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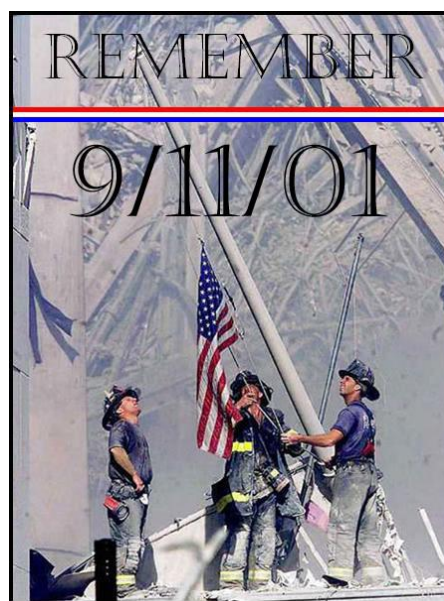
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# ***Department Officer's Comments & Department Committee Reports***

## ***From the Commander:***

Comrades,

This month's letter will focus primarily on Membership! Memstats numbers are now posted as of 5 September 2018. I am so proud of all of you. We are ranked #2 in the VFW National organization in membership. We have 7 Posts and 2 Districts that are now at 100% or greater. My congratulations go out to Post 9723 (Okinawa), Post 9555 (Yokota), Post 9957 (Taipei), Post 12146 (Ban Chang), Post 124 (Baguio), Post 9892 (La Union), and Post 11447 (Subic Bay).



The DPA had 272 Life Members reactivated in September. The CinC and the VFW National Membership Team spent several months reviewing more than 68,000+ Life Members who were placed in a category called "Inactive" over the past several years. The previous standard used by VFW National was to place anyone age 75 or older with an "undeliverable" address into this category. Many posts complained this was arbitrary and that they had members who were still alive and listed as "inactive". The membership team used various tools to scrub the numbers. National was able to reduce this group to 9,984. These members were reactivated and Life Member payouts were made to the Posts, Districts and Departments in early September. The DPA Adjutant sent an email with an Excel Spreadsheet and the CinC's Team Alert to all District Commanders, Post Commanders/Adjutants & Quartermasters with a complete list of these reactivated Life Members. The CinC's Team Alert is on our Face Book Page and clearly states the rationale on the reactivations. Chief BJ has asked that Post Quartermasters do their best to validate these member's information and status. These members will remain on the Post Membership Rolls until they can be properly validated. If your Quartermasters know that a member is deceased – report them to National via the Online Membership System (OMS). The National Council of Administration unanimously supported the CinC's decision to give the Posts the benefit of the doubt before the VFW removes a Life Member from the Membership Rolls in the future. Please take the time to read CinC BJ's Alert. If your Post benefited by the reactivations – that is good because you should have been receiving credit for these Life Members all along. I now ask you to take the next step and follow-up where you can to help National keep their membership records accurate. Lastly - if this effort by the CinC helped you achieve 100% or greater – then help him and the entire Membership Team by continuing your recruiting efforts. It has been many years since National has "Gone Over The Top"! Let's all help BJ "Make It Happen"!

We have many programs to work! Please keep working them 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,

Well, MEMSTATS finally came up, and with the addition of the reinstated members, we are looking very good. On top of the 166 new members, we picked up a couple of hundred more. Japan seems to have made out the best, but all Districts improved considerably. We have seven posts greater than 100% already, with two more poised to join them. It appears we will have a lot of Posts eligible for the Early Bird stipend.

Don't forget to bring up the discounts available for lifetime membership conversion. That \$100 can make all the difference. Hopefully your Post is using the stipend to discount the newly recruited lifetime members. Another huge bonus for them. And please, when you have a membership drive, take a photo or two, and place it on the All-Around the Pacific Facebook page. It's great to see recruiting away from the canteen environment. Exchanges, events, etc. are good for the VFW.

On the Veterans Assistance front, we have now had five requests for assistance, of which four have been approved. There was almost a sixth, but it was retracted before I could forward it to the committee. These are doing great thing for our Vets. I received a very nice email from one of the Post Commanders on the Vet we helped. Believe me when I tell you, it meant a lot to him.

