The Around the Pacific newsletter showcases what is happening locally throughout the VFW Department of Pacific Areas and the MOC Grand of the Pacific through articles, photos, etc., and the Department Editor, may provide information from outside the Department, in the various programs that both support. Inputs are due no later than the 15th of the month.

VFW ANNOUNCES ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS CONTEST

Comrades of the Department of Pacific Areas,

This is a great opportunity for those who publish newsletters! On 04 January 2010, the VFW Publications Department announced that it is accepting submissions for VFW 2010 National Publications Contest. Issues published between 01 January 2009 and 31 December 2009 are eligible. All National entries must place first in Department level contests. Mail entries to Department Adjutant Dick Keeley at the address below. Entries must be received no later than 15 March 2010 for consideration in Department level contest.

Richard A. Keeley
USAGJ Box 2175
APO AP 96338

All publications will be categorized by the membership size of the Department, District, or Post they represent.

For the contest, Departments will be defined as:
- Large (25,000 or more members),
- Medium (11,000-24,999) and
- Small (10,999 or fewer).

Districts will be defined as:
- Large (4,000 or more),
- Medium (2,500-3,999) and
- Small (2,499 or fewer).

Posts will be defined as:
- Large (300 or more),
- Medium (200-299) and
- Small (199 or fewer).

All first place Department level contest winners will be mailed to the Publications Department at the National Headquarters address by 05 April 2010.

Send us your entries and good luck to everyone!!
## Department Statistics

### Pacific Areas as of Sunday, January 17, 2010

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VFW Department of Pacific Areas
VFW POST 9723 COMRADES MAKES CHRISTMAS SPECIAL AT U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL CAMP LESTER

From left to right Comrade Larry Wilson Post Adjutant Kimball Wilson, Post Quartermaster Dennis Provencher and Comrade Rafael Del Vecchio.

Nurses receiving a piece of Cake from Comrade Dennis Provencher and Kimball Wilson.

A family at the U.S. Naval Hospital receiving some cake.

Staff and the U.S. Naval Hospital receiving a piece cake and Comrades Dennis Provencher, Kimball Wilson, Lee Kramvik and Larry Wilson.
District 2 Mainland Japan

VFW POST 9612 RECEIVES BURIAL FLAG FROM DEPARTED VETERAN’S WIDOW

Kimie stated she always treasured this flag and it is still folded from the day she received it at her husband’s funeral. Commander Mortimer stated we will have a brass placard made and attach it to the flag case and have it on display at VFW Post 9612. Comrade Morgan had bought the flag case for display.

Kimie’s husband had died on active duty in 1953 while serving in the U.S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. Kimie stated that since she is getting a little older now, and has no one from her family to pass the flag along to, she wanted to ensure the U.S. Flag would be properly taken care of after she passes away and knew the VFW would be the right choice.
VFW POST 9612’S VFW NATIONAL LIFE SAVING AWARD WINNER APPROVED

Master-at-Arms Petty Officer Second Class Michael Nixon.

NAF ATSUGI, JAPAN – VFW Post 9612’s submission for the National Life Saving Award was approved for Master-at-Arms Petty Officer Second Class Michael Nixon of the Naval Security Police Detachment, U.S. Naval Air Facility Atsugi Japan and will be presented at the earliest opportunity.

MA2 Nixon helped save the life of a Japanese woman after she collapsed from a seizure in Yamato City, Japan, 06 July 2009. MA2 Nixon was shopping with his wife and daughter when they saw a Japanese woman clutching her chest, looking panicked, and appeared to have a seizure before she collapsed to the floor. When the seizure stopped, the woman exhibited signs of cardiac arrest and that’s when Nixon went into action. He saw that her lips were blue, and not able to find a pulse, he began to perform Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). After three to four minutes of administering CPR, he was able to feel the woman’s pulse and she started to show signs of life. Yamato City Fire and Rescue responders arrived and took the woman away in an ambulance to a local hospital.

VFW POST 9612 COMRADES AWARDED FOR SERVICE WITH THE COMMUNITY

From left to right, Commander Joe Mortimer and Comrades Freddie London and Glen Steward.

NAF ATSUGI, JAPAN – Comrade Life Members Freddie London and Glen Steward received certificates of appreciation from Commander Joe Mortimer at their work center in front of their fellow staff members at the Fleet and Family Support Center, U.S. Naval Air Facility Atsugi Japan for their efforts during the National Night Out event in October 2009 and POW-MIA ceremony in November 2009.

