



# NEWSLETTER



VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - Mar/Apr, 2016

## COMMANDERS 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 in March with nomination of candidates for the elected positions of Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and one 3-Year Trustee. 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 in June after the North Carolina State Department Convention concludes.

In addition to the elected officer positions there are a number of appointed officer positions including: Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day and Service Officer, Communications Officer and Guard. All officer positions (except two of the Trustees) 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 one of the Nominating Committee members (Bob Stocklin, Rich Murray or Dan Kossler) 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.

Please consider stepping up to the opportunity, challenge and fulfillment that working for veterans and their families has to offer! **No organization does more for veterans than the Veterans of Foreign Wars!**

### FACEBOOK & Website - VFW Calabash Post #7288

As a reminder, the Post has a presence on Facebook and on its web site and continues to bring to you a record of events and happenings within and outside the Post and the work of many of our volunteers! The Post's Facebook page can be found at the following link

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/VFW-Post-7288/220541397961619?>

**IMPORTANTLY**, click on the "LIKE" and the "FOLLOW" buttons so that you can receive notifications when something new is posted on the Post's Facebook page.

The Post's website can be found at the following link: <http://myvfw.org/nc/post7288/> 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! Comment

on our posts on Facebook or on the web! Enjoy!

### NC VFW The Leader Magazine

The official publication of the North Carolina Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Winter 2015 issue of the new VFW North Carolina The Leader Magazine is now available online at the following url: <http://www.vfwnc.com/uploads/leader/dist5/#p=1>. The magazine which has been previously printed and mailed to members is no longer mailed in an effort to save on costs and is now only available online. Check it out! There is much news and your VFW Calabash Post #7288 is highlighted in the issue by the many activities conducted over the past couple of months.

Rick Arvonio  
Commander

## LADIES AUXILIARY

### Auxiliary President's Message



It has been a very busy time of year for our Auxiliary as we are wrapping up our work on 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, January 16, at the Boiling Spring Lakes Post 10400. Our Auxiliary received a "Good Job" award for outstanding job supporting the programs and goals of the VFW. Angela Norris, District President, reminded us Relief Funds are available to members with

emergencies.

I want to thank the 12 soup makers who entered their favorite soups in our January Soup Cook-Off on Saturday, January 24. There was a wide variety of flavors and all tasted wonderful. Winners of the cook-off contest were, Marlene Lidgard, Patti Burton, and Pat Hinkley.

The Council of Administration (CofA) meeting was held February 5-7 at the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC. Auxiliary officers participated in seminars to help us better implement the many programs the Auxiliary funds and participates. Cathy Milstead's husband, Jimmy Milstead's Buddy Poppy exhibit was entered in the Buddy Poppy contest and won 1st place in Category 3, Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies. Congratulations Jimmy, good job.

It was an honor and privilege to attend the banquet honoring Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy winners.

Thanks to all the volunteers who decorated the Post, prepared a great dinner and helped Cathy and Jimmy Milstead make the Valentine Dinner/Dance a huge success. A great time had by all!

The Flag Education and the Pledge of Allegiance programs were presented to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Waccamaw and Union Schools. Thanks to Sharon Kossler, Pat Hinkley, and Cathy Milstead for your help. It was so good to see the children so attentive and so eager to learn.

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## LADIES AUXILIARY (con't.)

Teacher of the Year awards at the Post level have been completed. Megan Bellamy of Waccamaw Elementary won at the elementary level. Martie Arrowood, Shallotte Middle School won at the middle school level. Both have been presented with their certificates and monetary awards. Their entries have been sent to District level for further competition.

### Calendar of Upcoming Auxiliary Events:

- March 8 - 1 pm Monthly Meeting. Membership pins will be awarded in 5-year increments. Plan to attend.
- March 26 - 1- 2 pm Chinese Auction and Bake Sale. Nancy Earney always does a great job.
- April 9 - Best of the West Dinner/Dance. Brisket and all the trimmings will be served. Tickets are available in the Canteen. Please come out and help us make this a big success.
- April 12- 1 pm Monthly Meeting. Nomination and election of new officers.
- April 30 - District Meeting at the Oak Island Post. Come and see what is going on at your Auxiliary District level.

