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## “THE RIGHT THING TO DO”

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Inputs for the January Typhoon  
Are due on 05 January 2020

## VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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# Department Officer's Comments & Department Committee Reports

## From the Commander:

Comrades,

This has been an exciting month. I started out with the yearly Commander's trip to Taipei, meeting with the Taiwanese Veterans Affairs Council. I was also able to attend District 4's quarterly meeting. The hospitality shown by all was amazing. And I returned yesterday from the Western Conference meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. This was attended by our Commander-in-Chief, Doc Schmidt. It was truly great seeing him and be able to talk with him for a while. We should expect to see him in the spring of next year.



C of A is around the corner, about a month away. Lou, Jack and crew are putting together what should be a great event. Attending will be at least one, maybe both, of the Comrades running for the future Western Conference representative for the 2024. I look forward to seeing you all there, and visiting the great city of Phnom Penh.

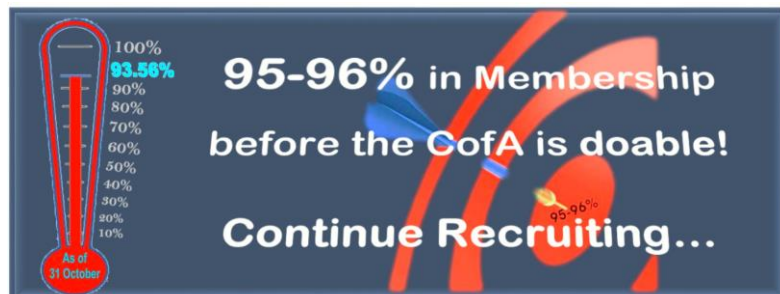
Membership is doing well, but as always, it could be better. We are presently at 93.7%. Keep pushing. We are only about 100 behind yesterday, even with all of the reconstituted comrades from BJ. I think this is not bad at all. But don't slack off, please. I think a 95-96% before C of A, is easily doable. I would like to commend Posts 12146, 124, and 11447 for already achieving 100%. WELL DONE!!

The Districts should have graded their VOD/PP/Teacher packages by the time you read this. And, hopefully, you will have made your donation to any categories you did not have an entry for.

Keep on working and Helping our Vets. As we all know, It's The Right Thing To Do!!

Yours in Comradeship,

Rick Farris  
Commander  
Department of Pacific Areas



## ***From the Senior Vice Commander:***

Hello Comrades,

Happy Veterans Day! There are about 20 million veterans in the United States out of a population of about 330 million people. We are unique, we comprise less than 7% of the population. Be proud, we are some of the very few who answered the call to serve. The amazing thing is we continue to serve around the world through our great organization, the VFW.

Remember for us every day is veterans day, so when you are out and about, talk to fellow veterans and determine if they are eligible to join our ranks, then ask them to join. Wear your VFW shirt or cap, it's a great recruiting tool.

Speaking of recruiting we are doing an excellent job so far this term. I have attached our Memstats that are current as of 1 November. It shows we have a third post that has already attained 100+% in membership. Congratulations to Post 11447 Subic Bay, Philippines. They join Baguio Post 124 and Banchang Utapao Post 12146 in being over 100% in membership.

We also have nine other posts over 95% in membership. Well done to all!

Speaking of membership, as mentioned, our Department is doing quite well. Let's continue our recruiting and ensuring our posts are friendly and inclusive so we give prospective members, new members, and annual members thinking about upgrading to life membership the desire to join, upgrade, and become involved.

Don't forget the various incentives we have for posts; e.g., Posts under 500 members: For every 5 N/R life Members recruited - 1 \$400 Stipend or 1 DPA paid Life Membership to be used for their membership program.

For Posts at 500 or more members: For every 10 N/R Life Members recruited - 1 \$400 Stipend or 1 DPA paid Life Membership to be used for their membership program.

Another incentive offered by our Commander-in-Chief provides for all members who either join the VFW as a new Life member, reinstate as a Life member, or upgrade their existing annual membership to Life, will earn a \$50 VFW store credit.

The Department has a program whereby we will partner with Posts to provide a matching \$50 stipend to promote our Annual Member to Life Member Conversion Program with a \$100 combined stipend.

One additional program of interest is where the top three Post Commanders and Quartermasters and the top two District Commanders in each division as of January 1, 2020, receive a \$1,000 stipend to be used toward attending the VFW legislative.

See below for you All American Dashboard status that is current as of 1 November.

Remember we are in the business of assisting veterans in need, so if you have a member that needs financial assistance due to unforeseen circumstances, the Department has a small budget dedicated to providing a onetime grant for \$500 to a needy veteran. Keep an eye out for those in need.

We are about one month out from our Council of Administration Mid-Year meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Yours in comradeship and service to veterans,  
Kenneth A. Stein  
Senior Vice Commander  
Department of Pacific Areas



All American 2019-2020 Eligible Dashboard Report

Department	District	Post	Veterans & Military Support Donation	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Teacher Award	Buddy Poppy Order	Membership	Service Officer	National Legislative Service	National Veterans Service
Pacific Areas			Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet
Pacific Areas	1		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	1	9723	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Pending	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	2		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	2	1054	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Pending	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	2	9555	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Pending	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	2	9612	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Pending	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3	8180	Pending-Department	Unmet	Unmet	Pending-District	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3	9985	Met	Met	Met	Met	Pending	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3	10033	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Pending	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3	10223	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3	12147	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	4		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	4	9957	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Pending	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	Pending	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5	9876	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5	9951	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5	10217	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5	10249	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5	11575	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5	12074	Met	Met	Met	Met	Pending-Department	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5	12146	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5	12163	Pending-Department	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	6		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	6	1509	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Pending	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	6	2917	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	6	3457	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Pending	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	7		N/A	Met	Met	Met	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	7	124	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Pending	Met	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	7	2485	Met	Met	Met	Met	Pending	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	7	9892	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Pending	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	7	11447	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	7	12130	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A

