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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

January 14, 2010 our "Day on the Hill" is now a memory. I wish to thank all those Comrades who made it a success. We presented the legislative goals for this year to our Senators and Delegates. These goals effect the over 800,000 veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I would like to thank Kathy Birch and the Department of Virginia Ladies Auxiliary for their continued support of the VFW objectives. Their support is a valuable asset to our Department. A special thanks goes to Post 9808 for the use of their Post and new bus in support of the "Day on the Hill."

The Winter Council of Administration meeting and conference in Williamsburg, January 15 - 17, was also a success. Many thanks to the Headquarters Staff who made it possible. Our Adjutant-Quartermaster Kim DeShano, his staff and the volunteers always do a great job for us. I would encourage all our Comrades to attend one of the Department Council meetings to observe and participate in the operation of the Department of Virginia. The Williamsburg meeting is an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Comradeship is one of the main themes in Williamsburg.

As always, membership is still the main drive for the Department this year. We are down to five months left in this Membership Year and we are still at the bottom of the list of Departments. We must continue to strive to maintain our continuous members while recruiting the new. While recruiting, remember that our Ladies Auxiliary needs new members also. We should have all of our family's ladies in the Auxiliary.

We must remember to report all of the outstanding work that we do in our communities and at various hospitals. This is the information that is used to press our objectives and goals while on the "Hill." If we do not brag on our achievements, no one else will.

Rex Faris, State Commander

2. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 186:

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 Danny Dales, Membership No. 9425559, be removed from the rolls of Childs-Gentry Post No. 7360, Maxie, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By Order of
Thomas J. Tradewell, Sr., National Commander-in-Chief

3. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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| 1ST- Date: 2/27/10
Meeting: 11:00 am Meal After
Location: Post 2296
21530 Daugherty Rd, Tasley
Rep: Rex Faris, State CMDR | Rep: Margo Sheridan, State Surgeon |
| 1ST- Date: 5/15/10
Meeting: 11:00 am
Location: Post 3219
122 E Mellon St, Hampton
Rep: | 7th- Date: 3/14/10
Lunch: 11:30 am
Meeting: 1:00 pm
Location: Post 621
218 Veterans Ln, Luray
Rep: Rex Faris, State CMDR |
| 2nd- Date: 3/27/10
Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting to follow
Location: Post 4411
32414 John Beverly Rose Dr,
Franklin
Rep: Kim DeShano, State Adj/QM | 8th- Date: 1/10/10
Meeting: 1:00 pm Meal After
Location: Post 3103
2701 Princess Anne St.,
Fredericksburg
Rep: Charles Absher, State JVC |
| 3RD- Date: 2/13/10
Meeting: 10:00 am
Location: 10044 Pamunkey Rd.,
Mechanicsville
Rep: Rex Faris, State CMDR | 8th- Date: 4/11/10
Meeting: 1:00 pm Meal After
Location: Post 7589
9304 Centerville, Manassas
Rep: |
| 4TH- Date: 2/6/10
Meeting: 2:00 pm
Location: Post 637
335 S 15 th Ave., Hopewell
Rep: Jim Martin, State SVC | 9th- Date: TBA
Lunch: 11:30 am Meeting After
Location:
Rep: |
| 5TH- Date: 2/20/10
Lunch: Noon Meeting to Follow
Location: Post 8467
80 Maybry Mill Rd.,
Meadows of Dan
Rep: Charles Absher, State JVC | 10th- Date: 2/21/10
Meeting: 12:00 pm Joint Meeting
Location: Post 7916
204 Mill St., Occoquan
Rep: Charles Absher, State JVC |
| 6TH- Date: 2/28/10
Meeting: 2:00 pm
Location: Post 1264
4930 Grandview Dr Roanoke | 10th- Date: 5/2/10
Meeting: 12:00 pm District Convention
Location: Post 1503
14631 Minnieville Rd., Dale City
Rep: |
| | 11th- Date: 05/16/10
Lunch: 11:30 am
Meeting: 12:30 pm
Location: 450 Waterman Dr., Harrisonburg |

DIST. 13	2044	2613	8169	8947	10295	10546	10574						
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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**. If you have purchased a bond elsewhere please send a copy of the bond to State Headquarters immediately.

Congratulations to Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 for 100% bond purchases.

