



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 10804



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#### **NEWSLETTER MAY 2019**

**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!**

#### **HERE ARE YOUR POST OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020:**

**Commander – KEVIN RORER**

**Sr. Vice-Commander – MARGO SHERIDAN**

**Jr. Vice-Commander – MIKE MALLORY**

**Quartermaster – DAN FARLEY**

**Chaplain – BOB WASDEN**

**3 Year Trustee – NICK CAMERA**

**NOTE:** During the next couple of months, our new Commander will be selecting personnel for the various appointed offices/committees within the post. It is the Commander’s prerogative as to what committees he will have during his administration.

**House Committee** – Elections will be held at the June Post Business Meeting (any member in good standing is eligible). Once the HC is elected, they will decide who their Chairperson will be for the coming year.

Existing Committee’s Include: Membership, Poppy, Publicity, Youth Activities/Americanism, and Safety. Any member in good standing can seek appointment to these committees. Again, contact Commander Rorer if you are interested.

**YOUR DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IS May 31 – June 2 IN COLUMBIA.....You only have until May 23<sup>rd</sup> to get registered!** If you want to see your state VFW in action, come join us! Post members contact Dan Farley and Auxiliary members contact Alissa Rorer. Make it easy! Come to YOUR Post's May 11<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting and sign-up for the convention.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** – John Moore, James Hood, Paul Kakas and Wayne Southport. Wayne was at the last business meeting. Hope to see the rest of you around YOUR post in the very near future.

**COMMANDERS CALL:**

*As we near the end of the VFW year (ends in June at the Convention), I want to thank all of you for your support over the past two years. We've accomplished a lot thanks to a lot of people. The Post made "All State" last year and I hope we can get the membership numbers up in this final month so we can do it again. We checked every "box" from Patriots Pen, to Voice of Democracy, to Scout of the Year, to Teacher of the Year, to JROTC cadet awards, to Legislative reports, to Community Service and Safety, among many other requirements for All State distinction. Our Post has done everything recommended by the Department of South Carolina and more! This happened because a team of Post officers and volunteers made it happen. Thank you for helping when you could!*

*I trust you will give the same support to incoming Commander Kevin Rorer and his team as they move us forward in the coming year.*

*It's been a great run of two years and a great honor to serve as Commander of this outstanding Post. Let's look at what we can do this year to pitch in wherever and whenever we can to make sure our Post continues to serve veterans in our community.*

*I'll continue to serve as the state's Community Service Chairman for 2019-2020 and look forward to seeing you all at the Post at every business meeting – always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 1100 hrs. "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"*

**Nick Camera**  
**Commander, Post 10804**  
**2017-2019**

## **5 WAYS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY:**

...DON'T GIVE OUT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER! Question the necessity of having that number by anyone requesting it.

...DON'T HANG ON TO UNNECESSARY FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS! Shred them.

...DON'T IGNORE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY! The sudden decline of a credit card purchase or calls from debt collectors is a sure sign you have a problem.

...DON'T USE PUBLIC WIFI TO ACCESS PRIVATE INFORMATION! Makes it very easy for hackers to find out everything about you.

...DON'T USE ONE PASSWORD FOR ALL YOUR ACCOUNTS! Makes hacking into your life so much easier. Also, the more complicated the pass-word, the safer you are.

**BOTHERED BY "ROBOCALLS"?** You can find out how to stop them by going to [fcc.gov/robocalls](http://fcc.gov/robocalls)

**BUDDY POPPY PROGRAM...**Some of you may wonder why YOUR post stresses the need to support our twice-a-year poppy distribution event? YOUR post's primary means of garnering funds for the Post Relief Fund is the Poppy promotion. Your, standing in front of those various stores giving out poppy's, is what makes it possible for YOUR post to help veterans in need and their families. Anytime YOUR post spends a single dollar, or several hundred dollars, to help a veteran. That money most likely came from YOUR post Poppy Promotion events.

The Buddy Poppy program is a VFW world-wide initiative. In 2018 over 9.3 MILLION poppy's were distributed (in the US) and they generated over \$12 million in income that was used for support of the VFW National Home for Children of deceased veterans, for rehabilitation services for disabled veterans and provides over \$1 million a year for local relief programs throughout the nation (EX all the posts that were destroyed in Texas and Florida).

**There is a sign-up sheet in YOUR post, if you have but 2 hours to give? Please sign-up and help us help our fellow veterans in need!!**

## **M.O.C.**

### **Military *Order* of the Cootie History**

The Military Order of the Cootie of the United States is a non-profit Veterans Service Organization. We are known as "**The Honor Degree of the VFW**" and our members are comprised of the officers and leadership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. [\*Membership\*](#) in the **MOC** is recognition of outstanding service to the VFW and its programs.

Founded in New York City on September 17, 1920, the **MOC** is based on the principals of good humor and fun. Over the past ninety years, the Cooties have provided social and entertainment programs to members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. as an Ancillary unit within the organization. Since 1923, our first year as a part of the VFW, the Cooties have worked hard to further the aims of the VFW while adding to it the frivolity known as Military Humor to the serious work of our parent organization. What would ultimately become known as the VFW National Home for Children, a sprawling

campus of homes located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, started out as the brainchild of the MOC. We firmly believe in caring for the widows and children of our Armed Forces. Literally millions of dollars have been raised and donated to help "our kids" over our history; starting with the library, the swimming pool, the Fire Department, and a host of other projects designed to make life fun and educational for the children during their stay at the National [Home](#).

