



2017 Membership Goal: 100% / 85% Retention
2017 Current Status: at 0.0% with 0.0%



July 2017

All American Post—1985,86,87,89,91,2003,13

All State Post—1984,85,86,87,89,90,91,94,95,2003,06,09,10,12,13,15

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From the Commander



Happy New Year!!! I know it sounds odd hearing that this time of the year, but that's where we are. The beginning of a new year at the post. All officers have been installed nationwide and now it's game time for the new team.

I want to send out much thanks to the

auxiliary. As most of you know, we have lost too many comrades in the recent past. We held a memorial service for Frank Blaszak and a fellowship gathering for Clete Miller. Both times, the auxiliary knocked it out of the park with food and necessary arrangements. They also made a visit to the Magnolias of Summerville on Flag Day and represented the post, Thanks again. New house committee

is in place and the first meeting for them will be July 3rd. Have a new idea for the post? Show up to a meeting and bring it up.

July 1st we start pushing forward towards the new year goals of membership. If you know someone eligible for membership, bring them in. We need everyone's help to grow and keep the post moving forward. Pg 2.

From the President

First off I would like to thank everyone who helped our past President in getting 1st place in Buddy poppies , outstanding President of the year Judy Duncan, Outstanding Member of the Auxiliary Betty Brewster, Outstanding Hospital Chairman Marietta Hill, Veterans and Family Support, Americanism, Youth Activities and legislative got second place.

First Place membership Shirley Houck, and Scholarship Mary Bain got third place. Way to go Auxiliary. Contrats to Beth Tufts our Department Guard and Outstanding District One President.

I would like to thank all who helped to get the Food ready on Memorial Day. You all please do not forget to come out to the 4th of July gala day and also have

our Early BIRD Membership Drive. If you can please bring a cake for the cake walk.

August 5th is C of A at Columbia Headquarters. August 19th is District one school of Instruction at our Post.

I'm looking forward at the incoming year to be successful as the past years and our July Meeting will be July 6th Page 2.

Commander Page 1.
Hope to see everyone
everyone at the 4th of July party.
Thanks for your help and support!!!

Howie

Todd W. Howard
Commander, 2017-18

Auxiliary President Page 1.
Thursday vice Tuesday July 4th., Remember we are all VOLUNTEERS and need to support our Post Auxiliary and need to volunteer your help on our Steak Night on Fridays.

Betty Gander

VFW Auxiliary President
2017-2018

Chaplains' Corner



Abraham Lincoln, The Gettysburg Address, 1863 "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

It has been a long time since I heard or read that quote. Though it was written in 1863 during the civil war, President Lincoln strongly appeals to our nation's founding principles, passions and purpose. He uses these words to unite and encourage. It is a powerful reminder and reference to the Declaration of Independence and the fight for freedom that continues today. Ronald Reagan said "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It

must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." Also, from Steve Buyer, "Since the Revolution, eight generations of America's veterans have established an unbroken commitment to freedom." July 4th, America's independence, has been celebrated since the signing of The Declaration of Independence. In 1870, Congress made July 4th a federal holiday. It is a day of great patriotism to celebrate our nation's birth with family and friends. Whether you cookout, go to the beach, or just relax; have a great day celebrating and enjoying the marvelous freedoms we enjoy in the great nation. "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." - Thomas Jefferson

Since we are celebrating the freedoms and liberties afforded to us as citizens of this great nation, as Chaplain, I would like to mention one near and dear to my heart; our freedom of religion. It is not freedom from religion but freedom of religion. So, we each have the freedom to celebrate and worship our creator. As most of you know, this freedom is not experienced in many places around the world. It is wonderful to have this ability to freely worship and congregate in celebration of our beliefs. May God richly bless and encourage you as you practice your freedom.

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Please remember the family's and friends of our the following departed comrades who have been called home by our Supreme Commander and Creator: "Handsome" Jack Male, Richard "Dick" C. Binz, Len Stempin, Doug D. Moore, Frank Blaszk, Clete Miller.

May God bless and keep each of you, my friends.

