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### A L I F E T I M E C O M M I T M E N T

#### MEMBERSHIP:

#### MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTAL DEADLINES FOR THE 2013-2014 YEAR:

To prevent dues notices from being sent to those who have already paid, all membership transmittals must be received in the Dues Processing Department no later than noon on the following closing dates:

#### TO PREVENT DUPLICATE MAILINGS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>(Day)</u>
JULY	July 8	(Monday)
SEPTEMBER	September 9	(Monday)
NOVEMBER	November 4	(Monday)

#### FOR CONTEST PURPOSES

*\*All membership transmittals must be received in dues processing by noon on the last business day prior to any contest end-date and for year-end processing.*

#### ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:

- **Shotgun Mailing Lists:** We can obtain lists that will assist you in increasing your membership. Please call Matt Nute in the Membership Department at 1-888-JOIN-VFW (1-888-564-6839) for assistance.
- **National Membership Program:** The 2013-2014 National Membership Program is listed in the Leadership Reference Material guide. This can be viewed online via the OMS system.
- **Dues Notices:** An electronic dues notice will be sent to all continuous and lapsed members on July 1, 2013. The first mailed dues notice, also sent to lapsed and continuous members, will

drop in the mail on July 25, 2013. The second mailed dues notice will drop in the mail on September 25, 2013, and the third mailed dues notice will drop on November 25, 2013.

- **Subscription Dues:** The subscription dues resolution was approved at the National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. A briefing of this program was given at the National Convention in Reno. **Subscription Dues will begin January 1, 2014.**
- **Legacy Life Membership:** This prestigious program is available to all Life Members. Three levels of membership each offer exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life Member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

<i><b>Enrollment Cost:</b></i>	<i><b>Annual Payouts:</b></i>	<i><b>Post:</b></i>	<i><b>Department:</b></i>	<i><b>National:</b></i>
<b>Levels:</b>	Gold- \$1200	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
	Silver- \$800	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
	Bronze-\$400	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

*What will your Legacy be?*

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

### **RECRUITER OF THE YEAR (as of 06/11/13):**

**RONALD REYNOLDS**

VFW POST 8862, DEPT. OF EU

*Total Recruited: 514*

### **CNR OF THE YEAR (as of 06/11/13):**

**DENNIS F. FLYNN (CNR)**

VFW POST 2866, DEPT. OF MO

*Total Recruited: 313*

### **ELITE RECRUITERS (as of 06/11/13):**

**STEPHEN A. WARD**

VFW POST 27, DEPT. OF EU

*Total Recruited: 282*

**PAUL NIGARA**

VFW POST 1689, DEPT. OF FL

*Total Recruited: 252*

**JACK E. TURNER**

**ALL AMERICAN DISTRICT DIVISION LEADERS (Stats as of 06/17/13):**

Division 1:

**Dist. 6 (FL) – 115.60%**  
**Dist. 14 (TX) – 109.67%**

Division 4:

**Dist. 13 (OR) – 117.26%**  
**Dist. 3 (AL) – 115.89%**

Division 2:

**Dist. 17 (TX) – 113.75%**  
**Dist. 2 (SC) – 108.56%**

Division 5:

**Dist. 2 (FL) – 117.25%**  
**Dist. 4 (AL) – 114.73%**

Division 3:

**Dist. 5 (TX) – 111.81%**  
**Dist. 8 (NC) – 111.27%**

Division 6:

**\*\*\*none qualified**

**ALL AMERICAN POST DIVISION LEADERS (Stats as of 06/17/13):**

Division 1:

**Post 4709 (TX) – 135.52%**  
**Post 8862 (EU) – 131.58%**

Division 6:

**Post 9835 (VA) – 149.46%**  
**Post 6791 (IL) – 141.44%**

Division 2:

**Post 5917 (IL) – 148.67%**  
**Post 5619 (TX) – 133.21%**

Division 7:

**Post 7081 (IN) – 292.77%**  
**Post 4039 (OR) – 178.75%**

Division 3:

**Post 7043 (PA) – 147.48%**  
**Post 3413 (TX) – 143.42%**

Division 8:

**\*\*\* none qualified**

Division 4:

**Post 7843 (TX) – 155.24%**  
**Post 9078 (TX) – 143.47%**

Division 9:

