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## “GET IT DONE”

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Veterans Day 11 November



Thanksgiving Day 22 November



Inputs for the January Typhoon  
Are due on 05 January 2018.



# *Department Officer's Comments & Department Committee Reports*

## *From the Commander:*

Comrades,

I hope this month's letter finds you in good health and doing well. We are ranked #2 in the VFW National organization in membership. We have 9 Posts and 2 Districts that are now over 100%. As of 31 October 2018, we stand at 11,218 members and have achieved a membership percentage of 95.48%. All seven of our Districts continue to be among the leaders in the Top 25 of their VFW National Division. I am so proud of you.

We are fast approaching our Mid-Term Council of Administration in Angeles City, Pampanga, RP on 7-9 December 2018. Mid-Term Chairman Bob Zaher has been working hard to once again bring you a great program. If you have not registered – please go to the DPA Website and do so as soon as possible. Deadline for online registration is 1 December 2018.

The DPA Chairmen for all of our programs have published a large amount of information about their programs on the DPA Website and Face Book Pages. We have some deadlines on VOD/PP/Teachers awards coming up for your Posts and Districts in November. Please ensure your Posts gets their entries or donations in on time. Once again, I want to emphasize there are five donations that can be done in lieu of participation. Posts can make a \$50.00 online donation to each program -- VOD/PP/Teachers Award, V&MS and to the National Home. Districts who have no participation in these programs can also make a donation of \$100.00 per program for VOD/PP/Teacher's Award and \$50 for V&MS/National Home. Please make sure you identify your donations to your Post or District to receive proper credit. Don't forget to notify the respective DPA Chairman once you are done.

By now you are probably aware that Saipan suffered severe damage due to Super Typhoon Yutu. Pete Callaghan has informed me that this is the worst storm he has ever seen in Saipan. Shawn Watson is our lead on this effort. Please reach out and help your fellow DPA Comrades. If you have any questions – contact Shawn or myself and we will be happy to provide you the necessary information on where to send your donations. I have been asked several times what impact this will have on our upcoming Department Convention in Saipan in June 2019. It is still too early to know what will happen until the damage assessments are completed. This will be a subject for discussion during the upcoming Mid-Term Council of Administration in December.

You can contact me anytime by email or F/B Messenger if you have questions or you just need to talk with me. Have a safe and happy Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Please keep working hard and let's "GET IT DONE".

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Michael R. (Mike) Verville  
Commander  
Department of Pacific Areas – 2018/2019



## ***"GET IT DONE"***

## **From the Senior Vice Commander:**

Comrades,

The months are flying by, and so is our membership counts. As of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Currently Department is at 95.48%, and climbing quickly. We now have nine Posts that have cleared the 100% mark, along with two Districts. I expect District 2 to clear 100% shortly. Keep up the recruiting. All of you have really made a difference this year.

I made the journey to Okinawa and District 1 this month. As always, it's interesting to put names to faces, and see how the different posts conduct business. They have changed meeting locations, and I think for the better, now meeting at the American Legion. I see a lot of possibilities there. I will be visiting District 3 in Korea in November. They have a great Veteran's Day event that I am really looking forward to.

On the Veterans Assistance front, we have now provided assistance to seven needy Vets, but I still have room for another 5 before my budget is depleted. Keep an eye out for those in need.

As we approach the halfway point in our year, now is the time to start. I have sent the District Commanders All-State checklists for both District and Post. As you complete them, Post and District Commanders, please email me the list, so I can confirm your status.

The Department of Pacific will have a banner year. Let's GET IT DONE!



### **Department of Pacific Areas Membership Program 2018-2019**

#### **National Direct Dues Program**

Our Department will participate in the National Direct Dues Program. This means the entire transmittal, along with the dues is sent directly to National for both annual and life memberships. The Posts will be paid their portion of the Life Membership and Annual dues from National. Contact the Department Quartermaster or Department Senior Vice Commander for assistance.

#### **VFW Online Dues Processing**

Post Quartermasters are highly encouraged to submit their dues processing using the VFW Online Membership Systems.

#### **New Post Institution Program Refund**

Any new Post instituted during the year will receive a rebate of \$6.00 from Department for each new and reinstated member listed on the final Charter Application form submitted to National. When the new Post is officially instituted and chartered – the Department Quartermaster will refund monies for those members shown on the Charter on the closing date (up to 90 days after the institution of the Post). The Life Membership stipend does not apply to the formation of a new Post.

#### **Life Membership**

Life membership recruiting is an important program and we will strive to encourage everyone to become a Life Member. We have to be sure that all new and potential life members understand how strongly the VFW supports them, other veterans and local communities. It goes without saying that without the recruiting of new members, our great organization will not be able to survive. Recruiting must begin at the Post level. It is up to each Comrade to do their part to ensure that our organization continues to grow. We have a proud legacy of leading the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America in membership recruitment throughout the years. Let's go out and show them that the best Department is right here in the Pacific Areas.

(NOTE: N/R = New or Recovered (Reinstated) Life Member)

### Membership Recruiting Reward Program Early Bird Program (Ends November 30, 2018)

#### Post and District Awards

- Posts at 100% plus 10 members will win one Life Membership or 1 Bronze Legacy Life Membership or a \$400 Stipend for its Post Membership Program.
- Districts with all posts over 100% membership will win one free Life Membership or a \$400 Stipend to use for membership recruiting.

### Regular Recruiting Program

#### Individual Recruiter Awards

- 3-5 members – Commander's Pin & DPA Pin
- 10 members - \$25.00 gift certificate
- 25 members - \$50.00 gift certificate
- 50 members - \$75.00 gift certificate
- 100 members - \$100.00 gift certificate

#### Life Member Recruiting Program (Posts)

- Posts at 500 and over members: For every 10 N/R Life Members recruited – 1 \$400 Stipend or 1 DPA paid Life Membership to be used for their membership program.
- Posts under 500 members: For every 5 N/R Life Members recruited – 1 \$400 Stipend or 1 DPA paid Life Membership to be used for their membership program.

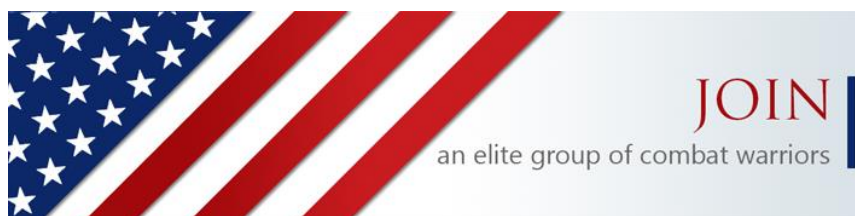
#### Legacy Life Membership Program (For the year ending 30 June 2019)

- Posts over 1,000 members: Recruit 5 New Gold Legacy Life Members - Get 1 DPA Paid Bronze Legacy Life Membership or 1 DPA Paid Legacy Life Upgrade.
- Posts 500-999: Recruit 4 New Gold Legacy Life Members - Get 1 DPA Paid Bronze Legacy Life Membership or 1 DPA Paid Legacy Life Upgrade.
- Posts under 500 members: Recruit 3 New Gold Legacy Life Members – Get 1 DPA Paid Bronze Legacy Life Membership or 1 DPA Legacy Life Upgrade.

