

# October - November 2021 Newsletter

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POST 6683

ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA

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**2021 Veterans Parade Committee  
Active Service Member & Veteran  
of the Year Nominations  
DEADLINE – OCT. 30, 2021**



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**VFW POST 6683**  
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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 Grandinetti**  
**520-249-0711**



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# VFW POST 6683

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**Randy Black**  
**Commander**

## FROM THE COMMANDER

Comrades, Commander Black is under the weather this week, so I will provide a brief update on the Post's activities. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers, as well as Comrades Jeff Osler, Bill Baker, Sam Baker, and their families. Another busy month has passed and yet the Post's mission of support to Veterans within the community continues.

The Post renovations continue with the House Committee voting towards lighting and fans to be placed in the attached pavilion to assist in making it more comfortable for us. The 1/3/5 Year plan for the Post is well on its way, ahead of schedule even.

Thanks go to the Quartermaster/Adjutant, Jim Stedum for the recent fundraiser spaghetti dinner on 8 October! A great time was had by all and further accentuated the need for the two improvements listed above.

A few items of note coming up in the near future with Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving fast approaching:

On 8 November, at 1700, the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 9, will host a wreath laying at the 'Wall' at John D. Henderson Park in remembrance of Veterans Day. The Post Commander will have a part in the brief ceremony.

On 9 November, at 1700, we will execute the Veteran's Day parade for the City of Enterprise. Marshalling of Veterans begins at 1700 with anticipated 'step-off' at 1720. The marshalling area is the Court House parking lot and the Parade route is from Edwards Street onto East College Street (*in front of Milky Moo's, one of this newsletter sponsors!*) We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Immediately following the parade is the City's Tribute to Veterans, conducted at the Civic Center. The nomination forms for Active Service Veteran and Veteran of the Year are later in the Newsletter. Deadline for submission of the nominations to the City is 30 October. This will also be the time and location of the November Post 6683 Business Meeting.

On 13 November, at 1000, is the semi-annual Sam Boswell Flag Retirement Ceremony.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Post will be supporting Life Member Chris Wood and his business Chopper Ol' School BBQ with their growing annual FREE Thanksgiving Dinner. We will be delivering meals to the distribution points. Volunteers are needed to support this.

Comrade Gene Pawlick provided a great presentation on the VFW 'Cooties'. I personally look forward to learning more about this program from Comrade Pawlick in the near future.

And lastly, the Post is looking to execute our annual Christmas Party on 4 December at the Post. More to Follow next month as that target gets closer.

As always, Thanks to each and every one of our volunteers who continue to make extraordinary things happen at the Post and within our Community; you are truly making a difference every day.

**Mike Sutterfield**  
**Post 6683 Junior Vice Commander**



Comrades, being a member of a Post that continues to support the community and our Veterans is truly remarkable. The National and Department of Alabama VFW provides a means of recognizing the Posts that excel in these areas; the All-American and All-State Team(s). John Wiley Brock Post 6683, while definitely excelling in our support to the community, has not been recognized for this in recent years. It is our goal to ensure that we earn this recognition this program year. In order to do this, the Post needs volunteers to assist with a few Committees and the Executive Committee's oversight to ensure we maintain 'on glide path' for the prerequisites.

1. The Post Quartermaster MUST BE BONDED NLT September 30, 2021.
2. The Post must be inspected by November 15, 2021 and all deficiencies cleared up by 31 December, 2021.
3. Post will submit proof of Current IRS form 990 submission to the Department HQs NLT 31 December 2021.
4. The Post must submit all Trustee Audit reports on time.
5. The Post must participate in the VOD Program (Minimum of one complete Package in the District Judging).
6. The Post must participate in the Patriot's Pen Program. (Minimum of one complete package in District Judging).
7. The Post must participate in a minimum of one of the three levels of Teacher Recognition Program. (Minimum of one complete package to District).
8. The Post must purchase and host one Buddy Poppy event during the year.
9. The Post must donate a minimum of \$100.00 to Veterans and Military Support (Do this through a phone call to National or the National Website)
10. The Post must donate a minimum of .50 per member to the VFW Dept. VSO Program (do this thru the Department)
11. The Post must appoint a Post Service Officer. (Headquarters must be notified of name and contact information By October 31, 2021).
12. Post membership must be 100% plus one member by 30 April 2022.
13. Post membership must include a minimum of 2 new members for the Year.

