



NEWSLETTER

VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - Jan/Feb 2020
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Here we are into a new year, I want to thank everyone who made this past year a great success. To start our poppy drive did very well, thanks to all the volunteers and Jim Milstead for running the drive. The post golf tournament was very successful, due to all the hole sponsors, and

again special thanks to Jim Milstead for running this tournament, which was one of our best ones yet. Thank You Jim! Our WWII luncheon was well attended, and enjoyed by all. I would also like to thank our kitchen crew for all the great dinners we had, which were all sell-outs. Everyone has stepped up from cooking to serving, to setting up the hall, and doing dishes. Without everyone working together it would not happen. Remember our Bowling League starts January 4th, so sign up, and have fun. If you would like to bowl, see Tim Sears or Wayne Weszka. Our first dinner of the year will be on Friday, January 17th. We'll be serving from 5 pm to 630 pm. House Salad, Baked Ham with all the trimmings, and Dessert - all for \$10.00 per person. Get tickets at canteen, on sale now beforr it sells out.

Our District meeting is on January 11th at Boiling Springs, 10 am. C of A in Cary will be Febuary 7th, 8th, 9th. We will find out at this meeting how our VOD, TEACHER of the year did, also Patriot Pen entries. I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

YOURS IN COMRADESHIP
BILL HERTLINE



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

There was a tremendous response from the membership and the community in support of Post 7288's annual fundraising golf tournament. This year we honored past member George "Tommy" Tucker in the event held at Sandpiper Golf & Country Club on November 18th. Tommy's family graciously thanks everyone who participated, donated, and worked the tournament that raised money in Tommy's name for Camp Lejeune's Fisher House located on the Marine Corps Base in Jacksonville, NC.

The Golf Committee traveled to Camp Lejeune two weeks prior to the tournament for a special guided tour by the Fisher House liaison manager Miss Josephine Cotton. It was truly a fantastic afternoon as the brief not only covered the mission of the Fisher Foundation but it also gave insight to how money raised is directed to assist our active duty families in need. The house is located near the base hospital on Camp Lejeune and is a very worthwhile charity to direct our raised funds. Ms. Cotton responded to the affirmative when asked if she would like to address the membership prior to the December 3rd meeting.

The tournament sold out weeks ahead of the projected cutoff date of November 1st. The response was overwhelming and apologies are extended to those not able to get entry into the field. The Golf Committee is presently working with the golf director at Sandpiper to bring a twenty seven hole, three flight, larger player participation venue next time. The four person basic scramble format was widely lauded as the best way to bring in more golfers to the event which had not sold out the past two years. No hassles with the scoring and a very enjoyable time at the after tournament gathering at the Post Home was experienced by all.

Twenty one golf courses donated certificates for our door prize table. Some with carts included; some not, but all were appreciated. Thanks to all who went out and requested gift cards and gift certificates from local eateries. We were blessed with \$1,560.00 in prize value from our community food service establishments. Merchandise donated included several gift baskets, dozens of golf balls, umbrellas, towels, two drivers, a six month fitness club membership, oil changes, hair stylist coupons, beach gear, and another Joan Hall beautiful afghan. The bottom line here was everyone who teed the ball up, got a door prize.

A special thanks to the members of the Wednesday VFW golf group "Hump-Day- Humps" These guys organize a special raffle that is held to offset the cost of the player participation bags. The Humps donated the liquor and beer to put in the beach wagon and went out and sold tickets to raise this money. These bags help recruit participants for our next event.

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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT (con't.)

Thanks to Wayne Weszka and sons for donating the golf balls with Horizon Financial logos for all the players. The gesture is a class act. Also, special acknowledgement to McAnderson Co. of Wilmington as again they provided a thousand dollar's worth of meal coupons and door prizes. If you visit a McDonalds in Brunswick/ New Hanover Counties; you are in a McAnderson venture. The Golf Committee welcomes Carrabba's of North Myrtle Beach to our donor honor roll. The general manager forwarded free appetizer coupons for all the golfers which were placed in the bags.

We had \$5,800.00 raised in hole sponsorships. My sincere gratitude to the members who sponsored a hole. Couple the member donations with corporate monies, this is a phenomenal total that goes into the charitable funds being sent to Fisher House. This figure will be tough to beat next year but it is something to aim at.

To all the volunteers that help set up, run, organize and breakdown the event-THANKS. From the kitchen crew to the guys picking up the signs; from the Quartermaster who did all of the administrative work to the Canteen Manager who controlled the refreshments on the course; from the registration folks to the hole monitors. Apologies if you were not mentioned, but again thanks to all involved.

We will be honoring the memory of Henry "Hank" Mattutat in our next Memorial. There is some discussion as to whether or not to move it to late May to have better weather. The planning board will make it known soon so remember to sign up when the event posts. Don't get shut out.

Jimmy Milstead (Golf Committee Chair.)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This will be my first attempt at an informational addition to our post newsletter I will continue to put the Chaplains corner in the news letter.

First I hope all of us, post and auxiliary, have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. This of course is the time of year to be with our family and friends. On that note I hope we all reach out to those less fortunate or those that may be lonely or not well.

A big thank you to those donating to wreaths across America and to the toys for tots these are projects the post has always supported with great participation from our members.

I have been quite busy with visitations, Memorial services and sending out get well and condolence cards. This has been my first year as Chaplain and it has been a real eye opener for myself and Linda. I would close with a thank you to Commander Bill Hertline for his support and guidance to the new guy.

