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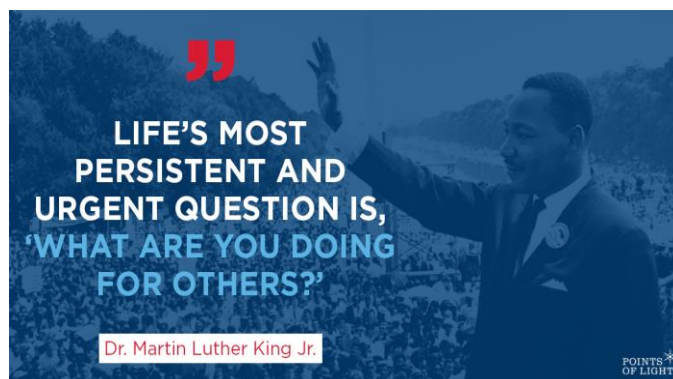
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Inputs for the January Typhoon
Are due on 05 February 2019.





Department Officer's Comments & Department Committee Reports

From the Commander:

Comrades,

The Holidays are behind us now and I hope all of you had a great vacation and relaxed some. It is now time to kick things back in gear and knock out the few requirements we still have to accomplish for the remainder of the year. We are ranked #3 in the VFW National organization in membership. We have 17 Posts and 5 Districts that are now over 100% as of 5 January 2019. We stand at 11,612 members and have achieved a membership percentage of 98.84%. Six of our Districts continue to be among the leaders in the Top 25 of their VFW National Division. Keep up the great work and please don't stop until we finish.



Mid-Term C of A Chairman Bob Zaher and his team did a wonderful job! This was one of the most successful C of A's I have attended. The quality of reports presented by our DPA Chairs was superb. Past CINC "Gunner" told me he was impressed by what he heard in respect to our programs. Thanks for all the great gifts you presented to me. I will cherish them for the rest of my life (Even the District 1 "Sumo Banner" – payback is hell)!

We still need to complete the submissions of the Public Service and Scouting nominations by 1 February and 1 March 2019, respectively. If you want to know the latest status on these or any of our committees - continue to monitor the Face Book Pages and the DPA Website. Remember – the DPA Alerts will end when all of our requirements are met! That in itself should be a great incentive to "GET IT DONE" early!

The DPA Council confirmed that our convention will be in Saipan from 9-13 June 2019. The Website Registration should be up and running by early February 2019. If you plan to attend the 120th National Convention in Orlando, FL this year – housing and registration will open on 15 February 2019. Housing fills up fast so please register as soon as possible. If you plan to attend – send a note to Department Adjutant Jerry and myself so we can get an estimate on how many will be attending.

Now for an update on the status of the Saipan Disaster Relief effort for Typhoon Yutu. The Department received a large outpouring of support from around the VFW Community. The DPA Disaster Relief Committee expended more than \$30,000+ to assist the veterans in the Saipan area. My thanks to the committee for making sure we took care of our veterans in a timely manner. Life is starting to slowly return to normal for the community but it will still be months before all the damage is repaired. I want to personally thank all the Posts, Districts, other Departments, VFW National and especially to all my fellow comrades for "digging deep" to assist those in need. Your donations were a tremendous help to those suffering such severe damage.

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

I said it before but I will say it again - I'm so proud to be your Department Commander – They are the best Team in the VFW!

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,

First let me wish all of you a very Happy New Years, and I hope you had a very Merry Christmas.

I really enjoyed the CofA in Angeles. I personally want to thank Post 2485 for all of the hard work in making it such a success, as they always are in A.C.

On the membership front, as tracked closely by Commander Verville, we are, as of January 4th, at 98.74%, just 147 from the magic 100% mark. I would expect us to hit that late Feb. or early March. Please keep on plugging away.

On the Veteran's Assistance front, our budget was increased during the CofA, and I now have the funds to help out 11 more Vets in need. There has been a lull since November. We know they are out there, so help me take care of them.

We should now be rounding the corner on your Post and District checklists. If you are keeping track, I would expect the majority of those seeking All-State and All-American recognition, to have the majority of the requirements up-to-date. At this point, I would think only the CSR reports for the remaining months, and quarterly audits for March, would be the only requirements lacking.