14. The Post must submit a minimum of one (1) Community Service Report per quarter beginning with July 2021. Post must show a 10% increase from the previous year
15. The Post Commander, Post Quartermaster and a minimum of one Trustee must attend the Department School of Instruction. (Posts with Canteens must also have a minimum of one House Committee Member other than CMDR/QM attend).
16. The Post Commander (or in their absence Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice) must attend all District Meetings. Attendance will be verified by Dept Representative.
17. Post must have an established and active Post Social media Presence for minimum of 4 months prior to 30 April 2022.
18. Posts must have 5 Members/Associates sign up for the VFW Action Corps and at least 1 member respond to all action alerts.
19. PARTNERING- Conduct 2 Community events. (ie. Buddy Poppy Drives, Recruiting booths, Veterans Outreach, Memorial or Special Veterans events. Must be in the Community, not at the post. The Public and All Veterans must be invited to attend each event. Submit Photos and byline for one of these events suitable for publishing to Department. Partnering with another Organization for this event will also qualify the event towards All-American.
20. Post must also have an active and utilized Post relief fund. All Community Service support to help, aid or assist Veterans in need, should be ran through the Post Relief fund.
21. Post must input all required data through the All-American Dashboard.

### **The Post needs Comrades to assist with the following Committees:**

- ✓ Community Service: to assist the Post in providing support throughout the Enterprise Community.
- ✓ Buddy Poppy Program: to manage the VFW Buddy Poppy Program for the Post
- ✓ Membership: to actively maintain current membership, as well as establish recruiting opportunities.
- ✓ Grants: to research and apply for OPM (other people's monies) for utilization in support of the Post and local Veterans.
- ✓ Recognition Programs: to inform and advertise the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teach of the Year Programs. Also establish the parameters for Scouter and First Responder of the Year Programs.

*If you would like to assist with any of these Committees, contact the Jr Vice Commander, Mike Sutterfield.*





*By Brett Feinstein*  
*Judge Advocate*



Veterans are now eligible (was just active duty) for free entrance fees for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and standard amenity recreation fees for the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sites, under the annual Interagency Military Pass.

### **Are you eligible?**

For purposes of this program, a Veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and is able to present one of the following forms of valid (unexpired) identification:

- Department of Defense Identification Card
- [Veteran Health Identification Card \(VHIC\)](#)
- [Veteran ID Card](#)
- Veterans designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or identification card

Gold Star Families are next of kin of a member of the United States Armed Forces who lost his or her life in a "qualifying situation," such as a war, an international terrorist attack, or a military

operation outside of the United States while serving with the United States Armed Forces.

### **How to get your Interagency Pass.**

Interagency Passes can be obtained in person while visiting a participating site. Visit [Places to Get Interagency Passes](#) for a searchable list and be sure to contact the site before you go, to make sure they are open and have passes in stock. In addition, Military passes, as well as those for seniors and persons with permanent disabilities, are available online through the [USGS Online Store](#) (there is a \$10 fee to order them online).



There are 14 sites in Alabama where you can get the pass for free. The 2 closest are:

**National Forests in Alabama - Conecuh NF**  
ANDALUSIA, AL  
**Phone:** (334) 222-2555

**Eufaula NWR**  
EUFALA, AL  
**Phone:** (334) 687-4065





*By Myroan Brown  
Chaplain*



## ***FOR ONE DEPARTED***

Almighty God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servant, and we pray thee that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive him more and more into thy joyful service; that he may win, with thee and thy servants everywhere, the eternal victory. Amen

# REMEMBER FOREVER

**H**eavenly Father, we are gathered here to commemorate those among Your servants who have been called to Your bosom in the Land of Light. We pray that Your mercy and justice have made right their human failings and faults.

We pray that whatever justice was denied them in this vale of tears has been granted them a hundredfold.

We pray that whatever comforts they were denied in this life, whatever evil they endured, may now rebound to their everlasting happiness.

We are thankful for their companionship and association in this life. By their efforts we are assured security and strength.

Because they served well, we are proud to call them our own.

We ask that, following in their footsteps, we may continue in Your service until Your summons comes. Then, in the knowledge that we have striven to observe Your councils and precepts, may be judged worthy to be united with them and with You forever in Heaven. Amen.

O God of mercy, peace, and love, we remember before You in this moment our comrade (sister) and friend (name). We recall with gratitude and respect all that he (she) stood for in this life. Help us to live in the companionship of his (her) spirit. May we be kind to the friends and family he (she) loved; devoted to the community in which he (she) lived; and loyal to the

causes which he (she) served. Thus, in our life, may he (she) live on, to our great comfort, to the betterment of Your creation, and to the furthering of Your most Holy Will. Amen.

