



2018 Membership Goal: 100% / 85% Retention
2018 Current Status: 96.35% / 68.95%



March 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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3433 Webpage

<https://vfwpost3433.org/>

**Newsletter Editor—
Ted Tufts**

From the Commander



Spring is in the air!!! Spring too many means a new fresh start with new things happening. Lots of new stuff at the post. I want to thank all of you that donated time and efforts to the multiple phases of renovation to the canteen. The cleaning crew, primers, painters, stainers and demo team were awesome!!! Thanks for stepping up to help!!!

Looking for a great lunch? Stop in to the post and try one of Gabby's delicious specials!

Nominations are upon us. Ready to run for office and see what you can do for the post? Throw your name in and see what good things you can do.

New bartenders at the post. Stop in and introduce yourself.

Thanks for all you do!!!

Howie

Todd W. Howard
Commander 2017-18

From the President



Just a reminder that Steak Night will twice a month the 1st and 4th Fridays of the month. In membership we still need 20 renew or new members to make our goal of 100% for the year. We had a great conference in Greenville Our National president was there and we all learned a lot. I want to thank Cracker Barrel for donating two rocking chairs to the Fisher House and providing Four more all with service emblems on them. I want to thank the MOCA, our Auxiliary, Joanne Perrite, Shirley Zinn, and Kathy Zdenek for their donations on purchasing of the four rocking chairs. All the chairs are beautiful and are sitting on the front porch of the Fisher house. District One meeting is March 4th at 1pm at our post 3433. Remember Nominations and Elections in our meeting in April. Thanks to Dana, we got 2nd place in Buddy poppies at the Convention. Our next meeting is April 3rd 2018.

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 – 96.35% 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

Service Officer



Hello Comrades. I want to remind you of a few quick and easy ways to contact the Veterans Administration directly or a local Veteran Service Officer if you need assistance.

The easiest way to contact the Veterans Administration directly is by calling 1-844-698-2311. You will hear a menu of options that you can select from to route you to the right place depending on your inquiry. Some areas that often have inquiries are Benefits: 1-800-827-1000, Health Care: 1-877-222-8387, VA Inspector General: 1-800-488-8244, and Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 Press 1.

In South Carolina each County has a Veterans' Affairs Office. These are under the State of South Carolina Division of Veteran's Affairs, not the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (Federal Government). But, these County offices with years of knowledge and experience can be a valuable local resource in dealing with the Federal VA. Some local County offices and their numbers are; Berkeley 843-377-8506, Charleston 843-974-6360, and Dorchester 843-832-0050.

Of course the internet is also a quick painless source of information. In any event, if you have a question... ASK! The information is free and it may not only benefit you, but your family as well.

As always tomorrow is a great day to help a Veteran.

Ron Jones

Post Service Officer
2017-2018



The VFW's Action Corps is the VFW's grassroots lobbying effort. Located in communities across the globe, this group works to inform and educate veterans and service members on the initiatives and policies that affect them and take the voice of veterans to local, state and national lawmakers.

Join the [VFW Action Corps](#) today and add your voice to the thousands of veterans' advocates making a difference every day, and if you're already a member of the VFW Action Corps, encourage your friends and neighbors to join the effort!

Participants receive:

- ♦ The VFW Action Corps Weekly, an easy-to-read electronic newsletter that highlights the VFW's advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill.
- ♦ Immediate access to a nationwide database of contact information for all elected officials, a congressional directory.
- ♦ Regular VFW "Action Alerts" on how to get involved when our nation's veterans, service members and their families need their voices heard on Capitol Hill.

News from the MOC Seam Squirrel



We had nominations in February and me thinks some shenanigans happened. There was a unanimous vote and the Pup Tent decided to keep the same officers for the next year. The wait is over and the secret is out. I'm the Crummiest of all for another year. Thank you for the vote of What Ever That Was all y'all did! It was a great Pup Tent last year and will be again this year!

Our break is over. We're having a Cootie Clean-up around the shack on 3MAR. A few of us are getting out there to remove the old fire pit and bring in the new! A huge THANK YOU to Goose for going out and fixing up the targets. There's nothing quite like a purdy target to destroy. It's only March but we're going to get a few things ready now then we're only half killing ourselves this fall. Actually, the spiders are trying to kill us by chasing us around.

Don't forget to move your clocks back on 11MAR. While most do it automatically, there are still a few that need love. Coffee pots, microwaves, stoves, and that old alarm clock you still use. You know the ones that flash at you when the electricity goes out. You can also just put a piece of electrical tape over it so you don't see it flashing anymore.

No NASA updates. I have new schtuff planned to make you giggle. Or shake your head. Or just pee yourself when you get up to run away from the newsletter. Teeheehee...

