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Inputs for the February Typhoon
Are due on 05 February 2020



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LEGACY

LIFE MEMBERS

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Please consider becoming a Legacy Life Member of your Post. You would be leaving a legacy and helping the financial future of your post forever.

Bob Zaher
Department Legacy Chairman



Department Officer's Comments & Department Committee Reports

From the Commander:

Comrades,

I hope all of you had a very Happy Holidays. Belated Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!!

Now it is time to get back into the swing of things. We are tick below 96%, as of this writing. Roughly 4% to go for our 100% mark. Simply put, we need approx. 1% per month, about 100 a month new members. I would really like to see us top 100% by the end of April, which would be about 120/mo. This is extremely doable, and I think likely. We have several Posts leading the way that have already topped the 100% mark; 12147, 12074, 12146, 3457, 124, 9892, and 11447, And, there are several who are almost there; 1054, 9555, 9957, 9951, 10217, 10249, 11575, 12163, and 2485. If your Post is not on these lists, you have some work to do, and I expect to hear from you on how you are proceeding and if I can assist you in any way. These comprise 16 out of our 26 Posts. Well done and keep it up!



Don Kelley has done another masterful job on managing the VOD/PP/Teachers programs. We have some solid winners representing department this year. Thank you for all you do, Don!!

C of A was a tremendous success!! The Comrades at District 5 have put Phnom Penh on the map, and most certainly in the rotation for holding Department events. Jack Farrell and Post 11575 members, you are to be congratulated for holding an outstanding event. I am really looking forward to Convention 2020 in Bangkok.

Now is the time to start going over your checklists for All-State, and All-American. Please, no surprises!! There should be no doubt in any District or Post Commander on what is still needed for them to reach that level. Be ever so mindful, and complete as early as possible.

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

Yours in Comradeship,

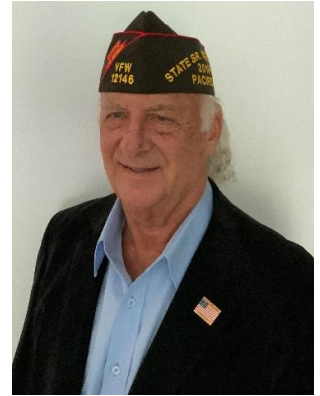
Rick Farris
Commander
Department of Pacific Areas

From the Senior Vice Commander:

Hello Comrades,

Happy New Year, best wishes for a healthy, happy, successful 2020.

It was great seeing so many of you at our Council of Administration mid-year meeting in Phnom Penh Cambodia last month. What an outstanding job District 5 did in selecting this venue and managing such a successful event. Special kudos to Chairman Lou Holub and Co-Chairman and Phnom Penh Post Commander Jack Farrell. Bravo Zulu to all who assisted in making this a memorable C of A.



As we start focusing on end of year recognition and awards; e.g., All State and All American, please ensure you notify the appropriate committee chairman as you complete a requirement and send a copy to me. I am tracking All State progress and will keep you all informed. All American status can be found on the National website under the dashboard link. I have included the latest Dashboard status at the end of this article.

We continue to do well in meeting our membership goals with seven posts at or over 100% and 10 posts over 95%. The latest MEMSTATS can be found at the end of this article. Continue to look for opportunities to hold recruiting drives and remember take the time to get to know your new members and make them feel welcome not only at their initial meeting but for follow on meetings. Ask them to get involved in a committee or an upcoming event, this will help ensure they stay involved in your post and if they are annual members will push them to upgrade to life membership.

Each District CDR has a copy of the spread sheet we are using to track All State requirements. Any questions check with your District CDR or myself.

Let's keep moving forward by taking care of our veterans, their families, active duty personnel, and our communities.

Best Regards.

Yours in comradeship and service to veterans,

Kenneth A. Stein
Senior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Areas



All American Eligible Dashboard Report December 25 2019

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	Met	Met	Met	N/A	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet
Pacific Areas	1		N/A	Met	Met	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	1	9723	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	2		N/A	Met	Met	Met	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	2	1054	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	2	9555	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	2	9612	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3		N/A	Met	Met	Met	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3	8180	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3	9985	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3	10033	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3	10223	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	3	12147	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	4		N/A	Met	Met	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	4	9957	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5		N/A	Met	Met	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	Unmet	Met	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5	12146	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	5	12163	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	6		N/A	Met	Met	Met	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	6	1509	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	6	2917	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	6	3457	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	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	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	7	2485	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A
Pacific Areas	7	9892	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	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

