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Inputs for the May Typhoon
Are due on 05 May 2020



CORONAVIRUS DISEASE
2019 (COVID-19)





Department Officer's Comments & Department Committee Reports

From the Commander:

Comrades,

We are in dire straits with the COVID-19 virus taking its toll on our Department. Every country in the DPA has been hit by this virus, some worse than others. Most are in some type of local travel restrictions, and all are in International restrictions. Though I won't make a definite decision until the end of April, I can tell you now, this will affect our District and Department conventions, as well as Post meetings. National has given guidance to us on putting together a quorum, without the need for physical presence. Keeping our Comrades safe is a priority. DO NOT hold a physical meeting just for the sake of having a meeting. Use available technology to Video Teleconference. I know District 4 has been using this for some time now, and it works! While I would not want to make this a regular method (there is little substitute for seeing your comrades face to face), in this environment we find ourselves in now, it'll have to do. Keep your Post meetings and District conventions to only important business. Most reports can be emailed to the staff, rather than read, as would be the norm. The most important part of the April meetings will, of course, be elections. Post and District Commanders, have a plan to keep the meetings short, but long enough to get important business done. If you cannot, for some reason, conduct elections, let me know. The guidance outlined in the Executive Order, keeping the current officers in place until such time that elections can be held without jeopardizing the health and well-being of members, may remain the best option. I am attaching the guidelines with this month's report.



April is also the time to ensure your Post and District have met the requirements for All-State. I have waved the CSR requirements for Feb-Mar, and am now also waiving them for the month of April. Most have either met, or will meet the other requirements, despite the lock-downs many are experiencing. We currently have 4 Districts at 100%, with one more on the brink. 14 Posts have achieved 100%, with two more very close. Ensure you have met all requirements. SVC Stein has put together a very good spreadsheet on where each Post and District stands. As a Department, we currently stand at 98.8%, almost there.

Also get your recommendations in for Department awards. This is a great way to reward the hard work your members and supporters have done this year.

Comrades, this has been a year none of us will soon forget. Our convention is in jeopardy. National convention in Reno is not out of the woods. But most importantly, our comrades are in danger from this virus. Keep an eye on your comrades, particularly those elderly. We can get through all of this together. The Department of Pacific Areas is stronger than all of this, and we will go on.

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 Commander-in-Chief

March 21, 2020

Commanders,

As previously discussed in earlier memoranda concerning meetings and Conventions, my goal was to emphasize the flexibility that we must embrace in order to ensure the business of the organization is carried out to the extent feasible. This guidance was sent in anticipation of restrictions of state and local governments on the number of people allowed to assemble at one location. For many such locations, those restrictions make achieving a traditional quorum at meetings and Conventions difficult, if not impossible. To the extent that our bylaws do not sufficiently address how we should proceed, I believe it is crucial to offer this guidance.

The guidance outlined in the Executive Order, keeping the current officers in place until such time that elections can be held without jeopardizing the health and well-being of members, may remain the best option.

But as you consider next steps, in keeping with the requirements of the bylaws, and to ensure adherence with all applicable laws, please understand that the flexibility previously emphasized means that you can, with some creativity and ingenuity, maintain the necessary quorum and adhere to applicable laws by utilizing available technology to achieve the goal of conducting the business of the organization.

Through technology, a quorum can be established. Delegates and other Members may attend such meetings by way of video-conference or tele-conference, provided any voting be counted from only those who are attending the meeting, in person or otherwise, while it is being conducted.

Through this guidance, it is my hope that you will use your best efforts to conduct the necessary meetings and Conventions. As you do so, it will be helpful to limit the business to the most critical items, such as election of officers and voting on resolutions.

In terms of voting, it will be necessary to develop a system that allows for the proper recording of all votes. For instance, if a vote is submitted by way of email, the subject line must correspond to the subject of the discussion. The time-stamp on the email must also be recorded to ensure that the vote is taken at the time the matter is being voted on.

There is an abundance of technology available that can assist in this regard. Available services include, but are in no way limited to, the following:

- ☐ GoToMeeting
- ☐ RingCentral
- ☐ UberConference
- ☐ Zoom
- ☐ FreeConferenceCall.com
- ☐ Google Hangouts
- ☐ Vast Conference
- ☐ Webex
- ☐ BlueJeans

We recognize that there is no single approach that can be utilized at every level of the organization. We just ask that you use your best efforts to meet the challenges of today's environment. Our collective mission is far too important to not move forward.

William "Doc" Schmitz
Commander-in-Chief

From the Senior Vice Commander:

Hello Comrades,

I hope you are taking care and following the proper precautions in these unprecedented times.

Please look out for yourself, your family, and remember to check in on your comrades.

Each post should put in place a buddy check program, although we can't have camaraderie in person there is no reason post members can't reach out and check on their comrades, especially some of our older members.

This month (April) is when Posts and Districts close out nominations for officers for the next term and hold elections for officers and delegates. Although there are restrictions in most communities regarding the number of people that can gather in one place, we should be creative and find ways to meet our responsibilities to our members and our organization.

We should be able to continue to conduct post and district business as close to normal as possible. What we don't want to do is nothing. I ask you to consider using electronic means to conduct business, this should be the first option... doing nothing should always be the last option.

For your information when conducting electronic meetings a quorum does not have to be physically present, having a quorum online is sufficient.

In an email to District Commanders a week ago, I asked them to be proactive, exercise responsible leadership and to pass the information and guidance presented above to each of their Post Commanders. It is hoped you all have received the guidance. In my email providing guidance from National and Department, I went on to say please follow that guidance because: It's the right thing to do.

I am very pleased to report that virtually all Districts have either scheduled their District convention or are planning on scheduling it very soon. The same is true with most of our posts, the vast majority have scheduled their monthly membership meeting in order to vote on officers and delegates. Well done and thank you for being flexible.

Fortunately most of us understand the words used by a member of the Adjutant General's staff back at VFW National HQ in Kansas City. She said: We are looking forward to using ground breaking technology to hold meetings that would otherwise be cancelled. Looking forward to making VFW history with everyone.