MEMSTAT as of October 31, 2019

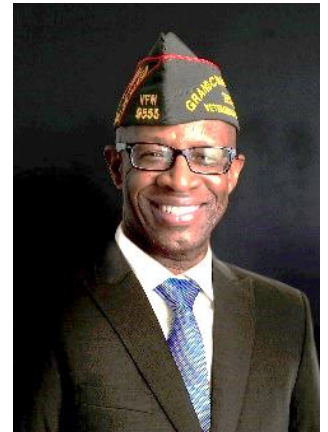
State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent	Div	City	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
Pacific Areas	9723	1	689	1	0	14	704	728	96.70%	3	OKINAWA, JAPAN	1	32	40.63%	0.27%
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>96.70%</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.27%</b>
Pacific Areas	1054	2	780	1	0	4	785	797	98.49%	2	YOKOSUKA CITY, JAPAN	17	31	16.13%	2.26%
Pacific Areas	9555	2	346	0	0	5	351	355	98.87%	4	YOKOTA AFB, JAPAN	1	10	50.00%	0.28%
Pacific Areas	9612	2	502	2	0	4	508	543	93.55%	3	CAMP ZAMA, JAPAN	4	42	14.29%	1.10%
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1628</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1644</b>	<b>1695</b>	<b>96.99%</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>1.47%</b>
Pacific Areas	8180	3	1629	10	0	31	1670	1901	87.84%	1	SONGTAN-SI, KOREA	3	264	10.23%	0.68%
Pacific Areas	9985	3	206	6	0	11	223	288	77.43%	4	TONGDUCHON-UP, KOREA	0	77	11.69%	2.08%
Pacific Areas	10033	3	489	2	1	5	497	528	94.12%	3	TAEGU, KOREA	1	32	21.88%	0.76%
Pacific Areas	10223	3	342	8	2	6	358	425	84.23%	3	CAMP HUMPHREYS, KO	6	99	11.11%	3.76%
Pacific Areas	12147	3	208	27	0	16	251	277	90.61%	4	SEONGNAM, KOREA	11	82	28.05%	13.72%
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>2874</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>2999</b>	<b>3419</b>	<b>87.71%</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>2.25%</b>
Pacific Areas	9957	4	336	0	0	0	336	340	98.82%	4	TAIPEI, TAIWAN	0	0	100.00%	0.00%
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>98.82%</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Pacific Areas	9876	5	339	0	0	9	348	399	87.21%	3	PATTAYA CITY, THAILAND	3	52	25.00%	0.75%
Pacific Areas	9951	5	231	1	0	5	237	248	95.56%	4	BANGKOK, THAILAND	4	24	25.00%	2.02%
Pacific Areas	10217	5	137	1	0	5	143	154	92.85%	6	KORAT AF BASE, THAILAND	1	17	41.18%	1.30%
Pacific Areas	10249	5	230	1	0	4	235	250	94.00%	4	UDORN, THAILAND	1	22	27.27%	0.80%
Pacific Areas	11575	5	106	0	1	8	115	124	92.74%	7	PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA	0	18	44.44%	0.81%
Pacific Areas	12074	5	98	1	0	5	104	108	96.29%	8	CHIANG MAI, THAILAND	1	12	33.33%	1.85%
Pacific Areas	12146	5	208	2	0	2	212	203	104.43%	5	BANCHANG, RAYONG THAI	9	11	45.45%	5.42%
Pacific Areas	12163	5	49	0	0	1	50	59	84.74%	10	PERTH, WESTERN AU	0	15	6.67%	0.00%
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1444</b>	<b>1545</b>	<b>93.46%</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>1.68%</b>
Pacific Areas	1509	6	272	1	1	5	279	299	93.31%	4	YIGO, GUAM	1	24	12.50%	1.00%
Pacific Areas	2917	6	191	3	1	2	197	218	90.36%	5	AGAT, GUAM	3	35	11.43%	3.21%
Pacific Areas	3457	6	296	5	0	6	307	315	97.46%	4	SAIPAN, CNMI	8	27	29.63%	4.13%
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>94.11%</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>2.76%</b>
Pacific Areas	124	7	219	0	0	0	219	199	110.05%	5	BAGUIO CITY, PHILIPPINES	14	0	100.00%	7.04%
Pacific Areas	2485	7	1626	3	0	17	1646	1684	97.74%	1	ANGELES CITY, PHILIPPINES	15	60	40.00%	1.07%
Pacific Areas	9892	7	240	0	0	0	240	241	99.58%	5	BAUANG, LA UNION PHIL	0	3	0.00%	0.00%
Pacific Areas	11447	7	521	0	0	13	534	532	100.37%	3	SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES	13	18	100.00%	2.44%
Pacific Areas	12130	7	69	0	0	2	71	96	73.95%	8	CEBU, PHILIPPINES	0	22	9.09%	0.00%
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>2675</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2710</b>	<b>2752</b>	<b>98.47%</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>1.64%</b>
Pacific Areas	15055	99	496	8	0	7	511	585	87.35%	3	PACIFIC AREAS	0	0	0.00%	1.37%
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>87.35%</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>1.37%</b>
<b>State Totals</b>			<b>10855</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>11131</b>	<b>11896</b>	<b>93.56%</b>			<b>117</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>1.73%</b>

**From the Junior Vice Commander:**

Hello Comrades,

Thank you for another great month of CSR Reporting!! Our overall numbers to this point is truly outstanding!! I will continue to ask our great Comrades to keep doing what you do to support our Veterans and our families. Also if you are not reporting your community activities, please get with your great Post JVC's so it can be reported because it's **the right thing to do!!!**

We are at the point of this term when judging will be starting shortly for our VOD/PP/Teacher's Awards and our great Chairman Don Kelley has done an outstanding job organizing the Program and reaching out to our District/Post Commanders. I am also asking our Post to support our Public Safety Awards Program being overseen by our Chairman Comrade Alex Fores.



As mentioned in my previous article, I went to Kansas City, MO last month for the National JVC Conference. The training was fantastic and I learned a lot of things. It probably was the finest I have attended in my almost 40 years associated with the US Military and Veterans organizations. But my biggest take away from it is that we must stay engage with our representatives in Congress!!! The topic of Individual Unemployability (IU) came up in this Congress and got shot down by the pressure of the VFW and other Veteran's groups. For those of us who have IU, a negative decision would have directly affected you. If you do not know who your Congressperson is, you can Google where you from and email them directly for any type of Veteran or personal issue but again stay engaged with them. They work for us!!! I also had the pleasure on attending the District V Meeting in Pattaya. Special thanks to D5 Commander Randy Riggs, our very own DPA SVC Ken Stein, and the great Comrades of D5 for their hospitality.

The Council of Administration is coming fast and I look forward to seeing many of you in Phnom Penh. Comrade Duane Sarmiento, the National Inspector General will be VFW National's Representative and he will be arriving the evening of 4 December.

In closing, I would like to wish all our Comrades a very happy Veterans Day on the 11th (because it is a day of celebration) and Thanksgiving on the 28th. Please be safe in all you do and let us continue to take care of each other. All the best until we meet again! May God bless you, your families, and the good ole USA...I love you all!!!

