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POST NEWSLETTER/CALENDAR FOR MAY - JUNE 2009

Thought for March/April:

A Veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to, and including his life."

That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact!

Commander's Comments:

Comrades and Sisters,

Well we continue to make progress on infrastructure upgrades to the Post Home. Our latest upgrade is the replacement of our heating furnace for the Main Hall area. Our old furnace served us well for almost 50 years but was becoming unreliable and was very inefficient. The new system will not only provide reliable heat but will really help out our natural gas bill! Thanks to all of the members who volunteered their time and helped with this major project. We also received and installed some booths in our game room area. A much needed improvement and thanks to the members who pulled this project off. We continue to look at ways to improve and upgrade our Post Home and I will keep you posted as we complete future projects.

I will ask as I did in our last newsletter to please take a few moments to review our calendar of events and plan on coming out to support our Post. Friday nights we hold an 8 ball pool tournament, Sunday morning breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, the 2nd Friday is our evening dinner, and Steak Night on the last Friday of the month. Please come out and support our Post events and at the same time relax and enjoy yourself.

We are making progress in getting members to switch over to an email version of our newsletter. Therefore I will continue to ask for your help in saving our Post some money. If you have a computer and an email address, please sign up to receive this newsletter and calendar via email. Printing cost and postal rates continue to rise so help to trim down our mailing list by providing Jon or myself with your email address.

Thanks again to everyone for your continued support.

**Yours in Comradeship,
Patrick Mullican, Commander**

Ladies Auxiliary:

I hope that everyone had a Happy Easter. I would like to extend Birthday wishes to those celebrating birthdays and get well wishes to those that have been ill.

Ladies Auxiliary meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. We need more of our members to come out and participate at our meetings so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Our next two meetings will be held May 21st and June 18th. The time is almost here to pay our 2010 dues so if you haven't yet paid 2009 dues please do so to prevent your membership from lapsing.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be at Wal-Mart on Sunday May 3rd to collect Buddy Poppy Donations from 10:00am to 4:00pm. We need members to assist with the collections so please contact Geraldine Farris to coordinate times that you are available.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be serving Hot Hamburger Plates for \$6.50 on Friday, May 15th at 6:00pm. Come out and enjoy a delicious meal with us.

Please come out to the National Veteran's Cemetery in New Bern on Memorial Day, May 25th, to participate in the memorial service being held.

Meritha J. Purifoy, President

Men's Auxiliary:

D. B. Matthews, 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 May 10th at 4 PM for our Scratch. The Scratch for June will be on the 14th at 4 PM. L.O.T.C.S.

Ken Waldo, Seam Squirrel

MOCA:

I want to thank everyone for there support the past 2 years. I could not have done it with out all of you. Don't forget the Grand May, 29th and 30th in Hickory, N.C. Hope to see all of you at my last meeting in may. Please support Lori the following year. THANK YOU ALL AGAIN..

Christine Matthews, President

Editor's Note:

I am not a rocket scientist, nor an atom splitter. Mistakes in this newsletter and on the calendar are all mine and I apologize for them. Thanks for trying to keep me straight.

You may have noticed that the news letter is now coming in an envelope. Due to rising postal costs putting them in envelopes saves us money. The e-mail list is growing each month. Please consider getting the news letter via e-mail and help save your post money. Please send me an e-mail at schultheisjr@hotmail.com, and I will be more than happy to add you to the list. Taking this option would save the post some money that could be well spent elsewhere. Thanks to those who have already chosen this option. In trying to save money we will be only mailing one news letter to each address not to each member at the address.

The news letter will be coming out bi-monthly. The cut off dates for inputs for the news letter is three days after the second post meeting of the following months February, April, June, August, October and December. Inputs can be sent to my e-mail above.

If you move or change your e-mail address please contact me at the above e-mail address so I can update our records and continue to keep you informed about the happenings at your VFW Post. Thank you. I continue to accept comments and newsletter input via that same e-mail address. Thanks.
HAFMCD (Have A Fine Marine Corp Day).

Jon Schultheis

For the Good of the Order:

Fellow Comrades, the post is researching the possibility of re-establishing a Color Guard Unit. As some of you are aware, the Color Guard performs many functions on both a personal level as well as a community one. The two primary duties of the Color Guard are 1) serving as the honor guard at the funeral of a fallen comrade, and 2) participating in community activities such as parades, memorial ceremonies, etc.

The post is seeking individuals who would like to participate as a member of the Color Guard. The member will be issued a dress uniform, yet-to-be determined, which the member will be required to wear for participation in a Color Guard event. Some members will be asked to carry a flag at ceremonies and parades while others will be asked to carry post-issued weapons as flag escorts or to serve as a firing squad (not the execution type).

Any member interested in participating in the Color Guard should contact either Steve Centore at scentore@yahoo.com or Jon Schultheis schultheisjr@hotmail.com.