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	691	1	0	18	710	728	97.52%	3	OKINAWA, JAPAN		2	32	56.25%
District Totals		1	691	1	0	18	710	728	97.52%	6		2	0	0.00%	0.41%
Pacific Areas	1054	2	786	3	0	5	794	797	99.62%	2	OKOSUKA CITY, JAPAN		23	31	19.35%
Pacific Areas	9555	2	347	0	0	5	352	355	99.15%	4	YOKOTA AFB, JAPAN		1	10	50.00%
Pacific Areas	9612	2	505	2	0	5	512	543	94.29%	3	CAMP ZAMA, JAPAN		6	42	19.05%
District Totals		2	1638	5	0	15	1658	1695	97.81%	4		30	0	0.00%	2.06%
Pacific Areas	8180	3	1635	19	20	66	1740	1901	91.53%	1	SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		3	264	20.45%
Pacific Areas	9985	3	206	11	1	18	236	288	81.94%	4	TONGDUCHON- UP, KOREA		0	77	19.48%
Pacific Areas	10033	3	490	6	1	7	504	528	95.45%	3	TAEGU, KOREA		1	32	31.25%
Pacific Areas	10223	3	348	14	2	9	373	425	87.76%	3	CAMP HUMPHREYS, KO		12	99	14.14%
Pacific Areas	12147	3	210	15	0	20	285	277	102.88%	4	SEONGNAM, KOREA		13	82	32.93%
District Totals		3	2889	105	24	120	3138	3419	91.78%	2		29	0	0.00%	4.62%
Pacific Areas	9957	4	336	0	0	0	336	340	98.82%	4	TAIPEI, TAIWAN		0	0	100.00%
District Totals		4	336	0	0	0	336	340	98.82%	6			0	0.00%	0.00%
Pacific Areas	9876	5	342	0	0	15	357	399	89.47%	3	PATTAYA CITY, THAILAND		5	52	38.46%
Pacific Areas	9951	5	235	2	0	9	246	248	99.19%	4	BANGKOK, THAILAND		5	24	54.17%
Pacific Areas	10217	5	140	1	0	12	153	154	99.35%	6	KORAT AF BASE, THAILAND		1	17	100.00%
Pacific Areas	10249	5	230	1	0	12	243	250	97.20%	4	UDORN, THAILAND		1	22	63.64%
Pacific Areas	11575	5	108	0	1	11	120	124	96.77%	7	PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA		2	18	61.11%
Pacific Areas	12074	5	98	5	0	7	110	108	101.85%	8	CHIANG MAI, THAILAND		1	12	50.00%
Pacific Areas	12146	5	210	2	1	3	216	203	106.40%	5	BANCHANG, RAYONG THAI		11	11	54.55%
Pacific Areas	12163	5	50	0	0	1	51	59	86.44%	10	PERTH, WESTERN AU		0	15	13.33%
District Totals		5	1413	11	2	70	1496	1545	96.82%	4		26	0	0.00%	2.52%
Pacific Areas	1509	6	273	2	1	7	283	299	94.64%	4	YIGO, GUAM		2	24	20.83%
Pacific Areas	2917	6	192	4	1	3	200	218	91.74%	5	AGAT, GUAM	4	35	14.29	4.13%
Pacific Areas	3457	6	301	5	0	10	316	315	100.31%	4	SAIPAN, CNMI		13	27	44.44%
District Totals		6	766	11	2	20	799	832	96.03%	6		19	0	0.00%	3.85%
Pacific Areas	124	7	223	0	0	0	223	199	112.06%	5	BAGUIO CITY, PHILIPPINES		18	0	100.00%
Pacific Areas	2485	7	1635	8	0	27	1670	1684	99.16%	1	ANGELES CITY, PHILIPPINES		21	60	58.33%
Pacific Areas	9892	7	241	0	0	0	241	241	100.00%	5	BAUANG, LA UNION PHIL		1	3	0.00%
Pacific Areas	11447	7	524	0	0	13	537	532	100.93%	3	SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES		16	18	100.00%
Pacific Areas	12130	7	69	0	0	2	71	96	73.95%	8	CEBU, PHILIPPINES		0	22	9.09%
District Totals		7	2692	8	0	42	2742	2752	99.63%	3		56	0	0.00%	2.33%
Pacific Areas	15055	99	498	11	0	17	526	585	89.91%	3	PACIFIC AREAS	1	0	0.00%	2.05%
District Totals		99	498	11	0	17	526	585	89.91%	6		1	0	0.00%	2.05%
State Totals		255	10923	152	28	302	11405	11896	95.87%			163	0	0.00%	2.88%

From the Junior Vice Commander:

Happy New Year's Greetings Comrades,

Hoping you and yours had a Merry Christmas and a nice and safe New Year!! Special thanks to Jack Farrell, Lou Holub, Randy Riggs, and the members of Post 11575 for putting together and executing a phenomenal C of A in Phnom Penh last month. I believe all attendees enjoyed it and I did not recall hearing any complaints.

For CSR's I am still showing some Posts with zero entries. Please remember to qualify for All State, you must complete at least three (3) community activities per month.

