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**Special points of interest:**

- **Get to know your Members**

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# The Franklin-Sloan Mail Call

## VFW Commander's Brief

Comrades, Brothers, and Sisters,

Happy February!!!

It's been a slow month at the Post for activities, but warm weather is just around the corner with less than 50 days to go until spring. Warmer weather means we more events at the Post outside! Don't forget we need help with fundraising ideas and events at the Post, but more importantly we need time

from everyone to make them happen. I'd like to take a moment and thank Jack Miller for contacting the Kohler company and convincing them we need new bathroom new toilets, urinals, and touchless facets in the hall bathrooms. The best part, it's going to cost the Post nothing. Great job Jack! Last but not least don't forget the upcoming C of A meeting in Greensboro, February 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. You don't have

to attend all three days and best of all it's free for all members. If you haven't been I encourage you to attend at least on Saturday for the training sessions. Keep up the great work everyone and don't forget why we joined the VFW: to support Veterans and their Families.

David Watts  
Commander Post 7383  
Cary, NC



## Ladies' Auxiliary President's Address

Hello Sisters, Comrades and Brothers,  
Happy February! To kick the month off please remember that the Counsel of Administration is from Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> located at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC. If you've not gotten your room reserved and would like to go, please do so ASAP because blocks of rooms are selling out.  
As part of this year's special project for Homeless Veterans, the ladies auxiliary is collecting items for veterans entering transitional housing. I'm planning on taking these items with me to the C of A the first weekend of February. If you'd like to make a donation we are accepting small appliances (can openers, microwaves, mixers, and crock-pots), toiletries and cleaning supplies and linens (bed sheets for a Queen Size mattress, towels, wash cloths, dish cloths). Please leave your donations at the

canteen and I'll pick them up on Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Just an update about the VFW Charter changes becoming law in December 2014 - The president signed the VFW's new charter into law the week of December 8th. The changes made were to replace the word "men" with "veterans" and "widows" with "surviving spouses". What does that mean -well simply put, in the near future we can expect the words "Men's" and "Ladies" to fall off of the Auxiliary. We foresee that in the future it'll be combined into one auxiliary to support the VFW. No word yet on when specifically this will happen but when I brought it up at the district meeting I was told to expect the change and that it is happening in the near future. The deadline for the continuing education scholarship is February 15<sup>th</sup> so if you'd like to submit applications please do so before

the deadline passes.  
Something to keep in mind as March approaches - the Patriotic Art contest will be happening shortly and we are taking submissions. If you know of any school, student, teacher that would like to participate please let us know and we'll be sure to reach out. Once we have submissions we'll be needing judges again this year (hopefully we have more than one submission).  
When that need arises I'll be sure to send out an email asking for volunteers. Cary VFW has won this for the past few years now and we intend to keep the tradition going!  
The next business meeting is on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM here at the Post - I hope to see many of your smiling faces here! up the great work in 2015!

Kerri Zinkievich  
Ladies Auxiliary President





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William Wyrosdick



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through Saturday from 10:00  
am to 4:00 PM. There are  
always great deals and new  
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## Men's Auxiliary President's Address

*The Men's Auxiliary are set to elect their new President at the next Business meeting on February 17th, 2015. -Richard R. Lopez Editor*



## Getting to know your Members: Will Wyrosdick

Will Wyrosdick is the President Elect of the Men's Auxiliary. He has been a member of the Men's Auxiliary to the VFW Franklin-Sloan Post 7383 for four years.

Will moved from Oakland Park Florida to North Carolina to find a better place to live and raise a family. He currently lives in Apex with Linda Paci, who he has been with for 2 years. They are currently raising 3 dogs that range from 2 years old to 8. He has 2 sisters one older and one younger. His parents Lori and Dwayne Richmond are about to celebrate their 20 year anniversary and all of his

family live in Lenoir, North Carolina.

Will's Grandfather served in WWII in the Army Air Corps as a Duty Soldier (590). Will joined the Men's Auxiliary to the VFW in February of 2011 to help Veterans and show them the respect they have earned from their service to our country. He has served as Treasurer, Jr Vice, and President Elect in the Post 7383's Men's Auxiliary.

