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“THE RIGHT THING TO DO”

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NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

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

2019 – 2020
NEW TERM
FRESH START

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Department Officer's Comments & Department Committee Reports

From the Commander:

Comrades,

What an honor it is for me to be your Commander for the 2019-20 year. I am so humbled by your faith in me to lead our great Department. I anticipate another year in which we lead the way among other VFW States and Departments, continuing our long and illustrious tradition of excellence. I have surrounded myself with a great staff, totally capable of fulfilling their responsibilities, and eager to get started.

As with any new year, I anticipate there will be a few stumbling blocks, but I am sure we can overcome anything we encounter, together as a team. I only ask that you do your best at whatever position you hold.



There are a few changes to this year's All-American and All-State requirements. Please review both programs. I expect the District Commanders to monitor the progress of their Posts during the year, just as the Chairmen of the various programs will track theirs. Pay attention to deadline dates. You will find these to be inflexible, except for rare occasions. I may or may not post a reminder on our Facebook pages, but I don't think that should be necessary.

I would like to congratulate all of you for a fantastic 2018-19 year, and especially PDC Verville. The final tally was Department, 6 Districts and 12 Posts, achieving All-American status. He would not have had such a year without all of the Department pitching in. Comrades, you really did Make It Happen. I would also like to commend DPA Adjutant Chaplain for doing so much this past year. Thankfully, he will be continuing on as my Adjutant this year.

Now we start a New Year, Vets Helping Vets, because it really is "The Right Thing To Do."

YIC,

Rick Farris
Commander
VFW Dept. of Pacific Areas



From the Senior Vice Commander:

First of all let me say I'm proud to serve as your Senior Vice Commander for this term. It is indeed an honor and I can guarantee I will work hard and work smart during the entire year.

In addition, how about that convention in Saipan? What a great time and great venue. Congratulations to Convention Chairman, DPA QM Pete Callaghan and District CDR Mike O'Kelley and all the comrades from Post 3457. Outstanding job, Bravo Zulu.

The portfolio of the SVC includes Department Membership and Veterans Assistance.

The Veterans Assistance program is designed to lend a helping hand to a veteran who becomes overloaded with medical bills or other emergencies. If a post has a person who needs assistance just have the Post Commander complete the VAC Grant form and forward to me. The forms are available from me, your post, or District CDR. Once I receive the request form I will send it onto the seven District Commanders who make up the VAC committee. They are provided the information via email and vote whether to provide the grant or not. It is a very quick process since it is all done by email. Once I receive a request the Department QM is copied on all correspondence so he can act quickly if the request is approved. The money is typically transferred electronically to the individual or to the post.

Regarding membership here are some important things to consider regarding membership this time of year.

Memstats

1 July marks the start of the 2019-2020 VFW Term. National will close the Online Membership program for a few days to review your Memstats. The system should be back up now.

This year there is no amnesty program. Whatever the Memstats shows on 30 June 2019 for a total will be your target number to achieve 100% for the new term.

For the first few months you will notice that your percentage only includes those members that pay their annual dues after 1 July. Once national completes their review of your roster, life members will be added back in and reflected in your adjusted percentage.

GOOD TO KNOW INFORMATION:

Membership Applications:

- The quartermaster must sign all membership applications. If National receives an application that is not signed the application will be returned unprocessed. This also applies to Life Membership Applications.
 - Recommend your post quartermaster process membership applications thru the OMS.

Payment of Annual Dues:

- You will receive your post's portion monthly via electronic payment through the OMS.
- For Mail-in payments the post's portion will be paid to the post twice a year in January and July.

Installment Life Payment:

- If a member does not make an installment payment for 120 days he/she will be dropped from the installment plan and any moneys paid toward their Life Membership will be applied toward their Annual Dues.
 - REFUNDS WILL NOT BE MADE

Life Membership Payouts:

- Life Membership payments are made to the post three times each year. In September, January & July

Comrades, we are looking forward to an outstanding year and supporting Commander Rick's programs and policies. I look forward to working with you and making great things happen in our Department. You can reach me via email at svcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org or at 66 82 468 5992.

