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December 2019 Newsletter

Welcome New Members – James Stemmerman and George Martin Sr. in attending their first meeting. Welcome also Conic Jarvis, Ronnie Dick, James Forcella, Herbert Peak, Christopher Hammann. We look forward to seeing you at a post function soon.

Commander's Call –

I would like to thank Carolyn Mishoe for painting the Banquet Hall last month. Looks 100% better. I also would like to thank our Thanksgiving Day Volunteers (Rick, Jacqui, Crystal, Carol and Mark, Jim Stuparitz, Ed Przulucki, George and Fran Martin, Jim and Lena).

I appreciate all the volunteers going to various schools and churches over Veterans Day weekend.

Saturday, December 7th is the Pearl Harbor Ceremony in Mt. Pleasant.

Our next meeting is December 14th, which is the Army-Navy Game at 3pm and Post Christmas Party at 6pm. This party is for Post/Auxiliary Members and guests only, and not open to the public.

Kevin Rorer, Commander

Membership – Do you know that in 2019? The VFW, for the first time in 27 years, had 100+ membership. Really great, considering that just a couple of years ago the VFW had 77,000 annual members not renew their memberships.

Here's a recruiting idea – from Post 10010 in East Helena Montana. Rather than ask a recurring member to 'renew their dues', they ask them to "CONTINUE YOUR VFW MEMBERSHIP".

Starting in January – About 3 million more service-connected disabled veterans will be able to shop at on-base commissaries and exchanges. Any veteran with a VA disability rating will be able to gain access to their local military bases. If you have a VA disability rating of 0 to 90%, you can shop at exchanges and commissaries and in some cases morale-wellness-and recreation (MWR) facilities. To be able to use this access, the veteran must have a VA issued Veterans Health Identification Card. If you shop by credit or debit card, there will be a 5% surcharge added to your purchases. If you use cash, check or Military Star card, there is no fee.

All 'honorably discharged' veterans currently are eligible to shop all military exchanges on-line surcharge free.

To apply for the Veteran Health Identification Card go to: www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply. Or go to a VA medical facility.

Did you know? That on November 9th, 30 years ago, the Russian Government began taking down the Berlin Wall. On July 12th 1994, the US military was deactivated in Berlin and that pretty much signaled the end of the "Cold War" with Russia that had lasted over 40 years.

Do you know the difference between TRICARE & CHAMPVA?

Tricare- is a medical program available to uniformed service members – including those on active duty, National Guard and Reserve members , as well as retired service members and their families.

CHAMPVA – is available for the spouse or widow(er) and children of a veteran who was permanently disabled doing work associated with their military service. This program is open to anyone who fits these criteria and is NOT eligible for Tricare.

Want to know more? Call the VFW Member Benefits Department at 1-833-839-8387, option 3.

TRICARE Open Season: TRICARE Open Season will end on Dec. 9, 2019. It is important to note that new retirees have only one year to enroll for TRICARE Prime. If they forget to enroll in TRICARE Prime, individuals are no longer going to be automatically enrolled into TRICARE Select and will have to wait for the next Open Season enrollment period. Individuals already enrolled can change their TRICARE coverage.

Veterans Welcome Home & Resource Center – As some of you know, our post supports the work done by this facility. For September & October they: Helped 153 veterans contributing \$3,172 to veteran needs. Volunteers donated 284 hours and drove 553 miles in support of their mission.

Community Activities – Chairman Nick Camera reported: 118 Members of YOUR Post reported: Contributing over \$3,910, 724 volunteer hours and driving over 2,545 miles in support of helping veterans and the local community. WELL DONE!!

December 7th – There will be remembrances, along with wreath laying ceremonies on the Aircraft Carrier Yorktown. Well worth the drive to Patriots Point (Charleston).

Buddy Poppy's – This veteran's Day effort (the two weekends before Veterans Day) went quite well, BUT there were many hours at various locations that were not covered because of no volunteers. The Poppy distribution program is YOUR Post's prime means to raise money for helping veterans in need. YOUR Post cannot do this without your help.

Post Facebook Page – Thanks to Mike Mishoe and Ramona Bemis Seals for stepping forward and taking some responsibility for the updating and upkeep of this important means of getting post information out to post members and the public.

Post Christmas Party – Will be a 'pot-luck' event on December 14th starting at 6PM. Bring your favorite (or least favorite) dish and join your fellow members in celebrating the Holiday Season.

NOTE: From 3PM until? YOUR Post will be enjoying the Army-Navy football game. Come out and support your team. If you are Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? You can still come out and enjoy the food and festivities and BOO both teams!!

Another part of the celebration is a request for you to bring a clean, good condition (preferably new) winter coat to the Christmas Party that can be used by a veteran/family member (kids coats). Please help the post in this worthwhile effort.

December Post Activities – Can be found on the monthly calendar which can be found in the post and on the post website. Make sure you check it out and come out and join in the activities, festivities and meals.

Post Rental Hall – Come in and check out the new color scheme in the rental hall.



Commander Kevin Rorer presents past
Commander Nick Camera with his Allstate
Post Commanders hat for 2017-2018 year

Post member Carolyn Mishoe shows off part
of the rental hall wall. Carolyn painted the
whole hall herself. Way to go Carolyn. It
Looks great!

BAR CODES – There is pretty much not a product you can buy today that does not have a
'Bar Code' on it to be scanned to provide a price to the computer cash-register.
Do you know what the very first product in America to receive a bar-code was??
WRIGLEYS GUM.



The Veterans Resource Center of Florence is partnering with the Florence Elks Lodge to provide a Christmas for 19 veterans and their families. Each card identifies a veteran and family. Personnel visiting the Elks Lodge are encouraged to take a card and provide gift cards (Walmart, Dollar Tree, etc.) that can be used by the veteran to buy Christmas presents for his/her family. Cards are to be returned to the Elks and will be pickup-up by Resource Center personnel who will address and mail the Christmas Card to the veteran family in need.

**A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL! MAY 2020 BE A PROSPEROUS AND
REWARDING YEAR FOR EACH OF YOU!**

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