



*Honor the Past, Focus on the Future*

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**1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

Comrades, During the years I served as a Post Commander three times, a District Commander, Chairman of the Potomac Region Veterans Council twice and all the chairs in the Department of Virginia VFW. I was privileged to give the obligation to a large number of Comrades. I always asked the new member to take an active part in the operation of the VFW. This did not mean just visiting the canteen, but the actual operation of the VFW itself. To be an active member means to attend Post meetings, to take part in the discussions of matters of interest to the Veteran and to cast a vote either for or against a motion as put on the floor. To be an active member, one must know how the VFW operates and why. To find out what makes the wheel turn, and then get behind and push. The more members we have pushing, the faster the wheel will turn and the more power it will generate. The more power our organization has, the more good we can do for ourselves, our comrades, our community and our Nation. This is the purpose of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Let's fulfill the purpose for which we are joined together. We need to increase our membership comrades, bring on new members, increase our numbers so we can do get stronger and remain the best organization there is. The business of the VFW cannot be transacted on the street corner. It is transacted each month during our meetings. At this time each and every comrade is privileged to bring matters of interest or good of the organization before the members to have action taken. This is the only place action should be taken or where decisions are made.

We currently have a strong number of members, but I feel that in the spirit of real comradeship we are weak. There are too many petty jealousies between comrades and between our auxiliaries. The older vets are impatient with some of the ideas brought out by the younger members. The younger members are impatient with the old well-worn ideas of the older veterans. The VFW members have issues with the ladies or men's auxiliaries. The ladies have issues with the veterans etc., etc. We need to overcome these petty jealousies by communicating, making compromises so that each side will give a little and satisfy all. The work of the VFW is a very important task. More members of the organization should take part in our work.

As I get to travel around this great state of ours I meet some really great people and visit some nice Posts. The Veterans of Foreign Wars 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. Direct community involvement always has been and will continue to be a VFW priority. The benevolence of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliaries extends well beyond the realm of veterans helping veterans. Annually, VFW and Auxiliaries donate more than 13 million volunteer hours of community service. VFW members are mentoring youth groups, helping in community food kitchens, volunteering in blood drives and visiting hospitalized veterans. Others are helping veterans file compensation claims or are "voicing their vote" with elected officials. VFW's *Community Service* programs are designed to encourage community service and increase civic pride, which ultimately enhances education, improves the environment and ensures the availability of health services for our nation's veterans. VFW's *Citizenship Education* program is designed to stimulate interest in America's history and traditions and to promote citizenship, civic responsibility and patriotism. VFW's *Youth Scholarship* programs provide more than \$3.5 million in scholarships to our nation's youth. They include Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen youth essay contest and Scout of the Year. The VFW's partnership with the Boy Scouts of America includes the sponsoring of more than 1,200 scouting units with 40,000 members across the nation. VFW's *Safety Program* encourages VFW Posts and Auxiliaries to conduct programs in home, auto and bicycle safety, as well as programs dealing with drug awareness and substance abuse. The VFW National Home for Children is a community development in a family like environment that is home to orphaned or single parent children of VFW or Ladies Auxiliary members. The home, which was established in 1925 on 160 acres in Eaton Rapids, MI, emphasizes the values of education, good work habits and sound moral character.

Whether providing scholarships to the nation's youth or helping veterans receive the entitlements they have earned, the VFW is there to *honor the dead by helping the living*. This comrades and sisters is what we are all about!

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:**

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

**2<sup>ND</sup> - Date:** 11/20/10  
**Lunch:** Noon  
**Meeting:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Post 3160, Norfolk  
 111 A View Avenue  
**Rep:**

**7<sup>th</sup> - Date:** 9/12/10  
**Lunch:** 11:30 AM  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 9660, Broadway  
 14550 Runion Creek Rd,  
 Broadway  
**Rep:**

**3<sup>RD</sup> - Date:** 11/13/10  
**Meeting:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** 3<sup>rd</sup> District Headquarters  
**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

**4<sup>TH</sup> - Date:** 11/13/10  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Post 7059, Farmville  
**Rep:** TBA

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

**5<sup>TH</sup> - Date:** 8/28/10  
**Meeting:** Noon  
**Location:** Post 647 Danville  
 275 VFW Drive  
**Rep:** Margo Sheridan, State Judge Advocate

**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

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

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

**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. AMERICANISM REPORT:

68 reports have been received from 54 Posts for a total of 106 reports from 87 Posts. Status as of August 19, 2010.

