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NEWSLETTER – October 2021

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

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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

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 49% 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

DID YOU KNOW – That from September 2019 to September 2020 there were 87,200+ drug overdoses

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – MITCH SHAFFER and CHARLES MURRAY. Hope to see you at YOUR post in the near future.

COMMANDER'S CALL: We are officially in the Fall. Weather is cooling and we are having some of the best and most beautiful days of the year. This is why we live here (ok, one of the many reasons).

The summer has flown by. We are starting to see some of our Northern friends return.

The summer is usually a difficult time of the year for the Post. Our electric bill skyrockets, our attendance is down. This year with some changes we are seeing a positive trend and we did well on many of the events we sponsored. I would like to thank the Auxiliary for their financial support to the Post over the summer. Their contributions were the main effort to move forward with upgrades to the kitchen and canteen and paying some of the bills.

The biggest event in September was the annual golf outing. This year the Marine Corps League Rifle Team assisted to render honors to the ones we lost on that day, 20 years ago. Thanks to all who assisted in the outing: many brought in hole sponsors, and donations from businesses for our raffle, those who assisted in the course set up, and those who served our lunch. I have to make a special thanks to Allen and Dan, who carried most of the admin and support duties. I am always taken back by the love Allen continues to show for our Post. He is a true role model that we all should emulate. With his physical limitations, he is still out there working hole sponsorships and donations from Wal-Mart, Chic fil a, Krispy Cream, etc. For next year, please consider assisting the Golf Outing Committee. There are many ways you can help without committing an enormous amount of time. "Many Hands....."

As we get into the fall, keep an eye on the calendar and the info we put out on Facebook and email. We have Auxiliary, Post and District events coming up.

We continue to seek and ask for volunteers. We are in special need of support on Thursday night, Fiesta Night. We currently only have 3 support teams to run the kitchen and need closer to eight. I would like to see teams tapped only once every two months, as burnout is a historic problem. Please consider supporting Thursday nights. You are not expected or need to be a trained chef, it is just tacos. Contact Al Stahl, me, or anyone on the House Committee.

See you at the Post.....

MIKE MISHOE,

Commander

HERE'S SOME INTERESTING ITEMS FROM AMERICAN LEGION WEBSITE

***WOMEN IN THE MILITARY** –The women population is expected to grow by 18,000 a year for the next 10 years.

***AGENT ORANGE IN GUAM** – From 1958 to 1980 Guam used a defoliant that contained most of the chemicals found in Agent Orange. Recently, three members of the House of Representatives filed a bill seeking VA Care for over 50,000 veterans who served on Guam during that time.

The VA claims there is no documentation to show the defoliant was used in a "TACTICAL" application and that it was used "commercially" for weed control.

***GUARDS AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER** - Wear standard military footwear that has built-up bottoms to make the bottoms flat so it helps the soldier appear more upright and reduces head-bobble and hat-bouncing. They also wear steel-tipped toes on their shoes and

metal plates on the heels for maneuvering. They also have 'steel shanks' attached to the heel plates so they can 'click' (clicking of heels together) to give non-verbal commands during a changing of the guard ceremony.

***ARE YOU A STUDENT IN COLLEGE USING GI BILL?** – Do you know that in order to keep your Basic Assistance for Housing (BAH), you must contact your school to have them verify they have contacted the VA to verify your enrollment? That you and the school must contact the VA monthly to verify your continued enrollment. Questions/ Contact the VA Education Center at 888-442-4551 or sign up at gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALLEN



YOUR Post helped Allen Rundall celebrate his 89th birthday with a party attended by members & friends

VETERAN'S HELPING VETERAN'S



Dan Farley, Lon Pike and Nick Camera are with Jack Schonely after helping him by filling and placing over 100 sandbags around Jack's house, which is prone to flooding during heavy rains. Not pictured is Auxiliary Chaplain Karen Camera who was moving sand with the best of them.

BUDDY CHECKS – Do you know of a relative, neighbor, or fellow veteran that you have not seen in a while? Unfortunately, the COVID problem has not been resolved to the level that was hoped for. Take it upon yourself to give them a call or drop by their house and see how they are doing. I am quite certain they will be greatly appreciative of your concern.

HERE'S A THOUGHT – Do you know of a fellow veteran whose annual membership is about to expire, or has expired within the last two years? Give them a BUDDY CHECK to see how they are doing and, in the process, bring up their membership status and how you and the post would like to see them continue/renew their membership. If their membership is past two years expired, you get credit for signing a new member. A win-win situation for both of you!!

HAVE YOU FILED AN APPEAL WITH THE VA?

The Board of Veterans' Appeals has learned that a limited number of Veterans may have had their Board Appeal forms (VA Form 10182, Decision Review Request: Board Appeal (Notice of Disagreement)) mistakenly rejected for being untimely. Out of an abundance of caution, the Board is sending out a wide notice to help ensure no other Veterans were impacted by this. If you filed a **VA Form 10182 with the Board between February 19, 2019, and March 23, 2021**, and believe it may have been improperly rejected as untimely, please send a letter to the "**Clerk of the Board**" at **P.O. Box 27063, Washington, DC 20038** or via fax to **1-844-678-8979** no later than March 1, 2022. In your letter, state you are asking the Board to "RECALCULATE TIMELINESS" and be careful to include the Veteran's full name, claim number or SSN, the date of the rating decision you appealed to the Board, and the date of your original VA Form 10182 appeal form that the Board told you was untimely."

