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Can you believe it is October already! When my Mother said time speeds up as you age – it didn't sound as ominous then....so much to do and time just "keeps on ticking".

We have accomplished much this year and cudos go out to all of our VFW members, Auxiliary and Supporters. You proved that all things are possible when we work together for the greater good. You opened your hearts and your wallets and supported our brothers and sisters by donating blood, helping our Veterans in need, making much needed repairs to our Post, and continuing to raise funds for the many suffering hurricane victims.

Many thanks.



We have a box at the Post and need your help in collecting blankets, brooms, tools, baby clothes, and any other items you can bring for the victims in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. They were hit twice by two of the biggest storms in history. There is a list at the Post of some of the items they are requesting. Anything you can provide will be greatly appreciated and items that gently used are acceptable.

The unprecedented storms, fires, and earthquakes that have rocked our world are bringing out the best in people. The hope is that the message doesn't get lost in all the suffering. We are all one people – with only one Earth to share.



Commander's Comments;

Comrades and Auxiliary Members:

When hearing of the devastation wrought by hurricane Harvey in Texas recently, we began asking for donations to aid those in the stricken areas. Our Post family has raised nearly one thousand dollars in the few weeks following this event. It was my intention to continue this effort for several more weeks to increase our aid fund but Mother Nature intervened and visited Florida with hurricane Irma. In view of this, we are closing the Texas fund and initiating a drive to aid those Floridians in distress. I would hope that we can match the amount raised for Texas. There will be many raffles in our Canteen to aid in this effort and your participation would be greatly appreciated.

With the opening of local schools, we need to solicit candidates for our Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Programs - your help in this area would be welcome and appreciated. We are also hoping to be able to sponsor a Boy Scout from our area to participate in our Scout of the year search. In addition, you many want to recognize first responders for service to the community.

After writing this letter I have been approached by several Members about Puerto Rico and the devastation there caused by back-to-back major hurricanes. We have committed the monies raised for Texas however in view of this latest disaster the disposition of our current drive will be by consensus of the Post family

God Bless America and the VFW

Jim

ADJUTANTS REPORT:

A HUGE thank you to Post & Auxiliary members and our Post Supporters for raising \$974 for the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts in Texas!!

Our Post coordinated with SCServes to get assistance for three veterans this month. The SCServes network of providers were able to provide housing, counseling, legal and financial assistance to these three vets.

Our Service Officer, working with the Department Service Officer assisted two veterans with their claim process.

On 9/29 our Post represented the VFW for the first time at the Joint Base Transition Assistance Program (TAP). 45 service members soon to separate from the military were given information about the VFW and the services provided to veterans by our organization. We will

be coordinating with District to provide a presence at future TAP programs on the Joint Base and the Weapons Station.

Post member Nancy Bloodsworth has arranged a Veterans' Resource Fair to be held on 10/28 from 9:00 – 3:00 at the First Baptist Athletic Complex on James Island. Veterans and their families can take part in Medicare Open Enrollment counseling, learn about VA Aid & Attendance benefits, and meet with local veteran service providers, organizations, and veteran friendly businesses. As part of the VFW's Annual Day to Change Direction (part of the Mental Wellness campaign) our Post will be providing information on mental wellness services including VFW campaign partners, Patients Like Me and Give An Hour.

July Meeting Minutes Highlights

Full minutes are posted on the Business Bulletin Board (Blue) in the Canteen hallway.

From the Office of Community Engagement VAMC:

Baby needs for our female Veterans: Newborn diapers *** Baby wipes *** Onesies *** Blankets *** Crib Sheets *** Towels/washcloths *** Shampoo *** Body wash *** Baby Lotion

Supplies for Veterans Moving into Transition Housing: Dish soap, Window and counter cleaners, Mops, brooms, pails Bathroom cleaners, Laundry detergent, Sponges, scrubbers, dish towels, New bath towels, New queen size Sheets.