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

<b>Dist 1</b>	2296	9358						
<b>Dist 2</b>	1211	2894	4809					
<b>Dist 3</b>	6364	8046	8356	9224	9501	10654	10657	
<b>Dist 4</b>	8228	8759						
<b>Dist 5</b>	7800	7854	8243	8467				
<b>Dist 6</b>	1444	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	8184	
<b>Dist 7</b>	2123	6044						
<b>Dist 8</b>	2524	3103	7728	9835				
<b>Dist 9</b>	100%							
<b>Dist 10</b>	609	1177	5412	7916	8241	8469	9274	
<b>Dist 11</b>	452	632	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701
	7814	8279	8479	8644	9339			
<b>Dist 12</b>	5715	6975	8979	10298	10310			
<b>Dist 13</b>	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	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 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>	960	9358					
<b>DIST. 2</b>							
<b>DIST. 3</b>	2239	4639	6364	9224			
<b>DIST. 4</b>	8228						
<b>DIST. 5</b>	2820	8243					
<b>DIST. 6</b>	1444	2157	4299	4522	8184		
<b>DIST. 7</b>							
<b>DIST. 8</b>							
<b>DIST. 9</b>							
<b>DIST. 10</b>	1177	8241					
<b>DIST. 11</b>	1499	4204	7701	7814			
<b>DIST. 12</b>							
<b>DIST. 13</b>	2613	7638	10574				

**5. 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, 2010**. Please see attached rate schedule for costs of your bond and return completed form and payment to State Headquarters immediately. If you have purchased a bond elsewhere please send a copy of the bond.

The following Posts have **NOT** paid for their 2009-2010 Quartermaster bond as of August 20, 2010

<b>Dist 1</b>	Dist	176	824	960	3219	6002	9358					
<b>Dist 2</b>	Dist	392	993	2582	2894	3160	4809	9382				
<b>Dist 3</b>	Dist	637	2163	2239	6364	8046	8356	8529	9224	10387	10570	10657
<b>Dist 4</b>	Dist	2584	7166	8048	8228	8446	8759	8902	9855	9954		
<b>Dist 5</b>	Dist	2820	4165	4637	8163	8467	10840					
<b>Dist 6</b>	Dist	776	1033	1264	1444	1841	4299	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311
		8184	9877									
<b>Dist 7</b>		621	1860	2447	8613	9660	9760					
<b>Dist 8</b>		1811	3103	7728	9835							
<b>Dist 9</b>	Dist	1115	1184	4667	6000	7136	7328	7568	7726	7969	9640	
<b>Dist 10</b>		609	1177	3150	5412	7327	8241	9274				
<b>Dist 11</b>		1499	2216	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8479	8644	
<b>Dist 12</b>	Dist	3782	4301	5715	6975	8979	9600	9830	9864	10298	10310	
<b>Dist 13</b>	Dist	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8436	8947	10295	10546	10574	

**6. CLOSINGS:**

State Headquarters will be closed on September 6, 2010.

**7. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

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

<b>Dist. 1</b>	2296	9358										
<b>Dist. 2</b>	392	1211	2894	4411	4809							
<b>Dist. 3</b>	2239	6364	8046	8356	9224	9501	10654	10657				
<b>Dist. 4</b>	8048	8228	8759	8902	9954							
<b>Dist. 5</b>	7800	7854	8243	8467	10840							
<b>Dist. 6</b>	1444	1841	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920					
<b>Dist. 7</b>	2123	6044										
<b>Dist. 8</b>	2524	3103	7589	7728								
<b>Dist. 9</b>	4667											
<b>Dist. 10</b>	609	1177	5412	7916	8241	8469	9274					
<b>Dist. 11</b>	452	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279	8479	8644	9339

<b>Dist. 12</b>	5715	6975	7360	8979	10298	10310						
<b>Dist. 13</b>	1827	2613	7638	8169	8436	10295						

