



**2018 Membership Goal: 100% / 85% Retention**  
**2018 Current Status: at 1.72% / 5.79%**



# August 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



Good day to all, hopefully the summer heat has not totally wiped you out yet. Keep hydrated and enjoy all the things that the Charleston area has to offer.

Much thanks to all that were involved with the 4th of July celebration at the post. Lots of laughs, good times and fun had by all.

Membership is always a major goal of ours. Please keep working towards getting the new members to the post. If you see a new member at the post, introduce yourself, welcome them into our post home.

I had the opportunity to change the flags at the Magnolia's of Summer-ville for them. There were a few veterans that came out to watch and showed much appreciation to the post for us doing that. Little things go a long way.

House committee meeting is coming up, have a new idea? Let us know.

Thanks for your help and support!!!

*Howie*

Todd W. Howard  
Commander 2017-18

## From the President



As the Auxiliary President, I want to welcome our new Officers and thank our last year's Officers for a job well done. I'm looking forward to working with all our members and comrades.

Our Membership Chairman Shirley Houck explained at our last meeting that National will be sending out all Membership cards, and don't forget our early bird dues special of \$15.00 until 31 August. We are doing well, the Auxiliary membership is already at 60%.

I also want to thank all who worked at our 4th of July Gala. C of A is the 5th of August in Columbia @ 1000 and school of instruction on 19 August here at our post. Steak Dinners will have a price increase of ONE dollar from \$9.00 to 10.00 on Sept 1st due to the price of steaks increase. Please remember we need volunteers to help on steak night

please signup. Our guest last meeting Jody Sullivan State Senior Vice will be taking our Buddy Poppy display to New Orleans Convention for National competition, Thank you Jody. Thanks to all who attended our last meeting.

*Betty Gander*

VFW Auxiliary President  
2017-2018

## Chaplains' Corner



There are many times in life when we come to a crossroad and must make a decision. What guides your decisions? Have you ever used a list of pros and cons to help you make the decision? It is always good to seek wise counsel from someone who will be honest with you. A person you can trust and who will not just tell you what you want to hear. There are many factors that influence how a decision is made. Here is just a short list I have seen in my life and the life of others: \$\$, family, culture, goals, health, faith and prayer, some definition of success, need for change, or one of so many other factors. Some decisions are easy and some can be more difficult because of circumstance or factors involved. No matter how easy or hard the choice or options may be, a decision must be made. Have you ever been frozen because you wanted to make the "right" choice? If you have ever made the choice to not make the decision, your indecision was a decision. Well, sometimes-unexpected options present themselves as well and lead us to the crossroads of a decision.

I have come to a crossroads and God has put an opportunity in my path. In 1995, the Navy brought me to Charleston. Since separating from the Navy in 1998, I have had the opportunity to serve in the Army Reserve and the Air Force Reserve. For the last 17 years, I have had the privilege to serve as pastor in a local congregation. I am now in the process of returning to active duty in the Navy as a Chaplain. Since my first duty assignment is with the Marine Corps, I will put on my fourth uniform. For the past two plus years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve you and be called your Chaplain. In September, I depart for training to begin the next chapter and journey the Lord has set before me. I ask that you remember me and my family in your prayers and thoughts. You will remain in my prayers and thoughts. If you are ever in the Beaufort area, please look me up.

**From the second verse of the Navy's Anchors Away:**

*Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh.*

*Farewell to foreign shores,*

*We sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.*

*Through our last night ashore,*

*Drink to the foam,*

*Until we meet once more.*

*Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.*

Though I must say farewell, until we meet again, I wish you many blessings, fair winds and following seas to all. May your voyage and journey of life be filled with great joys and many laughs.

Please keep the following in your prayers and thought - Bob Mische, Edesta Proper, Oli & Shirley Olsen, Jackie Martin and others who are struggling.

May God bless and keep you,

*Norman Jones*

Chaplain Post 3433

## Membership



Spread the word

**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 – 1.72% membership and 5.79% retention.** 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



Hello Comrades! Here is some good news from the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston.

Veteran do not live in a vacuum. They, like anyone else, often face struggles in their relationships with their spouses and children. Dealing successfully with those struggles through a patient-family centered approach is the goal of the Couples and Family Therapy clinic at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center.

