



Monday, May 1st, is Pasta Night! 6 pm start. Mangiamo!





Friday Night Dinners this Month:

May 5th....Chicken Alfredo

May 12th.....Meat Loaf

May 19th...Fried Fish

May 26th.....Roast Beef

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR RESERVATIONS BY 7 PM ON THURSDAY
NITE

Serving starts at 6 p.m. and the price will be reduced to ONLY \$10 per
person! (No live entertainment expenses)

Don't forget to sign up or call by Thursday night for your reservations.

843-399-0877





Sunday, May 14th, is Mother's Day and we are serving our monthly Sunday Brunch from 9 to 11 a.m. Come on in, bring your family and friends, and enjoy a wonderful buffet breakfast. Meal Team 6, Alpha Team will be your servers.





Our new slate of officers will be installed on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:20 pm. Come in and show your support as we start a new year together.

Commander.....Nick Camera
Sr. Vice Commander.....Walt Duncan
Jr. Vice Commander.....Don Collins
Quartermaster.....Dan Farley
Adjutant.....Frank Fogner
Chaplain.....Bob Wasden
Judge Advocate.....Bob Fedortion
Surgeon.....Jim Risser

AUXILIARY YARD SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH
FROM 8 A.M. TILL NOON



Our post will participate in Memorial Day service at Veterans Park located in the North Myrtle Beach Sports Complex at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 29th. We will be serving a free lunch, probably burgers/hot dogs, immediately following the ceremony in our banquet hall. All are invited to join us.

Click on this link for some background in this special holiday which honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

[History](#)



Poppy Donation Campaign

May 20, 21, 27 & 28

National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM) is celebrated every May and is a declaration that encourages U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity. NMAM honors current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom. The month of May is characterized by six national observances highlighting the contributions of those who have served. These observances include Loyalty Day, Public Service Recognition Week, Victory in Europe Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day.

What can you do to help???

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAN OUR POPPY DONATION STATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: Walmart Gator Hole, Walmart on Kings Road, Dino's House of Pancakes, Golden Griddle Pancake House, and Boulineau's Foods Plus. We'll be there on May 20, 21, 27, and 28.

WE'RE ONLY ASKING FOR TWO HOURS OF YOUR TIME...SO PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BOARD IN THE CANTEEN AND HELP US RAISE FUNDS TO HELP OTHERS.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:



- DUE TO OUR LIMITED ATTENDANCE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, **WE WILL NOT HAVE KARAOKE IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST.** THE MONTH OF MAY WILL BE OUR FINAL MONTH TO ENJOY CHERYL Z AND OUR LOCAL KARAOKE TALENT. CHERYL WILL RETURN AFTER LABOR DAY TO ENTERTAIN AND CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR FIESTA NIGHTS SUCCESSFUL.
- OUR FINAL FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER WITH BAND WILL BE THIS FRIDAY NIGHT WITH CARL BRUNSON.
- **FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER PRICES WILL DROP TO \$10 IN MAY AS WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**





And finally, as we say goodbye to our “snowbird” friends who add so much to our canteen, we ask that ALL of our members make a sincere effort to support our post in all of our activities. We are always in need of volunteers to help put together special events, Wing Nights, Fiesta Nights, Friday night dinners, and monthly brunches.

Please give some thought to lending a hand as we begin a new year with a new slate of officers who are willing to sacrifice their time for the good of our organization.

Simply put, Post 10804 strives to do good things for deserving people - our veterans, their families and our community. We need your help to keep us going and growing. And thank you for your continued support!



Meaning of Memorial Day

It's a sacred day to all war veterans: None need to be reminded of the reason that Memorial Day must be commemorated. But what about the general public, and more important, future generations? Do most non-veterans really recognize the importance of the day honoring their fellow Americans killed in war?

Judging from what Memorial Day has become—simply another day off from work—the answer is a resounding no. Perhaps a reminder is due, then. **And it is the duty of each and every veteran to relay the message.**

Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens recall and be aware of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime.

Far too often, the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others few of us actually knew. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day.

This should be regarded as a civic obligation. For this is a national debt that can only be truly repaid by individual Americans. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice in the memories of future generations.

They came from all walks of life and regions of the country. But they all had one thing in common—love of and loyalty to country. This bond cemented ties between them in times of trials, allowing a diverse lot of Americans to achieve monumental ends.

We remember the loss of loved ones, a sense of loss that takes group form. In essence, America is commemorating those who made the greatest sacrifice possible—giving one's own life on behalf of others.

Means of paying tribute vary. Pausing for a few moments of personal silence is available to everyone.

Attending commemorative ceremonies is the most visible way of demonstrating remembrance: Placing flags at gravesites, marching in parades, sponsoring patriotic programs, dedicating memorials and wearing Buddy Poppies are examples.

Whether done individually or collectively, it is the thought that counts. Personal as well as public acts of remembering are the ideal. Public displays of patriotism are essential if the notion of remembering war dead is to be instilled in youth.

As America's older war veterans fast disappear from society's landscape, there are fewer and fewer standard-bearers left to carry the torch of remembrance. Such traditions will live on only if there is a vibrant movement to which that torch can be passed.

Now, more than in recent years, the enduring relevance of Memorial Day should be clearly evident. With two wars under way, the public has no excuse not to remember.

This much is owed to the more than 4,500 Americans who have died thus far in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Courtesy of VFW Magazine, APRIL 2008

Note: *Buddy Poppies and Memorial Day:*

Among all the flowers that evoke the memories and emotions of war is the red poppy, which became associated with war after the publication of a poem written by Col. John McCrae of Canada. The poem, "In Flanders Field," describes blowing red fields among the battleground of the fallen.

For more than 75 years, the VFW's Buddy Poppy program has raised millions of dollars in support of veterans' welfare and the well being of their dependents.

The VFW conducted its first poppy distribution before Memorial Day in 1922, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

