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...the editor

Monthly Quote

“Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.”
.....Bill Vaughan

House Committee: Rob Elkin, Rich Gagnon, Wayne Howell, Howard Murray, Bill Trask, Ralph Best and Chairman, Art Courtemanche

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▶ A Note from the Commander

I can't believe we are in February already where does the time go? We are doing great in all of our programs including Membership We still need 21 members to be 100%. If you have not paid your 2010 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 89 members on our unpaid list as of 2/4/10. 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 Mid Winter Conference is in Myrtle Beach at the Landmark Hotel February 19-21 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. As a reminder the cutoff for drawing signup is 6:45 PM the night of the Drawing. 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

The Post annual Super bowl Party and Chili cook-off is on the 7th of this month, make plans to attend. We also have the Breakfast the following Saturday which will be the 13th.

The Post family has endured the loss of approx. five members in the last few months and I ask that you keep these families in your prayers as we go forward.

Thanks to all who do so much for the post and to the canteen staff who makes the post run on an even keel.

Ralph Best: ralph.best@gmail.com

News from Ladies Auxiliary President

Due to bad weather we were not able to have our Daggit Doll workshop, we will reschedule at our meeting in February.

Our dress for the "Southern Bell Poppy Project" at mid-winter conference is complete. Being confined to home because of weather had plenty of time to complete. 700 poppies were used for dress and hat, hope everyone likes it. For those that do not attend the conference we will have pictures at the Post.

The Friday night dinners are going well, come out and enjoy reasonable price meal. See you at the meeting Monday, Feb.8, 7PM at the Post. God Bless our Troops. Anne Cash: acash09@yahoo.com

News from the Men's Auxiliary President

The Men's Auxiliary will be volunteering for the monthly breakfasts. Our next one is February 13th, so plan on coming out and supporting your Post.

If you have not paid you dues, please do so as soon as possible. We do not want your membership to lapse. Our next meeting is February 16th at 7:00pm. If you take the time to attend, you can provide input for our programs and events. You can make a difference. Think about it.

Have you ever attended a conference? Now is the time to do so. The Mid-Winter Conference is in Myrtle Beach (February 19-21) at the Landmark Hotel. Room rates are \$37 to \$65 a night. That is cheap for a beach front Hotel. If interested, see me or any officer at the Post for additional information.

Jerald Efird: gerald1@comporium.net

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. Rob Elkins

Breakfast at the Post

Monthly breakfast at Fort Mill VFW Post 9138 – second Saturday of each month. The next breakfast is to be held **February 13th** - 8 AM to 11 AM. Breakfast will include eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, orange juice and coffee for only \$6.00 per person.

Valentine's Day

Definition: Valentine's Day is often referred to as St. Valentine's Day. There were two Saints attributed to the naming of the holiday. Both men were imprisoned and killed for being Christians in the 3rd century A.D. One story goes that one of the Saints wrote a letter to his jailer's daughter for her kindness and signed it 'your Valentine'.

A more likely story is that both Saints died on February 14, which in Roman times was the night before a festival called Lupercalia.

This Roman festival had a lot to do with fertility and probably some of those customs got attached to the modern day celebrations of Valentine's Day.

Today, it is a day to tell people you love them and exchange Valentine's cards.

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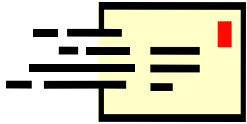
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