

August 2009 Newsletter

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Commanders Corner:

Thank you to everyone who participated in post clean-up day. The turn-out was a little light but we got a few things done. Thanks also to the Honor Guard for serving lunch to the dependents at the Family Pamper day at the National Guard Armory. Making a difference in the life of their family helps to support our deployed personnel.

Our food barrel is still low and there are many people in the community who are struggling. Please bring what you can to help those less fortunate. It is also the time of year when we need contributions to the school supply barrel. When you are shopping for your children or grandchildren, please consider purchasing a little extra to bring to the post to support those in our community who need assistance.

Membership, membership, membership. Please renew now for the 2009-2010 post year.

On **August 22nd** we will have an adult movie night. We will show a movie and the VFWA will serve pizza and salad as a fund-raiser. At this time we have not worked out all the logistics to be able to entertain children in the banquet hall while adults are in the canteen. This and other efforts you will see in the near future are aimed at increasing business in the canteen and making our post a place that more members feel welcome and where they want to be.

Jeff Friar, Commander

Quartermaster:

We are accepting \$30 dues for year 2010. All VFW and Men's Auxiliary members are required to pay dues before December 31, 2009. It is a good idea to pay now rather than waiting until the last minute and if late, having your door card deactivated and paying an additional \$5.

August 9th is the District 13 meeting at Gastonia Post starting at 2:00pm. Be sure to attend and learn of changes being introduced to the VFW.

Leo Long, Quartermaster

House Committee:

Thanks to all who helped with the post clean up on July 18th. We certainly appreciate your work. We are trying something new on August 22nd by having a movie night for adults. Join us for the night.

Ken Lee, Chairman

Ladies Auxiliaries:

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. There is a lot going to be happening this month and I hope everyone can come out and support. The Post is going to have a movie night **August 22** and the ladies are going to be selling pizza and salad, this will be a fundraiser for us. Look for the posters at the Post for time and title.

There is also going to be a District meeting in Gastonia **August 9 at 2:00 pm**. Please plan on attending as there will be a lot of important information given out and it does pertain to all of us!! The ladies will be hosting the District School of Instruction on **September 19th, 11am - 2pm**. Again please plan on attending as this is very important to all of us.

Everyone's School will be starting this month and the need for school supplies will be strong. If you are out and about shopping for your family please pick up a few items for our school supply drive. As in the past these items will go to the school(s) in our area Shamrock Elementary. There will be a large container in the Canteen to except these items. Thank you for your support in our community.

And as always do not forget the Food Bank Barrel! We need non perishable food items. There are a lot of people in our community that need our help and this is what we are all about, helping. With that said everyone have a safe and wonderful month and always keep our Veterans and active duty members in your hearts and prayers

Colleen Sakala, President

Military Order of the Cootie

Greetings, comrades and fellow cooties. Our Pup Tent, located here within our post has somewhat fallen by the wayside. We have a new slate of officers and we are rebuilding. So we are asking that all VFW members interested in becoming a cootie, come to our next meeting the FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. It is a little different and fun. Please stop by and give it a try. Cooties' main goal is to help our hospitalized veterans. We plan to have visitors at our **August 3rd** meeting to help us become more organized. See you there.

Jim Goins, MOC Seam Squirrel

Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary:

We are now collecting the dues for the MOCA 2010. Remember to pay your Ladies Auxiliary dues before you pay the Cootie dues.

Please come and join us to help in planning the meal for the Veterans. We will start having them back in September.

B J Rape', MOCA President