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January - February, 2019

Commander's message

Dear Comrades,

Well, it has been a successful holiday. We had around 30 comrades and family members for Thanksgiving, participated in the Garner Christmas parade with the National Guard providing a color guard and gave out candy to the public. To round out the last 2 months, several members and Auxiliary helped build a wheelchair ramp for a fellow veteran, Jeff Keith, veterans helping veterans. Thanks goes out to Jeff Hicks, Wayne Bullen, David Ball, and Bob Wendell who helped and you can see the photos on our website as they are uploaded.

We are forging ahead with our plans to put in a letter of intent for the Pearce Bros. property and building. Keep your fingers crossed as we enter into negotiations with them.

Finally, let us remember why we are here reviewing the mission statement for the VFW. "That the purpose of this Corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies."

Respectfully,
Jesse Mendoza, Commander

Auxiliary President's message

Sisters and Brothers,

The New Year has arrived and time sure flies, but don't count the minutes, make the minutes count. Last year our Post did many things to assist Veterans, their families, our community and those that suffered adversities throughout North Carolina. We are a small Post that steps up to the plate and I thank each and every one for their dedication to our causes.

This year, I look forward to our Post doing bigger and better things. Check out the National website and review the many programs and I'm sure you will find one that is a match for your talents.

The Auxiliary will be starting Crockpot Dinners the second Friday of each month. We have some excellent cooks. The monies raised enables us to help others. Our organization is always looking for new members. When you meet someone that might be interested, don't hesitate to brag about the things we do and the many opportunities offered through the VFW and it's Auxiliary.

If you haven't been to a District Meeting, I urge you to attend the upcoming meeting. It is a great opportunity for those unfamiliar with how things work to learn something new.

Each New Year, most people make resolutions. Generally, I don't make resolutions because I'm going to eat that piece of cake and I'm not going to go to the gym after chasing kids all day. However, for 2019, my resolution will be to be a better person than I was yesterday and I know with the support of the VFW family, it is one I can keep.

In the New Year, I wish you health, happiness, small worries and an abundance of blessings.

Teena Barbour, President

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Chaplain's message

To our members,

As we begin 2019, let us make a resolution to help others more. And understand that helping others isn't limited to grand gestures or during times of natural disasters. Helping others can be done each and every day in many ways – big or small. No matter how you do it, sharing your treasure, talents or time will be helping others by lightening their load or helping them get through their day emotionally.

It can be as simple as giving someone a hand, working on a fund raiser aimed at supporting worthy causes, or calling a friend going through hard times. And contrary to what you may have heard, helping others is not a selfless act. For in helping others, you will be helping yourself. You will feel better knowing that you made a difference in someone's life by lightening their burden. And you may just forget the little events in your own life that annoy you – if only for a short time.

So, make a resolution to help others more this year. Make it a habit that you can do every day.

Bob Carter, Chaplain

In Memoriam

Ken Skinner: Kenneth Wayne Skinner, 70, a long time Life Member of the Post, passed away at home early on Nov 22, 2018 after a long battle with COPD. He was a retired US Army veteran of 22 years, having served in Special Forces in Vietnam. Born in Goldsboro, he was married to Kathy Jackson-Skinner for 21 years. He is also survived by several children: Melissa Skinner, Sharon Overton, Gary Jackson and Robin, and sister Allison Hapgood. Sons Chris Jackson and Bobby Jackson, and brother Jessie J Skinner pre-deceased him. He was cremated, and a service will be held Jan 5 at 1 PM at Mt. Harman Christian Church, 8925 White Oak Rd, Garner, followed by a reception at the Post.

Pat Gray: Patricia Boyd Gray, 85, passed away on Dec 2, 2018, after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. Pat, a Life Member of the Auxiliary, was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, WW II veteran Carl Gray, Sr. and is survived by her five children, Carl Gray, Jr., David Gray, Debbie McClamroch, Jerry Gray, and Mickie Strickland. She had 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations have been requested to be made to American Cancer Society, 8300 Health Park, Suite 10, Raleigh, NC 27615.

