

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FOR 2008-2009

PERIOD ENDING

MAY 31, 2009

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1	Garry Smethers	950	892	93.89	8
2	John Conley	471	449	95.33	7
3	John Thorpe	1508	1443	95.69	5
4	Daril Beckwith	2052	2070	100.88	1
5	Danny Crensy	963	883	91.69	9
6	Joe Schnitterbaum	3375	3234	95.82	3
7	Aaron Cardwell	1445	1393	96.40	2
8	Harvey Page	706	619	87.68	12
9	Bill Chandler	1653	1508	91.23	10
10	Jessie Williams	1616	1442	90.52	11
11	Raymond Medley	891	850	95.40	6
12	John Krammer	1060	1015	95.75	4
14	James Curry	1527	1320	86.44	13
Area "A"	Buck Caruso	5944	5737	96.52	1
Area "B"	John Shirley	7179	6754	94.08	2
Area "C"	Jessie Williams	5094	4627	90.83	3
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE		2369	2075	87.59	
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		20,563	19,193	93.34	

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STATE CONVENTION INFORMATION

Our State Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Louisville, Kentucky on June 18-21, 2009. To make reservations for room accommodations, call the hotel at 1-800-626-2708. Cut-off for reservations is May 18, 2009. **VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAKE RESERVATIONS PRIOR TO MAY 18, 2009.** Be sure to mention you are with the V.F.W. when calling. For reservation forms contact State Headquarters at 1-800-766-2638. **REMEMBER -- ALL HOSPITALITY SUITE RESERVATIONS**

MUST BE MADE THROUGH YOU. STATE HEADQUARTERS IS NO LONGER MAKING HOSPITALITY SUITES.

DELEGATE FEES- STATE CONVENTION

Delegate registration information for our State Convention has already been mailed out to all Post Commanders and Quartermasters. If you are unsure as to how many delegates your post is entitled to, please call state headquarters for clarification. Delegate Registration is \$5.00 per delegate. Make checks payable to "VFW Department of Kentucky". **All Post must register at least one delegate to the State Convention.**

STATE CONVENTION BANQUET TICKETS

Chairman Jim MacDonald is requesting that you order your banquet tickets early. Please make checks payable to VFW Department of Kentucky in the amount of \$35.00 per ticket.

Send check to: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Dept of Ky
PO Box 37050
Louisville, Ky 40233

For additional information, see enclosed order form or call state headquarters.

"ATTENTION" POST QUARTERMASTERS

You should have already received from National Headquarters, the 2009-2010 Post election of Officers Report form. Please complete this form immediately after your officers have been elected for 2009-2010 and mail all copies per instructions that are included with the report form. If you have not yet received an election form, or cannot locate it, please call state headquarters immediately for a replacement.

V.F.W. PROGRAMS

There are still several posts that have not yet submitted Community Service, Americanism, Youth Activities, or Safety Program reports. These reports are a large part of our V.F.W., as well as our membership. They are also required in order to be qualified for ALL- State judging. If we do not report the program activity that we perform, we could eventually lose our non-profit status with the IRS. Comrades, you do the work, **PLEASE** report it.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Sign up sheet will be at the State Convention for Southern Conference Shirts, to be handed out at National Convention. If you want a shirt please sign up.

BUDDY POPPIES

You are urged to order your poppies as early as possible. (Note: It takes about four to six weeks to receive poppies after they are ordered.) A note or telephone call to State Headquarters stating the number of poppies needed, as well as the name and address for delivery is sufficient. (P.O. addresses cannot be used as poppies are shipped U.P.S.) The cost of poppies is \$110.00 per thousand.

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STATE CONVENTION BUDDY POPPY CONTEST

Displays will be presented and judged in four categories:

CATEGORY 1. PUBLIC PROMOTION OF POPPY SALES - (Window, booth, parade, poster displays, sales promotions, etc.)

A: Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message urging the buying and wearing of the VFW Buddy Poppy.

B: At least (1) of the poppies in the display must be in their original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 2. MEMORIAL OR INSPIRATIONAL DISPLAYS - (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques patriotic or devotional themes)

A: Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy.

