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From the Commander:

Greetings All,

The Post will select a Scout of the Year this month, and Department submission deadline is March 1, 2023. The JROTC Banquet will be held at the Post Main Hall on 17 March 2023 at 1800 hours.

Post elections will be held at our regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, 2023. If you are interested in holding an Officer position either elected or appointed let us know. Our Post has been blessed with many members being involved as an Officer or Volunteer. The experience and ideas every member bring to this Post are useful and shows your commitment to ensuring that Jimmy Harris VFW Post 6837 legacy of helping Veterans will carry on into the future.

The Spring Carnival will be May 4-13, 2023, along with numerous other events in May; like our Membership Drive and Buddy Poppy around May 27, 2023. We will need volunteers to help setup and participate at numerous locations throughout Boaz and Albertville. Our annual Memorial Day Ceremony to honor our fallen comrades will be held on May 29, 2023, at 1100 hours in the Old Mill Park, downtown Boaz.

The dates for the Marshall County Fair will be September 19-23, 2023. Looking forward to another great Fair and supporting the 4-H and FFA Livestock Shows that are held throughout the week at the Marshall County Fair.

In Comradeship,

John Tuck
Post Commander
Jimmy Harris Post VFW 6837

From the Auxiliary President:

Greetings to the Auxiliary,

Happy February! I hope you all feel love this month from your family, friends and the best VFW Auxiliary Post in the state of Alabama.

We kick things off this month with our District meeting. If you have never been to the District meetings, please feel free to join us at the next one. It is also time for our District Social Gathering. It is being hosted by Arab on February 11, 2023 at 3pm, and the tickets are \$5.

There is also, a District 2 Tut Fann Valentine's party on February 11, 2023 at 10am.

We had another successful Mid-Winter Conference, and our Post was represented well. We all came back a little more knowledgeable and have memories to last a lifetime.

Love you all,

Christie Tuck
Auxiliary President

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Milton Craig
Douglas Templeton
James Palmer

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.

Humana and VFW Medicare Briefing

District 1, Department of Alabama VFW will host a training and briefing on Medicare in partnership with Humana. The event will take place on 18 March 2023 from 1200-1400 hours at Post 2702, 2900 North Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, Alabama 38510.

They are inviting ALL VFW members and spouses to attend this briefing and training. If you plan on attending, Post 2702 asks that you RSVP the Post Adjutant: vfw.2702.adjutant@gmail.com.

See the Flyer on page 4.

Source: District 1 email, dated: 1 Feb 23, 5:38pm.

"No Barriers Warriors" Seek Veterans with Disabilities

No Barriers Warriors is looking for Disabled Veterans for Backcountry Expeditions in 2023. They provide basecamp experiences in Red Feather, Colorado and backcountry expeditions in the northern Colorado Rockies and the Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina. The applications opened on 1 February 2023.

For a complete schedule and to fill out an application visit "nobarrierusa.org."

Applications are now open!!

Source: VA News email sent 25 Jan 2023



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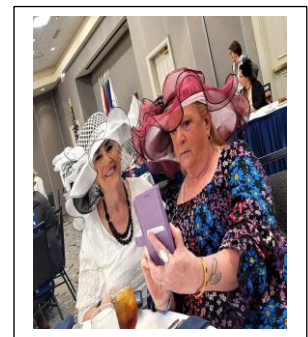
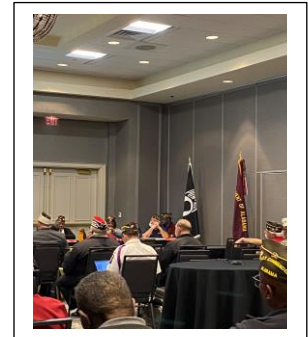
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Know a Member **Expiring**

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



Department of Alabama, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Mid-Winter Conference



Mid-Winter Conference

1. **PACT ACT** - 150,000 claims have been submitted since 1 January 2023.
2. Vietnam Recognition Day - 29 March 2023.
3. Department of Alabama VFW and Auxiliary are conducting a joint fund raiser for Warrior Freedom Service Dog.
4. **Membership:** Birmingham Home Show: 17-19 February 2023 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. Veterans with appropriate ID will get in for free on 17 February. The Department will have a membership booth set up to sign up Veterans.
5. **Programs: Department Winners**
 - a. Voice of Democracy - L. Coleman
 - b. Patriot's Pen - G. Cole
 - c. EMT - S. Redding
 - d. FF - C. White
 - e. LEO - J. Brown
 - f. Teacher of the Year
 - (1) High School - M. Snyder
 - (2) Middle School - J. Brown
 - (3) Elementary School - M. Hyde
6. **Webmaster:** Department website address - vfwal.org. Members Only - Click on Login, Click on Members Only enter your VFW membership number in Member ID # and your password is your last name with the first initial capitalized. **Example: Member ID # 5555553 Password: Smith**
7. **Past Department Commander** - Scott Gedling is running for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, 2026. Alabama has not had a Commander-in-Chief since around 1964.
8. **All American Club** - The first 100 members to upgrade from Life to Legacy Life Member or to upgrade from Bronze to Silver or Silver to Gold will have their name placed in a drawing for a Henry Rifle. This is for all members who upgrade throughout the Department of Alabama VFW.
9. Scout of the Year due to Posts NLT 1 March.
- 10 Community Service Books due to Department NLT 16 April.



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National VFW

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Department of AL VFW

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Getting to know Medicare

A guided tour and introduction for veterans and their families

Humana.

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Join us for a presentation made just for Veterans and their

Families presented by:

VFW Post 2702

Saturday March 18, 2023 Time

12:00 noon until 2:00 pm

Let us know you are planning to attend.

Snacks Provided.

Ken Garcy 206-468-5789 or Dave Cowan 256-701-0140

WHAT WE WILL COVER

- **Medicare eligibility and enrollment options**
- **VA healthcare and Medicare**
- **How Medicare works with TRICARE or CHAMPVA**
- **VA healthcare and Community Care**
- **Local and National resources**
- **Veteran Disability ratings**

RSVP the Adjutant: vfw.2702.adjutant@gmail.com



VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

March 23rd

10:00-2:00

DeKalb County VFW Fairgrounds

Representation from:

- Operation Grow
- Marked For Life Ministries
- Patriots Memorial Park
- Mental Health Resources
- Community Action
- Medicare
- Financial Planning
- Alabama Career Center
- Heil Employment Opportunities
- Al Department of Veterans Affairs
- NACC Veterans Recruiter
- Alabama National Cemetary
- Senior Center
- RC&D
- Free Vision Screening!
- and more!

Blood Assurance will be available for donations

For more information, please call
DeKalb County Extension Office 256-845-8595





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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.



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>