Have you asked anyone to join today? Ask someone now!
District 3 Korea

VFW POST 10216 RECOGNIZES SPECIAL SUPPORT

SONGTAN, KOREA – Prior to the January 2010 Post Meeting, Commander Watson held a presentation ceremony for Mr. Kim Yong Ho, the VFW Lawyer, to convey the appreciation of the 303rd Intelligence Squadron and the VFW for his key role in setting up a Suwon Cultural Event on 26-27 September 2009. Mr. Kim is a representative of the Suwon Hwaseong Management Foundation that hosted the tour and paid all expenses.

Thirty airmen of our adopt-a-unit program 303rd IS “Skivvy-Nine” attended this event. “It was a tremendous success and offered an opportunity for the 30 U.S. airmen to learn of Korean history and heritage and improves overall Korean-American friendship. The Commander of Skivvy-Nine, Lt Colonel Mike Downs, presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Kim, followed by presentations by Commander Watson on behalf of the VFW.

New member David Robinson was present and Commander Watson conducted a formal VFW induction ceremony for David. Of note, David signed up as a Life Member of the VFW, showing his commitment to our organization. He was administered the VFW Oath and read the Cross of Malta ceremony.

David Robinson is inducted into the VFW in a formal ceremony conducted by Commander Watson. Shawn implemented the induction ceremony new this year to honor new members. David is shown receiving the oath; Cross of Malta is pinned on by VFW District 3 Korea Commander Darin Combs and welcomed into the VFW by our members (Dennis Huggler shown here).
VFW POST 10216
COMRADES RECEIVE
RECRUITING AWARDS

SONGTAN, KOREA – The VFW National Headquarters conveying the Commander-in-Chief's recognition of our Post members recruiting efforts. The memorandum read: "It is with the utmost of pleasure that I take this time to notify you that the following members of your Post have earned the Commander-in-Chief's recognition for their efforts in recruiting new and reinstated members to this great organization. The awards have been sent directly to the members listed, but I would greatly appreciate your extension of my congratulations and heart-felt appreciation to them at your next possible opportunity. It is through the tremendous efforts of individuals such as these that we will succeed in carrying out our many missions in this, our “Honoring our Military heroes” year.

Francis Dailey: 3, 5, 10 Special Recruiting Pins
Alan Hammerstrom: 3, 5 Special Recruiting Pin
Patrick Higgins: 3, 5 and 10 Special Recruiting Pin
Daniel K. Montgomery: 3 Special Recruiting Pin
Shane Price: 3, 5 Special Recruiting Pin
William Quintero: 3 Special Recruiting Pin
Shawn Watson: 3, 5, 10 Special Recruiting Pins and 15 Commander-in-Chief Citation, 30 Commander-in-Chief Citation & VFW Shirt
Ronald Davis: 3, 5 Special Recruiting Pins
Thomas Dillingham: 3 Special Recruiting Pin
Warren Maxson: 3, 5 Special Recruiting Pin
Harold VanHazel: 3 Special Recruiting Pin
Alan Laughter: 3 Special Recruiting Pin

Congratulations for your great recruiting efforts!

VFW POST 10216
NATIONAL AWARD
WINNERS ANNOUNCED

SONGTAN, KOREA – We are proud to report that two of Osan’s nominations were selected by Department of Pacific Areas and have been forwarded to the VFW Headquarters to compete at the National level. Congratulations to our winners! Commander Watson will advise their commanders of their achievement.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – MSGT Richard A. Brunet, 51st Security Forces Squadron, submitted by VFW Post 10216.

Emergency Medical Technician of the Year – SrA Nicholas S. Cardin, 51st Medical Operations Squadron, submitted by VFW Post 10216.

VFW POST 10216 JVC IMPROVES VETERAN MEDICAL CARE ACCESS

Doc is shown here in his fishing regalia – he actually dresses up in his Witch Doctor outfit to go fishing – says it “adds to my mojo”. It sure does amuse the Koreans!

SONGTAN, KOREA – The 51st Medical Group implemented their new S.I.C.K. Program that will allow over-the-counter drugs to be provided to eligible members (retired and active duty). Participants must first take a short training class. Doc Higgins has been granted authority by the 51st Medical Group to teach the class for the VFW. This is a great improvement in our health care.

