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- Budget
- Health Care
- Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs
- Education, Employment and Transition Assistance
- Military Quality of Life
- National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/ MIA

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YOU FOUGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY. NOW JOIN US IN THE FIGHT FOR VETERANS.

We understand the unique bond you share with other veterans of overseas conflicts because we, too, have been there. No matter which conflict called you to service, we invite you to join us as we continue to fight for all that's good FOR VETERANS.



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PACIFIC TIMES VISION

Hello Comrades,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of The Pacific Times. We hope you enjoy the new look and today's content as well as articles and photos that will be included in future editions. Our goal is to spotlight outstanding members, posts, districts, and events that would be of interest to our comrades. Photos are always appreciated.

If you have suggestions how we can improve the newsletter or any other idea you may have on how we can better serve our veterans here in the Pacific, we will include it in the section dedicated to letters to the editor.

The plan is to also provide important news that affects veterans and their families, provide updates to VFW initiatives and programs and in general keep our over 12,000 members informed on issues that matter to all of us.

You may not see the traditional spreadsheets outlining CSRs, All State requirements, or QM issues; however, all that information will be available on our new website <https://vfwpacific.org/>.

The DPA Public Relations Chairman Leon Ellison Emanosan@gmail.com will be coordinating content for the Pacific Times as well as our Web Master and Interim Editor Alan (Augie) Augustine AugieSr@gmail.com. If anyone is interested in the position of the Pacific Times Editor please let me know.

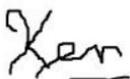
If you haven't had a chance to check out our new website go to: <https://vfwpacific.org/>. I remind you all you to check your Junk mail folder for **VFWPacific** content and mark it as Not Spam. Speaking of our new website please do check it out, lots of good information regarding our programs, resources, and of course you are an Officer you can access your official email through the site.

Our plan is for the newsletter to be sent via email to your in-box and to appear on the website as well.

Hope you are all staying safe. Although this pandemic is causing challenges for all of us, we will persevere and continue to always assist veterans and their families.

All the best to you and your family,
and remember: **VETERANS Are Our BUSINESS**

Yours in comradeship,



Kenneth A. Stein
Commander
Department of Pacific Areas



In the SPOTLIGHT

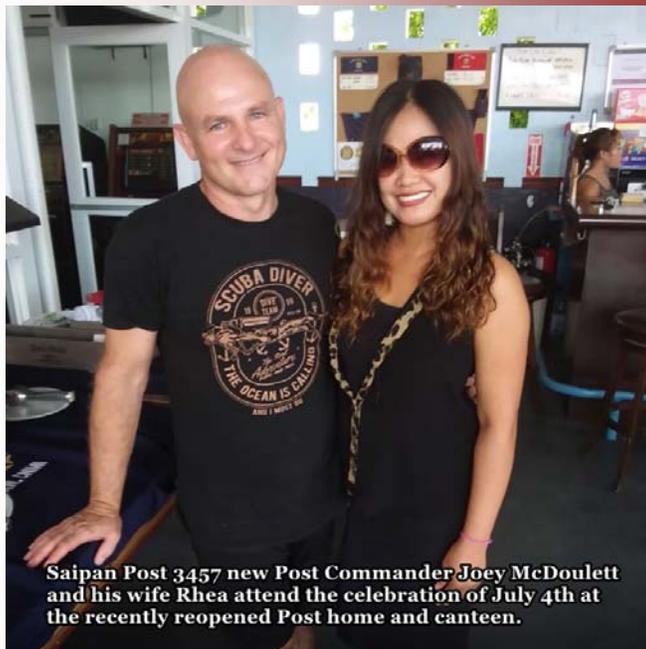
Today members of Post 8180 had the honor of being part of the first leg of our fallen Comrades trip home after 70 years. Your war is finally over...

God Bless you for your service
And safe journey home...

Welcome Home Brother...

June 25th 1950 - June 26th 2020

REST IN PEACE



Saipan Post 3457 new Post Commander Joey McDoulett and his wife Rhea attend the celebration of July 4th at the recently reopened Post home and canteen.



Post 8180 Colonel Lewis L. Millett Hill 180 Memorial Osan AB, Songtan, Pyeongtaek, Korea - Ericka Rollins during her induction. Ericka was presented her VFW coin and Cross of Malta lapel pin.

In the SPOTLIGHT

Post Senior Vice Commander David Mason has stepped up and #StillServing to help others and our community

Between March and June 2020, at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Philippines government imposed strict travel restrictions on people and material, which negatively impacted everyone in country. David Mason answered the call to assist the VA and FPO when he personally secured transportation passes every week from the Angeles City Mayor's Office to permit the delivery of essential VA meds and FPO mail during the three-month lock-down period.

On 10 May 2020, Angeles City Mayor Carmelo Lazatin Jr. posted on the City Information Office (CIO) Angeles City, a "Thank You" notice to VFW Post 2485, after Commander Eric Zariello and Sr. Vice Commander David Mason arranged to have ice cream and 25 cakes delivered on Mother's Day to women who were quarantined at the Angeles City Quarantine Center. When it was discovered they had no laundry facilities at the center, David Mason took their laundry home to be cleaned and returned.