On that note, VFW Nat'l now has a dashboard for keeping track of All-American status. It is not completely up-to-date yet, but will be soon. It will be a great help in tracking your posts and districts objectives.

I will be visiting District 6 this month and am looking forward to seeing/meeting all of our comrades in Guam and Saipan. I will also be able to see first-hand the devastation of the typhoon and I will be staying at the convention hotel.

Until next month.

Rick Farris,
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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 JAN 03, 2019

Post	Dst	Life	New	Rein	Cont	Total	Adjuste	Percent	Div	City	State	N/R	Prior	Retention	N/R %
9723	1	735	1	2	16	754	709	106.34%	2	OKINAWA	JAPA	4	34	47.06%	0.99%
0	1	735	1	2	16	754	709	106.34%	6			4			0.99%
1054	2	774	1	7	7	789	772	102.20%	1	YOKOSUKA	JAPA	7	32	37.50%	1.94%
9555	2	359	1	0	4	364	361	100.83%	2	YOKOTA A	JAPA	0	24	12.50%	0.28%
9612	2	506	14	2	18	540	522	103.44%	2	CAMP ZAN	JAPA	20	48	43.75%	6.90%
0	2	1639	16	9	29	1693	1655	102.29%	4			27			3.14%
8180	3	1653	68	32	44	1797	2024	88.78%	1	SONGTAN	KORE	16	392	8.67%	5.73%
9985	3	210	28	2	19	259	273	94.87%	3	TONGDUC	KORE	2	72	23.61%	11.72%
10033	3	496	5	1	12	514	551	93.28%	2	TAEGU	KORE	1	50	28.00%	1.27%
10223	3	311	53	1	9	374	354	105.64%	3	CAMP HUM	KORE	25	94	18.09%	22.32%
12147	3	188	55	2	7	252	236	106.77%	4	SEONGNAI	KORE	15	74	16.22%	30.51%
0	3	2858	209	38	91	3196	3438	92.96%	2			59			8.90%
9957	4	391	0	0	0	391	359	108.91%	2	TAIPEI	TAIW	0	11	90.91%	0.00%
0	4	391	0	0	0	391	359	108.91%	6						0.00%
9876	5	352	8	2	18	380	402	94.52%	2	PATTAYA C	THAI	4	45	42.22%	3.48%
9951	5	226	4	1	8	239	248	96.37%	3	BANGKOK	THAI	4	25	40.00%	3.63%
10217	5	139	3	0	8	150	142	105.63%	6	KORAT AF	THAI	0	16	56.25%	2.11%
10249	5	234	2	0	15	251	251	100.00%	3	UDORN	THAI	2	29	75.86%	1.59%
11575	5	106	4	0	14	124	121	102.47%	6	PHNOM PE	CAM	0	21	76.19%	3.31%
12074	5	96	2	0	6	104	106	98.11%	7	CHIANG M	THAI	3	14	50.00%	4.72%
12146	5	183	2	1	6	192	163	117.79%	5	BAN CHAN	RAYC	16	14	42.86%	11.66%
12163	5	42	1	0	2	45	42	107.14%	10	PERTH	WES	6	10	40.00%	16.67%
0	5	1378	26	4	77	1485	1475	100.67%	4			35			4.41%
1509	6	331	0	0	7	338	358	94.41%	2	YIGO	GUAI	2	32	25.00%	0.56%
2917	6	196	5	0	6	207	233	88.84%	4	AGAT	GU	46	###	4.29%	
3457	6	279	5	1	10	295	284	103.87%	3	SAIPAN	CNM	24	39	43.59%	10.56%
0	6	806	10	1	23	840	875	96.00%	6			31			4.80%
124	7	195	0	0	0	195	177	110.16%	5	BAGUIO C	PHILI	21	1	100.00%	11.86%
2485	7	1622	12	1	29	1664	1665	99.93%	1	ANGELES C	PHILI	23	75	49.33%	2.16%
9892	7	239	0	0	0	239	233	102.57%	4	BAUANG	LA UN	2	4	25.00%	0.86%
11447	7	508	6	1	8	523	483	108.28%	2	SUBIC BAY	PHILI	27	21	100.00%	7.04%
12130	7	70	0	0	7	77	117	65.81%	6	CEBU	PHILI	3	50	16.00%	2.56%
0	7	2634	18	2	44	2698	2675	100.85%	3			76			3.59%
15055	99	515	9	1	19	544	562	96.79%	2	PACIFIC AF	PI				3.02%
0	99	515	9	1	19	544	562	96.79%	6						3.02%
0	255	10956	289	57	299	11601	11748	98.74%							4.98%