Remember tough times never last, tough people do.

One additional item concerning elections and that concerns the proper procedures to be used when there is only one nominee for a position.

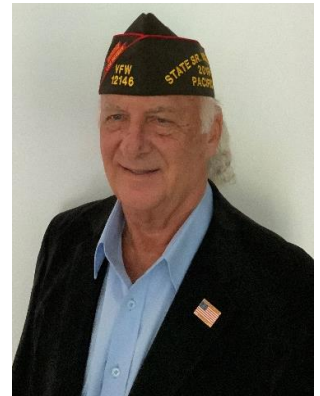
There is no longer any requirement for the ADJ to cast one vote.

IAW Roberts Rules of Order, the CDR only needs to say: IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, I DECLARE THE NOMINEES FOR ALL POSITIONS ELECTED.

Paraphrased from Roberts Rules, Chapter 14: As long as the CDR ensures that in fact no members present wish to make further nominations, he simply declares that the nominee(s) is (are) elected, thus effecting the election by unanimous consent or by acclamation.

Let's not forget membership. As we keep up the work of our organization please remember membership functions can still be carried out using the Online Membership System. Now is a good time to enact calling campaigns to your Unpaid and Expiring members. Most of them will be home during this time and you can remind them of the importance of continuing their VFW membership. Remember NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

13 of our 26 posts have achieved 100% or more in membership, in these difficult times a truly amazing accomplishment. Congratulations to all and thank you for your hard work and commitment to our organization.



As an aside speaking about membership. The Department of Pacific Areas, our very own DPA is in first place in our Conference and overall in 2nd place nationally out of 52 Departments. We are only 129 away from our goal of 100% in membership. Outstanding work by all.

I have attached the All State statistics as I know them. If a category is blank that means it is UNMET, M indicates MET. If you or one of your post commanders know a requirement is met and it appears blank, please advise me ASAP. The reason for the discrepancy is usually because the program chairman or myself have not been notified.

I will be advising our Department QM by April 15 who has met All State requirements effective that date. He will then order All State caps and they will be presented at our convention in June.

Let's keep the communication going and remember to reach out to your members and to each other.

Finally, in these unusual times let's take a phrase from your United States Marine Corps and improvise, adapt, and overcome.

Yours in comradeship and always in service to veterans,

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

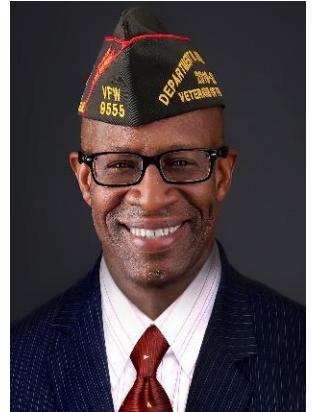
DISTRICT	POST	Membership	Legacy Life	Bonded	Inspection	Service Officer	Audits	CSR	VOD	PP	TA	Buddy Poppy	VMS	Action Corps Weekly or MAP or Adopt a Unit or Sponsor Scouting	Website or FB page	Course of Instruction	National Home
1	9723	M		M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M				N/A	M
2	1054	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	9555	M		M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M		M	N/A	M
	9612			M	M	M		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	N/A	M
	10033			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	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	M	N/A	M
	9951	M	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	M	N/A	M
	10249		M	M	M	M	M	M				M		M	M	N/A	M
	11575		M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
	12074	M	M	M	M	M		M	M	M	M	M	M		M	N/A	M
	12146	M	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		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	M	M	M	M	N/A	M
7	124	M	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	M	N/A	M
	9892	M	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	M	N/A	M
	12130			M		M							M	M	M	N/A	M
TOTAL MET		13	13	26	25	26	19	25	23	24	24	25	21	17	23	0	24
TOTAL UNMET		13	13	0	1	0	7	1	3	2	2	1	5	9	3	0	2
TOTAL N/A		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0

DISTRICT	POST	Membership	Legacy Life	Bonded	Inspection	Service Officer	Audits	CSR	VOD	PP	TA	Buddy Poppy	VMS	Action Corps Weekly or MAP or Adopt a Unit or Sponsor Scouting	Website or FB page	Course of Instruction	National Home
1				M	M	M	M		M	M	M	N/A		N/A	N/A		M
2				M	M	M			M	M	M	N/A	M	N/A	N/A	M	M
3				M	M	M	M		M	M	M	N/A		N/A	N/A	M	M
4				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	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		2	1	7	7	7	6	0	7	7	7	0	3	0	0	5	7
TOTAL UNMET		5	6	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	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 my fellow Comrades,

Last month until present day has been very interesting and challenging for our Department, families, and communities. For that reason, I would like to thank our Comrades for their dedication in doing everything you can for the Community Service Report (CSR) Program. Although our numbers have dropped significantly for March 2020 due to this COVID-19, our Comrades have continued to show why we are the greatest Department in the VFW because **it's the right thing to do!**



For the months of February – March 2020, Department Commander Farris has granted a waiver for the CSR Program as it pertains to All State. By mid-April, he will decide for this month and we will get the word out as soon as we can on his decision. However, this is not a grant for our great Department to relax or stop trying to perform the outstanding deeds we do in our communities. A high number of Posts are affected by lockdown conditions due to the worldwide COVID-19. But as our National CIC “Doc” Schmitz has said on video last week, we need to come up with ways to assist our Comrades, widows, orphans, and communities during this worldwide pandemic.

SVC Stein has suggested to the District Commanders to ensure their Posts has a Buddy System in place, **if one is not established** while we are dealing with the COVID-19...and to use it!! This is an outstanding idea!!! Because many of us are on lockdown, you can still call or video chat, etc with a Comrade or a family of a Comrade under the Buddy System and still get credit for your CSR's. Also, let's be sure to reach out to our elderly Comrades and those we know are alone! This is just another way of being creative as the National Commander said. All I ask is that you do not fudge your numbers...**integrity first!!!**

As many of you know, the end of the year for CSR's will end on of April 30th and the new CSR Year will start on May 1st for the 2020-21 Term. On May 1st, all Comrades are advised to use the new Solutions website to submit your CSR's. The website is **vfwpacific.org** and please add to your favorites. All information to include Slides has been forwarded to all District and Post Commanders on April 5th.

