



### Quartermaster—Jan F. Milles

**The new dues year has started.** If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. Our dues are still \$25.00 per annum. You can mail your dues directly to National HQ or pay at the Post. Of course mailing to the post will also work.

**This could be a good time to consider becoming a Life Member.** Over your lifetime you would probably save money by converting to life. As an example: a 25-year-old member would expect to live until age 75. At \$25.00 a year he would pay he would pay \$1,250.00 in yearly dues. (We know that the annual dues will go up over the time frame of 50 years.)

If this same 25-year old member would convert to life membership it would only cost him \$ 425.00 as a onetime payment. This is a saving of \$ 825.00 over his or her lifetime. There are also 12 and 24 month payment plans available from National HQ.

See the chart below for your particular age. The deal may even be better.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

Attained Age on 12/31	Onetime payment	12 month	24 month
Through age 30	\$ 425.00	\$ 40.39	\$ 20.23
31-40	\$ 410.00	\$ 39.02	\$ 19.58
41-50	\$ 375.00	\$ 35.84	\$ 18.05
51-60	\$ 335.00	\$ 32.20	\$ 16.32
61-70	\$ 290.00	\$ 28.11	\$ 14.36
71-80	\$ 225.00	\$ 22.20	\$ 11.53
81 and over	\$ 170.00	\$ 17.20	\$ 9.14

The initial payment upon application for life membership is \$35.00. Thereafter, National HQ will send you a monthly statement showing the amount due.

Check or credit card is accepted form of payment.

If you need help executing the initial paperwork to get your life membership rolling please call me at 845-224-8555.

***Please take care of this as soon as possible dues are past due as of December 31, 2009!***

#### Meeting Information

##### **VFW Meetings**

Regular monthly meeting is the second Monday of each month at 8:00pm at Post 7765.

##### **Various Council Meetings**

**February 14**— District 2 Meeting at Post #672, Brewster, NY.

**February 21**— Dutchess County Council Meeting at Post #5444, Amenia, NY 2pm.

**March 19-21**— Winter/Spring Meeting of Dept. NYS VFW at Holiday Inn, Liverpool, NY.

*Contact Jan Milles for particulars on these meetings.*

#### Notes & Information

**200/20 Week Club**—We still have more than 70 tickets not paid or not returned for the April 10, 2010—200/20 Week Club Dinner. We have begun the weekly drawings. A notice will be mailed shortly to all those who have not responded. Contact Chrm. Richard Wambach 845-758-3117 if you have any questions. *“You have to play to win.”*

**Hudson Valley Woodcarvers**—This organization assists WWII Veterans with a carved eagle cane with their **“Canes for Veterans”** project. See our web site to view or print the Request Form and visit them at [www.hvcarving.org](http://www.hvcarving.org).

##### **Semper Fi Parents of the Hudson Valley**

—Operation Santa: donations of socks, powder and other articles for Marines actively service our country at this time. For more information call Semper Fi at 914-474-2295.

## “HUGS FROM HOME”

### Collected for our service people at Red Hook Town and Village Halls

Items are shipped the 15th of each month— all community donations are welcome. Stop in the town or village for information. The following are REQUESTED ITEMS: Quality candy; Snacks—granola bars, beef jerky, store bought cookies in small sized bags; toiletries (travel size); hand sanitizer; batteries; current magazines or books; good ground coffee/tea, powdered drink mix (individual packets); air freshners (no plug-ins); multi-vitamins; baby wipes small pocket packets (sand get in everything!); letters from “HOME”; shower caps for the ladies; pens/pencils; note cards (blank inside) and other items you would like to donate!