
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DISTRICT 1

POST-ITS FOR THE POSTS

SUMMER 2022



Current Standings *(As of this printing.)*

District 1	2.09%	Department	2.0%
District 1 Auxiliary	79.02%	Department	74.96%

From the Commander:

Commanders, Comrades and Auxiliary

I want to thank all the folks that help in setting up and cleaning up the Post 10624. As always, the food was outstanding. We had a great time at our District Convention/Meeting. The Memorial Service was uplifting and we honored our Comrades, Brothers and Sisters of the Auxiliary. We had an awesome Quarter since we last meet up.

Post 10256 Auxiliary Member Annie Bains received the Jackie Martin awesome job and hopefully next year you can be the winner.

Post 10624 handed out a Life Savings Award to a City of Charleston Police Officer who saved a man from jumping off a bridge. This man turned out to be a veteran. This Officer prevented the veterans suicide rate from going up

Congratulations goes out to the following Post for making All-American:

Post 445 James Barber

Post 3137 Rex Brown, he was able to walk across the stage to receive his hat

Post 9509 RC Woodberry

Post 10256 Chris Manning

Post 10624 Bill King

Post 12102 Marc Jacobs

District 1 Curtis Peterson

Our goal for next year is to have all Post being awarded the All State and All American status, I honestly beelieve this. I am using Department Madam Tufts words and congratulation to All new Department, District and Post Officers

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For the ones that weren't able to come please try to come to the next meeting on 20 Aug 2022 at VFW Post 3433 Summerville/Ladson eat at 1 start training at 2.

In Your Comradeship

Curtis Peterson

District 1 Commander

District 1 Auxiliary Members...

I would like to welcome all of the Auxiliary members to a **New Year and New Beginnings**.

We had a very successful Convention in June in Columbia which took us right into the National Convention in July in Missouri. The Department of South Carolina had a large presence, and the excitement of the South Carolina Officers certainly was not in short demand. Let me say, District 1 had 4 of the Auxiliaries in attendance, thank you to everyone who attended and please remember to mentor your Auxiliaries on everything you learned, the ideas and upcoming events

(NOTE: this would be a report).

The upcoming Department School of Instruction (SOI) in Columbia will be on August 6 th @ 10:00 am. Please remember, Presidents and Officers should be at this meeting so that you can obtain your program and Department packets for the 2022—2023 year.

The upcoming District 1 SOI will be on August 20 th @ 1pm for lunch and meeting at 2pm located at Post 3433 – Ladson/Summerville (address: 10154 Bell Wright Road, Summerville, SC). We will be TRAINING (breaking out in training groups) to help aid and ensure all of the Officers, Program Chairman, and Auxiliary Members are training and understand the job responsibilities.

District 1 Meetings for 2022 – 2023 is as follows:

- **August 20th** @ Post 3433 Ladson/Summerville @ 1pm Lunch and 2pm Meeting @ 10154 Bell Wright Rd, Summerville, SC 29483
- **November 19th** @ Walterboro Elks Lodge @ 1pm Lunch and 2pm Meeting @ 236 Milestone Ln, Walterboro SC 29488 – the District 1 Commander want's to remind everyone of his Special Project Ornaments and hopefully this year, we can deliver them in person to the Victory House in Walterboro.
- **February 25th** @ Post 3433 Ladson/Summerville @ 1pm Lunch and 2pm Meeting @ 10154 Bell Wright Rd, Summerville, SC 29483

- **May 13th @** Post 9509 Moncks Corner @ 1pm Lunch and 2pm Meeting @1141 S. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Thank you to everyone and I look forward to meeting each of you at your Auxiliary Visits this year. I will be bringing with me the District 1 SVP, Patrice Lamb and the District 1 JVP, Lynn Holgate. In closing, remember, District 1 is #1 because **WE ARE #1...**

**Cordially your District President,
Sharen Peterson**

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT ONE SURGEON

Many times, the best health care option that you can choose is the treatment that you choose from your health care provider before you get sick! Especially in today's medical care, there are many preventative medicine options that can identify and treat potential problems before they become serious or life treating medical issues. The easy part of receiving your preventive medical health care is contacting your health care provider, or even better, put a call in to your health care insurance company and let them inform you of the many preventive medicine programs that they offer. Trust me, your insurance company, military or private, wants you to stay healthy. Please, don't let your health be affected by something that could be prevented.

