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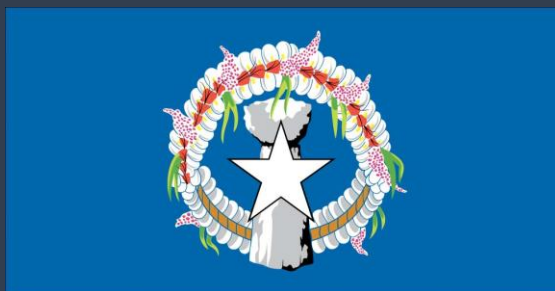
**Inputs for the July Typhoon
Are due on 05 July 2019.**

Don't Miss

THE MAIN EVENT

Department & Grand of Pacific Areas
Convention and **Scratch**

09 - 13 June 2019



**VFW Post 3457
HOST POST**

*SEE YOU IN
Saipan!*



Department Officer's Comments & Department Committee Reports

From the Commander:

Comrades,

We are almost there! The Department of Pacific Areas membership program continues to move ahead nicely. The DPA is in 7th place in the VFW National Standings with 12,028 members or 102.38%. We have 18 Posts and 6 Districts that have achieved All-State Status. Keep your focus on All-American and track your Post & District numbers in your VFW National Division.

SVC Farris has done a superb job of tracking the All-State & All-American requirements for this year. Be sure to report completion of these requirements to the DPA Chairs and the DPA SVC. Again - Stay on top and track your numbers. Don't let your Post or District fall out of the Top 50 or Top 25, respectively of your VFW National Division. All Programs are now complete – this is truly amazing for this time of the year.

JVC Stein tells me that every Post in the DPA has completed their requirements for the Community Service Reports as of 30 April 2019. That is a real achievement since it shows the huge amount of work the Posts/Districts do throughout the DPA Area of Responsibility. Your efforts do so much to help your local communities.

The Commander in Chief Vincent "BJ" Lawrence's trip to Guam, the Philippines, Taiwan and Korea went extremely well. Thanks to all the Post and District representatives who made his trip so successful.

Final call for registration to the DPA Convention! Registration is still up and running on the DPA Website. The registration deadline is 1 June 2019. Please go online and register as soon as possible. Get your shirt order in so that the Convention Committee will have your size and the number of shirts you wish to order. Finally, flight bookings are filling up fast. So get your airline tickets early.

The VFW National Convention Housing Registration is still open. We have had a number of DPA members already register. If you have been to a previous VFW National Convention – then you know how much fun you will have with your fellow comrades. If this is your first time – I can assure you that you will love Orlando since there is so much to do! I have spent many years there and still did not have enough time to see it all. Hope to see a big turn-out from the DPA membership this year!

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. Please keep working hard and let's continue to "GET IT DONE" and help CinC BJ Lawrence "Make it Happen!"

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,

The first deadline has passed. 18 Posts and all Districts but one will be receiving their caps at Convention. This has been a spectacular year for memberships!! Our great department has really excelled this year. The All-American dashboard is all green, except for the few that are still lacking in memberships. For those that have not yet qualified, remember, you have until June 30th to complete the requirements, and get your caps at C of A.

For Veterans Assistance, I still have a few. I received none for the month of April, and a few more to grant, if needed.



The SVC conference in Kansas City was very interesting and informative. It'll be great to see JVCinc Hal Roesch and Membership extraordinaire, Rick Butler at our Convention in Saipan. I am honored to have Hal as my Installation Officer.

Comrades, it has been my honor to be you Senior Vice Commander for the 2018-19 year. I want to thank JVC Ken Stein for all his support, and a special thanks to Mike Verville, our esteemed Commander for all he has done through the year. Now it's on to convention to finish up this year, and start the next.

Rick Farris,
Senior Vice Commander
Dept. of Pacific Areas
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MEMSTATS as of APR 1, 2019

Post	Dst	Life	New	Rein	Cont	Total	Adjusted	Percent	Div	City	N/R	LV	Prior	At	Retention	N/R %
9723	1	735	3	3	22	763	709	107.61%	2	OKINAWA	4	34	61.76%	1.41%		
0	1	735	3	3	22	763	709	107.61%	6		4			1.41%		
1054	2	782	5	8	11	806	772	104.40%	1	YOKOSUKA CITY	15	32	50.00%	3.63%		
9555	2	365	1	0	6	372	361	103.04%	2	YOKOTA AFB	5	24	20.83%	1.66%		
9612	2	513	17	2	20	552	522	105.74%	2	CAMP ZAMA	26	48	50.00%	8.62%		
0	2	1660	23	10	37	1730	1655	104.53%	4		46			4.77%		
8180	3	1668	106	37	93	1904	2024	94.07%	1	SONGTAN-SI	25	392	21.17%	8.30%		
9985	3	214	37	3	30	284	273	104.02%	3	TONGDUCHON-U	4	72	41.67%	16.12%		
10033	3	497	6	1	18	522	551	94.73%	2	TAEGU	1	50	42.00%	1.45%		
10223	3	323	69	3	18	413	354	116.66%	3	CAMP HUMPHRE	31	94	31.91%	29.10%		
12147	3	192	55	2	9	258	236	109.32%	4	SEONGNAM	17	74	21.62%	31.36%		
0	3	2894	273	46	168	3381	3438	98.34%	2		78			11.55%		
9957	4	391	0	0	0	391	359	108.91%	2	TAIPEI	0	11	90.91%	0.00%		
0	4	391	0	0	0	391	359	108.91%	6		0			0.00%		
9876	5	353	9	3	27	392	402	97.51%	2	PATTAYA CITY	4	45	66.67%	3.98%		
9951	5	228	8	1	14	251	248	101.20%	3	BANGKOK	5	25	68.00%	5.65%		
10217	5	141	3	0	12	156	142	109.85%	6	KORAT AF BASE	1	16	87.50%	2.82%		
10249	5	235	3	0	19	257	251	102.39%	3	UDORN	2	29	93.10%	1.99%		
11575	5	107	4	0	14	125	121	103.30%	6	PHNOM PENH	0	21	80.95%	3.31%		
12074	5	96	4	0	7	107	106	100.94%	7	CHIANG MAI	4	14	50.00%	7.55%		
12146	5	193	2	1	7	203	163	124.53%	5	BAN CHANG	23	14	57.14%	15.95%		
12163	5	43	1	0	4	48	42	114.28%	10	PERTH	7	10	50.00%	19.05%		
0	5	1396	34	5	104	1539	1475	104.33%	4		46			5.76%		

1509	6	335	4	1	10	350	358	97.76%	2 YIGO	4	32	40.63%	2.51%
2917	6	199	6	0	16	221	233	94.84%	4 AGAT	7	46	39.13%	5.58%
3457	6	287	6	1	15	309	284	108.80%	3 SAIPAN	31	39	56.41%	13.38%
0	6	821	16	2	41	880	875	100.57%	6	42		6.86%	
124	7	196	0	0	0	196	177	110.73%	5 BAGUIO CITY	22	1	100.00%	12.43%
2485	7	1642	16	1	40	1699	1665	102.04%	1 ANGELES CITY	37	75	73.33%	3.24%
9892	7	241	0	0	1	242	233	103.86%	4 BAUANG	3	4	50.00%	1.29%
11447	7	523	7	3	8	541	483	112.00%	2 SUBIC BAY	37	21	100.00%	9.73%
12130	7	74	0	0	11	85	117	72.64%	6 CEBU	6	50	30.00%	5.13%
0	7	2676	23	4	60	2763	2675	103.28%	3	105		4.93%	

All-State Requirements

Post/District	Membership	Legacy	Insp	QMB	SO	Audit	CSR	VPT	BP	Week	WelcomeH	AAU	NH	VMS	TRNG	FB/Web	Complete
D1																	
9723		1															
D2																	
1054		1U															
9555																	
9612		2U															
D3																	
8180		2															
9985		1															
10033																	
10223		2+1U															
12147		1															
D4																	
9957																	
D5																	
9876																	
9951		1															
10217		1															
10249		1															
11575		1															
12074		1															
12146		3+3U															
12163		1															
D6																	
1509																	
2917																	
3457		1U															
D7																	
124		1															
2485		2+2U															
9892		1U															
11447		1															
12130																	

Complete

On Track, not complete

Delinquent

Missing entries

Columns K, L, M, only one of the three required.

