



The Patriot

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thority and interests



July - August, 2017

Commander's message

Dear Comrades,

Please join us in celebrating the 40th anniversary of VFW Post 10225. We have seen many good things happening since it formed. We will be cooking chicken leg quarters and breasts. Bob Carter is providing the cooker. I just need a cook.

Remember that no one does more for our veteran's than the VFW and its Auxiliary. Several of the national programs we judge are for middle and high schoolers to raising monies through donations for veteran's and family members. Last year we donated to the Fisher House at Fort Bragg. We learned that donations to the national Fisher Foundation only support the construction of the building. Daily operational costs are taken care through your donations going directly to each Fisher House at each base. Sobering thought when you think about the staff running each house. National VFW has been hard at work keeping and enhancing those programs for our current veterans. Making sure our veterans have adequate health care services to retirement benefits and pay. I encourage you to remind the public that only a few veteran service organizations can present to Congress our position for veterans.

Lastly, join us on July 3rd at Lake Benson Park for a recruiting booth, see Jeff Hicks for information.

Respectfully,
Jesse Mendoza, Commander

Auxiliary President's message

Sisters and Brothers,

The new VFW year has begun. There's something for everyone. It's time to make a difference and decide how, you as a volunteer, would like to contribute to this organization. Don't be afraid, jump in and try something new.

Hard to believe, but our Post will celebrate its 40 year Birthday in August. Join us on the 12th for a "chicken pick'n". The Auxiliary will provide sides and dessert. Think cool - because August is sure to be a hot one.

Saturday August 19th our Post will host the first District meeting of the year. Come meet the new District Commander and Auxiliary President.

Tell all of your friends that the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy essay contests are now open. The new deadline for entries is October 31. Applications can be downloaded at vfw.org. It's a great way for high school students to help earn money toward college.

Don't forget to report the things you do. Volunteer service information is used by Congress and the IRS uses the info to validate our non-profit status.

I hope everyone has a booming 4th of July and safe summer.

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...it's about learning to dance in the rain."

Teena Barbour, President

2017-2018 Officers

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Chaplain's message

To our members,

As our Post turns 40 years old, it is a good time to reflect on where we have been, and where we are headed. Our past includes many old friends, many of who are no longer with us. There are many memories of good times, and good projects that we have completed for our veterans and for the town. It warms the heart to know the impact that we have had in the lives of the veterans of Garner.

But it also gives us the opportunity to look forward to the future – to imagine new ways to support today's changing military members and their families. As today's smaller, all volunteer military continues to protect us, the world continues to be more dangerous. Supporting our veterans is more important now than ever. So, help us with our mission to honor the dead by helping the living. Get more involved with our Post. Accept the challenge to make our next 40 years ever greater!

Bob Carter, Chaplain

Next VA visit planned

Come join us on the 4th Wednesday of July at 12:30 to visit the patients at the Durham VA. We bring a snack as we play BINGO with the residents of the Community Living Center. Meet us at the Post at noon so we can ride together.



VFW State Golf Tournament

The Billy Ray Cameron State VFW Golf Tournament will be held at the Sanford Golf Course in Sanford, NC on Sept. 15-17. Cost is \$140 per golfer and includes a practice round on Friday, and two days of competition, lunch on the course, a reception on Friday, various prizes, and more. There are 4 divisions to compete in.



All the details and official application forms can be obtained at the Post and on our Post website. Pick one up if you are interested in participating this year. Proceeds from the tournament go towards the Billy Ray Cameron Scholarship Fund.

Dinner with Emily

The Auxiliary takes Emily, our young lady from the Murdoch Center, to dinner twice a year. This time, she wants to have a swim party. We have a few members that have pools, and we are trying to set the date for some time in August. Details are not finalized yet, but we will let you know when it is. Watch our website or Facebook for the latest information. And then come and join us.

