



NEWSLETTER



VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - Sept./Oct., 2015

COMMANDERS MESSAGE



Members! Are you in the game or standing on the sidelines?

If you attend our Post's monthly meetings (for regular members, the first Tuesday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; for Men's Auxiliary members, the first Tuesday of every month from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; or the Auxiliary meeting on the second Tuesday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.) then you are in the

game, making a difference and are part of the Post's decision making on issues voted on by members!

If you haven't attended a meeting you're missing out on what is happening at the Post, where we've been and where we're headed - being part of change! The monthly meeting is where it all happens! Meetings last just one hour! One hour a month and you can be part of the Post's team that helps the leadership chart the course for the future. Coffee and donuts are offered and a 50/50 drawing is held at each meeting! Hope to see you at our next monthly meeting! **Come out and get in the game!**

Activities & Events

It has been a busy couple of months for our Post with a variety of activities, special events and fundraisers since the beginning of July.

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall - During the 4th of July weekend residents and visitors alike were privileged to have the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall reside on Oak Island for a long weekend! It is a spectacular reproduction of the actual Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC and was seen by many visitors to Oak Island. Thank you to Vietnam Veteran and member of the N.C. Patriot Guard Riders Gary Anderson for his efforts to bring the traveling memorial to Oak Island and to Bob Racine, founder of The Warrior Ride for sponsoring the event. Thank you for the outstanding effort and to the many volunteers that supported it.

4th of July Post Picnic - Our Post and the many volunteers pulled out all the stops for its Fourth of July Picnic to provide food, fun and fireworks for over 150 who attended the event. Hamburgers and hotdogs were grilled by Post Men's Auxiliary members Joe Nance, Richard Wilder and Chas Rowe; fresh watermelon provided by Post member Willie Richardson and cookies and cake were provided by members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Calabash Concert - Volunteers from the Post conducted a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to the VFW North Carolina Department's

National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Tim & Marge Sears and Wayne & Jeannie Weszka helped sell tickets. Calabash Mayor Mary Knight picks the winning ticket and Past Commander Ray Ketcham, Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer, Sue Burchaki announced the winning ticket number! Good time had by all! Thank you for the support of our volunteers and the attendees that helped support our National Home for Children!

Summary

As you can see, your Post's myriad efforts are non-stop! It is because of the volunteers from the Post, the Auxiliary and the Men's Auxiliary that we are able to accomplish so much.

Our work, however, is not done! Over the next two months, we have many activities in the works and are looking for volunteers for their support in any way possible. Please look at the Events Calendar and the activities planned or on the bulletin boards in the Canteen and volunteer to help! Any help is always appreciated.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) & CPR Training

As previously reported, the Post purchased a Life Saving Automated External Defibrillator - AED for short. The new unit is mounted in the Canteen where it is easily accessible should it ever be needed. Every minute counts in a Sudden Cardiac Arrest Emergency - Sudden Cardiac Arrest strikes 800 Americans per day. For every minute without treatment a victim's rate of survival decreases by 7% to 10%.

Heartsaver AED and CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) training has been conducted by Wayne Spears, a certified American Heart Association Instructor. At this time, over 28 members, including all bartenders have been trained. Additional 1-hour training sessions are planned. If you are interested, sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Post Canteen.

Just remember, we invested in an AED and we need to make sure that we have members who are trained and can use it within three to five minutes of a heart stopping, so we can improve the chances of saving a life - ANYWHERE!

NEW Department of North Carolina VFW & Bass Pro Shop Sport Raffle

NC Department has partnered with Bass Pro Shops and is having a Sport Raffle at a cost of \$5 per ticket. You do not have to be present to win! And if your ticket is selected for a prize, it will go back in the drawing for other prizes. That's correct; you can win more than once on the same ticket as your ticket is returned for additional chances to win.

Importantly, our Post retains 20% of the funds from the sale of tickets at our Post - a Win/Win for the Post and its members.

The following flyer provides the rules for the raffle and the list of prizes can be found at the bottom of the flyer.

Support your Post, support the North Carolina Department and give yourself a chance to win a valuable prize. Purchase one or more tickets at \$5 each at the Canteen or at a monthly meeting. Ask your bartenders or any of your Post's Officers for tickets!

Rick Arvonio, Commander

\$5.00!

\$5.00



VFW / BASS PRO SPORT RAFFLE



\$5.00!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS OF
FOREIGN WARS

**DRAWING WILL BE HELD February 5, 2016 @ THE MIDWINTER
C of A IN RALEIGH**

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

THIS TICKET WILL BE IN THE DRAWING FOR ALL ITEMS ON THE BACK
WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE FOR THE VALUE OF THE ITEM WON WHICH MAY BE
USED FOR ANY ITEM OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE AT THE BASS PRO SHOP IN CARY, NC. THE
CERTIFICATE MAY BE REDEEMED FOR A GIFT CARD ALSO.

