



CODE OF CONDUCT

By Steve Szekely

The article "When is a war not a war?©" serves as the editor's comments in this issue. It is placed elsewhere due to its length.

This edition of *The Graybeards* may look fine to you. It is not. Therefore, I owe our readers an apology.

One of my brothers died on 16 January 2010. That necessitated a trip to Connecticut. I returned to South Carolina on 23 January 2010. The week away disrupted my preparation schedule.

To compound matters, once I returned to Connecticut, I discovered that the local

post office crew was not forwarding my mail to "Beautiful Beaufort." That, too, disrupted the editorial process. Thus, some material that might have been included in this issue has been delayed. Hopefully, that situation has been rectified.

In short, the issue may look normal to you, but it is a bit muddled to me. I apologize for the delays in getting some material into *The Graybeards*. Hopefully, we will be back on track in the March/April 2010 issue.

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, Code means a body of laws; any set of principles or rules of conduct; a moral code, a pledge or promise. About Conduct, Webster says it is the way one acts; their behavior, deportment.

A Code of Conduct, therefore, could be a statement and description, a pledge or promise of required behavior, responsibilities and actions expected of members of an organization. Or...a set of conventional principles and expectations that are considered binding on any person who is a member of a particular group.

In the military, there is the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). I do not believe it is necessary to remind a group of veterans what it states. In short, it says "You will do it this way."

The Army has the "Seven Army Values:" Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.

The American Legion begins each meeting with the recitation of the preamble to their Constitution, "For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes....."

The VFW has a Code of Conduct for its representatives stating seven points of conduct.

The KWVA Department of Florida has had a Code of Ethics since May 2000 which states 6 elements of behavior: 1) integrity, competence, dignity; 2) professionalism and ethics; 3) refrain from criticism of fellow members; 4) improve our image; 5) loyalty to the organization; 6) use common sense judgment.

During the election period in 2006, there were a group of individuals in the KWVA, including some officials, who had no respect for the organization, many of the officials, and some of the candidates. Following the election, then KWVA president Louis T. Dechert noted, "Many of us were raised on a code of honor. I must admit that in these days, in the KWVA and other areas of society and politics, that

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Membership Directory Update

By Frank Cohee, National Secretary

This is the final report on the Directory, which you should have received by the end of January. (At least that is what I was told.) I have confidence in that date because I received the CD on January 11, 2010.

The CD is amazing. It has a gallery of pictures through which you can scroll to look for buddies you may recognize. You can also search by last name, state, and several other categories. I checked my information and it was all correct.

If you have any questions about your data, please call customer service at 1-800-877-6554.

Following are the final results—I think...

I. Directory Sales

- Regular708
- Collector's Edition 4,967
- CD **112

** People who did not order the CD might regret it. I have downloaded it on my computer and can essentially access all the information with one click.

- Regular/CD42
- Collector's Edition/CD.....1,459
- Tribute Print1,885
- Tribute Print/Membership.....11
- Total Number Of Orders9,184

II. 18,358 members were updated during the phoning process.

III. 1,396 inactive members were reinstated—and \$13,960 was added to the Treasurer's books.

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