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POST NEWSLETTER/CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2018

Commander's Comments:

Comrades and Sisters,

Let me start by thanking everyone for all their help with everything going on. With that being said, we have a lot coming up in the next couple of months and the rest of the year.

I would like to remind our members that it is election time for next year's Post Officers. We will be accepting nominations for Post Officers during the second meeting in March and the first meeting of April, with the election taking place during our second meeting in April. Next year's slate of Officers will assume their duties upon the installation of the North Carolina Department Commander at the Department Convention in June.

We have new canteen hours. Sunday thru Thursday it will be open 2:30 PM to at least 6:30 PM. Friday and Saturday we will open at 2:30 PM and stay open till at least 10 PM.

On May 5th, we will be have a Cinco de Mayo celebration. It will be from 3 PM until at least 10 PM. See the included flyer.

Buddy Poppy sales will also be taking place the last weekend in April and all volunteers are needed. Times and places will be posted at a later date. We are making a lot of money on these sales and there is so much more to be made if had more of a turn-out. I'm sorry I do not have the dates right now but we will get the dates posted and signup sheet put up in the canteen.

As you can see we have several things going on and we need everyone to step-up and help where they can, it takes all of us helping where we can to succeed.

As always we still have the usual events each month so, please take a few moments to review our calendar of events and plan on coming out to support our Post. Post breakfast is on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9AM, and Steak Night on the last Friday of the month at 6 PM.

Thanks again for everyone's continued support.

**Yours in Comradeship,
Jon Schultheis, Commander**

Auxiliary:

Hello Brothers and Sister,

Our Auxiliary has been facing some trying times lately with illnesses and the passing of members and spouses and or family members. As you may or may not know Susette and Nancy have been facing illnesses of their own. We want to thank them for all they have done for our/your Auxiliary. Please help support their significant efforts by supporting YOUR Auxiliary and in turn we are supporting them.

Our Auxiliary has grown over the past year and we are so excited to have so many fresh faces, returning faces and our current active members. We want to say a "Big Thank You" to all for the challenging and positive work we have done and will be continuing to do for our Veterans and families. We look forward to working with each one of you.

Our Auxiliary has been assisting the Post over the past year, working alongside our Comrades and assisting with spreading the word about our home and activities out to the community. Keep telling them our story and invite all to come out and see us!

Here ye, here ye! Have ya heard! There's a special Auxiliary event coming to town. We are having a FLEA MARKET event. Sat April 14th, 2018. This is an indoor (first) event with possibly some vendors located outside as well. We are thinking we would like to have this be an annual event once or twice a year. So, come be apart, whether you purchase a table/space or volunteer your time (you can buy some neat stuff too).

We are asking members, if you have some items that you could donate to this event, it is greatly appreciated. You must contact us first with a list of intended donated items. You MAY NOT just drop off your stuff. We will also be selling hotdogs and hamburger deals so come on out and help us with this event!

Our special fund-raising dinners on the 3rd Friday of the month have helped the Post, Auxiliary, MOC, MOCA, and Wreaths Across America. Thank you to all the Volunteers that have donated their time cleaning, serving, cooking the food, and donation of food have helped to keep it successful.

And Let's not forget the people who have come out to support our events!

Please remember to review all activities and events to see if you can volunteer even an hour of your time whether it be at the event or from your home. All assistance is so greatly appreciated.

Hey, look for the RED Flowers to start coming out. It's Buddy Poppy time coming soon. This is a time to inform, involve and communicate with our community about this remembrance. We will also be looking for our next "Buddy Poppy King and Queen." Ask us about this program and how to get our youth involved.

Our Auxiliary has RE-adopted a military unit – MASS-1 (Marine Air Support Squadron One, Marine Air Control Group 28, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing). We have had our first meeting with the Command and Family Support officers and we are off to a great start. In the month of March members of MASS-1 and our Auxiliary teamed up to volunteer and assist an organization, PACK4PATRIOTS, that supports our activity duty by sending care packages almost every day. These items are donated to this organization and everyone who "works" there are solely volunteers. This organization also supports the local organizations with sharing some of their donations. These items help support us when we want to provide our Veterans with items of need. Ask us how you can help them and in turn it helps us reach more Veterans. We will soon be discussing an event to formalize this partnership with a special ceremony and we will need all the help we can get with planning and execution of the event.

Sisters and Brothers of the Auxiliary, April we will be looking for Auxiliary officers, elected and or appointed. May will be installation month for your new Officer's for 2018-2019. All are encouraged to be at the next 3 meeting to welcome your new officers into position. These new Officer's will take command in June. June will bring new activities and we look forward to not only adding many new members but strengthening our current membership participation with the new fiscal year.

Our next meeting is April 19th, 2018 at 7pm. Come on out, meet and greet, enjoy so fellowship and attend our meeting. Your input is valuable! We want to hear from you!

This is a short synopsis of what is to come, and our next newsletter will be very informative and filled with the many activities coming in the next year. Remember if you can volunteer for any events we have coming up we would greatly appreciate it. Remember even an hour counts!!

God bless you all, God bless our Veterans and God bless America! PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR POST

Susette Solomito, Auxiliary President

MOC:

Listen up Cooties, you worked long and hard to be worthy to become a Cootie. It is now time to show your loyalty to our crummy organization. Come out and join us on Sunday March 11th at 4 PM for our Scratch. The Scratch for April will be on the 8th at 4 PM. L.O.T.C.S.

JT White, Seam Squirrel

MOCA:

2017 is gone – 2018 begins. Our meetings will be at 3 PM for now until the time change. Our next meeting will be March 11th. Please come out and support your MOCA. April meeting will be on the 8th. The first Friday dinner will be on January 19th.

Christine Matthews, MOCA President

POST CANTEEN NORMAL OPERATING HOURS:

The Post Canteen will operate 7 days a week and will open for business at 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM each day. The Canteen will stay open later at the discretion of the on duty bartender.