Stay well my fellow comrades.

Buddy Gillam
Surgeon

From the District Adjutant

Request all Post Adjutant/QM send a current listing of their post officers Email address and Phone Numbers to ensure they receive the District minutes and other important information.

Betty Hilliard
District 1 Adjutant

Membership

Comrades, District 1 is currently in 3rd place at 2.09%. This may appear good but as a District we need to get our percentage up around 4-5% before the life members drop in September or we will be behind. Now is the time to get those MAL members hanging out there. Any MAL member who moves to your post and pays your post dues are counted in your numbers. Any MAL Life member who joins you post before the life member update in September will count as a new member. Comrades, I will be sending out to you membership information through out the year. This is to help you to increase your membership and hopefully reach All State and All American. National must hit 102% in membership for the next three years in order to get our membership over 1 million again. This may seem like an unreachable number but in reality it is not as most post and Departments go over this mark each year. The Commander and I are working on a number of recruiting events for the District and posts for this year. When we call and ask for volunteers to work these events it not just for the District but for the posts as well. We are doing our part to get the numbers up so help us out by getting your membership up as well. Lets let everyone know that **DISTRICT 1 is "#1"**

Ted Tufts
Membership Chairman

National Awards

The National Auxiliary Awards announced and presented to South Carolina during the National Convention.

Buddy Poppy & VFW National Home For Children
Best promotion to educate the community about the Buddy Poppy.

SuzAnne Taylor
2nd place Outstanding Chairman Performance for Buddy Poppy & VFW National Home For Children.
SuzAnne Taylor

Historian & Media Relations
Best promotion of relations training.
Carol Long

Best use of a social media video platform to inspire members.
Carol Long

1st place Outstanding Chairman Performance for Historian & Media Relations.
Carol Long

Legislative
Best promotion of legislative education and member involvement in the Legislative Program.
Ramona Brandon

Membership
2nd place Outstanding Chairman Performance for Membership.
Theresa Montague

Youth Activities
1st place Outstanding Chairman Performance for Youth Activities.
Sharen Peterson

VFW Elects First Iraq War Veteran to Lead Organization
When it comes to recruiting and retention, 'Every Veteran Counts!'
July 21, 2022



KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Timothy M. Borland, of Benson, Arizona, was elected as the new national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), a congressionally chartered veterans service organization comprised of more than 1 million eligible veterans and military service members from all six branches of the armed forces.

“My slogan this year is ‘Every Veteran Counts,’” said Borland. “It’s our service to country, and courage to defend that country that makes us veterans. Every veteran from every war and conflict is important.” Borland’s election as the VFW’s 114th Commander-in-Chief occurred at the conclusion of the organization’s 123rd national convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The gathering was the first full national convention since 2019. Borland served in the U.S. Army from 1979 to 2007, last serving with the 101st Airborne Division. He earned his VFW eligibility with service in Operation Iraqi Freedom and in defense of the Republic of Korea. In recognition of his military service and contributions during deployment, he received numerous decorations, to include four Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, eight Army Achievement Medals, seven Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, and four Overseas Service Ribbons. Among his many awards and achievements, he also earned the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, and a Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration from Touro University in Cypress, California.



**Jane Reape – National President
July 21, 2022**

Jane Reape of Carthage, New York, was elected to the office of National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary at its 109th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

A Life Member of Dionne-Rumble Auxiliary 7227 in Carthage, New York, she has served the organization in many capacities in Auxiliary, District and Department Officer positions. As 2011-2012 Department President she was named Outstanding Runner-Up President of the Year for her membership group.

On the National level she has served as National Director for the Scholarships Program, Eastern Conference Chairman for the Americanism/Patriotic Instructor and Youth Activities Programs and as National District Council Member representing New York.