Garner July 4th celebration

The Post will be assisting the tours of the Garner Veterans Memorial at the Independence celebration on July 3rd. People are needed to work at the Garner Veterans Memorial booth. Tickets on the grill raffle will also be sold at the booth along with membership recruiting, so even if you don't know everything about the monument, we can use your help.

Then after the booth closes, stay for the Fireworks.

Grill raffle

Our Post raffle for a pellet-grill from Cabela's on July 4. So, help us sell some, and buy some yourself. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Funds raised on this go towards our Building Fund. Get some today to sell to your friends, neighbors and co-workers.



In Memoriam

John Keenan – John Alfred Keenan, Sr., aged 87, a long time Life Member of the VFW and a recent transfer to our Post from PA, died on June 22. He was a Navy veteran of WW II. He is survived by his wife Yupin, and eight children: Kathleen, Barbara, Suzie, John Jr., Mary, Patrick, Fern, and Jammie. He also had several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Welcome new members

Please say welcome to the following member who joined our local family recently:



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James Harris

Thanks to our volunteers



It is a good thing when we have so many members to thank for their contributions that we cannot list them all here. Please check the “thanks” page on our website for a full list of all who helped with various events. But here are a few extra special thanks this month:

- Thanks to Bob Wendell for his years of service to the Post the last several as the Quartermaster/ Adjutant. He was one of the key players in working on our fundraising for a new Post home, and countless other events at the Post. He has also been assisting his various replacements in training them during this time of transition.
- Thanks to Teena Barbour for the countless things she does at the Post each day, to keep us running smoothly as the Canteen Manager. She has also done much to help both the Post and Auxiliary in their various projects, and for her efforts, she was awarded the Runner-Up Member of the Year at the State Auxiliary Convention. Great job, Teena!

National Auxiliary President to visit area

The National President of the VFW Auxiliary will be visiting NC in late August and early September. Headquarters for the visit will be at the Embassy Suites in Cary, and will include several events in Garner and Cary. Events will include an informal dinner at the Cary Post on Thursday, a trip to the Garner Veterans Memorial on Friday, Sept 1, followed by a lunch at a Garner restaurant. A banquet will be held in her honor at the Cary Post 7383 on Friday evening, before she leaves on Saturday.

Come and join us for one or more of the events, and meet the National President Dee Guillory from Virginia. Full schedule and details can be seen on our Post website.

District 7 Meeting Planned

The next District 7 meeting is scheduled for August 19 at our Post home. Come and join us as we host the meeting. We will need help with the cooking and serving the meal which starts at 12:00 noon. So, come early and assist with meal and setup, then stay for the VFW and Auxiliary meeting.

Happy Anniversary Post 10225!

The Garner Post was chartered on August 7, 1977, and to celebrate our 40th anniversary, we will be having a chicken BBQ. The meal will be on Saturday, Aug 12 starting at noon. Make plans now to attend.



Wedding bells!



One of our Post bartenders, Teresa Gray, will marry her fiancé Mike Jernigan, on 7-7-17 and they will hold their wedding reception at the Post at 7:00 ^{PM} that day. Stop by and wish them well as they begin their lives together as husband and wife.

VFW Legislative Goals

The VFW focuses each year on a number of legislative goals to get passed in Congress. Below is a list of this year's goals. Visit the www.VFW.org website for a full description of what is included in each of these areas, and then work ensure that these goals are enacted:

- VA and DOD Budgets
- Work force development and accountability
- Veterans' health care
- VA compensation and benefits
- Education, employment and transition assistance
- Defense and homeland security
- Military quality of life
- POW/MIA accounting



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As we begin a new year...

*Infuse your life with action. Don't wait for it to happen. Make it happen.
Make your own future. Make your own hope. Make your own love. And
whatever your beliefs, honor your creator, not by passively waiting for grace to
come down from upon high, but by doing what you can to make grace happen...
yourself, right now, right down here on Earth.*

- Bradley Whitford