For the Awards Program, I have forwarded the District Commanders all the information for the Annual Awards and the Outstanding Community Post. I will also send a follow-up email before you read this as a reminder to get the word out to the Post Commanders. I am hoping our Posts will send me solid packages by the deadline date (provided to the District Commanders) and good luck to all who may be nominated.

In closing, in this very important period, let's continue to come together and ensure we know how each other is doing. You will find out that just receiving a phone call or video message will make someone's day!!! Heck, I have been receiving Buddy Check Phone Calls and it makes my day!!! May god continue to bless our great nation and I wish you and yours all the best!! Stay safe and listen to your local authorities. Whatever happens or how it happens, I look forward to seeing you in June!! Remember, I love you all!!!

Yours in Comradeship,

Kevin E. Mitchell
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Areas
“It's the Right Thing to Do”
jvcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org

CSR Reports as of 5 April 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	15	15	21		173
1054	2	17	4	25	20	25	22	16	34	50	18	12		243
9555		48	19	20	26	15	22	26	11	19	24	17		247
9612		12	15	3	3	7	24	15	4	9	23	18		133
8180	3	38	5	7	13	7	6	18	7	4	9	4		118
9985		10	9	9	13	14	10	8	7	11	8	3		102
10033		4	5	4	3	4	4	5	5	3	5	3		45
10223		20	5	7	4	5	4	4	4	3	5	3		64
12147		18	15	7	7	6	9	11	6	0	4	3		86
9957	4	12	4	4	6	4	4	3	3	5	4	4		53
9876	5	2	1	13	12	4	10	13	3	9	9	17		93
9951		28	33	40	30	21	22	25	6	15	17	14		251
10217		28	32	26	35	43	35	53	43	45	38	34		412
10249		8	6	5	4	5	5	3	3	4	7	6		56
11575		3	6	5	4	9	16	13	17	3	3	8		87
12074		0	3	10	3	3	3	3	5	9	13	15		67
12146		7	7	3	11	12	15	2	15	12	11	9		104
12163		18	23	8	24	14	12	53	14	5	0	0		171
1509	6	3	3	17	5	8	15	3	3	3	1	3		64
2917		64	118	129	94	161	156	71	85	125	89	13		1105
3457		6	9	14	6	7	3	10	11	7	9	3		85
124	7	20	15	17	16	16	17	20	21	31	13	13		199
2485		120	111	119	97	107	121	107	104	107	102	63		1158
9892		87	83	65	85	85	87	85	85	96	62	77		897
11447		31	59	34	20	43	48	62	35	36	25	10		403
12130		0	0	0	2	2	6	0	0	1	2	0		13
Total		530	524	610	559	647	687	639	554	642	516	373	0	6281

From the Junior Past Department Commander:

Comrades,

In the home stretch now. Membership continues to move forward at a steady pace. The DPA is still among the leaders (2nd Place) at VFW National with 99.02%. Less than 1% to go! I am sure that our DPA Team will be there at the end of the administrative year – all it takes is for us to remain focused even though we have to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. We will Get It Done because it is the Right Thing to Do!

The COVID-19 outbreak has put a “crimp” in our normal way of doing business. We just need to stay strong and continue to think of ways to adjust. The various Quarantines around the Pacific have made life much more difficult for many of our members in our Posts/Districts. I have been receiving a large volume of calls each day as the Department Service Officer from our fellow veterans. They are frightened and worried about how they will survive. Many of them are living in a country where they do not really know the culture, the language or the customs. We must reach out and help as many of them as possible and let them know that we, as the VFW, will be there to help them. The DPA Commander recently encouraged all of us to reach out and do “Buddy Checks” on our older members. They need food and the basic essentials but they have high-risk disabilities that preclude them from being able to go out to get their medicines and other basic essentials. The U.S. Embassies and VA Regional Offices are basically closed to the public both in the USA and many overseas locations. Only emergency essential employees are able to go into work. Some of the agencies are doing telework, however, that too is difficult since the contact numbers are very busy with long wait times for callers. The normal rating reviews and compensation exams are continuing but at a much slower pace. If you need assistance – please contact me or one of our ADSOs for help. I still have remote access to the VA Benefits Management System (VBMS) and will try to do follow-ups and updates. All I ask is that you have patience since my primary focus is ensuring that our veterans get through this crisis as smoothly as possible. You can reach me via email at dsodpa@vfwdeptpacific.org, by Face Book Messenger at MICHAELRAYVERVILLE, or by telephone at +63-918-249-1184. I will get back to you as soon as possible.



Finally, we are about 2 months out from the DPA Convention. Post and Districts have meetings to conduct, elections to complete and a host of other requirements to accomplish. It will take some creative ways to get this all done. My Post did a video teleconference for our April meeting. Do whatever it takes – but Get It Done!

That's all for this month! Keep working hard and support Team DPA. Be safe and follow the rules of the various countries in which you reside. You can contact me anytime by email, F/B Messenger or telephone numbers listed above if you have questions or you need help!

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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



From the Convention / Convention Book Chairman:

Commander and Comrades,

Greetings, Our Dept. Commander is reminding everyone of our annual convention is still unsure. As the most important thing for us to remember is the safety of our membership during these very unusual times. Although, are chances are not what we had hoped for the 2020 Convention and Convention Book activities. I would like to remind all the Districts and Posts members that the registration is still operational. If you have completed the registration before; there is no need to resubmit. If you have not completed your registration, I encourage you to go to the site and complete the information. Within the registration is the shirt orders. For those that have ordered shirts, they have been completed. If any of the membership would like to purchase a 2020 Convention, please go to the form and submit the details. The shirts are being custom made and embroidered. Just a reminder, the registration and booking of a room will not be confirmed until CDR Farris makes his final decision for the convention. If the answer is yes, the information will be passed on to the hotel.