David Mason's commitment to helping veterans is immense and enduring, during the pandemic he has taken on the responsibility to arrange for 24/7 home care for two veterans who have no family or close friends to care for them and two veterans who are in-custody at the provincial jail with no relatives in country to help.

David Mason is originally from Tucson, Arizona where he put himself through college working as an ambulance paramedic. After graduating from the University of Arizona with a degree in Aerospace Engineering, he entered the U.S. Air Force in 1978 and earned his pilot wings in 1981. He went on to fly the O-2A Skymaster, OV-10A Bronco, F-4E Phantom II and C-5 Galaxy. In 1983 he earned his Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal during Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada. In 1989 he participated in Operation Just Cause in Panama and Operation Desert Storm in 1990-1991. In his 36 years as a military and commercial pilot, he has logged 17,850 flying hours.

David Mason is a true patriot, very caring, helpful and a real blessing to our Post, to veterans and our community.



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Manila, Philippines

June 2, 2020

AMBASSADOR

Mr. David Mason
VFW Post 2485 Angeles
PSC 517, Box 4946 R
FPO, AP 96517

Dear Mr. Mason:

On behalf of the U.S. Embassy in Manila, I would like to express our sincerest gratitude for your commitment to our U.S. veterans during this extraordinarily difficult time.

Your assistance secured transportation passes from Angeles City Mayor Carmelo G Lazatin, Jr. and ensured that hundreds of U.S. veterans continued to receive Fleet Post Office mail and U.S. Veterans Affairs prescribed medications despite disruptions to the local postal system.

Thank you for supporting our U.S. veteran community in the Philippines.

Sincerely,

Sung Y. Kim

Thank you

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR
OF THE UNITED STATES POST 2485**

**Commander Eric Zariello
and Vice Commander David Mason**

Mula sa Puso ng mga frontliners,
volunteer workers at mga health professional
Angeleños. Maraming Salamat Po!

Mayor Carmelo 'Pogi' Lazatin, Jr.

f t i @lungsoodngangeles

In the SPOTLIGHT

Ban Chang Utapao VFW Post 12146

Helping those in need affected by COVID-19

The country of Thailand was affected by the Corona Virus as was the rest of the world, though the number of people infected never reached 4000 people and the number of people that died was 58 total, millions were out of work and out of income as the Thai Government closed many businesses starting March 18, 2020. The snowball effect was those out of business had no money to spend, thus not needing transportation, which snowballed into less and less people being able to get the simplest of things, food and water.

Commander Cooperman and Members of VFW Post 9876 started coordinating efforts, contacting friends for donations of money and nonperishable food items for those less fortunate. Since the beginning of April through donations from Post members and friends, Post 12146 has been able to supply food, water, milk and even candy to the little ones worth over \$16,000.00 between April and July 2020.



#StillServing

DPA SERVICE OFFICER

Greetings from your new department Service Officer,

My name is John Dibble and I am a Life Member of the VFW since 1996. I am an Army Vietnam Veteran that left the service rather than reup and return to Vietnam. My initial award from the VA in 1972 was 30% and was for 5 items, three of which were 0%. I got to 100% 30 years later. I understand the battle.

As Your department service officer, it is my responsibility to help you help our veterans and their dependents. To that end I need your help also. I am blessed to have a great administrative assistant, Mitch, when I took Office. Mitch has aided many DSO's in her tenure and has, to my good fortune, stayed the fight. You will hear from Mitch on occasion.

We have 2 projects as July begins. One is to develop a needs assessment for training. Some of you are very experienced and some are place holders (and we thank you for being involved). Part of our assessment will be derived from the second project, which is monthly reporting. Next week we will send out a reports sheet. It is the items we need from you each month. Along with that I would like your input on how it gets to us. My initial thought is through district service officers, who would then forward the combined district to me. My problem with that is I won't see which are the strong and weak posts as far as Service to the Veterans community goes. As it stands to, for the June report I know what 4 posts have done. Although you report to your Post Commander, I do not get that report and with the ones I got, the manner of reporting was different. Mitch has created a simple half page report that tells us what we need. You will receive it soon.

Suggestions are desired from all, I have heard from 3 so far. I hate to add another form but as an inexperienced service officer I had no idea what to report and basically it was in the form of "2 vets and 2 widows" and even that did not get to the DSO's office.

Finally, a hint some of you probably know already. The latest "Guide for Post Service Officers" (and other VFW guides) is available in digital form on Amazon Kindle books for \$5.80 – you buy it once but you can download the free kindle reader software as many times as you wish and purchased once, the guide on every device you own. I have the guide for post service officers on my Kindle reader, my desktop, my tablet and my phone. I also have the "2020 Manual of Procedure" (for another \$5.80) on all 4 devices. Stuck in traffic in a taxi and bored? Read a chapter.

I look forward to meeting you all.