With the outbreak of World War II, the Cooties recognized a need to entertain hospitalized troops and veterans during their confinement and [rehabilitation](#) at Veterans Administration facilities throughout the country. Our service program is described as a directive to "**Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White.**" Each year the Cooties volunteer thousands of hours of time worth over ten million dollars to DVA Hospitals and domiciliaries throughout the United States. This work, in addition to the hours of service donated as active members of the VFW, set the members of the **MOC** apart as Foreign Service and Combat Veterans who are fully engaged in their communities, and their fellow comrades in arms and their families. Our distinctive red hat and unusual uniform sets us apart and draws attention to the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves. We sacrifice a little of ourselves to bring a smile or a laugh during what is normally a difficult time for our heroes. We seek others like us to join and help us help them in their times of stress and anxiety.

## Contact Us

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### **5th Supreme District Councilmember**

Betty Hilliard, PT 10 South Carolina

### **Grand of South Carolina [Commander](#)**

Norris Stevens, PT 10

### **LOOKING TO GET A LITTLE MORE KNOWLEDGABLE WHEN IT COMES TO BEING A VFW MEMBER?**

The following are some free training offered by YOUR Department VFW. Just click and start learning!!

## [VFW Web Links](#)

### **[MEMBERSHIP](#) FACEBOOK**

Make sure you 'like' and 'share' our VFW National Membership Facebook page. We post updates, links, [contest](#) reminders, events, etc. for you. Share the good [news](#) of the

VFW: <https://www.facebook.com/VFWmembership/>

### **Department and Post Quartermasters**

Now have the option to enroll new members as installment Life on the [Online](#) Membership System. Hip Pocket Training for Nov/Dec [link](#):

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixuesaN90Ps&index=16&list=PLS17GMBRjUlatKGz\\_QdpAoUHnXAv\\_aPXi](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixuesaN90Ps&index=16&list=PLS17GMBRjUlatKGz_QdpAoUHnXAv_aPXi)

### **Membership Training Videos**

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLS17GMBRjUlatKGz\\_QdpAoUHnXAv\\_aPXi](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLS17GMBRjUlatKGz_QdpAoUHnXAv_aPXi)

### **V-mail**

Go online to stay in communication with other Posts as well as with National Headquarters. Check in often for important VFW updates and news from national. The VFW Membership Department will be using this avenue for communication more regularly. If you need assistance logging in or your password, contact Leticia Cortez in the Membership Department at 816-756-3390, ext. 6292.

<http://www.vfw.com>

### **Hip Pocket Training:**

Login and go online to <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/membership-recruiting-and-retention> to view the latest training videos from the Membership Department. If you have any questions or topics you would like covered, please email them to [membership@vfw.org](mailto:membership@vfw.org) in advance and we will cover them on the next training video. We also post these webinars on our Facebook page! If you're not on Facebook, you can still view the webinars on YouTube

here: [https://youtu.be/z\\_5MovJgD6E?list=PLS17GMBRjUlatKGz\\_QdpAoUHnXAv\\_aPXi](https://youtu.be/z_5MovJgD6E?list=PLS17GMBRjUlatKGz_QdpAoUHnXAv_aPXi).

**WOMEN VETERANS...**Senator Jon Testor has introduced Senate Bill S. 514 (The Deborah Sampson Act). This legislation, a comprehensive measure addressing gender disparities, aims to improve and expand Department of Veterans Affairs programs and services for women veterans.

The bill would permanently authorize counseling for veterans recently separated from military service and accompanying family members in group retreat settings, including in women-exclusive settings. It would extend the number of days, from seven to 14, VA may cover the cost of care for newborns of women veterans. It would also provide adoption assistance to veterans who have infertility conditions incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

If you are a woman veteran in need of this type support or you support this bill. Please contact your Senator and let him or her know that Senate Bill S 514 needs to be passed.

NOTE: To see the full bill, just go to your web browser and type in Senate Bill 514, or type in US Senate Bills pending.

*NOTE: As of the end of 2018, women make up 20% of the Air Force, 19% of the Navy, 15% of the Army and 9% of the Marine Corps. 10% of the current veteran population is women!*

**VETERANS AFFAIRS eBENEFITS....**More than 7 million veterans have open accounts with the Departments of the VA and Defense ebenefits websites. To date, this website has NOT been hacked, but there has been occasional reports of individual accounts being illegally accessed. Since 2015, just .06% (that's 420 individuals) of VA's active ebenefits accounts have been accessed fraudulently.

If you believe you are a victim of fraud. You need to call the VA at 800-827-1000 as quickly as possible, or contact the VA's Office of the Inspector General at 800-488-8244, or email at [vaighotline@va.gov](mailto:vaighotline@va.gov).

**MEMBERSHIP** – The Post still has about 35 recurring members who have not yet renewed. Kevin Rorer is organizing a “Call a Member” phone blitz to reach these currently not-renewed members. If you want to help, please contact Kevin.

**Veterans Welcome Home and resource Center (Hutton House)** – Director Ron Wilson reported that they received the North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce. , Excellence in Community Award. They helped 94 veterans in March to the tune of \$3,023. There is one veteran in residence as they help her get situated.

**Veterans Resource Center of Florence** – Director C.B. Anderson reported they are doing well in their support of veterans in need and they've started construction of the Veterans Nursing Home in Florence.



Post Auxiliary member Catherine Steel was recognized by the VA at their award banquet last month. She was presented with a **750 Hour** pin and certificate for her volunteer work at the VA Clinic in Myrtle Beach.

We're proud of you Catherine!

Bill La Monte  
Writer/Editor