A recent development, mentioned above, is the reinstatement of many of our elderly members. The formula and method National had been using was very inefficient, as many of those placed as inactive were, in fact, still alive and active. So, they have instituted a new system which will hopefully be more realistic. All told, 272 lifetime members will be reappearing on their Posts rosters, in time for the Lifetime Payouts. Thank you, BJ!

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 Sept. 6

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted	Percent	Div	City	State	N/R	Prior	Retention	N/R %
Pacific Are	9723	1	730	0	0	4	734	709	103.52%	2	OKINAWA	JAPAN		34	11.76%	0.00%
Pacific Are	0	1	730	0	0	4	734	709	103.52%	6			0		0.00%	
Pacific Are	1054	2	765	0	0	2	767	772	99.35%	1	YOKOSUKA CIT	JAPAN		32	15.63%	0.00%
Pacific Are	9555	2	359	0	0	2	361	361	100.00%	2	YOKOTA AFB	JAPAN		24	4.17%	0.00%
Pacific Are	9612	2	482	2	1	2	487	522	93.29%	2	CAMP ZAMA	JAPAN	2	48	14.58%	0.96%
Pacific Are	0	2	1606	2	1	6	1615	1655	97.58%	4			2		0.30%	
Pacific Are	8180	3	1642	25	2	6	1675	2024	82.75%	1	SONGTAN-SI	KOREA	8	392	1.79%	1.73%
Pacific Are	9985	3	207	11	1	6	225	273	82.41%	3	TONGDUCHON	KOREA	1	72	6.94%	4.76%
Pacific Are	10033	3	495	2	0	2	499	551	90.56%	2	TAEGU	KOREA	0	50	6.00%	0.36%
Pacific Are	10223	3	292	19	0	3	314	354	88.70%	3	CAMP HUMPHF	KOREA	10	94	8.51%	8.19%
Pacific Are	12147	3	169	2	1	2	174	236	73.72%	4	SEONGNAM	KOREA	1	74	6.76%	1.69%
Pacific Are	0	3	2805	59	4	19	2887	3438	83.97%	2			20		2.41%	
Pacific Are	9957	4	390	0	0	0	390	359	108.63%	2	TAIPEI	TAIW		11	90.91%	0.00%
Pacific Are	0	4	390	0	0	0	390	359	108.63%	6			0		0.00%	
Pacific Are	9876	5	349	4	1	5	359	402	89.30%	2	PATTAYA CITY	THAIL	1	45	13.33%	1.49%
Pacific Are	9951	5	222	1	0	1	224	248	90.32%	3	BANGKOK	THAIL	0	25	12.00%	0.40%
Pacific Are	10217	5	138	0	0	3	141	142	99.29%	6	KORAT AF BASE	THAIL	0	16	25.00%	0.00%
Pacific Are	10249	5	229	1	0	5	235	251	93.62%	3	UDORN	THAIL	1	29	27.59%	0.80%
Pacific Are	11575	5	105	2	0	2	109	121	90.08%	6	PHNOM PENH	CAMB	0	21	14.29%	1.65%
Pacific Are	12074	5	94	2	0	2	98	106	92.45%	7	CHIANG MAI	THAIL	2	14	14.29%	3.77%
Pacific Are	12146	5	172	0	0	5	177	163	108.58%	5	BAN CHANG	THAIL	6	14	42.86%	3.68%
Pacific Are	12163	5	35	0	0	2	37	42	88.09%	10	PERTH	AUST	2	10	20.00%	4.76%
Pacific Are	0	5	1344	10	1	25	1380	1475	93.55%	4			12		1.56%	
Pacific Are	1509	6	331	0	0	2	333	358	93.01%	2	YIGO	GUAM	2	32	9.38%	0.56%
Pacific Are	2917	6	190	1	0	1	192	233	82.40%	4	AGAT	GUAM	46		0.43%	
Pacific Are	3457	6	258	0	0	2	260	284	91.54%	3	SAIPAN	CNMI	10	39	7.69%	3.52%
Pacific Are	0	6	779	1	0	5	785	875	89.71%	6			12		1.49%	
Pacific Are	124	7	182	0	0	0	182	177	102.82%	5	BAGUIO CITY	PI	9	1	0.00%	5.08%
Pacific Are	2485	7	1603	6	0	12	1621	1665	97.35%	1	ANGELES CITY	PI	9	75	25.33%	0.90%
Pacific Are	9892	7	236	0	0	0	236	233	101.28%	4	BAUANG	PI	0	4	25.00%	0.00%
Pacific Are	11447	7	483	4	0	4	491	483	101.65%	2	SUBIC BAY	PI	14	21	38.10%	3.73%
Pacific Are	12130	7	68	0	0	3	71	117	60.68%	6	CEBU	PI	2	50	6.00%	1.71%
Pacific Are	0	7	2572	10	0	19	2601	2675	97.23%	3			34		%	1.64%
Pacific Are	15055	99	511	3	0	5	519	562	92.34%	2	PACIFIC AREAS	PI	4		%	1.25%
Pacific Are	0	99	511	3	0	5	519	562	92.34%	6			4		%	1.25%
Pacific Are	0	255	10737	85	6	83	10911	11748	92.87%				84		%	1.49%