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John Dibble DSODPA

<https://www.amazon.com/Service-Officer-Guide-Book-36th-ebook/dp/B07DJNWLQ3>



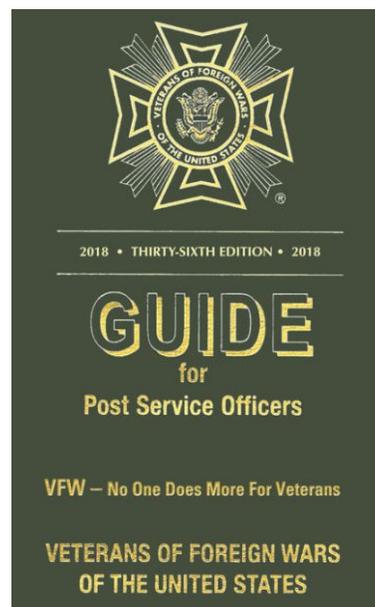
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DPA Service Officer

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIVE DATES



On September 2, 1945, a formal surrender ceremony was performed in Tokyo Bay, Japan, aboard the battleship USS Missouri.



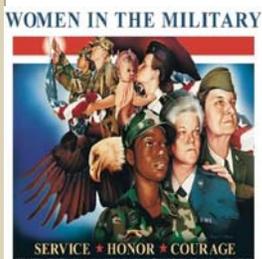
Patriot Day occurs on September 11 of each year in memory of the people killed in the September 11 attacks of the year 2001.



18 September 2020 The United States' National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year. Many Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.



9 October 2020 Operation Enduring Freedom was the official name used by the U.S. government for the Global War on Terrorism. On October 7, 2001, in response to the September 11 attacks, President George W. Bush announced that air-strikes targeting Al Qaeda and the Taliban had begun in Afghanistan



October 18 - Recognition of Women in the Military
Women have been a part of the war effort since the Revolutionary War. As the weapons and methods of warfare changed in the late 20th century, the Pentagon began to realize that gender matters less on the battlefield.



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades,

First of all, I would like to echo Department Commander's Stein comment and welcome you the inaugural edition of the Pacific Times. We are hoping that a fresh approach to the Newsletter will encourage more inputs from our Districts and Posts. We want the Newsletter to reflect on **"YOU"** our members and the great work you consistently perform within our Department.

This year I will be the point of contact for the Membership Program and Veterans Assist Grant (VAG) Request.

For the Membership Program, everyone is encouraged to go to our National Website at <https://vfw.org/> (if you have not registered). If you click on "My VFW" you will see Membership Quick Links. There is a plethora of information to keep you informed at your fingertips. If you want to see how your Post or District is doing, you can find out here. Annually July 1st is the beginning of the new VFW Term and the numbers of last year are no longer on the website. Again this year, there will not be an amnesty program. So whatever your Post showed as of June 30th will be your target to reach 100% this year. If you go to vfw.org now, do not worry when you see the low numbers posted on the site. It is only reflected your annual members who paid after July 1st. After National does their review, a significant change to your Post numbers will be reflected to include your Life Members.

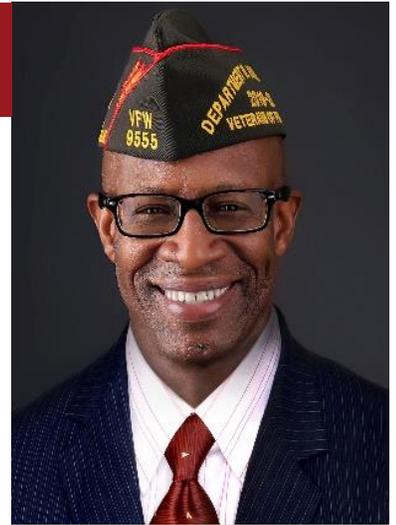
If a Post would like to make a VAG request, please go the vfwpacific.org click on "Programs" on the upper bar and then click on "Veteran Assist Grant Request" for more information and the Request Form. The purpose of this Program is to assist a veteran who becomes burdened with medical bills or other emergencies. The request should come from the Post Commander or the Acting (in his/her absence). Please complete the Form and return to me promptly at svcdpa@vfwpacific.org. There will be a quick turnout to inform you whether or not the request was approved/disapproved. A change for this year is the Voting Committee consists of the DPA SVC, DPA JVC, DPA QM, DPA COS, DPA IPDPA CMDR, DPA ADJ. Voting is done by email.

In closing, I am looking forward to another exciting and great year for our Department. Working together we will ensure that we make good on our theme of **"VETERANS Are Our BUSINESS"** along with our families and communities. Please continue to be safe and check on each other especially our older Veterans.

Again I can be reached at svcdpa@vfwpacific.org and I stand by to assist whenever possible. Wishing you all the best to you and yours. May god continue to bless our great country and our people!! I love you all!!!

Yours in Comradeship,

Kevin E. Mitchell
Senior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Areas



It is an honor to serve as the Department Senior Vice Commander (SVC) for the 2020-21 Term.

I encourage all District and Post SVC's to go to our new DPA Website at <https://vfwpacific.org/>, click on "Programs" on the upper bar and then click on "DPA Membership Program." There it has our DPA 2020-21 Membership Program and good need to know information.

