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MEMO TO NARFE VFC CHAPTER PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES:

(if you are no longer the chapter president or secretary, please get this to your successor as soon as possible)

SUBJECT: 2009 NARFE VFC CONVENTION – Update # 3

From: Carolyn Wilson, VFC 1st Vice President
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I'm writing to update you on the progress being made on the 2009 VFC Convention which will be held at the Reston Hyatt Regency Hotel, May 1-3, 2009. There is still time to register for the convention, sell ads that can make your chapter money (as well as help offset expenses of the convention), and for you to encourage your chapter members to seriously consider attending if they haven't already registered. We would like to see a full delegation from all chapters, but at least one delegate from each of the VFCs 57 chapters.

Enclosed you will find a GEMS message that was sent to all members having e-mail. Reading the message, you will see what the Convention Committee is doing to make this the most memorable convention in recent years. This, being an election year in Virginia, has given the VFC a chance to have a Forum of candidates for governor on Friday evening followed by a reception where attendees will be able to mingle with the candidates for governor.

The entertainment following the banquet on Saturday evening will be the Vocal Express performing mostly 40's and 50's music with solos by the accompanist. The director of the group is a retired coast Guard Reserve Officer who currently works for the Coast Guard as a civilian.

Jann Masterson, a member of Alexandria Chapter 232, is busy working on the excursions. The Committee hopes to have these finalized by April 1st. A list of these excursions is included in the enclosed GEMS message. You may contact Jann by email at b-jmasterson@comcast.net or by phone at 703-548-0396.

The deadline for registration has passed but members can still register for \$20.00 or registration and banquet for \$59.00. A registration form is enclosed. There is still time to become a supporter of the convention. That form is also enclosed. The program book deadline is April 1st so an errata sheet may be needed to list supporters.

The deadline for ads has been extended until March 15th. We would like to see Ads from all of our 57 chapters. In addition to helping the convention offset expenses, this is a great way to add some money to your chapter's treasury. All chapters selling \$500 or more in ads will receive a 10% rebate of their total sales.

Please read the enclosed GEMS message carefully and make it a topic of discussion at your next chapter meeting. This is your convention. Please help make it a success by your support.