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DECEMBER 2017 VFW POST NEWSLETTER

Commander's Corner

Greetings comrades!! I trust everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. Well November was certainly a busy month. We had quite a few out-of-state and in-state visitors to our Post due to the Southern Conference. I must pass on a comment made to us by our State Commander. He said he talked to a lot of folks who visited our Post and they said it was the friendliest Post they've ever been in. They were welcomed and felt right at home! Needless to say I swelled with pride as we all should. Our Post is known for its hospitality! And the reason for that is all of you...and I thank you for that. Now it's time to get ready for Santa Ho! Ho! Ho! We will be collecting non-perishable food items and comfort items (socks, underwear etc.) for the Biloxi VA for Christmas. This is in support of the US Military Vets Motorcycle Club who we sponsor. Please give what you can. A worthy cause for sure!! Post meeting is the 5th. The Post and Auxiliary will host a lunch at the Post on the 6th for about 25 VA patients. A worthy endeavor. The 7th is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. The US National Guard Birthday (1636) is the 13th. No meal on the 15th (Pool League Party). District One meeting is the 16th at the Pascagoula Post at 1600 followed by their Christmas Party. All members can attend. Post Christmas Party is the 22nd. We will have turkey and ham. Other dishes/goodies are welcome. Post is closed Christmas Day. The 29th brings us the December Boys Birthday Bash. Always fun so come and enjoy. There will NOT be Sunday breakfast on the 24th or 31st. In closing, have a very safe and merry Christmas and great New Year! Y'all stay well and I'll see you at the Post.

Jerry Kaminski, Commander

Cooties Section

Listen Cooties the end of the year is here and I want to thank everyone for their hard work so far this year. We still have a lot to accomplish. I had a great time representing the MOC at this year's Veteran's Day parade it was a blast. I was also able to represent the cooties to support the feeding of the homeless Veterans on Thanksgiving at Biloxi VFW, it was a very humbling experience. We have Cootie food night on the 8th and Cootie breakfast on 10 Dec, will need volunteers and donations. Please come out and visit the Veterans at the VA bingo on 10 Dec at 1400, it was great seeing their happy faces last month. The next scratch is on 19 Dec at 1900. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! "Honor, Loyalty, Perseverance and Industry".

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

Auxiliary Corner

Sisters and Brothers of Auxiliary 6731:

Please come to our meetings! The meetings are held at the Post on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. This month the meeting will be held on December 12, 2017. *Hope to see you at our next meeting!*

We will have a luncheon for veterans from the Biloxi VA on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 11:00 am.** at the Post. It will be in celebration of both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Volunteers will be filling the Christmas bags for the Veterans on **Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm.** All volunteers for the luncheon, please be at Post between 9:00 – 9:30am to get everything set up.

The **VA Bingo** is held on the **2nd Sunday of each month** at 2:00 pm for the veterans in Building 15. This month it will be held on **December 10, 2017.** If you would like to help, please come. All help is appreciated!

The **"Party"** at the **Biloxi VA Blind Rehabilitation Center** was held on November 9, 2017. **Mike Vierling** helped serve cookies and ice cream while visiting with the Veterans. The veterans really enjoyed their treats. This month the party will be held on **December 13, 2017.**

THE Auxiliary has four (4) **"Coolers of Cheer"** that will be raffled off at the Post-Christmas Party on **Friday, December 22, 2017.** **Four (4) lucky winners!** Purchase your tickets to have a chance to win! Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The Auxiliary will not have a dinner in December but will start again on **January 12, 2018.**

Last month we welcomed new members Carol Broussard, Mary Cantrell, Dianna Hayes, Patricia Smith, Russell Doucet, Jr., Elizabeth Doucet, Richard Cantrell, Francis Powell, Johnnie Powell, William Powell, Jennifer Ross and Ricki Soileau.

Dues for 2018 are NOW DUE!

If your dues are not paid by December 31, 2017, you will be considered a lapsed member and not entitled to the benefits of the Auxiliary. We still have members that need to pay their dues!

Our Auxiliary's membership is currently at 116.26% due to recruiting new members and getting transfers from other auxiliaries.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a HEALTHY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Yours in Service,

Carol Fetters, President

Quartermaster Comments

Presently, we have 266 members in the Post. Our three newest members accepted at our November meeting are Lee Kinchen, Lance Simmons, and Greg Mason. Give them a hearty welcome when you see them. We have two 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 December 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. Merry Christmas

Skip Klinger, Quartermaster

Chaplain's Chat

With all the commercial madness this time of year, it's easy to forget the reason for the season. Let's all take some time, in your own way, to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. Taps: We remember Post life member Leon Watkins. May the Lord grant consolation and peace to his grieving family. Luke 2, verse 1-33.

Chaplain Rick Arbogast

Service Officer Comments

Service Officers will be available to help any Veteran submitting disability claims or to answer VA related questions; by appointment only, just contact one of the officers below. If you or if you know of a veteran who needs some assistance, please come on over to the post or call (228)392-1152.

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

Honor Guard

The post 6731 Color Guard proudly carried the Post flag and the Stars and Stripes in the annual Veterans day parade in Biloxi on Nov. 11th. It is an honor to represent the post in this way. There will be no drill for December. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Comrades

Rick Arbogast, Honor Guard Sgt.



BINGO SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS BINGO

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

Nov 9 - Door Prize Give Away

Nov 20 - Door Prize Give Away

Nov 27 - \$1,000 Coverall Give Away



Happy Birthday to:

Ruth Weston - 2
Jerry Wisniewski - 7
Bob Harris - 11
Quinn Chastant - 12
Matt Dawson - 14
Gene Morgan - 15
Mike Vierling - 17
Diane Cunningham - 23
Chris Riser - 25
Bob Aucoin - 29



Happy Anniversary to:

Larry & Eva Hayden - 4

