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**Special points of interest:**

- **Get to know your Members**
- **VA Volunteerism Initiative begins**

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# The Franklin-Sloan Mail Call

## VFW Commander's Brief

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

It's hard to believe that a year ago I took over as Commander. I'd like to thank everyone that has guided and supported me through the past year. As everyone knows the Post went through some rocky times, but we're on the track moving in the right direction. I'm looking forward to our Post becoming stronger this year by having more activities at the Post for everyone and also getting out in the community. I ask that you make some time to help out at the Post, it might be as simple as saying I'm going to start attending 50% of the meetings

up to helping with donations or Post Clean up. We need everyone to get involved, remember this is your Post!!! Thank you to all of those that came out for Memorial Day. The canteen and patio was packed most of the day and we still had a bit of food left over, so I call that a success.

A few other quick notes: State Convention is June 5th - 7th in Greensboro, if you're interested in going contact me and I'll get you a schedule. July 4th we'll have a big bash at the Post. Details to follow, but we'll have a band playing from 1pm till at least 5pm. Yes we'll need help pulling

everything together. Post Clean-up day which was scheduled for June 13th has been postponed. We'll get a new date out as soon as one is set. Last but not least, due to the State Convention the officers meeting on June 7th has been rescheduled to June 8th at 7pm.

Thank you again for your continual support as we continue to move our Post forward.

David H. Watts  
Commander  
Post 7383



## Ladies' Auxiliary President's Address

Hi Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,

I hope you're all enjoying the absolutely lovely weather outside! Tis the season for some great events going on as well! Memorial day we raffled off 4 Cheer baskets and sold buddy poppy crosses and raised over \$450 - thank you to everyone who donated items for the baskets and who bought raffle tickets! Wednesday, May 27th a few of the ladies and I went to see our Ladies Auxiliary soft ball team play at Green Hope HS and they won... we must have been good luck ;) For the 4th of July celebration at the VFW

we'll be hosting a 50/50 raffle and enjoying the band and food and hope to see you all there!

We've decided to host a Veteran's Fall Festival on September the 12th. This will take over the vendor fair we usually do in the summer. We're going to make it more of an event to attend by having a band, some food trucks and of course our usual suspects - Vendors and silent auctions! We have Fall Festival meetings every other Monday night so if you'd like to be part of these discussions please come by the VFW at 6:30 on Monday June 1st for our next meeting. It is

our biggest fundraiser of the year so we need all the help we can get. If you know anyone who'd like to participate as a vendor please have them email us at [vfwladiesaux@gmail.com](mailto:vfwladiesaux@gmail.com) for an application. We'll see you all at the Festival in September!

Our next Ladies Auxiliary business meeting is June 16th at 7 PM. Until then, enjoy the warm weather and stay safe!

Respectfully,

Kerri Zinkievich  
Ladies Auxiliary President





MON-WED, FRI-SAT  
Noon-8:00 PM  
919.633-1801  
www.shortiescafe.com



Charles Jackson\*

\*photo not available



The Cary VFW Thrift Store's  
Hours are Tuesday through  
Saturday from 10:00-4:00, &  
10:00-7:00 on Thursdays.  
There are always great deals  
and new merchandise every  
day.

## Men's Auxiliary President's Address

Brothers, Sisters, and  
Comrades,

The only thing I  
have is as of June 1st  
membership dues are  
being accepted, and  
the rate is going up to  
\$40 same as the post

members. Please  
make checks payable  
to men's auxiliary to  
Franklin Sloan post  
7383. Thank you!

William Wyrosdick  
Men's Auxiliary  
President  
Post 7383



## Getting to know your Members: Charles Jackson

Charles Jackson is a mem-  
ber within Post 7383. He's has  
served as our Quartermaster  
for about a year, and has been  
a great asset in getting our  
post's finances straight.

Charles has 3 Daughters.,  
and previously served in the  
United States Marine Corps.  
He transferred into the North  
Carolina National Guard, and  
became an Apache Crew  
Chief. He currently serves as a

Readiness NCO and Platoon  
Sergeant for one of our  
Adopted Unit's, Bravo Com-  
pany, 1-130th ARB in Morris-  
ville, NC.

