48 reports have been received from 33 posts. Status as of July 18, 2010.

The following Posts have **not** submitted a report for the first-half as of July 18, 2010.

Dist 1	176	824	960	2296	3219	5500	6002	8252	8629	9358		
Dist 2	392	1211	2894	4809	8545	9382						
Dist 3	622	2163	2239	4639	7167	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	10387	10654
	10657											
Dist 4	2584	5313	7059	7166	7819	7897	8228	8759	9855	9954		
Dist 5	647	873	4165	7800	7854	8163	8243	8467	10840			
Dist 6	776	1033	1264	1444	1841	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895
	8184	9877										
Dist 7	621	1860	2123	6044	9760							
Dist 8	2524	3103	7589	7728	9835							
Dist 9	4667	6000	7328	7568	7726	7969						
Dist 10	609	1177	3150	5412	7327	7916	8241	8469	9274	9478		
Dist 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279
	8479	8644	9339	9480	10826							
Dist 12	3782	4301	5715	6975	7360	8652	8979	9830	10298	10310		
Dist 13	1827	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	10295	10574				

Doug Keller, Chairman

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, 2010 and is now **PAST DUE**.

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending June 30, 2010

DIST. 1	176	960	2296	3219	5500	8252	8659	9358				
DIST. 2	993	1211	3160	4411								
DIST. 3	637	1426	2163	2239	4639	6364	7167	8046	8356	9224	10387	10657
DIST. 4	2584	5313	7166	7819	8048	8228	8902					
DIST. 5	2820	4165	7800	8243								
DIST. 6	776	1033	1444	1841	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	8184	9877
DIST. 7	1860	2123	9292									
DIST. 8	3103	7728										
DIST. 9	6000	7136	7568	9640								
DIST. 10	609	1177	3150	5412	7327	8241	8469	9274				
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	4204	7701	7814	8479	8644		
DIST. 12	3782	4301	6975	8652	9830							
DIST. 13	2044	2613	7638	10295	10546	10574						

6. BONDS:

All bonds will expire August 31, 2010. 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 closed on August 17, 2010.

8. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

The following Posts have **not** submitted a report for the first-half as of July 19, 2010.

Dist 1	960	2296	6002	8252	9358								
Dist 2	392	1211	2894	4411	4809	9382							
Dist 3	622	2163	2239	7167	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	10387	10654	10657	
Dist 4	2584	5313	7059	7166	7819	8048	8228	8446	8759	8902	9855	9954	
Dist 5	873	7800	7854	8163	8243	8467	10840						
Dist 6	776	1264	1444	1841	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895		
Dist 7	621	2123	6044										
Dist 8	2524	3103	7589	7728									
Dist 9	4667	7568	9696										
Dist 10	609	1177	5412	7916	8241	8469							
Dist 11	452	632	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279	8479	9339
Dist 12	3782	4301	5715	6975	7360	8652	8979	10298	10310				
Dist 13	1827	2613	7638	8169	8436	10295							

Sterling Moninghoff, Chairman

9. DUES INCREASE:

At the State Convention, it was voted to increase the State per capita dues by 50 cent, starting January 1, 2011 which takes them from \$8 to \$8.50. National per capita dues are \$11.50. If your Post dues are less than \$20.00, you will need to vote to increase them before January 1, 2011.

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.vfwebmail.com. Subscriptions for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year or \$2.00 per issue.

11. HOMECOMING HOTEL:

Saturday, September 25, 2010
 Comfort Inn near Quantico Main Gate North
 16931 Old Stage Road
 Dumfries, VA. 22025

Cut Off Date: August 25, 2010
 Rate: \$79.00 Single/Double - Extra \$10.00
 Tel: 703-445-8070 or Fax: 703-445-8075
GM.VA355@choicehotels.com

12. HOSPITAL REPORT:

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Hospital Report for the period ending July 20, 2010

Dist 1	176	960	2296	3219	5500	6002	8252	8629	9358				
Dist 2	392	1211	2894	4411	9382								
Dist 3	622	637	2163	2239	4639	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	10387	10654	10657
Dist 4	2584	5313	7059	7166	7819	8228	8759	8902	9855	9954			
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Dist 11	452	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279	8479	8644	9339
Dist 12	3782	4301	5715	7360	8979	9600	9864	10298	10310				
Dist 13	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	10295					