She joined on the eligibility of her late husband, James, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961 to 1983. Jane's family includes three children and three grandchildren. Military service continues in her family. Jane's oldest son, Raymond, is a Navy veteran of the Iraq War and a Life Member of the VFW. Her youngest son, Robert, served in the Air Force for twenty-two years. Jane's granddaughter, Sarah, is currently serving in the Air Force and her brother, Daniel, is serving in the Army.

Jane is equally active in her community. She serves on the Finance Council of her church and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Ava Maria Circle, Carthage Area Hospital Auxiliary and the Honor Flight Committee. A Life Member of Dionne-Rumble Auxiliary 7227 in Carthage, New York, she has served the organization in many capacities in Auxiliary, District and Department Officer positions. As 2011-2012 Department President she was named Outstanding Runner-Up President of the Year for her membership group.

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Hello District 1!

I am proud to be a member of Auxiliary 3433 and thus a part of District 1! The District is coming along in membership with 79.06% and is even slightly ahead of the Department at 75.06%. Auxiliary 12102 is number 1 and has reached the 100% mark early! Three other Auxiliaries are over 80% and moving up fast! My goal for the year is to prove we "believe" in our Veterans. Everything we do will be to benefit/support our Veterans! Our logo is the bumblebee as we have found that according to the laws of physics a bumblebee, with its tiny wings is unable to fly. However, the bumblebee does not know this so it flies anyway! As the bumblebee, the Auxiliary this year finds nothing we cannot do for our

Veterans. We are all working hard to be bumblebees and you will see us buzzing all over the Department. We “believe” in you - our Veterans, and there is nothing we cannot or are not unwilling to do to support you! Please do not hesitate to call on any of us. Never forget that I “believe” in you and am always welcome to offer you my personal support.

Hugs
Beth 

Beth Tufts, President
VFW Auxiliary
Department of South Carolina
2022-2023

Things You Should Know

1. District Commanders are part of the governing body pursuant to Section 504; however pursuant to Section 521, each member of the Department Convention possessing more than one qualification for membership in the Department Convention shall have no more than one vote. This means a District Commander who is also a Post Commander and also a Delegate can only choose one qualification to cast their vote between those three qualifications.
2. Elected Post Officers do not assume positions until the State Commander is sworn in.
3. The Honoring Our Pact Act was approved by the House and sent to the Senate. The Senate approved it with some changes, so it was sent back to the House. If the House signs it without changes, it will go to the President for his signature.
4. The official uniform of the VFW is the hat. The uniform for SC is hat, white shirt, blue coat, grey pants or skirt. Black ties for funerals.
5. Thank you all. I, Janet Chisolm-Richard is your new State Junior Vice Commander.
6. Edwin (Ted) Tufts is our National Council Member.
7. Beth Tufts is our State President.
8. Our Post Senior Vice Commander was at the election along with the delegates.
9. Rodney Burne is new State Judge Advocate (District 8).
10. Ella Calvert was re-elected as our State Quartermaster (District 2); Wilton Fowler our State Chaplain, and Bailey Bryant our State Surgeon.
11. Our new State Commander is Edward (Ed) Stefanak, (District 8).
12. Our State Senior Vice Commander is James (Jim) Fox.
13. Our new State Adjutant is Kevin Joy, State Inspector-Eddie Williams.
14. Our District Leaders are Curtis Peterson, Commander and Sharen Peterson, President.

JANET CHISOLM-RICHARD

Department Jr. Vice Commander



2022-2023 Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

Now is the time to start working these programs. Due dates October 31 to the post and November 15th to the District.



District Convention 2022





2022 National Convention Kansas City



What's in the news for District 1 Posts.

Post 3433

Won the jeep drawing at the Department convention. It is being raffled off again by the post so see the Post President or Commander for raffle tickets.



Department President and District 1 commander in jail raising money for a post project.

Post 10624

A fundraiser dinner was held on July 15th for the National Home.

Post is getting ready for Pearl Harbor day December 7th. The wreath form and information are attached in the newsletter.

