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## NEWSLETTER – September 2021

***America without her Soldiers would be like God without his Angels !!***

Claudia Pemberton

**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!**

**HOT!! – The new, 3 digit (9.8.8) crisis line (suicide prevention) Is FCC approved, However it will not be operational until sometime in 2022. It will connect with the National Suicide Prevention Hotline..**

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

**HAVE YOU –Gotten your COVID shots, your Flu shot, a Pneumonia shot, the new, two dose Shingles shots? If not, what are you waiting for???**

**CAUTION:** As of this month ONLY 48% of the eligible people of S.C. have gotten their COVID shots. This means there is still a great danger of getting COVID sick.

**5 signs of deep depression – Persistent low mood & irritability, loss of enjoyment of hobbies and activities, appetite & weight changes, sleep difficulties & low energy and self-destructive behavior & suicidal ideation**

**COVID THIRD SHOT – The VA is going along with the CDC guideline recommendation that, if you have a weakened immune system and you received the PFIZER or MODERNA vaccine? You should get a third COVID-19 shot. This is different than the proposed booster shot. If you are under VA care and you received your first two shots thru the VA. The VA will contact you as to when/where you will get your third COVID shot. It will take some time before you are contacted.**

**URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS In MEN – The VA has just concluded a study on urinary tract infection in MEN. Their conclusion is that with the proper dosage/usage of antibiotics, the treatment in men can be reduced to seven (7) days VS the usual 14 day treatment.**

If you have to go to the VA for treatment of this condition? I suggest you mention this treatment process as an option for you.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – John Perkins, Fred Clemens, Tom Tracy, James Boone, Robert Speedling, Aubri Marion (new life member).** Hope to see you around YOUR Post in the near future.

**COMMANDER'S CALL:** In a couple of weeks, we will honor the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on the USA by radical Islamic Terrorist, killing over 3000 Americans.

Where were you on 9/11? Everyone was marked on that day. Some were at home, some work, I was in San Diego, CA. The attack was on everyone. Everyone was targeted. We carry the scars today. But

with every National tragic event, like Pearl Harbor, time tends to blur the horrific details. Some may not remember the souls who choose to jump instead of burn. We must remember.

On 9/11 this year we will remember and host our annual 9/11 Remembrance Golf Tournament to raise funds to support our Post. There is still time for you to get donations in. Consider a \$100 a Hole Sponsorship.

Program Spotlight: Almost 4000 veterans in Horry County are living below the poverty line. There are about 26,000 Veterans in Horry County. The poverty rate in Horry County is about 18%. If we assume that the Veteran population has the same percentage living below the poverty line as the county, it means that about 3700 Veterans in Horry County are living below the poverty line. It may be lower, but it may be higher. These men and women sacrificed to serve out country and many are decorated heroes.

The Armed Services Assistance Program (ASAP), started as a mission project by members of the Trinity United Methodist Church, North Myrtle Beach, SC. It has grown over the last 10 years into the robust Veterans support project you see today. To qualify for assistance a Veteran must be honorably discharged and have a need. ASAP checks things like income and expenses to ensure only those in need receive aide.

ASAP currently assists 50+ Veterans per month. So, when our post announces the ASAP product of the month, we need at least 50 contributions to assist each veteran.

Each month ASAP gives to each Veterans, 6 cans of vegetables, 3 cans of fruit, fresh bananas, peanut butter, jelly, orange of apple juice, 3 soups, 2 cans Vienna Sausage, 2 cans Tuna, 2 boxes of mac & cheese, a sweet treat, bologna, hotdogs, cheese, 4 additional meats, eggs, bread, and hot dog buns. You do not have to wait for the month for Jelly to give Jelly. If you see any of these products on sale pick up extra and put them in the ASAP tote anytime.

These products and donations go direct to the Veteran in need. Let's make this program a top priority for our Post. Imagine if this is all you had to eat for the month. Please give the ASAP product of the month (September is Hemberger or Tuna Helper). Also, consider giving a regular donation to the program. Any questions about the ASAP program please get with Al Stahl.

Finally, I would like for us all to remember Past Post Commander Leon Hull. Remember his family. We are all on the same path and will meet the same fate in time and how God allows. So many folks have spoken with me and described Leon as a wonderful person and a huge giver to the VFW. We lift up our Comrade as he has transitioned across the to his new life and look forward to the day when we are reunited. On Oct 16<sup>th</sup> we (along with his family) will host a memorial drop in at the post. Please mark your calendars.

