



# NEWSLETTER



VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - July/August

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE



I am honored that you have given me the privilege to serve as your VFW Post 7288 Commander for the 2014-2015 term. I am committed to do my best to serve the Post and build upon the many successes of those that have served before me. I want to ensure that the legacy of VFW Post 7288 is one of service and commitment to veterans and to the ideals and traditions of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United

States. We will continue to build upon the fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable and educational purposes of the VFW as our Post pursues opportunities to further assist those comrades and their families that are in need of our support.

Please also welcome our new leadership team of VFW Calabash Post 7288 Officers who together, with our sisters in the Ladies Auxiliary and brothers in the Men's Auxiliary, will embark on our pursuit of excellence.

Thank you in advance for your continued support! It is time to go to work!

May God bless and protect our service men and women in uniform and our Veterans, and may God Bless America!

Rick Arvonio  
Commander

## ALL MEMBERS Very Important Message for YOU!

Every two months your VFW Calabash Post #7288 sends out the Newsletter containing the latest news, happenings, accomplishments and upcoming events. At times however, the Post may need to communicate news of a more urgent and/or serious nature. It could be an important upcoming event, weather related warnings that affect the Post's operations or the unfortunate and untimely passing of one of our members, brothers, sisters and friends. Our bi-monthly newsletter cannot fulfill that need to communicate in a more immediate manner.

Therefore, to more effectively and efficiently communicate with Post members in a timely manner, your V.F.W. Calabash Post #7288 is moving towards disseminating the newsletter and other information via email.

To that end, I am asking ALL members of V.F.W. Post #7288, the Men's Auxiliary and Ladies Auxiliary to provide their email addresses immediately to their respective organizations.

The next issue of the Post #7288 Newsletter (Sept./Oct. 2014) will be sent by email to all Members for whom we have an email address. Those Members who do not have or have not provided an email address but live in the local area will be able to pick up a copy of the monthly Newsletter at the Post. Only those Members who do not have email addresses and live outside the local Post area will receive their monthly Newsletter by U.S. Mail. (For these purposes local Post area is from Myrtle Beach, SC in the south, to Supply, NC in the north and Whiteville, NC to the west.

Converting to email address distribution will expedite the distribution of our Newsletter and important information to our Members and allow for more frequent communications as necessary. It will also go a long way to help the Post defray the rising costs of printing and mailing.

If the Post has your email address, please look for more frequent communications on a variety of issues including reminders for upcoming events. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support for your V.F.W. Post #7288.

## VOLUNTEERISM

Looking forward to the coming year, the House Committee, together with the Presidents of the Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries have put together a six-month calendar of activities and events. These include fundraising activities supporting many causes, community service activities that serve and benefit all our members and the community at large, and much, much more. As always, the success of any of the Post's efforts is fully dependent upon the support of VFW Calabash Post #7288 comrades, brothers and sisters. We are always in need of volunteers to help in any way possible. Our Post has close to 1,000 members, including regular members and our brothers and sisters in the Auxiliaries.

Volunteering for the Post in any way can help us achieve so much more. A couple hours a month will do so very much to support our efforts. It might be setting up tables and chairs before or after an event; preparing for a breakfast or dinner; helping out in the kitchen during lunch; helping distribute Poppies; helping out once a month at Bingo or helping with parking for the Oyster Festival. Oh, there is much, much more!

Your Post is asking for your help by volunteering in some small way for a few hours. A volunteer signup sheet is posted in *(continued on page 2)*

the canteen on the Men's Auxiliary bulletin board. Please put your name and a phone number so we can reach you when we are in need of help. We know that none of us is available 24/7/365. And we know that if we need to call, you may not be available at that time – and that's okay. But having a bank of people to call provides us opportunity to find the right person for the work that needs to be done.

Come join us as we pursue our next great achievement and success!

As Don Thompson, our President, Men's Auxiliary said, "So very few are doing so very much for so very many to keep our Post enjoyable for all." Thank you to all those who have already been so giving!

Rick Arvonio  
Commander

## Post 7288 Hosts National Commander



National Commander-in-Chief William Hein recently visited Post 7288. His message emphasized that volunteers are needed in many facets of a Post's existence. "Without volunteers, there would be no VFW."

