



# NEWSLETTER



VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - Nov / December

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE



***“If you always do what you’ve always done, you will always get what you’ve always got!”***

Many people attribute this quote to Anthony Robbins and before him Albert Einstein, Henry Ford, and even Mark Twain. Regardless of the origin, what matters is the point

it makes. If you want to change the end result, you need to change the way you do things. The world is rapidly changing in many ways and technology is changing at light speed. We need to keep pace and change with the times.

### VFW Calabash Post #7288 & Facebook

Your Post now has a presence on Facebook! If you are already on Facebook you can search on VFW Post 7288 and it will list our Post (along with other VFW Post’s Facebook pages). Click on the link and it will take you to our Facebook page. If you are not on Facebook you can still search for the Post’s Facebook page and find it. You can Google “VFW Post 7288 Facebook” and you will get choices for our Facebook page.

The latest noteworthy news and events that the Post is involved in will be posted as they happen! Continuing to communicate to our members! Take a look! Enjoy!

### YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

We are still looking for e-mail addresses for many members. If you are receiving VFW Calabash Post #7288’s bi-monthly newsletter by U.S. Mail or must pick a copy up at the Post, you are receiving a slimmed down version of the actual newsletter. That is, your copy is not in color and contains no graphics. This is done to save on the costs of printing and mailing for the mailed copies and copying for those that don’t have e-mails, live in the local area of the Post and pickup copies in the Canteen.

Please help us communicate with you most effectively through e-mail by providing your e-mail

address to the Post. If you are a regular member of the Post, send your e-mail address to: [vfwcalabash@atmc.net](mailto:vfwcalabash@atmc.net); if you are a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, send your e-mail address to [sburchacki@ephenry.com](mailto:sburchacki@ephenry.com) and if you are a member of the Men’s Auxiliary send your e-mail address to [sburchacki@atmc.net](mailto:sburchacki@atmc.net). Your help in providing your e-mail address will help your Post communicate more effectively and efficiently with you.

### POW/MIA CEREMONY - WE MUST NEVER FORGET.

They walk among us and we often don’t notice. They have a special day in their honor and we often forget. We’re talking about National POW/MIA Recognition Day which is always the third Friday in September.

In Brunswick County there are a lot of veterans of our nation’s services but there is a special breed within that number - those who were held prisoner of war. A good number of those are back, but there are a lot still missing in action.

On the special day to recognize them nearly a hundred people came to VFW Calabash Post #7288 to remember, honor and reflect on the sacrifices of those who have ever been held prisoner of war or who are still missing and to show their appreciation for the POWs who walk among us.



One of those is Pat Patterson, a member of the Calabash VFW Post, who never misses one of these events. During the POW/MIA ceremony held at the Post on September 19th, there was sustained applause when he

was recognized and afterwards many wanted to shake his hand and thank him for his service in those difficult times 70 years ago.

Patterson is a World War Two veteran whose B-24 bomber shot down on July 15th, 1944. He was held in a German prison camp for nearly a year. He received his wings from flight school on the 3rd of November two years prior. He still has the original wings on his

## Commander's Message (con't.)

Prisoner of War hat that he wears to VFW meetings and other events at the Post. He's a living example of what the National POW/MIA Recognition Day in America is all about.

During the somber and symbolic ceremony there are presentations of tributes which go on a table, a poem called "Come for Me" which symbolizes a plea from those still held prisoner who are reaching out to the government to help them, the touching empty chair ceremony in which the items on the table represent those still held prisoner and the empty chair, symbolic of those who cannot share in the event. Candles are then lit representing those still missing from our nation's wars.

There are many: from World War II 73,536 are still missing or held; from Korea, 7,880; from the Cold War, 126; from Vietnam 1,641; and from Iraq and Afghanistan 6 remain missing or held prisoner.

These figures are not historic in nature. They're as of September 15<sup>th</sup> of this year. For those who walk among us, our deepest thank you! For those who are still missing, 83,189 in all, you are in our prayers.

Rick Arvonio  
Commander

## MENS AUXILIARY

Comrades,

Been a busy two months with all the activity going on here at the post. We finished up the summer concerts at Sunset Park with a great 50/50 drawing. We raised over \$2800 for Wounded Warriors. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped sell the tickets and the support staff that made this all possible. Quilts are on display in the post for the Veteran's Day drawing. Come to the post and buy your tickets for a worthy cause. All proceeds go to the Wounded Warriors. Veterans Day Celebration at the post is coming up. Come out and pay tribute to our Veterans. Thursday night bingo is always looking for volunteers. If you can work one night a month, 4-5 hours, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact the post for more details. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped set up, cook, and clean up after the Great Drawing. Excellent job and it was enjoyed by everyone. Football Sunday is in full swing. Come out and root for your favorite team, enjoy the "FREE" food, meet your fellow members, and enjoy the games. Our Mens Auxiliary meeting is the first Tuesday of every month at 2:30. Take a couple hours out of your day and come see what we do for our post. So few do so much for so very many!!! Volunteers needed always. Thanks.

