



**VFW Post 2514
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POST NEWSLETTER/CALENDAR FOR JULY - AUGUST 2014

Statement of the VFW Mission / Purpose

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States began in 1898, after the Spanish-American War. The VFW is the oldest major veteran's service organization in the United States with nearly three million members.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is chartered by the U.S. Congress. Each VFW Post is a separate 501 c 19 non-profit corporation.

THE PURPOSE OF THE VFW CORPORATION

The purpose of this corporation shall be:

1. Fraternal
2. Patriotic
3. Historic
4. Educational

To preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever. (Article 1 of VFW Constitution)

Commander's Comments:

Comrades and Sisters,

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support to our post, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you this upcoming year. This year's agenda is to improve our communication, increase participation, and work toward the future of the post.

In order to improve our post, it is necessary that we open our lines of communication. My first effort toward this goal is to lead a meeting on Thursday, July 17th starting at 7PM. I request that all auxiliaries (Ladies, Men, MOC, and MOCA) be present for this joint meeting at the Post. If all members cannot be present, every organization should have a minimum of two representatives. The details regarding the meeting agenda will be posted on the board in the canteen by Monday, July 14th. Prior to the meeting, there will be a simple meal starting at 6PM which will lead into the meeting. There are several things to be discussed. Your feedback and input is important to the success of our post. This is the time for your voice to be heard, so come out and participate. I look forward to seeing and hearing you!

I want everyone to know that the House Committee meetings are held the Monday prior to the VFW Post meetings on Thursday. Everyone is welcome to attend, and I encourage anybody having ideas or suggestions to come out and share them.

To keep our post alive and moving in the right direction, we need to increase membership. We need to focus on the recruitment of service members that are returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. These prospective members are the future of the VFW and our Post! A recruiting brainstorm session will occur at the meeting on July 17th – please bring your ideas and creativity! (Recruiting fair, membership drive, etc.).

This is YOUR Post! Please try to attend all meetings and take an active role in what goes on. If you are truly concerned about our Post and have ideas on making it better, bring them to the meeting. Remember that you are a voting member and the only place your vote counts is at the meeting.

Our next District meeting will be held at Warsaw, Post 9810, on 21 September 2014. Let me know if you are interested in attending and would like to carpool to save on gas. Let's try to have a good showing from our Post.

We are raffling off "The Ruger American 30-06" rifle with Redfield 3-9x40 Scope. Tickets are on sale in the canteen. Ticket prices are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Anyone interested in selling tickets can pick them up from the canteen, or ask me and I will provide them to you.

The grill raffle was a success! A big thank you goes out to all those who sold tickets or contributed. The post raised more than \$1,400 of much needed revenue that has gone toward the improvement of the building and future debts.

A special thanks goes to Cub Scout Pack 299 and Troop 299 for a memorable Flag Day Celebration. With the scouts help, the post retired 120 American Flags.

We have several project ideas to improve the Post grounds. Once a date and time are determined we will need member support. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the canteen for those who wish to help.

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. We also have Texas Hold'm Poker on Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 7 PM.

Come out July 4th for our picnic at the Post. If you are interested, please feel free to bring a delicious dish. The sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the canteen. We plan on eating around 4 to 4:30. Bring your families and come out and join the fun!

Thanks for your support and let's work together to have a great year!

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

Ladies Auxiliary:

Our New Year is here 2014-2015 it would be great to have more members at our meetings, please try to work it into your schedule, we need your help. Life members Cancer Ins. is now due, \$12.00. Annual Members your dues are also due at this time \$30.00, please mail to Pat King 6120 Old US Hwy 70 W. New Bern, NC 28562 - 252-638-9049.

Ladies Auxiliary 2514/MOCA is having a raffle (IPad Air Wi-Fi 16GB) (1) ticket for \$5.00 or (5) for \$20.00 please let us know if you would like a ticket – Drawing 9-1-2014 – Do not have to be present to win.

Our Auxiliary is very proud to tell you that Ida Hartley for the State of N.C. to be the longest continuous member and has received a plate for 69 years, I know that all you wish her well and that we are so proud to have her as a member of our Auxiliary.

God Bless and Keep All Our Sisters - GOD BLESS THE USA

Meetings are on the 3rd. Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Lori Mullican, Auxiliary President

Men's Auxiliary:

We changed our meetings to the first Sunday of the month @ 0945. Those who chose join us for breakfast prior to the meeting at the Post are welcomed to do so @ 0900. We are working on several ideas that will we hope will strengthen our membership.

Eugene Long, 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 July 13th at 4 PM for our Scratch. The Scratch for August will be on the 10th at 4 PM. L.O.T.C.S.

Tommy Broom, Seam Squirrel

MOCA:

Ladies it's the start of a New Year for our Auxiliary. Dues for the coming 2014-2015 are now due. If you are an annual member of the Ladies Aux. Post 2514 your dues must be paid first to the Aux. and then to the MOCA. Please send your MOCA dues to Shirley Waldo 1600 High St. New Bern, NC. 28560.

The MOCA and the Ladies Aux. is having a raffle (1) ticket for \$5.00 or (5) for \$20.00. The item is an iPad Air Wi-Fi 16GB the drawing will be on 9-1-14. We really need this fund raiser so that we can pay our share of the contributions to state and national, we are VERY low on money because of no fund raisers, we need everyone's support. If you would like to buy 1 or 5 tickets let Shirley Waldo, Pat King or VFW Post 2514 know and we will even mail them to you. You send the money and we'll send the tickets. Thank you in advance.

Ladies remember 2nd. Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. is our meeting date and time, please come out.

God Bless and keep you safe.

Health and Happiness to all, God Bless the USA

Pat King, MOCA President

252-638-9049

POST CANTEEN NORMAL OPERATING HOURS:

The Post Canteen will operate 7 days a week and will open for business at 3 PM to 6:30 PM each day. The Canteen will stay open later at the discretion of the on duty bartender.