

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**



**DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**

***Honor the Past, Focus on the Future***

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**1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

War is a universal reality for powerful nations. No matter how tragic and hideous we as a people think war is, it has become an integral part of our nation's history. War is used as a tool to protect those people in most dire need; whether for freedom from persecution of any kind, as prevention from dangerous threats, or for the general well-being and safety of our own citizens. Nevertheless there is an essential aspect of war that is least thought of, and the most important to understanding the complexities of war; the everyday human beings who fight in them.

From the Revolutionary War to Operation Enduring Freedom, soldiers have been fighting for what all Americans stand for, the fundamental moral values that this country was built on. Intangibles such as truth, justice, and integrity are what those men and women struggled for, and are still striving for today. We owe our deepest gratitude to these everyday heroes and their selfless service giving for our benefit. The single act of joining the armed forces is enough to inspire appreciation for that person's courage and commitment, and honoring our veterans is something we as Americans need to do more. Even if our beliefs conflict with the war the veteran participated in, honoring the commitment the veteran made to our nation deserves our praise.

It is a simple task to honor a past veteran, and sadly, most Americans do not know how to do it. Simply stated, all that honoring a veteran entails is learning about and understanding the nature of the conflict they fought in. This is a task that does not involve much work, yet somehow many people fail to do it. One does not have to spend money or buy fancy gifts to honor a veteran. Simply trying to understand what that person went through, for our sake, is enough to honor them. War is a terrible and harsh reality for all nations. All veterans from the past and to the present are united by this universal truth. As members of the VFW, it is up to us to lead the Nation in showing our veterans the honor and respect they so richly deserve.

The VFW has a rich tradition in enhancing the lives of millions through its community service programs and special projects. From providing free phone cards to our nation's active-duty military personnel to raising money for the World

War II memorial, the VFW is there, "honoring the dead by helping the living." The VFW provides numerous services to military service members and their families.

The three main efforts of the VFW Military Services department are: the Military Assistance Program (MAP), Operation Uplink, and Unmet Needs. MAP is the outstretched hand between the VFW and active duty, Guard, and Reserve military units. It offers grants to VFW Posts who participate in military unit functions, such as sponsoring farewell and welcome home events, "Family Readiness Group" events, and other Post sponsored activities.

Operation Uplink has provided more than 200 computers to set up Internet Cafes where service members' families may e-mail their deployed loved ones. A simple phone call home while deployed offers a vital link between service members and their families and provides an immeasurable boost in morale. Keeping in touch, however, can become quite costly. As the largest organization of combat veterans, the VFW knows the importance of keeping military families in touch. That's why we launched the VFW Operation Uplink program — the premiere calling program for deployed service members that provides free phone time to active-duty military personnel and hospitalized veterans. VFW Operation Uplink initially provided calling cards to deployed and hospitalized troops, but on Mother's Day 2006, due to the growing popularity of the program and thanks to the generosity of corporate donors like Sport Clips and United Auto Workers-General Motors, the program began hosting "Free Call Days." At least one designated day each month, deployed service members making calls to the U.S. from their local Morale Welfare & Recreation (MWR) center are greeted by a recording which states their call will be *free* courtesy of VFW Operation Uplink. The program began working through 191 internet cafes abroad and is now offered through more than 866 locations. Free Call Days have provided more than 3 million free phone calls, equaling more than 37 million minutes in free talk time. With the help of corporate sponsors, the VFW Foundation receives funding to establish, administer and promote the Unmet Needs Program. But these corporate gifts fall short of military families' critical needs, and the program is mostly funded by individual donations from people like you. Funds from donations are available to the five branches of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard), as well as members of the Reserves and National Guard. Funds awarded by the program are offered in the form of grants--not loans--so recipients don't need to repay them.