Standing by to assist.

Yours in comradeship and service to veterans,

Kenneth A. Stein
Senior Vice Commander



From the Junior Vice Commander:

Greetings to our Comrades of the Department,

First, I know it sounds a bit cliché but from the bottom of my heart thank you very much for the honor of selecting me to serve as the next Junior Vice Commander (JVC) for the Pacific Areas. Working together we will make this another productive year for our Department. I will appreciate your support throughout the year and you know you will have mine!

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

Before I go any further would like to congratulate Quartermaster Pete Callaghan, District VI Commander Mike O'Kelley and the Comrades of Post 3457 in Saipan for hosting an "outstanding" Convention last month!! Definitely one of the finest I have attended if not the "ONE" in my 20 years with the Department. GREAT JOB Post 3457!!!

My role this year will be the Community Service Reports (CSR), Awards Programs, etc.

For the CSR, I am encouraging our Comrades to continue your great work in your communities and document it on the CSR website. Please get with your Post JVC's to ensure it is filed. I will be closely monitoring the Program and will contact the JVC's for any questions. Below is our statistics as of 30 June. Please note there are several Posts with zero entries. If this is incorrect, please once again fill your report and let me know.

Concerning the Outstanding Community Post Award, I will be getting with our District Commanders in the very near future about this year's process.

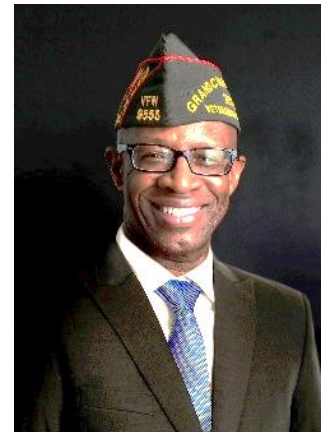
There will be a minor change to the Awards Program this year. Please go to the Department Website, click on DPA Forms and then Instructions for more information. The cutoff date to submit your entries to me will be **Friday, May 1st**.

This year our VOD/Patriot's Pen/Teacher's Award Chairman is again Don Kelley out of District III in Korea. Comrade Kelley was just recognized for the tremendous job he did last year as Chairman and I am positive he will continue performing in that fashion. The yearly deadlines has been established so I am sure many of our Post are already engaging with the Schools about these great Programs. For Buddy Poppies, please ensure your Post are ordering them from our QM Callaghan.

This year should be another great year for our Department and I look forward to working with our Commander Rick Farris, our Senior Vice Commander Ken Stein and each of you whether you are with the Department, District or Post levels!!! Hoping you had a happy and safe Fourth of July. If you are going to the National Convention, I look forward to seeing you there. Please continue to take care of yourselves, families, and each other. Happy Birthday America and remember I love you all!!!

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Kevin E. Mitchell
Junior Vice Commander 2019-20
Department of Pacific Areas
"The Right Thing to Do"



Community Service

CSR Reports as of 30 June 2019

Post	Dist	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
9723	1	13	17											30
1054	2	17	4											21
9555		48	19											67
9612		12	15											27
8180	3	38	5											43
9985		10	9											19
10033		0	0											0
10223		20	5											25
12147		18	15											33
9957	4	12	4											16
9876	5	2	0											2
9951		28	33											61
10217		28	30											58
10249		8	6											14
11575		0	0											0
12074		0	0											0
12146		7	7											14
12163		18	23											41
1509	6	0	3											3
2917		64	118											182
3457		6	9											15
124	7	20	15											35
2485		120	111											231
9892		25	64											89
11447		31	59											90
12130		0	0											0
Total		545	571	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5216

Community Service



From the Junior Past Department Commander:

Comrades,

I want to take a moment to thank all of the DPA Team for your efforts this year. You have exceeded every goal that we established for the DPA. Please provide the same support to Department Commander Rick Farris and his team and we will once again have a super year in 2019-2020. We expect the All-American results to be published in the immediate future. As soon as they are released – we will announce them. All we can do now is sit back and let VFW National do their processing. The new membership year began on 1 July 2019. I encourage you to “hit the road” running. There are several changes to the VFW National Membership Program for 2019-2020. It is posted on the DPA Official Communication Face Book Page or you can download it on vfw.org. If you need any help this year – Please do not hesitate to contact me. I am standing by ready to assist any Post or District wherever I can.



