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Special points of interest:

- **Get to know your Members**
- **Legislative Advocacy**
- **Ruck For Hunger Event**

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The Franklin-Sloan Mail Call



VFW Commander's Brief

Comrades, Brothers, and Sisters, GREAT News! For those that haven't heard yet, we received word that our tax exempt status has been renewed. In case you don't know, we lost our tax status because the proper tax forms hadn't been submitted to the IRS for three consecutive years. I'm glad to say that's all behind us now. I'd like to thank everyone that lent a helping hand, but I especially want to thank Rich Grimes, Robin Dean, and Charles "CJ" Jackson. Had it not been for the countless hours they spent crunching numbers, filling out forms, and making phone calls; getting our status back wouldn't have been possible. GREAT Job!!!

This weekend is the C of A in Greensboro. I encourage everyone to attend especially the clas-

ses and seeing how state runs their business meetings. If you're interested, please contact me and I'll get you details. Please keep Nov. 6th, 7th, and 8th open as we've been asked to setup a table at Bass Pro shop which means we'll need lots of help (more Information in the coming weeks).

Last but not least, I'm reaching out to every member of the Post and Auxiliaries to come back out to the Post more. We need your help making sure the organization and our Post continues to survive and move forward for many years to come. How do we make sure we're a strong organization and that we survive? We need you patronage and help at events both at the Post and in the community. I know that we have over 300 Post

members, but we're lucky to have 10 - 20 people attend business meetings and even fewer attend the officers meetings. So I ask, why don't you attend the meetings? Remember this is your organization and the Post is our home too. Plus we have some exciting ideas we'll be discussing that could change the landscape of the Post for years to come.

As always feel free to contact me DavidHWatts@gmail.com with any questions, comments, or concerns, you might have.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Post.

David Watts
Commander Post 7383
Cary, NC



Ladies' Auxiliary President's Address

Hello Sister, Comrades and Brothers,

Its official, we have our first male member - Jack Miller, we're happy to have you. We also have 2 new(ish) members, Sandra Leu-Johnson and Ivy Blehuer - forgive me for the late introduction. Welcome to the Auxiliary everyone!!! We're happy to see some new folks join us and can always use more helping hands.

Now for some upcoming events:
- The Counsel of Administra-

tion is in Greensboro the weekend of October 2-4 at the Embassy Suites, if you can make it over for even just the Saturday meetings you're sure to learn something new!

- VOD and Patriots Pen submissions are due November 1st - so if you have some spare time the week after we'll need help reading and judging essays :)

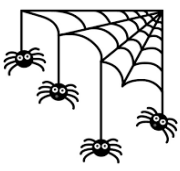
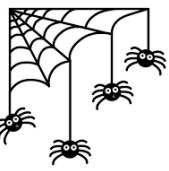
- We'll be participating in the buddy poppy drive the Post is putting on at the Bass Pro Shops in Cary on the first weekend in November. We'll

be setting up inside in their lobby area so there are no weather concerns here. It's a great opportunity not only to get some relief fund money but to also have a membership drive! Anyone who has that weekend free and is able to participate please let myself or David Watts know.

That's all for now, hope everyone has a safe and spooky Halloween!!!

Kerri Zinkievich
Ladies Auxiliary
President





Men's Auxiliary President's Address

I'd just like to remind everyone that has not yet paid they're annual membership due to do so as soon as possible. Also, we currently are still authorized to keep our Post's Men's Auxil-

iary to the VFW. However, those interested in joining The Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, let myself or Kerri Zinkievich. Also, as Commander Watts has noted, the C of A's will be this weekend in

Greensboro. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!!

William Wyrosdick
Men's Auxiliary
President
Post 7383



Getting to know your Members: CVO

The mission of the Carolina Veterans Organization is to assist in the professional development and job search process of members; to promote camaraderie among members; and to raise awareness and sup-

port for the military on the University of North Carolina's campus. It welcomes veterans of all branches of the US Military as well as veterans of foreign militaries and families. For more information,

visit <http://veterans.web.unc.edu>.



Carolina Veterans Organization



The Cary VFW Thrift Store's Hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 PM. There are always great deals and new merchandise every day.

Chaplain's Corner

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Chaplain
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September was Suicide Awareness Month, and please keep in mind that on average, 22 Vet-

erans Commit suicide every day. One is too many. Please reach out to your comrades and their families, and know that we're here for you too.



VETERANS GROUP AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL CONTINUES TO SERVE COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE PROJECT

CHAPEL HILL, NC – On Saturday, Oct. 3, the Carolina Veterans Organization (CVO) and NC’s Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) will put the service skills they learned in the United States Armed Forces to a more local use – to organize a food drive called “Ruck for Hunger” for local food banks. The organizations have distributed boxes around the Chapel Hill and Carrboro area and are currently collecting donations of canned goods. On Oct. 3, these canned goods will be loaded into backpacks and carried by volunteers to the different food banks in what the military calls a ruck march.

“The goal of the Ruck For Hunger event is to promote camaraderie between student veterans, students, and fellow

participants within the area, while providing a food drive that supports TABLE and Carolina Cupboard,” said Lacy Jo Evans a veteran of the Marine Corps and Executive Board Member in Public Affairs for the Carolina Veterans Organization.

The ruck march will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday morning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, behind the Naval Armory ROTC building parking lot – also known as the Venable parking lot – on South Road. Participants in Ruck for Hunger are encouraged to bring canned foods for donations and a backpack to help pick up food donations around UNC’s campus, Franklin Street, and the Glen Lennox and Meadowmont areas.

