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**G O D C O U N T R Y V E T E R A N S**

### **BUDDY POPPY:**

Orders for Memorial Day (May distribution) are now being processed. Quartermasters and Buddy Poppy Chairmen are encouraged to take advantage of the enormous wave of **patriotism** and order early. You are also reminded that the full name as listed in membership and a street address expedites delivery by UPS. Please **do not** use P.O. Box numbers. [For Buddy Poppy merchandise, go to http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=128](http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=128).

### **PROCESS TO ORDER VFW BUDDY POPPIES:**

Your Post order for VFW Buddy Poppies starts with your Post Quartermaster, upon approval of the Post membership. Order the Poppies from your VFW Department Headquarters (you will need to contact the Department Headquarters for any special order form and pricing as this information is not available from National Headquarters). Your Department Headquarters will in turn order from National Headquarters the quantity desired, and the shipment will be made according to directions from the Department order.

### **DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:**

**Please remember VFW depends on your donations to cover 89% of the cost of all VFWs life changing programs.**

**Spring Has Sprung!** – The special VFW Spring Note Cards were mailed in late April. I hope you have received yours and have had a chance to use some of them. Please remember, your support of this important program helps your VFW Department assist veterans in need throughout the year.

**Matching Gift Opportunity – There's Still Time !** – A few weeks ago, we mailed personalized patriotic address labels to use on your mail. Included in that package was an offer to match your gift, dollar for dollar up to \$50,000, until Memorial Day, May 30, 2011. This is a great opportunity to help support veterans of all ages, right in your Department. Be as generous as you can and send your gift in by May 30, 2011, to make sure it is matched!

**Did Your Special VFW Tote Bag Arrive?** – Several weeks ago we sent out a special VFW Tote Bag to many of our members. We hope you received your new tote bag in good condition and are using it with pride. By carrying your tote bag you will show your pride in the VFW and your service to this

nation. We certainly hope you will also send in a generous gift to support the important programs of the VFW. Your gifts will be used to help support the programs right in your own Department.

**Take Note!** – Later this month you will be receiving the popular “American Heroes: Then and Now” personalized notepad and patriotic address labels. We hope you enjoy the nostalgic images on the notepad and use them with pride. This is just another great opportunity to support the programs and services of the VFW that assist fellow veterans in need throughout the year in your own Department.

**May is National Military Appreciation Month** – Is your post planning a special event to commemorate Military Spouses Day on May 6<sup>th</sup>, Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15<sup>th</sup>, Armed Forces Day on May 21<sup>st</sup>, National Maritime Day on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, or Memorial Day on May 30<sup>th</sup>?

If your post is planning a special event this month to commemorate any of the above mentioned special days, please share your success story with us. We will be looking for special stories from posts like yours to feature in upcoming “VFW at Work” monthly e-newsletters and on [www.vfw.org/vfwatwork](http://www.vfw.org/vfwatwork). You may e-mail your story to [success@vfw.org](mailto:success@vfw.org). Shout your good works from the rooftops – with “VFW at Work”!

**VFW is Helping Our Heroes...Read Success Stories** – Please visit [www.vfw.org/vfwatwork](http://www.vfw.org/vfwatwork) to see VFW's grassroots success stories that are making a real difference for real people. New success stories will be posted as the VFW is out there doing its job – so check back often. If you enjoy reading these success stories and would like to receive a monthly update, please share your email with us. You can do this at [www.vfw.org/vfwatwork](http://www.vfw.org/vfwatwork) in the upper right corner of the page where it says “Keep Up With Veterans’ Issues And What VFW Is Doing.” This will allow you to receive the monthly e-newsletter as well as email updates on late breaking veterans’ issues. We will not share your email with any other company or organization, and you may opt-out at any time.

**Have you heard about VFW's Partners in Patriotism?** – It is a realization that not everyone wants to receive our mailings but would still like to support the VFW's programs. This is why we developed Partners in Patriotism. Partners in Patriotism is a planned giving program that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as reduce expenses and eliminate unwanted mail. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card, or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. If you are interested in this option, please contact VFW Development Department at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318, or email us at [partners@vfw.org](mailto:partners@vfw.org) with “Partners in Patriotism Application” in the subject line.

