

The regular monthly meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Murrells Inlet Post 10420 was held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 10:31 am at the VFW Post 10420 Social Hall: The Commander being in the chair and the adjutant present.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Present: Commander Sal Salvino; Sr Vice Commander Charles Cotton; Quartermaster/Adjutant Karen Collins; Chaplain Bill Pullar; 1-year trustee Bill Mumford; 2-year trustee Buck Rogers; 3-year Trustee Warren Cooper; Surgeon Don Urban; Judge Advocate Bob Thompson; Officer of the Day John McDowel; Sergeant at Arms Bill Feick; House Chair John Greenhill

Absent/Excused: Jr Vice Commander Gilbert Romero; Service Officer Doug Paley

MEMBERSHIP: 35 members present (sign-in sheets attached). The Quartermaster processed 7 new/transfer/renewal applications since the last meeting. As of 4/17/2026 the All-American Dashboard standing for Post 10420 is 101.53%, ranked at 17 overall.

MINUTES: March's meeting Minutes were posted to the website by the adjutant. Motion by Comrade Urban to accept Minutes as posted. Seconded. Unanimous pass.

QUARTERMASTER: As of 3/31/2026: VFW Post **general fund** \$40,042 (receipts 9,416/disbursements **77,814**); VFW Post **Relief Fund** \$4,535 (disbursed **192** for ROTC awards/certificates); **Canteen fund** \$28,597 (54,722 receipts/**42,087** disbursements); Memorial fund \$5,894; First Citizens **General Fund** \$26,120 (receipts 27,785/disbursements **2,896**) – cash balance this period: \$107,789. Comrade Greenhill motioned to accept report pending trustee audit. Seconded. Unanimous pass

COMRADES IN DISTRESS: Comrade in the hospital; Comrade Feick wasn't sure if he was still in hospital. Comrade Urban reported Zeke is doing better. Janet and Jim was diagnosed with stage IV cancer. David MacLean passed on 4/4/26, his name is on the board.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: The coin drop was a huge success; next one is scheduled for 5/9. Sign-up sheets for the coin drop and clean-up day were passed to the membership. Memorial Day clean-up is 23 May. We have a service on the 25th so clean-up must happen prior to that day. Commander emphasized how important it is that the house committee is in place but that they are a small group and can always use assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Insurance - The Commander and Quartermaster called a company recommended by the State Quartermaster; application has been completed and a telephone interview will happen sometime next week with the new company.
- Loan payments – balance at \$95,453 goal is to get it paid off by April 2027.
- VFW Riders are no longer an association of this Post. Their organization (by National standards) has certain requirements; however, locally they do not have enough VFW members to have their own charter.
- Previous Quartermaster – at the last meeting it was voted on to send him a letter. The letter was refused. He has transferred his membership to Isle of Palms Post 3137. Comrade Greenhill recommended using a process server to serve him. Judge Advocate advised waiting until Article 9 is developed. Another Comrade suggested going to the County to have him served. Commander decided to just move forward and serve him at that point.

- Planning Committee has been established – additional members are welcome and should see the Commander.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The commander discussed how Zeffy is used for donations; a QR code is available to scan to make donations.
- Day of Service is on May 2nd. Everyone is encouraged to come on out to support. There are bins in the bar area for donations. The bins were full and the food pantry came by and picked up so we need more donations. Day of Service is an All-American requirement.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Comrade Greenhill reminded the Commander an appointment needed to be made to the house committee to replace Victor Pohan who was elected as 3rd year trustee.
- Tom Puzo will present one of the JROTC awards.
- Comrade Ken spoke on behalf of the membership committee regarding an 'association membership' as a way of bringing more money to the Post. A discussion and explanation of this membership ensued. Potential members would have to be sponsored by a Post member in good standing; fees are \$45 and \$5 for door card. According to the MOP, no more than 25% of our membership can be associate members; we would limit this to 300 people and then there would be a waiting list. Judge Advocate spoke on the requirements: Must be 21 years old; not eligible for VFW membership; sponsored by Post member in good standing; subject to approval of Post membership committee. Refunds of dues would be possible under certain circumstances. The Commander spoke of the past program and issues that surfaced. Commander wants the membership to think about this, and it will be brought up at the May meeting for voting. Comrade Cain discussed making the social membership the same price as post membership. When setting the price at \$45, it was decided since social members will not be entitled to any benefits that Post members receive.
- Monarch Roofing is looking for Veterans that may need a new roof.
- Commander discussed a vending machine for t-shirts, koozie and hat sales (swag). Proposed fundraiser through the planning committee to pay for the cost (\$4,500) of the machine.
- Comrade addressed the numerous raffles, etc. that are open at this moment. The MOP is clear in how to go about fundraisers. Commander discussed how the TV raffle came about; an auxiliary member at the last joint meeting suggested TVs and boxes.

SAFETY BRIEF: General awareness; report suspicious behavior. Monitor alcohol consumption. Report spills, damage, any hazards. Comply with facility rules.

NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS and INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Elections were held for the following positions – Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander and Quartermaster. Ballots were handed out.

Commander – Sal Salvino

Senior Vice Commander – New Nomination – Frank Bazen. Prior to voting, current Senior Vice Commander declined his nomination. Frank Bazen voted as new Senior Vice Commander

Jr Vice Commander – James Horne

Quartermaster – Karen Collins

3-year Trustee – Victor Pohan

Appointments made by Commander: Adjutant, Karen Collins; Chaplain, Bill Pullar; Surgeon, Don Urban; House Committee Chair, John Greenhill; Benefits Advisor, Doug Paley; Judge Advocate, Bob Thompson; Officer of the Day, John McDowell; Sergeant at Arms, Bill Feick, House Committee, Greg Casillas.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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