

Comrades,

Does the VFW beg too much? I'll give you the long answer.

When I was a Post Quartermaster for many years, I never put in a new member's email address when I transmitted the application because I knew that the National office would send them frequent requests for donations. This bugged me, and I didn't want to bug new members with the same requests for money. After becoming the Department Quartermaster, I learned why this happens.

First and foremost, every penny of a Pacific Areas member's donation to National comes back to the Department in the form of a grant. This has enabled our Department to set up a Disaster Relief Fund (\$10,000) to be used when our members are stricken with a natural disaster and need immediate help with food, shelter, medications, and other necessities. We were also able to start the Veterans Outreach Program (\$6,000) to give assistance to any veteran in our geographic area who has a financial emergency that a \$500 shot in the arm can help alleviate. This is where your donation to National goes.

I personally saw these donations in action after Typhoon Soudelor wrecked havoc on most of my home island of Saipan. National sent us \$10,000 right away to help in the recovery. I was one of the lucky ones who still had a house, but I was without power and water for 48 days. Try it sometime; it's not fun. The donations from National and Posts & Pup Tents within our Department and donations from other Departments helped me cope with the destruction and hardship. One of our younger members with a wife and 3 children lost everything, but the VFW's donations helped make his life whole again.

After this happened, I made a personal commitment to donate to the VFW every year. You should consider doing the same. It may just come back to you tenfold when you need it the most. So to answer the original question, "Does the VFW beg too much?" The answer is "No". They are doing what they can to help US, and isn't that what we are all about?

Quartermasters, when you transmit a new member to National, include his or her email address. The person you help may be you.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Pete Callaghan

AUDITS SUBMITTED	JUNE '17	SEP '17	DEC '17	MAR '18	BUDDY POPPIES ORDERED '17-'18	QM BOND ORDERED 2017-'18
9723					\$58/500	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd./F
District I					X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd.F
1054	X				\$174/1,500	\$100.00/\$40,000 Pd./F

9555	X				\$58/500	\$65.00/\$26,000. Pd./F
9612					\$58/500	\$65.00/\$26,000. Pd./F
District II	X				X	\$17.50/\$5,000. Pd./F
8180					\$348/3,000	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
9985	X	X			\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
10033	X				\$58/500	\$65.00/\$26,000. Pd./F
<del>10216</del>	Post1021 6	merge d	with	Post 8180	<del>\$116/1,000</del>	<del>\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd./F</del>
10223					\$58/500	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd./F
12147					\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
District III	X				X	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
<del>727</del>	Post 727	merge d	with	Post 9957	<del>missing</del>	<del>\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd.</del>
9957	X				\$58/500	\$75.00/\$30,000 Pd./F
District IV					X	\$35/\$10,000 Pd./F
9876	X				\$58/500	\$125.00/\$50,000. Pd./F
9951	X				\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000. Pd./F
10217	X				\$58/500	\$42.00/\$12,000.

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10249	X				\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd./F
11575					\$58/500	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd./F
12074	X				\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd./F
12146	X				\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
12163					\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 unpaid/F
District V	X				X	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd./F
1509					\$58/500	\$70.00/\$28,000 Pd./F
2917	X				\$232/2,000	\$65.00/\$26,000. Pd./F
3457	X				\$58/500	\$65.00/\$26,000. Pd./F
District VI	X				X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd./F
124	X				\$58/500	\$48.00/\$13,000. Pd./F
2485	X	X			\$58/500	\$400.00/\$160,000. Pd./F
9892					\$58/500	\$35.00/ \$10,000. Pd./F
11447	X				\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
12130	X				\$58/500	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd./F

District VII					X	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
*F = Bond application form received.						