

Franklin-Sloan VFW
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Cary, North Carolina
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NEWSLETTER

July 2014



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

It's hard to believe that the month of June is already over, it seems like just a few days ago a some of us were at the state convention. As every knows it's been a busy month planning upcoming fundraisers and looking for volunteers. Please remember the fundraisers are for you, the post, and our mission, to support veterans. I encourage everyone to stop by the post, have a drink or two and ask how they can help. If you've been reading the emails that's been sent out, the post is in need of funds so we can continue to operate as we always have been. If we don't increase canteen revenue and bring money in with fundraisers we'll have to discuss making changes to the hours the post is open and our beer prices, but we're hoping that we don't need to make changes. Feel free to contact me at davidhwatts@gmail.com with any fundraising ideas or when you have time to help out.

David H. Watts
Commander VFW Post 7383

LADIES AUXILIARY

Hello Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

July is finally here and that means its Vendor Fair time!!! Please, pass out flyers to our 5th annual Veterans Vendor Fair and Silent auction on July 12th from 10 – 4. I've left some at the canteen to distribute. We also have a craigslist posting: <http://raleigh.craigslist.org/act/4541525904.html> and a Facebook website: https://www.facebook.com/VeteransVendorFair?ref_type=bookmark so if you can pass that info along through Facebook/twitter/email that would be great as well! The kitchen will be closed during this event but we do have a food truck – Dang Good Dogs – coming in to feed us! So show them your support. They will be donating a percentage of their proceeds back to the Auxiliary; so if you feel a little hungry – make sure to get a hot dog or sausage!

A HUGE thank you to all of you who have been relentlessly participating in every Tuesday afternoon meeting and soliciting those vendors and silent auction donations – it wouldn't be possible without all of your efforts. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we expect this year to be our best turnout so far.

On a more somber note, comrade Gordon "Gordie" Commodore passed away Tuesday, June 24th. The ladies auxiliary is keeping Gordie's family in our thoughts and prayers.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting on July 15th at 7pm.

Kerri Zinkievich
Ladies Auxiliary President



For Prayer Requests:

Please keep our service men and women, as well as their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Post Chaplain:
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Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain:
Diane Waters

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Men's Auxiliary Chaplain:
Don Bebee

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If you know of any Comrade, Sister or family members that are sick, ill or in distress, please contact your Chaplain.



MEN'S AUXILLIARY

Post 7383 Men's Auxiliary,

Thanks to Tom King for another successful golf tournament and Jack Miller for his continuing massive effort organizing the September 13 car show.

A reminder to all Men's Auxiliary members: If you haven't paid your membership fees yet, please do. They were due July 1.

We still need Men's Auxiliary volunteers for the July 26 table at Sam's Club, Lazy Daze on August 23, and the Car Show on September 13.

Curtis Morris
President Men's Auxiliary

In Memory of Gordon "Gordy" Commodore, Jr.

Gordon Commodore, Jr, 66, of Cary, NC died Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

A Memorial Mass was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church on Friday, June 27 at 2:00 PM. Burial followed at Wake Memorial Park.

Gordon was born in London, England and once of age, he came to the United States where he joined the US Marine Corps. During his time of service from 1966-1977, he served a combat tour in Vietnam. Gordon obtained his US Citizenship in 1971. After serving proudly as a marine, Gordon graduated in 1984 from East Carolina University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He was a Life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7383 in Cary, NC.

Gordon loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by; wife, Ellen Shelton Commodore of Cary, NC; son, Joseph Commodore and wife Yvette of Pinedale, WY; son, Brian Commodore and wife Kendall of Farmville, NC; seven grandchildren, Gabriel, Mikala, Isabela, Hannah, Tobius, Shophia and David; mother, Violette Martin of Ontario, Canada; one sister; and one brother.

Gordon was preceded in death by; father, Gordon Commodore; and son, Herb Commodore in 2014.



Ask Me What I Was

*I'll reply with what I've done.
Those things others would not do, I did;
Those rivers others would not swim, I swam;
Those hills others would not climb, I conquered;
Those bridges others would not cross, I crossed;
I have celebrated. I have mourned.
I have smiled and I have frowned.
I have seen death and felt its warm breath. I did not faze me
For I was different. I was a warrior.
You ask me what I was? It was my destiny.
Until my last breath,
To be a United States Marine.
And my spirit shall live forever.*

Semper Fidelis
For I was, am and shall forever be a
"United States Marine"

Please join us for our Annual Independence Day Celebration
We'll be serving Hot Dogs & Hamburgers



We encourage ALL members to bring a covered dish or dessert!

Mark Your Calendar

JULY

• July 3	27 th Annual Patriotic Celebration (Cary Arts Center)	7:30 PM
• July 4	Independence Day	
• July 4	4 th of July Celebration at the Post	12:00 PM
• July 12	5 th Annual Veterans Vendor Fair	10:00 AM
• July 13	Officers Meeting	1:00 PM
• July 15	Monthly Membership Meeting	7:00 PM
• July 19	District Training (Conducted in hall)	9:30 AM

To have important dates or events added to our next Newsletter please contact Beth at: RobersonB@nc.rr.com

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

I am honored to be selected as member of the month among so many other deserving members. My name is Curtis Morris. I joined the Men's Auxiliary of Post 7383 in 2009 on my father's World War II service and the memory of him and his three brothers, all of whom were Army World War II veterans. One of the brothers lost a leg to a land mine in France.