Please check your Junk or Spam mail folder for an email from:

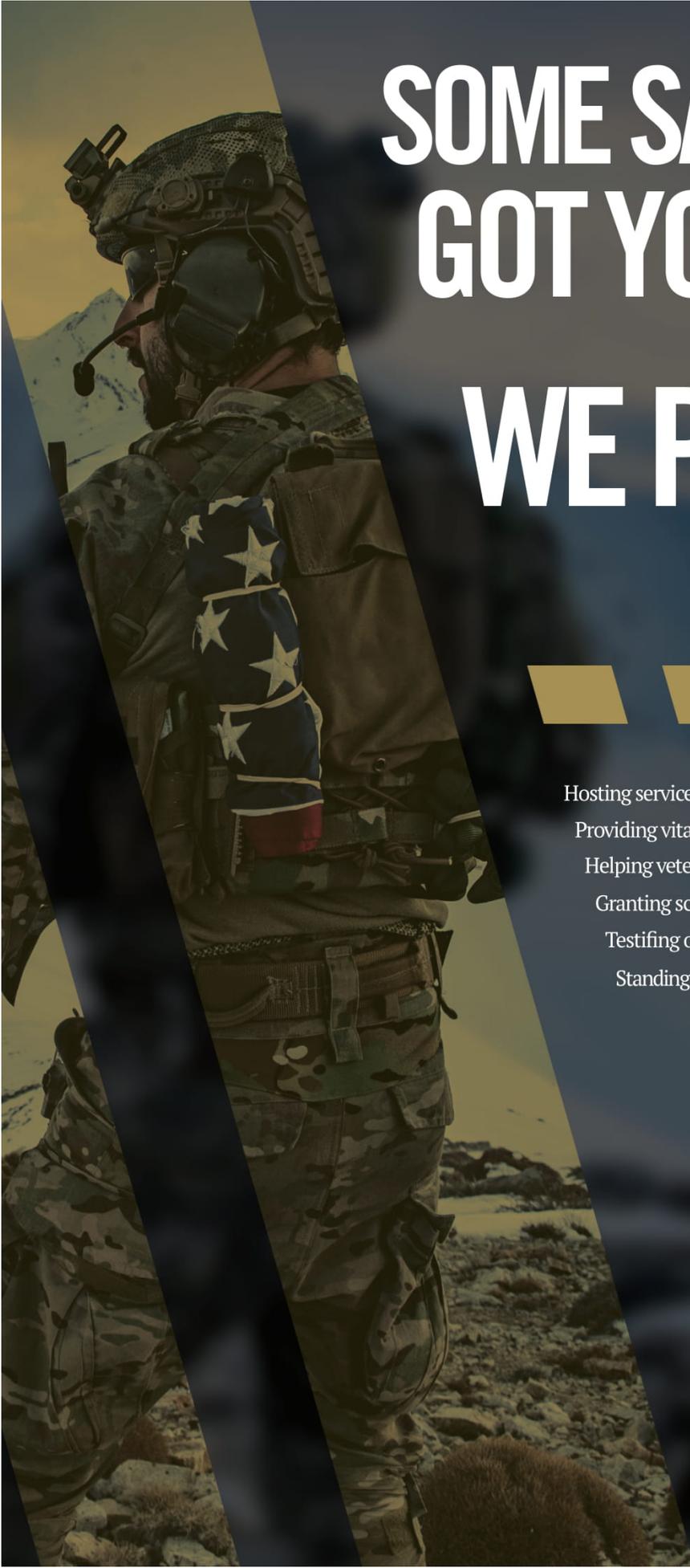
[VFWPacific](https://vfwpacific.org/) or

AugieSr@gmail.com

and accept it as not Junk or Spam mail.



On a sad note, the Department loss Past Department Commander **Thomas I. Elliott** on/about the 1st of the month. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



SOME SAY THEY'VE GOT YOUR BACK. WE PROVE IT.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW WAYS:

- Hosting service members and their families at morale-boosting events
- Providing vital financial assistance to military families in need
- Helping veterans recoup their earned benefits from the VA
- Granting scholarships to student veterans for higher education
- Testifying on Capitol Hill, leading the way for veterans legislation
- Standing – for 120 years – at the forefront in the battle

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NATIONAL RECRUITER

Greetings Comrades of the Pacific,

As of 2400 hrs. on 30 June we turned a new page in the history of the Department of Pacific Areas. We closed out a VFW year haunted by COVID 19. However, as the norm we in the Department of Pacific have become accustomed to adapt and overcome. In doing so we brought Commander Rick and the Department to another All American year. Even with National lowering the bar for Department All American we stood tall and finished out the year crossing the 12,000 member mark and ending up at 101.33%! This made Commander Rick our newest Triple Crown recipient!

This would not have been possible without our recruiters we finished out the year with over 125 recruiters, so my hat goes off to the recruiters that recruited 1 to the highest recruiter and for those who found the members and had them renew their membership for it takes Team Pacific to make this happen and we did that again this past year.

In doing this they also made their Post's and Districts All State and some All American. We finished out the year with 3 All American Districts and they are District 2, Commander William Russel, District 3, Commander Jeff Birkle and District 5, Commander Randy Riggs. We also had 7 Post's make All American and they are Post 1054, Commander Mike Lutman, Post 8180, Commander Dave Gley, Post 12147, Commander Larry Lyons, Post 12074, Commander Carl Manchester, Post 12146, Commander Lou Holub, Post 124, Commander Joseph Bandao and Post 2485, Commander James Collins. And as I am sure all these Commanders will contest to it is not the Commander who made the Post or District or Department, All American it is its members that have done the work, supported the programs and did the recruiting. So with that in mind CONGRATS to the Pacific Areas Comrades for being All American for the year 2019/20.

