

JOHN M. DANGERFIELD VFW POST 9509 & AUXILIARY

June 2025 Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF SHANNON GASKINS: POST COMMANDER

Comrades,

We have officially kicked off our fiscal year, and while it is only just beginning, there is a strong sense that this could be one of our best years yet.

This month, we had the distinct honor of presenting Jonathan Rummel with the Patriot's Pen Award and Georgia E. Amick with the Voice of Democracy Award. Listening to these two young individuals sharing their perspectives on today's society was truly eye-opening and inspiring.

We were also privileged to witness Mr. Lou receive his Quilt of Valor – always an incredibly emotional and patriotic moment. These

ceremonies serve as powerful reminders of the values we hold dear and the importance of recognizing those who exemplify them.



This month, we tried something a little different – and it paid off in a big way!

Over the 4th of July weekend, we held our chicken dinners. Not only was it a hit with the community, but it also gave us an incredible opportunity to give back. Thanks to your support, the Post was able to donate 28 meals to our local fire department and police department – right during one of their busiest times of the year. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make this possible. Community, service, and good food – that's what we're all about!

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!!



VFW POST 9509 BUSINESS CONT.

As August Approaches – A Message to Our Volunteers as we turn the corner into August, we enter the busiest and most demanding stretch of our year. From now through December, we will take on some of our largest and most meaningful events—starting with the Fly-In, heading into turkey shoot season, and finishing strong with our annual Christmas party.

Along the way, we'll come together for Trunk or Treat, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America, Pearl Harbor Remembrance, and the Christmas Parade—on top of all our regular food nights and activities.

None of this happens without the time, heart, and effort of our incredible volunteers. Help is always needed and always appreciated. But through it all, let us remember we are volunteers. What drives us is our deep commitment to the Veterans, our shared sense of family, and our dedication to serving the community we love. Thank you, truly, for everything you do.

Steak Prices Have Changed Due To The Rising Cost of Food! Starting August 2nd the price will be \$22.00 per Steak Meal.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR GENERAL MEETING FOR COMRADES IS ON AUGUST 18TH AT 7:00PM.

New Bar Policy: On general meeting nights, alcohol sales will end at 6:30 PM and soda sales at 6:45 PM to ensure all attendees can arrive at the meeting on time.

A few important dates to keep in mind:

- **August 2nd - Steak Night**
- **August 4th - Coast Guard Birthday**
- **August 10th - Fly-In Berkeley Airport**
- **August 23rd - District 1 Meeting 10 AM Post 3433**

Do not forget about our weekly Food Nights!

If you are interested in volunteering for the upcoming year, whether for food nights or any other activities, please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know. Your involvement is always appreciated!

Yours in Comradeship,

Shannon Gaskins, Post Commander

“THE TRUE SOLDIER FIGHTS NOT BECAUSE HE HATES WHAT IS IN FRONT OF HIM, BUT BECAUSE HE LOVES WHAT IS BEHIND HIM.”

- G.K. CHESTERTON

GRILLED AND COOKED TO ORDER

STEAK NIGHT

SATURDAY

AUGUST 2ND & AUGUST 16TH



**Steak Dinner
\$22.00**

**Chicken Dinner
\$12.00**

**CHOICE OF STEAK OR CHICKEN;
SERVED WITH BAKED POTATO, SALAD,
SAUTÉED ONIONS AND MUSHROOMS**

From 6 PM - 8 PM

WING NIGHT

THURSDAY

AUGUST 7TH & AUGUST 21ST



6 Wings
\$6.00

Fries
\$3.00

FRIED CHICKEN WINGS WITH CHOICE OF
SAUCE, FRENCH FRIES (SOLD SEPERATELY)

From 6 PM - 8 PM

BREAKFAST CLUB FLY-IN
PANCAKES
SUNDAY, AUG 10TH

BERKELEY COUNTY AIRPORT
616 WHITESVILLE RD, MONCK'S CORNER, SC



Open to Public
\$10 Adults
\$5 Kids 10 & Under

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, BACON, EGGS,
JUICE AND COFFEE

