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NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2018

HAVING PROBLEMS? NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE?...The "VETERANS CRISIS LINE" is open 24/7. Just call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. It takes an average of 8 seconds for your call to be answered. You are NOT alone!

Do you want to contact your department (state) headquarters? The Headquarters is located at Department of S.C. VFW 210 Glassmaster Road, Lexington (just outside Columbia) SC 29072. Phone (803) 808-0317, FAX (803) 808-0417, email vfwsc.org. Department officers work a variety of hours at the headquarters and may not be available when you call. The Department Secretary will assist as possible. Your best bet is to get the email of the person you want to contact and communicate with them through that means. Your Post Commander also has a Department Commander's Book that lists all persons within the state that have National, Department and District positions and some Post positions.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Michael Burgos, Alan Ackley, Frank Autry and Ken Dunham. We hope to see you at one of our many post functions or you can just stop by and say hello!!

COMMANDER'S CALL:

Just back from the VFW National Convention in Kansas City. It is always a great opportunity to see and hear ALL the great things our national VFW is doing! For me, it's a chance to get my batteries re-charged for the challenges ahead of us. Next year, we travel to Orlando for the convention. Just see QM Dan Farley or me if you're interested in being a delegate next year for the great state of South Carolina!

We had thirty members attend our July meeting and approved donations to various charities to include a hole sponsorship of the NMB Public Safety Scholarship Fund golf tourney on Aug 18th, and donations to the National VFW Veterans and Military Support fund as well as the Dept. of South Carolina Service Office. All who attended were treated to a free lunch of burgers and dogs courtesy of our friends at Wyndham here in NMB. We are looking into the case of a veteran whose trailer/home is in disrepair to see what we can do to help and we are getting ready to participate in a number of VFW programs for this 2018-2019 year.

Programs such as Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy, JROTC, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, our bi-annual Buddy Poppy Campaign are all in the planning stage. Come to our August 11th meeting and help us continue our mission.

We will host the District 7 meeting at our Post on August 18th. As you may be aware, our Post 10804 is the home of the District 7 Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Junior Vice Commander as well as its Adjutant!

ALL OF OUR POST MEMBERS are invited to attend this District 7 meeting at 10 a.m. on the 18th. Also in August, our Auxiliary will host the Family Fun Festival on Sunday afternoon, August 12th. That is the day of our monthly Sunday Breakfast Buffet from 9 to 11. We need YOU to support our Sunday brunches as well as our special evening events in the Canteen such as Tuesday's Movie Night, Wednesday's Wing Night, and Thursday's "taco/Fiesta" night. This is especially important during the summer months as our building energy costs soar! So, please, make an effort to come to YOUR POST and enjoy our company!

Yours in Comradeship,

Nick Camera

Post 10804 Commander

CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHEY FARLEY for receiving the National Youth Activities Chairperson Award at the VFW National Convention last month.

POST SPECIAL PROJECT – Most of you are not aware that YOUR Post has adopted the "Veteran's Resource Center of Florence" as the Post's "special project" for 2018-2019. The Center is managed by one of our own, C.B. Anderson who is the Employment/Homeless Chairman of the center. He founded this organization several years ago and has been a leading source of its success. The center helps veterans find jobs and helps in securing housing for veterans with families. The center also provides some household necessities thanks to donations from corporations and businesses in the Florence area.

Watch your emails for events associated with supporting this worthy cause.



Pictured are 2 members of NUCOR Steel Corporation donating \$10,000 to C.B. Anderson and the Veterans Resource Center

SOLAR ROOF UPDATE....Due to some paperwork technical difficulties (which will soon be resolved), the solar roof install has been delayed until August 23rd. The good news is that the size of the solar roof coverage will increase slightly with no additional costs to the post.

TRICARE ITEMS...If you are enrolled in or are eligible for the TRICARE Retiree Dental program. You may qualify for Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) for 2019, now including Dental and/or Vision.

You may enroll during the Open Season from November 12th to December 10th. Visit Tricare.benefits.com to learn more about FEDVIP.

New Starting in 2018 – TRICARE Health Benefits Open Season. Prime and Select Enrollees may switch benefit plans during Open Season from November 12th to December 10th 2018. If you choose to do nothing, your plan will remain the same for the next year. Remember, you can only change between Prime & Select Plans during the Open Season, or with a “qualifying life event”. Learn more by visiting Tricare.mil/openseason.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA.....If you are a member of this organization? There are two critical items on their 2018 National Convention calendar. Like WWII and KOREA

veterans, Vietnam veterans are dying off at a rapid rate. So much so that the VVA is looking at (1) In just a few short years, the end of the VVA. Closing up shop and devising a means to distribute assets (financial and physical). (2) Renaming and realigning the VVA into something that could continue to exist for the benefit of Vietnam Era veterans. *If you're a Vietnam veteran, you might want to keep an eye on these developments.*

I suggest that if you know a Vietnam Veteran who is NOT a member of the VFW, that you encourage them to join the VFW as the VFW does great things for veterans and is NOT going anywhere.

BORED, LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?.....Your Post is ALWAYS looking for volunteers for various projects and events. Contact the Post if you are interested in helping. The amount of time you spend volunteering is up to you, BUT it will help the Post immensely!

Interested in working directly with or for veterans? The Myrtle Beach VA Clinic is always looking for volunteers (mostly administrative work or work not related to working directly with patients). If you could give as little as four (4) hours per month, the VA Clinic could use you.

The volunteer process is simple, short and mostly painless (you have to have a blood test). You have to go to the VA Hospital in Charleston and fill out a volunteer statement, complete a short training session (about 1 hour), have a blood test, get finger-printed and have your photo taken. All-in-all it takes less than 3 hours. If you want to work directly with patients? You'll need to have a TB Test. The VA will do a simple background check on you and once approved your volunteer information will be sent to the VA Clinic in Myrtle Beach. You will then be contacted to see when you would like to start volunteering.

DID YOU KNOW ...President Trump donated his first year's salary (\$400,000) to the Department of the Interior. Monies will be used to for the construction and repair of military cemeteries.

HOW'S YOUR ESTATE PLANNING GOING?....Haven't even thought about it, or don't know where to start. The VFW can help you get this vitally important documentation accomplished. Just go to www.vfw.org/plannedgiving and click on the Download Our Kit.

Don't forget to consider giving a gift to the VFW as part of your estate planning. You will be helping fellow veterans and their families.

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