O Lord our God, we ask that You will comfort all who are bereaved with a spirit of faith and courage. May they remember, giving thanks, for the love and joy they shared in an earthly relationship. May they be comforted with the sure knowledge of a joyful reunion with those they love in Your Everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, You have shown us that death is but the gateway to a more glorious life, and that we must not fear its coming; and we know, also, that neither life nor death can separate

*(For Those Departed continued)*

us from Your love. Assure us yet again that our comrade/sister (name) departed is not lost to us, but sharing new life with You in the Kingdom of our Father, where we shall in Your good time be reunited.

We know him/ her to be with You forever. Amen.

Strengthen and comfort, O Lord, all who mourn for the loss of loved ones now departed this life. Some have died in the service of our Country; and some, having served this Nation both in war and in peace, are now at rest. Be with those who mourn in their sorrow. Support them in their loneliness. Grant that they may know that nothing in life not even death can separate them from Your love declared so eloquently in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Eternal Father, we call upon You for all who mourn the loss of those near and dear to them. Be to those in sorrow a strong support in their loneliness and a comforter in their time of grief. Be ever near them, draw them into closer fellowship with You, and grant them sure trust and confidence in Your Fatherly care. Amen.

O Lord our comfort and help in time of need, You have taught us that nothing can separate us from Your love, and that all souls are Yours. Grant that we may come to know this increasingly as we draw nearer to You in faith and love. Grant also that we may be uplifted from our sorrow, so that we may more faithfully serve You our God and more effectively honor the memory of our comrade (sister) departed. Amen.

Father of us all! In the depth of our silent reverence we realize the

truth of the inspired words, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." As comrade after comrade departs, we march on with our ranks grown thinner. Help us to be faithful unto You, and to one another. Look in mercy on the widows and children of our departed comrades, we beseech You, and with Your own tenderness, console and comfort those who are bereaved. Heavenly Father, bless our Country with freedom, peace, and righteousness. Through Your favor may we meet at last before Your throne in Heaven.

We praise Your Great Name forever and ever. Amen.

*Chaplain*





## Donations for an online Charity Auction

John Wiley Brock Post 6683 Veterans of Foreign Wars strive to support Veterans and families with our common bonds that continue to serve our local communities.

The Post is looking for Donations for an online Charity Auction. Items can be new, antique, or even gift cards. Please donate to this worthy cause! The Auction will start October 14 and run through 1 November. All proceeds will directly support Veteran Relief and Youth Scholarship in our local area.

### Create Your Donation Account

[https://yourcharityauction.com/item\\_donation.php?a=2098](https://yourcharityauction.com/item_donation.php?a=2098)



### Create Your Bidder Account

<https://yourcharityauction.com/register.php?a=2098&ca=08b184>



If you need technical help, please let me know--I can take your item and list it for you!

Jim Stedum  
Quartermaster, VFW Post 6683  
334-475-2010

**8 November Wreath Laying at Henderson Park**  
**9 November Parade (Downtown) and Tribute (Civic Ctr)**

**11 November**

**Join us in Celebrating Veteran's Day**



## NOVEMBER 2021

*Meetings are every Tuesday at 6:00 PM*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> House Committee Meeting (1730)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> AUSA Board Meeting (1130, Mafoosky's)	<b>4</b> WWVC (0800 Am Legion)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> AL Vs LSU
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> DAV Wreath Laying (1700 Henderson Park)	<b>9</b> Veteran's Day Parade (1700 Downtown) Tribute (1830)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day DAV Meeting (T) (1830)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> AL Vs New Mexico Boswell Flag Ceremony
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Enterprise Business After Hours (1730)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> AL Vs. Arkansas Auxiliary Meeting
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving! CHOPPERS EVENT	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> AL At Auburn
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

WWVC - Wiregrass Wounded Veteran Committee  
CVMA – Combat Vets Motorcycle Association  
EHS – Enterprise High School

MAC – Military and Veterans Affairs Committee  
GSA – Girl Scouts of America  
FRAL – Fort Rucker, AL

## OCTOBER 2021

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**Anniversary of Operation Enduring Freedom:** Marks the 20th Anniversary of Operation Enduring Freedom.

WED<sup>13</sup>

**U.S. Navy Birthday:** October 13, 2021 marks the 246th Birthday of the United States Navy. "A 13 October 1775 resolution of the Continental Congress established what is now the United States Navy.

MON<sup>18</sup>

**24th Anniversary of the Military Women's Memorial:** "Dedicated to the more than 3 million women who have served our country since the American Revolution, the Military Women's Memorial is located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery.

