



**2018 Membership Goal: 100% / 85% Retention**  
**2018 Current Status: 95.13% / 67.37%**



# February 2018

*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

*Department of South Carolina Communication Award* — 2014,15,16

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## From the Commander



Well here we are!!! We made it into 2018!!! Great time had by all at the New Year's party. Thanks again to all that participated and made it a success.

Lots of good things happening at the post. New games in the canteen, the renovation projects are still moving forward. Please continue to bear with us during the renovations. Let's all continue to work together and make our post great!!!

We are still looking for volunteers for a second wing night and second taco night. Let us know if you are interested in helping out!

Thanks for all you do and for continued support for our Post!!!

*Howie*

Todd W. Howard  
Commander 2017-18

## From the President



Our mid-winter conference at Embassy Suites is in Greenville on Feb 15 to 18, Hope to see a bunch of our members there.

I want thank all who visited the Fisher House last month and they said it was a beautiful place. We still need volunteers to cook meals for the Fisher House Contact Vickie at Volunteer Service at VA hospital. Our Membership still needs 26 renewed or NEW to be 101 %. Our National President Dee Guillory will be at our conference in Greenville.

Our Hospital visit will Feb 11th. ON March 25th will be our annual Easter egg Hunt time 1pm till 3pm. Contact Carrie Conyers our Youth Chairman for more information. Volunteers still needed for our Steak Night. Membership Chairman Shirley Houck will be sending out Renewal notices the 1st of march.

*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 – **95.13%** 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.

### DUES NOTICE SCHEDULE

Annual members will receive a mailed renewal notice five months, three months, and one month prior to their subscription end date. Annual members with a valid email address will also receive an emailed renewal notice six months, four months, and two months prior to their subscription end date.

Annual members will receive a mailed lapsed notice one, three, and five months following their subscription end date.

### MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT OPTIONS

Members now have the option to enroll in two beneficial programs. Once enrolled in either program, automatic payments are processed using the credit card information provided on the application. These are simply added options on the membership application. The traditional methods of signing up for both annual and Life membership are still options as well.

### VFW Autopay—renews your annual membership automatically!

**Life Installment Plan**—automatic monthly payments option—with this option, there is no need to complete a payment authorization form.

Annual members are encouraged to take advantage of the Life member installment plan. Annual are also encouraged to take advantage of the automatic payment option if they prefer not to become a life member.

### **Legacy Life Membership:**

This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. Three levels of membership each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

Level - Costs	Post	Departments	National
Gold - \$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver- \$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze- \$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

## Chaplains' Words



As we embark into the New Year, let us remember our fallen comrades and their families. May God bless them and all of us as we take on new challenges and endeavors this 2018. May you find strength and compassion for people. Help others in need and support our comrades as we all stand together to keep this family whole and united. Each of us has a gift in life. Share it and may those gifts teach each of us that we can be unique and different but still stand for the same cause.

Oh lord,  
Where there is hatred, let us plant the seeds of your love;  
Where there is doubt,...faith;  
Where there is despair,...hope;  
Where there is darkness,...light;  
Where there is sadness,...joy.

Be safe and enjoy the journey of life. Feel free to talk and express any concerns that you may have at any time.

God bless everyone.

*Jay Johansen*

Chaplain  
2017-2018

## Service Officer



Hello Comrades! Dare I say "Happy February"? With a month that has so much to offer; Valentines Day, Presidents Day, a short month for retirees, even Groundhog Day it certainly has started off badly. As of this writing we are in the midst of a "government shut-down" and a flu pandemic.

Let me take the "Shutdown" first. With assistance from Representative Sanford's Office I can report the following. Social Security, Medicare, Military Retiree, checks will go out as usual. Essential government services such as military services (active duty), border protection, air traffic control, and law enforcement will continue. The Veterans Health Administration will continue full operation. The Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center and all Community Based Outpatient Clinics are operating under normal hours. All is not business as normal though. Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie

are both closed. Most government agencies will see some change in normal operations. How much change will depend on the mission and duties of that specific government agency. For example: The IRS verifies income and social security numbers for mortgage and loan applicants. It is likely those services will stop thus delaying loan and mortgage applications until the shutdown is resolved. If you have questions either call the government involved, or Representative Sanford's office at Phone: (843) 352-7572 or Fax: (843) 352-7620.

