

## Notes from The Editor Before you start reading the Department Newsletter...

***PSC Rodney Burne, Editor***



Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

This newsletter is much longer (*it is in six (6) parts*) than usual so you *might not want to print it out*. The reason for its length in this issue is that I wondered whether or not all the information was getting to the Posts from their District Commanders. I know some District Commanders pass all info on but not all. Life probably would be a lot better if we all did what our duties require of us under Section 218, 418 and 518 of the Manual of Procedure. But enough of that.

One thing that you could help me with is submitting the information to me at [pscrodney@gmail.com](mailto:pscrodney@gmail.com) on time. District 1 did a wonderful job from both District 1 Commander Ted Tufts and the Posts in District 1. Also I got information from other Posts in a couple of other Districts. Thank you Posts. I included a sampling of your newsletters in this edition to show other Comrades that it is a good media to inform their Comrades and Auxiliary.

The *Department Communication award* will be awarded at the *Spring Conference*. There is still time to submit your Newsletters to Headquarters before December 31st. No newsletters will be accepted after that for consideration. Check your Commander's Guidebook. I believe the *web-site award* is being awarded at the same time. The Chairman of this judging is Past State Commander Betty Hilliard ([bjh@bellsouth.net](mailto:bjh@bellsouth.net)). E-mail her your web link for both web-site and Face Book links.

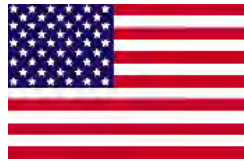
I thank everyone who submitted articles this time around. You make me feel good when I see all that you do for our veterans.

It was good to hear what VFW Post 9539-Spartanburg is doing. The Commander opened the Post to the homeless when the temperatures dropped real low. Also, Tammy and Charlie Shepperd is welcoming Post members and guests to a free patty melt or hamburger with fries Monday December 19 from 5 to 7 pm. Stop by the Post for a visit and for a quick meal. Please come out and support this generous offer by these two great folks. Betty and Jim Riley thank you; Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

All of you know I could write more.....but let's call it the end until the next time.

Your Editor,

*Rod*



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2016-2017 Council of Administration meeting at the Fall Conference



## 2016-2017 State Commander Bill Havlin

**Comrades, Auxiliary members, MOC & its Auxiliary,**

*Wishing all of you a Joyous and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.*

*At the beginning of our year, we all set goals and put our plans into effect. As the end of a good 2016 year comes to a close we need to look back on our first six months and ask ourselves some questions. Did we achieve, fail to, or surpass our goals. All of*

*this will help us plan for the next six months as we set our new goals for where we want to be come June 30th, 2017.*

Congratulations to all Posts who are 100%/+:

⇒ D2: Post 10803 104.00%

⇒ - D4 Post 1845 100.68%

⇒ - D6 Post 3096 118.16%

⇒ - D9 Post 6738 100.00%, Post 10595 102.85%

from State Commander Bill Havlin continued from front page.....

**as of December 12, 2016**

**Posts who need five (5) or less to reach 100%:**

- ⇒ D1: Post 5091 needs (2) - Post 7723 needs (4) - Post 10811 needs (3)
- ⇒ D2: Post 9037 needs (4)
- ⇒ D4: Post 5934 needs (4) - Post 6830 needs (4) - Post 10330 needs (5)
- ⇒ D5: Post 5936 needs (3) - Post 8990 needs (5)
- ⇒ D6: Post 3609 needs (3) - Post 10731 needs (2)
- ⇒ D7:
- ⇒ D8: Post 6938 needs (1)
- ⇒ D9:

**Posts who need six to ten (6-10) to reach 100%:**

- ⇒ D1: Post 12102 needs (9)
- ⇒ D2: Post 8069 needs (6)
- ⇒ D4: Post 6089 needs (6) - Post 6734 needs (6) Post 8131 needs (10) - Post 10058 needs (9)
- ⇒ D5: Post 6381 needs (6)
- ⇒ D6: Post 3412 needs (6) - Post 11251 needs (6)
- ⇒ D7: Post 6091 needs (7) - Post 11078 needs (7)
- ⇒ D8: Post 9349 needs (6) - Post 11252 needs (6)
- ⇒ D9: Post 6304 needs (9) - Post 10729 needs (9) - Post 10980 needs (8)

**Posts who need (11-20) to reach 100%:**

- ⇒ D1: Post 10624 needs (11)
- ⇒ D2: Post 3034 needs (20) - Post 8346 needs (18)
- ⇒ D4: Post 3354 needs (15) - Post 5208 needs (12) - Post 6087 needs (13) - Post 9273 needs (19)
- ⇒ D5: Post 5928 needs (12)
- ⇒ D6:
- ⇒ D7: Post 6122 needs (14) - Post 7735 needs (11) - Post 10319 needs (12) -
- ⇒ D8:
- ⇒ D9: Post 5877 needs (13) - Post 7607 needs (14) - Post 10601 needs (16)

*As of December 12, 2016 our Department stands at 86.85%.*

*Let us not forget our current annual members as we all try to increase and multiply our new membership.*

*Remember that good planning equals great results. Keep up the outstanding work all of y'all have done thus far. The Department of South Carolina is looking good, currently #2 in the Southern Conference.*

*The Department Staff wishes all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. Hoping no one is on Santa's naughty list and all get what they want this season. God Bless.*

*Please read the next page from National explaining more about Membership.*

*Yours in Comradeship,*

*Bill Havlin*

*State Commander*

**Comrades**—You might find this letter both interesting & informative from National regarding Membership.

-Harry McFadden, State Sr. Vice Commander

## **Good Morning, Comrades!**

Previously in our MEMBERSHIP FOCUS email discussed tactics and strategies for a renewal campaign at the Post level. After a few weeks off for the holidays, we're back with a question that was asked of us recently concerning how the Life Member Installment Plan works when it comes to your Post's membership totals.

When you look at Memstats, you will see a total of how many members have paid dues to your Post since July 1st, in the categories of LIFE, NEW, REINSTATED, and CONTINUOUS. Yet members on the Life Member Installment Plan are handled somewhat differently and to understand this we need to look into how we actually track those numbers for Memstats.

**LIFE MEMBERS** - the Post receives a payout for their Life members in September, which is when you will see that number tick up from zero to however many Life members you have in the Post. For new Life members who sign up after that payout date, there are subsequent payouts in January and June, and those new Life members get credited to your Memstats totals when those payouts are made. Other than those three payout dates, your Life member totals shouldn't change through the membership year on Memstats.

**NEW MEMBERS** - This is reasonably self-explanatory. New members who haven't been in our system as VFW members before pay their dues, you get credit for them in Memstats.

**REINSTATED MEMBERS** - If you have a member who has been inactive (their expiration date has passed) for more than two calendar years, and they pay dues to your Post, they are a Reinstated member and are credited in this category.

**\*\*EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE\*\*** If anyone in those two previous categories, New or Reinstated, pays Life member dues, then they will be counted in the LIFE MEMBER category in September, January, or June as appropriate. If you would like to know how many of your Life members were New or Reinstated, then you can look at the N/R LM box.

**CONTINUOUS MEMBERS** - also known as Annual Members. These are your regular everyday pay-dues-yearly folks, and you get credit for them in Memstats as their dues are processed. This number ALSO includes dues-paying transfers, but not transfers whose dues were paid to their previous Post. Previous Post gets credit for them this year, that's always been the case.

**LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN** - this is not technically a separate category of membership, so it may be somewhat confusing. If a new member joins by paying the \$45 for the installment plan, they will show under your NEW MEMBER totals. If they are a reinstated member, they will be under REINSTATED, and if they were previously a paid Annual member, they will be counted under CONTINUOUS.

If a member on the Installment Plan makes their final payment during the membership year and they have already been credited to your Post as a New, Reinstated, or Continuous member, they remain in that category for Memstats accounting purposes (you do not lose an Annual member and gain a Life member, in other words) for the remainder of the membership year. In the next year, they will show up as a Life member when the Life Member payouts are made in September.

Remember that Memstats is only a count of who has paid membership dues to your Post from July 1 through June 30th. This is not the same as the Post Query, which shows you everyone in your Post broken down by status, including your Installment Life members.

In short, Installment Life members are considered to be Annual members and are counted as such in Memstats. Once their final payment is made, they become a Life member and will be counted as such when the next year's Life Member payout is made.

If you have any comments or questions, or ideas for future MEMBERSHIP FOCUS emails, please respond and let us know. In addition, we encourage you to make use of the various webinars and training materials that we have provided online at <https://www.vfw.org/MY-VFW/Membership-Recruiting-and-Retention/>. On this page you can also find the current VFW Membership Program which we encourage every Post to become familiar with, as it explains the criteria for various awards and recognition programs such as All-American.

Also, be sure to follow the VFW Membership department's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/VFWmembership/> where we are constantly posting news and updates concerning VFW events and training.

# Notes from the Sr. Vice Commander

*by Harry McFadden, VFWSC State Sr. Vice Commander*



Greetings Comrades!

The first half of the VFW Administrative year has come and gone. We are on track to surpass 100% in membership for the Department. It is now time to push forward and not slack off. As you may recall I issued a challenge for every member in the Department to recruit at least one member by December 31, 2016 and to recruit at least 5 members by June 30, 2016. Together we can achieve much.

Although membership is the life blood of our organization, please remember that the programs are what we will be remembered for. The programs are what helps the communities around us and helps to give the VFW a good name. The programs are what tells the community that we are more than just a bar for veterans to hang out as the programs touch are neighbors.

I would again like to thank all of the membership for the Department of South Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for affording me the opportunity to represent you as the State Sr. Vice Commander. If there is anything that I can do for any of you please let me know.

*Fraternally,*

*Harry L. McFadden*

State Sr. Vice Commander

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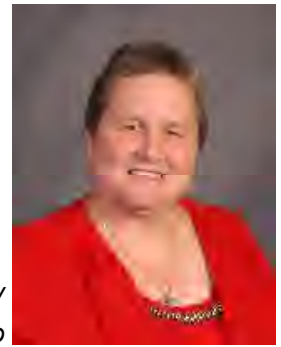
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## Laura Bowman



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Dear Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers and VFW Comrades,

Thank you all for your efforts on behalf of our active duty military personnel, our military veterans, and their families. It's such a privilege to be able to represent all of you as your Department President!

There are a few housekeeping issues I must address...

First and foremost, it is now December. If you are an annual member, your dues must be received by National Headquarters by 12/31. If you are not listed as "paid" by that date, you will no longer be a member in good standing. At that point, you would not be able to attend auxiliary meetings, and if you are an officer this year, you would be removed from office effective immediately. Auxiliary officers, please don't let this happen to any of your members. Reach out to your unpaid members. Encourage them to pay – and if they cannot pay, please consider using relief funds to pay their dues this year.

Speaking of attending auxiliary meetings, I'd like to thank the auxiliaries who have welcomed me into their meetings this year. As I explained earlier in the year, one of my initiatives is to be visible to auxiliaries, and to make it to as many meetings as I can. Some of my line officers have also gotten into the act! Please know that we are not showing up to inspect, or to criticize – we are there to see how things are going, to answer your questions, and to spend time with you! (Note: If we are coming to inspect, to investigate, or for any other "formal" reason, we would certainly notify you of that!)

Finally, please attend our spring conference if you can. It will be held the first weekend in February at the Myrtle Beach Hilton, and we are going to try some new things to make life easier on everyone. For starters, **THERE WILL NOT BE A COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING ON FRIDAY NIGHT.** We will have the Council meeting on Saturday morning immediately prior to our conference meeting. (We will be having some fun events – that you will not want to miss – on Friday night, but we will not have our first auxiliary meeting until Saturday morning.) There will be other changes, too, but you'll have to show up to find out what those are. One thing is clear: We are going to have fun!

Thank you for your ongoing support this year. I know I join Commander Havlin in wishing you a very Merry Christmas, and I look forward to working with all of you in 2017!

Sincerely,

Laura Bowman

Department of South Carolina President



**Beth Tufts**

District No. 1 Auxiliary President

## **CHARLESTON VA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

*Sisters and Brothers,*

Just a reminder that the VA Christmas party is Sunday. Please bring sandwiches, and cookies (cakes as long as they are sliced and wrapped in bags - no icing). Please wrap in the sandwich bags that have the fold over tops. It is too difficult for some of the Veterans to open the zip lock bags. Sandwiches should be wrapped half to a bag. The party is from 12 to 3 but you need to get there early to help bag the fruits and set up the trays.

If you have trouble finding the sandwich bags, you can get them at the “Dollar General” store.

Please remember our diabetic veterans and bring some sugar free items.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Beth*

District 1 Auxiliary President

### **ADJUTANT’S UPDATE:**

## **DORN VA HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS WALK-AROUND**

*Past State Commander Teo Rivas has informed us that the 2016 Christmas walk around, and give out Christmas cards will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2016. Everyone is to meet in the Main Lobby at 10:00 a.m.*



## Auxiliary Legislative Chairman- Kate Brock

Now that the elections are over the time has come for us to get to work on contacting our new Legislators. Take this opportunity to look at the 2017 Priority Goals and take action.

They Include:

### *Budget*

### *Work Force Development and Accountability*

- Improve hiring authorities to recruit and retain a high quality workforce.
- Provide quality training programs for employees and managers.

Quickly investigate, discipline and remove employees who underperform or endanger veterans' lives.

