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**1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

Comrades and sisters, Madame President Betty Gimble and I extend Season's Greetings and our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to you and your families. All Veterans should be remembered during the holidays. You could visit our vets at your local VA hospital or nursing home, or simply mail a holiday greeting to local VA hospital patients or your local VFW member. If you know any veterans that will be alone this Holiday season, you might show your appreciation by offering to get them some groceries, mailing or e-mailing them holiday cards, inviting them over for a holiday meal, or even just shoveling their walk.

I want to thank those members who took advantage of attending the Recruiting class that was offered recently, I feel it went very well and hopefully everyone who attended will share what they learned with you so we all can continue to recruit and grow. Membership is the life line of this organization, if we all just signed up one we would double in size. There are more eligible members now than ever; all you have to do is ask!

We will be holding Service Officer Training during our Winter Council meeting in Williamsburg 14 – 16 January. So please send someone from your Post and District. It will be two days long so if you are a Commander please have someone represent you during our business sessions.

Commander-In-Chief Eubank has moved his goal of 85% in membership to December 20<sup>th</sup>. So now we have a few more weeks to reach it. Please get on the phones to the Post Commanders and get them to work a little bit harder. Currently we sit at 84.63%, which on one hand we are doing good, but we still need 5347 more members to reach the goal of 100%. I still offer the Departments assistance if you need help or want to conduct a recruiting drive. Each new member is one less that we need to reach our goal. There are several Posts out there who have not signed up a new member or reinstated one in over two years, and I will be contacting them personally, we need to do the work of the VFW or you need to get out of the business. There are too many members who work hard doing VFW business while others just sit around. It is time to step up and be accounted for, produce or quit!

We just closed out the first half reporting, not what I expected, each District meeting I sit and listen to all the great things each Post is doing and then no reports! It is so important that we submit reports. Direct community

involvement is a VFW priority, extending beyond the realm of veterans helping veterans. Annually, VFW and Auxiliaries donate more than 13 million volunteer hours of community service. VFW members mentor youth groups; help in community food kitchens, volunteer in blood drives and visit hospitalized veterans. Others help veterans file compensation claims. VFW's Community Service programs are designed to encourage community service and increase civic pride, which ultimately enhances education, improves the environment and ensures the availability of health services for our nation's veterans. VFW's Citizenship Education program is designed to stimulate interest in America's history and traditions and to promote citizenship, civic responsibility and patriotism.

VFW's Youth Scholarship programs provide more than \$3.5 million in scholarships to our nation's youth. They include Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen youth essay contest and Scout of the Year. The VFW's partnership with the Boy Scouts of America includes the sponsoring of more than 1,200 scouting units with 40,000 members across the nation. VFW's Safety Program encourages VFW Posts and Auxiliaries to conduct programs in home, auto and bicycle safety, as well as programs dealing with drug awareness and substance abuse.

The VFW National Home for Children is a community development in a family-like environment that is home to orphaned or single parent children of VFW or Ladies Auxiliary members. The home, which was established in 1925 on 160 acres in Eaton Rapids, Mich., emphasizes the values of education, good work habits and sound moral character. We need to report what we do, so when we go on the hill and ask for veteran's benefits increase or military pay raises we can show them what we do and how much we contribute to the community and to our veterans. Yours in Comradeship!

James Martin  
 Department Of Virginia VFW  
 Commander 2010-2011

## 2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

**1<sup>ST</sup> - Date:** TBA  
**Meeting:**  
**Location:** Post 6002, Denbigh  
 145 Spur Drive, Newport News  
**Rep:**

**2<sup>ND</sup> - Date:** 3/05/11  
**Lunch:** Noon  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 4411, Franklin  
 32414 John Beverly Rose Drive,  
 Franklin  
**Rep:**

**3<sup>RD</sup> - Date:** 2/12/11  
**Meeting:** 10am lunch to follow  
**Location:** 3<sup>rd</sup> District Headquarters  
 10044 Pamunkey Rd,  
 Mechanicsville  
**Rep:**

**4<sup>TH</sup> - Date:** TBA  
**Meeting:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Crewe Volunteer Fire  
 Department, sponsored by 7819,  
 Crewe  
**Rep:**

**5<sup>TH</sup> - Date:** TBA  
**Lunch:**  
**Meeting:**  
**Location:**  
**Rep:**

**6<sup>TH</sup> - Date:** 02/13/11  
**Meeting:** 2:00 PM  
**Location:** Bldg 5 & Chapel  
 VA Medical Center, Salem  
 Sponsored by Post 4299  
**Rep:** TBA