As for the Convention Book, we are still hoping to hear from everyone soon. I have only received 6 advertisement requests. I would like to remind the Posts and District regarding the Convention Book that the deadline for submission can be extended passed the original 1 May 2020 deadline. I would like to get the advertisement in hand as soon as possible. There will be no money transferred to the Convention Chairman. I am only requesting the Districts and Posts for their advertisement information. So, we only have about 30 plus days to complete the task at hand. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the convention book, please contact me at new email cbcdpa@vfwpacific.org

The following are the Book Ad Prices:

1 Page, Color	\$200	½ Page, Color	\$100.00
Business Cards	\$10.00	Booster Ads	\$2.00

DPA Convention 13 – 17 June 2020 in Bangkok Thailand:

As some of our Comrade might have found out that the registration page is being maintained on the new DPA website. The website menus are currently off, but the registration activity is fully functional. To access the registration page, you will need a login – go to the upper right corner select LOGIN. Select Members Only -- Please use your VFW Post number for Member ID# and password. If you are a guest of a VFW Member; please use Guest / Guest. In the comments section, indicate the guest you will be accompanying. Follow the links and enter your information. The system will allow for information to be added at a later date without affecting the first entry.

You may send additional details new email convention@vfwpacific.org; which will then be added to the original form.

Yours in Comradeship,

Randy Riggs

2020 Convention / Convention Book Chairman

convention@vfwpacific.org

Department of Pacific Areas

From the Quartermaster:

Comrades,

As I write this on April 5th, the MARCH Typhoon has still not been posted to the Department website. We urge our comrades to sign up for the VFW's Action Corps Weekly, then we ignore what's going on in our own backyard. I don't get it.

It is still too soon to tell if we are going to have a real or virtual Department Convention this year. The situation changes almost daily, so please have patience with our Department Commander who has some tough calls to make in the days ahead. If we do NOT have a physical gathering for our Convention, it is likely that we will also NOT have a Convention Book this year. The cost of printing and distribution would outweigh any monetary gains. Also, in this time of self - quarantine, no one should be out soliciting ads.

We would also likely NOT collect delegate fees this year. The delegate count would be figured the same as always, but the fees can be waived for a virtual meeting. What WILL be necessary is for Posts to transfer money for QM Bonds and Buddy Poppies to the Department account, or mail the amount to the Department Quartermaster. The cost of Quartermaster Bonds has not changed from last year, and I will attach a chart to this input for you to figure out the cost of your Post or District QMN Bond. We will also need you to complete, scan and send the Bond Application form, which will be printed in the April Typhoon.

What constitutes a quorum for our Department Convention? Our DPA By-Laws state that a quorum shall consist of at least one member from a majority of Posts in good standing. That number is 14. If every voting member of the Council of Administration participates in a physical meeting or a video conference, we would have a quorum. I suspect we would have a number quite a bit larger than that.

For a moment or two, I'd like to wax philosophical on the current pandemic. We all remember how relatively easy it was to get on an airplane before 9/11/2001. Nineteen mostly Saudi Arabians changed that forever. We are now herded like rats and have to practically strip naked before we are allowed to fly. I am afraid that this pandemic is going to change our lives forever in ways we cannot yet predict, and not for the better. We stand a chance to lose more of the precious freedoms we all fought so hard to preserve.

We have already seen elected officials, from mayors to governors and above, most of them complete idiots, change our lives, often daily, with new restrictions and limitations. I completely understand the need to protect ourselves from the deadly CCP virus, but the waffling and contradictory edicts from these morons show how easily a population will follow the herd mentality. We must remember that our Constitution guarantees us the right to life, LIBERTY, and the pursuit of happiness. Our comrades fought and died for that!

I can't end on a downer, so here's some Henny Youngman. Guy says to a doctor, "My sex life is terrible". Doctor says run ten miles a day and call me in a week. Guy call back in a week and doc says, "How's you sex life?" Guy says, "Terrible. I'm 70 miles from home."

Stay safe!

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan
Quartermaster
Department of Pacific Areas





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Dear Comrade Commander:

Application for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage

August 1, 2020

One of the most important communications you will receive during the year concerns the bond of your Unit Quartermaster. Section 703 of our National By-Laws requires that each accountable officer shall be bonded with an Indemnity Company as surety and the By-Laws places the responsibility for adequate bonding upon the Commander of the post. In any business it is customary to bond any officer handling funds. **THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER MUST BE AUDITED AT LEAST QUARTERLY BY THE TRUSTEES. THIS IS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 218 OF THE NATIONAL MANUAL OF PROCEDURES.**

The Department Headquarters carries a schedule bond for the bonding of Department and Post Accountable Officers. This bond runs for a year – from September 1 to August 31 – premium payments are made on that basis. All bonds expire on August 31 and premium for New Year is due on September 1.

Any unit may decide whether it prefers to take out a bond with some other surety company or have its funds protected by the Department Headquarters schedule bond. But the matter should be given prompt attention because if your Accountable Officer had previously been bonded through the National Headquarters, a new premium payment is required by September 1, 2019 and delinquent after this date.

IF BOND IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 9-1-2020, THE POST HAS

If the above is not complied with, the Surety Company will refuse to honor claim of missing funds which cannot be proven by records. Monthly audits and reconciliation of bank statements may avoid this denial of claim.

2. The Surety Company will not pay for loss resulting from any unauthorized advances made by an "employee" to any member for delinquent dues and assessments.
3. "Employee" means any duly elected position or any appointed officer as listed in the policy schedule.
4. **POST MUST SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FORM WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM THE FIRST DATE OF DISCOVERY OF THE LOSS. Proof of loss resulting from dishonest acts on the part of the bonded officer is required in settlement of claims.**

THIS BOND IS ONLY FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 TO AUGUST 31, 2021.

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2021.

Give Post # and City Location

I hereby apply for A1. Employee/Volunteer Theft (Surety Bond) in the amount of \$ _____ for the position of _____. For the year from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

Number of Persons Bonded: 1 Number of Locations: 1 Post Annual Income: \$ _____ Dated: _____

Has the post had any bond losses over the past three years?

If yes, provide a description with date and amount of loss on a separate sheet.

