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From the Post-Commander

Well, this will be my final newsletter. Comrades, I just want to say THANK you for all that you have done for our Post family, the VFW, the community and for our country this past year. You are what makes this organization the greatest Veterans support organization in the world. You have definitely made it a wonderful experience for me and my officers.

A special thank you goes to each of the following:

- To my officers – Each of you took on your position with great enthusiasm and vigor. Because of your hard work we accomplished great things this year and met our goals.
- To the Ladies Auxiliary - your tireless efforts to work for our Post and all the members is commendable. Without you many of our functions and activities would not have been successful
- To the Mens Auxiliary – this year you really got your wings. You had a rocky start, but you got through it and are on the road to a great and successful future. You have worked hard and have helped the Post and its members so much

- To Pup Tent 5 – you have stepped up to the plate whenever needed and have contributed to the success of your pup tent and the success of the Post. I want to wish all the new incoming officers a great and wonderful year ahead. You are holding positions in an outstanding Post. Have faith in yourself and faith in you comrades. Success will follow.

We have some great events coming up these next two months. Be sure to check out the Events to Remember section. I hope that many of you come out for the Post/Auxiliary joint installation on May 17 and welcome and support our incoming officers.

Lastly, I want to wish Comrade Hal Roesch a successful year as Department Commander. We are all proud of you and the accomplishments you have done over the past years. We know that you will shine as the Department Commander for 2008-2009 and make us even more proud.

Yours in Comradeship
W.H. "Beck" Beckwith

From the Post Junior Vice

I would like to start off by saying congratulations to all the new officers that were elected. This past year went by fast, and new officers will be taking over in June after the VFW State Convention. Hope to see some familiar faces at the convention in Richmond, it's a good time. Also you get to see Hal installed as the new State Commander.

Lots of things are starting to happen at **YOUR** VFW, In May we have our installation on the 17th, we have the cook out on 26th for Memorial Day and Robert is heading up the first ever VFW Post 3219 Womanless Fashion gig on the 31st. Get a steak dinner and a show for \$10.00. You can't get that anywhere else. What a busy month.

We are still selling T-shirts, hats, polo shirts and windbreakers. The windbreakers you have to order from the bartenders. We have some T-shirts available along with a few polo shirts. With that said I'm working on getting a display case so we can display our shirts and merchandize near the front door. More to come on that.

That's about it from the JR Vice
William "Shep" Shepherd

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Advisor: Hal Roesch

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From the Post Website Webmaster

The Post Website is looking better and better each day. If you haven't visited the site, you are missing out on a lot. Turn on that computer and visit www.vfw3219.org now!

Now, we are **looking for information** on the **History and early beginning of VFW Post 3219**. We know that the present location of the Post home was not the first. So, if any of you members have any **pictures, newspaper clippings, flyers, or any items** that would lend some insight to our early beginnings, please send them to me at vfw3219@cox.net or bring them down to the post and leave them in an envelope addressed to me. I will scan all pictures and other items and return them to you. We are still trying to find out who **Craigs and McCue** were. Do you know? Please tell me so we can add a "history" section to the website.

Post 3219 webmaster

Dave Scarce

www.vfw3219.org or vfw3219@cox.net

Dinner/Breakfast at the Post

NOTE: Breakfast for May will be on May 10th instead of the 3rd due to the District meeting in Warsaw on May 3rd.

REMEMBER – We have **dinner** at the Post every Friday night. Dinner is served at **6 PM**, but if you want to make sure you get a dinner, please come early, and place your order. Also, if you call in your order, please be there by **7:30 PM** to pick it up and pay for it.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR MONTHLY BREAKFASTS! Breakfasts on the first Saturday are also great. Ellen Mintz and Mike Mackowiak do a great job!!

Breakfast is served from 9 AM to 11 AM. Come early, read the paper, socialize, and enjoy a great start to the day!

FROM THE BINGO CHAIRMAN



Hey!

Come on out and Play **B-I-N-G-O!**

Bring a friend tell a friend and enjoy the games. You will definitely have some great stories to tell.

Bingo is held every Sunday in the Post Hall beginning at 1 PM. It is open to the public. We have games that pay up to \$400.00.

Don't want to play BINGO – then **VOLUNTEER.** Can you spare at least one Sunday a month to help us. It's only for about 3 hours. Volunteers are always needed to help sell the specials and deliver the payouts. Please contact Joe Longstreet if you can assist with this weekly event.

