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John Wiley Brock

was born in New Brockton, Alabama, on 15 August 1914. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 12 May 1936 at Birmingham, Alabama. After basic training at the Naval Training Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Virginia, he reported on board the battleship USS *Arkansas* (BB-33) on 5 February 1937.

Transferred to Naval Air Station Norfolk on 21 May 1937, Brock was assigned to the receiving ship at Naval Operating Base Norfolk, serving as part of the detail fitting out the new aircraft carrier USS *Yorktown* (CV-5). During duty at Naval Air Station Norfolk which followed, he was advanced to the rate of seaman first class on 1 September 1937. On 30 September 1937, Brock was assigned to the staff of the Commander, Carrier Division 2, Rear Admiral Charles Adams Blakely. Promoted to aviation ordnance man third class on 16 February 1938, Brock was transferred to Torpedo Squadron 6 soon afterward, on 15 April 1938.

On 13 April 1939, Brock was assigned to Naval Air Station Pensacola at Pensacola, Florida, where he underwent flight training as a naval enlisted pilot. Promoted to aviation ordnance man second class on 16 December 1939, he rejoined Torpedo Squadron 6 on 10 May 1940, remaining in that squadron until autumn, when he received orders to Naval Training Station Norfolk. While serving there, he was advanced in rate to aviation ordnance man 1st Class on 16 November 1940. After a brief assignment to the receiving ship at Naval Base San Diego at San Diego, California, he joined the oiler USS *Brazos* (AO-4) on 30 June 1941, and ultimately reported to Torpedo Squadron 6 for a third time, on 2 August 1941. He was commissioned as an ensign on 21 April 1942, and attained the permanent rate of pilot first class on 30 April 1942.

During World War II, Brock took part in the Battle of Midway on 4 June 1942. That morning, he took off from the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* (CV-6) in one of Torpedo Squadron 6's 14 Douglas TBD-1 Devastator torpedo bombers. In the course of the flight toward the Imperial Japanese Navy's "Mobile Force" of aircraft carriers, the fighters, dive bombers and torpedo planes of *Enterprise*'s attack group became separated from one another. Thus unable to carry out a coordinated attack as doctrine dictated, Torpedo Squadron 6 went in unsupported by fighters or dive bombers, and 10 of its fourteen planes were shot down.

During the melee, as Japanese Mitsubishi A6M2 "Zero" fighters vigorously attacked Torpedo Squadron 6, Brock lifted the nose of his plane to bring his fixed, forward-firing machine gun to bear on a Japanese fighter, only to be shot down moments later. His TBD-1, aircraft 6-T-14 crashed into the sea, and neither Brock nor his radio-gunner, Aviation Radioman Third Class J. M. Blundell, survived.

Awards

For his part in the "bold and heroic" attack carried out by Torpedo Squadron 6 at Midway, Brock was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously.

Namesake

The U.S. Navy destroyer escort USS *Brock* (DE-234) was named for Ensign Brock. She was converted during construction into a high-speed transport, and was in commission as such as USS *Brock* (APD-93), from 1945 to 1947.

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR POST SERVICE OFFICER FOR ASSISTANCE.

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September is Suicide Prevention Month

Veterans have been trained to carry the heavy stuff, but don't have to go through it alone.

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

TAKE A MOMENT

REACH OUT

Take Action: 5 Things You Can Do Now

- REACH OUT
- HEAR VETERAN STORIES
- BE PREPARED
- FIND RESOURCES
- SPREAD THE WORD

Don't wait for a crisis. Take a moment today to reach out. You can act now to help prevent Veteran suicide later.

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FROM THE COMMANDER
Randy Black

Comrades,

Now that things are trying to get back to normal and our post has been renovated, we can start anew with our missions. Fund raising is going to be a priority, so we can get back to helping our veterans. Community service will be an important facet as well. Being seen by the People of Enterprise, and the Wiregrass, participating in community projects, will highlight our organization and our purpose. Maximum participation from our members will be vital. So, please find time to help in our endeavors. I thank you for trusting me as your commander for another year. With your help, I know we can grow and mature into a well-rounded, productive organization that would bring credit to you as individuals, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of America as a whole. Please reach out to me on any topic, gripe, or concerns. I am open, and encourage your inputs. May god bless you and yours as we continue our march to recovery from these hard times.

