



The Patriot

One who loves his country
and zealously supports its au-
thority and interests



September - October, 2017

Commander's message

Dear Comrades,

First, I'd like to thank Jernigan's and Rostiser's for choosing our humble Post to have their wedding receptions. It is nice when our extended friends choose to share their time with us. I would also like to thank Derek, David, Terry, and the Auxiliary for their help with the 40th Post anniversary. It went well and the chicken cookout was a success. The cookouts may be something the Post might want to continue since it brings us together to celebrate us instead of the usual "let's get together to do a fundraiser".

Our participation in the "Keep the Ball Rolling" poker run was a significant success for Derek Ball (Former Post Quartermaster Chuck Fulghum's grandson). The donations and poker run participation by our Post help to net over \$4,500. The canteen donated a pool table light from Budlight, we were given two, which was used for a raffle at the end of the run. Thanks to Frank T. and Michele K. from the membership and Auxiliary for joining us. Chuck is probably smiling at our Post for helping out a family of a veteran in need!

VFW news is that we are starting our new year for our programs. We need help with getting the word out about V.O.D., Patriots Pen, and Teachers Award. Dates have changed so check the VFW website for information. Keep in mind we will need judges in the coming months. Your help and time is appreciated.

Respectfully,
Jesse Mendoza, Commander

Auxiliary President's message

Sisters and Brothers,

It's hard to believe summer is almost over. Even though it is our slow time, we have done some nice things. I would like to thank everyone that came out for the 40th Birthday celebration. A good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone that came to the District meeting and made a donation to the luncheon and NC Packs 4 Patriots. Our District President left with quite a haul for the Troops overseas. I would like to extend a special thank you to the Post, Auxiliary, and private individuals that made a donation to Chuck Fulghum's (Past Quartermaster) grandson and David and Etta Ball's son to help with the extensive expenses he has incurred from a motorcycle accident.

It's time for Patriot Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year again. The entry forms are online or you can contact Helen Carter or Jeff Hicks. Make sure you tell all of your friends, neighbors and family that have high school students about it. It's a wonderful way for students to earn money at the Post, District, State and National levels.

POW/MIA recognition day is the third Friday in September. Please try and attend a ceremony to honor those Troops. Soon it will be Veterans Day. There are many activities around Garner and Raleigh and lots of participants will be needed.

At the request of many persons, the Auxiliary will be doing Crockpot Dinners again beginning the second Friday in September. Come out and support the Auxiliaries efforts so that we might be able to better assist our Veterans.

I hope everyone enjoys the cooler weather coming and has a wonderful fall.

Teena Barbour, President

2017-2018 Officers

VFW Officers

Commander	Jesse Mendoza
Sr. Vice Comdr	Jeff Hicks
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Quartermaster	Jerry "Mark" Jackson
Chaplain	Bob Carter
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Auxiliary Officers

President	Teena Barbour
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Chaplain	Etta Ball
Secretary	Helen Carter

Chaplain's message

Remembering our POWs and MIAs

To our members,

Each September, we take time to remember those who served with us, and whose fate is still uncertain – the POWs and MIAs of the wars that we have engaged in. Where are they? The families ask that each day, as their lives are still unsettled. Most are assumed to be gone, but having the answers is still important to the ones left behind. Take time this year to remember them, and possibly attend a service held in honor of all the missing.

Bob Carter, Chaplain

Next hospital visits scheduled

Come join us for our VFW-American Legion joint hospital visits each month:



- On the 4th Wednesday of September at 12:30 ^{pm} we visit the patients at the Durham VA. We bring a snack as we play BINGO with the residents of the Community Living Center. Meet us at the Post at 11:45 ^{AM} so we can ride together.
- On the 3rd Saturday of October, we visit the veterans who live at three Garner nursing homes. We bring a smile and a drink to each veteran. We start at 10:00 ^{AM} with the Laurels of Forest Glen on Hartwell Street in Garner.

VA State Fair trip

Our Post joins each year with other Posts and Auxiliaries in District 7 to provide the patients at the Durham VA who get an opportunity to attend the state fair, and to have a little lunch while they are there. The normal VA fund doesn't allow the VA to give the patients the cash to spend, and most vendors there do not have a way to give a receipt to the VA staff who accompanies them for each hot dog or drink they purchase. So giving each veteran a small amount of cash to spend makes it much easier for them to enjoy the day.

VFW State Golf Tournament

The Billy Ray Cameron State VFW Golf Tournament will be held at the Sanford Golf Course in Sanford, NC



on Sept. 15-17. Cost is \$140 per golfer and includes a practice round on Friday, and two days of competition, lunch on the course, a reception on Friday, various prizes, and more. There are 4 divisions to compete in.