Now about the flu pandemic. Take it from someone that knows first hand... The flu vaccine that many of us took in a timely manner does not work against the current variation of the flu. After a trip to an "Urgent Care" Facility and then a subsequent trip to the MUSC ER I was told the current vaccine was only about 10% effective. Consequently medical facilities everywhere are swamped. The Ralph Johnson



VAMC is open. But, it has put out this current directive. "Patients experiencing flu symptoms, such as fever/chills, runny nose, muscle aches, sore throat, coughing and/or sneezing, are encouraged to call the VA's Telephone Advice Program (TAP) line at 843-789-6400 or 888-878-6884 prior to presenting in person to the medical center. Only Veteran patients and immediate family should visit the medical center; no children under the age of 12 at this time. Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand cleaner before and after each visit. Cover your cough or sneeze. Masks are available at the medical center's entrances and should be used by those who suspect they may have the flu."

Comrades as always, if you see a veteran in need... help them! Together we will get through this.

### *Ron Jones*

Post Service Officer  
2017-2018

## Surgeon's Corner



The flu season is more deadly this year with more hospitalizations and deaths. If you haven't gotten your flu vaccine, it is not too late. There is no recommendation that a second will make you any more protected. Drink plenty of water and non-caffeinated drinks. You may not be aware of how dehydrating you get in the winter.

February is heart month. Take care of yours with the proper diet and exercise.

In the wake of the nation's opioid crisis, expect to have to tolerate more pain. Many doctors are now not trying to go pain-free, but to make your pain manageable. They are prescribing less meds in hopes of preventing opioid addiction.

Hurricane Maria's effect on Puerto Rico's manufacturing of IV bags has left the US hospitals short of available intravenous fluids. Expect to drink more and to take more medications orally that were once readily provided by IV.

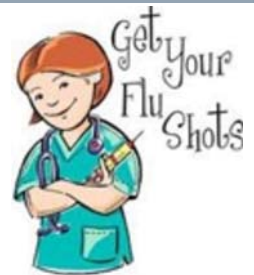
If you have cold symptoms, wear a mask in public, or better yet stay at home and rest. Wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water, and use hand sanitizers frequently.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Love always,

*Janet Chisolm-Richard*

Post Surgeon—2017-2018



We will be honoring our post Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy winners at the District 1 meeting on March 4th here at our post. Please come out to support them.



**Next year's themes are already out.**

**Voice of Democracy: "Why My Vote Matters"**

**Patriots Pen: "Why I Honor the American Flag"**

Janet Chisolm-Richard, Post PP & VOD Chairman



## News from the MOC Seam Squirrel



It's always nice to see the crowd at the Scratch. No matter what the weather is or what else is going on in people's lives, there's a wonderful turnout. I bet other Pup Tents wish they were us. We DO have a great Pup Tent. Crummy Bugs rock!

Thanks to the moon, there's a triple treat in the sky on 31 January. It's another Super Moon. You gotta admit those are always cool. It's also the second full moon in January making it a Blue Moon. On top of those two things, there will be a total Lunar Eclipse. While it's in the Earth's shadow it will have a red tint which is called a Blood Moon.

NASA's name for this? "Super Blue Blood Moon." Totally awesome!

Nominations are open in February. Time to put on your thinking caps and vote. If you're interested in holding a position please let folks know. Jump up and down, wiggle your hips, clap your hands, or whisper if you have to. Actually, you don't need to do all that to be nominated but it sounds like fun!

Our next VA Hospital visit is on 11 March. We'll meet at our VFW at 1130 and leave around 1200. Let's all try to bring at least one "civilian" friend with us. Our Veterans will appreciate their support as well.

### Dates to remember:

13 Feb 1931 - Crummy Bug Scratch

11 Mar 1130 - VA Hospital Visit

24 Mar 1800- INSTALLATION of Officers

Happy Valentine's Day!