**7<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 12/12/10  
**Lunch:** 11:30 AM  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 2123, Winchester  
 200 Sulky Drive, Winchester  
**Rep:** Margo Sheridan,  
 State Judge Advocate

**8<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 1/09/11  
**Meeting:** TBA  
**Location:** Post 7589, Mananass  
 9304 Centerville Rd, Mananass  
**Rep:** Steve Lasseter,  
 State Jr. Vice Commander

**9<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 1/09/11  
**Registration:** 10 AM  
**Location:** Post 6000, Narrows  
 206 Hare Street, Narrows  
**Rep:** Chris Birch, State Surgeon

**10<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 12/05/10  
**Lunch:** 11:30  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 7916, Occoquan  
 204 Mill Street. Occoquan  
**Rep:** Margo Sheridan,  
 State Judge Advocate

**11<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 1/09/11  
**Lunch:** 11:30 AM  
**Meeting:** 12:30 PM  
**Location:** Post 2216, Staunton  
 212 Frontier Drive  
**Rep:** Jim Martin, State Commander

**13<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 02/11  
**Lunch:** to follow meeting  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 8947, Louisa  
 102 Mineral Ave, Mineral  
**Rep:** Chris Birch, State Surgeon

**12<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 01/08/11  
**Registration:** 10:00 AM  
**Meeting:** 11:00 AM  
**Location:** TBA  
 Sponsored by Post 1994,  
 Abingdon  
**Rep:** Charlie Absher  
 State Sr. Vice Commander

### 3. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN MEETINGS:

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 VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings is unacceptable and is prohibited. 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, whereas it is held to be objectionable. Please refer to Section 1001 (24.) of the National Manual of Procedure.

### 4. AMERICANISM REPORT:

The following Posts have **not** submitted a report for the first-half as of October 31, 2010.

<b>Dist. 1</b>	<b>100%</b>				
<b>Dist. 2</b>	1211				
<b>Dist. 3</b>	8046	9224			
<b>Dist. 4</b>	<b>100%</b>				
<b>Dist. 5</b>	<b>100%</b>				
<b>Dist. 6</b>	1841	4522	4920	8184	
<b>Dist. 7</b>	<b>100%</b>				
<b>Dist. 8</b>	2524				
<b>Dist. 9</b>	<b>100%</b>				
<b>Dist. 10</b>	609	9274			
<b>Dist. 11</b>	452	3060	4204	8479	9339
<b>Dist. 12</b>	5715	10298			
<b>Dist. 13</b>	2613	10295			

Congratulations to Districts 1,4,5,7 and 9 for being 100% at this time.

Doug Keller, Chairman

### 5. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

Annual members are reminded that their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States expires December 31, 2010, unless their 2011 dues are paid and reported to Department and National Headquarters. Every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and also sign up new and reinstated members prior to January 1, 2011.

## 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 September 30, 2010 and is now **PAST DUE**.

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

<b>DIST. 1</b>							
<b>DIST. 2</b>							
<b>DIST. 3</b>	2163	2239	9224	10570			
<b>DIST. 4</b>	9855						
<b>DIST. 5</b>							
<b>DIST. 6</b>	1444	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	8184
<b>DIST. 7</b>	9292						
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1811						
<b>DIST. 9</b>	7568						
<b>DIST. 10</b>	5412						
<b>DIST. 11</b>	3060	4204	7814				
<b>DIST. 12</b>	3782	7360					
<b>DIST. 13</b>	2613	10546					

## 7. CLOSINGS:

State Headquarters will be closed on December 24 and 31, 2010.

## 8. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

First half reporting for the VFW Department of Virginia Community Activity has been completed. Reports for the second half to include November will show up in the December report

The following Posts have **not** submitted a report for the first-half as of October 31, 2010

Dist. 1				
Dist. 2				
Dist. 3	8046			
Dist. 4				
Dist. 5				
Dist. 6	1841	4522	4920	
Dist. 7				
Dist. 8	2524			
Dist. 9				
Dist. 10				
Dist. 11	452	3060	4204	8479
Dist. 12	5715			
Dist. 13				

Thank you for your support to our organization.  
Sterling John Moninghoff  
Vice Chairman

## 9. CONTROL OF UNITS:

Attention Commanders:

All Commanders are reminded that Section 709, Manual of Procedure - Control of Units, requires that any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or in behalf of a Post, County Council,

District or Department shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, County Council, District or Department and that all money, property or assets of any kind or nature, must be placed in the care and custody of the respective Quartermaster. All Commanders should ensure that all provisions of section 709 are enforced.