Post 3433 Chaplain
Norman Jones
2017-2018

Membership



Spread the word and **RECRUIT THE FUTURE OF THE VFW. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP + LIFE MEMBERSHIP + YOU = POST 3433.** We need your help to spread the word on what the VFW is about and all the wonderful things we do for our Veterans and their families. Comrades, now is the time – more than ever – to increase our membership in the VFW and in this great Post! Our strength is in our numbers; and our strength starts with each and every one of you!

VFW \$35, Auxiliary \$20.

Stats as of this writing – **New Year.** Recruiting is everyone's task. If you know a veteran or family member who qualifies, take a moment to tell them of all the good things we do to help veterans.

Membership applications are behind the bar available to any Comrade or Auxiliary member for the asking.

VFW and AVFW to Post 3433 welcomes the newest members to our post home. On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, thank you for your continued service to our nation and for becoming a part of the greatest veteran's organization in the world.

Early bird special for

VFW 3433 Auxiliary

Starting on 4th of July till

Aug 31, 2017

Pay your annual membership dues early and save!!

\$15.00 - "early bird special"

Plus your name will be placed in a drawing for a chance to win a "Life Membership"!



Service Officer

Happy Independence Day to all those that serve, have served, their families and all those that keep us



safe! The following is a paraphrase of a VA press announcement. Please pass this along to Veterans that may not belong to the VFW and are not getting this information. (Of course anytime is a good time to ask them to join our VFW.)

In June the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched a new online tool that will help Veterans compare various treatment options for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The PTSD Treatment Decision Aid is a free, interactive online tool that helps educate patients

about effective treatment options for PTSD and encourages them to participate actively in decisions about their care.

"The health and well-being of the courageous men and women who have served their country in uniform is the VA's highest priority," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "The PTSD Treatment Decision Aid is an important step in putting Veterans in control of their health care. By helping to bridge understanding and communication between Veterans and providers about the most effective treatment options available, we are ensuring Veterans receive the treatments that best promote their healing and recovery."

The tool includes information about evidence-based PTSD treatments, such as talk therapy and prescription medication options. It also includes useful information designed for people who have served in the military. Users can watch videos of providers explaining different treatment options and what to expect with those treatments, and hear from Veterans who have benefited from them.

Veterans can also build a chart to compare the treatments they prefer and print a personalized summary to share with their providers. All personal information is erased once the tool is closed to protect users' privacy.

According to VA findings, approximately eight of every 100 people will experience PTSD at some point in their lifetimes, and almost 620,000 of the Veterans treated by VA have a diagnosis of PTSD.

"We know from research and our own clinical experience that Veterans can recover and improve their quality of life with the right PTSD treatment plan," said Dr. Poonam Alaigh, VA's Acting Under Secretary for Health. "We want our Veterans and those who care for them to have access to effective treatment options. Knowing about the latest research can help them get the best care possible."

To learn more about PTSD visit the National Center for PTSD website at www.ptsd.va.gov. Health-care providers who have questions about the PTSD Treatment Decision Aid or other free resources can email the PTSD Consultation Program at PTSDconsult@va.gov or call 866-948-7880.

Ron Jones

Post Service Officer
2017-2018

News from the MOC Seam Squirrel

Hello Pup 10! Thank you for electing me as your Seam Squirrel for the next year. I look forward to serving you in any way that I can. I hope to receive the same wonderful support and advice as my predecessors.

School is out and the weather is beautiful. The children are playing in all of our neighborhoods. Those little ragamuffins don't always look both ways and will run right in front of our cars. Think about if you would want someone speeding down your street when you're going down someone else's. As always, freeways are fair game!

We're always busy and this year will prove no different.

There's so many exciting things coming up. I'm looking forward to the Turkey Shoot. Yes, it will be cold but it's always so much fun! To see all of the old faces again and some new ones. There's always a new friend around the corner. Even if there's a gun in their hand. Our next MOC/MOCA meeting will be July 11 at 1931. Hope to see all of your wonderful faces there!