Next dinner is August 26 and is a fundraiser for the post VOD and PP program.



July 9th post held a membership drive at the Charleston Battery Soccer game. Working hard right up until the rain washed out the night.

Goose Creel VFW Post 10256

Volunteer at the Divine Redeemer Catholic school with a school-wide clean up on Saturday, July 23 from 9 am- 1 pm to get the school ready for the next school year. The school has a large veteran teacher and student population and are looking to strengthen our ties between the VFW and the school. Things that our post members completed were mopping/sweeping, dusting, pressure washing light louvers, and building furniture. Good job to Summer Mary, George White, Rob Moreno and Michael Goad. We all felt pride representing the Goose Creek VFW Post 10256.



June 25th VFW Post 10256 held our first quarterly Flag Retirement. We had over 200 flags to retire. We also had a great interview with "The Post and Courier" new paper on "How to Respectfully Dispose of Your Flag". The post and courier ran a front-page story on July 4th about how to respectfully dispose of a flag. The paper interviewed Michael Goad, Commander of Post 10256 and the procedure of flag retirement. Other interviews were with the American Legion and Goose Creek Fire department. Goose Creek Fire department did comment that if any one needs to retire a flag to bring them to the fire department and they will take them to the Goose Creek VFW for proper retirement.





Post 12102 at work.

Top Left—Commander Jacob at Memorial Day Ceremony.

Top Right—Comrade Karal receiving his 10 year pin.

Bottom—Auxiliary working spaghetti dinner fundraiser.



<i>District 1 Officers 2021-2022</i>		<i>District 1 Auxiliary Officers 2022-2023</i>	
Commander	Curtis W Peterson	President	Sharen Peterson
Sr. Vice Cmdr.	RC Woodberry	Sr. Vice President	Patrice Lamb
Jr. Vice Cmdr.	Rex Brown	Jr. Vice President	Lynn Holgate
Quartermaster	Dennis Hamilton	Treasurer	Sandy Roland
Adjutant	PSC Betty J Hilliard	Secretary	DonnaMarrie King
Chaplain	Charles P Blankin	Chaplain	Kelly Wiggins
Inspector	Robert W Holsclaw	Conductress	Betty Brewster
Judge Advocate	PSC Betty J Hilliard	Guard	Louise Greenhill
Surgeon	Henry C Gillam	Patriotic Instructor	Kathy Thomas
Trustee 1 yr.	Mike T Hadbavny	1 Year Trustee	Pat Pruitt
Trustee 2 yr.	Jim Barger	2 Year Trustee	Michele Jones
Trustee 3 yr.	Chris Manning	3 Year Trustee	Cliff Weaver
Service Officer	Ronnie L Jones		
Chief of Staff	Edwin A Tufts		
Patriots Pen	William J King		
Voice of Democracy	Janet Chisholm-Richard		
Teacher Awards	James 'Smokey' Stover		

District 1 Meetings 2022-2023

August 20, 2022 Saturday	Post 3433, Ladson, SC Eat @ 1:00, Meet @ 2:00	SOI/Meeting
Nov 19, 2022 Saturday	Walterboro ELKS Lodge Meet @ 1:00	236 Milestone Ln Walterboro SC 29488 Travel to Victory House to preset gifts
Feb 25, 2023 Saturday	Post 3433 Ladson, SC Eat @ 1:00, Meet @ 2:00	10154 Bell Wright Rd, Summerville SC Awards/Meeting
May 13, 2023 Saturday	Post 9509, Moncks Corner, SC Eat @ 1:00, Meet @ 2:00	1141 S Live Oak Dr, Moncks Corner SC Convention