All food donations will go to support TABLE of

Carrboro and Carolina Cupboard of UNC, two non-profit organizations dedicated to feeding the hungry. Monetary donations are also being accepted for The No Greater Sacrifice Foundation in memory of Lt. Col. John W. Collins, an organization providing scholarships and resources in honor of fallen and wounded soldiers.

Along with the CVO and ROTC, other sponsors of the ruck march include the Carolina Hispanic Association and UNC Student Stores. For more information about this event or if you would like to make a donation, please contact the Carolina Veterans Organization at carolinaveterans@gmail.com or (919) 907-0286.





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PARTNERING WITH
THE
CAROLINA VETERANS
ORGANIZATION**



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

**Donate 5 canned foods of 12oz
or greater & receive a Free
Drink Chip
at Cary's
VFW Post 7383**



For questions please contact:
Sr. Vice Commander,
Lacy Jo Evans at:
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Cary
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Cary, NC 27513

Help out your local community by donating food at Cary's VFW Post 7383. All non-perishable food donations will go to support **TABLE** of Carrboro and **Carolina Cupboard** of UNC - Chapel Hill. The food drive is apart of UNC's Carolina Veterans Organization annual service project that emphasizes some of the VFW's core values of community support. On the 3rd of October at 1000, the CVO and fellow participants will execute a military style ruck march around UNC where they will pick up food donations from participating businesses and departments. Food donations will be placed into backpacks and rucked around the community. The CVO would like to encourage people to come out and join the Ruck For Hunger event or volunteer during the event if you do not wish to ruck (hike). The event will start in Venable parking lot off of South Road on UNC - Chapel Hill's campus.

LIKE us on FACEBOOK @ RUCK FOR HUNGER





Legislative Advocacy and the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Legislative advocacy is an important part of what the VFW does. Each year the VFW puts forward a legislative agenda and attempts to persuade the congress to act in the best interest of our veterans and the military. Attached are our current legislative priorities that we want action on from the 114th Congress. The first session of this congress will continue until October 29. I would encourage everyone to contact their representatives and senators and demand action on these legislative priorities. You can call or email the offices in Washington or the offices in your local districts. All the contact information can be found at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov . Additional information on the VFW's legislative program and agenda can be found at the "VFW in DC" tab on our web site www.vfw.org . The more grass roots action we can get on these issues the more likely we are to get satisfaction...~ Jason Schoolcraft, Nat. Council of Administration/NC

New Military Leadership

There have been a host of top leadership changes at the Pentagon over the past two months, to include today's change of responsibility ceremony that had Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey transferring the chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., who just yesterday relinquished command of the U.S. Marine Corps to new Commandant Gen. Robert B. Neller. On Sept. 18, Navy Adm. John Richardson became the new Chief of Naval Operations, succeeding Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, and just last month Army Gen. Mark A. Milley succeeded Gen. Raymond T. Odierno as the new Army Chief of Staff. Up next will be the confirmation hearing of Eric K. Fanning, who's been nominated to become the next Secretary of the Army.



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

"The first session of this congress will continue until October 29. I would encourage everyone to contact their representatives and senators and demand action on these legislative priorities." Jason Schoolcraft
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Support
Your
Local Veterans



While Enjoying One Of The Triangle's
Best Burgers!

Eat at **ABBEY ROAD** in Cary on
Monday November 9th and **15%** of
your food bill will go to support
Cary's VFW Post 7383

To honor our US Veterans, Abbey Road Tavern and Grill will donate 15% of all food sales made on November 9 to Cary VFW Post 7383 when you present this flyer or mention the Veterans of Foreign Wars to your server.

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Try the 10oz BEEF BURGER

Hours of Operation: 11 am- 2am



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&
@Cary VFW Post 7383

October 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Thrift Store open from 10:00-7:00	2 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	3 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00
4 Thrift Store Closed on Sundays Officer's Meeting	5 Thrift Store Closed on Mondays	6 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	7 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	8 Thrift Store open from 10:00-7:00	9 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00	10 Thrift Store open from 10:00-4:00
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The VFW Thrift Store saw a lot of new faces in the month of September! Thank you again to Sandi for helping out!

Our October Sales are: \$1.50 tops and Bottoms and 50% off Dresses, Suits, and Coats!

I'm putting together "Christmas Kits" including decorations, trees, and other holiday trinkets. I'm putting a certain amount of our holiday donations aside for those in need to give away. We have a plentiful amount to both sell and give away. If you know of anyone that would benefit from this please let me know. I wanted to put it out there to our members first.

I had some inquiries to utilizing our grassy area between the store and canteen to sell live trees. I think that's a great idea! I was also thinking this might be nice for pumpkins for Halloween! If you know anyone who would like to do this please email: CaryV-FW7383@gmail.com.

If anyone else has any other ideas to reach out to the community this holiday season please email me at: CaryV-FW7383ThriftStore@gmail.com.

Sara Mary Lopez
VFW Post 7383
Thrift Store Manager



Upcoming Events/Important Dates



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- OCT 1ST: Bingo Night (**Volunteers Needed**)
- OCT 4TH: Officer's Meeting (all are invited)
- OCT 8TH: Bingo Night (**Volunteers Needed**)
- OCT 12TH: Columbus Day (Federal Holiday)
- OCT 15TH: Bingo Night (**Volunteers Needed**)
- OCT 20TH: Business Meeting (All are encouraged, as important Post Business will be discussed and voted on. Let your Voice Be heard!!)
- OCT 22ND: Bingo Night (**Volunteers Needed**)
- OCT 29TH: Bingo Night (**Volunteers Needed**)
- OCT 31ST: Halloween

Note from the Editors:

Happy Halloween Month!! As you can see, our Senior Vice Commander submitted an article for our newsletter.. If you would like to submit anything for next month's newsletter, just let us know!! RRL