Chris Birch, Chairman

13. IMPORTANT DATES:

- August 7, 2010 School of Instruction Post 5311 Christiansburg
- August 21-26, 2010 National VFW Convention, Indianapolis, IN. Room Rate \$113.00. Reservations should have been made by July 19, 2010, phone number 317-684-2573; Mon-Fri, 8:30AM – 5PM, EDT.
- October 2, 2010 Fall Council of Administration, Staunton, VA
- November 5-8, 2010 Southern Conference Nashville, TN. Room rates \$119.00, Reservations must be made by October 4, 2010. phone number 615-885-2300 or 800-551-2409.
- January 14-16, 2011 Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$68.00. The deadline for reservations is December 22, 2010, to insure group rates. Call 800-227-6963.
- June 9-12, 2011 State Convention, Richmond Room Rates \$89.00 Reservations must be made by May 8, 2011.

14. INSPECTIONS:

The new inspection form seems to leave some doubts on how some entries should be answered... District Commanders please remind your inspectors to not leave inspection questions, including dates --- such as Reserve Fund transfer, Buddy Poppy distribution, etc. --- blank. Doing so implies a negative answer he/she did not want to record. Include a comment as necessary to explain. Use N/A for those few questions which do not apply to the Post being inspected. Kudos to those inspectors getting an early start!

Seventeen Posts have been reported inspected. Status as of 16 July 2010:

Dist 1	176	824	960	2296	3219	5500	6002	8252	8629	9358			
Dist 2	392	993	1211	2582	2894	3160	4411	4809	8545	9382			
Dist 3	622	637	1426	2163	2239	4639	6364	7167	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501
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J.Gary Wagner
State Inspector

15. LEADERSHIP REFERENCE GUIDE:

Attention Post Commanders and Quartermasters: the 2010-2011 VFW Leadership Reference Guide is now available online in eMembership. To access the Leadership Reference Guide materials, please follow the attached instructions that will assist you in logging on to eMembership. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Jones at (816) 756-3390, ext. 133 or via e-mail at kjones@vfw.org.

16. LIFE MEMBERSHIP INSTALLMENT PLAN:

Effective July 1st 2010, only the 12-month installment plan is being offered. **NO** 24-month plan.

Need assistance: Please contact Member Dues Processing at 1-800-963-3180.

17. MEMBERSHIP:

Do you remember that 700 pound gorilla that I wrote to you about last year? He's back in the same place he was this time last year and he's put on weight. We need to start talking to our members about renewing their membership NOW. Let's not wait until it's just about to expire. Get them to renew now before they get caught up in the year end rush that has everyone looking forward to the holidays. We need to get personal letters from the Post Commanders out to our annual members to encourage them to renew early. To help you in this effort I have provided a sample letter to your District Commanders and have that they share them with you. You can use it as written or, take out what you don't care for, add things you think are important that I failed to mention. It's a tool for you to use so that you don't have to write one from scratch.

We need to continue our efforts in recruiting new members and reinstating those former members who have let their membership lapse. We need to let them know how important their membership is and how it's going to help us in our efforts to keep moving forward with our programs. We are a Veteran's organization, but we are also a family. Let's make sure that everyone knows we feel that way. Each of your Post members is a valued individual not a statistic. Let's reach out and make sure that they realize that.

If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your District Commander. If you feel I might be of assistance please don't hesitate to contact me at cgdc1@juno.com or (703) 319-0845.

Yours in Comradeship,
C. D. —Dc" Crouch
Membership Committee

18. MILITARY WOMEN'S ADVOCACY/WOMEN VETERANS:

VA Outreach: The Department of Veterans Affairs state and regional support teams have agreed to visit military installations and local communities in Virginia. We are currently trying to organize a comprehensive outreach event at Fort Lee, home of the U. S. Army Women's Museum. Please contact me (judge@va.vfwwebmail.com, telephone 571-332-7109, if you would like a VFW/Veterans Affairs team specializing in women veterans to participate an upcoming outreach or informational event at your Post/District or in conjunction with your local military installation.

Recruiting: The latest data from The Department of Veterans Affairs estimate that there are nearly 90,000 women veterans in Virginia, with approximately 1.8 million nation-wide. While not all are eligible for membership in the VFW, a substantial number are eligible. The Military Women's Advocacy committee members are available to assist you in your upcoming recruiting initiatives. Please contact me to arrange for a female VFW member to join your next recruiting drive!

