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Nominations and Elections 2021-2022



We are now in the nomination and election season for all posts and districts in the VFW for the 2021-2022 term.

Nominations are opened at the post general membership meeting in March and remain open until elections at the post general membership meeting in April. Section 216 & 217 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure provides guidance.

District nominations are opened at the meeting prior to the District Convention and remain open until the election during the District Convention. Section 416 & 417 of the National Bylaws & Manual of Procedure provides guidance.

In April posts will be electing those officers as well as the delegates for districts and department conventions. It is important to carefully consider your nominations and elect worthy leaders for all officer and delegate positions. Remember, you are electing the leaders of your post or district and they set the tone for your organization. It is also helpful to elect a Commander who is familiar with the chain of command within our organization and if possible, someone who is known at the Department level to be an honest, thoughtful, and dedicated comrade.

The process of electing delegates is laid out in the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure, as well as in your District and Department Bylaws. If you have questions or are unsure of the process, go to the District or Department JAG and they will provide answers or get you an answer as required.

To quote from Sec 222 of the Manual of Procedure: Delegates and alternates for the District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Delegate strength shall be based on members in good standing as of March 31st. The National Bylaws Section 222 further directs that Delegate strength shall be one for every thirty members or fraction thereof in good standing. Delegates and alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure. Delegates elected under this section shall not be considered instructed and may exercise full authority in the duty to be performed.



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COMMANDER'S CALL

Hello Comrades,

As we head into the final four months of this term, we can look proudly on all that has been accomplished.

Our posts have participated in the different VFW programs, have engaged in camaraderie, assisted veterans in dealing with the VA, helped out in the local community, and worked hard to accomplish All American and All State recognition. Considering these challenging times, I salute you for what you do every day.

To assist with retaining and recruiting members we have modified our Department membership program. All District and Post commanders have received the new requirements for receiving membership stipends from the Department. The most significant change is awarding \$100 to the post for every Annual Member who upgrades to Life Member. Any questions that your post or district Commanders cannot answer regarding this initiative please contact the DPA Senior Vice Commander Kevin Mitchell.

In March we begin our Post nomination and election cycle for the 2021-2022 term. Nominations will open at the March membership meeting and remain open until voting begins at the April general membership meeting. At the April post general membership meeting in addition to the elected officers we will be nominating and voting for delegates for the District and Department conventions.

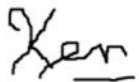
The officers and delegates we elect will be guiding us through the next term, let's think about nominating and electing those comrades who have the best interest of the post in mind and are committed to the mission and goals of our organization.

Thanks to our outstanding Department webmaster you can now view the All State status of your post online. Go to the DPA website, click on programs and then on All State where you will find a link to the All State spreadsheet.

Comrades, I know it's been a tough year, but clearly not tougher than us. So if you can look in the mirror and ask your yourself am I doing the best I can and the answer is yes, then I know we will finish the year strong and we will demonstrate nothing can stop us from succeeding and proving No One Does More For Veterans.

Thank you for all you have done and will do for the VFW.

With warmest best wishes, and in comradeship,



Kenneth A. Stein
Commander
Department of Pacific Areas
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Commander

Ken Stein



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Please note we have
moved the Pacific Times
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on the DPA Website.

<https://vfwpacific.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=90015>

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIVE DATES



1 May Loyalty Day - Loyalty Day originally began as "Americanization Day" in 1921 as a counter to the Communists' May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution. On 1 May 1930, 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. Observances began in 1950 on April 28 and climaxed May 1 when more than five million people across the nation held rallies. In New York City, more than 100,000 people rallied for America. In 1958 Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day a permanent fixture on the nation's calendar.



May 8 V-E Day - On May 8, 1945 - known as Victory in Europe Day or V-E Day - celebrations erupted around the world to mark the end of World War II in Europe. The war had been raging for almost five years when U.S. and Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944. The invasion signaled the beginning of the end for Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany. In less than a year, Germany would surrender, and Hitler would be dead.



31 May 2021 Memorial Day - Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.



6 June 1944 D-Day - On 6 June 1944, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline, to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which, "we will accept nothing less than full victory." More than 5,000 Ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by day's end, the Allies gained a foot-hold in Continental Europe.



14 June Flag Day - Flag Day is celebrated by Americans on June 14 each year and commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States. Many Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the Red, White and Blue in front of homes and businesses. Some communities, schools and veterans' organizations hold Flag Day parades, essay contests, ceremonies and picnics.

In the SPOTLIGHT

In the VFW, we know our veterans are #StillServing and rising to meet the challenges of this uncertain time. We want you to share your stories and maybe even inspire others across our Department to do the same. Click here to tell us your story. pacifictimes@vfwpacific.org

The local Banchang government hospital has been testing approximately three hundred people a day for three days. The forty staff members from Banchang Hospital were treated to lunch today by **Banchang Utapao VFW Post 12146** and **The Friends of the Post**. Approximately 5,000 Thai Baht was spent or donated for the drinks, food, and snacks. Attending the event were Post QM Dan Morgan and Past Post CDR and current DPA CDR Ken Stein, along with Mrs Malai Stein and Mrs Ya Morgan. Seen in the picture is the Social services nurse from Banchang Hospital, Malai, Ya, Dan & Ken, along with two additional friends of the Post. The 2nd photo has three senior staff members from the Banchang Hospital



VFW Post 12074, Chiang Mai, Thailand is blessed with three of our members who are published authors. **Roy Mark**, our current Quartermaster, is one of those authors.

Roy served honorably in the USMC from 1963 to 1967. He was assigned as a MOS: 2533-Radiotelegraph Operator with the 1st Anti-Tank Battalion during 1963-1965 and then with the Marine Communications Detachment, USS Mt. McKinley (AGC-7) from 1965-1967.

After Roy's retirement from ARCO Oil and Gas Company in 1994, he began writing as a hobby and has since published several of his works. Roy has written a short historical WWII piece that I believe would make a great article to precede ANZAC Day. You can read his story at <https://www.roymark.org/lost-battalion.html>. His professional website contains his published books and short stories and can be found at: <https://www.roymark.org/index.html>



Carl Manchester
Commander Post 12074 Chiang Mai, Thailand

A Bit of D5 History



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See Article**



17th of January 2008,
VFW Post 12074 was originally named after
the Squadron Leader John "Scarsdale Jack"
Newkirk who was killed near Chiang Mai,
while assigned to the AVG during WWII.