Sterling Moninghoff, Chairman

**8. 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.

**9. DUES INCREASE:**

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

**10. FALL COUNCIL:**

The Fall Council Meeting is being held at State Headquarters on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting is scheduled from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm with lunch scheduled from noon until 1:00 pm. Due to the space the meeting is being made available to everyone through a conference call. If you would like to be involved with the meeting the conference call number is available beginning at 9:00 am. You may join the call by calling toll-free 1-866-842-9555; you will be prompted for a pass code. At this time enter **7630688** and then press #. You will then be connected to the conference call. The conference call will not be available during the lunch scheduled from noon until 1:00 pm. You may call again to be reconnected at 1:00 pm.

**11. 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.

**12. 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.

**13. HOMECOMING HOTEL:**

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

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

## 14. HOSPITAL REPORT:

Posts listed below have **NOT** submitted a Hospital Report per State Headquarters for the period ending August 20, 2010

<b>Dist 1</b>	176	2296	9358									
<b>Dist 2</b>	1211	2894	4411									
<b>Dist 3</b>	2163	2239	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	10654	10657			
<b>Dist 4</b>	8228	8759	8902									
<b>Dist 5</b>	4165	7800	7854	8243	8467							
<b>Dist 6</b>	1444	1841	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	8184			
<b>Dist 7</b>	2123	6044	9660									
<b>Dist 8</b>	2524	3103	7728									
<b>Dist 9</b>	7136											
<b>Dist 10</b>	609	1177	5412	7916	8241	8469	9274					
<b>Dist 11</b>	452	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	8279	8479	8644	9339
<b>Dist 12</b>	5715	8979	9600	10298	10310							
<b>Dist 13</b>	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	10295					

Chris Birch, Chairman

## 15. 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.
- June 9-12, 2011                      State Convention, Richmond Room Rates \$89.00 Reservations must be made by May 8, 2011.

## 16. INSPECTIONS:

Inspection reports from Posts inspected so far indicate most posts are in pretty good shape. It appears that most Posts are aware that the Dues Reserve Fund is to be transferred to the General Fund on/about 1 July. If your Post has not done this yet, it is past time to do so, not sometime in January, or October, or March. Do it now! Those Posts which do not have By-Laws or have not incorporated are urged to continue or begin the process. And a simple reminder to those Posts which have not filed an IRS Form 990 during the past year: the deadline nears!

Fifty Posts have been reported inspected. Status as of 13 August 2010:

<b>Dist 1</b>	176	824	960	2296	5500	6002	8252	8629	9358				
<b>Dist 2</b>	392	993	1211	2894	3160	4411	4809	8545	9382				
<b>Dist 3</b>	2163	2239	4639	6364	7167	8046	8356	8529	9224				
	9501	10387	10654	10657									
<b>Dist 4</b>	2584	5313	7059	7166	7819	8048	8228	8446	8759	8902	9855	9954	
<b>Dist 5</b>	8163												
<b>Dist 6</b>	1033	1444	1841	4299	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311				
	5895	8184	9877										
<b>Dist 7</b>	621	1860	2123	2447	6044	8613	9292	9660	9760				
<b>Dist 8</b>	1811	2524	3103	9835									
<b>Dist 9</b>	6000												
<b>Dist 10</b>	609	1177	1503	3150	5412	7327	7916	8241	8469	9274	9478		
<b>Dist 11</b>	452	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	8947	10295	10546	10574			

J.Gary Wagner  
State Inspector

## 17. LEADERSHIP REFERENCE GUIDE:

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

## 18. 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.

## 19. MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades, in July, I provided copies of two sample letters to your District Commanders and requested that they be passed on to each of their respective Posts. They are designed to assist you in getting your annual members to renew their membership early or to encourage your Comrades whose membership has lapsed to reinstate their membership in our great organization. They are tools that you can use to send these Comrades a PERSONAL message from your Post instead of them just getting a form request. It lets them know that they are Comrades and not just statistics and a source of money. This is as it should be. You can use the letters by inserting your Post number and address as well as other information you think is important. Feel free to take out things in the sample letters that you do not feel are necessary or appropriate to your Post. It's just a tool that we've provided so that you don't have to start a letter from scratch if you don't want to. The main thing is that letters like these need to go out NOW!

