

The Patriot

Fiscal Discipline

Beginning with the April issue, the newsletter staff will put a new program in place for controlling cost. This program will save the Post more than \$2200 a year. In order for this program to be successful, we need our readers, (you) to provide an email address, if you have one. Please make sure we have your email address. Several ways to achieve this: Email us or call the Post. Currently we mail out 250 newsletters. Our goal is to cut it by 70 to 80%.

The newsletter is uploaded every month to our website. Anyone can go to: www.vfw9138.org/newsletter.html to download the latest issue. If this is an option for you, please let us know so we can remove your mailing address from our list. Only you can help make this program a success. To contact us by email: jmarker@carolina.rr.com or call the Post: 803.547.5480

For those of you that do not have an email address, you will continue to receive your newsletter every month in the mail, just like you do now. Nothing will change.

We challenge all decision makers at the Post to implement a similar cost savings program wherever possible. We cannot save in one area and continue to spend in another without negative results. It is only when we all work together can we be successful. ...*The Editor*

Quote of the Month

“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.”
.....*Abraham Lincoln*



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Officers for 2008-2009

House Committee: Rob Elkin, Jim Welch, Denver Tenney, Bill Trask, Ralph Best and Chairman, Art Courtemanche

VFW Post 9138 Officers

Commander.....Bill Trask
Sr. Vice Cmdr.....John Marker
Jr. Vice Cmdr.....Rob Elkin
Quartermaster.....Ralph Best
Chaplin.....Steve Giles
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Judge Adv.....Art Courtemanche
3 Yr. Trustees... ..Glenn Harris
2 Yr. Trustee...Larry Clinton, Sr
1 Yr. Trustee.....Sam Griffin
Membership.....Bill Trask

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

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Jr. Vice Pres.....Pam Elkin
Treasurer.....Kim Trask
Secretary.....Carolyn Griffith
Chaplain.....Kathy Shirley
Conductress.....Pam Fleetwood
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3 Yr Trustee.....Elaine Marker
2 Yr Trustee.....Anne Cain
1 Yr Trustee..Charlotte Podgorski

Men Auxiliary Officers

President.....Scott Collins
Sr.Vice Pres.Jerald Efird
Jr.Vice Pres.....Vacant
Treasurer.Dan Rollins
Secretary.....Dan Rollins
Chaplain.....Russel Planer
3 Yr Trustee.....David Cash
2 Yr Trustee.....Paul Skinner
1 Yr Trustee.....Lou Illiano



A Note from the Commander

The month of March brings nomination of officers for the next year. We will open nominations at our meeting on the 9th and we will close nominations and elect officers for 2009 – '10 at our April meeting. We continue to do well in all our programs except membership. We are currently 87.95% and need 37 members to be 100%. Don't forget we have Lori Gordon cooking corn beef and cabbage on the 14th followed by our St Patrick's Day Dance. Hope to see you all there. I would also like to thank everyone who helped clean the ceiling tiles in the canteen I will not try to name you all as there were so many of you I would defiantly forget someone. .

Bill Trask: wtrask@gmail.com

From the Quartermaster

Thanks to everyone for their hard work during the month of Feb., and as we enter into March lets strive to continue the hard work at the post. Let's remember Elton Duncan as he is in rehab from his accident. Thanks to the guys for doing the form for the concrete and as always to our ladies and men's auxiliaries for their hard work. Thanks to Dennis and his crew for cleaning the ceiling tiles. Everyone remember we are only as successful as we make ourselves.

Ralph Best: ralph.best@gmail.com

News from Ladies Auxiliary President

It will not be long before it's Spring and hopefully warmer weather. We attended Spring conference last month and Department is requesting we do a fund raiser for Cancer Aid and Research. We are selling green beer mugs and green hurricane glasses that will go on sale the week of March 9 at the Post they are \$3.00 each and proceeds will go to Department for CA&R.

Try to attend our annual St Patrick's Day dinner prepared by Lori on March 14. You do not want to miss this meal! Make sure you come out for the dinner and dance; we have a band from 8 til 12.

We have a raffle for a cheer basket and silver bracelet (donated by Spring-Crest Jewelers, Fort Mill) see bartender for tickets. Thanks to the ladies that help with Friday night dinners and the Sub-Vets dinners. Not only do we have a lot of fun along with work, it also helps the Post. Come out and join us!

We went to Dorn VA Nursing home last month for Valentine's. The children from Fort Mill Schools made Valentines and the Veterans loved them. The Veterans really enjoy the visit. We go the first Sunday of each month if you would like to go.

See you at our meeting, March 9, 7PM at the Post.

Anne Cash: acash09@yahoo.com

News from the Men's Auxiliary

.We've had a good start to the new year providing support for projects and functions. We still need more members to come to our meetings the third Tuesday of each month to help plan more projects going forward. The Valentines steak dinner was excellent, thanks to all the people who donated their time to cook and serve. If you missed this one, you missed a lot of great food. There's a St. Patrick's Day dance on March 14th featuring Outlaw Symphony, come out and support the Post and have a great time. If you haven't already, stop by the Post and pay your dues for 2009 or contact any current officer with your payment. This is a great organization and we need all the members we can get joining and participating. Our next meeting will be March 17th at 7:00pm at the Post, come out and get involved. Also, elections of officers is coming up, anyone interested in being an officer let me know by leaving a note at the Post or contacting any of the current officers. We really need everyone's support.

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

St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance

Please remind your friends and other members about our St. Patrick's celebration on March 14th. We will have Lori Gordon's famous corned beef and cabbage meal available on a first come first served basis. The menu: Corned Beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, roll & butter plus dessert all for \$6.00, from 5:30 to 7:00 and Outlaw Symphony Band playing from 8:00 to midnight. Please come out and support your post.

From the Canteen

I'd like to thank all the members that have come in on their own to help clean up the post. Dennis and Anne Cain, Rich Gagnon, David Cash, Rob Elkins, and Roger Burgess have worked really hard and their work is greatly appreciated. Most of these same people have made it possible, in the near future, for us to have a grilling/cooking area outside.

I would also like to thank Pam and Rob Elkins, David Cash, Sarah Clinton, Carolyn Griffith, Lori Gordon, and Bill Trash for unselfishly giving up a Sunday afternoon to come in and volunteer to cook at the post on Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00. Our members are showing that they appreciate having some snacks available. Anyone else that is interested in helping can contact me at the post. Thanks again.

Charlotte / Canteen Manager

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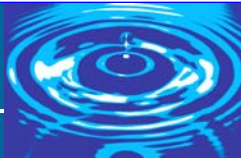
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