Looking forward to seeing you soon! Thank you for your continued support!

Brenda

### LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President.....	Brenda Arnold.....	910 279-0870
Sr. Vice Pres.....	Sharon Kossler.....	910 575-6322
Jr. Vice Pres.....	Pat Hinkley.....	910 712-1908
Chaplain.....	April Farquhar.....	910 274-8069
Treasurer.....	Susan Burchacki.....	856 761-2200
Secretary.....	Shari Warner.....	802 683-4223
Conductress.....	Pinky Hindman.....	910 579-0073
Guard.....	Cathy Milstead.....	910 575-5851

## MEN'S AUXILIARY

The past couple of months have been a little slow for the Men's Auxiliary as everyone's just trying to get through the winter. But our activities and events are starting to pick up.

Fish fries have begun and will run every Friday through lent. Come out and enjoy a great meal and some good ole New England clam chowder! St. Patty's Day is coming and this year's dinner will be on Wednesday, March 16 (so we don't conflict with Bingo on Thursday) and it will be prepared once again by Tommy Hough and his crew. Special thanks go out to the men who cooked and served the Valentine's Day Dinner. They did a great job and prepared a great meal. We are back in full swing with our lunches on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday so stop by, have lunch and help support the post. As always volunteers are still needed. We are also going to try too bring back early bird dinners to our Post. If you have a special dinner or soup you can cook let me know and we will set a date for you to showcase your culinary talents. All the ingredients will be supplied - you just have to prepare and cook. All early bird dinners will be fund raisers for the Men's Auxiliary.

There are many members who have not yet paid their dues for 2016. If you have forgotten to pay, please do so as soon as possible so that we can close the books on this years membership renewals and move forward! You can drop your check in the mail or drop it off at the Post. Thank you for your support!

Our next meeting will be March 1st. At that meeting we will be taking nominations for the election of officers. Please plan to attend this important meeting. If you plan to run for office, please give your name and the officer position you are interested in running for to Stan Burchacki. Nominations will be accepted right up to the election at the monthly meeting in April. These upcoming months are important times for the Men's Auxiliary. Please attend the meetings so you can stay informed on what is happening.

Thank You for your support of the Men's Auxiliary!

Don Thompson, President



### Join us at 6:30 p.m. "It could be your lucky day"

3/3 Linda McPhearson, Nick Micale, Marty Biddle	4/7 JC Peloquin, Greg Tucker, Don Thompson, Cathy & Jim Milstead
3/10 JC Peloquin, Ken Kiel, Jerry Baum, Marlene Lidgard	4/14 Linda McPhearson, Nick Micale, Tom Kelleher, Marlene Lidgard
3/17 Ray Ketcham, John Parisi, Pat Hinchliffe, Jayne Rockwell	4/21 Wayne Weszka, Bob Hall, Greg Gallus, Jayne Rockwell
3/24 Wayne Spears, Bill McDavid, Herk Hernandez, Arlene Spears	4/28 Ray Ketcham, Ken Keil, Ed Warner, Shari Warner
3/31 Durwood Jackson, Marty Green, Ed Warner, Shari Warner	

*Have an E-Mail Address???*

Send it to us at the Post

[VFWC calabash@atmc.net](mailto:VFWC calabash@atmc.net)

Keep up with all the events!

## VFW Post 7288 St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Wed., March 16, 2016

4 to 6 p.m.

\$11.00 per person



*"Irish Coffee will be available"*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MARCH 2016

- Mar 1 Post Member Meeting 10 a.m.
- Mar 1 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- Mar 3 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 4 Fish Fry 5 to 7 p.m.
- Mar 6 Breakfast 8 to 11 a.m.
- Mar 8 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 1 p.m.
- Mar 10 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 11 Fish Fry 5 to 7 p.m.
- Mar 16 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 4 to 6 p.m.
- Mar 17 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 18 Fish Fry 5 to 7 p.m.
- Mar 24 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 25 Fish Fry 5 to 7 p.m.
- Mar 26 Auxiliary Chinese Auction
- Mar 27 EASTER SUNDAY
- Mar 31 BINGO 6:30 p.m.