For the Weekly, Welcome Home, and AAU, only one is required.

From the Junior Vice Commander:

Greetings Comrades,

First, let me thank our District and Post members for their support during the past term. It is genuinely appreciated. I'm looking forward to working with all of you during the new VFW year.

The Community Service Reports database has closed effective midnight 30 April. An outstanding job by all those involved in submitting the reports, and more importantly for performing the community service projects. It was a very good year for both the quality and quantity of community service activities. Our report to National will reflect 85,263 volunteer hours and a total value of dollars spent on our projects of \$801,585.



Please check the chart at the bottom of this article for our end of year totals. The National Award for Outstanding Community Service Post for the year will be announced at the Department Convention.

Speaking of awards, the nine Department Outstanding award winners will also be announced at the Department Convention. The Judging Committee comprised of the SVC, JVC, QM, COS, ADJ, and JPDC had a difficult job choosing from the outstanding applicants. In fact, one of the categories required a tie breaking vote by our Commander. We believe the winners of the awards represent just the tip of the iceberg as it relates to the depth of the fantastic group of dedicated, hardworking comrades in each of our posts and throughout the Department.

I look forward to seeing you in Saipan for our Convention and wish you safe travels.

Yours in comradeship, service to veterans, and with warmest best wishes,

Kenneth A. Stein
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Areas

CSR Reports as of 01 May 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	14	13	15	8	153
1054	2	16	9	17	10	8	10	31	19	8	16	13	7	164
9555		24	18	16	18	17	16	19	15	14	18	16	14	205
9612		10	11	7	7	33	61	32	23	17	12	24	13	250
8180	3	34	30	42	39	41	23	36	20	17	22	28	46	378
9985		16	10	11	13	8	7	10	11	10	4	11	7	118
10033		3	4	3	4	4	4	5	4	3	3	3	5	45
10223		14	16	10	10	15	8	15	9	7	9	7	7	127
12147		8	8	8	6	7	10	15	15	8	11	10	7	113
9957	4	5	3	3	4	3	3	6	3	12	3	3	3	51
9876	5	13	29	52	15	23	18	11	6	12	9	9	13	210

9951		20	21	21	25	22	31	21	13	16	25	23	9	247
10217		17	31	27	31	20	22	28	31	27	37	23	5	299
10249		10	6	8	9	6	6	10	8	4	5	6	4	82
11575		3	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	38
12074		8	10	12	11	17	11	10	8	9	8	21	7	132
12146		11	24	20	36	23	28	31	22	27	30	26	27	305
12163		15	14	16	16	11	14	13	5	13	18	13	11	159
1509	6	7	3	4	3	3	8	3	3	4	3	4	5	50
2917		50	8	11	12	13	21	4	7	9	11	6	19	171
3457		9	6	7	3	8	7	25	19	6	5	11	7	113
124	7	17	10	8	16	22	20	16	13	4	11	14	16	167
2485		141	128	134	122	110	142	128	122	127	111	115	61	1441
9892		60	64	4	65	33	51	37	41	41	38	28	44	506
11447		8	5	4	10	10	3	5	11	3	12	10	174	255
12130		3	4	5	6	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	44
Total		535	488	464	510	477	547	527	466	419	440	445	525	5823

From the Junior Past Department Commander:

Comrades,

Congratulations on another notable Department achievement. We have reached and exceeded our long time goal of 12,000 Department members. Considering over 11,100 of these are Life Members, this assures our viability and success into the future. Although we sometimes consider ourselves to be a small Department in terms of membership, there are currently 18 US Departments with fewer members than the Department of Pacific. Additionally, we will likely have record numbers of All State and All American Posts and Districts. Well done.

As this will be my last regular article for the Typhoon, I wish to thank all for the support I received over the years as a Post and District Officer, as a Department Chair Officer, and the past year as the Junior Past Department Commander. We are a high performing organization because of your efforts, and few outside our Department appreciate the challenges we face in serving our membership, other veterans, active duty, families and our communities. I am proud to have served you.

If I can be of assistance in the future, please contact me at pdcgilbert@vfwdeptpacific.org or johngphil@gmail.com

Yours in Comradeship & Service,

John Gilbert
Junior Past Department Commander
Department of Pacific Areas



Get It Done!

From the Adjutant:

Greetings,

The Department Convention is fast approaching. As of 5 May, I have received Post Delegate Letters from nine (9) of our twenty-six (26) Posts. Please send your delegate letters to me at: adjdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org

As of 5 May, I have received Post Election Reports from sixteen (16) of our twenty-six (26) Posts. The suspense for Posts to file their Election Report with VFW National is **1 June**. Posts are encouraged to use the VFW National online OMS to file their Election Reports. VFW National automatically sends me a copy of the Election Report, once it is filed via the OMS.

A reminder – VFW National has now added the District Election Report filing to the OMS. It is in the same tab as the Post Election Report filing. Districts are also encouraged to use the National OMS online to file their District Election Reports. Again, once filed via OMS, I will automatically receive a copy of the District Election Report.

As of 5 May, I have received General Orders from three (3) of our twenty-six (26) Posts. Once you have completed your Post General Order, please send a copy to me at adjdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org. The General Orders are very helpful when I am preparing the DPA MEMO ONE.

The VFW Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Hal Roesch II, will be the National Representative at our Department Convention in Saipan. He will be accompanied by the VFW National Director – Membership, Rick Butler.

We will have three (3) Distinguished Guests from the Veterans Affairs Council, Republic of China on Taiwan. Also, according to our Convention Chairman, we will have three (3) Distinguished Guests from the Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands. I hope I can pronounce all the names correctly during the Introductions at our “Opening Ceremony”.

Thank you.