Will enjoys sport shooting, and considers himself an avid film buff. At the post, besides having a few cold ones and enjoying the great company, his favorite things are helping our Christmas family and

making a difference in their lives. He'd like to one day see a major headliner benefit concert to help veterans with PTSD.

His advice to new members is "Not to take on more than you can handle at first, for me when I joined I wanted to do everything and anything. It can get overwhelming very fast, good way to burn yourself out right from the get go." And for all of our member he says, "The old saying 'many hands make light work' is something I truly believe, so the more people we have helping out around the post the easier it will be for all of us."

## Chaplain's Corner

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We have a few ladies I think we need to lift up. Carol Freeman continues to receive chemo treatments after her surgery, she has some good days and not so

good ones; however, she is beginning to get out on her good days. Jane Rockwell is recovering nicely from her knee surgery and is also getting out some. Tina Strong is recovering quite well from her recent surgery and will likely return to work in a couple of weeks. Please continue to keep these ladies in your prayers

### Hagel Instructs Services to Embrace VSO/MSO Support

At the urging of the VFW, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has signed two policy memorandums that direct the military services to allow veteran and military service organizations greater and more standardized access to installations and their troops and families. The VFW worked with Defense Department staff to shape the new policy in two ways: to increase national service officer presence on installations, and to create greater troop and military family awareness of VFW support programs, such as Unmet Needs, Adopt-a-Unit, and Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy, among others. The new policy will not, however, loosen current restrictions regarding on-base fundraising and membership recruiting activities. The VFW will provide additional information after the services publish their implementation guidance in March.

### Devil's Brigade to Receive Congressional Gold Medal

Speaker of the House John Boehner announced that the U.S.-Canadian 1st Special Service Force, known as the "Devil's Brigade," will be presented with the Congressional Gold Medal in a Feb. 3 ceremony inside the U.S. Capitol. According to press reports, the Devil's Brigade was similar to today's Green Berets. They operated primarily in Italy and southern France, and were respon-

sible for 12,000 German casualties and capturing 7,000 prisoners. The Congressional Gold Medal is the nation's highest award for distinguished achievement. Recent military recipients have included the Tuskegee Airmen, Native American Code Talkers, Women Air Service Pilots, the Japanese-American WWII units 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental

Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service, Montford Point Marines, the 65th Infantry Regiment "Borinqueneers" and the Doolittle Raiders.



Post T-Shirts are still for sale for \$10. Shirts are available at the Canteen!!

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*-Will Wyrosdick  
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# February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Shortie's & Thrift Store Closed on Sundays Officers' Meeting 9:00 AM Super Chili Bowl 2015	2 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00 Ground Hog Day	3 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	4 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00 USO Birthday	5 Shortie's Closed Thurs- days Thrift Store open	6 C of A- Greensboro Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	7 C of A- Greensboro Shortie's Closed for Rental
8 C of A- Greensboro Shortie's & Thrift Store	9 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	10 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	11 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	12 Shortie's Closed Thurs- days Thrift Store open	13 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	14 Shortie's Closed for Rental Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00
15 Shortie's & Thrift Store Closed on Sun-	16 Thrift Store open from 10:00- 4:00 President's Day	17 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00 Monthly Business Meeting 7:00 PM	18 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	19 Shortie's Closed Thursdays Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	20 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	21 Filipino Food Festival Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
**GOVERNOR PAT McCrORY**

*Press Release*

**McCrory Administration Reforms  
Increased NC Veterans Claims by Over 12,000**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Thursday, January 29, 2015

919-814-2100  
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**Raleigh, NC-** A new report released by the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs (NCDVA) shows that reforms completed within the first two years of the McCrory Administration have increased the number of completed veterans benefit claims in 2014 by 113 percent over the previous year, providing services to an additional 12,851 veterans. The productivity increase is credited to growth in service locations and to a four-pronged approach of intra-agency reform, inter-agency reform, outreach and legislative action. The NCDVA operates within the Department of Administration under the direction of Secretary of Administration Bill Daughtridge.