The year is now 2020/21 and the new year has started. As I look at the recruiters report, so have some of our recruiters have done just that. You will not see these figures on the MEMSTATS report for it still shows last years close out. However, I see David Ingram, Pete Callaghan, Cliff Wilsey and Michael Verville already recruiting Life Members that are the back bone of our VFW Membership.

I would like to congratulate and thank Pacific Times interim editor Alan (Augie) Augustine for taking on this task of getting the "Pacific Times" out to press on its inaugural issue.

I would also would like to congratulate Ken Stein on his new position as Commander of the Department of Pacific Areas I wish him and his Team Pacific a great year knowing that **VETERANS Are Our BUSINESS**

In closing I remind you that I am only an email away. If you need any assistance for me just let me know. I can still be reached at

PDCLyons@VFWDdeptPacific.org or the new email address of

PDCLyons@VFWPacific.org

Yours Always in Comradeship

Larry Lyons
Certified National Recruiter
Department of Pacific Areas



District Commander Winners

William Russel D2
Jeff Birkle D3
Randy Riggs D5

Post Commander Winners

Joseph Bandao Post 124
Michael Lutman Post 1054
James Collins Post 2485
David Gley Post 8081
Carl Manchester Post 12074
Louis Holub Post 12146
Laurence Lyons Post 12147



**TO RECRUIT NEW
VFW MEMBERS?
Sign One Up Today!**



WALTER DUNN/EDMUND FLAHERTY

I WANT YOU

FOR THE VFW

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades,

We have officially entered the 2020-2021 year for the DPA. It is my honor to assume the position of your JVC for this year. Unfortunately we were unable to have our convention and talk about what we need to get done for the ensuing year. However nothing has really changed, we still need to take care of our Veterans, our Post and our Districts. When we all do our jobs on those ends the jobs on the Department end will flow into place. Commanders keep an eye on your yearly checklists and set your goals. As your JVC I will be your point of contact for a few programs, here is the basics of what you need to know if you are a first time Commander, Adjutant, or Quartermaster.

CSRs: If you don't already know we have transitioned into the [NEW DPA website](https://vfwpacific.org/) <https://vfwpacific.org/> CSR inputs are easy to enter all we ask from you is to enter them. If you have an issue with one of your inputs, feel free to email me at maximus556656@gmail.com and I will do my best to resolve it. It will be easier for everyone to view entries from other Posts so you can always use them as a template. Remember there is a 3 CSR input requirement PER month. Again if you have a question on if what you did is a CSR email me. The "C" in CSR is for community, so if you are involved in your community representing the VFW then it is most likely a CSR.

AWARDS: The awards program tends to fall short every year. One reason given the most for why a Post didn't have any inputs is due to the fact they never win. Or it is always the same Posts that win. The same Posts will always win especially if your Post doesn't even put ONE in. Start TODAY, figure who has been your best and start writing. Who has been your best Outside contributor, start writing. Basically what I am saying is that if you start NOW and keep adding to it over the next 8 months then on the 9th month all you need to do it polish it up. Stop trying to remember what happened in August, just write it down in August. Post Commanders, awards will be due to your **District Commanders NLT 15 April 2021**. District Commanders, awards will be due to **ME NLT 1 May 2021**. You will be able to find all the forms you need on the DPA website.

BUDDY POPPY: Buddy Poppy's technically fall under me BUT you will need to do all your ordering through the DPA QM Shawn Watson. If you have not already heard requirements from National is to order **FIVE (5)** Buddy Poppy's per members of each Post. Get with Shawn on your orders as you can. We understand Posts have been hit hard financially due to the COVID 19. You don't need to order today just remember to order before it is too late in 2021.

Again I am happy to be on the 2020-2021 DPA Team, if you need me reach out...

Yours in Comradeship,

Warren "Max" Maxson
Junior Vice Commander



We are now using the new CSR reporting tool on our New DPA Website:

<https://vfwpacific.org/>

To enter a CSR open the site and then Click on Logon > Members Only and sign in.

Your Member ID is the Logon and your last name is the default password and is Case Sensitive: Example: Smith

Click on Community Service Reporting and enter your CSR.

To view the report Click on CSR.

ARMY SAYS "HOOOOOAH!"
MARINES SAY "OOOOORAH!"
NAVY AND CG SAY "HOOOOOYAH!"
AIR FORCE SAYS "OKEY DOKEY?"

VFW Department of Pacific Activity Reporting

Please use the form below to enter your activity.
One report for ONE activity.

Post*
 Submitter Email*
 Date of Activity*

Hours*
 Miles*
 Members*

Total Expense or Donation*
 Dollar Value (Calculated)
 Total Dollars (Calculated)

Description *

SUBMIT

Begin Date
End Date
District
Post

CSR (Year)