The newspapers called him "Scarsdale Jack,"
though he was actually a native of New York
City, he had worked as a copy boy for Time
magazine. He also served a three-year hitch in
the U.S. Army as an infantry lieutenant, before
switching to the Navy and flying. Somewhere
in there he apparently also flew for American
Airlines.



“Scarsdale Jack” was a fighter pilot aboard the Yorktown when he volunteered for the AVG. At the age of 27, with his leadership and training, he was already a dominant figure in the group before he arrived in Burma. When he flew his final mission on the Chiang Mai raid he had been credited with 7 air-to-air victories.

In the SPOTLIGHT

03 February 2021 – In coordination with VFW Post 9876 Pattaya, Comrade Dave Anderson, currently in the U.S., made generous cash donations to 3 local Pattaya organizations. Post Commander Manny Guarnuccio, accompanied by members of Post 9876 Wives Club, hand delivered the donations to the **Pattaya Orphanage, Father Ray Foundation and the Hand-to-Hand Foundation** in amounts of 30,000 Baht each. Dave Anderson and his wife Sisi alternate residency between here in Pattaya and Leesburg, Virginia. Due to the Covid19 travel restrictions, they haven't been able to return yet for this year. We look forward to seeing them again soon and cannot thank them enough for their unselfish support of Pattaya organizations in the spirit of VFW community relations, even from afar. A Hearty "Well Done!"



Top: Dave and Sisi Anderson
Center Left: Pattaya Orphanage
Center Right: Hand to Hand
Bottom: Father Ray Foundation

In the SPOTLIGHT

CHECKPOINT



Click [here](#) to view the January/February 2021 Checkpoint newsletter from VFW National.

We invite you to take this opportunity to see what other Posts around the world are doing to better their communities. Be sure to share the valuable information you get here with your fellow VFW members.

Here are two examples of the tremendous work VFW's men and women are accomplishing:

Post 1533 in San Antonio honors the memory of a deceased veteran through a scholarship program. In Mankato, Kan.,

Post 7830 works with the Boy Scouts in retiring old U.S. flags.

Be sure to let us know what you are doing in your community. We always are looking to promote the great efforts of VFW. Email jdyhouse@vfw.org your suggestion, and you just might see it in an upcoming issue of Checkpoint.



If any **Department of Pacific Areas Post or District** submits a Checkpoint entry to the above email, please CC or forward a copy to pacifictimes@vfwpacific.org to be considered for addition in the following issue of :

A banner for "THE PACIFIC TIMES" newsletter. At the top, the title "THE PACIFIC TIMES" is in a large, bold, black serif font. Below it, the subtitle "THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS" is in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. The banner features three logos: on the left, the VFW logo (three gold bars and "VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS."); in the center, a circular logo for the Department of Pacific Areas (DPA) with a map of the Pacific region and various national flags; on the right, the DPA logo (a white star on a blue circle and "DPA Department of Pacific Areas"). At the bottom center, the text "No one does more for Veterans" and "VETERANS are our BUSINESS" is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. The banner is framed by a double-line border at the bottom.

Your feedback is important to us. Please submit your Letters to the Editor or Suggestions by clicking pacifictimes@vfwpacific.org

In the SPOTLIGHT



SSGT JAQUORI L BROOKS AIR BASE KADENA Fire Fighter was presented a Certificate of Appreciation ‘In special recognition and highest praise for alertness, personal courage and ever efficient guardianship of Life and Property ‘.

“SSGT Brooks as a Station Chief provided direction and supervision for 44 Firefighters , managed an 18 million dollar vehicle fleet, responsible for five districts , and protected the Air Force largest Combat Wing . His superb skill set was vital in the extinguishment of a 350 thousand dollar military family housing fire. He employed fire ground tactics, techniques and procedures protecting 28 responders, four families and saved three adjacent units. He battled United States Forces Japan largest Hazmat fire. As Lead Firefighter he directed members during a nine hour blaze, salvage and overhaul. His actions halted the chlorine release safeguarding seven thousand base populace and 134 First Responders “

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades,

Since my last Report, D4 went over 100% joining D7 so congratulations to Commander Ellinger and the members of D4!!!

Currently we have 10 Posts that are 10 or less members/recruits away from reaching 100% in membership this year. Overall the Department stands at **96.51%**. We are in fourth place nationally and third within the Western Conference behind Montana and Alaska. Congratulations are also in order to Post 9957, 11447, and 2917 for going over 100% in membership for the year since my last Report!

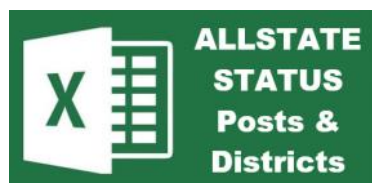
Department leadership would like to tip our caps to all of our Posts/Districts for the efforts given to our membership program this year. With the continued lockdowns and restricted travel, the numbers we show at National is phenomenal and thanks to our great recruiters!!!

We also understand that we have Posts who because of the pandemic cannot do the recruiting drives they are known for this year. Because of this, Commander Stein recently has authorized a modification of the membership program. Effective immediately through the end of the Term (June 2021), Posts are encouraged to contact their unpaid annual members with the intent to have them go Life! Under this modification, the Department will pay \$100 to all Posts when an unpaid/expired Comrade upgrades to Life Membership. Details have been sent to the District Commanders. As of this time there are Posts participating with this change.

Comrades, the Department is in a very unique position as it relates to the Award Program this year. I am sure everyone understands with this pandemic. Of course, traditionally April 15th is the cutoff date for Posts to meet the All State requirements to have their Caps presented at the Department Convention. We may have to make adjustments if we are not able to hold our Convention. We also still must present Awards from the 2019-20 year. So please be patient as we work to find a solution that will best handle this unique situation for both years.

All State/All American Caps: Again, at this time, the plan is to have them presented at the Department Convention in June 2021. Annual Awards Plaques will also be presented at that time. Same for the 2019-20 term.