VFW HALL RENTAL

Know anyone in need of a hall rental to have that special party. YOUR VFW post has one at a very reasonable price. All you have to do is call ANNE OGNOWSKI at 201-615-3084

HOW DOES YOUR POST OR DISTRICT QUALIFY FOR All State or All-American status?

District and Post Commanders are responsible for ensuring the information on all report cards is up-to-date.

The information on the Department Report Card and All-American Dashboard will be used for District and Post recognition.

Department Dashboard is broken down into two sections.

1. Left side (**Good Standing**) is completed by the Department Chairperson or Department Officers. See Program Dashboard Errors for contact information.
- Right side (**Program Reporting**) is updated by the Post Community Service Chairperson or Commanders designated chairperson.
 - **Green – Completed.**
 - **Red – Not Done.**
 - **Red with white "L" – Completed but late.**
 - **Black - Not required.**

You can find a REPORT CARD GUIDE by going to VFWSC.org on your website. On right side click LOGIN in dropdown click MEMBERS ONLY enter your last name and VFW number to log-in, on left side of page click on REPORT CARD GUIDE. The info in the guide is self-explanatory.

YOUR POST'S 29th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
Better known as the 9-11 "NEVER FORGET" Tournament



Picture 1: Chaplain Bob Wasden, Tournament Co-Chair Dan Farley, 10804 Commander Mike Mishoe
Picture 2: The Marine Corps League Honor Guard, **Picture 3:** Some of those that helped make it happen
Picture 4: Check-in and vendors, **Pictures 5 & 6:** Tournament participants

As always, back at the post, a great lunch was served, door prizes were abundant, winning teams rewarded, including the coveted last place "porcelain prince" trophies

Allen & Dan want to THANK Crown Park, all sponsors, donors, volunteers and players for making this tournament the great success that it has become 😊

SOME NOTES FROM THE 18 SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING
Meeting conducted by Sr. Vice-Commander Mike Mallory

First Off – Want to say "thanks for coming" to Isiah Felder and Robert Croxton from Kingstree Post 6500, for attending our meeting.



101 YEARS OLD – and still attending most of our monthly business meetings. Glad to see you today, WW II veteran, **BILL JAGOE!!** Bill is a member of Post 516 in Farmingdale NY, but now calls 10804 home.

*The VWHRC is holding a FREE golf tournament on November 11th. Contact them for entry and details

*YOUR House Committee still needs volunteers to work a couple hours on Wednesday and Thursday night (about 5 to 7 PM). Contact Carolyn Mishoe or Al Stahl if you can help.

*VWHRC – John Brough reported that the center has its first “tiny-home” that will soon be set-up for a homeless veterans use.

*Membership – Bill Foley reported YOUR post was at 87.06% membership renewal out of a total 518 members. As of this meeting, YOUR post needs 66 new or reinstated members

*Veterans Resource Center, Florence – C.B. Anderson reported that Florence is about to open 24 “tiny homes” for women or women with children. They can stay up to 24 months while they find jobs and work on improving their lives.

Community Activities – Nick Camera reported that as of September 18, YOUR post has donated 2,967 in volunteer hours thru 239 comrades with a value of over \$49,800

*Safety – Eric Jordan reported that in the last year, there were 3,655 deaths in a home. 75% of them were due to fires.

*Mike Mallory reported that Horry County has free home smoke detectors for those that ask. The Fire Department will even install them for free. They have flashing light ones for those with hearing impairments.

*Bill La Monte asked YOUR post to get involved with providing Christmas presents to veterans in nursing homes and senior-citizen facilities. He says he already has a list of 15 veterans who have no one at Christmas.

*Al Stahl reported the solar system was providing a small monthly profit



Sr. Vice Mike Mallory conducting the meeting and he and Dan Farley attaching a 100% membership streamer on the post guide-on



YOUR Post & Auxiliary honoring POW MIA Day



Made it to VFW Post #1. Unfortunately, it was closed for renovations and not scheduled to re-open until sometime in November.

DID YOU KNOW THAT – VFW POST # 1 Is located in Denver, Post 2 in Philadelphia, Post 3 Altoona, PA, Posts 5 & 7 in Minnesota, Post 9 in Maine and Post #10 in North Carolina. Posts 4, 6, 8 no longer exist, nor do about ½ of the original 50 posts. The earliest Post in Europe is #27 (Wiesbaden Germany 1977 with over 2,500 current members).

ALSO – Did you know New York’s District 1 has **82 Posts** in that District. How would you like to be the Commander of that District?

CONGRATULATIONS TO Nick Camera and Post 10804 (YOUR Post) for earning 2020-2021 National Outstanding Community Service Post award.

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P.S. I would like to hear from some of you elected/appointed officers and you committee chairpersons, on what’s happening in your arenas. I’m sure the membership is interested in what’s happening around THEIR post.

***IT’S NOT THE PRICE YOU PAID TO BECOME A MEMBER
IT’S THE PRICE YOU PAID TO BECOME ELIGIBLE***

