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“THE RIGHT THING TO DO”

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LEGACY LIFE MEMBER EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

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



Inputs for the September Typhoon
Are due on 05 September 2019.



Department Officer's Comments & Department Committee Reports

From the Commander:

Comrades,

The VFW National Convention was very exciting. I was proud to see so many of our comrades present in Orlando. "Doc" Schmidt has a great team setup to build upon the successful year BJ had. We will not stop with one year of 100% membership. I'd really like to see our organization continue to grow in the upcoming year.

I expect to start my visits soon to our great department. District Commanders, if you are having an event that warrants the presence of one of us, let me know. You know better than us when these events are. I would ask if possible to team it with a recruiting drive. Start working now on those new members. I realize several Posts have some in waiting. Although the National site is still not updated for MEMSTATS, go ahead and get them in. A head-start can make all the difference later on.

School will be starting up again soon, and the sooner they know about the VOD/PP scholarships, the better results we will have at National. Advertise them often, especially during recruiting drives.

By now, everyone should have seen the changes to the All-American program. SVC Stein will be tracking the progress for AA and All-State. The VFW dashboard will make it easy to track for the Post and District commanders. Don't be surprised by an item that you should have been keeping tabs on.

CSRs are off to a good start, and JVC Mitchell has a handle of those, as well as awards. During the course of the, keep notes on those deserving comrades, who should be recognized for outstanding service.

Yours in comradeship,

Rick Farris
Commander
VFW Dept. of Pacific Areas



From the Senior Vice Commander:

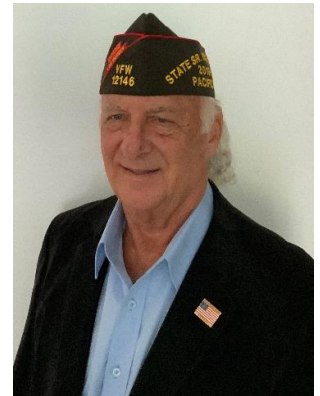
Comrades,

We are now fully engaged in our new term and it's time to move forward on recruiting new members and upgrading annual members to life membership and life members to legacy life membership.

We have a number of resources that can be used to assist you in recruiting new members.

Among them are the following:

- National Recruiter PDC Larry Lyons (pdcl Lyons@vfwdeptpacific.org) is an excellent resource and an expert in planning and funding recruiting events.
- Life Memberships are what sustains our Department. Cliff Wilsey (clffwilsey@gmail.com) is our resident expert on incentives and processing Life memberships.
- Legacy Life Chairman Bob Zaher (bobzaher@gmail.com) will assist with incentives and information to upgrade your members from Life to Legacy.
- The VFW National website has a wide range of videos and other support materials available at the Membership Recruiting and Retention web link.



Below are the various incentive programs the Department is offering this year.

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

Early Bird Program (Ends November 30, 2019) 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.

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

- 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 Program (For the year ending 30 June 2020)

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

Please remember it is up to the Post QMs to request the various stipends and provide the names of each of the new or converted members to the DPA QM and to advise the DPA CDR and DPA SVC that you have achieved any of the above award requirements.

As many of you know membership numbers are a little difficult to track this early in the year as the National Membership Team does a reset of the Online Membership System for the new term.

One final point regarding membership, at this point MEMSTATS numbers will be lower than you expect since they track only renewals starting on 1 July 2019. VFW National has informed us that the first Life Membership totals will be posted in MEMSTATS once the first Life Membership Payouts have been made to the Department, Districts, and Posts in September 2019.

Don't want you to think membership is all we are interested in, to date we have provided grants of \$1000 to needy veterans within our Department. The Veterans Assistance Committee is standing by to assist, within our parameters, veterans who find themselves with a financial emergency such as unexpected medical bills.

Oh yes, you may see postings on Facebook from SVC DPA, that account belongs to yours truly.