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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**CSR Reports as of 1 November 2019**

Post	Dist	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
9723	1	13	17	19	16	20	15							100
1054	2	17	4	25	20	25	22							113
9555		48	19	20	26	15	22							150
9612		12	15	1	3	7	24							62
8180		3	38	5	7	13	7	6						
9985	10		9	9	13	14	10							65
10033	4		5	4	2	4	4							23
10223	20		5	7	4	5	4							45

12147		18	15	3	2	6	8							52
9957	4	12	4	2	6	4	4							32
9876	5	2	1	13	12	4	10							42
9951		28	33	5	1	21	5							93
10217		28	32	26	35	43	35							197
10249		8	6	5	4	5	5							33
11575		0	3	7	11	9	8							38
12074		0	0	10	0	0	0							10
12146		7	7	3	11	12	15							55
12163		18	23	8	24	14	12							99
1509	6	0	3	17	5	8	15							48
2917		64	118	129	94	161	156							722
3457		6	9	14	6	7	3							45
124	7	20	15	17	16	0	17							85
2485		120	111	119	97	107	121							675
9892		25	64	64	49	74	15							291
11447		31	59	34	20	43	48							235
12130		0	0	0	2	2	6							10
<b>Total</b>		<b>549</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3398</b>

## From the Junior Past Department Commander:

Comrades,

Well the DPA Mid-Term Council of Administration (C of A) is 1 month away. Hope you have taken time to register and get everything ready for your trip. Lou Holub and his Team have been working hard to plan an excellent program for us. I am really looking forward to making my first trip to Cambodia.

Membership within the DPA continues to move forward at a healthy pace. The DPA is once again among the leaders (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) at VFW National with 93.72%. Rumor has it that Commander Rick has earned a Rifle Award for the DPA achieving 92% this early in the membership year! With that "picture" burned into my mind – I decided I better stay up late and finish my Typhoon Article.

Have your Posts/Districts completed their Annual Inspections for the 2019 – 2020 year? This is a critical part of our efforts each year to ensure our organization is meeting the requirements set out by the VFW National Organization. These inspections should be completed and sent to the Department Inspector as soon as possible. Don't procrastinate – the sooner you get it done the better!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Cambodia from 6-8 December 2019. Registration is still up and running – so make your plans now.

That's all for this month! Keep working hard and support Team DPA. You can contact me anytime by email or F/B Messenger if you have questions or you just need to talk.

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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



## From the Quartermaster:

Comrades,

Good news for Quartermasters! The Quartermaster Deluxe computer program that I use and many other QM's use to keep the books, print reports, etc. is now free. You can go to this website: <http://thomasminisystems.com/gmdx.html> and download the program as well as the user manual to help you get started. I have been using this program for over 15 years (it originally sold for over \$300) and it is an excellent timesaver. But it does have a few glitches. The most important one being once you set up the original dollar amounts in each fund, NEVER change those amounts. All the mathematical computations are done using one of the original dos data base programs, dBase. If you change one of the original amounts used to calculate, every subsequent calculation will be in error.



The mid-term Council of Administration meeting is fast approaching. If you plan on attending, don't forget that you need a visa to enter Cambodia. You can get the visa online for \$36 by going here: <https://www.evisa.gov.kh/> to fill out the visa application. You'll need a passport photo and a .pdf copy of your passport. Turnaround time is less than 24 hours. The \$36 is reimbursable for Council members and others paid to attend. Don't use a visa service agency because it will cost quite a bit more than the government site.

As I travel around the Department, I am very impressed with the amount of Post involvement with the community. It's not because the Post wants an award or recognition outside the community, it is because it's the right thing to do. It's part of our mission. That's why I urge every Post to take advantage of the VFW Foundation's Community Service Grant. This year the VFW Foundation has set aside \$400,000 to award Posts \$1,000 each to be present to a worthy non-profit in your community. The application is only 2 pages and is very easy to complete. You can find it here: <https://www.vfw.org/community/community-initiatives/post-grants>

Now that I've exhausted my computer expertise, I'll close for the month. I hope to see many of you in Phnom Penh. Happy Thanksgiving and since there is no *Typhoon* in December, Happy Holidays!

### 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	X				\$174/1,500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd. F*
District I	X				X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd. F*
1054	X	X			\$174/1,500	\$100/\$40,000(x2) Pd. F*
9555					\$58/500	\$67.50/\$19,000 Pd. F*
9612					\$58/500	\$100/\$40,000 Pd. F*
District II					X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd. F*
8180	X	X			\$116/1,000	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd. F*
9985	X				\$116/1,000	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd. F*
10033	X	X			\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
10223	X				\$174/1,500	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd. F*
12147					\$58/500	\$14.00/\$4,000 Pd. F*
District III	X				X	\$14.00/\$4,000 Pd. F*
9957	X				\$58/500	\$70/\$20,000 Pd. F*
District IV	X				X	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
9876					\$58/500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd. F*
9951	X	X			\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd. F*
10217	X	X			\$58/500	\$42.00/12,000 Pd. F*
10249	X	X			\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*



11575	X	X				\$70/\$20,000	Pd. F*
12074	X					\$70.00/\$28,000	Pd. F*
12146	X	X			\$58/500	\$175/\$70,000	Pd. F*
12163	X				\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000	Pd. F*
District V	X				X	\$59.50/\$17,000	Pd. F*
1509					\$58/500	\$200/\$80,000	Pd. F*
2917	X				\$58/500	\$67.50/\$27,000	Pd. F*
3457	X	X			\$58/500	\$150/\$60,000	Pd. F*
District VI	X				X	\$10.50/\$3,000	Pd. F*
124	X	X			\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000	Pd. F*
2485	X	X			\$116/1,000	\$275/\$110,000	Pd. F*
9892	X	X			\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000(x2)	Pd. F*
11447	X	X			\$58/500	\$31.50/\$9,000	Pd. F*
12130						\$17.50/\$5,000	F*
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 Adjutant:**

Greetings,

I would like to mention a few things about the National "All American Dashboard". The Dashboard Training Guide, provided by National, is what we are using to train ourselves on the use of this National initiative. I have received no more additional training than any of the Post/District Adjutants. We are all learning by doing and doing it on the "fly" so to speak.

The Training Guide lists some of the actions of the Post and District Adjutants. As Department Adjutant, I have access to more items and actions. I am also the Department approving official for entries that are made through the Post and District Adjutants. I approve entries that I have confirmation of, either through DPA Chairpersons, or matrix lists provided, or emails (such as donations). I can and have also initiated entries at my level and self-approved those entries. National also makes entries and approves their actions immediately.



This is why you see some items on the Dashboard go "green" quickly, while other items take a period of time. For example, I was informed by National that the VMS column is updated by National, once a month, in the first week of the month. So, National rejected my approval of a couple of VMS entries for DPA Posts. This is part of the learning curve!!!!

