

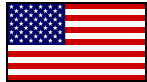


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From the Editor:

It is saddens me to inform you this will be my last issue serving as Editor of the Department Typhoon Newsletter. Since losing my husband and best friend, Bob, in February, I feel it is time for me to vacate my position as Editor and focus on my personal life. I deeply appreciate the opportunities you provided me while serving as department editor the past two-years. It has been both a challenging and rewarding experience. I am grateful for the confidence, trust and support you showed me along the way. I am honored and proud to have contributed to and been a part of this great VFW Department of Pacific Areas. I have been attending department conventions since 1998. I have met many wonderful people as a result of my association with the VFW. I am going to miss attending future department functions and will miss seeing all of you especially those I consider dear friends. The VFW is like family to me and will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you Veterans for your service and sacrifices.



Lenee Zaher
Typhoon Newsletter Editor
Department of Pacific Areas



VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Commander Ricky Farris
for achieving:

- 100% IN MEMBERSHIP
- ALL-AMERICAN DPA COMMANDER
- TRIPLE CROWN COMMANDER



Department Officer's Comments & Department Committee Reports

From the Commander:

Comrades,

This will be my final report as Commander of the VFW, Department of Pacific Areas.

We have finished off the year in high gear, with 17 Posts reaching 100% membership, along with 5 Districts. And there are a few more that I think will reach the goal before June 30th. SVC Stein has reported his All-State status in his report, and congratulations to those reaching that level. I would like to give kudos to those Posts and Districts that are in position to hit All-American. I will concentrate on those with a really good shot at reaching it. For Districts, D5 is currently in 5th, with the cutoff for Districts being 10. D2 is at #10, but not all of those ahead of them are qualified for AA status. D3 is at number 7, but they need 41 more members to reach 100%, very doable. And D7 at #7, pretty solid. For Posts, 1054 is at #5, with the Post level cutoff being 25. They are in great shape. 8180 is at #20, but needs 35 more members. 12147 is at #19, so they need to keep an eye on the standings. 9951 is at #23, and really need to keep an eye on things. 12146 is #18. Post 124 is in good shape at #13 with 2485 at #14. Post 11447 is at #28, and some work to do. Remember, these standings are in their respective divisions. And of course, our great Department is currently sitting at #2, 100.30% and will make All-American. Well done to everyone who contributed in this effort.



I have had my share of highlights this year. The turnaround in Okinawa will rank high on this list. Thank you Comrades! You have come a long way since my visit in October. And since we had no convention this year, the C of A in Cambodia, needs to be mentioned. We all had a great time, and my first visit there will not be my last. I unfortunately, due to COVID-19 was unable to visit a few Districts I really wanted to, but those trips are just casualties of the pandemic. At least, that I've heard, we have all managed to stay healthy through it all.

The faces in DPA's staff will undergo a great change this year. Pete Callaghan will be stepping down from Department Quartermaster after many years of dedicated service. Thank you, Pete, for all you have done for our department for so many years. And many of our other officers are moving on after serving us for so long. Thanks to all of you.

And a final thanks to my staff, SVC Stein, JVC Mitchell, and Chief of Staff Watson. I truly appreciate all the support you have given me this year. I could not have made it through without you all. Assuming we are permitted to have a December CofA, I will be there, and will be looking forward to seeing you all, wherever it will be held.

As we enter into a new year, please continue to give the department all you can to continue its history of success. There is no better Department in the VFW. Continue with the help to your communities, showing them what the VFW is all about. And remember to put aside any personal differences, petty jealousy, or animosity, and do what is right for our organization. Support incoming Commander Stein, as you have supported me this year. It will start off difficult, as my year ended.

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

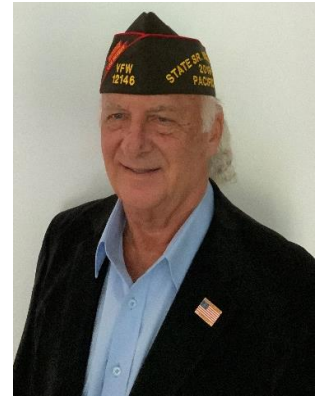
From the Senior Vice Commander:

Comrades

In many ways it's been a great year, clearly it's been a very challenging year but we persevered. We've assisted many veterans, their families, and our communities.

We've looked out for each other during the COVID-19 crisis and assisted those who needed help.

