

Moore County Veterans Council 31 March 2017 Newsletter.

The March meeting was held at American Legion Post 12 in Carthage. See below for the list of attendees.

American Legion, Post 12 Carthage  
American Legion, Post 72 Aberdeen  
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Legion, Post 296 Vass  
American Legion, Post 303 West End,  
Special Forces Association, Chapter  
62,  
Veterans Motorcycle Club, Pinehurst Chapter,  
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7318 Southern  
Pines.

Patricia Harris who is the Commander of the North Carolina Veterans Council (NCVC) was the presenter at the meeting. She discussed below items of interests. Learn more at:

The NCVC consists of 13 charters/organizations with the mission to help veterans and children of veterans on legislative goals. The state council will hold their next meeting on 26 April 2017.

North Carolina Veterans Legislative Day is on 28 April 2017.

See below for a list of legislative goals promoted by the North Carolina Veterans Council (NCVC) for North Carolina Legislative Day.  
Provide Certain Property Tax Relief (House Bill 2).  
Veterans Plates/Vehicle Weight Restrictions (House Bill 66).

Children of Wartime Veterans Modifications (Senate Bill 125).

Equal Tax Treatment of Government

Retirees (House Bill 102).

Track Outcomes of Veterans Programs (Senate Bill 129).

National Guard

Reemployment Rights/Arbitration (House Bill 180).

Ease Occupational License Burdens on Military

Families (Senate Bill 8).

Military State Income Tax Relief (Senate Bill 213).

See the below schedule of events.

0730 hours: Use street front entrance to enter the building. Go to 1300 Court. May need to share a table with other organizations.

0730 hours: Badge with lanyard issued that will need to be returned in at the end of the day.

0800 hours: Opening ceremony held in front of the legislative building then return to 1300 Court.

1000 hours: All veterans meet with Speaker Moore in the House Chamber.

1100 hours: NCVC Officers & 1 representative from each organization meet with President Pro Tempore Senator Phil Berger in 300 Conference Room of the Legislative Office Building.

1400 hours: All veterans attend the House & Senate sessions (approximate starting time).

Uniform of the day: Recommend coat and tie for gentlemen recommended. Organization's cap is approved for wear in the building.

See the below list of events which the group also discussed at the meeting.

**Run to Honor Veterans:**

The Moore County Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans will hold its 5K run event on 1 April 2017 starting at 0800 in Carthage.

Registration costs \$25 through 25 March then \$30 till race day.

Register at:  HYPERLINK

["https://www.active.com/carthage-nc/running/distance-running-races/run-to-honor-veterans-2017?int"](https://www.active.com/carthage-nc/running/distance-running-races/run-to-honor-veterans-2017?int)

**Woodlawn Cemetery Clean Up:**

Post 7318 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold the events on:

1 April 2017 from 0800 to 1200 hours.

22 April 2017 from 0800 to 1200 hours.

6 May 2017 from  
0800 to 1200 hours.

20 May 2017 from 0800 to 1200 hours.

Please bring rakes, work gloves, shears.

**VMC Anniversary:**

The Pinehurst chapter celebrates VMC's 6th anniversary on 1 April 2017 at their clubhouse on Murdocksville Road.

The celebration is from 1600 to 2300 hours with no charge to attendees.

**Bingo Tournaments:**

The American Legion Post 177 will host the events on the below dates at the associated times. A 7 game pack costs \$20 each.

4 April 2017 at 1730 hours.

18 April 2017 at 1730 hours.

2 May 2017 at 1730 hours.

**Fish Dinner:**

The Post 177 of American Legion hosts a fish dinner on 7 April 2017 from 1100 to 1730 hours.

Donations accepted.

**Weekly Chapter Events of the  
Sandhills Chapter of Team RWB:**

7 April 2017 – Rock n' Run: Raise your voice for Sexual Assault Awareness at 1800 hours in vicinity of Southern Pines Brewing Company.