The following Posts have **NOT** paid for their 2009-2010 Quartermaster bond as of January 21, 2010.

Dist 1	100%			
Dist 2	100%			
Dist 3	100%			
Dist 4	100%			
Dist 5	8243			
Dist 6	100%			
Dist 7	621			
Dist 8	100%			
Dist 9	100%			
Dist 10	100%			
Dist 11	100%			
Dist 12	100%			
Dist 13	100%			

7. CLOSINGS:

State Headquarters will be closed February 15, 2010 Presidents Day.

8. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Posts listed below did **NOT** submit a report for the second half as of January 20, 2010.

Dist. 1	176	960	2296	3219	6002	7167	8629	9358					
Dist. 2	1211	2582	2894	9382									
Dist. 3	2239	8064	8529	9224	9501	10657							
Dist. 4	2163	2584	7897	8048	8163	8759	9855	9954					
Dist. 5	647	873	7568	7800	8243	10840							
Dist. 6	776	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184
	621	2123	6044										
Dist. 7	1177	2524	7584	7728									
Dist. 8	7360	7969											
Dist. 9	609	5412	8469	9274	9478								
Dist. 10	452	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	4808	7701	8479	9339	9480	10840	
Dist. 11	3782	5715	6975	8979	9830	10310							
	1827	2044	2613	8169	8436	8947	10295	10574					
Dist. 12	176	960	2296	3219	6002	7167	8629	9358					

Dist. 13	1211	2582	2894	9382									
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Lynn Harris, Community Activities Chairman

9. COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS:

Comrades,

The Department has a created a new and easier way for you to submit your Community service reports to the Department. All you need to do is visit our web site www.vfwva.org and then go to the Reports page you will find a new option at the top of the Page for you to log in and submit your reports. Please do not change the default password. This way any member of your Post will be able to submit reports. All the information you submit will be collected in a data base and used by the Department Chairman to make their year-end report to National.

To log in for your post, you will use your Post # as the username and the password will be Post plus #

Example: Username- 176
Password – post176

If you need assistance please call headquarters 1-800-888-3521.

Yours in Comradeship
Kim DeShano
Dept. A/Q

10. DELL PRINTER/ FAX/ COPIERS:

We, again, have the Dell Stand-Alone Fax, Copier and PC Printers available to any Post who would like one. They must be picked up at State Headquarters during office hours, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday.

11. DUES RESERVE FUND:

The attention of Post Commanders and Quartermasters is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, Duties of Quartermaster, which provides for the Dues Reserve Fund. The Post Quartermaster is required to maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than one-half the Post's part of the current year's dues paid by each member prior to July 1. Included therein, shall be not less than one-half of the per capita tax refunded annually to Posts for Life Members, as set forth in Section 717, Manual of Procedure.

Kim DeShano, State ADJ/QM

12. FORM 990-N FILING:

See attached instructions for filing Form 990-N. All VFW Posts are required to file.

13. GENERAL ORDERS:

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

14. HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT VFW'S PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM?

It is a realization that not everyone wants to receive our mailings but would still like to support the VFW's programs. This is why we developed Partners in Patriotism. Partners in Patriotism is a planned giving program that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly basis, reduce expenses and eliminate unwanted mail. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis that is either charged to your credit card, or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account.

If you are interested in this option, please contact VFW Development Department at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318, or email us at vwfundraising@vfw.org with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line

15 HOSPITAL REPORT:

Posts listed below did **NOT** submit a report for the second half as of January 19, 2009

Dist. 1	6002	7167	8629							
Dist. 2	2582	2894	9382							
Dist. 3	8529	10387	10654	10657						
Dist. 4	2163	7166	8048	8759						
Dist. 5	647	873	7568	7800	8243					
Dist. 6	1264	1841	2157	4165	4522	4920	5311	7854	8184	
Dist. 7	2123	9660								
Dist. 8	7728	8208								
Dist. 9	100%									
Dist. 10	609	8469	9274							
Dist. 11	452	632	3060	4204	8479	8644	9339	9480		
Dist. 12	10310									
Dist. 13	1827	2613	8436	10295	10546					

Margo Sheridan, Surgeon

16. IMPORTANT DATES:

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

Oct 2, 2010 Fall Council of Administration, Staunton, VA

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

17. INCORPORATION OF POST:

The attention of the Post Commander is directed to sections 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the procedure for the Incorporation of Units. It shall be the responsibility of the Post Commander to ensure full compliance with both sections, and to ensure that all state requirements for annual filing, fees, etc., are met in a timely manner.

