



The Patriot

VA Patient Care Group Scam

The Department of Veterans Affairs has received reports that veterans are being contacted by a "Patient Care Group" that is claiming they are helping to administer the VA's prescription medicine program. The "Patient Care Group" is saying the VA recently changed its pharmacy billing procedures, therefore a personal credit card number is now required for prescription payments in advance of filling those prescriptions. This is a scam! Do not provide credit card information over the phone to anyone who claims they represent the VA! The VA has not changed their pharmacy procedures, and they do not call and ask veterans to disclose personal financial information over the phone. If you should receive such a call, do not give them any information. Tell them you are busy and try to get a name and callback number. Report that information to your local police.

Scam Artist target VFW Post and Members

A con artist continues preying on the generosity of sympathetic veterans, managing to bilk numerous VFW Posts or members around the country out of as much as \$400 each by posing as either a veteran who has "filled out an application" to join a specific Post or as a current VFW member.

The scammer has used a couple of different approaches when he calls a Post asking for a specific Post Officer by name for financial assistance, usually alleging to be experiencing some sort of car trouble and has even gone as far as to claim to be the parent of an Iraq veteran on his "way to the funeral for his son killed in Iraq." He has also used a bogus story about how he recently visited a Post while introducing his son, "just back from Iraq" to various Post members. The swindler apparently goes on-line beforehand and obtains information about the Post in order to include details about the Post to help lend credibility to his story. He has been known to use several different aliases, such as "Michael, Marvin, and Mark Sharp."

According to information received by VFW national headquarters, VFW Posts in AL, OK, WV, TX, FL, KS, MI and MO have responded by wiring money to the man who promises to repay the cash as soon as he returns home. So far, the sum being requested is in the \$200- \$500 range. Western Union doesn't require identification for sums under \$1000. Any Post or members that believes they have been scammed should contact the local authorities and media. Remember to always be cautious when approached with requests for money. If you are approached, let us know.the editor

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

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 - 1 Yr Trustee.....Suzie Rushing

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 - Jr.Vice Pres.....Vacant
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 - Secretary.....Dan Rollins
 - Chaplain.....Russel Planer
 - 3 Yr Trustee.....Dave Podgorski
 - 2 Yr Trustee.....David Cash
 - 1 Yr Trustee.....Paul Skinner



A Note from the Commander

September has been another busy month we welcomed home 10 Marines from our adopted unit the 4th Maintenance Battalion out of Charlotte NC. The first breakfast was a success though we did not have the turnout we hoped for. Please come out and join us for breakfast on October 10th we will be serving from 8 – 11 am. The month of October is upon us and that brings the Annual Fish Fry on October 17th you can not get a better fish plate in the area and at \$7.00 a plate you can not beat the price. Tickets are on sale now. October also brings to a close our core programs Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the year. These entries are due to the post no later than midnight November 1st. I have had few people contact me to help with judging these programs I thank you for your interest and will be getting back with you as we get the entries in. Veterans Day is around the corner and that means Buddy Poppy Distribution. We will need a lot of help that Saturday November 7th please try to donate some time to this very worthwhile cause. We will also be distributing poppies on October 10th at Harris Teeter since we could not get the location on the day we are doing the rest. The House Committee put together a Kitchen cleaning party and I would like to thank everyone who came to help. It was past due a good cleaning. Thank you to everyone that made September a great success. Let's have a great October starting out with the Luau on the 3rd.

MEMBERSHIP – We are currently at 70% that is 90 members short of 100%. Last year at this time we were at 75% 77 members short of 100% If you have not renewed your dues PLEASE do so as soon as possible.

Our next meeting is on October 12th at 7:00 pm. Please try to attend we have a lot going on over the next couple of months. .