### *Health Care*

### *Compensation and Benefits*

### *Education, Employment and Transition Assistance*


### *Defense and Homeland Security*

### *Military Quality of Life*

### *POW/MIA*




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**Ingredients**

- 90 seconds of your time
- A smart phone, a tablet, a laptop or a desktop computer



## Recipe to Receive VFW Action Corps Weekly



**Instructions**

1. On your smart phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer, go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).
2. Go to the "VFW in D.C." tab at the top of the page.
3. Within the "VFW in D.C." tab, click on "Grassroots Advocacy." You will be taken to the "Grassroots Advocacy" page.
4. Click on the "Join Action Corps" button OR the "Action Corps Sign Up Now" image.
5. Fill out the form on your screen.
6. Click "Submit."
7. Click "Continue."

**You will now begin receiving VFW Action Corps Weekly in your inbox every week!**

*Need assistance? Contact VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at 816.561.8655.*





# Conference Hotel Reservation

Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort Hotel  
10000 Beach Club Road  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

February 3-5, 2017

**Reservation cut-off is January 3, 2017**

Call 800-876-0010 (Toll Free) 843-449-5000 (Local)

We have no group code.

Reservation Office is open Mon to Fri 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM ( Ask for Local Reservation's.

Room Rate—\$98.00 Per Night

Group Rates Include Full Breakfast Buffet for 2 and Free Parking per day.

*This rate is available for a couple of days prior to and following the Conference based on availability.*



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**Spring Conference Registration**

Registration (\$15.00)

Banquet (\$35.00)

Total cost to attend both is \$50.00

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# VFW NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER

## PSC HUGH GUNTER

Hello everyone, I must say , overall we had a wonderful Fall confr. at the beach. For those of you that couldn't make it, you missed a great time. I was thrilled to have won the rifle on the Dept. raffle. I promise it will be put to good use. As your National Council member, I want to say, 'Thanks' to you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. It is truly an honor to represent our great state of SC. Please contact me any time with questions or concerns that you may have. Our membership is the life line to this organization and it is lagging. Cmdr. Havlin and his staff are leading us in the right direction, so get on board , sign up a new member and make this Dept. great again. Look forward to seeing all of you at the beach for the Spring Conference Until then, have a Merry Christmas and be safe.

Yours in Comradeship,

*Hugh*

Department of South Carolina, National Council Member

### STATE JR. VICE COMMANDER JOHN L. SULLIVAN, JR.



Comrades,

The end of the year is coming fast and I would like to have ALL Posts to have ordered their Buddy Poppies by then. Twelve (12) Posts have not ordered poppies:

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Post 445  | Post 3137 | Post 7723 | Post 10804 | Post 12102 | Post 4262 |
| Post 8069 | Post 8131 | Post 5936 | Post 3181  | Post 10467 | Post 6738 |

National Home donations are coming in fine.

We had a food Fall Conference and I hope to see all of you at our Department Spring Conference. Get your Registration into Headquarters by January 20, 2017 and your Conference Book Ads too!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years.

*Yours in Comradeship,*

*John L. Sullivan, Jr.*

*State Jr. Vice Commander*

## Quartermaster Corner

### *Dwight Hora - State Quartermaster*

To all Comrades, Auxiliary Members, and Friends of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of South Carolina, I want to thank all of you who attended the Fall Conference. It was good to rebuild some of that comradely that we all share. I want to thank Kate Brock, Maxwell Brock, Marianne Larson, G.L. Woods, Melvin Croft, Cliff Weaver and last but not least Judy Burne for helping out with the registration table during the conference. You all helped make the conference run well.



This fall has been a busy one for the Quartermaster as always and I want to thank all for the well wishes as I continue to have medical hiccups. The support shown to me is a great representation of who we are and what we are all about, supporting veterans and their families. I thank you all for that continued support.

We have some things to work on before the end of the year and I ask that you continue to call me for questions to help grow the post or the district stronger so the follow on years will continue with forward momentum.

The Quartermaster / Trustee training the past Saturday went well and we conducted some great training for those present. I want to thank our Past State Commander John David Mellert for assisting with the training and Post Trustee, Mike Hadbavny, for your insight and wisdom with the trustee training. Kate Brock, Maxwell Brock, and Marianne Larson were a great support in setting up the C of A room for training and making sure we had something to eat for lunch.

The training conducted for the QM's and Trustee's is a well worth the trip to Department HQ for anyone no matter how long they have been in the seat. Discussions are happening and learning is occurring. I want to thank the following for attending and I know you all walked away with some good information to take back to your posts and pass the word that this training will be conducted again on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Department HQ's.

*Commander Dewayne Donald Post 10058*

*Asst. Quartermaster Traviell A. Hartsfield Post 445*

*Quartermaster Garfield L. Woods Post 6734*

*Quartermaster Allen J. Roberts Jr. Post 7607*

*Trustee Mike Hadbavny Post 445*

*State Sr. Vice Cmdr. Harry McFadden Post 4262*

*Quartermaster John W. Brown Post 3096*

*Asst. Quartermaster David Griffin Post 6734*

*Quartermaster Jimmy L. Bates Sr. Post 6932*

*Quartermaster Charles Kearse Post 10595*

*State Chaplin Oliver Smith Post 4262*

*PSC John David Mallert Post 3433*

As always I thank you all for your support to this great organization. Keep up the good work and lets work together to "Bridge the Gap" as our State Commander, Francis W. "Bill" Havlin says to build a better Veterans of Foreign Was for our Past, Current, and Future Veterans. God Bless

*Dwight Hora, State Quartermaster*

## STATE ADJUTANT'S CORNER

### *PSC Jimmy Lee Wallace*

Comrades,



We are half way through this administrative year, and looking pretty good. I want to remind all Adjutant/Quartermaster's that if there is a change in your elected or appointed positions, we need an update Election Report at State Headquarters. A reminder that proof of eligibility for all elected and appointed officer's must be maintained by the Post/District Adjutant. As Chairman of the headquarters building, and we're making some changes. We are putting Wif-Fi in both our buildings and having our electrical system checked and fixed where necessary. Also, we are putting in a new compressor for the A/C in the Auxiliary Building. A big "Thank You" to Department Quartermaster, Dwight Hora, for contacting the right people of getting this to happen. As many of you know, we've had a change of Secretary's in our VFW Service Office. Please welcome Crystlyn R. Fisher to the Department. For those attending our Spring Conference, please register early. I've noticed quite a few updating their Post and District By-Laws. This is great. The Post/District By-Laws should be reviewed annually, and see if any changes are needed. When completing your Post/District By-Laws, remember we no longer have a "Ladies Auxiliary". It's now named the "Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S." Also, on December 31st, there will no longer be a Men's Auxiliary. We would encourage those members to see about joining the Auxiliary to the VFW. If anyone has any questions or problems, please feel free to contact me at [\(803\) 808-0317](tel:8038080317) or e-mail at [adj@vfwsc.org](mailto:adj@vfwsc.org).

Jimmy Lee Wallace

State Adjutant

### **ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:**

### **DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

*Make sure you check your Department Commander's Guidebook for up-coming awards. The Communications Award and the Web-Site/Facebook Site awards will be determined before we go to the Spring Conference.*

*-vfwsc- Jimmy Lee Wallace. State Adjutant*

## ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:

*(for those of you who don't know about the background of our National Commander-in-Chief Brian Duffy)*

### **FIRST DESERT STORM VETERAN ELECTED VFW NATIONAL COMMANDER**

July 27, 2016

#### **CHARLOTTE, N.C.**

– The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States concluded its 117<sup>th</sup> National Convention here today by electing Brian Duffy of Louisville, Ky., as its new leader.

His election also introduces a new era for America's oldest and largest war veterans' organization, in that he becomes the first Operation Desert Storm veteran to become the VFW commander-in-chief.

Duffy served in the U.S. Air Force as a jet engine mechanic on F-4 Phantom fighter aircraft, and later as a flight engineer aboard C-141 Starlifter transport aircraft. During his service, he deployed in support of several

campaigns to include Grenada, Panama, and Operations Desert Shield and Storm in Southwest Asia. Following his military service he would be hired by United Parcel Service as a flight engineer instructor. He would rise through the UPS ranks until he retired in 2014 as assistant chief pilot, having flown worldwide as an instructor/check captain on the Boeing 757 and 767 aircraft.

**During his acceptance speech**, the new national commander strongly praised the work of the 117-year-old organization and encouraged its members to better educate others on



exactly what the VFW does for veterans, service members and their families. He did note, however, that the VFW's modest approach to reaching younger veterans wasn't resonating with a newer generation that clearly identifies with belonging to something big, doing something cool, and touting their accomplishments more.

"This great big organization we call the VFW does something very cool that most Americans—and especially those who serve in uniform—just don't know because we don't shout from the rooftops enough," he said. "Cool things like providing \$5.6 million in grants to help nearly 3,900 military and veteran families through emergency financial situations; helping more than 80,000 veterans and transitioning military to receive \$1.5 billion in earned compensation and pension from the VA; and providing millions in scholarships to veterans, service members, and high school and middle school students," he said.

Duffy has been a member of the VFW for 33 years. He first joined VFW Post 6590 in Cookstown, N.J., after returning from Grenada in 1983. He later transferred his membership to VFW Post 120 in Garden City Park, N.Y., then to VFW Post 1170 in Middletown, Ky. He served as commander of the VFW Department of Kentucky in 2006, and achieved All-American status at the VFW Post, District and Department levels.

With leadership experience at all levels of the organization, Duffy's tone throughout his remarks was one of experience and optimism for the future.

"We must push a message that the VFW is an organization that has always been rooted in service to others, that we are an organization of doers, and an organization comprised of men and women who returned home from their wars and conflicts as better, more compassionate and confident human beings," he said. "We need your Departments and Posts to turn up the volume and communicate every story—and loudly!"

Among his primary objectives for the ensuing year is heightening the focus of mental health awareness and changing the veteran's narrative—the veteran's brand—which right now has 40 percent of Americans believing half of all veterans are experiencing mental health challenges, and an astounding 92 percent of employers believing veterans need access to mental health care programs.

He said it's no secret that 20 veterans commit suicide every day, but what most folks don't know is only five of those veterans are enrolled in the VA.

"Professional mental health counselling isn't the VFW's forte inasmuch as having walked the talk is," he said, calling that powerful relevance to those who deploy and for their families who anxiously await their safe return. He also said it doesn't matter if your war was in Europe, Africa, Asia or the Middle East—or in this century or the last—but that "we were all younger once, and we all came back different in one respect or another, to include thinking no one understood us," he said, which is "why the VFW cannot allow any service member to ever think no one understands them."

<https://www.vfw.org/News-and-Events/Articles/2016-Articles/First-Desert-Storm-Veteran-Elected-VFW-National-Commander/>

## ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:

# 'National Citation of Recognition'

Each Department chairman (Youth, Safety, Community Service, Citizenship Education, Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Teacher Award, Scouting and Buddy Poppy) may honor Posts or individual chairmen within their Department by requesting a "National Citation of Recognition" from the VFW National Headquarters.

The official application form is attached. Please list the VFW Posts that the Department has determined qualify for this special recognition (please make copies as needed).

- The citation is intended to recognize Posts or individual Post chairmen\* that have demonstrated a high level of service to their community (in each of the above listed categories) by exhibiting an exemplary level of performance and achievement.
- Posts or individual chairmen\* that qualify for this national citation are determined solely by criteria established by their Department.
- The national commander-in-chief and the adjutant general will sign each citation.
- **DEADLINE DATE IS APRIL 1** to enable processing in time for proper presentation at the Department convention. All citations will be mailed directly to the Department headquarters only.
- Each VFW Department Chairman (Youth, Safety, Community Service, Citizenship Education, Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Teacher Award, Scouting and Buddy Poppy) may submit one request form by April 1. Forms must be sent directly to VFW Programs, VFW National Headquarters, 406 W 34 St, Kansas City, MO 64111, faxed to (816) 968-1149, or e-mailed to [tbeauchamp@vfw.org](mailto:tbeauchamp@vfw.org).

*\* Remember, each qualifying VFW Post will be awarded **only one** citation in each of the categories if qualified, either the Post **or** the Post chairman can be named on the individual citations. Therefore, the VFW Post **or** the name of the Post chairman to be honored will be requested/listed on the official application form. This award is for Posts/Post chairmen only and cannot be issued for any other Post officer or District level recognition.*

### **SUGGESTED SELECTION CRITERIA FOR AWARD**

1. Posts or individuals that actively serve their community by offering programs on a continuing or annual basis should be given a thorough review and consideration.
2. Department report forms should be reviewed and scrutinized for citation candidates.
3. Each qualifying Post should have completed at least three significant activities within the program area of concern...i.e. Youth, Safety, etc. (a significant activity clearly benefits the people in the local community, involves the Post membership, and builds a positive image for the VFW).



# National Citation of Recognition

## LISTING OF QUALIFIED CITATION CANDIDATES

(TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED ONLY BY A QUALIFIED DEPARTMENT VFW CHAIRMAN)

Ex.: James A. Dogwood, Post 6329	10. _____	23. _____
Ex.: VFW Post 1223	11. _____	24. _____
Ex.: VFW Post 762	12. _____	25. _____
Ex.: Frank Discussion, Post 1429	13. _____	26. _____
1. _____	14. _____	27. _____
2. _____	15. _____	28. _____
3. _____	16. _____	29. _____
4. _____	17. _____	30. _____
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8. _____	21. _____	34. _____
9. _____	22. _____	

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

List VFW Department Chairmanship (Program Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Department of \_\_\_\_\_

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## **ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:**

From: **VFW Communications** <[Communications@vfw.org](mailto:Communications@vfw.org)>  
Date: Fri, Dec 2, 2016 at 5:30 PM  
Subject: Remember to Download the Official VFW Mobile App!  
To: VFW Communications <[Communications@vfw.org](mailto:Communications@vfw.org)>

Dear VFW Leadership,

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The official app of the VFW puts the power of the nation's largest organization of combat veterans directly in users' hands. The streamlined app provides instant and complete access to information on our assistance programs and services, allows users to find VFW Service Officers and Posts based on geolocation and more, all while keeping users up to date on news that impacts veterans, service members and their families.