## ***From the Junior Vice Commander:***

Hello Comrades,

We are off to a good start with our CS Reporting, since I submit the totals NLT the 5th of each month, in order to receive credit for the reporting period please ensure your reports are submitted prior to the 5th. Although we are down about 15% in CSRs from last year, the amount of work performed in our communities by our Posts is truly noteworthy. Remember recording your efforts makes it even more meaningful.

Our outstanding VOD/PP/TA chairman Don Kelly from Post 10223 in Korea is already well into planning our Department program and he will be communicating deadlines and other information in his monthly newsletter/committee report. He can be reached @ [don@vfw10223.org](mailto:don@vfw10223.org).



Please check QM Pete Callaghan's report in the Typhoon and under committee reports to ensure you have received credit for the Buddy Poppies you have purchased.

I was very impressed with our new National Commander in Chief B.J. Lawrence's comments regarding where the individual Posts fit into the VFW grand scheme. Specifically, he said in his acceptance speech in Kansas City, that he is putting a new focus on supporting the 6,400 existing VFW Posts, on creating new Posts, and on recruiting and retention of new members. He went on to say, there is an energy in this organization that's just chomping at the bit to be released, and it's all happening at the Post level. I couldn't agree more, so to use B. J.'s slogan this year let's "Make It Happen" beginning at our individual Posts.

Remember to follow the leadership and guidance of our Department Commander Mike Verville and "Get it Done" at each and every Post in our outstanding Department.

Have a great VFW month and I'm standing by to assist in any way I can.

In comradeship, service to Veterans, and with warmest best wishes,

Kenneth A Stein  
Junior Vice Commander  
Department of Pacific Area



## CSR Reports as of 01 September 2018

Post	Dist	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
9723	1	13	13	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
1054	2	16	9	17	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
9555		24	18	16	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
9612		10	11	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
8180	3	18	18	28	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
9985		18	12	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
10033		3	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
10223		8	15	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
12147		4	3	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
9957	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
9876	5	13	29	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
9951		20	21	21	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
10217		17	23	15	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
10249		10	6	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
11575		3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
12074		8	8	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
12146		11	24	20	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
12163		15	14	16	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
1509	6	7	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
2917		50	8	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81
3457		9	6	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
124	7	17	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
2485		141	128	134	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	525
9892		60	64	4	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193
11447		8	2	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
12130		2	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Total		509	450	430	439	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1828

## ***From the National Councilmember:***

Comrades,

We, the National Council, had a very good meeting last month. I raised the issue of the Veterans Service Grant that Departments receive and how it is computed. The DPA is a little under the average in the amount we get. Though it was not increased during the meeting last month; it is being looked at and something will be presented soon. However, it would not be implemented until next year.

As most of you have heard or know by now, National reinstated some life members into your Post. This was a system that National put into action over 10 years ago. The Post Commander and Quartermasters should have received a list of this members. Please follow the instructions provided. Also, check the rest of your Post roster. There are some Posts that have members that are over 100 years old. No saying that they have passed, just asking for you ensure the roster is up to date.

