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VFW Honors Department of Pacific Areas Department Commander, District and Post Commanders

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 7, 2020) — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is pleased to announce the Department of Pacific Areas (DPA) Commanders that have achieved All-American status as a Commander. To achieve this honor, Commanders must meet strict requirements in their role to include exceptional leadership, authentic accomplishment in membership growth and strong support of VFW core programs. The winning Commanders are:

Department Commander **Ricky Farris** Commander DPA

Ricky Farris is one of 33 VFW Department Commanders worldwide to earn the title of All-American Commander.

DPA District Commanders **William Russel** Commander DPA District 2 **Jeffery Birkle** Commander DPA District 3 **Randy Riggs** Commander DPA District 5

These are three of the 56 VFW District Commanders worldwide to earn the title of All-American Commander.

Post Commanders **Joseph Bandao** Commander Post 124 Baguio City, Philippines **Michael Lutman** Commander Post 1054 Yokosuka, Japan **James Collins** Commander Post 2485 Angeles City, Philippines **David Gley** Commander Post 8081 Osan AB, Korea **Carl Manchester** Commander Post 12074 Chiang Mai, Thailand **Louis Holub** Commander Post 12146 Banchang, Thailand **Laurence Lyons** Commander Post 12147 Seongnam, Korea.

These are seven of the 251 VFW Post Commanders worldwide to earn the title of All-American Commander.

Each of these commanders hard work played an integral role helping the organization successfully remain focused on its service to veterans amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Commanders such as these are fine examples of VFW leadership, and it’s their hard work and dedication to the mission and values of our organization that has rightly earned them this great honor,” said VFW Membership Director Rick Butler.

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