15 April 2017 – Run/Walk  
in Memorial Park at 0800 hours.

22 April 2017 – Run/Walk in Southern Pines Reservoir Park at 0800 hours.

21 May 2017 – Cycling starting from the May Street Bicycle Shop at 1200 hours.

**Moore County Schools (MCS) Military Family Forum:**

The MCS Military Family Connection hosts the forum on 7 April 2017 from 0830 to 1600 hours at Sandhills Community College with attendees separated into 5 groups to discuss assigned topics.

See details at:  HYPERLINK

["http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45a8aa2ba3fb6-mcsmilitary"](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45a8aa2ba3fb6-mcsmilitary) □ <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45a8aa2ba3fb6-mcsmilitary>□.

Casino Night:

The Chapter 62 of Special Forces

Association presents casino night at VFW Post 7318 on 8 April 2017 from 1930 to 2230 hours.

Tickets costs \$50 which covers appetizers, 2 drink tickets, raffles & games.

Concealed Carry Class:

The Gun Locker & Pawn will host the class on 9 April 2017 from 0830 to 1800 hours in Sanford, NC

View event details at: □ [HYPERLINK](#)

["https://www.facebook.com/events/747866678712429/?active\\_tab=about"](https://www.facebook.com/events/747866678712429/?active_tab=about)

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Bid Whist & Spades Card Game Tournaments:

The American Legion Post 177 will host the events on the below dates at the associated times.

14

April 2017 at 1900 hours.

28 April 2017 at 1900 hours.

Spring VA Poker Run:

The Pinehurst Chapter

of the Veterans Motorcycle Club will link up with others at Baker American Cycles in Fayetteville on 15 April 2017 at 1200 hours.

The group will roll out at 1330 hours to the Fayetteville VAMC on Ramsey Street to visit veterans there.

See link for additional information: .

Meet & Greet with Lone

Survivor Foundation:

The meet with Lone Survivor Foundation's Executive Director, Terry Jung, and learn about the new veterans' therapeutic retreat facility being built near Fayetteville, NC.

Beer will be

available for purchase and a food truck will be on site after the event, from 5:00PM - 8:00PM.

This is

a free, family-friendly event and service dogs are welcome. No tickets or reservations are required and

free parking is available.

The foundation conducts therapeutic retreats throughout the year.

Ready For

A Challenge:

The race is open to active duty military members to race as individuals or in teams on 22 April 2017 from 0800 hours until complete on the Nasty Nick Obstacle Course at Camp MacKall.

All race participants must have an APFT average of 240 points or higher & display the ability to execute six dead hang up pull-ups. Proof of APFT score must be provided by uploading a current (within 6 months) APFT scorecard with their registration.

See details & registration information at:

[HYPERLINK "http://www.nastynickchallenge.com/important-information/"](http://www.nastynickchallenge.com/important-information/)

#### An Afternoon at Retreat:

The House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site in partnership with the NC Department of Natural & Cultural Resources host its event on 22 April 2017 from 1100 to 1600 hours.

Highlights include the below items:

Ponyrides for kids.  
Food truck.  
Musket/cannon demos.  
Lectures. 19th century duel.

Period re-enactors.  
Spinning/Weaving demos.  
Period games.

Celebration of the Military Child:

The Village of Pinehurst and the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills host a fun filled afternoon on 22 April 2017 from 1200 to 1500 hours at the Village Arboretum.

The event is free and open everyone with an afternoon will include pony rides, video game trailer, bounce house, lawn games and strolling magician.

Monuments & Memory (Lecture #2):

The Arts Council of Moore County & Weymouth Center sponsors Molly Gwinn's lecture on 27 April 2017 at 1730 in Weymouth Center, 555 East Connecticut Avenue in Southern Pines.

She will discuss will consider how the experience of remembering has changed according to the language the artist uses and the public being addressed.

Shifts in form, from the figural expressions of Civil War memorials to the geometric simplicity of the

Vietnam Veterans Memorial by Maya Lin, demonstrate that art can inspire a mood of reverence through any means.

The lecture costs \$11 for ACMC/Weymouth members & \$16 for non-members.

Raffle Fundraiser:

The Post 12 of the American Legion is selling tickets for \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 7 tickets.

Please contact Mike at 910-638-5248 or Ray at 910-949-3640 for more information.