Our Department has qualified for All American status and our Commander Ricky Farris completed the rare accomplishment of becoming a Triple Crown winner; i.e., All American Post, District, and Department Commander. Well done Rick.



For your information on 13 June <<http://www.vfwpacific.org/>> will officially become our new Department website. You can check it out now if you like.

Our Typhoon editor Lenee Zaher who has done such a remarkable job over the years is stepping down and taking a well-deserved break. Approximately mid-July we will begin a new version of our newsletter. It will be called The Pacific Times and will be edited by Jonathan Brazee with the content managed by our Public Relations Chairman Leon Ellison.

The following represents those districts and posts that have qualified so far for All State. Remember you have until 30 June to complete all requirements. Review the attached spreadsheet and let me know if we have not credited you with a requirement you believe you met.

Thank you for all you do for Veterans every day.

As of 1st June the following sixteen Posts and five Districts have qualified for All American recognition:

D1

Post 9723

D2

Post 1054

Post 9555

Post 10033

Post 12147

D4

Post 9957

D5

Post 9951

Post 10217

Post 11575

Post 12074

Post 12146

Post 3457

D7

Post 124

Post 2485

Post 9892

Post 11447

Always in Service to Veterans,

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

DIST	POST	Memb ership	Legacy Life	Bonded	Inspection	Service Officer	Audits	C S R	V O D	P	T A	Buddy Poppy	V M S	Action Corps Weekly or MAP or Adopt a Unit or Sponsor Scouting	Web site or FB page	Course of Instruction	Nat'l Home
1	9723	●	M	M	M	M	√√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
2	1054	M	M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	9555	M	M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	9612		M	M	M	M	√√ no Dec/Mar	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
3	8180		M	M	M	M	√√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	9985		M	M	M	M	√√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	10033	M		M	M	M	√√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M		M	N/A	M
	10223		M	M	M	M	√√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	12147	M		M	M	M	√√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
4	9957	M	M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
5	9876		M	M	M	M	√√√√		M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	9951	M	M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	10217		M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	10249		M	M	M	M	√√√√	M				M		M	M	N/A	
	11575	M	M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	12074	M	M	M	M	M	√ no Dec/Mar		M	M	M	M	M		M	N/A	M
	12146	M	M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	12163			M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M		M	N/A	M
6	1509			M	M	M	None	M		M	M	M	M			N/A	M
	2917			M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M			N/A	M
	3457	M		M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M			N/A	M
7	124	M	M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	2485	M	M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	9892	M	M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	11447	M	M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	12130			M		M	None		M	M	M			M	M	N/A	M
TOTAL MET		15	19	26	25	26	0	2 3	2 4	2 5	2 5	25	2 4	20	23	0	25
TOTAL UNMET		11	7	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	1	1	2	6	3	0	1
TOTAL N/A		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0

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2		M	M	M	M	M	√ no June /Sep	M	M	M	M	N/A	M	N/A	N/A	M	M
3				M	M	M	√√√√	M	M	M	M	N/A	M	N/A	N/A	M	M
4		M	M	M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	N/A	M	N/A	N/A	M	M
5		M	M	M	M	M	√√√		M	M	M	N/A	M	N/A	N/A	M	M
6				M	M	M	√√√	M	M	M	M	N/A		N/A	N/A		M
7		M	M	M	M	M	√√√		M	M	M	N/A		N/A	N/A	M	M
TOTAL MET		5	5	7	7	7	0	5	7	7	7	0	5	0	0	6	7
TOTAL UNMET		2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
TOTAL N/A		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	7	0	0

From the Junior Vice Commander:

Greetings Comrades,

It has been another successful year for the Department of Pacific Areas and congratulations to all of our hard working members who assisted to make our Commander Ricky Farris not only an All-American Department Commander, but a Triple Crown winner as well. I also would like to thank our Comrades for the opportunity and honor to serve on the **“It’s the Right Thing To Do”** Team!!