One VFW program that I feel impacts more lives than any other is the VFW's Adopt-A-Unit initiative. This program affects the lives of each and every member of the deploying National Guard, Reserve, and regular military, each of their families and every member of the VFW. By adopting one of the deploying units we, the members of the VFW, step back into the arena of camaraderie that bonded our membership together during our own conflicts. By adopting our young comrade's, we send our spirit, our support and our prayers along with them as they go in harm's way. We do so by reassuring them that we, the members of the VFW, will do our best to see to the needs of their families that are left at home enduring stressful separation and fear for their loved ones.

Comrades and sisters, these core programs have been around for quite some time, but time and time again when I visit a Post, our members are not aware of them. We ask ourselves why our numbers are shrinking! It is because the majority of the Posts have satisfied themselves with doing the bare minimum when it comes to addressing the needs of our veterans. More often than not, Posts are unable to recruit new members because they do not know what we as an organization have to offer. If you know the VFW product, you can sell it! As a past State Commander always said, "We don't have a membership problem, we have a recruiting problem." Comrades, I ask that you take an active role in your Posts and get involved. Our success and our future depend upon you.

James Martin  
Department Of Virginia VFW  
Commander 2010-2011

## 2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

**1<sup>ST</sup> - 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

**2<sup>ND</sup> - 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

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

**4<sup>TH</sup> -** **Date:**            11/13/10  
              **Meeting:**        1:00 PM  
              **Location:**        Post 7059, Farmville  
                                 1616 Graham Rd  
              **Rep:**                Rex Faris,  
                                 Past State Commander

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

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

**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:**                TBA

**8<sup>th</sup>-** **Date:**            10/17/10  
              **Meeting:**        1:00 PM  
              **Location:**        Post 7728, Remington  
                                 Corner of Rt 17& Rt 836,  
                                 Morrisville  
              **Rep:**                Chris Birch, State Surgeon

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

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

**11<sup>th</sup>-** **Date:**            1/09/11  
              **Lunch:**            11:30 AM  
              **Meeting:**        12:30 PM  
              **Location:**        Post 2216, Staunton  
                                 212 Frontier Dr  
              **Rep:**                TBA

**12<sup>th</sup>-** **Date:**            12/04/10  
              **Registration:** 10:00 AM  
              **Meeting:**        11:00 AM  
              **Location:**        Post 1994, Abingdon  
                                 765 Baugh Lane, Abingdon  
              **Rep:**                Charlie Absher  
                                 State Sr. Vice Commander

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

### 3. ALCOHOL IN POSTS:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 1001 (24) of the Manual of Procedure concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting:

The presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings is unacceptable and is prohibited.

A thorough program of Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department By-Laws and directives. Department and District Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.

Attention of commanders at all levels is directed to action of the National Council of Administration prohibiting the wearing of VFW sport caps and/or western style caps at VFW meetings in place of the regulation cap of the VFW official uniform as set forth in sections 803 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure. This prohibition is in accordance with previous directives of Commanders-in-Chief that 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 the wearing of other than the official VFW cap at VFW meetings.

#### 4. AMERICANISM REPORT:

356 reports have been received from 115 Posts.

The following Posts have **not** submitted a report for the first-half as of September 20, 2010.

<b>Dist 1</b>	9358				
<b>Dist 2</b>	1211	4809			
<b>Dist 3</b>	6364	8046	9224	10657	
<b>Dist 4</b>	8759				
<b>Dist 5</b>	7800	7854	8243	8467	
<b>Dist 6</b>	4318	4522	4920	8184	
<b>Dist 7</b>	100%				
<b>Dist 8</b>	2524	3103	7728	9835	
<b>Dist 9</b>	100%				
<b>Dist 10</b>	609	5412	7916	8469	9274
<b>Dist 11</b>	452	2424	3060	4204	4805
	8479	8644	9339		
<b>Dist 12</b>	5715	6975	8979	10298	10310
<b>Dist 13</b>	2217	2613	10295		

Doug Keller, Chairman

#### 5. AUDIT REPORT:

In accordance with the SOP and the National By-Laws, **three Trustees must sign** the Trustees' Report of Audit before it can be accepted.