Another very important tool that has been provided to each District Commander and each Post Commander at their VFW Webmail address is the text of a VFW brochure that discusses a Post mentoring program for newer members. It not only discusses the importance of mentoring newer members, but it makes some good suggestions on how to go about setting up a program and what areas should be covered. There are even some members who have been with us for a few years who could benefit from this program.

We hear many times that the newer members are being recruited but leave us the following year. The lack of a mentoring effort that helps them better understand how our organization works at all levels is probably one of the reasons that a lot of those newer members are doing just that. Let's get this effort moving in the right direction.

Also, football weather is approaching, and with the games comes rain, cold, sleet, snow and all those other things folks say they don't like to have around when they're recruiting. Let's get out there while the weather's still good and get these new Comrades on board. Otherwise you can pack an extra thermos of coffee like I do and take what Mother Nature sends.

If I can be of assistance in ANY regarding these and other membership issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at [cqdc1@juno.com](mailto:cqdc1@juno.com) or (703) 319-0845.

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

## 20. MILITARY WOMEN'S ADVOCACY:

August 18<sup>th</sup> was the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U. S. constitution that gave women the right to vote. The Amendment officially became part of the Constitution on August 26, 1920:

*"The rights of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. "Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."*

Fairfax County, Virginia, is the site of a very significant event in the fight for women's suffrage in the United States. In 1917, more than 120 suffragists were imprisoned in the Occoquan Workhouse, then part of the Lorton Prison complex, for picketing the White House for the right to vote. The reports of inhumane conditions, beatings and

force-feedings at the workhouse shocked the nation and became the turning point in the struggle for women's right to vote. A historical marker now identifies the site of that workhouse and the suffragists' imprisonment.

Women have come a long way since then, especially in the military services. Once considered an auxiliary providing primarily nursing and administrative support to male servicemen; female Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen now serve in nearly all military specialties, aboard most military air and water craft, and at nearly every post, base, installation, and station around the world. Military women enjoy equal pay and access to benefits, entitlements, and support services. We can thank our suffragists, whose battle began decades before the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified, and other pioneering women since then for the privilege to serve proudly, shoulder to shoulder with men, in our nation's armed forces.

Margo Sheridan  
Military Women's Advocacy Chairman

## 21. PATRIOT'S DAY:

**SEPTEMBER 11**, Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11<sup>th</sup> is designated as "Patriot Day." The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States.

## 22. POW/MIA:

**July 27, 2010**

### **DOD Announces Navy Casualty and Identifies Sailor Listed as Whereabouts Unknown**

The Department of Defense announced today the death of a sailor and the identity of another sailor listed as Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown (DUSTWUN). The announcement resulted from a July 23 incident in Logar province, Afghanistan, while the sailors were supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. **Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin McNeley**, 30, of Wheatridge, Colo., died from wounds sustained from the July 23 incident. Coalition Forces recovered his body July 25 after an extensive search. He was assigned to Assault Craft Unit One (ACU-1), San Diego. **Petty Officer 3rd Class Jarod Newlove**, 25, of Renton, Wash., is listed as DUSTWUN from the July 23 incident. Search and recovery efforts are ongoing, and the incident is under investigation.