DEADLINE FOR BONDING IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 – AFTER THIS DATE YOU WILL BE DELINQUENT AND NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE VFW BY-LAWS.

QM or Commander or Adjutant or Sr. Vice Signature

Phone Number

Street Address and City

FORM NO. 2

VFW QUARTERMASTER BOND

\$3.50 Per Thousand

\$ 3,000.----\$10.50
\$ 4,000.----\$14.00
\$ 5,000.----\$17.50
\$ 6,000.----\$21.00
\$ 7,000.----\$24.50
\$ 8,000.----\$28.00
\$ 9,000.----\$31.50
\$ 10,000.----\$35.00
\$ 11,000.----\$38.50
\$ 12,000.----\$42.00
\$ 13,000.----\$45.50
\$ 14,000.----\$49.00
\$ 15,000.----\$52.50
\$ 16,000.----\$56.00
\$ 17,000.----\$59.50
\$ 18,000.----\$63.00
\$ 19,000.----\$66.50
\$ 20,000.----\$70.00
\$ 21,000.----\$73.50
\$ 22,000.----\$77.00
\$ 23,000.----\$80.50
\$ 24,000.----\$84.00
\$ 25,000.----\$87.50

(\$3,000. To \$25,000.)

\$3.50 Per Thousand

\$2.50 Per Thousand

\$ 26,000.----\$ 65.00
\$ 27,000.----\$ 67.50
\$ 28,000.----\$ 70.00
\$ 29,000.----\$ 72.50
\$ 30,000.----\$ 75.00
\$ 40,000.----\$ 100.00
\$ 50,000.----\$ 125.00
\$ 60,000.----\$ 150.00
\$ 70,000.----\$ 175.00
\$ 80,000.----\$ 200.00
\$ 90,000.----\$ 225.00
\$100,000.----\$ 250.00
\$110,000.----\$ 275.00
\$120,000.----\$ 300.00
\$130,000.----\$ 325.00
\$140,000.----\$ 350.00
\$150,000.----\$ 375.00
\$160,000.----\$ 400.00
\$170,000.----\$ 425.00
\$180,000.----\$ 450.00
\$190,000.----\$ 475.00
\$200,000.----\$ 500.00
\$210,000.----\$ 525.00
\$220,000.----\$ 550.00
\$230,000.----\$ 575.00
\$240,000.----\$ 600.00
\$250,000.----\$ 625.00

(\$26,000. To \$250,000.)

\$2.50 Per Thousand

\$2.00 Per Thousand

\$251,000.----\$ 502.00
\$252,000.----\$ 504.00
\$253,000.----\$ 506.00
\$254,000.----\$ 508.00
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\$300,000.----\$ 600.00
\$310,000.----\$ 620.00
\$320,000.----\$ 640.00
\$330,000.----\$ 660.00
\$340,000.----\$ 680.00
\$350,000.----\$ 700.00
\$360,000.----\$ 720.00
\$370,000.----\$ 740.00
\$380,000.----\$ 760.00
\$390,000.----\$ 780.00
\$400,000.----\$ 800.00
\$410,000.----\$ 820.00
\$420,000.----\$ 840.00
\$430,000.----\$ 860.00
\$440,000.----\$ 880.00
\$450,000.----\$ 900.00
\$460,000.----\$ 920.00
\$470,000.----\$ 940.00
\$480,000.----\$ 960.00
\$490,000.----\$ 980.00
\$500,000.----\$ 1,000.00

(\$251,000. To \$500,000.)

\$2.00 Per Thousand

\$1.75 Per Thousand

\$501,000.----\$ 876.75
\$502,000.----\$ 878.50
\$503,000.----\$ 880.25
\$504,000.----\$ 882.00
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\$510,000.----\$ 892.50
\$520,000.----\$ 910.00
\$530,000.----\$ 927.50
\$540,000.----\$ 945.00
\$550,000.----\$ 962.50
\$560,000.----\$ 980.00
\$570,000.----\$ 997.50
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\$1.75 Per Thousand

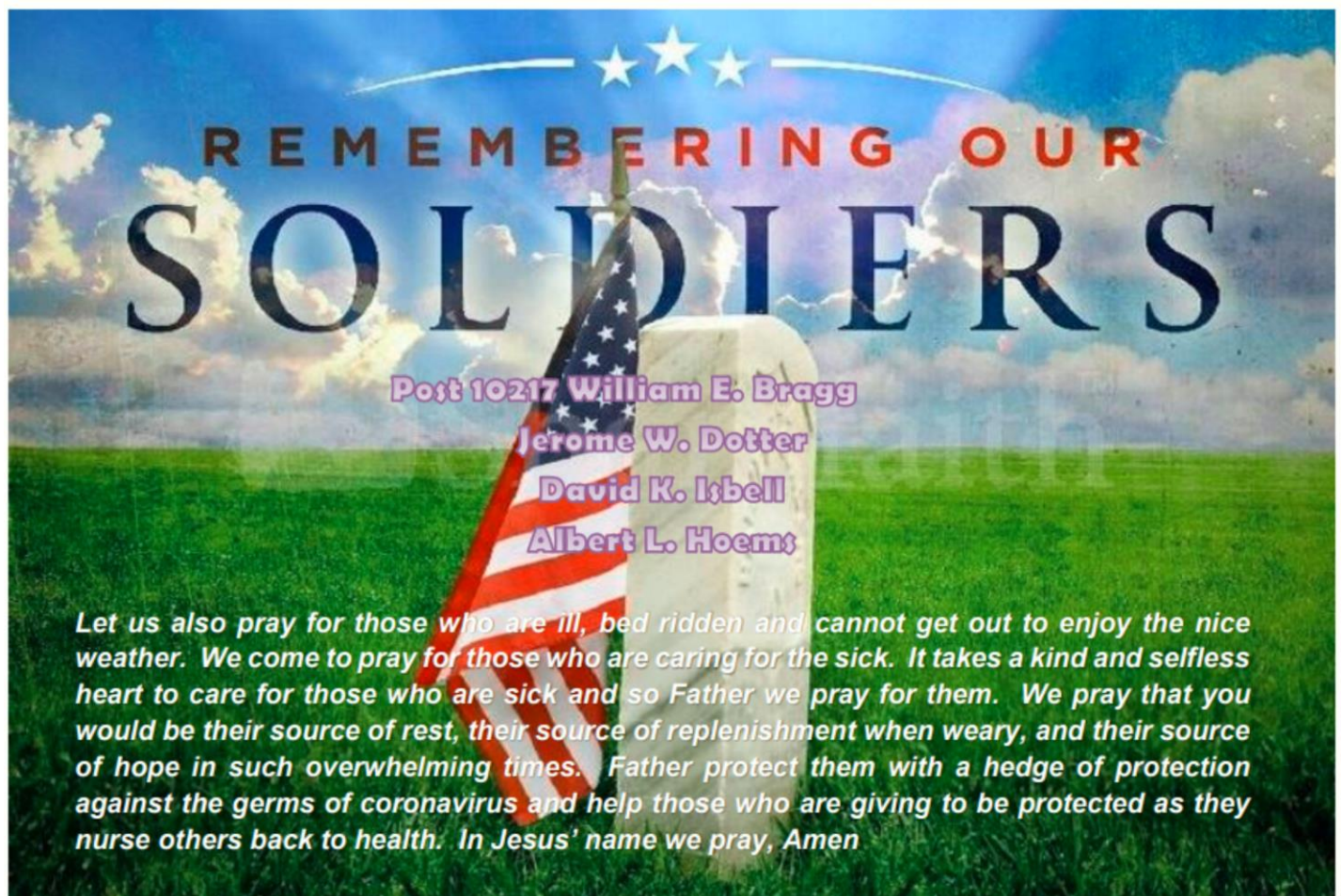
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2019-2020 POST AND DISTRICT AUDITS/POPPIES/QM BONDS

