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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades, I wish to express my appreciation for all of the work many of you continue to do on a daily basis. A special thanks to the Posts 9835, 10387, 2719, 5895, and 2424 for obtaining or exceeding 100 percent membership. National had set a goal for all Departments to be 85% by November 30. As I write this, it appears that Virginia will not meet that goal since as of November 21 we are at 82%.

I was amazed to learn recently that the VFW number of members that did not renew last year was basically the same as the new ones recruited. In other words, one in the front door, one out the back door. Then factor in deaths which show our membership is decreasing. We can recruit, even though this year has not been the greatest so far, but we cannot retain members. To get and keep new members, we must educate the members and the community on what we do. We need to make them want to become a member and be a part of an organization that has accomplished a lot in the past.

But, we must be cautious and not get into believing that we have to do it this way because "it is the way we have always done it." Our communities, our neighbors, our members, our by-laws, all change over time. If we are doing it like we always did, we are probably doing it wrong. I have been amazed this year at the number of line officers at the Post and District levels did not know when they officially assumed office, or what their duties were. The Department had three schools of instruction this year, Bristol, South Hill and Mechanicsville. Districts should have completed their schools by now. We still have Posts "doing like we've always done it," i.e., a dozen did not file 990's when the IRS changed the rules three years ago. Now they have lost their non-profit status and some will probably lose their charter, but they were "doing it the way they always done it".

I want to thank all the Post that reported their activities for the first half. It seems that some feel that they only need to report once every six months. If that is you, then you are not honoring your Post, District, Department or National organization. You do need to turn in at least one of each if you are competing for All State or All American, but as a Post you need to report all your activities.

In the business world, I got a new leader for the division I was in. Over time, we worked and played hard together, and gained respect for each other. He had been in another division of the company which was being closed down. He later reviewed with me what he thought he had done wrong while in the other division. Briefly, he stated that he

spent too much time concentrating on the losers and not enough time on the profitable locations. He believed that if he had closed the losers, he would have had time to make the winners even more profitable. I am beginning to think the same way. Maybe we are spending too much time on the Posts that do not want to be or know how to be a VFW Post. Maybe they need to be closed and let the good ones work together to become better.

Do not forget Pearl Harbor/Remembrance Day and Wreaths Across America.

Yours in Comradeship,
Charlie Absher
Department Commander

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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| 1ST - Date: 12/3/11
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 6002, Denbigh
DAV Chapter 2, 15460 Warwick
Blvd, Newport News
Rep: Doc Crouch, PDC | 8th - Date: 1/8/12
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 7589, Manassas
9304 Centerville Road
Rep: Buddy Weekley,
Department Judge Advocate |
| 2ND - Date: 3/10/12
Lunch: Noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 4411, Franklin
32414 John Beverly Rose Drive
Rep: Tom Gimble,
Department Chief of Staff | 9th - Date: 1/15/12
Registration: 10:00 AM
Lunch: 12:00 noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 6000, Narrows
206 Hare Street
Rep: Margo Sheridan,
Department Sr. Vice Commander |
| 3RD - Date: 12/17/11
Meeting: 10 AM lunch to follow
Location: 3 rd District Headquarters
10044 Pamunkey Rd,
Mechanicsville
Rep: Margo Sheridan,
Department Sr. Vice Commander | 10th - Date: 12/4/11
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 1177, Leesburg
401 Old Waterford Rd NW
Rep: Charlie Absher,
Department Commander |
| 4TH - Date: 2/4/12
Meeting: 2:00 PM
Location: Post 7819, Crewe
Crewe Fire/Rescue Bldg US 460
Rep: Charlie Absher,
Department Commander | 11th - Date: 1/08/12
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 12:30 PM
Location: Post 2216, Staunton
212 Frontier Drive
Rep: Charlie Absher,
Department Commander |
| 5TH - Date:
Meeting:
Location: | 12th - Date: 2/25/12
Registration: 10:00 AM
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 9830, Damascus
29489 Mountain City Hwy
Rep: Margo Sheridan,
Department Sr. Vice Commander |
| 6TH - Date: 2/12/12
Meeting: 2:00 PM
Location: Bldg 5 & Chapel
VA Medical Center, Salem
Sponsored by Post 4920
Rep: Charlie Absher,
Department Commander | 13th - Date: 1/29/12
Meeting: 1:00 PM lunch to follow
Location: Post 10574, Colonial Beach
107 Hawthorne Ave
Rep: Charlie Absher,
Department Commander |
| 7th - Date: 12/11/11
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 2123, Winchester
200 Sulky Drive
Rep: Doc Crouch, PDC | |

3. ACTIVE 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.

4. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

Annual members are reminded that their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States expires December 31, 2011, unless their 2012 dues are paid and reported to National Headquarters. Every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and also sign up new and reinstated members prior to January 1, 2012.