**VFW Friends of Freedom** – If you are not already a member of VFW's online community, visit [www.vfw.org/friendsoffreedom](http://www.vfw.org/friendsoffreedom) to sign up. Members of this special online community will receive a monthly e-newsletter with new grassroots stories about VFW out in the communities assisting veterans in need, educating the youth, and assisting military families across the nation and overseas. Also, as a member of VFW's Friends of Freedom, you will receive special e-mails with breaking VFW news, and special opportunities to help VFW in assisting our nation's veterans, service members and their families.

**Department Resources** – All the same great resources are still available for your Department to use – now found at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). You need only go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and Log In. You will find “Department Resources” under the “How to Get Involved” heading. The latest program information, ideas and promotional tools from the Development Department will be found here. Download ad slicks, press releases, banner ads and buttons for your department publications and/or website. Recent mailings and mailing schedules are also posted on a regular basis. Use the Department Resources tools to help strengthen your department programs. Check it out today!

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Just a reminder, the Dues Notice tapes are created on the last Friday of every month.

To prevent dues notices from being sent to those who have already paid, all membership transmittals must be received in the Dues Processing Department no later than noon on the following closing dates:

**TRANSMITTAL DEADLINES FOR THE 2010 - 2011 YEAR:**

<b><u>MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>DEADLINE DATE</u></b>	<b><u>(DAY)</u></b>
MAY	May 27	(Friday)
JUNE	June 30	<b><u>(THURSDAY - MUST BE RECEIVED IN DUES PROCESSING BY NOON FOR YEAR END CLOSING)</u></b>

Your continued support and cooperation in ensuring that all cards are received in a timely fashion will be greatly appreciated.

**ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:**

- **Recruiter Credits:** Quartermasters now have the ability to enter recruiter credits online when reinstating members or adding new members using the new Online Membership System (OMS), formerly known as E-Membership. Failure to do so will result in the loss of credit for the recruiter. In addition, membership applications submitted to National without a recruiter listed will not be changed later. Please make sure the recruiter information is complete before submitting the application. Failure to do so will result in the loss of credit for the recruiter.
- **Recruiting Materials:** Be advised that requests from National are processed in the order received. You will need to submit your order **no later than one week prior** to the date needed. Shipping charges for rush orders will be billed to the Post, District or Department officer placing the order.
- **Texas Holiday - Legacy Life Contest:**  
**Department Commanders** who increase their Legacy Life members in their Department by May 31, 2011, will receive a \$300 cash award. **\*\*\*A minimum of one new legacy life member per one thousand members in your Department is needed to qualify.**  
  
**District Commanders** that increase the legacy life members in their District by May 31, 2011, will receive a \$200 cash award. **\*\*\*A minimum of twenty new legacy life members is needed to qualify.**  
  
**Post Commanders** who sign up new legacy life members by May 31, 2011, will be placed in a drawing and six winners will be selected. **\*\*\*You will receive one ballot for a new Bronze member, two ballots for new Silver members, three ballots for new Gold members and one ballot for level upgrades.** The six winning Commanders will receive round-trip airfare to the National Convention in San Antonio, Texas for the Commander and their spouse, \$500 expense stipend, and special seating at the Joint Opening ceremonies on Monday.
- **All American Program:** Please note the change in the All-American Program - Posts that have five years continuous growth in membership will be considered for All American by the Commander-in-Chief (if they have been 100% in membership and programs reporting).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO “OPERATION FIRST STRIKE” WINNERS:**

**TRACY POLLARD, COMMANDER**  
HOWARD-PARRISH POST 9834 – DEPT. OF ARKANSAS  
Group 1

**JAMES RODGERS, COMMANDER**  
WILLIAM C AMUNDSON MEMORIAL POST 12075 – DEPT. OF TEXAS  
Group 2

**NEY KEYES, COMMANDER**  
YUCCA VALLEY POST 9431 – DEPT. OF CALIFORNIA  
Group 3

**ELVIN BASS, COMMANDER**  
LA PLACE POST 3337 – DEPT. OF LOUISIANA  
Group 4

**FRANK CARROLL, COMMANDER**  
EDWARD P. MADAK POST 9340 – DEPT. OF OHIO  
Group 5

**BRUCE KOSACK, COMMANDER**  
PINE GROVE POST 3432, DEPT. OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Group 6

**DANIEL STONER, COMMANDER**  
MANNHEIMER POST 9534, DEPT. OF EUROPE  
Group 7

**QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:**

We are pleased to announce that both the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States’ Kansas City and Washington, D. C. offices are equipped with an automated external defibrillator (AED) to protect our members, guests and employees from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). SCA is the nation’s leading cause of death and is the result of an electrical disruption in the heart, causing a very rapid and very faint beat, preventing the circulation of blood and oxygen to the rest of the body. When someone collapses from SCA, they need immediate CPR and the shock of an AED to restore the heart’s natural rhythm. People with heart disease or a previous heart attack are at risk, but, many times, the first sign of any heart problem might be the collapse from SCA.