The VFW National Convention is 2 weeks away! I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Team Department of Pacific Areas “GOT IT DONE” in All our programs this year! You all “Rock”!

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 Quartermaster:

Comrades,

It was good to see everyone at our Convention. Many Posts and Districts took care of their Quartermaster bond and Buddy Poppy obligations, but there are a few exceptions. Please refer to the chart following this article. I will be ordering the QM Bonds at the end of July and you should have them in your Department email inbox a few weeks before the previous year's bond expires.

On the “Audits, Poppies, QM Bonds” chart, the letter “F” after the Paid indication for Quartermaster Bonds means that I have the required form to order your Bond. Our webmaster, Shawn Watson, has included this new form on our website under the “Forms” menu. If you have not sent me this form, please download it, fill it out, and email it to me so I can get you covered for the following year.



Buddy Poppies will be ordered in early August. Every year some of the ordered Poppies are returned to National as undeliverable. This seems to be unique to Thailand and, to some extent, the Philippines. Please make sure the Quartermaster's mailing address in Memo #1 can receive packages. If not, please send me an address where your Post can receive packages.

If you are a new Post Quartermaster, I urge you to use National's Online Membership System (OMS) to transmit new and renewed members. As you browse through the options in OMS, you'll discover all the options you have to help your Post and your members. Please use them.

Let's have another great year and show the world that the Department of Pacific Areas under the leadership of Commander Farris still leads the way.

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					\$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					\$116/1,000	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd. F*
9985					\$116/1,000	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd. F*
10033					\$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						
9951					\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd. F*
10217					\$58/500	\$42.00/12,000 Pd. F*
10249					\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
11575						\$70/\$20,000 Pd. F*
12074						\$70.00/\$28,000 Pd. F*
12146					\$58/500	\$175/\$70,000 Pd. F*
12163					\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd. F*
District V					X	\$59.50/\$17,000 Pd. F*
1509					\$58/500	\$200/\$80,000 Pd. F*
2917					\$58/500	\$87.50/\$27,000 Pd. F*
3457					\$58/500	\$150/\$60,000 Pd. F*
District VI					X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd. F*
124					\$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					\$58/500	\$31.50/\$9,000 Pd.
12130						
District VII					X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd. F*
*F = Bond application form received.						

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan
Quartermaster
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Chaplain:



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREA TAPS REPORT**



Post 2485

John J. Bury
Thomas L. Snyder
Gerald Picus
Martin V. McGee

Post 11147

Thomas G. Stone

Let us pray for our fallen comrades:

O thou Great and Eternal God, bless these your servants who now join our other brothers who are in your care. Bless their widows and children so they can continue thy holy works. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

Yours in Comradeship,

Ronald J. Davis
Chaplain
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Judge Advocate:

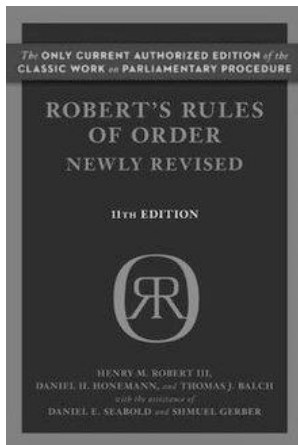
Comrades,

Thanks for choosing me to be your Department Judge Advocate. I want to congratulate all of the new Post, District, and Department officers and hope you will take your oath seriously.

In this issue I would like to reissue a summary of Robert Rules of Order for all new officers and well as old one.



Robert's Rules of Order - Summary Version



Introduction to Robert's Rules of Order

What is Parliamentary Procedure?

It is a set of rules for conduct at meetings that allows everyone to be heard and to make decisions without confusion.

Why is Parliamentary Procedure Important?