5. AUDITS:

Comrades to view whether your Post has submitted an Audit Report you will have to visit the Department website (www.vfwva.org).

We update the website weekly usually on Friday. We hope this will eliminate the confusion of whether or not your Post has been credited with submitting a report. Due to the delay of printing and mailing the monthly General Orders, sometimes, the information is over 3 weeks old in the General Orders. If you have any questions please call State Headquarters.

6. CLOSINGS:

State Headquarters will be closed December 26, 2011 for Christmas.

7. COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Comrades to view whether your Post has submitted an Americanism, Community Service, Safety, Youth or Hospital report you will have to visit the Department website (www.vfwva.org).

We update the website weekly usually on Friday. We hope this will eliminate the confusion of whether or not your Post has been credited with submitting a report. Due to the delay of printing and mailing the monthly General Orders, sometimes, the information is over 3 weeks old in the General Orders. If you have any questions please call State Headquarters.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING:

Recent conclusion of the twelve-month Community Service reporting period seems to have revealed that too many Posts are not clear on the manner in which community service hours and dollars should be reported.

Twice each year, in December and June, VFW Departments file a report with the VFW Programs office regarding community service activities listed by Post.

When the Post reports to the Department, they should list the hours of community service performed by the Post, affiliated Cootie Scratch, Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the VFW, Men's Auxiliary and Junior Girls for that reporting period. Only volunteer service hours benefiting the community are to be reported. Volunteer hours committed to projects and activities benefiting the Post and the affiliated units listed above cannot be reported.

The money that should be reported are the dollars donated or expended in the performance of the community service hours reported, plus \$.14 per mile for each mile driven by the volunteers.

Posts should not report any figures derived from the value of hours worked.

9. FLAG AT HALF-STAFF:

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

10. GENERAL ORDERS:

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

11. GOOD SEARCH AND GOOD SHOP:

As the 2011 Holiday Season Approaches – Please remember you can help raise money for veterans by using www.goodsearch.com and www.goodshop.com this holiday season and every day of the year. To help VFW raise money, all you have to do is go to www.goodsearch.com and choose Veterans of Foreign Wars – VFW (Kansas City) as the organization you "GoodSearch" for, and search away! Every search you perform raises money for VFW! GoodShop by GoodSearch works the same way. For every item purchased through GoodShop, VFW will get a portion of the purchase price as a donation. Check it out today!

12. HOMELESS REPORTS:

There will be no form for Homeless when reporting for assistance to a homeless veteran please put it on a Community Activity report under aid to others.

13. IMPORTANT DATES:

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| November 3-6, 2011 | Southern Conference, Mobile, AL |
| January 20-22, 2012 | Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$68.00. The deadline for reservations is December 28, 2011, to insure group rates. Call 800-227-6963. |
| June 7-10, 2012 | State Convention, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$85.00. The deadline for reservations is May 16, 2012, to insure group rates. Call 800-227-6963. |

14. IRS:

Organizations exempt from income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code are generally required to file Form 990 by the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of their accounting fiscal year. For the 2010 Tax Year (tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010), if the organization's annual gross receipts are normally more than \$50,000, the organization must file Form 990 or 990-EZ. Small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard. There is no penalty assessment for late filling the e-Postcard, but an organization that fails to file required information returns for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the organization's tax exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year.

Gross receipts are considered to be normally less than \$50,000 if the organization:

1. Has been in existence for 1 year or less and received, or donors have pledged to give, \$75,000 or less during its first taxable year;
2. Has been in existence between 1 and 3 years and averaged \$60,000 or less in gross receipts during each of its first two tax years; and
3. Is at least 3 years old and averaged \$50,000 or less in gross receipts for the immediately preceding 3 tax years (including the year for which the calculations are being made).

