



The Patriot

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



July - August, 2010

Commander's message

Comrades,

First of all, thank you for everything this Post has done. We had a great turnout for the Memorial weekend ceremonies. Having Charles Cox, Coastie, on hand to do Taps for the Montlawn ceremony added a very touching celebration. Thanks to all who showed up. We had plenty of VFW members to handle the flag raising. Thanks to Auxiliaries for the wreath laying. The following ceremony at Lake Benson was well attended. I look forward to next year having the VFW conduct the event at Lake Benson.

Upcoming events to plan for will be the 3rd of July at Lake Benson for the Garner Veteran's Memorial. Let me know if you want to be at the booth to provide VFW membership information and Buddy Poppies. It is only for a few hours.

Speaking of the Veteran's Memorial, the committee is looking for individuals to serve on fundraising. It will be staffed by current members and those who have an affinity for raising funds. It will last 6-9 months. If you like doing this type of activity let me know and I will submit your name to be a part of this committee. Remember that this Memorial is the only one of its kind in this area. The park and Garner will benefit greatly for this project.

See you all this year at our "Post Home" as I look forward to working with you.

Semper Fi.

Your Comrade in Arms,
Jesse Mendoza

Ladies Auxiliary President's message

Sisters,

I would like to say THANKS to all the ladies for their support as the new President. I am honored to be serving such a wonderful group of people and I look to my peers for their guidance in this great experi-

ence. I will work hard and I know that we will continue to grow in many ways.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the fundraiser for the twins. We raised a lot of money towards their medical bills.

Please remember we can accomplish our goals if we all participate in meetings, fund raisers, civic outings and lots more. I look forward to a great year. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

Thanks,
Etta Ball

Men's Auxiliary President's message

Brothers,

We are beginning our 11th year as an Auxiliary. How time flies! We already have some plans for this year starting with the BBQ chicken dinner on July 24th. This dinner is to celebrate our charter and kick off some camaraderie at the Post. The dinner is open to all and the cost of the plates is \$8 each. We are looking for volunteers so please contact Cliff or myself.

This fall we are planning to continue the Shrimp Saturdays, more information will be forthcoming as we get closer. We currently are selling 1st Aid kits these are \$10. There is one kit designed for the car and another for the home. Get yours and sign some out to sell around.

Our meetings will be on July 18th and August 15th at 2 pm please make plans to attend.

Scott Hood, President

2010-2011 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 | Etta Ball |
| Sr. Vice Pres | Teena Barbour |
| Jr. Vice Pres | Joy Clifton |
| Treasurer | Gerri Griggs |
| Chaplain | Dot Fulghum |
| Secretary | Helen Carter |

Men's Auxiliary Officers

| | |
|--------------|------------------|
| President | Scott Hood |
| Sr Vice Pres | Jim Backlund |
| Jr Vice Pres | Cliff Berry |
| Treasurer | Russ Marcom |
| Secretary | Robert Smolensky |
| Chaplain | Mike Morey |

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

Chaplain's message

Straight Gate – Matthew 7:13-14

To VFW members, active and retired, the fight for freedom continues. We all like to have a good life here on earth and that is why we have fought and some have gone to their final home. To us that are still living, we have to look to the future for our final home. Our final home and resting place will be heaven or hell. From the bible (Matthew, Chapter 7):

"¹³ Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in there at: ¹⁴ Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth into life, and few there be that find it."

7:13 means anything you wish to do in life, any god you wish to follow, is all right, you will be with Satan's family.

7:14 means you have accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and you are one of God's family, and your home after life will be Heaven.

The choice is yours.

God Bless all of you
Clarence Hayes (Padre)

Independence Day Celebrations

Garner's Independence Day Celebration will be held at Lake Benson Park on Saturday, July 3rd at 5:00 pm with the fireworks at 9:30 pm. Our Post will be working at a booth at the event to collect donations for the new Garner Veterans Memorial which will be placed at the park in the future. Come and join us at the booth and stay for the fireworks.