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		\$174/1,500	\$100/\$40,000(x2) Pd. F*
9555	X	X	X		\$58/500	\$67.50/\$19,000 Pd. F*
9612	X	X			\$58/500	\$100/\$40,000 Pd. F*
District II			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		\$116/1,000	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd. F*
10033	X	X	X		\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
10223	X	X	X		\$174/1,500	\$100.00/\$40,000 Pd. F*
12147					\$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		\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd. F*
10217	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		\$58/500	\$70/\$20,000 Pd. F*
12074	X				\$58/500	\$70.00/\$28,000 Pd. F*
12146	X	X	X		\$58/500	\$175/\$70,000 Pd. F*
12163	X	X	X		\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd. F*
District V	X	X	X		X	\$59.50/\$17,000 Pd. F*
1509					\$58/500	\$200/\$80,000 Pd. F*
2917	X	X	X		\$58/500	\$67.50/\$27,000 Pd. F*
3457	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		\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd. F*
2485	X	X	X		\$116/1,000	\$275/\$110,000 Pd. F*
9892	X	X	X		\$58/500	\$42/\$12,000(x2)Pd. F*
11447	X	X	X		\$58/500	\$31.50/\$9,000 Pd. F*
12130						\$17.50/\$5,000 F*
District VII	X	X	X		X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd. F*
*F = Bond application form received.						



From the Chaplain:



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

Yours in Comradeship and Service to Veterans,

Ronald J. Davis
Chaplain
Department of Pacific Areas

From the Judge Advocate:

Comrades,

With COVID-19 continuing to affect our lives and how we move forward with VFW business, please take note of Commander-in-Chief EO #1 dated March 17, 2020, with regard to elections, post election report forms and post quartermasters using the online election report process, as well as ensuing all elected and appointed officials meet eligibility requirements.

Attention is brought to Commander-in-Chief Executive Order No. 1 dated March 17, 2020, which states,

"Pursuant to the authority under Section 618(a)(4), effective immediately and until rescinded, we ask that Posts, Districts and Departments, if possible and within the requirements of mandated State Declarations, make the attempt to elect officers. For such Posts, Districts or Departments that are not able to elect officers as a result of COVID-19, all current officers shall continue to function within their capabilities until new officers are elected. It is further stipulated that no Post, District or Department be sanctioned as result of the inability to properly function, as mandated by state or local government declarations, as a direct cause of COVID-19."

2. Installing officers are directed to see to it that the Post Election Report forms have been completed and submitted to National Headquarters. If a Post Election Report form has not been forwarded to National Headquarters at the time of installation, the installing officer shall complete and forward such report at the time of the installation of Post Officers no later than June 1. We encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters. Additionally, Section 413 of the National Bylaws requires that a properly completed District Election Report be submitted to National Headquarters prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

3. Post, District, Department Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded of the requirements of Sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedure with regard to proof of eligibility for all newly-elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

Please continue to stay safe, take care of yourself and look out for our fellow veterans as **"It's the Right Thing to Do"**

Yours in Comradeship,

Robert "Mo" Moses
Judge Advocate
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Surgeon:

COVID-19 – What's New?

As COVID-19 sweeps the world and many people are only permitted to leave their homes for essentials, shopping for groceries and pharmaceuticals has become the biggest risk for infection. New studies are being conducted and expert advice changes frequently.



Masks:

New studies show that the virus can be spread by those not exhibiting symptoms, even through speaking, so the CDC now recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies). The CDC also asks, due to current supply shortages, that N95 masks be reserved for medical workers. Surgeon General, Dr. Jerome Adams, shows how to make your own face covering: <https://youtu.be/tPx1yqvJgf4>

Grocery shopping:

A Yale Medicine infectious disease doctor recommends making a grocery store list, taking it with you, and only getting what you need to avoid any lingering or browsing. Along with your shopping list, it's also a good idea to pack and carry with you a coronavirus kit of sorts, including a bleach wipe or two in a baggie to wipe down cart or basket handles, your own pen to sign checks or credit card receipts, and hand sanitizer. Although the FDA says, "Currently there is no evidence of food or food packaging being associated with transmission of COVID-19, many are choosing to take extra precautions to disinfect groceries when they get home. Despite your feelings about CNN, Dr. Sanjay Gupta demonstrates the proper way to wipe down grocery or take-out items, and how to remove contaminated gloves without compromising your hands: <https://edition.cnn.com/videos/health/2020/04/03/sanjay-gupta-wiping-cleaning-groceries-demo-town-hall-vpx.cnn>

Gloves:

Wearing gloves doesn't change anything if the item you're touching is contaminated. COVID-19 does not infect via contaminated hands—it has to get into your body through your eyes, nose or mouth. Gloves can become contaminated just like your hands can, so do not touch your face with gloves on. That means even if you do wear gloves, you still must practice proper hand hygiene after removing them.