**Post 12109 (PAC) – 302.85%**  
**Post 3001 (ID) – 188.37%**

Division 5:

**Post 12101 (NV) – 178.74%**  
**Post 10227 (AZ) – 134.72%**

Division 10:

**Post 12117 (TX) – 1,362.50%**  
**Post 12041 (TX) – 275%**

**“LEGACY LIFE CONTEST” WINNERS:**

Departments:

**DIST. OF COLUMBIA**

Districts:

**FL – Dist. 6**

Posts:

**AZ – Post 8242**

**GEORGIA  
HAWAII  
MONTANA  
NEVADA  
OREGON  
PACIFIC AREAS  
UTAH  
VERMONT  
WEST VIRGINIA**

**MT – Dist. 5  
OR – Dist. 13  
OR – Dist. 15  
PAC – Dist. 2  
PAC – Dist. 6  
PAC – Dist. 7  
WV – Dist. 1  
WV – Dist. 8**

**CA – Post 1468  
KY – Post 5839  
ND – Post 7564**

**OR – Post 180  
PAC – Post 2485**

**2013 All American Winners (as of 06/27/13):**

**DEPARTMENTS:**

**ALABAMA**

**ALASKA**

**ARIZONA**

**ARKANSAS**

**COLORADO**

**EUROPE**

**FLORIDA**

**IDAHO**

**KENTUCKY**

**MAINE**

**MISSISSIPPI**

**MISSOURI**

**NEVADA**

**NEW MEXICO**

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**PACIFIC AREAS**

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**TEXAS**

**VIRGINIA**

**WEST VIRGINIA**

**DISTRICTS:**

**AL:** DISTRICTS 2, 3, 4

**AZ:** DISTRICTS 8, 10

**AR:** DISTRICT 13

**CA:** DISTRICT 23

**CO:** DISTRICTS 1, 5

**EU:** DISTRICTS 1, 3

**FL:** DISTRICTS 2, 6, 11, 22

**ID:** DISTRICT 1

**IL:** DISTRICT 19

**IN:** DISTRICT 5

**KS:** DISTRICT 1

**MA:** DISTRICT 17

**MO:** DISTRICT 12

**NC:** DISTRICT 8

**OR:** DISTRICT 13

**PAC:** DISTRICT 3

**PA:** DISTRICT 22

**SC:** DISTRICT 2

**TX:** DISTRICTS 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 20, 28

**VA:** DISTRICTS 2, 10

**WV:** DISTRICT 12

**POSTS:**

**AL:** 668, 924, 3016, 3128, 4572, 4850, 6020, 6173, 6226, 6837

**AK:** 10029

**AZ:** 5990, 6310, 7968, 9399, 9400, 9907, 10227

**AR:** 1322, 2256, 2259, 2278, 2413, 2952, 3031, 4455, 4548, 4764, 8671, 8845

**CA:** 233, 1351, 1487, 1774, 1943, 1985, 3699, 3935, 9327, 9934

**CO:** 1, 3917, 5061, 5812, 9644

**EU:** 8862, 10614, 10692

**FL:** 1689, 2391, 3270, 3308, 4194, 4287, 4305, 4351, 4761, 5968, 6827, 7909, 8154, 8255, 9528, 10095, 10140, 10174, 10539, 10555

**GA:** 2681, 2785, 5080, 5255, 5408, 5978

**ID:** 142, 3001

**IL:** 311, 1197, 1567, 2024, 2698, 2801, 2978, 3873, 5917, 6791, 9759

**IN:** 1152, 1431, 2749, 5782, 7081

**IA:** 738

**KS:** 846, 6654

**KY:** 3769

**LA:** 3121, 3337

**MD:** 2678, 5246, 9451

**MA:** 1011

**MN:** 3915

**MS:** 2434, 5393

**MO:** 280, 3404, 3944, 4223, 5468, 6278, 7356, 10906

**MT:** 4725, 6786

**NE:** 3755

**NV:** 3819, 10054, 12101

**NH:** 10722

**NM:** 5890, 7686

**NC:** 10, 2423, 4542, 6018, 7318, 10630

**OH:** 1060, 9520

**OR:** 180, 1324, 3965, 4015, 4039, 4248, 9448

**PAC:** 1054, 9876, 10216, 12109

**PA:** 1785, 7043

**SC:** 3433, 4262, 6500, 6740, 8738, 10804

**TN:** 2120, 11333

**TX:** 912, 1533, 1657, 2772, 3278, 3377, 3413, 3892, 4008, 4692, 4709, 4815, 5619, 6441, 7110, 7843, 7873, 8111, 8315, 8541, 8925, 9078, 9174, 9182, 9187, 10454, 10802, 12041, 12075, 12117