**10. 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.

**11. EMEMBERSHIP:**

National rolled out their new website October 13<sup>th</sup> and there have been some issues with processing membership in the first couple of weeks. I urge all Quartermasters to go back and verify that any membership you processed on emembership actually got processed. If you have any questions please contact National at 1-800-963-3180 or send them an email at [oms@vfw.org](mailto:oms@vfw.org).

**12. FLAGS AT HALF STAFF:**

Public Law 103-308, passed in 1994, designates December 7th as “National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day” and requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day.

**13. GENERAL ORDERS:**

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. If you received a hard copy of the General Orders and have the ability to print satisfactory copies from the internet please call us or email us at [stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com). Subscriptions for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year or \$2.00 per issue.

**14. HOMELESS VETERANS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Homeless Report for the period ending October 31, 2010

<b>Dist. 1</b>	100%										
<b>Dist. 2</b>	2582	4809									
<b>Dist. 3</b>	2163	8046									
<b>Dist. 4</b>	2584	5313	7059	7166	7897	8048	8228	8446	8759	8902	9954
<b>Dist. 5</b>	4165										
<b>Dist. 6</b>	1444	1841	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184	9877
<b>Dist. 7</b>	2123	2447									
<b>Dist. 8</b>	1811	2524									
<b>Dist. 9</b>	100%										
<b>Dist. 10</b>	5412	8241									
<b>Dist. 11</b>	452	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279	8479	9339
<b>Dist. 12</b>	3782	5715	6975	7360	9600	9830	9864	10298	10310		
<b>Dist. 13</b>	2044	2613	8169	8947	10295	10546					

Chris Birch, Chairman

## 15. HOSPITAL REPORT:

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Hospital Report for the period ending October 31, 2010

<b>Dist. 1</b>	100%					
<b>Dist. 2</b>	100%					
<b>Dist. 3</b>	2163	8046				
<b>Dist. 4</b>	8759					
<b>Dist. 5</b>	4165					
<b>Dist. 6</b>	1841	4522	4920	5311	8184	
<b>Dist. 7</b>	100%					
<b>Dist. 8</b>	2524	3103				
<b>Dist. 9</b>	100%					
<b>Dist. 10</b>	100%					
<b>Dist. 11</b>	452	3060	4204	7814	8479	9339
<b>Dist. 12</b>	9600					
<b>Dist. 13</b>	2044	8169				

Chris Birch, Chairman

## 16. IMPORTANT DATES:

- 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.
- February 15, 2011 Department Commander's visit to Martinsburg VA Hospital
- June 9-12, 2011 State Convention, Richmond Room Rates \$89.00 Reservations must be made by May 8, 2011.
- Aug. 27-Sept. 1, 2011 National Convention, San Antonio, TX

## 17. INSPECTIONS:

As a longtime Post Adjutant, I know that one of the things easily overlooked is how long to keep those papers which keep stacking up. We tend to let those piles grow until we get overwhelmed with the size and then we overact and get rid of too much. The VFW has recommendations for document retention. Some documents should be kept forever while some correspondence can be tossed (shredded?) after three years. How to know which ones to save and which to keep? Check pages 26-27 the 2010 Quartermaster's Manual for a quick chart. (Or check an earlier version; there has been little if any change in the chart.) If you do not have a Quartermaster's Manual, the current one is available at the National VFW website at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). The Quartermaster can logon and download it under Quartermaster Tools. And remember to check documents for member privacy information and shred those accordingly. Leaner files will also help you locate what you're looking for when needed.

Not Inspected as of November 19, 2010

<b>Dist. 1</b>			
<b>Dist. 2</b>			
<b>Dist. 3</b>	2163		
<b>Dist. 4</b>			
<b>Dist. 5</b>			
<b>Dist. 6</b>			
<b>Dist. 7</b>	6044		
<b>Dist. 8</b>			
<b>Dist. 9</b>			
<b>Dist. 10</b>			
<b>Dist. 11</b>	3060		
<b>Dist. 12</b>			
<b>Dist. 13</b>			

Inspection reports for Districts 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 have been received. Districts 2, 3, 4 not reported inspected.

J. Gary Wagner  
State Inspector

## **18. LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:**

Congratulations! Accomack Post 2296 is the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Accomack Post 2296 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 85% of their membership goal reported to State Headquarters by the October 29, 2010 deadline.