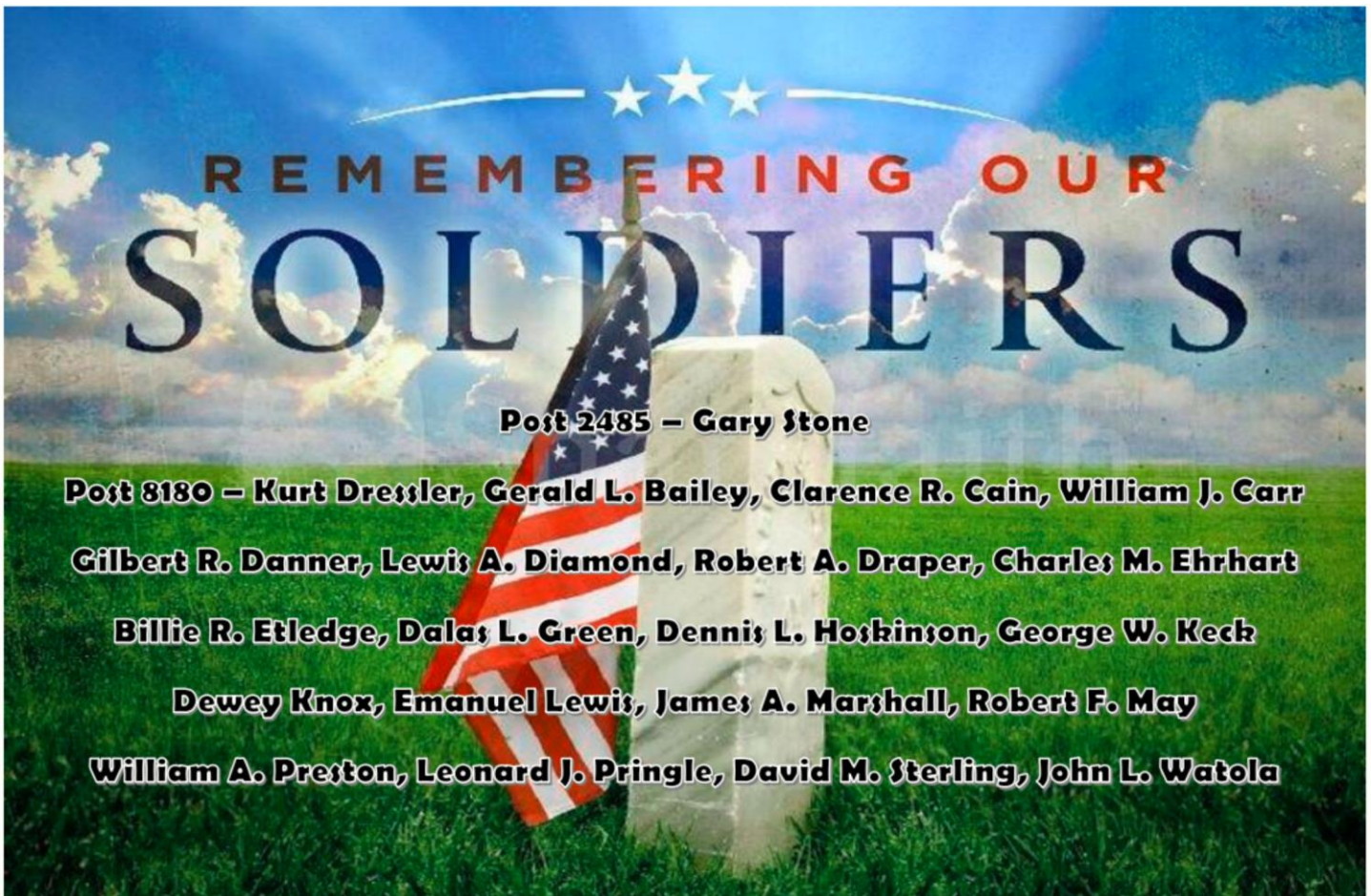
A couple of Districts and Posts have sent me questions about the Dashboard, via email, and I think we have answered those satisfactory. If you do have questions, please email me and if I cannot answer, I will query National.

Thank you.

Jerry Chaplin  
 Adjutant



*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](mailto:chapdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org) or at [davisronald738@gmail.com](mailto:davisronald738@gmail.com)

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

Ronald J. Davis  
Chaplain  
Department of Pacific Areas

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

Comrades,

In this issue I'll present Rules of Order for the upcoming Council of Administration and the VFW Structure of By-Laws.

### **Council of Administration Rules of Order Mid-Term Composition:**

The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Chief-of-Staff, Inspector, Chaplain, Surgeon, Junior Past Department Commander and all District Commanders. In the absence of a District Commander, the District Senior Vice Commander, or in their absence, the District Junior Vice Commander, may serve as a member of the Council.



### **Motion Procedural Guidelines:**

1. Once the Presiding Officer has acknowledged a motion and it has been seconded it may now be open for discussion.
2. Any member, when duly recognized by the Presiding Officer may speak on the motion for clarity, either for or against.
3. Every member is automatically entitled to speak once on a debatable motion before the body unless the body, by a 2/3 vote, has ordered the discussion closed. After discussion has been voted closed, no one can debate a motion except by unanimous consent.
4. A member is also automatically entitled to speak a second time on the same question the same day, unless other members who have not yet spoken on the question actually rise to claim the floor to speak. If no one rises, he may speak a second time.
5. No one may automatically speak a third or further time if anyone in the assembly objects.
6. Only Council members are allowed a vote on any motion before the body. (Including the Commander there are eighteen (18) voting Council members.)

### **STRUCTURE OF BY-LAWS**

FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF VFW NATIONAL BY-LAWS. YOU MUST READ AND RE-READ FROM YOUR PODIUM MANUAL.

STUDY AND LEARN WHERE DATA IS, KNOW YOUR INDEX, FROM ARTICLE 1 "MEMBERS" TO ARTICLE 14 "AMENDMENTS". MUCH OF THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLEMENTAL IN THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURE.

DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICTS AND POST ARE BROKEN DOWN FOR SETTING A UNIQUE STRUCTURE.

DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS DEFINE VARIOUS CONDITIONS, WHICH APPLY TO THAT DEPARTMENT. THEY CAN NOT OVER-RIDE NATIONAL BY-LAWS BUT CAN BE MADE STRONGER.

DISTRICT BY-LAWS AGAIN ARE UNIQUE TO DISTRICTS, AND CAN NOT OVER-RIDE DEPARTMENT OR NATIONAL BY-LAWS.

POST BY-LAWS ARE THOSE OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF THE POST, ESTABLISHED FOR THAT POST, AGAIN NEVER OVER-RIDING ANY OF A HIGHER AUTHORITY, REMEMBER NATIONAL SETS THE TONE.

If there are any further questions on the above proposal on expense defrayment or other matters concerning bylaws and procedures feel free to contact me at [advdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:advdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org). Please remember commitment to "It's The Right Thing To Do!" for the VFW and Department of Pacific Areas.

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Robert "Mo" Moses  
Judge Advocate  
Department of Pacific Areas

## From the Mid-Term CofA Chairman:

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION 06 – 08 DECEMBER PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

Commanders and Comrades,

The response, the early registration for Mid-Year is Outstanding! Do continue to register by downloading the improved "MS WORD" registration form & email to; [convention@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:convention@vfwdeptpacific.org). If you absolutely cannot get the form filled, please contact me (or Cmdr. Jack) & we will assist with Hotel. The **registration deadline is 15 November**, plan now, and register early. We are pleased to announce to date over 50 registered delegates/guests. It's going to be a fun filled event, the US Ambassador to Cambodia will attend the Opening/Pearl Harbor Day Ceremonies on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>, beautiful Mekong River View.