Attention is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure Duty of Trustees, Form P-113. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which is June 30, 2010 and is now **PAST DUE**.

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

<b>DIST. 1</b>	9358					
<b>DIST. 2</b>						
<b>DIST. 3</b>	4639	6364	9224			
<b>DIST. 4</b>	8228					
<b>DIST. 5</b>	8243					
<b>DIST. 6</b>	4299	4522	8184			
<b>DIST. 7</b>						
<b>DIST. 8</b>						
<b>DIST. 9</b>						
<b>DIST. 10</b>	8241					
<b>DIST. 11</b>	1499	4204	7701			
<b>DIST. 12</b>						
<b>DIST. 13</b>	7638	10574				

#### 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 officer, 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 an 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, 2010**. If you have purchased a bond elsewhere please send a copy of the bond.

The following Posts have **NOT** paid for their 2010-2011 Quartermaster bond as of September 21, 2010

<b>Dist 1</b>	6002	9358				
<b>Dist 2</b>						
<b>Dist 3</b>	2163	9224	10570	10657		
<b>Dist 4</b>						
<b>Dist 5</b>						
<b>Dist 6</b>	Dist	1841				
<b>Dist 7</b>						
<b>Dist 8</b>						
<b>Dist 9</b>	7568	9640				
<b>Dist 10</b>						
<b>Dist 11</b>	4204	4805	7701			
<b>Dist 12</b>	Dist	3782	9600	9830	9864	10298
<b>Dist 13</b>	1827	2044	10546			

## 7. BUDDY POPPY:

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

Kim DeShano, Chairman

## 8. CLOSINGS:

State Headquarters will be closed on October 11, 2010.

## 9. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

**Hours:** When reporting to Department, Post should list the hours of Community Service performed by the Post, affiliated Cootie, Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary, Sons of the VFW and Junior Girls. Only volunteer service hours benefiting the community are to be reported. **Volunteer hours committed to projects and activities benefiting the Post and its affiliated units listed above cannot be reported.**

**Monies:** The money that should be reported are the dollars donated or expended by the volunteers in the performance of the community service hours reported, plus \$0.14 per mile for each mile driven by the volunteers.

**What not to report:** The value of the hours worked is a calculation made at the national level only. Post and Department should never report any figures derive from the value of hours worked.

**Accurate Reporting:** It is the utmost importance that Post report their volunteer hours and especially their donations accurately. A Post that inflates the amounts of money they donated, intentionally or otherwise, may place their not-for-profit status in jeopardy.

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

Dist. 1	9358								
Dist. 2	392	1211	4809						
Dist. 3	2239	6364	8046	9224	10657				
Dist. 4	8228	8759	8902						
Dist. 5	7800	7854	8243						
Dist. 6	1841	2157	4318	4522	4920				
Dist. 7									
Dist. 8	2524	3103	7589	7728					

Dist. 9										
Dist. 10	609	5412	7916	8469	9274					
Dist. 11	452	3060	4204	4805	8479	8644	9339			
Dist. 12	5715	6975	7360	8979	10298	10310				
Dist. 13	2613	10295								

Sterling John Moninghoff  
Vice Chairman

#### 10. 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.

#### 11. 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.

#### 12. 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.

#### 13. GOLD MEMBER AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS:

Each year the VFW selects an emergency services person, a law enforcement officer and a firefighter to receive VFW Gold Medal Awards. These three award winners are presented their awards at the VFW State Convention in June or a respective award ceremony. Post Safety Chairman is encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to Department Headquarters by **October 29, 2010**. Documentation required for all candidates should include the following:

- Nomination letter containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
- One page resume of the candidate's overall background.
- One page listing of the candidate's accomplishment and awards in their field.
- Photograph (preferably a head shot) of the candidate.