Kim DeShano, State ADJ/QM

18. INSPECTION REPORT:

Percentage Inspected is 92%.

Posts that have not been inspected as of December 18 2009.

Dist. 1	100%						
Dist. 2	100%						
Dist. 3	100%						
Dist. 4	100%						
Dist. 5	100%						
Dist. 6	100%						

Dist. 7	621					
Dist. 8	100%					
Dist. 9	100%					
Dist. 10	100%					
Dist. 11	100%					
Dist. 12	100%					
Dist. 13	2044	2613				

William R. Shifflett, Chairman

19. LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:

Congratulations! Lunenburg County Post 9954 is the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Lunenburg County Post 9954 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 95% of their membership goal reported to State Headquarters by the January 5, 2010 deadline.

Kim DeShano, State ADJ/QM

20. MEMBERSHIP:

The weather isn't getting much warmer and I haven't found too many folks that want to go recruiting with me in this weather. However, if you do have a recruiting opportunity and need assistance I'd be glad to assist you even if there's not much chance of getting a tan. If you're looking for something you can do to help out with membership and stay warm how about helping out with a Post letter writing campaign to lapsed members. Better yet why not make some phone calls to members that have not yet renewed their dues. These Comrades may very well respond to a phone request if they haven't responded to a letter from the Post. We won't know unless we try it. All it takes is a little time and effort and you don't have to worry about the elements. Almost every Post could be over 100% if they wrote or talked to their unpaid members and got them to renew. It's easier to renew the members we have than to go out and recruit new ones. (See attached letters).

Charles (Doc) Crouch, Co-Chairman

21. MILITARY WOMEN'S ADVOCACY:

Comrades Jill Lynch and Margo Sheridan were among fourteen female Comrades invited to VFW National Headquarters in December 2009 to form the *She Serves* national advisory committee.

Virginia is one of only four Departments with a Department women's Veteran representative. We were fortunate to have three of the four Department representatives in attendance at the December *She Serves* committee meeting.

In addition to reviewing current and proposed recruiting material aimed at women Veterans, we provided advice on improving outreach to women Veterans and critiqued Emblem and Supply attire, etc., designed for women Veterans. We briefed National Adjutant Kent and National Senior Vice Commander in Chief Eubank on our recommendations. Among the recommendations accepted by National for implementation were:

- Revise Department All American criteria for 2010-2011 to require appointment of a departmental *She Serves* representative.
- Include at least one female Veteran on the national awards committee (note: Comrade Sheridan has been selected to serve on this committee for 2010-2011).
- Update VFW recruiting material to include women-specific training for recruiters.

Despite the early start time of 7:30 AM, eight personnel attended the *She Serves* breakfast at the Winter Council of Administration on Sunday, January 17. Participants offered several proposals for consideration, including:

- Establish a Department scholarship in the name of a prominent female Veteran from Virginia.
- Request assistance from the Ladies Auxiliary to identify and reach out to women Veterans.
- Establish a formal mentorship program to facilitate women Comrades' involvement in VFW leadership.
- Provide the names and addresses of deployed female Veterans to the Ladies Auxiliary, and cooperate to send gender-specific personal care packages to the deployed women service members.

Margo Sheridan, Chairman

22. MONTHLY LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:

Congratulations!!! Thomas Troy, Post 5412 winner of our Monthly Life Membership Drawing. Thomas recruited the required five (5) members to get his name included in this drawing.

Don't forget your efforts can be rewarded. Start your recruiting today.

Kim DeShano, State ADJ/QM

23. NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Section 222 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 \$10.00. The on-site registration fee is \$12.00. All advance registrations should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Convention Registration, or you may register on-line by going to www.vfw.org.

24. NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

The Washington, DC VFW National Legislative Meeting will be conducted from 6-10 March, 2010. During this meeting we will be making visits to the offices of ALL senators and representatives. In order to increase the impact of these congressional visits as well as promote VFW visibility we would like to have other VFW and Auxiliary members there to assist. With the space constraints being what they are in the offices of our elected representatives we are looking at 2 or 3 persons to accompany each committee member per visit. If we have a constituent in our group during our visits our message becomes stronger. Appointments are being made with the offices of all the senators and representatives and position papers that support our goals will be forthcoming. If you would like to volunteer or would just like more information, please contact me at cqdc1@juno.com or (703) 319-0845.