VFW Superior room rates \$85 night, expect a 2% accommodation tax. Expect two payments upon arrival, 1<sup>st</sup> at Hotel desk you will pay for Room & Airport transports. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the VFW table you will pay/purchase Saturday lunch, Saturday night Commanders Dinner other events prices as listed on the form.

Entry VISA is available on line (recommended) <https://www.evisa.gov.kh> \$36 or can be purchased upon arrival. Hoping to see you in Phnom Penh Cambodia 06 – 08 December 2019.

#### Schedule of Events:

#### US Flag Theme Polo Shirt \$20

DATE	TIME	MEETING/FUNCTION	LOCATION
6 DEC	0730-1130	Registration	Lobby Area
Friday	0800-1000	VOD/PP/TA Judging	Orchid Room #5
	0900-1000	DPA Budget Meeting	Mekong Club
	1000-1100	Public Safety Award Judging	Orchid Room #5
	1000-1100	MOC Grand Audit/Budget Meeting	Mekong Club
	1400-1630	Afternoon Social	Secrets Club
	1700-2000	Hospitality	Secrets Club
7 DEC	0730-1130	Registration	Lobby area
Saturday	0930-1130	DPA Business Session	Tonle Chaktomuk RM
	TBD	Pearl Harbor Remembrance	Tonle Chaktomuk RM
	1130-1300	Lunch	Mekong Restaurant
	1700-1730	Cocktails	Lobby bar
	1730-2100	Commanders Dinner	Tonle Chaktomuk RM
8 DEC	0800-1300	MOC Grand Business Session	Orchid Room #1



Yours in Comradeship,

Lou Holub  
Mid-Term CofA Chairman  
Department of Pacific Areas

## From the Surgeon:

### Alzheimer's - More

As I mentioned in October's report, there is no proven way to prevent it but there's a lot you can do to delay the onset or lower your chance of getting it. In addition to diet & exercise and keeping blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol in check, a new study in the Journal of the Alzheimer's Association reported the following:

**Reducing risk is key:** Alzheimer's disease starts in the brain some 20 to 30 years before symptoms emerge. An estimated 47 million Americans are currently living with this type of preclinical Alzheimer's. No drug exists to help them.



Some may be experiencing the subtle signs of cognitive loss; others are still blind to growth of the devastating plaques and tangles destined to steal their memories. Evidence is growing that certain lifestyle changes such as diet, exercise and brain training might slow their mental decline, possibly even protect them from developing full-blown dementia.

Dr. Isaacson's clients at his Alzheimer's Prevention Clinic underwent batteries of physical and mental tests. MRI scans were run to check for early signs of amyloid plaque buildup. Current and past medical problems, genetics, family history, nutritional patterns, exercise habits, levels of stress and sleep patterns were documented. "Our study was designed to look at the effects of lifestyle intervention on cognitive function," Isaacson said. "Does cognitive function go down? Does it stay the same or could it possibly improve?"

Each person was given a personalized prescription plan. Out of nearly 50 evidence-based interventions, on average each person was given 21 lifestyle behaviors to implement. The program looked at alcohol intake, dairy intake, minerals and vitamins, sleep hygiene tips, education to learn something new, listening to music, meditation, mindfulness, and more. "Physical activity and nutrition were by far the two most important things on the list, but those were also personalized for each individual," Isaacson said.

Isaacson found people with diagnosed mild cognitive impairment who followed 60%, or on average more than 12 out of 21 behavior changes, had better memory and thinking skills 18 months later.

In another new study published last month in the journal *Neurology*, people with higher levels of trans fats in their blood may be 50% to 75% more likely to develop Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

So, a good start to prevention is to reduce trans fats in your diet. Sadly, it means eliminating fried foods (chicken, burgers, fries), coffee creamer, cakes, pie crusts, frozen pizza, cookies, crackers, biscuits, ice cream and dozens of other processed foods.

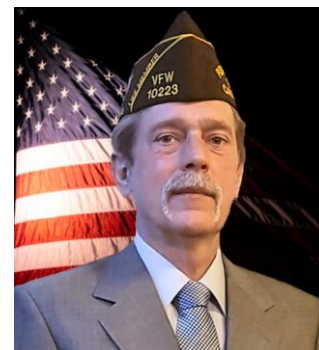
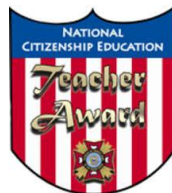
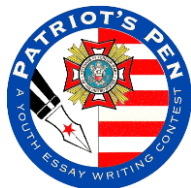
Article resources: Neurology journal,  
Alzheimer's and Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association,

Yours in Comradeship & Well-Being,

Brian J. Hamic  
Surgeon  
Department of Pacific Areas



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



Comrades,

Entries for Patriots Pen essay, the Voice of Democracy audio essay and the Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award are in and Posts should have their judging done soon and winners forwarded to their Districts.

Post reporting for all three programs has changed this year and must be done through the All-American Dashboard. Once the Post completes their judging and forwards their winners to the District Chairman, the **Post Adjutant** must enter the participation stats (number of participates, number of winners advanced, monetary awards and additional money expended) into the dashboard. When the District and Department Adjutants approves your participation entries, National will approve and turn the status to MET in the dashboard.

For the **Post Adjutant** to access the All-American Dashboard, once you are logged in to [vfw.org](http://vfw.org), select **All-American Dashboard** under the Membership Quick Links, then select **Access the All-American Dashboard**, select **Entries** in the upper right-hand corner, choose **+ Create Entry**, then select the Program under **Program:** drop down menu, fill in the entries and click on **Save & Approve**. You can then select **Dashboard** in the upper right-hand corner and see the status change to **Pending – District**. As stated earlier, when the District and Department Adjutants approves your participation entries, National will approve and turn the status to **MET** in the dashboard.

**FOR DONATIONS: Donation deadline for all Posts was 31 October 2019**, so the Posts can no longer make a donation. There is still time for the Districts to make their donation to qualify for All-State and All-American. So, let's get the donations in now. The donation for Districts is \$100.00. When you go to the donation form to make your District donation, the donation amount will default to \$75.00, however you can change it to the \$100.00 minimum required for Districts. The new donations form can be found by going to:

[https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw\\_programs\\_donation](https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw_programs_donation).

**Districts:** I need your District Reports as soon as you get all the entries from your Posts. Please email them to [vodppdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:vodppdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org). The reports can be found on the DPA website [vfwdeptpacific.org](http://vfwdeptpacific.org) under DPA Forms, VOD PP & Teachers.