Attached is the All State Spreadsheet as of this date. As you can see we have several Posts in position to make All State very soon! A big question right now is Posts wanting to know status of the Action Corp Weekly. Comrade Jonathan Brazee, our Legislature Chairman has sent out emails to the Districts to have forwarded to the Post Commanders requesting an email be sent to him for credit. He will then forward to me and I'll update the Spreadsheet. Officially, he has only heard from three Posts at this point this year. Congratulations to D4/D7 for meeting the requirements of All State! The Spreadsheet will be posted on the DPA Website.



Senior Vice Commander

Kevin Mitchell

Report as of 26 Feb 2021

The District averages for Membership are:

D1 – 98.91%
D2 – 97.40%
D3 – 90.56%
D4 – 100.86%
D5 – 97.25%
D6 – 98.56%
D7 – 101.10%

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

CONGRATULATIONS to Post Commander James Rogers and the Comrades of Post 11447 for becoming the first Post to make All State for the 2020-21 term!!! They were closely followed by Post 12146 so a shout out to Post Commander Mike Cooperman and the Comrades there! Also congratulations to D4 Commander Scott Ellinger and D7 Commander Bobby Reyes for meeting the requirements of All State!

In closing, it has been an honor and privilege to serve on Commander Stein's "Veterans Are Our Business" Team!! Thank you Comrades for all you do to make of our Department great!! Continue the outstanding work you are performing your Posts and communities. I can be reach at svcdpa@vfwpacific.org for any questions. Wishing each of you the very best and your families!! May god continue to bless our great country and our people!! I love you all!!!

Yours in Comradeship,

Kevin E. Mitchell
Senior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Areas
Veterans of Foreign of Wars of the United States



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IN THE COMMUNITY

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades,

Welcome to the New Year and the number one New Year mistake is what? Putting 2020 when it is now 2021. Thanks for knocking out the community service, you all are doing great. Just do yourself a favor double check everything before you hit enter. Date Date Date especially.

Have you been checking to make sure your Post has the minimum CSR entries? You are all in the position to make sure your Posts are getting it done. I don't want to be a Micro Manager and be double checking for you. Your Post JVC's should be doing that, than your District JVC's should be checking also. Me letting you know is redundant. To be in the running for All State you need it done, so take the time and make it happen. I am here to remind and annoy you on that lol. I have faith you will all take care of your Posts and your Districts. Horse has been officially beaten HA

Hope you all saw this about AWARDS on Facebook or the webpage. If you are not on the DPA Facebook page here it is:



Comrades,
Recommendations for Awards in each category should be submitted by each Post to their District Commanders no later than **15 April**. Please ensure all submissions are complete and conform to instructions provided. District CDRs will submit their District winners to the Dept. Junior Vice Commander by emailing submissions jvcdpa@vfw-pacific.org **NLT 1 May.**
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Max

If you are not following our Facebook page, please Join at the following:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/287813722277082/?modal=false&should_open_composer=false



Hope to see you all soon. As always keep up the good work.

Yours in Comradeship

“Max” Maxson
DPA JVC



Junior Vice Commander

Warren "Max" Maxson

Click the link below to go to the Department Outstanding Awards Program on our Web Page. There you will find information on the program as well as links to the required forms and the most recent winners.

<https://vfw-pacific.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=79177>





8 STEP VA CLAIMS PROCESS

STEP 1

VA CLAIM SUBMITTED AND RECEIVED PHASE

- In Step 1, the VA will let you know they've received your disability claim.
- If you file your disability claim online, you'll get an on-screen message from the VA after you submit the online application.
- If you mail your application, the VA will send you a letter to let you know they've received your claim.
- You should get this letter in 1-2 weeks. It should show-up in eBenefits within 7-14 days.
- Any questions, please call the VA hotline phone number at 1-800-827-1000 and speak to a VA representative. This step normally takes around 7-14 days.

STEP 2

VA INITIAL REVIEW PHASE -UNDER REVIEW

- In Step 2 of the VA claim process, a Veteran Service Representative (VSR) will review your claim (Under Review)
- The process will move to Step 3 if the VA doesn't need any more evidence to support it.
- This is unlikely unless you submit a Fully Developed Claim, which is highly recommended.
- Do NOT submit a standard claim unless you have to.
- This step normally takes around 7-21 business days.

STEP 3

VA GATHERING OF EVIDENCE

- In Step 3, the VSR will do three things:
 - 1) Ask for evidence from you, health care providers, governmental agencies, or others.
 - 2) Review the evidence.
 - 3) Move the claim to an RVSR for decision.
- If the VA needs more evidence during this phase, your claim may return to this step more than once. It is very common to see your VA claim move back and forth between these phases, no need to worry!
- This step normally takes around 30-60 business days.

STEP 4

VA REVIEW OF EVIDENCE

- In Step 4, all required evidence has been received and is now being reviewed by the VSR assigned to your claim.
- If upon further review it is determined that additional evidence is required, the claim will be sent back to Step 3.
- Don't worry! This is a very normal part of the VA claim process.
- This step typically takes around 7-14 business days.

STEP 5

PREPARATION FOR DECISION

- In Step 5 of the VA claim process, your entire VA disability claim file gets sent to the RVSR.
- The RVSR will review your entire claim application, medical records, supporting documents, personal statements, buddy letters, any other supporting information, and C&P exam results to make a decision on your VA disability claim.
- The RVSR then recommends a decision and begins the process of preparing the necessary documents to detail the decision they have made.
- This step normally takes 7-14 business days.

STEP 6

PENDING DECISION APPROVAL

- In Step 6, the RVSR's decision recommendation documents are reviewed, and a final award approval on your claim is made.
- Usually sent to a second tier reviewing authority for final approval.
- This step typically takes 7-14 business days.

STEP 7

PREPARATION FOR NOTIFICATION

- Your VA Disability Claim decision packet, in its entirety, is now prepared to be mailed to you.
- This step usually takes around 7-14 business days.

STEP 8

DECISION NOTIFICATION SENT

- The final step of the VA claim process is where the VA will send you a packet by U.S. mail that includes details of the decision on your claim.
- Decision Notification Sent
- You should receive this in 7 to 10 business days.
- You can always call 1-800-827-1000 and ask to speak to a VA representative about your VA disability claim status.

CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER

Comrades of the Pacific,

It is now February and this has been one heck of another COVID Year which has greatly affected our VFW Membership. Where we are really hurting is the VFW Post's that count on military members as a backbone are hurting because of restrictions that have even hampered opening their post home even just for meetings.

As of today 10 February we stand at an even 96% which is still great, we have 5 Posts that have reach 100% or better and two District are also over 100%. This is super! We WILL have more to follow, we currently also have 11 Post's that only need 10 or less members to be 100%.

I know its tough out there I only ask that you do not give up at 100% and call it quits. As I quote Past PDC Dick Keely 100% means no growth!

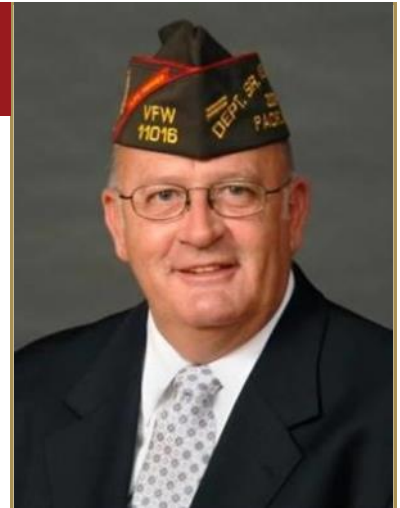
This sort of reminds me our recent Super Bowl Game. Kansas City knew it was impossible to win but they didn't give up!

Remember when it comes to politics and looking for votes to better our Active Duty Members and our Veterans. MEMBERSHIP equals votes to our politicians.

Those of you already over 100% I thank you and a few more will not hurt so if you can get a couple more for the team!

Yours Always in Comradeship,

Larry Lyons
 Certified National Recruiter
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Our Mission: *To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.*

Our Vision: *Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.*

Who We Are

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves.

In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. Today, membership stands at more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary.

Our voice was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, development of the national cemetery system, in the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, we won a long-fought victory with the passing of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America's active duty service members, and members of the guard and reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. We were the driving force behind the Veterans Access and Accountability Act of 2014, and continually fight for improved VA medical centers services for women veterans.

Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, in 2005 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010. And in 2015, we became the first supporter of the National Desert Storm War Memorial which is planned for construction at our nation's capital.

We have many programs and services that work to support veterans, service members and their families, as well as communities worldwide. Please [check out our latest fact sheet](#) or spend some time browsing our site to learn why **No One Does More For Veterans**. <https://www.vfw.org/>

Our Core Values:

- Always put the interests of our members first
- Treat donors as partners in our cause
- Promote patriotism
- Honor military service
- Ensure the care of veterans and their families
- Serve our communities
- Promote a positive image of the VFW
- Respect the diversity of veteran opinions



DPA LEGACY LIFE CHAIRMAN

New DPA Legacy Life Members
01 July 2020 thru 10 February 2021

Post/District	#	Legacy Life Member	Level	All State?
District	I	Okinawa		No
LCpl Frank C. Allen	9723	None		No
District	II	Japan		No
John C. Parker	1054	Walter J. Fahnestock, Jr.	Bronze	Yes
Gen. Claire L. Chenault	9555	None		No
Miller F. Nixon	9612	Rubin Jackson	Gold	Yes
District	III	South Korea		No
Col. Lewis L. Miller, Hill 180	8180	David B. Gley, Jr.	Bronze	Yes
Freedom Bridge Memorial	9985	None		No
Hill 303	10033	Thomas M. Robertson	Gold	Yes
CWO. Benjamin K. Humphreys	10223	None		No
K-16	12147	None		No
District	IV	Taiwan		Yes
Fly Tigers	9957	James M. Hall	Gold	Yes
District	V	Thailand		No
Fred J. Estes	9876	None		No
C.L. Elms	9951	Camie L. London, Jr	Silver	Yes
Karl W. Richter	10217	None		No
AFTN	10249	Richard L. Phelps	Bronze	Yes
Mayaguez	11575	Paul M. Baker	Bronze	Yes
Ken Chapman	12074	Carl F. Manchester	Gold	Yes
Banchang Utapao	12146	David L. Landis	Gold	Yes
Mount Hawthorn	12163	James D. Maughmer	Gold	Yes
District	VI	Marianas		No
Hafa Adai	1509	None		No
Ga'an Point	2917	William Shippey	Gold	Yes
Saipan	3457	John H. Davis, Jr	Gold	Yes
District	VII	Phillipines		Yes
RA. Charles Parson	124	Virgilio R. Gadiano	Bronze	Yes
RA. Charles Parson	124	Alexander B. Fores	Gold	Yes
Angeles City	2485	Joseph B. Fallon, III	Gold	Yes
Angeles City	2485	Willis Clark, Jr	Gold	Yes
Angeles City	2485	Lafayette Donaldson	Gold	Yes
Angeles City	2485	Jack L. Long, Jr	Bronze	Yes
Angeles City	2485	Michael E. Applegate	Gold	Yes
Angeles City	2485	Herbert A. Gage	Gold	Yes
Angeles City	2485	Gary D. Stone	Gold	Yes
Angeles City	2485	Guadalupe E. Nava	Gold	Yes
Angeles City	2485	Janet S. Alford	Silver	Yes
Angeles City	2485	Noel C. Call	Gold	Yes
Col. BJ Smith	9892	None		No
Paul P. Busik	11447	Barry L. Larson	Bronze	Yes
Ulysses G. Buzzard	12130	Henry J. Sill	Gold	Yes



Legacy Life Chairman

Larry Lyons

Click the link to see a list of all Legacy Life Members.

https://oms.vfw.org/LegacyLifeMembership.aspx?Ac-tion=SkipLogin&_ga=2.165543931.519826232.1583759721-1998624916.1573584475

Scroll down and Click on Pacific Areas to see all DPA Legacy Life Members.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

SUBJECT: Life Membership Report

To date the Department has 11,131 Life Members, which is an increase of 65 members over the last year end figure of 11,066 Life Members and represents 96.75% of our total membership. This is an all-time high. Our N/R Life Member total is 103 (much behind last year). **GO LIFE!**

- For the 2020-2021 year, the Department will provide a free Life Membership or a \$400 stipend for Posts meeting the following criteria:
- Posts over 500 Members - Each 7 N/R Life Members recruited
- Posts with 500 Members and under - Each 4 N/R Life Members recruited
- Districts at 100%, a free Life Membership will be awarded.
- For ALL posts: For every unpaid prior Annual Member who upgrades to Life Membership the DPA will deposit in the post account \$100. We suggest the Post match that \$100, thereby providing \$200 towards the comrade making the upgrade to Life Membership more affordable.