Additionally, Doc Higgins has set up a process for our VFW members to obtain routine physicals at the East Suwon Hospital. This process will primarily help members who do not have access to the base hospital through TRICARE.
VFW POST 10216 RAISED $1,800 TO ASSIST COMRADE IN DISTRESS

OSAN, KOREA – Last month VFW Post 10216 began a fund raising drive to help raise money that will be used to assist Steve Cornett (son of Scotty) visit his father in California and was chaired by Adjutant Michael. We are pleased to report that approximately $1,300 was raised through donations. To show Post support for Scotty, an additional $500.00 was donated from Relief fund towards this cause totaling $1,800.

There were many donators to help Scotty. About 2/3 of donations came from VFW members who were friends of Scotty and significantly, 1/3 of donations were made by Songtan businesses and Scotty’s other friends. Of special note, JJ’s Cantina held a fundraiser called “JJ and JJ’s Friends” that raised $460.00. Thanks JJ, you are the best!

In recognition of those that gave, here is a list of names (hope I got them all) — AMAZING: Dept Pacific Areas Commander Jim Malott; District 3 Korea Commander Darin Combs; Past Dept Commander (PDC) Frank Sass; PDC Dave Teets, PDC Rhett Webber, Walt Greager, Jimmy Hudson, Post 10033, good friends Eric Morin and Dave Wittrock, Shaman Carnes, Ralph Rostock, Mike Gilmore, Jack Dane, Post 10216 Commander Shawn Watson, SVC Hammerstrom, JVC Higgins, Surgeon Dillingham, HRC VanHazel, QM Davis, Chaplain Quintero, Adjutant Michael; Services Officer Huggler, Trustee Damian Cone, Trustee Ron Tichota, Trustee Matt Pierce, Officer-of-the-Day Matt Pierce, Guard S Price, Alan Laughter, Public Relations Bob Frace, Charles Woods, JJ’s Cantina, James Gibson, Jeff Hager, Jim Groff, James Groff, Jim, IRD, Pete, Eric Blodgett, Barry Wenick, Matt Mudra, Linda, Dixon, Rosenburg, Mike Mathers, Kelsey Sweeney, Sunshine, Kristina Gasaway, Ruz & Cheg, Yeke, Dirty Jerez, Ron “Diddy”, Jo, Rico “Chief”, Osan Pharmacy, Jarom & Mel Boyes, Steve Fisher, Kane & Ellen Smith; Luke and Cassity Casper, Matt “Hayseed” brooks, C.A. Chance, Kerker, Schabb, Mathews, R.E. Casey Hays, Post 10215, Gary Peitzmeyer, Ernie Fowl, Jim Smith and all those others I missed or “anonymous”. Thanks to everyone for making this happen.

Moneys will be transferred to Steve Cornett so that he and his family can rejoin their father in this time of need. It will be a great boost for Scotty’s morale and in his recovery. This is what the VFW is all about!

DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER VISITS VFW POST 10216

OSAN, KOREA – We were honored with the visit to our Post Meeting of Darin Combs, District 3 Korea Commander and a good friend of our Post. Darin drove over 3 hours from Daegu just to attend our meeting – thanks for your efforts Darin! Commander Watson offered the floor to Commander Combs, who covered some important points:

Commander Combs reported that District 3 Korea was accomplishing amazing things, with excellent recruiting and numerous major events. He praised VFW Post 10216 as Korea’s premier Post and all of our activities. He was particularly impressed with our community involvement and active Adopt-a-Unit efforts. We’re in the home stretch for recruiting, so get out and join up someone today!

Darin highlighted the special relationship between the VFW and the Boy Scouts of America. VFW Post 10216 has been the chartering organization for the local Scouts for the past 27 years! Darin stated the Boy Scout Scholarship Program and to get the word out to eligible Eagle Scouts. He also highlighted the VFW National Scout of the Year award. The Eagle Scout must have his application submitted to the Post NLT 01 March 2010. The Post will select a winner from the applications received and then forward their winner to the National Scouting Team Member at the Department NLT 01 April 2010. The application can be found at: http://www.vfw.org/resources/pdf/scoutscholarshipentryform.pdf

Commander Combs also talked about the U.S. Embassy has established a formal Committee to plan for 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Events. They have solicited veterans’ participation and have asked the VFW if we would like to participate as committee members. Darin solicited volunteers to sit on this committee.
KNIFE RAFFEL RAISED $300 FOR NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES

SONGTAN, KOREA – VFW Post 10216 started a Knife Raffle which was hailed as a great success! The drawing was conducted on Christmas Day and the winner was – can you believe it – our own Michael “Bird Dog” Scott! There were resounding cries of “rigged”, but he kept the knife anyway! The raffle raised a tremendous $300.00 for National Military Services.

