



From the Commander

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Greetings Comrades,

Our last meeting for the 2019-20 term is upon us. There have been some sad and exciting events throughout the District. As, many of you already know the DPA Convention has been cancelled, along with various other VFW occurrences throughout the U.S. The pandemic has caused a significant restriction on our daily activities. However, I would like to thank those Post that went out of their way to support the local community, with food drives, donations, and other assistance that shows the spirit of the American people and the pride of the Veteran of Foreign Wars. My hat goes out to all those volunteers.

CDR's Comments: As we move into the final stages of the term; let it be known that District Five is ranked 5th in the All-American status. Also, congratulations to those posts that successfully completed All-American and All-State recognition. However, the time is not up until 30 June. Keep striving for those last few members to put your post in the desired status. Keep recruiting and promote the VFW Mission. The future of the District is in the hands of the membership, individual posts, and Post Commanders. Let's look for ways to improve the current system and the way we as a group do business.

DPA Awards: Post awards were submitted to the Dept, on time. I wish every post that submitted an entry good luck in their pursuit to be identified as Outstanding in that category.

Post Obligations: I was reminded by the D5 Adjutant that many Post Commanders have forgotten the duty in submitting their reports. These reports were due 31 March. If you haven't submitted them, please get them into the Adjutant for filing. These reports are to be separated into CDR's Report, CSR Report, and Service Officer's Report. This is a reminder that all these reports have a template to be followed.

The DPA QM gave out information regarding the new term Bond in the latest Typhoon, please review the information and forward the application as early as possible. If you have NAVFED the transfer happens quickly. I have noticed that several posts have completed this process – well done.

CDR's Future Business: The District has moved into uncharted territory, along with the rest of the VFW. This new chapter is the use of electronic media to conduct, discuss, and work through issues of mutual benefit. Through a recommendation from Post 9876; the District is currently using G-Suites; which has an extensive application process for conducting and tracking business related functions. With this gained knowledge; it is also available to each Post with a dedicated email address and access to storage and video conferencing capabilities; such as Hangout and Meeting. Each Post is considered a user under the dot net domain. Some posts have already accessed their area and are using the technology, as we move forward. If you don't have your access information, please contact the D5 Adjutant for details. I think the future of electronic meetings, storage, and tracking is the correct direction. I am hoping to get a similar tracking database up and operational on the D5 site, soon. If anyone has any inputs or would like to be involved with the process, please let Dave Borchers (Webmaster) know.

Yours in Comradeship and Service
Randy Riggs
Commander