Charles joined our post for  
comradery, and to give back  
those who support veterans.  
On top of being an Active  
Duty National Guardsman,  
Charles owns and operates his  
own Plumbing business, 2AM  
Plumbing.

Charles's advice to all mem-  
bers is to get involved and not  
be afraid to get to know your  
members. He encourages  
members of all our entities to  
be as active as possible in our  
community, inside and outside  
of the post.

Charles will be followed by  
Rich Grimes as Quartermaster  
for the 2015-2016 business  
year.

## Chaplain's Corner

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Chaplain  
Don Beebe  
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We recently received a note from one  
of our long time members, Harriet  
Prusak, stating that she had lost two  
her children. She is very sad, of course,

and we should certainly keep Harriet  
in our prayers.  
Comrade Jerred Hawkins's Grandfa-  
ther was injured in an accident in  
Indiana. Jerred is with his family in  
Indiana, and says his grandfather "has  
a lot of broken and fractured bones, a  
couple of torn ligaments and a possi-  
ble concussion. No internal organ  
damage and we are very thankful for  
that. A long road to recovery is ahead  
of him." Please pray for Jerred and his  
family, and for his grandfather's  
speedy recovery.

Dina Reed's mother recently passed  
away. We'll keep her and her family in  
our prayers.

Also, Joseph Oliver lost his grandfa-  
ther on May 29th, 2015. Joe says, "It  
is with heavy sadness to hear I lost  
my grandfather today he was not  
only my grandfather but a friend a  
hero someone I could always look  
up to."

Tom Breslin's brother passed away on  
Thursday, May 28, 2015. Please keep  
Brez in your thoughts. You may leave a  
message for the family at  
[www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

## VA Begins Summer of Service to Bolster Volunteer Assistance for Veterans

WASHINGTON, DC—The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced a new nationwide initiative designed to build upon its existing partnerships to grow the number of individuals and organizations serving Veterans in their communities. The Department is renewing its commitment to Veterans and embarking upon a “Summer of Service” that seeks the help of citizens across the country to honor that commitment.

“We have made progress over the past year addressing the challenges we face in delivering care and benefits to millions of Veterans and their families,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald. “While there is more work to do to honor our sacred commitment to Veterans, we also recognize that VA cannot do it alone. We are asking Americans everywhere to join the Summer of Service and help us give back to those who have given so much to our nation.”

In the coming weeks, VA will be working closely with Congressional partners, Veterans Service Organizations, Mayors and local communities, private sector and non-profit organizations, and VA employees to identify new and innovative ways to support VA’s commitment to care for those who “have borne the battle” and their families.

As part of VA’s Summer of Service, the Department has committed to holding an open house in VA facilities the week of June 28 to spur increased local engagement and welcome members of the community interested in supporting the needs of Veterans. VA has also established the following goals to achieve by Labor Day:

**Increasing Volunteers:** Committed to engaging with 100,000 volunteers to support care and benefits programs and local events.

**Increasing Community Partners:** Committed to expanding current agreements to provide services and support reaching more than 15,000 Veterans and family.

**Recruiting Medical Professionals:** Hiring clinicians and clinical support staff to further expand access to care and homelessness.

**Congress:** Host Congressional Members and Staffs at VA facilities across the country.

The Department has an outstanding volunteer program, which will be highlighted throughout the country this summer. VA will build upon the ongoing work of its more than 350,000 employees and 76,000 volunteers around the nation. While the central focus of the campaign will be increasing volunteerism and partnerships, it will also provide individuals and communities an opportunity to support other important priorities. Despite a hiring effort that brought more than 11,000 net new employees onboard over the past year, VA still needs more health care providers, claims specialists, medical support assistants, and cemetery directors to continue to expand needed services. VA’s partners can help by getting the word out this summer.

