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**Inputs for the November Typhoon
Are due on 05 November 2018.**



Department Officer's Comments & Department Committee Reports

From the Commander:

Comrades,

This month's letter will focus primarily on not just Membership but also our other programs! We are ranked #2 in the VFW National organization in membership. We have 8 Posts and 2 Districts that are now over 100%. As of 5 October 2018, we stand at 11,099 members and have achieved a membership percentage of 94.47%. All seven of our Districts are in the Top 25 of their VFW National Division. That does not mean we can let up. It is not where you start out that matters – It is where you END UP that really matters! I am so proud of all of you. Keep doing what you have been doing – It is working!



The DPA Chairmen have been kicking their programs into gear. Information on the programs can be found on the DPA Website and throughout our Face Book Pages. Our objective this year is to have most of our programs completed by the Mid-Term Conference. 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 to the programs. PLEASE ENSURE your donations are properly credited to your Post or District. Last year we spent 100+ hours researching donations that were made by individuals who did not credit their Post or District. In addition, each Post and District needs to send an email to the respective DPA Chairman so that they can document these donations.

Finally, I would ask that you share your information on the 2 DPA Face Book Pages and My Commanders Page. Remember that the DPA Around the Pacific is designed to share items that may be of interest to all of your fellow Comrades, the DPA Official Communication is for sharing official DPA information on our programs, and my Commander's Page is for you to share any issues, questions or concerns that you might have that involve, Posts, Districts or DPA Programs. I know that the Chairmen post in the Typhoon each month – but the DPA Official Communications was developed for the purpose of sharing information on a much more frequent basis. Chairmen should not wait until the monthly deadline. Use our Pages and share information with over 500+ of our comrades who are online.

You can contact me anytime if you have questions or other items you need to talk with me about. Send me a Private Message, use Messenger to call me or email me. I will be there to assist! 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,

We are off to a great start, thanks to a lot of hard work from a lot of Comrades. There are currently eight Posts and two Districts exceeding 100%, with one more District within a percent of reaching 100%. And it's only October. There are currently five Posts qualified for early bird awards, and two Districts.

Keep up with the recruiting efforts, and we'll reach our Department goal well ahead of years past.

Don't forget to document your recruiting drives. It's really good publicity for the VFW and the Department. Take pictures of your Post in action, and publish them on Facebook for your Post and Around the Pacific.

On the Veterans Assistance front, 5 grants have now been approved. That's \$2500 to needy Vets, and it has made a difference. Keep an eye out for those Vets in need and send the form through your Post Commander. I still have money to give.

By C of A, I will have put together a good checklist for All-State qualifications. Be ready for it. I know most Posts have been using those from the past, and that's great! Make sure the various Committee Chairmen have been notified of those required donations and such. Don't wait until the last minute, as you may miss something.

I'll be visiting District 1 this month, and District 3 for Veteran's Day. I look forward to these trips to see our Districts and Posts in action. The ceremony in Korea for Vet Day is superb, and I am so glad to again be present for it.

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

Rick Farris,
Senior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Areas
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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 Oct. 3rd

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%	

From the Junior Vice Commander:

Greetings Comrades,

Happy Birthday to the VFW, established Sep 29, 1899.

Thank you for your support in performing the many hours of community service throughout the Department and particularly for documenting your Community Service in your monthly reports (CSRs). If you are not sure if the community activity belongs on a CSR, check with your Post or District JVC or submit it and we will review it upon receipt. Better to report and let us evaluate than not report at all. This month's totals as of 1 October will be found at the end of this article.



As we get closer to the mid-year meeting (C of A) there is some important information regarding the VOD/PP/TA program. It includes a few significant dates coming up as well as action required by Posts and Districts.

The judging as to who will represent the Department will commence via email prior to the C of A and will be completed on Friday 7 December between 0800 – 1000 hours during the C of A.

District CDRs please advise DPA Program Chairman Don Kelley who will be representing your district as a judge, it can be yourself, the District Chairman for VOD/PP/TA or whomever you choose. Please provide the name soonest to Don Kelley @ don.kelley@gmail.com

All entries need to be received by Posts no later than 31 October 2018.

Judging will be completed by the Post and forwarded to their District no later than 7 November 2018.

The Districts will complete their judging and forward their nominees to DPA Chairman Kelley no later than 14 November.

DPA Chairman Kelley will begin emailing each Districts entry no later than 20 November to the judges with the expectation the vast majority of the judging will be completed prior to the C of A.

