



NEWSLETTER



VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - May / June , 2016

COMMANDERS MESSAGE



Annual Election of Post Officers

The annual election of Post Officers at our monthly meeting on April 5, 2016 is complete. Newly elected officers for the coming year which runs from June 2016 to May 2017, are: Commander, Richard Arvonio; Senior Vice Commander, Dan Kossler; Junior Vice Commander, Robert Hall; Quartermaster, William McCormick; Chaplain, George Bissett; and three-year Trustee, Tommy Tucker; and three-year House Committee, Bill Hertline.

Continuing their previously elected terms are two-year Trustee, Vince Krasniewicz; one-year Trustee, Robert Stocklin; two-year House Committee Ben Bruno and one-year House Committee Tom McCormack.

In addition, as incoming Commander for 2016-2017, I have appointed the following comrades: Adjutant, Michael Crowley; Judge Advocate, Ed Warner; Surgeon, Willie Richardson; and Service Officer, Dianne Larowe; Officer of the Day, Dennis O'Brien; Guard, Cliff Hinkley and Publicity Officer, Frank Richardson.

The new officers will be sworn in at the monthly meeting on May 3, 2016 and their term of office will commence after the North Carolina State Department Convention concludes on June 5, 2016. Congratulations to our new corps of Officers! Thank you to the corps of Officers that have serve in 2015-2016 and to the new corps of Officers stepping up and serving VFW Calabash Post #7288. 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
- Sr. Vice Commander.....Dan Kossler
- Jr. Vice Commander.....Robert Hall
- Quartermaster.....William McCormick
- Chaplain.....George Bissett
- 3-Year Trustee.....Tommy Tucker
- 2-Year Trustee.....Vincent Krasniewicz
- 1-Year Trustee.....Bob Stocklin
- House Committee:
- 3-Year.....Bill Hertline
- 2-Year.....Ben Bruno
- 1-Year.....Tom McCormack
- Adjutant.....Michael Crowley
- Judge Advocate.....Ed Warner
- Surgeon.....Willie Richardson
- Service Officer.....Dianne Larowe
- Officer of the Day.....Dennis O'Brien
- Guard.....Cliff Hinkley
- Publicity Officer.....Frank Richardson

Comfort Socks Drive & Challenge: A Thank You and a "Call to Action"

Thank You Members of VFW Calabash Post #7288! Your sock donations deposited at the Post received the following recognition from the Comfort Socks Organization:

"We are so proud to have received the socks from their VFW Post 7288 Comfort Socks Drive. The socks are perfect and you will be glad to know that we will personally be handing them to the Wilmington Homeless Veterans at the annual stand down event held May 30, 2016.

Comfort Socks has delivered socks to this event every year we have been in existence (that's 7 years). It is truly our privilege and honor to give the comfort of new socks to our veterans, and thanks to your sock donations, we can do just that. Thank you, faithful VFW 7288 members - you keep 'em coming and we'll keep em going out."

The work of the volunteers at Comfort Socks is not done! Nor is our Post's effort to support them! Let's not stop giving now! There are still many in need and the volunteers at Comfort Socks will be out on the streets of Wilmington at their annual stand down event on May 30, 2016 handing out socks homeless veterans and those in need.

A CALL TO ACTION! Between now and the end of May, I ask members of VFW Calabash Post #7288 to continue donating so that we can help ensure the volunteers at Comfort Socks don't run out of socks! The more they have to give, the longer we can keep them on the streets helping those in need in need!

Bring your sock donations to the Post Canteen and place them in the receptacle provided. Or, if you want to donate money, write a check to VFW Calabash Post #7288 and send it to the Post or drop it off at the Post Canteen with a note to indicate that it is for Comfort Socks and the Post will go shopping for you!

Just so you know, regular Post members and members of the Men's Auxiliary and the Auxiliary have each approved a \$100 donation to purchase socks for this Comfort Socks Drive. That's a \$300 sock shopping spree! Your added donation will go a long way to help more veterans in need

So let's "SOCK IT TO THEM"! THANK YOU ALL!