## POST OFFICERS

Commander	Richard Arvonio 910 579-7617
Sr. V. Commander	Robert Haight 910 5799398
Jr. V. Commander	Robert Hall 910 575-0420
Quartermaster	William McCormick 910 579-6149
Chaplain	Jim Stueve 910 579-2112
Adjutant	Michael Crowley 973 699-2763
Service Officer	Diane Larrowe 910 575-1015
Publicity	Frank Richardson 910 352-1001
Bingo	Rich Wood 910 287-5382
House Committee	Bill Hertline 910 575-8057

## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS



In May we welcomed new member Sue Cleaver. On 7 May Marlene Lidgard and Brenda Arnold-Paige helped me serve lunch

during Teacher Appreciation Week, to the 80 members of the teaching/administrative staff at Waccamaw Elementary School. At May's meeting we also installed our new officers for the year- CONGRATULATIONS-I'm looking forward to another great year for our auxiliary. Our District Meeting was held on 17 May at the Wilmington post where we elected new officers for the coming year. On 22 May auxiliary officers attended the luncheon honoring the VFW's National Commander Bill Thein's visit to our post. On 24 May we conducted a successful Buddy Poppy Campaign thanks to our sisters who held down the fort at the Food Lions at Sunset Beach and in Calabash. And on 26 May we co-hosted our Post's Memorial Day Service. Thanks to all the sisters who helped with the program, prepped/served refreshments, helped with the cleanup and participated in/attended the ceremony.

June 6-8 was our Department Convention in Greensboro. Seven members of our Auxiliary attended this

year's Convention. Thanks go to Nancey Earney, Joan Elmeier, Barbara Hertline, Cathy Milstead, Brenda Arnold-Paige and Shari Warner for attending with me. We attended the Joint Meeting with the VFW and all business sessions, including the programs award presentation, voting on resolutions and other business related to the auxiliary, and the election/installation of officers for 2014-2015. Our Auxiliary (which falls into Group 4 (auxiliaries with more than 121 members)) received the following awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Awards for the Department's Special Project-Camp Purple, Patriot Pen Promotion, and for the Veterans and Family Services Program; we took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Youth Activities Program and for our History Book. We also received certificates from the National VFW for our support of the National Military Services and Health and Happiness (VFW National Home Fund) Programs and a Gold Award (over \$6.00 per member) for our donations to the Cancer Air and Research Program. **Thanks to all the hard work done by all auxiliary sisters in support of all the National and Department programs which supports our veterans, our military personnel and their families, and our community.** Continuing up the line of state officers, I was elected as the Department of North Carolina Senior Vice President for 2014-2015.

At June's meeting we discussed the resolutions that will be voted on at the National Convention in July 2014 and the impact they will have on our auxiliary. Our Summer Card Party was scheduled for 17 June 2014 at Ryan's Steak House in North Myrtle Beach. The final report will be provided at July's meeting. Co- chairs Rose Henshaw and Janet McCoy worked hard in making this fund raiser a big success. Proceeds from the card party will be donated to the VFW National Home for Children-NC Cottage-in Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Our next two Auxiliary meetings are scheduled for 8 July and 12 August 2014 at 1:00. Your attendance is important to our auxiliary—it's your hard work that makes us a "healthy auxiliary" so we hope to see you at these meetings.

Yours in sisterhood  
Fran Redfield

## LADIES AUXILIARY

President	Fran Redfield 910 287-7527
Sr. V. President	Nancy Earney 843 399-7233
Jr. V. President	Brenda Arnold-Paige 910 579-3049
Chaplain	Joan Elmeier 910 575-2420
Treasurer	Susan Burchacki 856 761-2200
Secretary	Shan Warner 802 683-4223

## MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

The newly elected officers have taken their positions and are looking forward to the upcoming year. Come to the July 1st meeting and meet them. Special thanks go to the volunteers who helped make the Derby, Preakness and Belmont parties a success. These volunteers, Tommy Lynn, Chaz Rowe, Joe Nance, Sue Cleaver, and Phyllis Roup did a great job in the kitchen. Thanks to everyone. "Pig Pickin" is set for August 23rd. Don't miss out on this event. Details will follow later. Raffle tickets will soon be on sale for 2 afghans that were donated to the Post. These beautiful works will be on display in the Post shortly. Thanks to Bobby Haight, and his daughter, for the donations. All money from raffle will

be given to Wounded Warriors. As always we need volunteers. Sign up sheet is posted in the canteen.

Thanks.