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

Post	Total N/R LM Recruited	Awards
124	20	4 (\$1600)
2423	10	1 (\$400)
3457	7	1 (\$400)
12146	7	1 (\$400)
12163	5	1 (\$400)

In addition, Post 2485 has received \$500 for converting ten (10) Annual Members to Life Membership.

Yours in Comradeship,

Cliff Wilsey,
Chairman
DPA Life Membership



Department of Pacific Areas

Life Membership Chairman

Cliff Wilsey

By becoming a VFW Life member, you make a life-time commitment to serving your fellow service members and veterans. That's something to take great pride in.

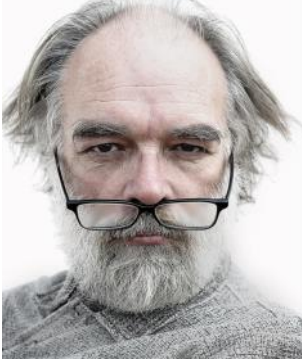
You'll also enjoy many great benefits of being a Life member! You will:

- Avoid annual dues and renewals.
- Maintain your membership in any Post you choose, worldwide!
- Never pay an increase in dues—Guaranteed!
- Receive a 10% discount on exclusive [VFW Store](#) merchandise for the first year.

Click the link below for additional details specific to the DPA:

<https://vfwpacific.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=79122>

DPA COMEDY CORNER



An old physician, Doctor Gordon Geezer, became very bored in retirement and decided to reopen a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's clinic. Get your treatment for \$500 - if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor Digger Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr Young: 'Aaagh! -- This is Gasoline!"

Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500." Dr Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr Young: "Oh, no you don't -- that is Gasoline!"

Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500" Dr Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!"

Dr Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, "Here's your \$1000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

Dr Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

One day, at a bus stop there was a girl who was wearing a skintight miniskirt. When the bus arrived and it was her turn to get on, she realized that her skirt was so tight she couldn't get her foot high enough to reach the step.

Thinking it would give her enough slack to raise her leg, she reached back and unzipped her skirt a little. She still could not reach the step. Embarrassed, she reached back once again to unzip it a little more. Still, she couldn't reach the step.

So, with her skirt zipper halfway down, she reached back and unzipped her skirt all the way. Thinking that she could get on the step now, she lifted up her leg only to realize that she still couldn't reach the step.

So, seeing how embarrassed the girl was, the man standing behind her put his hands around her waist and lifted her up on to the first step of the bus. The girl turned around furiously and said, "How dare you touch my body that way, I don't even know you!"

Shocked, the man says, "Well, ma'am, after you reached around and unzipped my fly three times, I kinda figured that we were friends."



DPA JUDGE ADVOCATE

Greetings Comrades,

Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, on transacting business at “electronic meetings,” [when electronic meetings are authorized] – always requires a bylaw provision. In our case, sections 203 and 403 of the national bylaws provides us with that option – provided additional rules have been adopted to govern their conduct. Such additional rules, may be placed in the bylaws, adopted as special rules of order or standing rules, or contained in instructions from a superior body.

Until we know what guidelines is forthcoming with the rewrite of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedures. It is recommended you hold off on changing your bylaws and for now adopt special guidelines for conducting electronic meetings.

Nomination and Election of Post Delegates; In April each year, every post is required to nominate and elect delegates. A person authorized to represent you and your post at not only the annual convention but also regular and special meetings held throughout the ensuing year. You elect these delegates to give you a voice on important issues that may be introduced. Which includes, the election of officers.

Each post is authorized one delegate and one alternate for every 30 members in good standing according to the VFW Membership Stats posted on 31 March each year.

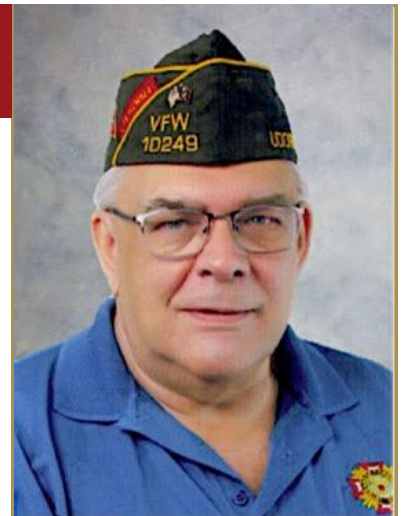
In Accordance with The National, VFW Bylaws and Manual of Procedures delegates shall not be considered instructed and may exercise full authority in the duty to be performed. When this decision is not unanimous each delegate, (present and voting) is entitled to cast their pro-rata share of the delegate strength. It is permissible for one (1) delegate to cast the entire delegate strength and one delegate can also cast a split delegate vote.

Nominate and elect your delegates wisely. Canvas your members on important issues and ensure your delegates express what’s in the best interest of you and your post.