***Happy Birthday United States Navy established Oct 13, 1775.
Maintaining freedom of the seas for 243 years.***



CSR Reports as of 01 October 2018

Post	Dist	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
9723	1	13	13	11	15	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
1054	2	16	9	17	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
9555		24	18	16	18	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93
9612		10	11	7	7	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
8180	3	18	18	28	22	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115
9985		18	12	7	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
10033		3	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
10223		8	15	10	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
12147		4	3	8	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
9957	4	5	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
9876	5	13	29	52	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110
9951		20	21	21	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
10217		17	30	27	31	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125
10249		10	6	8	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
11575		3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
12074		8	8	11	10	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
12146		11	24	20	36	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114
12163		15	14	16	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
1509	6	7	3	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
2917		50	8	11	12	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
3457		9	6	7	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
124	7	17	10	8	16	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
2485		141	128	134	122	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	635
9892		60	64	4	65	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	226
11447		8	5	4	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
12130		2	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Total		510	462	442	475	401	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2290

Yours in comradeship and with best wishes,

Kenneth A Stein
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Area

From the Junior Past Department Commander:

Comrades,

We have had a very successful first quarter, in terms of both membership and programs, and are on track to have an exceptional year. This will be the year we will reach a record 12,000 members in the Department of Pacific Areas, and if we maintain our momentum we will set a number of other records. Congratulations to all on our early successes.

Several issues to consider as we approach the C of A in Angeles City in December:

- A number of requirements for All State and All American can be accomplished early in the year, many prior to the C of A. This is an excellent way to ensure nothing is overlooked later in the year.
- The VFW Foundation Grants are again available as of 1 September. Over the past several years a number of our Posts have received these grants for Community Service projects. An excellent way to leverage available funds and assist our communities or other helping organizations.
- The Department Adjutant has distributed the updated VFW National Fact sheet. This can be used as an excellent recruiting tool to show prospective members how the VFW does more for Veterans. At least one Post has developed a Post version of the Fact Sheet highlighting their accomplishments.

The postings from your POW/ MIA Recognition Day activities were excellent. These observances were appropriate, well organized and were very much in keeping with the Charter of our great organization. Lest we never forget.

If I can be of assistance, please contact me at pdcgilbert@vfwdeptpacific.org

Yours in Comradeship & Service,

John Gilbert
Junior Past Department Commander
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Quartermaster:

Comrades,

Since our mid-term Council of Administration meeting is only two months away, I'd like to cover the Department's "expense defrayment policy". That's a Bill Wichmann-ism that I enjoy repeating. The policy in its entirety can be found on the Department website under the Judge Advocate tab. For reimbursement. Use the DPA Form 15, which is available under "Forms" at the Department website.

Council members will be reimbursed for economy air travel from their home country to the Philippines, either Clark or Manila. In-country ground transportation, both in your home country and in the Philippines, will be reimbursed up to \$100 total for the entire trip. Normally the Department reimburses for two night's lodging at the Mid-Term, but this year there are meetings scheduled for Friday, December 7. Anyone required to attend a Friday meeting will be reimbursed for 3 nights – Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Past Department Commanders not on the Council and not living in the Philippines will receive a \$300 stipend to offset air travel and room costs.

Please make your flight reservations early enough to avoid paying the high cost of last minute travel. I have seen airline tickets differ by as much as \$500 for travel from the same airport to the same destination and for the same meeting! Experts seem to agree that the window of 45-60 days before the flight offer the best rates. I am sure there are exceptions.



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				\$174/1,500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd F*
9555	X				\$58/500	\$75/\$30,000 Pd F*
9612	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				\$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					\$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				\$58/500	\$35/\$10,000 Pd F*
10217	X				\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000 Pd F*
10249	X				\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd F*
11575					\$58/500	\$17.50/\$5,000 Pd F*
12074	X				\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000 Pd F*
12146	X				\$58/500	\$70/\$28,000 Pd F*
12163	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				\$58/500	\$65/\$26,000 Pd F*
3457	X				\$58/500	\$65/\$26,000 Pd F*
District VI	X				X	\$10.50/\$3,000 F*
124	X				\$58/500	\$49/\$14,000 Pd F*
2485	X	X			\$58/500	\$400/\$160,000 Pd F*
9892	X				\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000 Pd F*
11447	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.						

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan
Quartermaster

From the Judge Advocate:

Comrades,

In this month's Typhoon article I will provide the correct procedures for submitting amendments and/or a revision to Post, District and Department By-Laws.