#### 14. HOMELESS VETERANS COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

<b>Dist. 1</b>	960	2296	3219	6002	8252	9358						
<b>Dist. 2</b>	392	1211	2582	4411	4809	9382						
<b>Dist. 3</b>	2163	2239	4639	6364	8046	8529	9224	9501	10570	10654	10657	
<b>Dist. 4</b>	2584	5313	7059	7166	7897	8048	8228	8446	8759	8902	9855	9954
<b>Dist. 5</b>	647	873	4165	7800	7854	8243	8467	10840				
<b>Dist. 6</b>	1444	1841	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	8184	9877	
<b>Dist. 7</b>	1860	2123	2447	9660								
<b>Dist. 8</b>	1811	2524	3103	7589	7728	9835						
<b>Dist. 9</b>	1115	2719	4667	6000	7328	7568	7726	7969	9696			
<b>Dist. 10</b>	609	1177	3150	5412	7327	7916	8241	8469	9274	9478		
<b>Dist. 11</b>	452	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279	8479

<b>Dist. 11</b>	8644	9339	10826									
<b>Dist. 12</b>	1994	3782	4301	5715	6975	7360	8979	9600	9830	9864	10298	10310
<b>Dist. 13</b>	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 September 20, 2010

<b>Dist. 1</b>	9358											
<b>Dist. 2</b>	1211											
<b>Dist. 3</b>	2163	2239	8046	9224	10654	10657						
<b>Dist. 4</b>	8228	8759										
<b>Dist. 5</b>	4165	7800	7854	8467								
<b>Dist. 6</b>	1841	2157	4318	4522	4920	5311	8184					
<b>Dist. 7</b>	9660											
<b>Dist. 8</b>	2524	3103	7728									
<b>Dist. 9</b>	<b>100%</b>											
<b>Dist. 10</b>	609	5412	7916	8469	9274							
<b>Dist. 11</b>	452	2424	3060	4204	4805	7814	8479	8644	9339			
<b>Dist. 12</b>	5715	8979	9600	10298	10310							
<b>Dist. 13</b>	2044	2217	2613	8169	10295							

Chris Birch, Chairman

## 16. IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 2, 2010                      Fall Council of Administration, Staunton, VA
- November 5-8, 2010                Southern Conference Nashville, TN. Room rates \$119.00, Reservations must be made by October 4, 2010. phone number 615-885-2300 or 800-551-2409.
- January 14-16, 2011                Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$68.00. The deadline for reservations is December 22, 2010, to insure group rates. Call 800-227-6963.
- 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:

Excerpt from a July Department of Virginia letter on IRS Form 990: "The IRS has announced a one-time filing relief program for small non-profit organizations that are at risk of losing their tax-exempt status because they failed to file required returns for 2007, 2008, and 2009. These organizations can preserve their tax-exempt status by filing returns by October 15, 2010. The IRS has also posted a list of the names and addresses of these "at-risk" organizations, along with guidance about how to come back into compliance. Organizations that have not filed the required information returns by October 15, 2010, will have their tax-exempt status revoked, and the IRS will publish a list of these revoked organizations in early 2011. If an organization loses its exemption, it will have to reapply with the IRS to regain its tax-exempt status. Any income received between the revocation date and the renewed exemption may be taxable and contributions to the organization will not be deductible." Has your Post or District filed its Form 990?

Ninety-nine posts have been reported inspected. Status as of 17 September 2010:

<b>Dist 1</b>	2296	9358						
<b>Dist 2</b>	4411							
<b>Dist 3</b>	2163	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9224	
	9501	10387	10657					
<b>Dist 4</b>	5313	8228	8759	8902	9855			
<b>Dist 5</b>								

<b>Dist 6</b>	1033	1444	1841	4318	4491	4920	5311	
	5895	8184	9877					
<b>Dist 7</b>	621	1860	2447	6044	9292	9660		
<b>Dist 8</b>	2524	3103						
<b>Dist 9</b>								
<b>Dist 10</b>	9478							
<b>Dist 11</b>	3060	7701						
<b>Dist 12</b>	1994	3782	4301	5715	6975	7360	8652	8979
	9600	9830	9864	10298	10310			
<b>Dist 13</b>	1827	2044	2217	2613	8169	8436	10295	10546

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

J. Gary Wagner  
State Inspector

## 18. LEADERSHIP REFERENCE GUIDE:

The 2010/2011 VFW Leadership Reference Guide is located at: <https://emem.vfw.org/ssl/securelogin.aspx>. Use this page to securely sign into the VFW eMembership site.