If annual gross receipts are normally more than \$50,000, the organization must file Form 990 or 990-EZ. For the 2010 Tax Year, if an organization has gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000, it may file form 990-EZ. However, if either gross receipts or total assets are above those limits, Form 990 must be filed.

For purposes of filing requirements, gross receipts include: total contributions; gifts and grants; program service revenue; membership dues and assessments; gross investment income (including interest, dividends, gross rents, and other investment income); gross income from the sale of assets other than inventory; gross income from special fundraising events; gross sales net of return allowances; and any other revenue.

IRS regulations require that all tax-exempt organizations make both their Application for Exemption and 990's for the last three years available for public inspection at their principal office and provide copies in response to written requests, subject to the payment of reasonable fees. There are substantial penalties for violation of these regulations.

15. MEMBERSHIP:

We are coming up on the holidays and things are still not looking good Comrades. We are lagging far behind in the number of our annual members who have gotten around to renewing their dues. Communicating with all our members now and year around is a key element in keeping these Comrades in our ranks. If they don't hear from the Post they may well think that you don't care about anything but their money once a year. They need to be made aware that their membership is important and that are a part of the team.

It's getting a little late in the year to be writing them a letter although an e-mail might do some good (can't hurt). We need to start phoning these Comrades or if they live in the local area drop by and pay them a visit. Maybe they've just forgotten to renew their membership or they might be having problems that keep them from renewing. You won't know unless you communicate with them. It does us no good at all to recruit new members when a larger number of our Comrades are going out the back door. Post officer, not just the Commander and Quartermaster, need to start contacting their members NOW!

If I can be of assistance please contact me at cgdc1@juno.com or (703) 319-0845.

C. D. "Doc" Crouch
Membership Committee

16. PATRIOT'S PEN GUIDELINES:

2011-2012
Patriot's Pen Reporting Dates
6TH through 8th Grade Students
Theme: "Are You Proud Of Your Country?"

Student Entry:	Deadline: November 1, 2011
Complete Post Judging:	Deadline: November 15, 2011
Complete District Judging:	Deadline: December 15, 2011

Awards to be given to Department Winner at Winter Council Meeting

All District winners' Essays and District forms must be mailed and received by Don Hall, Department Patriot's Pen Co-Chairman, Department Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Hwy, Staunton, VA 24401, by Saturday December 30, 2011.

Note: Posts can only submit one (1) winner to the District for judging. This is a change from previous years by the National Programs Director.

Be sure you send **ALL** of the District Information that is needed, the Official Student Entry Form, Typed Student Essay, Photo of the District Winner and District Reporting forms. If this information is not received as requested according to the guidelines, your District winner will be disqualified.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Department Judging will be held on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Department Headquarters, Staunton, VA.

Patriot's Pen Department Awards:

- 1st Place: Student will receive \$500.00 and be expected to attend the Winter Council Meeting in Williamsburg, VA on January 21, 2012 to read their entry and receive the award. The student will also receive a check for \$200.00 from the Department of Virginia Commander's Club.
- 2nd Place: Will receive \$300.00 which the Department will mail.
- 3rd Place: Will receive \$200.00 which the Department will mail.

Each Post/Auxiliary that participates in the Patriot's Pen Program will receive a citation. However, the Auxiliary cannot submit entries on their own. National specifies this is a VFW Program and entries must be submitted from the Posts.

We welcome any feedback from Post and District Commanders and Chairpersons.

Don Hall, Co-Chairman
Joe Martin, Co-Chairman

17. RECRUITING:

Have you checked the weather lately? Those nice summer and fall days are gone and the Hawk is coming. It's going to be harder to get volunteers to stand outside and try to recruit new members unless there's a lot of hot coffee or cocoa. Even then there's going to be a lot of wailing and gnashing of teeth. I know this for a fact because if they're not helping to recruit in nice weather, why would they want to do it when it's cold and maybe wet. Like it or not though recruiting still needs to be and has to be done year around.

I've also heard from some Comrades that they can't recruit because they don't have a base close to the Post or that they don't have a big Wal-Mart. Do you have a National Guard Armory in the area? Where do the local folks buy their groceries? Where do they shop for other things? Do you take an application with you when you attend meetings of other organizations that you support? Did you take any applications and VFW literature with you when you were out distributing Buddy Poppys?

