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VFW COMMANDER'S BRIEF

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers, There's no doubt that summer is upon us since we've set a record already this year for consecutive days over 90. Let's hope mother nature is a bit nicer the rest of the summer. All of this heat also takes a toll on the HVAC units at the Post. As I'm sure everyone knows yes we do want to replace both HVAC units. The biggest thing holding us back is the cost, we need \$27,000. We've started a GoFundMe page and so far have collected \$600.00 which is a great start, but obviously we have a long way to go. To speed this process along I'm asking for your

help not only with a donation, but to also spread the word. If you'll send this link to your friends and ask them to also send it to their friends and so on, hopefully several along the way will donate. You don't have to donate hundreds, \$5.00/\$10.00/\$20.00 all helps out, yes every little bit counts. Please visit: <http://www.gofundme.com/caryvfwpost7383> Congratulations to the youth baseball team we sponsor as they made it to the semifinals. Hopefully next year we can cheer them on all the way to the end. I'd also like to thank all of those that helped during the Post clean-up and espe-

cially a big thanks to the Civil Air Patrol for helping out, without them we might still be weeding and spreading mulch. Please note that our monthly officers meeting is being moved to July 12th @ 10:30 because of the holiday weekend. Lastly don't forget about our big July 4th holiday celebration. We have a great band playing "OTB" starting at 1pm plus we'll have a lot of drinks and food for sale. I hope to see everyone there!!!!

David Watts
Commander
VFW POST 7383



Ladies' Auxiliary President's Address

Hello Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,

It's that time of year again, we are planning for our Veteran's Fall Festival! The Festival will take place on September 12th from 10-4 in the Hall. We'll have a band playing from 2-6 and food vendors outside to enjoy. Same as every year we'll be hosting Crafters and Representatives inside along with our silent auction baskets. Also, this year we'll be having a \$5 door prize - a

Yeti Tundra 65 Cooler could be yours for a mere \$5!!!

The flyer for the event is up on Facebook and we'd appreciate it if you could help us spread the word, its our biggest fundraiser of the year and we hope to make it the most successful one yet!

Please remember to come by the VFW for our 4th of July celebrations, you can have some food, listen to the band and get a 50/50 raffle ticket!

There's no better place to celebrate our Independence Day then with your fellow VFW community.

Our next business meeting is July 21st at 7 PM and I hope to see you all there.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Zinkievich
President
Ladies Auxiliary



Men's Auxiliary President's Address

The Men's Auxiliary would like to thank all who participated in the Annual Golf Tournament and for those who helped to plan and carry out

those plans. A special Thanks to the Pilots and crews for the 449th Theater Aviation Brigade for the flyover! First in Flight!!

William Wyrosdick
Men's Auxiliary
President
Post 7383



"No One Does More for Veterans"
was more than just a slogan at this year's opening of the 46th annual meeting of the National League of POW/MIA Families.

VA Nominations Confirmed

On June 26th, 2015 the Senate confirmed the nominations of Dr. David J. Shulkin to be the VA Under Secretary for Health and Ms. LaVerne H. Council

to be the VA Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology. Shulkin will replace Dr. Carolyn Clancy who has served as the Interim Under Secretary

for Health since Dr. Petzel's retirement following last year's access crisis. Council will occupy an executive position that has been vacant since 2013.

VFW Praised at MIA Family Conference

"No One Does More for Veterans" was more than just a slogan at this year's opening of the 46th annual meeting of the National League of POW/MIA Families here. The VFW was consistently lauded by both League and government officials for the unwavering support we bring to the Full Accounting Mission at home and

aboard. In his remarks, VFW Washington Office Executive Director Bob Wallace reiterated the VFW's real and sincere commitment to MIA family members everywhere, as well as said the VFW will continue to help the new Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency succeed by pushing the humanitarian aspect of the full ac-

counting mission directly to foreign governments who may still have information pertaining to the fates of many of our 83,000 missing servicemen going back to World War II.



July 4th

Open to the Public 1pm

**522 Reedy
Creek Rd.**

Cary

919-467-1188



Help a
HABO
Brother Out



Cary VFW Thrift Store

Hey, Y'all!!

The VFW Thrift Store did ok for the month of June considering it was closed for almost 2 weeks. Thank you all for your kind condolences. Thank you Sandi Watts for helping out as well.

If the store needs to be closed for any reason it will be posted on its Facebook page. The month of July looks good as far as normal times and no special days off. We'll be open on 4th of July regular time. I will post August and September ASAP.

Oh! Does anybody have any clue how to change Googles information on the store? It still says we're open until 7pm! I've changed our website and Facebook page and it's still saying 7.

I'm still working on donations from a few weeks ago and we are getting steady donations in addition, which is AWESOME! So, definitely keep checking Facebook for anything you may be interested in.

It was great to get the back

cleaned up! Thank you everyone that helped out with that and the roses as well! I ended up with some stuff I'm selling and giving away for free. If anyone is interested in a bed frame let me know.

I found fixtures that I didn't realize we had. There's two brackets that I'm interested in trying to install for extra shelving space. If anyone is familiar with setting these up please let me know. Installing those and adding an additional shelving area would help out greatly for Christmas. I've been storing all Christmas donations and let's just say it's a lot.

