



2018 Membership Goal: 100% / 85% Retention
2018 Current Status: at 5.63% with 24.74%



September 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

TSGT. Walter C. Fulda

Post 3433

POST “Crier”

**Veterans of
Foreign Wars
of the
United States**

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**Newsletter Editor—
Ted Tufts**

From the Commander



Greetings to all from the other side of the world. Uncle Sam still sends me where he wants, when he wants and I had the privilege of being in Ramstein Germany for a couple of weeks.

We lost a great member of the post just before my departure, thanks to all that helped and participated in the memorial for Jackie. Please keep Anna and the family in your prayers. Lots of things happening at the post, house committee has some great ideas and are bringing some great things to the post. Stop in, see what’s going on, and bring a friend.

Howie

Todd W. Howard
Commander 2017-18

From the President



I would like thank our Chaplin Bonnie Quiendon for taking charge of food preparation for Jackie Martin memorial and all who brought food and helping with the memorial. Thanks again for all of the Auxiliary that went to the C of A in Lexington we had a great showing for our Post Aux. Thanks to Roxanne Ohar for getting Hi-Chairs for the children and putting them together. Thanks Marietta Hill for setting up the

Homeless Vets program and all the Vets and Aux in bringing in all the food and donations it was great success. We had a great Hospital visit to the VA Hospital on the 13th and the vets really enjoyed our visit. Please don't forget Friday Steak Nite cause we need Volunteers. Check Facebook and our calendar for upcoming events at our post.

Betty Gander

VFW Auxiliary President
2017-2018

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 – **5.63%**. 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.

Service Officer



Hello Comrades. Here are a few items that happened in August we all need to be aware of in order to be better informed about Veteran issues.

The Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston was recently named as one of the top 25 Environmental Excellence Award winners by Practice Greenhealth, the nation's leading organization dedicated to environmental sustainability in health care. Practice Greenhealth recognizes U.S. health care facilities that exemplify the highest standards in environmental practices.

On August 21st 2017, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin announced that VA plans to propose changes to regulations for its State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program to make it easier to for States to receive VA funding to construct Veterans homes in rural areas.

On August 11th, 2017 the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced that the two-month pilot phase of the new White House VA Hotline that began in June has demonstrated that Veterans calling the hotline respond best when their calls are answered by fellow Veterans and others with first-hand experience on their issues. (8/11/17)

Additional information on these items and more can be found online at va.gov. Be informed and know what is available to you and your fellow Comrades. And remember, today is a good day to recruit a veteran to join the VFW.

Ron Jones

Post Service Officer

2017-2018

The Auxiliary rocks! Just wanted to put that out there.

News from the MOC Seam Squirrel



The new Hoodies are in! The new Hoodies are in! We're somebody now! Get your MOC/MOCA Hoodie at the Scratch in September. Earlier if you can wrangle Goose out of it. Just in time for the cooler weather heading our way in a few months. Get yours before they disappear.

August was a great month for the skies. How 'bout that eclipse? Now that was some UBERcool stuff! I hope none of you looked at it without glasses, welders mask, etc. The Perseid Meteor Shower was 12 August. Even though they weren't really stars, I made a couple dozen wishes when they shot through the sky. The Full Harvest Moon will be on 6 September. That's always some great pictures for you camera buffs.

Here comes our busy season and this is only the meetings!

Our next VA Hospital visit will be September 10th. We'll meet at our VFW at 1200. Let's all try to bring at least one "civilian" friend with us. Our Veterans will appreciate their support as well.

The grand is the end of this month and will be held in Beaufort 29 September through 1 October. The hotel information is:

Quality Inn At Town Center, 2001 Boundary St., 843-524-2144

The Turkey Shoot is less than two months away. It starts 4 October and ends 16 December. Wear your new hoodie to keep warm!

Our next meeting will be September 12th at 1931. See y'all there!

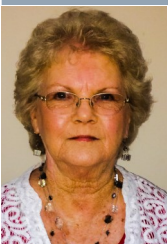
Anglia (George) Soza

Seam Squirrel

2017-2018

Some of us made the trip to New Orleans and back. It was hot, but we had a good time. Next

News from the MOCA President



year's Supreme convention will be in Kansas City, MO.

The Scratch in Beaufort is Sept. 29th - Oct. 1st. On Friday the 29th, a clown visit is planned for us at a local nursing home. A clown outfit that can be worn over other clothes and easily removed should be considered as we will be going to the Beaufort National Cemetery after the visit to the nursing home. The Beaufort post will have a steak dinner at a cost of \$10.00 on Friday night. Registration for the Scratch and steak orders are being accepted at this time. I will have some registration forms to fill out at our next meeting.