VFW POST 10214 CHRISTMAS DAY FEAST

OSAN, KOREA – Our Christmas Day Feast was a great success and we had over 150 members and guests attending! Five turkeys and six hams made for a great banquet! Shawn especially wanted to thank Thomas Dillingham for coordinating this event and the other volunteers that cooked, served, cleaned up and made this a great Post success. We were especially pleased to see that so many active duty members joined us for this event. Thanks to Steve Higley and S. Price for inviting our “Skivvy Niners”! Lots of fun was had by all!

Ricky Thomas provided the after dinner entertainment

Doc Higgins with his new Christmas sweater (present from Keith), and it’s hard to believe Max is our Cootie Provost Marshal!
DISTRICT IV TAIWAN VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION HOSTS VFW 2009-2010 NATIONAL LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT AND DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS COMMANDER

TAIWAN – During the month of November from 18th through 22nd the National Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Mrs. Jan Tittle and her daughter Mrs. Jamie Godfrey visited Taiwan as guests of the VAC. Then from the 28th through 30th November and 1st ~ 2nd of December the Department Commander Jim Malott visited. During their visits the Ladies Auxiliary Mrs. Tittle and Commander Malott were taken to the various facilities run by the VAC for Republic of China veterans and given a formal briefing and dinner prior to their leaving Taiwan.

At the briefings the National Ladies Auxiliary Jan Tittle and Commander Jim Malott were honored by being presented with the Certificate of Award to accompany the presentation of the “Medal of Honor with Cravat of the Veterans Affairs Commission”. The medal is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to upholding international justice, safe guarding freedom and peace, promoting Veterans’ welfare, and strengthening mutual relations and cooperation between our two organizations.

The following pictures were taken at the various award presentations and dinners in honor of the National Ladies Auxiliary and Commander Jim Malott, as well as other places visited:

Commander Jim Malott receives Medal of Honor with Cravat and Certificate of Award from Deputy Minister Mr. Lin.

A champagne toast to Jim by Bill Wichmann PDC on left and on right Hans Song VAC Director of Protocol.
After a formal dinner Deputy Minister Lee presents a gift to Commander Jim Malott. Jim seen presenting NASA signature golf balls and hat to golfer Lee indicating these golf balls could be driven to the moon with a good swing.

Seen after dinner from left to right Orville Humfleet District IV Commander, Bill Wichmann PDC, Commander Jim Malott and Jim Ascencio VFW Post 9957 Commander.

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DPA COMMANDER VISITS TO SOUTHERN TAIWAN

At Kaohsiung harbor a visit was made to WWII Hellship monument by Commander Malott with Orville Humfleet District IV Commander seen on the left. Also, on Commander Malott’s stay in Taiwan many places were visited such as VAC’s Veterans General Hospital in Taipei, the National Palace Museum, and others sites. After a four day visit Commander Malott left Taiwan on December 2, 2009, with many fond memories of events and places visited, plus a full suitcase of gifts presented by a most gracious host and partner for veterans.

Commander Malott presented with Calligraphy gift by a veteran in a VAC Domiciliary Center located in Kaohsiung City.

VFW LADIES AUXILARY IS HONORED BY THE VAC

The VFW National Ladies Auxiliary President Jan Tittle seen in center receiving Medal of Honor with Cravat and Certificate of Award from VAC Deputy Minister Lee. Others seen from left are Han Song Director of Protocol, Mr. Jack Lu VAC Deputy Secretary General, Mrs. Jamie Godfrey the daughter of Jan Tittle, Mr. Cha Tai-chen, VAC Secretary General, and Bill Wichmann PDC.
A formal dinner was given by the VAC to honor President Jan Tittle seen in center (red) with daughter Jamie to left. On the left are Hans Song looking at Phil Moriarty VFW Post 9957 Adjutant discussing the good things that the VAC has accomplished for veterans and on far right is seen Bill Wichmann VFW Post 727 PDC.

National Ladies Auxiliary President pays courtesy call on the Republic of China Vice President Vincent Siew and is seen here presenting a gift to VP Siew.

**District 5 Thailand**

**VFW POST 12074 PROVIDES DONATIONS TO NEEDY THAI VETERANS**

CHAING MAI, THAILAND – On 24 December 2009, the American Veterans of Foreign Wars organization's Chiang Mai Post 12074, with the support from the Thai Veterans Service Organization of Chiang Mai, donated winter bedding and jackets to 50 needy Thai veterans in Ban Khun Yuam, Changwat Mae Hong Son. The VFW Post was represented by Post Commander Michael Holmes and VFW member Chalothorn "CD" Suwanswetr.