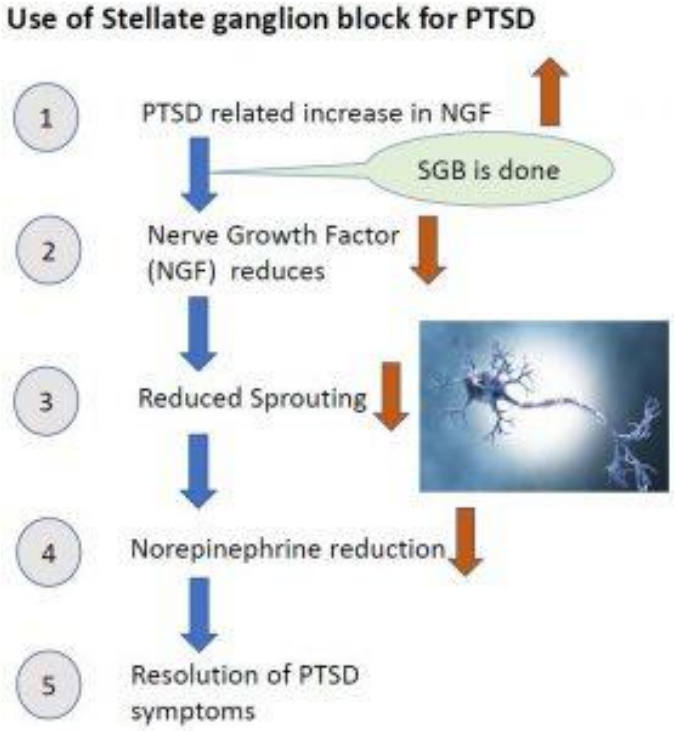
Randy Black
Commander

The Stellate Ganglion Block (SGB)

By Micheal Sutterfield

A new Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder treatment was recently brought to the Post Leadership's attention, the Stellate Ganglion Block (SGB), that can significantly assist some Veteran's with their struggles. The Cullman VFW, in North Alabama began a program last year to assist Veterans in getting to Annapolis, Maryland to receive the $800 treatment, utilizing a variety of community partners and other organizations to assist in providing funds and transportation. John Wiley-Brock Post 6683 is looking to establish a program to assist with Veterans within the local area with the treatment, especially now that St. Vincent's in Birmingham provides the treatment. The treatment is not yet provided by The VA or Federal Government. However, the Post has assisted one individual from the area in receiving the SGB treatment.

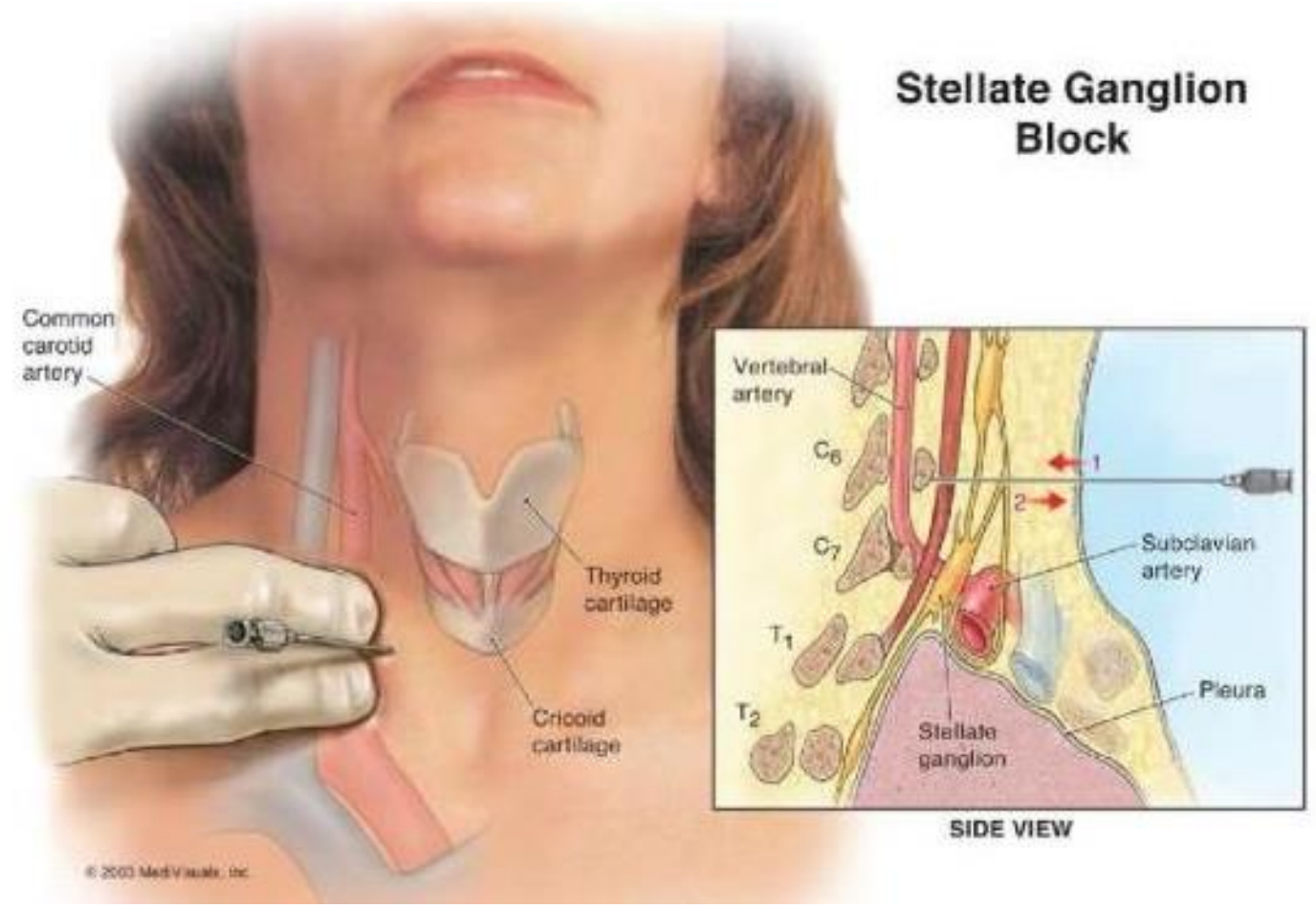
Reflecting on the number of veterans across Alabama and the nation in need of PTSD treatment, Ken Brown of the Cullman VFW said, "All those people need it, and all those people right now, all those veterans right now are on anti-psychotic and anti-depression drugs, and the drug industry is making a fortune off it. The pharmaceutical industry's making a fortune off these guys, and it's not doing them any good. So as our people go and get the shot, they are finding that they're successful and slowly coming off a lot of the meds that they've been prescribed at the VA Hospital. And that's very helpful, because now they're able to sleep at night, they're able to reestablish good relations with the kids, their family, and their associates at work. They're able to hold down jobs. They're not anxious anymore, they're not depressed anymore, and they're not abusing alcohol anymore. All those things that have to do with PTSD are falling away." The Cullman VFW has helped over 60 Veterans receive the SGB treatment to date.