Stay informed with reliable sources:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- World Health Organization (WHO) www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

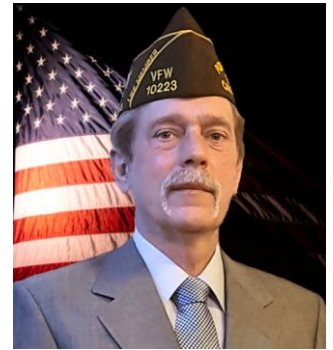
Stay healthy and please check on those who may need your help to survive this pandemic.

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,

With the current world situation, and most students home practicing social distancing, this is a perfect opportunity to give our youth a head start on writing, recording and refining their essays for the upcoming 2020-2021 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay competition.

The **Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition** provides high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors the opportunity to write and record a 3- to 5-minute essay on a patriotic theme, competing for awards at the local, district and department levels. The department winners compete for more than \$2 million in college scholarships and incentives. [Read the rules and eligibility requirements.](#)

The 2020-21 **Voice of Democracy** theme is: ***Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?***

The **Patriot's Pen Essay Contest** provides 6th, 7th and 8th grade students the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills while they compete for worthwhile awards and prizes. Awards can be given at the local, district and department levels. The department winners compete for \$55,000 in awards at the national level. [Read the rules and eligibility requirements.](#)

The 2020-21 **Patriot's Pen** theme is: ***What is Patriotism to Me?***

All student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring **local VFW Post** by **midnight, Oct. 31**. Applications for the 2020-21 contest will be available soon, so please check back next month for more information.

[You can watch both the 2019-20 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners deliver their essays.](#)

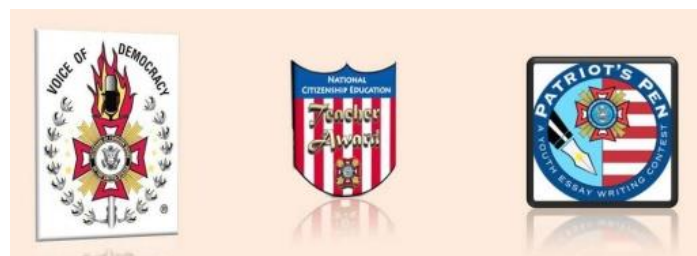
Let's not forget about the Smart / Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

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.](#)

Supporting These Programs is the Right Thing to Do!

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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



From the Safety Chairman:



How to Protect Yourself & Family

As we all know, that our Country and the rest of the World have been temporarily halted by this invisible enemy COVID-19, we are proud that you and your Families have remained strong in spite of this pandemic. It did create a lot of hardships for our Families but we will be resilient and overcome this adversity and at the end be victorious. Here in the Pacific there have been developments and more and more we are issued a stay home order and have been asked to quarantine ourselves. All of these measures aimed at flattening the curve, and most of our activities have been postponed, scaled back, or outright cancelled. While we certainly disappointed, we are optimistic that everything will come back and we will return to normal. While we are at home, let us enjoy some well-deserved time off and have more quality time with Family or we can do enjoy our hobbies or read a book or watch some videos. Here are some necessary steps that we can protect ourselves and our Family:

Take note that older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

Know How it Spreads



- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). Social distancing is strictly implemented throughout.
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Everyone Should: Clean your hands often



- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Put distance between yourself and other people.
- Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
- Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

**Take steps to protect others: Stay home if you're sick**

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.

Cover coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Wear a facemask if you are sick

- If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they

should be saved for caregivers.

Clean and disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

To disinfect: Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface.

Options include:

- Diluting your household bleach. To make a bleach solution, mix:
 - 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water OR
 - 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

- Alcohol solutions. Ensure solution has at least 70% alcohol.
- Other common EPA-registered household disinfectants. Products with claims are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).

Again, stay safe Comrades, we will persevere and will overcome this Crisis. We can slow/reduce the spread of this disease by being disciplined. Stay connected with Family and Friends and now it's the best time to catch up with old Buddies. As always the best way to fight these pandemic is to limit contact with others, practice social distancing by staying home, rigorous hand washing habits and watching our health.

Yours in Comradeship!

Alexander Fores
Safety, EMT, Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas



From the Americanism and Loyalty Chairman:

Comrades,

April is recognized as the Month of the Military Child

Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger was responsible for establishing April as the Month of the Military Child in 1986 and the Department of Defense has honored his initiative ever since.

Since 1986 there has been an increasing number of awareness campaigns aimed at recognizing the needs of military children.



One day that has been designated to show your support for is, "Purple Up! For Military Kids" is a day for DoDEA Communities to wear purple to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Wednesday April 15, 2020 is Purple Up day HQ Europe & Pacific and the Americas.

Former POW Recognition Day

Former POW Recognition Day is a day that, while not as well known as National POW/MIA Recognition Day, is just as important. The word "former" is the key to remembering the major difference between the two events honored every year on their respective days. The late Senator John McCain is a former POW, his memory and the memories of many others who came home from POW camps are on the minds of those who observe both holidays.

National Former POW Recognition Day will be observed on Thursday, April 9, 2020.

We will always be committed to honoring the sacrifices of those who serve our nation, especially our Military Families. They help to ensure our freedom and our future.

Yours in Comradeship,

Tom Friend
Americanism and Loyalty Chairman
Department of Pacific Areas

From the National Home for Children Chairman:

Comrades,

The beginning of this year has hit up all hard one way or the other. Restrictions on Movement, being Locked, being unable to purchase Mask, Hand Cleaner and Sanitizers. You name it all of us have been affected by this COVID-19 virus.

