



# The Patriot

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and zealously supports its  
authority and interests



November – December 2024

## Commander's message

Dear Comrades,

Comrades, the holidays are upon us. We are looking at Thanksgiving coming up. We have not received any turkeys for our Post to prepare yet! I will be cooking one this year for us to provide for our Post to have our Thanksgiving dinner. Let's donate at least one for us. Traditionally, we ask for sides to be provided by Post members. Let's make this a great event!

We have heard of the Veterans Day parade cancelled because of the Raleigh requirements being so restrictive. That being the case reach out to the city council of our disappoint! Please do not let diminish our resolve to celebrate our day. Attend the Capital event in Raleigh event and when you see a council member let them know your feelings of our disappointment! Your voice needs to be heard.

Last but not least, Christmas is upon us. So, check our website on helping our community and our veteran kids to have a wonderful holiday. Merry Christmas!

Respectfully,  
Jesse Mendoza, Commander

## From the Auxiliary President

To our members,

It is hard to believe another year will soon be in the books. Thank you to everyone that has participated and volunteered for many the events and required programs we have done. Thank you to those that have volunteered their time to make improvements and upgrade things around the post.

There will be several Veterans Day events around Raleigh and Garner. Please try to attend one if you are able. We will have a sign-up sheet for sides for Thanksgiving Day. We will open at 12:00<sup>Noon</sup> and close promptly at 6<sup>PM</sup>. Dinner will be at 1 o'clock.

The fundraiser for the Angel tree project headed up by Stan was a success. We are very excited to sponsor several families that are local for Christmas. The next steak night sponsored by the Auxiliary will be January 25, 2025 from 5 to 7<sup>PM</sup>.

I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a very healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year.

Teena Barbour  
Auxiliary President

## 2024-25 Officers

### VFW

Commander	Jesse Mendoza
Sr. Vice	Matt Cross
Jr. Vice.	Chris Vilano
QM	Terry Chatfield
Chaplain	Bob Carter
Judge Adv.	Terry Chatfield
Surgeon	Jerry Mark Jackson
Adjutant	Terry Chatfield
Trustees	J. Mark Jackson, Marc Povondra, Kevin Plewniak

### Auxiliary


President	Teena Barbour
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Jr. Vice	Gail Creech
Treasurer	Theo Povondra
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Conductress	Tina Creech
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## 2024 VFW Legislative Goals

Below is the list of the Legislative Goals and focus items for 2024 that the VFW has asked us to help get passed by Congress. Although the categories are the same, the individual focus items in each category change each year. The categories are:

- Budget
- Educ, Employment & Transition Assist
- Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs
- Health Care
- **Military Quality of Life** 
- Nat'l Security, Foreign Affairs & POW/MIA

To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares, Congress, VA, and DOD must:

- End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.
- Protect and improve on-base quality of life and support programs.
- Eliminate sexual assault and harassment from the military.
- Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.
- Ensure that military housing is safe and free of toxic substances.
- Eliminate food insecurity in the military.
- Ensure equity of benefits for Reserve Component service members.

All these issues are explained on the VFW website at: [www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service](http://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service), which includes a tool that will show the text of any bills which address them, who introduced it and who supports it. Press a button and an email will be drafted to your legislators asking them to support or oppose that bill. Use their words or modify them to add your own text. If you modify the text, there is a higher chance that it will be read, because it is different from other letters. For example, start the letter by including words about how this law impacts your life directly.

## National Disaster assistance

If you or a Veteran you know needs immediate housing assistance during an emergency such as a natural disaster, please call the [National Call Center for Homeless Veterans](http://www.nccvet.org) at 1-877-4AID VET (877-424-3838). Calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## 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. We try to also add thanks to our “thanks” page on our website where a full list of all who helped with various events. But here are a few extra special thanks this month:

*Thanks*

- Thanks again to Teena, Joy and Gail who do so much at the Post on their own – like filling the Halloween bags with candy, getting items together for a Veteran in need and so many other items that come up.

## Welcome new members

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



### Post:

Charles T. Jarrell IV  
James Bledsoe

### Auxiliary:

## Veterans Day events

We are participating in a few Veterans Day events in Garner.