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Bass Pro Shop and the Department of North Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars
have teamed up for one hell of a raffle!!!

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS!

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| 1. HENRY GOLDEN BOY .22CAL | 18. ASCEND C156 CANOE | 35. BROWNING BPS 12GA |
| 2. YETI ROADIE | 19. PARKER ENFORCER C'BOW | 36. TRAEGER PELLET GRILL |
| 3. SAVAGE 16 .243CAL | 20. \$100.00 CASH | 37. PENN BATTLE 2 & OA BAG |
| 4. QUANTUM BAITCASTER OUTFIT | 21. BROWNING TWO BURNER | 38. BROWNING ROD STORAGE |
| 5. THUNDER HAWK CROSSBOW | 22. YETI HOPPER 20 | 39. YETI 125 |
| 6. OA OCEAN MASTER REEL W/B | 23. TIKKA T-3 .308CAL | 40. \$100.00 CASH |
| 7. RUGER 10/22 .22CAL | 24. HENRY BIG BOY .44 MAG | 41. BASS PRO BAITCAST |
| 8. FRONTIER REVOLVER .45 CAL LC | 25. BASS PRO 4 P'SN TENT | 42. BUSHMASTER .223 MSR |
| 9. COSTA 580P SUNGLASSES | 26. LANDMAN FIRE PIT | 43. WINCHESTER SX3 12GA |
| 10. \$100.00 CASH | 27. BASS PRO RAIN JACKET | 44. BROWNING SPINNING CB |
| 11. MINN KOTA TROLLING MOTOR | 28. \$1000.00 BASS P. GIFT CERT. | 45. YETI 65 |
| 12. CHAR-BROIL PROPANE GRILL | 29. BASS PRO CAMP KITCHEN | 46. \$2000.00 BASS PRO CERT. |
| 13. TEKNETICS METAL DETECTOR | 30. \$100.00 CASH | 47. UBERTIE .45CAL PISTOL |
| 14. BUSHNELL BINOCULARS | 31. ORVIS FLY OUTFIT | 48. PENN SENATOR R&T |
| 15. \$500.00 BASS PRO GIFT CARD | 32. YETI TUNDRA 45 | 49. BROWNING CITRINI 725 |
| 16. RUGER .708MM | 33. MASTERBUILT ELEC. SMOKER | 50. \$100.00 CASH |
| 17. RUGER MK111 | 34. REDHEAD 10 GUN SAFE | |

\$5.00!

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LADIES AUXILIARY



Dear Sisters,

As the summer months are ending we are gearing up for a very busy fall.

National Convention Important Information

The VFW passed a resolution to amend Article Xi, Sections 1101-1104 of their National Bylaws at our 116th National Convention in

Pittsburgh on July 20, allowing male family members to join the VFW Auxiliary **effective August 21, 2015**. A few facts about the change:

- It is NOT a merger of the VFW's Ladies Auxiliary and the Men's Auxiliary.
- It changes the name of the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Auxiliary and allows spouses and eligible male relatives to join the VFW Auxiliary.
- Males who wish to join the VFW Auxiliary will be required to fill out a membership application, provide proof of eligibility, and their application will be voted on just as females who wish to join.

While our members have many questions regarding this transition, we will embrace the change in our Ladies Auxiliary and implement the changes as instructed by National.

Various Resolutions, amendments to the National Bylaws, and revisions to the Ritual were presented and voted on at Convention.

Our Past Department President, Janice Holm, won the Outstanding Department President of the Year Award. Our Department also received some Program awards in our designated group.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Our Post is honored to host Ladies Auxiliary National President, Francisca Guilford, who will be visiting our Post September 7th and 8th. Francisca visits the home posts of each Department President throughout the US. Events include:

- Monday, September 7, Italian Dinner at the Post from 5-8 p.m. with a cash bar, Happy Hour from 5-6 pm and cost is \$5 per ticket. Tuesday, September 8, a banquet for Francisca featuring beef tenderloin with a cash bar, Happy Hour, 5-6 pm. Music and dancing will complete Tuesday's evening's entertainment. Cost is \$15 per ticket.
- We encourage all members to participate. Please support the events and help us make Francisca's visit to our Post a memorable one.

- Contact Susan Burchacki at (856) 761-2200 or E-mail ssburch@atmc.net for information and tickets.