What is the shot?

"The stellate ganglion is like a routing center for the nervous system and controls the impulse for 'fight or flight'," said a statement from Kristine Rae Olmsted, a research epidemiologist with RTI International, an independent nonprofit research institute. "Anesthetizing the ganglion blocks nerve impulses temporarily. We still don't know how SGB works to improve PTSD symptoms, but now we know that it does."

According to RTI International: "In the early 2010s, some military medical centers began offering patients with PTSD a procedure that had been used for decades to relieve pain.



The procedure, called stellate ganglion block, or SGB, involves injecting a local anesthetic into the stellate ganglion. This group of nerve cells and nerves in the neck helps regulate the body's 'fight or flight' mechanism. As more and more patients tried the stellate ganglion block, the reports seemed promising. But the medical community still needed evidence of its effectiveness. RTI in 2014 launched a randomized, controlled trial of SGB, and in fall 2019, we found that it is indeed effective."

The way ahead

John Wiley-Brock Post 6683 is establishing a Committee to look into how the Post can best assist local Veterans that could benefit from this treatment. If you are interested in being a member of this Committee, contact the Post Quartermaster, Jim Steddum or the JR Vice Commander, Mike Sutterfield, for more information.

For more, visit
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www.facebook.com/Savingforgottenwarriors

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September 11 Fundraiser - Boston Butt / Pork Plate Sale!

PLEASE Share this with all of your local friends, neighbors, and co-workers!

JWB Post 6683 is selling Boston Butts and Pork Plates to raise money for 2021-22 programs and to complete payment of the costs of the building renovations.

Boston Butts are $30 and Plates w/2 sides are $10. Pick up for orders is between 11 and 2 on September 11, 2021 at the Post.

There will also be a breakfast at the post between 8 and 9:30 and a Patriot's Day ceremony at 10. State Representative Rhett Marques and other notable leaders will be guest speakers. Come for breakfast and tour the renovated building during its public debut (re-grand-opening), participate in the Patriot's day ceremony, and pick up your Chopper's Ol School BBQ.

Pre-orders online are at VFW6683.org or call 334-475-2010 to get tickets for the fundraiser.

PLEASE Share this with all of your local friends, neighbors, and co-workers!

SEPTEMBER

2021

MEETINGS ARE EVERY 2D TUESDAY AT 6:00PM!!!

