



# The Patriot



## Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Celebration

Anne Cash - President of the Ladies Auxiliary, and The Coordinator for the 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Celebration', submitted the information below.

On April 24th at District 3 stadium in Rock Hill, the gates will open at 8:00am. Massing of the Colors starts at 9:30am followed by a POWMIA Ceremony.

The Welcome Home Celebration starts at 1:00pm. Huey Helicopter rides will be available in the American Legion parking lot for \$50 a person (special rate of \$40 for veterans). Activities for children and concessions are also available .The American Legion is providing BBQ sandwiches for veterans.

General Robert Livingston is the guest speaker, and Adjutant General Stan Spears will speak briefly. "We will have goody bags for our veterans, so please pre- register so we can get some idea of how many to expect. We just want this to be very special day for all our Vietnam veterans. Thank you for being a veteran and welcome home!" Anne Cash - acash09@yahoo.com

Website: [www.runforthewarrior.com/vietnam\\_veterans](http://www.runforthewarrior.com/vietnam_veterans) (great website)  
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*Thank You Anne! ...the editor*

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### Monthly Quote

"The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress."  
..... Charles Kettering

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## A Note from the Commander

Here we are once again in election month. We will be holding elections for the 2010-11 year at our meeting on the 12th at 7:00 PM. If you wish to hold an office or have a voice in this process please attend the meeting. We are 5 members over 100% and have beat the All State cutoff of April 30th All other required programs to be an All State Post for the third year in a row have been met. I want to thank everyone and every organization that has helped out in the programs this year. The list is way too long to list everyone. On the 24th we will be manning a booth at the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony at the District 3 Stadium from 8:30am until sometime that afternoon. This will be a District function and any help is welcome.

Bill Trask: wtrask@gmail.com

## From the Quartermaster

Thanks to all for your support of the Post over the last month . The Easter Egg hunt went good as we had a lot of children show up. Thanks to Howard and all the volunteers who made this possible.

We have the monthly breakfast on April 10th from 8:00am till 11:00am. Menu is bacon, eggs, sausage, grits ,biscuits, sausage gravy and toast if desired.

Keep Paul Skinner and family in your prayers. Sarah Clinton has surgery coming up so please keep her in your prayers.

Ralph Best: ralph.best@gmail.com

## News from Ladies Auxiliary President

We have a Dangit Doll workshop, April 10, 1PM till 4PM at the Post. We need lots of help making these special dolls for our soldiers. If you have coupons (expired are fine) that you are not going to use, please bring to the Post. The military families overseas can use them even if expiration date is 6 months.

The Easter egg hunt was fun, thanks to the Post for sponsoring this event, we had 12 children and all had a good time. Hopefully we can do again and have more children.

‘WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS’ is April 24, District 3 stadium, gates open at 8AM, Massing of the Colors at 9:30 AM followed by POWMIA ceremony. Celebration welcoming our Vietnam Veterans at 1PM. Concessions and activities for children. See you at the Post

Anne Cash: acash09@yahoo.com

## News from the Men’s Auxiliary President

Don’t forget our monthly breakfast is on the 10th. If you have not paid your dues, you need to right away. Please check you dues card, we still have some members who have not paid. Remember our meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of each month. (April 20th ). Look forward to seeing you at the Post!

Jerald Efird: jerald1@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 **April 10th** - 8 AM to 11 AM. Breakfast will include eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, orange juice and coffee for only \$6.00 per person. Come out and support your Post and have a great breakfast!

## From the Editor

For the past seven years I have had the honor and privilege of serving as the editor of “The Patriot”. Some issues were better than others. My goal was to make the newsletter a communication tool where information would be assimilated, to provoke thought...a forum where we learn something new. If one person feels like they did learn something new, I achieved my objective. For this I am forever grateful.

Effected June 1<sup>st</sup>, I will be stepping down as editor. The Post has a pool of talent to draw from. I’m sure everything will continue without missing a beat. I do want to thank the members for giving me this opportunity. Sincerely, *John Marker* jmarker@carolina.rr.com

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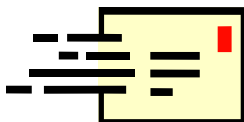
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# April 2010



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