Kenneth A. Stein
Senior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Areas
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

From the Junior Vice Commander:

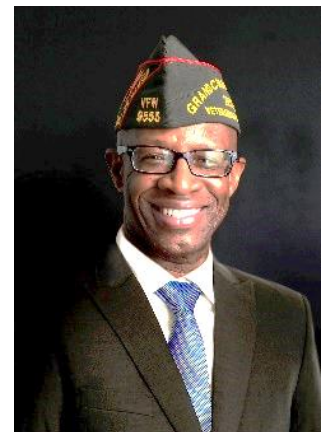
Greetings Comrades,

A special "shout out" goes out to many of you who sent me well wishes after I went home to visit my 89 year old Aunt who is the last surviving member of my parent's generation. We have been very close over the years and I had to see her. She is doing well and still under hospice care. But again thank you!!!

At this point of the year our Department is ahead of where we were last year concerning CSR reporting. I went through 100% of them and our Comrades are really doing some outstanding work in your communities. Several Posts submitted Reports for the prior months and they are reflected in the numbers for the respective months. Please keep up the outstanding work!! Our monthly stats will be at the end of this Report.

As of August 1st, our Department stands at 89.74% in Buddy Poppy Sales which is fantastic!!! Currently we have 17,500 and last year's total was 19,500. Post Commander's please ensure your Buddy Poppies has been ordered for the year and please get with our Quartermaster Pete Callaghan at qmdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org for any inquiries.

For our VOD/PP/Teacher Awards Programs, I spoke to Chairman Don Kelley at the National Convention and he has informed me that everything is working out just fine at this point. Comrade Kelley can be reached at don@vfw10223.org. Post Commander's please ensure your Chairman's contact Comrade Don for any questions.



Speaking of the National Convention in Orlando, we had a total of 17 Comrades who attended which is the largest number we had since I have been going to National. Because I might forget a name or two who attended I will refrain from posting names. However, the Comradeship was priceless!!! Great speakers were there also. Next year...RENO 2020!!!!

Finally, Department Commander Farris motto for the year is "It's the right thing to do" and thus far our Comrades are doing the right thing!!! We are the finest Department in the VFW and we will continue to be the pace setters!!! Wishing everyone a great Labor Day next month since our next edition will come after it. All the best to you, your families, and the good ole USA!!! I love you all!!!

CSR REPORTS AS OF 31 JULY 2019														
Post	Dist	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
9723	1	13	17	19										49
1054	2	17	4	25										46
9555		48	19	20										87
9612		12	15	1										28
8180	3	38	5	7										50
9985		10	9	9										28
10033		4	5	4										13
10223		20	5	7										32
12147		18	15	3										36
9957	4	12	4	2										18
9876	5	2	0	0										2
9951		28	33	5										66
10217		28	32	26										60
10249		8	6	5										19
11575		0	0	7										7
12074		0	0	10										10
12146		7	7	3										17
12163		18	23	8										49
1509	6	0	3	17										20
2917		64	118	129										311
3457		6	9	14										29
124	7	20	15	17										52
2485		120	111	119										350
9892		25	64	64										153
11447		31	59	34										124
12130		0	0	0										0
Total		549	578	555	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1682

If you need to contact me for VFW matters throughout the year, please contact me at the JVC email jvcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org.

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Kevin E. Mitchell
 Junior Vice Commander 2019-20
 Department of Pacific Areas
 "It's the Right Thing to Do"

From the Junior Past Department Commander:

Comrades,

Just returned from the VFW National Convention in Orlando, FL. It was a very enjoyable time for all. We had 19 DPA Members attend this year's National Convention. A very good turnout. The DPA Team ended the year with 12 Posts and 6 Districts achieving All-American status.

Have you read the new Membership Program for this year? There are some significant changes in the 2019 – 2020 National Membership Program. Take the time and go to vfw.org where you can review the entire National Membership Program. It has also been posted on the DPA Official Communications Face Book Page.



That's all for now! Keep up the great work! You can contact me anytime by email or F/B Messenger if you have questions or you just need to talk with me.

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Michael R. (Mike) Verville
 Junior Past Department Commander
 Department of Pacific Areas – 2019/2020

From the Life Membership Chairman:

Comrades,

The Department ended the 2018-2019 with its highest Life Membership total ever. VFW National has not yet provided adjusted Life Member totals for the Department. More to follow.

GO LIFE MEMBERSHP!

For the 2019-2020 year, the Department will provide a free Life Membership or a \$400 stipend for Posts meeting the following criteria:



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

Let's make it a "Banner Year" for our new Commander, who is a very nice guy (most of the time).