The GRAND REVEAL of the REMODELED JWB Post Building is set for 11 September 2021. Come! for

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Fort Rucker Retiree Council (1130, The Landing)	2 WWVC (0800, Amer. Leg.)	3 EHS Vs Dothan (1900, EHS)	4 AL Vs Miami (ATL)
5	6 LABOR DAY	7	8	9 DAV (1830)	10 EHS vs Davidson (1900, EHS)	11 **GRAND REVEAL!** CVMA (1100) AL vs Mercer
12	13	14 VFW Monthly Business Meeting (1800)	15	16	17 FRAL Newcomer's Welcome (0900, Landing) EHS vs Central	18 USAF B-DAY Post Auxiliary Meeting (1000) AL at FLA
19	20	21 City Council (1800, City Hall)	22 Enterprise MVAC (VFW)	23	24 EHS vs Ft Walton Beach (1900, EHS)	25 Amer. Leg. (0900) AL Vs Southern Miss
26 GSA 9048 Meeting (1400, VFW)	27	28	29	30	1 WSMA Golf Tournament (Silver Wings)	2 AL vs Ole Miss
3	4	5	6 AUSA Board (1130, Mafoosky's)	7 WWVC (0800, Amer. Leg.)	8	9 AL at Texas A&M

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

MEETINGS ARE EVERY 2D TUESDAY AT 6:00PM!!!

Come see us at the Boll Weevil Fall Festival!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 WSMA Golf Tournament (Silver Wings)	2 AL vs Ole Miss
3	4	5	6 AUSA Board (1130, Mafoosky's)	7 WWVC (0800, Amer. Leg.)	8	9 AL at Texas A&M
10	11 COLUMBUS DAY	12 VFW Monthly Business Meeting (1800)	13	14 DAV (1830)	15 DAV Golf Tournament (Bridges @Tartan Pines)	16 Enterprise Fall Fest AL @ Miss State
17	18	19	20	21 Business After Hours (Panera Bread)	22	23 Amer. Leg. (0900) Haunted Trail (FRAL Equestrian Ctr) AL vs Tenn
24 Haunted Trail (FRAL Equestrian Ctr)	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 HALLOWEEN	1	2	3 AUSA Board (1130, Mafoosky's)	4 WWVC (0800, Amer. Leg.)	5	6 AL Vs LSU

Fall Carnival (Boswell Honda)

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REPORT FROM HOUSE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 2021

Otis Smith, Jr.
Past Commander
Chairman House Committee

- **Chairman Otis Smith, Jr.**
- Trustee 1 Year: Robert Schmidbauer
- Trustee 2 Year: Larry Jones
- Trustee 3 Year: Jeff Osler
- Quarter Master: Jim Steddum
- Post Commander: Randy Black

I am Past Commander Otis Smith, Jr. and proud to serve as your House Committee Chairman. I, along with the house committee officers were elected by the Post membership to manage matters related to the Post facilities which includes the operation, maintenance and repair of the Post rooms, grounds and manage the rental of our facilities. The Post Commander and Post Quartermaster also serve as members of the House Committee by the virtue of their offices.

Your House committee is here to serve and do what is in the best interest of you, our members and your loved ones. House Committee decisions are methodically thought out, reviewed and evaluated and then brought back to the membership for their approval. Please be reminded that this committee, at times, has to make decisions that are time sensitive and cannot wait for membership approval/vote. The committee consists of proud professional Veterans, who are more than qualified to make such decisions on your behalf.

The House Committee meets once a month on the Monday of the week prior to the Post meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. The House Committee Chairperson may call for ad hoc committee meetings should situations arise that call for immediate House Committee attention.

As the House Committee Chairperson I am responsible for reporting facility status and upkeep to the membership, at the monthly Post meeting. I also report on repairs or changes made to the Post, repairs or changes needed to be made to the Post, cost of said repairs or changes, work parties needed to help maintain the Post, and ongoing projects.

Your House committee has developed a 1, 3, and 5 year plan, which was approved on 10 August 2021.

- End of year 1: roof repair to Post building; repair/replace gutters; roof repair for pump house
- End of year 3: screen in pavilion connected to Post; screen in Bar-B-Que pavilion; repaint steel frame and display w/ VFW-Post logo
- End of year 5: frame/enclose pavilion connected to Post

As chairman of the House Committee and on behalf of the committee members, we look forward to providing continued, true and dedicated services to all Veterans, especially you, your loved ones and our great surrounding communities.