101 AMENDMENTS FOR BY-LAWS

The instructions from National indicate that if you want to propose a change to By-Laws it must be submitted as such, not as a resolution. This means no "Whereas" or "Be It Resolved" clauses are to be used when proposing an amendment. The by-law proposed amendments must be definite and specific as to the material to be deleted or added, containing the exact wording of the proposed change. Also, if a Post, District or Department adopts a proposed amendment it shall be submitted as an attachment to a cover letter, which may outline the rational for the proposed change(s). After a Post or District adopts an amendment or revision to their by-laws it shall be sent to Department for review for compliance with Department By-Laws and then forwarded to National for final review and approval.



In the examples below you will see that in documenting an amendment it is important to show clarification of; 1) **who** the amendment was proposed by, 2) **referenced** article and section that the amendment applies to, 3) **amend** detail of implantation and 4) **exact** wording of the proposed change. The following are examples of what National desires when forwarding proposed amendments for Post, District, Department, or National By-Laws:

Example: (Amending entire section wording.)

Proposed by Post 007 (**who**)

ARTICLE XIV – APPROVAL, AMENDMENTS and CONFLICT (**reference**)

Section 1402 – Amendments.

Amend Section 1402, Post 007 By-Laws, by deleting wording after the section title and substituting in its place the following; (**amend detail**)

These By-Laws may be amended by the Post by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a stated meeting thereof provided each member has been notified at least twenty (20) day in advance and, upon request provided a copy of the proposed amendments. All amendments shall be forwarded through channels and reviewed by the Department Commander and the Commander-in-Chief before becoming effective. (**exact wording**)

Example: (Amending section words.)

Proposed by Department of Pacific Areas

ARTICLE II - POSTS

Section 220 – Vacancies and Removal of Elective Officers or Committee Members.

Amend Section 220, National Manual of Procedure, by deleting the word "majority" in the first sentence of paragraph three, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following;

two-thirds (2/3)

Example: (Amending by deleting and adding sentence(s).)

Proposed by Department of Pacific Areas

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Section 503 –Proof of Eligibility.

Amend Section 503, Department By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of the section, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following;

The Adjutant shall ensure that proof of eligibility is on file with the Adjutant General of the Department Commander, Department Senior Vice Commander, Department Junior Vice Commander, Department Adjutant and Department Quartermaster.

The above examples of proposed amendments for submission are definite and specific to deletions and exact wording and are considered correct procedure for documentation. Also, if many amendments are required you could consider submitting a “**proposed revision**” to the by-laws. The proposed amendments are then written into the whole document, submitted as a proposed revision to the by-laws for review by Department, and then forwarded to National for final approval. If a unit’s current by-laws state in the last section; “wherever these By-Laws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or any future National and/or Department By-Laws the latter shall prevail and be binding upon this unit as though written herein” This statement may cover a unit’s needs until such a time that a revision may be necessary to incorporate changes that occur over a period of time in National and/or Department By-Laws.

Originator

An originator of proposed amendments to by-laws may be a Post, District, Department officer or the Department Convention for Department and National By-Laws. In the case of Post By-Laws an officer or any member may submit proposals for adoption by the Post and forwarding as required. In the Districts the officers, a Post or the District Convention may submit proposals to District By-laws and if adopted at a Convention shall be forwarded for review and approval. In all instances where the originator is going to forward proposed amendments to by-laws a cover letter with an attachment containing the proposals shall be submitted through proper channels.

