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Vietnam War Commemoration Events on August 10

North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs & the Vietnam Veterans of America will hold commemorative events at five locations across the state to honor the sacrifices of North Carolinians during the Vietnam War. The events will also mark North Carolina's 0th year of remembrance since the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution on August 10, 1964.

These events will take place on Sunday, August 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. The locations are:
• Haywood Vietnam Memorial, 285 N. Main St., Suite 1500, Waynesville, NC

- Vietnam Veterans Memorial, I-85 Mile Marker 100, Thomasville, NC
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Montford Landing Rd., Jacksonville, NC
- North Carolina Veterans Park, 300 Bragg Blvd., Fayetteville, NC
- Thompson Park, 1129 E. 3rd St., Charlotte, NC
- For more information contact the NCDVA Director's Office at 919-807-4250.

Anson County Early College Orientation is August 11

Mandatory Back to School Orientation for Parents and Students

Anson County Early College will hold their Back to School Orientation for parents and students on Monday, August 11. It will be held in the Garibaldi Building on South Piedmont Community College's Polkton campus.

• 9th Graders - 3 p.m. • 10th Graders - 4:15 p.m. • 11th Graders & Super Seniors - 5 p.m.

Benefit Dinner for Family of Jimmy Ratliff

Everyone is invited to come out for great food and fellowship at a dinner being held to benefit the family of Jimmy Ratliff. Mr. Ratliff passed away suddenly, leaving behind a disabled wife and two daughters. The event will take place on Saturday, August 16, beginning at 5 p.m. at Oakdale Baptist Church, located at 3304 Highway 218 in Polkton. The menu turkey, dressing, all the fixings, tea and dessert. You can eat in or carry out.

Anson Middle School Sports Practice and Tryouts

Anson Middle School students playing football will begin practice on Monday, August 18. Bring your sports physical documentation to practice that day. Practice will run each day of the week August 18 - 22 from 6 until 8 p.m.

Once school is in session, tryouts for the Cheerleading, Golf and Volleyball teams will be held. Please have a physical before school starts. Athletic Director Mike Vetter will

Democratic Party Blue and White Celebration is Sept. 20

The Anson County Democratic Party will hold their annual Blue and White Celebration on Saturday, September 20 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. The theme for the banquet is "Making a Difference!" The guest speaker will be Sheriff Elect Landric Reid. There will also be greetings from officials and honored guests. A souvenir program will be available that features information about elected officials,

personal messages and advertisements.

For more information about the banquet, the souvenir program or being a sponsor, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

Wildlife License Fee Changes Went into Effect August 1

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission announced several changes to its hunting, inland fishing and trapping licenses, which went into effect Aug. 1.

• Increased fees for certain short-term, annual and lifetime licenses. The duration of a short-term hunting license also will increase from six to 10 days, making it consistent with short-term fishing licenses.

• Eligibility requirements for senior licenses, which raise the age to 70 for residents who were born after Aug. 1, 1953. The age requirement remains 65 for residents born on or before Aug. 1, 1953.

• Elimination of county licenses, which include Resident County Hunting, Resident County Trapping, and Resident County Inland Fishing.

 Increased reciprocal license fees for Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Nonresident, short-term (10-day) hunting license fees will cost \$60 for Georgia residents, \$75 for South Carolina residents, \$70 for Tennessee residents, and \$110 for Virginia residents.

Also new this year is the Bear Management E-stamp, which is a mandatory \$10 e-stamp for bear hunters. Along with the e-stamp, resident bear hunters must possess a valid hunting license with big game privileges. Non-resident bear hunters must possess a valid hunting license, a big game privilege license and a non-resident bear hunting license, in addition to the bear management e-stamp. Lifetime license holders who purchased their lifetime sportsman or hunting license before July $1,\,2014$ do not have to purchase the \$10 bear e-stamp, but still have to obtain the bear e-stamp, at no cost to them, to hunt bear.

While the prices have increased for many hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, the majority increased by less than \$10 and there is no increase for resident lifetime licenses. This year is the first time since 1987 that the Commission has raised license fees

"The fee increase is part of a comprehensive plan passed by the legislature to move the Wildlife Commission toward fee-based self-sufficiency while reducing reliance on general fund tax appropriations," said Commission Budget Director Tommy Clark. Commission Executive Director Gordon Myers thanked all of the Commission's partners,

especially hunters and anglers, for their support of the Commission and its programs. "Without the support of our sportsmen and women, Commission staff would not be able

to accomplish our management goals," Myers said. "These increases in license fees will support wildlife, fisheries and land management directly, while also allowing us to continue our outreach to youth and disabled sportsmen, as well as introduce new participants to the wondertul outdoors.

To purchase a license:

 Call the Commission at 1-888-248-6834. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 days a week;

 Go to www.ncwildlife.org/licensing using a computer or mobile device;

Visit a local Wildlife Service Agent.

For more information on hunting, fishing and trapping licenses in North Carolina and a complete list of all 2014-15 license fee and regulatory changes, download the Commission's 2014-2015 North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest at www.ncwildlife.org.

Back to School with Pride Needs Your Help to Help Anson Youth

The Faith-Based Center of Hope will have their annual Back to School with Pride" event on Saturday, August 16, beginning at 10 a.m. in uptown Wadesboro on the Square. This event annually gives away needed school supplies to hundreds of Anson school kids.

Organizer, Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant said, "I am asking you to please help Back to School with Pride with a monetary donation or school supplies. In order for us to bless our students and schools we need you! If you can help, please send your donation to: Vancine Sturdivant, 1504 NC 145, Lilesville NC 28091. Thank you in advance!

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