Rick Arvonio
Commander

MEN'S AUXILIARY

Message from Men's Auxiliary President

The last couple of months have been fairly busy here at the post. We finally wrapped up the fish fries. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the fish fry for seven straight weeks. We also had a great turnout for the St. Patrick's Day dinner and thank you all the volunteers who helped make it happen for St. Patrick's Day. Election of officers was held and all incumbents won reelection. Stan Burchacki moved from secretary to three-year Trustee and Terry Byrne was appointed as the new Secretary. Our "Comfort Sock Drive" is ongoing and the Men's Auxiliary along with the Post and the Auxiliary, each donated

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LADIES AUXILIARY

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Auxiliary President's Message

Our Auxiliary annual election of Officers was held at our April 12, 2016 meeting. Newly elected officers will serve for the coming year, June 2016 - May, 2017 are as follows:

LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President.....Brenda Arnold.....910-575-5259.....barnoldtoo@atmc.net
 Sr. Vice Pres.....Sharon Kossler.....910 575-6322.....kosslerd@aol.com
 Jr. Vice Pres.....Pat Hinkley.....910 712-1908.....hecliff900@gmail.com
 Treasurer.....Susan Burchacki.....856 761-2200.....ssburch@atmc.net
 Secretary.....Shari Warner.....802 683-4223.shariedmands@hotmail.com
 Chaplain.....April Farquhar.....910 287-6262...farquhar@calabash.nc.net
 Conductress.....Pinky Hindman.....910 579-0073.....ipcalabash@atmc.net
 Guard.....Ginny Rowe.....910 575-8311.....ginny47@msn.com
 3-yr Trustee.....Arlene Spears.....910 575-3851.....arspears@comcast.net
 2-yr Trustee.....Fran Redfield.....910 287-7527.....franredfield@atmc.net
 1-yr Trustee.....Marlene Lidgard.....910 579-9238.....oyster942@yahoo.com

The new officers will be sworn in at our May 10, 2016 meeting and will serve in their elected capacity after the June, 2016 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 10th meeting and meet/greet your Auxiliary Officers.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 28 - 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 30 - 10 a.m. Memorial Day Service at the Post. Refreshments to be served.
- June 3-5 - Department Convention in Cary, NC.

God Bless
Brenda Arnold

Have an E-Mail Address???

Send it to us at the Post

VFWSalabash@atmc.net

Keep up with all the events!

\$100 for the purchase of new socks. These socks will be handed out by the volunteers at Comfort Socks to homeless veterans in the Wilmington, NC area on May 30th. The Commander has asked that members continue to donate socks or money to help this worthy cause. Our quarterly donation of \$1000 will be combined with the Post's donation and will be given to Fisher House at Ft. Bragg. Fisher House best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while receiving treatment.

The first Saturday in May starts the Triple Crown Races. The Kentucky Derby is May 7, Preakness May 21, and the Belmont is June 4. Come out and support your favorite horse and get a free meal. We will be serving sausage, peppers and onions for the Derby.

Your Men's Auxiliary will be having an Italian Night Dinner late May or early June. We will be serving Lasagna with salad and bread. Cost is yet to be determined. A signup sheet will be posted in the canteen for those interested in having a great Italian dinner. Payment will be due 10 days before the dinner so the proper amount of food can be ordered. If you plan to attend, please sign up so we can get a rough estimate of attendance. This is a fund raiser for the Men's Auxiliary so lets have a big turnout and make this a successful dinner for the post. Thank you for your continued support.

President
Don Thompson



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

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| 5/5 Wayne Spears, Herk Hernandez, Jerry Baum, Arlene Spears | 6/2 Linda McPhearson, Pat Hinchliffe, Nick Micale, Jayne Rockwell |
| 5/12 Durwood Jackson, Marty Biddle, Marty Green, Linda Johnson | 6/9 Wayne Spears, Tom Kelleher, Jerry Baum, Arlene Spears |
| 5/19 Wayne Weszka, Greg Tucker, Don Thompson, Cathy & Jim Milstead | 6/16 Durwood Jackson, Herk Hernandez, Eric Johnson, Linda Johnson |
| 5/26 Ray Ketcham, Nick Micale, Ed Warner, Shari Warner | 6/23 Wayne Weszka, Greg Tucker, Don Thompson, Cathy & Jim Milstead |
| | 6/30 Ray Ketcham, Bob Hall, Greg Gallus, Marlene Lidgard |