Anglia (George) Soza

Seam Squirrel
2017-2018

News from the MOCA President

We are starting the year off with a deal for you. Our "early bird" special will run from July 4, 2017 to August 31, 2017 to pay your dues for \$15.00. There will be someone at the Post July 4th Celebration to receive payment for your dues if you want to pay while you are at the post that day. After August, dues will be \$17.00 for the year 2017-2018. Some of us have returned from the Grand of SC Convention. Give yourselves a big "HIGH FIVE" and congratulations in Membership. We received a plaque for the 1st auxiliary to reach 100% plus in Membership. Let us begin to retain and recruit members for this new year and add another plaque at next year's convention.



At the convention, Ellen Fulda received an award for Scholarship, Betty Gander received an award for Member of the Year, and I was surprised by receiving the President of the Year award. Congratulations to all winners.

Let's do it again this year by doing our best to work and support our hospitalized veterans and those who are in nursing homes.

Marietta Hill was installed as Grand President. Marietta and our new Grand Commander from Pup Tent #13 Orangeburg have chosen the Victory House in Waltherboro as their Special Project for this year. Congratulations Marietta and Ed. Looking forward to a great year for the Grand of SC.

The next Scratch will be Sept. 29-30 and Oct. 1, 2017. Location to be announced at a later date. Accommodations in Santee are unacceptable at this time.

Again, I want to thank you for the help, support and guidance you have given me this past year. Now we are ready to start off a new year doing what we do best for our hospitalized veterans.

Our next meeting will be July 11, 2017. Hope to see you there.

Remember to "keep'em smiling in beds of white".

Good Health and Happiness to All!!

Sandy Rowland

MOCA President 2017-2018.

VFW National

VFW Continues Opposition to Individual Unemployability Cuts

**VA Secretary now supports dropping IU cut
Jun 15, 2017**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Yesterday, during a hearing of the

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. testified in strong opposition to a provision of President Trump's budget proposal, which would cut up to \$22,000 from the annual compensation of severely disabled veterans who receive Individual Unemployability (IU) benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans who are on the IU program have service-connected disabilities that prevent them from working, rendering them unable to pay into Social Security. The provision would have moved veterans from IU to Social Security at age 62, resulting in a significant decrease in compensation. Other benefits, such as dental care and medical coverage for their dependents, would have also been impacted. Many veterans have recently contacted the VFW to voice their concerns over how the proposal would have impacted the property and automobile tax breaks granted to them by some states and counties, adding to the financial hardship that many of our veterans already face.

During the hearing, Senator Dean Heller (R-Nev.) challenged Secretary of Veterans Affairs David J. Shulkin to explain why the Administration would propose a cut to veterans Individual Unemployability benefits and expressed concern that disabled veterans would be significantly impacted by the proposal. In response, Shulkin explained that the budget is a process and the proposal was one of many options. However, after hearing from the VFW and veterans, "it became clear that this would be hurting some veterans and this would be a take away from vet-

erans who can't afford to have those benefits taken away and I'm really concerned about that," Shulkin responded, "I'm not going to support policies that are going to hurt veterans."

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is pleased to see that Secretary Shulkin no longer supports this devastating cut to Individual Unemployability benefits." said VFW National Commander Brian Duffy. "This action clearly demonstrates that Secretary Shulkin and the entire Administration acknowledges the concerns veterans and their families have expressed, particularly regarding how this proposal would have forced many veterans to lose their homes due to a new significant financial hardship," he added.

"We have made progress in defeating this ill-advised cut," said Duffy, "It shouldn't have been proposed to begin with. Balancing budgets on the backs of veterans is something the VFW will never tolerate." Duffy asks the 1.7 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary to urge their respective members of Congress to oppose the IU cuts and make certain this proposal does not resurface. [Send a message to Congress here.](#)

The Veterans' Voice

We are the voice that represents veterans everywhere and defends their rights and benefits. Our representatives stand for veterans every time.

<http://capwiz.com/vfw/mlm/signup.htm>



Department of South Carolina

Congratulations to the new VFW Department officers for 2017-2018.



