



Honor the Past, Focus on the Future

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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Dear Comrades, Let me start by saying congratulations to the 1st Post that has reached 100% in membership for the 2010-2011 VFW Year. Post 4805 Buena Vista has 101.92% with 7 new and 1 reinstated members. I have been in office 4 months and I have been busy! I was able to attend the 10th District meeting as the State Representative. At this meeting, I had the privilege to pin three of our older veterans. First there were pins for 90 year old Jack Payne of Post 7327 and Clyde Embry of 7916. Both received their 55 year pin. The second was for Mr. William Hanusek. He is also from Post 7327 and has been a member of the VFW for 65 years. Jack and William are Veterans of World War II. Continuous service recognition pins are a great way of honoring our older VFW members.

I feel I need to clarify some questions about the VFW Political Action Committee (PAC). The National Line Officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) are at odds with the VFW PAC, calling the methodology process used by the PAC "seriously flawed at best this year and in immediate need of extensive review," in the wake of the recent congressional endorsements made by the committee. "Even though the law requires that the VFW PAC be a separate organization, the acronym 'VFW' is attached to the committee and the natural assumption is that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is somehow making the endorsement decisions. Nothing could be further from the truth, but perception is reality," said National Commander Richard Eubank. "Obviously, an organization's political positions have to reflect the opinions of its members. But those opinions can't be perceived as 'off the wall,' and the methodology used this year to grade candidates obviously is skewed in favor of the incumbent. That isn't fair, and it actually subverts the democratic process." Because of the controversy surrounding the endorsements, VFW Line Officers have decided to bring the question of continued existence of the PAC to the floor during the 112th VFW National Convention in August.

There will be a recruiting class conducted by Bill Bloomquest, National Associate Director for Membership, at VFW Post 1503 Dale City on 13 November 2010. Each District Commander was asked to provide two names to attend the training. If you wish to attend this training and your name was not submitted, you are welcome to attend, but at your own expense or at the expense of your Post. Please contact Kim Deshano at State HQ so we can get a head count.

I want to wish the Navy and the Marine Corp a Happy 235th Birthday. I also want each of us not to forget the bombing of the USS Cole ten years ago and the devastating Beirut bombing 27 years ago. Please keep all our soldiers, sailors, airman, marines and guardsman in our thoughts and prayers. Honor the past, focus on the future!

James Martin
Department Of Virginia VFW
Commander 2010-2011

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1ST - Date: 11/13/10
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 3219, Phoebus
122 E Mellon St, Hampton
Sponsored by Post 824, Grafton
Rep: Jim Martin, State Commander

2ND - Date: 11/20/10
Lunch: Noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 3160, Norfolk
111 A View Avenue
Rep: Charlie Absher,
State Sr. Vice Commander

3RD - Date: 11/13/10
Meeting: 10:00 AM
Location: 3rd District Headquarters
10044 Pamunkey Rd,
Mechanicsville
Rep: Steve Lasseter,
State Jr. Vice Commander

4TH - Date: 11/13/10
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 7059, Farmville
1616 Graham Rd
Rep: Charlie Absher,
State Sr. Vice Commander

5TH - Date: 11/20/2010
Meeting: Noon
Location: Post 7800, Stuart
939 VFW Road, Stuart
Rep: Steve Lasseter,
State Jr. Vice Commander

6TH - Date: 11/14/10
Meeting: 2:00 PM
Location: Bldg 5 & Chapel
VA Medical Center, Salem
Rep: Margo Sheridan,
State Judge Advocate

7th - 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

8th - Date: 1/09/11
Meeting: TBA
Location: Post 7589, Mananass
9304 Centerville Rd, Mananass
Rep: TBA

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

10th - Date: 12/05/10
Lunch: 11:30
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 7916, Occoquan
204 Mill Street. Occoquan
Rep: TBA

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

12th - 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

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

3. AMERICANISM REPORT:

The following Posts have **not** submitted a report for the first-half as of October 15, 2010.

