

VFW 445

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

The missing man formation is in honor of Lt. Col. Eileen Hadbavny, USAF (retired), who joined her creator on January 24, 2017.



We have lost an extraordinary Comrade and Service Officer with the passing of Eileen Hadbavny. Her commitment to community service and Veterans needs are unparalleled and are exemplified by her actions in organizing bus rides to WWII memorial for Veterans, Blood Drives, adopt a Unit deploying or returning, assisting veterans obtain benefits, to name but few of her many acts of caring. I believe however that Eileen derived her greatest pleasure in assisting individual veterans in need. One of her last actions which involved a Veteran whose financial assistance would be forthcoming on Monday, was to deliver a payment to the Motel so the Veteran would have shelter for the weekend. She provided bus fare to a family of five to Myrtle Beach and their new home. The caption under the VFW logo is "No One Does More for Veterans" I think that Eileen lived that in her life. I visited Eileen during her stay at the VA hospital at which time she asked that we remember her as we continue helping Veterans. It is my intention to seek formal permission to rename our relief fund as "Eileen Hadbavny Relief Fund" or if necessary establish a separate relief fund in her name. I would hope that succeeding Post Commanders will honor this Fund.



Jim Barger, Commander

*Comrades
and
Auxiliary,*

There are many changes happening around the Post and we hope they will improve both access to the Post and provide areas for Officers and Auxiliary to conduct business here in the Post. We are trying to utilize the space we have to the best advantage. I want to recognize Gerry Miles who has stepped in with the Building and Grounds Committee while Mike Hadbavny takes care of issues at home.

I will not be attending the Spring Conference February 3-5 to attend a Celebration of Life for Eileen on February 4 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 714 Riverdale Drive in West Ashley at 1:00 pm.

Annie Allison has agreed to assume the dual role as Adjutant and Service Officer until we can secure a new Adjutant. Volunteers??

Vice Commander Jackie Hall is currently contacting members who have not renewed their membership. If you have not renewed please do so as soon as possible. We need YOU!!

God Bless America and the VFW

Jim



The gemstone usually associated with February is the amethyst. This gemstone is often associated with qualities of peace, courage and stability. What an appropriate symbol for some of our Veterans who need a little extra warmth and strength this time of year.



Support America's Heroes!

Meeting Minutes Highlights

(Full minutes are posted on the clipboard in the Canteen hallway)

QM Hermes reported that the canteen donations have been high for the last couple of months and the post is in good financial shape.

CDR Barger announced that the candidate to replace the QM will no longer be able to take on the office due to a change in work situation. He asked that he be notified of any qualified candidates for replacement. Adjutant Allison updated the group on the plans for the dedicated meeting/business room at the Post.

Service Notes

Discussion Groups for Veterans and Their Families Not Enrolled in VA Care

We want to hear from you! We are holding discussion groups with Veterans and their families to better understand the needs of military families in the community. You are the experts on your children and families - with your help we can support the needs of other Veterans and their families. Our

discussion groups will last about one hour, your responses will be confidential, and food will be provided.

Groups will be held in February at various locations across Charleston.

Criteria: If you and/or your spouse are a Veteran, have not yet engaged in services at the VA, serve as a caregiver for children ages 2-25, and would like to help us help families, please call Dr. Leigh Ridings at 843-580-6380.

Thank you for your service and your consideration for families of Veterans in our community.

National Veterans Creative Arts Competition

Beginning Jan. 1 with cut off for submission of projects Mar.1, 2017. Local contests the first week in March may be held, depending on the number of interested veterans. This competition is open to Veterans who are enrolled at a VA Medical Center or Outpatient Clinic BEFORE entering the local competition.

Categories include the following with many sub-categories under each:

ART
CREATIVE WRITING
DANCE
DRAMA
MUSIC

For more information visit www.va.gov/opa/speceven/cafi/index.asp or contact Cindy Ingels via email cynthia.ingels@va.gov or phone 843/789-6510.