	DATE	HOURS	MILES	#OFMBRS	\$DONATED	\$VALUE	TOTAL EXPENSE OR DONATION	
DISTRICT 1								
POST 9723	5/13/2020 12:12:18 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	
POST 9723	5/18/2020 10:35:09 AM	1	8	1	\$0.00	\$1.12	\$1.12	JVC&SO—Made visit to PX to see how to order a meal
POST 9723	5/6/2020 6:00:00 PM	1	15	1	\$500.00	\$2.10	\$502.10	JVC paid house visit to decaese member house to pay
POST 9723	5/6/2020	1	10	1	\$0.00	\$1.40	\$1.40	JVC assisted Widow and taking her to NFUC to report
POST 9723	5/16/2020 4:26:57 PM	1	5	1	\$0.00	\$0.70	\$0.70	SO delivered personal mail to post Distress Member
POST 9723	5/22/2020 10:30:00 AM	1	10	1	\$0.00	\$1.40	\$1.40	JVC&SO Made visit to WestPacInn-to check on room c
POST 9723	5/4/2020	0	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	SO: Made phone call to member in Old Age Home to :
POST 9723	5/19/2020 11:52:14 AM	1	12	1	\$0.00	\$1.68	\$1.68	JVC&SO---Made visit to "Red Cross" to get informatio
POST 9723	5/13/2020 12:16:39 AM	1	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	SO made a call to distress member (Past Post Cmdr)
POST 9723	5/25/2020 6:38:40 PM	0	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	SO made a call to distress member (Past Post Cmdr)

CHIEF OF STAFF

Comrades,

For those Pacific Areas' members still in the depths of the COVID-19 lockdown, Commander Stein has appointed me his Chief of Staff for this year. One of the most important aspects of this position, in my view, is to keep the lines of communication open to all of our members. For it is miscommunication, poor communication, or even no communication that causes uncertainty and unrest and apathy within an organization.

In a year when Post, District and Department meetings are either cancelled or held remotely, many members are left wondering what is going on with the VFW. So I hope to fill in the gaps with these occasional columns.

The positions of Commander, Quartermaster, Service Officer and Adjutant have new WebMail email accounts, as well as various Department Officers. New webmaster "Augie" Augustine has sent the logon information to each WebMail account holder with instructions on how to log on to your new email. If you have trouble getting access email him at augiesr@gmail.com.

What you may not know is that it is very simple to forward your new email messages from the DPA site to an email address you use every day. Log in to your DPA email on the new website. At the top of the page, click "Options". Then on the left side of the page click "Mail". On the "Mail" dropdown menu, click "Redirect". Checkmark the box that says "Redirect mail to:" and type in the address you use for your everyday email. Simple as that.

Next topic is the *Pacific Times*. This is our new newsletter which is replacing the *Typhoon*. The format is also new as the *Pacific Times* hopes to concentrate more on the activities of Posts within our Department. There will still be columns like this one from DPA officers passing on information which will hopefully be of use to all of our members. The *Pacific Times* newsletter can be found under the "Resources" heading of the new DPA website. We will also email a pdf copy to each member with an email listed at National.

That brings me to an interesting observation. My Post has 330 members, most of whom do not live on Saipan. And even more who do not attend Post meetings. I suspect this is typical of the membership in our Department. As Post Adjutant, I email all 330 members every month the dates and times of our Post meeting, as well as other activities the Post may be having that particular month. I have been doing this for 8 years! What I find interesting is that over the years, fewer than 5 members have asked to be taken off the list of monthly meeting notifications. That tells me that even if those members are living far away, they took the time to join our Post and they still care about what we are doing.

Which brings me back to where I started – communication! If you keep people informed about what the VFW is doing, they will feel part of us and want to continue their membership. It works; try it.

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan



The new Department website, www.vfwpacific.org, as many other VFW Departments have done, we decided to use the site designed specifically for the VFW by an independent website consultant, Pixelbit New Media Group.

Please check your Junk or Spam mail folder for an email from VFWPacific or AugieSr@gmail.com and accept it as not Junk or Spam.

Our old website has not been deactivated and it still hosts the Grand of the Pacific website. There is a link to it from our new web site under About > MOC

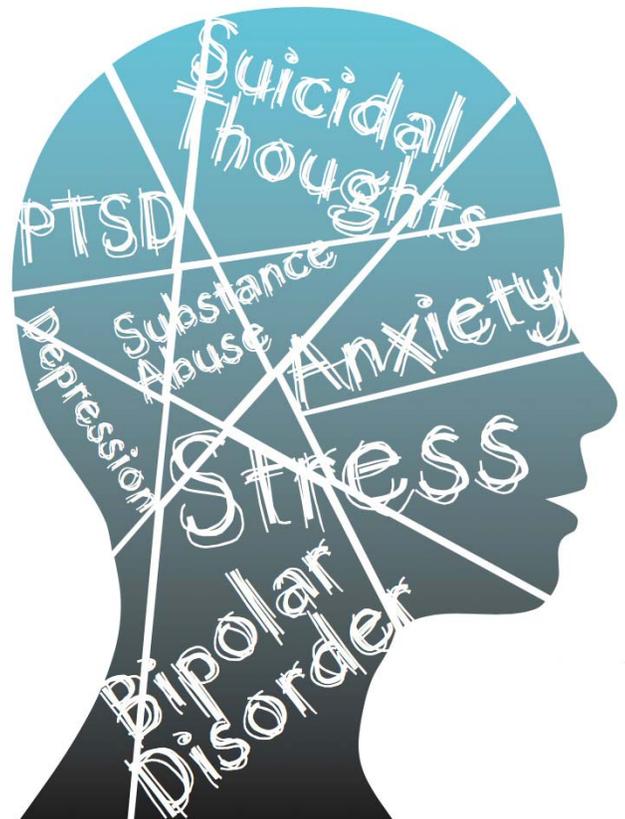
More than a few comrades are still using the email addresses associated with the old website.