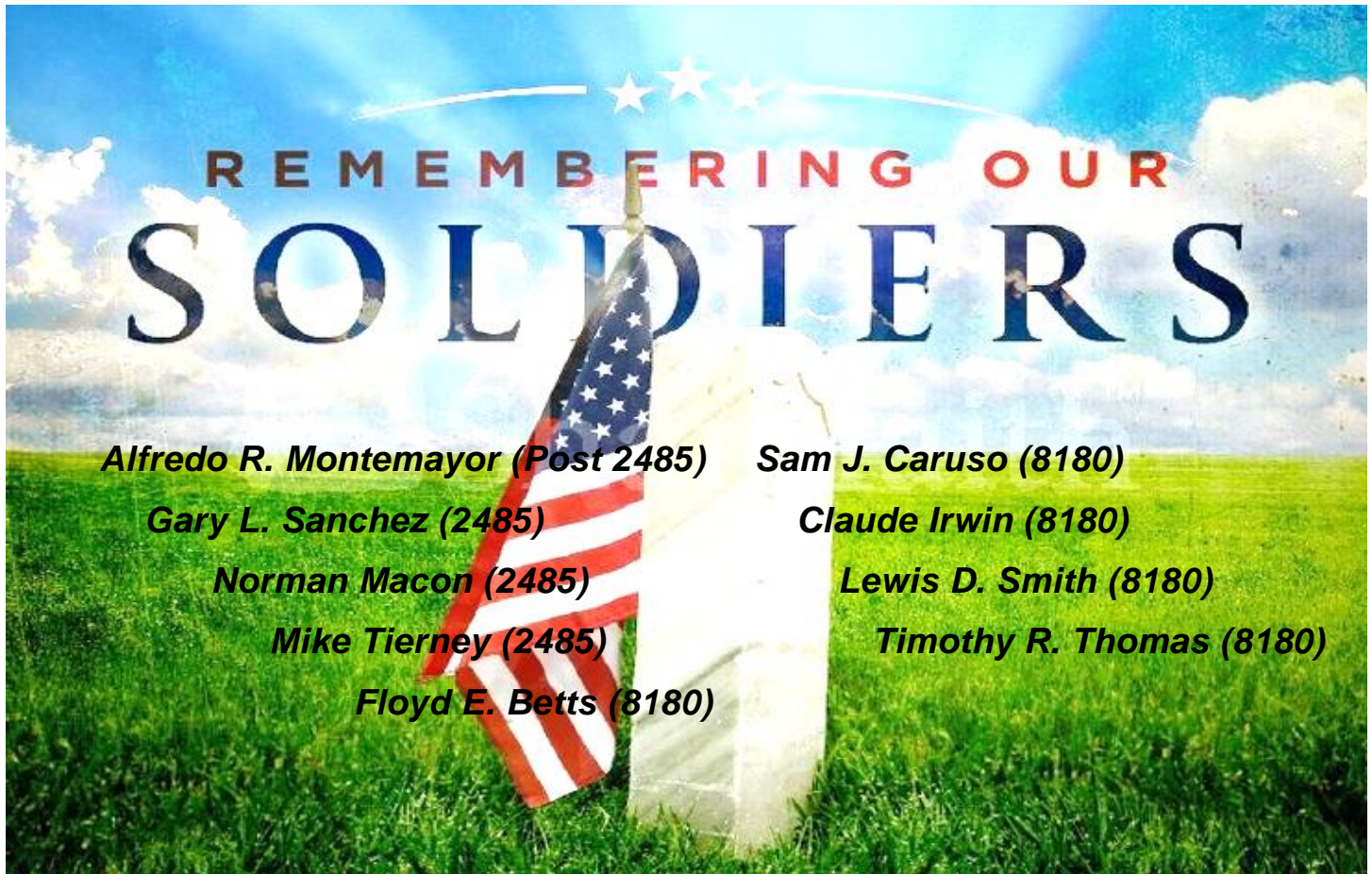
Caution: Any proposed changes to by-laws being forwarded not in proper form, unclear as to meaning, or concerning matters clearly not within the scope and purpose of the VFW cannot be considered by Department or National.

Comrades, the above information is provided to clarify how to draw up proposed amendments or a revision to by-laws. If you have any questions on what was presented please feel free to contact me at advdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org or pdcmoses@vfwdeptpacific.org.

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Robert “Mo” Moses
Judge Advocate
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Chaplain:***Alfredo R. Montemayor (Post 2485)******Sam J. Caruso (8180)******Gary L. Sanchez (2485)******Claude Irwin (8180)******Norman Macon (2485)******Lewis D. Smith (8180)******Mike Tierney (2485)******Timothy R. Thomas (8180)******Floyd E. Betts (8180)***

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 or at davisronald738@gmail.com

NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHEN REPORTING:

FULL NAME and NICKNAME IF KNOWN, POST NUMBER, PUP TENT NUMBER, BRANCH OF SERVICE.

Ronald J. Davis
Chaplain
Department of Pacific Areas

From the Surgeon:

Make Beer Taste Better

This activity has many powerful health benefits. Done correctly, it can be the key to losing weight, lowering blood pressure and cholesterol, improving your mood and boosting your memory, as well as reducing your risk for heart disease, diabetes, cancer and more.

What's more, it's free and has practically no negative side effects. That's right, I'm talking about walking & you'll have to read to the end to find out about beer. Walking will help you to:

Maintain a healthy weight- Regular walking can help improve your body's response to insulin, which can help reduce belly fat and is one of the most effective low-impact ways to mobilize fat and positively alter body composition. Daily walking increases metabolism by burning extra calories and by preventing muscle loss, which is particularly important as we get older.