The "turkey shoot" is expected to begin Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017. We will need volunteers to work in the concession stand. This is our biggest fund raiser for our programs and your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all the volunteering that you do.

If you have not renewed your annual dues for the year 2017-2018, the amount is \$17.00 for the year. We reached 100% in membership last year and we can reach that goal again this year.

Our next hospital visit is Sept. 10th. Plan to join us on this day visiting with veterans at the VA Hospital.

School is back in session along with all the traffic. Drive carefully and be alert for the little ones. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 7:31 pm. Hope to see you there. Until next time, "keep'em smiling in beds of white".

Sandy Rowland

MOCA President 2017-2018

Hello everyone! As the newly elected Chairman of the House Committee, I just want to let you know that

On the House

the newly installed House Committee is working diligently to bring the Post some badly needed improvements, and to bring in a few different entertainment venues this year. I plan to be as active as the Post can stand. To that end, you may have noticed signs posted around the Post. They are pretty much everywhere you look. Our first event is the Comedy Night @ the Post, and will be on October 7th starting at 7pm through 8:45 so that we have enough time to conduct our Saturday night drawings. There will also be drawings throughout the evening before the show for Door Prizes. Ticket sales will be limited to 150 ea. because of seating restrictions in the Ballroom, so get your tickets early. Early ticket sales will also help us figure out how much "extra food items" we will need to order, to make this event a success. Tickets will range from \$15 individual to \$40 a pair for V.I.P. seating. I don't see why every able member of the Post shouldn't attend. This will be great evening to laugh, eat and talk, and fellowship, with some of the other members and their wives. Tickets can be purchased from any of the House Committee members, or you can purchase them in the Canteen, from any one of our bartenders. So to all my Comrades, and to all the ladies and gentlemen of the Auxiliary, my challenge to you is buy a ticket, come out and have fun, and let's get to know each other. If you have any suggestions for the type of entertainment that you might be interested in for future venues, don't be shy, let me know, I won't bite.

Joe D. Aviles

2017-2018 HC Chairman

2017-2018 House Committee

- ◇ Joe D. Aviles (HC Chairman)
- ◇ Greg Miller
- ◇ Rob Zdneck
- ◇ Jay Johansen
- ◇ Rodney McKanna
- ◇ Jeff Zinn
- ◇ Michael Lieske
- ◇ Todd W. Howard (Post Commander)
- ◇ Andy Steanson (Post Quartermaster)
- ◇ Nathaniel C. Mizzell (Canteen Manager)

2017-2018 House Committee

VFW Programs Overview



You're Invited to

Comedy Night at the Post

October 7, 2017 @ VFW Post 3433

10154 Bellwright Road, Summerville SC 29483 (843) 871-0607

"The Post with the Most"



featuring Lance Morrison



Headliner - Brian T Shirley

Showtime 7-8:45 PM Happy Hour 6-7 PM Appetizers can be purchased till 7:45

Advance Tickets: \$15 individual - \$25 per couple - \$40 for 2 VIP Seats

For Ticket Info call (843)-568-6811 or email premierscape.sc@gmail.com

VFW National

Youth Scholarships and Activities Patriot's Pen - Voice of Democracy

Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Contest. Since 1947, the VFW has asked high school students to write and record a 3 – 5 minute essay, again on a patriotic theme selected by the VFW each year. Students may record on an audio CD or flash drive. Like Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy winners receive scholarships and other incentives at the Post, District, and Department and finally to the National level where they will compete for the \$30,000 first place scholarship. **The Voice of Democracy theme for this year is "American History: Our Hope for the Future."**



Originally created as the Youth Essay Contest, Patriot's Pen asks junior high and middle school students to write a 300-400 word essay on a new patriotic theme each year. Winners receive scholarships and begin by competing at the Post level. Winners proceed to District, Department and finally to the National level where they compete for the \$5,000 first place scholarship. **The Patriot's Pen theme for this year is "America's Gift to My Generation."**



These two great youth scholarship programs provide over \$3 million in scholarships and incentives every year.

Department of South Carolina Fall Conference
November 3-5, 2017

Department of South Carolina

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort
10000 Beach Club Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Phone (843) 449-5000 or (800) 876-0010 (Toll Free)

District 1 finished out the year on a high and are going full bore into the 2017-2018 year. The School of Instruction had 100% participation and everyone took back to their posts some great

District 1 News

information. We have set some high goals for the District this year and are on the way to making them happen.