**UT:** 6395

**VT:** 6689

**VA:** 637, 1177, 1503, 2239, 3160, 4809, 8046, 8252, 8545, 9835

**WA:** 91

**WV:** 3522, 4326, 9926

**WI:** 1621, 1638, 2778, 7308, 10818

**WY:** 7756

**NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES (NMS):**

**REMINDER...**check presentation at the NMS Workshop on Sunday, July 21 at 1:00 P.M. Please call Linda Ferguson at 816-968-1102 as soon as possible if your Department/District/Post/Auxiliary will be presenting.

NMS Meeting Times at National Convention:

NMS Chairman Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 21, 10:00-11:00

NMS Workshop

Sunday, July 21, 1:00-4:00

**PROGRAMS:**

DISPLAYING MILITARY SERVICE SYMBOLS. Military Service flags, insignias, etc., should be displayed in the following order (Left to Right as you face the flags): Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and then Coast Guard. For Military flags, click here: <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=22300>.

VFW PROGRAMS WORKSHOP. During the National Convention in Louisville, to be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center, there will be a workshop "The User-Friendly Post" on Tuesday, July 23, at 3:00 pm (please check Convention booklet for room assignment).

PATRIOT DAY, SEPTEMBER 11. Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11 is designated as "Patriot Day." The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States. For flags and other patriotic items, click here: <http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=211>.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY, SEPTEMBER 20. Posts should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Information on conducting a ceremony can be found in the current VFW Manual of Procedure. For POW/MIA merchandise, click here: <http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=97>.

VFW HONORS AMERICA'S TEACHERS DURING 2013-2014 PROGRAM YEAR. The VFW wants to recognize the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers (teaching at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history, traditions and institutions effectively through the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award program. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, VFW Posts, supervisors or other interested individuals (not relatives). Self-nominees are not eligible.

Based on the nominees submitted by November 1, local VFW Posts will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades, K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Posts then submit the winners' names to their District level judging who will forward their winners to the Department (or state level) by December 15. After judging, each Department forwards the names of its winners to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest. This is part of the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 All American Programs.

VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher awards include: three national \$1,000 awards for the top K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses; \$1,000 award to each winning



teacher's school; plaques for both the winning teacher and school; and, an all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW and Ladies Auxiliary National Event.

A program brochure (designed to be duplicated for distribution) can be viewed at [www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFW.org/Community/Teacher%20Award%20Brochure.PDF](http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFW.org/Community/Teacher%20Award%20Brochure.PDF) or ordered through [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org) or by calling 1-800-821-2606 and asking for item #4450.

Order the Citizenship Education Teacher Recognition Citation from the VFW Store, product #4320, <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=23980>. Present to all teachers nominated at all levels for the national award.

**SPECIAL NOTICE – COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING.** Recognizing that VFW and Ladies Auxiliary programs and chairmanships do not always coincide, we must find a way to establish an accurate accounting of the efforts and dollars expended by both organizations. Therefore, the following will apply for the 2013-2014 program year:

All VFW Post chairmen will report to their respective Department Chairman at least twice yearly in a timely fashion so as to allow the Department Chairman to report to the VFW National Programs office in June and December. The VFW Post chairmen's report should include whether or not their Ladies Auxiliary participated.

The various Ladies Auxiliary chairmen will report to their Department chairmen and District chairmen (where applicable). Each Ladies Auxiliary Department Chairman will consolidate these reports and provide a list of the number of participants, hours and money expended to the VFW Department Community Service Chairman. This information will be added to the VFW reports and submitted to the VFW Programs National Office.