### Judging and Entry Deadlines

**Post Deadline: November the 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### Post Level Judging:

For Patriot's Pen essays and Voice of Democracy audio essays, posts should have their judging done and winners forwarded to their district by November the 9<sup>th</sup>. Each post can forward one (1) essay for every 15 entries received; 1–15 essays – one (1) entry to district, 16-30 essays – two (2) entries, 31-45 essays – three (3) entries and so on for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy. Refer to the student entry forms to review the complete rules and guidelines.

For Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award, posts should have their judging completed and winners forwarded to their district by November the 7<sup>th</sup>. Each post can forward one (1) entry to district for each grade level; K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Refer to the teacher entry form to review the complete rules and guidelines.

**District Deadline: November the 16<sup>th</sup>****District Level Judging:**

For Patriot's Pen essays and Voice of Democracy audio essays, districts should have their judging completed and winners forwarded to department by November the 16<sup>th</sup>. Each district can forward one (1) essay each for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy to department. Scan and email me your winning Patriot's Pen essay entry form along with the essay and scan your winning Voice of Democracy audio essay entry form along with a copy of the audio file. Maintain the original entry forms, essays and audio files to be brought to the CofA along with the student's head & shoulders photo.

For Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award, districts should have their judging done and winners forwarded to department by November the 16<sup>th</sup>. Each district can forward one (1) entry to district for each grade level; K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Scan and email me your winning Teachers Award entry form, essay, resume and other supporting documentation for each grade level. Maintain the original entry forms, essays, resumes and other supporting documentation to be brought to the CofA along with the teacher's head & shoulders photo.

**Department Deadline November the 23<sup>rd</sup>****Department Level Judging:**

I will require each district to provide the contact information (email address) of who will represent your district as a judge. I will email all Patriot's Pen essays, Voice of Democracy audio essays and scoresheets to each judge. Each judge can score and fill out the score sheets prior to the CofA. Scan and email me each score sheet so I can tally up the scores.

For Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award, I will evaluate depending on how many entry forms I receive for each Grade Level. If there is two (2) or more for any Grade Level, I will also be emailing the entry forms, resume and other supporting documentation.

So, we do not overload the DPA mail server, request that everyone email all entry forms, essays, audio files, resume and other supporting documentation to my Gmail account at [don.kelley@gmail.com](mailto:don.kelley@gmail.com).

If the district judges do not have the opportunity to score the entries prior to the CofA, they can do so on December the 6<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 and 10:00 AM.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Department of Pacific Areas Mid-Term Council of Administration in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the Department will choose this year's Patriots Pen essay, Voice of Democracy audio essay and Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award winners to be forwarded to VFW National.

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Don Kelley  
VOD / Patriot's Pen / Teacher's Award Chairman  
Department of Pacific Areas  
[vodppdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:vodppdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org)  
Phone: +82-10-2442-8938



## 2019-20 VOD/PP/TEACHERS AWARD DEPARTMENT DASHBOARD

Post/District	VOD	PP	Teachers Award		
			Elementary	Middle	High
District 1	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9723	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
District 2	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	MET/\$100.00	UNMET
1054	MET/\$75.00	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9555	UNMET	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
9612	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
District 3	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
8180	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9985	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
10033	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
10223	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	MET/\$75.00
12147	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
District 4	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9957	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
District 5	UNMET	UNMET	PEND/\$75.00	UNMET	UNMET
9876	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
9951	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
10217	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
10249	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
11575	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
12074	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
12146	UNMET	UNMET	MET/\$75.00	UNMET	UNMET
12163	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
District 6	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
1509	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
2917	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
3457	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
District 7	MET/\$100.00	MET/\$100.00	MET/\$100.00	MET/\$100.00	MET/\$100.00
124	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
2485	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
9892	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
11447	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
12130	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET



## From the Legacy Life Membership Chairman:

Comrades,

I'm proud to report that we are doing well this past month in our Department Legacy Program with an increase of 10 New Members. We now have a total of 334 Legacy Members as of November 7, 2019.

Post Commanders please review your Post Legacy standings is your Post supporting this National Program? If not assign a Post member as your Legacy Chairman to help support this program.

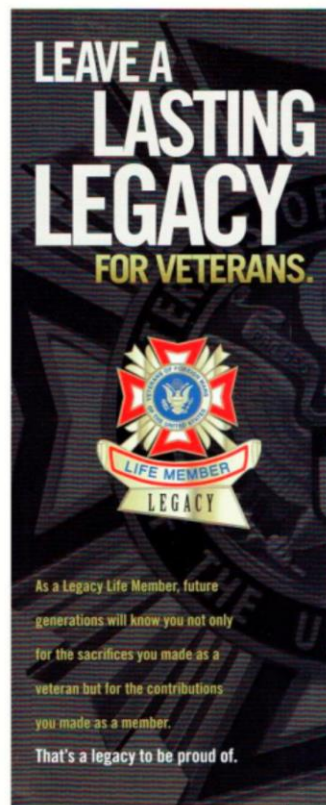


## DISTRICT AND POST LEGACY MEMBERS

**DIST I - OKINAWA - 8**  
POST 9723 - 8

**DIST III - KOREA - 46**  
POST 8180 - 21  
POST 9985 - 6  
POST 10033 - 7  
POST 10223 - 9  
POST 12147 - 3

**DIST V - THAILAND/CAMBODIA - 58**  
POST 9876 - 6  
POST 9951 - 7  
POST 10217 - 7  
POST 10249 - 5  
POST 11575 - 4  
POST 12074 - 8  
POST 12146 - 19  
POST 12163 - 2



**DIST 2 - JAPAN - 21**  
POST 1054 - 8  
POST 9555 - 4  
POST 9612 - 9

**DIST IV - TAIWAN - 3**  
POST 9957 - 3

**DIST VI - GUAM/SAIPAN - 25**  
POST 1509 - 6  
POST 2917 - 12  
POST 3457 - 7

**DIST VII - PHILIPPINES - 170**  
POST 124 - 10  
POST 2485 - 133  
POST 9892 - 7  
POST 11447 - 13  
POST 12130 - 7

I will be at the CofA and will hand out Legacy brochures.

Yours in Comradeship,

Bob Zaher  
Legacy Chairman  
Department of Pacific Areas



## From the Service Officer:

Comrades,

This month's update will be a little shorter than the last article. I just wanted to take the time to update you on a few items of interest within the Department of Pacific Areas DSO Office.

First - I would like to welcome our newest member to the DSO Team. Francis C. Bischoff was recently appointed as an Accredited Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) by the Office of General Council at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Chris, is now the Assistant Department Service Officer (ADSO) for Thailand. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge from his prior life as a Disable American Veteran (DAV) VSO in Florida. He is quickly coming up to speed and will be a great asset to the DPA DSO Team. I encourage all of the Post Service Officers in Thailand to work with him for all your VA needs. Welcome Aboard Chris!