Welcome new members

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



Post:	Auxiliary:
James R. Allen	Catherine Young

State meeting scheduled

The next state meeting is scheduled for February 8-10 at the Embassy Suites hotel in Cary. Come and join us for this meeting to learn about the initiatives for both the VFW and Auxiliary, as well as speak with representatives from our National organization.

If you want to stay at the hotel, make your reservations now, since it was filled immediately following the October meeting. But the hotel opened up more rooms for the VFW. So, get them while they last!

Meals return

The Auxiliary is bringing back the Crock Pot dinners for the colder winter months. Our first is Friday, Jan 10 at 6:00^{PM}. We already have people signed up for bringing the various meals, now we just need members to come and enjoy them! The dinner is \$10 for all you can eat. So, have your favorite one, or mix and match several different items.



And on 3rd Sunday of each month, we will have your informal cookout at the Post.

Auxiliary Cancer Insurance

The VFW Auxiliary National organization has a cancer insurance policy on all of its members. This is included in your membership. You must be a member for one full year before coverages begins.

In addition, our local Auxiliary offers to match the payment from National for many members. To qualify for this match, the premium is included in your annual dues payment. But for Life Members, you must make a \$10 per year premium to be covered. This premium is due each January. So, if you are a Life Member of the Auxiliary, and want to be covered, send the \$10 premium to the Auxiliary Treasurer, or leave it for her at the Post.

Next hospital visits

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

- On Wednesday, January 23, at 1:30^{PM} we play Bingo with the patients at the Durham VA's Community Living Center. Meet us at the Post at 12:30^{-M} so we can ride together, or join us at the hospital at 1:15.
- On Saturday February 12, we visit the veterans who live at several Garner nursing homes. We bring a smile and a drink to each veteran. The visit starts at 10:00^{AM} at Lawndale Manor, and depending on how many members join us, we split up to cover to the Laurels of Forest Glen, Carillon Assisted Living, and Bella-Rose Nursing and Rehab Center.



District 7 meeting planned

On Saturday, January 19 will be the next District 7 meeting for the VFW and Auxiliary. It is scheduled to begin at 10:00^{AM} this time, so that after the meeting you will have the rest of the day available. Please come and listen to what is going on, and meet the District winners from our various awards programs.

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

On Sunday, Feb 10th the VA in Durham is sponsoring a Book Fair. You can use a [coupon](#) available on our website at the checkout at the Barnes and Nobles on 5400 New Hope Commons in Durham, or shop online at any [BN.COM/bookfairs](#) between Feb 10-15, and use the ID Nar 12332821. Either way, the Durham VA will be credited with a percentage of your purchase of books.

Scholarship for Auxiliary Members

The Nat'l Auxiliary awards four scholarship (one in each Conference) to one Auxiliary member or their spouse, son or daughter with a financial need in continuing their education. Applications must be received at National HQ by February 15. See our website for info.

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:

- Joy Clifton who braved the cold weather on Veterans Day, to distribution Poppies to the crowd gathered for the Raleigh Veterans Day parade.
- Bob Wendel, who has been working hard with the Town, the realtors, and the owners of the property that we are looking at, to see that our interests are protected in any purchase.

Scholarships Offered

The NC VFW and Auxiliary offers scholarships for high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of Post or Auxiliary members.

- The VFW has the Billy Ray Cameron and the Otis Brown scholarships, named after 2 past National Commanders from NC. You apply for them both via one application. Each of the two different scholarship is awarded to one student in the amount of \$4000 (\$1000 per year for 4 years).
- The Auxiliary offers 4 NC's scholarships, each for \$1000 to high school seniors attending a NC school of higher education. These are named after Past National President Erline Mayberry, who was from NC.

Applications for each are downloadable from the State VFW and Auxiliary websites. Deadlines for submitting the preliminary applications for each is Feb 15.

Annual memorial program

Come and join us at the January meeting, when we will be reading the many names of our members who have passed away over the years. You will hear names of those who left us, from over 40 years ago to this past year. We're sure many members will recognize many of the names, and remember them fondly. We will never forget those friends and family members who have shared our lives.





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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So, throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Mark Twain