PLEASE:

- be considerate on how you park as we are extremely limited with space. Make sure you are not taking more than one space or blocking travel lanes and access.

House Committee

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to fund the purchase of replacement chairs for both the canteen and meeting room.

IN MEMORIAM

Hugh Berry, Sr. passed away on January 26th, 2017. A Celebration of Hugh's Life was held at 11 AM on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at McAlister-Smith Funeral Home, James Island Chapel. The family will receive visitors from 10 AM until 11AM prior to the service at the funeral home.

FEBRUARY IS VALENTINES MONTH

Celebrating on February 10th—STEAK NIGHT with Trey. Music by Ocean Drive



Don't forget to pick up your tickets for the stunning basket full of goodies and beautiful wreath being offered at the Post @ 6 for \$5. Drawing to be held February 10th.

If you missed any of the Dinners last month—too bad, cause they were all terrific!

Greg's famous Chicken dinner was awesomely delicious....

The Auxiliary "Breakfast for Dinner" was soooooo yummy, especially the French Toast casserole that Barb made. Almost as good as... hmmm.

....and Trey prepared two fantastic pasta dishes, Alfredo with Chicken and Penne Pizzza.....ooooohhhh. Check out the pictures:



Kara and her friend were enjoying the music by Ocean Drive

"The Three Chefs"



Trey

Gerry

Montana



Grace and John really enjoyed the pasta and Ocean Drive's Music.

With all of the so called protests going on, complete with destruction of personal property and injuries—I was reminded of the following quote by *President Ronald Reagan in 1982.*

The United States and the freedom for which it stands, the freedom for which they died, must endure and prosper. Their lives remind us that freedom is not bought cheaply. It has a cost; it imposes a burden. And just as they whom we commemorate were willing to sacrifice, so too must we -- in a less final, less heroic way -- be willing to give of ourselves.

Volunteering is a great way to give back to a Country and its Service Men and Women who give so much for us.

Resilient Warrior Book Study

There is a “Resilient Warrior” book study every Sunday. It is appropriate for both Veterans and civilians, because everyone goes through some sort of trauma in their life. Please invite anyone that you feel would benefit from this study and be sure and come for breakfast at 9:00. Hope to see you there!

**SAINT JUDE’S CHURCH 9:00 am
907 WICHMAN ST. WALTERBORO**



FEBRUARY 17, 2017
6:30 — \$11.00

MENU

JAMBALAYA
SHRIMP ETOUFFEE'
RED BEANS & RICE
BEIGNETS
BANANA PUDDING
KING CAKE

**PRIZE FOR BEST
COSTUME**

**SILENT
AUCTION**



Music

**Don't forget the District Meeting
February 12, 2017**



**District CDR
Ted Tufts and
District PRES
Beth Tufts**

**with
Honor Guard**

**At Post 9509 for
50th
Anniversary.**



MOLLY'S ADOPT A SAILOR

The February adoption is Air Force in Africa consisting of 24 males.

They live in tents and have electricity, a microwave and a refrigerator.

Their Wish List:

Coffee (ground or instant)

Cookies

Beef jerky

Granola bars

Ramen noodles

Macaroni & cheese cups

Small games

Things to do on their down time (ie footballs, games, books, etc.)

Shipping will be February 20 to 23.

THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT History

One detail that is never mentioned, is that in Washington, D.C. There can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument.

With all the uproar about removing the ten commandments, etc., this is worth a moment or two of your time. I was not aware of this amazing historical information.

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., are displayed two words:

Laus Deo

'Praise be to God!'

These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 6,660 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of

America.

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public.

It took twenty-five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation,

Laus Deo

'Praise be to God!'

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles L'Enfant a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you might ask? Why a Cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution. And so, when the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848, deposited within it were many items - including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society.

Your Correspondent, Judy

If you have an article or information that would be of interest to our Post and Auxiliary Members, please email to me at judytam18@gmail.com