



# The Patriot

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and zealously supports its  
authority and interests



May - June, 2010

## Commander's message

Comrades,

Thanks again for having confidence in the current Corps of officers by re-electing them back into office. Take time to welcome them because it does take a great deal of time, effort, and patience to deal with day to day dealings of the office to which they have been elected. Being part of the VFW requires such a responsibility that they do not take lightly. We will be installing officers at the May meeting during the joint session.

I want to thank all for being at Don Joliet's ceremony for draping of the charter. I have been quite busy this month attending to Don and Judy these past weeks. I want to thank you all on behalf of them for your donations and prayers.

During the District 7 meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> I was elected to Senior-Vice. There are several issues concerning our district that need to be forwarded to State. They can only be discussed if you become part of the process.

During my past year several comments, positive and negative, have been made about the changes that have been implemented by the Post. I want to remind all that these changes are not made by one individual, but rather with the consent of the VFW members at our monthly meetings. The only individual thing I do is to enforce them. If you do not agree with a change there is only one way to change it, attend the meeting.....

I look forward this year being the year we change our Post for the better. I can only do that with the help of the membership. Ask me how to help.....

Your Comrade in Arms,  
Jesse Mendoza

## Ladies Auxiliary President's message

Sisters and Brothers,

Another year has come to an end. I will be leaving the office of Ladies Auxiliary President in June. I want everyone to know it has been an honor and privilege to serve the BEST Auxiliary in the State. I look forward to continuing my service to you and our new President, Etta Ball. I know everyone will give her the support you have given me these past couple of years.

Memorial Day is fast approaching. There will be multiple activities everyone can participate in, so be sure and sign up. State Convention will be in June, so make plans to attend this. As always, the town will be holding their annual July 3<sup>rd</sup> celebration at Lake Benson. Check the website and our Facebook page for updated information.

Again, it has been an honor and privilege to serve you. God Bless You All and God Bless Our Troops and Nation.

Teena Barbour

## Troop Return

Help is needed at the Cary VFW Post 7383 to help welcome home the Army 1<sup>st</sup> 130<sup>th</sup> unit from duty in the Middle East. The Welcome Home celebration is Saturday, May 15 at the Cary Post on Reedy Creek Road in Cary. Please help if you can.

## 2009-2010 Officers

### VFW Officers

Commander	Jesse Mendoza
Sr. Vice Comdr	Mark Judson
Jr. Vice Comdr	Daniel Morrison
Quartermaster	Tom Morey
Chaplain	Clarence Hayes
Adjutant	Jim Greene

### Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Teena Barbour
Sr. Vice Pres	Joy Clifton
Jr. Vice Pres	April Honeycutt
Treasurer	Gerri Griggs
Chaplain	Ann Barnhouse
Secretary	Denise Trainer

### Men's Auxiliary Officers

President	Scott Hood
Sr Vice Pres	Jim Backlund
Treasurer	Russ Marcom
Secretary	Robert Smolensky

Newsletter Editor: Helen Carter (779-6314) Post Home: 772-1062  
House Committee: Ken Skinner, Allen Daniels, Carey Green

**Chaplain's message**

Prayer

Prayer is just a word that is given to people for having a conversation with God. Let's stop here and see who can talk to God and He will hear and answer you. Only God's family can talk and get results from God.

Stop again; there are two families on the face of the earth – God's family and Satan's family. God talks to His family through the Ten Commandments, and now He has sent His Son down to earth with a final word for mankind and that is The New Testament. Now that Son is Jesus Christ (John 4:06 – "I am the way the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.")

Stop again; Satan's family (John 8:44 – "you are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father you will do.")

Stop again; there is a way to cross over from Satan's family to God's family; that is you have to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Stop again; eternal life for each family is this: God's family is walking the streets of Gold. Satan's family is Revelations 20:15 - "Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire."

God Bless all of you  
Clarence Hayes (Padre)

**Memorial Day Observances**

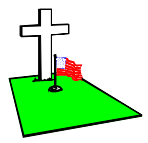
We would like to remind all citizens to take time over the Memorial Day weekend to remember the true meaning of the holiday. For too many, it has become a time for picnics, traveling to the beach, or for taking advantage of Memorial Day sales at our local shopping centers.

But the day's real meaning and importance is two-fold: remembrance and hope. The nation mourns but also looks to a future secured by those who are mourned. This year, take time to remember those who gave us the freedoms that we enjoy today.

Below are the Memorial Day ceremonies being held by our Post to commemorate those who gave the ultimate sacrifice:

- Mon, May 31 - 11:30 AM - Montlawn Memorial Park
- Mon, May 31 - 2:00 PM - Lawndale Manor

We will also be distributing Buddy Poppies for donations at various locations in town on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. We could use help for this annual Campaign. Sign up for a shift or two on the list at the Post.



The Post will have a deli tray in the afternoon on Memorial Day for those members who stop by. Please bring salads, fruit or a dessert to add to the meal.