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------|------|------|------|
| Dist. 1 | 100% | | | | |
| Dist. 2 | 1211 | | | | |
| Dist. 3 | 6364 | 8046 | 9224 | | |
| Dist. 4 | 100% | | | | |
| Dist. 5 | 100% | | | | |
| Dist. 6 | 1841 | 4522 | 4920 | 8184 | |
| Dist. 7 | 100% | | | | |
| Dist. 8 | 2524 | | | | |
| Dist. 9 | 100% | | | | |
| Dist. 10 | 609 | 9274 | | | |
| Dist. 11 | 452 | 3060 | 4204 | 8479 | 9339 |
| Dist. 12 | 5715 | 10298 | | | |
| Dist. 13 | 2613 | 10295 | | | |

Doug Keller, Chairman

4. 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

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|-----------------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| DIST. 1 | 824 | 2296 | 3219 | 5500 | 6002 | 8252 | 8629 | 9358 | | | | | |
| DIST. 2 | 993 | 1211 | 3160 | 4411 | 4809 | 8545 | | | | | | | |
| DIST. 3 | 637 | 1426 | 2163 | 2239 | 4639 | 6364 | 8046 | 8356 | 9224 | 9808 | 10387 | 10570 | 10657 |
| DIST. 4 | 2584 | 5313 | 8048 | 8228 | 9855 | | | | | | | | |
| DIST. 5 | 7854 | 8243 | 8467 | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIST. 6 | 776 | 1455 | 1841 | 2157 | 4299 | 4318 | 4522 | 4920 | 5311 | 8184 | 9877 | | |
| DIST. 7 | 1860 | 2123 | 9292 | 9660 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIST. 8 | 1811 | 3103 | 7728 | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIST. 9 | 1184 | 7136 | 7568 | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIST. 10 | 609 | 3150 | 5412 | 7916 | 8469 | 9274 | | | | | | | |
| DIST. 11 | 452 | 1499 | 2424 | 3060 | 4204 | 7814 | 8479 | 8644 | 10826 | | | | |
| DIST. 12 | 3782 | 5715 | 6975 | 7360 | 8652 | 9600 | 9830 | 9864 | 10298 | | | | |
| DIST. 13 | 2613 | 8947 | 10295 | 10546 | | | | | | | | | |

5. BUDDY POPPY:

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

Kim DeShano, Chairman

6. BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA:

Continuing our support of the Boy Scouts of America

Our Virginia Department VFW Scouters continue leading a successful effort for VFW support of Scouting in Virginia and are the leaders in supporting National VFW Scouting Program as well. This is an important public relations program for the VFW and a great opportunity to bring families into the VFW. Post 9808 recently sponsored a Scout troop, Cub Scout Pack and Venturing Crew with many parents joining and participating in the Post. The Commander

made the comment that he didn't realize how important sponsoring a Scouting unit can be to help making the Post a family affair.

I encourage every Post Commander to seek assistance from Stan Hunter, Ron Knowles and our Scouting team members to help your post in supporting the Scouting program.

The drive is underway for the 2010-2011 Scout of the Year (SOY) program, a great program that fosters competition for the youth and involves our VFW Scouting Team in one of the most rewarding efforts they perform all year. Scout of the year applications are due by 1 March to the Post, 15 March to District for judging and 1 April to the Department for final judging.

As a special incentive any Eagle Scout submitting an application to a Post by 31 December will entitle that Scout to participate in the Price of Freedom conference for Eagle Scouts at Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge PA on Feb 3-6 2011. We will provide transportation. Contact Stan or Ron for details.

Check our scouting website for additional information at www.vfwvascouting.org.

7. CANDIDATE FOR DEPARTMENT SURGEON:

I, Earle P. Weekley, Jr., do hereby announce my candidacy for Department Surgeon for 2011- 2012.

8. CLOSINGS:

State Headquarters will be closed on November 11, November 25 and 26, 2010.

9. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

The following Posts have **not** submitted a report for the first-half as of October 15, 2010

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| Dist. 1 | | | | | |
| Dist. 2 | 392 | 1211 | 4809 | | |
| Dist. 3 | 8046 | 9224 | 10657 | | |
| Dist. 4 | 8228 | | | | |
| Dist. 5 | 7854 | 8243 | | | |
| Dist. 6 | 1841 | | | | |
| Dist. 7 | | | | | |
| Dist. 8 | 2524 | 3103 | | | |
| Dist. 9 | | | | | |
| Dist. 10 | 609 | 9274 | | | |
| Dist. 11 | 452 | 3060 | 4204 | 8479 | 9339 |
| Dist. 12 | 5715 | 7360 | 10298 | | |
| Dist. 13 | 2613 | 10295 | | | |

Sterling John Moninghoff
Vice Chairman

10. 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.

11. DELL COMPUTERS DISCOUNTS:

To order by phone-Members call 1-800-695-8133 and mention ID# PS30482412. For Posts, call 1-800-695-8133 and mention ID# PS76832215.

12. 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.

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.vfwwemail.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 15, 2010

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| Dist. 1 | 6002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 2 | 1211 | 2582 | 4411 | 4809 | 9382 | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 3 | 2163 | 4639 | 6364 | 8046 | 9224 | 10654 | 10657 | | | | | | |
| Dist. 4 | 2584 | 5313 | 7059 | 7166 | 7819 | 8048 | 8228 | 8446 | 8759 | 8902 | 9855 | 9954 | |
| Dist. 5 | 647 | 873 | 4165 | 7854 | 8243 | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 6 | 1444 | 1841 | 2157 | 4299 | 4318 | 4522 | 4920 | 5311 | 5895 | 8184 | 9877 | | |
| Dist. 7 | 2123 | 2447 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 8 | 1811 | 2524 | 3103 | 7589 | 7728 | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 9 | 7328 | 7568 | 7969 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 10 | 609 | 1177 | 5412 | 8241 | 9274 | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 11 | 452 | 2216 | 2424 | 3060 | 3136 | 4204 | 4805 | 7701 | 7814 | 8279 | 8479 | 9339 | 10826 |
| Dist. 12 | 3782 | 4301 | 5715 | 6975 | 7360 | 9600 | 9830 | 9864 | 10298 | 10310 | | | |
| Dist. 13 | 1827 | 2044 | 2217 | 2613 | 8169 | 8436 | 8947 | 10295 | 10546 | | | | |

Chris Birch, Chairman

15. HOSPITAL REPORT:

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Hospital Report for the period ending October 15, 2010

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| Dist. 1 | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 2 | 1211 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 3 | 2163 | 8046 | 9224 | 10657 | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 4 | 8228 | 8759 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 5 | 4165 | 7854 | 8467 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 6 | 1841 | 4522 | 4920 | 5311 | 8184 | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 7 | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 8 | 2524 | 3103 | 7728 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 9 | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 10 | 609 | 9274 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 11 | 452 | 2424 | 3060 | 4204 | 7814 | 8479 | 9339 | | | | | |
| Dist. 12 | 9600 | 10298 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 13 | 2044 | 2217 | 8169 | 10295 | | | | | | | | |

Chris Birch, Chairman

16. IMPORTANT DATES:

- November 5-8, 2010 Southern Conference Nashville, TN. Reservations should have been 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.
- 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.

17. INSPECTIONS:

The Inspection Reports received by State show a number of Posts without By-Laws and many with very old By-Laws. The winter months ahead, when many Post activities take a breather, would be an ideal time to appoint a committee to review your Post's By-Laws and determine if they should be updated or written --- and then sent to State for review and forwarding to National. If you don't have any now, your District Commander has a fill-in-the-blanks beginning set for you to start working with.