We have entered the second portion of the year and need to place a focus on the Awards Programs. The forms/instructions are on the DPA Website under Forms. I am asking for all nomination packages to be forwarded to me at jvcdpa@vfwdeptapacific.org **no later than May 1st not the 15th** (which is on the website). The purpose to ensure I can have all engraving completed and ready for the Department Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. An electronic vote by email will be held to determine the winners by the District Commanders. **GOOD LUCK!!**

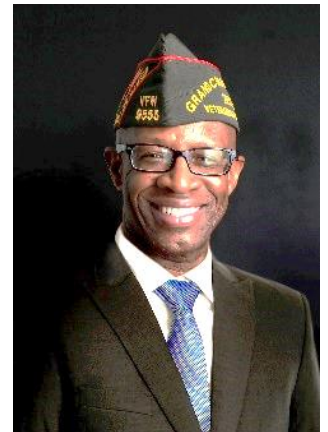
District Commanders were provided the National Outstanding Post Community Service Award criteria in August and December. There is a slight change to the date packages should be provided to me. The Award application from each Post must be submitted to the District Commanders **no later than April 10th**. The District Commanders will select their award nominee and forward to me at jvcdpa@vfwdeptapacific.org **no later than April 20th**. The DPA representative will be chosen by the SVC, JVC, QM, JPDC, COS, and ADJ. In the event of a tie, the Department Commander will cast the deciding vote. **GOOD LUCK!!**

Hope to see many packages for community service and outstanding Post to recognize our deserving Comrades, Posts, Districts, and our great Department because **it's the right thing to do!**

In closing, I am wishing each of you and yours a great 2020 with all the health, happiness, and safety! Also looking forward for another strong closing of the 2019-20 year. Please feel free to contact me at my email address above. May God bless you and the good ole USA!! I love you all!!!

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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



CSR Reports as of 5 January 2020

Post	Dist	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
9723	1	13	17	19	16	20	15	10	12					122
1054	2	17	4	25	20	25	22	16	34					163
9555		48	19	20	26	15	22	26	11					187
9612		12	15	1	3	7	24	15	4					81
8180	3	38	5	7	13	7	6	18	2					96
9985		10	9	9	13	14	10	8	7					80
10033		4	5	4	2	4	4	5	2					30
10223		20	5	7	4	5	4	4	4					53
12147		18	15	3	2	6	8	10	6					68
9957	4	12	4	2	6	4	4	3	3					38

9876	5	2	1	13	12	4	10	0	3					45
9951		28	33	5	1	21	5	25	3					121
10217		28	32	26	35	43	35	53	43					295
10249		8	6	5	4	5	5	3	3					39
11575		0	3	7	11	9	8	13	17					68
12074		0	0	10	0	0	0	0	5					15
12146		7	7	3	11	12	15	2	15					72
12163		18	23	8	24	14	12	0	14					113
1509	6	0	3	17	5	8	15	1	3					52
2917		64	118	129	94	161	156	71	85					878
3457		6	9	14	6	7	3	10	11					66
124	7	20	15	17	16	0	17	20	21					126
2485		120	111	119	97	107	121	107	104					886
9892		25	64	64	49	74	15	54	22					367
11447		31	59	34	20	43	48	62	0					297
12130		0	0	0	2	2	6	0	0					10
Total		549	582	568	492	617	590	536	466	0	0	0	0	4368

From the Junior Past Department Commander:

Comrades,

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The Council of Administration went very well. My congratulations to District 5 and the Post 11575 Team. I truly enjoyed my stay in Cambodia and look forward to visiting there again in the future.

Membership continues to move forward at a healthy pace. The remainder of the year gets tougher! The DPA is once again among the leaders (2nd Place) at VFW National with 96.07%. The last 4% is the most difficult – but our DPA Team has always been up to the task and I am sure they will Get It Done because it is the Right Thing to Do.



It is that time of year where Posts/Districts should be putting and emphasis on reporting their All-State status to the DPA Chairman and the DPA Senior Vice Commander. Post Commanders/Adjutants need to go online to VFW.org and check their status on the All-American Dashboard. If something appears to be incorrect – contact the DPA contacts and get it corrected. Finally, let's get the remaining Annual Inspections scheduled and/or completed and sent to the Department Inspector as soon as possible - the sooner you get it done the better!

We are less than 6 months out from the DPA Convention. Keep a lookout for the Online Registration and let's see if we can have one of the largest DPA Conventions in history when we get to Bangkok!

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 need help!

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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

From the Quartermaster:

Comrades,

I thought that this month might be a good time to review Quartermaster Bond procedures, and when your funds are covered by the bond, or when they are not. First, the only person covered by the bond is the Post Quartermaster. If other persons have access to Post funds, e.g., Assistant Post QM, Post Commander, etc., they too must be bonded. If the Posts changes Quartermasters mid-year, the new QM is covered by the bond. The position is bonded, not the person.



Many Posts have a two-signature policy for writing checks. Typically, those two are the Post QM and the Post CDR. In order for the Commander to have signature authority on the checks, by definition he has access to the Post funds and must be bonded. Please take this into consideration when ordering bonds for next year.

If a loss occurs and you make a claim with the bonding company, the company will want some proof that the Trustee monthly and quarterly audits were completed in a satisfactory manner. The Trustees MUST verify the accuracy of the Quartermaster's books by comparing them to all bank statements. Although the bonding company has made exceptions to this in certain cases (for example, the QM left the country and it took 5 months to get access to the bank statements), this is the exception and not the rule.

