

September 2009 Newsletter

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Commanders Corner:

Greetings from the National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona! It is good to be back home where 90 degrees feels cool. I want to thank those who provided leadership while I was away. Thanks to Terry Beaver, our Senior Vice Commander, who ran the meeting and represented the post in stellar fashion to many outside interests. Thanks to the VFWA who took charge of our first movie night. Also thanks to Past Commander Jim Hopkins, who presented school supplies to our partners at Shamrock Elementary School.

Speaking of school supplies, there is so much more that we can do. Please remember to bring supplies for the barrel when you come to the post. Also, the food bank really needs our support and every can you bring could mean the difference in the daily struggle of the families of our community.

For those of you who have stayed away from meetings because of the smoky atmosphere, the membership approved a **smoking ban** on meetings for at least the next four months. If attendance at the meetings increases during this time, it might become a permanent condition. It is time for you to vote with your feet. Join us at the next meeting!

Please support your post. Renew your membership now. Attend post meetings and events. Attend the next movie night on **September 19th**, a low cost way to watch a movie with friends in a friendly environment. Submit your ideas for other post activities to the suggestion box in the canteen.

Jeff Friar, Commander

Quartermaster:

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.

At the last VFW meeting on August 17th, it was voted on and accepted to make future **VFW meetings SMOKE FREE**. We hope this will encourage many of you to attend and participate in the meetings and Post decisions.

Leo Long, Quartermaster

House Committee:

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

September 11th, Flag Retirement Ceremony at Vance High School during the football game.

September 12th, 108th Pre-deployment, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Ken Lee, Chairman

Ladies Auxiliaries:

Labor Day September 7th we will be having our POW/MIA Ceremony. The ceremony will be a 1:00pm with lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs being served afterward. Please plan on attending and honoring these servicemen.

Well summer is just about over and the school year has started once again. We have a few things coming up this coming month. **September 19**, is the School of Instruction for District 13 Ladies Auxiliary hosted by our Ladies Auxiliary. Please plan on attending as we do learn quite a bit from these short classes. The time is **11:00 am to 2:00 pm**. We will be serving light finger foods and salads.

Also put on your calendar that the Council of Administration will be **October 2, 3, and 4th** in Raleigh. As you can see we have a lot of things happening so please put on your calendars the next Auxiliary meeting is **Sept. 15, 2009** at 7:00pm. We do cover quite a bit and we need your input. We can't do it without you. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Please remember the School Supplies Barrel and the Food Bank Barrel in the Canteen. Both barrels are empty and our community is need of both. I do understand in this economy it is more difficult to do what you would like, but every little bit helps and the people that receive these items are deeply grateful. It's what we are about helping our community and in turn ourselves.

Colleen Sakala, President

Military Order of the Cootie

I know you all are looking forward to our next meeting. Due to the fact that our next meeting falls on Labor Day we have changed our meeting to the following **Monday, September 14th**. We are continuing to work with the local football league and work the concession and you will be informed when all the details are finalized.

We start the dinners for the patients from Salisbury VA Hospital again **September 23rd**. It has been a few months since they have eaten with us and I know they are looking forward to it. We continue to strive to grow and become one of the best Pup Tents in North Carolina but we need more members and support from everyone. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and bring a fellow comrade to join in our festivities. Have a good Labor Day and I will see you soon.

Jim Goins, MOC Seam Squirrel

Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary:

Hope all of you will come to our next meeting on **September 14th** and learn of awards won at the Supreme Convention last month. It was a real pleasure to be at the convention and here MOCA # 89 being called out with all the other states hearing this. ***It was thrilling when North Carolina and Pup Tent *89 received recognition when our Grand President and Sister, Betty Morris, received the Grand President of the Year Award. Congratulations, Betty!!!!!!!***

Please join in the activities and help make this coming year great also. We need your assistance in planning our meals and entertainment for our veterans, as well as preparing, serving, and cleaning up. Ladies please attend and bring the desserts for our veterans' dinner on **September 23rd**. Looking forward to seeing you.

B J Rape', MOCA President

All Grand Auxiliary Sisters,

I just want to tell all of you thanks for your support this past year. I am so very proud of all the hard work and reporting that all of you did. By you doing all the reporting got you lots of awards, a total of 34 awards in all. The big one was when I got President of the year. I just can't thank you enough as this shows what working together and reporting does for the Grand. Let's continue the work and make Grand Barbara Icard President of this year, which would make three years straight for the Grand of N.C.

Betty Morris, Past Grand of N.C.