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The Quartermaster Corner by Jim Steddum

It has been an exciting summer at Post 6683. We earned a 100% members ribbon for FY21 with a membership of 243 members on June 30. Of those members, 212 members are life members. Recruiting efforts really picked up towards end of the fiscal year and the post should be very proud to have a solid membership. Talk to your combat veteran brothers and sisters and have them join us! We look forward to welcoming them home!

The post has been keeping me quite busy with keeping track of donations and renovations expenses. We have done exceptionally well maintaining sufficient funds to cover our operating expenses without compromising our ability to help Veterans or their families when asked to provide support. The donations from post members, families, other organizations, and the community have been fantastic. Let's keep up the great work and get the community more involved in helping Veterans at our improved Post Home!

Keep informed with what is going on at the post by going to VFW6683.org. Our sponsors are all listed at the bottom of the page—make sure to shop with them first—they are truly Veteran Friendly!!

Jim Steddum
Quartermaster

VFW POST 6683 POLO SHIRTS

The first batch of VFW Post 6683 Polo shirts are in and have been distributed (mostly). If you would like to order one or more shirts, the cost is $36.50 - Go to the Post Store at VFW6683.com and place your order! Call me if you need assistance:

Jim Steddum
334-475-2010 (office) or 907-854-1320 (cell)

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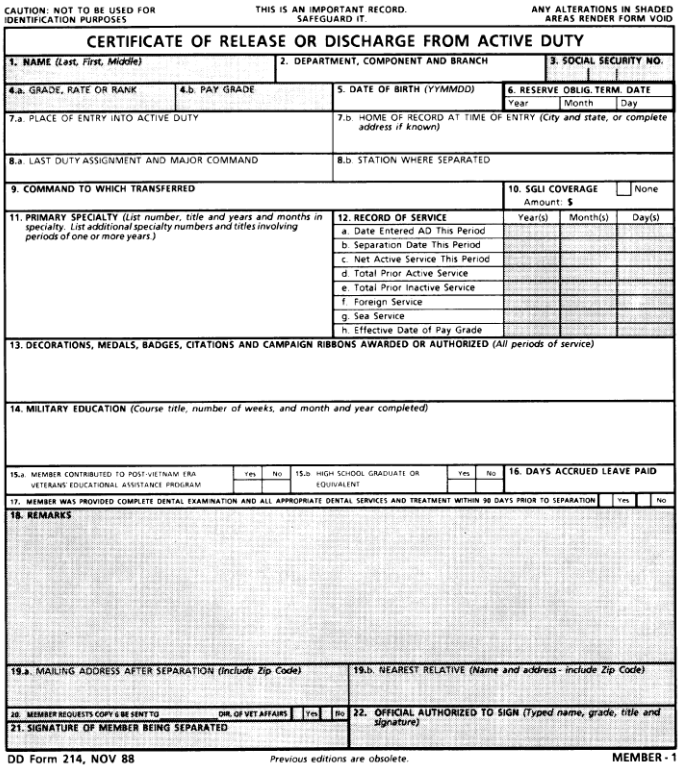
The Adjutant Corner by Comrade Sam R. Baker

Why is the DD FM 214 so important?

The DD Form 214, Discharge Papers and Separation Document is the most important military document you will ever receive. This form serves as your proof of military service and is often used to verify military service for benefits such as the GI Bill, VA loan and medical benefits, retirement benefits, employment, and membership in veteran's organizations. Additionally, some veterans will require a DD 214 if they wish to rejoin the military, take advantage of veteran's preference points for civilian employment in a state or federal job, and more.

Each member should receive a copy of their DD Form 214 on the day they separate from the military. Some veterans have reported that their DD 214 wasn't ready on the date they separated, so your mileage may vary. If you are going to separate soon, do your best to obtain a copy on the date you separate from the military – this can save you a lot of hassle later on.

Because your DD Form 214 is so important, it is imperative you keep a copy of it in a safe place. You need to treat your DD 214 like any other important document, such as a birth, marriage or death certificate, passport, Social Security Card, etc. Keep your original copy in a lockbox, fireproof safe, safety deposit box, or another secure location. I also recommend keeping a scanned copy on your hard drive or upload a copy to the cloud, for example in DropBox or Google Drive.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2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH
3. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
4.a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK
4.b. PAY GRADE
5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYMMDD)
6. RESERVE OBLIG. TERM. DATE (Year, Month, Day)
7.a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY
7.b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known)
8.a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND
8.b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED
10. SGLI COVERAGE Amount: $ None
11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.)
12. RECORD OF SERVICE (Year(s), Month(s), Day(s))
a. Date Entered AD This Period
b. Separation Date This Period
c. Net Active Service This Period
d. Total Prior Active Service
e. Total Prior Inactive Service
f. Foreign Service
g. Sea Service
h. Effective Date of Pay Grade
13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service)
14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed)
15.a. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Yes No
15.b. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT Yes No
16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID
17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION Yes No
18. REMARKS
19.a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include Zip Code)
19.b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include Zip Code)
20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO DIR. OF VET. AFFAIRS Yes No
21. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED
22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title and signature)