Because it's a time tested method of conducting business at meetings and public gatherings. It can be adapted to fit the needs of any organization. Today, Robert's Rules of Order newly revised is the basic handbook of operation for most clubs, organizations and other groups. So it's important that everyone know these basic rules!

Organizations using parliamentary procedure usually follow a fixed order of business. Below is a typical example:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call of members present.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Officer's reports.
5. Committee reports.
6. Special orders -- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Announcements.
10. Adjournment.

The method used by members to express themselves is in the form of moving a motion. A motion is a proposal that the entire membership take action or a stand on an issue. Individual members can:

1. Call to order.
2. Second motions.
3. Debate motions.
4. Vote on motions.

There are four Basic Types of Motions:

1. **Main Motions:** The purpose of a main motion is to introduce items to the membership for their consideration. They cannot be made when any other motion is on the floor, and yield to privileged, subsidiary, and incidental motions.
2. **Subsidiary Motions:** Their purpose is to change or affect how a main motion is handled, and is voted on before a main motion.
3. **Privileged Motions:** Their purpose is to bring up items that are urgent about special or important matters unrelated to pending business.
4. **Incidental Motions:** Their purpose is to provide a means of questioning procedure concerning other motions and must be considered before the other motion.

How are Motions Presented?

1. Obtaining the floor
 - a. Wait until the last speaker has finished.
 - b. Rise and address the Chairman by saying, "Mr. Chairman, or Mr. President."
 - c. Wait until the Chairman recognizes you.
2. Make Your Motion
 - a. Speak in a clear and concise manner.
 - b. Always state a motion affirmatively. Say, "I move that we ..." rather than, "I move that we do not ..."
 - c. Avoid personalities and stay on your subject.
3. Wait for Someone to Second Your Motion
4. Another member will second your motion or the Chairman will call for a second.
5. If there's no second to your motion it is lost.
6. The Chairman States Your Motion
 - a. The Chairman will say, "It has been moved and seconded that we ..." Thus placing your motion before the membership for consideration and action.
 - b. The membership then either debates your motion, or may move directly to a vote.
 - c. Once your motion is presented to the membership by the chairman it becomes 'assembly property', and cannot be changed by you without the consent of the members.
7. Expanding on Your Motion
 - a. The time for you to speak in favor of your motion is at this point in time, rather than at the time you present it.
 - b. The mover is always allowed to speak first.
 - c. All comments and debate must be directed to the chairman.
 - d. Keep to the time limit for speaking that has been established.
 - e. The mover may speak again only after other speakers are finished, unless called upon by the Chairman.
8. Putting the Question to the Membership
 - a. The Chairman asks, "Are you ready to vote on the question?"
 - b. If there is no more discussion, a vote is taken.
 - c. On a motion to move the previous question may be adapted.

Voting on a Motion:

The method of vote on any motion depends on the situation and the by-laws of policy of your organization. There are five methods used to vote by most organizations, they are:

1. By Voice - The Chairman asks those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "non". Any member may move for an exact count.
2. By Roll Call -- Each member answers "yes" or "no" as his name is called. This method is used when a record of each person's vote is required.
3. By General Consent -- When a motion is not likely to be opposed, the Chairman says, "If there is no objection ...". The membership shows agreement by their silence, however if one member says, "I object", the item must be put to a vote.
4. By Division - This is a slight verification of a voice vote. It does not require a count unless the chairman so desires. Members raise their hands or stand.
5. By Ballot - Members write their vote on a slip of paper; this method is used when secrecy is desired.

There are two other motions that are commonly used that relate to voting.

1. Motion to Table -- This motion is often used in the attempt to "kill" a motion. The option is always present, however, to "take from the table", for reconsideration by the membership.
2. Motion to Postpone Indefinitely - This is often used as a means of parliamentary strategy and allows opponents of motion to test their strength without an actual vote being taken. Also, debate is once again open on the main motion.

Parliamentary Procedure is the best way to get things done at your meetings. But, it will only work if you use it properly.

1. Allow motions that are in order.
2. Have members obtain the floor properly.
3. Speak clearly and concisely.
4. Obey the rules of debate.
5. Most importantly, *BE COURTEOUS*.