First prize

is a Model 870 Express Combo Rifle, second prize is compound bow kit & third prize is \$250.

The

drawing shall be held during the Buggy Festival on 13 May 2016.

Character & Leadership Center seminar:

The Character & Leadership Center hosts a deep dive into positive psychology, character and the concept that "Leadership is a relationship" led by Mike Erwin on 17-18 May 2017 from 0830

to 1600 hours at 80 Carolina Vis in Pinehurst.

Agenda & tickets available at:  HYPERLINK

["https://www.eventbrite.com/e/character-leadership-center-seminar-tickets-31984720159"](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/character-leadership-center-seminar-tickets-31984720159)

#### Rotary

##### Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast:

The Pinehurst Rotary Club sponsors the event at the Village Chapel on 20 May 2017 from 0800 to 100 hours.

Tickets cost \$8 per person with proceeds benefitting the Marine Corps League and the Pinehurst Rotary Foundation.

For more information, contact Brad Dawson at 910-520-1118.

##### What's Up With Russia:

The Given Tufts hosts Dr. William C. Taubman

to examine the current as well as the long standing relationship between United States and Russia plus

where we go from here on 18 May 2017 at 1830 in Cardinal Ball Room of the Carolina Hotel.

Purchase your ticket at:  [HYPERLINK](#)

"<https://giventufts.yapsody.com/event/index/71861/whats-up-with-russia>"

##### Duskin & Stephens Beef &

##### Beer 2017:

The 5th annual Mike Duskin and Riley Stephens Beef and Beer Benefit hosted by the Bell Tree Tavern on 25 May 2017 from 1800 to 2300 hours.

The event is both inside and out. It includes live music, silent auction, kid activities, sky diving, and so much more.

Proceeds from this event

benefit the Duskin & Stephens Foundation. A charitable organization that benefits the Special Operations community.

Tickets available at:  [HYPERLINK](#)

"<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/duskin-and-stephens-beef-beer-2017-hosted-by-the-bell-tree-tavern-tickets-31402632118?aff=efbeventix>"

##### Hero Workout:

The Duskin & Stephens Foundation hosts

workout heats at 0600, 0700, 0800, 1000 & 1100 hours on 26 May 2017 at the Southern Pines Crossfit to honor a fallen special operator.

Purchase tickets at:  [HYPERLINK](#)

"<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hero-workout-hosted-by-southern-pines-crossfit-tickets-31660191485?aff=efbeventix>"

##### Dance Fit:

The Duskin & Stephens Foundation hosts two sessions of

their explosive patented fitness cardio dance for all levels by Forte Fitness on 26 May 2017 from 0900 till 1100 hours at the Pinehurst Harness Track.

Purchase tickets at:  [HYPERLINK](#)

"<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dancefit-hosted-by-for-te-fitness-tickets-32394239041?aff=efbeventix>"

##### Private Shooting Experience:

The Duskin & Stephens Foundation hosts private range experience with

SOF instructors and vendor multiple vendors who support the Duskin and Stephens Foundation showing off their gear on 26 May 2017 from 1300 till 1700 hours at Trigger Time.

Buy tickets at:  HYPERLINK

["https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-duskin-and-stephens-private-shooting-experience-tickets-31660427190?aff=efbeventix"](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-duskin-and-stephens-private-shooting-experience-tickets-31660427190?aff=efbeventix)

Annual American Flag Placements:

The VFW Post 7318 leads the effort to place US flags by each veteran's grave marker for Memorial Day at Woodlawn Cemetery in Southern Pines at 1800 hours on 26 May 2017.

Weekend Closing Dinner:

The Duskin & Stephens Foundation thanks all participants and sponsors of the 2017 Veterans Weekend on 27 May 2017 from 1800 till 2100 hours at Talamore Golf Resort.