MIKE MISHOE  
Commander

BURN PITS: WERE YOU EVER INVOLVED IN SITUATIONS or AREAS THAT – you participated in, or were exposed to the chemicals used in burn pits or you were exposed to the fumes or smoke from burn pits? – The US Senate has proposed a “COST OF WAR ACT” that, if passed, would allow all veterans who were at risk of toxic exposure to obtain access to VA Health Care. There are 11 different conditions due to exposure that would qualify you for VA care. As of now, the 11 have not been clearly identified. There are a lot of why-for’s and what-not’s associated with this bill. I suggest you research the bill if you think you qualify for possible VA care, or wait until the bill passes (if it does) and go see your local VA Care Provider to see if you qualify.

SOURCE: VFW Magazine

**A Congressional Visit** – Representative Tom Rice visited YOUR Post on August 5<sup>th</sup>. He talked about problems with the VA care system and the problems of politics in Washington. He then opened the floor to questions. He received a few “spirited” questions from the small crowd, including a shopping list of questions by Cathey Farley who was ‘asking for Dan’.



**VFW National Home for Children** - 1) VFW and VFW Auxiliary members and organizations are eligible to become Life Members. Life Members may vote for the trustees who represent their National Home District and approve any proposed changes to our bylaws and articles of incorporation. It only costs \$50 to become a Life Member.

Go to [vfnationalhome.org](http://vfnationalhome.org) to sign-up or review the many different ways you can help.

Did you know that the home is not just for children, but there are 42 single-family homes for veterans and their families with children under the age of 18.

**TRIBUTE BRICKS** – Want to leave a lasting legacy in another way. The National Home has a “Tribute Brick” walkway that consists of 4X8 inch bricks that are engraved with up to 3 lines of 18 character-spaces per line. The bricks cost \$100. Go to the National Home web-site and click on DONATE.

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**As the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9-11 draws near** – The VA is running a four-part series on Afghanistan/Iraq featuring Veterans’ thoughts and perspectives on their time there and the drawdown. The series will run each Tuesday on **VA’s Vantage Point Blog** until completed.

The series focuses on:

- \*\*Recognizing warning signs of posttraumatic stress.
  - \*\*How spouses, family members and friends can respond to and assist someone with PTSD.
  - \*\*Where and how to get help within VA.
  - \*\*Mobile apps and tips for recovery.
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**EAGLE SCOUT POST PROJECT – Cole Remillard** - A member of Socastee Boy Scout Troop 891 will be working on some exterior post beautification projects to complete his Merit Badge requirements to become an Eagle Scout. He plans to install two flag-poles out front to replace the existing flag pole system. He also wants to improve the landscaping and borders around the flag poles. He hopes to complete the project by mid-September. If you see him out and about? Thank him for his work.



**Congratulations to CATHEY FARLEY for leading the S.C. Auxiliary to the “Circle of Excellence” award for being the NUMBER 1 State Auxiliary in the NATION !!!**

**HELP WANTED** – YOUR Post still needs part-time cooks for Mon, Thu, Fri lunchtime from about 11:30 to 2:30. If you know of someone who might be interested? Please have them contact Carolyn Mishoe.

**Community Service – Chairman Nick Camera** reported, that so far during this VFW year, YOUR Post (that is You, the persons who did the work) contributed 1,855 hours of your time, drove 9,000+ miles, and donated over \$47,000 in value to Community Service. To qualify for All American this year, YOUR Post must do 10% + better than last year.

**ARE YOU AWARE** – There is a “**SUGGESTION BOX**” on the table, underneath the billboards to the left of the bar? If you have any ideas/suggestions on how things could be improved at YOUR Post. Drop in a suggestion. All suggestions are read and discussed at the monthly House Committee meetings. All suggestions can be anonymous, but if you want to discuss your input. Please put your name and a phone number so the House Committee Chairperson can contact you. Remember, it is YOUR Post, do what YOU can to make it better!

**Have you recruited/reinstated a member this year?** – Go a step further and recruit/reinstate 5 new members and receive a VFW Challenge Coin from the State Commander. You will also receive National recognition. The higher you go in recruiting/reinstating numbers the bigger the reward is from State & National.