- Saturday, Nov 14 – The Town of Garner is sponsoring program at the Garner Veterans Memorial in conjunction with the National Wreaths Across America program. In Garner a wreath is laid for each branch of the service.
- The Town of Garner Veterans Day event will be held to recognize the men and women who have served our country in the armed forces. The VFW and Legion will be on hand to give out programs and flags at the event, which will be held from 10:30 to 12<sup>Noon</sup> at Aversboro Road Baptist Church, 1600 Aversboro Road, Garner.
- Raleigh Veterans Day Parade has been canceled for 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year.

## Special raffle

There will be a Scratch off drawing for hurricane disaster relief held at the joint meeting in December. There will be a Scratch off, drawing for hurricane disaster relief will be held at the joint meeting in December.

### Wreaths Across America



The local National Wreaths Across America day will be on Saturday, Dec 14 at 10:00 AM. The main site in Raleigh is at the Raleigh National Cemetery. But this year the Garner Veterans Memorial will be a new location where wreaths will be placed – one for each branch of the service. This is a day where volunteers remember and honor our veterans through the laying of remembrance wreaths to honor our fallen heroes.

Individuals can join in by going to the Garner Memorial or the Raleigh cemetery that day to help lay the wreaths, then stay as they conduct a short service afterwards. National Cemeteries across the nation participate, so if you are unable to attend or don't live in the area, you find a local cemetery, or sponsor one or more wreaths at [www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org).

### Taco Nights



Please remember that our tacos are now **\$1.50 each**, which went into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Of course, Taco Tuesdays are held each week from 5:00-7:00 PM. Come and join us for the \$1.50 tacos made to order for you, eat in or take out.

### Holiday Schedule Changes

- December VA visit is moved to Dec 7 due to the next week being Wreaths Across America Day
- The Raleigh Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, Nov 23.
- Garner Christmas Parade - Dec 7 @ 4:30 PM at Main Street Downtown Garner
- Archer Lodge Christmas Parade – Dec 7 @ 3:00, at the Community Center
- No Taco Tuesday the week of Dec 31 due to New Years Day.
- Holiday Hours for the Canteen:
  - No Taco Tuesday on 11/26 or 12/4
  - Veterans Day – Noon - 6:00 PM
  - Thanksgiving – Noon – 6:00 PM
  - Veterans Day – Noon – 6:00 PM
  - Christmas Eve – Noon - 6 PM
  - Christmas Day - Closed
  - New Year's Day – Noon – 6:00 PM

### Chaplain's message

To our members,

Well, here we are again in the holiday season – or as I call it Generosity Season - Toys for Tots, Feed the Homeless, coats for warmth. But children need toys for learning and entertainment. The homeless need food and clothes year-round. So, this year, let's try to remember them year-round.

With that being said, the people affected by the storms still need help. Just because it is out of the news does not mean it's over. Sending a case of water, does not buy diesel fuel or wood to rebuild. But diesel will get them there. So, give what you can, as this will not end any time soon!

Bob Carter, Chaplain

### Winter State meeting – Jan 31-Feb 2

The winter Council meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro on Friday and Saturday, and the Council of Administration will meet on Sunday morning for those who are members of the Council. There will be training on Friday and Saturday, followed by dinner and dance on Saturday evening. Tickets are available for the lunch on Friday and Saturday and for the dinner and dance need to be purchased ahead of time. Watch the State website or Department mail for information, or call HQ at 984-232-4909 to reserve yours.

### Sons of the Legion raffle

Sons of the Legion/VFW Rifle Drawing 11/9/24 at 7 PM

### IN MEMORIAM

Maxine Carter, a Life Member of the Auxiliary, passed away on Oct 20 at home. She was born 95 years ago in Warsaw, NY and remained in western NY the remainder of her life. She was pre-deceased by her husband John and two grandchildren. She is survived by 4 children, Robert, Diane, James and Jack, and grandchildren Jeannette, Julie, Justin, Joe, Andy, and Ben and many great-grandchildren and friends.



Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary  
South Wake County Post 10225


When you put love out in the world it travels, and it can touch people and reach people in ways that we never even expected."

— Laverne Cox

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3	4 Karaoke Night 5:00-8:00 PM	5 House Cmte Meeting - 7:00 PM <i>Taco Tuesday</i>	5	7	8	9 Sons of the Legion & VFW Rifle Drawing 7:00 PM
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24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Noon - 6:00 PM	29 Legion Riders Mtg 7:00 PM	30

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29	30	31 <i>New Years Eve</i>				