TUE<sup>26</sup>

**National Day of the Deployed:** A day set aside to honor all of the men and woman who have been deployed and are sacrificing, or have sacrificed their lives to fight for our country and acknowledges their families that they are separated from.

## NOVEMBER 2021

MON<sup>1</sup> – TUE<sup>30</sup>

**National Military Family Appreciation Month:** "November is Military Family Appreciation Month—a time when America honors and recognizes those unique sacrifices and challenges family members make in support of their loved ones in uniform.

WED<sup>10</sup>

**U.S. Marine Corps Birthday:** November 10, 2021 marks the 246th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps. "On 10 November 1775, the Second Continental Congress resolved to raise two battalions of Marines. Congress commissioned thirty-one year old Samuel Nicholas, a well-known Philadelphian, as captain of the fledgling force of Continental Marines.

THU<sup>11</sup>

**Veterans Day / Anniversary of the End of WWI:** November 11, 2021 marks the 103rd Anniversary of the End of World War I, Armistice Day. "World War I – known at the time as 'The Great War' – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France.

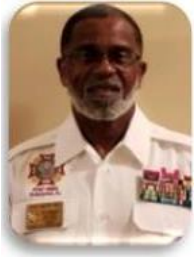
THU<sup>11</sup>

**Centennial Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery:** November 11, 2021 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. "The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is Arlington National Cemetery's most iconic memorial.





## Breast Cancer Awareness Month



*Otis Smith, Jr.  
Past Commander  
Chairman House Committee*



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the power of pink is everywhere as we observe Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It helps to increase awareness for the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women. According to a study focused on cancer occurrence at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, military personnel were found to be nearly 40 percent more likely to develop breast cancer than non-military people.

The role of military women has significantly expanded throughout history, most notably with their inclusion in combat assignments. An important consideration of expanded duties is the introduction of additional health risks. Working in these dangerous environments often includes exposure to toxins, which may elevate the risk for developing cancers. Environmental factors may provide a huge clue as to why this number is high, but there is more to the story in order to understand breast cancer risk.

In a panel discussion convened by GE Healthcare, distinguished medical professionals and leaders in patient and Veteran advocacy came together to discuss best practices in breast health and the unique circumstances facing servicewomen and women Veterans. A woman's overall risk for developing breast cancer is a complex mix of factors (lifestyle, family history, genetics, etc.) that are unique for each individual. Panelist Joy Ilem, National Legislative Director of DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and a key thought leader in Veteran's advocacy, described several types of toxic exposures that servicewomen may experience.

These include burn pits that produce airborne toxins from burned plastics, chemical solvents, petroleum, and medical and human waste products; water contamination, depleted uranium, pesticides, and more. She acknowledged that VA is conducting research to learn more about the long-term health consequences of exposure to these hazardous toxins and encourages Veterans to sign up for established health registries to help capture relevant data and information about their military service and potential impact on their long-term health.

Another important risk factor for some women is high breast density, which has been found to be a common risk factor for developing cancer. Women with dense breasts often need secondary screening, such as ultrasound, to obtain a better view of the breast tissue and identify potentially hidden, invasive cancers. When a woman's breast cancer risk is elevated, it is important to take overall risk into consideration and to offer appropriate imaging to help detect any cancer at its earliest stage.

So, during this Breast Cancer Awareness month, your local VFW, along with other service organizations are encouraging our veterans to get their regular required exams/test completed in hopes of early detection and prevention. We want all of our veterans who have given themselves in protecting our freedom and way of life, to continue to have a healthy lifestyle and reap the benefits of the Land of the Free and home of the brave.



*By Angel S. de la Cruz*  
*Editor/Publisher*

## ID Card Office Online Appointments



Welcome to the RAPIDS ID Card Office Online. Select an option below to update your CAC, manage sponsor or family member ID card information, or find a RAPIDS ID Card Office. Scan the QR code. This code will take you to the ID Card Office Online website to make an online appointment for a new or renewed ID card(s). Using your mobile phone follow these steps to make an appointment.

<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator>

**Steps to making an ID Card Office Online Appointment.**

*(No more call waiting.)*



1. **Scan the QR Code.** This will direct you to the ID Card Office Locator & Appointments website.
2. Enter Location: **Fort Rucker** or your specific installation or post/location.
3. Scroll down and click **'SEARCH'**.
4. Scroll down and click **'SELECT'** for Fort Rucker or your specific installation or post/location.
5. Click **'SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT'**.
6. In drop down menu select a **'MONTH'** for desired appointment.
7. In drop down menu select a day with **'AVAILABLE APPOINTMENTS'**. If an 'Available Appointment' is not available for the month selected select the following month.
8. Once a date with **'AVAILABLE APPOINTMENTS'** has been selected, scroll down and select **'BOOK THIS APPOINTMENT'** for the desired time.
9. Enter the require information and select **'SAVE'**.
10. Your appointment confirmation will then be displayed and an email will be sent to your email address.



