



United We Stand



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Greetings from Steven McDaniel



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Greetings Comrades:

We are well into the year and we have held our School of Instruction and our Fall Conference. I hope all who attended returned home and shared your knowledge with your Posts and Districts. Let's all work hard on membership and VFW programs and make this a banner year for the Department of Indiana and Commander Sims.

Post Commanders please insure that Quarterly Audits are conducted by your trustees and the Trustees'

Report of Audit is forwarded to Department Headquarters.

Did you know that every VFW member can create their own account to the On-line Membership System? Just go to VFW.ORG and click on login and follow the prompts to create an account. By creating an account on VFW's national website, you will gain access to news releases, program information and other important information available to members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In previous years, we had 56 Post Officers removed as they failed to pay their annual dues prior to the expiration date of their membership. In the Department of Indiana, we have 216 Post Officers whose membership expires before the end of the administrative year ending on June 30, 2020. Post Commanders and Quartermasters, please review your rosters and ensure these officers renew their dues prior to their membership expiration date.

KEISTON R. HOLLOWAY

State Chaplain

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary of the post and district. I hope all is well. I have sent out 3693 condolences and continue to send out get well wishes and thinking of you as well as sympathy cards. I would like to take a moment to ask that you keep the families of Past District Commander Carl Pearson, Past District Commander Len Wilson and Past Post Commander Harold Bennett in your thoughts and prayers.

I attended the state POW/MIA ceremony at the war

memorial in Indianapolis and the POW/MIA ceremony at Post 1587 by the State Auxiliary. I went on a hospital visit with post 98 in Indianapolis. I visited the VFW National Home for Children. I also went to our Veterans Home in Lafayette. I was also be at the Fall Conference.

The holidays are fast approaching. Please visit our comrades in the hospitals and nursing homes and those home bound. I am staying busy and I enjoy it. I ask for your continued sup-

port. Without you, I cannot do my job. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

May God bless America, may God bless our troops, may God bless the VFW and may God continue to bless each and every one of you.



Words From The District Commanders

LEON M. PERRY SR.
District 9 Commander

Comrades:

Considering I am in a District Commander's position that no one else wanted, sorry for being straight forward, but that's me. With that being said, I will do to the best of my ability to see that District 9 Posts are in line with our Congressional Charter By-laws Manual Of Procedure Ritual. Some District 9 Posts have some unusual way of getting things done properly. Do not get me wrong, 14 Posts out of 17 Posts are doing their appointed officers positions at their Posts. The other 3 Posts are beginning to come into it. The Commanders of these 3 Posts are true comrades. The reason I say that is because District 9 officers have seen it firsthand. Not many comrades would try to raise what was once a great post and is now down for one reason or another.

These 3 Posts have heart. I am not going to call the Post out, but they know who they are. Thank you all and our District is with you Comrades 100%. By the end of my term as Commander, 2 Posts out of the 3 Posts will be on the good foot. The 1 other Post will be still working out their problems to get their suspension lifted.

District 9 is working hard to get all of our inspection completed. I've requested both Post Commander and Quartermaster be there for Post Inspection. This way the right hand will know what the left hand is doing in case one of them should be out for some reason

As a reminder, Membership and Community Services and looking out for Our Comrades, the rich and the poor one never knows.

RICHARD ELLIS
District 11 Commander



dom festival and POW/MIA ceremony combined. Good time was had by all at these two events.

Post 1587 hosted the state POW/MIA and it was well-attended with good food and the Pike High School Navy Jr. ROTC performed the ceremony; with the State auxiliary participating.

The district held its POW/MIA at Post 2999 using Howe High School ROTC Cadets for the ceremony, and it was well-attended. Special thank you to 2999 for the great food they provided.

All post have been inspected and paperwork turned into the state.

The District bus trip to the children's home was a great success with 42 people attending.

Post 908 had a very successful Hog Roast for the community of Mars Hill and its members.

It has been a busy time for us in District 11. We started at the Lawrence 4th of July parade. We had a number of posts participated, and Auxiliaries. Post 261 entered a float, 7119 had people involve with throwing candy out to the kids and 1120 was there with their firetruck and other post members joined in walking in the parade.

Post 98 had a freedom festival and raised money for the children home in Eaton Rapid, Michigan. Then Post 261 had a free-



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