Kim DeShano, State ADJ/QM

## **19. MEMBERSHIP:**

Comrades, the holiday season is now upon us and we're getting into weather that folks don't want to go out in much less be out in while recruiting. My philosophy is to just take an extra thermos of coffee but not everyone drinks that much coffee. The coffee I had today was lukewarm and wasn't my particular brand but it kept me fueled. The weather started off with temperatures in the 30's but it got up into the 40's soon enough. The dry concrete was better than standing in snow. All in all it was a good day because we were able to sign up ten new VFW Members for four different Posts.

If those conditions don't sound too appealing I can understand, but the fact is that we still need to get more new members, so let's get creative: Advertising the benefits of being a VFW member is one way; addressing the membership of other organizations and getting the word out is to them is another. Sometimes Wal-Mart or that grocery store will let you set up inside if you're lucky. Whichever way you cut it we've got to get those new members on board in order to grow. Some Posts need more new or reinstated members just to stay even. We need to continue recruiting at an even pace now or face a panic effort in the spring.

The other part of the effort toward 100%+ in membership is to renew each and every Annual Member on our roster and keep their membership continuous. That is a task that is easier to accomplish than recruiting new members, and it can be done without lukewarm coffee and standing on the concrete in 30 degree weather or worse. But it does take an effort on our part to reach out to these Comrades and ask them to stay with us.

I would like to congratulate the following Posts for reaching or exceeding 100% in membership: VFW-4411 Franklin, VFW-4805 Buena Vista, VFW-5500 Hampton, VFW-8228 Chase City and VFW-10295 Bowling Green.

Yours in Comradeship,  
C. D. "Doc" Crouch  
Membership Committee

## **20. MEMSTATS:**

Memstats will no longer be included in the General Orders. You can view the up to date membership statistics daily on the National Memstats webpage. [www.vfwkc.org](http://www.vfwkc.org)

## **21. MILITARY WOMEN'S ADVOCACY:**

At a recent District Meeting (at which I was the only female comrade among the 3 dozen male comrades in attendance), one comrade asked me why the female veterans he tries to recruit never visit his Post or follow up on his invitation to join the VFW. Here a few things to consider when recruiting female veterans to our great organization:

Many female veterans are mothers and wives. When you recruit, talk up the VFW programs that will benefit her children. Talk about the services available to the veteran and her family, and offer to assist her in accessing those services.

Look around your Post. Is it more like a dark, smoky “man cave” than a clean, bright, and welcoming facility? Clean windows, fresh curtains, a coat of paint, and room deodorizer go a long way to improve the appeal of your Post home. Replace those dusty, faded plastic roses in the vases (left over from the 2007 Mother’s Day brunch) with fresh new flowers. And if your parking lot is not well lit, women will not visit your Post on their own.

Women like to socialize with other women. Enlist your Ladies Auxiliary members to help recruit new female members and to actively welcome them to the Post. Sorry, but the local chain-smoking canteen “bar fly” or a grouchy female bartender in a too-tight T-shirt may not qualify as good female company for potential female veteran candidates you are trying to interest in the VFW.

Invite potential female members to join with you at a community event before “sealing the deal” with a signed membership application. If the good work that our Comrades and Auxiliary members are doing for veterans and communities doesn’t convince her to join the VFW, perhaps she’s just not ready for the commitment of membership.

Good luck – and don’t forget to contact me if you want female veteran assistance at community outreach and recruiting events. We will do our best to be there for you.

Margo Sheridan, Chairman

## **22. MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE:**

Support VFW Programs and purchase your motorcycle raffle ticket \$20.00 each or 6 tickets for \$100.00. The Drawing will be held during the Winter Council Banquet in Williamsburg January 15th at 9pm. Contact your District Commander or State Headquarters for tickets. All tickets sold should be turned into the Department by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **23. POST RELIEF FUND:**

Sections 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure outline the various things for which the Post Relief Fund can be used. A few years ago, the phrase, “To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs,” was added to this section. This allows the Post to use the relief funds for the Voice of Democracy program or other Americanism programs that are educational. This does not include Post building projects, hall remodeling, color guard uniforms or any other expenditure that does not follow these guidelines.

## **24. POW/MIA:**

**August 17, 2010**

### **Airman Missing In Action From WWII 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, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. U.S. Army Air Forces 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. **Ray F. Fletcher**, of Westborough, Mass., will be buried Aug. 20 in Burlington, Vt. This month marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II. More than 400,000 of the 16 million Americans who served during the war died. At the end of the conflict, the U.S. government was unable to recover, identify and bury approximately 79,000 as known persons. [Today](#), more than 72,000 World War II Americans remain unaccounted-for.