The AED in the Washington, D.C. office was a gift from the Cheney Cardiovascular Institute at the George Washington University through the ReStart DC program, which also provided training on how to use and maintain the device. AEDs are easy to use and speed the response to SCA victims while awaiting emergency services. All staff knows how to access the AED. The presence of an AED at our offices is a reminder that a healthy heart is critical to our overall health, and we urge our employees and members to make wise eating, exercise and lifestyle choices. Furthermore, we all play a role in responding to sudden cardiac arrest. If you see someone collapse, please get help, call 9-1-1, start CPR and get the AED.

## **QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, OPERATIONS:**

### **Senior Term Life Insurance**

Our exclusive coverage for VFW members offers up to \$25,000 in coverage for members and their spouses ages 45 – 75. This policy can help those you love pay the bills you'll leave behind...credit card debts, outstanding loan payments and funeral costs, to name a few. Or the money can be used to help a special young person get a good education ... or provide the down payment for that first house. It can even be left as a donation to your favorite charity.

Life insurance makes sound financial sense. And when you're a VFW member, it makes even more sense to choose the plan your organization has researched...and endorsed. Here are just a few of the features offered by this exclusive VFW-Sponsored Term Life Insurance Plan:

Up to \$25,000 in benefits ... without a medical exam or a single health question

Long-lasting Coverage ... it cannot be cancelled because of your age or any changes in your health

Double Benefits for covered Accidental Death ... up to \$50,000 in benefits

There are no health questions to answer, no medical exam is required, and your acceptance is guaranteed!

Visit <http://www.vfwinsurance.com/SrTermLife.htm> or call 1-800-749-6983.

### **Simplified Issue Term Insurance**

With the **VFW- Sponsored Simplified Issue Term Life** plan, planning ahead for your family's financial security doesn't have to be a major headache. It's pure term protection with no fancy investment features that can drive up the cost. Coverage is guaranteed renewable and protection is guaranteed convertible.

Select pure term life insurance of \$100,000, \$75,000 or \$50,000. Call 1-800-749-6983 for more information or visit [www.vfwinsurance.com](http://www.vfwinsurance.com).

### **Insurance for VFW Posts**

VFW Posts have exclusive access to comprehensive insurance at competitive rates through the VFW Post Insurance Program. Insurance policies tailored to protect your Post's unique property and liability exposures including its volunteers, members, Auxiliary and home associations. The program was created under VFW guidance and is proud to be serving Posts for over 23 years!

Visit <http://www.vfwinsurance.com/PostIns.htm> or call 1-800-829-8390 for a quote.

### **VetJobs**

VetJobs ([www.vetjobs.com](http://www.vetjobs.com)) has thousands of current job postings; an outstanding Employment Assistance section with many helpful tips on how to find a job, write your resume and how to interview effectively. State job board information and niche job board listings make it easy to find the right job.

VetJobs, owned in part and exclusively sponsored by VFW, is available to assist all those in the military as well as transitioning military, National Guard and reservists, veterans, spouses, eligible former spouses, widows, widowers and dependents and DoD civilians.

Visit [www.vetjobs.com](http://www.vetjobs.com) for more information, or call 1-877-VET-JOBS (1-877-838-5627).

## **Medicare Advantage**

Medicare annual election period is from October 15th – December 7th, 2011. Medicare Advantage plans offer more health plan choices. Plans are designed to provide more benefits than traditional Medicare, may include prescription drugs, dental, vision and preventive care, and may reduce out-of-pocket expenses for items such as doctors' visits.