Contact me if you have any issues that you would like me to take to National for you.

Yours in Comradeship,

Shawn Watson  
National Council Member



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

Comrades,

Department of Pacific Areas Webmaster, Shawn Watson, has the Registration for the Mid-Term Council of Administration, up and running on the Department website.

Department website is: [www.vfwdeptpacific.org](http://www.vfwdeptpacific.org)

If you are planning to attend the Mid-Term C of A, at the Oasis Hotel, Angeles City, Philippines, 7-9 December 2018, please register on the DPA website. Do not register with the Hotel, register on the DPA website.

Even if you are not planning to stay at the Oasis Hotel, please register for the other C of A activities, i.e., DPA Banquet, Afternoon Social, Hospitality Room donation.

Thank you.

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Jerry Chaplin  
Adjutant  
Department of Pacific Areas





## ***From the Junior Past Department Commander:***

Comrades,

I'm very pleased to note that we seem to have avoided a loss of recruiting momentum over the summer months. I see that many Posts are actively recruiting, and worthy of special note is District 3 with all Posts with 2 or more new members. Post 8180 leads the Department with 25 new members and several Posts also have re-instates. When our life members are added back into MEMSTATS in early September we should be at our near the top of VFW National standings.

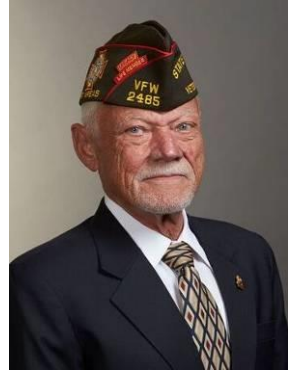
The schedule for the December Council of Administration meeting in Angeles City, Philippines has been posted of the Department website. Please encourage your newer and / or younger members to attend this event or the Department Convention in June in Saipan. Attending these events is a great way to expose these members to the levels above Post, and to encourage them to greater involvement.

Many great posts on the Around the Pacific Facebook page and other social media. This is an excellent and low cost way to get our message out. If you are not using these tools you may wish to consider it.

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 Chief of Staff:***

Comrades,

One of the jobs of the Chief of Staff is to help the Department/Districts with starting a new Post. If anyone know of a group of Veterans that is trying to start a Post or needs info to start a Post. Please send them my way.

If you have any questions let me know.

Yours in Comradeship,

Shawn Watson  
Chief of Staff  
Department of Pacific Areas



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

Comrades,

In this month's issue of the Typhoon I will present the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual and Resolutions by item number that were approved, approved as amended and those that were rejected at 119th National Convention in Kansas City, MO on July 2, 2018.

All the adopted or rejected proposals to the by-laws and manual may be found on the Department Website, [www.vfwdeptpacific.org](http://www.vfwdeptpacific.org) under the Judge Advocates Page on link titled "By-Laws Proposed 2017-2018" at the 119th National Convention. (Note: The webmaster has been informed to make a correction to the resolution title from 116th National Convention proposed Resolution 2015). They can also be found at VFW National website as well for review as desired.



The following is a listing of approved and rejected amendments to National By-laws, Manual of Procedure and resolutions:

APPROVED ~ REJECTED

### **National By-Laws**

**Approved:** B-2, B-3, B-5 – B-10, B-12 - B-17, B-19 - B-29, B-31, B-33 - B-38, B-41 - B-43.

**Rejected:** B-1, B-4, B-11, B-18, B-30, B-32, B-39 and B-40.

### **Manual of Procedure**

**Approved:** M-1, M-2, M-4 - M-27, M-29, M-30, M-33, M-34, M-35 and M-36.

**Rejected:** M-3, M-28, M-31 and M-32.

### **Ritual**

**Rejected:** R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5

### **Finance & Internal Organization (200 Series)**

**Approved:** 203 **Rejected:** 201, 202, 204, 205, 206

### **General (300 Series)**

**Approved:** 304, 306,

**Approved as Amended:** 301, 308 **Rejected:** 302, 303, 305, 307

### **National Security & Foreign Affairs (400 Series)**

**Approved:** 401 – 419

### **Veterans Service (600 Series)**

**Approved:** 601 – 611, 613 – 619, 621 – 628, 633, 637

**Approved as Amended:** 612, 620, 629, 630, 634, 635

**Rejected:** 631, 632, 636

In closing if you have any questions on by-laws or resolutions please contact me at [advdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:advdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org) or [pdcmoses@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:pdcmoses@vfwdeptpacific.org)