Jerry Chaplin
Adjutant
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Inspector:

Comrades,

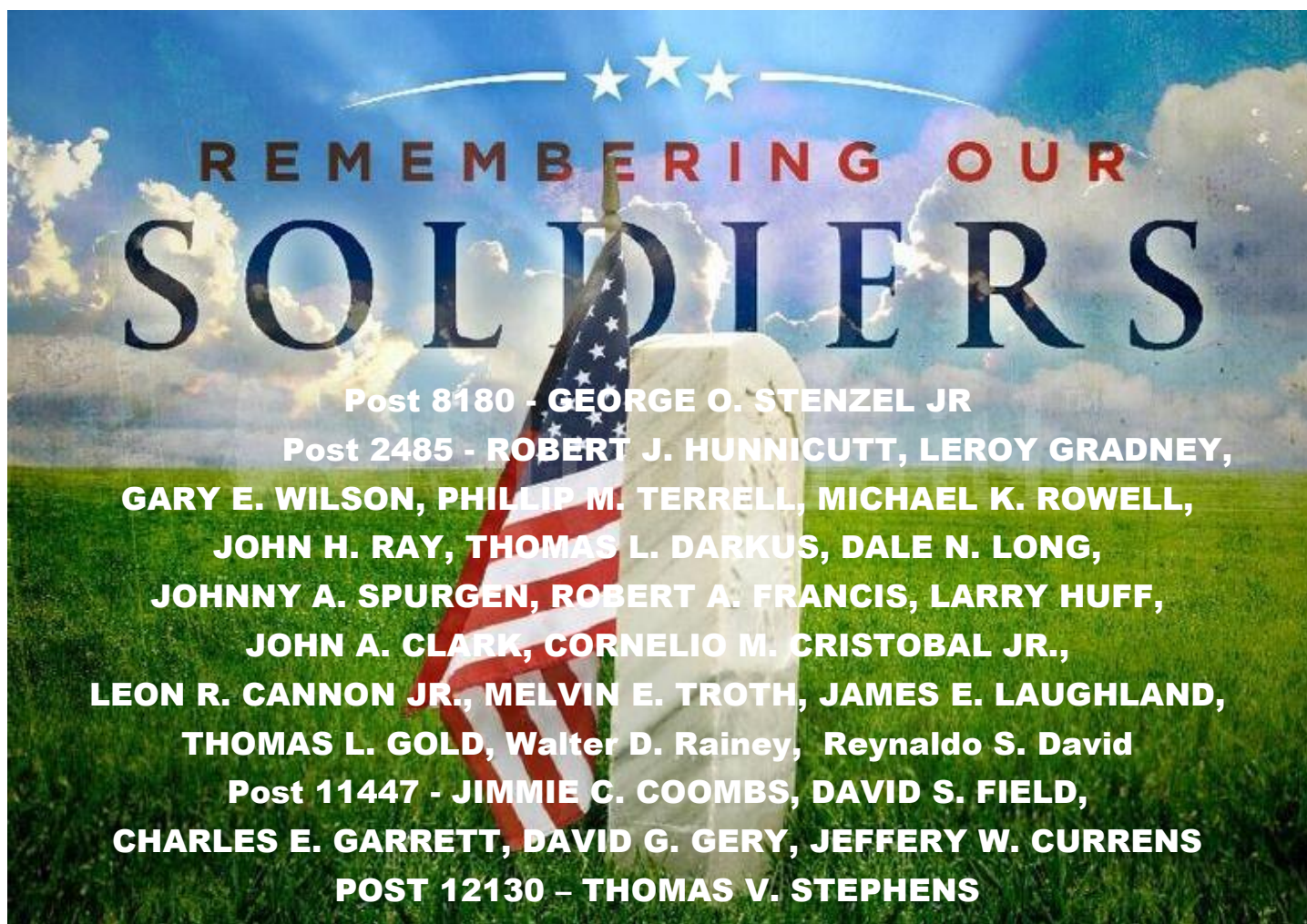
I want to congratulate Commander Verville on his stellar ALL AMERICAN year in the Department of Pacific Areas. I want to thank all Post and District Commanders, Quartermasters and Adjutants, for their hard work in completing all inspections. It has been a pleasure working with all of you. Keep up the good work and prepare for next year.

Yours in Comradeship,

Bill Bradford
Inspector
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Chaplain:



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

Ron Davis
Chaplain
Department of Pacific Areas

From the Quartermaster:

Comrades,

Post Quartermasters using the National Online Membership System (OMS) can now add a second address to any member's Contact Information. National calls this a "snowbird address", allowing members who live temporarily at a different address each year to continue receiving their mail from the VFW. But I think this can serve a more important function for those of us in the Pacific Areas.

We recruit many active duty members who serve overseas for a time and then rotate back to the States. All too often we lose contact with these members when they leave, especially if they use their overseas unit email address. We can now use the "snowbird address" to record their permanent home of record, which allows us a way to keep in contact when it comes time for them to renew their membership.

Here's how it works. Using OMS, navigate to MEMBER CONTACT INFO under QM services and you'll get a pull-down menu of all your members. When you select a member, it allows you to change member contact information. You'll see a new heading, "snowbird address". There you can enter the member's permanent home of record. It also asks you for a timeframe when the member will be at that address. Pick the month of JULY or DECEMBER, because these are months when the VFW magazine is not published, so the member will not miss an issue. As I understand it, the "snowbird address" becomes a permanent part of the member's record, and you'll always have a way to contact him or her.

There is no word yet on QM Bond rates for 2019-2020. Once I get them, I'll send them to every Commander and Quartermaster.

Convention notes: All rooms at the Fiesta Resort are non-smoking rooms. There are designated smoking areas outside the lobby. The \$6 breakfast menu for our group only will be served at the Terrace Café, just across from the World Café. The Sunday, June 9, committee meetings will be in the board room on the second floor. The elevator to get there is across from the Terrace Café. There will be signs.

Some members who registered did not give their arrival and departure flight information. Most likely they did not have their flights confirmed yet. Once you have that information (along with the number of people in your party), please send it to me so we can arrange transportation to the hotel for you. Regular taxi fare from the airport to the hotel is expensive. Hertz Car Rental, located at the airport and inside the Fiesta hotel, is offering our members a discount on car rental for your stay on Saipan. With no insurance coverage, the daily rate is \$32 compact, \$35 mid-size, and \$45 for a full size vehicle. Most major credit cards cover insurance for rental cars. There will also be a walking map of the downtown area in your welcome package. The distance from the hotel to the VFW is two-tenths of a mile.

We look forward to welcoming you to Saipan next month!

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan
Quartermaster
Department of Pacific Areas



2018-2019 POST AND DISTRICT AUDITS/POPPIES/QM BONDS

AUDITS SUBMITTED	JUNE '18	SEP '18	DEC '18	MAR '19	BUDDY POPPIES ORDERED '18-'19	QM BOND ORDERED 2018-'19
9723	X	X	X	X	\$116/1,000	\$100/\$40,000 Pd F*
District I	X	X	X	X	X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd F*
1054	X	X	X	X	\$174/1,500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd F*
9555	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$75/\$30,000 Pd F*
9612	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$65/\$26,000 Pd F*
District II	X	X	X	X	X	\$17.50/\$5,000 Pd F*
8180	X	X	X	X	\$116/1,000	\$70/\$28,000 Pd F*
9985	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$65/\$26,000 Pd F*
10033	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$70/\$28,000 Pd F*
10223	X	X	X	X	\$174/1500	\$100/\$40,000 Pd F*
12147	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$35/\$10,000 Pd F*
District III	X	X	X	X	X	\$17.50/\$5,000 Pd F*
9957	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$75/\$30,000 Pd F*
District IV	X	X	X	X	X	\$52.50/\$15,000 F*
9876	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd F*
9951	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$35/\$10,000 Pd F*
10217	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000 Pd F*
10249	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd F*
11575	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$17.50/\$5,000 Pd F*
12074	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000 Pd F*
12146	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd F*
12163	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd F*
District V	X	X	X	X	X	\$59.50/\$17,000 Pd F*
1509	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$175/\$70,000 Pd F*
2917	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$65/\$26,000 Pd F*
3457	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$65/\$26,000 Pd F*
District VI	X	X	X	X	X	\$10.50/\$3,000 F*
124	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$49/\$14,000 Pd F*
2485	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$400/\$160,000 Pd F*
9892	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000 Pd F*
11447	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$31.50/\$9,000 Pd F*
12130	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$17.50/\$5,000 Pd F*
District VII	X	X	X	X	X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd.
*F = Bond application form received.						

