



# The Patriot

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



March - April, 2010

## Commander's message

Comrades,

Thanks for all of the help everyone has been doing to make our Post the place that makes all feel at home. So many have contributed here lately and I would like to offer my gratitude. Thanks to the Men's Auxiliary for taking over Fish Fry night, William Ridgeway for the Autobell fundraiser and accepting the Trustee position, Carey Green for accepting House Committee position, Don Leu for taking the aluminum cans for recycling, and to our group of guests whom have donated time and work to repair the fixtures at our Post. Thanks to Alan Daniels for coordinating with our guests to get this accomplished.

In March we will be getting nominations started for elections. If you like to become part of our group please join us at our meeting to see where you can assist. Elections will be in April. William and I will be working with the Student Veteran's Association of N.C. State to educate them about the VFW and what we can do for them.

Join us on March 13<sup>th</sup> for corned beef and cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The meal will be served at noon until it runs out. Eat in or takeout will be available. The Ladies Auxiliary will be having a Spaghetti night on the April 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 1800 hours, 6pm for you civilian types. I am sure it will exceed your expectations.

Finally, we are getting to the end of our year and I am looking forward to the next year. We have accomplished much and have much more to do. If you have not sign up as a friend on Facebook, I encourage you to do so. Notices of weekly events will be sent out to Post friends to keep everyone up to date.

Your Comrade in Arms,  
Jesse Mendoza

## Ladies Auxiliary President's message

Sisters and Brothers,

I hope everyone survived the snowstorms we have had and hopefully, Spring is on the way. However, it is the perfect time to buy one of the Auto Bell car wash tickets from the VFW.

The Ladies will be holding a spaghetti dinner on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. For \$7.00 a plate, you can get a great meal, so come join us.

The Spring District 7 meeting will be held at our post. A date has not been determined yet, but will be posted on our website. It is the time to be thinking about District officers, as nominations and voting will be held at this meeting. It is also the time to be thinking of who you would like as your Auxiliary officers at the local level.

In the past several months, some of our members have had difficult times or adversities that we found out after the fact. If you know of someone that is ill or having difficulties in some way, please call the Post or me. We can't do anything if we don't know about it.

We have signed up several new members in the last couple of months. If you see someone new, step forward, introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

As always, check our website frequently to be in the know of Post events, and we also have a new avenue for letting people know about Post events. Elizabeth and William Ridgeway started a Facebook page for us and have done a great job.

Happy St. Patrick's Day, happy Easter, and happy Spring. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

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
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

**Cootie Corner**

Our MOC Pup Tent has not had a meeting in some time, and their charter will soon be pulled due to lack of interest.



At the February meeting, our MOC Auxiliary voted to fold their unit, since they can not exist without an MOC. Each member needs to make her own decision of what to do for the future – transfer to another Auxiliary or let her membership expire. Contact Helen Carter for information or applications.

The Pup Tent and Auxiliary have lasted since 1987-88 here in Garner, visiting hospitalized patients in the area. It has been a good experience. We hope that all members and former members keep up the hospital work, wherever they are.

**Chaplain's message**

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

What is there for the military? Will there ever be a time for peace? According to the Holy Bible, there will be wars and rumors of war till the end of time. According to what we see and hear on the news broadcasts these days, the Bible is right on; in the past and in the present – right on.

To each of us we have seen quite a lot of our fellow people wounded or killed. To me, that makes me wonder what it will be like in the next part of my life – after earth. Our bodies will die, but our souls (spirit) never dies. How we live on earth determines what the next part of our lives will be like. We are born into the world of woman, but as we learn right from wrong, we have to do one of two things – accept Jesus Christ and become one of God's family, or do nothing about God's wish and remain with Satan. If you accept Jesus Christ as your lord and savior (being born again), then you will be part of God's family.

This message is from God's word. I am just passing it on for your decisions. I hope I see all of you in Heaven later.

God Bless all of you  
Clarence Hayes (Padre)

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

Brothers,

Many thanks to everyone that has helped out during the past few months. Big Ed has graciously taken charge of the Fish Fry for the Men's Auxiliary. He needs help so sign up. The Fish Fry will continue on the third Friday of the month with service from 6 pm until 8 pm. Come one, come all. It's good food! The Men's Auxiliary would like thank the Post for this opportunity.

At the February meeting with a unanimous vote we will continue to have our Men's Auxiliary meeting at 2 pm on the Sunday following the General Meeting, see the calendar. This arrangement will continue indefinitely.

At the March meeting we will be taking all nominations for officers with elections to follow in April. If you cannot attend the March meeting but would like to make a nomination, please contact the Men's Auxiliary Secretary Bob Smolensky.

Best Regards,  
Scott Hood, President

**Corned beef and cabbage**

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the Post will host a Corned beef and cabbage meal on Saturday, March 13 starting at 12:00 noon, and will be served until it runs out. Allen Daniels will be our chef for the event. Come and join us for a great meal.

**No steak night in April**

Due to the Easter holiday, there will be no steak night in April. We'll be back on schedule in May.

**Welcome new members**

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

**Post:**

Jimmy Morris  
Ben Piner, Jr.  
Stephen Frank  
William G Ridgeway

**Ladies Auxiliary:**

Christie Carvalho  
Toni Carvalho  
Paige Carvalho

**Men's Auxiliary**

David Sawyer  
David Ball  
Lewis Hollifield  
Dereck Lee

**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, Apr 7<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join us as we play BINGO at 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 lobby at 6:45. When you arrive, join us at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor dining room.

**Department Convention**

Save the date for 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 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.

What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.

**District Meeting Planned**

The next District 7 meeting will be hosted by our Post. It will be scheduled shortly and will likely be some time in April or May.

This will be the District elections, where our new leaders are elected for the 2010-11 term. Watch the Post website for the details once it is scheduled.

**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!

**Spaghetti Dinner**

The Ladies Auxiliary will host a Spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us for the meal, or join the ladies in serving if you can. Cost of the meal is \$7 per plate, including dessert.

**Car Wash fund raiser**

The Men's Auxiliary is selling coupons for a car wash at the Autobell car wash location in Garner. Coupons are \$14 each, with one half of the sales going to the Post. Tickets will be sold through March 15. Get yours today, and drive a clean vehicle. You'll be helping the Post at the same time.

**Annual Elections at April meeting**

The April meeting is the time for our annual elections. Those who are interested in becoming an officer, make your wishes known. Expect to learn a lot as an officer, but there is a lot of payback too. You will spend extra time and work hard – but it is worth it.

Remember, all VFW members who run for office need to have their proof of eligibility on file with the Post. So if we don't have yours, now is the time to make a copy and add it to our files.



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*“When you become entitled to exercise the right of voting for public officers, let it be impressed on your mind that God commands you to choose for rulers, "just men who will rule in the fear of God." The preservation of government depends on the faithful discharge of this duty; if the citizens neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted; laws will be made not for the public good so much as for selfish or local purpose; corrupt or incompetent men will be appointed to execute the laws; the public revenues will be squandered on unworthy men; and the rights of the citizens will be violated or disregarded.”*

*– Noah Webster*