The app also allows you to manage your membership, recruit new members and gain access to exclusive content. Download the app today and put all the resources the VFW has to offer at your fingertips!

The VFW mobile app is available for Apple and Android users and can be found by searching "VFW" in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or by direct download here:

[Apple App Store](#)

[Google Play Store](#)

Thank you, VFW Communications

*-vfwsc- Jimmy Lee Wallace. State Adjutant*

## **ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:**

*Jimmy Lee,*

*Attached is the letter assigning **Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith Harman as the national representative for your Department Spring Conference in Myrtle Beach.***

*If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Thanks,  
Betty J. Franke*

*-vfwsc- Jimmy Lee Wallace. State Adjutant*

## ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:

From: **Randi Law** <[RLaw@vfw.org](mailto:RLaw@vfw.org)>

Date: Sat, Dec 3, 2016 at 1:48 PM

Subject: *VFW Helps Wreathes Across America Move Closer to 2016 Goal*

### **VFW Helps Wreathes Across America Move Closer to 2016**

*'The VFW is all about recognition and remembrance'*

WASHINGTON (December 3, 2016) --

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States today helped Wreathes Across America to reach its 2016 goal of placing Christmas and holiday wreathes at 245,000 veteran grave sites at Arlington by donating \$15,000 to ensure the purchase of 1,000 wreathes.

"Everyday is Veterans Day inside the VFW," said VFW National Commander Brian Duffy, "and to be able to help a great grassroots organization to honor our fallen was a very easy decision."



Founded in 2007 by the Worcester Wreath Company in Worcester, Mass., the nonprofit Wreathes Across American, operates under the motto "Remember, honor, teach," and has expanded from just Arlington National Cemetery into approximately 1,000 American veterans cemeteries worldwide.

"Thousands of local VFW members and their families help to lay the donated wreathes every holiday season," said Duffy. "We do so to honor someone who might not have any surviving family visitors anymore, but we also do so out of remembrance of our own times serving 'over there,' and missing umpteen holidays and birthdays and anniversaries," he said.

"The VFW is all about recognition and remembrance, and for us to help another worthwhile nonprofit to reach its goal is a very good thing."

The theme to this year's wreath project is "Say their names as you lay a wreath." For those interested in donating to the project or volunteering, please visit [www.wreathesacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathesacrossamerica.org).

-vfwsc- Jimmy Lee Wallace. State Adjutant

## ADJUTANT'S UPDATE :

### National Wreaths Across America Day Fort Jackson National Cemetery Saturday, December 17, 2016 Ceremony at: 12:00 PM

Wreath placement inspection volunteers do not need to arrive any earlier than 11:00am at the Blue Cross Blue Shield parking lot on Percival Road All Post 6740 volunteers assemble there and take the shuttle bus together into the cemetery. We will gather on the grounds of the Flag Plaza (this is where the bus will drop you) to view the ceremony. At the end of the ceremony, once family members have entered the cemetery to place their loved ones wreaths, everyone else will receive instructions on wreath placements. There are 7 sections in the cemetery now with 4265 wreaths to be placed. Our group as well as other designated inspection volunteers will go back through all the rows to:

1. Insure there is only one (1) wreath on a head stone,
2. That there is not a wreath on headstones that request "No Wreath" They will be marked.
3. That the wreaths are not lying against the headstone as the wire frames put rust on the marble.

**DIRECTIONS:** I-20 to Exit 80. South on Clemson Road. Right on Percival Road to Blue Cross Blue Shield parking lot. **PARKING:** There will be no parking in the cemetery the day of the ceremony, with the excepting of limited handicap parking. All other Parking will be at the Blue Cross Blue Shield Parking lot on Percival Road across from the cemetery. We will have shuttle buses starting at 10:30am the morning of the ceremony to bring everyone into the cemetery and then return you to your car when the ceremony is over. Please confirm directly to Carol Davis that you are volunteering. Coordinator: Carol Davis 803.467.4482 Email: [waajtjackson@yahoo.com](mailto:waajtjackson@yahoo.com)

-vfwsc- Jimmy Lee Wallace. State Adjutant

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## **ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:**

### **VFW Seeking Nominations for VA Volunteers of the Year**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (December 1, 2016)**

– Each year, thousands of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States volunteer their time at local Department of Veterans Affairs health care facilities to help ensure their fellow veterans receive the compassion and support they deserve. The VFW again wants to recognize their selfless contributions as VA Volunteers of the Year, nominations for which must be submitted in writing to the VFW's National Veterans Service directorate by December 9, 2016.

“Our selfless volunteers have been making an immeasurable difference in the lives of countless veterans since the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) program was established back in 1946,” said VFW National Commander Brian Duffy. “Whether they're delivering cards and candy, hosting movie nights and other events, or just simply lending an ear, these extraordinary individuals have earned the utmost respect and appreciation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for their dedication to America's veterans and deserve our praise and recognition.”

Of the nominees, one male and one female volunteer will receive the honor of being named VA Volunteers of the Year for the extraordinary volunteer services they have provided to our nation's veterans. Nominees must be regularly-scheduled volunteers who participate in established VFW assignments through the VAVS program at a qualifying facility or program. These can include VA medical centers, outpatient clinics, veterans' community living centers, homeless veterans' programs, and programs or services for veterans confined to their homes, as well as other community functions and events recognized by VAVS.

Dale Henry, of VFW Post 8884 in Vinton, Iowa, and Mariann Hamann, of VFW Post 7546 Auxiliary in Dearborn Heights, Mich., were honored as last year's award recipients. Henry contributed nearly 2,100 volunteer hours over four years with the Iowa City VA Healthcare System, and Hamann volunteered more than 700 hours to Ann Arbor's VA Healthcare System over one year.

Nominations for the VFW's VA Volunteers of the Year must be submitted in narrative format not to exceed 500 words, with the name of the nominee and the VFW marked in the upper left-hand corner, and also include a [completed nomination support form](#). Nominations must be sent to James Moss, VFW National Veterans Service assistant director for health policy, by close of business Dec. 9, 2016. Nominations can be submitted electronically to [jmoss@vfw.org](mailto:jmoss@vfw.org) or by mail to VFW National Veterans Service, Attn: James Moss, 200 Maryland Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. 20002.

To learn more about the VAVS program and how to become a VFW volunteer, visit [www.vfw.org/VolunteerService](http://www.vfw.org/VolunteerService).

## **ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:**



### **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**December 1, 2016**

**The VFW National Headquarters has a job opening as described below:**

**JOB TITLE: Director, Membership**

**JOB LOCATION: Kansas City, MO**

**JOB TYPE: Full Time**

**COMPENSATION: Salary starting at \$87,750; plus benefits including health, dental, vision plans, 401k, retirement plan, life insurance**

#### **JOB DUTIES:**

- Implement VFW National Membership Department's mission, vision, and goals in accordance with VFW National Commander-in-Chief's and Adjutant General's directives.
- Prioritize VFW National Membership Department's goals based on exploiting success, what National Membership can directly affect, and what National Membership can only support at Department and lower levels.
- Submit annual membership programs to the National Commander and AG for their approvals.
- Responsible for integration of VFW branding and marketing in the Membership Department, aligning with the overall VFW branding and marketing goals.
- Initiates ideas and analyzes those of National Officers and staff members on plans to ensure the continued health of VFW's membership. Define realistic goals for specific groups of members (defined by conflict eras, age, types of membership, etc.).
- Actively search for creative sources to design attractive packages and write copy that appeal to the recipients of mailings. Seek vendors who supply materials/services that provide the best service and price available.

- Drafts and designs programs that will interface with leadership and training seminars to ensure that various levels of VFW leadership are kept apprised of program awards and methods that can be implemented to accomplish their goals.
- Represents the National Organization at various levels of meetings and conferences across the country to promote VFW membership, relating to them and the general public the goals of the organization.
- Contact military installations to promote awareness of the VFW and its goals for the welfare of all veterans. The purpose is to gain support of active duty personnel and the retired community.
- Respond in a timely manner verbally and by correspondence to inquiries by National Officers, Department Officers, District Officers, Post Officers and members concerning circumstances that arise.

**SKILLS REQUIRED:**

- Position requires superior human relations skills to implement growth programs. It also requires advanced organizational and managerial skills to design, coordinate, implement and control the program.
- Requires knowledge of the VFW mission, programs, and structure. Excellent written and verbal communications to craft and present membership communications and programs.
- Must be VFW member eligible to attend the National Convention as a member in good standing and represent the National Organization at regional or state meetings.
- Position requires 10 years directly related experience in same or closely related field.
- A Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, or similar business field.
- Position requires basic understanding of computer operations.

**VFW membership is required for this position.**

**Anyone interested in this opening should forward a resume to Steve Chambers, Director, Human Resources by Friday, December 30, 2016. Email: [HR@vfw.org](mailto:HR@vfw.org). Fax: (816) 968-1189.**

## **ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:**

### **Sport Clips Haircuts Donates Record \$1 Million to VFW Help A Hero Scholarship Program**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Dec. 12, 2016)** – Sport Clips Haircuts made a record-breaking \$1 million donation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation today to support its [Help A Hero](#) scholarships for U.S. service members and veterans. The funds were raised through Sport Clips' clients and product partner donations, as well as its own Veterans Day contributions of \$1 per haircut service.

Sport Clips' original Help A Hero focus was on providing phone calls home for deployed and hospitalized military when the program began in 2007. The goal now is to support those who serve in the military by providing scholarships up to \$5,000 each toward the next steps in their civilian careers. To date, more than 700 VFW-administered [Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarships](#) have assisted active duty service members and veterans who wish to pursue college and graduate degrees or vocational certifications.

“This million dollar donation is a heartfelt one for the entire Sport Clips team, as well as our loyal clients and partners. We are so grateful for the sacrifices made by our military and their families, and to be able to help them in their education and career goals through Help A Hero scholarships is one of the best ways we know how to say ‘thank you for your service,’” said Sport Clips Founder and CEO Gordon Logan, a U.S. Air Force veteran and Life member of the VFW. “Our goal the first year was to raise \$30,000, and to date we’ve raised a total of \$5 million, making significant positive impacts in the lives of those who bravely serve our country.”

As a part of this year's fundraising efforts, Sport Clips partners [Nioxin](#), [American Crew](#), [John Paul Mitchell Systems](#), and [Sexy Hair](#) made a combined donation of \$140,000 to Help A Hero.

“The generosity of Sport Clips' franchise owners, stylists, patrons and clients is extraordinary,” said VFW National Commander Brian Duffy. “The tremendous success of this year's campaign will help ensure a bright future for so many of our service members, veterans and their families. We are deeply grateful for Sport Clips' continued support and all they've done on behalf of those who deserve it most.”

Sport Clips is the Official Haircutter of the VFW, and its Help A Hero campaign is just one of the many ways it supports active duty military and veterans. To find out more, visit your local Sport Clips or [SportClips.com](#).

#### **About Sport Clips Haircuts**

Sport Clips Haircuts is headquartered in Georgetown, Texas. It was established in 1993 and began franchising in 1995. The sports-themed haircutting franchise, which specializes in haircuts for men and boys, is ranked by *Entrepreneur Magazine* as one of the “Fastest-Growing Franchises” and in the top 20 in its “Franchise 500.” There are 1,600 Sport Clips stores open in the U.S. and Canada. Sport Clips is the “Official Haircutter” of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), offers veterans preferential pricing on haircuts and franchises, and was named a “2016 Best for Vets: Franchises” by *Military Times*. Sport Clips provides “[haircuts with heart](#)” through its annual Help A Hero fundraiser that has given \$5 million to the VFW; national partnership with St. Baldrick's Foundation, the largest private funder of childhood cancer research grants; and other national and local philanthropic outreach. Sport Clips is a proud sponsor of Joe Gibbs Racing's NASCAR drivers Denny Hamlin and Carl Edwards, and partners with numerous NCAA and professional sports teams. To learn more about Sport Clips, visit [sportclips.com](#).



## **ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:**

Comrades:

The VFW is all aboard the World War One Centennial Commission's effort to salute our nation's involvement. The national commission has individual state commissioners who would like to get involved with VFW Posts who were named after WWI vets, such as VFW Post 3035 in Delphos, Ohio, which is named after two World War I soldiers, one of whom, Army Pfc. Claude L. Walterick, is buried at the American Battle Monuments Cemetery at Flanders Field, Belgium. He was KIA on Oct. 31, 1918, just 11 days short of the Armistice. VFW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith Harman is a life member of Post 3035.

Please share with me your Post contact information and brief background stories for consolidation and forwarding to the commission.

Joe

Joe Davis, Director of Communications, Publications & Public Affairs - Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (o) [202-608-8357](tel:202-608-8357)

*-vfwsc- Jimmy Lee Wallace. State Adjutant*

## **ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:**

### **Commanders,**

*On behalf of the National Chaplain, I have attached a copy of his new Chaplain of the Year program. He is asking for your assistance in providing nominations for the award. The criteria and nomination procedures are outlined in detail on the attached.*

*If you have any questions concerning the award or the process, please direct them to:*

*Rev. Peter R. Hook*

*National Chaplain*

*Veterans of Foreign Wars*

*[PeterHook@verizon.net](mailto:PeterHook@verizon.net)*

*Thanks,*

**Kevin C. Jones**

*Assistant Adjutant General*

*Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States*

*406 W 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111*

*p:[816.968.1101](tel:816.968.1101) f:[816.968.1149](tel:816.968.1149)*

*-vfwsc- Jimmy Lee Wallace. State Adjutant*



## National Chaplain of the Year Award

At the National Council of Administration workshop held on Sunday, August 27, 2016 provisional approval was given to move forward in presenting a National Chaplain of the Year Award.