One hundred thirty-two posts have been reported inspected. Status as of October 15, 2010:

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| Dist. 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 3 | 2163 | 4639 | 6364 | 8046 | 8356 | 8529 | 9224 | 9501 | 10387 | 10657 |
| Dist. 4 | 8228 | 8759 | 8902 | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 6 | 4920 | 9877 | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 7 | 6044 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 8 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 11 | 3060 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 12 | 7360 | 9864 | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. 13 | 1827 | 2044 | 2613 | 8169 | 8436 | | | | | |

Inspection reports for Districts 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 have been received.

Why We Do Inspections

The average member of a VFW Post is likely unaware that the VFW conducts inspections of the Post as well as the District the Post belongs to. Section 710 of the VFW Manual of Procedure specifies, in part, " All books, papers, accounts, records and proceedings pertaining to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be subject to inspection at all times." VFW Departments (States) conduct an inspection of each Post and District during the summer and fall of each year. Sometimes conditions require that an inspection be done at other times or as follow-up to the primary inspection. Normally Post inspections are done by a District Inspector and District inspections are done by a Department Officer. Since both inspections include questions concerning the conduct of meetings, the inspections are usually conducted concurrent with a Post or District meeting. All inspection forms are sent to the State Inspector for review with recommendations forwarded to the State Commander.

Following the institution of the original organization in 1899 and later at the consolidation of several organizations into what we now know as the VFW, the By-Laws, a Manual of Procedure, and a Ritual were created and are updated yearly by members through the national encampment or, now, the convention. The delegates from each Post vote on the changes, first as selected members in committee, and later in a general session of the convention. The importance of these documents requires attention to detail on the part of the delegates, as well good stewardship on the part of the elected and appointed officers of each level of the VFW. Examples would be proper financial accounting, and retaining proof of VFW eligibility of officers and members.

The inspection also covers whether or not the Post or District has its own by-laws, is incorporated, insured, and whether accountable officers are bonded --- all for the Post's or District's own good and the good of its members.

One current point of emphasis is that the unit has filed an IRS Form 990. Failure to do so may result in the failing unit's loss of its non-profit status. Thus through the inspection process, the VFW acts as a monitor for the good of its units.

Another area checked is the Post Dues Reserve Fund. The National By-Laws specify that a portion of dues from each annual member or yearly payment for each life member be placed in this fund. The current commander cannot use these funds. Every July 1st these funds are to be transferred to the General Fund, thus insuring the new commander and staff have moneys to operate with at the beginning of their year.

Some other aspects of the inspection process check Post participation in / proper use of core VFW programs, such as Buddy Poppies and the Relief Fund, hospital visits, community service, etc. --- programs which help fulfill the VFW's charter. Part of the Purposes in the charter is "...to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members, to assist worthy comrades, to preserve the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans..." The inspection process helps ensure the Posts and Districts, as the working parts of the VFW, accomplish the goals of both the founders and the members over the intervening years.

The blank Inspection forms are found on the Virginia State webpage at www.vfwva.org/reports.htm, under "Forms". Every member can check them for inspection items.

J. Gary Wagner
State Inspector

18. LADIES AUXILIARY:

The attention of all units is called to Section 1101 of the By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides for the formation and jurisdiction of the Ladies Auxiliary. This section provides that each unit of the Auxiliary shall be under the jurisdiction of the corresponding unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, but shall be permitted to function in accordance with the National Ritual, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Ladies Auxiliary. In addition to provisions of Auxiliary By-Laws, solicitation of funds or donations by Auxiliary units, including contracts with fund-raising organizations for greeting cards, calendars and/or label programs shall be subject to approval and ratification by the governing body of the corresponding unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

19. LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:

Congratulations! Johnny Wilmoth Post 8228 is the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Johnny Wilmoth Post 8228 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 75% of their membership goal reported to State Headquarters by the September 29, 2010 deadline.