**August 17, 2010**

### **POW/MIA RECOVERY, INVESTIGATION TEAMS RETURN**

JPAC teams return from extensive search for missing Americans from Vietnam War, WWII JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Aug. 17, 2010) – Several archeological teams from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) returned to Hawaii recently after searching for fallen Americans in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, the Republic of Vanuatu, and Europe.

**August 17, 2010**

### **POW/MIA INVESTIGATION TEAM RETURNS**

JPAC teams return from search for missing Americans from the Korean War JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Aug. 17, 2010) – An investigation team from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) returned to Hawaii recently after searching for fallen Americans in Guangdong Province, the People’s Republic of China. This was the second of two visits to Guangdong Province



this year, the first occurring in April. To date, close to 8,000 Americans are still listed as Missing in Action from the Korean War.

**August 27, 2010**

**JPAC TO HOST ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR AMERICA'S HEROES SEPT. 10**

JPAC to honor Missing in Action (MIA) Americans from Vietnam War, World War II  
JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Aug. 27, 2010) – The U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will host an Arrival Ceremony [Friday](#), Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. in Hangar 35, to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown.

**September 01, 2010**

**U.S. Soldier MIA 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. United States Army **Sgt. Charles P. Whitler** will be buried Sept. 2 in his hometown of Cloverport, Ky. More than 2,000 servicemen died as prisoners of war during the Korean War. With this accounting, 8,022 service members still remain missing from the conflict.

**September 07, 2010**

**JPAC TO HOST POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY CEREMONY**

Annual event honors the sacrifice, commitment made by our Nations heroes  
HONOLULU, Hawaii (Sept. 7, 2010) – The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day with a ceremony at 10 a.m., Sept. 17, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific [Punchbowl], to honor prisoners of war and fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown.

**September 10, 2010**

**POW/MIA INVESTIGATION TEAMS SEARCH FOR MISSING AMERICANS**

JPAC teams search for missing in action (MIA) Americans from World War II, Korean War  
JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Sept. 10, 2010) – Two investigation teams from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) deployed to Canada and the Republic of Korea to search for MIA's missing from World War II and the Korean War.

**September 15, 2010**

**Officials Unveil Pentagon POW/MIA Exhibit**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15, 2010 - Defense Department officials today dedicated a portion of the Pentagon to military prisoners of war and troops missing in action, honoring one of the military's guiding principles: Never leave a comrade behind. The hallway is lined with information, artifacts and photographs underscoring the service and sacrifice of more than 80,000 MIAs and POWs from the present conflict in Afghanistan and dating back to World War II.

**September 17, 2010**

**Gates: Nation Will Bring Home Missing Troops**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17, 2010 - Standing in front of rows of sharply dressed troops today, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates underscored the Defense Department's commitment to bringing every missing service member home. "For our nation's missing, we must close the gap," the secretary said. "We must find the fallen. Your love for them will never die, and their country's efforts to get them home will never cease."

**September 17, 2010**

**Family Member Cites Father's Recovery at Ceremony**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17, 2010 - A small crowd gathered in the shadow of the Pentagon today to honor the nation's missing service members and to reaffirm America's commitment to bringing them home. Seated among the service members, dressed in colorful dress uniforms, was a group of family members who had traveled here to attend the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony. Some wore hats bearing the names of their POW/MIA organizations, and others proudly displayed the names of their missing loved ones on white badges. Colleen Shine's black dress stood out in the sea of color, but her attitude was anything but mournful. She brought a message of hope to the ceremony. Shine was 8 years old when she was told her dad, an Air Force pilot, was gone. **Lt. Col. Anthony Shine** was flying an A-7D reconnaissance jet over the border of Laos and Vietnam on Dec. 2, 1972, when he vanished, she later found out. He was just two months into his second tour in Vietnam. Her mother, Bonnie, was left with three children and countless unanswered questions.

**September 22, 2010**

**Missing WWII Soldier is 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 II, have been identified and are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors. U.S. Army **Pfc. James C. Konyud**, of Cleveland, will be buried on Sept. 25 in his hometown.

**September 23, 2010**

**Missing WWII Soldier is Identified in Germany**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced [today](#) that the remains of a serviceman, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Army **Sgt. Edward T. Jones**, of West Pawlet, Vt., will be buried on Sept. 25 in Saratoga, N.Y.