For Fair and Orderly Meetings & Conventions

Provides common rules and procedures for deliberation and debate in order to place the whole membership on the same footing and speaking the same language. The conduct of ALL business is controlled by the general will of the whole membership - the right of the deliberate majority to decide. Complementary is the right of at least a strong minority to require the majority to be deliberate - to act according to its considered judgment AFTER a full and fair "working through" of the issues involved. Robert's Rules provides for constructive and democratic meetings, to help, not hinder, the business of the assembly. Under no circumstances should "undue strictness" be allowed to intimidate members or limit full participation.

The fundamental right of deliberative assemblies requires all questions to be thoroughly discussed before taking action!

The assembly rules - they have the final say on everything!

Silence means consent!

- Obtain the floor (the right to speak) by being the first to stand when the person speaking has finished; state Mr./Madam Chairman. Raising your hand means nothing, and standing while another has the floor is out of order! Must be recognized by the Chair before speaking!
- Debate cannot begin until the Chair has stated the motion or resolution and asked "are you ready for the question?" If no one rises, the chair calls for the vote!
- Before the motion is stated by the Chair (the question) members may suggest modification of the motion; the mover can modify as he pleases, or even withdraw the motion without consent of the seconder; if mover modifies, the seconder can withdraw the second.
- The "immediately pending question" is the last question stated by the Chair! Motion/Resolution - Amendment - Motion to Postpone
- The member moving the "immediately pending question" is entitled to preference to the floor!
- No member can speak twice to the same issue until everyone else wishing to speak has spoken to it once!
- All remarks must be directed to the Chair. Remarks must be courteous in language and deportment - avoid all personalities, never allude to others by name or to motives!
- The agenda and all committee reports are merely recommendations! When presented to the assembly and the question is stated, debate begins and changes occur!

The Rules

- **Point of Privilege:** Pertains to noise, personal comfort, etc. - may interrupt only if necessary!
- **Parliamentary Inquiry:** Inquire as to the correct motion - to accomplish a desired result, or raise a point of order
- **Point of Information:** Generally applies to information desired from the speaker: "I should like to ask the (speaker) a question."
- **Orders of the Day (Agenda):** A call to adhere to the agenda (a deviation from the agenda requires Suspending the Rules)

- **Point of Order:** Infraction of the rules, or improper decorum in speaking. Must be raised immediately after the error is made
- **Main Motion:** Brings new business (the next item on the agenda) before the assembly
- **Divide the Question:** Divides a motion into two or more separate motions (must be able to stand on their own)
- **Consider by Paragraph:** Adoption of paper is held until all paragraphs are debated and amended and entire paper is satisfactory; after all paragraphs are considered, the entire paper is then open to amendment, and paragraphs may be further amended. Any Preamble cannot be considered until debate on the body of the paper has ceased.
- **Amend:** Inserting or striking out words or paragraphs, or substituting whole paragraphs or resolutions
- **Withdraw/Modify Motion:** Applies only after question is stated; mover can accept an amendment without obtaining the floor
- **Commit /Refer/Recommit to Committee:** State the committee to receive the question or resolution; if no committee exists include size of committee desired and method of selecting the members (election or appointment).
- **Extend Debate:** Applies only to the immediately pending question; extends until a certain time or for a certain period of time
- **Limit Debate:** Closing debate at a certain time, or limiting to a certain period of time
- **Postpone to a Certain Time:** State the time the motion or agenda item will be resumed
- **Object to Consideration:** Objection must be stated before discussion or another motion is stated
- **Lay on the Table:** Temporarily suspends further consideration/action on pending question; may be made after motion to close debate has carried or is pending
- **Take from the Table:** Resumes consideration of item previously "laid on the table" - state the motion to take from the table
- **Reconsider:** Can be made only by one on the prevailing side who has changed position or view
- **Postpone Indefinitely:** Kills the question/resolution for this session - exception: the motion to reconsider can be made this session
- **Previous Question:** Closes debate if successful - may be moved to "Close Debate" if preferred
- **Informal Consideration:** Move that the assembly go into "Committee of the Whole" - informal debate as if in committee; this committee may limit number or length of speeches or close debate by other means by a 2/3 vote. All votes, however, are formal.
- **Appeal Decision of the Chair:** Appeal for the assembly to decide - must be made before other business is resumed; NOT debatable if relates to decorum, violation of rules or order of business
- **Suspend the Rules:** Allows a violation of the assembly's own rules (except Constitution); the object of the suspension must be specified