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



It takes quite a shopping list to satisfy nearly 200 hungry people looking for their St. Patrick's Day feast. At VFW Calabash Post 7288 the list included 282 pounds of corned beef, 125 pounds of cabbage, 100 pounds of potatoes and 100 pounds of jumbo carrots. That's just the main course. There were also the sides and, of course, Irish coffee for those who so indulged. The kitchen

crew is pictured here preparing a great meal before our guests arrived. From left are Pat Hinchliffe, Wayne Spears, Jim Stueve, Jim Bicknell, Bob Stocklin, Chief Chef Tom Hough, Sue Burchacki and Stan Burchacki. If the meal didn't satisfy completely, mint and chocolate chip ice cream awaited. The great turnout for the dinner is a testament to a quote by George Bernard Shaw, "There is no sincerer love than the love of food."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2016

- May 1 Breakfast 8 to 11 a.m.
- May 3 Post Member Meeting 10 a.m.
- May 3 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- May 5 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- May 7 Kentucky Derby
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 10 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 1 p.m.
- May 12 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- May 19 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- May 21 The Preakness
- May 26 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- May 28 Buddy Poppy Distribution
- May 30 Memorial Day Service 10 a.m.
- May 30 Memorial Day Food Offering 11 a.m.

JUNE 2016

- June 2 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- June 5 Breakfast - 8 to 11 a.m.
- June 7 Post Member Meeting 10 a.m.
- June 7 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- June 9 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- Jun 10/12 VFW NC Department Convention
- June 11 Belmont Stakes
- June 14 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 1 p.m.
- June 16 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- June 18 Italian Night 4 to 6 p.m.
- June 23 BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- June 30 BINGO 6:30 p.m.



7288 Members GOLF LEAGUE

May/June Schedule

May 2	River Hills	June 6	Brick Landing
May 9	Crow Creek	June 13	Tigers Eye
May 16	Lions Paw	June 20	Thistle
May 23	Seatrail Jones	June 27	Beachwood
May 30	Pearl East		

FLAG RETIREMENT

The United States Flag Code, Title 4, Section 8k states that "The Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." On March 24th members of VFW Calabash Post 7288 joined forces with members from Calabash American Legion Post 503 to accomplish that task. Over several hours, more than 2500 flags were retired in a burn pit behind the Calabash Firehouse. VFW Calabash Post 7288 and American Legion Post 503, along with the Elks Club have receptacles in which the public may deposit tattered and worn American flags for proper disposal later.



VFW Calabash Post 7288 members Bill Hertline, left, and Jay Bertha prepare tattered American flags for burning during a flag retirement at the Calabash firehouse March 24th.



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.

NEW MEMBERS

Lanny La Valley, John McGann, Fred Nelson, John Reuwer, Donald Shaw, Bruce Zawacki

SICK

SICK - Ken Keil, Jerry Morano, Bob Radcliffe, Stuart South
Send a Card . . . Say a Prayer

DECEASED

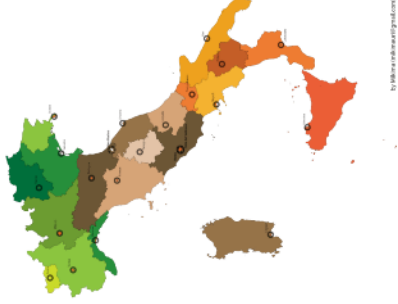
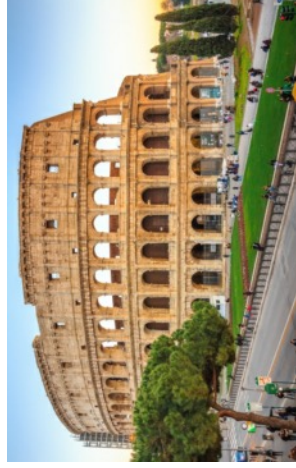
Frank Pinkerton, Luther Snyder,
Anthony (Tony) Thompson, Frank Wilmer



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

COMMANDER'S DINNER

ITALIAN NIGHT AT THE POST – “AN OFFER YOU CAN’T REFUSE!”



Menu: Homemade Lasagna; garlic bread and salad

Prepared by: “The Don” Joe Capone & His Hit Men

Jim Milstead
Chaz Rowe
Joe Nance

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL ON JUNE 18, 2016 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sign up for dinner tickets in the Canteen.

Payment of \$9.00 per ticket due by June 10, 2016!

ONLY 120 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD! DON'T MISS IT!