#### Annual Member to Life Member Conversion (For the year ending 30 June 2019)

□□DPA will partner with Posts to provide a matching \$50 stipend to promote their Annual Member to Life Member Conversion Program with a \$100 combined Stipend. Posts who achieve 5 Annual Member to Life Member Conversions will be provided a \$250 Stipend.

□□Post QMs will provide an email with the names of each of the 5 converted members to the DPA QM, DPA CDR, and the DPA SVC to claim the stipend.



MEMSTATS as of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjust	Percent	Div	City	State	N/R LM	Prior	Retention	N/R %
9723	1	732	0	1	11	744	709	104.93%	2	OKINAWA	JAPAN	2	34	32.35%	0.42%
0	1	732	0	1	11	744	709	104.93%	6			2 %			0.42%
1054	2	770	0	1	6	777	772	100.64%	1	YOKOSUKA CITY	JAPAN	4	32	31.25%	0.65%
9555	2	359	0	0	3	362	361	100.27%	2	YOKOTA AFB	JAPAN	0	24	8.33%	0.00%
9612	2	492	5	1	5	503	522	96.36%	2	CAMP ZAMA	JAPAN	9	48	22.92%	2.87%
0	2	1621	5	2	14	1642	1655	99.21%	4			13 %			1.21%
8180	3	1645	42	2	19	1708	2024	84.38%	1	SONGTAN-SI	KOREA	12	392	2.81%	2.77%
9985	3	208	16	1	10	235	273	86.08%	3	TONGDUCHON-UP	KOREA	2	72	12.50%	6.96%
10033	3	495	3	0	5	503	551	91.28%	2	TAEGU	KOREA	0	50	12.00%	0.54%
10223	3	298	26	1	5	330	354	93.22%	3	CAMP HUMPHREYS	KORE	13	94	10.64%	11.30%
12147	3	170	3	1	2	176	236	74.57%	4	SEONGNAM	KOREA	1	74	8.11%	2.12%
0	3	2816	90	5	41	2952	3438	85.86%	2			28 %			3.58%
9957	4	391	0	0	0	391	359	108.91%	2	TAIPEI	TAIWAN	0	11	90.91%	0.00%
0	4	391	0	0	0	391	359	108.91%	6			0 %			0.00%
9876	5	350	5	1	8	364	402	90.54%	2	PATTAYA CITY	THAI	2	45	22.22%	1.99%
9951	5	222	1	0	3	226	248	91.12%	3	BANGKOK	THAI	0	25	20.00%	0.40%
10217	5	138	0	0	3	141	142	99.29%	6	KORAT AF BASE	THAI	0	16	25.00%	0.00%
10249	5	231	1	0	8	240	251	95.61%	3	UDORN	THAI	1	29	44.83%	0.80%
11575	5	106	4	0	2	112	121	92.56%	6	PHNOM PENH	CAMBO	0	21	19.05%	3.31%
12074	5	95	2	0	4	101	106	95.28%	7	CHIANG MAI	THAI	3	14	28.57%	4.72%
12146	5	178	0	1	5	184	163	112.88%	5	BAN CHANG	THAI	12	14	42.86%	7.98%
12163	5	35	0	0	2	37	42	88.09%	10	PERTH	AUSTRA	2	10	20.00%	4.76%
0	5	1355	13	2	35	1405	1475	95.25%	4			20			2.37%
1509	6	331	0	0	4	335	358	93.57%	2	YIGO	GUAM	2	32	15.63%	0.56%
2917	6	190	1	0	2	193	233	82.83%	4	AGAT	GU	0	46	6.52%	0.43%
3457	6	266	3	0	3	272	284	95.77%	3	SAIPAN	CNMI	15	39	15.38%	6.34%
0	6	787	4	0	9	800	875	91.42%	6			17			2.40%
124	7	188	0	0	0	188	177	106.21%	5	BAGUIO CITY	PHILIPPI	15	1	0.00%	8.47%
2485	7	1608	7	0	15	1630	1665	97.89%	1	ANGELES CITY	PHILIP	13	75	30.67%	1.20%
9892	7	238	0	0	0	238	233	102.14%	4	BAUANG	LA UNION	1	4	25.00%	0.43%
11447	7	488	4	0	5	497	483	102.89%	2	SUBIC BAY	PHILIPPIN	19	21	42.86%	4.76%
12130	7	68	0	0	4	72	117	61.53%	6	CEBU	PHILIPPIN	2	50	8.00%	1.71%
0	7	2590	11	0	24	2625	2675	98.13%	3			50 %			2.28%
15055	99	510	5	1	6	522	562	92.88%	2	PACIFIC AREAS	PI	4 %			1.78%
0	99	510	5	1	6	522	562	92.88%	6			4 %			1.78%
0	255	10802	128	11	140	11081	11748	94.32%				134 %			2.32%

Rick Farris,  
Senior Vice Commander  
Department of Pacific Areas  
[svcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:svcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org)

## From the Junior Vice Commander:

Greetings Comrades,

Happy Veterans Day! This is a day for all veterans to stand tall and be recognized by a grateful nation. So enjoy 11 November, take a moment to remember those who have served before you, and who are serving today.

Thank you for your community service and for your reports. I must say we are behind last year in terms of the number of CSRs, I ask all of you to remember to report the valuable and important work you do in your community. Please check your CSR numbers at the end of this article.



Voting has taken place in each Post for their VOD/PP/TA candidates. I have listened to a few and read a few and they were outstanding. It will be an excellent competition and I believe our Department will forward an outstanding candidate in each of the programs with a great chance to be at the top of the respective lists during the national competition.

During the Council of Administration meeting next month, there will be a few updates to our awards program. They will be explained in detail during the Post and District Commanders seminar.

See you in Angeles City 7 December.