From the Judge Advocate:

Comrades,

In this issue of the Typhoon I will present Department By-Laws amendments and the Department Rules of Order for the 53rd Department Convention.

SUBJECT: Proposed DPA By-Law Amendments

TO: Commander, Department of Pacific Areas

FROM: John Gilbert, Junior Past Department Commander

DATE: 28 November 2018



Based on our previous discussions, below are amendments for two proposed changes to the current DPA By-Laws. These amendments can be mentioned at the C of A in December 2018, but would need to be voted on at the DPA Convention in June 2019.

Additionally, I have contacted DPA QM Callaghan for input, as he had previously mentioned proposed amendment(s) to DPA financial oversight procedures.

Draft language for the two proposed amendments:

1. Additional language to require all members of the Council of Administration to maintain their primary residence in the Department of Pacific Areas during their term of office. (Additions highlighted in yellow)

Add Section 504 -

Section 504 - Residence Requirement: All members of the Council of Administration must reside within the Geographic area of the Department of Pacific Areas. Those changing their primary residence during the year will forfeit their position and the position declared vacant.

Add to Section 604 (a) –

Section 604 - Term of Office:

- (a) An elected and installed officer shall continue to hold office until a successor is installed, unless that office is earlier declared vacant under the provisions of Section 503, 504, or Section 702 (a) and (b) of these By- Laws.

Add to Section 702 (c) -

Section 702 -- Removal of Elective Officers or Committee Members:

- (c) The Department Council of Administration, at the next stated meeting, may by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting declare vacant the position of an elected officer or elected chairman or committee member who may have;
 1. Absented themselves from two (2) consecutive meetings.
 2. Failed to fulfill the duties of office specified in Section 518 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and Article VIII of these By-Laws.
 3. Forfeited their position through change of primary residence outside the Department area.

2. Insert language to provide for Department oversight of the consolidation process in Section 1404.

Section 1404 - Consolidation of Posts:

Consolidation of two or more Posts is authorized in the Department, following consultation with and concurrence of DPA Commander, providing Posts follow the procedure of Section 209 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.

Respectfully,

///Original Signed///

John H. Gilbert
Junior Past Department Commander
Department of Pacific Areas

Proposed Amendment to Department By-Laws

Proposed by QM Callaghan

Article VIII, Section 803

Duties of the Quartermaster

The duties of the Department QM are pursuant to provisions Section 518 (a) (4) of the Manual of Procedure and as set forth below:

- (a) The QM shall receive and properly account for all monies due and payable to Department, and shall disburse the monies that Department legally owes. The QM shall be the official accountable officer of Department and the Treasurer of all Department Committees handling funds. All Department securities, funds, and property accountable shall be placed in the QM's care.
- (b) The QM shall ensure that Department checks are computerized and numbered in sequence. Each check shall be a set of not less than two parts, the check itself and the reminder, which constitutes the check stub. The stub shall be considered as the official Expenditure voucher for the QM files, which shall include transaction details and budget charges as appropriate. The ~~Department Commander~~, QM, and ~~one~~ **two** other persons shall be authorized to sign Department checks. Two of the three authorized signatures shall be necessary on all checks. The QM and Commander shall review and initial ~~all check stubs~~ **the check register** before the Convention and Council Meeting, thereby verifying the transactions.
- (c) Provide a tentative budget for the financial operations of the ensuing year. Said budget, shall set forth all anticipated income and estimated expense. Restricted funds shall be budgeted separately in every instance, and the budget shall be in balance. The budget shall be approved by the Incoming Council meeting and be the expenditure guide for the ensuing year.
- (d) Prepare a quarterly and final year-end financial report for the Department Council, with copies of such report distributed to the Council members.
- (e) Prepare for the Department Convention a complete financial report, membership **report** **count**, a list of Posts in good standing and the number of delegates to which each Post is entitled.
- (f) The Department Convention, Council, or Department Commander may also assign additional duties and responsibilities.

Proposed Amendment to Department By-Laws**Proposed by QM Callaghan****Article XII, Section 1202****Audits:**

The Audit Committee's responsibilities shall be as follows;

- (a) Audit the books and records of the Adjutant, and QM and DSO at least annually, as of the close of the month preceding the Department Convention. Soon as practical after the close of the fiscal year. The QM will set the date and time of the audit and inform the Audit Committee and those officers to be audited. The audit will be held at Department Headquarters inside Post 2485.
- (b) Conduct additional audits as directed by the Department Commander, or the Council.
- (c) Audit all funds generated by, or administered by Department Committees, such as Department Convention, Convention Book, and other committees or activities as may be directed.
- (d) Submit copies of all audit reports for distribution to the Department Commander, the Senior Vice Commander, the Adjutant, the QM, and all members of the Audit Committee. The chairperson of the Audit Committee shall submit oral and written reports on the results of full audits to the Convention and audit reviews to the Council for approval at the council meeting in December.

Proposed Amendment to Department By-Laws Proposed by District V**Article IV, Section 401****DEPARTMENT CONVENTION****ARTICLE IV****DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

Section 401 -- Composition: The Department Convention shall consist of;

- (a) The Commander-in-Chief, Past Commanders-in-Chief, and any current National Council Member, providing they are members in good standing of a Post within Department.
- (b) The Department Commander and all Past Department Commanders (hereinafter, PDCs) who are members in good standing in a Post within Department; all elective officers of the Department, Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Judge Advocate, Department Service Officer (DSO), and Inspector.
- (c) District Commanders in Department. In the absence of the District Commander, the District Senior Vice Commander or the District Junior Vice Commander may be registered and function as a member of the Convention.
- (d) All Post Commanders in Department. In the absence of the Post Commander, the Post Senior Vice Commander or the Post Junior Vice Commander may be registered and function as a member of the Convention.
- (e) Delegates to be elected by the Post as described in Section 403 hereto.
- (f) Department Service Officer (DSO), in the absence of the Department Service Office (DSO), One of the Assistant Department Service Officers (ADSO) may be registered and function as a member of the Convention by appointment of the Department Commander.

Proposed Amendment to Department By-Laws**Proposed by District V****Article V, Section 501 & 502****OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED****ARTICLE V****OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED****Section 501 -- Elected Officers:**

- (a) The Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, and Chaplain shall be elected at the Department Convention.
- (b) District Commanders shall also be officers of Department and voting members of the Council. District Commanders cannot simultaneously hold an elective Department office.

Section 502 -- Appointed Officers:

- (a) The Department Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, and Service Officer.
- (b) The Department Commander may appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day and such other officers, committee chairpersons, and committee members as deemed necessary to carry out the responsibilities and functions of Department and lawful orders of the Commander-in Chief.
- (c) Appointed officers may not be salaried unless such is expressly approved by a majority of the Council of Administration, as part of the Department budget. Subsequent removal of such salaried appointed officers shall also be subject to approval by the Council, as prescribed in Section 516 of the National.

Manual of Procedure.**Proposed Amendment to Department By-Laws****Proposed by District V****Article IX, Section 901****COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION****ARTICLE IX****COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

Section 901 -- Composition: The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Chief-of-Staff, Inspector, Surgeon, Department Service Officer (DSO), In the absence of the Department Service Office (DSO), One of the Assistant Department Service Officers (ADSO) may function as a member of the Council by appointment of the Department Commander, Chaplain, and the District Commanders. In the absence of a District Commander, the District Senior Vice Commander, or in their absence, the District Junior Vice Commander, may function as a member of the Council of Administration. The retiring Department Commander shall also be a member of the Department Council of Administration until such time as another Department Commander retires. In the event the retiring Department Commander is unwilling or unable to serve on the Department Council of Administration, the last retired Past Department Commander who is ready, willing and able to serve shall fill his position.

