



THE BUGLE CALL

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Commander's Greeting

Bucky Walter, Commander



As a veteran of World War II, my generation is sometimes referred to as the greatest generation. I personally believe each generation is the greatest generation; as all serve their country.

As to World War II, We were made well aware that a war cannot be won without three things. First, you must have someone to manufacture the supplies needed to arm our fighting men. It took between seven and 10 tons of supplies to maintain one soldier for one year. These supplies did not just appear. The tanks, planes, ships, ammo and other fighting essentials were made in the gold ole USA. When you see Patton rambling through Europe in his American built tanks, and you see over 2,500 Merchant ships off shore on D-Day, you realize that somebody had to make these weapons and get them to the fighting forces.

The men of the Merchant Marines were responsible for delivering over 90% of these supplies to our fighting forces; many times for over 3,000 miles of open sea.

Last, but not least, are the people of the USA, who left their homes and went into factories to produce these weapons, etc. Many of these workers were women. They are best symbolized as Rosie the Riveters. These women not only worked sometimes 12 hours per day in the factory, but also instilled in their children the spirit of true patriotism. They taught them to buy War stamps, which they pasted onto cards until they had enough to buy a War Bond. They made their children understand why because of rationing, they would be limited in some of their goodies. They explained that the Blue Star in the window was for their dads, brothers and sisters who were away in the war. Sometimes, the job of raising these children was left to older siblings. All did a wonderful job.

I feel that we owe much to these Rosies. They manufactured enough supplies to not only arm the US forces, but to arm a lot of our allies. Without these supplies, the war could not be won.

As a veteran of that great war, I can only say: "Thanks, Rosies. You made my job a lot easier. You deserve more recognition than you have been getting."

**New Hours of Operation
Tuesday - Saturday, 4pm until Close**

March History Notes

1871 – Naval Medical Corps established

1966 – Launch of Gemini 8

1942 – First German sub sank by naval air

1994 – Women assigned to combat ships

1947 – Ensign John Lee first Black Naval officer

2003 – Operation Iraqi Freedom Begins

Veterans Advocacy

Michele Pollock

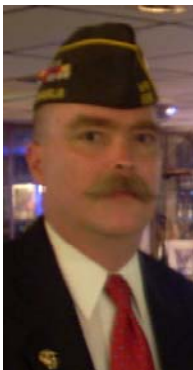


When you hear the term "advocate" what comes to mind? According to Brainy Quote, it is: To plead in favor of, to defend by argument, before a tribunal or the public to support, vindicate or recommend publically". Now the better question is, "How do YOU act as an

advocate for our veterans? The VFW has a proud history of supporting the veterans of our nation. Not only do we fight for their rights at a state level, but we have lobbyists at the national level as well. In addition, we offer a place for veterans of all age, race and creed to come together and share the special bond that the military experience creates. Since the beginning of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars there have been a number of veteran advocacy groups that have been created to deal with the needs of a new generation of war veterans. Kelly Ingram will be sponsoring a "Veteran Advocates Banquet" on Friday, June 10, 2011 to provide an opportunity for these groups to come together and network. Some of the groups participating are: Alabama Veterans Initiative, DreamPeace, Soldiers' Angels, and Three Hots and a Cot. The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will be present as well as the American Legion. There will be a Cocktail Hour "Meet and Greet" beginning at 4 pm which will be followed by a catered buffet at 7 pm. An awards ceremony recognizing the "Veteran Advocate of 2011" and the "Birmingham Veteran of 2011". Your help will be needed in order to make this event a success! If you would like to participate in the event or know of a veteran advocates group that would like to be a part of our event, please contact me directly either by email (mpellock@mindspring.com) or phone (205-218-2855). Please keep in mind that I do have a young child and would appreciate calls before 9 pm.

From the Senior Vice

Gordon S. Hearn



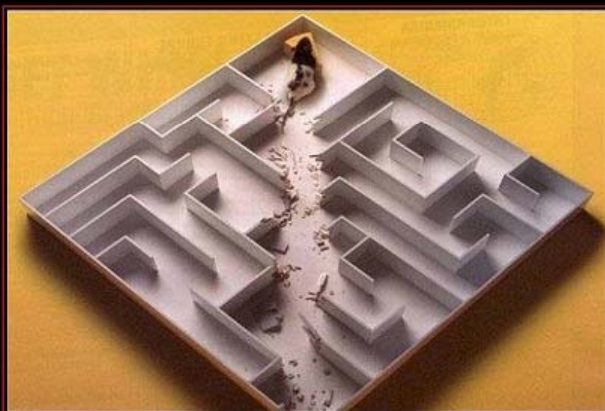
We are continuing to welcome new American Legionnaires into membership in the VFW and vice versa. Nominations for our new officers is fast approaching and I hope everyone will turn out to cast their votes. When you vote, ask yourself if you will be willing to stand alongside your new officers, support them, and be there for them when they call on you to help with post projects. An officer is only able to carry out his duties successfully if members are there to support him.

Chaplain's Corner

Roger Salter, Chaplain



Ruby Gamble, wife of Member Herb "Gator" Kepplinger, passed away. Please keep Herb in your prayers. If anyone knows someone sick or in the hospital, please call e at (205) 602-9996 or rogersanta3@yahoo.com.



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If you don't understand this,
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Don't get left behind in the Post elections!



Veterans Advocacy Banquet

JUNE 10, 2011

PROGRAMME

Silent Auction

4 o'clock - Meet & Greet

7 o'clock - Buffet Dinner

Following - Awards Presentation

AWARDS

Veteran of 2011

Veterans Advocate of 2011

YOUR HOSTS

Alabama Veterans Initiative

DreamPeace

3 Hots & a Cot

Soldiers' Angels

Blue Star Salute

Kelly Ingram VFW & Auxiliary

Maximum seating - 250 guests.

Contact Michele Pellock (205) 218-2855 or mpollock@mindspring.com for passes.

WEEKLY MUSICAL LINE-UP



Magic City Boppers

Tuesdays, 8pm - www.magiccityboppers.com

Call the post for dates



Birmingham Beach Shaggers

Wednesdays, 8pm - www.beachshaggers.com

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Show Boat

First Fridays, 8pm



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2011-2012 Elections

March Monthly Meeting
Nominations from the floor

April Monthly Meeting
Secret Ballot Voting

May Monthly Meeting
Installation of Officers