Features:

- Lower monthly premiums, sometimes FREE
- Generic and Brand Name prescription drug benefit
- Freedom to choose your doctors, hospitals and specialists without a referral
- Preventive services at no extra cost
- Virtually no paperwork
- Emergency and urgent care worldwide

To talk to a representative or if you would like more information, please contact Pinnacle Financial Services at 1-877-255-0884 or visit [www.pfs-vfw.com](http://www.pfs-vfw.com)

## **Cancer Insurance Plan**

Help protect against the rising cost of cancer treatment with the VFW sponsored cancer insurance plan. Benefits can be paid directly to you regardless of any other insurance you may have or to your doctor if you request. Premiums are at affordable group rates. Certain limitations and exclusions apply. For more information, call 1-800-749-6983 or visit <http://www.vfwinsurance.com/cancer.htm>

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS:**

Just a reminder to all Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters that you will not be receiving copies of the VFW Leadership Reference Guide CDs this year. The VFW Leadership Reference Guide will be available on-line in the Online Membership System (OMS).

## **NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES (NMS):**

The NMS Recognition Certificates for donations received from May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011 will be sent directly to the Departments for distribution at each Department Convention. Thank you for all the support!

## **VFW STORE:**

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - BEAT THE RUSH** Order your Department convention awards and gifts. Click here <http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=205>

**MEMORIAL DAY – May 30, 2011 – Fly your Flag** Order early for Memorial Day events <http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=239>

**NEED A TENT** for recruiting, parades, barbeques, fundraisers? Get it here <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=29458>

**CALL** to see how we can help on special orders for your convention - shirts, caps, gifts, etc. Don't see it in the catalog - CALL 1-800-821-2606 or email [scutright@vfw.org](mailto:scutright@vfw.org)

Make us your ***One-Stop Shopping*** source for all your VFW needs.

## **PROGRAMS:**

**DISPLAYING MILITARY SERVICE SYMBOLS.** Military Service flags, insignias, etc., should be displayed in the following order (Left to Right as you face the flags): Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and then Coast Guard. For Military flags, click here:

<http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=22300>.

**HALF-STAFF U.S. FLAG.** The U.S. Flag should be at half-staff on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May (federal holiday - half-staff until noon). Flags available at VFW Store

<http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=211>.

**FLAG DAY, JUNE 14.** All VFW units are reminded to properly display the U.S. Flag on Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14 and to conduct a ceremony or program as feasible. You may contact the VFW Communications Department for a Flag Day speech. It is also suggested Posts should award the VFW Patriotic Citizen Award (product No. 4385) for those who have daily displayed our National flag. This product is available at the VFW Store <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=22874>.

**ALERT – CUTTING UP THE U.S. FLAG.** It has recently come to our attention that some erroneous traditions are becoming more commonplace regarding U.S. Flags that are no longer usable. Many well-meaning individuals have cut up soiled or worn Flags, sometimes cutting out stars and mailing them to our troops. Although this is a thoughtful gesture and appears on the Internet in several places, it is in fact, an inappropriate act and should not be conducted by any VFW Post or Auxiliary.

In August, 2000, at the VFW 101st National Convention, delegates passed a resolution establishing a U.S. Flag disposal program by fire for Posts to conduct, privately or publicly as follows:

- 1) The Flag should be folded in its customary manner. (See VFW Ritual Book)
- 2) It is important that the fire be sizeable and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the Flag.
- 3) Place the Flag on the fire.
- 4) The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the Flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
- 5) After the Flag is completely consumed, the fire should be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
- 6) Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.

The resolution conforms to the intent and letter of the U.S. Code and the Federal Flag Code.

This is the only acceptable way of handling U.S. Flags that are no longer fit to be flown. No other handling of a retired Flag is considered acceptable.

**VFW NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVANT AWARDS.** Departments were asked to submit three nominees (one for each career area) to the VFW Programs Office no later than February 1, 2011. VFW Programs will create citations for the following awards in each Department:

- VFW National Law Enforcement Award
- VFW National Firefighter Award
- VFW National Emergency Medical Technician

Each Department will receive their three awards and contact their recipients to arrange a presentation. Department Commanders may present the awards at their Department Convention, but are encouraged to also present the award in front of the recipient's peers at a professional association event, city council meeting, etc. The purpose of the second venue is to expose these VFW awards to the

general public and especially other law enforcement personnel, firefighters and EMT's, many of whom are veterans eligible for VFW membership.