PROVIDED BY VFW POST 9509

From 8 AM - 10 AM

CHICKEN SAUSAGE
HOAGIES
THURSDAY
AUGUST 14TH



CHICKEN SAUSAGE HOAGIE WITH
ONIONS & PEPPERS. SERVED WITH FRIES

From 6 PM - 8 PM



TACO

THURSDAY

August 28th

Taco Salad

\$7.00

Quesadilla

\$4.00



**TACOS SALADS OR
QUESADILLA — BEEF ONLY**

Start At 6 PM – 8 PM

FROM THE DESK OF CHRIS GIARDINI: AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Auxiliary Brothers, Sisters and Comrades:

I hope everyone is well and in good spirits.

We had a great first Auxiliary meeting for July. Georgia came in and read her winning entry for the Voice of Democracy and received her award and flag. Congratulations Georgia, well done!

Also to witness the Quits of Valor presentation to Comrade Lou was amazing, to say the least. From the breakdown of what the parts of the quilt means to the heartwarming surprise, this presentation will be heartfelt for a long time. Well-deserved Lou! Thank you for your service.

To all Auxiliary annual members, if you pay your dues by August 31st, you will be entered into a drawing for a paid lifetime membership.

August 10th is the Berkeley County Airport Fly-in breakfast. We could use some more volunteers. We have an enjoyable time, and you get to meet pilots/families from all over the country and the planes they fly. Would you believe there were a couple of 16-year-old pilots?

Sr. Vice President John Woods and I along with Auxiliary members attended the Department School of Instruction in Columbia, we came away with a lot of useful information including the Buddy Poppy Memorial Display from each Auxiliary that will only be at the Convention this year. We will be appointing a committee at our August meeting to head up the construction of our display. I will post the dates the committee will meet once they are made for those that would like to participate.

Chair Members were appointed and are as follows:

- Americanism Chair - Patrice Lamb
- Aux. Outreach Chair - Jennie Edwards
- Buddy Poppy and National Home Chair - Gabrielle Giardini
- Historian and Media Relations Chair - Stacey Benson
- Veterans & Family Support Chair - Rick Walls
- Youth Activities Chair - Joanne Neuner
- Membership Chair - Abby Lilly

August 23rd at 10am School of Instruction at Summerville VFW. All are welcome to attend.

Our Auxiliary received 2 awards. The 1st award is for Youth Activities; we came in 1st place. The 2nd award was for Auxiliary Outreach where we placed 2nd. I would like to thank all of those involved. I believe this speaks volumes of the hard work and dedication from our Auxiliary post members.

Thank you all for your dedication and support to this great Organization.

Chris Giardini, President



JULY HIGHLIGHTS: MEMORIES IN THE MAKING

PATRIOT'S PEN AWARD AND WITH THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARD.



QUILTS OF VALOR HONOREE: MR. LOU



JULY HIGHLIGHTS: MEMORIES IN THE MAKING

CELEBRATING MRS PATTS 80TH BIRTHDAY



JULY HIGHLIGHTS: MEMORIES IN THE MAKING

CHICKEN BBQ NIGHT



DONATING 28 MEALS TO OUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT



AUGUST 2025 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29 POOL LEAGUE TEAM 2 @1915	30	31	1	2 COAST GUARD CAKE CUT @1730 STEAK NIGHT @1800
3 IOWA @1530	4 COAST GUARD B-DAY	5 POOL LEAGUE TEAM 1 @1915	6	7 WING NIGHT @1800	8	9
10 FLY-IN @0800 WATKINS GLEN @1400	11	12 POOL LEAGUE TEAM 1 @1915	13 HOUSE COMMITTEE @1830	14 CHICKEN SAUSAGE HOOGIE W/PEPPERS @1800	15	16 STEAK NIGHT @1800 RICHMOND @1930
17 ABATE MEETING @1400	18 GENERAL MEETING @1900 AUX/COM	19 POOL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS	20	21 WING NIGHT @1800	22	23 DAYTONA @1930
24	25	26 POOL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS	27	28 TACO SALAD AND QUESADILLA @1800	29	30
31 DARLINGTON @1800	1	Notes				