Yours in comradeship and with best wishes,

Kenneth A Stein  
Junior Vice Commander  
Department of Pacific Area

### CSR Reports as of 01 November 2018

Post	Dist	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
9723	1	13	13	11	15	14	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	81
1054	2	16	9	17	10	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
9555		24	18	16	18	17	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	109
9612		10	11	7	7	33	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	129
8180	3	18	18	28	22	29	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	126
9985		18	12	7	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
10033		3	4	3	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
10223		8	15	10	8	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
12147		4	3	8	6	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
9957	4	5	0	0	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
9876	5	13	29	52	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110
9951		20	21	21	25	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	111
10217		17	30	27	31	20	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	147

10249		10	6	8	9	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
11575		3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
12074		8	8	11	10	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
12146		11	24	20	36	23	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	142
12163		15	14	16	11	6	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
1509	6	7	3	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
2917		50	8	11	12	13	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	115
3457		9	6	7	3	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
124	7	17	10	8	16	22	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	93
2485		141	128	134	122	110	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	777
9892		60	64	4	65	33	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	277
11447		8	5	4	10	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
12130		2	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>510</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2770</b>

## From the Junior Past Department Commander:

Comrades,

My congratulations to all on your highly successful recruiting efforts thus far. Department is second in membership in the VFW with over 95%, and we have nine Posts over 100%; significant accomplishments this early in the VFW year. Maintain our pace and this will be an exceptional year for your Posts, Districts and the Department.

We necessarily tend to focus on current requirements and near term upcoming events, but it is mid-way through the VFW year we need to also consider actions affecting the future:

- Identify, mentor, and develop those who will lead your Posts and Districts into the future. This is something we did well on active duty, but not always so well in the VFW. Waiting until two weeks before the next election to identify candidates is all too common.
- Start now to screen those deserving of end of year awards. The Department Awards program only serves as an effective incentive if the most deserving candidates are recommended and selected.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Council of Administration meeting in Angeles City in December. As this is the last Typhoon of the year, I wish you all an early Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a joyous, healthy and prosperous New Year.

If I can be of assistance, please contact me at [pdcgilbert@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:pdcgilbert@vfwdeptpacific.org)

Yours in Comradeship & Service,

John Gilbert  
 Junior Past Department Commander  
 Department of Pacific Areas

**Get It Done!**



## ***From the Adjutant:***

Greetings,

I would like to ask our Department Members to keep in mind the people of various locations, who experienced the devastation from the recent Super Typhoon Yutu that swept through the areas. Those of us that live in these areas of the "Pacific Rim of Fire" are well aware of the destruction associated with typhoons, earthquakes, and volcanic activity. Please ensure that you have a plan and make provisions to protect yourself and family members.

Our Department Mid-Term Council of Administration is one month away. Time flies when we are not noticing! If you are planning to attend this Mid-Term C of A, please register on the Department website. The deadline for registering is 30 November.

Many of our Posts and Districts will be involved in numerous Veterans Day, November 11, Observances and associated activities. Please take the time to reflect on the sacrifices of ALL VETERANS and those that paid the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives to serve our Great Country. THANKS TO ALL VETERANS!

Yours in Comradeship,

Jerry Chaplin  
Adjutant  
Department of Pacific Areas



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## ***From the Quartermaster:***

Comrades,

There is really only 1 topic of conversation in my little corner of the world – Supertyphoon Yutu. It felt like Saipan was going to be wiped off the face of the earth for about 45 minutes, as the southern portion of Saipan was in the eye wall of this Cat 5 storm. Winds were a steady 185 mph with gusts up to 220 mph. There is no other way to describe the damage than to say it looks like a nuke blast without the fallout.

The Saipan International Airport is closed to inbound traffic except for people returning home and relief workers. All the NAV aids were damaged, so it is daylight only operations. All six jetways were destroyed, one even breaking in half. The airport is not expected to open until late November or early December. School is suspended indefinitely.

If a building was not made with reinforced concrete, it was destroyed. Some 3,000 homes were pulverized. Power poles are scattered around like toothpicks. The Commonwealth Utilities Commission is saying that 50% of the island will be powered up in 2 months. Full power restoration will take 4 months. Hopefully water will return sooner, as FEMA is providing generators to pump water from our wells.

Fortunately our convention hotel received minimal damage, and we are going full speed ahead with the Convention 2019 plans. The scenery will have changed since the last time you may have been here – most of our trees look like shrubs – but the island hospitality will be on full display. We found a local company that will print the Convention Book, so email me with your camera-ready ads and announcements.

Your recruiting efforts are paying off and our Department looks to be well on our way to another All-American year. The Department received a record Life Member payout in September, another sign that our Life Member Program is working.



I would like to personally thank those Posts, Pup Tents, and individuals who have already made donations to the Disaster Relief Program. For many it will be the only compensation they will receive. Outsiders cannot own land on Saipan, and FEMA will not do a thing for renters. USAA dropped its insurance coverage for members on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor, three years ago. So if your Post can afford it, every little bit helps our Saipan VFW members.

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan  
 Quartermaster  
 Department of Pacific Areas

#### 2018-2019 POST AND DISTRICT AUDITS/POPPIES/QM BONDS

AUDITS SUBMITTED	JUNE '18	SEP '18	DEC '18	MAR '19	BUDDY POPPIES ORDERED '18-'19	QM BOND ORDERED 2018-'19
9723	X				\$116/1,000	\$100/\$40,000 Pd F*
District I	X				X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd F*
1054	X	X			\$174/1,500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd F*
9555	X	X			\$58/500	\$75/\$30,000 Pd F*
9612	X	X			\$58/500	\$65/\$26,000 Pd F*
District II	X				X	\$17.50/\$5,000 Pd F*
8180	X				\$116/1,000	\$70/\$28,000 Pd F*
9985	X	X			\$58/500	\$65/\$26,000 Pd F*
10033	X	X			\$58/500	\$70/\$28,000 Pd F*
10223	X				\$58/500	\$100/\$40,000 Pd F*
12147					\$58/500	\$35/\$10,000 Pd F*
District III	X				X	\$17.50/\$5,000 Pd F*
9957	X				\$58/500	\$75/\$30,000 Pd F*
District IV					X	\$52.50/\$15,000 F*
9876	X				\$58/500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd F*
9951	X	X			\$58/500	\$35/\$10,000 Pd F*
10217	X				\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000 Pd F*
10249	X	X			\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd F*
11575	X	X			\$58/500	\$17.50/\$5,000 Pd F*
12074	X	X			\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000 Pd F*
12146	X	X			\$58/500	\$70/\$28,000 Pd F*
12163	X	X			\$58/500	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd F*
District V	X				X	\$59.50/\$17,000 Pd F*
1509					\$58/500	\$175/\$70,000 Pd F*
2917	X	X			\$58/500	\$65/\$26,000 Pd F*
3457	X	X			\$58/500	\$65/\$26,000 Pd F*
District VI	X				X	\$10.50/\$3,000 F*
124	X	X			\$58/500	\$49/\$14,000 Pd F*
2485	X	X			\$58/500	\$400/\$160,000 Pd F*
9892	X	X			\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000 Pd F*
11447	X	X			\$58/500	\$31.50/\$9,000 Pd F*
12130	X				\$58/500	\$17.50/\$5,000 Pd F*
District VII					X	\$10.50/\$3,000
*F = Bond application form received.						

