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2021-2022

Roll Call

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Need help with filing VA claims?

PLEASE CONTACT OUR POST SERVICE OFFICER FOR ASSISTANCE.

Thomas Grandinettie

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FROM THE JR VICE COMMANDER

Mike Sutterfield

Good Day, Comrades! It seems that we may have COVID on the run, but there are war winds brewing in Eastern Europe. Our thoughts and prayers will always be with those that fight oppression. Please keep our Service Members in Europe in your thoughts and prayers, as well as the People of Ukraine as they live, fight, and die in these dark times.

There are a TON of things happening in our fair city. Please take a look at the calendar for March here in the newsletter. There is also a large amount of things going on in April, as well.

In this Month's Newsletter, you'll find information on the City's Day of Service on 19 March. The Post was asked by Girl Scout Troop 9048, who meets at our Post, to assist in their Community Service this year. Also, our very own Dawn Johnson, spouse of CW5 (Ret) and Councilman Scottie Johnson, will be the Grand Marshall of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Tax season is upon us. If you need assistance with your taxes, there are several ways to receive it. Fort Rucker's Tax Office is back open this year after a few years' hiatus. They are located on the second floor of Building 5700. Also, H&R Block has an office within the PX.

This month, nominations are open for the Officer positions within the Post. According to the VFW Bylaws and Manual of Procedure, Section 216, the

following Officers are selected by the Post Membership: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and three Trustees. At the February meeting, the Post decided to have an open election. According to Section 217, any nominee shall have the opportunity to decline nomination for the office to which they have been nominated before nominations are closed. A member making the nomination of an absentee for any office shall have presented to the Adjutant, in writing, the consent of the member being nominated prior to the opening of nominations. Nominations of Post Officer shall open in March and remain open until the Post is ready to vote, provided, however, that when a poll system is used, as hereinafter described, nominations must be closed at the meeting prior to the election to allow the Adjutant to prepare a printed ballot.

Please prepare your nominations for Post Officers for the meeting on Tuesday, 8 March. Post Officers shall be elected in April. Absentee ballots and proxy ballots are prohibited by the Bylaws. The current Post Officers look forward to seeing as many members as possible in April.

Each of the Post Officers are for a term of one year, except for the Trustees which are elected to three year terms, one per year.

As we begin to come out of COVID restrictions, I look forward to seeing everyone at the Post and events throughout the City.



You are our Lord of Lord, King of all Kings. Watch over our men and women in uniform throughout this great land, the deep waters of the seas, the airways to continue protecting our Nation. Watch over our uniformed while they are serving in harms' way overseas on unfamiliar soil. Bring them back safe and those whom are lost, help us O God to bring that member home and pay homage and respect. All this we seek from You and asking Your blessing we go through life's battles.

In Christ most Holy Name, I pray thee.
AMEN.



Myroan Brown
Chaplain

***Count Your Blessings
Not Your Worries***



First Thessalonians 5:18 says, "In everything give thanks. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Sometimes we are a very unthankful people, when we stop and think of all that He has done for us and all that He is. That is the theme of the old song, "Count your blessings. Name them one by one. Count your many blessing, and see what God has done." But notice that that this Bible verse says, "in everything give thanks."

The United States Army Warrant Officer Association logo features an eagle with its wings spread, perched atop a shield containing the letters "USA". Below the shield, the letters "WOA" are displayed. The entire emblem is encircled by a gold border with the words "PROFESSIONALISM", "REPRESENTATION", and "RECOGNITION" inscribed at the top, bottom, and sides respectively.

Looking for Warrant Officers, past and present

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Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Vs

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Contributed by Angel de la Cruz



The **Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-EM)** is a United States

Armed Forces award created by George W. Bush on 12 March 2003, through Executive Order 13289. The medal recognizes those military service members who have deployed overseas in direct service to the War on Terror from 11 September 2001 to a date to be determined. Prior to 30 April 2005, the medal was awarded for service within Iraq and Afghanistan, but has been replaced with the Iraq Campaign Medal and Afghanistan Campaign Medal and now serves primarily as recognition for personnel who have deployed in support of the War on Terror to locations beyond Iraq and Afghanistan. In a similar fashion the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal is now issued instead for service in the fight against ISIS, with eligibility retroactive to 15 June 2014.