Because almost all of the people associated with the old addresses have changed, emails to the old addresses may often go unanswered.

**The art of communication is
the language of leadership.**



-  changedirection
-  feeling agitated?
-  caring 4 yourself?
-  r u withdrawn?
-  not feeling like u?
-  feeling hopeless?



Your Not Alone

JUDGE ADVOCATE

Greetings Comrades,

Hope everyone had a Great Independence Day and everyone is staying safe from this COVID-19 pandemic. It sure has had an impact on the way Posts, Districts, and the Department must now operate.

Since there was no National Convention this year, I was informed that there would be no changes to the 2020 Podium Edition of the VFW Congressional Charter/Bylaws/Manual of Procedures and Rituals. However, I am certain that guidelines will be forthcoming on operating under these adverse conditions.

Nearly all VFW programs depend upon volunteers. Decisions are made by vote of the members who are informed on the subject and are carried out by volunteers elected to represent the best interests of the Post, District its members and/or the Department. There are no hard/fast set of rules to follow and without a clear understanding of fields of responsibility and the limits of authority there are going to be misunderstandings and irritations, which create dissension and detract from the purpose of the VFW.

Every member has a right to attend all meetings and has a voice in their proceedings. The Post meeting cannot take any action contrary to the National or Department By-laws or rules or in conflict with its own Bylaws.

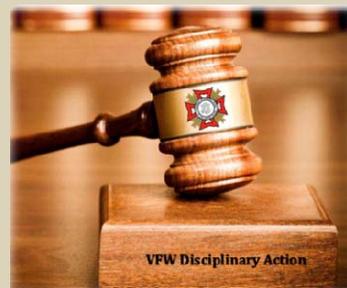
Letters and emails sent to VFW National from Post officers or individuals are answered promptly and courteously. If the response requires that a decision be rendered, the letter will be forwarded to the Department Adjutant for the consideration and decision of the Department Commander. Therefore, Your first source of information should be your Department Commander or Department Adjutant. These Officers are equipped to give you necessary information on most routine issues and common challenges.

Generally speaking, an appeal cannot be made nor will a ruling be given until after an action has actually taken place. For instance, a member cannot appeal a proposal that has not as yet been acted upon.

The decision of a Post Commander can be appealed to the District Commander. If the District Commander upholds the Post action, an appeal may then be made, through channels, to the Department Commander. If the Department Commander upholds the District action, an appeal may then be made, through channels, to the Commander-in-Chief. The right of appeal is covered in section 109 of the National bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

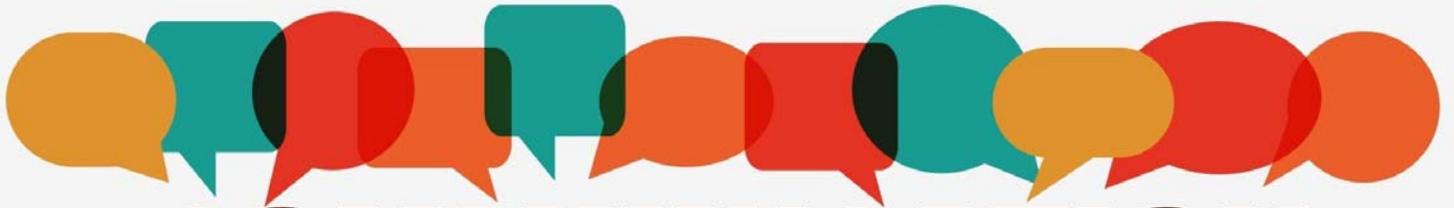


Delbert N. Marohl
Judge Advocate



“If every Post Officer were familiar with their duties and responsibilities and their limitations and carry out their duties to the best of their abilities there would be very few squabbles within a Post and few if any that would require outside intervention”.

The Judge Advocate, Post, District, Department and even the Judge Advocate General do not rule. They offer advice when asked do so by the appropriate commander.



COMMUNICATION

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will go here**

LIFE LEGACY PROGRAM

Greetings to you all,

Commander Ken has asked me to take over the Life Legacy Program after the passing of our last Chairman Bob Zaher. Thanks Bob for serving so well in this position through out the past years that you have started this program with the Department.

The Legacy Program was designed for Members to leave a "Forever Gift" to the Posts, Department and National in annual payment on their behalf. In doing so the Post and Department would receive a payment of \$6.00 for every Bronze Membership, \$12.00 for every Silver Membership and \$18.00 for every Gold Membership. This way each Post, Department and the National Headquarters will continue to able to

better serve Veterans through their unending support from these members forever.

We have made the requirement easier for Post and District this year that for the All State program you only need to increase your Legacy program by one Membership or one upgrade. Districts must have one new Legacy or one upgrade that equals the amount of Post's in the District.

With the long return on investments on this program the Department has decided not to have Individual, Post or District Awards program this year. However we realize it is a valuable investment for your members to insure growth and stability in your Post's for its future, helping their local veterans. This is why we have it in our All State Program.