DEPARTMENT OF THE PACIFIC AREAS
49th CONVENTION ~ RULES OF ORDER

1. Composition: The Department Convention shall consist of:
 - A. The Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief providing they are member in good standing of a Post within Department.
 - B. The National Council Member, the Department Commander and all Past Department Commanders who are members in good standing in a Post within Department; all elective officers of the Department, Chief of Staff, Inspector and the Adjutant.
 - C. District Commanders in the Department. If a District Commander is absent, the District Senior vice Commander, or in his absence the District Junior Vice Commander may register and function as a member of the Convention.
 - D. All Post Commanders in the Department. If a Post Commander is absent, the Post Senior Vice Commander, or in his absence the Post Junior vice Commander may register and function as a member of the Convention.
 - E. Delegates elected by the Post not less than 30 days prior to the Convention are to include one delegate and one alternate for each 30 members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post and on record at the time of the election. All other aspects of delegate representation to the Department Convention shall be as prescribed in Section 222 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and Department By-Laws.
2. Voting: Only members listed above may vote on matters brought before the Convention. The authorized voting shall be:
 - A. Each voting member of the Convention, except delegates elected by a Post will have one (1) vote. Attendee who are listed in paragraph 1. A. through D. above that are named as delegates by their Posts shall be entitled to cast their pro rata share of the Post's votes, if so desired. However, each attendee may only cast a single vote as an individual or with the Post as a delegate, but not both.
 - B. The delegate or delegates of a Post present may vote the Post's full delegate strength. If there is a division among the delegation of a Post each delegate present may cast his or her vote pro rata share of the Post authorized votes.
 - C. If a Post Commander or in his absence the Senior Vice Commander, or in his absence the Junior Vice Commander is the only person in attendance at the Convention from a Post, he/she shall Volume XVIII - Number 10 TYPHOON / AROUND THE PACIFIC May 2015 VFW Department of Pacific Areas Page 51 be entitled to one (1) vote plus the authorized delegate voting strength of the Post, providing that his/her name appears on the Post delegate letter as a delegate or alternate.
 - D. The Credentials Committee prior to the first vote shall review the membership figures given by the Department Quartermaster and will poll the Posts to determine which members with separate votes are present, whether they will vote with their Post or separately, and determine total voting strength for each Post. The authorized voting strength for each Post at the Convention will be given in a report of Credentials Committee and shall be approved by the Convention.
 - E. Roll call votes are governed as follows:
 - 1) For the election of officers when two (2) or more persons have been nominated for the same office, voting shall be by roll call of Post's and any other member(s) who may vote separately.
 - 2) Any Roll Call vote shall be in random manner by draw of Posts numbers out of a hat.
 - 3) A roll call vote may be called for on any subject (question) to be voted on during the Convention at the discretion of any three (3) officers or delegates representing three (3) different Posts.
 - 4) On roll call vote any delegate voting separately, any delegation casting its authorized votes together, or any member of the delegation voting separately may pass on the first roll call. If any individual or delegation abstains from voting on the second roll call vote, only the affirmative and negative votes cast will be counted to determine the number of votes necessary for a majority.

3. Arrearages: The Credentials Committee will report on any Post (s) or District(s) in arrearage under the provisions of Section 213 and 413 of the National By-Laws, which includes Posts/Districts that have not submitted Election Reports to Department for the ensuing year by convening of the Convention. Those Posts/Districts in arrearage shall be deprived of all representation at the Convention. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon adjustment of such deficiencies.
4. Quorum: A quorum for transacting business at the Convention will be not less than one (1) delegate from a majority of the Post's in good standing at the time of the Convention and not less than four (4) members of the Department Council of Administration, one of whom must be the Commander, Senior vice Commander or Junior vice Commander.
5. Discussion of Motions:
 - A. Any matter brought before the Convention for consideration must be presented as a motion and that motion must be seconded prior to any discussion. Acceptation to this would be motion from a committee that does not require a second.
 - B. No member of the Convention may speak more than once on any motion until other members present have been given the opportunity to speak. The presiding officer may limit the time of discussion on a motion until all members present have been given an opportunity to discuss the motion once.
6. Election of Department Officers:
 - A. The Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Chaplain and Surgeon shall be elected by the Convention. District Commanders, by virtue of their office, shall be officers of Department and voting members of the Council of Administration. District Commanders shall be ineligible to simultaneously hold an elected Department office.
 - B. Any member in good standing in any Post in Department is eligible to hold a Department office. A member may hold one (1) elective and one or more appointed offices, no member may simultaneously hold two (2) elective Department offices.
 - C. Before nominations are closed, any nominee to a Department office must have the opportunity to decline nomination to the office to which he or she has been nominated.
 - D. Any member absent from the Convention who is nominated for an office must have written consent to such nomination in the hands of the Department Adjutant before nominations for that office.
 - E. Nominations will remain open until the presiding officer declares them closed and the Convention is ready to vote. A majority of all votes cast is necessary to elect, and voting will continue until an election is declared. Should there be no election on the first roll call the name of the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and so on in successive roll calls until a majority vote is reached.
 - F. Officers will be installed before the Convention is adjourned.
7. Caucus: Any member of the Convention may call for a caucus to discuss with his fellow delegates any matter to be voted on by the Convention. The presiding office may limit the time for a caucus.
8. Other: Matters not covered by these Rules of Order, the provisions of the Congressional Charter and By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure of the VFW and Robert Rules of Order shall be the authority.

Comrades, if you have any questions on what has been presented please feel free to contact me at:
advdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org

Yours in comradeship,

Robert Mo Moses
Judge Advocate
Department of Pacific Areas

From the Surgeon:

Shingles from Chickenpox

One in three Americans will develop Shingles in their lifetime. If you had chickenpox when you were young-and you probably did, you too are vulnerable to this condition. After a person recovers from chickenpox, the virus stays dormant (inactive) in the body. Anyone who has recovered from chickenpox may develop shingles; even children can get shingles. However, the risk of shingles increases as you get older. Most people who develop shingles have only one episode during their lifetime. However, a person can have a second or even a third episode.



Shingles is a painful rash that develops on one side of the face or body. The rash consists of blisters that typically scab over in 7 to 10 days. The rash usually clears up within 2 to 4 weeks. Before the rash develops, people often have pain, itching, or tingling in the area where the rash will develop. This may happen anywhere from 1 to 5 days before the rash appears. Most commonly, the rash occurs in a single stripe around either the left or the right side of the body. In other cases, the rash occurs on one side of the face. In rare cases (usually among people with weakened immune systems), the rash may be more widespread and look similar to a chickenpox rash. Shingles may lead to serious complications involving the eye such as vision loss. Very rarely, shingles can also lead to pneumonia, hearing problems, blindness, brain inflammation (encephalitis), or death.

Additionally, a common complication of shingles is a condition called postherpetic neuralgia (PHN). People with PHN have severe pain in the areas where they had the shingles rash, even after the rash clears up. The pain from PHN may be severe and debilitating, but it usually resolves in a few weeks or months. Some people can have pain from PHN for many years and it can interfere with daily life. A person's risk of PHN also increases with age. Older adults are more likely to have PHN and to have longer lasting and more severe pain. About 10 to 13% of people who get shingles will experience PHN. PHN occurs rarely among people less than 40 years of age.