The War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal was designed by John Sproston of the Army's Institute of Heraldry



The **Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOT-SM)** is a military award of the United

States Armed Forces which was created through Executive Order 13289 on 12 March 2003, by President George W. Bush. The medal recognizes those military service members who have supported operations to counter terrorism in the War on Terror from 11 September 2001, to a date yet to be determined.

Due to the broadly-defined awarding criterion of "support duty", the GWOT-SM is a quasi-automatically-awarded medal similar to the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM), with the primary difference being that the NDSM is awarded instantly upon entering military service, whereas the GWOT-SM is awarded after thirty days of post-training active service.





IMPORTANT LEGISLATION INCLUDED IN FY 2022 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT (NDAA)

Contributed by: Mike Sutterfield

Attention Action Corps Members: Due to your hard work and dedicated advocacy, many provisions supporting service members, veterans, and their families were passed in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2022. We want to highlight a few provisions that could affect you or many of those on whose behalf you advocate. The NDAA contains over 700 provisions, including several pieces of VFW-supported legislation added as amendments:

- **Military Pay Raise.** Service members received a 2.7 percent increase in basic pay for calendar year 2022. This raise is the product of the automatic annual statutory calculation that is aligned to the Employment Cost Index.
- **Military Justice Reform** (Subtitles D and E). Sexual assault and harassment in the military are pervasive issues affecting an alarming number of service members, past and present. Provisions within these subtitles represent substantive changes in how the military handles these cases, including sexual assault investigations that will now be fully independent of chains of command.
- **The National Global War on Terrorism Memorial** (Sec. 6605). This authorizes a Global War on Terrorism memorial to be constructed on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The memorial for America's longest running war will be rightly placed among the war memorials of past generations so that future generations will always remember.
- **Updates and Preservation of Memorials to Chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery** (Sec. 584). This legislation authorizes needed updates and corrections to the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish chaplain memorials located at Arlington National Cemetery. Updates will include the addition of chaplains who have died in service to our nation as far back as World War II.
- **The Alexander Lofgren Veterans in Parks (VIP) Act** (Sec. 641). This legislation will provide free lifetime access to national parks and public lands that honor service members, veterans, and Gold Star families. The National Park Service offered free access through their annual America the Beautiful pass, but this law now creates an enduring lifetime benefit.
- **Improvement of Postpartum Care for Members of the Military and Dependents** (Sec. 707). This will improve postpartum care by creating clinical practice guidelines for postpartum care in military medical treatment facilities. Pelvic health assessment and treatment, and screening for postpartum depression will be addressed.
- **Pilot Program on Assistance for Mental Health Appointment Scheduling at Military Medical Treatment Facilities** (Sec. 734). This establishes a pilot program to assist in scheduling



mental health appointments to create a warm handoff and eliminate the barrier to gaps between appointments to ensure participants have continuity of mental health treatment.

- **Afghanistan War Commission Act of 2021** (Sec. 1094). This act establishes a commission charged with investigating all aspects of United States' activities in Afghanistan from June 1, 2001, through August 30, 2021. Points of emphasis will include but not be limited to United States policy objectives, efficacy of efforts, intelligence activities, and circumstances leading to the downfall of the Afghanistan National Defense Security Forces. The commission's final report will be released to the public.

- **Basic Needs Allowance for Members on Active Service in the Armed Forces** (Sec. 601). Food insecurity among military families is a critical issue impacting an estimated 160,000 troops. The newly created Basic Needs Allowance will bring relief to many active duty families by helping to ensure yearly gross household income is equivalent to 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as set by the Department of Health and Human Services.

- **Study on Employment of Military Spouses** (Sec. 567). Gainful employment for military spouses can be challenging for a variety of reasons including frequent relocations, licensure challenges, and child care access. This study directs a thorough evaluation of barriers leading to spouse unemployment and underemployment, as well as the identification of policy solutions.

- **Equal Incentive Pay for Members of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces** (Sec. 602). Recent wars and contingencies have highlighted disparities between the entitlements and benefits received by members of the active and reserve components. This policy change ensures incentive pay parity between members of the National Guard and Reserve, and those on active duty.

