

# January 2010 Newsletter

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## VFW OFFICERS

Commander – Jeff Friar  
Sr. Vice - Terry Beaver  
Jr. Vice – David Watts  
Quartermaster – Leo Long  
Chaplain – Jerry Overman  
Judge Advocate – Dallas Hudson  
Surgeon – Skip Hunt

Trustee – Alvin Jones  
Trustee – Earl Sechler  
Trustee – Jack Kerns  
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President – Colleen Sakala  
Sr. Vice – Deanna Long  
Jr. Vice – Betty Morris  
Treasurer – BJ Rape'  
Chaplain – Christy Railey  
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Guard – Karene Sakala  
Trustee – Mary Ann Richardson  
Trustee – Teri Thompkins  
Trustee – Debbie Fox  
Patriotic Inst. – Erin Fox  
Secretary – Elaine Friar

## Commanders Corner:

Thanks to everyone who supported the events of the post during December! We had a good time! Your support for the food bank helped many needy families during these tough times. I request that you help again in January which is traditionally the hardest month of the year for the food bank to meet their needs. When you visit the post, please bring a can or two to deposit in the food bank barrel.

Please renew your membership now if you have not already done so. Also continue to recruit new members. And come out and support the activities of your post.

**Jeff Friar, Commander**

## Quartermaster:

***The \$30 dues for year 2010 have been payable since July 1, 2009 and deadline was December 31, 2009 all VFW and Men's Auxiliary members were required to pay dues before that date. To remain a member and gain entrance into the Post, dues must have been paid before January 1<sup>st</sup>.***

***If your dues are paid after December 31<sup>st</sup>, your door card is deactivated and you must pay an additional \$5 to receive a replacement door card and then you will be eligible for entry into the post.***

**Leo Long, Quartermaster**

## House Committee:

Thanks for everyone's help and support during 2009 and the latest holidays. Remember to check the calendar for many activities this month including movie night.

**Ken Lee, Chairman**

## Ladies Auxiliaries:

We are starting this New Year with service to our veterans at the VA hospital in Salisbury, NC. **January 10<sup>th</sup>** is our district picnic to furnish dinner and gift bags at the VA. We need items to fill the ten gift bags which will be prepared at the Post on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Please bring appropriate gifts and help us complete the bags. Also, plan on attending the picnic at the VA hospital on Sunday, 4:00 pm. If anyone needs a ride to the VA, please call an officer by Saturday to make arrangements.

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, **January 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm. We would appreciate your attendance for input into programs and plans for the remainder of the year. Also, please turn in your community service hours, mileage and financial along with a brief description of the work. Our chaplain need to know of your visits to the hospitals, shut-ins, cards sent, phone calls, funerals attended and food given to veterans.

***If you had not paid your dues before January 1, 2010, you are no longer an active member and your Post door card will no longer work. An additional fee of \$5 is needed for a replacement card, along with your dues to enable you to gain entrance into the Post.***

Mark your calendar for **February 5 – 7, 2010** which is the Department Council of Administration being held at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. Plan on attending and become familiar with projects under the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

**Colleen Sakala, President**

### **Military Order of the Cootie:**

We hope that you have had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! Thank you for all that you have done this past year. The patients had a great Christmas party at the post. They were very thankful for the great meal and gifts. Thanks to all of the MOCA. Ladies, we are still in the process of rebuilding and much of our success still falls on your shoulders. We are still in need of new members so let's continue our effort to multiply and serve our hospitalized veterans.

Let's remember our troops that are deployed and about to deploy. Keep them in your prayers. Again, thanks to everyone and I will see you after the New Year at our next meeting on **January 4<sup>th</sup>**.

***Jim Goins, Seam Squirrel***

### **Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary:**

**Attention Ladies:** Our meeting time has changed to **11:00 AM still on the first Monday of each Month**. I hope you can be in attendance for the next meeting and that you will like this better in the morning than at night. **February 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm, the MOCA will be sponsoring a Valentine's Dance. Details will be worked out at our next meeting **Monday January 4, 2010 at 11 AM**.

The veterans had a great time at their Christmas Dinner on December 9th. The meal was great, and I want to thank all the ladies that gave of their time and talents to prepare it. The JROTC was in attendance to help serve and they did a good job, they also helped with the entertainment. The Christmas music was provided by DJ Dan. All Veterans were given a large bag filled with presents and fruit when they departed. Thanks to each and everyone who donated.

The MOCA is having an ongoing good fund raiser with Beauty Control. We get 50% of the profits on what we sell. Please see me for a booklet.

The Winter Grand Scratch will be **January 8-9, 2010**. New Bern, NC. Reservation Deadline is December 25th You can call the Bridge Pointe Hotel & Marina Toll Free 877-283-7713 Ask for the Group Rates \$79.95 plus tax, check in is at 3:00 pm and checkout is 11:00 am.

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