



The Patriot

One who loves his country
and zealously supports its
authority and interests



July - August, 2009

Commander's message

Comrades,

Thanks for your vote of confidence for another year. Expect changes to be forthcoming. We have discussed at our meetings what we as a Post need to do to be successful.

Membership has been one of these and we have been able to accomplish this by reaching 100%. The other is to have a healthy veteran's relief fund. We have been able to replenish our donations by asking for donations and with the help of our sweepstakes machines. Our next duty is to make our Post profitable. We have looked into our situation, like any business, and taken the steps necessary to be successful. That is why the membership has voiced their opinions about the canteen. We will be looking to make changes that are necessary to increase the space we are given. We know this will not be without challenges. Like all challenges we will look at what works and what does not. I am glad that the members are willing to try in order to succeed. I am proud that you all know that this cannot be done without be done with the help of volunteers. Volunteers, which are the foundation of any organization, that give from their heart the time and effort to help veterans.

Events forthcoming, don't forget the Garner 3rd of July celebrations. I'll be looking for help at Lake Benson if needed. The Garner Veteran's Memorial will be doing a site dedication on Nov. 11th at Lake Benson. I know that we will provide an excellent showing for this event. Mark your calendars to make this day. I'll make sure I am there.

My heartfelt thanks go to everyone who made the Cash Drawing such a success. Memorial day celebrations went as planned and we have received thanks from nonmembers which I pass on to you. Thanks.....

Your Comrade in Arms,
Jesse Mendoza

Ladies Auxiliary President's message

Sisters and Brothers,

Congratulations to District Cmdr Allen Daniels, Post Cmdr Jesse Mendoza and Quartermaster Tom Morey on receiving the prestigious All-State Commander/Quartermaster awards at this year's State Convention. I know you worked really hard to achieve 100% membership status to receive your white hats and we can't wait to see you wear them.

This new VFW year has gotten off to a great start. We have done a fundraiser for Carter Dunbar (which raised a little over \$2,000.00), participated in Memorial Day activities, the Buddy Poppy drive, Veterans' and Family Support programs, and have even had requests for the Youth Program essay contests, and have turned in 100 life and continuous members at State Convention. I sincerely thank everyone that has contributed to the success of these programs. If you were unable to participate in the activities we have done thus far, there are many activities yet to come. Please check the Post website often for updates. Volunteers are always welcome for our events, but please keep in mind, we are just that, volunteers.

Don't forget about our monthly steak night (first Friday of the month) and our Fish Fry night (third Friday of the month).the food is great and the camaraderie even better.

All too soon, summer will be over and our really busy season will begin. Please join us in our monthly Post meeting and bring your ideas for Veteran's Day events, essay contest judging and the children's Christmas Party, and any fundraiser you might have in mind. New ideas are always welcome.

I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the families of members who have passed away in these recent months. Some I knew well and others only by name, however all are a part of our VFW family.

I look forward to seeing everyone and hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer.

Teena Barbour

2009-2010 Officers

VFW Officers

Commander	Jesse Mendoza
Sr. Vice Comdr	Mark Judson
Jr. Vice Comdr	Daniel Morrison
Quartermaster	Tom Morey
Chaplain	Clarence Hayes
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President	Teena Barbour
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Men's Auxiliary Officers

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Cootie Corner



The next 5th Supreme District meeting of the MOC and MOCA will be held in Ladson, SC on July 17-19. Reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn Express, 120 Holiday Drive, Summerville, SC. Make your reservations now by calling 843-875-3300. This will include the election of officers for the next 2 year term.

Please join us for our next Cootie Hospital visit, which will be held on Thurs., July 30th at 6:45 at the Durham VA.

Announcement has been made of the Supreme Convention to be held Aug 20-23, 2009 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, Phone: 1-800-950-0086. Make your plans soon.

Chaplain's message

Believe it or Not

(King James Version New American Bible)

The Bible - For Christians, there is one way to heaven and that is the way Jesus Christ said.

John 3:1:

A man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus a ruler of the Jews came to Jesus by night and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with Him. Jesus answered and said unto him: verily verily I say unto thee, Kingdom of God. Verily verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot see the Kingdom of God. Born of the flesh is flesh. Born of the Spirit is Spirit. Born from woman is water, born accepting Jesus Christ is born of the spirit.

Peter 1:20-21:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

The choice for believing gives you a choice of two places after death, heaven or hell. You have a free will. What's your choice?

