



## VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS BUCKEYE POST 12098 SERVICE OFFICER BULLETIN

THE FUNCTION OF A SERVICE OFFICER IN THE VFW ORGANIZATION IS TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE POST, THEIR SURVIVING SPOUSES AND ORPHANS, AND ANY OTHER WORTHY VETERANS WITH CASES BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION IN OBTAINING RIGHTFUL ENTITLEMENTS FROM FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. THE WORK OF A SERVICE OFFICER SHALL BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN *THE VFW GUIDE TO SERVICE OFFICERS* UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER. THE SERVICE OFFICER SHALL PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE INCIDENT TO THE OFFICE AND AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE REQUIRED BY THE LAWS AND USAGES OF THIS ORGANIZATION OR LAWFUL ORDERS FROM PROPER AUTHORITY.

OUR POST SERVICE OFFICERS ARE:

- COMRADE TIM BURTON (623-824-3762): TIM HAS BEEN OUR SOLE SERVICE OFFICER FOR MANY YEARS AND IS VERY KNOWLEDGABLE ON PROCEDURES AND IN ASSISTING OUR VETERANS IN THEIR CLAIMS PROCESS WITH A JOB WELL DONE.
- HE IS RECENTLY JOINED BY COMRADE WALT WARREN (915-549-3891) WHO HAS BEEN ATTENDING SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING SINCE JULY 2016 AT THE TOLLESON VFW POST 6310 RECEIVING HIS CERTIFICATION IN FEBRUARY 2017.

WE HAVE ESTABLISHED WEEKLY TRIAL TIMES (\*) WHEN A SERVICE OFFICER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH VETERANS AND ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR CLAIM PROCESS OR NEEDS AT OUR NEW POST LOCATION IN THE **BUCKEYE OUTREACH SOCIAL SERVICES (BOSS)** LOCATED AT 501 EAST MAHONEY ON THE CORNER OF EAST MAHONEY AND 5TH AVENUE IN DOWNTOWN BUCKEYE.

- MONDAY and THURSDAY from 1300 TO 1500 and WEDNESDAY from 0900 TO 1100.

\* AFTER A SIXTY TO NINETY DAY TRIAL SCHEDULE WE MAY ADJUST HOURS OR INCREASE AVAILABILITY DEPENDING ON NEED.

CURRENTLY OUR COMRADES AT TOLLESON VFW POST 6310 CONDUCT A MONTHLY SERVICE OFFICER BRIEFING AND ASSISTANCE MEETING ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE TOLLESON FIREHOUSE ON NORTH 92ND AVENUE (JUST SOUTH OF VAN BUREN) BEGINNING AT 0800 HOURS. EACH MONTH THE TOPICS DISCUSSED WILL VARY AND FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION PERIOD THE SERVICE OFFICERS OF POST 6310 ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND TO ASSIST VETERANS WITH THEIR CLAIM PROCESS.

- THE UPCOMING TOPICS SCHEDULED ARE:
  - VETERANS BENEFITS (May 20th and September 16th);
  - AGENT ORANGE – GULF WAR (July 15<sup>th</sup> and October 21st) ; and
  - PTSD (August 19<sup>th</sup>).
- ADDITIONALLY, DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC) BRIEFINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN MARCH AND NOVEMBER AT THE TOLLESON COMMUNITY CENTER ON VAN BUREN.

\*\*\* **ADDITIONAL NOTE:** WEEKLY TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE SESSIONS ARE CONDUCTED EACH FRIDAY BEGINNING AT 0700 HOURS BY THE SERVICE OFFICERS AT POST 6310. THESE SESSIONS FROM 0700 – 0900 ARE TO ASSIST VETERANS WITH THEIR CLAIMS PROCESS. FOLLOWING THIS SESSION A TRAINING WORKSHOP IS CONDUCTED TO FAMILIARIZE ANY SERVICE OFFICER, OR COMRADE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VFW SERVICE OFFICER, WITH THE CODES AND REGULATIONS OR ANY UPDATES AND CHANGES TO PROCEDURES.