## Defense Finance and Accounting Service

# Retiree Newsletter

### Get an Early Start to Tax Season

Tax season will be here before you know it. The first step in preparing for tax season is to make sure you have an active myPay account and your mailing address is up-to date. If you do not have a myPay account, now is the perfect time to get started.

### **Use myPay to your advantage**

myPay is a user-friendly way to manage your pay account. You can easily manage your account using the web browser on your computer or with a connected device like your smartphone or tablet.

You will be able to access your 1099-R tax statement much sooner in myPay than through postal mail. 1099-Rs generally become available in myPay in late December, while paper copies aren't mailed until mid-to-late January. You can also download or print your current year tax statement, as well as prior year 1099Rs (up to four prior years for retirees and up to two prior years for annuitants).

While you're in myPay, you can also easily check to make sure we have your correct mailing address. Make sure you keep your address updated if you travel to warmer weather in January and February. Please don't wait until January, February, or March to check access to your myPay account; check now so you can be prepared for tax season.

**Log on to myPay:** <https://myPay.dfas.mil>



### **Getting Started with myPay**

If you're not yet using myPay, it's easy to get started. We have a handy step-by-step, downloadable "Get Started with myPay" guide available at: <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/manage/mypay>



You can request an initial password on the myPay homepage using the "Forgot or Need a New Password" link. The password will be mailed to the address you have on file with DFAS and you will receive it in about 10 business days.

Once you receive your password in the mail, you can return to the myPay homepage and log in with your social security number and the password you received in the mail to create your myPay profile.





### *(Get an Early Start to Tax Season continued)*

If you are new to myPay, there is a link “Read how new accounts are added” in the “New User Section” to find out more about how myPay accounts are created. myPay also offers a video tutorial in the “New User” section that will walk you through the steps to create an account.

## **Reactivating your myPay account**

We know that some of you only use myPay once a year to get your 1099-R during tax season. Then, when you do try to access your account, you discover that your password is expired, lost or forgotten. If this sounds like something that has happened to you, please update your password now, before the tax season starts. Waiting to update your password might mean longer wait times and potential delays in receiving your tax documents.

If your myPay account is in an inactive status because your password has expired, you can follow the simple steps below to reactivate your account.

Go to <https://myPay.dfas.mil> in your web browser on a computer or connected device

1. Click on the “Forgot or Need a Password?” link and enter your Login ID or Social Security Number.
2. Choose to send a temporary password to your email or mailing address of record.
3. When you receive the temporary password, go back to myPay and log in to reactivate your account.

## **Check your tax withholding**

Now is also a good time to check and adjust your tax withholding

## **Use the IRS Tax Withholding Estimator**



The IRS has an online Tax Withholding Estimator to help you determine how much tax you need to have withheld. The calculator helps taxpayers estimate if the right amount is being withheld from their income to cover their tax liability. The estimator uses a simple, six-step question-and-answer format using information like marital or filing status, income, withholding, adjustments, deductions and credits.

[www.irs.gov/individuals/tax-withholding-estimator](https://www.irs.gov/individuals/tax-withholding-estimator)



### **Before You Begin**

- ✓ Gather the most recent pay statements for yourself, and if you are married, for your spouse too.
- ✓ Gather information for other sources of income you may have.
- ✓ Have your most recent income tax return handy.

Keep in mind that the Tax Withholding Estimator's results will only be as accurate as the information you enter.



### **Why Use the Estimator**

The IRS encourages everyone to use the Tax Withholding Estimator to perform a “paycheck checkup.” This will help you make sure you have the right amount of tax withheld from your paycheck.

There are several reasons to check your withholding:

- Checking your withholding can help protect against having too little tax withheld and facing an unexpected tax bill or penalty at tax time next year.
- At the same time, you may prefer to have less tax withheld up front, so you receive more in your paychecks and get a smaller refund at tax time.

### **When Should You Use the Estimator**

If you changed your withholding for the year, the IRS reminds you to be sure to recheck your withholding at the start of the next year. A mid-year withholding change may have a different full-year impact. So, if you do not file a new Form W-4, your withholding might be higher or lower than you intend.

Also, if you had a major life change, such as marriage, the birth of a child, adoption or bought a home.

If you have additional questions about your withholding, consult your employer or tax advisor.