Taken from: <https://www.robertsrules.org/>

Yours in comradeship,

Robert Mo Moses
Judge Advocate
Department of Pacific Areas

From the Surgeon:

Aspirin – Friend or Foe

Elderly people in good health should not take an aspirin a day, according to a major study in the US and Australia.

Aspirin as a painkiller is old news. The ancient Egyptians wrote of the medical benefits of aspirin-containing willow thousands of years ago. But, it wasn't until the late 1890s that a small German drug and dye factory called Bayer properly synthesized aspirin's various ingredients into a single drug. (Bayer faced stiff competition from another extremely popular new pain reliever called heroin.) Then in the 1960s several medical trials proved that a daily dose of aspirin taken by a heart attack survivor significantly decreases the risk of a second attack. Soon after, in the 1980s, other studies suggested that an aspirin a day could prevent the first occurrence of a heart attack—not only a second—and that an aspirin taken during a heart attack increases the victim's chance of survival. These studies prompted many healthy individuals to begin taking low-dose aspirin daily- making billions of dollars for Bayer which had rebranded its product as a life saver.

So, what's the current advice about "An aspirin a day keeps the heart attack away? According to three significant studies published last year and one major analysis released this year that looked at 10 other studies, the benefit from taking a daily low-dose aspirin was offset by the danger of internal bleeding and other side effects in people considered to be at low or moderate risk for heart disease. It may actually cause more harm than good.

One study in particular found aspirin had no obvious benefit for healthy people older than 70 but found evidence for harm, which is why the new prevention guidelines strongly discourage aspirin as a protective therapy among these older adults.

"We're talking about healthy people who don't have known heart disease or stroke, who might have been considering or already taking an aspirin to prevent that heart attack or stroke in the first place," said Dr. Erin Michos, in new guidelines developed by the American Heart Association and American College of Cardiology.

The new recommendation doesn't apply to people who already have had a stroke or heart attack, or who have undergone bypass surgery or a procedure to insert a stent in their coronary arteries. These individuals already have cardiovascular disease and should continue to take low-dose aspirin daily, or as recommended by their health care provider, to prevent another occurrence, said Michos, associate director of preventive cardiology at the Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Maryland.

In conclusion, if you don't have any preexisting heart, brain or circulatory problems, and you've been self-medicating with a daily dose of aspirin, it's time to reconsider & talk with your doctor.

Article resources: Harvard Health; American Heart Association; Heart.org

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,

I apologize for not being able to make it to this year's DPA Conference in Saipan. I am sure I missed a very exciting time and missed seeing you all.

Congratulations to our new Incoming DPA Commander Ricky Farris and wish him and the DPA an outstanding 2019-2020 year. Let's do a follow-on from this year and get our numbers even higher.

The requirement remains the same as last year, for the donations to the VFW National Home for Children. Each of our DPA, Districts and Posts are requested to make a Donation of \$50.00 to the National Home.

I have published before and I am doing so again this year as we still seem to have a few Post that just cannot seem to understand how to make this donation. Please read and if you do not understand send me an Email and I can assist you in getting this very easy requirement check off well in advance of the April 30 2020 cutoff to be recognized at the DPA convention in June 2020.

How to make your Donations:

To make online donations go to www.vfwnationalhome.org Click on **Donate Now** (TOP right hand corner)

Choose Donation Amount: \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, Other (Amount for All State again this year is only \$50.00.)

Designation: (where you want your Donation use for) Where Needed Most, Activity Fund, Amy Ross Endowment Fund, Education Fund, Helpline Fund, Maintenance Fund, Scholarship Fund, Technology Fund, Transportation Fund, Recreation Area Improvement Fund and Museum Fund.