#### **SPECIAL NOTICE – COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING.**

Recognizing that VFW and Ladies Auxiliary programs and chairmanships do not always coincide, we must find a way to establish an accurate accounting of the efforts and dollars expended by both organizations. Therefore, the following will apply for the 2011-2012 program year:

All VFW Post chairman will report to their respective Department Chairman at least twice yearly in a timely fashion so as to allow the Department Chairman to report to the VFW National Programs office in June and December. The VFW Post chairmen's report should include whether or not their Ladies Auxiliary participated.

The various Ladies Auxiliary chairmen will report to their Department chairmen and District chairmen (where applicable). Each Ladies Auxiliary Department Chairman will consolidate these reports and provide a list of the number of participants, hours and money expended to the VFW Department Community Service Chairman. This information will be added to the VFW reports and submitted to the VFW Programs National Office.

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM.** This program is designed to provide recognition and awards to VFW members who volunteer their time to outside organizations. Recognition is in the form of certificates and/or lapel pins which are given to volunteers who have completed the number of hours prescribed for those awards. For more information, see the 2010 – 2011 VFW Community Service Chairmen's Guide or contact the VFW Community Service department at 816-968-1148 for a nomination form. Certificates and other awards available at VFW Store <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=22826>

**POW/MIA FLAG - OFFICIAL DISPLAY DAYS.** Public Law 105-85 (November 16, 1997) indicates the days that federal agencies, military installations, and U.S. post offices are required to display the POW/MIA flag. The days are: Armed Forces Day, May 21 (third Saturday in May); Memorial Day, May 30 (last Monday in May); Flag Day, June 14; National POW/MIA Day, September 16, (third Friday in September); and Veterans Day, November 11. To purchase a POW/MIA flag, click here: <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=22305>.

#### **MEMBER BENEFITS:**

##### **Veterans Care Plus (VCP)**

Diabetes Care Management, Hearing Aid Program, Drug Savings Program and US Vision Plan. To find out more call: 1-877-252-0970 or visit [www.veteranscareplus.com](http://www.veteranscareplus.com). Don't forget to mention you are a VFW member.

##### **USAA Banking and Credit Card**

USAA provides insurance, banking, investment and retirement products and services to 8 million members of the U.S. military and their families. Known for its legendary commitment to its members, USAA is consistently recognized for outstanding service, employee well-being and financial strength. USAA membership is open to all who are serving or have honorably served our nation in the U.S. military – and their families. For more information about USAA, or to learn more about membership, visit [www.usaa.com/vfw](http://www.usaa.com/vfw) or call 1-800-274-8839.

## Car Rental Discounts

Whether it is business or pleasure, receive discounts for car rentals from Hertz, Avis, Alamo, Budget and National:

- Hertz: Call 1-800-654-2200 VFW identification number: **CDP164126**
- Avis: Call 1-800-331-1212 VFW identification number: **A9935000**
- Budget: Call 1-800527-0700 VFW identification number: **V026800**
- Alamo: Call 1-800-732-3232 VFW Identification number: **42592**
- National: Call 1-800-227-7368 and request VFW Contract ID **5180005**.

## 1800Flowers

We are pleased to partner with the VFW- Veterans of Foreign Wars, giving all members the opportunity to **SAVE 15%** off products with national and international delivery. Life's everyday celebrations are easy at 1-800-FLOWERS.COM®, where our wide assortment of beautiful flowers – Fresh From Our Growers or Florist Designed – plus plants, delicious gourmet snacks and treats, extraordinary gift baskets, cuddly plush pals and unique giftware they'll treasure can help you celebrate any occasion! 1-800-BASKETS.COM® truly completes your online gift shopping experience. When you need a special gift, think of us. We'd love to build a basket for you! Shop now for our new expanded gift basket collection for gourmet gift baskets filled with chocolates, wine, fruit, cookies, various gift basket towers and assorted food gifts. It's easy to see why we're different. Simply use **PROMOTION CODE: VFW** at check out on the web or on the telephone with one of our Gift Advisors. Visit [www.1800flowers.com](http://www.1800flowers.com), [www.1800baskets.com](http://www.1800baskets.com) or call 1-800-356-9377.

## Medical Air Services Association (MASA Assist)

Emergency assistance transportation to private or VA hospitals at your discretion. To learn more call: 1-800-423-3226 or visit [www.masaassist.com/vfw](http://www.masaassist.com/vfw). Don't forget to mention you are a VFW member.