Kim DeShano, State ADJ/QM

20. MEMBERSHIP:

The National By-Laws provide for only one type of membership: active membership. There are no provisions in the National By-Laws, nor is there any authority or justification for issuance of Club Membership cards, Associate Member cards, Honorary Membership cards, Courtesy Membership cards or any other special type of cards. Any Post issuing such unauthorized cards, or conducting club operations open to the general public, endangers its standing with the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization. Officers signing outlaw cards admitting non-members to VFW premises are subject to disciplinary action. National and Department officers cannot defend practices that conflict with VFW By-Laws or procedures.

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

21. 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.

21. PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM:

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 vfwfundraising@vfw.org with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.

22. PODIUM EDITIONS:

All officers should obtain current copies of the podium edition of the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the 2011 revised edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Emblem and Supply Department, National Headquarters. The 2011 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 111th National Convention, which became effective on September 25, 2010.

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. RECRUITING:

Are you a recruiter? If your answer is "Yes"; would you like to become an even better recruiter? If your answer is "No"; would you like to learn the skills needed to become a good recruiter? We have a great opportunity to help you become a great recruiter if you would like to attend the training. District Commanders are looking for motivated volunteers to attend a Recruiter School being hosted at VFW-1503 Dale city on 13 November. It will be an all-day school conducted by VFW National and District nominees will be compensated for their travel and lodging in order to attend.

We need more good recruiters out there bringing in new members and re-signing members who have let their dues lapse. We are currently behind last year's level for recruiting and there are currently 38 Posts in the Department that have yet to sign up any new or reinstated member. They are going to need our help if they are to have any chance to succeed this year. This training will enable us to provide more and better assistance to them.

Our budget limits the number of Comrades we can send to the class, but persons who are not nominated, including Ladies Auxiliary members, may attend at their own expense if they so desire. Contact your District Commander NOW! Deadline for nominations is 29 October.

The good news on the Membership front is that we are slightly ahead of where we were this time last year on getting our current members to renew their membership. We're not that much ahead but the lead we have is due to your efforts. Keep up the good work. Let's get the rest of them to renew and stay with us.

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

25. ROSTER CHANGES:

New Address:
Commander Post 993
Christopher Wheeler
86 Gillis Road
Portsmouth, VA, 23702

New Mailing Address VFW Post 1426:
621 Eastwood Drive
Richmond, VA 23236

New Sr. Vice Commander VFW Post 4301
Jessee L. Moore
7925 Summer Breeze Road
Pound, VA 24279
276-796-7489

New Officers VFW Post 4805
Commander:
Donald E. Hostetter
1863 Magnolia Ave
Buena Vista, VA 24416

Quartermaster:
George "Wayne" Hostetter
373 Hillside Drive
Buena Vista, VA 24416

New Officers VFW Post 7328
Commander:
Thomas W. Holley
268 Henrytown Road
Saltville, VA 24370
276-496-7245

Sr. Vice Commander:
Lamuel E. Prater
838 Upper Poor Valley Road
Saltville, VA 24370
276-496-4903

Jr. Vice Commander:
Edward R. Hunt
PO Box 1114
Saltville, VA 24370
276-496-7255

New Meeting Time for VFW Post 8436
Second Monday at 6:00 PM through March

New Officers for VFW Post 9480
Commander:
Elwood Hilderbrand
2049 Troxel Gap Road
Craigsville, VA 24430

Sr. Vice Commander:
Arvil Welcher
PO Box 352
Craigsville, VA 24430

New Officers for VFW Post 10570
Jr. Vice Commander:
Lisa Rasnake
2055 Red Lane Road
Powhatan, VA 23139

Quartermaster:
Richard Sanfilippo
3690 Jefferson Landing Road
Powhatan, VA 23139

26. SAFETY:

I have received 190 reports and 39 Post have sent in multiple reports.