Don Thompson  
President

## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS



WELCOME to our newest members: Linda Gregory, Lorraine Kaelin, Cathy Major and Linda Townsend. Thanks to the generosity of our combined post members, we

completed our school supply collection and in early September, 10 boxes of school supplies and a \$75 check were delivered to both Jessie Mae Monroe elementary School and Waccamaw Elementary School. Members attended the National Ladies Auxiliary President's Anne Panteleakos visit to North Carolina at Ashville/Brevard, 21-23 September where we had the opportunity to talk to her about the future of the Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to all our sisters who participated in/or attended our Post's POW/MIA Ceremony on 19 September. As always it was a very moving ceremony, capped off with a candle lighting ceremony honoring all those still missing in action. The Fall Council of Administration was held 3-5 October 2014 in Greensboro. We took three boxes of items donated for the cancer sale table and 20 quilts made for the veterans at the Fayetteville VA Medical Center. Susan Burchacki, Nancey Earney, Barbara Hertline and I represented the auxiliary in attending all the business sessions/workshops and participated in the fund raising events. The Joint Meeting introduced our National Representatives VFW Junior Vice Commander Brian Duffy and Ladies Auxiliary National Council Member #9 Deborah Crowder.

The busy month of October continued with 12 sisters supporting the Post with the Warrior Ride Luncheon on 17 October, serving approximately 68 Warrior Riders and their support staff. Thanks

go to the 26 Auxiliary's/Post members/spouses who supported our commitment to the Oyster Festival for handling the entrance booths at this year's festival, 18-19 October. During the month of October we've been collecting items for the Blue Star Mother's "Christmas Boxes for Heroes" Project. Our Post has such generous members that at the time of this writing we already have 15 boxes filled and a nice amount of cash donations. **You still have time to donate as we will be collecting items through 1 November.** Our Halloween Party scheduled for 31 October at the post is a fundraising event for the Department of North Carolina's Special Project "HOMELESS VETERANS". This means that our donation to this program will assist the homeless veterans in our state. Final report on this event will be made at November's meeting.

The Ladies Auxiliary annual event "Celebrating America" this year will be held at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, on 25 October, where we will be celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the "Star Spangled Banner"; and the annual Southern Conference is scheduled for 6-9 November in Charleston, West Virginia. Our annual Veterans Day Ceremony is scheduled for 11 November at 11:00 at the post. Please make plans to attend. We have lots of projects going on in November where we can use your help. On 12, 14 and 21 November 2014 we will be presenting our Citizenship Education Program at Waccamaw and Union Elementary Schools. We can use your help at the schools with the presentation so please call me if you are interested. We will have a project day at the Post on Wednesday, 19 November at 10:30. We will making Christmas ornaments, sleeve pins, prepping the handouts for the citizenship education program at Union; and finishing other projects. All we need are willing hands—no specific crafty talent is needed. Also

mark your calendars as we will be decorating for Christmas on Wednesday, 3 December, starting at 9:30. All help is greatly appreciated on 19 November and 3 December.

Our meeting in November has been slipped to 18 November, still at 1:00, because of Veteran's Day falling on our regularly scheduled meeting date. December's meeting, 9 December, will begin at 12:00, vice 1:00, because our Christmas Luncheon will immediately follow our meeting. Flyers will be posted shortly for the Christmas Luncheon but here's the scoop—All Ladies Auxiliary members (that are current on their dues) are invited to my **LAST** Christmas Luncheon. Lunch is on me; however, if possible, I request that you make a donation of a toy for the Toys for Tots Campaign. Reservations are required by 5 December 2014. More information will be provided at November's meeting.

The holidays are here. However you celebrate this holiday season I wish you and your families' good health, friendship, and peace. . Please keep our veterans, our military and their families in your thoughts and in your hearts.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas  
Fran Redfield  
President

### LADIES AUXILIARY

President	Fran Redfield 910 287-7527
Sr. V. President	Nancy Earney 843 399-7233
Jr. V. President	Brenda Arnold-Paige 910 575-5259
Chaplain	Joan Elmeier 910 575-2420
Treasurer	Susan Burchacki 856 761-2200
Secretary	Shan Warner 802 683-4223



## BUDDY POPPY DRIVE

**Saturday,  
November 8, 2014**

Our Post will be conducting a Buddy Poppy Drive to be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be set up in front of the Food Lion in Carolina Shores and Sunset Beach and Ace Hardware in Calabash. There will be 3 shifts from 10 a.m. To 12 p.m., 12 p.m. 'till 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed at all locations. There is a sign-up sheet in the canteen. We need two people at each location for all three slots. Please sign up for this very worthy charity drive. Thank you for your help.

