

# GATOR EXPRESS

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# JANUARY 2018

## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We have had a good year and I am looking forward to having a great 2018.

Jammin the Creek went off very well in spite of the weather. I must say, it was a little on the chilly side. No, just down right cold and misty! All of the bands did well and seemed to have a great time. Thank you to the Auxiliary, SAL and TCS for being our food vendors. We cannot thank Kim and Bryon enough for putting this together and making it a Huge success. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!

I, also, want to thank all who supported Needy Families, ensuring that those families that needed assistance received what was necessary to make their Christmas great and meaningful. Thanks to Turkey, Bat, Shelagh, Colleen and William for doing the leg work and for gathering all of the materials, gifts and toys for these families.

Remember our Servicemen and Women who are protecting us.

**Jim Kvam  
Commander**

### **ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

**If you have NOT RENEWED your membership for 2018 as of December 31, 2017, you have temporarily lost your post privileges. Please take time and renew so that you may continue to enjoy your Post. There will be a card check at the door starting January 1, 2018. Renewal forms and 2018 cards will be available.**

**William 'Bill' Simpson  
1st Vice Commander**

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members: **Gordon Jones, Gary Lamm, Jeffrey Salata, Shirley Zinn, Martin Gavin.**

Thank you for making **OUR** Post, **Your** Post and being part of **one of the Largest Posts** in the State of South Carolina.

#### \*TAPS\*

It is my duty to report with great sadness that Legionnaires **Wofford I. Todd**, have reported to the Supreme Commander. The Legion family greatly grieves the loss of these Comrades. May Almighty God give their families comfort and strength during this period of need. The Legion family sends their love and support during this time of grief.

**William 'Bill' Simpson,  
1st Vice Commander**

### **\*2ND VICE COMMANDER COMMENTS\***

I would like to thank the Tin Can Sailors, The Ladies Auxiliary, Voiture 1067, Cabane 1067, The Sons of the American Legion and L&S Electronics for their generous donations to the Needy Family campaign. I would, also, like to thank Shelagh Lammers and Lori Murphy for all the assistance and time they put in on this project. I would, also, like to thank all those who donated and those who helped sort and deliver. We assisted 16 families with 43 children total.

I would like to thank all the volunteers and vendors who helped with the Jammin' the Creek event. The bands were awesome, and the weather could've been better, but a good time was had by those who braved the elements.

Because the Christmas and New Year's parties will happen after this goes to print, I will give the reports on them in February's newsletter.

I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and looking forward to a Happy New Year.

We are working on the Super Bowl and Daytona 500 parties and something for Valentine's Day. Check the website and/or Post for flyers. We will put this info out as soon as everything is in place.

**Brian 'Bat' Masterson  
2nd Vice Commander**

### **ARE YOU HUNGRY????!!!**

**You can cure that hunger by receiving a FREE STEAK DINNER here at the Post at our monthly steak dinner beginning January 2018. Just sign up a NEW MEMBER. It is that easy. Let's see how hungry you are! Yum! Yum! Come and get it.**

**William 'Bill' Simpson,  
1st Vice Commander**

## TIN CAN SAILORS

Shipmates,

I want to thank all that participated in our food booth for Jammin' the Creek. It did not go off as well as thought, due to weather conditions, but we did the best we could.

My wife and I would like to wish all a safe and Merry Christmas Holiday and a happy and prosperous New Year.

I will be out of the country for the January meeting, but Orval has agreed to step in. Need to discuss the next BBQ in March, pre-plans for Liberty Call in April. Thanks,  
**Dean Nimocks, Skipper**

### \*CHAPLAIN'S CORNER\*

12/6-6 volunteers 72 patients  
12/13-11 volunteers 74 patients

Thanks go out to Bill Proudfoot, Bruce Blodgett, Frank Greis, Johnny Johnson, Bill Simpson, Dave Hill, Michele DeJonghe-Hill, Deb Reynolds, Bernie Buldoc, and others from time to time, for visiting with the veterans. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Please, keep me informed of anyone in sickness or distressed as well as any deaths. You can contact me by calling/texting at 843-469-8154 or email me at: [williamestreuber@bellsouth.net](mailto:williamestreuber@bellsouth.net).

**Bill Streuber**  
**Chaplain, VAVS Director**

### NOVEMBER FINANCES

Gross Profits - \$24,403.71

Total Expenses - \$23,569.73

Net Income - \$ 833.98

### Trivia Question

In phonetic alphabet, what is 'No'?

Nevada October North Oxygen  
November Oscar Navy Orange

Answer to last months trivia question was  
New Mexico.

### KITCHEN

The buffet breakfast will be on January 7th this month.

Wings will return January 10 as a test.

Once again THANK YOU to all volunteers. Keep up the good work!

We are always adding new items to the menus. We welcome any reasonable suggestions.

**Mike Porcelli**  
**Kitchen Manager**

### POST SERVICE OFFICER

#### Veteran Tax Assistance

Are you an individual filer making less than \$65,000.00 per year? Or, Joint filer making less than \$95,000.00 per year?

#### File your taxes at no cost at [sethrieve.org](http://sethrieve.org).

- \* Access safe, secure, confidential at no cost.
- \* Submit your taxes electronically to ensure quick filing.
- \* File up to 3 years back taxes.
- \* File your own taxes or find a Counselor at SCThrive tax site in your community to help you file.
- \* Receive your refund (in most cases within 5-7 business days).
- \* Maximize your refund and tax credits.
- \* Determine whether you qualify for the Earned income credit (EIC), child tax credit

### \*40 & 8 REPORT\*

Happy New Year! Welcome 2018 in by attending Joint Carolinas in Greensboro, NC. Remember, if we want them to visit us, we must visit them. Promenade is the 26th and is followed by the Wreck Committee Meeting.