Rick Farris,
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From the Junior Vice Commander:

Hello Comrades,

Happy New Year to you and your family, here's hoping for a healthy and joyful 2019.

We are heading into our awards season and would urge all to recognize those members of your Post who have made significant contributions during the past term.

There are some changes this year so please contact your District Commander or check with the Department website to get the latest information and award applications.



As a reminder, the DPA National Community Service Award application from each Post is due to District Commanders no later than 25 March. District Commanders will select their award nominee and forward to the DPA JVC no later than 7 April.

The number of CSRs submitted will still be a factor; however, this year we are also looking for a Post that has completed an outstanding community service project. This outstanding project should have had a significant impact on their community and demonstrated a positive involvement of the VFW.

Please check out the guidelines and new application form for this award.

The other nine award categories are the same as previous years, the major change is the dates for submission.

Posts will submit their other outstanding award applications to District CDRs no later than 15 March. District CDRs will submit their nominees to the DPA JVC no later than 31 March.

All awards will be determined by the DPA Judging Committee which consists of the following DPA Officers:

SVC,
JVC,
QM,
JPDC,
COS,
ADJ.

The DPA CDR will vote in the event of a tie.

Let's show our appreciation to the hard working comrades and nominate those worthy individuals for the various DPA Awards.

Regarding CSRs, I ask you to continue to ensure our Posts, District, and Department are recognized for the work done in our communities. One of the best ways to accomplish this is by submitting Community Service Reports.

You can check your CSR numbers at the end of this article.

Again, have a great new year.

Yours in comradeship and service to veterans,

Kenneth A Stein
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Area

CSR Reports as of 01 January 2019

Post	Dist	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
9723	1	13	13	11	15	14	15	10	12	0	0	0	0	103
1054	2	16	9	17	10	8	10	31	19	0	0	0	0	120
9555		24	18	16	18	17	16	19	15	0	0	0	0	143
9612		10	11	7	7	33	61	32	23	0	0	0	0	184
8180	3	18	18	28	22	29	11	22	5	0	0	0	0	153
9985		18	12	7	12	8	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	74
10033		3	4	3	4	0	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	25
10223		8	15	10	8	11	8	9	2	0	0	0	0	71
12147		4	3	8	6	7	10	15	15	0	0	0	0	68
9957	4	5	0	0	2	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	17
9876	5	13	29	52	15	23	18	11	6	0	0	0	0	167
9951		20	21	21	25	22	31	21	31	0	0	0	0	192
10217		17	31	27	31	20	22	28	31	0	0	0	0	207
10249		10	6	8	9	6	6	10	8	0	0	0	0	63
11575		3	3	3	4	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	23
12074		8	10	12	11	17	11	10	8	0	0	0	0	87
12146		11	24	20	36	23	28	31	22	0	0	0	0	195
12163		15	14	16	16	11	14	13	5	0	0	0	0	104
1509	6	7	3	4	3	3	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	30
2917		50	8	11	12	13	21	4	7	0	0	0	0	126
3457		9	6	7	3	8	7	25	19	0	0	0	0	84
124	7	17	10	8	16	22	20	16	13	0	0	0	0	122
2485		141	128	134	122	110	142	128	122	0	0	0	0	1027
9892		60	64	4	65	33	51	37	41	0	0	0	0	355
11447		8	5	4	10	10	3	5	11	0	0	0	0	56
12130		2	0	5	6	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Total		510	465	443	488	455	539	498	418	0	0	0	0	3816

From the Junior Past Department Commander:

Comrades,

Hope all had great holidays and you bring to the New Year a renewed energy and commitment. We are on track to have an outstanding year, but we have some remaining hard work to do to capitalize on our solid start. Also, thanks to all who attended the mid-term C of A in Angeles, particularly those who had not previously attended a Department level event.