DD Form 214, NOV 88 Previous editions are obsolete. MEMBER - 1

Unfortunately, things happen and your DD Form 214 can get lost, damaged, or stolen. The following instructions can help you replace your DD Form 214 if you need another copy. Getting a copy of your DD Form 214 will depend on how long it has been since you separated or retired from the military. If you have recently separated, you will get a copy from your branch of service. If it has been a long time, you will need to contact the National Archives. I'm not 100% what the cut off is for "recent" and "long time," but I believe each branch maintains personnel records for about 10 years before sending them to the National Archives.

If you separated within the last 10 years, try your branch of service personnel or Human Resources center first. If they don't have it, or if it has been more than 10 years, then try the National Archives. If you need to obtain a copy of your Form DD 214 from the National Archives, you should contact them directly. It is free and easy to request a copy of your separation paperwork and other military records. There is no need to pay a company to do this on your behalf. You can obtain a copy of your DD Form 214 Online or via Mail. If you choose to mail it in, download a copy of SF-180 from the National Archives website

https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html.to:

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63138

If you are in need of a family member's DD FM 214, the only people who can request a copy of military service records are the veteran, surviving next of kin, or a legally authorized agent. Next-of-kin is defined by the National Archives as a surviving spouse that has not remarried, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother. In some cases, relatives of the deceased veteran who are not considered next of kin can still request a copy of the military service records. Contact the National Archives for more information regarding making a Next of Kin Records Request. Next-of-kin must usually provide some proof of death for the deceased veteran. This could include a copy of the death certificate, a letter from the funeral home, or published obituary.

The National Archives website states that they process 92% of records requests within 10 business days. You can also contact the National Archives if you need to place a rush order on your records request and they will try to move your request higher in the queue, if possible.

For more information, or to check on the status of your DD Form 214 request, contact the NPRC Customer Service Line: 1-314-801-0800. (not toll-free).

Remember, obtaining a copy of your DD Form 214 is free through the National Archives. You do not need to pay a company to do this on your behalf.

BOSS Program

By Micheal Sutterfield

Team, as many of you know, I am involved with several community organizations. However, there is one entity that is near and dear to my heart as a previous Garrison CSM, the BOSS Program that many of us do not know about. Currently, on Fort Rucker, the BOSS Program is rewarding some hard working volunteers with a trip to Universal Studios in Orlando. Below is the request for assistance from MWR to sponsor a Soldier for this trip. Please provide this information to your organizations for their consideration in supporting these Soldiers. Chris Dickson's information is also provided if you would like some more information than listed below.

If needed, I can provide a primer on the BOSS program to your organization, if I'm not already at one of your meetings. They are trying to get everything nailed down by Mid-September in order to make this a success.

Supporters,

Ft Rucker Single Soldiers program is looking for sponsors of 19 Top Soldiers!

Sponsor the reward trip for these young Soldiers selected for their volunteer service this year.

BOSS Universal Trip, Orlando FL Oct 6-11, 2021 (5 nights)

Sponsor a Soldier: $400
Provides:

- -10 Meals (Lunch/Dinner)
- -Halloween Horror Night Express Pass
- -Gift card for souvenirs at Universal

Additional $/In-kind sponsorship opportunities:

- -Fuel for vans
- -Team Trip shirts printing
- -Team Trip caps printing

Note: Besides thanking and recognizing our Sponsors on the Ft Rucker Facebook page and other ways the Soldiers will take photos with your sign/banner, wearing your company's apparel, holding your promo items!

Contact:

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334-400-6133

or

Chris Dickson
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Christopher.a.dickson8.naf@mail.mil

About B.O.S.S.

The mission of the BOSS program is to enhance the morale and welfare of single Soldiers, increase retention and sustain combat readiness. BOSS is the collective voice of single Soldiers through the chain of command, which serves as a tool for commanders to gauge the morale of single Soldiers regarding quality of life issues. Additionally, BOSS also sponsors a variety of activities before, during and after deployment to maintain the morale of single Soldiers affected by increased operational tempo and deployment stress.