There is a statement on the Bond itself that reads, "Section 218 (Manual of Procedure) provides that any negligence on the part of the Commander and Trustees shall make them individually and collectively liable with any others for any discrepancies." Well – not quite. Section 218 describes the duties of all Post officers, including their fiscal responsibilities, but it does not assign liability for failure to perform these duties to the letter. I believe this is wishful thinking on the part of the bonding company and would not hold up under scrutiny.

In any case, when the Commander and Trustees sign off on the monthly and quarterly audits, they are certifying that the reports are accurate. This can only be done by comparing the bank statements with the QM reports.

What happens when a loss occurs? If the QM is bonded; if the QM is responsible for the loss; if the loss occurred within the period of the bond and is discovered within 90 day after the bond has expired; and if the Commander and Trustees performed the audits to the best of their abilities, then the Post has an excellent chance of getting all the money returned from the bonding company. That is a lot of "ifs".

What is more likely to happen is that the bonding company will cover a portion of the loss based on all the circumstances. The Commander, Quartermaster, and Trustees should read the bond document in full and do their best to meet the requirements of their office as spelled out in Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure. Oh, and elect honest people to care for the Post funds.

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			\$174/1,500	\$125/\$50,000 Pd. F*
District I	X	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	X			\$174/1,500	\$100.00/\$40,000 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				\$58/500	\$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.						



From the Chaplain:



**LET'S REMEMBER OUR FALLEN COMRADES WHO HAVE DONE
THEIR DUTY AND GONE TO A BETTER PLACE.**

**DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS
DECEASED LISTING
FROM 1 June – 31 Dec 2019**

VFW POST 2485

John J. Bury	Thomas L. Snyder	Gerald Picus
Martin V. Mc Gee	Edward E. Brown	Vernon S. Isip
Donald W. Smith	Gerald H. Prinz	Davis L. Atkinson
Gary D. Stone	Russell D. Large	Charles F. Johnson
James M. Gentry	Donald K. Lee	Ampme R. Espino
Fred L. Eure	Ronald K. Price	Gregory L. Korder
David R. Kaiser		



VFW POST 8180

Kurt (Herman The German) Dressler – World War II, Korea War, Vietnam				
Gerald E. Bailey	Clarence R. Cain	William J. Carr	Gilbert R. Danner	Lewis A. Diamond
Robert a. Draper	Charles M. Ehrhart	Dalas L. Green	Billie R. Elledge	Dennis J. Hoskinson
George W. Keck	Emanuel Lewis	Robert F. May	James A. Marshall	William A. Preston
Leonard J. Pringle	David M. Sterling	John E. Watola	Charles M. Jackson	Dewey Knox
Herman Maiden				

VFW POST 9876

Robert W. Ainge Thor Jensen

VFW POST 9951

George Quinton

VFW POST 10249

Ronald J. Conley Henry C. Comerford

VFW POST 11447

Edward G. Spears
Thomas G. Stone
Richard L. McClure
Patrick T. Stevenson

VFW POST 9985

Kermit Wade
Steven Rhoades

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Ronald J. Davis
Chaplain
Department of Pacific Areas

From the Judge Advocate:



Comrades,

Before starting my article for this month, please let me wish all a Happy New Year and hope all had a wonderful holiday season. It was great seeing most of you at the COA in Cambodia. Wish all enjoyed themselves as I did. A special shout out to Commander Farrell, convention committee and all the comrades of Post 11575. Great job well done and looking forward to the next convention held there.

In this issue of the Typhoon I will discuss the preparing and handling of resolutions year.



PREPARING A RESOLUTION

To understand the procedure of preparing a resolution we need to know the definition of a resolution, which is defined as a formal expression, opinion, or intention agreed on by a legislative body. With that said, it follows that the policy of the VFW is established in resolutions adopted by the delegates attending Department or National Conventions. Most such resolutions are originated at the Post level and passed through channels to Departments before being acted upon at National level.

Also, a resolution may deal with a local problem, in which case it needs no action at a higher level other than the Post. If the issue concerns an area larger than that served by the Post, after Post approval the resolution should be presented before the District meeting if it encompasses District jurisdiction. All resolutions of Department wide or National concern shall be acted upon by the Department Convention.

In discussing resolutions with National the biggest concern is preparing a resolution that makes sense. Generally, all resolutions contain two separate parts; a statement of the problem to be solved, and the proposed solution to the problem. This is accomplished using **"Whereas"** clauses that outline the problem and a **"Be It Resolved"** section that is the proposed solution.

HANDLING OF RESOLUTION

Now that preparing a resolution has been discussed what is done with it and how is it handled? That is a good question and the following is a guide to handling a resolution at various levels:

- Post Meeting -

- Adopted resolution for the Post area or community is handled locally.
- If adopted by the Post and concerns District area of responsibility it then would be presented at the District level for adoption.
- Should the Post adopt a resolution that concerns comrades within the Department area it would be sent through channels to be resolved at the Department Convention.
- If a Post adopts a resolution that is of National concern it must go through channels and acted upon at the Department Convention prior to forwarding to National. This means a Post resolution has to be presented to the District Governing body at a meeting or convention and forwarded to Department for considerations.