As you are aware we have moved to the new Solutions Program as of May 1st and all CSR’s are required to be submitted into it. We understand that any new system requires adjustments and there will be some bugs, but I ask for your patience as we adjust to the new system, together! Also **effective immediately**, there will no longer be an Excel Spreadsheet Chart posted in the JVC’s Articles. All members who input a CSR will receive an email acknowledgement within moments. So please check your email. You will also have the capability to inquire into Solutions for any transactions your Post submitted. So if you do not receive an email and your input is not posted, please contact the Department JVC and/or our Webmaster. Our new Webmaster Alan **“Augie”** Augustine is working hard to ensure all members experience the minimum of setbacks of the new system. Again, your patience will be appreciated!!! I will continue to oversee the CSR Program until June 30th and then our new Department JVC will manage the Program effective July 1st. Our new website address is: www.vfwpacific.org.

Effective June 13th the new Department JVC address will be jvcdpa@vfwpacific.org. If you are inquiring about any CSR matters, please CC the Webmaster on the email at: augiesr@gmail.com.

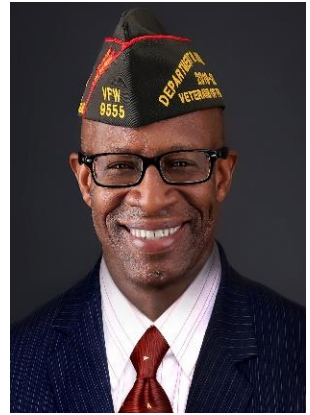
PLEASE NOTE: All Departments (52) within the National VFW were mandated to move to the new Solutions Program. The Department of Pacific Areas just happened to be one of the last to join it. FYI.

The National Outstanding Post Award and Annual Awards Winners for the 2019-20 Term will be announced by me at our Pro Forma Workshop on June 13th. The District Commanders can then arrange with their Post Commanders to notify the Winners. **There will be some changes to the Annual Awards Program starting with the new Term with the hopes of getting more participation from our Posts!**

My new Department email address effective June 13th will be: svcdpa@vfwpacific.org. In closing, it was an honor to serve as the Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Pacific Areas. Unfortunately, we will not have our normal passing of the Term from Commander Farris to SVC Stein and the new Officers because of the COVID-19. I just think it is a very special ceremony to witness and/or to be a part of. However, I look forward to serving with the Incoming Department Commander Ken Stein and his “Veterans are our Business” Team as the new Senior Vice Commander of our great Department! A special **“THANK YOU”** to Lenee Zaher for her tireless work as our Typhoon Editor. Her contributions led directly to its success and it never went unnoticed!! We are not out of the woods of the COVID-19 yet, so let’s continue to stay safe and keep the Buddy Checks going. Wishing you all the very best as we move towards a new Term. May God bless you, your families, and the good ole USA...I love you all!!!

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

Kevin E. Mitchell
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Junior Past Department Commander /DSO:

Comrades,

Well we made it to the end of the year and once again the Department of Pacific Areas has achieved All-American status. I wish to congratulate Department Commander Farris and his Team for the hard work they did this year, under trying times, to continue the DPA Legacy of being among the leaders of the VFW National Organization. Well Done!

I'd also like to do my final update as the DPA Department Service Officer. As you probably know by now – I will be retiring on 12 June 2020. I want to say Thank You to all of my fellow comrades and our veterans that I have worked with over the past three years. It has been my honor and pleasure to assist all of our veterans in need. We have a good team in place to continue serving our veteran community. Comrade John C. Dibble will become the New DSO for the new administrative year. Comrade Robert (Bobby) Reyes will assume the duties as ADSO-Philippines, Comrade Michael (Boats) Castro will continue on in his 5th year as the ADSO-Japan and Comrade Francis (Chris) Bischoff will remain as the ADSO-Thailand.

That's all from me except to say Be Safe & Take Care! Keep working hard and support Team DPA as we move ahead in the future. If I can be of any help to any of you – Feel free to contact me anytime by email or F/B Messenger!

WE GOT IT DONE!

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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



From the National Council Member:

Comrades,

My four years serving as the National Council Member for the Pacific will soon be completed. First, I would like to thank each of you for the trust and faith in me. It has truly been an honor to serve in this position. We have accomplished a lot over the last four year! There is one item that is still in the works, which is the Service Officer Gant that the Department receives every year. I will ensure that my replacement is fully award of the issues concerning this item.

We are in testing times with this Covid thing going on. Continue to stay safe! Hope to see you all soon.