Thanks to the Robin Jernigan and Pup Tent 5 for helping out and making the bingo experience great for our players.

Joe Longstreet

VA Hospital Bingo

The Post and Auxiliary will be doing VA Bingo at the VA Hospital on June 17 at 7PM in the Domiciliary. Your help with these events can bring big smiles to our great Veterans. There are about 60-70 veterans there for the bingo games.

NOTE: some things have changed concerning the food items that are brought to the VA Hospital for these games. From now on, only packaged food items like crackers, cookies, chips and peel-able fruit such as bananas can be brought to the Hospital for the bingo game. No more pre-made sandwiches or outside food like pizza can be brought into the facility. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause, but the VA Hospital is working to prevent any types of food poisoning or spoilage that may occur.

We are always looking for a couple of volunteers, If you can, please plan on coming out to help with the bingo. We can always use a caller, people to verify the bingo and others to help in preparing the plates of food and serving them.

Any and all food donations should be to the Post before 6 PM the day of Bingo. Any questions should be directed to the post.

Thanks, Swampy



FARM FRESH RECEIPTS &

The Farm Fresh Receipt Campaign will end on May 31, 2008. We have turned in \$19,918.64 thus far and have several bags that will be turned in soon. Also don't forget the labels for education program, this program is continued year round and contributes to the schools basically the same as Farm Fresh. Please don't forget that the Ladies Aux. is still collecting Campbell's and other food labels. If we want to maintain the American Way, we must begin with the children through a better education.

Thanks Roger & Pearl and all the members of 3219



EVENTS to REMEMBER



Here's what's coming up in the near future

Event	
May 3	Dist. 1 Convention Post 7167 Warsaw 11AM
May 6	Post Meeting, 7 PM
May 10	Post Breakfast, 9-11 AM
May 14	Va. Country Fair (Rain date May 15) Mens Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM
May 17	Installation of Officers Post/Auxiliaries 6PM
May 21	Ladies Aux. Mtg. 6:30PM
May 26	Memorial Day Cookout 1PM – sign up to bring in a dish.
May 31	Womanless Fashion Show
June 3	Post Meeting 7 PM
June 7	Breakfast, 9-11 AM
June 11	Mens Auxiliary Meeting
June 12-15	Dept. Convention Richmond, VA
June 17	Va. Bingo 7PM – please read the section on this event.
June 18	Ladies Aux. Mtg 6:30PM - Elect National Convention Delegates



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Ladies Auxiliary

Rhonda Burch – Auxiliary President

The end of our year is on the horizon...Well Done Ladies!!!! I appreciate each and every one of you who have volunteered your time and energy, above and beyond!!!! Thank you so very much, with your hard work and dedication we've again completed another year!!! I found this poem in a past General Orders "Volunteerism Is The Ultimate Gift"....

Ode to a Volunteer

Many will be shocked to find when the Day of Judgment nears,
That there's a special place in heaven set aside for volunteers,
Furnished with big recliners, satin couches and footstools.

Where there is no committee chairman, no group leaders or
car pools,

No eager team that needs a coach, no bazaar and no bake sale.

There will be nothing to staple, not one thing to fold or mail.

Telephone lists will be outlawed, but a finger snap will bring,
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners, and rare treats fit for a king.

You ask: Who'll serve these privileged few,

And work for all they're worth?

Why, all those who reaped the benefits

And not once volunteered on Earth.

--Author Unknown

To all you Volunteers out there...you have my
undying gratitude!!!!

The Installation of Officers will be held May 17,
2008 at 6:00PM--**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
THE 2008-2009 OFFICERS!!!!**

Just a reminder to all Ladies: Our Friday Night
Dinners, Sunday Bingo's and VA Hospital visits need
VOLUNTEERS...Please step up and help out!!!! To the
"Hell's Kitchen Crew" you are all doing a fantastic job,
you all have a special place in my heart and a special
place in "Volunteer Heaven!!!!!"

TO ALL LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS...This
was submitted by Deirdre (Wren) Guillory in a past
General Orders when she was 1st District President.

10 WAYS TO WRECK AN ORGANIZATON

1. Don't come to the meetings.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. If the weather does not suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the officers and the other members.
5. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than do things.

6. Feel hurt if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend committee meetings.
7. If asked by the Chair to give your opinion on some matter tell her you have nothing to say; after the meeting tell everyone how things should be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when members roll up their sleeves and willingly use their ability to help the organization, say that the unit is run by a clique.
9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay them at all.
10. Don't bother about getting new members; let someone else do it.