Additional Events

- Our District 5 meeting will be held September 12th at Wilmington Post 2573 at 10:00 a.m. It is a great way to keep informed about what is going on at the District level of our VFW.
- The POW/MIA service at the Post on September 18th at 11:00 a.m. Our ceremony represents a reminder of the lives of each of the missing and their loved ones who keep the faith, still waiting for answers.
- Football Sundays are upon us and volunteers are needed up for December 20th? Contact me to help prepare food, set up and clean up.
- The Council of Administration, (C of A) is in Greensboro, NC, October 2-4. This will be the last time we will be in Greensboro as we will continue future meetings in Cary, NC
- The annual Warrior Ride luncheon will be held at our Post on October 18th.
- The Ladies will host the annual Halloween Party on Friday, October 30th from 6-10. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Volunteers are need for food preparation, decorating, and cleaning up.

New Members

Welcome Phyllis Banyay, Ann Barry, Jan Namey, Patrice Sweetman, and Lin Yarkey.

God Bless,
Brenda Arnold

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 last two months certainly went by very quickly! We managed to accomplish a few things. New tiles were installed in the canteen area courtesy of the Men's Auxiliary and the improvement has made the Canteen brighter and looking a lot better. The volunteers put in a considerable amount of effort to accomplish the replacement in one night.

We held a couple of fund raisers in July and August. We had a chicken bar-b-que, cooked by "chicken cooking king" Tony Nye with his assistant Wayne Spears. We also had our Pig Pick'in with Jason James cooking the pig. Although money was raised for the post, it was very apparent of lack of support from the Men's Auxiliary members at both of these fund raisers.

NFL football Sundays are coming up. Come out and cheer for your favorite team and support your post. The Men's Auxiliary supplies the food on the first Sunday of the month. Volunteers are needed.

October 31st is Breeders Cup Day. Come out, pick your favorite horse, get a meal, and enjoy the day. We will be supplying the food.

So few do so much for so many!! Volunteers are always needed.

Donald Thompson, President

DECEASED

Lee Carlson, Bill Coughlin Stanley Genser
Pat Parryman (Auxiliary)

SICK

SICK - Tom Lynn, Willie Mayew, Dennis McLaughlin,
Stuart South

Send a Card . . . Say a Prayer

NEW MEMBERS

John Coates, Albert Gainer, Ronald Perry, Roland Plante



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

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| 9/3 Linda McPhearson, Nick Micala, Herk Hernandez, Sue Burchaki | 10/1 JC Peloquin, Jerry Baum, Bill McDavit, Sue Burchaki |
| 9/10 Wayne Spears, Greg Galus, Bob Hall, Arlene Spears | 10/8 Durwood Jackson, Tom Kelleher, Eric Johnson, Linda Johnson |
| 9/17 Ray Ketcham, Don Thompson, Greg Tucker, Jim & Cathy Milstead | 10/15 Linda McPhearson, Nick Micala, Herk Hernandez, Marlene Lidgard |
| 9/24 Wayne Weszka, Ken Keil, Marty Biddle, Marlene Lidgard | 10/22 Wayne Spears, Greg Gallus, Bob Hall, Arlene Spears |
| | 10/29 Ray Ketcham, Don Thompson, Greg Tucker, J & C Milstead |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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



7288 Members Golf League

**Sept. - October
Schedule**

Sep 7	Seatrail Jones	7:30	Oct 5	River Hills	7:59
Sep 14	Crow Creek	8:06	Oct 12	Pearl East	8:30
Sep 21	Panthers Run	7:25	Oct 19	Rivers Edge	7:30
Sep 28	Eagle Nest	7:45	Oct 26	Seatrail Byrd	8:06



"Best Breakfast In Town!!"

**First Sunday of
The Month**

8 to 11 a.m.

\$6.00 per person

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2015

- Sep 1 Post Member Meeting 10 a.m.
- Sep 1 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- Sep 3 Bingo 6:30 p.m.
- Sep 6 Breakfast - 8 to 11 a.m.
- Sep 7 Ladies Aux. National President's Visit
- Sep 10 Bingo 6:30 p.m.
- Sep 15 Ladies Aux. Meeting
- Sep 17 Bingo 6:30 p.m.
- Sep 18 POW/MIA Ceremony
- Sep 19 Crabcake/Stuffed Chicken Dinner
- Sep 24 Bingo 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 2015

- Oct 4 Breakfast - 8 to 11 a.m.
- Oct 6 Post Member Meeting 10 a.m.
- Oct 6 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- Oct 8 Bingo 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 13 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- Oct 15 Bingo 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 16 The Warrior Ride Luncheon
- Oct 22 Bingo 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 29 Bingo 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 30 Halloween Dinner Dance
- Oct 31 Breeder's Cup Horse Race