The following criteria will constitute the basis for nominations, and also a proposed procedure and timeline to receive nominations for this award.

### Chaplain of the Year Criteria

1. Performance of Duties:
  - A. Exemplary character and conduct: e.g., A person of upmost integrity, professional execution of duties, dependability, punctuality, and timely submission of reports, etc.
  - B. Exemplary performance above and beyond the normal expectations of the position and duties.
2. Personal attitude which is positive and professional in all contacts with others and which represents the VFW and the Department in the best possible way.
3. Commitment to the ministry and duties of the Chaplain, as reflected by service to comrades and their families and responsiveness to needs.
4. A member of the VFW in good standing with the Post, District, and Department.

### Review Committee Composition and Instructions

1. A committee assembled by the National Chaplain will review nominations for the award and recommend a recipient.
2. The committee shall include:
  - A. The National Chaplain
  - B. Three Past National Chaplains
  - C. The most recent past recipient of the Chaplain of the Year Award.
3. Instructions to the Committee
  - A. The committee shall follow procedures and criteria as outlined in this document. However, if no candidates are nominated or judged by the committee to meet the criteria for Chaplain of the Year, the committee shall not recommend a recipient.
  - B. All proceedings of the committee must be kept strictly confidential.
  - C. The National Chaplain will review with the National Commander and the National Adjutant General the recommendation for Chaplain of the Year prior to announcing the award recipient.

## Procedure

The following procedure is recommended for receiving and reviewing nominations:

1. Information concerning this award will be distributed to the National Council of Administration each year following the National Council of Administration August meeting. The members of the National COA can then present this information to their respective Department Commanders and Adjutants when they give their report.
2. The National Chaplain will email information concerning the Chaplain of the Year Award, and begin to solicit nominations from Department Commanders and Adjutants, beginning in October.
3. All nominations should be submitted to the National Chaplain by April 1. Nomination letters should be emailed, faxed, or sent USPS to the National Chaplain. Contact information is listed below.
4. A nomination shall address the above criteria and shall not exceed two type written pages.
5. The committee shall review each nomination according to the selected criteria and recommend a recipient by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. The National Chaplain will review the Committee's recommendation for Chaplain of the Year with the National Adjutant General.
7. The Chaplain of the Year Award will be presented at the recipients Department Convention.
8. The National Chaplain will notify the respective Department, and if feasible, request attendance to present the award.
9. The recipient's Department will notify the recipient of the National Chaplain of the Year Award and request attendance at the Department Convention to receive the award.

Rev. Peter R. Hook  
National Chaplain  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
534 Parkvale Ave.  
Langhorne, PA 19047-2650  
267-229-7722  
Fax 215-750-1511  
PeterHook@verizon.net



## **ADJUTANT'S UPDATE:**

### **LIFE SAVING AWARDS:**

Safety Chairmen at Posts, Districts and Departments are encouraged to regularly identify and honor individuals throughout the year in their geographic area who have saved a life.

The VFW National Programs Office provides the following three different citations, free of charge, for local presentation.

- 1) Regular Life Saving Citation – Honors individuals who have, without regard for their own comfort, taken action resulting in the saving of another human life.
- 2) Line of Duty Life Saving Citation – Honors individuals who, in the execution of their assigned duties, have taken action resulting in the saving of another human life.
- 3) Valor Life Saving Citation – Honors civilians who have taken action resulting in the saving of another human life and have placed their own safety at risk.

Safety Chairmen should request citations by sending the following to VFW Programs, VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, fax: [816-968-1149](tel:816-968-1149), e-mail [tbeauchamp@vfw.org](mailto:tbeauchamp@vfw.org)

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# **IS YOUR POST NAMED AFTER A WW II VETERAN?**

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## CHIEF-OF-STAFF/SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRMAN

### PSC DENTIST B HARVIN



*Comrades and Auxiliary,*

*This year's Commanders Special Project Is the "Department Service Office".*

*Our Department Service office operates on donated funds. All funds are used to purchase and update the automated equipment that's required by national and the local VA office for the office equipment to be up-to-date for our personnel to function effective.*

*Our Department Service Office (DSO) is transitioning from the snail system of maintaining paper files to the required e-file system. The office was recently evaluated by the VFW National Veterans Service Office (VSO) and they provided the recommendations on the requirements for our office to be up-to-date. Its a costly system, because automated equipment must be updated or replaced to handle the e-file requirements.*

*In addition funds are used to purchase the necessary supplies (stamps, envelopes, pens paper, ink, toner, advertisement, etc.) for the office to operate.*

*Funds WILL NOT be used to as payroll for any DSO employee.*

*The challenge is for every PSC, PDP, District and Post in our department to match my \$100.00 donation to this project. Any member or anyone can make a donation to this project. It is simple: send a check or money order to the department QM for the Commanders Special Project, made out in your desired amount.*

*Page 26 & 27 in the commanders guidebook provides the details for "All American" in the department. Donating to the Department VSO is one of them (no specific amount is stated).*

*Remember the purpose of the VSO is supporting our comrades that provided/provides protection for us at home and abroad. They also support our spouses, widows, children and orphans. They*

*Thank You in advance for taking on the challenge and donating to the Department Special Project, "The Department Veterans Service Office".*

*PSC Dentist B Harvin*

## *Some Fall Conference Pics*



PSC Augustus Singleton & his Granddaughter



Past State Commanders' Club Breakfast Meeting & Line Officers



*Head Table at the Fall Conference*

*(left to right) State Chaplain Oliver Smith, PDP Audrey Smith, State Sr. Vice Commander Harry McFadden, National Rep. Joe Davis, State Commander Bill Havlin, MC 'the Judge' Paul Lyles, Paula (the Judge's daughter), Department Auxiliary President Laura Bowman, National Auxiliary Rep. Dana Fogner, PSC Frank Fogner, Department Sr. Vice Auxiliary President Theodora Montigue and Department Auxiliary Chaplain Valarie Dyson.*



*Comrades at the Business Meeting*



*The Council at the Business Meeting*



*Our Hotel on the beach*

## News From Around the State...

### **INDIAN LAND POST 12136 - DISTRICT No. 5**

#### Life Saving Event:

*We had 4 Post members distributing Buddy Poppies at a local business November 12th. Between 2:30pm – 2:45pm a customer was parking her car and did not put it in park. As she exited her vehicle, the car ran over her and trapped her leg under the front tire. Our members immediately called 911 and requested an ambulance. Due to the weight of the vehicle, it ruptured her leg causing an 18" gash, and bleeding profusely. The members, working as a team first removed the car from the victim's trapped leg and began administering first aid. Applying a tourniquet to the upper leg to minimize blood loss. Team members also began to comfort the victim to stay calm and assure her a medical team was on the way. Once the Ambulance arrived (also the State Police, County Sheriff officers and local Fire truck) the injured victim was placed in the Ambulance for transport. As soon as the ambulance left, the EMT personnel decided to request a helicopter airlift from the nearest shopping center (3 miles north of the accident). The woman's husband and pet dog were also in the vehicle. There is no doubt the military training these members had received, played a major role in saving her life. Our Post could not be more proud of these members in responding in such a quick and decisive manner. Their training kick in and what could have been a tragic event became lifesaving. Post members were Hillary Collins, Hershel Fogleman, Pete Sturdivant & Hank Povinelli*

*Respectfully,*

*John Marker | Ph: [704.843.6930](tel:704.843.6930) Post QM | Post 12136 | Indian Land, SC*

#### **Follow up from Post 12136 Life Saving Event.....**

*Cmdr. Havlin,*

*Here are their positions: Sr. Vice Cmdr. Hillary Collins, Hershel Fogleman -member, Guard Pete Sturdivant & Henry (Hank) Povinelli – member. It has been confirmed the injured woman was transferred Via air flight (helicopter) to a Charlotte Hospital.*

*Note: The tourniquet was prepared but not applied – EMS instructed the team not to apply.*

*-John Marker | Ph: [704.843.6930](tel:704.843.6930) Post 12136 Q/M*

*Cmdr. Havlin,*

*Talked with Deputy Simson this morning. He was the first officer on the scene. Deputy Simson did confirm when he arrived the car had been removed from atop the injured woman and several VFW members were helping to comfort her. Elevating her injured legs and placing a blanket over her to prevent shock. EMS arrived within 3 to 5 minutes after Deputy Simson.*

*-John*

# INDIAN LAND VFW POST 12136

## DISTRICT No. 5

*-submitted by John Marker-*

### “Veterans in the Classroom”

Last year was our first year for this program – 33 Veterans in 33 classrooms at the same time.

Due to the school growth, the program will expand to 39 Veterans in 39 classrooms. The school has requested this be an annual event.

Using the photos from the school district and newspaper photographers, a YouTube Video of the event was created in 2015: <https://youtu.be/NAerzIBMnys>

Background music: “Jimmy Mack” by Martha Reeves & The Vandellas – 1967 The song is copyright by EMI publishing, which provided an exemption after reviewing the video

**The week of Veterans Day is “National Veterans Awareness” week in the schools.**

*A ‘Veterans in the Classroom’ program is coordinated by John Marker and Ms. Emily Dunning – (Social Studies Department Chairperson) at the Indian Land Middle School.*

*Due to the student growth at the school, the 950 students can not fit into the auditorium (Gym). This would be one of the largest such program to take place in a South Carolina school.*

*Objective: Have 39 Veterans in 39 classrooms (950 students) on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at the same time (2:45 - 3:15pm). Hope the following Veteran groups will join us: Indian Land VFW - Post 12136, Indian Land American Legion-Post 250, Sun City Carolina Lakes – Marine Corps Interest Group, SCCL Retired Military Interest Group, SCCL - HOV (Honor our Veterans ), IL-SCSAR: Maj. Robert Crawford Chapter and other Veterans from the Community (Veteran request notices will run in 4 local newspapers). Check in time is 2pm – check in at the office and they will escort you to the Library (media room).*

*Anyone interested in participating should contact John Marker, email: [jmarker@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jmarker@carolina.rr.com), Ph: 704.843.6930*

*Open Attachment: [Veterans in the classroom 2016.pdf](#)*

#### **Important Auxiliary Note:**



#### **Auxiliary sisters and brothers,**

*Please do not send generic mail to Walter Reed! Ever since 9/11, Walter Reed Military Medical Center does not accept ANYTHING (letter, card, or package) that's not addressed to a specific person, due to security measures. "Any Recovering Soldier" mail will be destroyed and will not reach your intended recipient. This information is readily accessible on their web site. The VFW Aux Department of SC Facebook page contains a link to the info on their web site. Thank you for all you do for our veterans, our active-duty military personnel, and their families.*



*CB Anderson is a member of VFW Post 3181 in Florence*



On October 20, the "Veterans Resource Center of Florence" (CB Anderson; on the left) visited the national guard armory in Mullins where it had been turned into a shelter for the residents of Nichols who had been displaced by Hurricane Matthew. Accompanying me were Sheila Glenn (center) of SC Works and Sharonda Eagle (far right) of Alston-Wilkes Society. All three of our agencies were in Mullins to assist the veterans in the shelter, who had been displaced by the storm.....and their families. The Veterans Resource Center of Florence gave out Walmart gift cards to all veterans who had lost their house or vehicles. We saw 16 veterans and gave out \$875.00 in gift cards. Of course the rumors were flying even before we got there. Many veterans were told to show up with a DD-214 and they would receive \$3000.00: all lies. We had veterans showing up from the outside that we turned away. We were there to assist the ones who had lost everything. We still did not completely turn them away. We gave them a \$25.00 gift card to avoid fighting and confusion. Everyone at least, lost food. Alston-Wilkes has the SSVF grant so she was there to help assist with finding new housing. That lady (Sharonda Eagle; far right) is a disabled veteran and member of the Marion VFW post. The lady in the center (Sheila Glenn) is with SC Works. She was there to assist anyone who had lost wages to the storm and to assist them in filing for unemployment. Sheila is also a veteran. I will work to try and get her to join the VFW. This was truly a wonderful day of veterans helping veterans.

CB Anderson

VFW State Employment/Legislative Chairman, Department of South Carolina

Executive Director-Veterans Resource Center of Florence



*When CB and other Resource workers find housing for a homeless veteran, they provide kitchen start-up needs.*



*CB Anderson and retired colonel Barry Wingard (Director of Florence Veterans Park) placed a "Military Tribute" wreath (purchased by the board of directors of the Veterans Resource Center of Florence). CB is the Executive Director of the Veterans Resource Center of Florence; the board intends to make this an annual event to honor all veterans.....past and present.*



**CB Anderson Honored by Pee Dee Veterans Advisory Council**

## VFW Post 8738

Is open from 5PM - 11PM every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday

**\*\* Karaoke, Pool Tournament and \$5 Wings are available every WEDNESDAY**

**\*\*Dance Lessons with Mike Good available every THURSDAY (\$5/person)**

December 6<sup>th</sup> – *Business Meeting @ 7:30pm*

December 7<sup>th</sup> – *Patriot's Point Wreath Ceremony @ 10am*

December 11<sup>th</sup> – **VFW CHRISTMAS PARTY** from 2pm-5pm (*Will include a visit from Santa so please feel free to bring your families*)

December 15<sup>th</sup> – *House Committee Meeting @ 6pm & Planning Meeting @ 7pm*

December 15<sup>th</sup> – *Live Music performed by either The Shake or The Jerry Cummings Band*

### *Fall at Headquarters*



# Rock Garden American Flag

*My name is Jon Lucas with Boy Scout Troop 307 in Lexington, South Carolina. For my Boy Scout Eagle project I made a Rock Garden American Flag. I had 17 other scouts and 7 adult leaders to support me with my project. The project took a total of 155 hours to plan and execute. I thought the American Flag in front of the VFW post would make people think of patriotism and all that the Veterans have done for our country.*



# RECRUITMENT EVENT

MEMBERS of POST 10804

North Myrtle Beach



Our Department National Certified Recruiter Paul Slater and National Legislative Committee Member PSC Frank Fogner recruiting in the Up-State.