## ***From the Judge Advocate:***

Comrades,

In this issue I'll present Rules of Order for the upcoming Council of Administration and the VFW Structure of By-Laws. Please check the QM October Typhoon article on "expense defrayment policy".

### **Council of Administration Rules of Order Mid-Term Composition:**

The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Chief-of-Staff, Inspector, Chaplain, Surgeon, Junior Past Department Commander and all District Commanders. In the absence of a District Commander, the District Senior Vice Commander, or in their absence, the District Junior Vice Commander, may serve as a member of the Council. Motion Procedural

Guidelines:

1. Once the Presiding Officer has acknowledged a motion and it has been seconded it may now be open for discussion.
2. Any member, when duly recognized by the Presiding Officer may speak on the motion for clarity, either for or against.
3. Every member is automatically entitled to speak once on a debatable motion before the body unless the body, by a 2/3 vote, has ordered the discussion closed. After discussion has been voted closed, no one can debate a motion except by unanimous consent.
4. A member is also automatically entitled to speak a second time on the same question the same day, unless other members who have not yet spoken on the question actually rise to claim the floor to speak. If no one rises, he may speak a second time.
5. No one may automatically speak a third or further time if anyone in the assembly objects.
6. Only Council members are allowed a vote on any motion before the body. (Including the Commander there are eighteen (18) voting Council members.)

### **STRUCTURE OF BY-LAWS**

FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF VFW NATIONAL BY-LAWS. YOU MUST READ AND RE-READ FROM YOUR PODIUM MANUAL.

STUDY AND LEARN WHERE DATA IS, KNOW YOUR INDEX, FROM ARTICLE 1 "MEMBERS" TO ARTICLE 14 "AMENDMENTS". MUCH OF THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLEMENTAL IN THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURE.

DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICTS AND POST ARE BROKEN DOWN FOR SETTING A UNIQUE STRUCTURE.

DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS DEFINE VARIOUS CONDITIONS, WHICH APPLY TO THAT DEPARTMENT. THEY CAN NOT OVER-RIDE NATIONAL BY-LAWS BUT CAN BE MADE STRONGER.

DISTRICT BY-LAWS AGAIN ARE UNIQUE TO DISTRICTS, AND CAN NOT OVER-RIDE DEPARTMENT OR NATIONAL BY-LAWS.

POST BY-LAWS ARE THOSE OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF THE POST, ESTABLISHED FOR THAT POST, AGAIN NEVER OVER-RIDING ANY OF A HIGHER AUTHORITY, REMEMBER NATIONAL SETS THE TONE.

If there are any further questions on the above proposal on expense defrayment or other matters concerning bylaws and procedures feel free to contact me at [advdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:advdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org). Please remember commitment to "Get It Done" for the VFW and Department of Pacific Areas.

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Robert Mo Moses  
Judge Advocate



## From the Mid-Term CofA Chairman:

**Department Mid-Term Council of Administration**

**7-9 December 2018**

**Oasis Hotel Angeles City**



Department Webmaster will be closing the registration website 01 December, so if you have not registered and plan to attend please DO IT NOW!

### Schedule of Events

Date:	Time	Meeting/Function	Location
7 DEC	0730-1130	Registration	Lobby Area
Friday	0800-1000	VOD/PP/TCHR Judging	Juanita Rm, Lower Level
	0900-1000	DPA Budget Meeting	Francisco Rm, Lower Level
	1000-1100	Public Safety Award Judging	Juanita Rm, Lower Level
	1000-1100	MOC Grand Audit/Budget Mtg	Francisco Rm, Lower Level
	1100-1200	District / Post Cmdr. Seminar	Juanita Rm, Lower Level
	1300-1330	Pearl Harbor Day Observance	Post Home, Bar Area
	1330-1600	Afternoon Social	Brass Knob Pub
	1600-2000	Hospitality Room	Post Home, Bar Area
8 DEC	0730-0900	Registration	Lobby Area
Saturday	0930-1130	DPA Business Session	Agueda Mariano Rm
	1130-1300	Lunch Break	Oasis Hotel / Post Home
	1300-TBA	DPA Business Session (Cont.)	Agueda Mariano Rm
	1700-1730	Cocktails	Benjamin Rm, Lower Level
	1730-2100	Cmdr. Appreciation Night Dinner	Benjamin Rm, Lower Level
9 DEC	0900 -TBA	MOC Grand Mid-Term C of A	Benjamin Rm, Lower Level
Sunday			

Shirts will be available at the registration for \$15 or P800.00

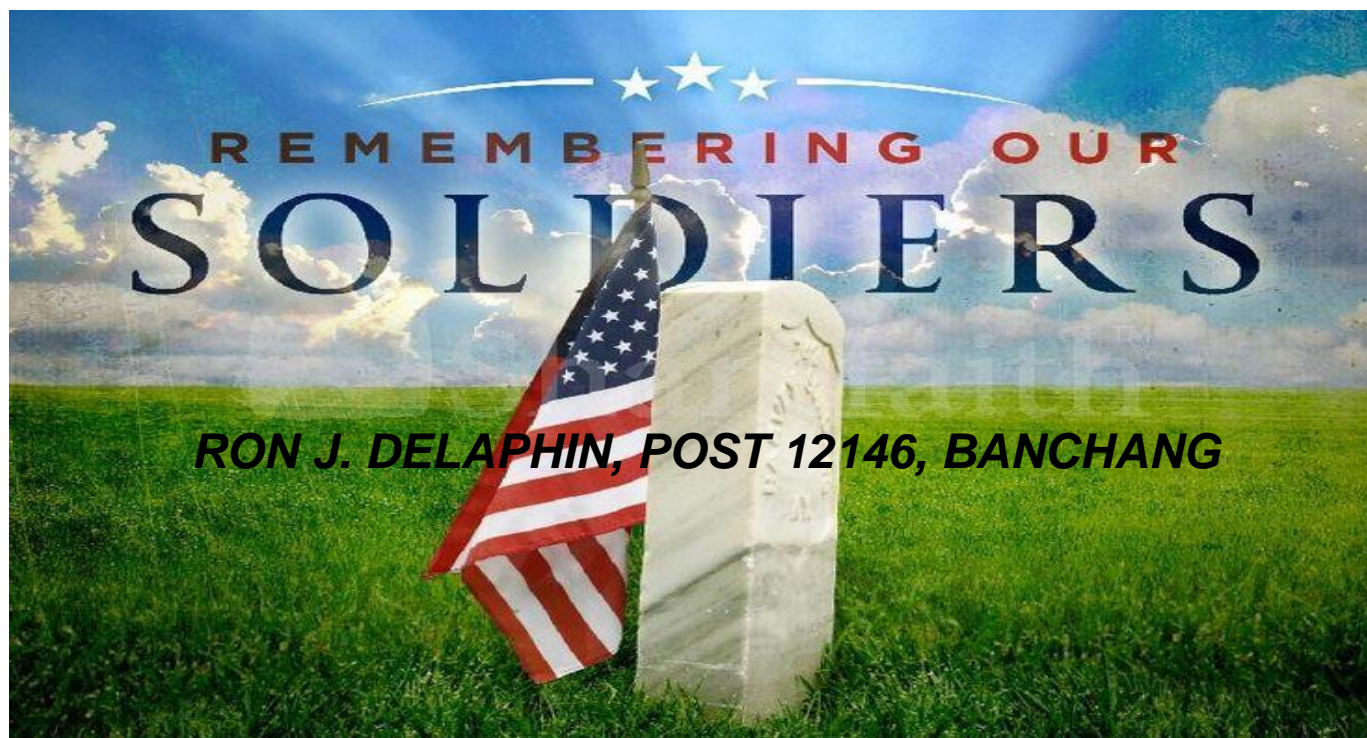
Hospitality room will be open at 4pm following Social event at the Post. Free food and local drinks will be available. Please stop by and meet our District and Post Commander.