The next District meeting will be October 28th at Post 8760 in Beaufort SC. eat at 1, meet at 2. All Comrades and Auxiliary members are invited and encouraged to attend the District and

Department meetings. This is an opportunity to make new friends and learn about the other posts in the district and state.

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

Around the Post

start right after the conclusion of the general meeting and the Comrades Business meeting starts at 8pm.

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.

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.



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.

If you would like to support the Veterans News Network with a sponsorship Ad, please visit <http://www.vnnusa.com/thanks-for-supporting-vnn/>

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](#)

Message from the Auxiliary Steak Chairperson Judy Duncan

Dinner Tickets will go up to \$10.00 per dinner starting 1st of September 2017. (Other items, F/F and Hamburgers, etc. remain the same)

We have five (5) Fridays in September and we will need a Team to work on 29th of September. (Several volunteers will be in Beaufort for MOC/MOCA).

PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP SHEETS on the Bulletin Board.

This is the information I have for our Teams:

- ◆ **1st Friday:** Team Leader: *Judy. Ellen, Betty G., Jackie B. Bonnie and Cashier; Betty B
- ◆ **2nd Friday:** Need a Team Leader! Ted, Anglia, Allie M., Vicky C. and Cashier: Shelagh. THIS TEAM NEEDS SOME HELP!!!! Please volunteer.
- ◆ **3rd Fri:** Team Leader: *Shirley Z. Linney C., Amy A. Kathy Z. Paulette, Bob, Mary Jane and Cashier: Patricia Laity
- ◆ **4th Friday:** Team Leader: * Myra. Dana, Pat Parks, Marie, Morgan (temp), and Cashier: Sandy R.

PLEASE REVIEW AND UPDATE INFORMATION ON THE TEAM SIGN UP SHEETS OR CONTACT YOUR TEAM LEADER.

Standby: Cody, Greg, Sandy "Whynot" and Shirley Houck. Please add your name to standby list if you can help once in a while and provide a contact number to the Team Leader or Judy.

Any questions leave me an email: jduncan004@yahoo.com or call me at 843-708-9807

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Did you know: Traditionally, members of the nation's veteran's service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear.



The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag.

A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which

President Bush signed on Oct. 14, 2008.

Here is the actual text from the law:

SEC. 595. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY MEM-BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS.

Section 301(b) (1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

(A) Individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;

(B) Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and

(C) All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart;

Note: Part (C) applies to those not in the military and non-veterans. The phrase "men not in uniform" refers to civil service uniforms like police, fire fighters, and letter carriers - non-veteran civil servants who might normally render a salute while in uniform.

Food donations for the Homeless.



Hanging out and enjoying life



Auxiliary members at the District School of Instruction





VFW Post 3433 Officers 2017 - 2018



Commander	Todd "Howie" Howard	President	Betty Gander
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Jr. Vice Commander	Robbert Zedneck	Jr. Vice President	Dana Alves
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Service Officer	Ron Jones	Conductress	Sandi Myers
Surgeon	Janet Chisolm-Richard	Guard	Randall Brooks
Adjutant	Andrew Steanson	Patriotic Instructor	Ellen Fulda
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2 Year Trustee	Edwin "Ted" Tufts	1 Year Trustee	Beth Tufts
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		3 Year Trustee	Shirley Houck

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Jay Johansen

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MOC/MOCA Officers 2017 - 2018



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Tight Wad 2	Norris Stevens	Conductress	Dana Alves
Tight Wad 3		1 Year Trustee	Ellen Fulda
Pill Pusher	Edwin "Ted" Tufts	2 Year Trustee	Sandi Myers
Jimmy Legs	Ralph Minnoe	3 Year Trustee	Karen McClendon
Shyster	Phil Cates	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.



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 4th Labor Day
- ◆ Sept 9th Fall Begins
- ◆ Sept 11— Patriot Day
- ◆ Sept 29 VFW Birthday.
- ◆ Oct 7th - Comedy Night @ the Post. 7pm
- ◆ Oct 9 - Columbus Day
- ◆ Dec 16 - Wreaths across America Day.

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National VFW Day September 29. The VFW was established on September 29, 1899.					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 7:31 	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 Steak 6:30 	30

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 House Committee Mtn 7:00	3 VFW Business Meeting 7:30	4 6-7:30 	5 Bass Masters 7pm	6 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	7 Comedy Night @ the Post 7pm
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29	30	 <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Cootie Scratch 29 Sep - 1 Oct Beaufort SC. Turkey Shoot - 4 Oct - 16 Dec.</p> </div>				



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Ted Tufts—Newsletter Editor.