Commander Holmes told the group that the American veterans wanted to present the small donations to acknowledge the brotherhood that exists amongst veterans around the world. He specifically recognized the Thai veterans for their contributions in making Thailand a country where American expats are so grateful to be able to live. The Thai senior veteran told the VFW and the Thai Service Organization that they were overjoyed to receive the donations, not only because of the winter weather, but because that it was further proof that their service to their country was not forgotten.
VFW POST 10217 CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S DAY

KORAT, THAILAND – Children's Day in Thailand fell on Saturday Jan 9th this year and to celebrate this day Karl W. Richter Memorial Post 10217 took 25 honor students from a local school to the open house at Wing One which is the Royal Thai Air Force Base in Korat. We started the day at 06:30 by serving the children breakfast at the school followed by a caravan of Post members vehicles to the base. Once at the base we gave each student 50 baht to use anyway they wanted. After a little sightseeing on the flight line we treated the students to ice cream served by our SVC, Jack Sungaksiri, and a couple Thai Air Force personnel. Next inside one of the hangers the students did some painting with water colors. Another Post member, Jim Williams, coordinated with the local Lions Club to distribute gifts to all the students which was a great hit. Next we watch flybys by RTAF F-16’s, a HALO jump and a repelling demonstration from a Huey, then ate some lunch bought by the Post and headed home. It was a fun day for all the members and students which will not be soon forgotten.

VFW POST 9951 RECEIVES $500 DONATION FOR PROSTHETICS FUND

BANGKOK, THAILAND – On Saturday, 09 January 2010, Comrade Len Nicholls, active member of VFW Post 9951 and Pup Tent 6 received a check for $500, out of the blue, to be used towards the Prosthetics Fund set up by VFW Post 9951, Bangkok, Thailand. Donor, Mr. Kelly Ferrill, of Black Diamond, Washington, is not a veteran, but a U.S. Businessman and good friend of Comrade Len Nicholls, VFW Post 9951. Kelly and Len are old fishing buddies and Kelly chooses a worthy cause every Christmas and sends a donation. Kelly sent a note with the check. The paraphrased note was as follows:

“Len,
You and your brothers have given so much to our country. I think of it so very often. You men are what I consider the real and true assets of our country.
I truly hope that this (donation) helps your wonderful cause. May the wind always be at your back and the sun always in your face.”

Kelly
PUP TENT 8 GETS NEW COOTIES

OSAN, KOREA – Provost Marshal Max has nominated three unworthy nits to become Cooties – unfortunately, they are all from the CE squadron! Fresh meat! Max nominated Tony Anderson, Dustin Haycox, Shane Sidell and Wes Carmen. S. Price nominated Kevin Standifer to become a Cootie. What is the world coming to?

Max said that Ron Tichota could vouch for them since he was a former CE Senior NCO. When we asked Ron for his endorsement, he simply moaned and said “oh no, the dirt boys”. We took that to be a positive and voted to accept them into the Cooties!
### DPA ALL-STATE PROGRAM FOR 2009-2010

To view the Department of Pacific Areas All State Program, please click on the link below:

[http://vfwdeptpacific.org/Awards%20Programs/allstateDPA.pdf](http://vfwdeptpacific.org/Awards%20Programs/allstateDPA.pdf)

### POST COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS

*All members please submit*

Reminder to submit your Monthly Volunteer / Community Service Reports to your Post Junior Vice Commander as directed by your Posts. Reports are due on the Department Website on or before the last day of each month for that month.

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### VFW BUDDY POPPY DONATIONS

Donations for Buddy Poppys are greatly appreciated and accepted. Please see your Post Buddy Poppy Chairman for details.

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### MOC PADDY DADDY PROGRAM

M.O.C. Grand of the Pacific is asking you to help support the Paddy Daddy Program. Applications are available online on the VFW Department of Pacific Areas website:

The Paddy Daddy Application for signing up Comrades, Cooties, Friends, Family, and yes, even your Pets can be signed up!

Please fill out as many applications as you like for a very good cause. The VFW National Home Special Project is the recipient of the proceeds from our very own program in the Pacific Areas.

Send the application to me along with a check made out to "Ee CHI GAE Pup Tent #2, in the amount of US$25.00, and I will promptly prepare your Certificate, Card and Pin and mail them to you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to e-mail bthaney@vfw10223.org.