Recruiting is essential, but much more of a yearly challenge if retention is poor. Please consider the following from VFW National as you review and work your non-renewals.

VFW's Membership Department offers the following reasons members leave the organization:

Inadequate orientation or mentoring

Unfriendly social cliques

Lack of recognition

Lack of growth / development

Lack of important programs

Not being heard when offering new ideas.

At the DPA C of A, Junior Vice Commander Stein briefed changes to both the Community Service Award and the DPA Awards program. Please familiarize yourself with these changes as we approach the submission deadlines.

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

Get It Done!



From the Adjutant:

Greetings,

Hope that all of you and your families had a pleasant Holiday season. I think I gained a couple of kilos myself! So much for the carefully selected diet!

We now enter the second six-month period of this VFW year. The first six months have been very productive for the Department and all Posts, Districts, and DPA Officers should be proud of what has been accomplished.

I will or by the time you read this will have distributed an updated DPA General Order and DPA MEMO ONE. A few changes and updates.

Yours in Comradeship,

Jerry Chaplin
Adjutant
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Chief of Staff:

Comrades,

It was great seeing all of the Comrades that attended the Council of Administration in Angeles City last month. I would like to thank all the members of Post 2485 for their hard work in putting everything together. You guys did a fantastic job.

We are now over the hump, there is only 6 months left in the VFW year. If you have not done so, now is the time to review All-State and All-American goals. Most of the programs should have been accomplished by now. That just leaves membership. Don't let the time slip by, let's get out there and Get it Done.

Yours in Comradeship,

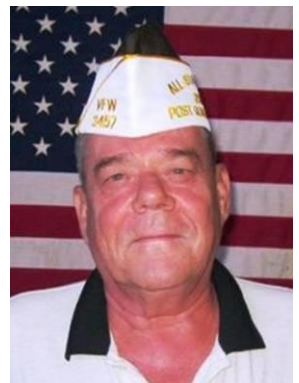
Shawn Watson
Chief of Staff
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Quartermaster:

Comrades,

As a way of showing what a tremendous Department we belong to, as well as a caring community in the VFW, I am going to name every individual and organization which came to the aid of our Comrades who suffered destruction at the hands of Super typhoon Yutu. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for our brothers and sisters of the VFW: Jerry Kraus (former Post 3457 member now in Texas); Russell Strickland, Post 3457; Larry Lyons, Post 12147 Korea; Pup Tent 13 (Guam/Saipan); Post 12147 Korea; Mike Verville, Post 11447; Post 11447 Philippines; Post 11447 again; Post 1054 Japan; Post 1054 again; Post 10249 Thailand; Dept. of Wisconsin; Joe Semon Post 3457; William Simpson Post 3457; James Connelly Post 12146; Pup Tent 2, Philippines; District III Korea; Post 10217 Thailand; Post 9951 Thailand; Post 1054 again!; Post 10223 Korea; Post 3457 Saipan; Post 9892 Philippines; VFW Western Conference; Joe Reyes Post 3457; Post 12074 Thailand; Post 12163 Australia; Bob Gleuck Post 10223, Pup Tent 1 Japan; Robert Moses Post 9555; Post 9555 Japan; Fred Berg Post 10217; Maj.Gen. Stephen Tom Post 3457; Dan Hocking Post 3457; Post 2485 Philippines; Post 1509 Guam; Post 12146 Thailand; and VFW National HQ. Two donations came with no names attached. If I forgot someone, the fault is all mine. Again, thank you to everyone for your caring and generosity.