STATE COMMANDER
HARRY McFADDEN
STATE SR VICE COMMANDER
JOHN L. SULLIVAN, JR
STATE JR VICE COMMANDER
ROBERT HOLSCLOW
STATE QUARTERMASTER
DWIGHT M. HORA
STATE CHAPLAIN
OLIVER SMITH
STATE JUDGE ADV.
PAUL D. LYLES

Department Auxiliary Officers for 2017-2018



President
Theodora Montague
Sr. Vice President
Jody Sullivan
Jr. Vice President
Valarie Dayson
Chaplin
Cathy Farley
Treasurer
Hattie Henderson
Conductress
Kate Brock
Guard
Beth Tufts

The Department School of Instruction will be August 5th, 10am at Headquarters.

District 1 News

District 1 ended this year with a bang receiving All State District at the Department Convention and if nothing drastic changes will receive All American at the National Convention. Total membership for the District this year—104.80% 2nd in the Nation.

The Auxiliary also had a great year as well. President Beth Tufts received Outstanding District President, Judy Duncan— Outstanding Auxiliary President and Betty Brewster— Outstanding Auxiliary member award. The Auxiliary ended the year with 109.48% in membership.

The next District meeting will be the District School of Instruction Saturday August 19th, 10am at Post 3433. This is a casual meeting, shorts, t-shirts and flip flops welcome.

Around the Post

We are BACK...

The post once again has a webpage thanks to our Quartermaster Andy Steanson. Check out the new site at www.vfwpost3433.org

The Post's General Membership Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, in the ballroom at the Post Home; please plan on attending. Auxiliary Business meetings start right after the conclusion

of the general meeting and the Comrades Business meeting starts at 8pm.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, please contact us at ladsonvfw3433@gmail.com Email delivery is much faster than "snail mail", and it saves us the expense of printing and mailing. To avoid an interruption in receiving your Post 3433 Newsletter, let us know if you have changed your email address.

Question: Why were wings canceled—we had wing teams...



Answer: By now, you know wings were canceled for the foreseeable future. The primary reason is cost. You don't know it but we were paying between \$85 and \$95 a box for wings. On any given wing night we don't take in enough revenue from wings to cover our cost. Another factor is availability. Due to a disease that hit the poultry farms, chicken is in short supply and the cost has sky rocketed to over \$100 a case. The information we are receiving from our suppliers is this will last until the poultry stock can increase again to normal levels. A business (which we are) can't continue losing revenue and keep the doors open. The other factor—volunteers. Yes we had teams committed but there were still spaces that needed filling and we were not getting help. I

don't like making these decisions, especially right out of the box as your Commander but my first duty is to the running of this post and keeping the doors open. I am sorry this drastic decisions had to be made and I am open to any and all suggestions to help us get back on top again.



We need help. If you can spare some time to give us a hand stop by and talk to Sarge or the Commander. The pay is terrible but the rewards of helping your post and veterans out weights the dollars.



Enjoying life after the Memorial Day luncheon.



Post visit to Magnolias Nursing home on Memorial Day.



Auxiliary President Betty Gander, Auxiliary Sr.Vice Betty Brewster and Jr.Vice Dana Alves along with Judy Duncan, visit Magnolias Nursing home on Flag Day.



District Quartermaster Dave Mellert receives the District Quartermaster of the Year award from Dept. Commander Bill Havlin and Past National Commander-in-Chief Richard DeNoyer.



District 1 Commander Ted Tufts receives the Samuel U. Roach award for most Outstanding District Commander from Dept. Commander Bill Havlin and Past National Commander-in-Chief Richard DeNoyer.



Post 3433 #1 Department Buddy Poppy's (again). On to National.