YIC

D.N. Marohl

Judge Advocate



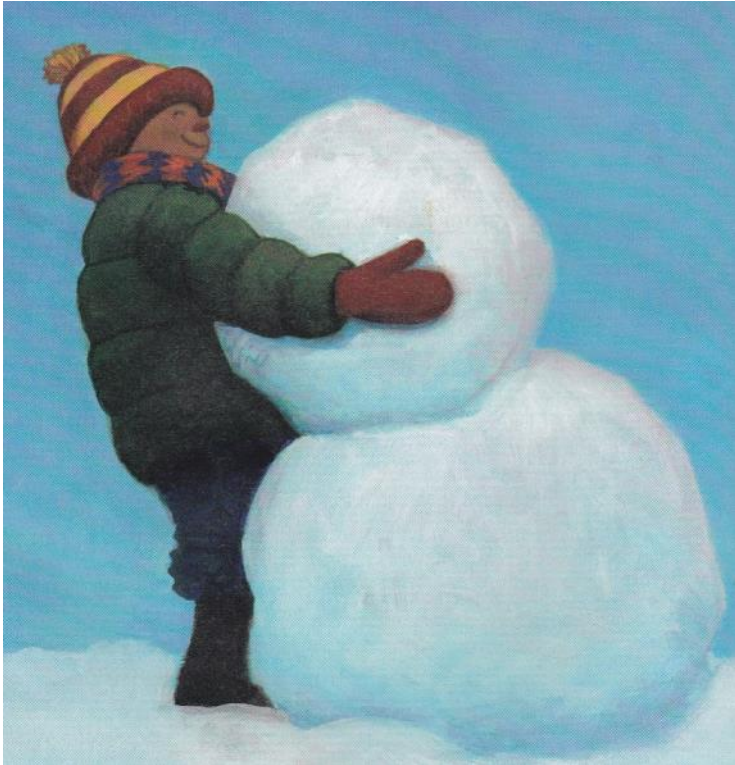
Judge Advocate

Delbert "Bert" Marohl



DPA COMEDY CORNER

It snowed last night, so.....



8:00 am: I made a snowman.

8:10 - A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman.

8:15 - So, I made a snow woman.

8:17 - My feminist neighbor complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest saying it objectified snow women everywhere.

8:20 - The gay couple living nearby threw a hissy fit and moaned it could have been two snowmen instead.

8:22 - The transgender man...woman...person asked why I didn't just make one snow person with detachable parts.

8:25 - The vegans at the end of the lane complained about the carrot nose, as veggies are food and are not used to decorate snow figures.

8:28 - I was being called a racist because the snow couple is white.

8:30 - I used food coloring to make one of the snow couple a different color and be more ra-

cially inclusive.

8:37 - Then I was accused of using a black face on the snowman...snow person.

8:39 - The middle eastern gent across the road demanded the snow woman be completely covered.

8:40 - The police arrived saying someone had been offended.

8:42 - The feminist neighbor complained again that the broomstick of the snow woman needed to be removed because it depicted women in a domestic role.

8:43 - The 'council on equality' officer arrived and threatened me with eviction.

8:45 - A TV news crew from ABC showed up. I was asked if I know the difference between snowmen and snowwomen? I replied "Snowballs" and am now called a sexist.

9:00 - I was on the news as a suspected terrorist, racist, homophobe, and sensibility offender, bent on stirring up trouble during difficult weather.

9:10 - I was asked if I have any accomplices. My children were taken by Social Services.

9:29 - Far left protesters offended by everything marched down the street demanding that I be arrested.

9:45 - The boss called and fired me because of the negative association with work that had been all over social media.

10:00 - I start to drink because all I wanted to do was build a snowman.



DPA ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER

Comrades,

The decision for the having a in-person convention still has not been made. I ask you all to please hold off on purchasing plane tickets till a decision has been made. Once we know for sure, I will send an email out to all council members as well as Post Commander and Adjutants.

Soon Sr Vice Commander Mitchell will be making the selections for All-State. I have sent an email to all Post/District Commanders and Quartermaster to send me their cap size. Very few have responded. If you are one of those that have not responded, please send me your cap size. There are a few Post's that have not sent me their Quarterly Audits. Again, this is a requirement for All State. Please check the spreadsheet on the Department webpage: <https://vfwpacific.org/uploads/Documents/ADJ%20Pen/AQM.pdf>

As a reminder, Post elections will begin in March with the nominations and the election in April. If your Post Quartermaster does not have access to the reporting tools, have them contact membership services to gain access. I can also help you fill in the online election report.

Hope you all continue to stay safe and healthy.

Yours in Comradeship,

Shawn Watson

Adjutant/Quartermaster



Department of Pacific Areas

Adjutant / Quartermaster

Shawn Watson

CHARACTER

"What you do when no one is watching you"



COMSHAW

"What you get when no one is watching you"



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CHIEF OF STAFF

Comrades,

You've all heard that membership is the lifeblood of our organization. If that's the case, then Life Membership is what keeps the heart healthy. With the changes made by Commander Stein to the DPA Membership Program, there are significant reasons to increase your Post's Life membership. Especially when you convert annual members to life members. So where do you start?

In the Online Membership System, every Post Quartermaster has the ability to print out a roster of all your members. He simply goes to "Reporting" on the left side of his computer screen, and then opens "Post Query". Select All as the option and a list of every member will appear. In the Print view, the size is reduced for easy printing.

This list gives you all the information National has in their database on every member of your Post: Card Number; Name; Address; City, State and Zip Code; Type membership; Pay date; email address, phone number; and if they are an annual member, how many days are left before the membership expires. This is everything you need to contact the member and encourage him to convert to life membership by offering him \$100 or \$200 off to convert, depending on your Post contribution. Click the link to see a sample of the email my Post Commander sent to all of our annual members: <https://vfwpacific.org/uploads/documents/ADJ%20Pen/DearComradeHayward.pdf>

Our Post voted to add an additional \$100 discount as Commander Stein suggested. We have already had one member who lives in Florida and another who lives here take us up on the offer. Since this conversion must be processed by the Post, you can ask the member to mail you a check for the upgrade.

Have an outstanding March and keep those Life Members rolling in.

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan, CoS



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If spouses wrote fitness reports



Chief of Staff

Peter Callaghan



VA Extends Relief for Borrowers Affected by COVID-19

Moratorium includes evictions and foreclosures, and extends loan forbearance opportunities

WASHINGTON (Feb. 16, 2021) — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will extend the existing moratorium on evictions and foreclosures, as well as extend VA loan forbearance requests, to June 30, because of COVID-19.

The current moratorium extensions for evictions and foreclosures were set to end March 31.

“We will do everything in our power to help Veterans, their families, survivors and our caregivers get through this pandemic,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “The department’s moratorium and forbearance extensions support President Biden’s Jan. 22 Executive Order to deliver economic relief to Americans amid the COVID-19 crisis by addressing economic hardships the Veteran community faces, through no fault of its own, during the ongoing pandemic.”