**July 27, 2010**

### **POW/MIA RECOVERY TEAMS TO SEARCH FOR MISSING AMERICANS FROM WWII**

JPAC searches for Marines lost during The Battle of Tarawa JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii ([July 27, 2010](#)) – An archeological team from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) is scheduled to arrive in the Republic of Kiribati in early [August](#) to search for Americans still missing from World War II; notably, missing Marines who fought during The Battle of Tarawa. Up to six sites designated as areas likely to contain possible human remains and material evidence will be excavated during the month and a half-long operation. In the event human remains and/or material evidence are recovered, the findings will be analyzed by scientific experts in the hopes of making a positive identification. A positive identification can often bring closure to families whose loved ones are still missing. Falling directly under the U.S. Department of Defense, JPAC specializes in humanitarian missions. The jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists has investigated and recovered missing Americans in the Pacific region since the 1970's. Investigation and recovery teams travel annually to both Papua New Guinea and the Republic of Vanuatu in the hopes of returning fallen comrades. An investigative team and analysts from JPAC visited the island of Betio, The Republic of Kiribati, in [September 2009](#); JPAC's policy officials have worked closely with the Kiribati government since the initial visit last year. "We truly value the support we get from our friends and officials based out of Kiribati, they really understand the importance of what we do and are always willing to help," said James Darby, a senior policy officer for JPAC. To date there are approximately 74,190 unaccounted-for Americans from World War II. The exact number of U.S. remains at Tarawa is unclear; however, according to recent assessments, it is likely there are several hundred. The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and of the agencies involved in returning America's heroes home, is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans lost during the nation's past conflicts.

**July 29, 2010**

### **DOD Identifies Navy Casualty**

The Department of Defense announced today the death of a sailor who was previously listed as duty status whereabouts unknown while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. **Petty Officer 3rd Class Jarod Newlove**, 25, of Renton, Wash., died from wounds sustained from an incident in Logar province, Afghanistan, on July 23.



Coalition forces recovered his body July 28 after an extensive search. He was assigned to commander, Navy Reserve Force Command. The July 23 incident remains under investigation.

#### **August 5, 2010**

##### **POW/MIA RECOVERY & INVESTIGATION TEAMS SEARCH FOR MISSING AMERICANS**

JPAC teams search for World War II aircraft crash sites. JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Aug. 5, 2010) – Two archeological recovery teams and one investigation team from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) departed Hawaii recently for missions in the Independent State of Papua New Guinea. The more than 35-person joint field activity will be in-country for approximately 45 days to investigate and excavate several aircraft crash sites. Two recovery teams will search in the Madang and Morobe provinces at sites that are associated with the losses of more than 21 Americans missing from World War II. The investigation team will validate the authenticity of leads by conducting interviews, research, and field work in the Central and Northern provinces for 16 aircraft losses and more than 50 Americans still listed as missing in action. Falling directly under the U.S. Department of Defense, the jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists has investigated and recovered missing Americans since the 1970's. To date there are approximately 74,190 unaccounted-for Americans from World War II. The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and of the agencies involved in returning America's heroes home, is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans lost during the nation's past conflicts.

#### **August 6, 2010**

##### **Airman Missing in Action from WWII Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is **Sgt. John P. Bonnassiolle**, U.S. Army, of Oakland, Calif. He will be buried Tuesday in San Francisco.

#### **August 11, 2010**

##### **Soldiers Missing in Action from Vietnam War Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of two U.S. servicemen, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

U.S. Army **1st Lt. Paul G. Magers** of Sidney, Neb., will be buried on Aug. 27 in Laurel, Mont., and Army **Chief Warrant Officer Donald L. Wann** of Shawnee, Okla., will be buried on Aug. 21 in Fort Gibson, Okla.

#### **August 12, 2010**

##### **JPAC teams search for missing in action (MIA) service members from the Vietnam War**

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Aug. 12, 2010) – Two archeological recovery teams and three investigation teams from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) deployed to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to search for MIA's missing from the Vietnam War. About 50 JPAC team members will investigate and excavate several sites associated with Vietnam War losses. Two recovery teams will search in the Quang Binh and Quang Nam provinces at sites where three missing aircraft crewmembers **may** have perished. Three investigative teams will authenticate leads from eye witnesses and conduct field research throughout multiple provinces, searching for 59 missing Americans. The approximately 35-day long undertaking marks the 100th Joint Field Activity in Vietnam. Falling directly under the U.S. Department of Defense, the jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists has investigated and recovered missing Americans since the 1970's. To date there are about 1,700 Americans still listed as Missing in Action from the Vietnam War. The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and of the agencies involved in returning America's heroes home, is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans lost during the nation's past conflicts.

#### **August 13, 2010**

##### **Army soldier from Korea identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is **Cpl. Roy Stewart**, U.S. Army, of Jackson, Miss. His funeral will be held Tuesday at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

Joe Martin  
POW/MIA Chairman

**23. PROGRAM CHAIRMAN’S MANUAL CHANGE:**

By popular request, the program chairman’s manual (formerly “It’s About Service”) is being changed. The new individual program chairman’s manuals are now available online at [www.vfw.org](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.

