

Bulletin No. 1, District 10, Department of Virginia, 7/14/2020

1. **Elections** – Congratulations to all those elected for the 2020-2021 year. I look forward to working with you all and doing everything I can to make your posts successful during these trying times. If there is anything I or any of the District 10 officers can do, please feel free to reach out to us at any time.
2. **District Meetings** – District 10 will have four meetings plus a School of Instruction (SOI) during the 2020-2021 year. The schedule is currently set as follows:
 - 9/20/2020 at VFW Post 1503. SOI at 9am
 - 9/20/2020 at VFW Post 1503. Lunch at 12pm, meeting at 1pm
 - 12/6/2020 at VFW Post 9274. Lunch at 12pm, meeting at 1pm
 - 3/7/2021 at VFW Post 1503 – Awards Ceremony. Lunch at 11:30am, meeting at 1pm
 - 5/2/2021 at VFW Post 1503 – District Convention. Lunch at 11:30am, meeting at 1pm

Note: if any changes arise for any reason, we will make sure to get the information out to everyone as soon as possible.
3. **All State** – The requirements for All State have changed for the 2020-2021 year. A significant change is that the Commander, Sr. Vice, or Jr. Vice must attend all District meetings and the School of Instruction. Another significant change is that based on membership numbers, either 1, 2, or 3 members must attend Department Recruitment Training. Dates and locations will be announced shortly. Full details are available in the General Orders at vfwwa.org as well as on the District 10 website under Programs – All State (<https://vfwwadist10.org>)
4. **Retention** – Recruitment is an important part of keeping our organization strong and making our voice as loud as possible when fighting for veterans’ rights. Unfortunately, sometimes, retention does not get the attention it deserves. If you recruited someone last year, but never followed up and made that member feel welcome and respected, that member may be headed out the door this year. This year’s recruits are next year’s leaders. Please ask your members and recruiters to take the time to make any new recruits feel welcome in our organization.
5. **Community Reports** – Every Post in our district does a fantastic job serving their community. These efforts deserve to be reported up to Department. At the time of this writing, I am happy to say that half of our Posts have submitted all required community reports to Department for the first half of the 2020-2021 year. We still have plenty of time to get these things reported but I ask that as soon as you can, please submit at least one report in each category. Department should know as early as possible about the great work being performed by our District 10 Posts.
6. **District Reports** – First off, thank you to all Posts for getting their election reports in on time. The next things will be proof of insurance, incorporation, tax filings, and inspections. Please work with the District 10 Inspector, Ben Guinan to schedule an inspection earlier rather than later so we can knock out that requirement ASAP and get on with the business of serving veterans.

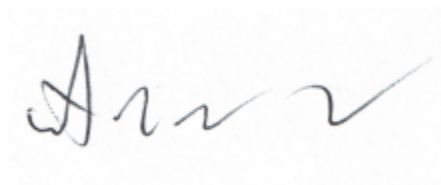
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7. **Inspection Binders** – The Department Commander is requiring all Posts to have an inspection binder. The binder will include all info required during the inspection. The binder should be in order of the inspection sheet and tabbed.
8. **Military Order of the Cootie (MOC)** - Founded in New York City on September 17, 1920, the MOC is based on the principals of good humor and fun. Over the past hundred years, the Cooties have provided social and entertainment programs to members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. as an Ancillary unit within the organization. Since 1923, their first year as a part of the VFW, the Cooties have worked hard to further the aims of the VFW while adding to it the frivolity known as Military Humor to the serious work of our parent organization. What would ultimately become known as the VFW National Home for Children, a sprawling campus of homes located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, started out as the brainchild of the MOC. They passionately believe in caring for the widows and children of our Armed Forces. Literally millions of dollars have been raised and donated to help "our kids" over their history; starting with the library, the swimming pool, the Fire Department, and a host of other projects designed to make life fun and educational for the children during their stay at the National Home.

Article XII of the VFW National Bylaws defines the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) as the Honor Degree of the VFW. Eligibility for membership in the Military Order of the Cootie shall be limited to those members of the VFW who at the time of application have been a member in good standing of their Post for the preceding six months and who have completed satisfactory service on a major Post committee; or satisfactorily performed Post duties or participated actively as a leader of Post functions, and who have been approved for membership by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a meeting of the Post.

Organizations of the Military Order of the Cootie are called Pup Tents and District 10 currently has two of them, Pup Tent 14 - Da-Lec-Itty at VFW Post 1503, and Pup Tent 17 - Lee-Si-Bugs at VFW Post 1177. Membership in the Military Order of the Cootie is NOT restricted to members of their respective Posts. VFW members who meet the qualifications for membership in the Military Order of the Cootie, but do not currently have a Put Tent at their own Post may join a Pup Tent at another Post. For additional information, please contact the District Commander at cdrdist10@vfwva.org.



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