VA borrowers experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 can review [VA guidance for borrowers](#) or call 877.827.3702 for additional information.

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About the VFW: The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is the nation's largest and oldest major war veterans organization. Founded in 1899, the congressionally chartered VFW is comprised entirely of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. With more than 1.5 million VFW and Auxiliary members located in over 6,000 Posts worldwide, the non-profit veterans service organization is proud to proclaim “NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS” than the VFW, which is dedicated to veterans’ service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs. For more information or to join, visit our website at vfw.org.

VFW Contact: Rob Couture, Director of Communications & Public Affairs Director, rcouture@vfw.org

AMERICANISM & LOYALTY CHAIRMAN

Did you know that there is a recognized ‘Hug a GI Day’? This fun, one-day recognition of troops serving all over the world didn’t get its start with a Congressional charter, a House Resolution or a Presidential proclamation. This holiday was started by a private citizen and has since made national headlines and become a part of the informal national holiday-calendar. Hug a GI Day will be “hugged” out on Thursday, March 04, 2021.

Each branch of the U.S. military awards the Medal of Honor to those that have distinguished themselves “conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity” above and beyond the call of duty. The Medal of Honor is awarded only to military members. It is awarded by Congress and is also known as the Congressional Medal of Honor. Thursday, March 25, 2021, will be a time to remember the sacrifices of men and women in uniform who have been awarded this highest of military honors.

March 15, 1919, is the birth date of the American Legion. Known as the American Expeditionary Force at that time, organized their first meeting in Paris France. The American Legion is a Veterans Service Organization or VSO. As such, they are authorized to act on behalf of veterans, who seek their assistance, with VA claims, benefits, appealing VA claims decisions and much more! The American Legion is run on volunteer efforts and the success of these efforts “depends entirely” on its volunteers. Let’s all join in, in wishing the “Legion” a very “Happy 101st Birthday” on 15 March 2021!

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child – a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, with emphasis on the experience of the dependent children of military members serving at home and overseas. Month of the Military Child is sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community. Like many other military recognition efforts, the Month Of The Military Child is often celebrated “internally” with military communities and military associations leading the way with contest, parades and special events.

Former POW Recognition Day, observed on 09 April, 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. 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 days. And do not forget, there are veterans still unaccounted for to this day who must be remembered in the same manner as those who came home.

YIC
Tom Friend
Americanism and Loyalty Chairman



Americanism & Loyalty Chairman

Tom Friend



DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR

I would like to thank all of you for taking the time to make this happen. We have been challenged by this pandemic to do good work for the organization and keeping in mind to always stay safe. It was great serving you as your department inspector.

We are not quite there completing the post inspections. As we near the end of our term, let's make it happen and give Commander Ken a 100% check mark in all categories before he leaves his post.

Name	Post	Okinawa	Yes/Da/Mo/Yr
District	I	Okinawa	21-10-20
LCpl Frank C. Allen	9723	Okinawa	21-10-20
District	II	Japan	03-10-20
John C. Parker	1054	Yokosuka	03-10-20
Gen. Claire L. Chenault	9555	Yokota	07-11-20
Miller F. Nixon	9612	Camp Zama	
District	III	South Korea	11-11-20
Col. Lewis L. Miller, Hill 180	8180	Songtan Si, Pyongteak	11-10-20
Freedom Bridge Memorial	9985	Kyonggi Do	01-11-20
Hill 303	10033	Taegu	07-11-20
CWO. Benjamin K. Humphreys	10223	Anjung-Ri	14-11-20
K-16	12147	Seongnam	
District	IV	Taiwan	01-11-20
Fly Tigers	9957	Taipei	01-11-20
District	V	Thailand	18-10-20
Fred J. Estes	9876	Pattaya	08-12-20
C.L. Elms	9951	Bangkok	12-12-20
Karl W. Richter	10217	Korat	22-11-20
AFTN	10249	Udon	10-12-20
Mayaguez	11575	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	14-11-20
Ken Chapman	12074	Chiang Mai	05-12-20
Banchang Utapao	12146	Banchang	25-10-20
Mount Hawthorn	12163	Yangebup, Australia	17-12-20
District	VI	Marianas	27-10-20
Hafa Adai	1509	Yigo/Guam	10-01-21
Ga'an Point	2917	Agat/ Guam	13-10-20
Saipan	3457	Garapan/Saipan	21-10-20
District	VII	Philippines	16-11-20
RA. Charles Parson	124	Baguio City	02-10-20
Angeles City	2485	Angeles City	17-10-20
Col. BJ Smith	9892	La Union	11-10-20
Paul P. Busik	11447	Olongapo	14-10-20
Ulysses G. Buzzard	12130	Cebu City	10-10-20



Department Inspector

Mariano Fajardo

In order for your post or district to qualify in the All American or All State Team, they must pass the 2020-2021 inspection that is part of the "Core Programs".

Stay safe and let's keep in mind distancing is good for all of our sake.

Yours In Comradeship,

Mariano Fajardo
DPA Inspector



IMMEDIATE PAST DPA COMMANDER

Comrades,

2000-0500 curfew, and no dining inside other than your own home. I bet most of you don't have those kind of restrictions. Here in Japan, this is way past getting old. Went in to the NEX last week, and the hard liquor shelves were almost bare. Guess I know what people are really doing at home! At least I will join a few of my elderly Comrades soon by getting my COVID vaccination. It won't help with the BS rules, but it will give me some peace of mind.

I was glad to see the Annual to Lifetime stipend increase by the department. My Post has gone into high gear to nail down those that can be converted. It sure makes it easier to start off near 100% at the beginning of the term. Go through your members list, and focus first on the few that have just been renewing every year.

By now all of you should be well on your way to polishing up your wards submission for this year. I know 1054's active members have cherished those in years past. This is a great way to really recognize the one's that contribute the most.

I do want to commend our staff this year for hanging tough in a difficult year. I at least made it 2/3 of the way through before all of this hit. CDR Stein, SVC Mitchell, and JVC Max have really been the unfortunate trio that have been denied the opportunity to visit the Districts and Posts in our great department. But you can help by continuing to support all they are trying to do.