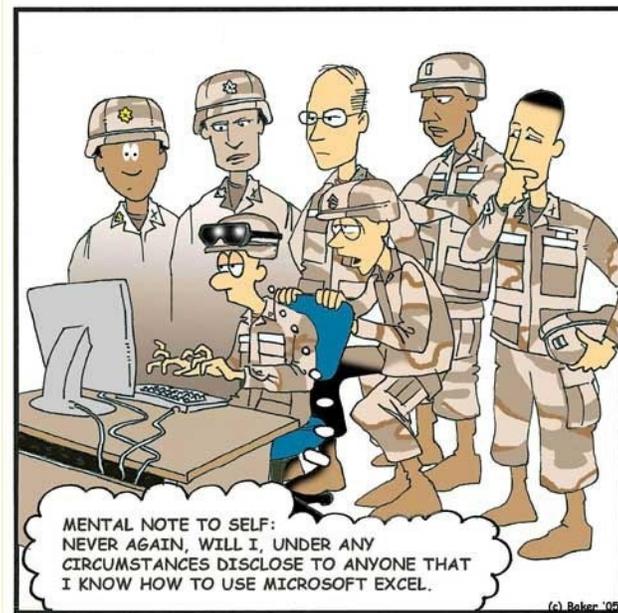
If you need any assistance from me just let me know. I can still be reached at:

PDCLyons@VFWDDeptPacific.org or the new email address of

PDCLyons@VFWPacific.org

Yours Always in Comradeship,

Larry Lyons
Life Legacy Program Chairmen
Department of Pacific Areas



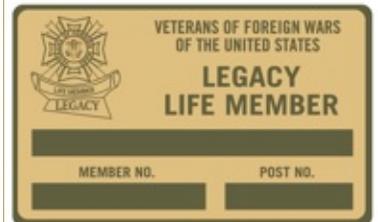
Forever Gift

Each Post and Department will receive annually:

Bronze Membership
\$6.00

Silver Membership
\$12.00

Gold Membership
\$18.00



VFW LEGACY LIFE MEMBER EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

MEMBER INCENTIVES

BRONZE

SILVER

GOLD

\$400

\$800

\$1200

Plated Engraved Legacy Life Card

Lapel Pin

Hat Pin

Distinctive VFW Store Line for Legacy Life Members

Framed Legacy Certificate

Member Recognition on Internet & Convention Program

Member Recognition at Kiosks at Memorial Building in Washington, D.C. and Museum at National Headquarters

Special Legacy Life Plaque

Hat Patch

Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza

VFW Store Discounts (for personal use only) *

Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance *

Annual Endowment: Post

Annual Endowment: Department

5%

10%

15%

\$2000

\$3500

\$5000

\$6

\$12

\$18

\$6

\$12

\$18

* does not apply to Memorial Life Legacy Membership

TAPS FALLEN COMRADES

01 Jan—30 Jun 2020

VFW POST 2485

Robert (Bob) Zaher (Past National Council Member, Past Department Commander)

Edward Guevara (USAF, Vietnam)
Brian H. Hawkins (ARMY, Vietnam)
Archie Turner Jr. (Vietnam)
Winfield M. Marvel (USAF Vietnam)
Gary Egbert,
Robert M. Sears (Vietnam)

VFW POST 8180

Francis (Frank) O'Donnell (Korea)

VFW POST 9723

Charles R. Ethridge
Ronald J. Miller
Samuel Baca
Dennis E. Provencher (USAF, Vietnam)

VFW POST 9892

Clint E. Sherbondy (SW Asia, Korea)

VFW POST 10217

Jerome W. Dotter
David K. Isbell
Albert L. Hoems
William E. Bragg

VFW POST 12074

Martin Ballard, Dean Marsh

VFW POST 12146

Dayton Robinette

VFW POST 12163

Michael Munjak (Vietnam)

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Gerald Picus
Martin V. Mc Gee
Edward E. Brown
Vernon S. Isip
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Gary D. Stone
Russell D. Large
Charles F. Johnson
James M. Gentry
Donald K. Lee
Amtpmr R. Espino
Fred L. Eure
Ronald K. Price
Gregory L. Korder
David R. Kaiser

VFW POST 8180

Kurt (Herman The German) Dressler
(World War II, Korea War, Vietnam)

Gerald E. Bailey
Clarence R. Cain
William J. Carr
Gilbert R. Danner
Lewis A. Diamond
Robert A. Draper
Charles M. Ehrhart
Dalas L. Green
Billie R. Elledge
Dennis J. Hoskinson
George W. Keck

Emanuel Lewis
Robert F. May
James A. Marshall
William A. Preston
Leonard J. Pringle
David M. Sterling
John E. Watola
Charles M. Jackson
Dewey Knox
Herman Maiden

VFW POST 9876

Robert W. Ainge
Thor Jensen

VFW POST 9951

George Quinton

VFW POST 9985

Kermit Wade
Steven Rhoades

VFW POST 10223

William M. Batey

VFW POST 10249

Ronald J. Conley
Henry C. Comerford

VFW POST 11447

Edward G. Spears
Thomas G. Stone
Richard L. McClure
Patrick T. Stevenson



“As comrade after comrade departs we march on with our ranks grown thinner. Help us to be faithful unto Thee and to one another. Look in mercy on the surviving spouses and children of our departed comrades, we beseech Thee, and with Thine own tenderness console and comfort those who are bereaved.” Amen.



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