**VA Facilities Renewed COVID Policy** – Masks mandatory. Single entrance COVID screening. No visitors, except for a patient with ‘end-of-life’ situation. One escort for patients with appointments needing help. No children under age of 16.

### **ARE YOU A NON-CITIZEN VETERAN**

Many non-US citizens join the U.S. Military as a pathway to American Citizenship. Being a veteran, with an honorable record, greatly increases their chance to become a citizen. There is a group that helps with this transition to becoming a U.S. Citizen.

Its called the **Veterans Naturalization Assistance Program (VNAP)** They will tell you if you qualify for citizenship, provide you with FREE legal counsel. You need to provide a military discharge that is Honorable, or General Under Honorable Conditions and a DD-214.

**Attorneys will be available on Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9AM to 5PM. Call 202-733-3337**

**NOTE:** I had a friend, who I met in Vietnam in 1970, who spent 21 years in the Air Force, retired and then applied for and he received his U.S. Citizenship. I was proud to stand with him that day.

### **SC VFW VETERAN OF THE WEEK**

SC VFW has initiated a new program to recognize veterans in the state. If you know of someone you would like to nominate, or nominate yourself? Just follow the information provided below.

#### **Nominate A Veteran Of The Week**

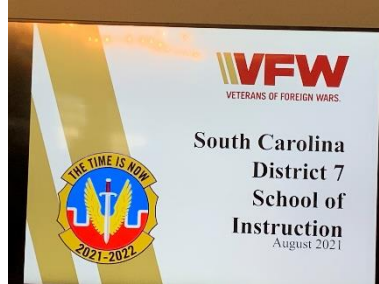
#Veteran-Of-The-Week works best with 3-5 good photos — at least one of them should be in uniform. The bigger, the better, and good resolution is important. Consider scanning a physical photo if you do not have a digital copy readily available. Email the photos with the following information:

- Name, branch, occupation, and years of service (Timothy “Tim” Lawson, Marines, 6672 Aviation Supply, 2006 to 2011)
- Tours, deployments, and campaigns (OIF, OEF, Vietnam, Gulf War, etc.)
- Notable awards (Purple heart, Bronze star, NAM, Army Achievement, etc.)
- Current geographic location in South Carolina (so we can localize the story and promote to the community)
- Bonus info includes what they’re doing now, significant moment(s) during their service and other unique information.

You can send all of the material to [communications@scdva.sc.gov](mailto:communications@scdva.sc.gov). In the subject line, put “[Veteran’s name] for Veteran of the Week.” It is important that you include as much of the requested material as possible, as it is necessary to complete and publish a post on the aforementioned SCDVA platforms.

Every Veteran in South Carolina is worthy of recognition. They do not need to meet any other criteria other than having honorably served their country.

### DISTRICT 7 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION



Picture 1: District Commander Mishoe welcoming the attendees, Picture 2: Self-explanatory, Picture 3: Auxiliary President Mary Lou Riggs and Secretary Dana Fogner prepare for their School of Instruction

Once, during the early stages of a new VFW year, District Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents must present a "School of Instruction" for the newly elected/appointed Post Officers in their District. August 28<sup>th</sup> in Georgetown (Post 6444) saw District 7 complete that requirement. Attendance was low on both sides, but both sides received excellent information on what was expected of them and what was new in the VFW as far as All State and All American eligibility and what was expected of each Post/Auxiliary.

#### From the desk of C.B. Anderson, Veterans Resource Center - Florence

**ARE YOU** – Looking for a place to live, or for a job? The new Veterans Nursing Home/Village will be opening this month in Florence. For details or to get an application (which mostly has to be filled-out by your Doctor), call 833-444-1776

**ARE YOU** – Looking for a job? The new nursing home is seeking CAN's, LPN's, RN's, Human Resources, Receptionists, Business Office, Dietary, Laundry, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Security and Activities personnel. To apply, or get more info. Call the number above or [jobs@hmrvti.com](mailto:jobs@hmrvti.com)

**Remember – ASAP needs boxes of HAMBURGER or TUNA HELPER this month!**

**The 9-11 Golf Tournament is right around the corner. If you can help, contact Dan Farley**

**Sunday Brunch is Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Come out and support Nick and Meal Team 6A**

**Jailhouse Rock is Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, tickets are \$20ea – Debbie Hartleroad**

**LASTLY – 13 of your comrades in arms recently paid the ultimate price for NEVER FORGETTING 9-11. WE SALUTE YOU!!!**

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