- District Governing Body-

- Adopted resolution that affects Posts within its area of responsibility is handled locally.
- If resolutions concern areas outside its area, but within the Department boundaries, it shall be forwarded for action at the Department Convention.

- When District adopts a resolution that is of National concern it shall be submitted to Department for action by the Department Convention prior to forwarding to National.

- Department Governing Body -

- Any resolution presented by a Post, District, Department officer, or Department Convention, shall be acted on at the Department Convention if it concerns matters within the Department's geographical area or of National concern.
- A resolution that is disapproved at the Department Convention or not acted upon will not be considered by the National Convention.

Notice: When submitting a resolution to the Department Convention it should show a notation on the bottom of the resolution page of the previous action taken; e.g., approval by Post and, if applicable, by the District. Also, any unit submitting a resolution should write a cover letter with the resolution as an attachment thereto, ensuring delivery to the Department Adjutant and Judge Advocate **at least six (6) weeks** prior to convening the Department Convention. This will give proper time for review and distribution to all Posts, Districts and those concerned prior to the Convention.

Comrades, if you have any questions on what was 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 Certified National Recruiter:

Greeting Comrades,

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you all had a couple of great holidays. It was great seeing many of you in Cambodia. Post 11575 and District 5 did an excellent job on the CofA and thank you for your efforts.

Now that the New Year is behind us it's time to get back to work on our recruiting efforts. Commander Rick has set a new goal for us to shoot at on Membership and he would love for us to be at 100% by the end of April. As of today we have broken the 96% mark. So all we need right now to be 100% is 467 more members. This is achievable with *your* help!



I would like to congratulate Post 3457 our newest Post to achieve 100%, way to go Saipan!

As far as recruiters go we currently have 92 comrades out there shaking the bushes looking for those recruits. Our top 5 recruiters are: Larry Lyons Post 12147 with 68 recruits, Cliff Wilsey Post 2485 with 30, Mike Verville, Post 11447 with 16, Mike O'Kelley Post 3457 with 13 and Christopher Haenelt with 8 members. Thanks to these and all recruiters for doing this.

Remember I am only an email away if you need me just call or write me at PDCLyons@VFWDeptPacific.Org

Yours always in Comradeship,

Larry Lyons
Certified National Recruiter
Past Dept. Commander 08/09
Department of Pacific Areas

From the Surgeon:

New Year's Resolution: Drink more...

...black coffee. If you haven't yet made a New Year's resolution or have already failed on those you made...add this one for 2020.

20 Good Health Reasons To Drink Coffee in 2020:

1. **Cuts Pain:** Journal of Pain, March 2007 ([link](#)).
2. **Increase your fiber intake:** Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry ([link](#)).
3. **Protects against cirrhosis of the liver:** Archives of Internal Medicine ([link](#)).
4. **Lowers risk of Type 2 Diabetes:** Archives of Internal Medicine ([link](#)).
5. **Lowers risk of Alzheimer's:** European Journal of Neurology ([link](#)).
6. **Reduces suicide risk and Depression:** Archives of Internal Medicine ([link](#)). Harvard School of Public Health ([link](#)).
7. **Protects against Parkinson's:** Archives of Neurology ([link](#)).
8. **Coffee drinkers have less risk of heart disease:** A recent study conducted in Brazil ([link](#)).
9. **Coffee drinkers have stronger DNA:** European Journal of Nutrition ([link](#)).
10. **Lowers Risk of Multiple Sclerosis:** Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry ([link](#)).
11. **Coffee may reduce colorectal cancer risk:** Reduce the odds of developing colorectal cancer by 26% ([link](#)).
12. **Reduces Liver Cancer Risk:** USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center ([link](#)).
13. **Less Gout Risk:** Risk for developing gout (in men) decreases with increasing coffee consumption. This is a large study of over 50,000 men ([link](#)).
14. **Longevity:** Those that drink coffee live longer than those who don't ([link](#)).
15. **Prevents Retinal Damage:** Cornell University Study ([link](#)).
16. **Black coffee prevents cavities:** Researchers out of Brazil ([link](#)).
17. **Coffee protects against periodontal disease:** As part of the US Department of Veterans Affairs ([link](#)).
18. **Coffee protects against melanoma:** Journal of the National Cancer Institute ([link](#)).
19. **Reduces heart attack mortality risk:** ([link](#))
20. **Coffee helps people get along with others in groups:** Journal of Psychopharmacology ([link](#)).

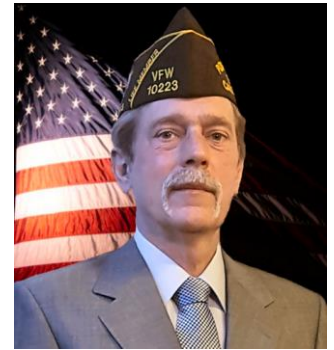
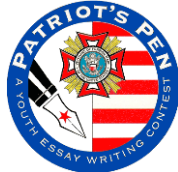
The USDA's dietary guidelines recommend drinking coffee for better health. They advise people that having 3 to 5 cups of coffee a day is good for their overall health and reduces the risk of disease. However, they report that adding sugar, cream, or flavored creamers quickly negates the potential benefits. Happy New Year Comrades! Ummmmm coffee!

