



NEWSLETTER



VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - May/June 2017

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Annual Election of Post Officers

The annual election of Post Officers at our monthly meeting on April 4, 2017 is complete. Newly elected officers for the coming year which runs from June 2017 to June 2018, are: Commander, Richard Arvonio; Senior Vice Commander, Dan Kossler; Junior Vice Commander, Bob Stocklin; Quartermaster,

William McCormick; Chaplain, Jim Stueve; three-year Trustee, Diane Larrowe; and three-year House Committee, Jim Milstead. Continuing their previously elected terms are two-year Trustee, Tommy Tucker; one-year Trustee, Vince Krasniewicz; two-year House Committee, Tom McCormack and one-year House Committee, Bill Hertline.

In addition, as incoming Commander for 2017-2018, I have appointed the following comrades: Adjutant, Michael Crowley; Judge Advocate, Bill Reinhardt, Jr.; Service Officer, Ed Warner; Surgeon, Gary Thomas; and Officer of the Day/Guard, Cliff Hinkley.

The new officers will be sworn in at the monthly meeting on May 2, 2017 and their term of office will commence after the North Carolina State Department Convention concludes on June 4, 2017. Congratulations to our new corps of Officers! Thank you to the corps of Officers that have served in 2016-2017 and to the new corps of Officers stepping up and serving VFW Calabash Post #7288 in 2017-2018. We wish them the best for a successful year! Members are encouraged to attend our monthly meeting and congratulate your new slate of officers. Below is the full slate of Officers for the coming year:

- Commander.....Richard H. Arvonio
- Senior Vice Commander.....Dan Kossler
- Junior Vice Commander.....Bob Stocklin
- Quartermaster.....William McCormick
- Chaplain.....Jim Stueve
- Trustee - 3 Year.....Diane Larrowe
- Trustee - 2 Year.....Tommy Tucker
- Trustee - 1 Year.....Vincent Krasniewicz
- House Committee 3 Year.....Jim Milstead
- House Committee 2 Year.....Tom McCormack
- House Committee 1 Year.....Bill Hertline
- Adjutant.....Michael Crowley
- Judge Advocate.....Bill Reinhardt, Jr.
- Surgeon.....Gary Thomas
- Service Officer.....Ed Warner
- Officer of the Day Guard.....Cliff Hinkley

AUXILIARY



This wraps up my two years serving as the Auxiliary President. It has been an honor and a privilege. The time serving our veterans and their families will be something I shall never forget. Special thanks to all the Auxiliary officers who worked so hard alongside me. We were a terrific TEAM!

Our annual election of Auxiliary Officers was held at our April 11, 2017 meeting. Newly elected officers will serve for the coming year, June 2017– June 2018 are as follows:

- President.....Sharon Kossler - kosslerd@aol.com
- Sr. Vice President.....Fran Redfield - franredfield@atmc.net
- Jr. Vice President.....Pat Kinkley - pathinkley2014@gmail.com
- Treasurer.....Susan Burchacki - ssburch@atmc.net
- Chaplain.....Brenda Arnold - barnoldtoo@atmc.net
- Conductress.....Marilene Lidgard - oyster942@yahoo.com
- Guard.....Ed Raulsom - tomcat14d@verizon.net
- 3-Year Trustee.....Brenda Arnold - barnoldtoo@atmc.net

The new officers will be sworn in at our May 9, 2017 meeting and will serve in their elected capacity after the June 2017 Department Convention. Thank you to all officers who have served and those who continue to serve. We could not do what we do without you! Plan on attending our May 9 meeting and meet/greet your Auxiliary Officers.

Here is a summary of what has been happening in our Auxiliary:

The Citizenship Education Program was presented to pre-K through 2nd graders at Seaside Methodist Church, Waccamaw and Union Elementary Schools. Topics discussed included the history of the US Flag, flag etiquette, the "Pledge of Allegiance; and the National Anthem." The children were presented with an American Flag, a Pledge of Allegiance pencil and at Pledge to the Flag coloring page. It is always so good to see the children so attentive and eager to learn the significance of our flag and the Pledge of Allegiance history. 190 children attended this educational event.

Our Chinese auction and bake sale was held March 25 with a good turnout. Proceeds from this event were earmarked for VFW National Military Services Program. A motion was made and passed to add to our proceeds, making our donation \$1,000 to this worthy cause.

Patriotic Art competition has been judged at the Post level and forwarded to Department for further competition. Certificates and monetary awards will be made May 11th at West Brunswick High School. This year we had 50 art entries and we shared the art with Holden Beach VFW Post. The talent these young people displayed is awesome.

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Calendar of Events

May 27 - Buddy Poppy Drive at Food Lion locations in Carolina Shores and Sunset Beach. Three 2-hour shifts are available at each location. Sign-up sheet is on our bulletin board in the Post Canteen or call Pat Hinkley, 910 712-1908.

May 29 - 10 a.m. Memorial Day Service at the Post. Refreshments to be served. Please plan on attending.

June 1-3 - Department Convention in Cary, NC. If you are interested in attending, carpooling is available. Contact Brenda Arnold for more information at telephone 910 279-0870 or barnoldtoo@atmc.net.

God Bless!

Brenda Arnold, President

Committee for Americanism Citizenship & Community Service

The Committee for Americanism, Citizenship & Community Service now has over 200 members within VFW Calabash Post #7288. Our monthly meetings continue to be held at the Post on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. I encourage you to attend your committee meetings to hear about the latest Post news, activities and volunteer opportunities available to support the Post in its efforts.