Yours in Comradeship,

Shawn Watson
National Council Member
(2016-2020)



From the Quartermaster:

Comrades,

As we prepare to meet in Bangkok for our annual Convention, ...oh wait. That was a few years ago. Desperate times call for desperate measures, so we'll zoom into the 2020-2021 year with the clear understanding that we are winging it until the virus allows us to meet in person again. Fortunately, in the VFW, what matters most happens in our Posts. This becomes obvious when we look at the number of All-State Posts and Districts our Department has this year, despite the virus; and the fact that we reached over 100% in membership for the sixteenth year in a row.



This month Department will be unveiling a new website. Department and National programs for the new year will be accessible on the site. There are also new email addresses for Post and District officers who had email addresses on the old site.

I will attach a chart to this input showing the Posts and Districts which have already ordered and paid for Quartermaster bonds for next year. If your Post has not ordered a bond yet, please do so before the end of June. That way we can order the bonds in July. I have been advising folks to hold off ordering poppies for next year until your Post can decide if it wants to compete for All-American next year. The new program calls for purchasing 5 poppies for each Post member to qualify for All-American. We'll order poppies in August unless your Post needs them sooner.

One of my assignments next year will be Asst. DPA QM, so if I can figure out the new email system, I will be happy to help you in any way I can.

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan
Quartermaster
Department of Pacific Areas

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

AUDITS SUBMITTED	JUNE '19	SEP '19	DEC '19	MAR '20	BUDDY POPPIES ORDERED '19-'20	QM BOND ORDERED 2019-'20
9723	X	X	X	X	\$174/1,500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd. F*
District I	X	X	X	X	X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd. F*
1054	X	X	X	X	\$174/1,500	\$100/\$40,000(x2) Pd. F*
9555	X	X	X		\$58/500	\$67.50/\$19,000 Pd. F*
9612	X	X	X		\$58/500	\$100/\$40,000 Pd. F*
District II	X	X	X	X	X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd. F*
8180	X	X	X		\$116/1,000	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd. F*
9985	X	X	X	X	\$116/1,000	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd. F*
10033	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
10223	X	X	X	X	\$174/1,500	\$100.00/\$40,000 Pd. F*
12147	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$14.00/\$4,000 Pd. F*
District III	X	X	X		X	\$14.00/\$4,000 Pd. F*
9957	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$70/\$20,000 Pd. F*
District IV	X	X	X	X	X	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
9876	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd. F*
9951	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd. F*
10217	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$42.00/12,000 Pd. F*
10249	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
11575	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$70/\$20,000 Pd. F*
12074	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$70.00/\$28,000 Pd. F*

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

2020-2021 POST AND DISTRICT AUDITS/POPPIES/QM BONDS

AUDITS SUBMITTED	JUNE '20	SEP '20	DEC '20	MAR '21	BUDDY POPPIES ORDERED '20-'21	QM BOND ORDERED 2020-'21
9723						
District I					X	
1054						\$100/\$40,000 F*
9555						\$75/\$30,000 F*
9612						\$100/\$40,000 F*
District II					X	\$21/\$6,000 F*
8180						\$87.50/\$25,000 F*
9985						
10033						
10223						
12147						
District III					X	\$14/\$4,000 F*
9957						\$84/\$24,000
District IV					X	\$10.50/\$3,000
9876						
9951						\$35/\$10,000 F*
10217					\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000 F*
10249						\$49/\$14,000 F*
11575						
12074						unpaid/\$15,000 F*
12146						\$125/\$50,000 F*
12163					\$58/500	\$35/\$10,000 F*
District V					X	
1509						
2917						\$70/\$20,000
3457					\$58/500	\$250/\$100,000 F*
District VI					X	\$10.50/\$3,000 F*
124						\$84/\$24,000 Funsignd
2485						\$250/\$100,000 F*
9892						
11447						\$31.50/\$9,000 F*
12130						
District VII					X	
F*=signed form received.						

From the Surgeon:

Stand On One Leg When Smoking

Comrades of Department of Pacific Areas,

As this is my final report, I'd like to say thank you for electing me to serve as DPA Surgeon for 2018-2019 & 2019-2020. It was an honor to have the opportunity to serve in this position and a pleasure to write my monthly reports highlighting health issues relevant to veterans. I hope that you found them useful and somewhat interesting.