**September 27, 2010**

**Missing WWII Naval Aviators Identified**

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced [today](#) that the remains of two servicemen, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors. Navy **Lt. Francis B. McIntyre** of Mitchell, S.D., will be buried on Sept. 29, and Aviation Radioman Second Class William L. Russell of Cherokee, Okla., will be buried on Oct. 1. Both men will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**September 29, 2010**

**POW/MIA RECOVERY, INVESTIGATION TEAMS RETURN**

JPAC teams return from search for missing Americans from Vietnam War, Korean War, WWII  
JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Sept. 29, 2010) – Several archeological and investigative teams from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) returned recently after searching for fallen Americans in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Kiribati, and Canada. Investigation and recovery team's successfully uncovered evidence and information associated with Americans missing from the Vietnam War, the Korean War and World War II.

**October 06, 2010**

**Missing WWII Soldiers Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced [today](#) that the remains of two servicemen, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors. Army **Pfc. Lawrence N. Harris**, of Elkins, W.V., will be buried on Oct. 8 in Clarksburg, W.V., and Army **Cpl. Judge C. Hellums**, of Paris, Miss., will be buried on Oct. 9 in Randolph, Miss.

**October 11, 2010**

**MIA Issue Aided U.S.-Vietnam Relationship, Gates Says**

HANOI, Vietnam, Oct. 11, 2010 - Efforts to recover those missing from the Vietnam War have helped to transform the U.S.-Vietnamese relationship in the years since the conflict ended, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said here today. "A decade of conflict and bloodshed between our nations has given way to prosperous bilateral relations now marking their fifteenth year," Gates said in a speech at Vietnam National University.

**October 11, 2010**

**Gates Seeks Expansion of U.S.-Vietnamese Cooperation**

HANOI, Vietnam, Oct. 11, 2010 - Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates today noted the level of cooperation in the military relationship between the United States and Vietnam and said he sees potential for that relationship to expand even further.

**October 12, 2010**

**U.S. General Leads Hostage Death Investigation**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12, 2010 - The investigation into a kidnapped aid worker's death in Afghanistan during an Oct. 8 attempt to rescue her will be "as expeditious as possible," a Defense Department spokesperson said here today. Army Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Votel, U.S. Special Operations Command chief of staff, will head the investigation to determine how **British national Linda Norgrove** died during a U.S. forces assault on the compound where she was being held in the Korengal Valley, Marine Corps Col. Dave Lapan told reporters.

**October 14, 2010**

**Missing WWII Airman Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced [today](#) that the remains of a serviceman, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Army Air Forces **2nd Lt. Arthur F. Parkhurst**, of Evansville, Ind., will be buried on Oct. 16 in

Dayton, Ohio. At the end of the war, the U.S. government was unable to recover and identify approximately 79,000 Americans. [Today](#), more than 72,000 are unaccounted-for from the conflict.

**October 18, 2010**

**Missing Vietnam War Soldiers Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced [today](#) that the remains of three servicemen, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors. Army **Staff Sgt. Robert S. Griffith**, of Hapeville, Ga., will be buried on Oct. 23 in Fairburn, Ga. The group remains of the other two soldiers which could not be individually identified -- Army **Staff Sgt. Melvin C. Dye**, of Carleton, Mich., and **Sgt. 1st Class Douglas J. Glover**, of Cortland, N.Y., will be buried at a later date

**October 21, 2010**

**Soldier Missing in Action from WWII 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, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Army **Staff Sgt. John R. Simonetti**, 26, of Jackson Heights, N.Y., will be buried on Oct. 25 in Arlington National Cemetery.

**October 27, 2010**

**Airmen Missing in Action from WWII Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of two U.S. servicemen, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors. Army Air Forces **Staff Sgts. Claude A. Ray**, 24, Coffeyville, Kan., and **Claude G. Tyler**, 24, Landover, Md., will both be buried today -- Ray in Fallbrook, Calif., and Tyler in Arlington National Cemetery.

**November 08, 2010**

**Soldier Missing from Korean War Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Army **Cpl. Floyd E. Hooper**, 27, of Stratton, Colo., will be buried on Nov. 13 in his hometown

**November 12, 2010**

**Missing WWII Airman Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a serviceman, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Army Air Forces **Capt. George W. Grismore**, 30, of Salt Lake City, will be buried at sea Nov. 17 off the coast of Newport Beach, Calif.

**25. ROSTER CHANGES:**

New Officers for District 6

Sr Vice Commander:

James H Reeves Jr.