Don Thompson  
President

### MEN'S AUXILIARY

President	Donald Thompson 910 575-0930
Sr. V. President	Wayne Spears 910 575-3851
Jr. V. President	Bill Gajewski 910 587-6554
Chaplain	Jack Christensen 843 655-4064
Treasurer	Wayne Weszka 910 287-5242
Secretary	Stan Burchacki

## MEMBERS Sick - Deceased

**SICK LIST** - Roland Bernier - Pat Patterson - Frank Pinkerton - George Sauer

**DECEASED** - Tom Koester. . Hugo Kosmel . . Rick Wolfe . . Jerry Pratt (Aux)

*Send a Card . . . Say a Prayer*

## NEW MEMBERS

**NEW MEMBERS** - Robert P. Dolan, Richard J. Michaels, Rick P. Richter, Earl H. Stone, Rick P. Richter, Dennis Wise

## 1st PLACE STATE AWARD

Department of North Carolina  
2013-2014  
Large Post Newsletter Award  
1st Place, State Level



**VFW POST 7288**  
Calabash, North Carolina

VFW Calabash Post #7288 was honored at the 2014 VFW State Convention in early June for its Post Newsletter, which won First Place among Large Posts in North Carolina. This is the second time the Calabash Post's Newsletter has received First Place honors having been last recognized at the 2012 convention. Post Commander Rick Arvonio says the Calabash VFW places high value on keeping its members informed about Post activities and this recognition validates the Post's efforts to do so.

## MEMORIAL DAY AT POST 7288



# VFW POST 7288

## JULY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Member's Mtng 10 a.m. Men's Aux Mtng 2:30 p.m.	2	3 BINGO 6:30 p.m. Ray Ketcham Herk Hernandez John Mitchel Susan Burchacki	4 Dogs & Burgers Join Us! 4 to 7 p.m.	5
6 BREAKFAST 8 to 11 a.m. \$5.00 / Person	7 GOLF Pearl West Show 7:00	8 LADIES AUX. MEETING 1 P.M.	9	10 BINGO 6:30 p.m. Eric Johnson Tom Kelleher Marty Green Linda Johnson	11	12
13	14 GOLF Crow Creek Show 7:45	15	16	17 BINGO 6:30 p.m. Linda McPherson Pat Hinchliffe Bill McDavit Marlene Lidgard	18	19
20	21 GOLF Seatrail Jones Show 7:30	22	23	24 BINGO 6:30 p.m. Wayne Spears Don Thompson Jim Milstead Cathy Milstead	25	26
27	28 GOLF Oyster Bay Show 6:00	29	30	31 BINGO 6:30 p.m. Durwood Jackson Ralph Aurilia Fred Ortiz Alice Ortiz		

# VFW POST 7288

## AUGUST 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 BREAKFAST 8 to 11 a.m. \$5.00 / Person	4 GOLF Thistle Show 7:30	5 Member's Mtng 10 a.m. Men's Aux Mtng 2:30 p.m.	6	7 BINGO 6:30 p.m. Ray Ketcham Ken Keil Bob Hall Susan Burchacki	8	9
10	11 GOLF Panthers Run Show 7:30	12 LADIES AUX. MEETING 1 P.M.	13	14 BINGO 6:30 p.m. Eric Johnson Jerry Baum Marty Green Linda Johnson	15	16
17	18 GOLF Crown Park Show 7:30	19	20	21 BINGO 6:30 p.m. Linda McPherson Don Thompson Jim Milstead Cathy Milstead	22	23 Pig Pickin" 4 to 7 p.m.
24 31	25 GOLF River Hills Show 7:30	26	27	28 BINGO 6:30 p.m. Wayne Spears Greg Gallus Ed Warner Stan Warner	29	30

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY

- 07/01 - MEMBERS MEETING 10 AM
- 07/01 - MEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING 2:30PM
- 07/04 - 4TH OF JULY PARTY - 4 to 7 p.m.  
BURGERS \$2.00 HOT DOGS \$1.00 & CHIPS  
MUSIC BY DJ STEVE
- 07/06 - SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8 AM - 11 AM
- 07/08 - LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 1 PM
- 07/10 - BLOOD DRIVE 8 AM - 12:30 PM

### AUGUST

- 08/03 - SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8 AM - 11 AM
- 08/05 - MEMBERS MEETING 10 AM
- 08/05 - MEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING 2:30 PM
- 08/12 - LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 1 PM
- 08/23 - MEN'S AUX. PIG PICKEN - 4 PM



**"Best Breakfast  
In Town!!"  
First Sunday of  
The Month  
8 to 11 a.m.  
\$5.00 per person**



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



If your Birthday is in July or August, stop in at the Post, let the bartender know that you are celebrating your birthday and enjoy a free beverage on us.



### 7288 Members Golf League JULY / AUGUST SCHEDULE

7/7 Pearl West	Show 7:00	8/4 Thistle	Show 7:30
7/14 Crow Creek	Show 7:45	8/11 Panthers Run	Show 7:30
7/21 Seatrail Jones	Show 7:30	8/18 Crown Park	Show 7:30
7/28 Oyster Bay	Show 6:00	8/25 River Hills	Show 7:30



**Be a  
Hero.  
It's in  
Your  
Blood.**

**BLOOD DRIVE  
July 10, 2014  
12:30 p.m.**

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