Yours in Comradeship,
L.O.T.C.S.
Billy Haney
Seam Squirrel Pup Tent #2
Military order of the Cootie
Paddy Daddy Chairman

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### DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS GRAVE Diggers

Become a member and support the Department of Pacific Areas Grave Diggers Program which is open to anyone who has a desire to support the Clark Cemetery. To use our PDF "fill-able" application form log onto:


- Please mail your application and membership fee, as well as any future donations to:

  VFW Post 2485
  Attn: Grave Diggers
  PSC 517, Box RC-V
  FPO AP 96517-1000

  If you make a donation or become a member of the Grave Diggers, we thank you very much and ask you to please inform your Post Adjutant / Quartermaster.

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### DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS CLARK CEMETERY

Clark Cemetery Maintenance Fund donations accepted to support the maintenance of this cemetery, which is completely dependent on individual and group donations. VFW Post 2485, located in Angeles City, Philippines, is the caretaker of Clark Cemetery for the VFW Department of Pacific Areas and is in need of your help.

[http://www.vfwpost2485.com/cemetery.htm](http://www.vfwpost2485.com/cemetery.htm)

If you make a donation, we thank you very much and ask you to please inform your Post Adjutant / Quartermaster.
**MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING**

**Keep on recruiting and see how far we can get beyond our “Bag Limit!”**

**IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE**

Are you a member in good standing? Look at your membership card. If it is about to expire, renew it today or better yet, go LIFE MEMBERSHIP and save money over time. It’s never too late to switch to a Life Membership and you never have to worry about rate increases or remembering to renew!

**MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING AND APPLICATION PROCESSING**

Membership is the future of our organization. All comrades should be willing assist with a membership growth and/or help the post in whatever needs to be done. When you are submitting an application for membership for a perspective new member, it is important to ensure you have it completed properly so as not to delay the processing. At the next Post Monthly General Business Meeting, the applications will be reviewed for completeness and voted on before submission to the VFW National Headquarters. To ensure no delays in processing:

- Ensure you complete the application fully,
- Include proof of eligibility,
- Payment in the form of a check, money order, credit card, or cash for either Life Membership or Annual Membership. (Checks and money orders will be made out to “VFW Post ______.”)

Temporary membership is then granted to attend VFW Meetings and events with the Post until such time as the newly recruited Comrade receives their VFW Membership Card from the VFW National Headquarters with full membership benefits.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP VERSUS ANNUAL CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP**

**2009-2010 Life Membership:**
- Up to Age 30 - $425.00
- Age 31 through 40 - $410.00
- Age 41 through 50 - $375.00
- Age 51 through 60 - $335.00
- Age 61 through 70 - $290.00
- Age 71 through 80 - $225.00
- Age 81 and Older - $170.00

**VFW LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

The VFW’s Legacy Life Membership provides an opportunity for Life Members to leave their mark on the nation’s largest combat veterans’ organization. Available only to current Life Members, the new Legacy Life Membership not only offers expanded and exclusive benefits, but also helps ensure that the VFW’s good work will continue for generations to come. Legacy Life Members can select from three membership categories: Gold, Silver, or Bronze. Each offers a selection of exclusive benefits. Once activated, your membership will endow additional income - made in your name - that will provide a stable financial foundation for both your Post and the VFW. For more information logon to:

http://www.vfw.org

**“It’s not what you paid to be a member, it’s what you paid to be eligible.”**

Have you asked someone to join today?

What are you waiting for?

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VFW Department of Pacific Areas
DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

Comrades,

We have these beautiful VFW lapel pins (or can be used as tie tac) to raise funds for VFW Department of Pacific Areas. The price is US$3.00 for each pin. Let me know how many of the Eagle or Cross of Malta pins you would like for your Post or yourself. They make great giveaways to your VFW friends.

Place your order and advise your APO mailing address and I will forward. Payment should be made to VFW Department of Pacific Areas, but please send the check to me so I can account for all the pins and receipts before turning over to Tony. Let me know how many of each kind you want. My mailing address is:

RAO (9951)
c/o Chief, JUSMAGTHAI
APO AP 96546

Yours in comradeship,
James Oden
Senior Vice Commander
Department of Pacific Areas

VFW National Headquarters

Announcements

If you make a donation, we thank you very much and ask you to please inform your Post Adjutant / Quartermaster.

The VFW provides numerous services to military service members and their families. The three main efforts of the VFW Military Services department are:

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See you in the next edition!