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**NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 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!**

**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.

**DID YOU KNOW...**that **ONE-IN-FOUR** women veterans report being harassed by other veterans while in a VA Health Care facility.

**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](mailto:vfwac@vfw.org) and sign up.

**COMMANDER’S CALL** - September looks to be a busy month at your Post. We have the golf tournament on the 7th, and brunch on the 8th. The Auxiliary is having their first tailgate party of the year on the 15th. Don’t forget to get your tickets for Jailhouse Rock on October 5th.

After many years of service, Frank Fogner has decided to resign as Post Adjutant. Frank, I thank you for your service and welcome Mike Mishoe.

See you at the Post!

Commander, Kevin Rorer

Last Month, YOUR Department of South Carolina held a School of Instruction training session and a Council of Administration business meeting. The following are some points of interest from the SOI.

\*\* YOU ARE a member of an All American State VFW.

\*\*The Department (state) voted to donate \$2,000 to the National Home for Children to support one of their buildings. There are 47 homes in the complex.

\*\*If you provide any document to the Commander for signature, it MUST go through the Post Adjutant (Frank Fogner) for approval/signature and then he will forward it to Commander.

\*\*If you are doing any type of community service/assisting veterans, make sure you document it on the 2019-2020 report and get it to Nick Camera.

\*\*If you are a "Continuous member" (pay annual dues), please try and renew your membership on time. Better yet, become a LIFE MEMBER!

\*\*Did you know the Poppy's we give out are assembled by disabled veterans in hospitals, at home, in nursing homes etc?

\*\*Want to leave a lasting memory to your post after you're gone? Become a Legacy Life Member today. An annual donation will be made to the post, in your name, for however long the post may exist.

You can contact me for info or a Legacy application.

\*\* Want to know what's happening in the VFW. Just sign up for Action Corps Weekly and you will receive weekly updates.

\*\*If you are going to file for any VA disability by using a Veterans Service Officer/Office from any accredited service organization (VFW, American Legion, VVA, etc.), you must start by completing the VA Form 2122. (Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claims Representative).

**DID YOU KNOW.....**That if you had a medical emergency and needed to go for help, the VA says that if you can't get to a VA facility? You should go to an URGENT CARE facility instead of a Hospital Emergency Room. This is because, as part of, the VA Mission Act, that the VA has partnered with many Urgent Care facilities in the state.

Should a sore throat or a rash send a Veteran to the emergency department or an urgent care center? Sometimes it's difficult to be sure. So, VA wants to make it easy by providing a clear-cut description of where to go for the health care Veterans need.

Urgent care centers, whether at a VA Health Care System or one located in a community, provide easy access to quality health care when a Veteran does not have time to wait to see a regular primary care provider or their office is closed.

If a Veteran lives close to the VA Health Care System, choosing to visit an urgent care center may be best if the illness or injury is non-life-threatening. Their medical expertise and commitment to personalized attention ensures Veterans with urgent health needs receive the very best care.

**"For life-threatening emergencies**, such as stroke symptoms or head trauma, they require a visit to your closest emergency department," Dr. Mark Todd, Chief of Emergency Medicine at Salem VA Medical Center located in Salem, Virginia, said. "A minor injury or illness that does not appear to be life threatening and cannot wait until the following day should be treated at an urgent care center."



Congratulations to USAF Chief Master Sergeant, Retired, Al Stahl (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) on receiving his QUILT of VALOR at a ceremony hosted by the Veterans Café in Myrtle Beach on Friday, 9 August.

## VFW Core Values:

- \*Always put the interests of our members first.
- \*Treat donors as partners in our cause
- \*Promote patriotism
- \*Honor military service
- \*Ensure the care of veterans and their families
- \*Serve our communities
- \*Promote a positive image of the VFW
- \*Respect the diversity of veteran opinions



Thanks to Brian Cabe of Seaboard Signs of Conway and Commander Rorer's stepson Shane for refurbishing the Post All American sign into something worth looking at again. THANK YOU!!!

**Jeopardy Question?** How many Medals of Honor were awarded to WW II veterans and how many are still alive: **Answer:** 472 MofH were awarded, only **4** recipients are still alive and three are in their mid to late 90's and one is 100.

**VA Updates the Schedule for Rating Disabilities:** VA has updated three portions of the VA

Schedule for Rating Disabilities: infectious diseases, immune disorders, and nutritional deficiencies. VA started to rewrite all of the fifteen regulations in 2017 in order to reflect modern medicine as the regulations have not been updated since the original code was written in 1945. Any claims in these three areas pending on Aug. 11, 2019, will be considered under both the new and old rating schedule with the more favorable rating result going to the veteran. All claims filed on or after Aug. 11, 2019 will be rated on the new standards.



Members of the Post and Auxiliary celebrate the Post's receiving a VFW National Recognition Certificate (Community Service Special Project) for the Post's work with the Veterans Resource Center of Florence.

Don't forget this month's meeting on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>!! BRING A NEW MEMBER!!

Have a great Labor Day weekend!

Make sure you support local 9-11 remembrances!!!

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