### **To Change Your Withholding**

Use your results from the Tax Withholding Estimator to help you complete a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Certificate, and submit the completed Form W-4 to your employer as soon as possible. Withholding takes place throughout the year, so it's better to take this step as soon as possible.

**Many employers have an automated system for submitting an employee's changes for Form W-4. Please be sure to check with your employer to see if they have this option available.**

If you receive pension income, you can use the results from the estimator to complete a Form W-4P (PDF) and give it to your payer.

### **Complex Tax Situations**

This Tax Withholding Estimator works for most taxpayers. People with more complex tax situations should use the instructions in Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax. This includes taxpayers who owe alternative minimum tax or certain other taxes, and people with long-term capital gains or qualified dividends.

### **Security**

The Tax Withholding Estimator does not ask you to provide sensitive information such as your name, Social Security number, address or bank account numbers.

The IRS does not save or record the information you enter on the estimator.



## TRICARE Asks Have You Updated DEERS Lately?

When TRICARE tried to reach a group of retirees with critical information recently, more than 6 out of 10 had incorrect information in DEERS. Is your information correct?

### Why do you need to update your information in DEERS?

Your information must be correct in DEERS so that:

- ✓ **You and your family maintain access to your medical benefits**
- ✓ Your healthcare team can contact you with critical healthcare and appointment information
- ✓ TRICARE can reach you with vital authorization, claims, and enrollment information
- ✓ Home delivery prescriptions can be delivered properly

### When do you need to update DEERS?

Beneficiaries need to update DEERS as soon as possible anytime they move, change contact information, or experience a [Qualifying Life Event](#) (QLE).

A beneficiary must update DEERS whenever they experience the following (this list is not all-inclusive):

- ✓ Change in sponsor's status
- ✓ Retiring or separating
- ✓ Activating or deactivating
- ✓ Having a baby or adopting
- ✓ Moving to a new location for any reason
- ✓ Change in a student's full-time enrollment status
- ✓ Becoming eligible for Medicare
- ✓ Death of sponsor or family member

If a beneficiary is enrolled in any TRICARE plan (e.g., TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Select, TRICARE Reserve Select, TRICARE Retired Reserve or TRICARE Young Adult), remind them to also change their address and other personal information with their regional contractor.

### How do you update DEERS?

- ✓ To learn how to update DEERS, visit <https://www.TRICARE.mil/DEERS>
- ✓ To update contact information:
  - Make updates on mil Connect at <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/>
  - Call 1-800-538-9552 (TTY/TDD: 1-866-363-2883)
  - Fax updates to 1-800-336-4416 (Primary) or 1-502-335-9980 (Alternate)
  - Mail updates to:
 

Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office  
Attn: COA  
Gigling Road  
Seaside, CA 93955-6771



**To add or remove family members, go to a local ID card office.**





**By John "Top" Kammerer**  
**Wiregrass District Ride Captain**  
**Patriot Guard Riders of Alabama**

**A**s I turned onto the road leading to the motorcycle parking area, he fixed a stare on my bike as I parked my bike. I pulled off my helmet and gloves then completed my ritual by sliding the windshield cover on. I looked around and saw him striding towards me, hard hat in hand. It was a walk that a Veteran recognizes. "What is this Patriot Guard deal?" I smiled, and then launched into the short version, a recitation that never gets old. As I was telling him about our mission,

his face melted into the look I have come to know so well. He asked me a few questions, and then provided me the opening I was looking for. Where did you serve, sir? *I, well, I was over there.* He gestured, west? You can probably guess how far west he meant. Are you a Vietnam Vet? *Yes, I was there.* I shook his hand, pulling him in for the "Veteran's Hug". Welcome Home, Brother! Job well-done! Thank you for your service, and keeping this Nation Free! *Thanks...* When we drew

apart, his eyes were filled with tears. They are tears born of service in an unpopular war, abuse by a public that blamed the Warrior for the war. They are tears from a pain that I cannot begin to imagine a pain that hovers close to the surface and runs very deep. I gave him my PGR card, and of course extended an invitation to check us out and join us if he wished. I hope he does, as it is the next step in a long, overdue healing process that may have begun today.