**Men's Auxiliary President's message**

Brothers,

Thank you for giving me another year as your President and thanks to all that accepted duties this year. I look forward to working together with you in the coming year. We have had a good year with an increase in activity from our membership. The Fish Fry Fridays are doing well and Big Ed will iron out some issues to make it even better. In July, we will be cooking up some BBQ Chicken plates for donation in commemoration of our charter, date and times to be announced in the next newsletter. So stay tuned.

The Men's Auxiliary meetings will be Sunday May 16th and Sunday June 13th at 2 pm.

As Always Best Regards,

Scott Hood, President

**Parking**

Do not park in Pearce Brothers' lot or on his side of the building Monday through Friday until after 5:30 and if you leave your car over the weekend in his lot, make sure it is not in front of his garage bay door.

Handicap Parking: The handicap parking spot is for those persons who display a handicap tag or handicap plate...if you park here without one of the two, your car will be towed.

Motorcycle lanes have been painted in the front on the Old Garner Rd side. This is for motorcycles only.

**Welcome new members**

Please say welcome to these fine members who joined our local family over the past few months:

<b>Post:</b>	<b>Men's Auxiliary</b>
Danny West	John Kaley
Billy Carter	John Wilson
Deseree Jagiello	
Jaysen Kolb	

**Installation of Officers**

Installation of officers for the coming year will be held at our May meetings, on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM at the Post. All Post members elected or appointed to an office are reminded that they must show proof of eligibility prior to being installed. So insure yours is available or already on file at the Post.

**VFW Hospital visit scheduled**

The Post and Auxiliaries will be hosting a hospital visit to the Durham VA Medical Center to entertain the patients on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join us as we play BINGO at our veterans in the CLC (Community Living Center) section of the Medical Center.



We will be leaving the Post at 6:00 PM, so if you come there, we can carpool. If you live in North Raleigh, Anna Holm has offered to transport people from there. So if that is your situation, give her a call at 210-3268, or meet us at the VAMC lobby at 6:45. When you arrive, join us at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor dining room.

**Department Convention**

Plan to attend the VFW and Auxiliary Department Convention, which will be held June 17-20 at the North Raleigh Hilton. Make your reservations now by calling the hotel at 919-872-2323. Or you might like to save the hotel expense and just drive there each day, since it is so close.

It is a good opportunity to see the workings of the Department up close, and participate in the activities. All paid up members are welcome to attend the meetings, and there will be other activities to join in as well.

**We are on Facebook!**

The Post is now on Facebook. Keep up with your friends, and with what's going on at the Post. Join today!

**Attention Ladies Auxiliary Annual Members**

As usual, the Ladies Auxiliary will kick off the membership campaign for the new year at the Department Convention in June. We will be turning in the first group of paid members at that time. So we encourage all Annual members to pay prior to that time. Please bring yours (\$28 each) to the Post, or send to our Treasurer Gerri Griggs. You do not need a payment card; just insure that your name (or the names of those you are paying for) is included with the check. Or if you like, this might be a good time to convert to a Life Membership, and avoid the annual dues.

**In Memoriam**

We recently learned of the death of one of our Post members, John A Hardee, who died on January 27, 2010. John, aged 73, passed away on January 27, 2010. A Garner resident, John is survived by his wife, Sue Hardee, son, John Michael Hardee, grandchildren, Ryan Hardee and Kristie H. Lee, great grandson, Tanner Lee.

Then on March 14<sup>th</sup> Kenneth Wayne Peele, 61, passed away at home after a long illness. A Life member of the Post, Wayne was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Quite active at the Post a few years ago, Wayne and his wife Dee (Denise) moved to Loris, SC after he became sick. He is survived by Dee, and his son Chris Peele, also a Post member.

Don Joliet, 82, passed away on April 5th at the Durham VA where he had been hospitalized for the previous few weeks. Don, a native of Meadeville PA, was been a member of the Garner Post for many years, where he served as Post Commander from 1994-96. Don was a Navy veteran who served during World War II. His wife Judy is an Auxiliary member. Don had 8 children, two of who have predeceased him. One of his sons was killed in action in Vietnam.



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Judge Adv.	Bryce Miller
Surgeon	Bill Carter
Adjutant	Jim Greene
1 Yr. Trustee	William Ridgeway
2 Yr. Trustee	Bryan Hofpar
3 Yr. Trustee	Deseree Jagiello
Service Officer	Warren Murphy
Officer of Day	Gene Tierney
House Cmte	Allen Daniels (1 yr), Carey Green (2 yr), Ken Skinner (3 yr)

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Chaplain	Dot Fulghum
Conductress	Sandra Johnson-Leu
Guard	Bonnie Hobby
Secretary	Helen Carter
1 Yr. Trustee	April Honeycutt
2 Yr. Trustee	Dot Fulghum
3 Yr. Trustee	Kathy Brewer
Historian	Ann Barnhouse
Patriotic Instr	Bonnie Hobby

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Guard	Ed Leigh
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2 Yr. Trustee	Wayne Hargis-Bullen
3 Yr. Trustee	John Myrle Kaley

***Installation of new Post and Auxiliary officers – at the May meeting***  
*We ask all who attend to bring a dish to share for a light lunch after the installation.*