Yours in Comradeship,

Cliff Wilsey,
 Life Membership Chairman
 Department of Pacific Areas



From the Chief of Staff:

Comrades,

We are getting started in with the New Year. I would like to congratulate all of the new officers and welcome back those that have retained their positions. There have been chances to both the All State and All American program. Now is the time to review them and set your goals. Let's get out and continue to show that the Pacific is the Best in the West.

If there is anything that I can do to help, I'm but an email away.

Yours in Comradeship,

Shawn Watson
Chief of Staff
"The Right Thing To Do"



From the Quartermaster:

Comrades,

Quartermaster Bonds for 2019-2020 were sent to each Post and District Quartermaster's DEPARTMENT email address. Post and District Commanders also received notice that the bonds have been sent. Buddy Poppies will also be ordered this month and will be shipped by National to the Post Quartermaster's mailing address. Therefore, if your Post has not sent the 2019-2020 General Order #1 to the Department Adjutant, your Poppies will not be ordered until I know where to tell National to send them.

National has yet to include the Life Members in your MEMSTATS numbers, but your year-end number from last year is listed, so you know how many members you'll need to reach 100%. This year's all American program will pick only the top 25 Posts in each Division for All-American, but our All-State program has not changed. I believe that the All-American program needs significant change if it is going to be an effective recruiting incentive.

In September, National makes the Life Member payout to each Post and Department. The payout is based on when each member became a Life member. Those joining more recently have the highest payout because they paid more to become a Life member than those who became Life years ago. Nevertheless, payouts range from roughly \$8 per newer member to \$5 for the older ones, with a few other categories in between. If you figure \$6.50 for each Life member, you'll have a pretty good idea what your Post payout will be.

Summer is fading fast so it's time to think about getting to the business of the VFW – recruiting, VOD/Patriot's Pen/Teacher awards. Poppy sales, the annual donations to the National Home and Veterans and Military Support which have increased to \$75 this year, and helping military members and their families as well as veterans in our community. Remember that the VFW Foundation has grants of \$1,000 that Posts (and Auxiliaries) can use to donate to a local charity. The earlier you apply for this grant, the more likely you will receive it.

Have a great month, and happy recruiting!

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan
Quartermaster
Department of Pacific Areas



2019-2020 POST AND DISTRICT AUDITS/POPPIES/QM BONDS

AUDITS SUBMITTED	JUNE '19	SEP '19	DEC '19	MAR '20	BUDDY POPPIES ORDERED '19-'20	QM BOND ORDERED 2019-'20
9723					\$174/1,500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd. F*
District I					X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd. F*
1054	X				\$174/1,500	\$100/\$40,000(x2) Pd. F*
9555					\$58/500	\$67.50/\$19,000 Pd. F*
9612					\$58/500	\$100/\$40,000 Pd. F*
District II					X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd. F*
8180	X				\$116/1,000	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd. F*
9985	X				\$116/1,000	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd. F*
10033	X				\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
10223					\$174/1,500	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd. F*
12147					\$58/500	\$14.00/\$4,000 Pd. F*
District III					X	\$14.00/\$4,000 Pd. F*
9957					\$58/500	\$70/\$20,000 Pd. F*
District IV					X	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
9876					\$58/500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd. F*
9951					\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd. F*
10217	X				\$58/500	\$42.00/12,000 Pd. F*
10249	X				\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
11575						\$70/\$20,000 Pd. F*
12074	X					\$70.00/\$28,000 Pd. F*
12146	X				\$58/500	\$175/\$70,000 Pd. F*
12163					\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd. F*
District V	X				X	\$59.50/\$17,000 Pd. F*
1509					\$58/500	\$200/\$80,000 Pd. F*
2917	X				\$58/500	\$67.50/\$27,000 Pd. F*
3457	X				\$58/500	\$150/\$60,000 Pd. F*
District VI					X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd. F*
124	X				\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
2485					\$116/1,000	\$275/\$110,000 Pd. F*
9892					\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000(x2) Pd. F*
11447	X				\$58/500	\$31.50/\$9,000 Pd.
12130						\$17.50/\$5,000 F*
District VII					X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd. F*
*F = Bond application form received.						

From the Adjutant:

Greetings,

On 23 July, I sent out the Department MEMO ONE. At that time, I had not received General Orders from 13 Posts. Since that time, I have received 2 Posts General Orders. That leaves 11 Posts yet to send me a copy of their General Orders.

