



From the Commander

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Greetings Comrades,

Our last meeting was an exciting adventure, as the Dept. Commander Rick Farris came into Bangkok for a visit. If you were unable to attend; the D5 staff presented a gift to the CDR for his dedication and work throughout the Dept.

CDR's Comments: The District would like to congratulate the D5 Council and Post membership teams on a job well done. The Posts are all looking at new methods to attract the younger generation, including various initiatives to change Continuous members to Life members. We have three posts over 100% and several very close to achieving their goals. We saw an increase at one post in Jan and Feb of 14 (Continuous and New) members added. This brings the District to 99% in Mid-Feb. We need 15 more for the 100%. Keep recruiting and promote the VFW Mission.

In the recent weeks, the District has also seen some major activity within the Legacy Life Upgrades. However, we have a couple of posts haven't accomplished their goal but it can be reported the District has met and exceed the Dept requirement for All-State, through additional members upgrades.

DPA Awards: It's close to the end of the term; Commanders take notice of those individuals or activities that should be recognized by our leadership. The award's program is review be the DPA JVC prior to going to the Awards Committee. So, the District SVC will be reviewing the submitted packages prior to sending to Dept. He will be looking at the application and format of the write-up. Please have your submissions completed prior to the April 15. We would like to review the submission at the April Convention in Kanchanaburi. If you do have any submissions or questions, please send an email to District Five email (vfwdistrict5deptpac@gmail.com). Submission will be recorded and forward to D5 SVC.

Post Obligations: Commanders, please do not forget your quarterly audit reports which were due in Jan 2020 and again in April 2020. These reports are required to be submitted to DPA QM at dpaqm@vfwddeptpacific.org. When you email them to the DPA QM; we would like to have an email stating the audit was sent. This is part of our District requirements / tasks that need to be completed, with regards to All-State.

CDR's Future Business: At our next District 5 Convention, on 24 April 2020, we will be heading to Kanchanaburi (ANZAC Day and Wreath laying for the US Monument on 25 April). This year it was decided to combine the activities to save on travel cost for our members, who wanted to participate in both events. The District and Cootie functions will be held at the City Hotel, near the Bridge of the River Kwai. Most of the membership has stayed or visited the hotel before

We will also be completing the nominations and conduct the voting process for the next term (2020-2021). If you have anyone interested in any position (whether present at the meeting or not); you may throw their hat into the ring. The requirement is -- you may send your letter of Intent or nomination request to the D5 Commander or Adjutant prior to the meeting. We have some open

positions that need to be filled; as we are always looking for as much involvement as possible from all the posts.

The next big event for the Dept. of Pacific will be the Convention 13th-17th June. Start marking your calendars with deadline dates. The registration page is open for all VFW members, look at DPA website for details. The dates will be posted on the District Five website. Another reminder to all CDRs, you need to look at your pictures and advertisements for the Convention Book. A sample contract and tracking form were sent out earlier last month to help. The cost of Full Page is 6000 b, Half-Page is 3000 b, Post recognition with Post members is 200 b per name, and business cards are 300 b. The Convention Book fund has already begun. Let's get out there and look at area for possible advertisements. All funds will be sent to DPA QM.

Yours in Comradeship and Service

Randy Riggs
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