

Bulletin No. 3, District 10, Department of Virginia, 11/12/2020

1. **Veterans Day** – On Veterans Day we honor the service all of us gave towards our country. Originally called Armistice Day marking the end of World War I, after the urging of Veteran organizations like our own, the day was renamed Veterans Day. Thank you all for your selfless service to our nation.
2. **Voice of Democracy** – Post judging for Voice of Democracy should be completed by 15 November. One winner for each 15 entries should be sent to District by November 30th. Please forward winning entries to one of the following: (1) Mail – John Wyand, 2011 Pimmit Dr, Falls Church, Va 22043, (2) Drop off at VFW 9274, 7118 Sherve Rd, Falls Church, Va 22043 (3) Call 703-434-0731(cell) to arrange a drop off.
3. **Patriots Pen** – Post judging for Patriot’s Pen should be completed by November 15th. One winner for each 15 Post Patriot’s Pen entries should be sent to District by November 30th. Entries can be mailed to Bob Fenlason, 15504 Ridgecrest Drive, Montclair, VA 22025 or dropped off at Post 1503, Attn.: Bob Fenlason, 14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City, VA 22193.
4. **Teacher of the Year** - Post judging for Teacher of the Year should be completed by November 15th. One winning entry for Elementary school, Middle School, and High School should be sent to District by November 30th. Please drop off entries for Teacher of the Year at VFW Post 1503, Attn: Bob Dugas. Alternatively, you can mail them to Attn: Bob Dugas, 14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City, VA 22193.
5. **District Inspections** – Inspections are coming along nicely. Much thanks to our District Inspector Ben Guinan and all the posts who have worked with him so far to get the inspections knocked out. For those who haven’t completed their inspections yet, please get with him soon to get this taken care of. As a reminder, 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.
6. **Community Reports** – With social distancing and all the requirements that come with the world we’re living in, community work has been more challenging this year. I’m quite pleased to say that District 10 was one of the first two Districts to reach 100% reported for the first half of the year. With the holidays coming up, please think of everything you do through the eyes of “how can I report this” and report your activities early. We do great work in District 10 and I would really like to get the required reporting completed as early as possible during the second half of the year.
7. **District Meetings** – District 10 has three remaining meetings this year:
 - 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
8. **Recruiting School** – Part of this year’s requirement for All-State is to send from 1-3 members to Recruiting School depending on your membership numbers. This took place a couple of weeks ago. Please let me know how many people from your post attended department level recruiting school. I have the leeway to conduct District level recruiting school to allow posts to make up

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the All-State requirement but need to know which, if any, posts didn't make it to the Department school that was conducted.

9. **All State** – So far, every post in the District is on track to achieve All-State status this year. The long pole in the tent is going to be membership numbers. Unfortunately, this year, you have to make your membership numbers by May 8th which means, mathematically, one sixth of your annual members need to renew early (if they are spaced out evenly). I encourage you to start contacting your annual members who renew in May and June early and ask them to help you out by renewing early. It doesn't change their annual renewal date and they can renew without an account or password by visiting www.vfw.org/renew.
10. **Audits** – This year, All-State requirements state that only one of the four quarterly audits are allowed to be late. Keep in mind that although it may be convenient to conduct audits on the same day as your post meetings, it is not a requirement. You can do your audits earlier if that helps get them in on time.
11. **Wreaths Across America** – On 19 December at 12:00 pm, 2020, Wreaths Across America and post 609 will be at Alexandria National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud. Please help their location lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by donating, volunteering, and inviting your family and friends to join you. NOVA Veterans Association is also laying wreaths at Quantico National Cemetery from 16-19 December. Details about both can be found on the District 10 Website under News: vfwvadist10.org.



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