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National's Position on Political Events It has always been our position that political candidates can address VFW members as, for example, during a General Election year, we had both candidates for President address us at the National Convention. There is no prohibition on our members from being at or hosting political events as long as they are not espousing a position that is clearly partisan in nature or implying an official VFW endorsement.

All members are encouraged to vote and actively campaign for the candidate(s) of their choice, if so desired. They are also permitted to wear their VFW caps as visible reminders that veterans' issues and votes matter. They are there as individuals who happen to be members of the VFW; they are not and should never misrepresent themselves or their presence as an endorsement by any official entity of the VFW. Of course, we have to initially rely on our individuals' good and professional judgment that they understand not to involve the VFW's name in partisanship activities.

October 31 - is Halloween. Is your Post planning a Youth Halloween Party?

Audits - September 30th ended a quarter and Post Trustees Report of Audit is now due. Audit reports must be signed by "All 3" Trustees and the Commander or they will not be considered valid submissions.

Reminder – Post inspections are due to Department by December 1st. All Inspections are to be sent directly to District Commanders who will then review and send directly to Department.

Buddy Poppies - Now is the time to order Buddy Poppies for fall distribution. Poppies cost \$115.00 per thousand. All orders to be mailed to Department Headquarters. Increments of less than 1,000 are \$15.00 per hundred.

National By-Laws - and Ritual are being revised due to changes at National Convention. It is suggested that all Posts order the 2016 edition. Orders will be filled as soon as the new edition is received from the printer. All orders should be sent to National Emblem & Supply or order online www.vfwstore.org.

Schools - are now open. Promote the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs. See Administrators and students about the Teacher Program.

Veteran's Day - is November 11th and all Posts should be planning some activities within your city to let the citizens know there are veterans willing and able to help the community be a better place to live.

Endowment -Completed forms must be returned to Department Headquarters no later than February 1, 2016.

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen - Post deadline is November 1, 2015. Entries should be sent to District Chairman by November 15, 2015.

Teacher Program – Post deadline is February 15th, entries to District Chairman by March 5th.