



2018 Membership Goal: 100% / 85% Retention
2018 Current Status: 100.61% / 79.47%



June 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

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**Newsletter Editor—
Ted Tufts**

From the Commander



Happy New Year!!! Yes it is the beginning of a new year. Elections and installation are behind us and it's time to start making more things happen. Volunteers are always welcome for different activities around the post.

Still need volunteers for a second wing night and Friday nights opposite steak nights. Those vacant nights are a great opportunity for the comrades to serve some food and bring more people to the post, but help is needed.

If you are interested, let me, Greg, or Joe know.

Thanks for all you do!!!

Howie

Todd W. Howard
Commander 2018-19

“It's nice to be important, but more important to be nice.”

From the President



Just a reminder to all that our Conference in Columbia is on 8th, 9th, and 10th of June 2018. Congratulations to all the new Officers and Chairmen for the upcoming year, and I hope they have a great year. I want to thank all my Officers and Chairmen for our great year. Don't forget our Post 4th of July Gala event it said it will be great, see you all there

Betty Gander

VFW Auxiliary President
2017-2018

Membership



Spread the word

**RECRUIT THE FUTURE OF THE VFW.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP + LIFE MEM-
BERSHIP + 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 – 100.61% 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



Comrades I would like to encourage any of you that fits into one of the following categories to contact your local VSO (Veteran Service Officer) about the VA's new Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP). (Personally, I recommend the Goose Creek Office.) You are eligible if you have a disability compensation appeal pending in one of the following legacy appeal stages:

Notice of Disagreement (NOD) Form 9, Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) Certified to the Board but not yet activated for a Board decision Remand from the Board to VBA.

Under RAMP, Veterans can expect to receive a review of the decision on their claim much faster than if they remain in the legacy appeals process. The program will allow participants the option to have their decisions reviewed in the Higher-Level Review or Supplemental Claim Lane outlined in the Appeals Modernization Act.

There are too many details about this program to give here. So I encourage you to contact a VSO and find out what your options are and what is best for you. Phone numbers and addresses to a VSO are online.



Dear VA Beneficiary,

We'd like to provide you with some important information about your VA benefit payments.

VA education, compensation, pension, and survivor's benefits are paid on a monthly basis. Normally, benefits for a particular month are paid the first business day of the following month. When the first business day of the month falls on a non-business day or a holiday, VA benefits will be paid on the last business day prior to the first of the month.

Provided below is the schedule for upcoming VA benefit payments:

Month	Payment Date	Day of the Week
May	June 1	Friday
June	June 29	Friday
July	August 1	Wednesday

You can check your latest VA benefit payments online using [eBenefits](#). If you're not receiving benefit payments from VA, but know someone who is, please share this information with them.

Additionally we want you to have the resources to help you make wise financial decisions. We encourage you to visit www.mymoney.gov and www.consumer.gov for helpful financial information.

We hope you find this information useful

Sincerely,

Veterans Benefits Administration

Have a great month, remember the VA is here for you, and as always... every day is a good day to recruit a new member!

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.

Ron Jones

Post Service Officer
2017-2018

News from the MOC Seam Squirrel

Six months before the Turkey Shoot! I can't wait for us to get THAT party started. It's gonna be a grand time!

Everything has been arranged for Orangeburg so make your reservations and get ready for a weekend of Cootie-izing. It's Luau time! Break out the grass skirts and coconut shells! I'm even gonna bring my Jimmy Buffet drink mixer. I know it's not Hawaiian but it sure is fun!

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:

12 Jun 1931 - Crummy Bug Scratch

22-24 Jun - Grand Scratch, Orangeburg

26-29 Jul - 99th Supreme Scratch, Marriott Kansas City, Overland Park, MO

2-4 Nov - 84th Tomb Trek

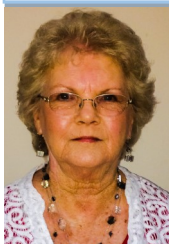
Our next meeting will be June 12th at 1931. See y'all there!

***Anglia (George) Soza***

Seam Squirrel
2018-2019



News from the MOCA President



The Grand of SC Convention will be held in Orangeburg at the Econo Lodge June 22-23, 2018. Call 803-531-4600 for reservations. Pup Tent #10 will be the host for the weekend events. Election and installation of officers for the year 2018-2019 will be held on the 23rd. We are planning a Hawaiian, luau theme at the banquet on Saturday night, so put on you Hawaiian shirts, muumuus or grass skirts and come have some fun with us. Sister Karen McClendon is preparing special food for Saturday following our meeting. Thank you Karen for taking on this very enjoyable request.

Our next VA Hospital visit will be in July. Clowns are always welcomed. Our hospitalized veterans, their families and staff enjoy seeing the clowns and smiling faces. Plan to join us and feel good for bringing a little sunshine to someone's day.

This will be my last newsletter input as my year as president is winding down. Thank you so much for all the work and support you have given me the last couple of years. Let us continue to show love and dedication in what we do for our hospitalized veterans and help incoming president, Judy Duncan, and officers have a great 2018-2019 year.

