

IPSWICH POST 1093  VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Comrades who have attended a recent post function will recognize this photo as showing the stations for the Commander, the Quartermaster and the Adjutant. We can be justifiably proud of our quarters. Commander Metz has been unable to provide a message for our newsletter this month so instead of an inspirational message we will include an inspirational photograph. The improvements that will be obvious to regular attendees are all due to the talents and efforts of Past Commander Duke. How inspirational is that !

POST 1093 COMMUNITY ACTIVITY AWARD

Past Commander Duke reported that at the Department Convention in June our Post was presented with a certificate of Recognition from National for our outstanding Community Activity Program reporting. The important thing to note about this award is that without the outstanding participation in community affairs by a few of our members there wouldn't have been anything to report.....the individual member reports were what gave Post 1093 the ability to earn the award. As an example, here is a recent report from Past Commander Pete Wilson:

PATRIOT RIDERS JUNE REPORT: Meeting held June 6th at VFW 26 members 12 pm to 3 pm. Opened new chapter Mass RI border. Total of 3 - MA, RI, FL. Total membership 87. Dan LaRoche requested Patriot Riders at dedication of monument for his brother. We will attend Vet's Conference 7/24/10. Pete Wilson, VFW, Patriot Riders, Member of the Board, Chaplain.

Short, sweet and to the point. So, how about your report? Let the Adjutant know what you are doing in any community activity where you Post 1093 membership, affiliation or adherence to our principles is evident through your participation.



VFW Receives National POW/MIA Family Award

The National League of POW/MIA Families presented its top award to the VFW last night in recognition of the decades of work we have provided to the Full Accounting Mission, to include meeting with senior foreign military, political and diplomatic officials in Washington as well as on the ground in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, China and Russia. Accepting the award on behalf of the entire organization was Bob Wallace, executive director of the VFW Washington Office, who said the work the VFW does honors the military creed of never leaving a comrade behind, and to help to bring closure to the MIA families who continue to hope and pray for the return of their loved ones

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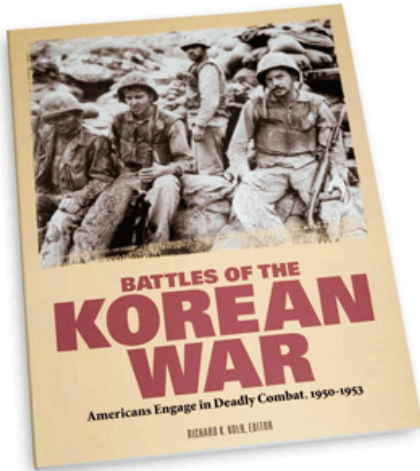
IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



O God, Father of us all, we offer this final earthly tribute to our beloved comrades who have passed on.

Joseph B. Dziadul and Kenelm W. Harris

<http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=29415>



GO TO THIS WEB SITE TO PURCHASE THE **BATTLES OF THE KOREAN WAR**, VFW's Award Winning Korean War Book is Back in Print in hardback ensuring a lasting keepsake. It has been reprinted by popular demand to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the war. You will receive 136 pages packed with 140 illustrations and photos with chronicles of more than 30 major actions. It has won 3 awards for excellence and is authored by the VFW.

THE 111TH VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE.....

Any member in good standing may register for the National Convention. Registering for the National Convention is another way a member can show support for VFW programs. The \$10.00 advance registration fee entitles the member to a convention packet which may be picked up at the convention.

Tactical Assessment Center.....A VFW RESOURCE, AVAILABLE TO COMRADES PROVIDING READILY AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE TO US AND OUR FAMILIES WHEN WE COULD USE SOME INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.

The VFW's Tactical Assessment Center (TAC) [1-800-VFW-1899 HelpLine] assists veterans and their families with issues and concerns they have with VA health care and benefits entitlements. Every effort is made to initiate contact with the veteran or family member within 24 hours of receipt of the incident report.

The backbone of the TAC is its database that tracks the timeliness, accessibility and quality of VA medical and benefits services to veterans. The data collected is then used to determine if issues are local, network-wide, or if they represent a national trend. The VFW's National Veterans Service and National Legislative Service staff then use this data as evidence to bring about appropriate VHA network level, VBA regional level, or national level policy and Congressional action to assure accessible, quality and timely VA health care and veterans entitlement services.

Since its inception on September 1, 1997, the TAC has received more than 90,000 inquiries via the 1-800-VFW-1899 HelpLine, e-mail, phone calls, staff referrals and written correspondence. On average, the VFW TAC receives around 250 inquiries weekly. The TAC also has advised more than 27,000 veterans and their families on the VA health-care enrollment process and the uniform benefits health package. To date, the VFW has helped establish 122 different VHA health care and VBA benefit entitlement issues, which are tracked via the TAC database.

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