Our next VA Hospital visit is on 11MAR. We'll meet at our VFW at 1100 and leave around 1130. Our Veterans always appreciate our support and it just feels good.

Dates to remember:

- 11 March 0200 - Daylight Saving Time
- 11 March 1130 - VA Hospital Visit
- 13 March 1931 - Crummy Bug Scratch
- 24 March 1800- INSTALLATION of Officers
- 6-8 April - Grand of SC hosted by Pup Tent #13 Orangeburg. Location TBA.

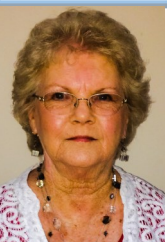
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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

Anglia (George) Soza

Seam Squirrel
2017-2018

News from the MOCA President



It already feels like spring. Hope you are enjoying the weather, minus the pollen. We had a good turn-out for the Grand Scratch in Spartanburg January 25-27, 2018. Pup Tent # 3 treated us very well with great food and hospitality. The ladies once again sang our version of a song at karaoke that Friday night. The next Scratch will be April 6-8, 2018, in Orangeburg. Details to follow.

Our next VA Hospital visit will be March 11th. We plan to met at the post at 11:00 am and leave at 11:30 am. This is an earlier time because of the Quarter Auction that afternoon at the post.

Dress as clowns if you can.

Installation of MOC/MOCA officers will be Saturday, March 24, 2018 starting at 6:00 pm for the social hour. Hope you are planning to attend.

I wish those of you who are sick a speedy recovery. Also, Happy Birthday to you who will be turning a year older in March.

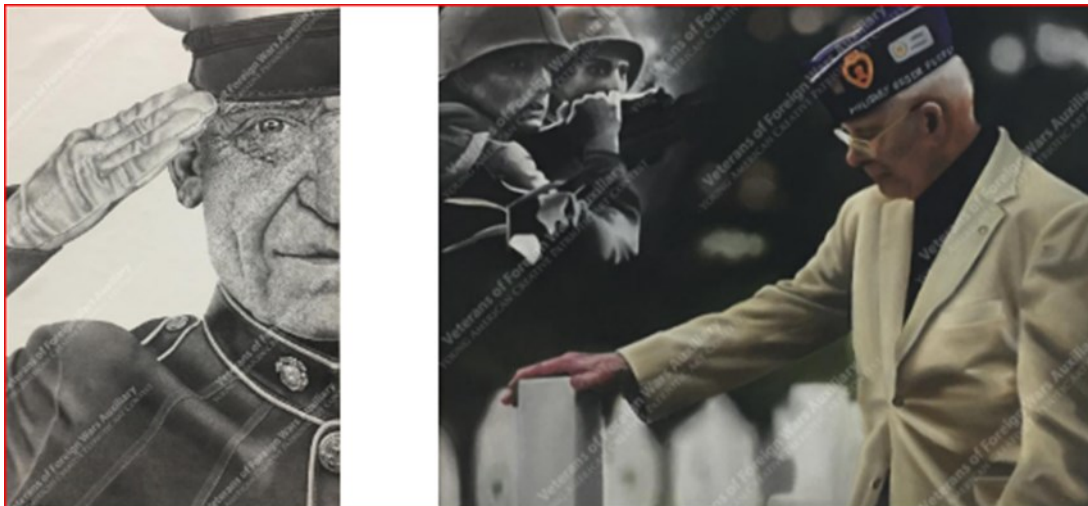
Our next meeting will be March 13, 2018 at 7:31 pm. Hope to see you there. Remember our slogan, "*keep'em smiling in beds of white*".

Sandy Rowland

MOCA President
2017-2018

VFW National

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest - Entries Must be Received by a Local Auxiliary on March 31, 2018!



Each year, more than 3,500 high school students from across the country participate in the VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The scholarship contest began in 1979 to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth.

The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades 9-12. Students must be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. National with a maximum age of 18 at time of local entry. No digital art or photography will be accepted, and artwork must be on canvas or paper. It will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. One winner from each Department (state) will be forwarded to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters. View the 2017 National and Department Winners.

Deadlines:

Entries received by local VFW Auxiliary - March 31

Entries received by Department (state) - April 15

Entries received by National Headquarters - May 5

National Awards:

First Place: \$10,000 scholarship

Second Place: \$5,000 scholarship

Third Place: \$2,500 scholarship

Fourth Place: \$1,500 scholarship

Fifth through Eighth Place: \$500 scholarship

Get the word out in your community about this wonderful scholarship contest! Visit the Scholarships section on the Program & Publicity Resources page of the VFW Auxiliary website for a printer-friendly application, fillable media release, informational flier, helpful hints and more!