**POW/MIA FLAG -- OFFICIAL DISPLAY DAYS.** Public Law 105-85 (November 16, 1997) indicates the days that federal agencies, military installations, and U.S. post offices are required to display the POW/MIA flag. The days are: Armed Forces Day, May 17 (third Saturday in May); Memorial Day, May 26 (last Monday in May); Flag Day, June 14; National POW/MIA Day, September 20 (third Friday in September); and, Veterans Day, November 11. To purchase a POW/MIA flag, click here: <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=22305>.

### **BUDDY POPPY:**

**VETERANS DAY BUDDY POPPY CAMPAIGN.** Plans should be under way for the Veterans Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. Contact your Department Quartermaster to place your order for Buddy Poppies. Remember that your Poppies should be ordered a minimum of 12 weeks in advance of your distribution date. Be sure to specify a date by which the poppies are required; do not use, "ASAP". Miscellaneous items (coin cans, caps, buttons, posters, etc.) should be ordered directly from the VFW Store at <http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=128> or the VFW Store/Emblem and Supply Catalog.

The Manual of Procedure provides that post relief funds may be used for programs such as Voice of Democracy, Youth Essay, Citizenship Education, and Community Service as long as suggestions in the chairmen guidebooks are used as an example of promoting these programs.

Posts are further reminded that Section 711 of the Manual of Procedure provides that non-profit organizations, exempt from taxes under Section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code, may assist with the distribution of Buddy Poppies, provided there shall be no division of proceeds. A donation to these groups may be made from the post general fund.

#### **NATIONAL BUDDY POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST CHANGE.**

Beginning with the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, the time frame for registering and setting up the Buddy Poppy displays for the National judging at Convention has changed. Entries will now be accepted for registration and may be set up beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 20 until Noon, Monday, July 22, 2013.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS:**

Attention Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters: the 2013-2014 Leadership Reference Material is now available on-line in the Online Membership System (OMS). If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Jones at (816) 756-3390, ext. 133 or via e-mail at [kjones@vfw.org](mailto:kjones@vfw.org).

#### **NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE/ACTION CORPS:**

As we move closer to the 114th VFW National Convention, we want to invite all of you to stop by our booth when you arrive in Louisville. Pick up a copy of our critical issues booklet, check out our website and *Capitol Hill blog* and join us in our advocacy efforts by signing up to receive our ***Washington Weekly e-newsletter***. Your advocacy efforts will help us ensure that veterans, our military and their families are protected from any cuts or changes in the benefits they have so richly earned. Currently, we are monitoring more than 120 bills that cover a wide range of issues affecting the military and veterans' community. The Washington Weekly will keep you informed of these issues and many others as they move through Congress. By staying connected, you will be the first to know what is happening in Washington and you will stay informed of legislation making a difference in your life and in other veterans' lives.

Click here to see the latest edition:

[http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFW.org/VFW\\_in\\_DC/WW%206.28.13.pdf](http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFW.org/VFW_in_DC/WW%206.28.13.pdf)

To be a part of our ***Action Corps Advocacy Network*** here: <http://capwiz.com/vfw/mlm/signup.htm>. And to follow the day-to-day work of the VFW National Legislative Service, I invite you to log onto our Capitol Hill blog at [www.thevfw.blogspot.com](http://www.thevfw.blogspot.com).

#### **DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:**

**Over the last decade, more than 80% of support received from VFW members and patriotic Americans was applied directly to veterans service, community service, legislative advocacy and military service programs worldwide.**

**Home of the Brave** – The exclusive 2013-2014 VFW Calendar was mailed to many members in June this year. These calendars are a wonderful representation of the United States and our military as they serve our nation. We hope you are pleased with the new expanded edition this year. Along with your calendar, you should have also received a set of stickers to use as reminders for birthdays, anniversaries, appointments, Post events, etc.

If you haven't already, please send the most generous gift you can today. Your support of the 2013-2014 VFW Calendar Program helps your VFW Department serve veterans in need throughout the year. Fellow veterans in your area are counting on you!

**Show Your Patriotism!** – Demonstrate your support of all veterans, as well as your patriotism, by using your new patriotic VFW address labels that will be mailed later this month! Please enjoy these free patriotic gifts, and use them for all of your mail. Please consider making a donation to the VFW when you receive this package in the mail. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be put to work immediately right in your own VFW Department and across the country.

