

June 2009 Newsletter

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VFW OFFICERS

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

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

Commanders Corner:

This is my last message as commander and I want to express great thanks to everyone for their help with all the work and events at the post this past year. I want to wish the incoming officers the best and may they have a successful year ahead.

The state convention is the weekend of **June 20th** in Raleigh; please attend if you have an opportunity.

Please come and visit your canteen, the canteen support is what keeps this post running. While visiting our canteen please be reminded that we have ladies present and use appropriate language.

God bless our troops, bring them home safe and have a Happy Father's day.

Elmo (Butch) Langley, Commander

Quartermaster:

We hope many members will plan on attending the Department Convention in Raleigh, NC on **June 18-21, 2009**. Following the convention, the new officers will assume their positions for the new year.

June 26th at 6:30 pm the VFW officers and Ladies Auxiliary officers will have a joint meeting. Dinner will be provided.

Leo Long, Quartermaster

House Committee:

Thanks to the good cooks: Rick Williams, David Conrad and John Desern for the wonderful breakfast prepared and served for our incoming officers' installation last month.

Ken Lee, Chairman

Ladies Auxiliary:

Our first annual Military Ball last month was a success and enjoyed by all who attended. The planning is now underway for next year's gala. Thanks to all who supported the post by purchasing tickets and we hope you will plan on attending next year and bringing friends. Let others know how much you enjoyed yourselves.

We also had a meaningful Memorial Day program on May 25th and enjoyed the lunch provided. Mark your calendar to fly your flag in recognition of FLAG DAY on **June 14th** and INDEPENDENCE DAY on **July 4th**. Let your patriotism be seen by many.

Following the Department Convention **June 18-21** at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh, NC, our Auxiliary Officers will assume their responsibilities. That will be the beginning of the 2009-2010 year.

All Auxiliary Officers, on **June 26th at 6:30 pm (dinner provided)** we are having a joint meeting with the VFW officers to begin planning for our 2009-2010 year. Join us and share your ideas for our post.

Colleen Sakala, President

Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary:

The Auxiliary members have voted to change the monthly meetings to the first Monday of each month. **June 1, 2009 at 7:00pm** the MOC and MOCA will start meeting at the same time.

MOC/MOCA Grand Convention was held in Hickory on **May 29 – May 31, 2009** and fun was had by all. Following the convention, the MOC and MOCA officers for year 2009-2010 are now assuming their positions.

As the MOCA President for the coming year, I look forward to working with the members of the MOCA and MOC. Jim Goins is the MOC Seam Squirrel and is also enthused about the upcoming year.

I would like to thank the outgoing officers and members who are so helpful and we will need their continued support for the upcoming year.

May was our last dinner for the hospitalized veterans until September. When the Veterans were at the post in April we had lots of support from all the Post Members and this is thanks to them for their help. They also made a very lively time of the Plaza Derby (Horse races) everyone had lots of fun. We are looking forward to the new year with great anticipation and hope all of our members will come out to enjoy the fun.

B J Rape', MOCA President