New to the site: Create a New Account  
Repeat User: Secure Sign In

## 19. LIFE MEMBERSHIP INSTALLMENT PLAN:

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

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

## 20. MEMBERSHIP:

As I write this message we are currently sitting at a membership level of 26,712. That's 760 members short of where we were at this time last year. While a large number of those are due to the death or transfer of Life Members, we are making those up through the recruitment of new and reinstated members. Progress in that area is steady but could use a lot of improvement. Where we are again falling behind is in the renewal of our current annual members. We need to reach out to these Comrades NOW and get them to reenlist in the VFW. Letters from the Posts should have gone out to these folks already emphasizing the importance of their membership and why we need them to stay on board. If you wait until their membership expires in January you may very well have lost them for good. Start calling them and find out why they haven't renewed. Just as importantly, if you haven't seen them for awhile find out how they're doing and when they might be able to join you at a meeting or Post function. The holiday season is fast approaching and funds for personal use may not be as readily available as in the past.

C. D. "Doc" Crouch  
Membership Committee

## 21. MILITARY WOMEN'S ADVOCACY:

National VFW Headquarters directed establishment of a Women Veteran's Chairperson in every Department for the 2010-2011 VFW year. The Department of Virginia has been a national leader in this area, with a Military Women's Advocacy committee in place since 2008.

Your Women Veterans Chairperson has four major responsibilities:

- Advise the Department on issues facing female veterans.
- Connect with the Veteran's Administration at the department level.
- Assist in recruiting eligible female veterans to the VFW.
- Lead membership retention initiatives to maintain our growing female veteran membership.



Your committee is here to support you. We are available to provide on-site presence at your recruiting and outreach activities; to provide advice, assistance, and/or presentations at your post and district meetings; and to promote the VFW in your communities. We will travel to your location, schedules permitting.

There are more than 90 thousand female veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Let's work together to bring them into our premier veterans' organization.

To request our support or assistance, please email me at [judge@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:judge@va.vfwwebmail.com) or call me at 571-332-7109.

Margo Sheridan  
Military Women's Advocacy 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.

## 23. 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](mailto:vfwfundraising@vfw.org) with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.

## 24. PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S MANUAL CHANGE:

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

## 25. ROSTER CHANGES:

New 3<sup>rd</sup> District Officers:  
Commander: John Williams  
1919 Forestadale Drive  
Richmond, VA 23235  
Phone Number: 804-276-8059

Sr. Vice Commander: George Corbett  
621 Eastwood Drive  
Richmond, VA 23236  
Phone Number: 804-745-3422

Post 824  
William E. Emeny  
106 Trevor Trace  
Yorktown, VA, 23692  
Home phone: 315-836-8297  
Cell phone: 757-870-0249  
E-Mail: [wemeny@gmail.com](mailto:wemeny@gmail.com)

Addition to Resolutions Committee:  
Eric Hilleman  
6300 Stevenson Ave  
Alexandria, VA 22304

District 12 Adjutant  
Michelle Taylor  
New Phone Number: 276-275-6187

Post 7638 Commander  
James E. Embree  
8749 Old Rapidan Road  
Orange, VA 22960

Post 8479 Commander  
John H. Loan  
1000 Patton Farm Road  
Stuarts Draft, VA 2447

Post 9855 Quartermaster  
Terrill Snead  
197 North Ave  
Appomattox, VA 24522  
Phone Number: 848-333-1384

Post 10840 Quartermaster  
George Bowles  
4636 Mount Carmel Road  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151  
Phone Number: 540-576-2464

## 26. SAFETY:

59 Post that have not reported yet, I have received 145 reports 118 first time reports and 27 Post have sent in multiple reports.

