

Local Veteran Receives Special Gift in Honor of His Service

In a release from Ted Ward, Anson County Veteran Services Officer: Local Veteran, Mr. John Lester Harris received a special gift in honor of his service at the monthly meeting of local VFW Post 10403 on Thursday, June 21. The 9th District Commander, Mr. Anthony Hall presented him with a special gift that had been sent by him from Mr. Thomas A. Pouliot who is a National Past Commander-In-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Mr. Pouliot served as Commander-In-Chief from 1998-1999. He was an invited guest of the North Carolina FFW's Annual Convention that was held in Raleigh. While at the convention it was brought to Mr. Pouliot's attention that Anson County's VFW Post 10403 had an authentic Buffalo Soldier as part of its membership. Mr. Pouliot is a resident of Helena, Montana who had driven with his wife to attend the convention. While on his way to the convention he stopped at Fort Huachuca, Arizona and became intrigued to find out that Fort Huachuca was the home of the original Buffalo Soldiers of the United States Army. While there he purchased a Buffalo



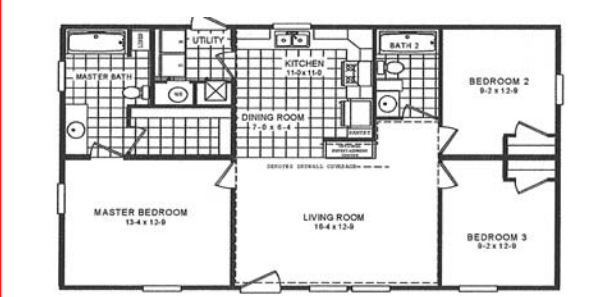
Soldiers Blanket as a souvenir of his visit. It was assigned to Battery B 599th Field Artillery with the 92nd Division as a Radio Operator (776) and attained the rank of TEC/5. He served valiantly on the front line and received the American Theater Service Medal, The EAME Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

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John Lester Harris enlisted in the United States Army on August 31, 1942, and served in the European Theater of Operations from September 20, 1944 until January 16, 1946. He was assigned to Battery B 599th Field Artillery with the 92nd Division as a Radio Operator (776) and attained the rank of TEC/5. He served valiantly on the front line and received the American Theater Service Medal, The EAME Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

His combat experience has taken a toll on his body with partially hearing loss and leg injury, but Mr. Harris has continued to serve his country and community in many areas. He currently is a member and senior deacon at Henry

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Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Lilesville, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10403 in Wadesboro, and was made an Honorary Member of the Charlotte Chapter of The Buffalo Soldiers in 2008.

Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward said, "We here in the Anson County community are proud of Mr Harris' sacrifices and his many accomplishments. Mr John Lester Harris and his lovely wife Mrs. Janie Harris reside in the Lilesville community today."

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Voting to select the top three photos for the 2013 Carolina Farm Credit Calendar Photo Contest is now open to the public at www.carolinafarmcredit.com. More than 330 photos were submitted by Carolina Farm Credit members, employees, and friends for the contest by the May 31st deadline. The photos included children on farms, farm animals, equipment and machinery, and scenery. The 33 finalists are displayed on the Carolina Farm Credit website.

Visitors will be able to vote once a day for their three favorite pictures through July 18. Following the completion of voting the three photos with the most votes will be awarded first, second and third place, and receive cash prizes. The additional calendar photos will be selected from the remaining finalists. This is the third year that the public has been able to vote for the Carolina Farm Credit photo contest finalists online.

Brittany Michelle McGregor Graduates from UNC-G

Brittany Michelle McGregor of Lilesville graduated cum laude from the University of North Carolina Greensboro on May 4 as the School of Education observed their commencements exercise. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Sociology.

On Sunday, April 15 Brittany was recognized as a UNC-G Scholar which celebrates diversity through academic excellence and outstanding achievement. She is a 2008 honor graduate of Anson High School.

She is the daughter of K. Patricia McGregor and granddaughter of Mrs. Kathleen W. McGregor, both of Lilesville. She has accepted a teaching position at Cornerstone Charter Academy in Greensboro.



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