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From the Commander:

Greetings All,

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter! During April, we will start our big push to get the Post and Fairgrounds ready for our Spring Carnival, 4-13 May 2023. We will need all hands-on deck to make this another great success for the Post. Volunteers are needed to assist with parking in front of the building or inside the back gate, collecting admission tickets, selling raffle tickets for the Spring giveaway of the Samsung 65" Smart TV or \$500 cash. Look forward to seeing everyone!

Our Annual Awards Banquet for all the "2022-2023 Program Winners" will be on 2 May 2023 at 5:30pm. Also, it is the birthday of Jimmy Harris VFW Post 6837. The Post was chartered on this date in 1946 and will be 77 years old.

After the Carnival, we start getting ready for our Shepard's Cove Hospice Memorial Ceremony, placing U.S. Flags on Veterans graves at Hillcrest Cemetery, Buddy Poppy, and our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Old Mill Park in downtown Boaz, Alabama.

In Comradeship,

John Tuck
Post Commander
Jimmy Harris Post VFW 6837

From the Auxiliary President:

Greetings to the Auxiliary,

Hello Springtime. It is officially the busiest time of the year for the Post. I am ready to eat some deep-fried Oreos at our Spring Carnival and maybe talk our Commander into getting on the Ferris wheel! I hope to see all willing and able bodies helping this year. I may not be the Fair Chair, but I will be there ready to work and help the new Chairperson. We are wrapping this year up with only a few days left to report. I know we will finish strong then we have a fresh start for 2023-2024. The new year also brings new experiences for me, and I hope I can make our post proud.

Love you all,

Christie Tuck
Auxiliary President

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

ANTHONY SPARKS

JOHN KIEGEL

New VA Appointment Tool

You can use this tool to: ([Go to VA.gov](https://www.va.gov))

1. Schedule some appointments online.
2. Request approved community care appointments.
3. Cancel appointments made online.
4. View appointments on your health calendar.
5. Find a location of a VA or Community Care Facility.
6. Print a list of future appointments.



We have a letter from our Department Commander, Tammy Johnson on the latest "Legislative Conference" held in Washington D.C., 6-8 March 2023.

3/20/2023

Comrades,

The Winter Legislative Conference was conducted 6-8 March. Your team consisted of Scott Gedling (National Representative), Eric Dudash (+1 requested by National), Danny Sample (Sr Vice Commander), Matthew Lambert (Adjutant/Quartermaster), Nancy Rathburn (Auxiliary President), Kay Gedling (Auxiliary Member), and Tammy Sample (Auxiliary Member).

This Conference was the first one of 118th Congress.

During 117th Congress, we played an instrumental role in getting over 300 co-sponsors for the Richard Star Act (please see attached talking points). Once a bill achieves 290 co-sponsors in the House, it is placed on the Caucus Calendar which means it can be brought to the floor for a vote. While the bill was placed on the Calendar, it never made it to the floor for a vote.

When a new Congress convenes, everything resets. Bills have to be reintroduced (now you know where "An act of Congress" comes from). S. 344 (Senate Bill) was reintroduced 2 February 2023 and H.R. 1282 (House Bill) was reintroduced on 3 March 2023.

In the 117th Congress neither of our Senators were cosponsors for S. 344. Since then, Senator Shelby retired and was replaced by Senator Britt. As of today, neither Senator Tuberville or Senator Britt have cosponsored the bill.

In the 117th Congress, three Representatives cosponsored H.R. 1282: Congresswoman Sewell, Congressman Moore, and Congressman Carl. Congressman Strong is the only freshman for Alabama in the 118th Congress; he replaced Congressman Brooks. As of today, the original three are the only cosponsors for H.R. 1282.

Another talking point was "Conference was Cracking Down on Predatory Claims Companies" via H.R. 1139. This piece of legislation will protect veterans from being overcharged (there is a maximum percentage that can be charged by certified by the VA) as well as from participating in fraud, guided by these predatory companies. As of today, Congressman Carl is the only cosponsor for Alabama. There is no Senate Bill to date for the 118th Congress.

