



The Patriot

Fort Mill Veterans Memorial Park

The Fort Mill, South Carolina Veterans Committee, in partnership with the Town of Fort Mill, is proud to announce the creation of a unique Veterans Park. Starting July 4th at 10am, there will be members of the council, veterans and others distributing fliers for the purchase of pavers (small bricks) to honor any veteran, past or current. Flyers will also be located in various shops and facilities throughout York County. If you know a veteran or active duty person from any of the five branches, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guards (including Reserves and National Guard) whom you would like to honor, you can purchase a paver to commemorate their service. The cost of a paver is \$75.00 and there will be room for three rows of up to 20 characters per row for the inscription. All proceeds from the sale of pavers will go for the construction of the park. If you don't have a veteran or active duty member you would like to honor, but would still like to donate to this worthy cause, donations of any amount will be accepted or you could consider purchasing a paver and designating it to go to a "Senior Veteran" or a "Veteran in Need" and we will be honored to submit the information for a veteran in one of the many nursing homes or one who is suffering financial difficulties along with a certificate telling them a brick has been purchased in honor of their service. There is a saying, "A veteran, whether on active duty, discharged, retired or in the reserves, is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of up to, and including, their life. They honor us and it is our wish to honor them.

(This Press Release was written by Glenn Harris and submitted to local newspapers).
 Flyers are available at the Post and our website.The Editor

Quote of the Month

"The only source of knowledge is experience."

.....Albert Einstein

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A Note from the Commander

The convention was a great success we came home with several awards. All State Post Commander and Quartermaster. Best Publicity Program in our membership group, and several members received personal awards. Thanks go out to everyone for this great accomplishment it truly takes a team effort to accomplish so much. I am still putting together the committees to run some of our programs. If you would like to help please let me know.

The year is off to a great start lets keep the momentum going. If you are out doing community service or anything you think we can report drop me a note and we will get it reported.

Bill Trask: wtrask@gmail.com

From the Quartermaster

We are entering another month and several of our members are under the weather. Let's remember them as we go forth and don't forget the Vets in the VA Hospitals. Thanks to all who are putting in time at the post fixing up different areas. Drop by and socialize with some your fellow comrades and enjoy the deck in this nice weather.

Ralph Best: ralph.best@gmail.com

News from Ladies Auxiliary President

Sarah Clinton and I just returned Sunday from the State Convention in Columbia. We have so much to be proud of with our Ladies Aux. We placed 1st place in community service with our Daggitt Doll project (Thanks Sarah!). Our District 5 won \$100.00 from National for 100% membership. Make sure you congratulate Sarah Clinton, District 5 President, she has done outstanding job.

Our Chinese auction is scheduled for July 11, bidding starts at 6 pm at the Post. If you have new or slightly used items and would like to donate please leave at Post. We have John Deere collectible dolls with tractors, beautiful porcelain dolls, something for everyone. Cake raffle, hotdogs and nachos, brownies and cookies for sale at the auction. Come out and support the Ladies Auxiliary. Next meeting July 13, 7PM. See you at the Post .

Anne Cash: acash09@yahoo.com

News from the Men's Auxiliary

Come out and support your Post and Auxiliary. We meet every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm and we would like to see more of you at the meetings. If you haven't paid your dues for 2009, please stop by the Post and leave them with any of the bartenders or any Auxiliary officer. The Auxiliary has already approved a couple of projects, a railing in the meeting room and a gravel base around the concrete pad to keep from tracking mud and grass on the deck. We need more suggestions from all our members on ways we can make the Post a more enjoyable place to congregate for everyone. Come out and enjoy a beverage and companionship with all VFW members

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. Rob Elkins

From the Canteen

We had a very good turn out for our flag day celebration and disposal ceremony. This was a combined celebration between the Fort Mill Elks #2859 and VFW Posts 9138 and 2889.

I'd like to thank the members that again volunteered their time and efforts to make this a success.

On Saturday July 4th we will have hot dogs and hamburgers at 2:00 p.m. come out and celebrate our freedom with fellow veterans and friends. Check the calendar for other events for July!

Thanks to all the members and friends of the VFW for the recent building maintenance and their support of the canteen after they finished.

Charlotte Podgorski/Canteen Manager

The Patriot Newsletter

Have comments or information for the newsletter? Contact John Marker at: jmarker@carolina.rr.com

Iraq Star inc

The VA is not capable of handling severely wounded soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan. It could take years to receive the reconstructive surgery they need if it was available. The good news is more soldiers are surviving. The bad news is they have disfiguring wounds. Despite powerful life-saving measures on the battlefield and longer-term medical support stateside, many face long waiting lists for reconstructive surgery and have to deal with the loneliness and isolation of disfiguring wounds.

The statistics are grim: More than 40,000 brave men and women have returned wounded from Iraq and Afghanistan. They must now face the daunting challenge of recovery. The military will replace the missing arms and legs with prosthetics, provide the initial surgeries to close the wounds and grafts to replace burned flesh, striving tirelessly to make our veterans functional people. But the fact stands that terrible scarring from shrapnel, burns and wound trauma remain. Surgeries are still needed to help our veterans gain back their pre-war lives, to assist them in holding their heads high, and help them return to their homes and careers

Iraq Star picks up where the military and VA leave off by providing the reconstructive, aesthetic, surgical procedures that can hasten a happier and more normal return to his/her existing military or pre-war life. These procedures are performed by Board Certified plastic and reconstructive surgeons who donate their skills and feel honored to do so.

Iraq Star pays for the soldiers transportation, hotel accommodations, food, anesthesia, hospital operating room, medical supplies etc. and sends a loved one with them. Healing our wounded takes more than fervent hope and best wishes-it requires top-notch facilities, the latest scientific advances and expert medical professionals

We have soldiers in our community that can use their services. If you know of others, please let us know.

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