The National Home for the Children has also been affected and now more than ever they could use your donations. It does not matter if you are or are not going to make All State or even All American. It is doing what is right, so if you have not given yet **JUST DO IT**.

With just a few more month to go we will be at the DPA Convention in Bangkok Thailand. Hope to see everyone there.

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. Comrades, I cannot assist you if you do not let me know.

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 25 March 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	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	Yes	\$50.00	District 6	Yes	\$50.00
8180	Yes	\$110.00	1509	No	
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	\$225.00
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	\$1,810.00	Special Projects	\$5,500.00	Grand Total	\$7,310.00
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



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN
Every child deserves a happy family

From the Women's Veterans Chair:

In honor of the hospital ship the USNS Mercy, currently serving non Covid-19 patients in Los Angeles, California, I put together some photos of the good work they do in our AOR. They are truly living and serving by the VFW National Commander's motto to "Dare to Care" because it is "The Right thing to do". Stay safe out there and keep washing your hands.



(May 26, 2006) – USAF Capt. Jennifer Owen of Birmingham, Ala., conducts an eye exam for a local resident; Zamboanga, Philippines



(May 26, 2006) - USAF Capt. Valarie Clegg comforts a patient in the casualty receiving (CASREC) ward; Zamboanga, Philippines



Cmdr. Protegenie Reed, a USN midwife, holds a newborn baby; Pacific Partnership 2015.



(May 29, 2015) Medical personnel from USN, Canadian Army, RAAF, and Latter Day Saints Charities conduct patient processing procedures during an operating room exercise.



(March 29, 2020) Sailors admit the first patient from Los Angeles medical facilities.



(May 18, 2016) - PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii - Sailors demonstrate medical training procedures on a simulated man; Pacific Partnership 2016

<https://commons.wikimedia.org>; <https://navylive.dodlive.mil>; <https://www.aerotechnews.com>; <https://www.pacom.mil>

STG1 (SW) Lauren Wanzer
Women's Veterans Chair



Letters of Intent – 2020-2021 VFW Year



**NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER
PETE CALLAGHAN**

Comrades,

I am announcing my intention to run for the position of National Council Member representing our great Department of Pacific Areas. It has been my privilege to have served as your Department Quartermaster for the last eight years. I have learned much about the budgeting process and about our Department's needs during those years, and now I would like to focus on the main source of our Department's income, VFW National Headquarters.

The Department of Pacific Areas has been an All-American Department for the last 14 years, and for 23 of the last 25 years! That represents a quarter century of excellence that may be unparalleled in the VFW. And yet, because of our geography, it often seems that we are an afterthought when it comes to allocating VFW's resources.

When I took over as Department QM in 2012, our Dept. Service Officer was receiving a scant \$2,036 a year from National while the Department had to subsidize the rest of the DSO budget. It was called a National Veterans Service Grant and amounted to \$169.66 per month. This in the largest physical Department in the VFW! The only reason our NVS Grant increased was because National used the guaranteed Service Officer grant to justify an increase in Annual and Life dues in 2014.

Part of the problem, I believe, is that we don't toot our own horn as loud and as often as we should; and we may not articulate our needs as well as we should. I hope to change this if given the opportunity.

If I am afforded the honor of representing you at the National level, I will dedicate my efforts to helping our Department get the attention and the funding we need to better accomplish our mission of helping veterans and their families who reside in our massive geographical area of responsibility.

I believe we need ADSO's in every District. This is our primary way of helping veterans get the benefits and services they've earned. I believe we can push the VA for faster reimbursements for VA related healthcare. I believe we can expand our reach in Japan, Australia, Oceania, the Philippines and Asian countries in places where we have veterans but no Posts. But we need the money to accomplish this goal.

So that is my promise to you, Comrades. I hope you will give me the opportunity to realize these goals for us, the Department of Pacific Areas. Thank you very much.

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan
Candidate for National Council Member

LETTER OF INTENT
DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
WARREN “Max” MAXSON



I would like to formally announce my intent to run for the office of Junior Vice Commander 2020-2021.

I am a 22-year Retired U.S. Air Force Veteran. I have been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars since 2008. I joined while on Active Duty stationed at Osan Air Base, South Korea.

My VFW resume is as follows:

Post 10216 Commander 2015-2016 All State CDR

Lead the process of merging Post 10216 Songtan and Post 8180 Seoul to ensure the Department maintained the memberships.

Post 8180 Commander 2017-2018 All American CDR

2 Time DPA Chaplain 2016-2018

District III Commander 2018-2019 All American CDR

District III Adjutant 2019-2020

My Military Order of the Cooties resume is as follows:

Pup Tent 8 Seam Squirrel 2013-2015 All Star Seamy

Grand of the Pacific Commander 2019-2020

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

Yours in Comradeship,

Warren “Max” Maxson
Candidate for Department JVC
Department of Pacific Areas

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 QUARTERMASTER
2020-2021
SHAWN WATSON



I am asking for your support in election to the honorable position of Quartermaster for the Department of Pacific Areas. I am Gold Legacy member of Post 2917, Agat Guam. Listed below are key positions I have held:

Post 10216 Korea

Commander (All American – 2010)

District III Korea

Commander (2010-2011)

Post 2917 Guam

Quartermaster (2014-2015)

Commander (2015-2018 All American 2018)

Quartermaster (2018 - Present)

District VI

Commander (2017-2018 All American)

Quartermaster (2018 – present)

Department

Safety Officer (2010-2011)

Commander (2013-2014 All American)

National

Council Member (2016- 2020)

Budget & Finance Committee (2016 -2020)

Aide de Camp

Century Recruiter

As list in the positions above, I have been involved as quartermaster in a couple Posts and on the National Budget and Finance Committee. These positions have given me experience at every level of our great organization. Now I humbly ask for your support for this important position as your Department Quartermaster.

I wish and hope that all our Comrades are safe from this Coronavirus and we get to meet up in Bangkok Thailand for our Department Convention.

Yours in Comradeship,

Shawn Watson
Candidate for Department Quartermaster
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!