Yours in Comradeship,

Robert "Mo" Moses  
Judge Advocate  
Department of Pacific Areas



## From the Quartermaster:

Comrades,

You may or may not have heard about the minor change to the subscription dues program. Previously, an annual member's dues were subject for renewal on the one year anniversary of his dues processing date. So if an annual member paid his dues on July 15, 2017, he was considered delinquent on July 16, 2018. The problem, according to National, was that 365 different days had to be tracked for dues renewal notices, expirations, etc. So what they have done is to extend all annual members' expiration date to the last day of the month in which their membership expired.

This makes sense and it is now much easier for National – and Posts – to track the number of members who are due for renewal each month. If you send out 30-60-90 day reminders to annual members, it now only has to be done once a month.

Speaking of annual members, the Department has a new program this year to encourage annual members to become Life members. For each 5 annual members in one Post who convert to Life, the Department will award that Post a \$250 stipend to help offset any discount the Post might want to give members who convert from annual to Life. We've already had one Post, 11447, which has taken advantage of this program. Post leadership can think of ways to make this work for them.

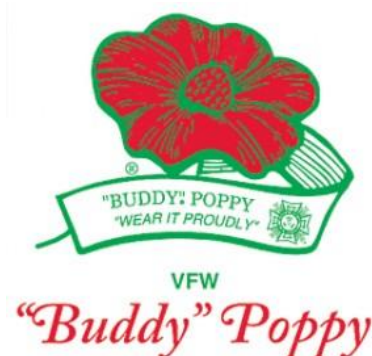
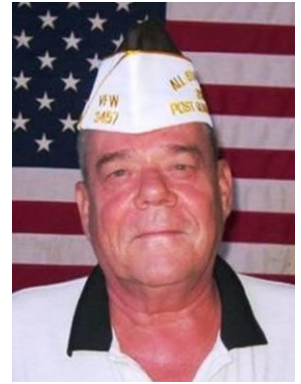
Quartermaster bonds for 2018-2019 have been sent to each Post and District QM. Only one District has yet to pay for the new bond. And I'm happy to report that every Post has ordered Buddy Poppies for this year. Well done! The poppies should be arriving soon as they were mailed from National in mid-August. Posts in Districts V and VII may have to wait a month or more for delivery because the donkeys that deliver mail in these associated countries need to stop and be fed. (Just a little humor; don't get upset.)

Life member payments from National are due out this month. Traditionally they arrive around the third week of the month. Equally as important, we will finally be able to see accurate MEMSTATS numbers so we'll know what it takes to make 100% this year. Recruiting has been a bit slower in the first two months of this year than in previous years. So it's time to pick it up and "make it happen".

Have a great month!

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				\$174/1,500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd F*
9555	X				\$58/500	\$75/\$30,000 Pd F*
9612					\$58/500	\$65/\$26,000 Pd F*
District II					X	\$17.50/\$5,000 Pd F*
8180	X				\$116/1,000	\$70/\$28,000 Pd F*
9985	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				\$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.						

## *From the Chaplain:*

### DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS REMEMBERS SENATOR JOHN S. MCCAIN



The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has lost a dear and devoted friend. The loss of Senator John S. McCain brings grief to his family, close friends, those who served with him and to those who never met him but respected the life he lived and the service to the nation he gave.

A life member of Arizona VFW Post 1401, The 1.7 million-member Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Auxiliary are saluting the life of one of their own, U.S. Sen. John S. McCain III, who died this evening after battling brain cancer.

"The senator is being remembered as a maverick at the U.S. Naval Academy, as a naval aviator, as a five and a half-year prisoner of war, and as a two-term U.S. congressman and six-term U.S. senator from Arizona," said VFW National Commander B.J. Lawrence. "But we remember Senator McCain as a 32-year Life member of VFW Post 7401 in Chandler, Ariz., and as a staunch supporter of a strong military as well as a champion for our troops, our veterans and their families."