# SCULPTURE DONATIONS



**WTC Donates Welding Sculpture to VFW Post**

Williamsburg Technical College (WTC) recently donated a sculpture from their Welding Rodeo to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post in Lexington, SC. Kingstree resident Dentist B. Harvin (third from right) serves as the past state commander of the VFW Department of South Carolina. He came to the College to accept the donation on behalf of all veterans of foreign wars. The two sculptures presented were created at the WTC Welding Rodeo in September. The one on the left was made by the Florence Darlington Technical College welding team and the other sculpture was fabricated by the WTC Machine Tool welding team. Pictured with Harvin are (from left) Sam Gardner, WTC welding instructor; Tod Phillips and Phillip Grimley; WTC welding and machine tool students; Dr. Clifton "Rusty" Elliott, WTC Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs; and Dr. Patty Lee, WTC President.

# N. MYRTLE BEACH POST 10804 - D-7

## A VETERAN'S FINAL JOURNEY

*It's late October, 2016 and Bunny (my wife) & I were in Pennsylvania visiting relatives when Bunny received a call from a friend, of 35 years, in Norfolk, Virginia asking if she would be interested in doing an RV (motorhome) trip to help her take her terminally ill father to visit his wife, family and friends in Los Angeles area of California one last time. Her obvious answer was YES! When I found out Randy (Karen's husband) could not make the trip because of work commitments, I said, count me in!*

*Background A couple of years ago Karen (the daughter who lives on the East Coast) brought her mom and dad from California to live with her because of their age and decreasing ability to support themselves. For a while they lived in their own home, but as the months rolled by, Jim (Karen's dad) became more and more ill and Karen & Randy moved her parents into their home. Taking care of the parents, her work schedule and the demands of the house wore Karen down, so she asked her sister in California if she could take their mom (Beverly) for a little while. The sister agreed and flew to VA to take mom back to CA with her to be cared for by her and her two brothers. Beverly made a couple of trips back-and-forth between VA & CA over the next few months to be with her husband of 60+ years. Along with knowing Karen & Randy for over 35 years, we have known and been friends with Karen's parents for 17+ years.*

*Meanwhile; over the course of the last few month, Jim became more and more ill and spent some time in the Veterans Administration Hospital and eventually a few months in the VA Hospital Hospice Care facility. The VA eventually had to release Jim to Hospice Home Care, quite frankly because he wouldn't die! For the last few months Karen & Randy have been taking care of Jim at home (with the help of some VA Hospice nurses and care-giver personnel). Jim requires 24/7 care and attention because of his condition.*

**NOTE:** *Jim is a Korean War Veteran who recently received a Purple Heart for wounds received during the early stages of that war (that's another story in itself). He is a 3 ½ year veteran of the US Army and served as an Infantryman, along with other duties and responsibilities while in Korea.*

*Meanwhile; back in CA; Beverly recently took two falls and fractured a disk in her back. This made her completely immobile. She is also suffering from dementia. These two things caused her to be unable to travel to VA for many months to come, if at all. Jim is unable to fly because of his condition and constant need of oxygen. Thus, they are both stuck a continent apart and this disturbed them both greatly. Jim would get off the phone after a call to Beverly and cry because they could not be together. This caused Karen to hatch the RV trip plan. Rent an RV, load it up with Jim's needed oxygen equipment and medicines and food for four and head west. Karen knew that this would be the last chance for Jim and Beverly to be together and for Jim to see his other daughter, two sons and all the relatives that live in Western California.*

From: **BILL DICKEY** <[comdickey@yahoo.com](mailto:comdickey@yahoo.com)>

(Bill is a Past State Commander)

*72nd anniversary of D-Day, Reuters photographer Chris Helgren compiled A number of photos from that fateful day and took his own photographs from the exact same locations.*

***These photo's are amazing !***

***Especially since America helped rebuild after the war !***

*Let the "12-year olds" with weak minds and adult bodies (Colin Kaepernick, ad nauseam) practice their foolishness, but let these photos help us never forget*

***Tour D-Day in France, June 6th, 1944, then and now. D-Day + 72 Years.***









*A foggy sunrise at Headquarters*



*one of the Fall flowers at Headquarters*



*Headquarters 'paving the way' for Handicap parking to minimize falls and trips*

*Past State Commander/State Adjutant Jimmy Lee Wallace heads the Building Fund Committee.*

*Wi-Fi & electrical wiring repairs are also being done.*



*front of Headquarters*



*right side driveway entrance into Headquarters*



*left side driveway entrance into Headquarters*

# DISTRICT No. 1 NEWSLETTER



## DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER: TED TUFTS

District 1 has been very busy since our last Newsletter. All posts are current and up to date with their trustee reports.

My goal was to have all post inspections completed by the fall conference and we have met that goal. We do have some items that need attention and I am working with the Commanders to address those areas as needed.

Currently our report card is all **BLUE** and we are working very hard to keep it that way.

Many of the District posts are getting out and letting the public know about the Veterans of Foreign Wars and what we do.

Post 3137 Commander Buddy Gillam was invited in October to speak to about 90 members at the Isle of Palms Exchange Club in Charleston. The primary focus of this presentation was to promote a local partnership between the VFW and The Exchange Club, and to educate the attendees on the many programs that The VFW either sponsors nationally, or endorses, that directly benefit US veterans and their families. There next step is a meeting to discuss possible ways that The Exchange Club can reach out in support of local veterans and their families.

Post 10256 has been busy attending festivals in the area passing out Buddy Poppy's, explaining about the VFW and passing out Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy information.

We have two post just notified they are receiving the Home Depot Grant. Congratulations to Post 10256 and 9509. They are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> post in the District to receive this award in the last 3 years.

District 1 had 2 posts participate in the Veterans Day parade downtown Charleston on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>.

As it has done for many years Post 3433 hosted a luncheon for attendees and the public for the Summerville Veterans day event on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Many other post in the district also held events in their areas.

District 1 will be participating in Pearl Harbor Day on the York Town on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

In January 2017 Monks Corner Post 9509 is having their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration which is very exciting and we will be in attendance for their celebration.

The District has a good notification system going. I'm keeping each commander and post up to date with all post current events and I'm encouraging all District 1 Commanders and members to get out and visit the other posts in our district, to meet other members and see what the other posts are doing.

Membership wise we are currently in 3rd place in the Department and we are looking to take over the top spot very soon.

District 1 wishes everyone a Great and Safe Holiday Season.

Yours in Comradeship,

- ted

Edwin A. "Ted" Tufts II  
Commander, District 1  
Department of South Carolina, Veterans of Foreign Wars

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**I hope you will enjoy the following Post Newsletters & Submissions within our District. There may be some ideas, as you read through them, that you might want to adopt.**

# DISTRICT No. 1

# POST NEWS

## POST 8760 BEAUFORT DISTRICT No. 1



*Department Commander Bill Havlin and Post 8760 Commander Waverly Patterson cleaning debris from Beaufort County Deputy's yard. 8760 members volunteered to clean up homes in the area, as well as, County Sheriffs who were on duty through the whole ordeal. after Hurricane Matthew.*



*Thanksgiving meals sponsored by Auxiliary 8760 and Cooties PT 1 Sandfleas*

# POST 8560 - BEAUFORT CLEAN-UP AFTER HURRICAIN MATTHEW

*Before and after pictures of the hurricane clean up. hopefully there is one you would like to use.. Initial cleanup that allowed access back to the Post as trees blocked the main entrance; Paddy (with chainsaw in pic) and Mary Jane Dill spearheaded; Lelda & son; Will & helper; Gary showed up with the blower.*



# VFW 445 POST & AUXILIARY

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER, 2016



*MERRY CHRISTMAS      FRÖHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN      BUON NATALE!*

*Whatever language you use – the message is Universal. Good Will and Generous Hearts are called for during this very special season. Let us all remember that. We all work hard throughout the year to support our Veterans and families – and for this you are greatly appreciated. During the Christmas season especially, we are called on to remember that loneliness and despair sometimes creeps into the lives of our friends and family – so be diligent in your care and generous with your warmth. Love doesn't cost anything to give yet gives extraordinary returns when you freely give it.*



*Our calendar this month is full of great things for you and your family to enjoy, so please come on down to your Post and share the Christmas season with friends and family.*

*Breakfast every Sunday from 9:00–11:30  
No Breakfast on Christmas Day*

*Pool Tournament every Monday @ 7:00  
\$10 entry fee; Prizes awarded!*

*Wings & Things every Wednesday from  
5:30 – 7:30 – Bingo starts 6:30.*

*Turkey Shoot every Wednesday in  
December!*

*Shuffleboard Tournament every Thurs.*

*@ 7:00 - \$5 entry fee; Winner takes all!*

*12/3 - 1:00 Pig Roast Benefit*

*12/4 - 1:00 ABATE Meeting*

*12/5 - 5:00 Mental Wellness Seminar  
@ American Legion Post 147 on Folly Rd*

*12/6 - 6:30 House Committee Meeting*

*12/8 - 7:00 Auxiliary Meeting*

*12/13 – 7:00 General Members' Mtg.*

*12/20 - 6:30 Building & Grounds Mtg.*

*12/16 - 6:30 Post & Auxiliary Christmas  
Party*

*12/30 - Taco Night with Guest Bartenders*



## COMMANDERS

### COMMENT

#### *Comrades and Auxiliaries*

*November was a very busy month here at the Post. We were able to assist another Veteran in need. Our annual Veterans Day Ceremony was held on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Guest speaker was former Marine Corps Captain Buddy Milligan. Buddy was a pilot during the Viet Nam War flew more than 100 missions over North Viet Nam. I should note that Buddy is also a member of our Post.*

*Barbra and I attended the Fall Conference in Myrtle Beach November 18,19 and with the help of Comrade Janet Chisolm-Richard of Post 3433 and MS Beth Gray of Post 3142 we entered Candidates in both the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy Programs. We would like to have a Candidate for Teacher of the year as well as a First Responder. Help!*

*If you missed our Thanksgiving Dinner you missed a great meal thanks to Mat and Carla McDonough and Company.*

*Annie (our new Adjutant) is reaching out to members of the Department Holding Post, VFW members not belonging to a Post, asking them to join us. I am requesting those of you who know of a Veteran or member who has not renewed to please do so.*

*We are also trying to contact them by mail.*

*We will be cooking a pig on Saturday December 3 the proceeds of which will go to Augie's wife, Toni, to help her through these difficult times following the passing of Augie.*

*I would like to wish each member of our Post family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*God Bless America and the VFW*

*Jim*

#### **December Meeting Minutes Highlights**

*Full minutes are posted on the clipboard in the Canteen hallway*

*The CDR announced a change in the procedure for applicants: The Adjutant will process the applications and the QM will process dues payments.*

*A reminder that the funds disbursed from our Post to assist comrades and their families comes from the Post Relief fund which is primarily funded from Buddy Poppy Sales. Please contact your local merchants to participate in the Buddy Poppy program. Donation containers and request letters are available. See Angel for these.*

*A concrete mixer associated with the road construction was seen on our property and there is resulting breakage of our parking lot pavement. If you see any heavy construction equipment on our property, please take photos and report this.*

*The HC Chairman was authorized to procure and install a panic bar on the*



meeting room exit door to help curb unauthorized access to Post and security cameras around the facilities.

#### **In Memoriam:**

*Charlie Skinner, retired Marine Corps Master Sergeant, passed away on 11/7/16.*

*William G. Hamilton, a Citadel Graduate class of 1944, and Second Lieutenant with the 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Div. in WWII passed away on 10/31/16. He was a Bronze Star recipient and later joined Company A, 118<sup>th</sup> Infantry known as the Sumter Guards.*

*Please keep them and all our fallen and ill comrades in your prayers.*

#### **Service Notes: [MyVA311](#)**

*The VA has launched 1-844-MyVA311 (1-844-698-2311) as a 24/7 one-stop information service platform for all VA services. Veterans, families, and caregivers who call this number can be connected to disability, pension, health care eligibility, enrollment, and burial benefits, the veterans' crisis line, the homeless veteran's helpline and/or to a self-service locator to find the nearest VA facility. This is an effort to ensure veterans no longer need to know what number to call for specific programs and services, instead, veterans can call this one number and be connected to the correct call center.*



*If you already have a number that you call – keep calling it. None of the existing VA numbers will go away.*

#### **FISHER HOUSE GROUNDBREAKING**

*On November 18, 2016, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for Charleston's Fisher House. When completed, this house will provide a comfortable refuge for families of patients at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center. This will eliminate room and board expenses of Veteran families while keeping them safe and close to their loved one. The facility will be a 16-suite home-away-from home for these families.*

#### **VFW launches new Mobile App – Get it today!**

*The VFW mobile app is available for Apple and Android users and can be found by searching "VFW" in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.*

#### **VFW Mental Wellness Campaign**

*On 9/13/2016 the VFW, VFW Auxiliary and three partnering organizations launched the new VFW Mental Wellness Campaign at a press conference inside the National Press Club in Washington.*

*In support of this, your Post 445 and the American Legion Post 147 are holding an **Informational Seminar** for Veterans and Family on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Hall - 968 Folly Rd., Charleston, SC 29412.*

*Please pass the word along.*

#### **VA CHRISTMAS PARTY – DEC. 18**

Need Sandwiches – packed ½ each in fold over plastic bags.