Two vaccines are licensed and recommended to prevent shingles in the U.S., Zostavax and Shingrix. The CDC recommends that healthy adults ages 50 and older get the shingles vaccine, Shingrix, which provides greater protection than Zostavax. The vaccine is given in two doses, 2 to 6 months apart.

Although the vaccine is expensive (approx. \$280), due to the seriousness of shingles and possible long-term complications, if you are 50 or older you may want to get one. The cost is covered by TRICARE; however, the vaccine must be given in the doctor's office at a TRICARE-authorized provider. The cost may not yet be covered by Medicare, Medicaid or other insurance. Check with your insurance provider.

Article resources: CDC, Mayo Clinic

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 would like to thank the all of the District and Post of the Department. The donations to the National Home for Children are at a 100% for 2018-2019 year.

Since we are at 100% I have only posted the DPA Total Donations so far this year.

This report is as of April 29, 2019 as received in from the National Home and Post Quartermasters.

District / Post	Reported	District / Post Donated	District / Post	Reported	District / Post Donated
Congratulations to All District & Post for making this year's Donation to the National Home for Children					
Dist/Post Total	\$2,085.00	Special Projects	\$6,500.00	Grand Total	\$8,585.00

News from the National Home

<[The VFW established the VFW National Home for Children in 1925 and we're extremely proud to be a part of the wonderful work the VFW and Auxiliary do for veterans and their families in their communities and at the National Home.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-GU244eH77-tYMZFMa0npehTsw3K5eKSCjSYhvsFoyBd7vOrvIBpqsuhRIP_w8KNCwASj3duNG6fDxernFQIZgMWfQ_NtX6cGiltO63s1xRH6NGqEM9Vb1dEMDRjZkOWHLMYodcggX3Y7YnIVKqGjo9QVohln2M&c=-ZuqZmMaJarvs2JXbBi3B1KcuEB575AU_Kej2IUHHDzZMPezRpibrg==&ch=C1RLQcdrDEYzPEdYh5Wza-VtNfl-z_rkAu9LHnjNTT0aiM-gsg4UNg==></p>
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We are honored to be a part of the VFW and Auxiliary family and hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful to learn more about the wonderful facility your organization created and supports. Please feel free to share this email with the Department Of Pacific Areas members.

If you have any questions,
 Sue Alverson
 Development Director
 517-663-7983

Program Information Our Community

Families find a healing calm in a tranquil, rural, small-town community. Tree-lined streets connect 42 single-family homes with facilities like our gym, library, computer and science labs, Day Care Center, playgrounds, fishing pond, hiking trails and more...

Functioning much like a town, we have our own water wells, water treatment facility and sewage system as well as provide phone and Internet service. Who Can Live at the National Home and What We Offer. The National Home's community is open to the families of active-duty military personnel, veterans and relatives of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

The family can be one or both parents with one or more children. Case Management services to help families set up their plans and goals for the future.

- Educational, recreational, and enrichment opportunities.
- Community resources and counseling.
- Free housing and daycare.

If one of your members or someone in their family could benefit from a fresh start, have them contact us http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-GU244eH77tYMZFMa0npehTsw3K5eKSCjSYhvsFoyBd7vOrvIBpqnYAioD2aAu9XgJZFR0ZAnZRKIQ9rpWOJ_mCZVONQZQi80qnbDL0acolM5wd3HosRcSD6NYFfeammiRJwuAJFZ-ugib1FsPI5ORk05f2lbk&c=ZuqZmMaJarvs2JXbBi3B1KcuEB575AU_Kej2IUHHDzZMPezRpibrg==&ch=C1RLQcdrDEYzPEdYh5Wza-VtNflz_rkAu9LHnjNTT0aiM-gsg4UNg==>

In accepting families to our program, we ask only one thing of them: They must be committed to making changes in their lives. To remain at the National Home, they are expected to demonstrate consistent progress toward family goals. Together, in partnership with the whole family, we are dedicated to helping each family reach its full potential. An Inside Look at Our Early Education Child Care Center if you've ever wondered what our little patriots? Are up to at our Child Care and Early Education Center, the answer is "A LOT!"

A beehive of activity here on the National Home campus, our Child Care and Early Education Center provides age specific developmental and educational programs and activities for infants, toddlers and preschoolers alike.

Infants benefit from socialization, communication, color awareness and motor skill development, as well as a set schedule for feeding, sleeping, and diapering.

Toddlers benefit from potty-training (when ready), daily outdoor play, and set meal and nap times. Their developmental activities focus on interactive social skills, physical coordination and fine motor skills. They also start learning to read, listen to stories, identify pictures and prepare for preschool.

Preschoolers: days are much more scheduled and education focused in preparation for kindergarten. They learn to write letters, learn about time, the weather and even the arts through music, art and nature.

On top of all that, throughout the year the children get to go on field trips to exciting places like Potter Park Zoo, Andy T's Farm and the MSU 4-H Children's Garden. With all these activities going on, you can understand why nap time is a very popular time of day!

Check out the National Home for Children by [Click here](#) this link will take you to the News and Photo's as to the happenings with the National Home on 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
Department of Pacific Areas
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From the Legacy Life Membership Chairman:

2018-2019 VFW Legacy Program

Comrades,

As we enter our last two months of our VFW fiscal year. I would like to thank all Comrades that have enrolled or have upgraded their Legacy membership status; in this important Program. What you have helped accomplish for your Post and Department is very significant; your Legacy will live on Forever! If you are not a Legacy member please give serious thought to becoming a Legacy Member. **Sign up today.** The future of your Legacy will live on forever! This past year, our Department received a Legacy rebate from VFW National in the amount of \$4,872.00. Our Department Legacy membership now stands at 320 with two or three members pending. How did your Post do?

Cheers,

Bob Zaher
Legacy Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Safety Chairman:

With summer coming on several of you members will be grilling steaks and other great tasting food. So let's be reminded of a few things to be sure we are safe during our cook outs.

PROPANE GRILLS

- ** Should only be used outdoors.
- ** The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ** Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- ** Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- ** Never leave your grill unattended.
- ** Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- ** There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- ** If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- ** Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- ** There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- ** When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Yours in Comradeship,

Tim Aukshun
Safety Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Life Membership Chairman:



Thirty-two new Life Members were added during April, bringing the Department to an all-time high of 11104 Lifers on deck. Life Membership currently represents 92.25 % of total Membership. **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). | |

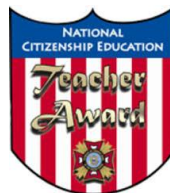
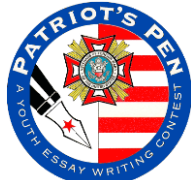
The following Posts have won DPA paid Life Memberships or \$400 stipends:

Post	Total N/R LM Recruited	Total Awarded
124	22	4 (\$1600)
1054	15	1 (4400)
2485	37	3 (Life Memberships)
2917	7	1 (\$400)
3457	29	5 (\$2000)
8180	25	2 (\$800)
9555	5	1 (\$400)
9612	26	2 (\$800)
9951	5	1 (\$400)
10223	31	6 (\$2400)
11447	37	7 (\$2800)
12130	6	1 (\$400)
12146	23	4 (\$1600)
12147	17	3 (\$1200)
12163	7	1 (\$400)
15055 (At Large)	18	None

Yours in Comradeship,

Cliff Wilsey,
Life Membership Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas

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



Comrades,

The earlier we get the word out the better. Let's get a jump start and take this opportunity to promote the 2019 - 2020 Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen / Teachers award program before the spring and summer school breaks. Start making your preparations and contacts with schools and students in your areas. A student can enter even if the school does not want to participate in the program. If you have no schools in your area, students who are home schooled or enrolled in international schools can participate as long as they are a U.S. citizen.

