



# The Patriot

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and zealously supports its au-  
thority and interests



May - June, 2018

## Commander's message

Dear Comrades,

Thanks for the vote of confidence for me to continue as your Commander for the 2018-2019 year. I want to thank the new core of officers joining me for the year. With that being said, we have much work to do in the coming months. Remember that we have the Memorial celebrations at Mountlawn and Lake Benson. Check the newsletter for times and dates. We have Lake Benson taken care of and will need flag raisers for Mountlawn. During the April meeting 5-6 VFW members committed to attending the service. We will be extending an invite for a speaker so participation of all of VFW Post 10225 is key to making these events successful. A strong show of support is just as important as participating. This is when we can get the message out about the VFW and our put the word out about what the VFW does for veterans.

It is that time of the year for supporting a baseball team from Garner. If you know of a team looking for a sponsor get in touch with me. If you would like to donate directly, you can send it to the Post and earmarked it for the team. We will use it for their support.

I would like to thank Charlie Tharrington helping the VFW with the repair of the ballast light in the kitchen.

We have several members from the VFW that will be attending several rides with the Garner American Legion Riders 232 in the coming months. One will be to the Fisher House in Fort Bragg. Remember the day to day operations are not funded by the Fisher Foundation, but by the house staff itself. If you would like to help the Fisher House at Fort Bragg then donations can be earmarked to that house. In the month of June, ALR 232 will be conducting the POW/MIA ceremony at the Capital in Raleigh. It will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00pm let's support them by showing up in numbers.

Respectfully,  
Jesse Mendoza, Commander

## Auxiliary President's message

Sisters and Brothers,

A new VFW year is about to begin. Congratulations to all of the newly elected Post, District and Department officers. Please continue to extend your support to these men and women.

There are many Memorial Day activities planned. Please volunteer and attend one, whether locally or if you are out of town I'm sure you can find a ceremony there.

Thank you to all of the Auxiliary members for your support this year. Our Post has the best Auxiliary in the State. Whatever the need is the women and men of this Auxiliary rise to meet the need, whether for a Post or Auxiliary member, another Veteran in need or something in the community. I am always proud to say I am a member of Post 10225.

Thank you to all of the members and friends of the Post that brought in goods to be sent to Big Larry's grandson's unit overseas. We mailed out four boxes that were packed so tight an ant couldn't crawl through them.

I hope everyone has a great summer and gets lots of R&R to be ready for all of the VFW activities that will begin in the fall.

Tena Barbour, President

### 2017-2018 Officers

#### VFW Officers

Commander	Jesse Mendoza
Sr. Vice Comdr	Jeff Hicks
Jr. Vice Comdr	Ben Smith
Quartermaster	Jerry "Mark" Jackson
Chaplain	Bob Carter
Adjutant	Jerry "Mark" Jackson

#### Auxiliary Officers

President	Teena Barbour
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Jr. Vice President	Dottie Backlund-Johnson
Treasurer	Helen Carter
Chaplain	Etta Ball
Secretary	Helen Carter

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**Chaplain's message**

To our members,

As VFW members, we are tasked to "Honor the dead, by helping the living." A great inspiration to keep in mind. But at this time of the year, honoring the dead means a lot more. I encourage all of our members to do this at one or more of the Memorial Day events around town. Whether you are a local member, or one who lives out of town or even out of state, I am certain that there are events in your community. Plan to attend them - and wear something that signifies that you are a veteran, or a family member of a veteran. Keep their memories alive and honor their service.

Bob Carter, Chaplain

**In Memoriam**

**Christina Leanne Bradshaw Cyrus** – Christina Cyrus, 35, died on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Wake Med in Raleigh. She was a homemaker who enjoyed her family. Surviving are her husband of 6 years, Larry Duane Cyrus; son, Charles Christopher Bradshaw; sister, Rona Gayle Bradshaw of Willow Springs. A memorial service was held at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Garner.

**Bill Carter** - Bill Carter, a Life Member of the Post, died Friday, March 17. Bill was a retired US Army Warrant Officer, who served in Vietnam. He was originally from South Carolina, but lived in NC for many years, most recently with his son Bill in Southern Pines.

**Judith Ann Joliet** - Judy died at home of a heart attack and her body was found on Friday, March 16. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, she was a retiree from American Airlines, and moved to the area many years ago as part of a company transfer. She was married to the late Don Joliet, a Past Post Commander, and had one son, the late Robin Kolb. She was a Life member of the Auxiliary, where she served as a Past Auxiliary President in 1994-95 and a Past District 7 President.

**Welcome new members**

Please say welcome to the following members who joined our local family recently:

**Post:**

Richard Ripley  
Kenneth Upton  
Christopher Buchanan  
George Millsaps, Jr.  
Zackaiues Roger Powell  
Robert Edward Kerns

**BBQ Planned**

Our Post is playing host to Legion Riders Post 232, who is having a chicken or pork BBQ on Friday, June 1 starting at 11: 00 <sup>am</sup>. Price is \$8 per plate – eat in or take out. So, plan on purchasing a plate, or if you are a Riders member, come and help prepare or deliver the plates.

