

October 2009 Newsletter

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Commander – Jeff Friar
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Trustee – Alvin Jones
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LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President – Colleen Sakala
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Trustee – Teri Thompkins
Trustee – Debbie Fox
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Secretary – Elaine Friar

Commanders Corner:

It is one of the distinct pleasures of my position that I get to congratulate people for the hard work that they do on behalf of our post. One of the hardest working young men in our post has been Lewis Hunt. Lewis will be leaving us very soon to take a contract position with the Navy in Naples, Italy. Please join me in thanking Lewis for his hard work and dedication and wish him Fair Winds and Following Seas.

On September 11, Lewis, Sam McQueen, Elaine Friar and I were honored to pass out American flags before the Vance High School Football game while members of NMCB 23 presented a flag flown over their base camp in Iraq. September 12, Lewis, Terry Beaver and I spent the day with elements of the 678th HR Battalion for their Yellow Ribbon day. On September 18, Terry, Don Steigel & Orren Hightower provided flag handling and respect to elementary school kids. September 19, our movie night raised funds for Cancer Aid and Research. And on September 23 we welcomed our veterans back for their monthly visits.

Your post is active in our community. Get involved and you will feel better because you did.

Fun things are on the horizon. Movie night continues in October as we raise funds for another worthy cause. Of course Halloween we will have a costume contest. Member Dave Majdanski presented a couple of cruise options that we could get together as a group rate. If you have interest please contact myself or Dave.

Our House Committee is struggling with the economy and price increases for our suppliers. Trust me when I say that I sat in on the meeting to decide the price increases and these are the minimum that will allow us to cover the cost of goods and operation of the canteen. Additional changes are coming January 2 for locker fees and a new corkage fee for brown-baggers.

I look forward to seeing you at the post! Get involved.

Jeff Friar, Commander

Quartermaster:

If you are one of our few members who have paid your 2010 dues, congratulations and please disregard the following. *The \$30 dues for year 2010 are now payable. 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.* Consider being an active member and participate in the Post meetings, decisions and activities.

October 2-4, 2009 is the fall Council of Administration held in Raleigh, NC at the North Raleigh Hilton. This is a good opportunity to learn of the changes established by National and items relative to our Post as well as the awards received at National. We hope to see many of you at the meetings.

Leo Long, Quartermaster

House Committee:

Remember to check the calendar for many activities at the Post and other locations; such as:

October 9, 2009 the Pot luck, wine tasting and Karaoke starting at 7:30 pm

October 10, at 8:00 am is Post clean up day. We do need a large group to help.

October 17, 2009 starting at noon is a fundraiser for our Post. We are offering either a barbeque plate or three sandwiches for a low cost of \$8.00. This is open to the public and we need members to also pre-sell tickets to their friends and neighbors. Help the Post to have an outstanding fundraiser and stop by the canteen to pick up tickets for sale.

October 24, at 7:00 pm is our monthly movie night. Join us for an evening of fun.

October 31st is our Halloween Party which will also include potluck and Karaoke, starting at 7:30pm.

Ken Lee, Chairman

Ladies Auxiliaries:

I would like to remind you that the Conference of Administration is coming up. It is **October 2, 3 and 4, 2009** in Raleigh, NC. Please plan on attending as you will learn about the programs in which the Auxiliary is participating. Our work with these activities does help our community and the VFW organization.

Ladies, the Post is having a BBQ fundraiser **October 17, 2009**, and tickets will be sold. The Post has asked the ladies for their help in selling tickets. I know all of you will be willing to help the men and your Post in this endeavor. Pick up a supply of tickets to be pre-sold at the cost of \$8.00 for either a plate or three sandwiches.

Please remember the food bank in the Canteen, there is a very big need in our community for our assistance. So please bring any non perishable food items to fill the barrel so that we can take to those in need. For those of you that have been bringing in food items, thank you so very much for your help!

Mark your calendars for **October 20, 2009**. That is when the Ladies will have their Auxiliary meeting. Please plan on attending, we need your input and can not accomplish all that we do with out everyone's participation. It is not only your Auxiliary but your Post and we are all here to help and support our Veterans. This can not be done if you are not here to help.

In closing always remember our active service members and veterans in your hearts and prayers.

Colleen Sakala, President

Military Order of the Cootie

We resumed the dinners for the VA patients on September 23rd. This month their will be served on October 28th and we invite all members to come to serve and socialize with our guests.

Jim Goins, MOC Seam Squirrel

Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary:

October 28th at 6:30pm we will be serving dinner to the VA patients. We would appreciate volunteers furnishing desserts and if you will, please give me a call or tell a MOCA member.

B J Rape', MOCA President