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### **Honor Mission Missions:**

#### **September - October**

 <b>James Howard Clark</b>	<b>Veteran USN</b>	<b>Chancellor, Alabama</b>
 <b>Larry B. Rowe</b>	<b>Veteran USA</b>	<b>Slocumb, Alabama</b>
 <b>Bryan Cadena Wilson</b>	<b>Veteran USN</b>	<b>Enterprise, Alabama</b>



*"For those that will fight for it...FREEDOM ...has a special flavor the protected shall never know."  
L/Cpl Edwin L. "Tim" Craft, B Co 3rd AT's, Khe Sanh Combat Base, February, 1968 Semper Fi!*

# JOHN WILEY BROCK VFW POST 6683

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA

*It's not the price you pay to belong, It's the price you paid to be eligible.*



## OUR POST CAN BE RENTED

### The New Post Home has the following amenities:

- ✓ **ADA** Accessible Restrooms
- ✓ Over **2475 square feet** of floor space
- ✓ Two new **55" and 65" TVs** w/Internet Broadcasting and linked for presentations
- ✓ State of the Art **WiFi** (inside and out)
- ✓ New **full kitchen** appliances and cabinets
- ✓ On-demand water heater, water purification system
- ✓ New insulation, walls, and flooring
- ✓ All new electrical system
- ✓ New **extra-large campfire**



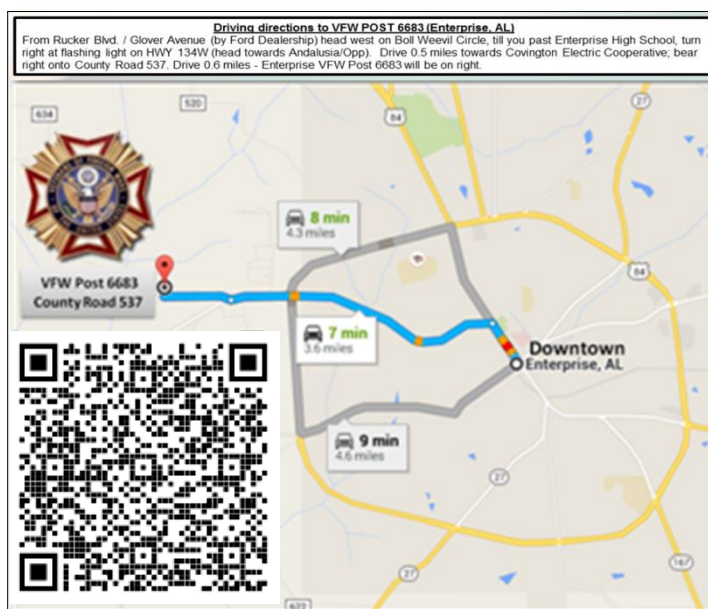
Rental prices for our members are only \$100 and \$150 for non-member Veterans. Public pricing is \$200 with negotiable hourly rates.



**ALL MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN A  
SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT!**

## THANK YOU.

For more information, call the post at 334-475-2010 or email [post.6683.vfw@gmail.com](mailto:post.6683.vfw@gmail.com).  
Jim Steddum, Quartermaster



# JOHN WILEY BROCK **VFW POST 6683** VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA *It's not the price you pay to belong, It's the price you paid to be eligible.*



## VFW Post 6683 WEB / Facebook Pages



Official VFW POST 6683 Website  
<https://vfw6683.org>



Official VFW POST 6683 Public Facebook Site  
<https://www.facebook.com/Enterprise-VFW-Post-6683-108662587348334>



Official VFW POST 6683 Auxiliary Public Facebook Site  
<https://www.facebook.com/vfwauxiliary6683>



Official VFW POST 6683 Private Group Facebook Site  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/VFWPOST6683>



Comrades, in an effort to keep members aware of the upcoming events of our organization, we recently established Web and Facebook pages for our organization **[Enterprise VFW – Post 6683]** the original Facebook group was linked to this page and retitled VFW Post 6683. The Auxiliary still has its own Facebook group titled VFW Auxiliary 6683, but is encouraged to use our events tab on the Facebook page for our post home. The Facebook Page 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. [SCAN QR Code for Site.](#)

All post events for John Wiley Brock Post 6683 will be posted on the events tab of the Facebook page 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](mailto:post.6683.vfw@gmail.com)