I use the Post General Orders, as the most up to date information, to accomplish the Department MEMO ONE. The Department Quartermaster uses the MEMO ONE to order and send Buddy Poppies to the Post Quartermasters.

If the addresses for the Post Quartermaster are not correct, then the Buddy Poppy orders may be delayed or never arrive. For the 11 Posts, that I have not received General Orders, please send them as soon as possible, as I am in the process of accomplishing an update to the MEMO ONE.

Thank you.

Jerry Chaplin
Adjutant
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Mid-Term C of A Chairman:

DPA Mid-Term Council of Administration 06-08 December 2019 – Phnom Penh Cambodia

Commanders and Comrades, we are approximately 4 months out from DPA meeting to be held in Phnom Penh Cambodia the beautiful Cambodiana Hotel situated on the Mekong River.

We returned home in July following an excellent District 5 quarterly meeting hosted by Mayaguez Memorial VFW Post 11575 Commander John/Jack Farrel where the accommodations are excellent, the staff friendly and receptive, the facilities, restaurant world class with favorable pricing and local entertainment areas within walking distance including Casinos.

We have negotiated VFW single /double deluxe room rates at 85USD, breakfast buffet, WIFI access included, upgraded rooms such as Junior & Executive suites are available VFW rates will be posted on the DPA Websites (upgrades at Members expense). We plan to coordinate with DPA Webmaster Shawn to “GO LIVE” with Hotel /Convention registration by early September, the hotel registration portal will be linked to DPA registration page as well as Shirt orders, shirt design being reviewed by Commander Farris. Transportation / pick up from Airport to Hotel can be booked via the Hotel registration website. Entry VISA is available on line (recommended) but can be purchased upon arrival. I plan to include further details in the September Typhoon but will post any updates on the DPA Face Book “Around the Pacific”. Commander Jack and I will continue to update schedule, VISA info, tours etc. Hoping to see you in Phnom Penh Cambodia 06 – 08 December.

Yours in Comradeship,

Lou Holub
Mid-Term C of A Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas





From the Chaplain:

A large graphic with a blue sky, white clouds, and a green field. In the center, there is a white stone monument with an American flag on top. The text "REMEMBERING OUR SOLDIERS" is written in large, bold letters across the top. Below it, the names "Post 2485 - Edward E. Brown" and "Post 10249 - Ronald J. Conley" are listed. At the bottom, there is a message about reporting deaths and a prayer for those who are ill or bedridden.

**REMEMBERING OUR
SOLDIERS**

Post 2485 - Edward E. Brown

Post 10249 - Ronald J. Conley

Let us also pray for those who are ill, bed ridden and cannot get out to enjoy the nice weather.

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 chapidpa@vfwdeptpacific.org or at davisronald738@gmail.com

I have seen people place Deaths on Facebook, but I have yet to receive the official TAPS Reports.

Ronald J. Davis
Chaplain
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Judge Advocate:

Comrades,

In this month's issue of the Typhoon I will present the National By-Laws, MOP and Ritual amendments, as well as, resolutions by item number that were approved, approved as amended and those that were rejected at 120th National Convention in Orlando, Florida, July 21-24, 2019.

National Bylaws:

Approved: B-3, B-4, B-5, B-6, B-9

Rejected: B-1, B-2, B-7 and B-8

Manual of Procedure:

Approved: M-1 - M-12

Rejected: M-13

Finance & Internal Organization (200 Series):

Approved: 201

Rejected: 202

General (300 Series):

Rejected: 301 - 303

National Security & Foreign Affairs (400 Series):

Approved: 401 - 419

Rejected: 420

Veterans Service (600 Series):

Approved: 601 - 609, 611 - 612, 614 - 618, 620 - 631, 633 and 634

Approved as Amended: 610, 613, 619, 632 and 635

Rejected: 636 and 637

Notice: All the above listed approved or rejected proposals to by by-laws, manual, ritual and resolutions may also be found on the National Website www.vfw.org by clicking on "MY VFW". Then go to heading "General Members Tools & Resources" where you will find the first item titled "120th National Convention Proposed By-Laws, MOP and Ritual Amendments and All National Resolutions and Results", click on this title for final results.