Charles "Doc" Crouch

25. NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES (NMS):

Reminder...Back in July, our office included a handout in the Monthly Maintenance Journal packet for a program called Freedom Team Salute. This program sends out commendations and lapel pins to U.S. Army veterans and individuals who support soldiers and the Army mission. We would like for every post to send a list of their comrades who are U.S. Army veterans to Jean Davis at Freedom Team Salute. The list can be emailed to her at: jean.w.davis@conus.army.mil or faxed to 703-325-3867. This program is a great way to honor your fellow comrades!

26. NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE IS COUNTING ON YOU!:

Your support of our veterans and their families is especially needed at this time. January marks the kick-off for the 2010 National Veterans Service Annual Campaign. This campaign supports the assistance necessary to ensure veterans receive the benefits and entitlements they have earned. The VFW has formed a national cadre of highly trained service officers to counsel and assist all of America's veterans. These tireless advocates ensure that necessary evidence is collected, claims are properly completed, and when necessary, VA decisions are appealed in a timely manner so that promises made to veterans are kept!

27. PATRIOT'S PEN WINNERS:

1 ST Place:	Jack H. Hesse	District 7	Post 9760	Berryville
2 nd Place:	Ambritt B Brunette	District 3	Post 10387	Petersburg
3 rd Place:	Arianna D. Thomas	District 13	Post 10546	Fredericksburg

28. RESOLUTIONS:

I have accepted Commander Rex Faris' request to fulfill the remaining term as his Resolutions Committee Chairman. As my predecessor mentioned in the December 2009 General Orders, resolutions are due to State Headquarters no later than 16 April 2010. This only gives you two months in which to identify, prepare, and vote on Resolutions. Resolutions must contain a title, one or more WHEREAS clauses, and one or more RESOLVED concluding requests for action. The Resolution Committee can assist in formatting but if a resolution is not clear, or we cannot follow the logic contained therein, we have no choice but to return it without recommending adoption at the Department Convention in June. Please abide by the following criteria in drafting your Resolutions:

1. Provide a Title
2. Address only one issue per Resolution
3. Logically build your discussion in the WHEREAS paragraphs
4. Ensure that the RESOLVED paragraph(s) addresses the issue discussed in the WHEREAS paragraphs
5. Provide sources of numbers or other specific information
6. Provide references to VFW National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure sections, when applicable
7. Provide the Post Commander's signature along with a statement of when the Post membership approved the resolution.
8. Providing District approval is not required but could not hurt
9. Provide a point of contact along with phone number and email address.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact M. C. "Connie" Agresti at telephone (703) 706-5828 or email mcaiii@aol.com with the words VFW RESOLUTION in the subject.

M. Conrad Agresti, Chairman

29. ROSTER CHANGES:

Awards and Citations Committee:

Credentials Committees:

Military Women's Advocacy:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 3219: Jill Lynch, Chairman
757-478-9416 (cell) | 621: Stewart Parlett, JVC
654 Egypt Bend Rd.
Luray, VA 22835
540-743-6406 |
| 621: Garland Gibbs, CMDR
335 Riverside Dr.
Luray, VA 22835
540-743-7205
Ggibbs3Wembarqmail.com | 621: James "Doc" Feely, QM
646 Lazy River East Rd.
Luray, VA 22835
540-743-1768 |
| 7327: Gary Kelch, SVC
7701 Huntsman Blvd
Springfield, VA 22153 | 7328: Lamuel Prater, JVC
838 Upper Poor Valley Rd.
Saltville, VA 24370
276-496-4903 |
| 7360: Earnest Lowe, QM
PO Box 598
Oakwood, VA 24631
276-498-7330 | 9830: Russell Ball, QM
23231 Taylor Valley Rd.
Damascus, VA 24236 |
| 8184: James H. Reeves, CMDR
1100 Pansy St.
Lynchburg, VA 24504
434-845-2298 | 10574: Bill Rutherford, Sr., CMDR
422 Barracks Beach Dr.
Colonial Beach, VA 22443
804-224-8777 |
| | 10574: Sheila A. Wolfe, SVC
103 Lynnhaven Ct.
Colonial Beach, VA 22443
804-224-9027 |

30. SAFETY REPORT:

Posts listed below did **NOT** submit a report for the second half as of January 19, 2010.