## PIG ROAST

*This little piggy won't be dancing long.*

*Because the Pig Roast at Post 445 will see him (roasted) in the form of Bar B Que*



*So, bring your family, friends, - pick up a Vet who needs a ride and join us on **SATURDAY, DEC. 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 1:00 PM** at the Post – 1639 Camp*

*Rd., James Island, SC.*

*Food – Music – Drinks – Fun - \$10*

*All money collected will go to help with the funeral expenses of one of our Veteran's.*

*If you got one of these – a big*



**THANK YOU!**

**PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL**

**CEREMONY – December 7, 2016**

VFW - 1639 Camp Rd.

James Island, SC 29412

843-795-9419

Post 10624, Mt. Pleasant, is sponsoring the Ceremony aboard the USS Yorktown from 11:00 AM to 12:00.

Post 445 and Auxiliary will be throwing a wreath and if you have never attended this ceremony – it would be well worth your time to do so on Wednesday. It is very moving.

## AUXILIARY MEETING and GIFT XCHG

Our meeting on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is also our Gift Exchange (\$15 limit). We will be decorating the Tree and Post.

Please plan to attend this meeting as we always have a great time! Snacks will be served and your favorite beverage is always available.

See you there!

## GET



**YOUR BUDDY POPPY**

**HELP A VET!**

*Don't forget – all proceeds*

*from the sale of these Poppies go to support our Veterans and families.*

The VFW Department Auxiliary has a themed contest annually with Poppies as the primary decoration. This year Post 445 Auxiliary member Barb Barger entered and WON 2<sup>nd</sup> prize! Her entry was a Purse and Hat decorated with Poppies.

**Congratulations Barb!**

### **Building & Grounds Committee**

**\*\*\* YOUR POST NEEDS YOU!\*\*\***

Mike Hadbavny will be stepping down from his position as Chairman of the Building & Grounds Committee. He will continue to spearhead the parking lot project for his replacement. As Chairman, you will be identifying and coordinating funds and volunteers for projects involving the upkeep and improvement of the Post facilities.

**Please contact any Post officer if you are interested in this position!**

He identified an initial need for a working party to perform tree removal and install the new drainage pump station. Contact Mike for specific information.

Please be considerate on how you park- we are extremely limited with space.



The Post and Auxiliary Christmas Party is on December 16<sup>th</sup> this year and we look forward to having all of our Members and

guests present. Please join with your friends and family to celebrate this joyous occasion and to give thanks for your VFW family. Food and music will be provided for your enjoyment and as always, your favorite Bartenders will be serving some delicious drinks (don't forget to tip generously as they are working so you can enjoy yourselves).

See you at the Post.

**TV RAFFLE ~ TV RAFFLE ~ TV RAFFLE**

DRAWING DECEMBER 16, 2016

### **Molly's Adopt a Vet**

The December, 2016 group is ARMY deployed to Al Asad, Iraq, consisting of 34 males and 2 females. They have access to a microwave. Shipping December 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wish List:**

Pumpkin seeds	~	Sunflower seeds
Candy	~	Cookies
Beef Jerky	~	Drink sticks
Ramen noodles	~	Mac & cheese paks
Shampoo	~	Body Wash
Toothpaste	~	Deodorant

Your Correspondent Judy

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

# GLENN L. JEFFERS VFW POST 10624



MT. PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA

## Mail Call

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<https://www.facebook.com/VFWPost10624/>

## December 2016

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
National HQ (Kansas City, MO): 816-756-3390  
Washington DC Office: 202-543-2239  
<http://www.vfw.org/>



### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades and Auxiliary members:

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Donna and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Please use caution, be safe throughout the holidays. On November 5<sup>th</sup> we distributed Poppies. We had people at 3 locations and had a good day even if it was a little on the cool side. Thanks to Bunny, Kathy, Donna. We also had help from M.Sgt. McAdams and 3 Cadets from Wando HS JR ROTC core – thanks to them also, they were a big help.

We had a float in the Veterans Day Parade downtown Charleston. On the float was Hattie, Sissy, Robbie, Donna, Brandi, Robbie and myself along with our young Patriots Annabelle, Lilly, Emma, Maggie, Tianna, Keygan and Katie. District 1 Commander Ted Tufts and District 1 Auxiliary President Beth Tufts joined

us on our float. Thank you all for honoring our Veterans.

On Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Mount Pleasant Senior center held a breakfast to honor Veterans. The guest speaker was a member of our post Col Robert Mastrion, who delivered a great speech. Also from our post was Merv Horner and myself.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> we hosted the District Meeting at our post. It went off very well everyone enjoyed a great meal. It took a lot of work. I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our Auxiliary members. Chief Chef Ann Bond, Donna King, Kathy Thomas, Kelly Wiggins, Robin Riggins, Bunny Nielson and Shannon Henderson. Also thank you to our comrades Marv Horner and Jim Riggins for their help. Thank you also to Dave Wornick, Ann's son in law for his help.

There will be a break in our Dinners for the holidays. Starting November 13<sup>th</sup> till January 6<sup>th</sup> 2017. We are looking forward to seeing you all back on Jan 6<sup>th</sup> to enjoy a Fish Dinner.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> our Post served the annual Thanksgiving Dinner to the CLC floor at the VA hospital. I want to thank Steve, Hattie, Sissy, Stacy, Ann, Bunny, Ron H, Ron J, Mary and Jim. They stepped up and helped put this on while Donna and I were at the Conference. Myself, Donna, Robbie and Kathy attended the Department Winter conference in Myrtle Beach on November 18-20. Burger King and Sports clips are supporting the VFW and helping Veterans. Please patronize these companies if you can. There is still a big push for membership. The State Commander Bill Havlin challenged each member to try and recruit 1 new member by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The banquet was held on Sat. evening – everyone had a good time. The next conference will be held Feb. 3-5 in Myrtle Beach. If you think you would like to attend, see me for more information.

*Bill King*  
Commander  
VFW Post 10624

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<b>Quartermaster – Robby Holsclaw</b>
<b>Staff Judge Advocate – Ken Hanneman</b>
<b>Chaplain – Mervin Horner</b>
<b>Officer of the Day – Ron Herzog</b>
<b>Surgeon – Ron Herzog</b>
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<b>2 Year Trustee- Ron Herzog</b>
<b>3 Year Trustee- Ronnie Johnson</b>



**GREETINGS from the AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:**

Well here it is Thanksgiving night, and I am getting ready to write my part of the newsletter. What a great day was had with family and friends and sharing of the wonderful food that this holiday brings. I hoped you all had a great Thanksgiving. As I sit here getting ready to write I am reminded of what I am truly thankful for. I am truly thankful for all of the auxiliary members that give so generously of their time and talents. Without these sisters and brothers our organization would not be. My wish is that more of our members would consider being more actively involved. When you volunteer you are giving back but it is you that gets the pleasure in your soul from the work you do.

Our last meeting, on November 10<sup>th</sup> was held and some items were discussed that I think are worth sharing:

- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> - we did our annual Veterans Day poppy drive. Even though there was a very small group of us doing this, it was still a success. Thanks to Bunny, Kathy, Bill and the M.Sgt. and some cadets from the Wando JR ROTC core.

- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> was the Charleston Veteran's Day Parade. The weather was great; our float was full of auxiliary members, comrades and some of our young patriots. We also had the District Commander and District President on our float.
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> we held the District Meeting at our post. It was a very good meeting but a tight fit for the comrades. A special thank you for all of the auxiliary members that put in a lot of time to make the meal that was had prior to the meeting: Chief Chef Ann Bond, Kathy Thomas, Kelly Wiggins, Robin Riggins, Bunny Nielson and Shannon Henderson. Again without these auxiliary members we could not have pulled this off.
- Nov 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> was the Department Fall Conference in Myrtle Beach. As always I learn something new each and every time. Our poppy project did not even place and I thought they turned out wonderful. I do not want us to let the outcome ruin our efforts there is another project due for the spring conference in Feb and that theme is Holidays.
- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> our annual Thanksgiving Day luncheon at the CLC was held. Due to the conference I was unable to attend but it was done beautifully and I understand very organized (that is always a plus in my book). Thanks to all of you that helped in making this annual activity a success.
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> is our Pearl Harbor Ceremony and Lunch. We will need volunteers to help with the Lunch prep, setting up and cleaning of the dining areas. This will be a great event but we do need more hands on deck.
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> is the VA Hospital Christmas party and then the Children's Christmas party at the post and again we will need volunteers.

Next meeting is December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

UPCOMING DINNERS

Friday dinners will resume January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Starting with FISH NIGHT!!!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Ceremony and  
Lunch (will definitely need help)

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Proposed Holiday Lunch at the  
VA Hospital

Jan. 14 - 16<sup>th</sup> VFW National President's visit  
(Myrtle Beach)

Have a great month, see you around the VFW.

*Donna Marie King,*  
Auxiliary President

<u>AUXILIARY OFFICERS</u>	
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<b>Trustees:</b>	<b>Ann Bond</b>
<b>Trustees:</b>	<b>Bunny Nielsen</b>



SICK CALL:

Please remember our Folks needing prayers:

Steve Henderson,  
Carol Byerly's Brothers  
Charlotte Knchans  
Delores Benjamin

James Denney  
Jean Czarkowski  
Nancy Weathers  
Jim O'Marra




**Taps**

QUARTERMASTER'S CALL:

The end of the year will be on us before we know it, please check your dues card, and get your dues in before December 31. We still have some comrades unpaid from this past year. Please ask your neighbors, family and co-workers to join our organization if they are qualified. Come out and participate in our meetings and events – we need everyone's support! Keep your address updates and [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

*Robert Holsclaw*  
Quartermaster

CANTEEN		HOURS
Monday – Friday: 11 – 1pm and 5:30pm – 8pm		
Friday Dinner: 6-8 pm (starts again on January 6th)		
Saturday: 11 – 1 pm, and 5pm –Until		
Sunday: Closed		

**PLACE THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS ON YOUR FRIDGE to remind you of all the events scheduled at Glenn L. Jeffers VFW.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!!!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS @ THE "V":**

Place these dates on your calendar. Please remember, these dates, times and events are subject to change.

- Every Monday and most Wednesdays are Pool league night.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. – Post ‘Decoration Night’ @ 7 PM  
HELP prepare our Post for the Pearl Harbor Ceremony (Bring Appetizer & Wrapped Ornament IF you like)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Pearl Harbor Ceremony ‘PREP’  
Help with Food & Dining Hall 6 PM
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Pearl Harbor Ceremony & Lunch @ 12 Noon  
(Post Preparation 8 AM)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. – H/C, Auxiliary & Post Meetings
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. – (Proposed) Holiday Lunch (@ the VA Hospital)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. – American Legion Meeting 6 PM
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Elks Meeting 7 PM
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. – The 9-12 Project Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. – VA Hospital Christmas Party (@ the VA Hospital) starts at 12 Noon
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Children’s Christmas Party 2 PM
- 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. – American Legion Meeting 6 PM
- 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Elks Meeting 7 PM
- 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. – Auxiliary President SC Weekend Visit (in Myrtle Beach)

**Got a suggestion for the newsletter?**

Send them to Ken Hanneman, Post Adjutant at: [kh\\_office@att.net](mailto:kh_office@att.net); or call me at 843-814-0267

ALSO, if you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter and want one e-mailed, ... or have an updated e-mail, please contact me.

**SAVE THESE ROUTINE MONTHLY DATES!**

<b>Meeting Dates:</b>
Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the second Thursday of each month – next meeting Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 @ 7 pm
Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month – next meeting Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2016, @ 7 pm

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## *VFW Post 3137 Regulars Monthly Meeting*

*Our regular member monthly post meeting is Monday December 12. We encourage members actively participate and hope you can attend.*

**When: Monday December 12, 2016**

**Where: [The Post on the Coast, 1004 Ocean Boulevard Isle of Palms, SC 29451](#)**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

*Can't make the meeting but have ideas or suggestions for the post, email them to us and we'll make sure to address them.*



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## *VFW Post 3137 Auxiliary Monthly Meeting*

*Our auxiliary member monthly post meeting is Monday December 19. We encourage members actively participate and hope you can attend.*

**When: Monday December 19, 2016**

**Where: [The Post on the Coast, 1004 Ocean Boulevard Isle of Palms, SC 29451](#)**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

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## *Steak Night Cancelled - "Baby It's Cold Outside"*

*Due to the fact that it will be 30 degrees Friday night steak night will be cancelled until further notice. .... however feel free to come in we will order pizza or wings. ...remember LIFE'S A BEACH !!!*

*We need your support now more than ever to make it through the winter months.... if anyone has a large group that would like to cook out please feel free to come use our grills and drink with us.... bring and burn your own*



## *Toys for Tots*

*Pick up date extended ....Our toys for tots box is going to be picked up December 15th ...we do not have much in our box....i know we want our box of toys to flow over....please take the time to bring your unwrapped toy by our post by the 14th so it will be ready for pick up Thursday 15th.....you do not need to be a member to drop off a toy for a child to have for Christmas....ring our bell and we will be happy to let you in...*

*Let us make this happen for these kids....thanks for your support from post 3137*



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## *Voluntary Services at Ralph Johnson Hospital*



*Tis the Season to be Giving"*

See below for our Volunteer and Donation Needs.