Every time you step out your front door you will probably have a recruiting opportunity. Carry an application or two in your pocket and don't be afraid to ask folks if they've ever been in the armed forces.

If you have any questions or need help please contact me at cqdc1@juno.com or (703) 319-0845.

C. D. "Doc" Crouch
Membership

18. RESOLUTIONS ONLINE:

All VFW members can now obtain resolutions and bylaw amendments approved at the latest VFW national convention. By creating an account at VFW's website—www.vfw.org—with a valid member number, our members can know exactly where the organization stands on a multitude of issues.

Once on the home page, simply click "Login" to get started. Then click "Create an Account." You will need to supply your name, member number, e-mail address and establish a password. At that point you will be logged on to "My VFW," and you can access approved bylaw amendments and resolutions.

Resolutions define VFW's official position on issues that affect all veterans. Our bylaws, on the other hand, deal with strictly internal VFW matters, such as selecting new officers and rules for disciplinary actions.

During two days of deliberation in San Antonio at the 112th National Convention, delegates considered 96 resolutions and 51 amendments to our bylaws and *Manual of Procedure*. After debating the issues, they approved 74 resolutions and 24 amendments.

The majority of the resolutions pertained to Veterans Service topics. A total of 47 were introduced, of which 40 were approved. National Security and Foreign Affairs issues were the basis for 35 resolutions. The vast majority, 31, were approved.

Nine general resolutions, dealing with issues like VFW's support for adopting the Girl Scouts as a youth activity, were introduced. Three were approved.

All five resolutions regarding VFW's finances and internal organization were rejected in favor of approving bylaw amendment B-1, which will institute "subscription dues" no later than January 2014.

All members should know that proposed resolutions and bylaws can originate at all levels of the organization. If approved at Department conventions, they are then considered at the national convention.

Once approved at the national convention—VFW's supreme governing body—they become the organization's "marching orders" for the upcoming year.

19. ROSTER CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES:

New State Service Officer
Mark Marth
14631 Minnieville Road
Dale City, VA 22193
571-201-4221

Pro Tem Quartermaster District 9
Richard Lewis
4479 Old Bridle Creek Drive
Independence, VA 24348
276-579-2037

New Jr. Vice Commander District 4
Paul Blythe
12210 Genito Road
Amelia Court House, VA 23002
804-561-4446

New Jr. Vice Commander VFW 10654
Monaizo Mumford
3308 Jeter Ave
Richmond, VA 23222
804-321-5778

New Adjutant District 4
Clyde Hamlin
2278 Hubbard Road
Rice, VA 23966
434-392-3236

20. SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING:

There will be Service Officer training in Williamsburg on Saturday, January 21st from 9 am to 4 pm.

21. SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS:

From: Clowser, Cheryl L Mrs CIV USA DCS G-2

Subject: DD 214 Increased Social Security Benefits for Vets DD 214 Increased Social Security Benefits for Vets DD FORM 214 -- EXTRA SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT for those with active duty between January 1957 and 31 December 2001

See the web site & notes below to possibly increase your Social Security Benefits.

DD FORM 214 -- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT Please share this with anyone who had active duty service between January 1957 to December 31, 2001, and planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with 1 January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement.

You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

Social Security website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001.

FYI - this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it! We've all been on active duty between 1957 and 2001 or know someone who has.

Passing on good information for all you military folks when you apply for social security.

22. STATE CONVENTION:

The State Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA on June 7-10, 2012.

23. TEACHER OF THE YEAR GUIDELINES:

ATTENTION DISTRICT COMMANDERS

**DON'T MISS THE DEADLINES FOR THE TEACHER OF THE YEAR
IF YOU MISSED RECEIVING ANY OF THE FORMS CALL OR E-MAIL ME AND I WILL SEND IT OUT TO YOU.**

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE USA 2011-2012 CITIZEN EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

DO NOT MISS ANY OF THESE REQUIREMENTS

- The **original** signed nomination form,
- Signed copy of Post Teacher Entry Form
- A statement describing why you feel your nominee should be selected for the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.
- The official Post teacher entry form of the winner from each grade's category,
- A one page resume,
- Up to five pages of supporting documentation,
- A good quality head and shoulders photograph from the winning teachers.
- Previous State and National VFW winners are not eligible.