This little known VA therapy option is available to any Veteran and his or her spouse or family members for issues related – or unrelated – to their military service. The Couples and Family

Therapy Clinic offers a variety of treatment options to best meet the couple's or family's need including Integrative Behavioral Couples Therapy and Behavioral Parent Training. There is also help for couples dealing with substance use disorders or families learning to cope with a serious condition such as traumatic brain injury or Post Traumatic Stress. Therapy sessions, which normally average six to 12 sessions, are available in-person, through Tele-Mental Health to a VA clinic, or through Home Based Tele-Mental Health. The Couples and Family Therapy Clinic, in conjunction with VA Chaplain Service, also offers marriage enrichment seminars and retreats throughout the year. In general, couples who engage in therapy experience greater marital satisfaction, closer emotional bonds, greater ability to work together and less emotional avoidance. Family therapy is effective in several areas including addressing general child conduct issues, child aggression, global family problems, improving communication and problem solving. For more information on Family and Couples Therapy, call (843) 577-5011 ext. 5395. Veterans may also discuss a referral to the clinic with their provider.

And, a reminder that today is a good day to ask a qualified veteran to join our VFW. We are stronger together.

*Ron Jones*

Post Service Officer  
2017-2018

### Surgeon's Corner



First, Thank You all for your support in my election to Department Surgeon. I really appreciate it.

Remember that Hurricane Season started on June 1st, and we have had the weather to remind us. Be prepared by knowing your escape route and keeping enough water, food, and medications for at least 3 days in case you are stuck at home. Prepare by having batteries available for light and radio in the event of power outage.

With the warm (90 degrees plus) weather, keep in mind that you need to stay hydrated and avoid damages from the sun such as skin cancer and heat strokes. Cover up with hats and long, light colored clothes if you are going to be outside for long periods. Use sun screen. Avoid long periods in the sun.

The VA hospital locally hands out items of need to our local veterans. Right now they could use some shoes (Walmart, not NIKE), bus day passes, Walmart gift cards (\$5). They have a source for T-shirts, but need the pants. If you can help, just leave the items at the post and I will make sure they get to the hospital.

Join us for the District School of Instruction or at the next Post meeting for information and handout on The Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy contests.

Thanks, see you after the convention.

*Janet Chisolm-Richard*

Post Surgeon, PP & VOD Chairman 2017-2018

## News from the MOC Seam Squirrel



That was a heck of a first Scratch. I loved it! I hope I didn't blow out anyone's eardrums.

The Fourth of July celebration was a great success! Thanks to everyone that made it happen! Some of our fellow Cooties kept being sent to jail over and over with a few being sent over and over again. We're definitely a popular bunch!

I had forgotten to mention in the last newsletter that congratulations is due to our NEW Grand Senior Vice Commander, Norris Stevens! We also have Gary Gander, Betty Hilliard, Smokey, and John Mellert sitting up there! (I've already given myself twenty lashes with a wet spaghetti noodle for this blunder.) Pup Tent Ten is rocking the Grand this year!

The Turkey Shoot is scheduled to start October 4th and run through December 16th.

The next Grand Scratch is 29, 30 September and 1 October. Plan now for accommodations. The Hotel is the Quality Inn in Beaufort, SC located at 2100 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902. Phone number is 843-524-2144. The room rates are as follows:

Thursday \$89.99

Friday \$69.99

Saturday \$69.99

August is already proving to be a great month. The best viewing of the Eclipse is right here in Charleston on August 21st. Even NASA has set up its home base here. Over a million people from out-of-state are expected to show up. While very tempting, please don't look at it without the proper eyewear. I want all of us to keep seeing our fellow Cooties nice and clear.

The 2017 South Carolina Sales Tax Holiday weekend will kick off Aug. 4 and run through Aug. 6. Perfect timing for school supplies. Maybe buy a little extra and give it to a teacher you know. They always appreciate it.

Our next Scratch will be August 8 at 1931. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

*Anglia (George) Soza*

Seam Squirrel

2017-2018

## News from the MOCA President



In my opinion, this year is flying by. Five months until Christmas and cooler weather, or lower humidity.

A reminder that we are having the "early bird" special of \$15.00 for your annual dues to save you a few dollars. After August 31st, dues will be \$17.00 for the year.

The 5th Supreme will be meeting in Fayetteville, NC August 25-27, 2017, at the Courtyard Hotel at 4192 Sycamore Dairy Rd. Phone no. is 910-487-5554 to make your reservations if you are planning to attend.

