



# NEWSLETTER

VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - July/August 2018  
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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



First I want to thank all of our comrades for giving me the opportunity to be your Commander for 2018/2019. It is an honor and a privilege and a position I take very seriously.

This is your Post. Past Commander Arvonio always made us aware that we are running a quarter of a million dollar business. And we should run it like a business by making decisions based on facts. I'm going to carry this model

a little bit further. I want to consider this Post as a quarter of a million dollar employee owned business. With that in mind every employee is responsible for the success of this business. Every employee should ask themselves what have they contributed? How have they enhanced the Post by volunteering? Are you actively involved? Are you making suggestions for improvements? Are you coming to the monthly meetings so you can voice your concerns? All of us are responsible for the success of our business. We are all shareholders. I think if we focus in this manner, we will be very successful.

I want to take this moment to thank last year's officer corp, especially Commander Arvonio who has visibly and administratively made enormous strides in progress over the last four years. His leadership has done wonders in keeping this post on solid ground and postured for the future. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his service. Our Post officer corp this coming year is very strong with experience and I'm looking forward in working with them.

Past Commander Arvonio and I attended the VFW North Carolina State Convention earlier this month. We were honored to be at the installation of our own Allen Payne as he took the reins of VFW North Carolina State Commander for 2018/2019. We all congratulate and wish Allen a great year. It is an honor to have one of our comrades to assume the State Commander position. The last time Post 7288 had this honor was Past State Commander Jack Goin in 2014/2015.

Please come to the meetings. The next meeting will be on July 3, 2018 at 10:00am in the Post hall. Also don't forget our 4th of July celebration. The party starts at 5pm. There will be music by a DJ with food and beverages for sale. No alcohol can be brought in from the outside. All beer/wine/liquor must be purchased from the post.

Have a Happy and Safe Summer!

Dan Kossler, Commander

## AUXILIARY



As I begin my second year as your Post Auxiliary President, I want to thank all those for the support provided during the past 12 months.

As of June's meeting, we have 239 members. Now more than ever we need you to be active members and help with the annual fundraisers or weekly Bingo Kitchen or

Monthly Breakfasts or available for other areas, i.e., Buddy Poppy distribution, Oyster Fest gates. These

efforts are where we can earn the funds to donate to the various

Veterans' programs. Yes, we have been successful over the past years, but it is becoming very noticeable that the same several members are involved. We welcome your help and would love more involved members. Don't assume we have enough people to help with the many things done at the Post and for our Veterans and their families.

During May, our Auxiliary delivered two National VFW Auxiliary Citations and monetary awards to two local schools, awarded our three Patriotic Art Winners and our first three Theresa McMahon Scholarships, conducted Flag Education for 31 Pre-K students, and prepared/served lunch to over 100 teachers and staff at Waccamaw School and to a dozen Summit Assisted Living veterans at the Post. We also raised over \$600 for the Buddy Poppy Program and participated in Post #7288's Memorial Day Service and prepared/served hot dogs and cake afterward.

At the VFW Auxiliary NC Convention, our Auxiliary received 11 awards! This is all due to your support to the various programs over the past year.

- Group 4 (Auxiliary with 121+ members): 1st Place in: Youth Activity, Hospital, Veterans and Family Support, Americanism, Scholarship, and Mayberry Scholarship Programs as well as Treasurer of the Year.
- Department level awards for 100% Membership by May 15, Aid De Camp Memberships and a Healthy Auxiliary Citation.
- VFW National Award for Veterans and Military Support

As you can see from our accomplishments, we need you to be involved and assist whenever you can so we can have another successful year and keep Post #7288 on the road to success when supporting our veterans.

Enjoy your summer and stay cool!

Sharon Kossler, President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Note: Event information can be obtained at the Post for times, places and sign-up for volunteers.**

Golf League - Every Monday

Dart League - Every Tuesday 5:30 pm – Newcomers Welcome

Bingo - Every Thursday 6:30 pm

July 1 - Post Breakfast from 8-10:30 am

July 3 - Regular Member Monthly Mtg @ 10 am

July 4 - Post Picnic @ Post 5 pm–7 pm food served.

Bring lawnchairs for fireworks.

