

# July 2009 Newsletter

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## VFW OFFICERS

Commander – Jeff Friar	Trustee – Alvin Jones
Sr. Vice - Terry Beaver	Trustee – Earl Sechler
Jr. Vice – Lewis Hunt	Trustee – Jack Kerns
Quartermaster – Leo Long	Chair. House – Ken Lee
Chaplain – Jerry Overman	House – Jim Hopkins
Judge Advocate – Dallas Hudson	House – Butch Langley
Surgeon – Skip Hunt	

## LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President – Colleen Sakala	Guard – Karene Sakala
Sr. Vice – Deanna Long	Trustee – Mary Ann Richardson
Jr. Vice – Betty Morris	Trustee – Teri Thompkins
Treasurer – BJ Rape'	Trustee – Debbie Fox
Chaplain – Christy Railey	Patriotic Inst. – Erin Fox
Conductress – Dotty Brimhall	Secretary – Elaine Friar

## Commanders Corner:

Thank you to all who have expressed their support to me in my new role as Commander. As a workingman, I may not be at the post when you are there. To help me reach people and hear your input & concerns, I have installed a suggestion box and left business cards you can use to contact me and schedule a time we can meet at the post face to face. We plan to create new opportunities for members to have a reason to be at the post. If you have any ideas, please tell me or drop a note in the suggestion box. Watch our new website [www.vfwpost9488.org](http://www.vfwpost9488.org) for details and information.

June 26 was a Joint Officers Planning meeting to set the goals and assign committees for the coming year. Our goal is to make our post the best that it can be. We want the post to be more attractive to recent veterans, we want your post to be a fun place to come more often, and we want to support our community to the best of our ability.

July begins with a bang! On **July 4<sup>th</sup>** we will have our traditional flag disposal/retirement ceremony. This is a moving event that you need to be present for. The ceremony is outside at 1:00 pm; join me in praying for good weather. Afterwards we will have burgers & dogs with the fixin's. As we celebrate our freedoms, remember those who still serve our country to protect these freedoms.

Our Comrade of the Quarter is our Judge Advocate, Dallas Hudson. See the enclosed bio.

HELP!!! Our food bank is empty, as are many community families' pantries. Please help us fill up our barrel and shelves with what ever non-perishable foods you can donate so we can share with our community members in need.

**Jeff Friar, Commander**

## Quartermaster:

**July 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will begin to accept \$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.

**Leo Long, Quartermaster**

## House Committee:

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** will be our flag retirement ceremony and lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. Plan on celebrating the Independence Day with us starting at 1:00 pm.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** is our post CLEAN UP day. We need everyone's help to make our post "shine". Hope to see you at 8:00 am or whenever you can get here.

**Ken Lee, Chairman**

## Ladies Auxiliaries:

Hello everyone!! Hope your summer is going well. I would like to take this opportunity right now to say thank you to each and every one of you. The men and women of VFW Post 9488 are the best and I am so very honored and proud to be a part of this fine post. You all are so very special to me, words can not describe how I feel. You all are truly my family! I love each and every one of you!!

We have had a great year and a very successful year here at the Post! It could not be accomplished without your support and for that I thank you!! I look forward to an even better year coming and I look forward to working with the incoming officers of the post and the Auxiliary!

Please mark your calendars this month, there will be a Post clean-up on **July 18th at 8:00 am**. We need each and every one of you to help. The more people there are; the more we can get done. I look forward to seeing you there.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** there will be a small but very important ceremony, the Color Guard will be retiring old and worn flags. Afterwards the Post will be hosting lunch. The Ceremony starts at **1:00 pm** and lunch afterwards. Please come out and witness this very important ceremony.

On a final note please remember that there is a need for non-perishable foods for our food bank. There are a lot of people in our community that needs our assistance, and don't forget the pets as well. Please bring in and deposit in the large container in the canteen any canned or boxed food items.

As always please keep our Veterans and active duty military personnel in your prayers and hearts.

Our next meeting will be **July 21, 2009 at 7:00 pm**. Look forward to seeing all of you as we have some exciting new ideas for the coming year, we can't do it without you!! Thank you and God Bless each and every one of you!

***Colleen Sakala, President***

**Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary:**

The first meeting of the year 2009-2010 for MOC and MOCA was June 1st. We discussed projects and fund raisers for this upcoming year and these will be refined at our July meeting. Plan on attending our next meeting on **July 6, 2009 at 7:00 pm** and share ideas and planning. Hope to see you then.

***B J Rape', MOCA President***