

# VFW 445 and AUXILIARY

*December NEWSLETTER*

To our Members and Guests:

Christmas is when we traditionally think of happy times, the giving and receiving of gifts, spending good time with family and friends. This year is no different – but please add – a time for reflecting on how we can make the coming year better for our Veterans and those friends and family members who need a little help.

Our Post and Auxiliary have accomplished much this past year – we have shipped 50+ boxes to our deployed service men and women, and continued to support our veterans in transition as well as the Fisher House project. We have helped some of our members who needed our support, worked with Habitat for Humanity on a Vet build on James Island, made needed repairs to our Post, taken on the responsibility for the Hospitality suites at our State Conferences, and said good-bye to some of our members who have departed for Heaven. In addition, we have raised money for victims of the terrible Hurricanes that created such devastation for Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



Your Post is better than ever! With your help and participation in 2018..we can continue these good works and more!

## **Comrades Auxiliary and Supporters;**

With the Holiday Season approaching we seem to have lost our sense of direction in sequencing the calendar, notice that Christmas now comes before Thanksgiving in our efforts to become more PC (Politically Correct). Allow me to be the first to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Although we were not inundated with applicants in both our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen programs, our Judges selected the following candidates as our Post representatives in the District 1 competitions:



Miss Ava Tanner of Lowcountry Leadership Charter School for Voice of Democracy and Mr. William Ramey of Daniel Island Middle School. Miss Tanner Will receive a \$100.00 Gift Card and Mr. Ramey a \$50.00 Gift Card.

In partnership with the Auxiliary, we have provided Thanksgiving Baskets for seven needy Families in our Community and plan to extend this giving to include the Christmas Holiday oops! wrong sequence again.

As you may have noticed I have asked Ralph Harrell to return as our Quartermaster following the resignation of Jed Hermes. Ralph has a great deal of experience in this position having served as our Quartermaster for several years in the recent past.

We continue in our effort to serve our Veterans their Families and our Community.

Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!!

*God Bless America and the VFW Jim*



That's what Tim McCaughey said when his name was drawn for the large Yeti Cooler.

In case you missed it – we also announced the raffle for an LG 55" HD4 television. You can see it at the Post (in the box)

Our Auxiliary cleared \$700 on the Yeti raffle which will be used for the Angel Tree gifts and Christmas Baskets for our Veteran families. Thanks to all who

participated in this raffle.

### **FROM THE ADJUTANT:**



#### **The Giving Season**

Please remember our less fortunate veterans this Christmas season. Consider making a donation or volunteering some time at one of the many organizations in our area that work every day, all year to help veterans in need. Here are just a few that could use our help in completing their mission:

***Project Street Outreach:*** Providing basic necessities and services to homeless veterans, active duty military, and their families. They accept both monetary and material donations. Visit their website at [projectstreetoutreach.org](http://projectstreetoutreach.org) or call them at 843-906-8433.

**Veterans on Deck:** The mission of Veterans on Deck is to help establish functional and rewarding lives in Veterans, while recognizing the unique and often life changing experiences service in the Armed Forces brings. Specifically, to build on each Veteran's existing military training by using the maritime setting to enhance vocational, familial, and interpersonal functioning. To donate visit [veteransondeck.org](http://veteransondeck.org) or call them at 843-693-5634.

**Warrior Surf:** The Warrior Surf foundation is committed to bringing veterans and their families together to promote mental and physical well-being by exposing them to the unique experience of surfing. Starting December 17<sup>th</sup>, Subaru America will match any donations made to Warrior Surf! Visit their website at [warriorsurf.org](http://warriorsurf.org) and click on the **Take Action** button to donate.

The VA is requesting the following items for its Veterans in transition and homeless Vets:

- Walmart or grocery gift cards in small denominations (\$10)
- Needs for Veterans – Clothing must be new
- Men's sweatpants all sizes (Urgent Need)
- Men's Undershirts - L and 2XLG
- Men's Sweatshirts - S and XL
- Men's Pull-Up Depends (only L and XL needed)
- Reading Glasses – all strengths
- For Our Homeless Veterans – (must be individually wrapped)
- Fruit cups \*\*\*\* Applesauce \*\*\*\* Crackers \*\*\*\* Meals ready to eat \*\*\*\* Water
- \*\*\*\* Granola bars \*\*\*\* Beef jerky \*\*\*\*\* Juice Boxes
- Ensure and Boost
- Supplies for Newly Housed Veterans (all items must be new)
- Dish soap, window and counter cleaners
- Mops, brooms, pails
- Bathroom cleaners
- Laundry detergent
- Sponges, scrubbers and dish towels
- Bath Towels
- Full and queen-sized Sheets
- Pillows

Join fellow Veterans to learn about topics related to your VA & Mental Health every month on the 4th Monday 3:00-4:00 PM.

Ralph H Johnson VA Hospital  
Mental Health Research Building, Room 113  
(Behind the hospital near the West Entrance)

Sponsored by the Lowcountry Veterans for Better Mental Health. For more information contact Lester Pittman (843) 452-1241 [lesterpittman@me.com](mailto:lesterpittman@me.com)

## Post Meetings & Events

12/5 @ 6:30: Building & Grounds Committee

12/5 @ 7:00: House Committee Meeting

12/7 @ 7:00 Auxiliary Meeting – come early decorate the tree

12/12 @ 7:00: General Membership Meeting

\*\* Breakfast every Sunday from 9:00–11:30

\*\* Pool Tournament every Monday @ 7:00. \$10 entry fee; Prizes awarded!

\*\* Wings & Things every Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:30

\*\* Shuffleboard Tournament every Friday @ 7:00. \$5 entry fee; Winner takes all!

December 7, 2017 - Pearl Harbor Day

December 13, 2017 - National Guard Birthday

December 16, 2017 - National Wreaths Across America

## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

December 8<sup>th</sup> KABOBS by Montana and Jackie

December 15<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS PARTY – POST AND AUXILIARY

*MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

*Check with Post for Christmas Day hours*

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 to ?

*Food*

*Fun*

*Music*



*Liquid Refreshments..... and a Surprise!*