Eric L Johnson Chaplain

FROM THE KITCHEN

As we close out 2019 I want to thank all the volunteers who had made this year a very successful venture for our post. Friday night dinners have been an overwhelming success and hopefully will continue to do so. Thanks for a great turnout for the World War II party and especially to Wayne Spears and his crew who cooked the meal. The first upcoming Friday dinner will be on 17 January tickets are on sale at the canteen, these dinners sell out so make sure you get your tickets ASAP.

Volunteers are always needed for kitchen help on Thursdays for bingo. Special thanks to Joe Capone for chicken parm dinner, Wayne "the volcano" Spears who coordinates most of Friday night dinners and all his honchos, Jeff Hayden, Bill Gajewski, Wayne Weszka, Jimmy Bickel and our token Pat Hinchcliffe. Also thanks to Arlene Spears who coordinates the set up of the hall for dinners, thanks to dishwashers Jim Milstead and Cliff Hinckley. Thanks to Claire and Patty for kitchen help during Shields meeting and Phyllis and Sherri for working the lunch counter.

Super Bowl Party \$20 per person food included. All proceeds go to post. Cash bar. If you would like to help please contact Don Thompson. Valentines Dinner Dance upcoming. Check post for details. Also fish fries will be starting. Seven weeks. Volunteers always needed to serve and clean up. Thanks to all the ladies who have served Friday Night Dinners and made them a success. St Patty's Dinner needs help!!! You Irishmen better step up. I'm sure I have forgotten someone but give me a break I'm getting forgetful and old. Thanks to all

Have a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year
Don Thompson, Kitchen Manager

BINGO

We would like to encourage everyone to grab a friend and come play Bingo on Thursday night at the VFW. Remember, your participation helps to support our veterans. We have increased our regular Bingo games payout from \$40 to \$50. The more players the better the prize payout. The Auxiliary opens the kitchen around 5:15 dogs and snacks. In the event, you might like to donate your time to floor walker, check writer or caller. We contact Wayne Weszka at 443 326- We have all positions open.

A full slate of Bingo happens in January and February, so grab a friend and join us for a fun night.. Thanks for your continued support through the years.

Wayne Weszka, Bingo Chairman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Bingo - Every Thursday 6:30 pm

JANUARY

Jan 2 - BINGO
Jan 5 - Post Breakfast
Jan 7 - Post Member Meeting
Jan 9 - BINGO
Jan 14 - Auxiliary Meeting - Hospice Presentation
Jan 16 - BINGO
Jan 17 - Baked Ham Dinner
Jan 23 - BINGO
Jan 24 - Karaoke
Jan 30 - BINGO

FEBRUARY

Feb 2 - Post Breakfast - Super Bowl
Feb 4 - Post Member Meeting
Feb 6 - BINGO
Feb 7-9 - VFW NC Dept. Winter C of A
Feb 11 - Auxiliary Meeting
Feb 13 - BINGO
Feb 14 - Valentine's Day Party
Feb 20 - BINGO
Feb 27 - BINGO
Feb 28 - Fish Fry

Check the Bulletin Board or Digital Sign for Additional Info



Second Annual VFW Winter Bowling

PLANET FUN - Shallotte, NC

Starts Saturday, January 4, 2020

Show 9:30 a.m. - Bowling at 10:00

Four (4) Person Teams

\$10 per person Registration

Fee \$150 per person for all Ten weeks

Includes 3 games of Bowling, Shoe Rental
Banquet and Prizes on March 7th

CONTACT - Tim Sears tmsears@atmc.net or
Wayne Weszka wwpremier@atmc.net

OFFICERS 2019-2020

Elected Officers

Commander.....Bill Hertline
Senior Vice Commander.....Rick Arvonio
Junior Vice Commander.....Jim Milstead
Quartermaster.....Bill McCormick
Chaplain.....Eric Johnson
Trustee - 1 Year.....Diane Larowe
Trustee - 2 Year.....Vince Krasniewicz
Trustee - 3 Year.....Dennis O'Brien

Appointed Officers

Adjutant.....Jim Stueve
Judge Advocate.....Bob Stocklin
Public Affairs/Publicity.....Jim Stueve
Surgeon.....Jack Goin
Service Officer.....Rose Deck
Officer of the Day.....Cliff Hinkley

House Committee

1 Year.....Jim Milstead
2 Year.....Tom McCormack
3 Year.....Cliff Hinkley

Congratulations to all of our officers and thank you for volunteering and stepping up to support the Post!

DECEASED

None

SICK

Bob Bradicich, Vincent Capuano, Mike Dichiaro

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our New Member
Michael J. Martin



**"Best
Breakfast
In Town!!"**

**First Sunday of
The Month
8 to 10:30 a.m.
\$6.00 per Person**

WORLD WAR II CELEBRATION



Photos Courtesy of Frederick Walton



Friday Night Dinner

Friday, Jan 17th - 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Baked Ham

All the Trimmings and Dessert

\$10.00 Per Person



KARAOKE with CHERYL 'Z'

Friday, Jan 24th - 5 to 9 p.m.

**FOOD AVAILABLE FROM THE
KITCHEN**

Join us for a fun evening!



VFW CALABASH POST #7288 SPONSORS

Remember to say **THANK YOU** to our Sponsors & let them know you're from VFW Calabash Post #7288!



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