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:



Commander Farris and Comrades,

Thank you for the opportunity and your confidence in allowing me to serve as the Department of Pacific Areas Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Chairman. Also, thank you for another challenging year.

VFW National has extended the donation deadline for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award till June 30th, for overseas Posts and Districts. There are still 6 Posts and 2 Districts who need to donate to qualify for All-American. To make your donation go to: https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vfwprogramsdonation2019_20. Post donation is \$75.00 and District donation is \$100.00 each for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and each category of the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award (K-5, 6-8 & 9-12).

This year, the Department of Pacific Areas participation in the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award were as follows:

Patriot's Pen; entries submitted from 11 Posts and 6 Districts. Total student entries were 390.

Voice of Democracy; entries submitted from 10 Posts and 6 Districts. Total student entries were 70.

Teachers Award; entries submitted from 10 Posts and 5 Districts. Total teacher entries were 21.

The entry numbers for all three programs have more than doubled from last year. Also, contributions from within the Department will exceed \$16,000 in monetary awards and donations for these programs.

I would like to recognize Posts 1054, 1509, 2917 and 9612 for their commitment in promoting these programs. These 4 posts accounted for 80% of the Patriot's Pen entries in the Department.

This year's Department of Pacific Areas Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award winners are:

Patriot's Pen is Camillah Mariano, from District 6, Post 2917.

Voice of Democracy is Sienna Bertamini, from District 5, Post 12146.

Teachers Award K-5th grade is Damiana Lee, from District 6, Post 3457.

Teachers Award 6th-8th grade is Mandy Pajela, from District 6, Post 2917.

Teachers Award 9th-12th grade is Richard Kilanski, from District 2, Post 1054.

Comrades, whether you spent hours judging essays or made a donation, remember that your contribution has fostered patriotism and helped to further the education of our youth and future leaders.

Supporting These Programs is the Right Thing to Do!

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

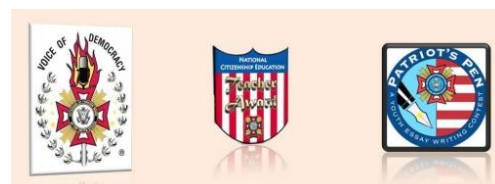
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2019-20 VOD/PP/TEACHERS AWARD DEPARTMENT DASHBOARD					
Post/District	VOD	PP	Teachers Award		
			Elementary	Middle	High
District 1	1	1	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
9723	9	16	UNMET	UNMET	UNMET
District 2	1	1	1	MET/\$100.00	1
1054	MET/\$75.00	73	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	1
9555	8	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
9612	13	82	1	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
District 3	1	1	1	1	1
8180	4	1	1	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
9985	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
10033	1	1	1	1	1
10223	10	23	2	2	1
12147	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
District 4	1	1	UNMET	1	UNMET
9957	5	20	UNMET	1	UNMET
District 5	1	1	PEND/\$75.00	1	1
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	1	1	MET/\$75.00	1	1
12163	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00	MET/\$75.00
District 6	1	1	1	1	1
1509	UNMET	67	UNMET	2	UNMET
2917	18	87	UNMET	1	UNMET
3457	1	19	2	1	1
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 Life Membership Chairman:

Comrades,

To date, the Department has 10,928 Life Members, an increase of 26 over last month. This includes 165 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:

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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:

<u>Post</u>	<u>Total N/R LM Recruited</u>	<u>Awards</u>
124	18	3 (\$1200)
1054	23	2 (\$800)
2485	21	2 (1 Life Paid) 1 (\$400)
3457	13	2 (\$800)
9876	5	1 (\$400)
9951	5	1 (\$400)
10223	12	2 (\$800)
11447	17	1 (\$400)
12146	11	2 (\$800)
12147	13	2 (\$800)

In addition, Post 2485 has received \$750 for converting ten (15) Annual Members to Life and Post 11447 received \$250 for converting five (5) Annual Members to Life.

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 Safety Chairman:

Greetings Comrades!

I hope everybody had a safe and enjoyable time celebrating the Holidays and the New Year! It is with great pleasure to announce the following personnel who were selected to represent the Department of the Pacific Areas to the VFW National Safety Awards 2019-2020 with the following categories:

Emergency Medical Technician: Hospital Corpsman Third Class Petty Officer (HM3) Madison T. Thomas, John C. Parker Memorial VFW Post 1054, District 2, Mainland Japan

Firefighter: Assistant Fire Chief Hans K. Christian, John C. Parker Memorial VFW Post 1054, District 2, Mainland Japan

Law Enforcement: Master At Arms First Class Petty Officer (MA1) Johah C. Carpenter as the John C. Parker Memorial VFW Post 1054, District 2, Mainland Japan

Again, Congratulations to all the DPA Safety Awards winners for FY2019-2020. We encouraged all the Posts to submit their nominations this coming year to recognize these outstanding personnel who serve, protect and keep our Communities safe.

