

VFW POST 445 AND AUXILIARY *Newsletter*

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May 12, 2017 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day

A day set aside to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices of the spouses of the U.S. Armed Forces.

May 13, 2017 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day

A time to honor the families our Fallen Heroes have left behind – especially their children. It's a reminder to the community that we have an obligation to support the families of our Fallen Patriots.

May 20, 2017 - Armed Forces Day

Our chance to acknowledge and honor our men and women who serve in the United States' Armed Forces.

May 29, 2017 - Memorial Day (Decoration Day)

A day set aside to commemorate all who have died in military service for the United States.





COMMENTS

Comrades and Auxiliary,

This year has gone so quickly I haven't had time to reflect on the many events and changes which have shaped the year here in our Post. The most significant, and one that I'm proudest of, is that we have been able to help Veterans in need in our area. We have done so by having their needs confirmed by a number of Veterans Service organizations and the Veterans Administration. We have also supported several local charities, Veterans organizations, and our local High Schools. I believe that Eileen, our former Service Officer, would be proud of our efforts.

While we have fulfilled our pledge to the VFW, we have also had to deal with several problems here in the Post not the least of which is the reconstruction of the roadway in front of the Post which has caused the loss of several parking spaces. In addition, we had to make major repairs to our air handling and refrigeration units. There are many areas that still need attention in the Post proper and we will be addressing them in the coming days.

We held our annual election of Officers at our General Membership Meeting on April 11,

2017, the results of which will be posted elsewhere in the Newsletter. I will however, be with you for another year the Good Lord willing.

We represented District 1 at the Low Country Harley Davidson Veterans fair held at their facility on Dorchester Road on April 22. The event was well attended by local veterans; one of which happened to be a young vet whom we had recently assisted with his relocation needs. We were able to talk to a number of Veterans at length and hopefully put our message of helping veterans to the forefront.

We are still 13 members short of being 100% - so once again I'm asking for your help in closing that gap. I know there are many members who have not renewed; please reach out to them to join us in making their post a welcoming place for Veterans and their families and friends.

God Bless America and the VFW

Jim

GOOD EATS AND GOOD DEEDS

Since 2007, Burger King franchisees and their customers have contributed more than \$4.3 million to the VFW Unmet Needs program. Their generosity has been put to work, directly assisting more than 4,100 veterans and military families who came face-to-face with unexpected financial difficulties.

This Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 2017, I'm asking you to recognize the amazing show of support our friends at Burger King have demonstrated to the VFW and those we serve by participating in the **VFW's #ThankBK Appreciation Day.**

Stop by your local Burger King and purchase a meal. But don't stop there – say “thank you” to the franchise owners, managers and Burger King team members! It's because of their efforts that we're able to provide service members, veterans and their families a hand up when they need it most.

P.S. Share photos or videos from your visit this Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 2017, on social media using #ThankBK!

If you encounter a Burger King franchisee or manager who has not participated in supporting the Unmet Needs program and would like information about the July or November Burger King/VFW Unmet Needs fundraising campaigns, please direct them to:

Mike DeRosa, VFW Foundation Board member and Burger King Franchisee at mike_d_kb@msn.com or [\(715\) 379-0471](tel:7153790471) or

Ben Vargas, VFW Foundation Assistant Manager at bvargas@vfw.org or [\(816\) 968-2720](tel:8169682720).



What a great idea!

GoodRX.com - a terrific website for the best

prices on prescriptions. I had a prescription that my pharmacy quoted at \$138. When I went to Goodrx.com they had three locations including my pharmacy, where I could buy the same prescription for \$34.....WOW! Just download the voucher; take it to the store with the best price and save money.....Yea! Try it!

CONGRATULATIONS! POST 445 OFFICERS 2017-2018

COMMANDER	JIM BARGER
SR. VICE CMDR	NIM DeMERS
JR. VICE CMDR	JACKIE HALL
QUARTERMASTER	JED HERMES
CHAPLAIN	BILL FARMER
JUDGE ADV.	HARVEY THOMAS
SURGEON	RON HENNION
ADJUTANT	ANNIE ALLISON
SERVICE OFFICER	ANNIE ALLISON
1 st YR.TRUSTEE	HENRY AUGUSTINE
2 nd YR.TRUSTEE	RICHARD SCHRAMM
3 rd YR TRUSTEE	MIKE HADBAVNY

CONGRATULATIONS! AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2017-2018

PRESIDENT	JUDY SPENCER
SR. VICE PRES	TAMME SUGGS
JR. VICE PRES	CHERYL GREENE
SECRETARY	MARY LENDA
TREASURER	DENNIS BAKER
CHAPLAIN	TONI STRAMM
CONDUCTRESS	IRENE KEIPER
GUARD	PEGGY TIEMAN
1 st YR. TRUSTEE	BARBARA BARGER
2 nd YR TRUSTEE	IRENE KEIPER
3 rd YR TRUSTEE	JAN PITTMAN

Post Meetings & Events

5/2 @ 6:30 - House Committee Meeting
5/9 @ 7:00 - General Membership Meeting
5/11 @ 7:00 - Auxiliary Meeting
5/16 @ 6:30 - Bldg. & Grounds Meeting

Canteen Events

Breakfast Sundays from 9:00 –11:30
Pool Tournament Mondays @ 7:00
\$10 entry fee; Prizes awarded!
Wings & Things Wednesdays @ 6:30
Shuffleboard Tournament Friday @ 7:00
\$5 entry fee; Winner takes all!