**Monthly Cookouts**

We are having a cookout on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. The menu varies, and the cost is \$5 or a side dish. We typically look to have it ready to serve by 4<sup>PM</sup>. If you would like to join or do the cooking, let the Commander know so we can rotate our chefs.

**Canteen Manager's Message**

The golden years are fast approaching and the time has come for me to retire. May 18, 2018 will be my last day as Canteen Manager. Please continue the same support I have been given over the many years to my successor. I thank each VFW member, Auxiliary member, and the many friends of the VFW for making my life easier and going to work a pleasure.

Teena Barbour

### Items for the troops

Post member Larry Hardy's grandson is deployed with his Marine unit to Afghanistan. His unit is asking for various personal care items and snacks. Please avoid items which might melt in the heat over there like chocolate and gummy snacks. We sent a package in March, and are panning another one soon, so please drop of the items in the box at the Post soon. We take care of getting them shipped over. Items requested are:

- Dove shampoo, Dove bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant (Old Spice)
- Games, cards
- Snack items such as: Jerky, Slim Jims, granola bars, Cheez-its, microwave popcorn, nuts, trail mix, cookies
- Other food items like: instant oatmeal & grits, dried fruits, ramen noodles, powdered drink mixes for water and coffee, tuna/chicken in foil packs.

### Next hospital visits

Come join us for our VFW-American Legion joint hospital visits each month:

- On Wednesday, May 23, at 1:30 <sup>pm</sup> we will visit the Durham VA's Community Living Center while playing BINGO with the residents. Meet us at the Post at 12:30 <sup>PM</sup> so we can ride together, or join is in Durham by 1:15.
- On Saturday, June 16, we visit the veterans who live at several Garner nursing homes. We bring a smile and a drink to each veteran. We start at 10:00 <sup>AM</sup> with the Laurels of Forest Glen, then travel to Lawndale Manor, Carillon Assisted Living, and BellaRose Nursing and Rehab Center.

### Department Convention coming....

The annual Department Convention will be held June 7-10 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in RTP. Come and participate while we elect our new state officers, hear from our National representatives, and see who wins awards for work done this past year.

So, come and spend a few hours or a few days. It's close, so you can drive from home and not have to pay for the hotel stay.

### Thanks to our volunteers



It is a good thing when we have so many members to thank for their contributions that we cannot list them all here. Please check the "thanks" page on our website for a full list of all who helped with various events. But here are a few extra special thanks this month:

- Thanks to the many Auxiliary members who contributed to our fund raiser to fill our Relief Fund. So far, we have had 8 donations of between \$20 and \$500 each! But donations are still coming in, so it is not too late.
- To Teena Barbour, who has served as our Canteen Manager for years now - and several of those years, she was also our Auxiliary President. Teena has done an outstanding job in all that she does and we thank her as she retires from the Canteen.

### Memorial Day activities

The Post is involved in several separate services for Memorial Day around the Town of Garner. Please attend any or all of them.



- Sat, May 26 – 10:00 <sup>AM</sup> - Montlawn Memorial Park – the Sons of the Legion will be setting out flags in the Veterans section in preparation for Monday. Help is needed. (Contact Terry Chatfield)
- Mon, May 28 – 11:00 <sup>AM</sup> - Montlawn Memorial Park - Annual ceremony in Veterans section, comments followed by flag raising back to full staff. (Contact Helen Carter).
- Mon, May 28 – Veterans' memorial at Lake Benson Park – tours of memorial from 12:30 <sup>PM</sup> - 1:30 <sup>PM</sup> with the program from 1:30 <sup>PM</sup> – 2:30 <sup>PM</sup> (Contact Jesse Mendoza or Jeff Hicks)
- Mon, May 28 - Poppy Distribution at local businesses.
- Wed, May 30 - 2:00 <sup>PM</sup> – Lawndale Manor – visit with the patients and remember residents and their family members who served (Contact Helen Carter)

As you can see, it will be a very busy weekend and assistance is needed for each activity. It can be as easy as distributing Poppies or posting a service flag. But we do need help. See the contact person for each.

Lunch will be available at the Post after the event at Montlawn. Please bring a side dish.



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Judge Adv.	Ben Smith
Surgeon	Jerry Mark Jackson
Adjutant	Bob Wendell
1 Yr. Trustee	Kevin Plewniak
2 Yr. Trustee	Grady Bebbler
3 Yr. Trustee	Terry Chatfield
Service Officer	Jesse Mendoza
House Cmte	Carey Green, Ethan Jackson, Jeff Hicks

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Chaplain	Etta Ball
Conductress	Tina Creech
Guard	Tina Creech
Secretary	Helen Carter
1 Yr. Trustee	Gail Creech
2 Yr. Trustee	Gerri Griggs
3 Yr. Trustee	Etta Ball
Historian	Gail Creech
Patriotic Instr	Joy Clifton

*Installation will be at the May meeting, May 9, 2018 – All officers must be installed before taking office on June 9.  
 All Post officers-elect must have their eligibility on file prior to Installation.*



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