## Help keep our veterans warm! We need winter coats, sweatpants, scarves and knitted hats

Sweatpants, Coats, Scarfs, Hats & Gloves

## Nutritional Drinks Needed

Glucerna, Boost, Ensure

## We need tennis shoes – must be new! All sizes – Men and Women

## Golf Carts Are Here!

Drivers Needed! We need volunteers to operate them in the parking lots at the VAMC and Savannah. Help veterans get from the parking lot to the facilities. Call the Voluntary Service Office for details – [843-783-7230](tel:843-783-7230)

## DAV Volunteer Drivers Needed

We need volunteer drivers that originate in Summerville and Moncks Corner. Volunteers have to process in Charleston but for volunteering they can pick up the vans in the locations below.

Berkley.....library at Moncks Corner (#071) (Need another van, and driver to do outside areas of Kingstree, Manning, etc.- anything outside of Goose Creek & Moncks Corner ) –Need Wed. Berkeley driver.

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Dorchester.....Dorchester Cty. Bldg....(#113) -

Charleston.....VAMC – CHS. ( #013, #378) – Need local drivers for Charleston, especially M, W, F

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# VFW Post 3433



*2017 Membership Goals 100% / 85% Retention*  
*2017 Current Status: at 88.39% with 42.52%*

## December 2016

All American Post—2013

All State Post—1984,87,90,94,95,2006,09,10,2012-2015

**TSGT. Walter C. Fulda**

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**Newsletter Editor—Ted Tufts**

## From the Commander

### Veterans Disaster Outreach Assistance

Are you a Veteran who needs assistance with housing, replacement of medication and/or medical care if so, please call [1-877-424-3838](tel:1-877-424-3838) the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans. Staff will route your call to the nearest Medical Center and staff will provide assistance.



877-WAR-VETS (927-8387) is an around the clock confidential call center where Combat Veterans and their families can be referred for support. Combat Veteran Staff will route your call to the nearest Vet Center or Medical Center where staff will provide assistance.

### Happening Around the Post:

The Halloween Party Fundraiser was quite the success the Post

Made \$295.00!! The Veterans Day Luncheon was also successful as was the Veterans Day Parade.

As usual, the District 1 Meeting was informative and without exception, Commander Tufts provided superior communication on the following topics:

\*Message from Commander-in-Chief Brian Duffy

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## From the President

We will be going to the VFW Conference in Myrtle Beach (18-20 November) and hope to have information for the next newsletter on our Membership Stats and our Buddy Poppy entry. This Auxiliary is known for very creative Buddy Poppy ideas, thanks to the members and helpers; Dana, Marietta, Pat Parks, Mary Bain, and Pam, to name a few.



the District 1 meeting at Mt. Pleasant; it was wonderful that our District Chaplain, Shirley Olson was able to attend.

Thank you to the entire Auxiliary volunteers for making and setting up the luncheon for our guests on Veteran Day. Mary Bain did the planning for the lunch menu and everyone enjoyed. Again the Auxiliary members provided the desserts and ensured the guest had fun at our Post.

Toys for Tots donation boxes are available till the 10<sup>th</sup> of December.

Provide Pat Parks the Youth Activity Chairman a copy of your receipt for her reports. Thanks to Pat for organizing this program, she is also organizing the Children Christmas Party on 4 Dec.

We will decorate the Ballroom for the Holiday Season and placing our "HONOR TREE" in the foyer.

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We just attended

Please remember the

**Commander Page 1.**

--We have now cleared the 1 million paid members for this administrative year. Our national average is 83.81%. District 1 is currently in 3rd place in the Department with 86.09%. Many thanks to all for your continued recruiting efforts. The top Post standings in the District have not changed since last report. Who is going to be in the #1 spot on the next report card???

**10811 90.90%**  
**5091 87.93%**  
**3433 87.82%**  
**9509 87.60%**

\*There will be training for the QM's and Trustees on 10 December at 10AM at the Dept. HQ. I strongly encourage the post and District QM's and Trustees to attend this training or the training on May 20th. This training will provide guidance to make corrections to trustee reports and other vital areas of responsibility for these positions.

\*In support of the VFW's 2016 - 2017 Mental Wellness Campaign J.J. Raby VFW Post 445 and the American Legion Post 147 will offer an informational seminar on Mental Wellness: Awareness, Care, and Resources. The seminar will be held on Monday, December 5th, 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall located at 968 Folly Road on James Island. All veterans, military, and families are invited to attend. This seminar will provide information on the signs and symptoms of mental health issues including PTSD and traumatic brain injury and offer information on and an opportunity to meet with representatives from some of the many resources available to help cope with the effects of these invisible injuries.

**Veterans Affairs:**

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Peanut Butter and Jelly--Grab some extra the next time you do your shopping. They would appreciate the bigger jars as they are used on the coffee cart for the bagels. Also..... Peanut Butter and cheese crackers

Robert Holsclaw and "Trish" our Post and State Surgeons Request Post Storm Assistance Needed: Due to the recent storm, we have many veterans who are in desperate need of assistance. Many of them lost everything due to flooding and storm damage. Men's tennis shoes (sizes 9-13) Men's Sweats (Med-2XL) Ladies Sweats (Med-2XL), Shirts (M-2XL), Men's Deodorant, Body wash (men's and ladies), Ladies Sports bras (M-2XL), Ladies Underwear (M-2XL), Men's Underwear (M-2XL), Backpacks, Depends un-

derwear (S-XL) Ensure/Boost and juice, Bus passes, Gas cards, and Grocery cards.

Things happening in December: Tickets are on sale for our Annual Post New Year's Party. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the 20/20 Party scheduled for 18 March, 2017 the 1<sup>st</sup> drawing will be held 28 Oct. Contact the bartenders to purchase tickets.

**POST Holiday Hours for the Holidays:**

**Christmas Eve 11:30 AM till 6:00PM**  
**Christmas Day - 1:00 PM till 6:00 PM**  
**New Year's Eve 11:30 AM until New Year's Day 1:00PM till 10:00PM**

**Closing Statement:**

Question for you- What goes in dry and comes out wet and the longer it's in, the stronger it gets, it comes out dripping and it starts to sag? It's not what you think it's a LIPTON TEA BAG. *Get your mind out of the gutter.* Speaking of TEA; I read that you are not everyone's cup of tea and thought I would share.

The world is filled with people who, no matter what you try, will simply not like you. But the world is also filled with those who will love you fiercely. The ones who love you: they are Your People.

Don't waste your finite time and heart trying to convince the people who aren't your people that you have value. They will miss it completely. They won't buy what you are selling. Don't try to convince them to walk your path with you because you will only waste your time and your emotional good health. You are not for them and they are not for you. You are not their cup of tea and they are not yours.

Politely wave them along and you move away as well. Seek to share your path with those

**Commander Page 2.**

who recognize and appreciate your gifts; "WHO YOU ARE" Be who you are. You are not everyone's cup of tea and that is OK.

**Safety Brief:**

Your safety is our first priority and in order to accomplish this goal, it is essential that you are familiar with emergency preparations and procedures in order to respond appropriately during an emergency.

Yours in Comradeship

*Jay Clark*

Commander  
2016-2017

**Auxiliary President Page 1.**

The Honor Tree is hand made by Shirley Olson, please read the names and remember our past members and their families.

Our membership is very strong, and we welcome our new members from the November meeting: David Podgers, Donald Ray Hamilton JR. and Tim Hamilton.

Happy Holidays and looking forward to another wonderful year!

*Judy Duncan*

VFW Auxiliary President  
2016-2017

**Membership Vision**

To show continued growth and thrive through the dedication and involvement of members at all levels of the organization.

**Membership Mission**

Recruit, retain, and mentor a

stable membership base, including all generations of veterans, which is well-versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization.

We need your help to spread the word on what the VFW is about and all the wonderful things we do for our Veterans and their families.

Comrades, now is the time – more than ever – to increase our membership in the VFW and in this great Post!

Our strength is in our numbers; and our strength starts with each and every one of you!

VFW \$35, Auxiliary \$20.

**Stats as of this writing – 88.39% with Retention. 42.52%** Recruiting is everyone's task. If you know a veteran or family member who qualifies, take a moment to tell them of all the good things we do to help veterans.

Membership applications are behind the bar available to any Comrade or Auxiliary member for the asking.

**VFW Post 3433** welcomes the newest members to our post home. On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, thank you for your continued service to our nation and for becoming a part of the greatest veteran's organization in the world.

**AVFW New Member Welcome** David Podgers, Donald Ray Hamilton JR. and Tim Hamilton.

**Chaplain's Corner**

Happy December!! We are once again at the end of another amazing year. It has been a very interesting year with many interesting topics to discuss. Let me not get off track, we are in the middle of possibly the greatest time of year, Halloween and Thanksgiving just past,

Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Years just in front of us.

As I sit and ponder the year and the upcoming activities, my mind goes to memories of past celebrations. Waking up in rural Illinois hoping to see snow on the ground. Rushing to the Christmas tree to open presents. Going to Grandma's house, smelling the food as it cooked, hearing the air filled with family conversations, falling asleep while watching afternoon football, etc. etc. What are your memories? May you be able to celebrate those memories and create new ones.

Then, I joined the Navy. Like many of you, I have spent many a holiday away from family with my fellow brothers and sisters in arms. It is not an easy concept to explain to those who have never experienced it. Whether underway at sea or deployed to some remote location like the deserts of Iraq or Afghanistan, you make the sacrifice, your family makes the sacrifice. Even in those times of separation, fond memories abound of the bonds that were developed with those who are part of our uniformed family – those who also put on the uniform.

Every holiday and family has unique traditions, celebrations and symbolic foods; as you celebrate your traditions, families and food, may you continue to celebrate with gratefulness the joy of the season, the hope of a better tomorrow, the bonds that unite us and much more.

May your celebrations be blessed in a special way this wonderful time of year.

Day of significance: Dec. 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance

Please keep the following in your prayers and thoughts: Lonnie 'Lucky' Lonnie Dunlap; Bob

Mische and Edesta Proper; our deployed members and their families.

God bless you, your families and our VFW.

*Norman Jones*  
Your Chaplain

**Surgeon's Comments**

The donation tub has been moved into the lobby behind the table with the sign-in book. You can always also call me if you have large donations to submit. Thank you all for your continuing support of our Veterans at the VA.



VA. Hope to see a lot of VFW/Cooties there to help with the food and visiting the hospitalized veterans. They need to be kept smiling in beds of white. I know Thanksgiving has come and gone, hope everyone was safe and had a great time with family and friends. I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember what Christmas is about and be safe on New Years. We want to see you in 2017.

*Jackie Martin*  
Pup Tent 10  
Seam Squirrel 2016-2017

**News from the MOCA President**

The weather could not have been better for the Veteran's Day Parade and our VA Hospital visit on November 6th. It was an enjoyable day for those who participated and I think there were more people viewing the parade this year with the later starting time.



The "Turkey Shoot" is still going on until December 17th. We have had some good, busy nights. Volunteers are still needed for the month of December. The sign-up sheet is posted in the canteen at the post. Please help if you can.

Chaplain Shirley Olson resigned from the position of Chaplain of Pup Tent #10. Shirley has done an outstanding job as chaplain and we say "THANK YOU" for all that you have done for our veterans, their families and Pup Tent #10. We wish you continuing improvement in your recovery. Carrie Conyers is the new Chaplain of our MOC Auxiliary. We thank Carrie for taking this position and give her our support. You can contact Carrie at 843-851-1632. Email iscarriannconyers@gmail.com.

**VFW POST 3433 DONATION ITEM**

- Men's tennis shoes (sizes 9-13)
- Men's Sweats (Med-2XL)
- Ladies Sweats (Med-2XL)
- T-Shirts (M-2XL)
- Men's Deodorant
- Bodywash (men's and ladies)
- Ladies Sportsbras (M-2XL)
- Ladies Underwear (M-2XL)
- Men's Underwear (M-2XL)
- Backpacks
- Depends underwear (S-XL)
- Ensure/Boost
- Bus passes
- Gas cards
- Grocery cards

*Irish Gallagher*  
Post Surgeon  
2016/17

**News from the MOC Seam Squirrel**



Cooties, I would like to Thank everyone that has been helping with the turkey shoot. We started out slow, but at this time, it has started to pickup. On 18 December 2016, we have a hospital Christmas party at the

The next Grand will be January 6-8, 2017, at the Whitten Inn in Santee. It will be great if you can plan on being there and support the Grand of SC.

If you are attending the December 13th meeting, please bring a covered dish or finger food to share afterwards for our Christmas fellowship time. Joint meeting time is 7:31 pm.

Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones. Wishing you peace, joy, happiness and a safe and Happy New Year!

Good Health and Happiness to All!!

*Sandy Rowland*  
MOCA President 2016-2017

**VFW National**

**VFW Launches New Mobile App  
Download it today!**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is proud to announce the launch of its new mobile app.

The official app of the VFW puts the power of the nation's largest organization of combat veterans directly in users' hands. The streamlined app provides instant and complete access to information on our assistance programs and services, allows users to find VFW Service Officers and Posts based on geolocation and more, all while keeping users up to date on news that impacts veterans, service members and their families.