We spoke on Economic Opportunity's Role in Preventing Suicide. As of now, the VA only looks at suicide within the medical realm. Many factors play a role in suicides. We are asking Congress to have the VA include all of the VA benefits that veterans participate in to be included in data for the prevention of suicide. New legislation has just been introduced; however, I do not have the number yet. I will follow up and report back.



A last-minute addition to our Talking Points was to advocate for the Expeditionary Medal to be awarded to those service members serving to support NATO operations. This would directly affect Reservists and National Guardsmen and Guardswomen. In many instances service members are serving in a “training” capacity and not in a “deployed” status. This prevents the service member from obtaining benefits. Serving as support for NATO often times is dangerous and beyond “training.” There is no legislation at this time.

With all of these points we pointed out that not only do these points affect veterans and service members, but it also directly affects families.

Comrades, your voice matters. Please contact your elected representatives (they represent YOU) and tell them they need to take care of the veterans, service members, and their families. When you do, please send me a copy of your written correspondence or CC me on electronic correspondence.

If you haven't already, sign up for Action Corps, the link is provided. ANYONE can sign up, so please share the link with family and friends; a good place would be on social media. When you receive Action Corps emails, open them. If the email is asking you to take action, PLEASE do so. Your voice matters!

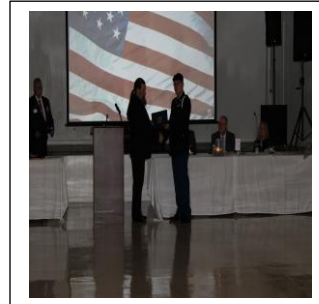
<https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>

Tammy Johnson

Commander, Department of Alabama VFW

Legislative Chairman

JROTC BANQUET - 17 March 2023



Auxiliary Easter Basket for Veterans

Guntersville VA Clinic



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Know a Member

Expiring

**Have them sign-up on
our Website.**



VA Apps

These Apps and many more are offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs and can be found through your iPhone or Android stores.



VA Video Connect



Rx Refill



Virtual Care Manager



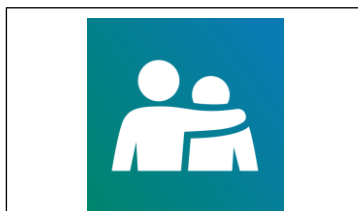
Annie App for Veterans



VA Launchpad for Veterans



VA Health Chat



PTSD Family Coach

Source: VA.org



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National VFW

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Department of AL VFW

vfwal.org



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23 5 am - 3pm

Kickin' Bass

Veteran Charity Fishing Tournament

Lincoln's Landing

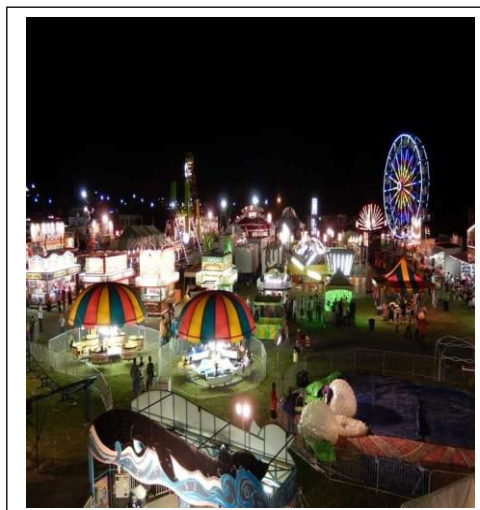
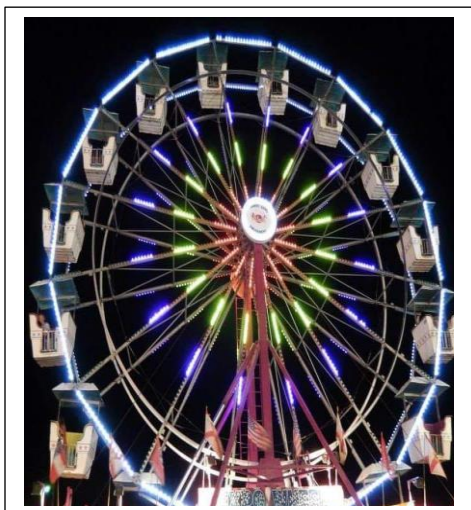
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740 Travis Dr,
Lincoln, AL 35096