VFW Post 3433 Officers 2017 - 2018

Commander	Todd "Howie" Howard	President	Betty Gander
Sr. Vice Commander	Gregg Miller	Sr. Vice President	Betty Brewster
Jr. Vice Commander	Robbert Zedneck	Jr. Vice President	Dana Alves
Quartermaster	Andrew Steanson	Chaplain	Bonnie Guiendo Walton
Chaplin	Norman Jones	Treasurer	Sandy Rowland
Judge Advocate	Edwin "Ted" Tufts	Secretary	Marietta Hill
Service Officer	Ron Jones	Conductress	Sandi Myers
Surgeon	Janet Chisolm-Richard	Guard	Randall Brooks
Adjutant	Andrew Steanson	Patriotic Instructor	Ellen Fulda
1 Year Trustee	Anglia Soza	Historian	Bonnie Guiendo Walton
2 Year Trustee	Edwin "Ted" Tufts	1 Year Trustee	Beth Tufts
3 Year Trustee		2 Year Trustee	Mary Bain
		3 Year Trustee	Shirley Houck

Chaplain Norman Jones

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MOC/MOCA Officers 2017 - 2018

Seam Squirrel	Anglia Soza	President	Sandy Rowland
Blanket Bum	Jennifer Hanshew	Sr. Vice President	Judy Duncan
High Gimlet	Joyce "Joy" Clark	Jr. Vice President	Jo Ann Perritte
CCDB	Gary Gander	Chaplin	Carrie Conyers
Hungry Cootie	Betty Hilliard	Treasurer	Betty Brewster
Tight Wad 1	Jacqueline Z. Brooks	Secretary	Betty Gander
Tight Wad 2	James "Smokey" Stover	Conductress	Dana Alves
Tight Wad 3	Norris Stevens	1 Year Trustee	Ellen Fulda
Pill Pusher	Cecelia Lange	2 Year Trustee	Sandi Myers
Jimmy Legs	Cecelia Lange	3 Year Trustee	Karen McClendon
Shyster	Larry Miller	Guard	Marietta Hill
Sky Pilot	Robbert Hill		
Provost Marshall	Jim McClendon		

Family Information Contact Sheets

We are being notified much too late, if we are notified at all, concerning the well-being of Post members. Usually this occurs when it is much too late for anyone to help or complete the appropriate actions. If something happens, please notify us as soon as possible about the illness, injury, or death of a Post member. For everyone's help and convenience, Family Information Contact Sheets are in an envelope in the Canteen. The information is passed to the appropriate Chaplain.



July 2017



Monthly meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. VFW Business meeting starts at 7:30, AVFW meets right after and Comrades meet at 8pm.

- ◆ 1st Wed Night – Wings 6:00 to 7:30
- ◆ Friday Night – Auxiliary Steak. 6:30
- ◆ 1st Thursday – Bassmasters 7 pm
- ◆ S.A.M.S. 11am
- ◆ 3rd Tuesday – Spaghetti Night. 6:30
- ◆ 3rd Thursday – DAV 7:30
- ◆ 3rd Saturday – 11:00 S.A.M.S. Mtg.

- ◆ July 4th Party
- ◆ July 21-26 VFW National Convention New Orleans LA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 21-26 VFW National Convention New Orleans LA						1
2	3 House Committee 7:00	Happy 4th of July	5 6-7:30	6 VFW Business Meeting 7:30 Bass Masters 7pm	7 Auxiliary Steak 6:30	8
9	10 Honor Guard 7:30	11 MOC/MOCA 7:30	12	13	14 Auxiliary Steak 6:30	15 S.A.M.S Mtg. 11am
16	17	18 Spaghetti 6:30	19	20 DAV 7:30	21 Auxiliary Steak 6:30	22
23	24 Honor Guard 7:30	25	26	27	28 Auxiliary Steak 6:30	29
30	31 House Committee 7:00					

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 VFW Business Meeting 7:30	2 6-7:30	3 Bass Masters 7pm	4 Auxiliary Steak 6:30	5
6	7	8 MOC/MOCA 7:30	9	10	11 Auxiliary Steak 6:30	12
13	14 Honor Guard 7:30	15 Spaghetti 6:30	16	17 DAV 7:30	18 Auxiliary Steak 6:30	19 S.A.M.S Mtg. 11am
20	21	22	23	24	25 Auxiliary Steak 6:30	26
27	28 Honor Guard 7:30	29	30	31		

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter. Without you, it would not be what it is. Stay connected and get your newsletter early via email by contacting the post at ladsonvfw3433@gmail.com or vfwpost@comcast.net

Ted Tufts—Newsletter Editor.