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Safety Report for the 1st half as of October 15, 2010

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| Dist 1 | | | | | |
| Dist 2 | 1211 | | | | |
| Dist 3 | 2163 | 9224 | | | |
| Dist 4 | 8048 | 8228 | | | |
| Dist 5 | 4165 | 7854 | 8243 | | |
| Dist 6 | 1841 | 4522 | 4920 | 5311 | 8184 |
| Dist 7 | 9660 | | | | |
| Dist 8 | 2524 | 3103 | | | |
| Dist 9 | 4667 | | | | |
| Dist 10 | 609 | 9274 | | | |
| Dist 11 | 452 | 3060 | 4204 | 8479 | 9339 |
| Dist 12 | 5715 | 7630 | 10298 | | |
| Dist 13 | 2217 | 2613 | 8169 | 10295 | |

Milton Dye, Chairman

27. SPECIAL ORDER 27:

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 Tivis L O'Quinn, Membership No. 4148066, 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
Richard L. Eubanks
Commander-in-Chief

28. STOP LOSS PAYMENT:

Deadline for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay Extended

The deadline for eligible service members, veterans and their beneficiaries to apply for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay (RSLSP) has been extended to Dec. 3, 2010, allowing personnel more time to apply for the benefits they've earned.

To apply, or for more information on RSLSP, including submission requirements and service-specific links, go to <http://www.defense.gov/stoploss>.

The deadline extension is included in the continuing resolution signed by President Obama yesterday, providing funding for federal government operations through Dec. 3.

"It's important that all those eligible for this benefit take the opportunity to apply for what they've earned," said Lernes Hebert, acting director, Officer and Enlisted Personnel Management. "We encourage those eligible to apply as soon as possible, to avoid the last minute rush, which can increase processing time."

RSLSP was established to compensate military members whose service was involuntarily extended under Stop Loss between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009. Eligible members or their beneficiaries are required to submit a claim to their respective military service in order to receive the benefit of \$500 for each full or partial month served in a Stop Loss status. The original deadline for claims was Oct. 21, 2010.

When RSLSP began on Oct. 21, 2009, the services estimated 145,000 service members, veterans and beneficiaries were eligible. Because the majority of those eligible had separated from the military, the services have engaged in extensive and persistent outreach efforts throughout the year. Efforts including direct mail, engaging military and veteran service organizations, social networks and media outlets, will continue throughout the period of eligibility.

M. Conrad Agresti

29. VFW RIDERS:

The VFW Riders received guidelines from National VFW in September. The riders voted to go under the State VFW rather than go under Post at October's meeting. The riders have drawn up guidelines under the Department of Virginia and have sent them to State C.O.A. for approval. If all is OK, they will be sent to National VFW for approval. If you are interested in being part of the VFW Riders Group, please contact me.

glennov3160@cox.net
 Glenn Holman
 VFW Riders Committee Chairman

30. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Posts listed below have ***NOT*** submitted a Youth Activities Report for the period ending October 15, 2010

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|-----------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|
| Dist. 1 | | | | | |
| Dist. 2 | 1211 | 4809 | | | |
| Dist. 3 | 6364 | 2163 | 8046 | 9224 | |
| Dist. 4 | 8048 | 8228 | | | |
| Dist. 5 | 4165 | 7854 | 8243 | 8467 | |
| Dist. 6 | 1841 | 4522 | 4920 | 8184 | |
| Dist. 7 | 2123 | 9660 | | | |
| Dist. 8 | 2524 | 3103 | | | |
| Dist. 9 | | | | | |
| Dist. 10 | 609 | 9274 | | | |
| Dist. 11 | 452 | 3060 | 4204 | 8479 | 9339 |
| Dist. 12 | 10298 | | | | |
| Dist. 13 | 2217 | 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 22nd)

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

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 charge my card: \$ _____ Name on Card: _____

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

SIGNATURE: _____

Mail form to: State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401

You may also e-mail this form to: stateheadquarters@va.vfwwbmail.com or fax it to: 1-866-416-0586 if paying by Credit Card only

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

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