Prevent or manage various conditions, including heart disease, high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes- Walking can have a bigger impact on disease risk and various health conditions than just about any other activity that's available to you.

Strengthen your bones and muscles & improve balance and coordination- When you take long strides, you work all the muscles that support your stomach, back, and pelvis and like muscle, bone is living tissue that responds to exercise by becoming stronger. Therefore, a physical activity, like walking, is an essential factor in bone health.

Improve your mood- A number of studies have found that it's as effective as drugs for decreasing depression. It can help relieve everyday stresses, too. Tension starts to ease as the road stretches out in front of you because mood-elevating endorphin levels increase.

Make beer taste better- There is no scientific or medical basis or reference for this; it is simply based on my own experience and opinion, and also I needed an effective hook in the headline.

Can you really walk your way to fitness? You bet! Get started today. As a general goal, aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day. Remember though, it's okay to start slowly — especially if you haven't been exercising regularly. You might start with five minutes a day the first week, and then increase your time by five minutes each week until you reach at least 30 minutes. When you hit 30 minutes of brisk walking, reward yourself with a beer and see if it doesn't taste better.

Article resources: Mayo Clinic, Harvard Health

Yours in Comradeship & Well-Being,

Brian J. Hamic
Surgeon
Department of Pacific Areas
surg@vfwdeptpacific.org



From the Inspector:

Comrades,

We have 65 days before Mid-Term. Now is the time for District Commanders to ensure that their inspector's complete all post and district inspections. If the inspection is completed and not on the list, please insure that a copy is forwarded to me. So let's get out there and "get it done".

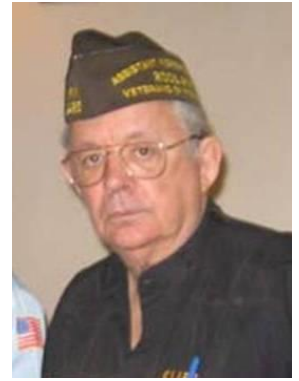


District/Post	Received Date	Notes
District I	16-Sep-18	Completed
9723	16-Sep-18	Completed
District II	09-Sep-18	Completed
1054	09-Sep-18	Completed
9555		Scheduled October 2018
9612		Scheduled October 2018
District III		NO Schedule Submitted
8180		NO Schedule Submitted
9985		NO Schedule Submitted
10033		NO Schedule Submitted
10223		NO Schedule Submitted
12147		NO Schedule Submitted
District IV		No Schedule Submitted
9957		No Schedule Submitted
District V	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
District VI		Scheduled October 9, 2018
1509		Scheduled October 20 2018
2917		Scheduled October 9, 2018
3457		Scheduled October 10, 2018
District VII		No schedule submitted
124		No schedule submitted
2485		No schedule submitted
9892		No schedule submitted
11447	12-Sep-18	Completed
12130		No schedule submitted

Yours in Comradeship,

Bill Bradford
Inspector
Department of Pacific Areas

From the Life Membership Chairman:



Comrades,

Life Membership continues to grow with 10,802 Life Members aboard. This represents 97.49% of our total membership which includes 134 new Life Members. **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:

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 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:

<u>Post</u>	<u>Total N/R LM Recruited</u>	<u>Total Awarded</u>
124	15	3 (\$1200)
2485	13	1 (Life Membership)
3457	15	3 (\$1200)
8180	12	1 (\$400)
10223	13	2 (\$800)
11447	19	3 (\$1200)
12146	12	2 (\$800)

Post 9612 needs 1 more for \$400 stipend. Post 12074 needs 2 more for \$400 stipend.

Post 2485 and 11447 have received \$250 stipends for converting 5 annual Members to Life Membership.

Yours in Comradeship,

Cliff Wilsey
Life Membership Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas

Sign up a Life Member today!

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



Comrades,

Posts should start receiving entries for the Patriots Pen essay, the Voice of Democracy audio essay and the Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award soon. The deadline for submission to the posts is October 31st.

The themes for this year's programs are: VOD - "Why My Vote Matters" & PP - "Why I Honor the American Flag"

*** Notice: Qualifications state that both programs are open to students who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school. However, VFW National Adjutant General and Programs Director agreed that as long as the student is a U.S. citizen then they can participate.**

All Patriot's Pen essays and Voice of Democracy audio essays should be reviewed by the chairman several days before the judging, so that small errors like too many words, and audio CD or USB drive that will not play on your equipment, a Voice of Democracy audio essay that is a bit too long/short, or a reference that inadvertently identifies them might be corrected by the student rather than the chairman eliminating them from the competition. Chairman should never forget that our priority is to increase the number of students participating, rather than eliminating them. Ensure that each entry form is filled completely and that the information is legible.