**24. ROSTER CHANGES:**

Post 3782 Quartermaster  
Teddy O’Quinn  
HC 4 Box 224  
Bee, VA 24217

Post 8228 Commander  
Brian Hightower  
90 Valley St  
Clarksville, VA 23927  
Phone Number: 434-372-2082

Post 3782 Haysi  
New Meeting Day and Time  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 pm

Post 8169 Quartermaster  
Kenneth Pierce  
PO Box 185  
Keene, VA 22946  
Phone Number: 434-286-2260

Post 8228 Quartermaster  
Amos Gordon  
220 Country Manor Ln  
Skipwith, VA 23968  
Phone Number: 434-372-5730

**25. SAFETY:**

Posts listed below have ***NOT*** submitted a Safety Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> half as of August 19, 2010

<b>Dist 1</b>	6002	8629	9358								
<b>Dist 2</b>	392	1211	2894	4411	4809						
<b>Dist 3</b>	637	2163	2239	6364	8046	8356	9224	9501	10654	10657	
<b>Dist 4</b>	5313	7059	8048	8228	8759	9855	9954				
<b>Dist 5</b>	4165	7800	7854	8243	8467	10840					
<b>Dist 6</b>	1033	1444	1841	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	8184	
<b>Dist 7</b>	2123	6044	9660								
<b>Dist 8</b>	2524	3103	7589	7728	9835						
<b>Dist 9</b>	4667	7136	7568	7969							
<b>Dist 10</b>	609	1177	5412	7916	8241	8469	9274				
<b>Dist 11</b>	452	632	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	7701	7814	
	8279	8479	8644	9339							
<b>Dist 12</b>	5715	6975	7630	8979	10298	10310					
<b>Dist 13</b>	1827	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	10295				

Milton Dye, Chairman

**26. SPECIAL ORDER 345:**

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 Kenny Stevens, Membership No. 6201102, be removed from the rolls of Dickenson Memorial Post No. 8979, Clintwood, 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

## 27. **TEACHER AWARDS:**

HONORING THOSE WHO TEACH-VFW launched the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award in 1999 to recognize classroom teachers for promoting citizenship education, three teachers from each level (grades K-5, 6-8, 9-12) will be selected as national winners, Each national award teacher winner receives the Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart Award and \$1000,00, Their respective schools also receive a \$1,000,00 award, They receive a paid trip to a VFW national event to receive their award,

### **Deadlines**

November 1<sup>st</sup> - Deadline for teacher nominations at the Post. Post judging should be completed by November 15<sup>th</sup> and winners sent to District. District judging should be completed by December 15<sup>th</sup> and winners forwarded to the Department. Department judging should be completed and winners submitted to VFW National Headquarters by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Special Note: Anyone may nominate a teacher except for the teacher himself or herself. While a school official may nominate a teacher, permission from a school or district is not required.

Post chairmen must be sure to send the original nomination form, essay and official Post teacher entry form of the winner from each grade's category level - along with one-page resume, up to five pages of documentation and a good quality head and shoulders photograph from the winning teachers, Previous state and national VFW winners are not eligible.

### **Judging**

Select competent and unbiased judges, A panel of at least three to five Judges Is recommended, The VFW chairman should be present at the Judging to provide assistance but should not be one of the judges, Prior to the judging, the chairman should review all nomination forms to ensure they adhere to the rules, Make sure entry is not a self-nomination, The nominator should keep to the 350 word limit and sign the nomination,

Judges should grant points based on three criteria with the potential of 100 points as follows:

1-50 points- An innovative approach to teaching citizenship.