As of the end of March there have been 40 Committee members who have volunteered to help with various projects within the Post. We need more of our members to attend our meetings and get involved. We are more than just a social club! As members of this Committee, we are here to support the Post, veterans and the families of veterans in need.

The Committee has the following activities coming up and needs your help. We would like a group to paint the wrought iron railings coming into the Post and paint the light pole bases in the parking lot. Volunteers are as always, needed for Bingo and in the kitchen for lunches and other functions.

As a member of the Committee please come out and support the Post and get involved.

Wayne Spears, Chairman



7288 Members GOLF LEAGUE

May/June Schedule

May 1	Seatrail Jones	7:30	Jun 5	Pearl West	7:00
May 8	Tigers Eye	7:30	Jun 12	Sandpiper	7:00
May 15	River Hills	7:30	Jun 19	Brunswick	7:30
May 22	Rivers Edge	7:30	Jun 26	Lions Paw	8:03
May 29	Crow Creek	7:00			

Check the Bulletin Board for Additional Info

KITCHEN

The Post kitchen was very busy in March and April. We had 7 great weeks of Fish Fry's every Friday night during Lent and a big 'THANK YOU' goes out to the many volunteers who helped make this year's Fish Fry's a resounding success for the Post and its customers. After 7 weeks, we were all exhausted.

This year's great spring weather led to many lunches for the golfers keeping the kitchen busy as usual on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Come out and enjoy lunch at the Post.

Our Post sponsored the VFW District 5 meeting and provided a good lunch for attendees. Thank You to Phyllis, Chaz, and Joe for giving their time and help on Saturday morning.

Don't forget the Kentucky Derby is the first week in May, the Preakness two weeks later, and the Belmont three weeks later. Come to the Post and root for your favorite horse. Food will be available.

Lastly, the Shields, retired law enforcement officers, will be having a picnic at the Post on June 3rd. Tickets will be on sale at the Post. Details will be posted. 50/50 tickets are also available.

Thank You to all the volunteers who help make the kitchen a resounding success!

Don Thompson, Kitchen Manager

VFW NC District 5 Meeting

VFW Calabash Post 7288 hosted the VFW North Carolina District 5 meeting on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Past VFW Calabash Post 7288 Commander and current District 5 Commander Bill Hertline calls the meeting to order. VFW NC State Commander Doug Blevins attended the meeting to address attendees and thank the Posts throughout District 5 for their great efforts in support of those affected by Hurricane Matthew last fall. State Commander Blevins went on to swear in the newly elected District 5 officers for their 2017-2018 term. District 5 Commander Bill Hertline was re-elected to a second term.



BINGO

Come out and enjoy a night of Bingo every Thursday night starting at 6:30 PM. Bingo pays out \$1,200.00 or more every Bingo session. The Auxiliary opens the kitchen around 5:30 p.m. with dinners, hot dogs and snacks.

Please note that on the first Thursday of every month we will be offering a special - buy a \$22.00 pack and get a \$2.00 pack for free. The more players - the better the prize payout.

Come out and support your Post by playing Bingo! Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a fun night at the Bingo Hall. You could be the next big winner!

In the event, you don't play Bingo please consider donating your time as a 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.

Thanks for your continued support through the years,

Wayne Weszka, Bingo Chairman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

If your Birthday is in May or June, 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:

- 2 May Regular Member meeting @ 10:00 a.m.
- 2 May Committee for Americanism, Citizenship & Community Service meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 6 May Kentucky Derby
- 7 May Breakfast at the Post
- 14 May Mother's Day
- 20 May Preakness
- 27 May Memorial Day Weekend Buddy Poppy Distribution
- 29 May Memorial Day Ceremony @ 10:00 a.m.
- 1-4 June VFW NC State Convention in Cary, NC
- 4 June Breakfast at the Post
- 6 June Regular Member meeting @ 10:00 a.m.
- 6 June Committee for Americanism, Citizenship & Community Service meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 10 June Belmont Stakes
- 24 June Dinner by the Committee for Americanism Citizenship & Community Svc. 5 to 8 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS

New Members

John Dockiewicz, Simeon Dunker
Mac McKeough

SICK

Jerry Morano, Sr., Frank Richardson
Terry Smith, Stuart South

Send a Card . . . Say a Prayer

DECEASED

Frank DeCicco - Fred Hall - Joe Pinkowski

Special Operations Wounded Warriors

VFW Calabash Post #7288 Commander Rick Arvonio (l) and Calabash Sheltered Treasures store manager Maureen Pelky, present an Electric Mobility Cart to Kevin Klein (r), a member of the Advisory Board for the



Special Operations Wounded Warriors (SOWW). The SOWW provides outdoor experiences to a select group of both active duty and veteran U.S. Military Special Operations Forces, that have received wounds in battle, and that have received our Country's prestigious Purple Heart Medal. The Electric Mobility Cart was donated to the Calabash Sheltered Treasures store by the family of a recently deceased veteran in hopes of finding a veteran in need. Sheltered Treasures stores

support Providence Home, the only Family Emergency Teen Shelter in Brunswick County and it is free to all that need their services. VFW Calabash Post #7288 partnered with the Calabash Sheltered Treasures to find an appropriate home for the cart to support veterans in need. A partnership that ended in a Win-Win for all involved.



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

VFW POST 7288 - "Where the Good Times Roll"