Bill Trask: wtrask@gmail.com

From the Quartermaster

We have a busy month this month coming and we thank everyone in advance for their help in the upcoming events. we would like to take this time to invite everyone to come out and socialize at the post and remember our shut ins as we go about our daily routines. we would like to thank the clean up crew that cleaned the kitchen last Saturday morning the grill was taken apart and taken outside and pressure washed plus the overhead was cleaned out. Don't forget the Luau, Breakfast, and the fish fry this month Thanks Ralph Best: ralph.best@gmail.com

News from Ladies Auxiliary President

October is going to be a busy month at the Post. We have our Luau October 3, October 6 we have our Daggitt Doll workshop at 6PM, please try to work this into your schedule we have many requests for dolls and need lots of help filling the requests. October 10 our breakfast, Fish Fry October 17, this is also our District meeting in Camden, and October 18 pre-deployment for our Fort Mill National Guard being deployed. If you can assist with any of these events please let someone at the Post or officers know, would be greatly appreciated. October 11 is our monthly visit to Dorn VA nursing home, we leave the Post at 10AM and normally return around 4PM, our veterans enjoy our visits and we really enjoy more than they do, if you can go please let Anne, Sarah, Pam or Carolyn know. Have a good month and welcome this cooler weather. See you at the Post. Anne acash09@yahoo.com

News from the Men's Auxiliary

Fall is here and it's time to start planning projects for the winter and spring. We would like to see more members attend our monthly meetings to help with the planning of future projects and also to participate with members. If you haven't paid your dues for 2010, please come by the post and do so, or come the our next meeting on October 20th. We currently only have 30% of our members that have renewed for 2010, we really need to have 100% sign up for next year. Also, if you know of someone who would be a potential member, please bring them by and fill out an application. We can use all the help we can get to support Post 9138. If you want to renew, or know someone who would like to join, stop by the post and see any of the Auxiliary officers or leave your dues or membership application with the bartenders Dan : 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

Breakfast at the Post

Monthly breakfast at Fort Mill VFW Post 9138 – second Saturday of each month. The next breakfast is to be held October 10th - 8 AM to 11 AM. Breakfast will include eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, orange juice and coffee for only \$6.00 per person. We plan to recognize a branch of our military service at each breakfast. In October we will recognize the United States Navy.

Buddy Poppy Program 2009

We need more volunteers to help with our Buddy Poppy Program. Please contact Richard Gagnon to sign-up for a Fort Mill Store – Saturday Nov. 7th – 10AM to 4PM – two hour shifts. Some will be adult leaders working with the JROTC. Contact Info – Richard Gagnon at 803-548-2432, email: rgagnon@comporium.net

From the House Committee

I would like to thank all volunteers who helped in cleaning the VFW Kitchen this past weekend on Sept 26th. Without their dedication and hard work this would not have been accomplished. I thank them all for their help. Art Courtemanche, Chairman email: artc0748@msn.com

10th Annual Fish Fry

Our annual fish fry is by far the largest number of meals we serve for any event. The Knights of Columbus have volunteered at every Fish fry the Post has held. Again this year, they have generously volunteered to help cook for us. (thanks guys!) Our goal is 200 plates. In order for us to reach our goal, we need everyone to buy tickets. If you work, please take some to your co-workers. If you are retired, help distribute to other groups you may be involved in. As everyone knows, this requires a team effort from selling tickets to volunteering your time. The proceeds are used for our programs in the community. Our fish fry is one of the best meals we have every year. Get your ticket (s) early! Play a role in helping to make this fund raiser a success... Your post needs your involvement. If you need tickets or want to volunteer your time, contact the Post or any officer. Post (803)-547.5480 : Thank you..... *the editor*

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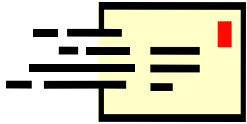
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HD-TV Sports	Support your Post	Happy Hour 5-7pm	Socialize with veterans And families	1 HH 5-pm 1st weekly drawing-7pm	2 Food & 2nd drawing-7pm	3 Luau 8 –Midnight
4 HC Meeting 4PM	5 Elks meeting	6 HH 5-7pm Daggit Doll Workshop 6pm	7 Socialize with veterans And families	8 HH 5-pm 1st weekly drawing-7pm	9 Food & 2nd drawing-7pm	10 Breakfast 8am-11am
11 Dorn VA Visit 10am-4pm	12 Regular Meeting 7pm	13 Happy Hour 5-7pm	14 Socialize with veterans And families	15 HH 5-pm 1st weekly drawing-7pm	16 Food & 2nd drawing-7pm	17 Dist. 5 Mtg. Camden Fish Fry 10th annual 1 - 5 pm
18 HD-TV Sports National Guard Pre Deployment	19 Elks meeting	20 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	21 Socialize with veterans And families	22 HH 5-pm 1st weekly drawing-7pm	23 Food & 2nd drawing-7pm	24 HD-TV Sports
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