Our next meeting will be February 13th at 1931. See y'all there!

### *Anglia (George) Soza*

Seam Squirrel

2017-2018

## News from the MOCA President



Some of us made the long drive to Crystal River, FL to attend the 5th District Supreme meeting and the Grand of Florida meeting. We can get some good ideas by observing what other Grands do to help support our veterans and have some fun. The next 5th District Supreme will be in Waycross, GA, date to be announced later.

We had a very good VA Hospital visit on January 14th. Some patients were happy to see the clowns in all their attire. We succeeded in putting a smile on their faces and the staff had smiles for us. Plan to join us for our next visit and help support our veterans in the hospital. For some, you may be the only visitor they have that day just to talk with for a few minutes. We had our usual lunch get together after the hospital visit, which is a fun thing to do. Our next visit will be March 11, 2018.

The next MOC/MOCA Grand of SC will be April 6-8, 2018, hosted by Pup Tent #13 Orangeburg. Location to be announced later.

MOC/MOCA Installation of officers for the ensuing year will be March 24, 2018.

We have several members who are sick with the flu and other ailments. I wish all of you a speedy recovery.

Our next meeting is February 13, 2018, at 7:31 pm. Hope to see you there.

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

### *Sandy Rowland*

MOCA President

2017-2018

## VFW National

### NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE/ACTION CORPS:

#### VFW Delivers Petition Urging Congress to Expand VA Caregiver Program

The VFW, Disabled American Veterans, The American Legion and Paralyzed Veterans of America joined forces in support of pre-9/11 caregivers who are unjustly denied access to the comprehensive caregiver services VA provides the caregivers of post-9/11 veterans. Together, they delivered a petition with more than 182,000 signatures calling on Congress to expand VA comprehensive caregiver assistance benefits to disabled veterans of all eras. They were joined by Senate and House members also calling on their colleagues to pass caregiver extension legislation. "Caregivers of military veterans, the overwhelming majority of whom are family members, put their lives and careers on hold, often accepting great emotional and financial burdens to ensure their veterans have a meaningful quality of life and stay in their homes instead of having to receive institutional nursing home care," said Bob Wallace, VFW's Assistant Adjutant General and Executive Director, Washington Office. [Read the press release.](#)

### VFW Opposes New VA Privatization Attempt

Congressman Doug Lamborn (R-Colo.) recently introduced a bill that would break our promise to veterans. H.R. 4457, the Veterans Empowerment Act, would dismantle the VA health care system, charge veterans for service-connected health care, and reduce VA to an insurance program for veterans. Congressman Lamborn and bill cosponsors, Congressmen Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) and Trent Franks (R-Ariz.), must not be allowed to advance this dangerous proposal. Urge your member of Congress to oppose H.R. 4457 and let Congress know if they cannot take care of America's veterans, then Congress should quit creating them. [Click here to take action!](#)



### 119th VFW National Convention

Kansas City, Mo., has been selected as host city for the 119th VFW National Convention, July 21-25, 2018.

### VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING:

119th National Convention housing will officially open February 20, 2018. Housing reservation information will be located on the convention website accessed through the main VFW website at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). The convention website will also have general convention information including the registration form and links to other

## Department of South Carolina

Department of South Carolina Mid-Winter Conference 15-18 February 2018

### Greenville Embassy Suits

670 Verdae Blvd  
Greenville, SC  
864-676-9090

\$115 per night.

When calling let desk know you are with the VFW.

VFW Auxiliary National President Dee Guillory will be attending as the National Representative for the Auxiliary.

## District 1 News

Lots going on around the District and if you get a chance go visit some of the other Posts and exchange ideas.

The Stingrays fundraiser was a huge success even though the weather tried to interfere. A number of District members attended and some money was made to donate to the Department Veterans Service Office.

The District is currently in 5th place membership wise in the state but we are moving up. Help the Post, District and State by increasing our membership.

The next District meeting is March 4th and Post 3433 and will be the District awards banquet. Eat at 1, meet and awards presentation at 2.

## Around the Post

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.

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, please contact us at [ladsonvfw3433@gmail.com](mailto: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 the Commander.