Commander's appreciation dinner will be at the lower level dining room, open bar with local drinks will be available at no cost.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Bob Zaher  
Mid-Term CofA Chairman  
Department of Pacific Areas



***From the Chaplain:***



Let us also pray for those who ill and cannot get out to enjoy the Holiday Season.

Those involved in reporting member deaths, please utilize the Taps Report form available on the Department website, (Forms tab). This will ensure accurate record keeping and submission of required information. Yours in Comradeship and Service to Veterans. Email me at [chapdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:chapdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org) or at [davisronald738@gmail.com](mailto:davisronald738@gmail.com)

NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHEN REPORTING:  
FULL NAME and NICKNAME IF KNOWN, POST NUMBER, PUP TENT NUMBER, BRANCH OF SERVICE.

**I WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR.**

Ronald J. Davis  
Chaplain  
Department of Pacific Areas

**From the Surgeon:**

**‘Tis the Season...FaLaLaLaLa...LaLaLaLa**

Nope, not to be jolly- that’s next month so hold off on the eggnog and putting your favorite Bing Crosby Christmas LP on the turntable. *For those of you who don’t know who Bing Crosby is or what an LP or turntable is, ask your Post Historian.* For those wanting to know what this season is, read on...



This month is the beginning of the flu season and the CDC recommends that if you have not already received a flu vaccine, that you do it now. For the 2018-2019 flu season, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends an annual influenza vaccination for everyone 6 months and older.

Vaccination to prevent flu is particularly important for people who are at high risk of serious complications from influenza. High risk groups include: Children younger than 5, adults 65 years and older and pregnant women. Also, people who have medical conditions including: asthma, lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, kidney or liver disorders, weakened immune systems due to cancer treatment and those who are extremely obese should be vaccinated.

Flu vaccines are available either as a trivalent or quadrivalent injection (TIV or QIV), which contains the inactivated form of the virus or a nasal spray of live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV, Q/LAIV), which contains the attenuated or weakened form of the virus. Also, the WHO recommends different vaccine formulations by hemisphere:

Northern Hemisphere	Southern Hemisphere
WHO recommends the quadrivalent vaccines for use in the 2018-2019 northern hemisphere influenza season contain the following:	WHO recommends the egg based quadrivalent vaccines for use in the 2019 southern hemisphere influenza season contain the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (H3N2)-like virus;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A/Switzerland/8060/2017 (H3N2)-like virus;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B/Colorado/06/2017-like virus (B/Victoria/2/87 lineage); and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B/Colorado/06/2017-like virus (B/Victoria/2/87 lineage); and</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata/16/88 lineage).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata/16/88 lineage).</li> </ul>
It is recommended that the influenza B virus component of trivalent vaccines for use in the 2018-2019 northern hemisphere influenza season be a B/Colorado/06/2017-like virus of the B/Victoria/2/87-lineage.	It is recommended that egg based trivalent vaccines for use in the 2019 southern hemisphere influenza season contain an A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus; an A/Switzerland/8060/2017 (H3N2)-like virus; and a B/Colorado/06/2017-like virus (B/Victoria/2/87 lineage).

Ask your health care provider about the type of vaccine recommended based on your health condition, age & location, then choose what’s best for you and Get It Done.

Article resources: CDC, WHO

Yours in Comradeship & Well-Being,

Brian J. Hamic  
DPA Surgeon



## From the Inspector:

Comrades,

Congratulations to District's One, Two and Six for completing all Post and District inspections. All other District's and Post are well underway. Be sure that all blocks are marked and/or filled in as appropriate. Do not leave it blank. If there is no answer, mark unknown and notate in the remarks section. Inspectors, Quartermasters Bonds must be equal to or greater than the total amount of monies on hand. Please forward completed copy of the inspections to me. Let me know of any concerns that you may have. So let's get out there and "GET IT DONE".



District/Post	Received Date	Notes
<b>District I</b>	16-Sep-18	Completed
9723	16-Sep-18	Completed
<b>District II</b>	09-Sep-18	Completed
1054	09-Sep	Completed
9555	06-Oct-18	Completed
9612	28-Oct-18	Completed
<b>District III</b>		Scheduled November 2018
8180	20-Oct-18	Completed
9985		Scheduled November 2018
10033	18-Aug-18	Completed
10223	14-Jul-18	Completed
12147		Scheduled November 2018
<b>District IV</b>		Email Sent to Commander
9957		Email Sent to Commander
<b>District V</b>	18-Aug-18	Completed
9876		Scheduled October
9951		Scheduled October
10217	13-Aug-18	Completed
10249		Scheduled September 2018
11575		Scheduled November 2018
12074	18-Sep-18	Completed
12146	18-Sep-18	Completed
12163		Scheduled November 2018
<b>District VI</b>	10-Oct-18	Completed
1509	20-Oct	Completed
2917	09-Oct-18	Completed
3457	10-Oct-18	Completed
<b>District VII</b>		Scheduled November 2018
124		Scheduled November 2018
2485		Scheduled November 2018
9892	13-Oct-18	Completed
11447	12-Sep-18	Completed
12130		Scheduled November 2018

Yours in Comradeship,

Bill Bradford  
Department Inspector

## ***From the Certified National Recruiter:***

Greeting Comrade Recruiters, That's ALL OF YOU!

