



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
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- AUTHORITY: ARTICLE V SECTIONS 516-518 OF THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURE AND THE NATIONAL BY-LAWS OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ASSUMES COMMAND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EFFECTIVE JUNE 19, 2011.
- ALL PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES ARE NULL AND VOID.



JOHNNY L. WILSON
 2011-2012 STATE ADJUTANT

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 2011-2012 STATE COMMANDER

"Developing Change and Growth"

Dear Comrades,

It is with gratitude to you Comrades, that I have the honor of leading our great Department this year.

As you can see by my theme above, I want to concentrate this year on *Developing Change and Growth*. Growth is a key word in my theme, because without growth, our Department will dissipate and weaken until we no longer have the means to *Honor the Memory of our American Heroes*. You are one of those American Heroes. Part of what you will be remembered for by others, is what you will be doing this 2011-2012 VFW year. As a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, you hold a distinct place, by having gone before those who are currently serving.

As your State Commander, I have put together a team of exceptional Comrades that I feel will bring a different type of atmosphere within our Department. You will see many new faces holding appointed offices. I need to make it very clear from the start, that I understand the need for Comrades to gain experience at the State level, so that we will have a wealth of experienced Comrades to hold elected offices in the future. Their dedication to serve is a daily reminder to all of us to re-dedicate ourselves in performing our duties, whether at the Post, District or State level.

I believe in the *hands on approach* in that, if we are to expect *growth* and *change*, we must keep everyone in the loop. I have instructed such Comrades as Garfield Woody Woods (2011-2012 State Inspector) to fix any problems before they take firm root. Besides getting inspections done, he will have the tools he needs, to not only explain, but to help those Posts who have forgotten or do not know how to fill out certain paperwork or forms. There is also a change in our Community Service program. Instead of having one Chairman, there will be a Director/Chairman and three other Chairmen, working smaller areas to facilitate better results. All four Comrades have received a detailed *appointment letter* that specifically outlined what their responsibilities are. I also wrote in the appointment letters, that if they did not perform in their responsibilities, they would be relieved. I have instructed each appointed officer to also have a written report every C/A meeting on a side table. I want to get out as much information to the Posts as possible, like we used to do a few years ago.

But our officers, both elected and appointed, can not do it alone, nor should they. Posts will follow the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual and if they do not, then I will take appropriate measures to help them re-define why they belong to this great organization. All I ask, is that we get back to doing what we are supposed to be doing and to also have the time to relax and enjoy ourselves. It used to be a fun and enjoyable experience coming to C/A's, the Conference and the State Convention. We need to become a brotherhood again by respecting and helping each other become the best we can be. As Veterans, let us help each other and share together the fruits of our labor as well as defeats that come our way. With your help in assisting each other this year, we will *develop, change and increase growth* in membership, as well as our programs.

My *Special Project* this year is the Fisher House. In 2007-2008, our Department donated over six thousand dollars to the Fisher House. We must focus on our returning Veterans and their families. But don't forget about making a donation also to National Military Services, especially if you are setting a goal for All American status.

I look forward to working with our Department Ladies Auxiliary President Marianne Larson and her officers, as well as with the Men's Auxiliaries. Headquarters will be here to assist you-not defeat you.

In Comradeship,

William "Willie" D. Campbell
 2011-2012 South Carolina State Commander