Bob Hall  
Junior Vice Commander



## 7288 Members Golf League

**November / December  
SCHEDULE**

	SHOW		SHOW		SHOW
11/3	Seatrail Byrd	7:30	12/1	Eagle Nest	8:00
11/10	Leopard's Chase	7:15	12/8	Beachwood	8:00
11/17	Seatrail Jones	TBA	12/15	Brick Landing	8:00
11/24	Thistle	800	<b>12/22 - 12/29 NO GOLF</b>		

### POST OFFICERS

Commander.....	Richard Arvonio	910 579-7617
Sr. V. Commander.....	Robert Haight	910 579-9398
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

### SICK & DECEASED

**SICK** - Kenny Anderson, 965 Charlotte Ave. SW, Calabash, NC 28467  
 Al Branham, 514 Medcalf Dr., SW, Sunset Beach, NC 28468  
 Stuart South, 202 Ocean Forest Dr., NW, Calabash, NC 28467  
**DECEASED** - Richard (Dick) Miller, Walter Meierdierks Auxiliary -  
 Ted Loop, Pete McGerr

*Send a Card . . . Say a Prayer*

### NEW MEMBERS

Bob Kaelin - William Canning - Jack Keaveney  
 Jerry Casey - Barry Heselpen - Clifford Hinkley



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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

- 11/2 - SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8 AM - 11 AM
- 11/4 - MEMBER'S MEETING 10 AM
- 11/4 - MEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING 2:30 PM
- 11/7 - VFW ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Sea Trails Jones
- 11/11 - VETERAN'S DAY SERVICES 11 AM
- 11/15 - WWII PARTY 3 PM UNTIL ?
- 11/18 - LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 1 PM
- 11/27 - THANKSGIVING DAY - Canteen closes @ 4 PM

#### DECEMBER

- 12/2 - MEMBERS MEETING 10 AM
- 12/2 - MEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING 2:30 PM
- 12/7 - SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8 AM - 11 AM
- 12/9 - LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 12 PM
- 12/24 - CHRISTMAS EVE - Canteen closes @ 4 PM
- 12/25 - CHRISTMAS DAY - CANTEEN CLOSED
- 12/31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY




### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>BREAKFAST</b> 8 to 11 a.m. \$5.00 / Person	3 <b>GOLF</b> Seatrail Byrd Show 7:30	4 Member's Mtng 10 a.m. Men's Aux Mtng 2:30 p.m.	5	6 <b>BINGO</b> 6:30 p.m. Wayne Spears Marty Biddle Ken Keil Sue Burchaki	7 <b>VFW Golf</b> Tournament Seatrail Jones	8
9	10 <b>GOLF</b> Leopard Chase Show 7:15	11 <b>LADIES AUX. MEETING</b> 1 P.M. Veteran's Day Services 11 am	12	13 <b>BINGO</b> 6:30 p.m. JC Peloquin Mike Crowley Eric Johnson Linda Johnson	14	15 <b>WWII Party</b> 3 to ??
16	17 <b>GOLF</b> Seatrail Jones Show TBA	18	19	20 <b>BINGO</b> 6:30 p.m. Linda McPhearson Don Thompson Jim Milstead Cathy Milstead	21	22
23 30	24 <b>GOLF</b> Thistle Show 8:00	25	26	27  <b>NO BINGO</b>	28	29

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	1	2 Member's Mtng 10 a.m. Men's Aux Mtng 2:30 p.m.	3	4 <b>BINGO</b> 6:30 p.m. JC Peloquin Greg Gallus Bob Hall Sue Burchaki	5	6
7 <b>BREAKFAST</b> 8 to 11 a.m. \$5.00 / Person	8 <b>GOLF</b> Eagle Nest Show 8:00	9 <b>LADIES AUX. MEETING</b> 12 P.M.	10	11 <b>BINGO</b> 6:30 p.m. Durwood Jackson Jerry Baum Ed Werner Shari Warner	12	13
14	15 <b>GOLF</b> Beachwood Show 8:00	16	17	18 <b>BINGO</b> 6:30 p.m. Ray Ketcham Herk Hernandez Fred Ortiz Alice Ortiz	19	20
21	22 <b>NO GOLF</b>	23	24	25  <b>NO BINGO</b>	26	27
28	29 <b>NO GOLF</b>	30	31  <b>NEW YEAR'S</b> EVE PARTY			

# Wounded Warriors



On October 17th, VFW Calabash Post #7288 provided a luncheon to over 60 Wounded Warriors, support staff and Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputies on their annual Warrior Ride.

The Warrior Ride was founded by Bob and Debra Racine from Oak Island with a mission of rehabilitation for our wounded war heroes by implementing challenging, adaptive bicycling and morale boosting events throughout the United States. The Warrior Ride founders believe that with the events, our nation's wounded warriors are able to take pride in the skills they have and redefine their capabilities through accomplishment in an atmosphere of camaraderie and support

For those members of our Post who attended to welcome and thank the riders and serve them a hearty lunch, it was a rewarding, heartwarming and

inspiring experience! And our Post will continue to support The Warrior Ride on their annual journey!

It is through the cooperative effort of VFW Calabash Post #7288 members, members of the Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary who volunteered to support the Warrior Ride that made the luncheon a great success!

On behalf of the entire Post and its members a BIG THANK YOU to the over 30 volunteers who gave many hours of dedicated support to make this an event that will be remembered by all! You certainly put VFW Calabash Post #7288 on the map again for the Warrior Ride and made us proud.

IT WAS OUTSTANDING! A job well done by all! Look for more on the Warrior Ride luncheon on the Post's website and Facebook page.

*From all of us to all of You!*

Happy  
Thanksgiving

Merry  
Christmas