The BOSS program is facilitated through its three core components aimed at maintaining a balanced life: leisure and recreation, community service and quality of life. BOSS affords Soldiers the opportunity to assist in planning and execution of recreational activities for single Soldiers and provides direction for Soldiers interested in performing military and civilian community service-related projects. Community service projects provide Soldiers valuable experience, skills and a sense of community pride and ownership.

The BOSS program also serves as a tool to address many of the issues and concerns that our Army faces today. The program gives the Army the ability to tackle tough issues through peer to peer leadership. Single Soldiers assist the chain of command in dealing with suicide prevention, sexual assault and sexual harassment issues that single Soldiers living in barracks might experience.

Garrison BOSS programs are managed by a Senior Enlisted Advisor, MWR Advisor and BOSS President. BOSS serves the Single Soldier Community - active, guard and reserve - and single parents, geographical bachelors, and other branches of service and Foreign Service Members.

There are seventy-four (74) BOSS communities Army-wide. BOSS supports Year of the NCO fitness, leadership and pride in service initiatives to enhance and accelerate the development of NCOs.

BOSS Core Components

- **Quality of Life**

Quality of Life includes those issues that Soldiers can directly or indirectly influence to enhance their morale, living environment, or personal growth and development. Issues raised during BOSS meetings will be directed to the appropriate command or staff agency for resolution on the installation. Army-wide issues are forwarded to the Army Family Action Plan Conference for possible DA resolution.

- **Recreation and Leisure**

Fun activities are planned by the BOSS council working in conjunction with the MWR Advisor and CSM. These events are geared towards the desires of the Single Soldiers on that installation.

- **Community Service**

BOSS makes a difference by volunteering in community projects and events. This is always voluntary in nature, and Soldiers find this to be personally rewarding.

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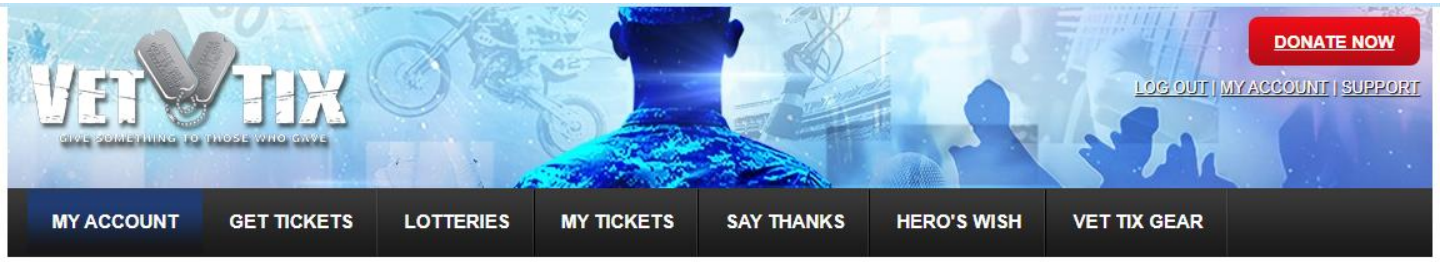

Give Something to Those Who Gave.

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.

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Renovate and They Will Come

By Robert Schmidbauer
Project Manager

In a year that saw Major League Baseball finally capitalize on the Field and Concept behind the movie Field of Dreams, I thought it would be kind of neat to plagiarize for the title of this article.

It all started on May 7, 2020 when we were approved for a Home Depot Community Service Grant. We had our original plan that was submitted to receive this grant but the price of lumber had risen dramatically and our plans would need to be reduced unless we were to obtain more financial contributions.

Our local businesses, members of the community and fellow comrades stepped in and we were once again able to complete our planned renovation. These businesses were Home Depot, Sam Boswell Honda, Mercedes Benz of Dothan, Milky Moos, Forge and Farm Brewing Company, and All Cracked Up. Comrades and Community donations were received from Russ Smith, Brett Feinstein, Sam Baker, Jim and Katrina Steddum, Randy Black, Ken Donahue, Bob Cooper, Randy Godfrey, Otis Smith, Scotty and Dawn Johnson and Larry Jones.

The project started with gutting the posts existing kitchen and bathrooms.

The Air Handler platform was rebuilt and the AC Unit was serviced.

Based on electric issues, lack of insulation and holes in the foundation, we decided to gut the office as well.

A new circuit panel and electric service were added.

An On Demand Water Heater was installed.

Bathrooms were made ADA compliant; jack hammering concrete was fun! Thanks, Ken Donahue, for the Jack Hammer.

Time to put the insulation in and sheetrock up.

With the problems identified in the initial project, we brought it to the members, I mean, how can we in good conscience not fix the rest of the building.