Volunteer Drivers Needed: Volunteer drivers that originate in Savannah, Myrtle Beach and Charleston. Volunteers have to process in Charleston but for volunteering they can pick up the vans at specific locations in their assigned areas.

Join fellow Veterans to learn about topics related to Your VA & Mental Health.

Every Month on 4th Wednesday 2:00-3:00 PM, (Aug 23, Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 22)

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

Sponsored by the Lowcountry Veterans Mental Health Council

For more information contact: Lester Pittman (843) 452-1241 / lesterpittman@me.com



Theodora Montague – Auxiliary State President was all smiles as Post 4262 held the homecoming celebration for our Department President and State Commander this year. They did an excellent job of serving the huge crowd of VFW members and guests – not only good food, but making sure our drinks were refreshed.



Lendal was lookin' good in his Cowboy hat at the fundraiser for the victims of hurricane Harvey in Texas.



The “girls” were whoopin it up to the music of the Oyster Boys at the VFW Post 445 in September.



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BOYS

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Excellent band – they will be back at the V on October 20th for the Steak Dinner. C'mon down.

Speaking of Steak dinners – the Menu is:

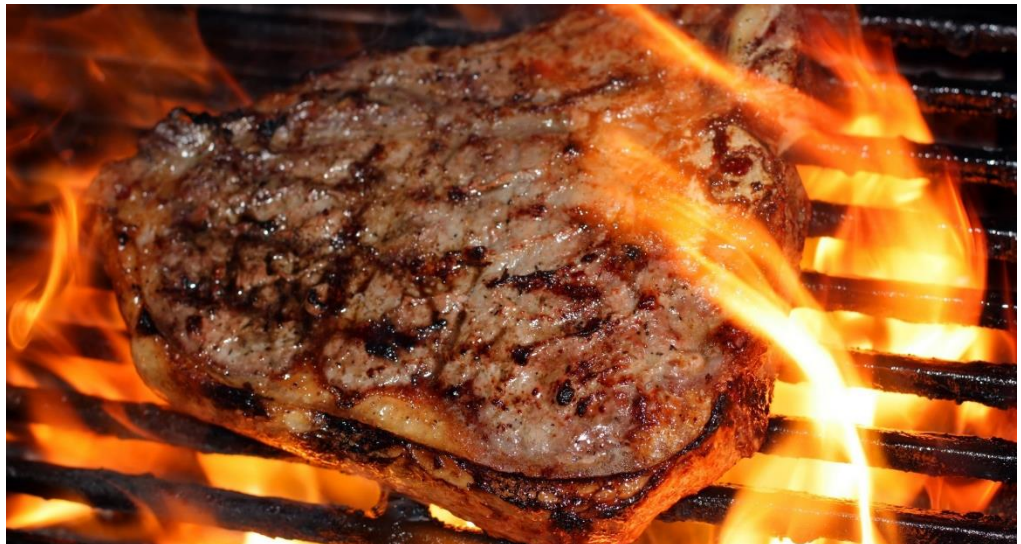
RIB-EYE STEAK

Cooked to your
Specification...

In other words
Greg is the Chef

You KNOW it is
gonna be excellent!

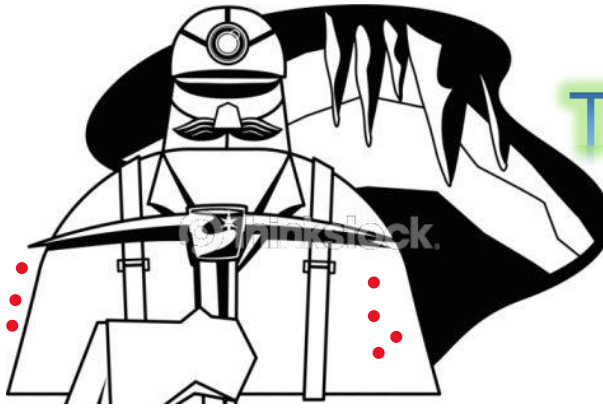
Of course it will be
accompanied by a
Baked Potato – with
sour cream and butter.....