Happy Father's Day to all of the dads on June 12, 2018.

I would like to say "thank you" to Ted Tufts for editing and putting out the post newsletter, for several years now, and doing a great job keeping our members informed.

Our next meeting will be June 23, 2018 at 7:31 pm.

As I sign out for the last time, remember our slogan, "keep'em smiling in beds of white".

Sandy Rowland

MOCA President
2017-2018

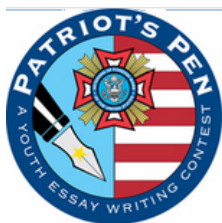
VFW National

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

May 6th the District held is election for 2018-2019. Congratulations to the Comrades and Auxiliary elected for the ensuring year.

Comrades

Commander - Russ Brooks
Srv. Commander - Bill King
Jrv. Commander - Bobby Powers
QM - J.D. Mellert
Chaplain - Davey Hare
Surgeon - Buddy Gillam

Auxiliary

President – Donna Marie King
Sr. Vice – Pat Powers
Jr. Vice – Stephani Havlin
Treasurer – Sandy Rowland
Secretary – Shirley Houck
Chaplain – Mary Lopez

The next District meeting will be announced as soon as the calendar is finalized for the new year.

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. Any-one desiring to take over this position contact the Commander.



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



**Darts
Bowling
Taco's at the
Post**



VFW Auxiliary Steak Nights for MAY/JUN/JUL/AUG 2018



**The 1ST and 4TH Fridays
of each month**

MAY 25

JUNE 1 & JUNE 22

JULY 6 & JULY 27

AUG 3 & AUG 24



District Convention
2018



Loyalty Day at
Auxiliary
Steak night 2018



Our ladies in hats in Derby day

POST 3433 AUXILARY

HAPPY HOUR ART

*We will be
Painting
this Picture*



Tuesday, June 26th at 7 PM

Cost: \$25.00

**includes ALL Supplies and you get to keep your
Masterpiece**

Sign Up with the Bartender

VFW POST 3433

LOCATED ON BELLWRIGHT RD IN LADSON

PIG ROAST & POKER RUN

Proceeds to Benefit our Veterans

SATURDAY JUNE 23, 2018



Poker Run -



Advance Sign Up-\$20 per Bike, Car, Truck,
Boat or Broom

Includes Dinner & Door Prizes

First Bike Out: VFW at 11AM

Last Bike in: VFW at 4 PM

OR

Advance Tickets-\$12 per Plate
To be served at 4PM

Horse Shoe
Tournament

Corn Hole
Tournament

MUST

See Bartender for Advanced Tickets and
Bike Sign UP

Last Day for Advance Sign Up June 18

Bike Sign Up at Door-\$25.00

At Door Plate-\$15.00

Contact Craig V. or Bonnie W. for further info



VFW Post 3433 Officers 2018 - 2019



Commander	Todd "Howie" Howard	President	Betty Brewster
Sr. Vice Commander	Gregg Miller	Sr. Vice President	Dana Alves
Jr. Vice Commander	Joeseeph Cappadona	Jr. Vice President	Allison (Cody) Miller
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	Daniel MC Keirnan
1 Year Trustee	Edwin "Ted" Tufts	Historian	Judy Duncan
2 Year Trustee	Joy Clark	1 Year Trustee	Shirley Houck
3 Year Trustee	Alfred Lang	2 Year Trustee	Beth Tufts
		3 Year Trustee	Betty Gander

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Auxiliary Chaplain:

Bonnie Walton-Guiendon

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MOC/MOCA Officers 2018 - 2019



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.



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.

- ♦ June 22-24 Grand of SC Convention Econo Lodge in Orangeburg

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3  	4 6-7:30 	5 	6 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	7
8	9 Honor Guard 7:30 	10 MOC/MOCA 7:31 	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 6:30 	18	19	20 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	21 S.A.M.S 11am
22	23	24	25	26 7:30 	27	28
29	30 Honor Guard 7:30 	31	Tuesday Jul 3rd VFW Business Meeting 7:30 Thursday July 5th Bass Masters 7pm			

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Department of SC Convention—Columbia SC 8-10 June. Grand of SC Convention Econo Lodge in Orangeburg 22-24 June.					1 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	2
3	4	5 VFW Business Meeting 7:30  	6 6-7:30 	7 Bass Masters 7pm 	8	9
10	11 Honor Guard 7:30 	12 MOC/MOCA 7:31 	13	14 Taco Night	15	16 S.A.M.S 11am
17	18	19 6:30 	20	21 7:30 	22 Auxiliary Steak 6:30 	23
24	25 Honor Guard 7:30 	26	27	28	29	30

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter. Without you, it would not be what it is. Stay connected and get your newsletter early via email by contacting the post at ladsonvfw3433@gmail.com or vfwpost@comcast.net

Ted Tufts—Newsletter Editor.