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NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2019

In case you are not aware. YOU are now a member of an ALL STATE POST!!

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!

[VA WOMEN VETERAN HELP LINES...1-855-829-6636 or www.womenshealth.va.gov](http://www.womenshealth.va.gov)

The Women's Veteran's Call Center is now available through text messaging. Women can text or chat anonymously, with women counselors, at 855-829-5536.

Want to Stay Current With VA & VFW Issues??? EVERY week the VFW publishes an "*Action Corps Weekly*" which address the hot items effecting veterans and their families. Want to stay 'in-the-know'? Go to vfwac@vfw.org and sign up.

COMMANDER'S CALL - I trust everyone is having a wonderful summer. Thanks to all who made July 4th and Christmas in July a success again.

Despite training in Columbia on August 10th, the post will still be holding our meeting that day.

A reminder to all, please use the suggestion box for any ideas, comments, etc. These are read and reviewed by the House Committee at each monthly meeting. This is the primary way that change(s) can be made to your Post and canteen. As a clarification, the House Committee acts as our Congress (if you will) and after review, discussion and many times much research, can be moved to the Post Meeting for voting and implementation.

We will be getting some new Post t-shirts with new logo and V-necks for women in the near future. I'm thinking we will have some on hand and a sign-up sheet for type, color, and size on the canteen table.

See you at the "V"!

Kevin Rorer, Commander

FYI - The veterans Administration is considering adding a 'fourth' administration to handle veteran's education, transition and employment services. This is by way of a bill being introduced by your law-makers in D.C. The "Veteran's Education, Transition and Opportunity Prioritizing Plan (VET OPP) would also include the Forever GI Bill, VA'S Home Loan Program and Vocational Rehab. There is a lot of veteran's groups/ organizations that support this proposed change. Stay tuned for future developments. **SOME MORE FYI - The Veterans Administration has re-vamped their web-site. Go to VA.gov and see what they have done to provide better service to you, their veteran customer.**

The 4th of July was a busy day for the post. It is traditionally a busy day for most people. This 4th of July a few Post and Auxiliary members made time to contribute to, what has become, a North Myrtle Beach tradition. That is the carrying of flags along the whole 8 miles of NMB beaches. Each group carrying for a six block segment. This "American Pride" walk was started by American Legion Post 186 member George O'Neill, who still coordinates this each year.



Thanks to Bill & Bunny La Monte, Bill and Nancy Spears, Bobby O'Shea, and Otto Vance

Bill Spears and Otto Vance are Purple Heart recipients who carried the Purple Heart flag.

Christmas in July - Thanks to everyone who worked at making this event an annual sell-out. Thanks for supporting the Auxiliary 'quarter-auction' fundraiser.

Do you have your Veterans Health identification Card (VHIC)? If you are enrolled in the VA Healthcare System. All you need do is go to the Welcome Center at any VA Hospital or the front desk of any VA Clinic and ask to get a VHIC Card. That's all there is to it.

The VFW National Convention was recently held in Orlando, Florida. A few members of your post and auxiliary attended the convention.



Commander Kevin & Alissa Rorer enjoying Mickey Mouse the entertainment



Cathey Farley meets



It's not the price you pay to become a member.

It's the price YOU PAID to become eligible!

Want to see what's happening with the VFW at the District & Department levels? On SATURDAY, August 10th there will be a Council of Administration and School of Instruction meeting at YOUR Department headquarters in Lexington (Columbia) SC starting at 9AM.

On SATURDAY, August 17th there will be a District 7 meeting and School of Instruction in Kingstree, SC starting at 10AM.

C'mon out and see how your District and State operate. Get some VFW education and possibly meet some new friends. All you need to attend is a VFW current membership.

Can't make either of these? Then try and attend YOUR Post meeting on August 10th at 11AM!

A reminder....It is now the height of the HURRICAN SEASON! Do you have an evacuation plan? Do you have an 'evacuation checklist'? Do you have a 'bug-out' bag with all your necessary documentation, medicines, contacts, 3 days of survival items, etc? Do you know where you're going, if you have to leave? Make sure you tell someone where you're going and when you expect to arrive there. AND most importantly...DO NOT wait to the last minute to get-out!!!

NEWS FLASH....The Charleston VA Hospital and all its affiliated clinic locations have gone "SMOKE FREE" . This means NO smoking anywhere on their property.

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