

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hi Y'all- another great month to be a Moose is in the books! Thanks to everybody that helped make August so successful. In addition to our usual support to Mooseheart and Moosehaven, our Valued Vets committee made a \$200.00 donation to our local VA home in Collins for their recreation activities, along with a load of snack items. Also, the WOTM stepped up for our 4-legged friends by hosting our first ever Summer Jam to raise money for the Humane Society.

September will also be a lot of fun, with activities and events planned for EVERY Saturday of this month! Check the calendar for all our events and bring a friend or two out for some good times. As always, please try to attend our New Member Orientation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Even if you are a long-time member, you need to attend to become a preferred member.

Lastly, we're fixing to do something big for our community. I've been talking with the Hattiesburg Fire Department, and they have a need for hand-held thermal cameras. These lifesaving cameras allow firefighters to work much more safely and effectively inside burning buildings, However, there is no money in their department budget for these items. This is a great opportunity for our Lodge to step up in a MAJOR way! We will be starting to raise funds for the project this month, and we are setting a goal of \$12,000.00. It may seem like a lot, but it will allow us to purchase a camera for EVERY station in the HFD! The Lodge hasn't done a Community Service project this BIG since we gave HPD their first drone 5 years ago, but I know our Lodge is built on folks that believe in stepping up to meet a challenge. Together, we will make this idea a reality! LETS'S DO THIS YALL!

Thanks For All You Do and See Y'all At Da Lodge!!

## **FROM WOTM**

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our very first Summer Jam! I think everyone had a blast. Next month is filled with just as much fun with our annual Luau October 10<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for information, you're not going to want to miss this! Next WOTM meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup>. Once again THANK YOU for all your support, we couldn't do it without you!