Jul 31, 2022

Aug 6, 2022	Trustee Report Due School of Instruction	Headquarters, Columbia	10:00 am
Aug 20, 2022	School of Instruction	Post 3433 Ladson	1:00 pm
Aug 28, 2022	District Recruiting Event Holy	City Brewing (All invited)	10:30 am
Aug 31, 2022	Commanders/Quartermaster	Bond Due	
Sept 11, 2022	Patriots Day	Headquarters, Columbia	TBD
Sept 14, 2022	Auxiliary Birthday (1914)		
Sept 16, 2022	POW/MIA Day	All VFW Posts	
Sept 17, 2022	International Food Festival	Post 3433 Ladson	3:00 pm
Sept 29, 2022	VFW Birthday (1899)		

Oct 15, 2022	District 1 Round Table	Mt Pleasant Post 10624	1:00 pm
Oct 27- 30, 2022	Southern Conference North Carolina		
Oct 22, 2022	Trunk or Treat still in the works	Headquarters, Columbia	TBD
Oct 31, 2022	Audits Due to Department QM		
Oct 31, 2022	VOD, PP, and Teachers Due to Post Chairperson		
Nov 5, 2022	Department CoA Columbia Headquarters		10:00 am
Nov 11, 2022	Veterans Day		
Nov 15, 2022	Due to District 1 PP, VOD and Teachers		
Nov 19, 2022	District Meeting ELK Walterboro SC		
Nov 24, 2022	Day of Feasting and family Happy Thanksgiving		
Nov 26 – Dec 4	District Commander and President on Vacation		
Dec 7, 2022	Pearl Harbor Day at USS Yorktown Wreath Ceremony		10:00 am
Dec 15, 2022	PP, VOD, Teachers and Youth Cadet due to Headquarters		
Dec 17, 2022	Wreaths across America	Beaufort, SC	
Dec 25, 2022	Merry Christmas		
Dec 31, 2022	District Dues due		
Jan 1, 2023	Happy New Years		
Jan 21, 2023	Joint District 1 Round Table Post 3433 Ladson, SC		1:00 pm
Jan 30, 2023	Audits due to Department QM		
Feb 16-19, 2023	Department Conference	Embassy Suites	Columbia
Feb 25, 2023	District 1 Awards Ceremony	Post 3433 Ladson, SC	1:00 pm
Mar 1, 2023	Scout of Year		
Mar 25, 2023	Medal of Honor Day		
Mar 29, 2023	Viet Nam Veterans Day		
Mar 31, 2023	Jackie D Martin Volunteer Award due to District Commander		
Apr 1, 2023	All Awards due to headquarters		
Apr 9, 2023	Happy Easter		
Apr 15, 2023	Auxiliary Program Judging Columbia		
Apr 22, 2023	District 1 Round Table Post 3433 Time 1 pm		
Apr 29, 2023	District Picnic? Audits due to Department QM		
May 6, 2023	Beth's Homecoming Post 3433		10:00 am
May 13, 2023	District Convention	Post 9509 Moncks Corner, SC	1:00 pm
May 19 and 20	Department Commanders Home coming Spartanburg SC		
May 29, 2023	Memorial Day		
Jun 22- 25, 2023	Department Convention		

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New number, same support

Dial 988 then Press 1



Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony

Date: December 7, 2022

Time: 11am

Where: Patriots Point - YORKTOWN

40 Patriots Point Road Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464



Immediately following Ceremony - Lunch at:

VFW Post 10624 - Mt. Pleasant

1411 Stuart Engals Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 843-884-0062



PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL CEREMONY

7-Dec-22

Ceremony Starts - 11am

Wreath Order Form

Organization Name

(example: VFW Post 10624 and Auxiliary)

Person (s) Throwing Wreath for
the Organization listed above

(example: Commander John Smith and President Jane Doe)

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Number of Wreaths:

\$35 per Wreath

Please Send Payments To:

VFW Post 10624
Attention: Bill King/Pearl Harbor
1411 Stuart Engals Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Wreath orders and payments must be received by **NOVEMBER 1, 2022** in order to ensure order being filled. Wreaths will be delivered to the Yorktown. Any Questions contact:

Bill King

OR

Donna Marie King

billking747fe@gmail.com

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Cell phone number: 843-270-2575

Cell phone number: 843-343-8202

Please include your correct mailing address:

****Please print legibly for accuracy in record keeping****