We are now into November and what a great month it is. We have our Veterans Day in which we get to thank all of our Men and Women who have served our Country in the Military. We have our judging to do for our Patriots Pen, VOD and Teachers Programs, also our Buddy Poppy Program and then comes Thanksgiving.

November should be big recruiting month with this also being an election year. Using the phrase our greatest strength lies in Membership when it comes to getting our Bills passed in Congress and our Senate i.e. Membership equals votes to them.

What makes a good recruiting event? I am glad you asked.

Proper planning is the main key. You need to know what you are selling. You will be selling the VFW so thus you need to know the programs that we have. Such as the programs I listed above. You need to know what your Service Officer does and how he or she can help that Veteran out especially when they are getting ready to retire get out of the service or when that Veteran needs help on filling a claim.

Before you have your event look at your Post's Community Service Report. Here is what you can tell your perspective VFW member what your Post does in your local community. Hopefully it is up to date.

As some of you have heard Post 12147 had a very successful Membership Drive with its adopted unit an Aviation Battalion. We ran it for a month and tracked each company it has on how many recruits each company had. This month was very successful for they had activities on the base and the soldiers could see firsthand what the VFW does and can do for them.

The Membership Drive started with an MAP event hosting their Units Organization Day. Also one of the projects that the post does for its adopted unit was their Quarterly Awards program that the Post supports it with Plaques, 1 years Membership into the VFW, Dinners to local Restaurants, Gift Cards to the PX and Commissary etc. These awards were presented in front of their Battalion formation. The next week the Post supported their Commanders E-6 and Above Call where the post supported them with Pizza's, Popeye's Chicken and Chips. The last week happened to be K-16's Trunk & Treat where the Post set up a table and passed out candy along with having a VFW Information/Recruiting Table.

The main point of this was letting them see the VFW in action. This post does not have a canteen so that is not a selling point for them. Seeing what the VFW does and how it can help them is the biggest selling point we have.

Ok, your Post does not have any Military in your area. So where can you set up recruiting events, coordinate with the local malls to see if you could set up a booth there, visit other Military affiliated organizations. Coordinate with your local embassy to see if they have an expat email listing you could use? Comrades you need to get out of the box and see what is available out there. Another thing is to go after those members that have not renewed their membership. The main reason that people do not renew their membership is that they were really never welcomed into the VFW after getting their membership money. Invite them back in, make them feel wanted and needed, get them involved!

Some other key points on having a VFW Information/recruiting Booth:

Don't have a cluttered table, Keep it neat and clean

Just as in applying for a job - dress for success

Stand up if you can and reach out and shake that Veteran's hand

Introduce yourself and ask them what their name is

Offer them a seat and then sit down



Look for something in common if they are Army it's very easy look for that combat patch, where did they earn it Iraq, Afghanistan? Thank them for their service. You now have made a connection, now tell them what the VFW can do for them!

I could go on and on so I will cut it off here. Remember I am here to help. I can be reached at [PDCLyons@VFWDeptPacific.org](mailto:PDCLyons@VFWDeptPacific.org). I am only an email away.

See you all in Angeles City next month at the CofA and Thank YOU for your Service to our Country during your time.

Yours always in Comradeship,

Larry Lyons  
Certified National Recruiter  
Past Department Commander



## ***From the Roving Ambassador:***

Hello my fellow Comrades,

It is looking like it is full stream ahead with Membership as we approach the C of A. Let's keep the momentum going!!! It was great to see some of our Comrades in the Angeles area last month.

I would like to thank PDC Rhett Webber for bringing me to the Post 9892 monthly Meeting last month and Post Commander Bobby Reyes for his and the Post hospitality. I was very happy and grateful to see D7 Commander Alex Flores at the Meeting and his long drive from Post 124.

I was also able to make a surprise visit to D2 Meeting last week at Yokosuka. After being in shock that I was there, D2 Commander Mike Lutman was okay...HA!!! Now that I am returning to the Pacific Areas to live, I look forward to working with Post 9555, D2 and our great Department. You will be seeing me more...hopefully that is a great thing!!! I would like to thank PDC's Bob Zaher, Rhett Webber, and Life Membership Chairman Cliff Wilsey for assisting me in finding a place to live!!! I am transiting from Colorado Springs to Angeles City as I type!

December is right around the corner so that only means the C of A is coming! I look forward to seeing as many of our Comrades as possible.

Our Department should be hitting our stride in all Programs as we seek another successful year. Please feel free to contact me at [pgcmitchell@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:pgcmitchell@vfwdeptpacific.org) if I can be of any help.

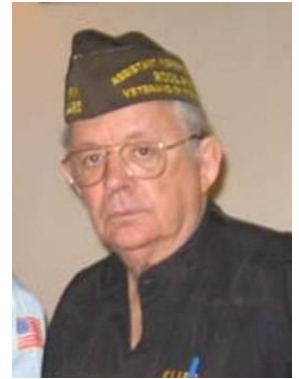
In closing, please take care of yourselves. May god continue to bless you, your families, and the good ole USA!!

Yours in Comradeship,

Kevin E. Mitchell  
Roving Ambassador  
Department of Pacific Areas  
"Get it Done"



**From the Life Membership Chairman:**



Comrades,

Life Membership has again broken our record high of last year (10534) with 10860 Lifers on board which represents 96.55% of total membership. Currently, Department has recruited 181 New or Recovered Life Members and, on the way, to exceed last year's record total of 360 in this category **GO LIFE!**

For the 2018-2019 year, the Department will provide a free Life Membership or a \$400 stipend for Posts meeting the following criteria:

- A. Posts over 500 Members Each 10 N/R Life Members recruited
- B. Posts with 500 Members and under Each 5 N/R Life Members recruited
- C. Districts at 100%, a free Life Membership will be awarded.
- D. For Posts converting 5 Annual Members to Life Membership, DPA will send the Post \$250 (see DPA Membership Program for details).

The following Posts have won DPA paid Life Memberships or \$400 stipends:

<b>Post</b>	<b>Total N/R LM Recruited</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>
124	16	3 (\$1200)
2485	17	1 (Life Membership)
3457	17	3 (\$1200)
8180	13	1 (\$400)
9612	16	1 (\$400)
10223	17	3 (\$1200)
11447	22	4 (\$1600)
12146	13	2 (\$800)
12147	13	2 (\$800)

Post 2917 needs 1 more for \$400 stipend; Posts 12147, 9876, 12074, 12163, and 12130 need 2 more for \$400 stipend.

Congratulations to Districts I, II, and IV for reaching 100+.