Second – ADSO-Japan (Mike Castro) and I will be out of country to Annapolis, MD for the National Veterans Service (NVS) Training Session to be held from 14 – 26 November 2019. If you need anything from either of us – please reach us by email or contact the DSO Administrative Assistant (Ms. Mitch Orbong) for assistance. She can be reached at her email address which is [dsoadmin@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:dsoadmin@vfwdeptpacific.org) five days a week (Monday thru Friday). She will be in daily contact with us via F/B Messenger or telephone.

My final item is the Blue Water Navy (BWN) Act of 2019. The law was signed by the President in late June 2019. Under the law - the VA was given until 1 January 2020 to set up their process and start processing BWN claims. You can start filing your claims as soon as you wish. All claims have been "stayed" by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs until 31 December 2019. That means you can process your compensation applications but they will be held until everything is in place. Mr. Ryan Gallucci, the Director of National Veterans Service (NVS) for the VFW National Organization recently testified before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on 30 October 2019 in Washington, DC. The three (3) member Veteran Service Organization (VSO) Panel pushed hard for VA to start prioritizing and processing claims NOW! It is expected that the volume of applications that could be submitted will be between 90,000 to as high as 400,000. BWN veterans will finally be able to apply for the benefits that they earned since the 1960's. This Act took almost two (2) decades to pass the House and Senate. All the major VSOs worked hard to get this law through Congress and deserve our thanks for making this law a reality. If you have any questions or need assistance – contact one of the ADSOs or myself and we will be glad to assist you.

My official email is [dsodpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:dsodpa@vfwdeptpacific.org) and my F/B Page is MICHAELRAYVERVILLE. Send me a friend request. My telephone number is +63-918-249-1184. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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



**From the Life Membership Chairman:**



Comrades,

To date, the Department has 10,858 Life Members. An increase of 58 over last month. This includes 117 new Life Members as we move onward and upward. **GO LIFE!**

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

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

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

<u>Post</u>	<u>Total N/R LM Recruited</u>	<u>Awards</u>
124	14	2 (\$800)
1054	17	1 (\$400)
2485	15	1 (\$400)
3457	8	1 (\$400)
10223	5	1 (\$400)
11447	13	1 (\$400)
12146	9	1 (\$400)
12147	11	2 (\$800)

Last year will be tough to beat, but it can be done. Let's make it happen.

Yours in Comradeship,

Cliff Wilsey,  
 Life Membership Chairman  
 Department of Pacific Areas



**From the National Home for Children Chairman:**

Comrades,

Wow, this year is moving right along. October is out and November is already coming in running. The Donations are starting to come in and a smooth rate. There are 3 District and 12 Post that have not made this year's Donation to the National Home.

With that said, I would like to give a great round of appreciation to the Boy Scouts in Troop's # 35, # 13 and Pack 33 out of Yokosuka Japan. They came together and held a Fund Raiser on behalf of the VFW National Home for Children. In one afternoon, they raised \$1200.00. VFW Post 1054, which is the charter rep for Troop 13 turned over a check for \$1,500 to me for sending into the National Home. BZ Yokosuka Boy Scouts.



Hope to see everyone at the CofA next month.

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

Visit the National Home BLOG site to see what else is happening. [Click here:](#)

**National Home Donation Report**

Report for District and Post as of 29 October 2019. This list has been confirmed by the National Home and by emails received with proof of Donation.

District / Post	Reported	District / Post Donated	District / Post	Reported	District / Post Donated
District 1	Yes	\$50.00	10217	Yes	\$50.00
9723	Yes	\$50.00	10249	No	
District 2	Yes	\$50.00	11575	Yes	\$50.00
1054	Yes	\$50.00	12074	Yes	\$50.00
9555	Yes	\$50.00	12146	Yes	\$50.00
9612	Yes	\$75.00	12163	Yes	\$50.00
District 3	No		District 6	No	
8180	Yes	\$110.00	1509	No	
9985	No		2917	No	
10033	No		3457	No	
10223	Yes	\$50.00	District 7	Yes	\$50.00
12147	Yes	Pacific House	124	No	
District 4	No		2485	Yes	\$50.00
9957	No		9892	Yes	\$50.00
District 5	Yes	\$50.00	11447	Yes	\$150.00
9876	Yes	\$50.00	12130	No	
9951	Yes	\$50.00			
Post 12147 Project Pacific House		\$4,000.00	Yokosuka Scouts Fund Raiser Sponsored by Post 1054		1,500.00
<b>Dist/Post Total</b>	<b>\$1,135.00</b>	<b>Special Projects</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,635.00</b>
Not Confirmed			Working on		

Please report any and all donations that you make to the National Home to me so they can be recorded and tracked. Email them to [nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org)

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

Yours in Comradeship,

Randell E. Himes  
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VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN  
*Every child deserves a happy family*

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

Comrades,

**Marine Corps Birthday** – The Marines will celebrate their 244 birthday on Sunday, November 10, 2019.

The U.S. Marine Corps Birthday celebrates the history, memory of those who served before and rekindles the bond that unites all generations of Marines. It is a celebration of the profound Respect for the Marine Corps traditions and reverence of the heritage that distinguishes the Corps of Marines.



**Military Family Month** – Each November, the President signs a proclamation declaring November Military Family Month, and with thousands of service members deployed overseas, recognizing the daily sacrifices made by active duty, Guard and Reserve military families has never been more important.

Let us acknowledge and appreciate our veterans of the past and present for their noble and brave service to our nation. Let us offer gratitude for their sacrifice and for the security and protection of our freedoms.

“During National Veterans and Military Families Month, we salute the brave and dedicated Patriots who have worn the uniform of the United States serviceman, and we celebrate the extraordinary military families whose selfless sacrifice makes our military the finest in the world.” (Excerpt from the 2018 Presidential Proclamation)

**Veterans Day** – Veterans Day 2019 will be Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. As a federal holiday, Veterans Day is typically observed on November 11<sup>th</sup> every year.

In times when the observance falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is designated as the Federal holiday. Veterans contribute to American Society in many ways, not just during their time in active duty. Throughout our history, military members have put on their uniforms to protect the values and liberties that this nation was built on. But that does not stop once the uniform comes off and their time in active duty has ended. Veterans take the lessons they have learned and the experiences they've gained and continue their service to our nation by strengthening our communities. They become our nation's leaders, scientist, and entrepreneurs. Veterans are the most active volunteers working to improve communities across our country. Service goes beyond the uniform. This Veterans Day, we honor the men and women who have worn their uniform and who continue to serve our country.

**Thanksgiving Day** – Thanksgiving is the only holiday that falls on a particular day and that day is the fourth Thursday of the month of November. This year, 2019, it falls on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving is the time that families and friends get together, sit down to tables laden with more food than be eaten and give thanks to the blessing that we have received. Please remember to give thanks to our men and women in uniform that are making it possible for you to be able to enjoy this day.