1100 Pansy Street

Lynchburg, VA 24504

434-845-2298

[Cdrpost8184@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:Cdrpost8184@va.vfwwebmail.com)

Jr. Vice Commander:

Daniel Maderic

595 Arrowhead Trail

Christiansburg, VA 24073

540-382-2018

[danielmaderic736@hotmail.com](mailto:danielmaderic736@hotmail.com)

New Quartermaster VFW Post 1426

Daniel Lynn

12319 Prince Philip Lane

Chesterfield, VA 23838

804-310-2482

New Meeting Place for VFW Post 2820

EMI Headquarters Building

3289 Riverside Drive

Bassett, VA 24055

New Officers for VFW Post 3060

Commander:  
Gregory Tucker  
218 Shenandoah Mountain  
West Augusta, VA 24485

Sr. Vice Commander:  
Doyce McWhorter  
823 Hangers Mill Road  
Churchville, VA 24421

Jr. Vice Commander:  
Stoney Harris  
4055 Deerfield Valley Road  
Deerfield, VA 24432

ADJ/QM:  
Paul Dodson  
813 Hangers Mill Road  
Churchville, VA 24421

New Officers for VFW Post 3782

Commander:  
Jackie Branham  
339 Sanctuary Farm Road  
Haysi, VA 24256  
276-865-0016

Quartermaster:  
Charlie J. Edwards  
PO Box 471  
Haysi, VA 24256  
276-865-4206

New Meeting Location VFW Post 7360  
2559 Lover's Gap Road  
Vansant, VA 24656

New Quartermaster VFW Post 7701  
Victor Dunning  
PO Box 2  
Clifford, VA 24533

New Meeting Time for VFW Post 8252  
Second Saturday at 11:30 AM

New Officers for VFW Post 9480

Jr. Vice Commander:  
David Caldwell  
2752 Lansing Drive SW  
Roanoke, VA 24015

Quartermaster:  
Fred Sprouse  
1782 Estaline Valley Road  
Craigsville, VA 24430

**26. SAFETY:**

I have received 228 reports. Congratulations to Districts 1, 2,5,7,9 and 10 for being 100% for 1<sup>st</sup> half.

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Safety Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> half as of October 31, 2010

<b>Dist. 1</b>	100%				
<b>Dist. 2</b>	100%				
<b>Dist. 3</b>	2163				
<b>Dist. 4</b>	8048				
<b>Dist. 5</b>	100%				
<b>Dist. 6</b>	1841	4522	4920	5311	
<b>Dist. 7</b>	100%				
<b>Dist. 8</b>	2524				
<b>Dist. 9</b>	100%				
<b>Dist. 10</b>	100%				
<b>Dist. 11</b>	452	3060	4204	8479	9339
<b>Dist. 12</b>	5715				
<b>Dist. 13</b>	8169				

Milton Dye, Chairman

## 27. SPECIAL ORDERS:

### Special Order #49:

His eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National By-Laws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership, it is hereby ordered that the name of Richard L. Barbour, Life Membership No. 731586, be removed from the rolls of Lord Botetourt, Post No. 1841, Daleville, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

### Special Order #50:

His eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National By-Laws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership, it is hereby ordered that the name of Bernard A. West, Membership No. 9444303, be removed from the rolls of Lord Botetourt, Post No. 1841, Daleville, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

### Special Order #51:

His eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National By-Laws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership, it is hereby ordered that the name of Curtis O. Simmons, Life Membership No. 1390120, be removed from the rolls of Lord Botetourt, Post No. 1841, Daleville, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

### Special Order #110:

Pursuant to the voluntary resignation of his membership upon his ascertainment of his ineligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it is hereby ordered that the name of John T Long, Membership No. 9798034, be removed from the rolls of Chimney Rock, Post No. 9660, Broadway, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

### Special Order #121:

Pursuant to the voluntary resignation of his membership upon his ascertainment of his ineligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it is hereby ordered that the name of Wilton B Thomas, Life Membership No. 1198420, be removed from the rolls of Chimney Rock, Post No. 9660, Broadway, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of  
Richard L. Eubanks  
Commander-in-Chief

## 28. TEACHER OF THE YEAR:

### TEACHER OF THE YEAR JUDGING SCHEDULE

### ATTENTION DISTRICT COMMANDERS

Well, here we are in December and hopefully all of the Post Teacher of the Year entries have been submitted to you District Commanders. The District winners must be forwarded to and received by me by 10 December if they are to be judged.

Please ensure that each entry includes the following items:

1. The Post Teacher entry form signed by Post and District Commanders or chairpersons
2. The nomination form
3. The nomination letter, signed and not to exceed 350 words
4. Resume
5. Picture
6. Supporting documents

If all of these items are not included, the entries are considered incomplete and cannot be judged.