DIST. 1	176	960	2296	3219	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358	
DIST. 2	1211	2582	2894	3160	4411	4809	9382			
DIST. 3	2239	8046	8529	9224	9501	10657				
DIST. 4	2163	2584	7166	7897	8048	8163	8228	8759	9855	10570
DIST. 5	647	873	1115	7568	7800	8243	10840			
DIST. 6	776	1033	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4522	420
	5311	5895	7854	8184						
DIST. 7	621	2123	6044							
DIST. 8	1177	2524	7589	7728						
DIST. 9	7328	7360	7969							
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	8469	9274	9476				
DIST. 11	452	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	7701	8279	8479	9339
	9480									
DIST. 12	3782	5715	6975	8979	9830	10290	10310			
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	8169	8436	8947	10295	10574		

Milton Dye, Chairman

31. TEACHER OF THE YEAR WINNERS:

K-5:	Kristan LaChance	Thomas W. Dixon Elementary School, Staunton	District 11	Post 2216
6-8:	Deborah D. Hawkins	S. Gordon Stewart Middle School, Fort Defiance	District 11	Post 10826
9-12:	Catherine McNutty	Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington	District 10	Post 3150

32. UNPAID DUES:

The following officers have been removed from office by National due to failure to maintain membership. Dues were unpaid as of December 31, 2009. If you feel this is in error please call Kim DeShano, State QM to discuss.

All offices will need to be filled via special election at your next meeting.

<u>District</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Card No.</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	9358	SVC	6186400	Vincent K. Bradshaw
2	2582	JVC	6092823	Alvin L. White
2	2894	JVC	5483635	William G. Riberdy, Sr.
3	10657	JVC	9141251	Richard A. Crane
4	2163	JVC	5784206	Donald W. Daniel
4	2584	SVC	5493009	Earnest Green
4	8446	SVC	9705829	William Crafton
4	8446	JVC	9795393	William F. Davis
4	9855	JVC	9530556	Ronald T. Turner
5	7800	CMDR	9632256	Adam H. Gunter
6	1444	JVC	9491050	Amir B. Rasheed
6	8184	JVC	9658015	Lawrence E. Andrews
11	1499	SVC	9533747	Wayne A. Perez
12	10310	JVC	9794041	Gino A. Rinaldi
12	10310	SVC	9329477	Darrell G. Rosenbalm
13	1827	JVC	9326164	Edward L. Johnson
13	8947	QM	9811864	Leroy F. Miller

33. VACANCIES AND REMOVAL OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS:

Section 220 of the National By-Laws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elective Officers" states that "Any elective Post officer removed by the Department Commander, by reason of failure to pay current dues or by vote of the Post under the provisions of this section, shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed."

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Trustees". Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends December 31, 2009. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster records.

34. VFW SCHOLARSHIP THEMES FOR 2010-2011:

Patriot's Pen – Does Patriotism Still Matter?
Voice of Democracy – Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?

Please **destroy** all documents, entry forms, etc. that have 2009-2010 themes. Update all publications, announcements, websites, etc. with these new themes.

Deadline for all entries is still November 1, 2010.

Steve Van Buskirk, Director of Programs

35. VFW SPECIAL PROJECT PROGRAM:

This program was put in place to recognize VFW units for creating and completing unique and extraordinary community service projects.

Record book entry nominations that are found to be complete and well-substantiated should be endorsed by the Department Adjutant or VFW Department Community Activities Chairman and forwarded to National Programs Department. Deadline for entries is April 30 of each year.

Every Post Special Project receiving the Award of Excellence in the May judging will be entered in the Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Competition. Complete information can be found in the 2009 – 2010 "It's About Service" VFW Program Chairman's Guide, page 31.

36. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNERS:

- 1ST : Benjamine M. Russell \$1,000.00
Lorton, VA
VFW Post Sponsor 7916 Dist. 10
- 2nd: Sarah K. Clark \$ 600.00
Newport News
VFW Post Sponsor 5500 Dist. 1
- 3rd: Victoria L. Ford \$ 400.00
Virginia Beach
VFW Post Sponsor 392 Dist 2

37. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

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Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Rex Faris
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HAVE YOU FILED?