Tossed Salad with your choice of dressings, Rolls, and....

Deserts..Deserts..Deserts – Our Bar Staff (best around) will be serving your favorite drinks.

SIGN UP SHEET AT THE POST



THE MONTHLY BREW

Post Meetings & Events

10/3 @ 6:30: Building & Grounds Committee

10/3 @ 7:00: House Committee Meeting

10/10 @ 7:00: General Membership Meeting

10/12 @ 7:00: Auxiliary Meeting

10/21 @ 10:00 – 5:00: Follypalooza!

10/28 @ 9:00 – 3:00: Veterans' Resource Fair First Baptist Athletic Complex

10/28 @ 1:00: District 1 Meeting Beaufort Post 8760

CANTEEN EVENTS

** 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!

October's Friday Night Dinners

All Dinner nights start at 6:30

10/6: Dinner - Music by Jeff Rose

10/13: Judy's Awesome Beef Stew! Proceeds benefit Puerto Rico hurricane victims

10/20: Auxiliary Dinner: RIB EYE STEAK! - Music by the Oyster Boys

10/21: ABATE Fallen Brothers & Sisters

10/27: Halloween Party! - Music by Ocean Drive

Web address: www.vfw445.org

Facebook: [vfw445](https://www.facebook.com/vfw445)

Notable Dates:

October 8, 2017 - Ms. Veteran America Pageant: Proceeds from this event provides housing for homeless women Veterans and their children. Women Veterans are currently the fastest growing homeless population in America. Over half of the homeless women veterans are single mothers.

October 9, 2017 - Columbus Day

A day set aside to commemorate Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492

October 13, 2017 - Navy Birthday

October 26, 2017 - National Day of the Deployed: A day set aside to honor the brave men and woman who have been deployed and are sacrificing their lives to fight for our country and to acknowledge their families for their sacrifice and support.

October 31, 2017: Halloween

AUXILIARY ACTIONS:

September was a busy month for us – between 2 dinners and the Quarter Auction – we have good reason to pat ourselves on the back and take a rest.....not happening folks!

There are so many people hurting from all the weather events – many of them are veterans and their families. So, we have taken on an extra dinner this month to help raise funds for both Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, both of whom suffered tremendous damage from two back-to-back hurricanes, biggest we have seen in our lifetime. If you can help by bringing in needed items (partial list at the Post), donating money or even coming out for dinner at your Post, you will be aiding those who have lost everything!

We will be getting ready for our Conference debut as the Hospitality Suite food dudes and dudesses – preparing the food and setting it up at the Conferences and Convention.

Starting this month – we will be raffling **two YETTI** coolers with the drawing to be at our November dinner. First name drawn will win their choice of either the **BIG YETTI** or the **SMALL YETTI** cooler. The second name drawn will win the other. So, you have two chances to win a **YETTI**. Tickets are 5 for \$10 and can be purchased from an Auxiliary Member or from one of the Bartenders..... All proceeds will go to our Veterans.

Starting December 1, we will be raffling a **BIG SCREEN TV** - drawing in January.

RAFFLE

CHANCE TO WIN AN HP ALL- IN-ONE COMPUTER

INTEL 1.6GHz PROCESSOR, 4GB RAM

WINDOWS 10

TOUCHSCREEN

64 BIT OPERATING SYSTEM

KEYBOARD & MOUSE INCLUDED



SIX TICKETS FOR \$5.00

DRAWING TO BE HELD ON VETERANS' DAY

NOVEMBER 11TH

VFW 445 AUXILIARY RAFFLE

YETI Coolers

Tundra 45 (Desert Tan) (1st prize)

Roadie 20 (White) (2nd prize)



Tickets 5 for \$10

Drawing held - Friday, November 17

Contact Judy Spencer (847) 890-5767

All proceeds will be used for the benefit
of our Veterans and their families.