



# The Patriot

One who loves his country  
and zealously supports its au-  
thority and interests



January - February, 2018

## Commander's message

Dear Comrades,

Well it has been a successful holiday. We had around 30 comrades and family members for Thanksgiving. The Veteran's Day parade turned out to be a not so cold one for the float and Legion Riders from 232 that participated. Well not really - it was cold! We participated in the Garner Christmas parade and gave out candy to the public.

We have been doing a cookout on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month and we will look to start up in January. The cost is \$5 or a side dish. We typically look to have it done by 4<sup>PM</sup>. If you would like to join or cook let me know so we can rotate the cooking. I will be asking others to see if they can share the load the meat will be on hand at the VFW Post.

I know that the last months have been busy for us, but we managed to get by. Finally, here is the mission statement for the VFW. *"That the purpose of this Corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies."* I hope that all of us remind our fellow compatriots that we, the VFW, take care of all of the needs of our fellow veterans and their families. Have a Happy New Year!

Respectfully,  
Jesse Mendoza, Commander

## Auxiliary President's message

Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you to everyone that helped out with the so very many Veterans Day events, the Reserve Unit, Jeff Hicks, Jesse and Sherry Perkins for participating in the Garner Christmas Parade, it was chilly but fun.

The Auxiliary crockpot dinners will resume the second Friday and Jesse and friend of the VFW, Derek Yates are planning to resume the grill cook outs.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. New Year's resolutions are something I never make but there are a few things I plan to practice: To help those less fortunate than myself, to try not to be judgmental, be kind to everyone even though I may not like them and lastly to practice patience and realize that everything can't be done the moment I want it done, as sometimes coordination has to occur first. I know these things will make the new year more productive and prosperous.

Be supportive of your Post and volunteer where you can. I look forward to serving you in the new year.

Teena Barbour, President



## 2017-2018 Officers

### VFW Officers

Commander	Jesse Mendoza
Sr. Vice Comdr	Jeff Hicks
Jr. Vice Comdr	Ben Smith
Quartermaster	Jerry "Mark" Jackson
Chaplain	Bob Carter
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### Auxiliary Officers

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### Chaplain's message

To our members,

New Year's gives a great opportunity to set new goals for ourselves to improve our lives, and that of others around us. Common ones are losing weight, exercising more, saving more, quite smoking, etc. We may not always keep them very long, but we do try.

This year, try positive goals. Do something good rather than giving up something. For example, when you vow to help others more, think of the rewards you get from doing it. And when someone else is depending on you to do something, you don't put it off as much when you know someone is depending on you.

So this year, try going to the hospital visits more, or visit a friend you haven't seen in a while, especially if they are a shut in. Maybe just bring them lunch, or drive them to an appointment or meeting. Maybe just a chat with them. As our members are getting older, I am sure you can find ne to help. And you will find that what you get out of it, is much more than what you put in.

Bob Carter, Chaplain

### Next hospital visits scheduled

Come join us for our VFW-American Legion joint hospital visits each month:

- On Wednesday, January 24, at 12:30 pm we will make a visit the patients at the Durham VA's Community Living Center. We bring a snack as we play BINGO with the patients. Meet us at the Post at 11:45 AM so we can ride together.
- On Saturday, February 10, we visit the veterans who live at three Garner nursing homes. We bring a smile and a drink to each veteran. We start at 10:00 AM with the Laurels of Forest Glen on Hartwell Street in Garner.



**February is Hospitalized Veteran Month.**

**Come join us!**

### Monthly Cookouts

We are having a cookout on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. The menu varies, and the cost is \$5 or a side dish. We typically look to have it done by 4<sup>PM</sup>. If you would like to join or cook let the Commander know so we can rotate the cooking.

### Attention Auxiliary Members

The National Auxiliary has a Cancer grant program, which covers all members. Members are limited to two grants in a lifetime. So if you are stricken with Cancer, please download the grant application form from the Auxiliary's National website, fill out the member portion, and have your doctor complete his/her portion and mail it in.

In addition, our Auxiliary members can be covered by a policy that provides an additional award to covered members. The annual dues covers the premium for this insurance. However, Life Members must pay this \$10 annual premium each year to be covered. This premium is due in January each year. Please send your \$10 premium to Auxiliary Treasurer Helen Carter, or leave for her at the Post.