And, as always, keep your chin up, and support our Vets!!

YIC,

Rick Farris

Junior Past Department Commander
VFW Dept. of Pacific Areas



Jr. Past Department Commander

Rick Farris



TAPS FALLEN COMRADES

July - December 2020

Post 2485 - William Reedy, Harold Smith, Herbert J. Allen, Willis Clark Jr., Harry Brobst, William Frye, Verne Grant, Mike Mercado, George Toldness, Thomas I. Elliot Herbert Gage, Edward Guevara, Alan Nicholson, Joe Virata, Bruce Geil, Lawrence Samson, Joseph Fenderson, Gregory F. Gulick, Michael H. Kennedy

Post 8180 - Edward P. Hilderbrandt, Paul J. Roseboro

Post 9951 - Past DPA Commander James E. Oden, Jack Angel

Post 9957 - Donald L. Burton

Post 11575 - Wayne Ward

Post 12074 - Richard Airo

Post 12130 - Robert L. Stone

Post 12147 - James Wento

January 2021

Post 2485 - John E. Hance, Robert E. Woolard, James R. Wells Jr., Michael E. Yoder

Post 11575 - Randy Marchant

February 2021

Post 2485 - Kamal Abdullah, Rollin O. Gaudin

Ron Davis
Chaplain DPA



Chaplain

Ron Davis

Let us bow our heads in prayer to All Mighty God. Remember our fallen comrades and pray for those still missing in action. Pray for them and their families that they may be reunited. Amen



LETTER OF INTENT

The following pages are Letters of Intent from Department Members running for Office for the VFW Calendar Year 2021-2022



LETTER OF INTENT FOR JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS



It is with great honor to announce my candidacy for the position of Junior Vice Commander, Department of Pacific Areas for the Term 2021-2022. I'm a Gold Legacy Life member of VFW Post 124 in Baguio City, Philippines and Past District 7 Commander Philippines and currently the Department of Pacific Areas Surgeon, I bring a long and myriad background to this position and I do believe that I can best utilize my wide range of experience to benefit the Department.

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 exceptionally qualified for the position of Department Junior Vice Commander. Please consider my current and previous experiences:

Department Surgeon (Current)
Department Chairman, Safety/Law Enforcement/EMT (2019-2020)
All State – All American District 7 Commander (2018-2019)
All State – All American Post Commander 124 (2016-2017)
Member, Pup Tent 7 La Union Philippines

If elected to serve as Department Junior Vice Commander, I will do my utmost to represent our Department in an outstanding manner, and will be reactive to all the needs of our membership. I appreciate your support and would like to ask you to place your confidence to me in representing you at the Department. I look forward to seeing each one of you at the upcoming 2020 Department Council of Administration Convention this December.

Yours in Comradeship and Veterans is our Business,

ALEXANDER B. FORES
Candidate for Department Junior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Areas

LETTER OF INTENT



DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

DELBERT N. MAROHL

I would like to announce my candidacy to serve another term as the Department Judge Advocate. I am a Bronze Legacy Life member of AFTN VFW Memorial Post 10249 in Udorn, Thailand, and a Life Member; Military Order of the Cootie, Pup Tent 1.

Offices held:

Post: Trustee, Quartermaster, Commander & member of the Post Honor Guard.

District: Quartermaster, District 5 Commander, Chief of Staff, Member of the bylaws committee, and Judge Advocate.

Department: Department Judge Advocate 2020-21

I am familiar with the Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Rituals and feel that I can render sound advice and unbiased opinion to the Commander, members of the Council of Administration and you. If elected to serve as Department Judge Advocate I will endeavor to represent our Department to the best of my ability.

Thank you,

Yours in Comradeship and Service to Veterans,

Delbert N. Marohl



Comrades,

I would like to thank Commander Stein for the opportunity to serve as the Department Inspector this year. It was a rewarding experience despite the difficulties caused by COVID-19. I have learned through teamwork and dedication that the members of our department can get the job done regardless of the challenges we face.

Therefore, I am asking for your support to become the Department Surgeon for the 2021-2022 term. I would like to work on important health issues affecting veterans in our department. Every country in the Pacific Areas has a different plan for vaccinating its people against the virus. I believe that veterans should be given top priority, especially those over 65. I would welcome input from District Surgeons on how we can make this happen.

Veteran suicide is an issue being addressed at the VFW National level. Our geographical location makes us more vulnerable to suicide and we need to take care of each other by implementing buddy-checks and depression. This is a national issue that needs to be addressed immediately at the department, district, and post level.

Prior to this nomination, I have served multiple roles during my time as a member in the VFW. I have been a member of the Saipan Post since 1995 when I retired from the US Army. In the post level, I have been elected as commander in three separate terms and I was the District 6 Commander for two terms. Finally, I have chaired the DPA VOD/PP/Teacher Chairman position. Currently, I am the District JVC, and Post QM which I have held this position for the last 10 years.

I thank you in advance for your support and promise to make veteran health issues my top priority if given the opportunity to serve as Department Surgeon.

Yours in Comradeship,

Mariano Fajardo



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)

Post 2917 Guam

Quartermaster (2014-2015)

Commander (2015-2018 All American 2018)

Quartermaster (2018 - Present)

Department

Safety Officer (2010-2011)

Commander (2013-2014 All American)

Quartermaster (2020-2021)

Adjutant (2020-2021)

District III Korea

Commander (2010-2011)

District IV

Commander (2017-2018 All American)

Quartermaster (2018 – present)

National

Council Member (2016- 2020)

Budget & Finance Committee (16 -20)

Aide de Camp

Thank you for electing me to the position of Quartermaster for the 2020/1 year. Now I humbly ask for your support for this important position as your Department Quartermaster.

Yours in Comradeship,

Shawn Watson

Candidate for Department Quartermaster

Department of Pacific Areas

DPA WEBSITE SPONSORS



Notice

Districts, to offset the costs of our website and newsletter please find at least one Sponsor of \$100 for a year. Congratulations to District 5 for going above and beyond!!

We ask each District to submit at least one DPA Website Sponsor. Each Sponsor must donate a minimum of \$100. The term is one year and their Logo will be included on our Sponsor Website page and here in our Bi-Monthly newsletter.