Yours in Comradeship,

Robert Mo Moses
Judge Advocate
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Legacy Life Membership Chairman:

Comrades,

National has not updated the Legacy Life Membership Program since 1 July. If you sent in a new Legacy Member National will send you confirmation that they have received but it has not counted yet online as new. I hope this problem is clear up by next month's Typhoon, where I will forward a complete list of all Department Legacy Members.

Bob Zaher
Legacy Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Surgeon:

Oral Health affects Overall Health

You probably know that taking good care of your teeth and gums gives you fresh breath & prevents tooth decay. But did you know that oral health problems can also affect your overall health and wellbeing?

Cardiovascular Disease: Poor oral health allows bacteria to get into the bloodstream causing the arteries to build up plaque and harden. This leads to blood flow problems & heart blockages and it increases the likelihood of having a heart attack or stroke.

Dementia: Substances that are released from gums inflamed by infection can actually kill brain cells and lead to memory loss. Dementia and possibly even Alzheimer's disease can result from gingivitis when the bacteria in the mouth spreads to the nerve channels or enters the bloodstream.

Respiratory Infection: Bacteria in the mouth from infected teeth and swollen gums can be breathed into the lungs or travel there through the bloodstream. Once there the bacteria can lead to respiratory infections, pneumonia and acute bronchitis.

Diabetes: Not only are diabetics already more susceptible to infection such as infected gums that lead to periodontal disease, but periodontal disease can in turn make diabetes more difficult to control. Symptoms can worsen as blood sugar levels go haywire because of gum disease. It is especially important for diabetics to take good care of their oral health to prevent complications with their disease. Because gum disease can lead to higher than normal blood sugar levels, a person with poor oral health is at an increased risk of developing diabetes.

Erectile Dysfunction: Bacteria from diseased gums can get into the bloodstream and cause blood vessels to become inflamed. This inflammation can block the flow of blood to the genitals, making erections more difficult or even impossible to achieve.

Cancer: Risk for kidney cancer, pancreatic cancer, and blood cancers is much higher for people who have poor oral health.

Kidney Disease: People with gum disease generally have weaker immune systems and are more likely to acquire infections. Many people who suffer from very poor oral health also suffer from kidney disease.

Rheumatoid Arthritis: According to the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society, people with gum disease were four times more likely to have Rheumatoid Arthritis. Both diseases have inflammation in common. The oral bacteria from gingivitis can increase inflammation throughout the body. This makes the risk for developing rheumatoid arthritis much higher.

So, see your dentist regularly. Brush. Do it often. And floss, too. Your mouth – and health – will thank you.

Article resources: Harvard Health; Absolutedental

Yours in Comradeship & Well-Being,

Brian J. Hamic
Surgeon
Department of Pacific Areas



From the National Home for Children Chairman:



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN
Every child deserves a happy family



Comrades,

Welcome to the New VFW year one month into it and I want to say THANK you to Post 11575 as being the first Post to give the annual donation. District 2 was the first District to also give.

If any of District or Post are having any problems with making their donation to the National home please let me know so I can assist you.

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

National Home Donation Report

Report for District and Post as of 31 July 2019. 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	\$50.00	11575	Yes	\$50.00
1054	No		12074	No	
9555	No		12146	No	
9612	No		12163	No	
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	Pacific House	124	No	
District 4	No		2485	No	
9957	No		9892	No	
District 5	No		11447	Yes	\$25.00
9876	No		12130	No	
9951	Yes	\$50.00			
Post 12147 Project Pacific House			Post 1054 Annual Benefit Concert		
Dist/Post Total	\$225.00	Special Projects	\$0.00	Grand Total	\$225.00
Not Confirmed			Working on		

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

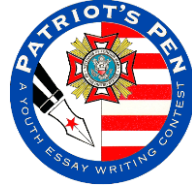
The VFW National Home for Children serves as a living memorial to America's Veterans by helping our nation's veteran and military families during difficult times.

Yours in Comradeship,

Randell E. Himes

nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org

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



Comrades,

POST AND DISTRICT CHAIRMEN: Schools are about to open, so let's get out there and promote the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay Competitions.