FORM 990-N FILING INFORMATION

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.

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. (www.irs.gov)

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 (ex: 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.

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuou	Current	Prior	%	City
1	176	75	0	0	23	98	134	73.13	NEWPORT NEWS
1	824	78	5	6	38	127	129	98.45	GRAFTON
1	960	63	4	3	20	90	87	103.45	YORKTOWN
1	2296	34	0	1	30	65	73	89.04	TASLEY
1	3219	448	52	10	103	613	692	88.58	PHOEBUS
1	5500	48	0	0	18	66	89	74.16	HAMPTON
1	6002	92	3	0	38	133	204	65.2	DENBIGH
1	7167	55	3	0	46	104	122	85.25	WARSAW
1	8252	272	9	2	28	311	327	95.11	GLOUCESTER
1	8629	12	0	0	12	24	23	104.35	CHINCOTEAGUE
1	9358	8	0	0	5	13	18	72.22	TANGIER
District	Totals	1185	76	22	361	1644	1898	86.62	Eleventh
2	392	1334	53	15	208	1610	1743	92.37	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	993	100	10	1	32	143	159	89.94	PORTSMOUTH
2	1211	36	0	0	11	47	52	90.38	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	2582	27	0	0	9	36	46	78.26	SUFFOLK
2	2894	36	1	2	23	62	70	88.57	CHESAPEAKE
2	3160	673	54	5	149	881	1004	87.75	NORFOLK
2	4411	79	4	1	20	104	106	98.11	FRANKLIN
2	4809	952	40	6	218	1216	1321	92.05	NORFOLK
2	8545	80	3	4	26	113	122	92.62	SMITHFIELD
2	9382	96	6	0	49	151	159	94.97	SUFFOLK
District	Totals	3413	171	34	745	4363	4782	91.24	Fifth

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3	1426	43	7	4	35	89	113	78.76	MIDLOTHIAN
3	2239	137	19	2	49	207	211	98.1	COLONIAL HEIGHTS
3	4639	100	3	1	31	135	146	92.47	WILLIAMSBURG
3	6364	177	9	2	45	233	251	92.83	RICHMOND
3	8046	39	4	0	9	52	54	96.3	NORGE
3	8356	46	1	0	34	81	108	75	WEST POINT
3	8529	69	0	0	25	94	108	87.04	SANDSTON
3	9224	33	0	0	8	41	49	83.67	RICHMOND
3	9501	23	0	1	14	38	39	97.44	AYLETT
3	9808	650	20	46	185	901	845	106.63	MECHANICSVILLE
3	10387	27	0	5	48	80	118	67.8	PETERSBURG
3	10654	83	0	0	10	93	100	93	RICHMOND
3	10657	63	0	0	12	75	98	76.53	GLEN ALLEN
District	Totals	1490	63	61	505	2119	2240	94.6	First
4	622	80	8	5	41	134	159	84.28	PETERSBURG
4	637	182	9	13	118	322	314	102.55	HOPEWELL
4	2163	53	2	1	24	80	82	97.56	CHESTERFIELD
4	2584	15	0	2	8	25	30	83.33	CULLEN
4	5313	50	1	0	17	68	80	85	NOTTOWAY
4	7059	110	8	5	68	191	195	97.95	FARMVILLE
4	7166	138	8	1	36	183	209	87.56	SOUTH HILL
4	7819	61	0	0	34	95	104	91.35	CREWE
4	7897	25	0	0	9	34	42	80.95	BLACKSTONE
4	8048	16	0	2	15	33	34	97.06	LAWRENCEVILLE
4	8163	74	4	6	57	141	148	95.27	CLARKSVILLE
4	8228	9	0	0	10	19	20	95	CHASE CITY
4	8446	36	2	0	19	57	64	89.06	BUCKINGHAM
4	8759	29	0	1	25	55	70	78.57	AMELIA COURT HSE
4	8902	11	4	1	10	26	24	108.33	KEYSVILLE
4	9855	44	6	8	31	89	85	104.71	APPOMATTOX
4	9954	119	2	1	38	160	166	96.39	VICTORIA
4	10570	20	1	1	12	34	36	94.44	POWHATAN
District	Totals	1072	55	47	572	1746	1862	93.77	Third