The Cary VFW Thrift Store will be doing 50% off any item that is red, white, and or blue for the month of July. Also, I'll be making a "Thank Your Veterans" space. For \$1.00 donation shoppers will be able to sign a card to post and thank y'all for all your awesome service. These sales will be added to the normal daily totals. In addition, and going forward, if you are a veteran, you will receive an additional 10% off your purchas-

es. (Please ask at checkout to get your additional 10% off)

I have a business appreciation board at the store of places I suggest to customers whenever a particular conversation may strike. It includes shoppers businesses, as well as places I've gone to that are willing to promote the store in any way they can. If you or someone you know would like me to post their business card, let me know.

The best way to get a hold of me is by email: CaryFW7383ThriftStore@Gmail.com

The Cary VFW Thrift Store
522 Reedy Creek Rd
Cary NC
Tue-Sat 10-4pm/ Thur 10-7pm

Would you like to get daily pictures of all the new donations that come in? If so, please email "ADD ME" to:

CaryVFWthriftstore@gmail.com

I'll be making a "Thank Your Veterans" space. For \$1.00 donation shoppers will be able to sign a card to post and thank y'all for all your awesome service.



Happy Birthday America!!

On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event. Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: "Resolved: That these

United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved." On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened, and on the following day, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting. Discussions of Jefferson's [Declaration of Independence](#) resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued

through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4, when the Declaration was officially adopted. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two -- Pennsylvania and South Carolina -- voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock's signed his name "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"



Ladies Auxiliary
to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
Post 7383

522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC 27513



Presents Its



6th Annual Veteran's Fall Festival

Saturday, September 12, 2015

10 AM - 4 PM

Rain or Shine

Live Music from 2pm - 6pm, *Food Trucks, Local Artists, Crafters & Vendors!*

Place your bid on a basket at the *Silent Auction*

or test your luck with the *\$5 Door Raffle* for a **Yeti Cooler!!**

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!



Upcoming Events

- July 2nd: Bingo Night
- July 4th: Independence Day: Food and Drink Specials at the Post, Band: OTB to play beginning at 1PM.
- July 5th: Officer's meeting moved to July 12th at 10:30 am.
- July 9th: Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)
- July 12th: Officer's Meeting at 10:30 (Moved due to Independence Day Observance/Festivities)
- July 16th: Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)
- July 18th-22nd: National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA
- July 21st: Business meeting
- July 23rd: Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)
- July 30th: Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

Adopted Unit Supports Congressional Visit to NC National Guard

449 TAB Black-hawks support Congressional staffer visit to troops. Check out the full story on the Defense Video and Imagery Dis-

tribution System (DVIDS). <https://www.dvidshub.net/.../.../ncng-escort-congressional-staff>



Chaplain's Corner

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Sara Mary Lopez's
Grandfather, Stephen
Harvey, Sr., who
served in the US Army
and the US Air force

passed away on June
27th, 2015 in Flagler
Beach, FL.
David "Chainsaw" Also
lost a family member.
Please keep our brother
and sister in your
thoughts.

Adopted Unit, 449th TAB has Deployment Reunion



From Left To Right (Back Row): CW4 Gordon, SGT Benedict, SSG Lopez, SGT Sutton, CW5 Bartsch, SGT Kemp, SFC Valentin, SGM Hill
 From Left to Right (Front Row): SFC Ford, SSG White

When SFC Ford saw the 449th patch on SSG White's right arm, he thought, "Hey, I know this guy!"

Members of the 449th that deployed in 2008-09 got together yesterday after earlier in the week one of them spotted a former Hurricane in the USO at Camp Atterbury sporting the TAB (Theater Aviation Brigade) patch on his right sleeve. It was Staff Sgt. White, paralegal with the Hurricanes dur-

ing their time in Ballad Iraq. Staff Sgt. White is now a member of the 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Ohio Army National Guard. When Sgt. 1st Class Ford, who helped bring the veterans together during the exercises, saw the 449th patch on SSG White's right arm,

he thought, "Hey, I know this guy!" Of about one hundred Soldiers in Headquarters and Headquarters Company 449 TAB, there are fourteen from the first deployment still in the HHC. Those that are here at Camp Atterbury, took a break from training to snap a photo and reminisce.

Editors' Notes

I'd like to thank everyone for all their input and patience for the production and release of our Post's Newsletter. I was gone for basically over a month due to my National Guard Unit's Annual Training in Camp Atterbury, IN, Sara Mary's Grandfather's passing away, and training at Fort Bragg. Sara Mary are going to work on getting our laptops updated with the best software to produce/publish Mail Call.

As Always if you have an article you would like to write and/or share, you can email Rich at: Richard.lopez1978@gmail.com or Sara Mary at saramary3@gmail.com.

That being said: sorry for not having a calendar this month. I've had some outside and IT complications. We will have one again next month.

While celebrating the birth of our country, please remember those

who have come before us, with us and those who will come after us. Look out for your buddy in front of you, next to you, and behind you. DOT expects over 400 People to die over this Independence Day weekend; so slow down, and have a Designated Driver. —RRL