Margo Sheridan, Chairman

19. NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Section 222(d) of the Manual of Procedure requires each post to register, in advance, at least one delegate to the VFW National Convention by payment of a fee in the amount of \$10. The on-site registration fee is \$12. All advance registrations should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Convention Registration or you may register on-line by going to www.vfw.org.

20. 111th NATIONAL CONVENTION:

The 111th VFW National Convention will be held Aug. 21-26, 2010, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Convention will be held at the Omni Severin Hotel, the prices of the rooms are: Single: \$113, double: \$113. There is no self parking available. Valet Service is \$27, with unlimited in/out.

The special convention rates are available until July 19 or until rooms sell out. The Housing forms were in last month's General Orders or you can go online to www.vfw.org and look up 111th National Convention.

21. PATRIOT'S PEN:

2010-2011
Patriot's Pen Reporting Dates
6TH through 8th Grade Students
Theme: "Does Patriotism Still Matter?"

Student Entry: Deadline: November 1, 2010
Complete Post Judging: Deadline: November 15, 2010
Complete District Judging: Deadline: December 6, 2010
Awards to be given to Department Winner: Winter Council Meeting

All District winners' Essays and District forms 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 13, 2010.

Note: Posts can only submit one (1) winner to the District for judging. This is a change from previous years by the National Programs Director.

Be sure you send **ALL** of the District Information that is needed, the Official Student Entry Form, Typed Student Essay, Photo of the District Winner and District Reporting forms. If this information is not received as requested according to the guidelines, your District winner will be disqualified.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Department Judging will be held on Friday, December 17, 2010 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 15, 2011 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. However, the Auxiliary cannot submit entries on their own. National specifies this is a VFW Program and entries must be submitted from the Posts.

We welcome any feedback from Post and District Commanders and Chairpersons.

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

22. POW/MIA

June 02, 2010

Air Force Pilot Missing From Vietnam War Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Air Force **Col. Elton L. Perrine** of Pittsford, NY, was buried last week at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

June 04, 2010

Soldier Missing From Korean War Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Army **Master Sgt. Roy E. Head** of Clinchport, VA, will be buried Saturday in Duffield, Va. Head was assigned to Headquarters Company, 49th Field Artillery Battalion.

June 10, 2010

Airmen Missing From Vietnam War Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of nine U.S. servicemen, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been accounted-for and returned to their families for burial with full military honors. Air Force **Col. William H. Mason**, Camden, Ark.; **Lt. Col. Jerry L. Chambers**, Muskogee, Okla.; **Maj. William T. McPhail**, Chattanooga, Tenn.; **Maj. Thomas B. Mitchell**, Littleton, Colo.; **Chief Master Sgt. John Q. Adam**, Bethel, Kan.; **Chief Master Sgt. Calvin C. Glover**, Steubenville, Ohio; **Chief Master Sgt. Thomas E. Knebel**, Midway, Ark.; **Chief Master Sgt. Melvin D. Rash**, Yorktown, Va.; and **Master Sgt. Gary Pate**, Brooks, Ga., were buried as a group today in Arlington National Cemetery. The individually identified remains of each airman were previously returned to their families for burial.

June 11, 2010

WWII Pearl Harbor Sailor Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman missing in action from World War II has been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is U.S. Navy Fireman **Third Class Gerald G. Lehman**, of Hancock, Mich. He will be buried Saturday in Hancock.

June 14, 2010

Air Force MIAS from Vietnam War are Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of four U.S. servicemen, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors. They are **Capt. Peter H. Chapman, II**, Centerburg, Ohio; **Tech. Sgt. Allen J. Avery**, Auburn, Mass.; **Tech. Sgt. Roy D. Prater**, Tiffin, Ohio; and **Sgt. James H. Alley**, Plantation, Fla., all U.S. Air Force.