The upcoming year will be particularly challenging to stay healthy and to fulfill the VFW mission. The first line of our mission statement is, "To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts." Camaraderie is defined as, "Mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together." In the world of Covid & social distancing, it has been impossible to 'spend a lot of time together' and will continue to be difficult until effective treatments are developed and a vaccine is available. So, until we can get back together to foster camaraderie, we'll stay focused on serving veterans, the military and our communities and advocating on behalf of all veterans. And, if you're a non-smoker, don't smoke when you have the urge to stand on one leg. Stay happy & healthy!

Yours in comradeship & well-being,

Brian J. Hamic
DPA Surgeon 2018-2020
Department of Pacific Areas
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dpasurgeons/>

From the Adjutant:

Comrades,

Hope that everyone is safe and healthy. This is the first time in Department and National history where the Convention has been cancelled. Hopefully things will get back to normal soon. With our Convention cancelled, there will be a Zoom video conference on June 13.

Congratulations on a great year Commander Farris!

I have received almost all of the Post and District Election reports. If anyone is having an issue filling out your election report, let me know. If you fill it out online at vfw.org it will automatically forward a copy to me. Otherwise, please forward me a copy. Also, once your general order one is completed please provide that copy as well.

Stay Safe!

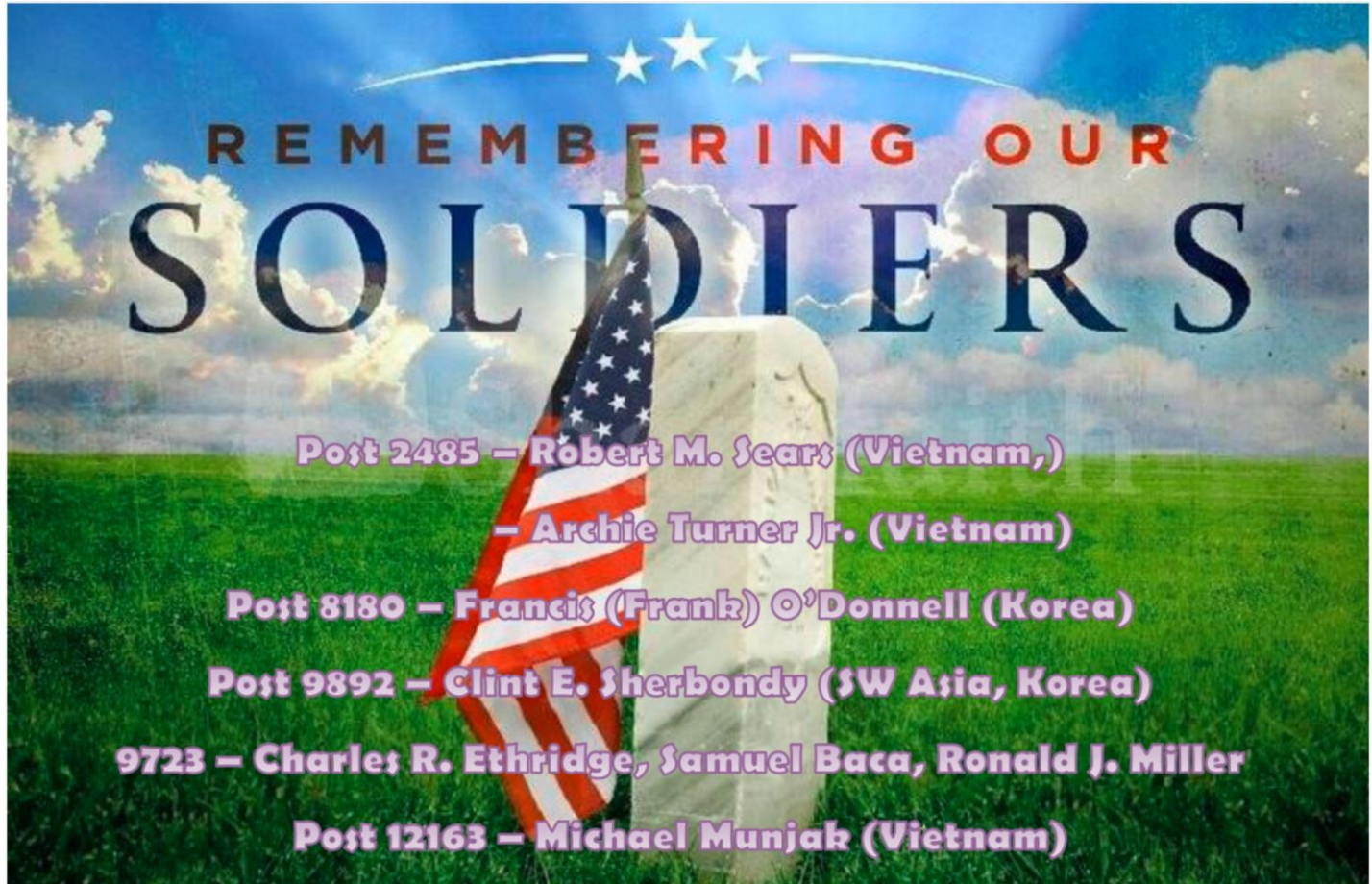
Yours in Comradeship,

Shawn Watson
Adjutant
Department of Pacific Areas – 2020/2021





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

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

Yours in Comradeship and Service to Veterans,

Ronald J. Davis
Chaplain
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 **CONGRATULATE** the Department of Pacific Areas and all of the District's and Post's within for achieving 100% in Donations. This year's National Home for Children donations are just over \$7,585.00.

I also want to thank the general membership that also make donation to the National Home but is not shown in our reports. Without these donations the NH would not be able to Survive and Prosper.

Visit the National Home BLOG to check out what they are doing. [Click here:](#)

Again donations to the National Home for Children is at 100%.

National Home Donation Report

Report for District and Post as of 01 June 2020. 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	Yes	\$150.00
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	Yes	\$50.00	District 6	Yes	\$50.00