2011-2012 CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM:

DEADLINES: ATTENTION ATTENTION

<u>November 1, 2011</u>	Nominations submitted to Post
<u>November 2, 2011</u>	Begin Post judging.
<u>November 15, 2011</u>	Post judging completed and submitted to District
<u>December 15, 2011</u>	District judging completed and submitted to Department
<u>December 16, 2011</u>	Departmental judging to select State wide winner

WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR ENTRIES BY DECEMBER 15, 2011 IF YOU WANT THEM TO BE JUDGED. SEND TO Sandy MacNabb, TEACHER AWARDS Department Chairman, 10600 Sunlit Road, Oakton, Virginia 22124-1633

ANY QUESTIONS CALL 703-281-6941 OR (mobile) 703-965-3195 or email:amacnabb@aol.com

24. TELEVISION RAFFLE:

Support VFW programs and purchase your TV raffle tickets \$1.00 each or 11 tickets for \$10.00. The drawing will be held during the Winter Council Banquet in Williamsburg on January 21, 2012 at 9 pm. Contact your Post or District Commander for tickets. All tickets sold should be received at Department Headquarters by January 17th or brought to Winter Council.

- **1st prize-Toshiba 55 inch LCD/Flat Screen TV**
- **2nd prize- Toshiba 46 inch LCD/Flat Screen TV**
- **3rd prize- Toshiba 40 inch LCD/Flat Screen TV**

25. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY GUIDELINES:

2011-2012

Voice of Democracy Program Reporting Dates
9th through 12th Grade Students

Theme: "Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?"

Student Entry	Deadline: November 1, 2011
Complete Post Judging	Deadline: November 15, 2011
Complete District Judging	Deadline: December 6, 2011
Awards to be given to Department Winner Winter Council Meeting (01-21-12)	

The District Winner must be mailed and received by Earle (Buddy) P. Weekley, Jr., Department Voice of Democracy Chairman, 595 Bowman Road, Dayton, VA 22821 by **Saturday, December 12, 2011**.

No exceptions!

Be sure you send all of the District information that is needed. This means the Official Student Entry Form, a Typed Script and Recorded Cassette/CD and a photo of District Winner. I suggest that if any way possible you submit a CD for judging. Your local radio station or school will be happy to do this. If you do not have the District information that is requested according to the guidelines, your District winner will not be eligible. **Also, you must complete the District Chairman Report Form (which you received from National Headquarters in November) and send to me by January 9, 2012.** National Headquarters will obtain all other information from the Department winning student.

Department Judging will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Myers-Hodges VFW Post 8644 in Bridgewater, Virginia.

Voice of Democracy Department Awards:

1st Place Winner Student will receive \$1,000.00 and be expected to attend the Winter Council Meeting to be held in Williamsburg on January 21, 2012, to read their entry and receive this award. In addition, student will receive a check for \$500.00 from the Department of Virginia Commanders Club.

2nd Place Winner will receive \$600.00 which the Department will mail

3rd Place Winner will receive \$400.00 which the Department will mail

Each Post that participates in the Voice of Democracy Program will receive a Citation.

The Post that sponsors the Department's 1st Place Winner will be awarded the Clarence E. Kelley Memorial Voice of Democracy Trophy and will be presented at the Awards Ceremony at the Department Convention in June 2012.

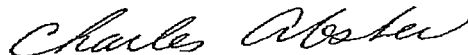
Earle P. (Buddy) Weekley, Jr.,
VFW Chairman

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Charles Absher
State Commander

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND
LADIES AUXILIARY

Winter Council of Administration Meeting
January 20 - January 22, 2012
Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder
Williamsburg, Virginia
1-800-227-6963

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012

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

BANQUET TICKETS: \$45.00

Includes Reception and Banquet. THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE.

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE.

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

(Tentative schedule subject to change)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 7th

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 20-22, 2012

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

(Group Rate Deadline is December 28th)

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:

Braised Beef Short Ribs

~or~

Braised Chicken with Herbed Cream Sauce

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 13, 2012 (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:

Name: _____	Post _____	Aux _____	Food Choice: (circle) Beef or Chicken
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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

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