June 18, 2010

Fallen Airmen Laid to Rest After 38 Years

ARLINGTON, Va., June 18, 2010 - Unidentified remains of 14 fallen Air Force AC-130 gunship crewmembers were laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery here yesterday, nearly 40 years after their aircraft was shot down over southern Laos. **Lt. Col. Henry P. Brauner**, **Lt. Col. Richard Castillo**, **Lt. Col. Irving B. Ramsower II**, **Lt. Col. Howard D. Stephenson**, **Maj. Curtis D. Miller**, **Maj. Barclay B. Young**, **Capt. Richard C. Halpin**, **Capt. Charles J. Wanzel III**, **Chief Master Sgt. Edwin J. Pearce**, **Senior Master Sgt. James K. Caniford**, **Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Simmons**, **Senior Master Sgt. Edward D. Smith Jr.**, **Master Sgt. Merlyn L. Paulson** and **Master Sgt. William A. Todd** were honored in a group burial with full military honors in the cemetery's Section 60. The crew was killed in action March 29, 1972, in the midst of the Vietnam War. In the past year, the Joint Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Accounting Command has accounted for 98 service members missing from the Korean War, Vietnam War and World War II. More than 80,000 service members from the three wars remain unaccounted-for. Nearly 2,000 from the same wars have been accounted for and returned to their families.

June 21, 2010

Remains of WWII aircrew lost in Burma to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery

Gini Doolittle never knew her cousin, but her family talked so often of his mysterious disappearance that she felt a close bond. **Lt. Joseph Auld** was their "lost hero," she said, a pilot who "flew the hump" over the Himalayas during World War II until he and his aircraft disappeared in 1944.

June 22, 2010

Marine Missing in Action From World War I Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from World War I, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. U.S. **Marine First Sergeant George H. Humphrey** of Utica, N.Y., will be buried on Wednesday at Arlington National Cemetery.

June 23, 2010

JPAC TEAMS DEPLOY TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii. Recovery teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command departed Hawaii [yesterday](#) for missions in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Three recovery teams deployed for more than 30 days to excavate three sites that are associated with the losses of four individuals. In an effort to account for missing Americans from the Vietnam War, the teams will excavate sites in two provinces that are associated with aircraft losses. This is the 115th Joint Field Activity in Laos.

June 25, 2010

JPAC TEAMS RETURN FROM VIETNAM

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii. Teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command returned to Hawaii June 22 after spending more than 40 days in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The teams successfully conducted recovery and investigative operations searching for evidence and information associated with Americans missing from the Vietnam War. This was the 99th Joint Field Activity in Vietnam. Three recovery teams searched in the Quang Binh, Quang Tri, and Thua Thien-Hue provinces for four missing individuals associated with aircraft losses. The fourth recovery team searched an underwater aircraft crash site in the northeastern Nghe An and southeastern Thanh Hoa provinces for two missing individuals

June 29, 2010

Sailor Missing From Korean War Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors. U.S. **Navy Ensign Robert W. Langwell**, of Columbus, Ind., will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on July 12.

With Langwell's accounting, 8,025 service members still remain missing from the Korean War.

July 02, 2010

Seven Missing WWII Airmen Identified

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of seven servicemen, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors. Army **Capt. Joseph M. Olbinski**, Chicago; **1st Lt. Joseph J. Auld**, Floral Park, N.Y.; **1st Lt. Robert M. Anderson**, Millen, Ga.; **Tech. Sgt. Clarence E. Frantz**, Tyrone, Penn.; **Pfc. Richard M. Dawson**, Haynesville, Va.; **Pvt. Robert L. Crane**, Sacramento, Calif.; and **Pvt. Fred G. Fagan**, Piedmont, Ala., were identified and all are to be interred July 15 in Arlington National Cemetery.

July 07, 2010

Soldier Missing In Action from World War I Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a serviceman, missing in action from World War I, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Army **Pvt. Thomas D. Costello** of New York, N.Y., will be buried on July 12 at Arlington National Cemetery.

JPAC TEAMS RETURN FROM SOUTH KOREA

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM. Multiple teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command returned to Hawaii June 21 after spending more than 100 days in the Republic of Korea on two Joint Field Activities. The teams successfully conducted recovery and investigative operations searching for evidence and information associated with Americans missing from the Korean War. This was the third and fourth Joint Field Activity in South Korea scheduled for 2010.

Joe Martin, Chairman

23. PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S MANUAL CHANGE:

By popular request, the program chairman's manual (formerly "It's About Service") is being changed. The new individual program chairman's manuals are now available online at www.vfw.org and www.vfwdepartmentresources.org. The individual manuals will include VFW Scholarship Programs, Safety & Recognition, Community Service, Youth Activities and Buddy Poppy. This will enable chairman (and any member) to more quickly download and print the manual for their individual program area.