## VFW POST 6683 POLO SHIRTS

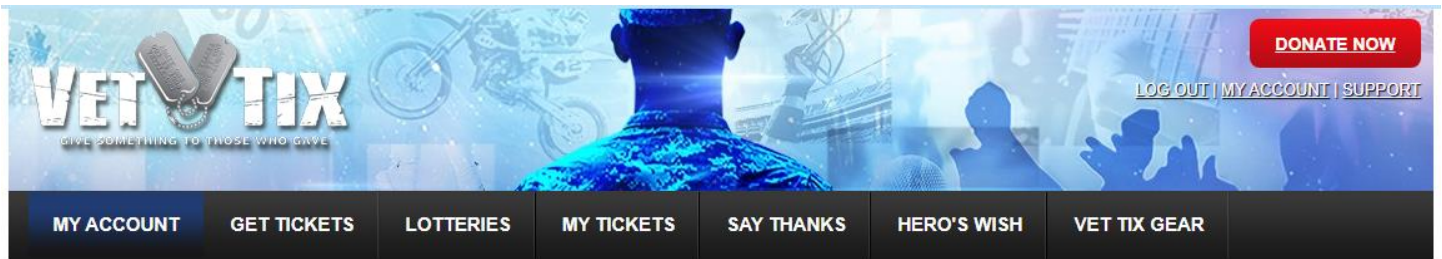
If you would like to order a VFW Post 6683 Polo shirt or more shirts, the cost is \$36.50 - Go to the Post Store at [VFW6683.ORG](http://VFW6683.ORG) and place your order! Call me if you need assistance:

**Jim Steddum**  
 O: 334-475-2010 or M: 907-854-1320





## SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



### Give Something to Those Who Gave.

Vet Tix \* provides tickets to events which reduce stress, strengthen family bonds, build life-long memories and encourage service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities and American life. We support our troops by honoring their service and providing positive family and life experiences, during and after their years of service to our country.

Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA.

Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. VetTixers sign up online. We verify their service. VetTixers request tickets to events that interest them, then pay a small delivery fee to receive their free tickets.

### \* Vet Tix is a 95% Charity



Click on one of the flyers to the above or bar code below to open, then print and share locally. You can pin these up at local businesses, VFW, Legion, gym, commissary, day room, company break room, or even email or hand out.





## **2021 Veterans Parade Committee Active Service Member of the Year Nomination** **DEADLINE – Oct. 30, 2021**

The Enterprise Veterans Parade Committee will recognize an exceptional service member who sets a positive example and reflects well upon military values such as selfless service, honor and integrity. Criteria for eligibility:

- Nominee must be currently serving in any branch of the military, including National Guard and Reserves.
- Service member must reflect well upon the values of the U.S. military and promote a sense of patriotism.
- Service member who demonstrates community engagement, volunteer service and who has set a good example of helping others will be given special consideration.
- The eligible veteran would need to live in Enterprise/Fort Rucker area, and have some connection to Enterprise/Fort Rucker-related military service organizations and community activities.

### **Active Service Member Award Nomination**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best contact number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Type of work \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_

List selected examples of achievements, awards, honors, medals (explanations if necessary), military or veterans organizations, community service, club membership etc. **(Type and attached on a separate page)**

Narrative explaining why you believe this service member deserves the honor of Service Member of the Year. **(Type and attached on a separate page)**

I, the undersigned, nominate the above named person for the **2021 Active Service Member of the Year.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

If making nomination on behalf of an organization, list organization:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the form. You may include military awards and decorations, membership in military or veterans organizations, military experience, activity in community and/or civic organizations, special recognitions, etc. The narrative explaining why you believe the service member is deserving is a very important aspect of the nomination as well. Please return the nomination to [kkirkland@enterpriseal.gov](mailto:kkirkland@enterpriseal.gov) or mail it to **P.O. Box 311000, Enterprise, AL by 5 p.m. Oct. 30, 2021.**



## **2021 Veterans Parade Committee Veteran of the Year Nomination DEADLINE – OCT. 30, 2021**

The Enterprise Veterans Parade Committee will recognize an exceptional veteran who sets a positive example and reflects well upon military values such as selfless service, honor and integrity. Criteria for eligibility:

- Veteran must have a minimum of two years of active duty service in any branch of the military.
- Veteran must reflect well upon the values of the U.S. military and promote a sense of patriotism.
- Veterans who demonstrates community engagement, volunteer service and who have set a positive example of exceptional character and helping others will be given special consideration.
- The eligible veteran would need to live in Enterprise or in close proximity to the city, participate in an Enterprise-related military service organization and/or other Enterpriserelated community organizations and activities.

### **Veteran Award Nomination**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Formerly served in the military or Retired from the military.

Rank/title at time of leaving service: \_\_\_\_\_

If employed, list title, employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_

List selected examples of achievements, awards, honors, medals (with explanations if necessary), community service activities, club memberships and leadership etc. **(Type and attached on a separate page)**

Narrative explaining why you believe this veteran deserves the honor of Veteran of the Year. **(Type and attached on a separate page)**

I, the undersigned, nominate the above-named person for the **2021 Veteran of the Year.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

If making nomination on behalf of an organization, list organization:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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