B: At least (1) of the poppies in the display must be in their original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 3. ARTISTIC OR DECORATIVE USE OF POPPIES - (Post home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces)

A: Any display not meeting the qualifications for categories 1 and 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.

B: At least (1) of the poppies in the display must be in their original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 4. MEMORIAL OR INSPIRATION DISPLAYS - (Jr. Girls Unit)

A: Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy.

B: At least (1) of the poppies in the display must be in their original form and color, with label attached.

RULES

1. To be eligible to enter the contest, your Post must be at least 100% in poppies purchased for 2006 (as compared to amount purchased in 2005) but you must have purchased at least 1000 poppies to be eligible.
2. Only one entry per post in each category.
3. Displays may be entered and set up anytime after 8:00 AM on Friday June 13, 2008.
4. Post name, number, or location MUST NOT be visible on display entries.
5. Jr. Girls Units MUST set up their own displays.

AWARDS

The first place winner of categories 1, 2, 3, and 4 will receive \$75.00 and a plaque.

The second place winners of categories 1, 2, and 3, will receive \$25.00 and a plaque.

The first place winners in each category will be allowed to enter their displays in the National Buddy Poppy Contest in August at the National Convention.

HONOR/COLOR GUARD UNIT AWARD

I would like to remind you of the new "Honor /Color Guard Unit Award". Check the Commander's Membership Program for more information. The winners will be selected from the contest dates of July 1 2008 – June 1, 2009.

2009 PODIUM EDITION

Contact State Headquarters to order your new 2009 Edition of our National By-Laws Manual of Procedure and Ritual. The cost is \$8.50 per book plus postage

TRUSTEE REPORTS AND BONDING

There are still several Posts/districts who have not bonded their quartermaster or have not submitted the first, second, or third quarter trustee report. These are requirements of our National Constitution and By-Laws. District/Post Commanders, please check this report to see if you are lacking any of these essential items and, if needed, please take action to correct these requirements. **These are required to vote at state convention**

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The State Golf Tournament will be held on June 6, 2009 in Morgantown, Kentucky. All information was mailed out to commanders, and quartermasters, if you need additional sheets please contact State Headquarters.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

If you need a list of the members of your post that has either paid their dues or still owes for their 2008 membership year please call State Headquarters and we will mail you one. This list will be what national has already processed as of the time that we get on the internet.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT PEN THEMES

The Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen themes for 2009 - 2010 are announced as follows:

VOD: "Does America Still Have Heroes?"

Patriot Pen: "When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?"

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAYOUT - 2009

The Life Membership Fund will pay out \$2.84 for each Plan A, B, and C Life Members and \$3.67 for each Plan D Life Member and \$9.00 for each Plan E Life Members to their post, department, and national headquarters. Payment will be made in September 2009. This is all Life Members recorded as of August 31, 2009.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - COMMANDERS /ADJUTANTS

Request you review Section 217 of our National By - Laws regarding nominations, elections, and installations of new Post Officers for 2008-2009. Also remember that completed Reports of Election forms should be mailed **IMMEDIATELY** following the election of officers. There are still several posts that have not submitted an election report. National will put your post on suspension until they receive your election report.

DIRECT DUES TOLL FREE NUMBER

Listed below is a toll free number for you to call if you have a question or a problem concerning **DIRECT DUES**

1-800-963-3180

POST INTERNET QUERY

To access the post query on the internet type in: vfwkc.org/memstats

If you go to the bottom of the page you will see post query, click on that and follow the directions.

National will only recognize the post quartermaster's membership number and the password he enters into the system. It is up to the post quartermaster if he wants to give the commander or other officers of the post access to this information.

If you need assistance in accessing any of the VFW internet programs please contact state headquarters.

THE E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IS: bfwdptky@bellsouth.net

VFW WEBSITE: Will discuss at Sate Convention on Saturday afternoon

TOLL FREE PHONE NUMBER IS: 1-800-766-2638

COMMANDERS

Please share this information with your ladies auxiliary if your post has one

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