I was raised at the end of a dirt road beside railroad tracks about two miles down Blue Creek from the town of Quick, West Virginia. I graduated from High School in 1959 and spent time while in school, and some months after, working in the coal company store at Quick and serving as a "gofer" for the company mine equipment shops across the road. On my 18th birthday in 1960 I went to work for Union Carbide Corporation in their chemical research labs at their huge Technical Center on a mountain top in South Charleston, WV. As the old mountain folks say, I got my higher book learnin' during my years at Union Carbide at two Charleston area schools, Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston) and West Virginia State, by going to classes evenings and Saturdays. Union Carbide was kind enough to reimburse half of my school expenses for making better than C's. I enjoyed my years at Union Carbide (then the second largest chemical company in the world), but in the late sixties they started getting into financial trouble through poor management.

In 1972 I left Union Carbide, moved to Cary, and accepted a position with the fledgling U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. I worked at EPA's Tech Center in RTP for 33 years as a research scientist, retiring in 2005. My primary discipline at EPA was researching and developing methods for the instrumental analysis, such as GC/MS, of ambient air samples to identify and quantify to the parts per trillion level hundreds of hazardous organic pollutants.

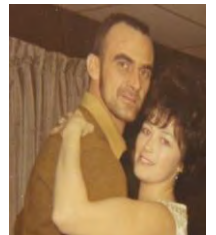
I married the lovely head cheerleader of a rival High School in 1963. Lee Nora and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last year by touring Israel for ten days. We have two children, son Jeff and wife Jennifer in Cary, and daughter Gina and husband Jeff Mason in King George, VA. We have 5 grandchildren, Sarah and husband DJ in Cary, Rachel in Cary, Curtis(CJ) in Mooresville, NC, Victoria and Jordan in King George, VA. Son Jeff served in the Air Force, grandson CJ served in the Marine Corp, and son-in-law Jeff is a Desert Storm Marine veteran.

Lee Nora and I love to travel and have been fortunate to have traveled extensively in all 50 states and three Canadian provinces, Mexico, and several European countries. We are most in awe of the diversity, uniqueness, and magnificence of our country. In my opinion the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery is more impressive and definitely more meaningful than the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace.

I'm looking forward to continue working with all the Post 7383 Members to further the Post's goals and mission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis Morris



SHORTIE'S KITCHEN CALENDAR

July 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 OPEN	2 OPEN	3 CLOSED ON THURSDAYS	4 CLOSED FOR POST EVENT	5 CLOSED FOR PERSONAL MATTERS
6 CLOSED ON SUNDAYS	7 OPEN	8 OPEN	9 OPEN	10 CLOSED ON THURSDAYS	11 OPEN	12 CLOSED FOR POST EVENT
13 CLOSED ON SUNDAYS	14 OPEN	15 OPEN	16 OPEN	17 CLOSED ON THURSDAYS	18 OPEN	19 OPEN
20 CLOSED ON SUNDAYS	21 OPEN	22 OPEN	23 OPEN	24 CLOSED ON THURSDAYS	25 OPEN	26 CLOSED FOR HALL RENTAL
27 CLOSED ON SUNDAYS	28 OPEN	29 OPEN	30 OPEN	31 CLOSED ON THURSDAYS		



The Cary Town Band
 27th Annual Patriotic Celebration – A March for Patton
 July 3rd Cary Arts Center 7:30 PM



JULY 19TH @ 8PM
The Sand Band
 Sanford Post 5631



\$10 COVER CHARGE AT DOOR

For additional information contact the Sanford Post at (919) 776-1432



Ladies Auxiliary
 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
 Post 7383
 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC 27513

Presents Its



**5th Annual Veterans Vendor Fair
 and Silent Auction**
 Saturday, July 12, 2014
 10 AM - 4 PM
 Rain or Shine

Local Artists, Crafters and Vendor Representatives will be present!!
 \$5 Door Raffle for a 50" Flat Screen HDTV!!
 Thank You for helping us support our Veterans

For More Information Call or E-Mail us:

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To stay informed or to see pictures
 follow us on Facebook at Veteran's Vendor Fair!



CARY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
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 PRESENTS:



LIVE MUSIC!



50/50 RAFFLES!

**5TH ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR AND TRUCK
 SHOW**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
 FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM
 RAIN OR SHINE

\$20 Entry Fee (includes Lunch for driver)
 Pre-85 Model Cars and Trucks Only
 Open to Classic, Rods, and Exotics

Free Gift for Drivers
 TOP 5 Trophies (New People's Choice
 Category)

First Come, First Serve

Registration from 10 AM to 1 PM Rain Or Shine

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