Purchase tickets at:  HYPERLINK

["https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-duskin-and-stephens-veterans-weekend-closing-dinner-hosted-by-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-duskin-and-stephens-veterans-weekend-closing-dinner-hosted-by-talamore-golf-resort-tickets-32380059630?aff=efbeventix)

[talamore-golf-resort-tickets-32380059630?aff=efbeventix"](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-duskin-and-stephens-veterans-weekend-closing-dinner-hosted-by-talamore-golf-resort-tickets-32380059630?aff=efbeventix) Memorial Day Ceremonies:

The VFW Post 7318 sponsors a Memorial Day Ceremony at Woodlawn Cemetery on 27 May 2017 at 1100 hours.

The Sandhills Chapter of MOAA sponsors a Memorial Day Ceremony in the Pinehurst Village Chapel on 29 May 2017 at hours at 1100 hours.

Flag Retirement Ceremony:

The American Legion Post 12 will conduct the ceremony on 17 June 2017 at their post home starting at 1000 hours. Please contact Mike Gast at 910-949-2794 for further details.

Yard Sale:

The Auxiliary of VFW Post 7318 will have a yard sale on 23-24 June 2017. More details to follow.

See below for other useful information:

Durham VAMC Meetings:

The VAMC will hold its next quarterly Town Hall meeting on June 2017 in the Canteen Atrium from 1630 to 1830 hours.

Fayetteville VAMC Meetings:

The VAMC will hold its next quarterly Town Hall meeting on June 2017 at Fayetteville Health Care Center on 7300 South Raeford Road from 1600 to 1800 hours.

The next meeting of its Veterans Advisory Council is in May 2017.

Veterans Day 2017 Parade Preparations:

Preparation meetings have started with the next scheduled for 20 April 2017 at Masonic Lodge in Southern Pines at 1830 hours. Monthly meetings occur the 3rd Thursday of each month. Encouraging more veteran service organizations to participate in November!

Vets Fest slated for 4-12 November 2017 which plans to include Veterans' Putting Challenge, Texas Hold 'Em Run, BlueVass Festival & Cars under the Stars as well as Special Forces Association Chili Cook Off & 5K run as well as other events.

FY 2017 Government Funding Status:

The continuing resolution entitled Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017 expires on 28 Apr 2017.  
The regular appropriations for Fiscal Year 2017 are still pending.

VA to Start Offering Mental Health Care to "Bad Paper" Veterans:

The Department of Veterans Affairs will start offering mental health services for veterans with other-than-honorable dismissals. They argue that a significant portion of those cases are troops dismissed for erratic behavior or substance abuse, problems that are often symptoms of more serious, undiagnosed mental health issues.

Veteran Treatment Court of Moore County:

Discussions have started on the possibility of establishing this capability to serve Moore, Montgomery and Randolph counties.

New TRICARE Contract Delayed:

The Defense Health Agency (DHA) has delayed the transition to the new TRICARE contract from 1 October 2017 to 1 January 2018.

This delay aligns the rollout of the new regions and contractors with the transition to TRICARE Select, which will replace TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard. This alignment will reduce disruption of care for TRICARE recipients.

Post Home Condition:

The American Legion Post 303 is seeking donations to repair their former building.  
Please contact Steve.

New Dental Plan for Active Duty and Reserves:

The TRICARE dental contract for active duty family members as well as Reserve Component members and their families will switch from MetLife to United Concordia Dental Plans on 1 May 2017. Children will be automatically enrolled in the system starting at one year old rather than four years old. View the remainder of the article at:  HYPERLINK

["http://action.fra.org/latest-news/other-issues-news/new-dental-plan-for-active-duty-and-reserves/"](http://action.fra.org/latest-news/other-issues-news/new-dental-plan-for-active-duty-and-reserves/)

Joint Resolution Approved Location of Desert Shield/Storm Memorial:

The location of a commemorative work to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield approved within Area I, as depicted on the map entitled "Commemorative Areas Washington, DC and Environs", numbered 869/86501 B, and dated 24 June 2003.

The memorial enters the site selection phase

Learn more at:

HYPERLINK ["https://www.ndswm.org/?p=2403"](https://www.ndswm.org/?p=2403)  <https://www.ndswm.org/?p=2403>

NOTE: The

next MCVV meeting will be held on 25 April 2017 at 7 pm at TBD location.

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Council