



2018 Membership Goal: 100% / 85% Retention
2018 Current Status: 98.78% / 76.84%



May 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

TSGT. Walter C. Fulda

Post 3433

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VFW Auxiliary

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3433 Webpage

<https://vfwpost3433.org/>

**Newsletter Editor—
Ted Tufts**

From the Commander



As my first term as commander comes to a close, I would like to thank all those that helped it be a successful year. Everyone from the Comrades and the Auxiliary that contributed to the projects as well as the fundraising for those projects, I offer my thanks. The post belongs to us all, and it has been great seeing people come out to continue to make us, “the post with the most.”

That being said, there’s no time to rest on our laurels. New fundraising ideas are always welcome, and recruiting for both VFW and the auxiliary still need to be a primary focus.

We are still looking at adding another wing night as well as possibly picking up the vacant Fridays for possible fish fry nights. These nights need volunteers. If you are interested, please contact myself or Greg.

Thanks for all you do!!!

Howie

Todd W. Howard
Commander 2018-19

PS. Elections went well and I’m looking forward to the New Year!!!

From the President



I want thank Mary Bain for getting the Patriotic Art from Cain Bay High School and taking it to VFW Dept. for judging. May 4th on steak night, Loyalty Day will held. May 20th at 3PM installation of our incoming Officers for the New Year. Memorial Day service will be at 10:30 at Parks Cemetery on the 28th followed by a luncheon by the Auxiliary at the Post 3433. I want to thank our membership Chairman Shirley Houck for getting our Auxiliary 100%. Keep in your Prayers for our members that have been sick

and or hospitalized

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 – **98.78%** 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 members 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. This post is lengthy. But it helps you to understand the oversight the VA is continually subjected to every day.

This month's information that is about a recent finding of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) as it pertains to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The GAO placed VA on its "**High-Risk List.**" The move is designed to address lingering deficiencies in its health-care system once and for all. The GAO identified five specific risk areas when it added VA health care to the Federal government's list of 32 high-risk agencies and programs in 2015: ambiguous policies and inconsistent processes, inadequate oversight and accountability, information technology challenges, inadequate training for VA staff, and unclear resource needs and allocation priorities

The GAO is an independent, nonpartisan agency that works for Congress. Often called the "congressional watchdog," GAO investigates how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars. **It's mission** is to support the Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities and to help improve the performance and ensure the accountability of the federal government for the benefit of the American people. Every two years, GAO calls attention to agencies and program areas that are high risk as a result of vulnerabilities and in need of transformation.

In response to being placed on the High Risk List, the VA recently delivered a comprehensive action plan to GAO that includes these crucial steps the agency has taken to address these risk areas for VA health care, along with a number of others to improve business operations:

Reducing ambiguity and red tape. Eliminated outdated policy documents. VA has already purged more than 235 expired directives and 85 percent of all outdated manuals.

Eliminating bureaucracy and streamlining decision making. VA has reduced central office staff positions by 10 percent and consolidated its policy and operations functions in mental health, primary care, and geriatrics to improve support to field activities and Veteran-facing services. These restructuring actions allow VA to become more efficient by pushing decision rights to the lowest appropriate level.

Strengthening internal oversight and accountability. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) established the Office of Integrity to consolidate its compliance, ethics, and oversight programs under a single executive, and moved swiftly to establish an internal audit function and associated governance committee that provides the Under Secretary for Health with an independent and objective way to assess operations.

Modernizing information technology support. VA's Electronic Health Record (EHR) Modernization program will enable seamless care and full interoperability with the Department of Defense's EHR modernization solution, and enhance the ability to exchange Veteran health data with community health partners.

Clarifying resource needs and priorities. VA established a centralized manpower management office to integrate staffing processes, and transformed its financial management methods to improve resource planning and allocation.

In addition to addressing the GAO high-risk areas, VA continually responds to GAO recommendations on VA operations throughout each year. Overall, VA has succeeded in closing approximately 377 recommendations since 2009, and is committed to closing as quickly as possible all 22 recommendations that GAO has identified as high priority. So even with the current turmoil with the VA Director position, the VA is being monitored and watched to insure the very best care for our Veterans

Have a great Spring and Recruit, Recruit, Recruit. We need new members!

Ron Jones

Post Service Officer
2017-2018

Final Reminder: R&A's Mailing Addresses Have ChangedDFAS-SmartDocs@mail.mil**All Retirees and Annuitants.**

On May 1, 2017, the mailing addresses for Retired and Annuitant Pay changed, and mail has been forwarded from the old P.O. Box addresses to the new mailing addresses since that date. The old addresses in Kentucky will be discontinued on April 30, 2018 and any mail received after April 30, 2018 will be returned.