From the Steak Chairman - Our Team 2 (the 2nd Friday of the month) has only three volunteers: Angelia (aka George), Vicky C. and Shelegh as cashier. Work conflicts caused the loss of two volunteers. We need at least 3 volunteers for this Team. ASAP!!!!

**HEADS UP:** We have 5 Fridays in March and no available Team for the 5th Friday March 30th. I will be out of town and hope we can build a Team to cover this night.

Thanks for your support!! Judy Duncan 843-708-9807 or [jduncan004@yahoo.com](mailto:jduncan004@yahoo.com)



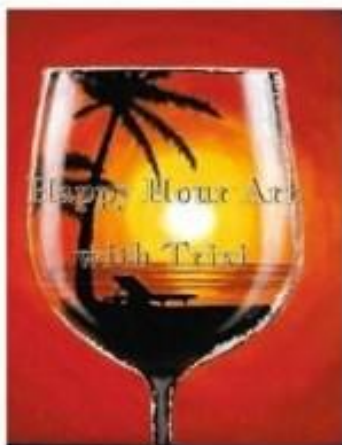
**Darts, Bowling and  
Tacos every 2nd  
and 4th Thursday.**





**Effective 22 JANUARY 2018, VFW  
POST 3433 WILL BE A TOBACCO FREE  
FACILITY**

- THIS INCLUDES NO SMOKING / CHEWING TOBACCO OR SMOKELESS TOBACCO / VAPING OF ANY KIND / OR ANY OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT PERIOD
- THIS INCLUDES ANY SPACE INSIDE OF THE FOUR OUTER WALLS OF VFW POST 3433
- THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING WITHIN 10 FEET IN ANY DIRECTION OF THE FRONT DOOR



**Happy Hour Art  
Feb 27 at 7PM**

Paint this picture

**\$25.00 gets you ALL the Supplies Needed  
Sign Up with the Bartender**





## VFW Post 3433 Officers 2017 - 2018



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2 Year Trustee	Edwin "Ted" Tufts	1 Year Trustee	Beth Tufts
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## MOC/MOCA Officers 2017 - 2018



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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	Robert 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.




# March













Monthly meetings are 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
- ◆ 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.

- ◆ Feb 4 - Super-bowl Sunday
- ◆ Feb 14 - Valentines Day
- ◆ Feb 16-18 VFW Spring Conference
- ◆ Mar 4 District 1 Awards Ceremony
- ◆ Mar 24th - USS Ralph Johnson Commissioning Ceremony
- ◆ Feb 11 Hospital visit
- ◆ March 25th Childrens Easter egg Hunt 1pm till 3pm.
- ◆ April 6-8-MOC/MOCA Grand of SC Orangeburg
- ◆ May 1 - Loyalty Day

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MOC/MOCA Installation of Officers—March 24th				1 Bass Masters 7pm	2 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	3
4 District 1 Awards Ceremony	5 HC 7:00 / 7:30 	6 VFW Business Meeting 7:30	7 6-7:30 	8 Tacos/Darts	9 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	10
11 Daylight Saving . MOC/MOCA Hospital Visit	12	13 MOC/MOCA 7:31 	14	15 7:30 	16 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	17 S.A.M.S Mtg. 11am Saint Patrick's Day
18	19 7:30 	20 6:30 	21	22 Tacos/Darts	23 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	24 USS Ralph Johnson Commissioning Ceremony
25 Children's Easter Egg Hunt	26	27	28	29	30 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	31

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
House Committee Meeting Feb 5th 7:00				1 Bass Masters 7pm	2 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	3
4 	5 7:30 	6 VFW Business Meeting 7:30	7 6-7:30 	8 Tacos/Darts	9 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	10
11 VA Hospital Visit	12	13 MOC/MOCA 7:31 	14 	15 7:30 	16 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	17 S.A.M.S Mtg. 11am
18	19 7:30 Presidents Day 	20 6:30 	21	22 Tacos/Darts	23 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	24
25	26	27	28	16-18 Feb—VFW Spring Conference Greenville, SC		

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