

The Patriot

DD-214's are NOW Online

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment or medical purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time. Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents. <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

If you do not have a computer or internet access, the Post can help you obtain the records you need. ...The Editor



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Quote of the Month

“Everything has been said before, but since nobody listens we have to keep going back and beginning all over again”.....Andre Gide

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A Note from the Commander

I can't believe we are in February already where does the time go? We had an excellent turnout for our 9th annual Chili Cook-off Congratulations to Frances Howe our First Place Winner out of 9 entries. We are doing great in all of our programs except Membership We still need 44 members to be 100%. If you have not paid your 2009 dues please drop them by the post or mail them in. You can also pay your dues online at <http://emem.vfw.org> or if you need me to I will pick them up just give me a call 803-493-2014. There are 91 members on our unpaid list as of 2/1/09. I would like to see you all renew. If you are not going to renew I would also like to hear from you. We cannot grow if we don't know where we are lacking. The Spring Conference is in Myrtle Beach at the Landmark Hotel February 20-22 I would like to go to the conference at 100%. I want to thank everyone for all the hard work they have put in at the Post this month it has been a great month and all the hard work is appreciated. Remember our troops in harm's way around the world. They are the reason we are here. Bill Trask: wtrask@gmail.com

From the Quartermaster

Thanks to all for their continued hard work and dedication to the post. The super bowl show was great and we had some of the best chili around to sample from and we appreciate everyone who participated in the cook off. It was good to see Donald Templeon and Gerald Efird back in the post and doing well. Jerry Campbell who is one of our members has moved to Tennessee to be near family while he recovers will continue as a member of our post and please join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. Thanks to the ladies auxiliary for the great snacks during the super Bowl Ralph Best: ralph.best@gmail.com

News from Ladies Auxiliary President

We had a great turn out for the chili cook-off and Super bowl party, thanks to all that participated. Congrats to the winners.

February will be a busy month at the Post. February 7 1till 4PM we have the workshop for making Daggit Dolls. It will be fun and the dolls will be sent to our troops. February 8 is our monthly visit to Dorn VA Nursing Home, we will be taking Valentines for our special veterans. February 14 is our Valentine Steak Dinner bring that someone special or just bring yourself for a great dinner, our own VFW kitchen staff will be preparing the food. See bartenders for tickets. The 21st of February we will be providing food for the Sub-vets, this is fun and helps our general fun, if you can help come on down. February 20 thru 22 is the Spring Conference at Myrtle Beach.

6 more weeks of winter weather has been predicted but its always warm at the Post come out and see what's happening. See you at the Post Anne Cash: acash09@yahoo.com

News from the Men's Auxiliary

Well, another year is here and the Men's Auxiliary is gearing up for another entertaining and exciting year. We all realize the economy is not what we would like to see right now, but it is important that ALL members renew their memberships in this worthwhile organization. Post 9138 is one of the best places around, with some of the best members of any organization. You can meet some really exceptional individuals who put their lives on the line for our country, and they have some pretty amazing stories. Also, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Rock Hill Industrial Piping for donating the material for our gas grill next to the deck. Also a special thanks to Rob Elkins, David Cash and Dean "D" Templeton for donating their time to install this line. Thanks to you all!! Also, don't forget to come by and introduce yourself to the three most amazing and pleasant bartenders anywhere: Charlotte, bar manager; Carolyn and Suzi. Thanks ladies. Dan Rollins / Treasurer: darwjr@yahoo.com

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

We have several members of our VFW family, that could use a call or card. Contact the Post for their names, telephone numbers and addresses. If you know any comrades or families in distress, please let us know. God bless our men and women in the military.Steve Giles

Valentine Day Dinner

The dinner will be from 6pm to 7:30pm. Tickets are \$10 each. You need to purchase these in advanced at the Post. This will include a glass of wine and red rose for the ladies. Menu: Steak cooked to order, baked pot., salad, bread, dessert. Support your Post and have a great dinner!

From the Canteen

The bartenders would like to say thank you to the many members that remembered us during the holidays, and to the Post for recognizing our hard work.

A special thanks to all those involved in getting the motion lights up and working, I don't dare try to name every one in fear of leaving someone out. We all feel much better going out after dark now. Thanks to Dennis and Anne Cain we have new blinds in the canteen and meeting room, these look so much better. Dennis thank you for your many hours of hard work cleaning carpets, walls, windows, installing blinds and helping make the post look better. The year has started off well and there are more events planned in the near future. The Super Bowl party was a great success with wonderful food and friends to share it with.

Mark your calendars for the wonderful Valentines dinner on Feb. 14th tickets are available at the canteen. Also mark your calendars for Lori's terrific corned beef and cabbage on March 14th to be followed by a dance from 8 pm to midnight featuring Outlaw Symphony a really good local band. Charlotte / Canteen Manager

Input for the newsletter: If you have an idea or feedback for the newsletter staff, please let us know.

John Marker - jmarker@carolina.rr.com



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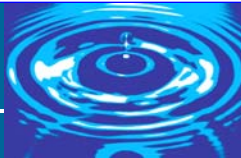
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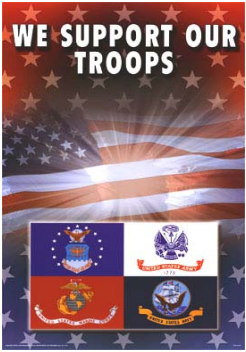
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 HD-TV Sports	2 Support your Post	3 Happy Hour 5-7pm	4 Socialize with veterans And families	5 HH 5-pm 1st weekly drawing-7pm	6 Food & 2nd drawing-7pm	7 HD-TV Sports Daggit Doll workshop
8 HD-TV Sports Visit to Dorm VA Hospital	9 HC 5:45 Reg. Mting 7:00pm	10 Happy Hour 5-7pm	11 Socialize with veterans And families	12 HH 5-pm 1st weekly drawing-7pm	13 Food & 2nd drawing-7pm	14 Valentine Steak Dinner 6pm-7:30pm
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