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NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 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!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME: Since the hurricane cancelled th September Business Meeting, we have no new members to welcome at this time.

COMMANDER’S CALL:

The last few weeks have not been easy on our Post, and especially on our community. We bundled up the Post in preparation for Hurricane Florence, shut down the solar panels, and hoped for the best. We experienced some minor rain damage but lost a lot of frozen food due to the power outage. Additionally, flooded roads have kept many from coming to the Post after we re-opened and Rte. 9 is still not open for traffic as I write. This means a lot of lost revenue for the Post. But we still have bills to pay.

We have a new cook in the Canteen and hope that you will give him a try by coming in for lunches and Friday night dinners this month. The October calendar of events is posted on our website. We’ve replaced a commercial refrigerator that was not meeting standards and purchased two upright freezers to replace our old one that was beyond repair. We hope to improve our kitchen operations, inventory management, and most of all – PLEASE YOU, OUR CUSTOMERS!

So please support your Post and attend our October functions. Our Junior Vice Commander, Lon Pike, will soon be posting the board for the “Veterans Day Poppy Drive”. We hope you will volunteer to take a few hours of your time to dedicate to this important fund raising event. The donations we receive go directly back to our veterans and our local community. Please sign up for a shift on the board.

Our next business meeting will be on Saturday, October 13th at 1100hrs. After the meeting, we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate our solar panel installation. We hope you all will attend.

HELP WANTED.....Your Post is still in need of volunteer help in the kitchen for the Wednesday Wings and Thursday Taco Night/Karaoke. If you have 2 – 2 ½ hours you could spare on one of these nights. Please Call Leo Cyr at 843-399-0877, or email Commander Camera or Margo Sheridan. Not done this before? Have no fear, you will be trained. PLEASE consider volunteering for this or any of the many other projects YOUR post has going on in October and beyond.

If you, or anyone you know is a cook and is looking for a part-time job? YOUR Post has an immediate need for a cook to work Mon to Fri from about 11AM to 2-3PM. Please contact Leo Cyr at the Post at 843-399-0877 or Leo at 843-902-7022.

YOU CAN LIVE FOREVER.....In *The Library of Congress*. Yes, it is possible for a part of you to live forever. All you have to do is go to <https://www.loc.gov/vets/kit.html> and print-out and fill-out the information to be submitted to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. The print-out is 20 pages of information that will, when completed and submitted, make your history a permanent part of the Library of Congress that is viewable by anyone who wants to know you, the veteran.

There are three basic requirements for you to follow to complete this project. *It is called the 30-20-10 rule.*

...Submit at least a **30** minute recorded interview and/or

...At least a **20** page memoir and/or

...At least **10** original photographs, letters, military documents, or pieces of two-dimensional artwork.

Don't have a computer? You can call the Veterans History Project at 1-888-371-5848 (to leave a message), or call 202-707-4916

IT'S FLU SHOT TIME AGAIN.....and just like since 2013, if you are a veteran enrolled in the VA program, you can get a free flu-shot at Walgreens Drug Stores. When you go, you need two forms of ID with at least one bearing a photo (VA Card, Military ID, State Drivers License). Once you get the shot, it will be entered into your veteran's health care files within 24 hours.

It's best to call your local Walgreen's before going, as sometimes they are out of the serum.

CYBERCRIMINALS.... The best way to stop these people from stealing and using your ID and information is to.....**FREEZE YOUR CREDIT!** You can do this by going to aarp.org/creditfreeze and following their simple process.

WHAT IS THE #1 piece of your personal information that cyber criminals seek? No it is NOT your credit card number!! What they want most is your Social Security number. 35% of all data breaches in 2017 were caused by stolen social security number information. This is compared to 30% from credit cards.

You can learn more on how to protect your personal identity at: aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork

The Department of S.C. VFW Fall Conference is the first weekend in October. It is right here in your back-yard (the Hilton, Myrtle Beach). Here's a chance for every post member to see how your state VFW works. Who knows, you might see something you want to get involved in? Just contact Dan Farley to register to attend.

September 21st was POW/ MIA Remembrance Day. A memorial ceremony was conducted by Commander Nick Camera prior to the Friday night dinner. There was a small, but enthusiastic crowd in the banquet hall as we commemorated our comrades who have never returned.



LOOKING FOR A GOOD SUNDAY BREAKFAST.... Fortunately for you, there is a low cost (\$6-7), mostly all you can eat, source every Sunday. They are:

1st Sunday: VFW in Calabash, NC

2nd Sunday: Your own VFW Post 10804

3rd Sunday: The American Legion in Little River

4th Sunday: The American Legion in Calabash

5th Sunday: The Elks in Little River

VFW MEMBERSHIP....Not long ago, YOUR VFW had a membership of over 1.7 million members and auxiliary. The last couple of years the numbers have declined by over 3,000 a year. You know the obvious reason (over 400,000 of us are age 80+). Thankfully, the other obvious reason is that there are less-and-less of our military serving in hostile locations around the world. This is a good thing! The big issue for the VFW is convincing those that have served in hostile locations since 1991 that the VFW is THE organization to belong to when it comes to supporting veterans rights. Only 15% of Iraq/Afghanistan veterans have joined the VFW. If you know a young man or woman, post 1991, veteran and they are not a member of the VFW. PLEASE do what you can to show them that the VFW is there for them and get them recruited.

POST CALENDAR – Make sure you check out the Post Calendar for October. There's plenty going on for YOU to attend or get involved with. The Post Calendar is available on the web (address listed above).

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