Yours in Comradeship,

Cliff Wilsey,  
 Chairman, DPA Life Membership  
 Department of Pacific Areas

## From the Legacy Life Membership Chairman:

Comrades,

Please consider becoming a Legacy Life Member of your Post. You would be leaving a legacy and helping the financial future of your post forever.



### 311 Legacy Life Members As of 10 November 2018

**District I - Okinawa - 7**

Post 9723 - 7

**District 2 - Japan - 19**

Post 1054 - 8  
Post 9555 - 3  
Post 9612 - 8

**District III - Korea - 41**

Post 8180 - 18  
Post 9985 - 6  
Post 10033 - 7  
Post 10223 - 8  
Post 12147 - 2

**District IV - Taiwan - 2**

Post 9957 - 2

**District V - Thailand/Cambodia - 55**

Post 9876 - 6  
Post 9951 - 6  
Post 10217 - 7  
Post 10249 - 5  
Post 12074 - 8  
Post 11575 - 2  
Post 12146 - 19  
Post 12163 - 2

**District VI - Guam/Saipan - 22**

Post 1509 - 4  
Post 2917 - 12  
Post 3457 - 6

**District VII - Philippines - 163**

Post 124 - 8  
Post 2485 - 128  
Post 9892 - 7  
Post 11447 - 12  
Post 12130 - 8

**Member at Large - 2**

Post 15055 - 2

Yours in comradeship,

Bob Zaher  
Legacy Life Membership Chairman



# LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY FOR VETERANS

Under this program, VFW life members have the opportunity to further contribute to VFW programs and services by choosing Gold, Silver or Bronze levels, each with great benefits. For more information, contact the VFW Membership Department at [membership@vfw.org](mailto:membership@vfw.org), or go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and type "Legacy Life" in the search box.

MEMBER INCENTIVES	BRONZE \$400	SILVER \$800	GOLD \$1200
Plated Engraved Life Member Card	●	●	●
Lapel Pin	●	●	●
Hat Pin	●	●	●
Distinctive Emblem & Supply Line for Legacy Life Members	●	●	●
Framed Certificate for Legacy Life Membership	●	●	●
Recognition on Internet & Convention Program	●	●	●
Recognition at Kiosks at Memorial Building in Washington, D.C. And Museum at National Headquarters	●	●	●
Special Plaque	●	●	●
Hat Patch	●	●	●
Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza	●	●	●
Emblem & Supply Discounts (For Personal Use Only)	5%	10%	15%
Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance	\$2000	\$3500	\$5000
Annual Endowment: Post	\$6	\$12	\$18
Annual Endowment: Dept.	\$6	\$12	\$18

## From the Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen / Teacher's Award Chairman:



Comrades,

Entries for Patriots Pen essay, the Voice of Democracy audio essay and the Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher's Award are in and Posts should have their judging done soon and winners forwarded to their Districts.

Districts: I need your District Reports as soon as you get all the entries from your Posts. Please email them to [vodppdpa@vfwddeptacific.org](mailto:vodppdpa@vfwddeptacific.org).

Remember, to qualify for All-State and All-American, each Post and District must submit entries for all three programs or make a donation to VFW National. If there are Posts or Districts that do not have any entries, you may make your donations by going to the following link: [https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/programs\\_donation\\_form](https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/programs_donation_form)

**Get your donations in now.** Post donations are \$50.00 and District donation is \$100.00 for each program. Please forward your donation receipt to [vodppdpa@vfwddeptacific.org](mailto:vodppdpa@vfwddeptacific.org) to get credit.

### Judging and Entry Deadlines

#### Post Deadline November the 7<sup>th</sup>

##### Post Level Judging:

For Patriot's Pen essays and Voice of Democracy audio essays, posts should have their judging done and winners forwarded to their district by November the 7<sup>th</sup>. Each post can forward one (1) essay for every 15 entries received; 1-15 essays – one (1) entry to district, 16-30 essays – two (2) entries, 31-45 essays – three (3) entries and so on for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy. Refer to the student entry forms to review the complete rules and guidelines.

For Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award, posts should have their judging done and winners forwarded to their district by November the 7<sup>th</sup>. Each post can forward one (1) entry to district for each grade level; K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Refer to the teacher entry form to review the complete rules and guidelines.

#### District Deadline November the 14<sup>th</sup>

##### District Level Judging:

For Patriot's Pen essays and Voice of Democracy audio essays, districts should have their judging done and winners forwarded to department by November the 14<sup>th</sup>. Each district can forward one (1) essay each for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy to department. Scan and email me your winning Patriot's Pen essay entry form and essay and scan your winning Voice of Democracy audio essay entry form and copy and send the audio file. Maintain the original entry forms, essays and audio files to be brought to the CofA along with the student's head & shoulders photo.

For Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award, districts should have their judging done and winners forwarded to department by November the 14<sup>th</sup>. Each district can forward one (1) entry to district for each grade level; K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Scan and email me your winning Teachers Award entry form, essay, resume and other supporting documentation for each grade level. Maintain the original entry forms, essays, resume and other supporting documentation to be brought to the CofA along with the teacher's head & shoulders photo.

#### Department Deadline November the 20<sup>th</sup>

##### Department Level Judging:

I will require each district to provide the contact information (email address) of who will represent your district as a judge. I will email all Patriot's Pen essays, Voice of Democracy audio essays and scoresheets to each judge. Each judge can score and fill out the score sheets prior to the CofA. Scan and email me each score sheet so I can tally up the scores.

For Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award, I will evaluate depending on how many entry forms I receive for each Grade Level. If there is two (2) or more for any Grade Level, I will also be emailing the entry forms, resume sand other supporting documentation.

So, we do not overload the DPA mail server, request that everyone email all entry forms, essays, audio files, resume and other supporting documentation to my Gmail account at [don.kelley@gmail.com](mailto:don.kelley@gmail.com).

If the district judges do not have the opportunity to score the entries prior to the CofA, they can do so on December the 7<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 and 10:00 AM.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Department of Pacific Areas Mid-Term Council of Administration in Angeles City, Philippines on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the Department will choose this year's Patriots Pen essay, Voice of Democracy audio essay and Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award winners to be forwarded to VFW National.

I understand this is an ambitious and tight schedule. If everyone stays with the deadline dates we can Make It Happen and Get It Done.

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Don Kelley

Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen / Teacher's Award Chairman

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#### 2018-19 VOD/PP/TEACHERS AWARD DEPARTMENT REPORT

Post/District	VOD	PP	Teachers Award
9723			
District 1			
1054			
9555			\$50 Donation to National
9612			
District 2			
8180			
9985	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
10033			
10223			
12147			
District 3			
9957			
District 4			
9876			
9951	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
10217	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
10249			
11575	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
12074			
12146			\$50 Donation to National
12163	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
District 5			\$50 Donation to National
1509			
2917			
3457			
District 6			
124	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
2485	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
9892			
11447	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
12130	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
District 7			

**From the National Home for Children Chairman:**



**VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN**  
*Every child deserves a happy family*



Comrades,

By the time the next Typhoon issue comes out the CofA will be just one short month away. There are a few District's, three (3) and five (5) Post's that have not made a donation to the National Home for the Children. If you're Post is trying to make All-State and All-American criteria's.