**Estate Planning Resources** – The VFW has an extensive website designed to help you set up your estate plan so you can provide for your family after you are gone as well as continue to support veterans, military personnel and their families. You can find information on the types of documents you should consider, suggested planning steps by age, and various types of gift arrangements that could save your heirs from heavy taxation while at the same time helping veterans. Go to [www.vfw.org/plannedgiving](http://www.vfw.org/plannedgiving) to read more.

**Have you heard about the VFW's Partners in Patriotism?** – Would you like to support the VFW's life changing programs for veterans, service members and their families without receiving all of the unwanted mail? The VFW has developed an option that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as reduce expenses and eliminate unwanted mail. It is called Partners in Patriotism. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact the VFW Development Department Donor Services at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318, or email us at [partners@vfw.org](mailto:partners@vfw.org) with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.

**VFW Friends of Freedom** – If you are not already a member of the VFW's online community, please visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and look for "STAY IN THE KNOW" to sign up. Members of this special online community will receive our monthly e-newsletter with new stories about how the VFW is fighting for veterans' rights, assisting veterans in need, educating our youth and aiding military families across the nation. These stories can also be found by visiting [www.vfw.org/vfwatwork](http://www.vfw.org/vfwatwork) and clicking on "Story Archive." Check back often to see newly posted stories! Also, as a member of the VFW's Friends of

Freedom you will receive special emails with breaking VFW news, legislative alerts and unique opportunities to help the VFW in assisting our nation's veterans, service members and their families.

**Department Resources** – All the same great resources are still available for your Department to use. You need only go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and log in. You will find “Department Resources” under the “How to Get Involved” heading. The latest program information, ideas and promotional tools from the Development Department can be found here. Download ad slicks, press releases, banner ads and buttons for your Department publications and/or website. Recent mailings and mailing schedules are also posted on a regular basis. Use the Department Resources tools to help strengthen your Department programs. Check it out today!

### **MEMBER BENEFITS:**

#### **Discounted Merchant Services for VFW Posts**

Since 2010, the VFW and Empower Processing have offered discounted merchant services to VFW Posts, Members, Supporters, and Member Referrals. As the exclusive provider of credit card processing services to the VFW, Empower contributes a generous portion of our revenues to Posts that utilize our card processing services for their hall rentals, membership payments, and bingo, canteen, food, and beverage sales. Additionally, Empower's exclusive referral program increases donations and expands revenue generating opportunities when a Post member recommends Empower to a local business.

For more information about Empower, please contact the VFW Member Benefits Department at 1-800-821-2606, option 1.

### **VFW FOUNDATION:**

#### **CONVENTION SPONSORS**

During the 114th VFW National Convention, please take time to support those who support the VFW and the VFW Foundation. At this time, the VFW and VFW Foundation would like to extend a sincere “Thank You” to all exhibitors and the following National Convention sponsors: Gold Sponsors-Burger King, Humana, SportClips, UAW/GM, and USAA and Silver Sponsors-Budweiser, Heroes with Hearing Loss (Hamilton CapTel), Rawls, McNelis +Mitchell, Sokolove Law, Tune In To Hep C (Biosector2), and UPS for their generous contributions in making our upcoming convention a success.

For booth locations of exhibitors and sponsors, please refer to the 114th VFW National Convention program.

### **VFW STORE:**



Convention Attendees – don't forget to stop by the VFW Store in Louisville, Kentucky, to see our new selection of items and spin the wheel to receive additional discounts!



Celebrating a Post or Department Anniversary this year? Commemorate the occasion with special shirts, caps, koozies or other items! We have thousands of products available at competitive rates. VFW Store can also help you with logo design and product selection. To get a **FREE, NO OBLIGATION** quote, call Kim Winston at 816-968-1181 or email her at [kwinston@vfw.org](mailto:kwinston@vfw.org).



Is your Post sponsoring a sports team this year? VFW Store can do athletic apparel, including football uniforms, soccer shirts, bowling shirts, cheer wear, hockey jerseys, basketball jerseys, baseball & softball uniforms, and more! Call Kim Winston at 816-968-1181 or email her at [kwinston@vfw.org](mailto:kwinston@vfw.org) for more information.

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