The Grand of SC will meet in Beaufort, SC, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2017. The hotel is the Quality Inn at 2100 Boundary St. Phone no. to call for reservations is 843-524-2144.

We had a good VA Hospital visit on July 9th and enjoyed a lunch and fellowship afterwards. Please join us on our next VA Hospital visit in September and see how rewarding and fun it is.



Put on your best clown outfit and put a smile on someone's face. If you don't have a clown costume, you are always welcomed to join us.

News and information that we received from Supreme Convention in New Orleans will be in the next newsletter. We will have the new program books and ready to get the year started.

Our next meeting will be Aug. 8, 2017, at 7:31 pm. I hope to see you there.

Until next time, "keep'em smiling in beds of white".

*Sandy Rowland*

MOCA President 2017-2018

## VFW National



### 118th VFW National Convention

New Orleans, La., "The Big Easy" is the host city for the 118th VFW National Convention.

Approximately 10,000 VFW and Auxiliary members will convene from all over the world at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, July 22-26, 2017.

VFW members will vote on organizational by-laws, attend workshops, network with other veterans and attend business sessions. Convention delegates will also enjoy addresses from several notable and distinguished guests.

## Department of South Carolina



Welcome to our new Department Commander Harry L. McFadden. Commander McFadden's home post is 4262 in Columbia, SC.

Also welcome our new department officers, State Srv. John L. Sullivan, Jr, State Jrv. Robert Holsclaw, State QM. Dwight Hora and State Surg. Janet Chisholm-Richard.

The Department SOI will be held on August 5th at 10am at Department Headquarters in Columbia.

Future Convention Sites: Kansas City, MO - July 21-25, 2018, Orlando, FL - July 20-24, 2019  
Reno, NV - July 18-22, 2020

## District 1 News

It is a new year but not a time to relax for District 1. Nine out of 12 posts hit the 100% mark last year and we want to beat that with all 12 posts being 100%. We are #1 in the Department, and the goal is to hold that position, and we can do that with the help from every post in the District.

The next District meeting will be the School of Instruction on August 19th at Ladson Post 3433. Meet at 10am, eat at 11am and start the SOI at noon. This is going to be a relaxed session so wear your comfortable clothes and flip-flops if you want. For those who do not know the SOI is the time when program information and any changes from VFW National are

passed to the posts. This meeting and all District and Department meetings are open to all post members. We invite you to come, share ideas and hear what goes on at the District and above.



### Are you eligible for combat related special compensation?

FORT KNOX, Ky. — Have you heard about a retired veteran's program called Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC)? If you haven't, don't worry, you are not alone. If you are familiar with CRSC, it's likely you're still not sure if you qualify or how retired veterans can apply for this benefit. To shed light on the program, the Army CRSC office at Fort Knox, Kentucky offers the following helpful tips and information.

First, potential applicants should understand that CRSC is a Department of Defense (DOD) program, not a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) program, and is authorized under 10 U.S. Code § 1413a. CRSC is a form of concurrent receipt paid monthly to eligible military retirees. In other words, CRSC restores military retired pay that is offset when a retiree accepts compensation from the VA for a disability or condition that can be directly linked to a combat-related event as defined by the CRSC DOD program guidance. The CRSC benefit allows eligible retirees to concurrently receive an amount equal to or less than their length of service retirement pay and their VA disability compensation.

Retirees must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for CRSC:

- Must be retired and receiving military retired pay.
- VA must have awarded 10 percent or greater service connected disability for a condition that meets the combat related definition as defined by CRSC DOD program guidance.
- Must have a VA waiver (VA Form 21-651, MAR 2005) in place for by-law reduction of military retired pay in the amount of the VA disability payment.

Eligible retiree categories include those who have 20 or more years of service, or a medical retirement under Chapter 61, Temporary Early Retirement Act (TERA), or Temporary Disabled Retirement List (TDRL).

A combat-related injury is one that can be attributed to:

- Simulated war training (e.g., combat obstacle course)
- Hazardous duty (e.g., underwater diving, parachute duty)
- Instrumentality of war (e.g., military vehicle rollover during a training mission)
- Presumptive Disabilities (e.g., Agent Orange, mustard gas)
- Armed conflict (e.g., gunshot wounds, shrapnel wounds, punji stick injuries)

Due to the volume of applications received, the Army's CRSC program is experiencing an average 10-month claims processing cycle. CRSC applicants should note that an uncorroborated statement in a record that a disability is combat-related will not be considered determinative for purposes of meeting combat-related program standards; documentation verifying the cause of the disability is required. The CRSC program validates your submitted information against your personnel records, available military medical and VA records in making eligibility determinations. Therefore, you only need to submit those documents that directly support your claim that are not already found in your official record. Submitting non-related documentation (i.e., your entire medical history) will only slow the process and increase your wait-time. Finally, electronic submittal is the best, lowest cost, and most efficient way for you to submit your claim.