### State meeting Planned

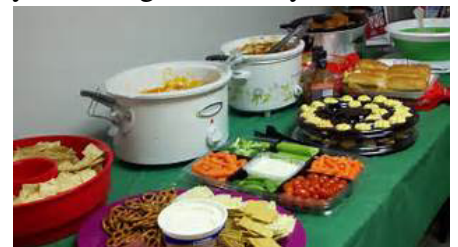
The winter Council meeting will be held Feb. 2-4, 2018 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Cary. There will be general training to all members, a meeting of the State Council of Administration, the recognition of our recent student and teacher competitions at the banquet, and guest speakers bringing valuable information to all members of the VFW and Auxiliary.

Tickets for the banquet are \$45 each and can be ordered from State HQ in Raleigh. All of the meetings are free, so there is no excuse not to come.

### New Year's Dinner

Come join us on New Year's day for a pot luck meal to welcome the new year. Bring whatever you like to add to the menu.

Whatever you bring will be fine. It can be something in a crock pot, a side dish, an appetizer, dessert, etc.



**District meeting scheduled**

The next District 7 meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20 at noon at Spring Lake Post 9103. Please come and meet your State officers and learn what is going on around the state and nation

The meal is served at 12:00 noon for a cost, followed by a joint meeting. Then the VFW and Auxiliary split into their separate business meetings. Come and join us.

**In Memoriam**

**Mary "Gladys Barefoot Pope** - Gladys, 93, a Life member of the Auxiliary passed away on Dec 11, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband Sal, WW II veteran Clifford Pope, daughter Patricia Gail Bates and son in law Billy Bates, four brothers and a sister. She retired from Carolina Telephone after 31 years and Betsy Johnson Hospital after 16 years at the age of 85. In 2000, the Dunn Chamber of Commerce presented her with the Woman of the Year Award for her many years of service to her community. Gladys was a long time President of the Dunn Auxiliary, and when it folded, she ended up as a member of Garner. A funeral service was held on Dec 14 at the First Baptist Church Parlor. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 309 West Broad St. Dunn, NC 28334.

**Rose Serrao** – Rose Serrao, a Life Member of the Auxiliary, passed away on Dec. 16. Her husband of 66 years, Salvatore A. "Sam" Serrao, was a WW II Army veteran who passed away on November 17, 2017. Survivors include three children, Sandra Backlund (Tom), Anthony Serrao (Susan), and Frances "Fifi" Serrao; and 6 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; sisters, Marie Mastromatto (Tootie), Kathryn Wallace (Joseph); along with many nieces and nephews. Many these are also members of our Auxiliary. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Rose's name may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 3551 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140.

**Welcome new members**

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



<b>Post:</b>	<b>Auxiliary</b>
Robert Berne	Karen Berne
Justin Cooper	
Joseph Beemer	
Nelson Lewis, Jr.	
Steven Walters	

**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 all the great people who worked over Veterans Day to cover the many events we did that day. Here is just some of them:
  - Town celebration at Aversboro Baptist – the Legion members, Jeff Hicks, Terry Chatfield
  - The Raleigh parade – Bob and Helen Carter, Jesse Mendoza, Gail Creech, and the Legion Riders
  - The Veterans Memorial – Jeff Hicks
  - Lawndale Manor – Helen Carter, Betty Keith, Don and Sandi Leu
  - Thanks to all the members who worked to provide lunch at the Post that day,
- And thanks to those that represented us for the Garner Christmas Parade – The US Army Reserve center, Jesse Mendoza, Jeff Hicks, Teena Barbour, (and her granddaughter Reagan), Sherry Perkins, and all the folks who brought in candy to give away.
- Thanks to Jeff Hicks, Teena Barbour and Helen Carter for judging the school essay contest.



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## What's in your wallet?

Imagine that you had won the following \*PRIZE\* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has the following rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!". It can close the account and you won't receive a new one.

What would you personally do? Likely buy anything and everything you wanted - not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ...Shocked ??? YES! Each of us is already a winner of this \*PRIZE\*. We just can't seem to see it.

### **The PRIZE is \*TIME\***

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time without warning...

So, what will you do with your 86,400 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

**So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!  
Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful new year. Start "spending"**