This small donation (\$50.00) has to be made to the National Home. Once they have done that please send me confirmation email they get to [nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org) and I will get them check off.

From the National Home BLOG site to see more [Click here](#)

**National Home Donation Report**

This report is updated as of 26 October 2018 as received in from the National Home and Post Quartermasters.

District / Post	Reported	District / Post Donated	District / Post	Reported	District / Post Donated
District 1	No		10217	Yes	\$50.00
9723	No		10249	No	
District 2	Yes	\$200.00	11575	Yes	\$50.00
1054	Yes	\$50.00	12074	Yes	\$50.00
9555	Yes	\$50.00	12146	Yes	\$50.00
9612	Yes	\$50.00	12163	Yes	\$50.00
District 3	Yes	\$50.00	District 6	No	
8180	Yes	\$50.00	1509	No	
9985	Yes	\$50.00	2917	Yes	\$50.00
10033	Yes	\$50.00	3457	Yes	\$50.00
10223	Yes	\$50.00	District 7	Yes	\$100.00
12147	Yes	Pacific House	124	Yes	\$50.00
District 4	No		2485	Yes	\$50.00
9957	No		9892	Yes	\$125.00
District 5	Yes	\$50.00	11447	Yes	\$150.00
9876	No		12130	Yes	\$50.00
9951	Yes	\$50.00			
Post 12147 Project Pacific House		\$4,000.00	Post 1054 Annual Benefit Concert		\$2,500.00
<b>Dist/Post Total</b>	<b>\$1,575.00</b>	<b>Special Projects</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,075.00</b>
Not Confirmed					

Please report any and all donations that you make to the National Home to me so they can be recorded and tracked. Email them to [nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org)

*The VFW National Home for Children serves as a living memorial to America's Veterans by helping our nation's veteran and military families during challenging times.*

Yours in Comradeship,

Randell E. Himes  
[nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org)

## ***From the Americanism and Loyalty Day Chairman:***

Comrades,

U.S. Marine Corps will celebrate their birthday on 10 November. The birthday itself was formally recognized in 1921 at the behest of Major General John Lejeune, who ordered November 10, 1775 to be officially recognized service-wide as the Marine Corps birthday. The origins go back to the Revolutionary War in October of 1775. At that time the Continental Congress developed an official plan to use Marines to oversee a mission to intercept ammunition shipments from Britain. This, and a November resolution to create an official standing Marine Corps force, were key in building what eventually became the modern U.S. Marine Corps. Thus 10 November, 1775, the day the Continental Marines were created serves as the official Marine Corps birthday.



Veterans Day; Veterans Day is an occasion for honoring United States veterans of all branches of the military service. It is also a time for Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace for which these veterans sacrificed. Originally known as Armistice Day it commemorated the cease-fire which brought World War I to an end November 11, 1918. On June 1, 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill, introduced by Representative Rees of Kansas, which changed the name to Veterans Day.

The focal point of the November 11 observance has long been Arlington National Cemetery. Its 620 acres established in 1864, are located on the gently rolling hills of Virginia, overlooking the Nation's Capital across the Potomac River. The cemetery holds the remains of more than 176,000 men and women who gave their lives serving their nation in uniform or as statesmen.

The stately and majestic Tomb of the Unknowns is also located in Arlington Cemetery. The Tomb is guarded 24 hours a day by specially selected soldiers. Three unknown servicemen chosen from those who fell in World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict are interred there.

On each November 11, just before 11:00 a.m. a combined honor guard, representing all branches of the military, present arms at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of the Presidential Wreath. A bugler sounds "Taps" and the ceremony is concluded by a brief address in the open air marble amphitheater before the assembled delegates and members of our nation's veteran organizations and their massed colors.

The emphasis at these community ceremonies is one of honor to all veterans, living as well as dead, who have served our nation in uniform. People are reminded that it is the responsibility of the individual citizen to serve national interest when governmental policy and the Commander-in-Chief call for military vigilance or action.

Thanksgiving Day 22 November. Thanksgiving Day is a unique and special American holiday that follows Veterans Day. On Thanksgiving we sit down with our family and friends and give thanks to our blessing we have received. During this occasion please take time to remember those who are not at the dinner table with you.

Comrades, please continue show your loyalty within your communities and your Posts.

Yours in Comradeship,

William Russell  
Americanism and Loyalty Chairman  
Department of Pacific Areas



## From the Veterans and Military Support Chairman:



Comrades,

Thank you very much to the many posts and districts who have made their donations to the Veterans Military Support Program. Rest assured your generous donations will be well spent taking care of Veterans. The November VMSP Tracker is posted on the Committees page for your information. About half of our Posts and 2 Districts were able to meet the 31OCT goal. We are but days away from the CofA in Angeles City, Philippines and I look forward to seeing you there. Ok, down to brass tacks.

There has been a question regarding the relationship of MAP requests and AAU. The MAP Grant guidelines do not require that a unit be an Adopted Unit. However, it makes sense that you would want to adopt them if you are going to provide MAP support. It is all part of a SUPPORTING / SUPPORTED relationship. So, to be clear:

MAP = Provide financial assistance to VFW Posts/Depts. and Auxiliaries who sponsor events with their local military community. These funds are meant to build relationships and provide information on VFW programs and services. AAU = Assists in building relationships between the VFW and our military members.

The common theme is building relationships and this is MAP is particularly useful and often a great icebreaker in establishing the relationship. I have had one Commanding Officer tell me that they should adopt the VFW! Of course, the answer to that is MEMBERSHIP which just strengthens the relationship.

Note that IF you decide to pay for a "MAP" event either from post or through department funds, then it doesn't register at the National level. To quote Comrade John Linstra at VFW National, "If the unit is not adopted I really don't have a place to record it. AAU and MAP numbers are rolled together for the monthly and annual reports." What Comrade Linstra is telling us is that unless they fund a MAP, there is no National level of accounting which captures your locally funded event. As long as I know about it and get a MAP grant report (with receipts) for MY records, you are good to go.

On another note, I will have 30 Gold VMSP pins to sell at the CofA. They are priced at \$20.00 each. If you want one, please email me and I'll try to reserve you one. You can pay me at the CofA with a check or a crisp \$20.00 bill. I'm not in the money changing business so I that is all I can offer. As early as possible next year I will circulate an order form so you can request as many of whatever types are available.

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Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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