Raleigh's celebration will be held again on July 4th at Capitol Square, with wreath laying by the VFW District 7 and other groups at noon.

**Independence Day****Chicken BBQ**

The Men's Auxiliary is holding a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 24th. Serving starts at 12:00 noon, and help is needed to assist with the serving. Contact Scott Hood if you can help. But come and order a plate or two of this fine meal for \$8 per plate.

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.

Monthly meals

Each month, we hold a few meals for our members and their guests. Both are offered eat-in or take-out, and are served from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

However, there will be no Steak night in July due to the Independence Day holiday. But in August, remember to come on the 1st Friday and get a good steak (plus potato and salad), for \$13 per meal. On the 3rd Friday we have our fish fry dinners (including coleslaw and hush puppies), for \$8 per plate.

Auxiliary visit

Our Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a visit with Emily, our resident at Murdoch Center. We haven't set the exact date yet, but it will be some time near her birthday in August. Members are encouraged to join us as we take her to dinner at a local restaurant. She (and we) always have a great time.

Welcome new members

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

Post:

Charles Britt
Shelton M. Faircloth
Mark Kingsley
Jaysen Kolb
Ben Leibermann
Roy Phelps
Phillip Trent, Sr.

Ladies Auxiliary:

Donna Seedorf

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 7th. 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 2nd floor dining room.

Which wolf are you feeding?

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.

"One is Evil - It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

"The other is Good - It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

Thanks

Thank you to Cliff and Wayne for cooking the chicken for the fundraiser held in May. Thank you to everyone that participated through their donations, cooking, cleaning, serving, delivering plates. This joint effort by the VFW, Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary and American Legion Riders was a huge success and is greatly appreciated.

Also we still have the Rascal Flatts ticket sales going on, so we do not have a final total for the fundraiser, but will make sure it is included in the total. Again, thank you to everyone.

Come visit us on Facebook!

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

In Memoriam

Betty D Tilton, 77, a long time member of the Auxiliary passed away May 24th at her home. A native of Wake County, she was the wife of Billy Tilton; and had 2 daughters, Carolyn T. Davis and Brenda T. Earp and 2 grandchildren, Amanda Earp and Patrick Davis.

Boyce (BB) Stallings, 75, passed away on May 30 at the VA Medical Center in Durham. Boyce was a loving husband and father who loved his family, his church, playing golf and music. Boyce served in the Navy for four years, and was a retired painter. He also worked for the Wake County School System, and later he went into business for himself. A memorial celebration service was held with military honors. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Jessie A. Stallings; and 3 children.



Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliaries
South Wake County Post 10225
1706 West Garner Road
Garner, North Carolina 27529
Post web site: www.vfw10225.org

Non Profit Organization
Bulk Rate
US Postage Paid
Garner, NC
Permit No. 40

Return Service Requested



The Patriot



On July 8, 1776, the first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square to the ringing of bells and band music. One year later, on July 4, 1777, Philadelphia marked Independence Day by adjourning Congress and celebrating with bonfires, bells and fireworks.

The custom eventually spread to other towns, both large and small, where the day was marked with processions, oratory, picnics, contests, games, military displays and fireworks. Observations throughout the nation became even more common at the end of the War of 1812 with Great Britain.

On June 24, 1826, Thomas Jefferson sent a letter to Roger C. Weightman, declining an invitation to come to Washington, D.C., to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It was the last letter that Jefferson, who was gravely ill, ever wrote. In it, Jefferson says of the document:

"May it be to the world, what I believe it will be ... the signal of arousing men to burst the chains ... and to assume the blessings and security of self-government. That form, which we have substituted, restores the free right to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion. All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man. ... For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them."



Congress established Independence Day as a holiday in 1870. Today, communities across the nation mark this major midsummer holiday with parades, fireworks, picnics and the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and marches by John Philip Sousa.