All the details and official application forms can be obtained at the Post and on our Post website. Pick one up if you are interested in participating this year. Proceeds from the tournament go towards the Billy Ray Cameron Scholarship Fund.

In Memoriam

David Lincoln Phillips, 87, passed away on Jan. 5, 2017, however, we only recently learned of this. He served as a Navy Medic attached to a Marine battalion in Korea. He received a purple heart and 2 bronze stars. Mr. Phillips was a retired vocational and special education teacher. Surviving: wife of 63 years, Norma Anne Davis Phillips; son, David S. Phillips; daughters: Cynthia J. Phillips, Cheryl A. Colby; 2 brothers; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Pattie Hower - Pattie Lee Hower, 78, of Murrills Inlet, SC passed away on July 24, 2017 after a long struggle with cancer. Pattie, a long-time life member of the Auxiliary, lived in SC in recent years. Born in Walstonburg, NC, Pattie was an active member of First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach. Survivors include her son, Craig Hower and his wife Dee; three grandchildren; brothers, Wayne Davis and his wife Joanne, Tommy Davis of NC; and a sister, Geri Griggs of Garner. Memorial contributions may be made to: First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach, 500 4th Ave. N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Welcome new members

Please say welcome to the following member who joined our local family recently:



Post:

John Boldt
Attichous Brinson
Daniel Ray

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. Please check the “thanks” page on our website for a full list of all who helped with various events. But here are a few extra special thanks this month:

- Don Leu, who insures that his lawn person takes care of the lawn at the Post. Don, a Past Commander of the Post, pays the person a little extra each month to do this. Don is currently in Wake Medical intensive care after a fall at his home. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Commander Jesse Mendoza who does countless things at the Post and in the community to insure that our Post remains active and visible in the Town of Garner.
- Thanks to the many folks (Dereck, David, Terry and the Auxiliary) for their help with the 40th Post anniversary. There was lots of fun and food to go around.

State Council Meeting Planned

The next State meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites hotel in Cary, October 6-8. Come and join us as learn about hold training on the programs, and learn what is going on around the State and Nation. If you can only come for one day, Saturday is the general session for all members.

Hurricane Relief for Veterans

State Auxiliary President Ivy Blueher has spoken with the Dept. President for Texas. She said members could send donation to the Texas VFW Headquarters and earmark it for the VFW or Auxiliary, to be used as determined by the Dept. of Texas. Such donations can be sent directly to the Dept. of Texas headquarters (Texas VFW, 8503 N. IH 35, Austin, Texas 78753).

Another option is: Make a \$10 donation to the VFW's national relief efforts by texting the keyword “NEEDS” to 27722, or mail in your donation of any amount to: VFW Quartermaster General, 406 W 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. All funds raised will be distributed to veterans, military personnel and their families.

Don't miss our annual POW/MIA service

Our Post & Auxiliary will sponsor a special ceremony at 7:00 PM on Friday, Sept. 15, to honor the POWs and MIAs from all wars. Please come and join us for this special service. The public is welcome.



It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.
It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the soldier who salutes the flag, serves under the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.



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National POW/MIA Recognition Day

The 3rd Friday in each September is set aside as Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day. For the families of these soldiers, airmen, sailors and marines, their war has not ended. Each year, although the count continues to go down as remains are identified, the work is very slow. This is a time to remember and pray for those still unaccounted for from all wars and their families.

During September, our Post home will be decked out in yellow ribbons, to remind us of the plight of the missing and their families. Our Post & Auxiliary will sponsor a **special ceremony at 7:00 PM on Friday, Sept. 15**, to honor the POWs and MIAs from all wars. Please come and join us for this special service. The public is welcome.

Also, the NC Vietnam Veterans, Inc. (NCVVI) holds a public ceremony each month to honor the POWs and MIAs from NC who are still missing from the Vietnam War. This service is held at noon at the Vietnam Memorial at Capitol Square in Raleigh, on the first Saturday of **every** month. Please join us each month if you can.

And now would be a good time to contact your legislators and press them to keep up the search for answers. This is an important program to support, for if we do not press our legislators, who will?

For the latest news on POWs and MIAs, check out the US Defense Department's POW/MIA Accounting Agency's website at <http://www.dpaa.mil>

Still missing and unaccounted for:

Middle East - 5
 Cold War - 126
 Vietnam War - 1,604
 Korean War - 7,731
 World War II - 73,029