We look forward to displaying winners from each Department for National judging at the 2018 National Convention in Kansas City!

Department of South Carolina

The VFW-SC Sentinel Newsletter has been released and is on the Department website. Lots of good information in this issue.

Next year 2018-2019, the Fall and Winter Conferences will remain as usual. Fall in Myrtle Beach, Spring in Greenville and Convention in Columbia. For 2019-2020 there will be one Conference and that will be at the Doubletree in Columbia as well as the Convention. This is a cost savings for both the Department and members.

On 5 May there will be a CofA at Department Hq - 10am for the Comrades and 21 April is the Department Picnic also at Hq. All are invited and welcome to attend.

7-10 Jun is the Department Convention in Columbia. Watch the Department Website for registration and hotel information.

The National Website has information on Hotels and registration for the National Convention in Kansas City 20-25 July.

District 1 News

The next District meeting will be March 4th at Post 3433. This will be the District Awards banquet for Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teachers.

Scouting nominations are due by the end of March to Dave Mellert and District Volunteer awards are due 31 March as well. The Commander has the information for nominations and submission.

6 May is the District Convention at Post 3142. Nominations and election of District officers will be done at this time. Any Comrade in good standing can run for District office and nominations are open.

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 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 -



Auxiliary Steak Nights have changed to the 1st and 4th Friday's of each month.

March 2nd, March 23rd

April 6th, April 27th

Thanks for your support!! Judy Duncan 843-708-9807 or jduncan004@yahoo.com



Darts
Bowling
Tacos





**The Charleston Community Jazz Band was formed in 2016. The Jazz Band with a Modern Twist!!!
See more information at:
charlestoncommunityband.org**

Come join us for Auxiliary Steak Night and enjoy this great Jazz Band. Dinner orders starts at 6:30PM and orders end at 8:00PM

Thanks for supporting the VFW Aux. 3433!!!!

A large, light blue rounded rectangular graphic containing a white rounded rectangle. Inside the white rectangle, the text "Charleston Jazz Band coming to the Post 3433" and "Friday, April 27 7PM" is displayed. The background of the white rectangle is decorated with a large orange treble clef, a black and white piano keyboard, and several light blue musical notes. The entire graphic is framed by a light blue border.



VFW Post 3433 Officers 2017 - 2018



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MOC/MOCA Officers 2017 - 2018



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Tight Wad 2	Norris Stevens	Conductress	Dana Alves
Tight Wad 3	Liz Britt	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	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 Wednesday Night—Wings 6:00 to 7:30
- ◆ 1st Thursday – Bassmasters 7 pm
- ◆ 1st/4th Monday Aux Steak
- ◆ 3rd Tuesday – Spaghetti Night. 6:30
- ◆ 3rd Thursday – DAV 7:30
- ◆ 3rd Saturday – 11:00 S.A.M.S. Mtg.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MOC/MOCA Installation of Officers—March 24th Quarter Auction March 11 1:30				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	9	10
11 Daylight Saving . MOC/MOCA Hospital Visit	12	13 MOC/MOCA 7:31 	14	15 7:30/ Taco Night 	16	17 S.A.M.S Mtg. 11am Saint Patrick's Day
18	19 7:30 	20 6:30 	21	22	23 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	24 USS Ralph Johnson Commissioning Ceremony
25 Children's Easter Egg Hunt	26	27	28	29	30	31



April 2018

- ◆ Mar 4 District 1 Awards Ceremony
- ◆ Mar 11 Auxiliary Quarter Auction 1:30
- ◆ Mar 24th - USS Ralph Johnson Commissioning Ceremony
- ◆ March 25th Children's Easter egg Hunt 1pm till 3pm.
- ◆ April 6-8-MOC/MOCA Grand of SC Orangeburg
- ◆ April 21 VFW Dept., Picnic Columbia
- ◆ April 27 Jazz Night
- ◆ May 1 - Loyalty Day
- ◆ May 6 District 1 Convention Post 3137

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1  Easter	2 HC 7:00 / 7:30 	3 VFW Business Meeting 7:30	4 6-7:30 	5 Bass Masters 7pm	6 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	7	
8	9	10 MOC/MOCA 7:31 	11	12 Taco Nigh	13	14	
15	16 7:30 	17 6:30 	18	19 7:30 	20	21 VFW Dept., Picnic Columbia / S.A.M.S 11am	
22	23	24	25	26	27 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	28	
29	30	6-8 Apr MOC/MOCA Grand of SC—Orangeburg					
				27 Apr—JAZZ Nigh			

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Ted Tufts—Newsletter Editor.