

## *From the Junior Vice Commander:*



Comrades,

Now is the time for the final push on Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen entries. October is the final month for our students to get in their applications to their respective Posts. Please emphasize the rules and make sure the applications are complete.

There was a notable increase in the CSR entries for many Posts during September. And the entries are becoming more valid as we go. Community Service is one of our best ways to show the world what we do, and what the VFW is all about. It can be a valuable tool in recruiting new members. And please keep in mind, you can back date these entries. Please review the requirements for All-State in regards of your CSR entries. With the consolidation of Posts 8180 and 10216, they are now under the single entry of 8180. Please ensure the 10216 folks use the proper 8180 entry when submitting your CSR.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, here in Japan, we will be attending the memorial Service for the ten young sailors killed during the collision in August. A Line of Honor will be formed around the base that the buses and cars with the families of the young men will drive through on the way to the ceremony. VFW Post 1054 used our Military Assistance Program (MAP) to fund the reception afterwards for 450 crew members and families. MAP is a wonderful program, and can be used for a number of activities. It costs your Posts nothing to use it. Take advantage of it.

Thanks again to you all, and let's all help make this a great year for the Department of Pacific Areas.

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