Prize Payout \$2500 Per Boat > Veteran Registration \$100 Non Veteran \$125

MARSHALL COUNTY SPRING CARNIVAL



MAY 4-13, 2023

Presented by

Jimmy Harris Post 6837

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Boaz VFW Fairgrounds

1441 U.S. Highway 431 - P.O. Box 665

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GATES OPEN

Thursday - May 4, 2023 - Saturday - May 6, 2023 Open @ 6pm-Until

Sunday - May 7, 2023 - Free Admission Matinee (1pm-5pm)

Wednesday - May 10, 2023 - Saturday - May 13, 2023 - Open @ 6pm - Until

Fair Admission - \$5.00 Children 5 years and Under - Free Admission

First Responders, Active-Duty Military and Military Veterans with credentials will receive up to 4 complimentary admission tickets per family!

Armbands - Wednesday - Thursday: \$20.00*

Armbands - Friday - Saturday: \$25.00*

***Armband Prices Are Subject to Change**



VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS
Department of Alabama
ALL- AMERICAN CLUB



The ALL- AMERICAN CLUB will be raffling off a Lever Action Henry Rifle for Life Members who will take the challenge.

All those who are a Life Member, if you choose to go to Legacy Life, Bronze, Silver or Gold, and get the proof to the Department Quartermaster, the first 100 members will be eligible for the drawing.

If you are a Bronze or Silver Legacy Life Member, and you move your membership up to the next level, you are also eligible.

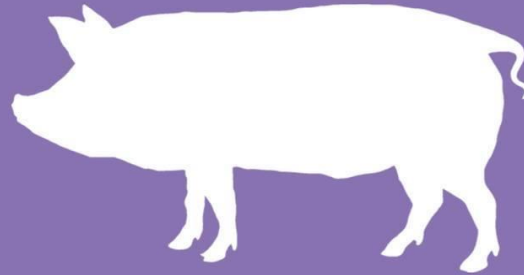
Again, the first 100 members to take this challenge, the All - American Club will hold the drawing at the next conference or Convention when the 100th Member is entered the contest.

Email your Legacy Life Membership upgrade receipt to leelambert53@yahoo.com
To be entered into the drawing.



Marshall, Jackson & Madison 2023

4-H PIG A U C T I O N



SATURDAY • MAY 6TH • 5:00 PM

Jimmy Harris VFW Fairgrounds • Boaz

Come bid and take home some of the
best pork in North Alabama!
Hogs raised by Marshall, Madison & Jackson
County
4-H Members.

Processors on Site--No need to take Possession of live animal



Alabama 4-H
Alabama Cooperative
Extension System

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Please contact Kristen Roberson at (256) 582-2009 if you have accessibility needs.

Veteran Links

<https://ask.va.gov/>

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>

<https://www.ptsd.va.gov>

<https://tricare.mil/prime>

<http://www.va.gov/health-care>

<http://www.myhealth.va.gov>

<https://www.benefits.va.gov>

<https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov>

<https://www.va.gov/jobs>

<https://www.fedshirevets.gov>

<https://www.va.gov/vaforms>

<http://www.va.gov/health-care/get-reimbursed-for-travel-pay>

www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records

<https://www.va.gov/resources>

<https://www.va.gov/find-locations>