The new addresses are:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Retired Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-1200

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-1300

Mail sent to the old P.O. Boxes in London, KY, will be forwarded to the new addresses until April 30, 2018 (after that date, mail sent to the old addresses will be returned). Sending mail to the old addresses will add seven to ten days to the normal processing time. The telephone and fax numbers have not changed.

Please visit our website at

<https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html> for additional information

Director
Retired Pay
DFAS Cleveland



The VFW's Action Corps is the VFW's grassroots lobbying effort. Located in communities across the globe, this group work 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



What a great time in Orangeburg! There's one MOCA member that will never walk into an MOC room again. Quite a bit of money raised because of her!

National Tap Dance Day is May 25th. It became a holiday in 1989 and is a celebration of tap dancing as an American art form. This date was chosen to honor Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. The popular dance on this day is called the "Shim Sham Shimmy." I don't think I'll be doing that. My Shim Sham Shimmied away years ago!

It has been decided that the Grand Scratch being hosted by our Pup Tent will be Orangeburg. Same bat channel, different bat time.

22-24 June 2018

Econo Lodge, 1415 John C. Calhoun Drive, Orangeburg, SC 29115

803-531-4600 Mention VFW-MOC/MOCA

Rooms are \$60.00

ADVANCE REGISTRATION until 15 JUNE - \$5.00 for GRAND, \$20.00 for Banquet

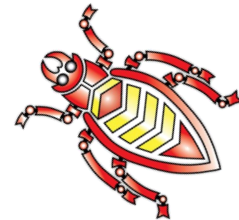
Make checks payable to: MOC/MOCA Pup Tent #10

Dates to remember:

8 May 1931 - Crummy Bug Scratch

22-24 June - Grand Scratch, Orangeburg

Our next meeting will be May 8th at 1931. See y'all there!



Anglia (George) Soza

Seam Squirrel

2018-2019

News from the MOCA President



We had a good turn-out at the Scratch in Orangeburg the first weekend of April. The Pup Tent #10 Cooties took most of the fund-raiser brown bag items that was provided by MOCA #13 at the banquet. That was fun for us and showed that Ladson was in the house.

The Grand of SC Convention will be June 22-24, 2018, at the Econo Lodge in Orangeburg, 1415 John C. Calhoun Dr., 803-531-4600. Mention VFW-MOC/MOCA to reserve your rooms. Pup Tent #10 will be the host for the Scratch. Election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at this time, so plan to attend. The more, the merrier.

Our next VA Hospital visit will be May 20, 2018. Meet at the post at 11:00 and leave for the hospital at 11:30.

We would like to say "Welcome" to our newest member, Tammy Cappadona. Tammy has already proven she is willing to jump in and help volunteer with us.

We are happy to have you join us Tammy.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms. May your day be blessed.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 7:31 pm.

Remember our slogan, "keep'em smiling in beds of white".

Sandy Rowland

MOCA President
2017-2018

VFW National

VFW Patriotic Youth Scholarship Contest Opens

Every year, students compete for their share of \$3 million in scholarships and awards. Dedicated to encouraging a better understanding and appreciation of America, the VFW's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay competitions help foster patriotism among today's youth. The programs also foster friendly competition as well as rewards success in the form of some \$3 million in scholarship monies being distributed.



The Voice of Democracy theme for 2018-19 asks high school students to reflect on "Why My Vote Matters." The audio-essay competition is open to all students in grades 9-12, with the top prize being a \$30,000 scholarship award. Nearly 40,000 high school students complete in the annual competition.



The Patriot's Pen essay competition is open to all students in grades 6-8, and the 2018-19 competition asks students to examine the statement, "Why I Honor the American Flag." The first-place winner will receive a \$5,000 award. More than 132,000 students competed in this year's Patriot's Pen competition.

Department of South Carolina

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2018

June 7-10, 2018
Columbia, South Carolina

DOUBLETREE by Hilton
2100 Bush River Road
Columbia, South Carolina
Phone (803) 731-0300

Registration form for the convention is on the Department webpage. Make your registrations now so Department can get a good count.

May 5th there will be a CofA at Department Hq - 10am for the Comrades. All are invited and welcome to attend.

District 1 News

6 May is the District Convention at Post 3142. Nominations and election of District officers will be done at this time. Any Comrade or Auxiliary member 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 lad-sonvfw3433@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.

Wanted: Newsletter Editor. My last newsletter will be the June edition which is the end of this membership year. Anyone desiring to take over this position contact the Commander or myself.