8180	Yes	\$110.00	1509	Yes	\$50.00
9985	Yes	\$50.00	2917	Yes	\$50.00
10033	Yes	\$50.00	3457	Yes	\$50.00
10223	Yes	\$50.00	District 7	Yes	\$50.00
12147	Yes	Pacific House	124	Yes	\$50.00
District 4	Yes	\$50.00	2485	Yes	\$50.00
9957	Yes	\$50.00	9892	Yes	\$50.00
District 5	Yes	\$50.00	11447	Yes	\$250.00
9876	Yes	\$50.00	12130	Yes	\$100.00
9951	Yes	\$50.00			
Post 12147 Project Pacific House		\$4,000.00	Yokosuka Scouts via Post 1054		\$1,500.00
Dist/Post Total	\$2,035.00	Special Projects	\$5,500.00	Grand Total	\$7,585.00
Not Confirmed			Working on		

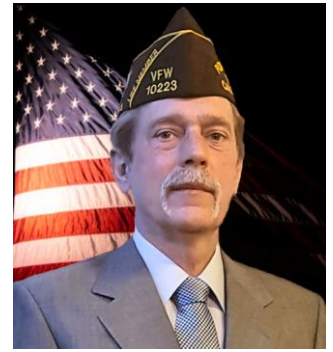
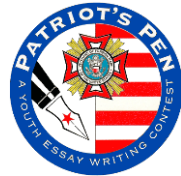
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Yours in Comradeship,

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



Comrades,

POST AND DISTRICT CHAIRMEN. Let's get prepared for this coming year's Voice of Democracy Patriot's Pen Essay Competitions and the Smart / Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Follow the instruction below to get all the program materials:

YOUTH PROGRAMS RESOURCES. The [Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Chairman's Manual](#) will provide you with some helpful information on promoting and judging your Post's Youth essay competitions.

THE NEW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN THEMES. The 2020-21 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Harold J. "Hal" Roesch, II. The Voice of Democracy theme will be "***Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?***" [Read the rules and eligibility requirements](#) and download the [2020-21 entry form application](#). The Patriot's Pen theme will be "***What is Patriotism to Me?***" [Read the rules and eligibility requirements](#) and download the [2020-21 entry form application](#).

TEACHER AWARD PROGRAM RESOURCES. The [Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Chairman's Manual](#) will provide you with some helpful information on recognizing teachers in your community for promoting citizenship education. [Review the rules and eligibility requirements](#) and nominate a teacher by submitting the [2020-21 nomination form](#).

DISTRICT COMMANDERS: I need to know who the **DISTRICT CHAIRMANS** are for the VOD / Patriot Pen / Teachers Award's programs as soon as possible. Please send names and email addresses to the [DPA VOD / PP / Teacher Award Chairman](#).

Post chairmen; please share this report and the National Scholarship Programs Brochure with Schools, Teachers and Youth Leaders so they can [get acquainted with VFW's Programs](#).

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Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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