God Bless all of you,
Chaplain Hayes

In Memoriam

- Post Quartermaster Chuck Fulghum died May 9, 2009 after a brief illness. Surviving him are his wife, Dot and four daughters and many grandchildren, most of whom are members of the Auxiliary. Chuck was an Army veteran, enlisting at the age of 17 and retiring after 22 years. He served in Korea and Vietnam. Chuck was actively serving as our Post Quartermaster at the time of his death, having served several previous terms in the capacity.
- Dennis "Mac" McMillan died on Saturday, June 6, 2009 ending his battle with cancer. He served as the 2008-09 President of the Men's Auxiliary. Dennis was one of the Post's bartenders in recent years, and his frequent presence at the Post added much to the atmosphere there.
- Gerrald P Giggins, died on June 7, 2009. Jerry, a lawyer in the area, joined the Army in 1953 and served in both Korea and Vietnam. He became known to the Post members for his memorial list of all service members killed in action in the Gulf War. He is survived by his wife Annikki.
- Stanley T. Harris, an 84 year old WW II veteran, died April 26, 2009. Mr. Harris was a veteran of the US Navy and was awarded the Navy and Marine Corp medal for heroism for actions performed during combat. Surviving are a daughter and son, and several grandchildren.
- William "Bill" Faircloth, Sr. died February 23, 2009, at his home. He was a US Marine Corp veteran of Vietnam. He retired after 30 years at Winn Dixie, Inc. He was a patient and loving father with a sense of humor like no other.

Men's' Auxiliary President's message

Members and Auxiliaries,

As I write my first column as President of the Men's Auxiliary, I find myself thinking about the recent loss of two of the Post's most dedicated members.

Chuck and Mac spent many hours supporting the Post and will be sorely missed. One should always lead by example. I can think of no better examples than these two.

I believe the best way to remember them is to carry on the work that they that they can no longer carry. I ask that all members, the Men, the Ladies, and the Men's Auxiliary, accept a little extra duty this year. Together we will make this Post a better place.

President Scott Hood

Welcome new members

Please say welcome to these new members who joined our ranks over the past several months:

Post:	Ladies Aux
Melvyn Smith	Jennifer Harrington
Robert McCrea	Stacy Calhoun

.Calling all students and teachers

We remind all of the following national competitions for America's youth, and their teachers. If you know of someone who is a good candidate, contact Joy Clifton for information. All have a Nov 1 deadline.

- ✓ Voice of Democracy (VOD) audio essay contest, opened to all 9th through 12th grade students, requires that students write and record a 3 to 5 minute speech on the theme selected by the National Commander.
- ✓ Patriot's Pen essay contest, opened to all 6th through 8th grade students, asks students to write a 300-400 word essay expressing their views on the theme selected by National.

For teachers, there is the National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Award, recognizing America's best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students.

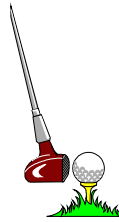
Canteen news

VFW and Auxiliary members are allowed to write no more than \$50.00 in check(s) per week and please try not to bring in \$100 bills, as this sometimes creates problems with making change on the weekends when the banks are closed.

The Post is in the process of collecting building materials for the remodeling of the Canteen. This will begin in the next several weeks, so please excuse our mess.

District meeting scheduled

The summer District 7 meeting will be held at Cary Post 7383 on Sunday, August 2. Please join us for lunch at 12:00 noon followed by the business sessions. Come hear about many changes to the programs at our National and State level.

**State Golf Tournament planned**

The 2009 VFW Billy Ray Cameron State Golf Tournament will be held Sept 18-20 in Sanford. Practice round on Friday, with play on Saturday and Sunday. Applications are due early, so get yours today. If you are interested, stop by the Post to pick up an application form.

Independence Day

Members of the Post and Auxiliaries will again be working at the booth for the Veterans Memorial booth at the Town of Garner's Independence Day celebration at Lake Benson Park on July 3. Please contact Jesse Mendoza if you can assist. We would love to see you out there, and you will get a good spot for the fireworks and music in the evening.

**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 1st. Please come and join us as we visit our veterans in the Long Term Care 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 at 6:45.

Legion Riders meeting

The Legion Riders meet at the Post on the last Friday of each month at 7 pm.

The American Legion Riders is a national organization attached to the American Legion which works to provide service to the community. It consists of motorcycle enthusiasts involved with many charities and Veterans issues. They also participate in ceremonies and parades that are in keeping with promoting a positive image.



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I asked God to take away my habit. God said, No.
It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No.
His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No.
Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No.
I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No.
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No.
You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No.
I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all Things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.
God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

THIS DAY IS YOURS DON'T THROW IT AWAY