Yours in Comradeship

Tom Friend  
Americanism and Loyalty Chairman  
Department of Pacific Areas



## From the Women's Veterans Chair:

The month of November is special to Americans in three ways: we elect our government from local up to national level; we give thanks to our Veterans both past and present for sacrifices made; and we celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends. When considered separately, these 3 days seem to have very little connection. In the USA once you are 18 you are able to vote and express your opinion on a large or small scale. At this time, as a male you register for the draft or, you are able to choose to join the Armed Forces. USA continues to fill its military ranks with a volunteer force offering job training and leadership development. When those volunteers are far from home: in the middle of the Pacific; in the sands of the middle east; launching aircraft on land or at sea, Thanksgiving takes on a new significance. As Veterans we cast our votes; we volunteer our lives and time; and give thanks for the moments we have with family and friends. The following are women who continue to serve as Congressional representatives for their states. Check out their full bios at the website cited below.



**Tammy Duckworth:** D-IL, Army National Guard. After joining the Illinois Army National Guard in 2004, she deployed to Iraq as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot, becoming one of the first Army women to fly combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Duckworth lost both her legs and partial use of her right arm when her helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade on November 12, 2004. Congresswoman Duckworth continued to serve in the Reserve Forces until 2014, when she retired as a Lt Colonel. She has served as an advocate for veterans as Director of the IL Department of Veterans Affairs, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs, a Member of the House Armed Services Committee, and the Junior IL Senator.

**Joni Ernst:** R-IA, Army National Guard. Ernst received her undergraduate degree from Iowa State University where she joined the university's ROTC program. In 2003, she deployed to Kuwait during Operation Iraqi Freedom as company commander, leading 150 Iowa Army National Guardsmen in running supply convoys into southern Iraq. She retired as a Lt Colonel after more than 23 years of military service. She has served as County Auditor, IA state senator, and currently as a voice for veterans as United States Senator.

**Tulsi Gabbard:** D-HI, Army National Guard. Tulsi volunteered for two tours of duty in the Middle East and she continues her service as a Major in the Army National Guard. She was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and honored by the Kuwait National Guard for her work in their training and readiness program at the end of her 2005 tour. She has served on the Honolulu City Council, United States House of Representatives, House Armed Services Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee where she is a strong advocate for veterans, our service members, and making smart strategic decisions that best secure our nation.

**Chrissy Houlahan:** D-PA, Air Force, sworn in 3 Jan 2019. In honor of her father and one of her grandfathers who both flew P-3 Orion antisubmarine reconnaissance planes in the same Navy squadron, Houlahan joined the Air Force after attending Stanford on an Air Force ROTC scholarship and rose up the ranks to Captain. Before getting into politics, Houlahan held high-ranking positions in companies and nonprofits like And1, B-Lab and the Springboard Collective.

**Elaine Luria:** D-VA, Navy, sworn in 3 Jan 2019. Luria was one of the first women in the Navy's nuclear-power program in addition to being one of the first women to spend her entire career on combatant ships. Luria served on six ships as a nuclear-trained surface warfare officer in the Middle East and Western Pacific. By the end of her career, she was commanding a unit comprised of 400 sailors, had served 20 years, and obtained the rank Commander. In addition to graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, Luria also earned a Master's in engineering management from Old Dominion University.

**Martha McSally:** R-AZ, Air Force: She is the first female fighter pilot to fly in combat and in 2004, McSally took over as commander of the 354th Fighter Squadron, becoming the first woman in U.S. history to command a combat aviation unit. In that role, she was responsible for deploying her squadron anywhere in the world in 24 hours' notice. She served 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 2010 as a full Colonel. Rep. McSally currently serves in the U.S. House of Representatives, where she is a member of the Committees on Armed Services and Homeland Security and as the chair of the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.

**Mikie Sherrill:** D-NJ, Navy, sworn in 3 Jan 2019. Sherrill enrolled in the U.S. Naval Academy right out of high school in 1994. She spent nearly a decade in the military, including a stint piloting a Sea King helicopter in Europe and the Middle East. After returning home, she earned her law degree from Georgetown Law School. She began her new career in 2012 at the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Jersey as an outreach and re-entry coordinator before becoming an assistant U.S. attorney in 2015.

Works Cited: <http://caucus.militarytimes.com/>

Yours in Comradeship,

STG1 (SW) Lauren Wanzer

## From the Roving Ambassador:

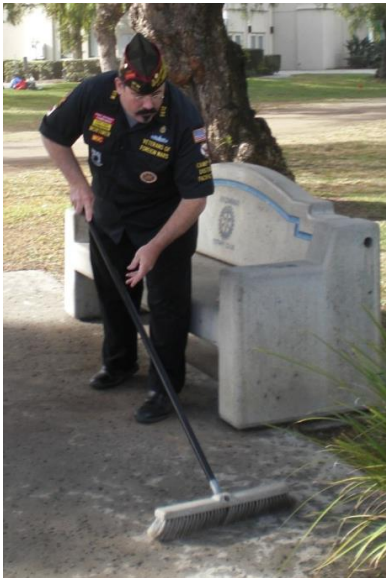
Comrade Commander and Comrades of the Department of Pacific Areas,

It has been a busy time the last few months with work, seeking a new job opportunity, reenacting and acting schedule, a few personal health issues, personal tragedies, house hunting, and more, which are all starting to resolve themselves and am catching up on various things. Since June 2019, as a Roving Ambassador for the Department of Pacific Areas, I have visited with and/or attended meetings the last few months to include the following:

VFW Post 1924 Fallbrook District 1 California  
 VFW Post 1513 Escondido District 1 California  
 VFW Post 7041 Vista District 1 California  
 VFW Post 9972 Sierra Vista Arizona  
 VFW Post 5990 Avra Valley-Marana Tucson Arizona  
 Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent 40 Vista District 1 California  
 American Legion Post 775 Fallbrook District 22 California  
 American Legion Post 149 Escondido District 22 California  
 American Legion Post 365 Vista District 22 California  
 American Legion Post 24 Tombstone Arizona  
 AMVETS Post 1775 La Mesa District 1 California



Since June 2019, I have sewn over 80 uniform shirts for various VFW Posts and Auxiliaries in California. Assisted VFW Post 1513 and VFW Auxiliary 1513 Escondido for their Golden Egg Omelet House breakfast fundraisers where the establishment donates 10% of the check to the Post. Also cleaning Veterans Monuments in Grape Day Park, Escondido, California. Participated in various Homeless Veterans activities. I will be participating in Veterans Day events and other activities and will do a better job at reporting them.



Assisting VFW Post 1513 and VFW Auxiliary 1513 Escondido cleaning Veterans Monuments in Grape Day Park, Escondido, California.

I was unable to attend the Annual convention and scratch in Saipan, however am currently making my preparations for travel to Cambodia for the Department CofA and Grand Scratch. Hope to see y'all there!

Yours in comradeship and service,

Joe Mortimer  
 Roving Ambassador