NEW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN THEMES: The 2019-20 themes have been chosen by Commander-in-Chief William J. "Doc" Schmitz. The Voice of Democracy and the Patriot's Pen theme will be "What Makes America Great." The new 2019-20 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entry forms are now available on the VFW website.

Additionally, anyone (including students, parents, teachers and chairmen) can download and print the student entry forms for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen by visiting the below links:

Voice of Democracy: <http://www.vfw.org/VOD/>

Patriot's Pen: <http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/>

Let's not forget about the Smart / Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. The Entry Form can be found by going to: <https://www.vfw.org/TeacheroftheYear/>

CHANGES TO ALL-STATE AND ALL-AMERICAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS: For National Citizenship Education Teacher Award each Post and District must submit an entry in all three categories (K-5, 6-8 & 9-12). Also, in lieu of an entry any Post can donate \$75.00 or District can donate \$100.00 each for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and each category of the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award (K-5, 6-8 & 9-12).

FOR DONATIONS: For the 2019-2020 year, there is a new donation form for VFW Programs and Veterans & Military Support Programs. If you know that your Post or District will not have any entries, let's get the donations done now. The new donations form can be found by going to: https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw_programs_donation
Please forward me the receipt email you receive from VFW National to get credit.

Yours in comradeship and service,

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2019-20 VOD/PP/TEACHERS AWARD DEPARTMENT DASHBOARD					
Post/District	VOD	PP	Teachers Award		
			Elementary	Middle	High
District 1	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9723	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
District 2	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
1054	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9555	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9612	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
District 3	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
8180	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9985	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
10033	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
10223	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
12147	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
District 4	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9957	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
District 5	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9876	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9951	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
10217	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
10249	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
11575	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
12074	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
12146	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
12163	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
District 6	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
1509	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
2917	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
3457	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
District 7	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
124	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
2485	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9892	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
11447	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
12130	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET

From the Women's Veterans Chair:

After World War II there were many changes in the US that effected the military as a whole. The war was over, all the branches were downsizing, and there was an expectation that women would follow the social norms of stereotypical jobs or raising families. President Harry Truman issued Executive order 9981 mandating racial desegregation of the armed forces. Advantages of a smaller population, and women being trained separately from men allowed integration at basic and advanced training sites to be accomplished in all branches by 1950. It took about 6 years for all the branches in all locations worldwide to be fully integrated.

With the order into Korea on 27 June 1950, all the armed forces struggled to recruit and retain personnel. Women were often released from duty as a result of pregnancy, or marriage. Volunteers with children less than 18 years old were turned away. Reservists were involuntarily called upon to fill the gaps for the first time in history. 120,000 women served on active duty during the Korean War of which a third served in health care: onboard hospital ships, MEDEVAC aircraft, and hospitals receiving the wounded in Japan, Hawaii and stateside. There was a general social ideal that women should not be in harm's way which restricted how and where they could serve. The Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals (MASH) were often close to the ever changing front line and the only combat duty allowed to women. Non-medical jobs were often detail-oriented, administrative, typing and high speed communications. The popular opinion was: women had more patience for boring jobs and were less likely to become complacent. An additional benefit was freeing up leadership and administrative roles in non-combat areas for men to serve in combat duty. SSgt. Hazel A. Lindahl, a reservist from Boston, was Camp Sergeant Major of more than 40,000 Marines at Camp Lejeune. This is a post typically held by an E-9.



Marine Air traffic controllers at MC Air Station Miramar, CA



MASH unit, South Korea

An example of volunteerism and exemplary service can be seen in Utah where 5 sisters have each gone their own path serving in the Army, Airforce, and Navy. Capt. Tiara Puro is the operations officer, 301st Force Support Squadron at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base. She joined the Utah National Guard prior to 9/11 and switched to the Air force Reserves after a 2003 Iraq deployment. Maj. Tandra West is the G3 resource integration manager in the Utah National Guard. 1st Lt. Tayva Lamb is a Cyberspace Operations Officer, Utah Air National Guard, 130th Engineering Installation Squadron, and uses her mechanical engineering degree working on the General Dynamics F-16 Fighting Falcon at Hill Air Force Base. SSgt. Ty'lene Puro is an admin assistant in the Utah Army National Guard, 65th Field Artillery Brigade, currently on her way home from a deployment in the Middle East. LTJG Taryn Puro is a Naval Flight Officer, Fleet Readiness Squadron stationed at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida. She flies in the Boeing P-8 Poseidon. The sisters' father is proud of their service "My girls have grown in the military. As a dad, I know they are going to be OK because they have learned to stand on their own two feet and take charge of their lives."