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5	647	226	9	1	111	347	375	92.53	DANVILLE
5	873	17	0	0	6	23	25	92	GRETNA
5	1115	517	35	6	289	847	933	90.78	HILLSVILLE
5	2820	28	11	3	50	92	102	90.2	BASSETT
5	4637	62	8	0	66	136	173	78.61	MARTINSVILLE
5	7568	29	1	0	24	54	73	73.97	GALAX
5	7726	165	16	1	147	329	399	82.46	INDEPENDENCE
5	7800	61	0	0	30	91	98	92.86	STUART
5	8243	50	12	1	56	119	117	101.71	HALIFAX
5	8467	63	6	3	38	110	126	87.3	MEADOWS OF DAN
5	10840	34	8	1	29	72	66	109.09	PENHOOK
District	Totals	1252	106	16	846	2220	2487	89.26	Tenth
6	776	81	7	0	31	119	122	97.54	RADFORD
6	1033	135	4	3	73	215	232	92.67	COVINGTON
6	1264	265	8	2	70	345	366	94.26	ROANOKE
6	1444	45	0	0	3	48	63	76.19	ROANOKE
6	1841	52	18	1	43	114	116	98.28	TROUTVILLE
6	2157	113	0	0	71	184	201	91.54	BEDFORD
6	4165	34	1	1	23	59	61	96.72	ALTAVISTA
6	4299	25	0	2	23	50	52	96.15	CLIFTON FORGE
6	4318	43	0	0	25	68	72	94.44	SALEM
6	4491	67	4	1	18	90	95	94.74	NEW CASTLE
6	4522	145	1	5	26	177	188	94.15	VINTON
6	4920	18	0	1	6	25	26	96.15	ELLISTON
6	5311	86	0	0	31	117	141	82.98	CHRISTIANSBURG
6	5895	18	5	0	4	27	21	128.57	BUCHANAN
6	7854	72	2	2	32	108	125	86.4	FLOYD
6	8184	54	2	1	11	68	72	94.44	LYNCHBURG
6	9877	21	1	0	24	46	46	100	AMHERST
District	Totals	1274	53	19	514	1860	1999	93.05	Fourth

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuou	Current	Prior	%	City
7	621	123	3	2	64	192	204	94.12	LURAY
7	1860	201	10	2	83	296	331	89.43	FRONT ROYAL
7	2123	274	6	6	106	392	419	93.56	WINCHESTER
7	2447	209	13	4	119	345	364	94.78	EDINBURG
7	6044	16	1	0	7	24	25	96	WINCHESTER
7	8613	131	6	1	62	200	212	94.34	SHENANDOAH
7	9292	112	3	2	56	173	197	87.82	ELKTON
7	9660	63	1	1	52	117	127	92.13	BROADWAY
7	9760	125	6	2	117	250	332	75.3	BERRYVILLE
District	Totals	1254	49	20	666	1989	2211	89.96	Eight
8	1177	50	9	2	24	85	103	82.52	LEESBURG
8	1811	171	2	0	0	173	183	94.54	MANASSAS PARK
8	2524	181	1	0	48	230	251	91.63	CULPEPER
8	3103	208	9	2	94	313	365	85.75	FREDERICKSBURG
8	7589	176	36	5	72	289	333	86.79	MANASSAS
8	7728	26	1	0	13	40	44	90.91	REMINGTON
8	9835	47	4	2	11	64	57	112.28	WARRENTON
District	Totals	859	62	11	262	1194	1336	89.37	Ninth
9	1184	124	6	0	74	204	263	77.57	PULASKI
9	2719	29	1	0	28	58	63	92.06	WYTHEVILLE
9	4667	502	7	1	206	716	803	89.17	MARION
9	6000	154	14	3	89	260	305	85.25	NARROWS
9	7136	122	3	1	86	212	279	75.99	TAZEWELL
9	7328	27	0	0	48	75	82	91.46	SALTVILLE
9	7360	49	8	1	56	114	124	91.94	GRUNDY
9	7969	16	1	0	17	34	44	77.27	BLAND
9	9640	114	8	1	65	188	224	83.93	RICHLANDS
9	9696	130	16	1	102	249	283	87.99	BLUEFIELD
9	9864	52	2	0	18	72	89	80.9	LEBANON
District	Totals	1319	66	8	789	2182	2559	85.27	Twelfth