Next subject is the Department Convention. Saipan is ready and eager to host the 53rd Department Convention and the 50th Grand Scratch on June 9 thru 13, 2019. The Convention hotel is the Fiesta Resort and Spa, the same hotel we used for the Convention in 2004 only now renamed. It is right on the beach and also has two swimming pools. The rooms, dining facilities, and meeting rooms are excellent. We negotiated a room rate of \$100/night plus tax totaling \$117 per night. This does not include breakfast, but we are working on inexpensive breakfast options for attendees. The least expensive rate for this hotel online is \$180/night before tax. So please book through the convention registration page when it becomes available. The hotel is offering a 10% discount on food for veterans and their guests.

We will be asking for your flight arrival and departure information as we will try to pick up and drop off all attendees from the airport to the hotel free of charge. Post 3457 will sponsor hospitality nights on Saturday June 8 for early arrivals, as well as Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The time will be from 5 PM to 7 PM each night. The Post is within walking distance from the hotel but we will also arrange shuttle service. The hospitality nights will include a full buffet dinner and free domestic beer (Bud, Bud Light, Miller Lite, and Coors and Coors light if we can get it). Well liquor will also be free. If you drink a special liquor, please bring a bottle. Most restaurants and attractions are within walking distance from the hotel. Since Saipan's major industry is tourism, there will be many options for sight-seeing and shopping.

The Convention book will be printed on Saipan, so please send your camera-ready convention book ads (and payment) directly to me. We will have further updates in future issues for the *Typhoon*.

Happy New Year everyone!

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan
Quartermaster

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

From the Judge Advocate:

Comrades of the Pacific,

Happy New Year, may 2019 be a year full of joy and happiness for all of you and our Veterans Community.

I would like to do an update of HOWGOESIT for District and Post By-Laws and Post Canteen By-Laws. Please provide the following information by 31 January 2019. If no response is received will post what I have on record.

District/Post By-Laws Adopted

National Approval Date

Post Canteen By-Laws

Department Approval Date

Remarks (Any Notes Listed)

The Judge New Year Saying:

“The old year has gone.

Let the dead past bury its own dead.

The New Year has taken possession of the clock of time.

All hail the duties and possibilities of the coming twelve months!

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Robert Mo Moses
Judge Advocate



From the Roving Ambassador:

Greetings my fellow Comrades,

I am hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!!! Many thanks go out to PDC Bob Zaher, Post 2485 Commander Jim Collins, and the Comrades of Post 2485 for hosting a very successful C of A last month. Speaking of the C of A, the membership was able to listen to some outstanding Reports and everyone could see the Department is committed to “Get it Done!”

As the appointed Roving Ambassador for this term, it has been a very busy couple of months. I have been visiting hospitals, Post Meetings, a Chili Cook-off, and just visiting our great Comrades.

In closing, I am sure our Department will keep the momentum we had coming into the C of A and keep it going for the second part of the Term. Let us continue to check on each other and our families. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and successful 2019!!! 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 Surgeon:

As we kick off 2019, I'd like to briefly summarize my activities and monthly reports since I was elected Department Surgeon in June of last year, and encourage each of you to make some healthy resolutions for 2019. Some ideas follow:

July: In my first report, I explained the differences between HDL and LDL cholesterol. When we hear the word cholesterol, many often assume all cholesterol is bad: however, increasing HDL is good because HDL helps to mop up the bad LDL type and take it back to the liver to be processed or disposed of before it sticks to the walls of your blood vessels. Read the full report for information about how to increase the good stuff (HDL).

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dpasurgeons/permalink/1842693485797618/>

August: I called on all Post & District Surgeons to provide information to me about CPR Certification & AED availability in each Post Home. I also challenged Post Surgeons to get as many Comrades as possible CPR certified and to conduct fund-raising activities or solicit donations to get an AED in every Post Home. Congratulations to District 7/Post 2485 Surgeon Anthony Grimm who Made it Happen and Got it Done. If your Post Home doesn't yet have an AED, let's Get it Done as soon as possible, and certainly by our next convention.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dpasurgeons/permalink/1842693745797592/>

September: On Sep 15, I completed the American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric FA/CPR/AED certification training.