In the last year, VA has completed more than 46 million appointments, an increase of more than two million from the previous year. Nearly 3 million Veterans received care in the private sector, an increase of more than 44 percent from the previous year. The number of Veterans and Survivors receiving monthly compensation and pension benefits has increased to nearly 5 million. In an effort to improve the Veteran’s customer service experience, VA has begun the most comprehensive re-organization in its history. The initiative, called MyVA, has been guided by ideas and recommendations from Veterans, employees, and stakeholders.

“There is no mission more noble than serving Veterans and their families. At VA, we constantly strive to improve the way we do our job,” said McDonald. “State by state, community by community, person by person, there are a number of ways we can all come together to serve Veterans. From expanded partnerships with the private sector and non-profit organizations, to accelerating hiring, to celebrating the commitment of VA employees and volunteers – we need the help of communities everywhere to succeed.”

Volunteers can help to serve Veterans by visiting <http://www.volunteer.va.gov/> to find out the needs of your local VA facility. Follow #VASummerOfService on [Vantage Point](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and join VA in caring for America’s Veterans.

For more information, go to: <http://www.va.gov/vasummerofservice/>



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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Shortie's Closed on Thursdays Thrift Store open from 10:00-7:00	5 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	6 Shortie's Closed for Rental Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00 D-Day Anniversary
7 Thrift Store & Shortie's Closed on Sundays	8 Officer's Meeting Thrift Store Closed on Mondays	9 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	10 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	11 Shortie's Closed on Thursdays Thrift Store open from 10:00-7:00	12 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	13 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00
14 Shortie's & Thrift Store Closed on Sundays Adopted Unit (449th TAB) Returns from Annual Training	15 Thrift Store Closed on Mondays	16 Monthly Business Meeting 7:00 PM Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	17 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	18 Shortie's Closed on Thursdays Thrift Store open from 10:00-7:00	19 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	20 Shortie's Closed for Rental Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00
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Cary VFW Thrift Store



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When any customer mentions this add, the owner will donate 25% of the bill to the Cary VFW Post 7383!!

The VFW Thrift Store has had an aMAYzing month! There has been a continuous flow of donations and new and old customers. I'm also very thankful to have Sandi Watts helping out. I really want the store to have good reliability when it comes to hours. Having her made it possible to be open the Saturday on Memorial day weekend and that particular week saw three times the amount of sales we've been getting. So, thank you Sandi! The store is all about finds, bargains, and happy customers. Mays sale of 50% off all women's clothing was a success. June's sale is 50% off all Men's clothing. I'm also starting a permanent Veterans Discount of 10% off your entire purchase.

The majority of our donators have one thing in common, they CHOOSE us as their first stop to donate. They don't do it because of the tax receipts sheet, or even out of convenience (some drive a long distance). They do it because of you our Veterans. I'm amazed at how many also come in just to throw in a few extra bucks here and there to you guys and gals. So, thank you all for your amazing service. I'm happy to be a part of all the awesome giving.

If you would like to receive emails with pictures of the items we get in as I put them out please email your request to [CaryVFW7383ThriftStore@Gmail.com](mailto:CaryVFW7383ThriftStore@Gmail.com). You never know what we may get in!

Sara Mary Lopez  
VFW Post7383  
Thrift Store Manager



Upcoming Events/Important Dates



Place Your Ad Here! This Newsletter reaches over 300 People!

- June 4th: Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)
- June 5th-7th: VFW State Council of Administration in Greensboro, NC
- June 6th: D-Day Observance
- June 7th: Officers Meeting
- June 11th: Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)
- June 16th: Monthly Business Meeting
- June 18th: Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)
- June 21st: Father's Day
- June 25th: Bingo Night (Volunteers Needed)

Note from the Editors:

Well, I wasn't sure I could get this one out in time due to my Annual Training, but here it is, Folks!! Sorry about Our Meet Your Members Picture, I was unable to get one before publishing!! If there is anything you'd like mentioned in the newsletter, just email me at [Richard.lopez1978@gmail.com](mailto:Richard.lopez1978@gmail.com).