Yours in Comradeship!

Alexander Fores
Safety, EMT, Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Chairman



From the Americanism and Loyalty Chairman:

Comrades,

The New Year is here!! It seems that 2019 just started and now it is 2020!!

Did we as members of the VFW do our share doing to 2019 to show and to celebrate our Americanism and Loyalty to our country? Did we do all that we could to promote the love for our flag and our country?

The New Year is upon us. Let's all make a concerted effort to promote our Americanism and Loyalty even more this year.

We must try to get everyone to show their pride of our country by actively engaging in each special day that has been identified as a National Day. There is POW/MIA Recognition Day, Loyalty Day, Flag Day, National Day of service, just to name a few. Reach out to that new retiree, the Vet that did a 4 or 6 year stint or the Vet that had to be Medically Retired and get them involved in showing their Americanism and Loyalty.

Every New Year's Eve and Day, there are those that will volunteer as designated drivers, drive shuttle buses or form ride sharing services to help others celebrate without worrying about driving home later, but could a service such as this be something that could be used all year?

Enjoy the New Year. Let's make it a year that we will be proud of!

Yours in Comradeship,

Tom Friend
Americanism and Loyalty Chairman



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 Commander of VFW Post 11575 and the membership, for hosting the 53rd DPA's Council of Administration in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Currently Donations for the National Home for Children is moving along. There are three (3) District and nine (9) Post that have not made a donation this year.

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 26 December 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	\$200.00
9876	Yes	\$50.00	12130	Yes	\$50.00
9951	Yes	\$50.00			
Post 12147 Project Pacific House		\$4,000.00	Yokosuka Scouts via Post 1054		\$1,500.00
Dist/Post Total	\$1,285.00	Special Projects	\$5,500.00	Grand Total	\$6,785.00
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

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
nhcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org



From the Women's Veterans Chair:

Recent statistics put Women Marines as the smallest per capita compared to the other branches at 9% versus 19% in the Navy. Marines have a reputation for toughness, high physical fitness standards, and the expectation that every Marine can shoot. Does that intimidate females from joining the oldest branch in the US Armed Forces? The Marines are the only branch that still segregate their females from their male recruits resulting in questions of whether the standards are different based on gender. The culture of respect for all Marines in the ranks has been questioned by multiple high ranking officials. 2017 Marines were caught posting inappropriate pictures to an internet public sharing site of their female counterparts without their permission. Public shaming of physical fitness numbers for non-combat rates such as IT, has led to the departure of many good Marines to the civilian sector. Gen Berger has expressed his ideas of where the Corps is going in the future, adding females to the ranks is just one of his goals. Perhaps he sees past examples such as: Opha May Johnson, the first female Marine who joined during WWI before she could legally vote or; Marine MSG Barbara Dulinsky, first female Marine to serve in a combat zone when she volunteered for Vietnam. Or maybe he sees the potential that is shown in the other branches as well as the Marine Corps on a daily bases.



Nominating and then promoting competent leaders through the ranks of General has been an honor for most US Presidents. President Carter made a special nomination that was subsequently approved by congress for BG Margaret A. Brewer. BG Brewers promotion on 11 May 1978 made her the first Female Marine Corps General, a rank that was previously not allowed to be filled by a female. The door was now open and over a decade later BG Carol A. Mutter in June 1992 became the first woman of general/flag officer rank to command a major deployable tactical command. Her career continued to excel to be the first Marine to achieve MG (O8) June 1994 and two years later, Sept 1996, the first US military female to achieve rank of LTG (O9). 10 years later in July 2006, LTG Frances C. Wilson after a varied career with posts ranging from Recruit Depot, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and III Marine Expeditionary force assumed duties as 12th President of the National Defense University and second female Marine LTG. MG Tracy L. Garrett knew she would join the Corps, following in her father's footsteps. After obtaining BG in 2007 and MG in 2010, she became the first Female Inspector General of the Marine Corps. MG Angela Salinas started her career in the enlisted ranks in 1974 as a legal services clerk. In 1977, Salinas was selected for Enlisted Commissioning Program which was the beginning of a successful career with promotion to BG in 2006 and then to MG May 2010. BG Lorna Mahlock is an example of US citizenship through military service success. Originally from Jamaica, Mahlock enlisted in the Corps and was selected for Enlisted Commissioning Program. She is the most recent addition to the General ranks after a nomination by President Donald Trump in April 2018.

Female Marine Corps pilots have a history of success starting in 1993 when the ability to join combat opened up new opportunities. Lt. Col. Sarah M. Deal volunteered for naval aviation training, became the first female Marine selected, and subsequently the Marine Corps' first female aviator in 1993 when she became a CH53E helicopter pilot. 8 years later Capt. Vernice Armour, an AH-1W Cobra attack helicopter pilot, became the service's first black female pilot in the US Armed Forces in July 2001. More recently this past year 2 more pilots join the history book with a week of each other. Capt. Anneliese Satz is the Marine Corps' first-ever female F-35B Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter jet pilot. F-35B are stealth supersonic aircraft designed to accommodate a short runway with a near vertical launch from amphibious warships. Satz is joining Japan-based Squadron 121 "Green Knights". 1st Lt Catherine Stark will join Strike Fighter Squadron 125 after being selected to fly the F-35C, the joint strike fighter variant is designed for carrier operations.