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10	609	96	5	2	28	131	138	94.93	ALEXANDRIA
10	1503	1488	238	31	286	2043	2013	101.49	DALE CITY
10	3150	435	12	5	48	500	516	96.9	ARLINGTON
10	5412	67	33	4	24	128	101	126.73	BURKE
10	7327	442	55	10	111	618	730	84.66	SPRINGFIELD
10	7916	392	15	6	96	509	540	94.26	WOODBIDGE
10	8241	186	6	1	46	239	331	72.21	MC LEAN
10	8469	198	28	5	62	293	302	97.02	FAIRFAX
10	9274	198	5	2	20	225	263	85.55	FALLS CHURCH
10	9478	72	1	1	40	114	165	69.09	STERLING
District	Totals	3574	398	67	761	4800	5099	94.14	Second
11	452	21	0	0	9	30	41	73.17	CRIMORA
11	632	305	8	2	107	422	446	94.62	HARRISONBURG
11	1499	78	1	1	36	116	123	94.31	LEXINGTON
11	2216	196	2	3	128	329	378	87.04	STAUNTON
11	2424	23	0	0	11	34	40	85	WAYNESBORO
11	3060	40	2	0	2	44	44	100	DEERFIELD
11	3136	27	1	0	23	51	56	91.07	MOUNT SOLON
11	4204	31	1	2	30	64	60	106.67	HOT SPRINGS
11	4805	48	5	0	1	54	56	96.43	BUENA VISTA
11	7701	39	1	0	21	61	69	88.41	LOVINGSTON
11	7814	21	0	1	1	23	25	92	STAUNTON
11	8279	17	0	0	17	34	37	91.89	STEELES TAVERN
11	8479	5	0	0	11	16	16	100	LYNDHURST
11	8644	172	4	1	77	254	269	94.42	BRIDGEWATER
11	9339	50	0	0	29	79	90	87.78	STUARTS DRAFT
11	9480	32	0	0	16	48	50	96	CRAIGSVILLE
11	10826	44	4	0	33	81	122	66.39	VERONA
District	Totals	1149	29	10	552	1740	1922	90.53	Sixth

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12	1994	88	11	5	79	183	188	97.34	ABINGDON
12	3782	39	3	1	19	62	67	92.54	HAYSI
12	4301	66	11	1	29	107	120	89.17	NORTON
12	5715	149	3	1	20	173	186	93.01	BIG STONE GAP
12	6975	371	4	6	224	605	654	92.51	BRISTOL
12	8652	56	3	2	36	97	108	89.81	COEBURN
12	8979	88	2	0	45	135	161	83.85	CLINTWOOD
12	9600	65	1	1	66	133	145	91.72	POUND
12	9830	48	1	0	22	71	91	78.02	DAMASCUS
12	10298	44	0	0	20	64	78	82.05	PENNINGTON GAP
12	10310	41	3	0	13	57	69	82.61	EWING
District	Totals	1055	42	17	573	1687	1867	90.36	Seventh
13	1827	153	11	1	73	238	269	88.48	CHARLOTTESVILLE
13	2044	35	1	0	11	47	50	94	EARLYSVILLE
13	2217	31	1	0	22	54	57	94.74	ORANGE
13	2613	6	0	0	12	18	26	69.23	COLUMBIA
13	7638	54	3	2	30	89	86	103.49	GORDONSVILLE
13	8169	32	3	0	19	54	62	87.1	SCOTTSVILLE
13	8436	13	0	0	14	27	35	77.14	YANCEY MILLS
13	8947	93	0	0	21	114	128	89.06	LOUISA
13	10295	61	0	1	15	77	84	91.67	BOWLING GREEN
13	10546	81	3	1	7	92	100	92	SPOTSYLVANIA
13	10574	79	21	1	66	167	274	60.95	COLONIAL BEACH
District	Totals	638	43	6	290	977	1171	83.43	LAST
MAL	15048	2626	255	52	1158	4091	4622	88.51	STAUNTON
State	Totals	22160	1468	390	8594	32612	36055	90.45	