## APRIL 2016

- April 3 Breakfast - 8 to 11 a.m.
- April 5 Post Member Meeting 10 a.m.
- April 5 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- April 7 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- April 9 "Best of The West" Dinner
- April 12 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 1 p.m.
- April 14 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- April 21 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- April 23 Great Drawing Dinner
- April 28 BINGO 6:30 p.m.



## 7288 Members GOLF LEAGUE

A new Golf Committee has been established for 2016 and comprised of members of the Post and Men's Auxiliary including: Mike Crowley, Dennis O'Brien, Bob Hall, Ed Warner and Wayne Weszka. At the Post's monthly meetings in February it was announced that this year's tournament will be held at Sandpiper Bay Golf & Country Club on November 14th. This year's tournament will be named the Robert Haight Memorial Tournament, named in honor of our recently departed comrade and friend who loved the game of golf and supported the Post in so many ways. More details will be provided at a later date.

On Thursday, February 24th, Post members and their guests played at Caledonia Golf & Fish Club in Pawley's Island at a special rate made available to our members by through the sponsorship of the event by the Sandpiper Dragons Golf Club, a private golf club in Sunset Beach. In the future, we will continue to partner with the Sandpiper Dragons to enable members of the Post and its Auxiliaries the opportunity to play prime time area courses at bargain rates.

The Members Golf League schedule for March and April is as follows:

March 7	Thistle	April 4	Pearl West
March 14	Panther's Run	April 11	Rivers Edge
March 21	Sea Trail - Byrd	April 18	Meadowlands
March 28	Farmstead	April 25	Eagle Nest

## NEW MEMBERS

James A. Baker, Ronnie E. Cook, John M. Martin, Robert "Doug" Morrell, Bernard Powers, Rickey Stephens

## SICK

SICK - Ken Keil, Frank Pinkerton, Bob Smith, Stuart South

*Send a Card . . . Say a Prayer*

## DECEASED

Ken Bettenhauser, Harry Birnie, Bobby Haight



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



## 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.

## FISH FRY DINNERS PACK POST



VFW Calabash Post 7288 has been packing the hall for its fish fry dinners each Friday during Lent and this year is no exception! They began February 12th and continue through March 25th. The Post offers up a generous serving of haddock along with french fries and coleslaw from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost of the feast is \$11 per plate with chowder for another \$2. The dinners are prepared after the order is submitted so freshness is assured, which has been keeping Jack Goin busy frying the fish while Vinnie Justino makes sure the french fries are ready. It's all possible thanks to the Post and its auxiliary volunteers who prepare and serve it to the waiting crowd.

## A THANK YOU TO ACE HARDWARE



VFW Calabash Post 7288 Junior Vice-Commander Bob Hall, left, presented Calabash Ace Hardware Manager Greg Bloom with a plaque January 19th in appreciation for the store's assistance with the Post's recent Buddy Poppy distributions. The little red poppies are distributed primarily on Memorial Day and Veterans Day weekends and VFW Calabash Post 7288 stations its volunteers outside the Ace Hardware store on those dates. The Post also conducts poppy distributions at the Food Lion stores in Calabash and Sunset Beach. The poppies, assembled by disabled veterans, are used to raise funds to assist veterans programs locally and nationally.



## HELPING A VETERAN IN NEED

VFW Calabash Post #7288 Commander Rick Arvonio presented donations from members of the Post and its Auxiliaries to Anita Hartsell, Dept. Head & Senior Veterans Service Officer at the Brunswick County Veterans Services Office. The donations, presented on January 6th, provide much needed financial support for a disabled Gulf War Veteran. Working together, both organizations provide support for our returning veterans and families of veterans in need.