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**JUNE**

**VFW 445**  
*and* **AUXILIARY**

*NEWSLETTER*

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*The greatest gift I ever had  
Came from God  
I call him Dad.....*





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is outdated and we are in the process of replacing it with a newer program as quickly as possible. Please be patient with our Canteen Staff until the new system is in place.

We are continuing our efforts to aid needy Veterans whenever we can and currently are attempting to assist two Veterans here on James Island who have sought help thru SC Serves. This organization, of which we are providers, confirms their needs thru the VA and other organizations that serve Veterans.

I will be attending the Department Convention in Columbia June 9-11.

God Bless America and the VFW

Jim

### Comrades and Auxiliary

We have lost a friend and longtime employee with the passing of Curtis May. We held an event on Thursday last to commemorate his passing and, at the request of his brother Chis, made it a remembrance in lieu of a memorial service. We know that in view of his recent struggles he is in a better place. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

We had a good turnout to help with placing flags on veteran's graves for Memorial Day with a mix of members, auxiliary, supporters and especially the local Boy Scout Troops who turned out in mass. Thank you all!

We have achieved 100% in membership at the last minute thanks to the efforts of several members and supporters. You know who you are! Membership is important because without it we will cease to exist. This is not an option that I am willing to consider, therefore we have formed a membership committee to pursue members 12 months a year and report their efforts at every General Membership meeting.

We are struggling with our current POS (point of sale) program in the Canteen. The software

### PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE

#### Senate Introduces VFW-Supported VA Health Care Bill: Senators Tammy

Duckworth, Susan Collins and Richard Blumenthal introduced **bipartisan** legislation to expand cost-free preventive health care and medicine to veterans using VA. The VFW learned last year that while preventive health care and medicines are provided cost-free by law to all other insured Americans — whether it be with the Department of Defense or private sector insurance — VA is required by law to charge for these services and prescriptions. “There is no excusable reason why every other American can receive breast cancer prevention medicine cost-free, but veterans must pay. It is unsatisfactory that every other American prone to falls and breaking bones can receive cost-free vitamin D supplements, but our warriors with TBI must pay,” said VFW Adjutant General Robert E. Wallace. The VFW urges its members and supporters to contact

their members of Congress and tell them to support S. 1161 and H.R. 1100, the Veterans Preventive Health Coverage Fairness Act. [Read more about the legislation](#) and [contact your members of Congress](#), Senators Lindsay Graham and Walter Scott.



**May Meeting Minutes are posted on the clipboard in the Canteen hallway. Following are highlights.**

Service Officer discussed the Post's participation in the SCServes network.

The Adjutant gave an update on the computer/network upgrades. The new private network for the business computers is online. The meeting room computer is functional for post business.

Gerry Miles was appointed the new B&G Chairman.

It was announced that the Post Bylaws have been revised and a draft of the revisions has been posted. Adoption of the revisions will be voted on at the June meeting.

**PICNIC IN THE PAVILION:**

Well, we have a grill for our picnic last but Tim came to the and cooked terrific



didn't working Auxiliary month and Greg rescue up a bunch of

cheeseburgers, beer brats and hot dogs. With the baked beans, potato salad, mac and cheese and yummy deserts—it turned out pretty good with 45 dinners sold and lots of left overs for Saturday. The month long 50/50 gave a lucky winner \$300

who graciously donated it back to the Post. Just in time to help a couple of Vets who really appreciated the help.

**BIG THANKS** to all who pitched in and participated. Without you, we would not be able to help our Veterans with much needed household items as well as our deployed service members.

**MEMORIAL DAY;**

Thirty five Boy Scouts, troop leaders, VFW members and officers placed approximately 500 flags at several James Island cemeteries.

**Thank you to all the Post & Auxiliary**



**members and supporters that joined in honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.**





Richard gave the Scouts a brief history of the Veterans and wars in which they served, going back to the Civil War in some of the Cemeteries.



Flags are placed on the grave sites of our Veterans at James Island Cemeteries on Memorial Day.

## Chaplain Notes

I begin my year of Chaplaincy as District 1 Chaplain while standing in for Bill Farmer as he is taking care of his wife.

On May 27, a group of us from the post went out to various cemeteries to put flags on the graves. As I put the flags besides the marker I notice which war they served in. World War One, World War Two, Vietnam, Korean and I found one that even served before these wars. All these men and women have served and died for our country so that we may enjoy the freedom we have which other countries do not have in our world today.

I know that some of you may be celebrating a son, grandson or even a great grandson like I am that are graduating from high school or college. What a blessing it is to see these young men and women starting out into the world on their own.

On Thursday May 25, the post had a Celebration of Life for our brother Curtis at the Post. What a joy it was to hear many people talking about how Curtis effected their lives and how his legacy will live on. We extend our condolence to his family as they move on without him.

May God bless you during this summer.

Reverend Jed Hermes  
Asst. Chaplain, Post 445

## **Tricounty Cancer Survivors Day**

Are you or someone you love affected by cancer? Recently diagnosed, undergoing treatment, or a survivor?

