

August 2010 Newsletter

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Trustee – Betty Fisher
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Commanders Corner:

Congratulations to all of you from our membership chairman, Terry Beaver on down. You did it! We ended the year at 105% of the membership of the previous year. Thank you to everyone who recruited new members and renewed their memberships last year. Your efforts were rewarded with a 100% streamer for the Post Colors. This monumental goal was achieved through your plain old hard work and direct personal contact. Please renew your membership soon. Lend a hand by bringing in more new members to help spread the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and assist with our local community.

Soon it is back to school time. Your donations to the school supply barrel will help children in-need from our local community. We have a proud tradition of providing assistance to our community neighbors. For all those who have asked "Bert & Ernie" are headed to Hemby Children in the very near future. There it will be a permanent fixture and a reminder of our support to the community.

We thank everyone for your support of the Canteen. The Canteen pays the bills that keep the post open and help us support our local community. You make me very proud to be the Commander of a post that is so supportive of our local community. Many of you have made generous donations to support our many programs. For example, Comrade Lewis Hunt who was back home visiting from Naples, Italy made very generous donations to the food bank, school supplies and the relief fund. You can always make a cash donation as well and other members of the post will do the shopping to fill the barrels.

This is an official notice that at the September Post meeting we will be voting on new Post By-Laws. The National By-Laws require a minimum 20 day official notice to all members. The By-Laws committee will meet **August 13 at 2:00 pm**. The meeting is open to interested VFW Post 9488 Comrades.

To sum up, thank you, thank you, thank you and stay involved in all your post has to offer. You are the reason for the success of the post.

Jeff Friar, Commander

Quartermaster:

August 15, 2010 is the first District 13 meeting for this year. The **2:00 pm** meeting is being hosted by the Paw Creek Post at 8520 Mount Holly Road, Charlotte, NC 28214, 704-393-8152. Please attend to learn of any changes for the 2010-2011 year. We want to show our support for the District.

Now is the time to pay your dues for this year, before December 31st to permit you remaining an active member. Please do so as soon as possible.

Leo Long, Quartermaster

House Committee:

A special thanks to Willie Barbee for the GREAT JOB of stripping and waxing the floors of our main ballroom. Looks beautiful Willie!!!!

Check the calendar for the many activities scheduled in August. We are having potluck and karaoke on August 13 and 27. Saturday, August 21, there will be potluck and live music starting at 7:30pm. Don't forget the Golf Outing on Wednesday, August 25th, beginning at 8:30 am at Sunset Hills course.

Ken Lee, Chairman

Ladies Auxiliaries:

Ladies, plan on attending the District meeting on **August 15, 2010**. We will meet at **2:00pm** at the Paw Creek Post, 8420 Mount Holly Road, Charlotte, NC 28214, 704-393-8152. If you need a ride, please call me or the Post prior to that Sunday and transportation will be arranged.

At our July meeting, program chairmen were assigned and we are beginning work. Please say "yes" when one of them asks for assistance. If you have an interest in a favorite program, let us know and information will be provided.

We are considering holding a car wash to raise money for Cancer Aid and Research. Keep your eyes open for announcements in the canteen.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on **August 17, 2010** at 7:00 pm.

Colleen Sakala, President

Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary:

Sisters, we would love to have you all attend our upcoming meeting. We are beginning our project of making gifts for our hospitalized veterans. Look forward to seeing you at the meeting Monday, **August 2, 2010** at 7:00pm.

We are now collecting MOCA dues for 2011. Remember that your Ladies Auxiliary dues must be paid first and then your MOCA dues.

Betty Morris, MOCA President