



From the Commander

No. 3, 2019-2020

Greetings Comrades,

First thing, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone within the VFW District Five communities. The VFW Leadership wishes everyone to continue to have a year of prosperity and hope the next year will bring even more wealth and success in your everyday activities. The Dept Commander his thanks again for the great job in Phnom Penh, well done.

CDR's Comments: I would also like to congratulate Commander Jack Farrell on a successful Council of Administrations (CofA) Event in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. For those that attended, you were able to see the excitement within the Dept. of Pacific Leadership and our Comrades from the various other districts during the 3-day event. I would also like to THANK the volunteers from Post 11575 and District 5 officers; who jumped in to help the arriving Comrades with check-in or other needs that were required. During the 3-day event much was covered as far as Budget requirements, Program committee meetings, new resolutions, and various awards received.

I very happy to announce that Post 12146 the Voice of Democracy (VOD) entry for the Dept. of Pacific won in a tight judging. Special Congratulation goes out to Sienna Bertamini, her family, and the Post for their recognition of Sienna talent for describing "*What makes America Great*". All the other entries that were selected for the Patriot Pen and Teacher's Award were well represented.

Post Obligations: Post Commander, please do not forget your quarterly audit reports which will be due in Jan 2020. When you email them to the DPA QM; I would like to have an email stating the audit was sent. This is part of our District requirements / tasks that need to be completed. I am tracking all the requirements for those post that are participating. Also, during the CofA, DPA JVC Kevin Mitchell has reminded each District and Post to complete their CSR reporting with a minimum of three (3) CSR entries.

For the District Meeting on 18 January 2020; I would like to have the Post Reports sent to the District Adj at email address VFWDISTRICT5DETPAC@gmail.com (NLT one week prior to the meeting). Once again, the CDR's Reports needs to follow the format given earlier in the year. The SVC will be verifying membership numbers for the post and district; along with the JVC looking at the overall CSR activities.

For the CDRs Report; the one most significant CSR activities should be noted with details and the Future activities summary (to include awarded grant projects or Community Service (i.e. MAP events) activities. Please don't discuss a long list of activities that will be conducted by the post. Your CSR activity summary will be used to submit Dept. Awards for Community Service; please be specific in your CSR summary but not too lengthy.

Lastly, the Legislative Chairman's requirement, VFW Action Corps; Deployment / Welcome Home, or Adopt a Unit was reported to the DPA CDR that only a very small number of Posts have completed or reported that they completed the requirements. As a reminder, this is one of the easiest requirements to complete for All-State / All-American. If you have any problems completing this requirement notify the District Leadership for advise or ideas to help. If you have completed the requirement, but haven't notified the Legislative Chairman – please send an email to Comrade Jon Brazee at corter79@hotmail.com and copy the District at vwfdistrict5deftpac@gmail.com, so I can track the notification process. We don't want any post left behind.



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CDR's Future Business Our Next, District 5 Meeting will be held in Bangkok with a possibility that the DPA CDR will be attending the meeting. The meeting is scheduled to start approx. 1000 on 18 Jan; which can be adjusted. Along with the Cootie Scratch and Social Activities on 17 Jan at JUSMAG; there is a scheduled trip for ladies; which will be depart the compound approx. 0930. Please check your D5 flyer on the website for details.

The next big event for the Dept. of Pacific will be the Convention 13th-17th June. There was a big showing for the CofA in Phnom Penh from District Five; so, we are looking forward to seeing everyone in Bangkok. Start marking your calendars with deadline dates. These dates will be posted on the District Five website. I have already been contacted by some members on how they can volunteer; more details to follow. Also, all CDRs need to look at their pictures and advertisements for the Convention Book. Reminder the cost of Full Page is \$200 and Half Page is \$100. The Convention Book fund has already begun. Lets get out there and look at area for possible advertisements.

Yours in Comradeship and Service
Randy Riggs
Commander