The theme this year for both Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs is: **"What Makes America Great"**

Voice of Democracy Rules and Eligibility can be found by going to: [VOD Rules and Eligibility](#). The Voice of Democracy Entry Form can be found by going to: [VOD Entry Form](#).

Patriot's Pen Rules and Eligibility can be found by going to: [PP Rules and Eligibility](#). The Patriot's Pen Entry Form can be found by going to: [PP Entry Form](#).

To assist the students, have them watch the 2018-2019 winners deliver their essays by going to: [VFW Legislative Conference](#); scroll down and select either the "2018-2019 Voice of Democracy Winner" or the "2018-2019 Patriot's Pen Winner" video.

Let's not forget about the Smart / Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. The Entry Form can be found by going to: [Teacher Award Entry Form](#).

District and Post Commanders; as you look at appointments in the upcoming elections, appoint a VOD / PP / Teacher Award Chairman that wants to **Make it Happen and Get It done**.

"VFW – Make It Happen, Get It Done"

Yours in comradeship and service,

Don Kelley
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From the Roving Ambassador:

Greetings Comrades,

I would like to congratulate Commander Verville for his leadership in guiding the Department to over 100% in membership this year. Also I would like to applaud our Posts and Districts that have achieved All State status. Fantastic job to all and I believe we will have more to add prior to the deadline. Hopefully we will grab a nice share of All American Posts and Districts.

The month of April was another busy month for the Roving Ambassador. I really enjoyed my day that the Annual Chili Cook Off in San Antonio, Philippines. Great day, fun, and super camaraderie with District VII, the FRA, family, and friends.

When I booked my flight to Thailand for April 14-21, I did not realize that I would be part of the annual Water Festival in which if you can remain dry for the day, you stayed inside your hotel, etc. After getting used to the ice water thrown on me and squirt guns, it was fun also. Thanks to Comrade Jimbo Correll and his wife Kathy for the invite. However, my purpose of being in Thailand was to attend the District V Convention. The hospitality was excellent and it was great to be with Department JVC Ken Stein, DV SVC Randy Riggs, and the comrades of Thailand. Well run and attended Convention. The only negative was departing the Airport from Chiang Mai for Bangkok. Post 9876 Commander Manny Guarnuccio and I had the misfortune of arriving to the Airport only to have an hour and a half blackout of the entire Terminal which put our Flight departures in jeopardy. But thank goodness everything worked out and we were able to catch our Flights!!!

Then, I flew into Tokyo to attend the DII Convention at the New Sanno Hotel. Another great Convention and we had the pleasure of having our Department SVC Farris (who is a part of DII) and Department JVC Ken Stein in our presence. For our Comrades who has been a part of the Department for a while, we had a surprise Comrade by the name of Frank Hunter join our Meeting. Frank just happen to be in Tokyo to perform on his Bagpipes and it was a nice to see him again!!

Just prior to leaving for Japan here in Angeles City we were jolted by a 6.1 earthquake and it was a bit scary! Unfortunately I heard eight Filipinos died and over 80 of them was injured during the quake. One of our Comrades, Post 12130 Commander Yusuf Narriddin was hurt at home during the earthquake and had to spend several days in TMCC Hospital in Clark. I have been informed that he was released and now at home recurring. Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

In closing, this is the last Typhoon for the "Get it Done" year. I want to thank Commander Verville for appointing me as the Roving Ambassador this term. It was by far the greatest experience I had in this position which I served in five times. I was able to visit Districts II, V, and VII and a number of Posts. On the 16th of this month, I will attend DIII's Convention. I would also like to thank the many Comrades who came to me in true comradeship to talk about a wide variety of topics which will only help me in the future. Hope to see many of you in Saipan next month!! Please continue to take care of yourselves and your families. May god continue to bless you, your families, and the good ole USA!! Remember, I love you all!!!!

Yours in Comradeship,

Kevin E. Mitchell
Roving Ambassador
Department of Pacific Areas
"Get it Done"



From the Americanism and Loyalty Day Chairman:

Comrades,

There have been many efforts to counteract the May Day Communist exhibitions in the United States. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars thought that a challenge must be given to what they considered the disruptive forces of communism, and that the loyalty of Americans to the American ideals must be openly asserted. Consequently, they began urging the institution of a "Loyalty Day" in the early 1930's. In towns across the country war veterans organized parades and ceremonies. Other patriotic organizations joined in, and with help of speakers' bureaus and an extensive letter-writing campaign, celebrations on the theme of loyalty to America took hold. Schools, churches, labor unions, fraternal societies, and other groups sponsored oratory contests, patriotic plays and tours to national shrines. Proclamations exhorting the observance of Loyalty Day were issued in 1949 by forty nine state and territorial governors. President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958 proclaimed 1 May as a day of national observance.



On 8 May we recognize the Victory in Europe Day (V-E Day). Victory in Europe Day (commonly known as V-E Day), marks the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces, therefore marking the end of World War II. The act of military surrender was signed on May 7 in Reims, France and on May 8 in Berlin, Germany. If you have a WWII veteran and/or spouse in your community, ask them to speak at a Post meeting or event about what they recall about this historic day. If they are unable to speak at an event, ask if a member can share their recollection with others.

Armed Forces Day is on 18 May, 2019. Since 1947, the third Saturday in May has been observed by Presidential Proclamation as Armed Forces Day. The week preceding it is known as Armed Forces Week. The purpose of the observance is to pay tribute to the many Americans serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps.

Armed Forces Day was designed to replace Army Day (April 6), Navy Day (October 27), and Air Force Day (the second Saturday in September) with a single day of ceremonies which emphasize the unity existing among the separate branches of the service. The slogan for this observance has gained prominence as "Forces for Freedom." The slogan is definitive of the role the armed forces of this country have displayed since General George Washington at Yorktown in 1781.

This special day of recognition was first observed in 1950 by proclamation of President Truman. Prior to that time, each service observed its own day of dedication. It is fitting that the "All American Team" which trained, planned and fought for one common purpose, preservation of freedom for our nation, should be honored together on this day. The sacrifices of those who serve or served in the uniform of the United States have written a heritage of freedom and dignity not only for our country but for the entire free world.

We will close out May with Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a day that for remembering all those who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated as Decoration Day after the Civil War. While this holiday commonly marks the unofficial beginning of summer, it is also a time for a more serious and respectful occasion. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries or just fly the Stars and Stripes at their homes.

Yours in Comradeship,

William Russell
Americanism and Loyalty Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas





Letters of Intent – 2019-2020 VFW Year

LETTER OF INTENT For VFW Department of Pacific Areas Junior Vice Commander 2019-2020 KEVIN E. MITCHELL



Dear Comrades of the Department of Pacific Areas,

This letter is to officially inform you that I will be a candidate for Department JVC for the 2019-20 year. I have served 20 years in the US Air Force retiring in September 2000 and over 14 years as a Civil Service employee retiring on 30 September. I have also served four years as a DOD Contractor. Joining the VFW in May 1993, this past May 2018 I am proud to have marked my 25th year as a member of this great Veterans organization and last December 2018 marked my 25th year as a Life Member. I am also a Gold Legacy Life Member.