1-25 points - Development of resources to teach citizenship education,

1-25 points - Passion for teaching citizenship education,

### **Running the Program**

Here are some important points to remember when conducting the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Program:

- Know the program procedures and judging guidelines thoroughly,
- Develop a good working relationship with your Post's Ladies Auxiliary chairman.
- Contact schools early and make a point of explaining the importance of the program to the principal,
- Send a news release to your local media with the names of your winning teachers,
- Recognize your participants - both winners and judges - with official VFW awards (see the official VFW Emblem and Supply Department catalog for ideas),
- Send an accurate and detailed report of your competition along with your winning Post's entries to the District as soon as the competition is finished,

Your report should include the following;

- 1) Ladies Auxiliary participation
- 2) Number of schools
- 3) Total amount of money spent (Including banquet costs, gifts and citations),

### **Winning Entry Checklist**

Here's what your Post needs to have to your District by November 15th,

- a Winning Post teacher's entry form, original nomination form and essay by individual making the nomination, (Up to 350 words,)

- Teacher's one page resume (no more than two sides)
- Up to five pages (both sides) of documentation such as news articles or supervisors recommendations,
- Good quality head and shoulders photo of the teacher,

Above requirements are the same for Districts to send to the Department by December. Applications are available on the internet see Teacher of the Year Award

If anyone needs information or assistance please contact me.

Sandy MacNabb  
 Department Chairman  
 Email: [amacnabb@aol.com](mailto:amacnabb@aol.com)  
 Office 703-281-6941  
 Cell 703-965-3193

## **28. TRICARE FOR “GRAY AREA” RETIREES:**

TRICARE Retired Reserve, a new program being launched in the Fall, will allow certain "gray area" retired National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are not yet age 60, the opportunity to purchase TRICARE health coverage. Under TRICARE Retired Reserve, TRICARE Standard and Extra coverage will be available for purchase to "gray area" retirees. Other details involving specific eligibility rules, coverage and costs are still being coordinated and finalized. Potential beneficiaries who would like to be among the first to know about final details for TRICARE Retired Reserve are encouraged to sign up for e-mail updates from TRICARE by visiting the TRICARE website, [https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi\\_subscribe.html?code=USMHSTMA](https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi_subscribe.html?code=USMHSTMA)  
 -- sign up for "Benefit Changes" for "Retired National Guard and Reserve Member."

Military.com surveys found that most service members and their families are confused by TRICARE. Get the facts and latest news on TRICARE. <http://www.military.com/benefits/tricare/understanding-your-tricare-benefits>

## **29. VFW HONORS AMERICA’S TEACHERS DURING 2010-2011 PROGRAM YEAR:**

The VFW wants to recognize the nation’s top elementary, junior high and high school teachers (teaching at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America’s history, traditions and institutions effectively through the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, VFW posts, supervisors or other interested individuals (not relatives). Self-nominees are not eligible.

Based on the nominees submitted by November 1st, local VFW posts will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades, K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Posts then submit the winners’ names to their District level judging who will forward their winners to the Department (or state level) by December 15. After judging, each Department forwards the names of its winners to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest. This is part of the 2010-2011 All American Program.

VFW’s National Citizenship Education Teacher awards include: three national \$1,000 awards for the top K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses; \$1,000 award to each winning teacher’s school; plaques for both the winning teacher and school; and, an all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW and Ladies Auxiliary National Conference.

A program brochure (designed to be duplicated for distribution) can be viewed at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) under Programs and [www.vfwdepartmentresources.org](http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org) under Program Information or ordered through [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org) or calling 1-800-821-2606.

Order the Citizenship Education Teacher Recognition Citation from VFW Emblem and Supply, product #4320, <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=23980> . Present to all teachers nominated at all levels for the national award.

### 30. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

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

<b>Dist. 1</b>	6002	9358							
<b>Dist. 2</b>	392	1211	2894	4411	4809				
<b>Dist. 3</b>	637	2163	6364	8046	8356	9224	9501	10654	10657
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William J. Shepherd, Chairman

Official:



Kim A. DeShano  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



James K Martin  
State Commander

# How to Create an eMembership Account

## How long it will take to create the account:

About 2-5 minutes of your time.

## What you will need:

1. Your name
2. Your email address
3. Your VFW membership number (found on your VFW membership card)
4. Your home zip code
5. Your birth year

**Note:** If you do not have your membership card, please contact the VFW at 1-800-963-3180.

## Create your account:

1. Open your web browser (i.e., Internet Explorer)
2. Browse to the internet address <http://emem.vfw.org>
3. When eMembership opens, you should see this section in the upper left hand corner:

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### Account Login

→ [Secure Sign In](#)

→ [Create A New Account](#)

→ [Forgot Password](#)

→ [Forgot Email](#)

→ [Need Help](#)

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4. Click "Create A New Account"
5. Enter the information on the following screen:

## Create a New Account

Please complete the information below to create a new Account.