24. ROSTER CHANGES:

State Recruiting Coordinator for District 10
Nelson Betancourt
E-mail Address: nelbet.is@gmail.com

District Commander 12
Charles Johnson
Phone Number: 276-395-6202

Department Judge Advocate
Margo Sheridan
Home/Cell: 571-332-7109
Work Phone: 202-372-3541
Fax (work): 202-372-3940

25. SAFETY:

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Safety Report for the 1st half as of July 16, 2010

Dist 1	960	2296	6002	8252	8929	9358								
Dist 2	392	1211	2894	4411	4809	9382								
Dist 3	622	637	2136	2239	7167	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	10387	10654	10657	
Dist 4	2584	5313	7059	7166	7819	8048	8228	8759	9855	9954				
Dist 5	647	873	4165	7800	7854	8163	8243	8467	10840					
Dist 6	776	1033	1264	1444	1841	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184	9877
Dist 7	621	1860	2123	6044	9292	9660								
Dist 8	2524	3103	7589	7728	9835									
Dist 9	4667	6000	7136	7568	7969									
Dist 10	609	1177	5412	7916	8241	8469	9274	9478						
Dist 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279	8479	8644
	9339													
Dist 12	3782	4301	5715	6975	7630	8979	9864	10298	10310					
Dist 13	1827	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	10295							

Milton Dye, Chairman

26. TAX RELIEF FOR DISABLED VETERANS:

Voters to Decide on Real Estate Tax Relief for Disabled Veterans in November

RICHMOND— On November 2, 2010, voters will be asked to vote on a proposed amendment to the Virginia Constitution to provide real estate tax relief for 100% service-connected disabled veterans. If approved, local governments would grant real estate tax exemptions without means testing to veterans with a 100% service-connected disability rating. Qualifying veterans would be exempt from paying real estate taxes only on owner-occupied property used as the sole dwelling of the veteran. Vacation homes and rental property would not be exempt. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reported that 7,358 Virginia veterans had a 100% service-connected disability rating as of May 2009.

Approval by Virginia's voters is the final step in a three-step process to amend the state constitution. A constitutional amendment is required since this tax exemption creates a special class of exemptions. A constitutional amendment requires the General Assembly to pass the proposed amendment two consecutive years as well as passage by voters. The amendment passed unanimously in both houses during the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions. This year's bills were sponsored by Senators Puller and Stuart (SJ13), Delegate O'Bannon (HJ33), Senator Puller (SB31) and Delegate O'Bannon (HB149).

Daniel Boyer, Chairman of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC), acknowledged that localities may be concerned about the loss of revenue that might occur as a result of this bill. —However, many localities already grant real estate tax exemptions to disabled veterans and the elderly," said Boyer. —The 23 Veterans Service Organizations represented on the JLC have over 250,000 members," he added. —This is our top priority for 2010, and we hope the voters of Virginia will support us."

—We're really going to be pushing for veterans, their families, and the public to vote 'yes' for the real estate tax exemption for veterans with a 100% service-connected disability rating," said Paul Galanti, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. —Veterans rated as 100% disabled continue to suffer from disabilities incurred during active military service to our Nation and the Commonwealth. They've taken time out of their lives to defend our freedoms. They've served us; now it's our turn to serve them," Galanti added.

If passed by voters in November, the exemption will take effect July 1, 2011

27. VFW RIDERS:

The VFW Riders of Hampton Roads is a riding club, not a motorcycle club made of an equal partnership between the VFW and VFW Auxiliary (Men's and Ladies) members in good standing.

The club has many goals and is primarily focused toward promoting and supporting the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW Auxiliaries. Our members come from all walks of life with two things in common; membership in the VFW or one of its Auxiliaries and enjoyment of riding anyone interested in joining or if you would like to start a chapter in your area you can contact these members:

Glenn Holman glennov3160@cox.net
Kim DeShano qm@va.vfwwebmail.com
William Shepherd shep1955@hotmail.com

Glenn Holman, Chairman

28. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:

2010-2011

Voice of Democracy Program Reporting Dates

9th through 12th Grade Students

Theme: ~~Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?"~~

Student Entry	Deadline: November 1, 2010
Complete Post Judging	Deadline: November 15, 2010
Complete District Judging	Deadline: December 6, 2010
Awards to be given to Department Winner	Winter Council Meeting (01-15-11)

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 11, 2010**.