Recurring Gift: Check this block if you wish to make this a monthly Donation.

Tribute Gift: Checking this box will open another drop down were you can add the person's name that you are honoring.

Billing Address: Here is the BIG one. If you are making this gift on behalf of an organization like your District or Post CHECK this block. In the Organization name block please put your District or Post number If would help if you put it in as DPA, POST (#####). Continue on with putting your Billing address in. I always leave a comment like Donation on Behalf of Post (#####).

Payment details: Finish this and click on Donate.

They should send you a notice to the Email address that you put in the Billing Address area. This is the email that you should forward to the DPA National Home Chairman so your District or Post can get check off. It is also used it to double check the monthly listing received from the National Home.

Donation by Mailing in a Check: If this is done on a personal check, please insure that you have written in the memo area that it is on behalf of DPA & your Post number. You should also include a small note in the envelope with your email address so they can send you a receipt. Please use this **USPS** address: VFW National Home, 3573 South Waverly Road, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

National Home Donation Report

Since this is the Start of the new VFW year 2019-2020 No reports have been published as of yet. Once District and Post starting making their donations I will received a monthly copy from the National Home and it will be published.

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
National Home for Children Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas
nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org

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

Comrades,

It is with great pride that we will look back on our 2018-2019 VFW Year for the Department! But let's look forward to even a greater 2019-2020 VFW Year!!

What will we do to show and to commemorate our Americanism at our Posts and in our communities?

Independence Day

The 4th of July is the day when we celebrate the independence of our great nation! The celebrations will all be over by the time you read this, but did you celebrate the day with pride? The flags were flown, bands were on parade, hotdogs and burgers bowed the legs of grills all across America. But what did "YOU DO"?

Did you hold a barbeque and invite the whole community? Did you get the kids and the wives out and show them a good time? Sponsoring a community event is a good way to get that veteran who may only be thinking about becoming a VFW member to become one!

Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

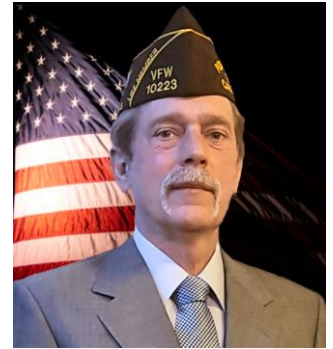
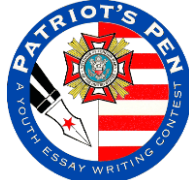
Did you know that 29 July is the official birthday of the Army Chaplain Corps? The Chaplain Corps is thought to be the smallest unit in the U.S. Army. The Corps was authorized by the Continental Congress in 1775 which makes it older than the United States! Since its beginning, Chaplains have served in every American conflict. There are gatherings across the globe held by Army Chaplains, their Assistants and other support troops to observe the birthday of the Corps.

Yours in Comradeship,

Tom Friend
Americanism and Loyalty Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas



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



Comrades,

POST AND DISTRICT CHAIRMEN. Let's get prepared for this year's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay Competition. Follow the instruction below to get all the program materials:

YOUTH PROGRAMS ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. Simply visit <https://www.vfw.org/Login.aspx>, log in to **MY VFW**, then click on **VFW Training & Support** under the **Member Resources** heading, then click on **Community Service & Youth Programs and Activities**, then click on **Chairman Manuals** under the **Additional Resources** heading. Here you will find all program materials.

NEW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN THEMES. The 2019-20 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice 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/>

NEW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN BROCHURES. For Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen brochures, posters, awards and more, visit the VFW Store:

<http://www.vfwstore.org/category/programs/voiceofdemocracy> for Voice of Democracy and

<http://www.vfwstore.org/category/programs/patriotspen> for Patriot's Pen.

