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*“Together we can make a difference”*

November 2021

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Lately, the weather has been beautiful. I hope everyone is enjoying - especially the changing colors that are presented this time of the year.

There are still concerns with the virus but it appears things are getting slightly better. Continue to be cautious and stay safe. One of our members, Ed Shiver, recently had a really hard time with the virus but thankfully he is now home and doing much better. Our Past State President Stanley Franklin has the virus and the last time heard about him is that he was in the hospital. Let us remember him, continue to remember Ed, and all others who are dealing with this dreaded virus. We need to always pray for each other.

Our next meeting will be held here at the post on October 28, 2021. Come out for a good time. We will have a good meal, enjoy good fellowship, and conduct the Post's business. The boys that our Post sent to Boys State will be here to tell about their week.

The First Responders Appreciation Day went very well. We prepared around 220 meals for them. The First Responders were very grateful for us honoring them. We are fortunate to have this group and the hard work they do for all of us.

Our Coffee Cafe is now in its third week. The turnout has been low but we are expecting improvement as more veterans find out about it. We are extending our days to include Saturday. The Coffee Café days are now Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 am until 11:00 am; Saturdays are now 9:00 am until noon.

Bingo nights have been changed from Friday and Saturday nights to Tuesday and Friday nights. The games begin at 6:30 pm as usual.

For God and Country,

*John Wilson*  
Commander

## **New education benefits help veterans who lost jobs during pandemic**

The Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP) offers education and training for high-demand jobs - including health care, education, and engineering - to veterans who are unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Veterans participating in VRRAP will receive up to 12 months of tuition and fees and a monthly housing allowance based on Post-9/11 GI Bill rates.

To be eligible, veterans must meet the following criteria: Be at least 22 years old, but less than 67 years old; unemployed because of the pandemic; and not eligible for GI Bill or VR&E benefits.

792 educational institutions have been approved to participate in the program. VRRAP was developed as part of the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus economic relief package signed into law in March 2021. About \$17 billion was allocated to support the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in its response to the pandemic. Of this, \$386 million went to VRRAP.

VET TEC pairs eligible veterans with training providers offering high-tech training and skills development. This includes information science, data processing and computer software programs. VET TEC also utilizes an employer consortium to help veterans find employment following the completion of their program.

Visit [VRRAP](#) and [VET TEC](#) to learn more about these programs and eligibility requirements.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 13, Veterans Day Parade

- October 28, 6:00 Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary
- November 11, Veterans Day; November 11, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Auxiliary
- November 18, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting SAL
- November 25, Thanksgiving
- No regular meetings in November and December



Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm

Bingo - Tuesdays and Fridays, 6:30 pm; Coffee Shop - Tues, Wed, Thur. 8:00 am -11:00 am; Sat. 9:00 am-noon



Ladies, Fair parking is underway. It rained the first night but the weather is nice now and hopefully will continue. Someone will be helping with parking until the last night Sunday, October 31. If any of you can help, contact Cheryl Phipps at 706-264-2789.

We are seeking worthy veteran projects. If someone has ideas, please let us know. We are always looking for ways to address the needs of our veterans.

If you have not paid your dues, get in touch with Wanda Tibbs at meetings or call her at 706-222-0009.

If you have not seen the new VA clinic, please know that it is extremely nice and very efficient. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting October 28.

Our best days are before us,

**Wanda Parker**  
Auxiliary President



Howdy Ya'll!

“WHY ME, LORD?” – Kris Kristofferson.  
But he’s not having a pity party! Do you ever wonder why things happen the way they do? I’ve decided there’s no good answer to “Why?”. Always explanations, reasons, and excuses abound, but we can’t change one second of the past. So that’s sometimes difficult to cope with. Remember how the song continues... “What have I ever done to deserve even one of the pleasures I’ve known.” It is very important to realize much of happiness is based on our mental outlook. Try a gratitude attitude and feel the difference when the tough times surely will come.

SAL will meet on the third Thursday (Nov 18) @ 1800h. Tell me if you want to get together on Dec. 18 and we’ll have a Christmas celebration!

Sing-cerely,

**Anthony J. Robertson**  
SAL Commander

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