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Safety Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> half as of September 17, 2010

<b>Dist 1</b>	6002	8629	9358				
<b>Dist 2</b>	392	1211	4411	4809			
<b>Dist 3</b>	2163	9224					
<b>Dist 4</b>	8048	8228	8759	9855	9954		
<b>Dist 5</b>	4165	7800	7854	8243			
<b>Dist 6</b>	1841	2157	4318	4522	4920	5311	8184
<b>Dist 7</b>	9660						
<b>Dist 8</b>	2524	3103	7589	7728			
<b>Dist 9</b>	4667	7568	7969				
<b>Dist 10</b>	609	5412	7916	8469	9274		
<b>Dist 11</b>	452	2216	3060	4204	4805		
	8479	8644	9339				
<b>Dist 12</b>	5715	6975	7630	8979	10298	10310	
<b>Dist 13</b>	2217	2613	8169	10295			

Milton Dye, Chairman

## 27. SPECIAL ORDER 394:

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 Jimmy B. Vanskike, Membership No. 10020260, be removed from the rolls of Department of Virginia, Member-at-Large, Post No. 15048, Staunton, 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.  
Commander-in-Chief

## 28. STOP LOSS PAYMENT:

Last Chance For \$500 per month Stop Loss Payment DoD has announced that as many as 100,000 veterans eligible for stop-loss payments will lose their entitlement if they do not apply by October 21, 2010. In 2009, Congress approved retroactive stop-loss payments of \$500 per month for individuals stop-lossed between September 11, 2011 and September 20, 2009. The DD Form 2944 - Claim for Retroactive Stop-Loss Payment - is available at [www.defense.gov/stoploss](http://www.defense.gov/stoploss). Individual services may have different substantiating documentation requirements, so service websites must also be checked.

## 29. VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM MONTH IN NOVEMBER:

VFW and Ladies Auxiliary VFW members are encouraged to volunteer in their schools to talk about their military and home front experiences to students. Invite your local military recruiter to join you to talk about military service today. Additional information can be found in the 2010–2011 VFW Community Activities VFW Chairman's Manual, which can be accessed on [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) or [www.vfwdepartmentresources.org](http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org). *Participate in this activity as part of "National Veterans Awareness" week, November 7-13, as designated by Congress.*

## 30. VFW CATALOG:

**2010-2011 VFW STORE CATALOG** – check out the new look and new merchandise! If you haven't already received it, you will shortly.

A catalog is sent to all Department Officers, Post Quartermasters and Commanders, and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents and Treasurers. VFW STORE - [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org); 1-800-821-2606

## 31. VFW RIDERS OF HAMPTON ROADS:

The VFW Riders were recognized at the National VFW Convention this year in Indianapolis, IN. Resolution #308 was approved. Guidelines are being made and I will have more information in November's General Orders.

The VFW Riders of Hampton Roads have been active this year supporting organizations by riding to support the military.

The VFW Riders had our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual poker run to support the Vetshouse in August. We presented a check for the amount of \$3,901.00. Also, the VFW Riders rode to the National Home for Children and presented a check for \$4,629.34 from donations collected from around the State, Posts, etc.

If you are interested in becoming part of the VFW Riders, please contact myself, Glenn Holman, District 2 or Kim DeShano, State Headquarters or William Shepherd, First District.