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Yours in Comradeship,

STG1 (SW) Lauren Wanzer
Women's Veterans Chair
Department of Pacific Areas

From the Safety Chairman:

Comrades,

Typhoon season lasts from June to November, and with it brings the need for proper preparation in the event of this Natural Disaster. They can form quickly or they can change direction and surprise us. Depending upon the severity of the typhoon it can affect the infrastructure of the house, including the electricity and water.

An Emergency Preparedness kit should be ready just in case. Which includes the following:

Water, food and first aid supplies. A kit should have a three-day supply of water, which is one gallon per person per day. Food should be a three-day supply of nonperishable and easy to prepare. The first aid supplies should include the normal band aids, disinfectants, gauze, but also any medications that are needed or prescribed. The other items that would be useful to have are flashlights, batteries, a radio, important documents, extra clothes, and something to occupy time like a book or a game.

And when the Typhoon hits, the first thing you should do is stock up on water, food and other items you would need. The second thing is to clean up the yard and put away all the items that can be picked up by strong winds and thrown around. These items cause the most damage every year. Here are some tips for water storage and usages during a typhoon:

Before a typhoon gets too close, fill up your bath tub with water. Typhoons can contaminate the water so it is better to have already clean water stored. This isn't for drinking but for flushing the toilet, cleaning utensils and hygiene care.

Here are some ideas to help keep children calm or distracted during a typhoon, just talking to a child and explaining the situation helps keep a child calm. If a parent is calm about the event, the child is more than likely going to follow their example. Have their favorite nonelectric games, puzzles and books are good things to have on hand to occupy their time during the typhoon too.

In addition, just take a moment and think about what you would do if there wasn't any electricity or water. What would you need? Do you have a radio that uses batteries or do you have a way to charge your phone in the event you need to use it? Do you have everything for the children and pets? Sit down and make a list of everything you think you would need. And do this before a typhoon is imminent. You think clearer when calm and are less likely to forget things. Final reminder, is to keep calm, be informed!

Yours in Comradeship!

Alex Fores
Safety Chairman
Department of the Pacific Areas



ARE YOU PREPARED?

From the Americanism and Loyalty Chairman:

Comrades,

Air Force Day

Did you know that there is an official Air Force Day? This is not to be confused with the Air Force Birthday which is celebrated on September 18th each year.

Air Force Day is a celebration of air power in the aftermath of World War II. This observance is slightly complicated due to the nature of American air power at the time, but the designation of Air Force Day was an important step toward the recognition of United States air superiority in both Europe and Asia. Air Force Day was last observed on August 1, 1949.

It brought the Department of Defense closer to establishing what we now know as the United States Air Force.

Department of Defense (DoD)

The U.S. Department of Defense was established August 10th, 1949. Thanks to an amended National Security Act the agency is run by the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) with the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the various military services operating subordinately to the SECDEF.

As with many such observances, the DoD birthday is not a national holiday, there are no days off, and many of the activities dedicated to celebrating this milestone are done at the organizational level. The DOD birthday events held at military bases or federal government buildings, such as the Pentagon, may include cake cutting ceremonies, dining-outs, media campaigns and social media hashtag events.

The "Best" way to help observe the DoD birthday is to thank a service member or veteran for answering the call of duty! Also, we can contribute our time or funds to support organizations for federal employees and military members.

The DoD birthday will be celebrated on August 10th, 2019.

Purple Heart Day

Let us not forget that August 7th, 1782, is the date that commemorates the creation of the Purple Heart Medal. George Washington, Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, created the Purple Heart Medal. It was first known as the Badge of Military Merit and was awarded to 3 Revolutionary Soldiers in 1783.

It was not until February 22, 1932, that the awarding of the Purple was revived. It was to be awarded to those wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces as a result of enemy action on or after April 5, 1917.

Comrades, do a little research and identify some of the significant non-national holidays. Show your loyalty by observing such a day at your Post meeting or at your Post Canteen.

Yours in Comradeship,

Tom Friend
Americanism and Loyalty Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas



See you in the next edition!