- **Standardization of Department of Defense Definitions for Terms Related to Suicide** (Sec. 726). Consistent suicide-related definitions and data collection are key to fully understanding suicide within the ranks. This provision will ensure core definitions and related data collection methods are established and standardized across the Department of Defense (DOD).

- **GAO Biennial Study on Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record Program** (Sec. 741). This legislation directs regular studies and reporting by the Government Accountability Office on the Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record (ILER) program. As a vital component of DOD and Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to align health care with individuals' unique exposures during service, these studies will help ensure the ILER program is functioning as intended.

- **Feasibility Study on Establishment of Housing History for Members of the Armed Forces** (Sec. 526). Veteran success after service is in part determined by having reliable housing. However, not all transitioning service members (TSMs) leave service with verifiable housing histories if they have lived only in government-provided housing. Born out of a VFW-SVA Legislative Fellow proposal, this study will determine the feasibility of providing TSMs with a housing history form that can demonstrate their reliability as tenants to prospective civilian landlords.

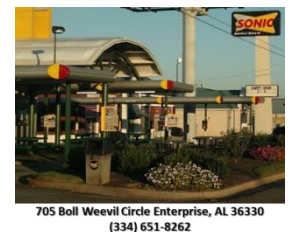
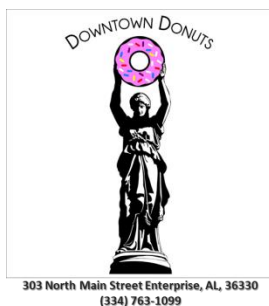
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-  **Pest Management Specialists, LLC**
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-  **Girl Scout Troop 9048**
-  **Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association Chapter 27-3**
-  **Above the Best Silver Chapter - US Army Warrant Officer Association**
-  **The Enterprise Chamber of Commerce**



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Join us on 19 March for the Enterprise Day of Service

29 March is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day. We will support the Vietnam Veterans Association to Honor our Vietnam Veterans!

MARCH - 2022

Meetings are every Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Enterprise City Council American Legion Chik-Fil-A Fundraiser	AUSA Board Meeting	WWVC Retiree Council AAMF		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		VFW Meeting SMAC		DAV Meeting		Enterprise St. Patrick's Day Parade. FOAA Family Day. CVMA Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Enterprise City Council		Business After Hours		Enterprise Day of Service
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			MVAC Meeting Quarterly Breakfast Hosted by the DAV	FOAA Grad Day VFW Remembrance (Start of Kosovo Campaign)		American Legion Meeting
27	28	29	30	31	April 1	2
	AUSA EXCOM	VFW Remembrance (Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day)		VFW Remembrance (End of Operation Restore Hope/Somalia)		DAV Fundraiser (Lowe's of Enterprise)

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					1	2
						DAV Fundraiser (Lowe's of Enterprise)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
QUAD A Convention	QUAD A Convention	QUAD A Convention	AUSA Board Meeting	FOAA Grand Day		VFW FoodDrive (WalMart) DAV Golf Tourney (Bridges at Tartan Pines)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		VFW Meeting		DAV Meeting		POST 6683 AUXILIARY Meeting
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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**We ask these projects take place collectively on
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**There will be a kick-off at 8:00 a.m. at Bates Memorial Stadium.
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Charlene Goolsby @ (334) 347-2866 or csgoolsby@centurytel.net




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Official John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683 and VFW Auxiliary 6683 Public and Private Web and Facebook sites.

Comrades, in an effort to keep members aware of the upcoming events of our organization, we have recently established new Web and Facebook sites for our organization. The original Facebook site has been linked to <https://www.facebook.com/VFW6683/> and titled **Enterprise VFW – Post 6683**.

The **VFW Auxiliary** still has its own Facebook site titled **VFW Auxiliary 6683**, but is encouraged to use our events tab on the Facebook page for our post home. The Facebook site is open to the public, once on the page if you like the page it will send you updates when events or posts are made.

All post events for John Wiley Brock Post 6683 will be posted on the events tab of the Facebook site mentioned above as well as the Post Google Calendar, the Google calendar will also post other veterans' organization and community organization events of interest to veterans. If you would like access to the google calendar, please send an email to: post.6683.vfw@gmail.com

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Jim Steddum

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