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September: I asked, Is Manhood Killing You? and explained the inclination of many veterans to ignore symptoms and/or delay preventative care and treatment until it is too late. This inaction or delay sometimes results in what may well have been preventable surgeries & amputations or even premature death. I also encouraged each of you to make your personal health and wellbeing your mission-and conduct it just like you would any other mission.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dpasurgeons/permalink/1939948676072098/>

October: I told you how to Make Beer Taste Better. This report was about the powerful health benefits of walking. 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. As far as walking making 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dpasurgeons/permalink/1950448868355412/>

November: I passed along the CDC recommendation for flu shots and outlined the differences in the different types of formulations & vaccinations as explained by WHO. I hope all of you got yours as it's better to get the shot and not the flu.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dpasurgeons/permalink/2007650672635231/>

In closing, I'd like to wish each and every one of you a very Happy & Healthy New Year!

Yours in Comradeship & Well-Being,

Brian J. Hamic
DPA Surgeon
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Life Membership Chairman:



Comrades,

Another record broken with 10956 Life Members on board. This represents an increase of 422 Life Members from last year end figure (10534). Currently 94.44% of our Members are 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:

Post	Total N/R LM Recruited	Total Awarded
124	21	4 (\$1600)
2485	24	2 (Life Memberships)
2917	5	1 (\$400)
3457	24	4 (\$1600)
8180	16	1 (\$400)
9612	20	2 (\$800)
10223	25	5 (\$2000)
11447	27	5 (\$2000)
12146	16	3 (\$1200)
12147	15	3 (\$1200)
12163	6	1 (\$400)

In addition, DPA paid Life Memberships were earned as part of the Early Bird Program:

District I	2	District IV	2
District II	3	District V	2
District III	2	District VII	2

Congratulations to Districts I, II, IV, V, and VII for exceeding 100%.

Yours in Comradeship,

Cliff Wilsey,
Chairman, DPA Life Membership

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



Commander Verville and Comrades,

Thank you for the opportunity and your confidence in allowing me to serve as the Department of Pacific Areas Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teachers Award Chairman. Also, thank you for the challenges. Every Committee Chairman in the Department spends a lot of time and effort putting together Committee Reports providing instructions and links to make Post and District Chairman's jobs easier. The Department has multiple avenues to distribute these reports through the DPA Committee Reports and the Typhoon Newsletter that are available on the DPA Website. Some of these reports are also available on the Department's Official Communication Facebook Site. Yet these reports do not reach all the Post and District chairmen who need them. All Post and District program chairmen need to be aware of where to find information to perform their chairman duties.

The Department is 100% with either participants or donations to National for all three VFW programs.

This year's DPA Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teachers Award entries were as follows:

Patriot's Pen; entries submitted from 12 Posts and 6 Districts. Total student entries were 155.

Voice of Democracy; entries submitted from 10 Posts and 7 Districts. Total student entries were 47.

Teachers Award; entries submitted from 5 Posts and 3 Districts. Total teacher entries were 5.

This year's DPA Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teachers Award winners are:

Patriot's Pen is Javon M. Major from District 1, Post 9723.

Voice of Democracy is Amaya R. Peruccio from District 2, Post 9612.

Teachers Award K-5th grade is Sandra Anderson from District 2, Post 9612.

Teachers Award 6th-8th grade is Andrea Petz, from District 3, Post 12147.

Teachers Award 9th-12th grade is Gregory J. Cyr from District 3, Post 10223.

I would like to thank all the Post and District chairmen who facilitated and cooperated in this year's Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teachers Award programs.

"Make It Happen & Get It Done"



2018-19 VOD/PP/TEACHERS AWARD DEPARTMENT REPORT

Post/District	VOD	PP	Teachers Award
9723	3	5	\$50 Donation to National
District 1	1	1	\$100 Donation to National
1054	9	28	1
9555	1	8	\$50 Donation to National
9612	16	1	2
District 2	1	1	2
8180	\$50 Donation to National	11	\$50 Donation to National
9985	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
10033	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
10223	8	22	1
12147	\$50 Donation to National	19	1
District 3	1	1	2
9957	4	1	\$50 Donation to National
District 4	1	1	\$100 Donation to National
9876	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
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	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
11575	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
12074	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
12146	1	1	\$50 Donation to National
12163	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
District 5	1	1	\$100 Donation to National
1509	2	15	1
2917	\$100 Donation to National	39	\$100 Donation to National
3457	2	5	\$50 Donation to National
District 6	1	1	1
124	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
2485	1	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
9892	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National	\$50 Donation to National
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	1	\$100 Donation to National	\$100 Donation to National

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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From the National Home for Children Chairman:



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN
Every child deserves a happy family



Comrades,

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year 2019 the year of the Boar.