We need help. If you can spare some time to give us a hand stop by and talk to the Commander.

Looking for help distributing Buddy Poppies

For Memorial Day weekend at Tractor Supply Summerville need volunteers. Contact Rob Zdenek Junior Vice Commander, 843-568-6811 for times and info.





The Easter Bunny Visits Betty Brewster

Mary Bain, Joy Clark, Betty Gander and Ellen Foulda present Special Forces awards and a Flag at Cane Bay High School



MOC/MOCA
installation



2018 Patriotic Art Entries



Darts
Bowling
Taco's at the
Post



BECOME A LIFE MEMBER TODAY!

No More Worrying About Dues!

As a Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, receiving dues notices is a thing of the past! Your membership is permanent, allowing you to enjoy the benefits of belonging to the nation's largest organization of combat veterans without needing to worry about renewals.



Keep Supporting Your Post!

Every year, VFW Posts receive an annual payout for every Life member on their roster, so you can take pride in knowing that your Life membership still goes directly towards supporting your VFW Post and our mission to help our fellow veterans in local communities.



Leave Your Legacy!

Life members of the VFW are eligible to take part in our Legacy Life program, an endowment that not only provides perks and benefits to you as a member, but sets up an annuity that pays out to your Post even after you're gone - truly leaving a lasting legacy to the VFW!



Learn more online at <https://www.vfw.org/OMS/QuickRenew.aspx> or by calling 1-833-VFW-VETS.



The VFW National Home for Children



A Great Place to Call Home!

The VFW National Home for Children offers a once in a lifetime **opportunity** for military and veteran related families.

If you know of a family in your community that could use our help, please encourage them to call!

We are currently accepting new resident families into our program.

Most qualify to apply. Caring staff will help families to determine eligibility.

800-313-4200



VFW Post 3433 Officers 2018 - 2019



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| Commander | Todd "Howie" Howard | President | Betty Gander |
| Sr. Vice Commander | Gregg Miller | Sr. Vice President | Betty Brewster |
| Jr. Vice Commander | Rob Zdenek | Jr. Vice President | Dana Alves |
| Quartermaster | Andrew Steanson | Chaplain | Bonnie Walton-Guiendon |
| Chaplin | Jay Johansen | Treasurer | Sandy Rowland |
| Judge Advocate | Edwin "Ted" Tufts | Secretary | Robin Pittman |
| 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 | Judy Duncan |
| 2 Year Trustee | Edwin "Ted" Tufts | 1 Year Trustee | Beth Tufts |
| 3 Year Trustee | Joy Clark | 2 Year Trustee | Mary Bain |
| | | 3 Year Trustee | Shirley Houck |

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MOC/MOCA Officers 2018 - 2019



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| Seam Squirrel | Anglia Soza | President | Sandy Rowland |
| Blanket Bum | Joy Clark | Sr. Vice President | Judy Duncan |
| High Gimlet | Jennifer Hanshew | Jr. Vice President | Jo Ann Perritte |
| CCDB | Gary Gander | Chaplin | Carrie Conyers |
| Hungry Cootie | Jackie Brooks | Treasurer | Betty Brewster |
| Tight Wad 1 | James "Smokey" Stover | Secretary | Betty Gander |
| 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.



MISSOURI 2018
KANSAS CITY
★ 119th VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION ★

May 2018


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
- ◆ 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 |
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| | | 1 VFW Business Meeting 7:30  | 2 6-7:30  | 3 Bass Masters 7pm  | 4 Auxiliary Steak 6:30  | 5 Department of SC CofA 10am |
| 6 District 1 Convention 1pm Post 3142 | 7 | 8 MOC/MOCA 7:31  | 9 | 10 Taco Nigh | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Honor Guard 7:30  | 15 6:30 Spaghetti Dinner  | 16 | 17 7:30 DAV  | 18 | 19 S.A.M.S 11am |
| 20 Post 3433 Installation 3-5pm | 21 Honor Guard 7:30 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Auxiliary Steak 6:30  | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Memorial Day Service/ Lunch Post 3433 | 29 | 30 | 31 | May 28 Honor Guard 7:30  | |

June 2018

- ◆ May 1 - Loyalty Day
- ◆ 5 May Dept. CofA
- ◆ May 6 District 1 Convention Post 3137
- ◆ May 20th Post Installation 3pm
- ◆ May 20th 11am MOC/MOCA VA Hospital Visit.
- ◆ May 28th Memorial Day Service 10:30 Parks Cemetery luncheon at the Post 3433
- ◆ June 22-24 Grand of SC Convention Econo Lodge in Orangeburg

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Ted Tufts—Newsletter Editor.