As you know, membership cards are due. See Bat for your 2018 card.

Now is the time to sell pins and gather monies and numbers for the programs in order to have time to get it all done before reports are due. Time to start preparing to run for an elected office. Whether it is in the Locale, Grande or at the Nationale level, please consider stepping up.

The color is Gold.

**Deb Reynolds, Chef de Gare**

### \*CANTEEN CORNER\*

I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to the many people who helped with Jammin' the Creek. Special thank you to Josh Vanover with Zeppelin Studios and Gar Linder for covering the event. Our food vendors: Mike Porcelli and Ron Coward representing the Legion; Clyde Chandler and members of the SAL; Dean Nimocks, Don Pace and members of the TCS; Lori Murphy for the Auxiliary and Pastor Robert Smith with his food truck. Gate helpers: Bruce Blodgett and Lori; Karen Bevan, Jim Kvam, Bill Simpson and Gloria Hill. Thanks to Team BACA for coordinating the parking. Our judges: Susan Lent; Anne Carter; David Garritt; Kay Beilstein, Aracelis Craven, Donnie McKeown, Mark Richard and Marisol Alequin. Thank you to Chris Beilstein, Matt Perry and John McCambridge for taking care of the beer truck. Barbara Berger, Vickie Kiley, Ann Kvam and Shelagh Lammers for maintaining the hospitality room and the many merchandise vendors from Reps Rocking the Low Country. Our bartenders and staff did an outstanding job all weekend long, keeping the Post clean and the drinks ready! Huge thank you to Lowcountry Communications for handling the sound for this event and the 15 bands that participated in our first battle. Congratulations to the winners: 1st place - Old 52, 2nd Place - Joshua Jarman and 3rd place - Elaborate Shadows. Thank you to our many sponsors, without them we would not have been able to host this event! The weather truly worked against us for this event but we persevered and while the turnout was not what we hoped for from our membership, we still had a successful event bringing in just under \$5,000 for the Post. We will begin planning another battle for the Spring and hope to see each of you there!

**Kim Lied**  
**Club Manager**

**THE AUXILIARY ASKS YOU TO  
PLEASE BRING YOUR UN-  
WANTED  
COUPONS TO SUPPORT MILI-  
TARY FAMILIES OVERSEAS  
\*BOX IS IN THE BAR\***

**CONGRATULATIONS GO TO RON  
CHAMBERS FOR WINNING THE  
SHOTGUN RAFFLE!**



### CABANE 1067

Happy Holidays, Dames.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe Happy New Year. As we go into the New Year, let us not forget our Veterans. I went, with the Voiture, downtown to the VA to deliver the Christmas trees and cards that we put together for them to go with the cookies, bananas and soda. It was great to go and see the patients, and not only wish them a Merry Christmas, but also to thank them for their service! I hope to see everyone in Greensboro, NC for Joint Carolinas on the 19th and 20th. And as always, Kathy is waiting to give everyone their 2018 membership cards, so please make sure you see her to get yours.

**For God and Country,  
Michele DeJonghe-Hill  
La Presidente**

### \*AUXILIARY NEWS\*

No Auxiliary meeting in January! January 13 is our District Meeting at our Post in the ballroom. Registration is from 9-10 am. The meeting starts at 10 am. Lunch is \$7. Our State Officers will be at this meeting so please attend this important meeting. Steak night is January 18th, we need desserts. Donate if you can. January 20, we are having a Soup Buffet Dinner from 4-8 pm Cost will be \$8. Your choice of soup or mix and match. Jr. Girls will meet on January 21st from 2-3 pm. Jr. Girls meetings will be on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2 pm. The Auxiliary wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

**For God and Country  
Lori Murphy  
Auxiliary President**

### LEGION RIDERS

First things first, I want to say that I'm sorry for not sending in an article for the December newsletter. Now, moving on...Last month we, as Legion Riders, were busy with getting sponsors for the "Wreaths Across America". We had 801 wreaths this year. That was enough to cover the Veterans in "The Garden of Valor" section, plus about 200 more for veterans in other parts of the cemetery. Great Job to all of our Legion Rider members that helped out!!! We had a good turn out for the ceremony. I, also, want to thank the Legion Riders for the donations to the Needy Family program at the Post. We had a great time at our Christmas party, glad to see all of our members show up. There isn't much going on in January. We will be talking about the Legacy Ride scheduled for April. **The Legion Riders monthly meeting will be moved to the 13th of January at 10:00 on the ballroom side of the Post.** The reason for the date change is due to the ALRSC quarterly meeting on the 20th of January in Columbia. We will be having a ride after our monthly meeting, it will be a mystery ride.

**Bruce Richburg, Director**

### SAL SQUADRON 166

Please renew if you have not already done so. After December 31st, you will not be allowed in the Post.

See Fred Kiley to pay your dues. He will have the 2018 cards on him.

**Clyde Chandler  
Commander**

### CRAFT/HOBBY GATHERING

There will be a Craft/Hobby get together at the Post each Wednesday from 10am-2pm. Call Shelagh Lammers for information at 843-871-6546