"John McCain was a patriot who cared deeply about the health and well-being of those who have worn the uniform of our country and their families," said Lawrence, "and on behalf of the entire VFW family, I send our deepest condolences to his family for their loss, and thank them for their strength and support that enabled him to continue serving our great nation for so many years."



Let us also remember one of our own fallen comrades, **Scott Simms** of VFW Post 11447 Barrio Barretto. Prayers go out to his family.

Yours in Comradeship and Service to Veterans.

Ronald J. Davis  
Chaplain  
Department of Pacific Areas



## From the Surgeon:

### Is Manhood Killing You?

We have been molded by decades of 'Big boys don't cry', 'No pain-no gain', 'Mission first', 'Suck it up' & 'Push through the pain'.

We are primitive in the way we approach our health. Like animals defending our territory, we are afraid to show any sign of weakness. So for us, admitting that we need help is the same as admitting defeat.

Being a 'real man' is probably the biggest barrier between a man and his doctor. You can see this macho attitude at the forefront when a Comrade brags about not going to the doctor in years. Or when he ignores physical symptoms and carries on just like any other day. I have personally seen too many examples of the tendency for veterans to ignore symptoms and 'soldier on' regardless. I have also seen this inaction or delay result in what may well have been preventable surgeries & amputations- and even premature death.

Two related studies by Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences researchers point out that the inherent beliefs of men on masculinity may compel them to ignore symptoms and/or delay preventative care and treatment until it is too late. Also, the usual suspects of denial, fear, apathy or simply 'being too busy' can also prevent some from taking action.

The reality is that the stereotypical macho male image of strength and invulnerability does us no favors at all; in fact it works against us by hindering our inclination towards health seeking behavior. To take charge of our own health, we need to break free of some of the personal and societal beliefs that have been instilled in us since childhood. We also need to make our personal health and wellbeing our mission-and conduct it just like we would any other mission.

**Post Surgeons (Follow-up from Aug. 2018):** How many Posts already have an AED? How many Post members are CPR qualified? Please send me your ideas about this and then let's make a plan and 'Get it Done'.

Yours in Comradeship & Well-Being,  
Brian J. Hamic  
Surgeon  
Department of Pacific Areas  
[surg@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:surg@vfwdeptpacific.org)



## From the Inspector:

Comrades,

We are now going into our third month of the fiscal year and I have only received inputs from two districts. District Commanders, please have you inspector provide a tentative schedule of your post and district inspections. Once the inspections are complete, please forward completed copy 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>		
9723		
<b>District II</b>		
1054		
9555		
9612		
<b>District III</b>		
8180		
9985		
10033		
10223		
12147		
<b>District IV</b>		
9957		
<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		Scheduled September 2018
12146		Scheduled September 2018
12163		Scheduled November 2018
<b>District VI</b>		Scheduled November 2018
1509		Scheduled September 2018
2917		Scheduled November 2018
3457		Scheduled September 2018
<b>District VII</b>		
124		
2485		
9892		
11447		
12130		

Yours in Comradeship,

Bill Bradford  
Inspector  
Department of Pacific Areas

## ***From the Veterans and Military Support Chairman:***



Comrades,

Please go to the COMMITTEES link on the VFWDEPTPACIFIC.ORG website for my latest report. Apparently, it's a little too big to distribute via the TYPHOON.

**"VFW – Make It Happen, Get It Done"**

Yours in comradeship and service,

Mike Lutman Veterans & Military Support Programs Chairman  
Department of Pacific Areas  
mailto: [mapdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:mapdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org)  
Phone: +81-9093966628

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

Greetings Comrades,

We'll believe it or not the year is already almost 1/4th over. Hopefully you already have figured out your recruiting plan with dates to go out into your community with recruiting drives and or go out and talk with your Annual Members on renewal or doing the next best thing and that is going Life with the VFW. Our Department again has an outstanding Life Membership program along with has a new program to give your annual members a break going Life. Please check out the Membership Program on the DPA Web Site!