The members approved and our timeline was extended by 10 days and we took on replacing the electric, adding insulation and new sheetrock in the main hall.

If we are going to have a grand reopening, we could not settle on simply fixing the inside of the post and outdoor projects began.

The new Sign. Thanks Sam Baker for the painting skills.

The new Fire Pit. Thanks Boy Scouts Troop!

The fence. The Beta Club and their parents spent the day improving our appearance.

It was a long two months, but we are glad to announce that the post is now open for business once again. If you are currently an active member, we cannot wait for you to see the completed project. If you are a member that has not been involved lately, or are not a member and you are either eligible for VFW or Auxiliary membership, we invite you to come out to one of our monthly meetings which are held the second Tuesday at 6:00pm or one of our activities that our listed on our website vfw6683.org and Facebook page Enterprise VFE – Post 6683 or VFW Auxiliary 6683.

The highlights of the new post are: Modern Kitchen with all new energy star appliances, ADA compliant restrooms, spacious climate-controlled meeting hall, Wi-Fi that covers the entire post grounds, outdoor pavilion, outdoor picnic area, outdoor grill, outdoor fire pit, walking trail and plenty of parking.

Special thanks to our volunteers: Robert Schmidbauer, Dawn Schmidbauer, Randy Black, Ken Donahue, Russ Smith, Jim Steddum, Katrina Steddum, Kimo Steddum, Sam Baker, Emmie Baker, Jeff Osler, Thomas Grandinetti, Brett Feinstein, Stephanie Feinstein, Patrick Riordan, Otis Smith, Randy Godfrey, Larry Jones and many others who stopped by along the way.

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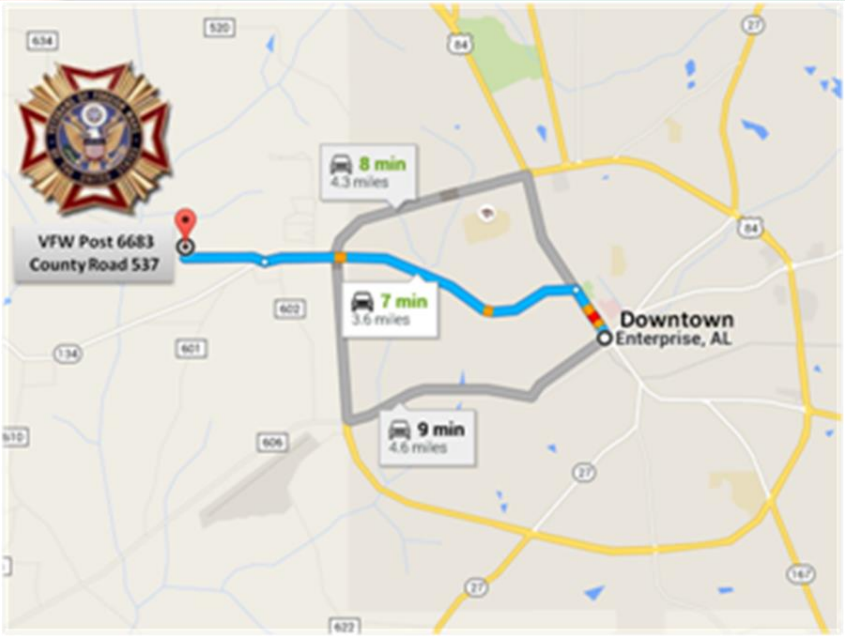
The New Post Home has the following amenities:

- ✓ ADA Accessible Restrooms
- ✓ New Kitchen appliances, cabinets, on-demand water heater, water purification system, and range hood
- ✓ New insulation, walls, and flooring
- ✓ All new electrical system
- ✓ All new Wifi (inside and out)
- ✓ 2 new TVs (55 and 65 inch with Internet Broadcasting and linked for presentations)
- ✓ New extra large campfire
- ✓ Larger floor space (2,475 sq feet)
- ✓ New surprises for our life members

Driving directions to VFW POST 6683 (Enterprise, AL)

From Rucker Blvd. / Glover Avenue (by Ford Dealership) head west on Boll Weevil Circle, till you past Enterprise High School, turn right at flashing light on HWY 134W (head towards Andalusia/Opp). Drive 0.5 miles towards Covington Electric Cooperative; bear right onto County Road 537. Drive 0.6 miles - Enterprise VFW Post 6683 will be on right.



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

For more information, call the post at 334-475-2010 or email post.6683.vfw@gmail.com.
Jim Steddum, Quartermaster

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VFW Post 6683 Facebook Page

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Comrades, in an effort to keep members aware of the upcoming events of our organization, we recently established a Facebook page 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.

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