As a Life Member of Post 9555, I have served in most positions to include Post Commander from 2005-08. On the District II level, I have also served in most positions to include District Commander from 2005-07. On the Department level, I was recognized by National CINC's James Goldsmith and Raymond Sisk as an Outstanding Department Buddy Poppy Chairman for 2002-03 serving as Department Chairman for two years, a two-year appointment on the Audit Committee, two years as Inspector, three years as Officer of the Day, and five years as Roving Ambassador (to include this year). At National, I have been appointed Aide de Camp four years, served on the National Legislature Committee as a Buddy Poppy Representative, and has attended four National Conventions to include this past year's in Kansas City. I have also served as Grand Commander of the Pacific Areas from 2012-13.

I have been attending to the Department Conventions and Council of Administrations since June 1999. During this 19-year period I have only missed one of each, the Department Convention in 2009 because I had a mandatory PCS to Colorado Springs and the 2001 C of A because my Commander was being cautious due to the aftermath of 9/11. The majority of my attendance was paid out of pocket whether I was in Japan, Colorado Springs, and the United Kingdom, thus I feel I have proven my dedication, loyalty, and commitment to the Department and the VFW.

I have always been a "team player" and I believe it will serve me well if I have the honor of being selected as the Department JVC. I realize that I am not only being elected JVC, but a future Department Commander with all the responsibilities that comes with the position. I believe with the support of our strong PDC's and the Comrades of the Pacific Areas, you will ensure the Department will continue to be successful.

On 30 September 2018, I retired from DOD Civil Service and returned to the Pacific Areas to live, currently in Angeles City. This should put to rest and let everyone know that I will be able to honor my commitments to the Department, if elected. I have lived away from the Pacific Areas since April 2009.

In closing, with great humility I ask for your support for the position of Department JVC for the 2019-2020 year. Thank you for your time and I can be reached at pgcmitchell@vfwdeptpacific.org for any questions.

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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Kevin E. Mitchell
Candidate for Department of Junior Vice Commander

LETTER OF INTENT
Department Quartermaster
2019-2020

PETER CALLAGHAN



Comrades of the Pacific Areas,

I am asking for your support to continue as your Department Quartermaster for one final year.

When I first started as your QM, I had two primary goals in mind. First, I hoped to make the budget process consistent and predictable. We were spending more money than was coming in, and we needed to reign in expenses. By looking at every area of excess spending and making a few changes, we were able to accomplish this goal. We have increased our cash reserves by about \$60,000 in the past 7 years.

Second, I hoped to direct more of our money into a few of the primary goals of the VFW – increasing membership and helping veterans. Sending Posts stipends for recruiting Life Members and converting Annual to Life membership has become a major part of our budget every year. And our Veterans Assistance Program went from \$6,000 last year to \$10,000 this year.

We have money for emergencies and enough money in investments to keep the Department running for over a year with no other income. But a budget is a fluid thing, and needs constant attention. Everyone has good ideas on how to spend money. Few come up with ideas on how to replace it.

Your trust in me to handle the Department's finances has been greatly appreciated. I take the responsibility very seriously. So I humbly ask you to allow me to continue in this position for one more year. After that, I hope to continue to serve you and our Department in other ways.

I sincerely thank you for your support.

Yours in Comradeship,

Peter Callaghan



LETTER OF INTENT
Department Judge Advocate
2019-2020

ROBERT MO MOSES



Comrades of the great Department of the Pacific Areas this letter will express my intention to seek re-election as your Department Judge Advocate at the Department Convention in June 2019.

Having been a life member since 1978 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars I have had the privilege to serve in positions at all levels of the organization which includes National, Department, District and Post levels. Additionally, I've held MOC positions in Grand and Pup Tents. The following are some notable positions held; All American Department Commander, District Commander, Commander Post 9555 six years, Quartermaster at the District and Pup Tent and Post Adjutant. Also, I have been appointed to various National Committees throughout the years, which has provided experience for a better understanding of the VFW.

The Department Judge Advocate's duties are depicted in National By-Laws to provide legal assistance to the Commander, Council-of-Administration and Department Convention. Therefore, it would seem an asset for a Judge Advocate to have had previous experience in dealing with various levels of the VFW organization from National down through to the grassroots level of posts. I do have this experience.

In my first year as the Judge Advocate I have processed several Post and District bylaws, as well as canteen by-laws, thus reviewing, rendering suggestions and forwarding the documents to the Department Commander and National for appropriate action. Whenever called upon I have given my legal rulings honestly in an unbiased manner and in accordance with effective By-Laws and other legal documents.

Comrades, I have made this decision to run again for the Department Judge Advocate position with complete dedication to the principles of this great organization. I'm solely obligated to serving the comrades of the Department of the Pacific Areas and if elected as your Judge Advocate will render judgments by showing no prejudice or impartiality in a manner proper for the Good of the Order of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I would appreciate your support at election time in June...THANKS!!

Yours in comradeship,

Robert Mo Moses
DPA Judge Advocate

**LETTER OF INTENT
Seeking 2nd Term as
Department Chaplain 2019-2020**

RONALD J. DAVIS



Comrades,

The purpose of this letter is to announce my intent and desire to run for the position of Department of Pacific Areas Chaplain for a 2nd Term (2019-2020). I believe I have all the qualifications to excel in this position and pledge my full commitment. I successfully served as both Post 10216 Commander and 3-time All American District III Commander. I greatly desire to expand my work with the Department believe I will serve you well.

- Currently serving as DPA Chaplain
- Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Past Post Commander and Life member of VFW Post 10216 -- total commitment to the VFW and our cause
- Past 3-Time All American District Commander, Senior Vice Commander of District III Korea; and served with distinction as the Junior Vice Commander
- Served as Department of Pacific Deputy Inspector, Past Department Surgeon and Past Department Chaplain, Past Department Americanism Chairman
- Served on numerous District and Post Committees, to include Youth Activities, Americanism, and House Rules
- Currently serving as Post Quartermaster. Have been All American and All State Quartermaster
- Participated in the Armed Forces Day Parade at Osan and the Korean American friendship festival for the past eighteen years
- Was VFW National Aide-de-Camp 2016-2017 and has been named as VFW National Aide-de-Camp for 2017-2018
- Currently serving as Grand Junior Vice Commander
- Currently serving as Grand and Department Deputy Inspector

If elected, I pledge that I will exert all my efforts in expanding the success of the Department of Pacific. My efforts in both the VFW and Grand have been tireless.

//Original Signed//

Ronald J. Davis
Grand JVC



**LETTER OF INTENT
Department Surgeon
2019-2020**

BRIAN J. HAMIC



Comrades:

I am writing to officially notify all DPA Districts & Posts of my candidacy and desire to serve another year as Department Surgeon. I am a retired soldier and a life member of the VFW. This past VFW year, I served as Jr. Vice Commander and Public Affairs Officer for Post 10223 in Korea, and as Department of Pacific Areas Surgeon and Publicity Chairman.

I am a strong believer in the VFW's Mission and I have committed myself to ensuring that my performance in each position I hold leads to success in helping to meet my Post, District, Department and the VFW's goals and mission.

If re-elected Surgeon, I pledge to continue to source informative and practical information that I will pass along to each of you monthly in the Typhoon and on our Official Communications FB page. I also vow to continue to fully support and assist our DPA Commander, other officers and all the members of our Department throughout the 2019-2020 year.

I humbly request & hope for your votes and look forward to seeing you all in Saipan in June!

Yours in Comradeship and Well-Being,
Brian J. Hamic