**“Today, more services are being provided in more places for more of North Carolina’s veterans and their families than ever before,”** said Governor Pat McCrory. **“If you appreciate veterans like I do, then serving twice as many as the previous year is really good news.”**

The NCDVA operates within the Department of Administration under the direction of Secretary of Administration Bill Daughtridge. Based on 2013 benchmarks, the NCDVA became more effective and efficient in 2014 with a renewed focus on customer service. The 2014 report shows that NCDVA has expanded service locations by partnering with other veterans agencies. In addition, it shows an increased level of customer service through the creation of the NC4Vets Resource Guide and companion call center.

Some of the other areas of increased services for veterans in 2014 include establishing in-state tuition for veterans to all NC community colleges and universities, counting military experience toward job training in fields like teaching and commercial truck driving, and establishing a veterans treatment court that recognizes the unique needs of veterans.

**“There is more work to be done for our veteran population which has already done so much for us,”** continued Governor McCrory. **“Our state is working hard every day to let these veterans know that when we say**



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**‘welcome home,’ we truly mean it.”**

Highlights of the 2014 NCDVA Annual Report include:

**113 Percent Productivity Gain**

- Completed Veterans Benefit Claims by NCDVA/County partners: 2013 (11,405), 2014 (24,256)

**38 Percent Growth in State Service locations**

- NCDVA staffed Veteran Service Centers: 2013 (13), 2014 (21 - including 6 in VA medical centers)

**Veterans contributed over \$7.3 billion to North Carolina’s economy in 2013**

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs spent \$5.06 billion on NC veterans and services.
- The U.S. Department of Defense spent \$2.24 billion on NC military retiree pensions.

The entire 2014 NCDVA Annual Report can be found at [NC4VETS.com](http://NC4VETS.com).

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**6:30 KICK OFF!!**



**The Men's Auxiliary to the  
Cary VFW Post 7383  
Is Hosting their  
First Super Chili Bowl Championship!**

The Local Men's Auxiliary to the Cary VFW Franklin-Sloan Post 7383 is hosting its First Super Chili Bowl. There will be a cash prize for 1st Place! There is no entry fee!! There is a minimum of \$1 Judging/Tasting fee is to sample the chili and receive a ballot to vote on the entries, and the Men's Auxiliary will match all Judging/Tasting money for the 1st PRIZE CASH AWARD!!

TIME: 3:00-6:00 PM February 1st, 2015

Stay and watch the game with us!

This Competition is open to our Community.

**Helping Veterans is our Mission.**

Join us to help accomplish this Mission!

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I hope everyone is enjoying the new year! The Thrift Store is seeing some steady donations and business and a lot from our members. The support has been wonderful and very much appreciated. Thanks to an idea from David Watts, I'm looking forward to starting up a spring cleaning yard sale fundraising event for the spring. I'm looking to charge between \$10 - \$20 a table for anyone who wants to sell their used items. There will also be an option to donate what's left to the store/ VFW. I'm still working on what dates would be the best, but I'm looking at either April or May.

For February, I'm doing a "Drop the Change and Feel the Love" sales event. Everything in the store that costs at least \$1.00 or more you drop the change on. So if it's priced \$1.75 it costs \$1.00 and so on. In addition, all men's short sleeved t-shirts are \$0.75 each and all jeans are \$1.75 each. So come on down and check it out!

Thanks again for all the donations and support! I hope to see y'all around!

Sara Mary Lopez  
VFW Post7383  
Thrift Store Manager



Upcoming Events/Important Dates



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- FEB 1ST: Officers Meeting (all are encouraged to attend)
- FEB 4TH: USO Birthday
- FEB 5TH: Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)
- FEB 6TH-8TH: C OF A
- FEB 12TH: Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)
- FEB 14TH: Valentine's Day
- FEB 16TH: President's Day (FEDERAL HOLIDAY)
- FEB 17TH: Business Meeting (All are encouraged, as important Post Business will be discussed and voted on. Let your Voice Be heard!!)
- FEB 19TH: USSG Reserves' Birthday; Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)
- FEB 26TH: Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)

Note from the Editors:

Hey Post 7383, I just wanted to let everyone know that we changed the "Member of the Month" column to "Get to Know Your members," because that is the true spirit of the column. It's not a contest, just a way to introduce our members to the rest of the post. As always, if there is anything you feel needs to be mentioned in Mail Call, just send me an email!! Thanks!!! *RR!*