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Commander's Corner, Aloha Kakou,

Health Passport aside, I look forward to seeing many comrades in Kailua-Kona in June (see #8 below) for our 83rd annual state convention. It has been too long since we last gathered.

As this VFW year comes to a close, mahalo to all the Posts who have submitted their Community Service reports, completed their inspections, started the process of updating their bylaws, held their post elections and held meetings in real life.

This has been the year to improvise and adapt and I applaud those Posts holding hybrid meetings - in person and via zoom. Many saw an increase in participation.

The convention will see us elect new state leadership, update our bylaws and enjoy hearing from our National representatives. It will be worth your time to attend.

Until then, could everyone please try to earn a few dollars for your post by bringing in new and reinstate members? We have Posts 849, 1540, 1572, 2875, 3830, 3870 and 8616 at 100% but they are striving to earn more and reach All-American. Join them, mahalo.

Ron Lockwood, Commander

- 1. Commander's Membership Challenge until June 15, 2021 is for every new member recruited the Post is awarded ten dollars (\$10.00) and for every member reinstated the Post is awarded five dollars (\$5.00).**
- 2. Congratulations to the following Posts for reaching 100% membership: 849, 1540, 1572, 2875, 3830, 3870, and 8616.**
- 3. VOD/PP: The 2021-2022 VOD topic is: America: Where do we go from here?
The 2021-2022 Patriot's Pen topic is: How can I be a good American?
Please inform your students and school contacts of the topics.**
- 4. The next Council of Administration meeting is scheduled for June February 12, 2021 after the close of the convention. Next year's COAs are tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2021, December 11, 2021 and February 12, 2022. The December 11 COA will likely be moved to December 4, 2021 to accommodate the Commander-in Chief's visit for the Pearl Harbor Remembrance.**
- 5. Department elections will be conducted in June 2021 during the Department Convention. Any person wishing to announce their candidacy for a Department Office please send the State Adjutant your name, Post number, and information you want distributed to the other members of the COA for consideration before the elections during the Convention..**



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6. Elections for Post Officers should be conducted in April 2021. Posts are reminded to submit election reports either during the election meeting or immediately following the election meeting. The Post Adjutant is required to maintain a copy of their proof of eligibility.
7. Posts delegates: In accordance with National Bylaws section 222 Posts required to elect delegates for Department and National Convention are to be elected in April. Delegate strength is based on members in good standing as of March 31, 2021. Only Quartermasters are able to register delegates.
8. Department of Hawaii and Auxiliary Conventions are being held in Kailua Kona on the Big Island on June 10, 11, and 12, 2021.
9. C-in-C Hal Roesch's Homecoming has been rescheduled for July 7 through 11 2021.
10. The VFW National Convention in Baltimore is currently scheduled for late July early August. If you are planning to go; plan to arrive on July 30th and depart on Aug 5th.
11. National Convention housing opened in February. If you are planning to go make your reservations as soon as it opens. It is easy to cancel hotel reservations.
12. Post Commanders are reminded that any Post in arrears to Department or National for fees, other financial obligations or administrative requirements including Election and Trustee Audit Reports will be deprived of representation at the Department or National Conventions and Council of Administration. These include up to date trustee reports, current election reports, proper bonding of officers, payment of delegate fees for both the Department and National Conventions, and filing of 990's and current DCCA registration.
13. Any officer or committee member whose membership is not in good standing by reason of failure to pay current dues by their anniversary date shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office in that administrative year.
14. Post Commanders shall submit Trustee Reports of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for 4th quarter ending June 30, 2020, 1st quarter ending September 30, 2020, 2nd quarter ending December 31, 2020 and 3rd quarter ending March 31, 2021. The deadline for the last Trustee Report will be April 30, 2021.



15. It is recommended that all Posts review their Post By-Laws and incorporate language that allows for electronic attendance at Post meetings in accordance with National By-Laws Section 203.

16. Post Inspections continue, COVID restrictions have delayed the completion as originally scheduled. The State inspection team would like to coordinate with all remaining posts that have not been inspected. Inspections will be held virtually over Zoom or in person as appropriate. Post Commanders, please have your QMs contact the State inspectors (Sean Mattimoe or George Barlett) as soon as possible so that we can schedule your inspections.

17. The State Commander and Adjutant will be informed of all official neighbor island trips.

18. The State Commander, State Adjutant and Chief of Staff will be cc'd on all reports sent to National or sent for further distribution.

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**Ronald Lockwood
State Commander**

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**George Barlett
State Adjutant**