July 10 - Auxiliary Monthly Mtg @ 1 pm

Aug 5 - Post Breakfast from 8-10:30 am

Aug 7 - Regular Member Monthly Mtg @ 10 am

Aug 10 - Summit Luncheon @ Post noon - 1 pm

Aug 14 - Auxiliary Monthly Mtg @ 1 pm

## FROM THE KITCHEN

Things have been fairly busy in the kitchen these past two months. The Post bought a new convection oven and it was immediately put to use. In the future we can better prepare dinners in a more efficient manner. Kitchen Bingo has been a success for the Auxiliary as we now offer French fries and chicken tenders to bingo players. Kitchen provided food for triple crown races and special thanks to Joe Capone, Chaz Rowe, Joe Nance and Tommy Lynn. The Summit Assisted Living Facility Veterans will once again be at our Post on August 10 for lunch. Stop by and socialize with this special group of vets. As always much help is needed. If you could give only 4 hours once or twice a month, it would be a great help. If you are willing to help, please contact Tommy Lynn or Don Thompson. SO FEW DO SO MUCH FOR SO MANY!!!

Donnie Thompson, Kitchen Manager

## FOURTH OF JULY HUMOR

The difference between a duck and George Washington is:  
One has a bill on his face; the other has his face on a bill!

What kind of tea did the American colonists thirst for?  
Liberty!

What was the craziest battle of the Revolutionary War?  
The Battle of Bonkers Hill.

Why were the first Pennsylvania settlers like ants?  
Because they lived in colonies.

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?  
Because the horse was too heavy to carry!

## Monday Golf League

Here is the schedule for the second half of 2018. I would like to see the League get more participation. I make 8 tee times (32 players) a week, but we are only getting 8-12 show up. This makes it difficult to get good tee times and rates for future bookings. I am having the entire schedule printed up now, and will have copies displayed in the Post for all to see and take with them.

If you want to join in, please contact Dorsey Bouque [dorseygolf@gmail.com](mailto:dorseygolf@gmail.com) or at mobile: (219) 793-4653.



**7288 Members  
GOLF LEAGUE**

### July/August Schedule

July 2	Valley - Eastport	6:30	Aug 6	Rivers Edge	8:25
July 9	Eagle Nest	7:00	Aug 13	Tigers Eye	7:00
July 16	Lockwood Folly	6:30	Aug 20	Diamondback	7:00
July 23	Meadowlands	6:30	Aug 27	Pearl West	7:00
July 30	Lions Paw	7:30			

**Check the Bulletin Board for Additional Info**



## 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.



**“Best Breakfast  
In Town!!”  
First Sunday of  
The Month  
8 to 10:30 a.m.  
\$6.00 per person**

## NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome to our New Members*

Thomas Armstrong, Sr., Ernest Barth, Richard Batt,  
Frank DiCostanzo, Harry Roberts, Thomas Young, Sr.

## SICK

**“Say a Prayer . . . . Send a Card”**

## DECEASED

Hans Buff, Harold Foley, John Neidhart, Jr., Harry Vincent  
Joe Williams

## BINGO

Come out and enjoy a night of Bingo every Thursday night starting at 6:30 PM. Our crowds are getting larger and our payouts are getting better. Bingo pays out over \$1200.00 or better every Bingo session. The first Thursday of the month we will be offering buy a \$22.00 pack and get a \$2.00 pack for free. We have increase our regular Bingo games payout from \$40 to \$50 The more players the better the prize payout. So, come out and support your Post by playing Bingo, bring your friends and neighbors for a fun night at the Bingo Hall. You could be the next big winner. The Auxiliary opens the kitchen around 5:15 PM with dinners, hot dogs and snacks, in the event, you don't play Bingo then you might like to donate your time to volunteer your help as a floor walker, check writer or caller. Please contact Wayne Weszka at 443-326-9961 to offer your time.



Thanks for your continued support through the years.  
Wayne Weszka  
Bingo Chairman

## OFFICERS - 2018

### Elected Officers

Commander.....Dan Kossler  
Senior Vice Commander.....Rick Arvonio  
Junior Vice Commander.....Robert Stocklin  
Quartermaster.....William McCormick  
Chaplain.....Rich Murray  
Trustee - 1 Year.....Tommy Tucker  
Trustee - 2 Year.....Diane Larrowe  
Trustee - 3 Year.....Vince Krasniewicz

### Appointed Officers

Adjutant.....Pasquale Cappelletti  
Judge Advocate.....Jim Stueve  
Public Affairs/Publicity.....Pasquale Cappelletti  
Surgeon.....Gary Thomas  
Service Officer.....Rose Deck  
Officer of the Day.....Cliff Hinkley  
Guard.....Cliff Hinkley  
Webmaster.....Rose Deck

### House Committee

1 Year.....Bill Hertline - Chairman  
2 Year.....Jim Milstead  
3 Year.....Rick Arvonio  
Congratulations to all of our officers and thank you for volunteering and stepping up to support the Post!



**Remember . . .**  
**No one does**  
**More for Veterans**  
**Than the VFW!**





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