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, 2011.** National Headquarters will obtain all other information from the Department winning student.

Department Judging will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Myers-Hodges VFW Post 8644 in Bridgewater, Virginia.

Voice of Democracy Department Awards:

1 st Place Winner	Student will receive \$1,000.00 and be expected to attend the Winter Council Meeting to be held in Williamsburg on January 15, 2011, 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 nd Place Winner	Will receive \$600.00 which the Department will mail
3 rd 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 1st 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 2011.

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

29. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Youth Activities Report for the period ending July 20, 2010

Dist 1	824	960	2296	3219	5500	6002	8252	8629	9358			
Dist 2	392	1211	2894	4411	4809	9382						
Dist 3	622	637	2163	2239	4639	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	10387	10654
	10657											
Dist 4	2584	5313	7059	7819	8048	8228	8446	8759	8902	9855	9954	
Dist 5	647	873	4165	4637	7800	7854	8163	8243	8467	10840		
Dist 6	776	1033	1264	1444	1841	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895
	8184											
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Dist 8	1811	2524	3103	7589	7728							
Dist 9	4667	6000	7136	7328	7568	7969						
Dist 10	609	1177	1503	5412	7327	7916	8241	8469	9274	9478		
Dist 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279
	8479	8644	9339									
Dist 12	3782	4301	5715	6975	7360	8652	8979	10298	10310			
Dist 13	1827	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	10295	10546				

William J. Shepherd, Chairman

Official:

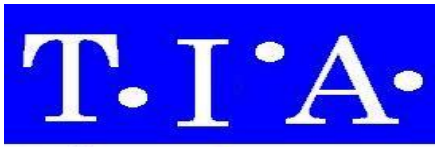


Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



James K Martin
State Commander



Tallman Insurance

FOR CANTEEN AND EMPLOYEES ONLY

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



DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



Dear Comrade Commander:

August 1, 2010

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, 2010.

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, 2010 TO AUGUST 31, 2011.

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2011.

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

APPLICATION FOR V.F.W. OFFICERS BOND – SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 TO AUGUST 31, 2011

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, 2010 to August 31, 2011. Premium in the amount of \$ _____ is herewith enclosed.

Commander

Street and City

VFW QUARTERMASTER BOND --- ALL STATES

\$3.00 Per Thousand

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

(\$3,000. To \$25,000.)
\$3.00 Per Thousand

\$2.50 Per Thousand

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

(\$26,000. To \$250,000.)
\$2.50 Per Thousand

\$2.00 Per Thousand

\$251,000.----\$ 502.00
\$252,000.----\$ 504.00
\$253,000.----\$ 506.00
\$254,000.----\$ 508.00
\$255,000.----\$ 510.00
\$256,000.----\$ 512.00
\$257,000.----\$ 514.00
\$258,000.----\$ 516.00
\$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.----- \$ 20.00 Minimum Premium

Rates \$4,000. And Over - \$6.00 Per Thousand

\$ 4,000.-----	\$ 24.00
\$ 5,000.-----	\$ 30.00
\$ 6,000.-----	\$ 36.00
\$ 7,000.-----	\$ 42.00
\$ 8,000.-----	\$ 48.00
\$ 9,000.-----	\$ 54.00
\$ 10,000.-----	\$ 60.00
\$ 15,000.-----	\$ 90.00
\$ 20,000.-----	\$120.00

Rates \$25,000. And Over - \$4.00 Per Thousand

\$ 25,000.-----	\$100.00
\$ 30,000.-----	\$120.00
\$ 35,000.-----	\$140.00
\$ 40,000.-----	\$160.00

Rates \$50,000. And Over - \$3.00 Per Thousand

\$ 50,000.-----	\$150.00
\$ 55,000.-----	\$165.00
\$ 60,000.-----	\$180.00
\$ 65,000.-----	\$195.00
\$ 70,000.-----	\$210.00
\$ 75,000.-----	\$225.00
\$ 80,000.-----	\$240.00
\$ 85,000.-----	\$255.00
\$ 90,000.-----	\$270.00
\$100,000.-----	\$300.00

BY SUPPORTING YOUR VFW
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\$20.00 a ticket or 6 tickets for \$100.00

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There is only 1999 tickets being sold

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See your District Commander for tickets

Winner Responsible for Title, Tax, and Tags