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AUGUST 2017 VFW POST NEWSLETTER

Commander's Corner

Greetings comrades!! Hard to believe July is over already and the year is more than half over as well. Our 4th of July picnic was a great success. Thanks to all who worked it and brought covered dishes and goodies. A great time for sure. I'm told the Birthday Bash was great as usual. I missed a great time as I was in New Orleans as your Post delegate to the National Convention. It was an honor to be there. It was my first one and I must say I was in awe and amazed. The VFW really does it up right! Many meetings, many workshops, many vendors, and many hours. But I had a wonderful time meeting and talking to comrades from across the country. And I certainly learned a lot!! Over 13,000 attendees. Whew! I'm already looking forward to next year's convention in Kansas City. Hope to have more delegates from our Post next year. You'll really enjoy it. A few meetings to mention for August. The Post meeting is the 1st. The State C of A is the 5th and 6th in Vicksburg, and the District 1 meeting is the 12th at 10:00 at Post 2434 Biloxi. Any member may attend these meetings. And by all means, don't forget the Birthday Bash on the 22nd. Come have a good time. That about wraps it up comrades. Y'all stay well and I'll see you at the Post.

Jerry Kaminski, Commander

Cooties Section

Listen up Cooties, I just got back from Supreme Convention in New Orleans we had a lousy time, I enjoyed meeting people from all over the nation. I learned a lot on how we support our VFW and take care of our veterans, I will hit the key points at the next scratch. The Cootie cooler of cheer is back (thanks for the cooler donations), we need bottle donations, if you haven't gotten raffle tickets get some and help with our cause. The drawing will be at the VFW on 3 October. We will be having Cootie breakfast on 13 August, we need volunteers and donations. I would like to thank all those who donated and helped at our last Cootie breakfast, it is greatly appreciated! Don't forget the monthly VA Bingo at 2PM will be on 13 August, please come out and visit with those veterans that have served our country. The next Cootie scratch is on 15 Aug. at 1900L, let's get out and visit our Veterans. ""Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White".

L.O.T.C.S, Johnny Potter, Seam Squirrel

Auxiliary Corner

Sisters and Brothers of the Auxiliary:

Please come to our meetings. They are held at the Post on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. This month it will be August 8, 2017. We will have a short get together after the meeting to collect information about what members have done for our National and State Programs. *We are doing a lot of things for our veterans and their families. We have done a lot and have a lot more to do. Please come to the meetings and share what you have done!* The Auxiliary programs are *Americanism, Hospital, Veterans and Family Support, Scholarships, Youth Activities and Legislative*

The VFW and VFW Auxiliary National Convention was held in *New Orleans, LA* last month. As I sit at my computer I will try and let you know what has happened. A *Joint Memorial Service* was held by the VFW and VFW Auxiliary. It was a wonderful ceremony, honoring those who have left us in the service of their country. There was a Presentation of the new Programs for 2017-2018 and a MALTA Presentation (This is our new Computer System). The beginning Auxiliary session was on Monday afternoon. Awards were handed out to the Auxiliary State Chairpersons who did outstanding work in the National Programs. Tuesday, business included Resolutions & Revisions of Bylaws, and nomination of officers. There was a Patriotic Celebration that night. Wednesday's session includes election and Installation of Officers. I will recap the Convention at our meeting on the 8th.

The Auxiliary dinner will be on Friday, *August 11, 2017*. We will have *spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad and garlic bread (\$8.00)*. Come out and support the Auxiliary. Enjoy a great meal and let us do the cooking and cleaning for you. *Please support your Auxiliary Dinners!*

Continuous dues are due! Think about upgrading to life membership. Please get your dues in as soon as you can! *Hope to see you soon!*

Yours in Service,

Carol Fetters, President

Quartermaster Comments

Presently, we have 263 members in the Post. Our newest life member transfer is Richard Fetters. Please welcome him when you see him. We have no delinquent members at this time. We need everyone's help around the Post! Please volunteer to work a Sunday breakfast or a first and third Friday dinner. You can't beat the price for our Sunday breakfast or Friday night meals, so come on out to the Post and buy a plate and have a beverage of your choice. We need your support to keep the Post running! The Post is open to any fund-raising ideas you may have and the Post Hall, Pavilion, and Kitchen are open for rental for your personal gathering. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors to support Veterans' Charity Bingo. We rely on Bingo to support the many Veteran and Community programs to which we contribute. You can play all the games for \$25.00 on Wednesday and Saturday evenings starting at 6PM. Angie's snack bar is open for both sessions. Events for August are listed on the monthly calendar. Please check out our Facebook® page, "Oswald L. Fayard North Bay Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6731", and "Like" it. There are many statuses concerning the VFW, the VA, military historical events, current events, and local happenings at the Post.

Skip Klinger, Quartermaster

Chaplain's Chat

Thankfully we have not heard of any Post members passing in the last month. May God bless you and your families, our troops in the field, and the United states of America. Romans 8:31.

Chaplain Rick Arbogast

Service Officer Comments

The DAV National Service Officers (NSO) will be coming to the Coast this month. They will provide professional support throughout the claims and appeals process free of charge. If any of our VFW members need help with claims or appeals these are the folks to see. Bring your identification, Social Security Number and any other pertinent documentation regarding your military service. DAV membership is NOT required. For more information about Mobile Service Officers stops, please contact Corbert Young, NSO Supv. at (601) 364-7178.

Service officer POCs: Matt Dawson (228)731-2403, Jerry Wisniewski (228)324-3539, John Kelly (228)207-9324

Honor Guard

The Post 6731 Honor Guard, acting as the State Color Guard, was proud to lead the Mississippi delegation in the patriotic parade at the V.F.W. national convention in New Orleans. Thanks to Mike Fayard, Mike Robinson, and Sr. Vice Quinn Chastant on bagpipes. Drill for August will be on Sat. the 19th at 3pm.

Rick Arbogast, Honor Guard Sgt.



BINGO SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS BINGO

Saturday & Wednesday: Early Bird 6:00 PM -- Regular 7:00 PM

August 12 - \$200 Door Prize Give Away

August 23 - \$1000 Cover All Give Away

August 30 - \$200 Door Prize Give Away



Happy Birthday to:

Ron Erickson - 1
Tami Barnes - 4
Joseph Seidule Jr. - 4
Kevin Wilson - 4
Larry Hayden - 4
Teddy Harder - 4
Lee Klinger - 5
Losone Parmeter - 9
Ella Flynn - 10
Lynn Perkins - 10
Eva Hayden - 10

Johnny Kelly - 11
Bruce Jaufmann - 11
Henry Redmond - 15
Chrissy Hoban - 15
Jackie Hardison - 22
Roger Cervantes - 23
Salvadore Montiforte - 24
Darlene Pickering - 25
Dennis Moody - 28



Happy Anniversary to:

Gary & Oksun Griffin - 7
Todd & Melissa Boucher - 17