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POST NEWSLETTER/CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2009

Commander's Comments:

Comrades and Sisters,

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. We have a lot of activities planned for the upcoming months that will keep us very busy. We will recognize POW/MIA Day with a small ceremony at the Post on September 18th and will kick-off our Sunday afternoon Turkey Shoot's on October 4th. In the near future we will start selling tickets for a chance to win a new 12 GA pump shotgun to be given away right before Christmas. Also in October we have our Annual Halloween Costume Party. Last years Party was a huge success and a lot of fun so plan on coming out and joining us.

Now is the time to renew your membership if you are an annual member and have not yet paid your dues. Let me know if you would like to consider becoming a Life Member and I will provide you with the information you need to convert from annual to life membership. Below are some of the benefits of becoming a Life Member of the VFW:

- Never pay annual dues again ... no more Dues Reminders!
- Substantial Savings over annual dues payments
- Lifetime Subscription to VFW magazine
- Accidental Life Insurance policy ... No Cost to the Member
- Continuous Support of VFW programs
- Lifetime Protection of veteran rights and entitlements
- Lifetime of Member Services and other benefits
- Special "New Life Member" discounts from the VFW Emblem & Supply Catalog
- Permanent, attractive Life Membership Card
- Fulfillment of knowing YOU have committed yourself to the well-being of 28 million fellow veterans!

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, 2nd Friday is our evening dinner, and Steak Night on the last Friday of the month.

I want to 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. This will be the last newsletter mailed to out of state members so sign up for the electronic copy now. Please see Jon's comments below. I can be reached at patrickmullican@suddenlink.net.

Thanks again to everyone for your continued support.

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

Ladies Auxiliary:

It is time once again to start thinking about the holiday season. The ladies aux. has chosen to fix a snack basket for the Durham VA, please bring all snack items to the post by Oct 1st. We are also doing the Wreaths Across America where you can have a wreath placed on a veteran's grave for \$15.00. It would be really nice to have more sisters at our meetings to help us with more ideas for our organization. If anyone has any ideas for fund raisers please let us know. Don't forget about the Halloween dance and costume party. There will be a POW MIA ceremony Friday Sept 18th at the post at 6:00pm, finger foods will be served. We have a \$200.00 shopping spree in progress now; the winning ticket will be drawn Friday Sept 25th. We will be looking forward to see all of you at these functions and meetings. God Bless.

Veteran and Family Support: It's Christmas Stocking time again, this is a Department of NC AUX project headed up by Nancy White. The stockings are going to Afghanistan. Items are needed to fill them. Small can goods, hard candy, personal items (male/female), etc and check with Nancy White on other items needed. Also there will be stuffing parties in September. Contact Nancy White on the particulars.

Rosa Kiely, Auxiliary President

Men's Auxiliary:

Members, our meetings are on the last Thursday of each month. Sept. 24 & Oct. 29 will be our next meeting days. Come out & support your post and your Aux. We need to have our meetings, but can't do it without you. Thank You.

D. B. Matthews, President

MOC:

Listen up COOTIES : You worked hard to qualify to become a COOTIE.....the time is approaching to prove you are worthy to be called " COOTIE ".....our Pup Tent will be hosting the Winter GRAND SCRATCH in January 2010 , so set aside the weekend of January 9th & 10th and be prepared to have some fun at the Grand here at VFW Post 2514.....we will need the assistance of all good COOTIES and their Ladies.....we want to prove to the Grand that our Pup Tent is one of the best in North Carolina.....too many have drifted from our Seam.....now is a good time to return and enjoy the brotherhood you cherish.....thanks

Ken Waldo, Seam Squirrel

MOCA:

Thanks to all for supporting the MOCA. We want to have a fund raiser. We need to build up our treasury. Please send in your 2010 dues. Come out & support our Post. Please turn in your hospital hours in to Meritha. Thank You

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.

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:

Due to rising postal cost, starting with the next mailing of our news letter we will not be mailing to out of state members. Out of state members will receive a news letter once a year prior to nomination and election of Post Officers. Once again I am asking all members sign up for the e-mail version of the news letter if you have a computer and an e-mail address. Please send me an e-mail at schultheisjr@hotmail.com, and I will be more than happy to add you to the list. Thank you very much.

NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES : Comrades, Ladies and Gentile Men, at this time there is a need for donations and voluntary time for the Cherry Point Air Terminal. Needed at this time is Peanut Butter and Jelly. This can be made up ahead of time when MCCA is not manning the Air Terminal. Snacks, and homemade cookies are items the troops love. Also voluntary time at the Air Terminal is needed, normally we are not contacted till right before a flight is going out. This is short notice but is part of the rules we must follow. If you would like to donate or volunteer please contact us by e-mail jtnc28560@yahoo.com / jtandng@yahoo.com , or 252-638-4479. J T White NMS Chairman/ Nancy White Ladies Aux
Treasure/VFS Chairman

POST CANTEEN NORMAL OPERATING HOURS:

The Post Canteen will operate 7 days a week and will open for business at 3 PM each day. The Canteen will be open until at least 8 PM each night and will stay open past 8 PM if there is enough business to justify continued operations. The Duty Bartender will have the final say on closing time after 8 PM.

Jon Schultheis