Join us in celebrating the 11th Cancer Survivor Day – Sunday, June 4, 1-4 pm at the Scottish Rite Center - 1051 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, Charleston SC 29407.

Register at: <http://www.tricountysurvivors.org/> or call (803)-991-8616 or Facebook.com -

(page name) —TCCSurvivors/events

Wear Your Favorite HAT!



Oops! Forgot to take something out of the freezer!

If this is you on a Friday night—and you just don't feel like cooking.....c'mon out to your Post 445 on James Island - The new no-smoking hour before and after plus the cool dining room will make your dinner even more enjoyable.

6/9 @ 6:30 - Dinner by Montana & Karaoke!!

6/16 @ 6:30 - Auxiliary/Greg's famous Chicken

6/23 @ 6:30 - Chef Gerry at the helm

6/30 @ 6:30 - Trae's Soul Food awesomeness



Made in the USA -

Costco sells Goodyear wiper blades for almost half the price that you will pay elsewhere and they are *made in the U.S.A.*

Unfortunately, some politicians and top CEO's have pushed for trade with China and Mexico for years so Americans are now out of work.

Did You Know that there is no electric coffee maker made in the US and that the only kitchen appliances made in the US are Viking? This

information came from a report by Diane Sawyer.

I DIDN'T KNOW HALLMARK CARDS WERE MADE IN CHINA

Don't buy cards at Hallmark anymore. They are more expensive anyway! Check out Dollar Tree - 50 cents each and made in USA

I have been looking at the blenders available on the Internet. Kitchen Aid is *MADE IN The US*. Top of my list already...

Yesterday I was in Wal-Mart looking for a Wastebasket. I found some made in China for \$6.99. I didn't want to pay that much so I asked if they had any others. The Clerk took me to another department and they had some Wastebaskets for \$2.50 made in USA and just as good. Same thing with a kitchen rug I needed. I found some *made in the USA* - what a concept! - and they were \$3.00 cheaper.

We are being brainwashed to believe that everything that comes from China and Mexico is cheaper. Not So!

One Light Bulb at A Time.

I was in Lowe's the other day and just out of curiosity, I looked at the hose attachments. They were all made in China. The next day I was in Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked out the hose attachments there. They were made in USA.

Start looking, people... In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects **someone else, maybe a Vet, and most often it's their Job.**

Did you know that Hershey's candy is now marked "made in Mexico." I don't buy it anymore.

Colgate toothpaste is made in Mexico ....

You have to read the labels on everything.

This past weekend I was at Kroger (Harris Teeter) . . . I needed 60W light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets. I was in the light bulb aisle, and right next to the GE brand I normally buy -- was an off-brand labeled, "Everyday Value." I picked up both types of bulbs and compared them: they were the same except for the price. . .the GE bulbs cost more than the Everyday Value Brand, but the thing that surprised me the most was that that GE Light Bulb was made in MEXICO and the Everyday Value brand was made in - you guessed it - the USA at a company in Cleveland , Ohio .

It's Way past time to start finding and buying products we use every day that are made right here.

Bounce Dryer Sheets.. Yep, you guessed it, Bounce cost more money and is made in Canada . The Everyday Value Brand cost Less, and was MADE IN THE USA ! These dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce Free at almost half the Price.

My challenge to you is to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made In the USA –

The job you save may be your own or your neighbor's!

Stop buying from overseas companies - you're sending the jobs there. We have gotten complacent when shopping. (We should have awakened a decade ago....)

Let's get with the program and help our fellow Americans keep their jobs and create more jobs here in the USA.

This article was sent in by one of our members. Great job!

*If you have an article that would help our Vets as well as the rest of us - please share.... Email judytam18@gmail.com.*



**BLOOD DRIVE - JUNE 24, 2017 9:00 - 2:00**

James Island VFW Post 445  
1639 Camp Rd.

*Give the gift of Life*

Free Hot dogs to all blood donors

**And.....**



**Auxiliary** bake  
sale

**More.....**

We will also have a table with **new** shirts, jackets, hats/caps, with various military insignias. These items were donated by a generous friend and we have kept the pricing low. All proceeds benefit our Vets.

Hope to see you all there - let's make this a funtabulous day that showcases your generous, caring side, members and supporters, friends and family!

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 24, 2017**



# Molly's Adopt A Sailor

## June Adoption

### Marines 24<sup>th</sup> MEU - USS Bataan

The June 2017 adoption is a group of Marines 24<sup>th</sup> MEU onboard the USS Bataan. The group consists of 80 males and 9 females. They do not have access to a microwave or refrigerator.

#### Wish List:

Cookies	Granola bars	Beef jerky
Sunflower seeds	Snacks in general	
Shampoo	Body wash	Deodorant
		Toothpaste
"Anything from home"		

Shipping will be June 30.

**Thank you for your support. God Bless and protect our Troops.**

**Tamme Suggs**

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