We already have 52 members who have jumped on the band wagon and already has made a good dent in our recruiting program for the year. Seventeen of these recruiters have already earned the first award in the recruiting awards for recruiting 3-5 members! They will receive the Commanders pin and the new DPA Pin!

Our Top 3 Recruiters thus far are Cliff Wilsey from Post 2485 with 15 recruits and our own Commander Mike Verville from Post 11447 and Jeff Birkle from Post 9985 both recruiting 10 each to these recruiters and all the rest I want to say a BIG THANK YOU for getting started already.

Don't forget I am only an email away if I can help you with your recruiting needs. I can be reached at [pdcl Lyons@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:pdcl Lyons@vfwdeptpacific.org).

Yours Always in Comradeship,

Larry Lyons  
Certified National Recruiter  
Past Department Commander  
Department of Pacific Areas



We're  
recruiting!



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



Comrades,

School has started. So, all the posts should have downloaded all the entry forms and coordinated with the schools and students in their area.

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

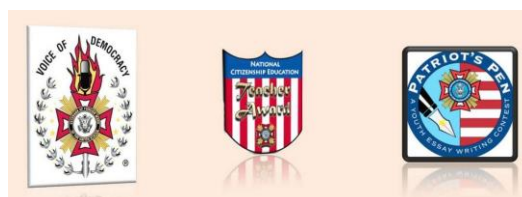
**\* Notice: Qualifications state that both programs are open to students who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school. However, VFW National Adjutant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

Ensure the students understand the rules for each of the programs. 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.

\* Entry deadline to the Post is 31 October 2018. 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 [https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/programs\\_donation\\_form](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 31 October 2018. Please forward your donation receipt to [vodppdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:vodppdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org) to get credit.

\* I still need to know who the DISTRICT CHAIRMANS are for the VOD / Patriot Pen / Teachers Award's program as soon as possible. Please send names and email addresses to [vodppdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:vodppdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org).

**"Make It Happen & Get It Done"**





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

Post/District	VOD	PP	Teachers Award
9723			
District 1			
1054			
9555			
9612			
District 2			
8180			
9985			
10033			
10223			
12147			
District 3			
9957			
District 4			
9876			
9951			
10217	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
10249			
11575			
12074			
12146			
12163			
District 5			
1509			
2917			
3457			
District 6			
124			
2495			
9892			
11447			
12130	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
District 7			

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Don Kelley  
 Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen / Teacher's Award Chairman  
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## From the National Home for Children Chairman:



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



Comrades,

The year is going by fast. Our Department Commander hopes to get some of the requirements done by this month. The National Home Donation is one of the easiest check off that can be done. It is not that difficult to go online and complete.

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@VFWDETPACIFIC.ORG](mailto:NHCDPA@VFWDETPACIFIC.ORG)

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

### National Home Donation Report

Report for District and Post as of 31 August 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	\$100.00	11575	No	
1054	No		12074	No	
9555	No		12146	No	
9612	No		12163	Yes	\$50.00
District 3	No		District 6	No	
8180	No		1509	No	
9985	No		2917	No	
10033	No		3457	No	
10223	No		District 7	No	
12147	No		124	No	
District 4	No		2485	No	
9957	No		9892	Yes	\$50.00
District 5	No		11447	No	
9876	No		12130	Yes	\$50.00
9951	No				
Post 12147 Project Pacific House		\$4,000.00	Post 1054 Annual Benefit Concert		
<b>Dist./Post Total</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>Special Projects</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,300.00</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 difficult times.***

