



NEWSLETTER



VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - Mar/Apr 2017

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Annual Election of Post Officers

As you read this issue of the Post's newsletter, it is time to begin thinking and planning for our annual nominations and elections of your Post's Officers. The process begins at the Post's March 7, 2017 meeting with the nomination of candidates for the elected positions of Commander,

Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, one 3-Year Trustee and one 3-year House Committee position. These Post Officers will be elected by members at the April meeting. The new officers will be sworn in at the monthly meeting in May and their term will commence on June 5, 2017 after the conclusion of North Carolina State Department Convention.

In addition to the elected officer positions there are appointed officer positions including: Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day, Service Officer, Guard, and Communications Officer. All officer positions (except two Trustee and two House Committee positions) are elected or appointed to one-year terms.

If you are interested in getting more involved and helping to lead and support the Post, or have an interest in serving in an officer position (or working to support an officer position) but are not sure what the officer position responsibilities entail, please contact Bob Stocklin or the Commander and they will provide you with the Post's resource book that contains the responsibilities for all officer positions as outlined in the National By-Laws and for added responsibilities assigned within Calabash Post #7288.

Rick Arvonio, Commander

No one does more for veterans than the VFW!

AUXILIARY



It has been a very busy time within our Auxiliary. We are wrapping up our work in many of our programs for this year. Here is a summary of what has been happening in the Auxiliary:

Many of our officers went to the Winter District meeting, Dec 10, at the Holly Spring Post 9983. Our Auxiliary received a "Good Job" award for supporting the Hurricane

Matthew Relief Fund. Angela Norris, District President, reminded us Relief Funds are available to members with emergencies.

Our School of Instruction held January 28, 2017 was well attended by 16 members who came out to learn more about programs we support and what we do as an Auxiliary. Thank you all for the great attendance.

Thank you to the 11 soup makers who entered their favorite soups in our Soup Cook-Off on Saturday, January 29. It was a wide mix of flavors and all tasted wonderful. Winners of the cook-off contest were, Donnie Thompson, Arlene Spears, and Maria Dwornick.

The Council of Administration was held Feb 3-5 at the Embassy Suites in Cary. Auxiliary officers participated in seminars to help us better implement the many programs the Auxiliary funds and participates. It was an honor and privilege to attend the banquet honoring Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy winners.

Thanks to all who helped decorate the Post and helped Cathy and Jimmy Milstead in making the Valentine Dinner/Dance a huge success. We had a great time.

Teacher of the Year awards at the Post level have been completed. Polly Westfall of Union Elementary won at the elementary level. Ben Chapman of Waccamaw Elementary won at the middle school level. Both will be presented with their certificates and monetary awards in the next week. Their entries will be sent to District level for further competition.

March and April have many wonderful events planned at the Post. Check out the Calendar of Events and stop in to enjoy food and drink along with the pleasure of being in the company of your fellow members and friends.

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Calendar of Events

9 March - The Flag Education and the Pledge of Allegiance programs will be presented to pre-school children at Seaside Methodist Church. The program will also be given to second graders at Waccamaw and Union Schools with March dates to be confirmed. It is always so good to see the children so attentive and so eager to learn the significance of our flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

14 March - 1pm Monthly Meeting. Our Nominating Committee, consisting of Marlene Lidgard, Arlene Spears and Cathy Milstead, will have names of members expressing their interest in running for different offices at our April meeting. Please, step out of your comfort zone and consider running for an office.

25 March 25 - 10- 2 pm. Chinese Auction and Bake Sale. Nancey Earney and her committee always do a great job. Donations are needed and bake-sale items will be accepted the day of the auction.

11 April - 1 pm Monthly Meeting. Nomination and election of new officers.

22 April – 10 am District Meeting at our Post 7288. Come support our Post and see what is going on at your Auxiliary District level.

Brenda Arnold, President

Committee for Americanism Citizenship & Community Service

I'm happy to report that to date, the Committee for Americanism, Citizenship and Community Service has 165 members at VFW Calabash Post #7288. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 2:00 PM at the Post. I encourage you to attend our meetings to see what is going on at the Post and to hear about the activities and volunteer opportunities that we have available.

So far, we've been averaging 25 members at our monthly meetings. We need more of our members to attend and get involved. Remember, by virtue of your membership in the Military Family Guest Program you are a member of this Committee and have agreed to and are expected to volunteer to support the activities of this Committee in meeting program goals and objectives.

We have volunteer opportunities working Bingo, Fish Fry's, helping with lunch at the Post, clean up details, etc. and more.

The Committee has the following activities coming up and needs help from our members. The horse races starting in May and we plan on having a fund-raising dinner in June and will need volunteers to help support this effort.

We are off to a good start and have had many new volunteers but certainly need more of our members to get involved at the Post.

In closing, you are a Member of this Post, we need You to "Get Involved".

Wayne Spears, Chairman

KITCHEN

The kitchen is back in full swing after a short winter break. We serve lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays when the weather cooperates for our golfers. Stop in and have a great lunch for \$6.00 or less. Everything is made to order.

The Post had a great turnout for the Valentine's Day dinner and an excellent meal was served. Thanks to those that volunteered to help in the kitchen including Phyllis Roup, Joe Nance, Richard Wilder, and Wayne Spears. They did a great job preparing and serving the dinner.