In order 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 in their area you may make your donations by going to the following link: https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/programs_donation_form Post donations are \$50.00 and District donation is \$100.00 for each program. The deadline for donations is also October the 31st. Please forward your donation receipt to vodppdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org to get credit.

Post Deadline November the 7th

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 7th. 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 7th. 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 14th

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 14th. 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 14th. 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 20th

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.

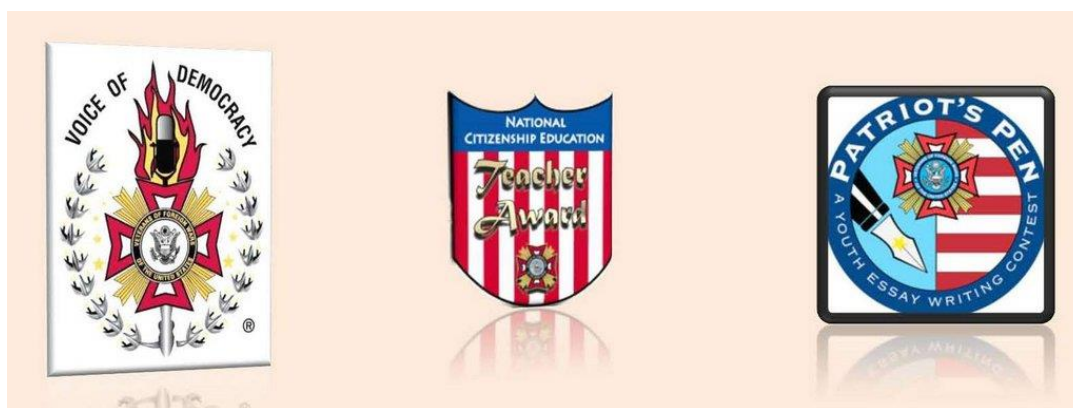
For Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award, I will evaluate depending on how many entry forms I receive for each Grade Level. If there is two (2) or more for any Grade Level, I will also be emailing the entry forms, resume and other supporting documentation.

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.

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

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.

"Make It Happen & Get It Done"



Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Don Kelley
Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen / Teacher's Award Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas
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2018-19 VOD/PP/TEACHERS AWARD DEPARTMENT REPORT

Post/District	VOD	PP	Teachers Award
9723			
District 1			
1054			
9555			
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			
12074			
12146			
12163	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
District 5			
1509			
2917			
3457			
District 6			
124			
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,

The National Home for Children is looking for Veteran and or their Families that are overseas and might be in the need for assistance.

I am happy to put their AD below in my Typhoon page as so to assist them in furthering their mission in supporting our Veterans and the Families. Please fill free to copy and paste this AD to your Post Face Book or Web page. If you are unable to dial the Toll Free Number you can request assistance by emailing them at info@vfnationalhome.org.

Currently for this year so far only 2 District and 10 Post have submitted their Donations to the National Home. This is a DPA requirement for All State and All American. Please do not let this small Donation leave your District or Post out.

I am here if you are having problems all you need to do is let me know and will send detailed instructions for doing it.
nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org

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

**The VFW National Home for Children Is Here for Veteran Families Abroad.**



A Great Place to Call Home!
Vfwnationalhome.org/help

The VFW National Home for Children offers a once in a lifetime **opportunity** for military and veteran related families.

If you know of a veteran family in the Pacific Areas that could use our help, please encourage them to call!

We are currently accepting new resident families into our program.

Most qualify to apply. Caring staff will help families to determine eligibility.

800-313-4200

National Home Donation Report

Report for District and Post as of 30 September 2018. This list has been confirmed by the National Home and by emails received with proof of Donation.

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	No	
1054	Yes	\$50.00	12074	No	
9555	No		12146	No	
9612	Yes	\$50.00	12163	Yes	\$50.00
District 3	No		District 6	No	
8180	No		1509	No	
9985	Yes	\$50.00	2917	No	
10033	No		3457	No	
10223	Yes	\$50.00	District 7	Yes	\$100.00
12147	No		124	No	
District 4	No		2485	Yes	\$50.00
9957	No		9892	Yes	\$50.00
District 5	No		11447	Yes	\$150.00
9876	No		12130	Yes	\$50.00
9951	No				
Post 12147 Project Pacific House		\$4,000.00	Post 1054 Annual Benefit Concert		
Dist/Post Total	\$900.00	Special Projects	\$4,000.00	Grand Total	\$4,900.00
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