First Name:	<input type="text"/>	*
Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	*
Email:	<input type="text"/>	*
Confirm Email:	<input type="text"/>	*
Password:	<input type="text"/>	*
Confirm Password:	<input type="text"/>	*
Membership Card Number (Found on Your Membership Card):	<input type="text"/>	*
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6. When the fields are filled in – Click the "Create" button.

7. You should see the following screen to fill in:

## **Confirm your Identity**

In order to finish creating your new account, please provide the information below.

Home Zip Code:

Not a U.S./Canadian Address

Birth Year:

(YYYY)

8. Enter the required information and click the “Continue” button.
9. You should receive a confirmation email that your request had been processed.

## **Account Request Confirmation**

A PIN number has been emailed to <your email address>.  
Please check your email, then click [here](#) to complete the login process.

If you leave this site and return, you will be prompted for your PIN when you next log in.

10. Check your email – you should have a confirmation email from the VFW with a PIN number in it.
11. Click the blue word “here” on the eMembership screen in front of you.
12. You should see the following screen:

## **Confirm PIN Number**

Please confirm the following information, and enter your PIN number below.

Name:

**<Your Name>**

Email:

**<Your Email Address>**

PIN:

13. Take the PIN number from your email and enter it in the text box.
14. Click the “Submit” button.
15. If you have successfully entered the PIN number from your email - eMembership should automatically log you in.
16. If successfully logged in to eMembership, to access the VFW Leadership Reference Guide materials, click on the VFW Leadership Reference Guide button (top left hand corner just below the banner).
17. You now can navigate through each product by clicking on the item listed under the Table of Contents – By Section.

**Very good – you are done.**

# **Southern Conference Meeting 2010**

## **Sheraton Music City 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 P.M. to 12 A.M. daily, providing your favorite beverage as well as a short order menu. A shuttle from the Hotel to the Post and back will be available.**

## **Thursday, November 4th**

12:00 P.M. – 5 P.M.

TBA

5 P.M. – 11 P.M.

Registration

Practice Round of Golf

Hospitality Open

Free Time activities: Opry Mills, Bass Pro shop, General Jackson  
Dinner cruise, tour the Hermitage

## **Friday, November 5th**

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

TBA

Afternoon options

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

Registration

Golf

Same as Thursday ???

Free Time

Joint Opening Session

Memorial Service

Hospitality Open



# Southern Conference Meeting 2010

Sheraton Music City Hotel  
Nashville, Tennessee

Saturday, November 6th

**7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.**

**Breakfast**

Dept. Commanders/Aux. Presidents  
Dept. Sr. Vice Cmdr/Aux. Sr. Vice Pres  
Dept. Jr. Vice Cmdr/Aux. Jr. Vice Pres  
Dept. Quartermasters/Aux. Treasurers

**9:00 A.M. - Noon**

**Registration**

**9:00 A.M.**

**VFW Business Mtg  
Auxiliary Business Mtg**

**Noon to 4:00 P.M.**

**Hospitality Open**

**Afternoon option ?????**

**5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

**Reception**

**6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

**Banquet**

**8:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**Entertainment**



# **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**

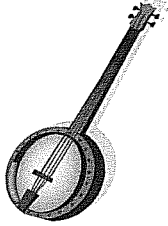
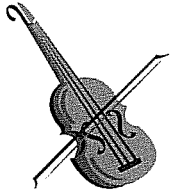
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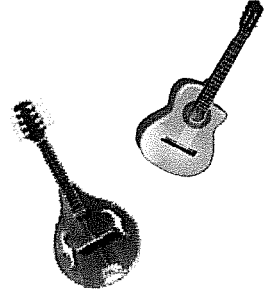
**During the fall, Nashville remains a very busy city.  
Please make your reservation early.**

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

# 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      \$65.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

(Registration at convention will be \$70.00)

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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