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Marine SSgt Beatrice Frankel (Bea Arthur).

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First Lieutenant Patricia J. Berg (golfer)

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Carol Ann Sharkey Bongiovi (mom Jon Bon Jovi, first playboy bunny, model)

She worked as a florist before enlisting in the United States Marines, where she met her future husband, fellow Marine John Francis Bongiovi, Sr. Modeled, Auditioned became one of 1st playboy bunnies. On March 2, 1962, she gave birth to her son, John Francis Bongiovi, Jr., in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Yours in Comradeship,

STG1 (SW) Lauren Wanzer
Women's Veterans Chair

From the Roving Ambassador:

Comrade Commander and Comrades of the Department of Pacific Areas,

It was great to see everyone again back in Cambodia and also during my side trip to the Philippines afterwards. December 2019, as a Roving Ambassador for the Department of Pacific Areas, was a bit busy with travel to Asia and during my return to California where I had visited with and/or attended meetings and events to include the following:

06-09 Dec 2019, Participated in VFW Department of Pacific Areas meeting and MOC Grand of Pacific Areas Scratch in Cambodia.

12-17 Dec 2019, Several visits to VFW Post 2485 Angeles City, Philippines, District 7, Pacific Areas supporting the post eating meals and networking with Comrades and Cooties.

12 Dec 2019, Attended monthly social with American Legion Post 123 Angeles City, Philippines, networking with officers and members.

13 Dec 2019, Participated in DAV Chapter 3 Angeles City Philippines general membership meeting networking with officers and members.

14 Dec 2019, Participated in Hospital Visit with DAV Chapter 3 Commander Rhett Webber for Greg Korder in the ICU at Medical City, Angeles City, Philippines.

15 Dec 2019, Attended the 75th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony in remembrance of the nearly 300 American and Allied prisoners of war who perished during the sinking of the Hell Ship Oryoku Maru at Subic Bay on 15 Dec 1944.

16 Dec 2019, Went to American Legion Post 123, Angeles City, Philippines, networking with officers and members.

21 Dec 2019, Participated in and provided gift donations for VFW Post 1513 Escondido District 1 California Christmas Party and end of year celebration.

31 Dec 2019, Assisted VFW Post 1513 and VFW Auxiliary 1513 Escondido for their Golden Egg Omelet House fundraiser where the establishment donates 10% of the check to the Post.

Yours in comradeship and service,

Joe Mortimer
Roving Ambassador
Department of Pacific Areas





Letters of Intent – 2020-2021 VFW Year

LETTER OF INTENT DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE 2020-2021 JOHN H. GILBERT



I am proud to announce my candidacy for the position as Department Judge Advocate for the 2020-2021 term. As a Gold Legacy Life member of VFW Post 2485 in Angeles City Philippines and past Department Commander I bring a long and varied background to this position. I believe I can best utilize my broad experience to benefit the Department as the Department Judge Advocate.

My accomplishments in a variety of positions and depth of knowledge in VFW policies and procedures provide the necessary basis for successful service in this position. My record in a range of elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels makes me uniquely qualified for the position of Department Judge Advocate. Please consider my previous experience:

Department Clark Veterans Cemetery Chairman	(2011-2015)	
Post 2485 Commander	(2012-2014)	(All American 2013-2014)
National Aide de Camp	(2011-2012)	
Department Chaplain	(2013-2014)	
District 7 Commander	(2014-2015)	(All State)
Department Junior Vice Commander	(2015-2016)	
Department Senior Vice Commander	(2016-2017)	
Department Commander	(2017-2018)	(All American)

If elected to serve as Department Judge Advocate I will strive to represent our Department in a positive light, and be responsive to the needs of our Command group and membership. My thanks to all for your past support and I ask that once again you place your confidence in me.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming 2020 Department Convention in Bangkok, Thailand in June.

Yours in Comradeship and Service to Veterans,

John H. Gilbert
Candidate for Department Judge Advocate
Department of Pacific Areas

LETTER OF INTENT
DEPARTMENT SURGEON
2020-2021
ALEXANDER B. FORES



Comrades,

The purpose of this letter is to announce my intent and desire to run for the position of Department of Pacific Areas Surgeon for the year 2020-2021. I believe I have the capacity to succeed and contribute to this position and will give my best effort in fulfilling the Mission of this organization. I have served the following positions:

- DPA Chairman, Safety/Emergency Medical Technician/Firefighter/Law Enforcement
- District VII Commander – All State and All American
- Post 124 Commander - All State and All American
- Silver Legacy and Life member
- Pup Ten 7 Cootie Member

If elected, I commit and will put forth all my efforts in expanding the success of the Department of Pacific Areas.

Yours in Comradeship,

Alexander B. Fores
Candidate for Department Surgeon
Department of Pacific Areas

See you in the next edition!