We all know how important the final judging is, the entries from each District must be received on time if they are to be judged. Please include your most reliable telephone number with your entries.

SEND WINNING DISTRICT ENTRIES TO ME BY DECEMBER 10, 2010:

SANDY MACNABB  
10600 SUNLIT ROAD  
OAKTON, VIRGINIA 22124-1633

My telephone: 703-281-6941  
Wireless Phone: 703-965-3193  
Fax: 703-938-3996  
E-mail: amacnabb@aol.com

Thank You,  
Sandy MacNabb  
Departmental Chairman  
Teacher of the Year

### 29. VFW PAC:

On October 14, 2010, Commander-in-Chief Richard Eubank rescinded all appointments to the VFW Political Action Committee. At the upcoming National Convention in San Antonio, the Commander-in-Chief will put forth a by-law change requesting that the delegates at the National Convention vote in favor of dissolving the Political Action Committee.

The VFW National Headquarters has stopped all fund-raising at our level. Any funds you have raised at your level or are raising will be submitted to Ann Markel, Treasurer of PAC, 200 Maryland Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20002, to be held in escrow until a final decision is made on the continuance of the PAC.

### 30. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Youth Activities Report for the period ending October 31, 2010

<b>Dist. 1</b>					
<b>Dist. 2</b>					
<b>Dist. 3</b>	8046	10654			
<b>Dist. 4</b>	2163	2584	8048	8902	
<b>Dist. 5</b>					
<b>Dist. 6</b>	1841	4522	4920	8184	
<b>Dist. 7</b>	2123				
<b>Dist. 8</b>	2524				
<b>Dist. 9</b>					
<b>Dist. 10</b>					
<b>Dist. 11</b>	452	3060	4204	8479	9339
<b>Dist. 12</b>					
<b>Dist. 13</b>	8169	10295	10546		

William J. Shepherd, Chairman

Official:



Kim A. DeShano  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



James K Martin  
State Commander

# REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 7th

## WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 14-16, 2011

Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder ~ Williamsburg, Virginia ~ 800-227-6963 ~  
68.00 Per night

*(Group Rate Deadline is December 22<sup>nd</sup>)*

PRE REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET TICKET  
\$45.00 INCLUDES RECEPTION AND DINNER BANQUET

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS  
SOLD AT THE WINTER COUNCIL MEETING.**

**There will be no Dance Saturday night.**

### Dinner Menu

Your choice of:

**Sirloin Filet with a Mushroom Demi Sauce**

~or~

**White Fish**

Both Served with:

Chef's Choice of Fresh Vegetable and Starch  
Salad with Assorted Dressings      Warm Rolls and Butter      Dessert  
Freshly Brewed Coffee/Decaffeinated Coffee/Herbal Teas/Iced Tea

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RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY **JANUARY 7, 2011 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**  
Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post number or Auxiliary number:

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Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa      Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Pre-paid tickets will not be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.***

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
AND  
LADIES AUXILIARY

Winter Council of Administration Meeting  
January 14 - January 16, 2011  
Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder  
Williamsburg, Virginia  
1-800-227-6963

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011**

10:00 AM	4:00 PM	Service Officer Training	TBA
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Information Table Open	Petersburg Hall Foyer
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Line Officers Meeting	Dept. President's Room
6:30 PM	7:00 PM	District Presidents' Meeting w/Program Chairman	General Hill's/McClellan's
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	Military Order of the Cootie Dance	General Emory's

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2011**

8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Information Table Open	Petersburg Hall Foyer
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	Petersburg Hall
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice	General Hill's/McClellan's
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	National Military Services Workshop	Petersburg Hall
9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Service Officer Training	TBA
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Proper Procedure for Conducting A Post Meeting	Petersburg Hall
10:00 AM	NOON	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	Stuart's Redoubt
10:30 AM	11:30 PM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	Petersburg Hall
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Cash Lunch furnished by Hotel	
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Petersburg Hall
2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Program Chairmen	Dept. President's Room
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting	Stuarts Redoubt
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Reception	General Emory's
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Banquet-Guest Speaker – Richard L. DeNoyer	Richmond Hall

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2011**

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Joint Devotional Service	Longstreet
9:30 AM	NOON	Ladies Auxiliary Conference, if needed	Richmond Hall
9:30 AM	NOON	VFW Council of Admin. Meeting, if needed	Petersburg Hall

BANQUET TICKETS: \$45.00

Includes Reception and Banquet. THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE.  
FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE.

Department Hospitality Room 267, Tenth District Hospitality Room 467 and  
Third District Hospitality Room 367

(Tentative schedule subject to change)