***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 difficult times.***

Yours in Comradeship,
Randell E. Himes
nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org

From the Legislative Committee Chairman:

Comrades,

Just a reminder, it is never too early to think about your post's All-State requirements, and one of our requirements for All-State and All-American is as follows:

Post participation in one or more of the following activities:

1. Support an ongoing "VFW Action Corps Weekly" registration drive reporting to the Department National Legislative Chairman.
OR
2. Hold a Deployment or Welcome Home event (Department will help fund via the Department Veterans & Military Support Chairman).
OR
3. Adopt a Unit, reporting to the Department Veterans & Military Support Chairman. to either



If it is difficult for your post to hold a Welcome Home Event or Adopt a Unit, then holding a VFW Action Corps Weekly is a simple and relatively easy task to accomplish. Once you complete the drive, please email me at the below email address. Holding the drive is not merely a checkmark, though. The weekly is the best way that we, as VFW members, can keep track of legislative action that matters to the VFW and all vets. So even if your post has completed either of the second two requirements, I urge all posts to still hold their registration drive.

Here are some of the current legislative highlights concerning vets:

1. **VA Secretary Wilkie Testifies before Senate Committee:** On Wednesday, Sept 26, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie testified before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs to discuss the progress he has made in his first 60 days. He spoke at length about a variety of topics including implementation of the VFW-supported *VA MISSION Act of 2018*, Blue Water Navy, accountability of wrongdoers, and the department's efforts to modernize its electronic health record. Secretary Wilkie said at the hearing, "the state of VA is better" when describing the department's recent progress. Committee members and Chairman Isakson discussed the need to pass the VFW-supported [H.R. 299, Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018](#). [Watch the hearing](#), which begins at the 14:00-minute.
2. **New Rule Changes How VA Calculates Income for Needs-based Benefits:** Last week, VA published a [final rule in the Federal Register](#) that will establish a three year look-back period when determining eligibility for income-based benefits, including pension with aid and attendance. The new rule goes into effect on Oct. 18, 2018. It makes several changes, such as increasing the amount of net worth a veteran can have to qualify for pension, and expanding the definition of custodial care to allow veterans to deduct medical expenses for dementia care and third-party care providers. The three year look-back rule is intended to limit asset transfers done solely to qualify for governmental assistance. Such transfers may bar the veteran from receiving pension benefits, until the assets are used for their living expenses. There are some protections in place for veterans to transfer funds without a penalty, such as special needs trusts for the benefit of helpless children and helpless adult children, and trusts where the veteran retains control over the funds. Veterans can also reverse the transfer or buy back the asset in order to avoid the penalty. For questions about VA benefits and assistance with filing a claim, contact a professional, accredited and highly trained [VFW Service Officer near you](#).
3. **Senate Must Pass Blue Water Navy Bill:** On Wednesday, Sept 19, the VFW joined other veterans service organizations in sending a letter to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs urging the Senate to pass H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018, which would provide long-overdue benefits to Blue Water Navy and Korean DMZ veterans. It would also expand benefits to the children of veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange in Thailand and commission more research on Gulf War Illness. The VFW calls on its

members and supporters to contact their Senators and urge them to pass this important bill. [Read the letter.](#)
Contact your Senators.

4. **Army Medic to Receive Medal of Honor:** The White House announced that former Army medic Staff Sgt. Ronald J. Shurer II will be presented the Medal of Honor on Oct. 1 for fighting his way through an enemy ambush to render aid to wounded Special Forces soldiers and Afghan commandos. On April 6, 2008, his team was navigating its way through Shok Valley in northeastern Afghanistan when a firefight forced his unit into a defensive fighting position. [According to an Army press release](#), Shurer heard that their forward assault element was also pinned down at another location with multiple casualties. He moved through a hail of bullets to reach the pinned-down element, stopped to treat a wounded teammate's neck wound, then spent the next hour fighting across several hundred meters, before finally arriving at the forward location, where he immediately rendered aid to four critically wounded U.S. soldiers and 10 injured commandos. Soon after, Shurer and his team sergeant were shot at the same time. Despite a gunshot wound to his arm, the medic ran 15 meters through a barrage of gunfire to pull his teammate to cover and rendered care. Moments later, Shurer moved back through heavy fire to help another teammate who had suffered a traumatic amputation to his right leg. Shurer saved the lives of all casualties under his care, to include lowering three critically wounded, non-ambulatory, teammates down a near-vertical 60-foot cliff, while avoiding rounds of enemy gunfire and falling debris caused by numerous air strikes. He was initially awarded the Silver Star, the third-highest award for valor.