## FromYouFlowers

Choose from over 2,000 exquisite gift items like our bouquet of roses, voted as a CBS Morning Show Best Value, or select any of our florist designed arrangements, all available nationwide for same day delivery. Your **20%** Discount is also valid on our entire NEW line of award winning cookies, cakes, and brownies, including 1800flowers.com trademarked items such as their Birthday Cake and Margarita Bouquets. (Good Housekeeping Magazine's 10 Best Mail-order Goodies for Giving or Serving). As the leader in the industry on customer service standards we have confidence your order will always be perfect so we back it with a 100% product and service guarantee. Make someone smile today—send Flowers!!!! **SAVE 20%** on all regularly priced floral and gift items with From You Flowers. Simply visit [www.fromyouflowers.com/vfw](http://www.fromyouflowers.com/vfw) or call (800) 838-8853 and mention **code 81Y**. *We also deliver to over 140 Countries!*

## Hotel Discounts – Wyndham Worldwide Family of Hotels

As a member of the VFW, you will receive up to **20% off** the "Best Available Rates" at participating locations every time you travel. Give agent special discount **ID number 62615** at time of booking to receive the discount. Whether you are looking for an upscale hotel, an all-inclusive resort or something more cost-effective, we have the right hotel for you...and at the right price. So start saving now. Call our special member benefits hotline and reserve your room today at one of Wyndham's fine hotels. Call 1-877-670-7088 to book your reservation.

### **eKnowledge SAT/ACT testing preparation materials**

Big discount of 75%-90% is being offered by eKnowledge on their acclaimed SAT/ACT testing products such as DVD programs, software and books. These materials help students prepare for their college entrance exams and will potentially increase confidence which can result in higher test scores, scholarships and acceptance into the college of their choice. Open to VFW members, employees, relatives and dependants. To order visit: [www.eKnowledge.com/vfw](http://www.eKnowledge.com/vfw) or call (951) 256-4076

### **LifeLock – Identity Theft Protection**

Protect Your Identity with LifeLock – the VFW-sponsored program that guards against identity theft. Last year, identity theft increased 22% for a five-year high of nearly 10 million victims at a cost of \$48 million. That's an identity stolen every three seconds. But you don't have to be next. VFW has partnered with LifeLock to provide you a special savings on LifeLock's industry-leading identity theft protection service. Don't wait until it's too late. Enroll today and you'll receive a limited-time discount of 10% of the regular membership price. Help protect yourself now. Visit [www.lifelock.com](http://www.lifelock.com) or call 1-800-LIFELOCK (543-3562). Use **promo code "VFW"**.

### **Dell Computer Discounts**

To order by phone-Members call 1-800-695-8133 and mention **ID# PS30482412**.  
For Posts, call 1-800-695-8133 and mention **ID# PS76832215**

### **Save with Sprint!**

Switch to Sprint cellular service and save! Sprint has joined with the VFW to offer members, employees and their families several incentives with the purchase of a new wireless device and subscription through this exclusive program. Not only will you receive a 15% monthly discount on your cell phone service, but you will also receive additional gift cards or accessories with your order.

Already, a Sprint customer? Refer another member who signs up for new service and receive a \$25 prepaid debit card. These offers are only valid at: [www.sprint.com/vfw](http://www.sprint.com/vfw) or 1-866-869-6686.

### **Veterans Travel Service, Inc., – a VFW member benefit worth remembering!**

If you are planning a trip, whether it is for business or personal, one of the member benefits is just a phone call away. Veterans Travel Service, Inc. has been working with VFW members since 1986 and can handle all your travel needs. They are experienced in every area of travel. It could be for a tour, cruise or vacation package. You receive a VFW rebate when booking with Veterans Travel Service. If you need help with airline tickets, their expertise might be the ticket you need; although they charge service fees, the savings will usually far outweigh the cost of the fee. So if you're travelling soon, call them at (800) 325-9377. They are located in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Headquarters, and their personal service is something to be appreciated these days!

### **ROLL CALL OF DEPARTED COMRADES:**

FERGUSON, James H., All American Commander, Department of New Mexico, 1993-94 and a Gold Legacy Life Member of Tularosa and Alamogordo Post 7686, Alamogordo, New Mexico, April 21, 2011.

LUKSTA, Walter C., Commander, Department of Illinois, 1976-77 and a Life Member of Berwyn Post 2378, Berwyn, Illinois, March 1, 2011.

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