



John Wiley Brock

VFW Post 6683

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June 2023 Newsletter

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Hello Jim,

John Wiley Brock Post 6683 VFW sends newsletters, other emails, and social media posts to our members, families, volunteers, and interested citizens in and around the Enterprise and New Brockton Alabama communities. Every event we sponsor, host, or participate in directly supports our IRC 501(c)(19) nonprofit organization. Our fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational organization helps Veterans and supports the greater Wiregrass community.

Note from the Commander

Greetings Comrades,

June has been a busy month thus far. For example, on the weekend of 9-11 June, our post participated in multiple activities: first on 10 June we took part in the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Sam Boswell Honda and led the 13 folds. Again, on 10 June we had a booth, staffed by multiple Post members, at the Military Appreciation Event in downtown Enterprise. And lastly the Quartermaster, Jr. Vice Commander and I participated in the Department Convention. Big congrats to everyone who participated, as at all three events, we successfully recruited at least one new member with a total of six new members over the weekend. I am a firm believer that if we keep doing what we do, and work to not only better the lives of Veterans in our Community, but the Community as a whole, we will continue to be a successful organization.

At our post meeting on 13 June, I shared the news that not only was our post recognized for receiving All State status, but the post was presented a certificate of achievement for our participation in all the VFW Programs throughout the year. None of this would be possible without the hard work of every member of our post. This is probably not the first time you heard me say this and it will not be the last, but it is an absolute honor to be your representative.

Please remember that there is no Post Fellowship Meal for July due to the long Fourth of July Weekend. I hope you all have a great weekend celebrating the Independence of the great nation we live in, and I see you back safely at our next post membership meeting on Tuesday July 11th.

As always, remember that this is your Post, I as well as the other elected leaders are simply your representatives. Make sure you come support your Post, express your ideas, participate in our community, and enjoy the comradery of your fellow members. Our Post is only as good as we make it together and we can always get better.

Post Commander
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Quartermaster/Adjutant Notes

The third Saturday of each week is Post Clean-up. This past week, three people attended. They were able to install a new front door threshold and weatherproof the door. Thankfully, the Commander hired a professional lawn crew (out-of-pocket) to mow the grounds before several rental prior to rentals and bad weather. Please, help your post with any amount of time and effort on that one morning a month we set aside for post maintenance.

Additionally, we need to support District 7 with a drawing to support Youth and Education programs. And realistically, it supports our Post's program submissions since we have a good track record of winning! Please visit <https://vfwaldist7.org/> From there, your will see the drawing for the US Flag Coin Holder. Thank you!

Jim Steddum
Quartermaster/Adjutant
JWB Post 6683 VFW of Enterprise



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From the Post Service Officer

With the summer storms hitting strong, so are all the things going on with your Veterans Benefits. This past week, President Biden signed bill 777 into law, Veteran's Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2023. This legislation will increase certain VA benefits including disability compensation, clothing allowances, and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) for surviving spouses and children to reflect increases in the cost of living. It will directly benefit millions of disabled veterans and military survivors nationwide. We won't know what that percentage will be this since the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for determining the

COLA is off of the July, August, September inflation rate(s). However, this law guarantees the COLA increase will match the same increase for Federal employees. Also, PACT Act claims are increasing. I urge you to discuss the PACT Act presumptive conditions with your fellow Veterans and their families and have them seek assistance if they believe they suffer from one of these conditions. There are more than 20 burn pit and other toxic exposure presumptive conditions based on the PACT Act. This change expands benefits for Gulf War era and post 9/11 Veterans.

These cancers are now presumptive:

- Brain Cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Head cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphoma of any type
- Melanoma
- Neck Cancer of any type
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type

These illnesses are now presumptive:

- Asthma that was diagnosed after service
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Pleuritis
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis

Mike Sutterfield
Post Service Officer

Our next meeting is July 11, 2023, at 1800 hours.

**Community
Calendar**



4th of July Events in the Wiregrass

Here is a list of some of the events that you may be interested in:

- Fort Novosel Freedom Fest, 30 June 2023 4-9pm (allow time for base access if necessary)
- National Peanut Festival Fair Grounds, 1 July 2023 5-10:30pm
- Fun on the Square, Headland, AL, 4 July 2023 4-9:00pm

Community Fellowship Meal!

The Enterprise Community is invited to join the VFW on **THURSDAY, 3 August**, at the Post for the monthly Community Fellowship Dinner anytime between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm - Dine-in or Take Out. Theme: **TACO NIGHT!**



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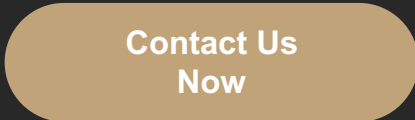


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