Comrades, this concludes my report on legislative matters concerning veterans. If you have any questions you may contact me at cortier79@hotmail.com.

Yours in Comradeship,

Jonathan Brazee
Legislative Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas

From the Roving Ambassador:

Hello my fellow Comrades,

I am hoping this brief Report finds everyone in good spirits. In my last Report I forgot to mention that PDC Larry Lyons was also at the National Convention in July, so my apologies to Larry for omitting his name from my Report.

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 if I can be of any help.

If there is a "Kevin Mitchell" sighting in the Angeles City area you are correct!!! I retired from Civil Service on 30 September and currently getting settled here...for now!

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 Americanism and Loyalty Day Chairman:

Comrades,

Columbus Day: On June 28, 1968, President Johnson signed Public Law 90-363 making Columbus Day, October 12 a national holiday and commencing in 1971, this holiday has been observed on the second Monday in October giving the American public another long holiday weekend. In keeping with our American heritage, the VFW Department of Pacific Areas (DPA) encourage each Post in the DPA to sponsor and participate in the observance of this national holiday by the various opportunities presented each. For example, participation in parades, special social affairs, cooperation with schools and youth groups to instill in young Americans the need to perpetuate the memory of the acknowledged discoverer of America.



US Navy Birthday: On 13 October 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the fitting out of small ships for the Navy. This action constituted the 1st Naval legislation and became the genesis of the U.S. Navy. In as much as that date marks the beginning of the U.S. Navy, it is appropriate to celebrate 13 October as the Navy's Birthday.

Hispanic Heritage Month: National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th. During this celebration, the Army commemorates and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the nation, society, and culture.

During Hispanic Heritage Month the VFW commemorates the long-standing and remarkable contributions that Hispanics have made in building and defending the nation.

- More than 20,000 Hispanic Soldiers fought on both sides of the Civil War.
- In 2014, the 65th Infantry Regiment - a unit of Soldiers mostly from Puerto Rico known as Los Borinqueneers - received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor.
- More than 40 Hispanic-American Soldiers have been presented the Medal of Honor, the country's highest military decoration. In 1919, Private David Bennes Barkley was the first Hispanic Soldier to be (posthumously) award the Medal of Honor for his courageous actions in World War I.

There has been 61 Hispanic Americans that earned the Medal of Honor. In celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month, the VFW recognizes not only the significance of individual contributions but also the value of diversity and an inclusive environment.

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



WHY WEAR A POPPY?

"Please wear a poppy", the lady said and
held one forth, but I shook my head. Then
I stopped and watched as she offered
them there,

And her face was old and lined with care;
but beneath the scars the years had
made

There remained a smile that refused to
fade.

A boy came whistling down the street
Bouncing along on care-free feet His
smile was full of joy and fun, "Lady", said
he, May I have one?"

When she's pinned it on he turned to say,
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way

And answered, "This is Remembrance
Day,

And the poppy there is the symbol for

The gallant men and women who died in
war,

And because they did, you and I are free
that's why we wear a poppy, you see.

"I had a boy about your size, with golden
hair and big blue eyes. He loved to play
and jump and shout, Free as a bird he
would race about. As the years went by
he learned and grew

And became a man-as you will, too.

"He was fine and strong, with a boyish
smile,

But he'd seemed with us such a little
while

When war broke out and he went away.

I still remember his face that day

When he smiled at me and said
"Good-bye, I'll soon be back, Mom, so
please don't cry".

"But the war went on and he had to stay,
and all I could do was wait and pray. His
letters told of the awful fight,

(I can see it still in my dreams at night)

With the tanks and guns and cruel
barbed wire, and the mines and bullets,
the bombs and fire.

"Till at last, the war was won -

And that's why we wear a poppy son".

The small boy turned as if to go, then
said, "Thanks, lady, I'm glad to know.

That sure did sound like an awful fight,
but your son-did he come back all right?"

A tear rolled down each faded cheek;
She shook her head, but didn't speak.

I slunk away in a sort of shame,

And if you were me you'd have done the
same;

For our thanks, in giving, is oft delayed,
though our freedom was bought - and
thousands paid.

And so when we see a poppy worn, Let
us reflect on the burden borne by those
who gave their very all

And asked to answer their country's call
that we at home in peace might live.
Then wear a poppy. Remember...and
give!

Lest we forget!