12 WAYS TO SAVE AN AUXILIARY

1. Attend every meeting if possible; your input is very valuable to our organization.
2. Accept an office, it's always a challenge.
3. When appointed to a committee, give it your best and chairmen, REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.
4. Give help and praise to members and officers, it will make their job much easier.
5. If your opinion is asked, answer in a kind and constructive manner.
6. Be enthusiastic and believe in yourself, pretty soon you'll have others believing in you.
7. Pay your dues promptly, don't wait to be asked.
8. Invite your eligible friends to become members of this elite and great organization.
9. Be social and friendly inside and outside the meetings.
10. Present your good ideas, improvement, is always welcomed.
11. Let the world know the good and great work your Auxiliary is doing.
12. READ, READ, READ your General Orders as soon as they arrive and let your Auxiliary know about every upcoming event.

I guarantee this Auxiliary is a WINNER.

Written by Ruth S. Brown (in a past General
Order's) when she was the President, VFW
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MEMBERSHIP

Attention **Annual members!** The 2009 membership cards are in! We are offering a great deal if you want to pay early. Our annual dues are normally \$25. But, if you pay your 2009 dues before September 15th, you only have to pay \$20.00. That's right – one year's membership dues for just \$20.00! So, get your dues in early and **SAVE!** If you write a check or money order, make it out to VFW Ladies Auxiliary 3219. Send to:

Lorraine Beckwith, Treasurer
41 Kings Point Drive
Hampton, VA 23669

Laine Beckwith, Treasurer

HELP SAVE 3219 SOME MONEY!

Thanks to all who responded to our previous newsletter and are now receiving this news electronically. But, we need some more. Comrades and sisters, it is **very expensive** to prepare, copy, and mail the **Post newsletter to all of the Post, Ladies Auxiliary, Mens Auxiliary, and Cootie members each time we publish.** We would like to reduce this cost so that we can use the money for other programs and areas that are involved with a VFW Post and canteen.

If you have a computer and have access to the web, help us out and read and download the newsletter and other important information from our Post Website: www.vfw3219.org.

To help save us some money from all the printing and postage, **please send an e-mail** with **NEWSLETTER** in the subject line to: Dabeck41@cox.net. Please put your name and address (as it is printed on the newsletter) in the body of the e-mail. We will then take your name off of the mailing list, thus reducing our cost of publishing and distribution.

You never know – the information that on the website is invaluable. You can find out about the Friday night dinners, upcoming events, special programs, and even about our members.

Please take the time to check out the website and **SEND THAT E-MAIL!**



Greetings All,

We had a VERY successful night with dinner and DJ Patrick. THANK YOU to everyone who helped out and to all who supported us that evening with dinner and staying for the DJ. I hope everyone had as good of a time as I did!!

Next up is the Ho-Down sponsored by our Ladies' Aux. I hope everyone gets a chance to come and visit the Trailer Park – I know the past few years have been a great time and the ladies do a smashing job putting that together, and I'm sure this year will be just as much fun if not more. Hope to see y'all there.

For the month of May we go on to VFW Installation and our Memorial Day Cook Out. Always a good time, so I look forward to seeing everyone there.

June will bring to us the VFW State Convention, with our very own Hal being installed as State Commander. I really hope everyone that can be there to show our support for one of our own. Not much else new on the deck plates, so I will close and hope to see everyone's smiling faces around the post!!!!

Until next time, "*Keep 'em smiling in beds of white*"

L.O.T.C.S.
Jill Lynch "Mini-Jill"
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Pup Tent 5
Grand of VA

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Attorney's Advice - Prevent Identity Theft

ATTORNEY'S ADVICE - NO CHARGE

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice! A corporate Attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

1. Do **not** sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED or C-I-D.'
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card Accounts, DO **NOT** put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. **Never** have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary but if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
4. Place the **contents of your wallet** on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. Also carry a photocopy of your passport when you travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards. Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know.
5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But, the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).
7. But here's what is perhaps **most important of all**: (I never even thought to do this.) Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact if your wallet, etc., has been stolen:

- 1) Equifax: 800-525-6285
- 2) Experian (formerly TRW): 888-397-3742
- 3) Trans Union: 800-6807289
- 4) Social Security Administration (fraud line):800-269-0271

Please pass this information to everyone that you care about.