Veterans from Summit Place in Little River were served lunch on Friday, February 17th. The meal was prepared and served by the Auxiliary. Thank you goes out to Pat and Brenda for coordinating and cooking.

Don't forget the many upcoming events including:

Fish Fry's starting on March 3rd. They will be every Friday for 7 weeks and as always, volunteers are needed;

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – this year held on March 18, 2017 from 4-7 pm serving Corned Beef & Cabbage prepared by St. Patty himself, Tommy Hough.

Sunday Breakfasts – Don't forget that the Post serves breakfast the first Sunday every month from 8-11 am (March 5 and April 2, 2017). For \$6.00 you can have all you can eat. Best deal in town. As always, many volunteers are needed.

Please contact me and let me know if you can spare 4 hours once or twice a month. Thank you for your continued support!

Don Thompson, Kitchen Manager



**"Best Breakfast
In Town!!"
First Sunday of
The Month
8 to 11 a.m.
\$6.00 per person**



7288 Members GOLF LEAGUE

Mar/Apr Schedule

Mar 6	Panthers Run	8:00	Apr 3	Crow Creek	7:00
Mar 13	Rivers Edge	7:30	Apr 10	Sea Trail Byrd	8:00
Mar 20	Pearl West	7:30	Apr 17	Sandpiper	8:00
Mar 27	Tidewater	7:30	Apr 24	Eagle Nest	7:30

Check the Bulletin Board for Additional Info

BINGO

Come out and enjoy a night of Bingo every Thursday night starting at 6:30 PM. We payout \$800 or more with every Bingo session. The Auxiliary opens the kitchen around 5:30 PM with dinners, hot dogs and snacks. You could be a winner but in reality, everyone is a winner since win or lose the monies goes to the Post to help support our veterans. In the event you don't play Bingo, you might like to donate your time to volunteer as a floor walker, check writer or caller. Please contact Wayne Weszka at 443-326-9961 or wwpremier@atmc.net to offer your time. Thank You for your past and continued support!

Wayne Weszka, Bingo Chairman

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| 3/2 Wayne Spears Pat Hinchliffe, Nick Micale, Arlene Spears | 4/6 Linda McPhearson, Herk Hernandez, Marty Green, Jane Rockwell |
| 3/9 Ray Ketcham, Bob Hall, Greg Gallus, Marlene Lidgard | 4/13 Wayne Spears, Pat Hinchliffe, Nick Micale, Arlene Spears |
| 3/16 Jay Valkenburg, Jack Christensen, Larry Clark, Julia Larson | 4/20 Ray Ketcham, Bob Hall, Greg Gallus, Marlene Lidgard |
| 3/23 Marty Biddle, Greg Tucker, Jim Milstead, Kathy Milstead | 4/27 Jay Valkenburg, Jack Christensen, Larry Clark, Julia Larson |
| 3/30 Tom Kelleher, Ed Warner, Ken McGuire, Shari Warner | |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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

Important Upcoming Events

In addition to Bingo on Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m. here are some important events

- 3 Mar - Fish Fry
- 5 Mar - BREAKFAST
- 7 Mar - Post Member Meeting
- 10 Mar - Fish Fry
- 14 Mar - Auxiliary Meeting
- 17 Mar - Fish Fry
- 18 Mar - St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 24 Mar - Fish Fry
- 2 Apr - BREAKFAST
- 4 Apr - Post Member Meeting
- 7 Apr - Fish Fry
- 11 Apr - Auxiliary Meeting
- 14 Apr - Fish Fry
- 16 Apr - Easter
- 22 Apr - VFW District 5 Meeting
- 29 Apr - Grand Drawing

NEW MEMBERS

Military Family Guest Program

Michael DeLucci, Linda Dolan, John Finn Diane Mangiapane, Clair Metzler, Richard Moyer

New Members

Donald Bouque, Stephen Foster, Edward Hicks Bill Page, George Perry II

SICK

Brooke Farquhar - Terry Smith
Stuart South - Walt Timmerman

Send a Card . . . Say a Prayer

DECEASED

Robert Lesko



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 18, 2017
4 p.m. To 7 p.m.

"ALL THE IRISH FIXINGS"

Irish Coffee will be available



Fish Fry Dinner

Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.
March 3rd thru April 14th

SERVING THE DESERVING

Al Kuzio is one of a kind, a friend to all the residents at Summit Place Senior Living in Little River SC. Al is their friend, their helper, their sounding board, their morale booster and their driver. His business card says "Transportation and Community Outreach," which is what he made the driving job all about after answering an ad for a van driver back in 2003. Al was retired from the printing business when he moved down but after a while he said he was getting bored and the van driving job looked like fun. He's made it fun. His happy nature is contagious, not just for the residents but for all in the area with whom he comes in contact during his rounds of taking Summit Place residents shopping, keeping doctors' appointments, luncheons or just about wherever they need to go. His work earned him last year's prestigious AGENTUM award from the nations largest senior living association. The award is presented to people who provide exceptional service to older adults in senior living facilities and out of a thousand nominated, Al was one of only five recipients in the nation.

The luncheon part of his job brought a dozen Summit residents who are veterans to VFW Calabash Post #7288 again on February 17th where they all enjoyed a hearty lunch of meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and a beverage of their choice. A couple of them wanted a hot dog with french fries so that's what they got. They had their choice of anything on the menu. The lunches are compliments of the Post, which strives to fulfill the VFW Motto "No One Does More For Veterans."