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/>

Yours in comradeship and service,

Don Kelley

VOD / Patriot's Pen / Teacher's Award Chairman

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From the DPA Department Service Officer:

Comrades,

Commander Farris has reappointed me for the upcoming year as your Department Service Officer. If you need any Service Officer support in Japan – please contact ADSO-Japan (Michael Castro) and he will provide whatever support you need. Efforts are underway to fill the vacant ADSO-Thailand position and potentially a new ADSO-Korea position. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available. Veterans in the Philippines will see some changes this year. The DSO Office in the Philippines will be expanding coverage. Appointments can now be scheduled for Angeles City on Mondays and Tuesdays, Subic on Wednesday at the Retired Activity Office, and the VA Regional Office Manila (VARO-Manila) on Fridays. To make an appointment please contact the DSO Administrative Assistant (Ms. Mitch Orbong) via email at dsoadmin@vfwdeptpacific.org Monday thru Friday. You may also call her at +63453210084 (Land-Line) or +639392865344 (Cell-Phone). If you need updates on claims or VA Issues – please contact your Post Service Officer, District Service Officer, ADSO or myself and we will provide you with the requested information as soon as possible. Just a reminder that I will need the veteran's full name, social security number and birth-date to access any VA files. You must also submit a VA Form 21-22 (VSO Authorization/Power of Attorney) through the Post/District Service Officer. They will submit it to the DPA Service Officer Team for approval by the ADSO or the DSO for approval. Current VFW National Veterans Services policy/regulations preclude Post/District Officers from signing the POA. Email is permitted for those outside the ADSO or DSO geographic region.



Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Michael R. (Mike) Verville
Department Service Officer
Department of Pacific Areas – 2019/2020

From the Legacy Life Membership Chairman:

DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS NATIONAL LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

As a Legacy Life member, future generations will know you not only for the sacrifices you made as a veteran but for the contributions you made as a member.

THAT'S A LEGACY TO BE PROUD OF!

District and Post Commanders your Department needs your support to lead the way to get the info out to your fellow veterans.

Cheers,

Bob Zaher
Legacy Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Women's Veterans Chair:

Women Veterans have come a long way since the start of the United States of America. Nurses on the battlefield of the American Revolution and Civil war were common place when the male population was determined more useful with a weapon in hand. This need for women in support roles continued for WWI and WWII when drafts were necessary to fill the ranks. Both my paternal grandmother and my maternal great-grandmother were volunteers for the Nurse Corp during WWII.

The Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948

Signed into law by President Harry Truman on June 12, 1948. Women now had permanent status in the Regular Armed Forces and the Reserves in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

The act was restrictive on total women allowed in each branch (2%); promotions available based on rank; and available sea tours further limiting women's ability to compete with their male counterparts.

The law also granted the service Secretaries authority to discharge women without specified cause.



<https://www.womensmemorial.org/americas-military-women#8>

Thankfully, with the passage of time, the restrictions on how women were allowed to serve was reduced and we have seen some great accomplishments as a result. 1952 USMC Staff Sergeant Barbara Olive Barnwell was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps medal for heroism for saving a fellow Marine from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean. USN Roseann Roberts became the first helicopter Captain (1972) and 2 years later the USN became the first service to graduate a woman pilot. USAF Jeannie Leavitt was the first female fighter pilot in 1993 and the first woman to command a USAF Combat Fighter Wing. 1998 CDR Maureen Farren became the first woman to command a U.S. combatant ship. In August 2015, Kristen Marie Griest and Shaye Lynne Haver became the first two women to graduate from the US Army Ranger School.

In addition to contributing in the services, women are making a name for themselves in the community. Marine Gunnery Sgt Pamela Torres ran 161 miles (259KM) starting in Cheyenne, WY (May 26, 2019) for 10 days ending in Rawlins Wyoming. Training for the Valor run started in Virginia with elevation masks to prepare for the strenuous climb. The foundation honors the memories of women who died while serving the country during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Valor Run also provides a scholarship to children of women who served in Iraq or Afghanistan.

"I got rained on, hailed on, sleeted on, sunburnt and experienced 50 mile per hour winds. It changed every day," she said. "I've also been battling some injuries, so not being at full strength was really frustrating. My body and mind felt amazing and I wanted to concur every mile with pride and remembrance, but my feet injuries made some of those miles a really rough."

<http://www.valorrun.org/161-heroes.html>

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