With the CofA behind us and around five months before cut off for the All State and All American criteria's.

For the DPA to make 100% in the National Home for Children area we only have one (1) District left to make the Commitment and Donation.

As I always say, any District or Post that is having a problem making the donations to NH just let me know.

This report is as of January 05, 2019 as received in from the National Home and Post Quartermasters.

District / Post	Reported	District / Post Donated	District / Post	Reported	District / Post Donated
District 1	Yes	\$50.00	10217	Yes	\$50.00
9723	Yes	\$50.00	10249	Yes	\$50.00
District 2	Yes	\$200.00	11575	Yes	\$50.00
1054	Yes	\$50.00	12074	Yes	\$50.00
9555	Yes	\$50.00	12146	Yes	\$50.00
9612	Yes	\$50.00	12163	Yes	\$50.00
District 3	Yes	\$50.00	District 6	No	
8180	Yes	\$50.00	1509	Yes	\$50.00
9985	Yes	\$50.00	2917	Yes	\$50.00
10033	Yes	\$50.00	3457	Yes	\$50.00
10223	Yes	\$50.00	District 7	Yes	\$100.00
12147	Yes	Pacific House	124	Yes	\$50.00
District 4	Yes	\$50.00	2485	Yes	\$50.00
9957	Yes	\$50.00	9892	Yes	\$50.00
District 5	Yes	\$50.00	11447	Yes	\$275.00
9876	Yes	\$50.00	12130	Yes	\$50.00
9951	Yes	\$50.00			
Post 12147 Project Pacific House		\$4,000.00	Post 1054 Annual Benefit Concert		\$2,500.00
Dist/Post Total	\$1,975.00	Special Projects	\$6,500.00	Grand Total	\$8,475.00

News and pictures on the National home can be found by [Click here](#) this will take you to their web site.

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 challenging times.

Yours in Comradeship,

Randell E. Himes
nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org

From the Americanism and Loyalty Day Chairman:

Comrades,

As VFW members, we are proud to be Americans and to have had the privilege of serving our country. Americanism refers to the unfailing love of our country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the Flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and for posterity".

As American citizens and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we know what Americanism stands for. It was, and is still, our responsibility to defend the United States in a time of peace as it is in time of war, from foreign or domestic enemies. By practicing Americanism, we show our love of our country. With that being said, we must continue to show our patriotism and Americanism, so that we can educate the younger generations. We must promote the love for our flag and our country. In today's world, technology plays a big part in our lives. Let's use it to our advantage. Let's show our pride in being the Veterans of Foreign Wars in all of our social media. Reach out to the young Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen and ask them how we can help them become better. By engaging in conversations and demonstrating interest in their opinions, we can educate and pass valuable lessons that will enhance their knowledge and skills, making them better.

We are all proud of what we've done. Don't let history forget everything you've done for our country. Proudly engage in activities such as Patriot's Day, POW/MIA Recognition Day, Loyalty Day, Flag Day... and the many other days that recognize the sacrifices made by our generation. It is our responsibility to pass the knowledge and experiences we've gained to the ones that are coming behind us. Plant the seed of pride and Americanism in everything you do. Lay the bricks for the foundation that will guide our young men and women in uniform to defend and respect this great country of ours. The upcoming generation deserves it.

Yours in Comradeship

William Russell
Americanism and Loyalty Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Webmaster:

Comrades,

The website experienced a problem with the Community Service Page. This issue has been resolved. Anyone that is still having a problem please email me.

Yours in Comradeship,

Shawn Watson
Webmaster
Department of Pacific Areas