Friday Night Dinners

5/5 @ 6:30 - Dinner by Trae - 😊
5/12 @ 6:30 - Robert's Rib Dinner
Music by Cosmo & Sweet T
5/19 @ 6:30 - Auxiliary Dinner - Picnic
In the Pavilion - BIG 50/50 drawing
5/26 @ 6:30 - Bob's Fish Fry Dinner

Did you know?

Our Post has a web page:

www.vfw445.org

And a Facebook page:

Vfw445.org

Just sayin.....

.....April Meeting Minutes are posted on the clipboard in the Canteen hallway

Angel is doing really good and will be in the Post this week - drop in and say hi!

"This was sent in by one of our readers, I laughed so hard I lost the rest of my face"



This morning on the Interstate, I looked over to my left and there was a Woman in a brand-new Cadillac doing 65 mph - with her face up next to her rear-view mirror putting on her eyeliner.

I looked away for a couple seconds... to continue shaving - and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup.

As a man, I don't scare easily. But she scared me so much; I had to put on my seat belt and I dropped my electric shaver which knocked the donut out of my other hand.

In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car while using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my Cell Phone away from my ear which fell into the coffee between my legs! Splashed, and burned big Jim and the twins, ruined the damn phone, soaked my trousers, and disconnected an important call.

Darn women drivers.....

- Forever anonymous

Information on SCORE Charleston

There is an organization in the Charleston area that offers free mentoring for small business start-ups and consulting services for existing

small businesses that could use a sounding board for the challenges they face?

That organization is **SCORE Charleston**, an affiliate of the SBA, operating here locally with 55+ volunteers with experience in over 60 industries. They offer mentoring services, free of charge, for small business people. Along with the mentoring, they also offer a variety of workshops and roundtables and online services (webinars, etc.) addressing many of the questions and concerns of small business people.

And of special note, SCORE Charleston also has an annual program offering Lowcountry veterans small business grants. All veterans are eligible if they are starting a small business or already in a small business and working with a SCORE mentor (easy, quick sign up). The grants include no-strings capital as well as Quickbooks Training from Pathways Consulting and a series of workshops and mentoring.

For additional information on SCORE and the Veterans Grant Program go to:

www.charlestonsc.score.org

Request a mentor at: <https://charlestonsc.score.org/content/find-mentor-250>

BASEBALL ANYONE?

Saturday, May 6 is Military Appreciation Night at The Joe! Service members, Veterans and military families bring your military ID and get 4 free tickets to the [Charleston Riverdogs](#).

Bridging Between – Veterans Reading Group

This reading group is completely free -(including the parking on the North Campus). We welcome veterans and adult family members/friends

regardless of era or branch of the service. Wednesdays at the College of Charleston, North Campus. Please contact:

Bryan Ganaway, Director IS Fellows,
Faculty Fellow/Academic Advisor

Phone: 843.953.6451,

E-mail: ganawayb@cofc.edu

Website: www.cofc.edu/honorscollege.

WE ❤️❤️❤️❤️ GOLF!



The upcoming series of PGA HOPE Charleston is in the recruitment phase which will last through May 5th. The Golf Therapy program is co-sponsored by the VA and the PGA of American. Our local program here in Charleston has become the model program nationwide as veterans with injuries, illnesses, or challenges hear about how the FREE program helps veterans trade nightmares and flashbacks for golf dreams and new friendships. To keep up with the ever-increasing demand, a fourth golf course, JBC-Air Force Base course has been added. In addition to wounded veteran participants, we would love to have the assistance of physical, occupation, recreation therapists, veterans and concerned citizens that would like to volunteer to assist the program as we grow to company size. For more information, or to register for the

program, contact Rich O'Brien at (843) 826-0837 or by email at richobriengolf@gmail.com.

SC Serves Network

Our Post is part of the SC Serves network as one of many organizations that provides services to the veteran community of the Lowcountry. We offer service members, veterans and their families access to a continuum of providers that runs the gamut from legal, housing and emergency service providers to employment, recreation and fitness, financial capabilities and more – all designed to provide those who serve, have served, and their families with the most comprehensive service delivery experience available anywhere in the nation. See Annie Allison for more information.

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**Our Veterans who move into housing need items to help set up their new places**  
Queen comforters, sheets and Cleaning Supplies.

**Volunteers Needed to Help Our Veterans Use the Patient Check-In Kiosks at the VA**

**ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY.....**

Who set up Social Security?

- President Roosevelt

Who moved our Social Security Funds from a Trust Account where it could only be used for Social Security—into the General Fund and then spent it?

- President Johnson

Who changed the rules so that Social Security could be taxed as income?

- President Clinton

Who started giving our Social Security funds to immigrants who NEVER PAID A DIME?

- President Carter

Now you know why Social Security is “broke” and “who done it”!

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TICKETS FROM THE BARTENDER OR ANY AUXILIARY MEMBER. DRAWING TO BE HELD AT THE AUXILIARY “PICNIC ON THE PAVILION” ON MAY 19TH. SOME LUCKY WINNER WILL WALK AWAY WITH THE MONEY TREE!

**Sad news:** Our bartender Curtis is in the hospital, after suffering a stroke. Please keep him in your prayers and help monetarily if you can. Fund set up at Post 445.

*Your correspondent Judy*