Glenn Holman  
VFW Riders Committee Chairman

## 32. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

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

<b>Dist. 1</b>	6002	9358						
<b>Dist. 2</b>	392	1211	4411	4809				
<b>Dist. 3</b>	6364	2163	8046	9224	10657			
<b>Dist. 4</b>	8048	8228	8759	8902				
<b>Dist. 5</b>	4165	7800	7854	8243	8467			
<b>Dist. 6</b>	1841	4318	4522	4920	8184			
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William J. Shepherd, Chairman

Official:



Kim A. DeShano  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



James K Martin  
State Commander

# *Hotel Reservation Information*

The Sheraton Music City room rate for the Southern Conference is **\$119.00** for a room with 2 double beds or 1 king size bed. Queen bed options are available

All hotels in Nashville are smoke free however; at the Sheraton Music City each room has a balcony accessible from the room.

Reservations should be made before October 4, 2010.

To get the special rate, tell the reservation operator you are attending the VFW Southern Conference.

For State Hospitality Room information please contact the Hotel.

**Sheraton Music City  
777 McGavock Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214**

**(615)885-2300 or  
1-800-551-2409**

Email [www.sheraton.com/music city](http://www.sheraton.com/music%20city)

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

**During the fall, Nashville remains a very busy city.  
Please make your reservation early.**

**Reservations can be made as early as February 1,  
2010**

**Southern Conference Meeting 2010**  
**Music City Sheraton Hotel**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**

VFW Post 1291 will be the Host Post for the Conference. The Post is located at 1907 Lebanon Rd about 3 miles from the Hotel. The Post is open from 12 pm to 12 am daily and besides your favorite beverage the post provides a short order menu. A shuttle from the Hotel to the Post and back will be available.

**Thursday, November 4th**

Noon – 5:00 p.m. .... Registration  
TBA ..... Practice Round of Golf  
Noon – 11:00 p.m. . . . . Tennessee Hospitality Open  
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. .... Karaoke Plus  
7:00 p.m. .... Team drawings for Golf Tournament, TN Hospitality Room  
7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. .... Karaoke Plus Continues

**Friday, November 5th**

7:00 a.m. .... Bus Departure for Golf Course  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. .... Registration  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. .... Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting  
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. .... Hospitality Room Open  
7:30 p.m. .... Planned Entertainment

Evening Option: Grand Ole Opry – 8:00 p.m. show Free bus transportation leaves at 7:15 p.m. from the front of the hotel; attendees responsible for their own Opry Tickets
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# Saturday, November 6th

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. .... Breakfast

Department Commanders / Auxiliary Presidents  
Department Sr. Vice Commanders / Auxiliary Sr. Vice Presidents  
Department Jr. Vice Commanders / Auxiliary Jr. Vice Presidents  
Department Quartermasters / Auxiliary Treasurers

8:00 a.m. – Noon ..... Registration Open

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. .... Joint Opening Session & Memorial Service

10:00 a.m. .... VFW Business Meeting  
Auxiliary Business Meeting

Noon – 11:00 p.m. .... Tennessee Hospitality Opens

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. .... Reception

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. .... Banquet  
(Dress: Semi-Formal)

## Conference Ends

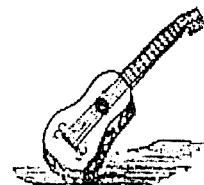
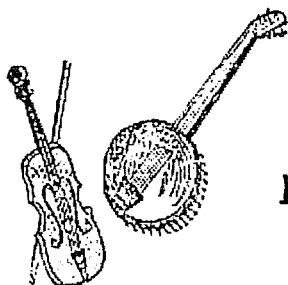


# 2010 Southern Conference

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Department of Tennessee

November 4th through November 6th 2010



## Registration Form

Name

Title

Post/Aux/Dept

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Pre-Registration **\$50.00** X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

(Registration at convention will be **\$65.00**)

Price covers Banquet and 2 Drinks

Cash Bar will be available during Banquet

Payment for Banquet by Check or Money Order

Payable to VFW Department of Tennessee

G-21 War Memorial Building

Nashville, TN 37243-0100

**Deadline for Pre-Registration is October 15, 2010**

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For Department of Tennessee use only

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_, Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_