For more information on CRSC, including how and where to submit an application, visit the Human Resources Command website at <https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/CRSC>, call toll free (866)281-3254 (Mon - Fri / 0800-1800 hours), or email CRSC questions to mailto:[askhrc.army@us.army.mil](mailto:askhrc.army@us.army.mil).

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Thanks to Mary Bain.

## 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](http://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.

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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 weight the dollars.



Veterans News Network is dedicated to connecting active and retired military with organizations and businesses who provide



resources and services for Veterans.

### OUR GOAL:

Educate and raise awareness among the general public about the veterans who have served on their behalf by promoting the values of duty, honor, sacrifice and patriotism.

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As you can see, the format of the newsletter has changed starting with this issue. Many know the "The Crier" was submitted to VFW National for the Communications award and unfortunately, we were not one of the winners this year. Looking over the winners the one item that stuck out was the single column format which is easier to read and much easier to create and edit, hence the change. Let us know what you think and any ideas to make the newsletter better. The Editor.



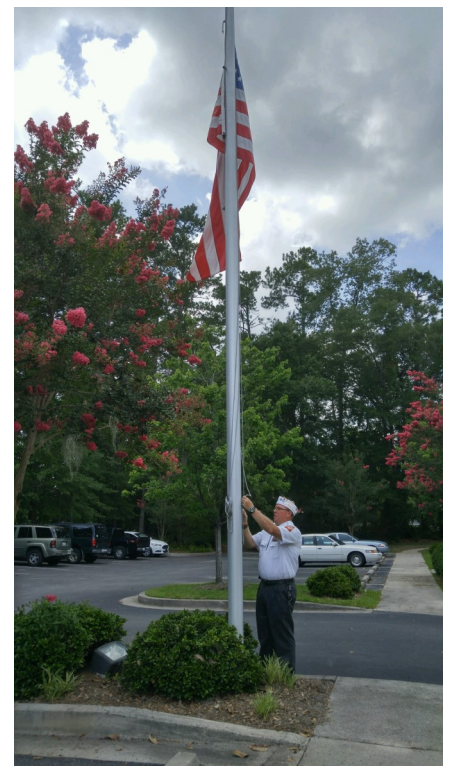
### The Veterans' Voice

We are the voice that represents veterans everywhere and defends their rights and benefits. Our representatives stand for veterans every time. [Action Corps Sign-Up](#)



Post Commander Todd Howard prepares and raises a new flag for the residents at Magnolia's of Summer-ville.

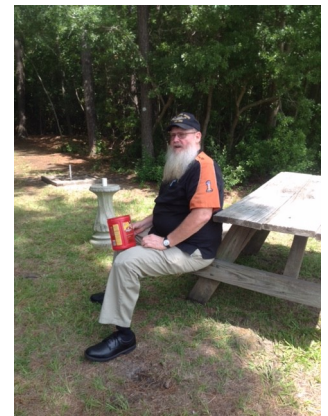
The post is often called upon to perform these services at our local nursing home facilities and we are glad to do this when ever asked. We do this as a service to the Veteran residence of the facility.



Judy Duncan, Marietta Hill and Betty Brewster showing rewards received at the Department Convention.



# 4th of July Celebration 2017





## VFW Post 3433 Officers 2017 - 2018

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### 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.





# September

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.

- ◆ Sept 11 – Patriot Day



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	2
3	4 House Committee Mtn 7:00	5 VFW Business Meeting 7:30	6 6-7:30 	7 Bass Masters 7pm	8 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	9
10 MOC/MOCA Hospital Visit 	11 Honor Guard 7:30 Patriot Day	12 MOC/MOCA 7:30 	13	14	15 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	16 S.A.M.S Mtg. 11am
17	18	19 6:30 	20	21 	22 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	23
24	25 Honor Guard 7:30 	26	27	28	29 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	30

goodbye July, hello  
**AUGUST**

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 VFW Hospital Visit 	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
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27	28 Honor Guard 7:30 	29	30	31		

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