

# Pledge to Remember

# The Patriot

## the true meaning of Veterans Day



Since our forefathers founded this country, America’s military has battled to keep it—to *keep us*—safe. To honor every veteran who has fought for freedom, Veterans Day became an officially recognized day of remembrance in 1954.

On Veterans Day, we remember the fallen and pay tribute to those heroes who still fight. Please pause this November 11 to pay your respects to every service member who has ever honorably worn the uniform.

Join with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and thousands of other patriotic Americans this Veterans Day in pledging your support of the men and women of our valiant military.

This Veterans Day, I pledge to honor America’s veterans and military. I pledge to:

- **Reflect upon the sacrifice of America’s warriors.** I will observe a moment of silence on Veterans Day with my family and encourage my friends and co-workers to do the same.
- **Spread the word about the real meaning of Veterans Day.** Because it’s not just a “day off work.” It’s a time to remember our American freedoms come at a cost.
- **Show my American Pride.** I will fly the United States flag and stand reverently during the Pledge of Allegiance. This show of respect shows our veterans they are not forgotten.

I pledge to remember America’s veterans in word and deed. I pledge to honor and respect the United States flag and the men and women who fight, and have fought, to protect our country.

A Grateful American, \_\_\_\_\_(sign your name)

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## A Note from the Commander

. As October comes to a close I wish to thank everyone who helped out at our various events through the month. and especially the Knights of Columbus for the excellent job they did as always for the Annual Fish Fry. We have Buddy Poppy distribution coming up on the 7th and as always we will be having stew. So there is a need for a lot of help cooking, serving and distributing poppies. Please try to make the time to help out even if it is only an hour or so. Also on the 7th the National Guard is deploying for training before they deploy to Afghanistan. On the 6th at 10 am the new Veterans Memorial at Glencairn Gardens in Rock Hill will be dedicated. On Saturday the 28th of November we will have the BIG GAME Clemson vs. Carolina on the 100 inch big screen. Wear your colors and come out and root for your team. Our program judging will be getting started the 1st week of the month we have to have them to the District Chairman by the 15th of November. Sport Clips is now in the middle of their annual fundraiser for Operation Uplink. They sponsor the free call days on Christmas and Memorial Day. Please support them if you can. Remember our troops and all veterans this Veterans Day. Bill Trask: wtrask@gmail.com

## From the Quartermaster

We are entering into the month of November with a lot of emotions as we have lost (2) members in the last week and we ask that you keep the families of Joseph Cain and Roland Viets in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember this coming Saturday, Nov.7th is Buddy Poppy Day and the stew, so come out and support your Post please. Nov.14th is the next breakfast and we are looking forward to seeing all of you for breakfast. We ask that you come out and support the men's & ladies Auxiliary in their endeavors as they have supported us also Thanks! Ralph Best: ralph.best@gmail.com

## News from Ladies Auxiliary President

We have sent out 13 appreciation boxes to our local soldiers in Afghanistan, Sgt. Ratterree and Dee Templeton. Received email from Sgt Ratterree that everything we sent was so appreciated. We will keep appreciation boxes at the Post, if you would like to donate please bring by the Post. We will have a Daggitt Doll workshop at the Post, November 21 12PM till 4PM, we could use lots of help. We have a lot of fun doing the workshop and complete dolls for our soldiers.

Our regular trip to Dorn Nursing Home is November 8, we meet at the Post at 10AM. We have the deployment of our 1222nd Saturday, November 7, 11am at the American Legion Post in Rock Hill. Please keep our soldiers in your thoughts and prayers. If you have not paid your 2010 dues, please pay as soon as possible. See you at the Post. Anne:acash09@yahoo.com

## News from the Men's Auxiliary

We've had a great start to the fall and winter season, the fish fry was a huge success and was enjoyed by all who attended. Great job by all who helped put this together. We now have several picnic tables for our enjoyment on these beautiful fall days and evenings, compliments of Baldor Electric Company. With the coming of the new year, it is important that all members renew your memberships for the 2010 fiscal year. You can leave your dues with any of the bartenders or any post officer. We currently only have about 40% of our members that have paid their dues for next year. Also, we meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm to plan future projects, please plan on attending to support your Auxiliary. Due to economic circumstances, it is necessary to replace our Secretary/ Treasurer by years end. Any one interested in helping by volunteering for this position, please give your name to any Auxiliary officer for consideration. Your support is greatly appreciated and welcomed. On a personal note, I've really enjoyed my tenure in this position, and the interaction with all of our VFW members, however I'm having to relocate out of state by years end and will not be able to continue to perform these duties. Thanks for all your support over the past several years, and I'm looking forward to the day when I will be able to return.

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 November 14th - 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.

## 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 location – Saturday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – 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

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Big

vs.



South Carolina

Game

Day: Saturday  
Date: Nov. 28, 2009  
Location: Fort Mill VFW  
Time: TBA

### Make plans to be at the Post to watch the BIG GAME!

Wear your team colors, and come on out to get the best seats in town. Not only are we having a pre-game **Tailgate Party**, but there will be food and lots of specials events.

Viewing the game could not get any better. Three wide screen (16:9) High-Definition viewing options: 32" Sharp, 60" Sony and the BenQ HD-projector with a 100" fixed screen system. This is the way football was meant to be watched. Extra tables and chairs will be setup to provide seating for everyone.

Of course food will be available and some tailgate surprises which will make this a great outing to enjoy the game and festivities. Mark your calendar, dig out your team colors and come out to get a 50 yard line seat. Go Team!

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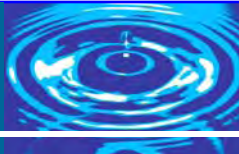
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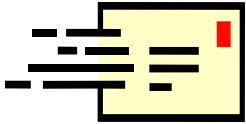
You can also donate in-store anytime between October 18 and November 14  
Proceeds from this promotion will be donated to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Operation Uplink.

Mon - Fri 9 - 8  
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# November 2009



**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<b>1</b> HD-TV Sports	<b>2</b> Support your Post	<b>3</b> Happy Hour 5-7pm	<b>4</b> Socialize with veterans And families	<b>5</b> HH 5-pm 1st weekly drawing-7pm	<b>6</b> Food & 2nd drawing-7pm	<b>7</b> <b>Buddy Poppy &amp; Stew 10am-4pm</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Dorn VA Visit 10am-4pm</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Regular Meet- ing 7pm</b>	<b>10</b> Happy Hour 5-7pm	<b>11</b> Socialize with veterans And families	<b>12</b> HH 5-pm 1st weekly drawing-7pm	<b>13</b> Food & 2nd drawing-7pm	<b>14</b> <b>Breakfast 8pm-11pm</b>
<b>15</b> HD-TV Sports	<b>16</b> Support your Post	<b>17</b> <b>Men’s Aux. Mting 7pm</b>	<b>18</b> Socialize with veterans And families	<b>19</b> HH 5-pm 1st weekly drawing-7pm	<b>20</b> Food & 2nd drawing-7pm	<b>21</b> <b>Daggit Doll work- Shop 12-4pm</b>
<b>22</b> HD-TV Sports	<b>23</b> Support your Post	<b>24</b> Happy Hour 5-7pm	<b>25</b> Socialize with veterans And families	<b>26</b> HH 5-pm drawing-7pm <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>27</b> Food & 2nd drawing-7pm	<b>28</b> <b>The Game</b>
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