Yours in Comradeship,  
 Randell E. Himes  
[nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto: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. **Army to Screen 40,000 Homes for Lead:** Following a Reuters report last week that found children living in Army housing faced a substantial risk of lead exposure, the Army announced this week that it will be conducting a review of approximately 40,000 on-post residences. The report highlighted medical findings showing that 31 children living in communities at Ft. Benning, Ga., suffered lead poisoning after being exposed to lead-based paint. The report also stated that in addition to homes at Ft. Benning, homes at Ft. Polk, Ft. Hood, Ft. Knox, Ft. Riley, and the United States Military Academy also tested dangerously high for lead. Additionally, between 2011 and 2016, more than 1,000 children living on post tested above the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's lead threshold level. At a press conference on Tuesday, Secretary of Defense James Mattis stated, "...this is a moral obligation we have to the families to provide safe lodging, obviously, for them. And it's something we take very, very seriously." [Read the report.](#)
2. **Report Finds Veterans Improperly Denied MST-related PTSD Claims:** VA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) released a report that investigated denied disability claims for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) related to military sexual trauma (MST). The findings concluded that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) processed approximately 12,000 claims annually over the past three years for PTSD related to MST. In FY2017, VBA denied about 5,500 of those claims. The OIG review team sampled 169 denied claims and discovered 82 were incorrectly processed, which indicates an overall adjudication error rate of 49 percent. The incorrectly processed denial error projections were mostly found to be due to evidence submitted, VA not requesting adequate evidence, veterans submitting claims not being contacted by VA's MST coordinators, and insufficient medical opinions. "The Inspector General's report is very troubling," said VFW National Commander B.J. Lawrence in a [press statement](#). "The VA's own statistics show that suicide rates among military sexual assault victims are a growing problem, yet here we have VBA — which is the key to all things VA — incorrectly processing almost a quarter of all claims. That's failing our veterans." Veterans who submitted claims for PTSD related to MST and feel their claims were improperly denied may [contact the VFW](#) for claims assistance. [Read the report.](#)
3. **VFW Participates in Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council Meeting:** On Monday, August 20, VFW Director of National Security and Foreign Affairs John Towles joined the members of the Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council for a question and answer session at the Washington Navy Yard. Points of discussion focused on the VFW's advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and provided members with the opportunity to get updates on legislation concerning toxic exposure, the Survivor Benefit Plan and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, and transition services for members who are pending retirement. The council, which meets annually, is one element of the Department of the Navy Retired Activities Program and is composed of retired Navy and Marine Corps

officers and enlisted personnel. It was established to address issues of significant importance to retired military personnel and their family members, and to facilitate interaction

Comrades, this concludes my report on legislative matters concerning veterans. If you have any questions you may contact me at [corter79@hotmail.com](mailto:corter79@hotmail.com).

Yours in Comradeship,

Jonathan Brazee  
Legislative Chairman  
Department of Pacific Areas

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

Comrades,

VJ Day: On August 14, 1945, it was announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, effectively ending World War II. On September 2, 1945, Japan's formal surrender took place aboard the U.S.S. Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay.

Patriot's Day - 9/11 - The tragedy of the twin towers, the pentagon, and the flights that were part of terrorism on American Soil is remembered to never let the cowardice actions take place on our soil again. This is also a day to remember all of those that lost their lives on 9/11. A ceremony will be held at the Post on September 11th, 2016 at 3 p.m.



POW/MIA Recognition Day - Third Friday in September. - September 21st, 2018. This is the day our black flag flies highest, for those who have been prisoners of war (POW) or remain missing in action (MIA) are not to be forgotten. Many Americans take the time to remember not only the POW/MIA, but their family members and loved ones as well. As for the black flag, all military installations fly the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag, which symbolizes the nation's remembrance of those who were imprisoned while serving in conflicts and those who remain missing.

The United States Air Force will celebrate their birthday on 18 September. The 1947 National Security Act restructured The United States military and intelligence agencies in the aftermath of World War II. On September 18, 1947, President Truman signed the National Security Act establishing the U.S. Airforce on board the first Air Force One, a VC 54C.

Gold Star Mother's Day 29 September, 2018 - Gold Star Mother's Day is observed in the United States on the last Sunday of September each year. It is a day for people to recognize and honor those who have lost a son or daughter while serving the United States Armed Forces.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars was established on 29 September, 1899 in Columbus Ohio. It took a small group of Spanish-American War veterans to band together to create one voice on behalf of all American veterans.

On 25 August, 2018, the United States lost a great American. John S. McCain, was a naval pilot that was held as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and rose to the positions as a congressman and a senator. He is a true example of a hero and will be missed. Thank you for your service. Rest in peace.

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