The app also allows VFW members to manage their membership, recruit new members and gain access to exclusive content. Download the app today and put all the resources the VFW has to offer at your fingertips!

The VFW mobile app is available for Apple and Android users and can be found by searching "VFW" in the Apple App Store

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**Spring Conference February 2-6 2017. Myrtle Beach SC.**

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Tickets and information for the Conference are on the Department website. Get you reservations in early so the Department can complete their planning.

**District 1 News**

Our last meeting at Post 10625 was very good and we had a great turn out for the meeting. Many thanks to Commander Bill King, Auxiliary President DonnaMarie King and all members of Post 10624 for their Hospitality and a special thanks to the kitchen crew for a great meal.



December 7th the District will again be participating in Pearl Harbor Day on the York Town on.

On December 18th the District will be hosting the annual Christmas party at Ralph H. Johnson VA Hospital. Looking for a good turnout to distribute food to the patients who cannot make it home for the Holidays. We will start the deliveries at noon and all who can help setup are invited to come early.

Our next meeting will be February 12th at Post 5091 in North

Charleston, eat at 1, meet at 2. At this meeting we will be presenting the PP and VOD awards.

District 1 wishes everyone a Great and Safe Holiday Season.

**Around the Post**



Voice of Democracy / Patriots Pen Information

Deadline to the Post is midnight on November 30, 2016.



**Post 3433's General Membership Meetings**

The Post's General Membership Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, in the ballroom at the Post Home; please plan on attending.



**If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email,** please contact us at [lads-sonvfw3433@gmail.com](mailto:lads-sonvfw3433@gmail.com) delivery is much faster than "snail mail", and it saves us the expense of printing and mailing. To avoid an inter-

ruption in receiving your Post 3433 Newsletter, let us know if you have changed your email address.



Remember. Honor. Teach. **National Remembrance Ceremony: DECEMBER 17, 2016** Place wreaths on veteran gravestones at Beaufort National Cemetery.



Betty Brewster - Thinking great thoughts.



Bonnie Walton, Betty Brewster and Dana Alves with the new memory board.



Betty Brewster and Betty Gander with the 3rd place National Buddy Poppy Award.



**Veterans Day 2016 Luncheon**



**VA Veterans Day Parade 2016**





## VFW Post 3433 Officers 2015 - 2016



Commander	Joy Clark	President	Judy Duncan
Sr. Vice Commander	Norris Stevens	Sr. Vice President	Betty Gander
Jr. Vice Commander	Jackie Brooks	Jr. Vice President	Betty Brewster
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Chaplin	Norman Jones	Treasurer	Sandy Rowland
Judge Advocate	Clete Miller	Secretary	Marietta Hill
Service Officer	Ron Jones	Conductress	Dana Alves
Surgeon	Patricia (Trish) Gallagher	Guard	Randall Brooks
Adjutant	Andrew Steanson	Patriotic Instructor	Elen Fulda
1 Year Trustee	John D. Mellert	Historian	Ruth Miller
2 Year Trustee	Anglia Soza	1 Year Trustee	Beth Tufts
3 Year Trustee	Edwin "Ted" Tufts	2 Year Trustee	Mary Bain
		3 Year Trustee	Shirley Houck

### Post Chaplain

Norman Jones

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Shirley Olson

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## MOC/MOCA Officers 2015 - 2016



Seam Squirrel	Jackie Martin	President	Sandy Rowland
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High Gimlet	Joyce "Joy" Clark	Jr. Vice President	Jo Ann Perritte
CCDB	Gary Gander	Chaplin	Carrie Conyers
Hungry Cootie	Betty Hilliard	Treasurer	Betty Brewster
Tight Wad 1	Jacqueline Z. Brooks	Secretary	Betty Gander
Tight Wad 2	James "Smokey" Stover	Conductress	Sandy Cates
Tight Wad 3	Norris Stevens	1 Year Trustee	Elen Fulda
Pill Pusher	Cecelia Lange	2 Year Trustee	Sandi Myers
Jimmy Legs	Cecelia Lange	3 Year Trustee	Carrie Conyers
Shyster	Lary Miller	Guard	Beth Tufts
Sky Pilot	John Brooks		
Provost Marshall	Jim McClendon		

### Family Information Contact Sheets

We are being notified much too late, if we are notified at all, concerning the well-being of Post members. Usually this occurs when it is much too late for anyone to help or complete the appropriate actions. If something happens, please notify us as soon as possible about the illness, injury, or death of a Post member. For everyone's help and convenience, Family Information Contact Sheets are in an envelope in the Canteen. The information is passed to the appropriate Chaplain.



# DECEMBER

Monthly meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. General meeting starts at 7:30, AVFW meets right after and Comrades meet at 8pm.

- ◆ Wednesday Night – Wings, French Fries 5:30
- ◆ Friday Night – Auxiliary Steak Night. 6:30
- ◆ 1st Thursday – Bassmasters 7 pm S.A.M.S. 7:30 pm
- ◆ 3rd Tuesday – Spaghetti Night. 6:30
- ◆ 3rd Saturday – 11:00 S A M S Mtg

- ◆ December 17- Canteen Christmas Party. 6pm.
- ◆ December 17th-National Wreaths Across America Day
- ◆ December 18th VA Christmas Party
- ◆ December 31- New Years Eve Party.
- ◆ March 18 2017 -20/20 Party.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			MOC/MOCA Turkey Shoot Wed –Thu 7pm–10pm Fri–Sat 7pm–Until	1 Bass Masters 7pm	2 No Aux Steak	3
4	5 Committee Meeting 7:00	6 General Meeting 7:30	7 Wings 5:30 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9 No Aux Steak	10
11	12 Honor Guard 7:30	13 MOC/MOCA 7:30	14 Wings 5:30	15 DAV 7:30 	16 No Aux Steak	17  Canteen Christmas Party 6pm
18 VA Christmas Party	19	20 Spaghetti 6:30 	21 Wings 5:30	22	23 No Aux Steak	24
25	26 Honor Guard 7:30	27	28 Wings 5:30	29	30 No Aux Steak	31

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Years Day	2 House Committee 7:00	3 General Meeting 7:30	4 Wings 5:30	5 Bass Masters 7pm	6 Auxiliary Steak 6:30	7
8	9 Honor Guard 7:30	10 MOC/MOCA 7:30	11 Wings 5:30	12	13 Auxiliary Steak 6:30	14
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Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter. Without you, it would not be what it is. Stay connected and get your newsletter early via email by contacting the post at [ladsonvfw3433@gmail.com](mailto:ladsonvfw3433@gmail.com) or [vfwpost@comcast.net](mailto:vfwpost@comcast.net)  
**Ted Tufts—Newsletter Editor.**

# [A Note from the Chaplains: Post 3433 & Auxiliary](#)

*Storms make the oak grow deeper roots."* - George Herbert

Well not the one at my house, it was blown over during Hurricane Matthew. When it fell the roots were revealed. It is amazing that the entire root system was no more than a few inches deep and ran throughout the shallow surface soil. There was not a single root that went deep. One other problem, it was a single lonely tree. Its roots were not entangled in the roots of other trees to provide support against the battering of the storm. It was a lonely tree without a support system or strong foundation.

Another tree fell at our church, the problem; it was rotten on the inside. Though it had many green leaves, it was dead on the inside. It was weakened from the inside; when the wind blew and storm came it was not strong enough to remain standing.

Whether it is the roots (running deep or interlinked) or a strong inner being, we can find a way to stand strong in the storms that life may bring our way. Where do you find your strength? Who are those in your life that help you to remain standing? Who do you help stand? I pray that you are able to find your strength and support when the storms come. "If you want to see the sunshine, you have to weather the storm." - Frank Lane

*I have weathered many different storms and I know who I am and my friends know who I really am."* - Delta Goodrem

During this time of year, especially in November we stop to take time and ponder, to be thankful for the many blessings and people in our live.

Keep our comrades in your thoughts and prayers: Bob Mische, Edesta Proper, and Lonnie 'Lucky' Dunlap.

Our thoughts and prayers to Gee Gee and her family in the passing of her mother Francis Weaver.

Your Chaplains

Norman Jones - Post 3433 Chaplain

Shirley Olsen - Auxiliary Chaplain





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## AUXILIARY 445

Judy Spencer

*The following notice was sent out by the Action Corps - thought you might like to know.*

**VA Cemeteries Offering Pre-Enrollment for Eligible Veterans:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) this week announced it now provides eligibility determinations for interment in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Through the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program, upon request, individuals can learn if they are eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald said, "This new program reaffirms our commitment to providing a lifetime of benefits and services for veterans and their families." Now veterans and their families can plan for their burial needs which will alleviate some of the burden later.

Interested individuals may submit [VA Form 40-10007](#), *Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery*, and supporting documentation, such as a DD Form 214, if readily available, to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office by toll-free fax at [1-855-840-8299](tel:1-855-840-8299); email to [Eligibility.PreNeed@va.gov](mailto:Eligibility.PreNeed@va.gov); or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.

**Hi All; Tricare has announced the following change - thought you should know.**

**7. CVS Out, Walgreens In:** As of yesterday, CVS and CVS pharmacies in Target stores are no longer part of the TRICARE pharmacy network; but Walgreens now is, so beneficiaries need to transfer all prescription fills or refills from CVS pharmacy to another TRICARE pharmacy to avoid paying the full retail prices. Read more here: <https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/news/walgreens.shtml>.

**Hi All; Just wanted you to see the listing below of the Scrooge organizations that might be asking you for donations this year. Please DO NOT donate to these. FYI this listing is published on the SC Secretary of State's web page. Thank you Dr. Lenda for letting us know.**

-see next page-



Judy Spencer continued.....

*The designation of Scrooge is based upon a charitable organization's failure to spend a high percentage of its total expenditures on charitable programs. The organizations designated as this year's Scrooges are listed below, along with the percentage of expenditures used for program services.*

*Cars Helping Veterans, a/k/a Others First, Inc., Rochester Hills, MI 24.1%*  
*Healing Heroes Network, Inc., Palm Harbor, FL 24.7%*  
*Kids Wish Network, Inc., Holiday, FL 42.0%*  
*The Premier Foundation, Easley, SC 12.2%*  
*Reserve Police Officers Association, Yonkers, NY 7.7%*  
*Rock Hill Rescue Squad, Rock Hill, SC 6.4%*  
*Survivors and Victims Empowered, Manheim, PA 30.0%*  
*United Veterans Association, Inc., Fairfield, AL 25.1%*  
*Vietnow National Headquarters, Rockford, IL 7.3%*  
*Wishing Well Foundation USA, Inc., Metairie, LA 4.8%*

*The following criteria were considered in selecting Scrooges: the charity had devoted 45 percent or less of its total expenditures to charitable programs; the charity had spent a significant amount of revenue on fundraising expenses; and the charity had registered with the Secretary of State to solicit funds in the state of South Carolina.*



## **ADOPT-A-UNIT (AAU)** **OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT**

*\* As we move forward,  
Veterans & Military Support Programs is continuing to focus on  
the Adopt-a-Unit program.*

*\* Our troops and their families need  
support now more than ever.*

*\* It's never been easier for VFW Posts and  
Auxiliaries to adopt a unit.*

**The AAU Quarterly Report is issued to help us achieve 4 goals:**

**1. Identify Posts/Auxiliaries who have completed their Annual Activity Report requirements.**

*-> All Posts/Auxiliaries listed on the "Activity Reports Received" have submitted their report to the Veterans & Military Support office and have met their annual requirement.*

**2. Identify Posts/Auxiliaries who have submitted an AAU Application to adopt a unit.**

*-> The 'Applications Received' report shows what posts have submitted an application to adopt a military unit through the AAU Program. You are required to submit an AAU Activity Report within one year of your application being received.*

**3. Identify Posts/Auxiliaries who need to submit their AAU Activity Report.**

*Posts and Auxiliaries are required to submit an AAU Activity Report for their adopted units annually to VFW National.*

*-> Listed are the Posts/Auxiliaries that need to submit the AAU Activity Report to keep their adoption active.*

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**4. Identify Posts/Auxiliaries who have been deactivated in AAU due to inactivity.**

-> Ensure you are sending your annual activity report to VFW National. If you are on this report and want to continue your adoption please send us an AAU report and we will get everything updated.

To achieve "Best of the Best" a Post/Auxiliary must participate and report at least three separate events with their adopted unit for the year.

**Remember,** to keep your Adopt-A-Unit active, we must receive an annual Adopt-A-Unit activity report. Click below for a blank report.

Please direct Posts & Auxiliaries in your department to the VFW website, under **Veterans & Military Support or Troop Support** to obtain the very best resources to support their unit.

If you have any questions regarding Adopt-a-Unit, please contact the MAP office by email: [map@vfw.org](mailto:map@vfw.org) or by telephone: [816-756-3390, Ext. 211](tel:816-756-3390).

Thank you for your help on this worthwhile and rewarding program!

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From: **Judy Spencer** <[judytam18@gmail.com](mailto:judytam18@gmail.com)>

Date: Sat, Nov 5, 2016 at 10:05 AM

Subject: Fisher House ground breaking event

## **POST 445 & AUXILIARY**

### ***Fisher House Ground Breaking Event***

*was held November 18, 11 a.m., 150 Wentworth St., Charleston, SC*



*The Fisher House Charleston project provides a comfortable refuge for families of patients at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center.*

From: VFW

Store <[VFWStore@vfwemail.org](mailto:VFWStore@vfwemail.org)>

Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 7:01 PM

Subject: Holiday gift ideas



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