



NEWSLETTER



VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - Sept / October

COMMANDERS MESSAGE



There are a lot of things going on at your Post. Here are some of them:

Handicapped Parking . . . Effective August 17

The Post has created and designated three (3) new handicapped parking spaces in the rear of the building. Two spots are immediately to the right of the red storage building and the third is to the right of the first two, at a diagonal, in the spot where the evening

bartenders' parking space was previously located.

These three new Handicapped Parking spaces expand two-fold the Post's handicapped parking spaces. Most importantly, the Post has designated these for those individuals that have a Handicapped Parking license plate or windshield placard **AND** have difficulty walking, use crutches, walkers or wheel chairs. While many at our Post may have handicapped parking plates or placards, these parking spaces are being designated for those individuals as described. The three Handicapped Parking spaces on the side of the building remain for use by others with handicapped plates or placards.

Please do not park in these handicapped spaces unless you meet the criteria described and extend this basic courtesy to your fellow comrades, brothers or sisters who may be in greater need. If you do park in any of these spaces and do not meet the criteria, you will be politely asked to move your vehicle.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Newsletter. . . Two months have passed since you received your last VFW Calabash Post #7288 bi-monthly newsletter! The Post continues to provide more frequent and greater communications with our members, providing them with information and articles of interest at our monthly meetings, on many of the Post's bulletin boards in the Canteen, in the bi-monthly newsletter, online at the Post website and via email.

The many social events and activities conducted by the Post for members that also support many causes for the benefit of Veterans and their family are of great interest to many. They also provide great satisfaction that together, we are doing the right thing and giving back to the community.

This is your newsletter and we also want to hear from you! Are there articles of specific interest or information you would like to see published that can benefit other veterans and their families that are members of the Post?

If you would like to submit an article to be considered for publishing in the Post's newsletter please send the article via email to vfscalabash@atmc.net or mail it to the Post at 900 Carter Dr., Calabash, NC 28467. While we cannot guarantee that all articles will be published, every article submitted will be reviewed for consideration.

NOTICE - CALLING ALL "KOREAN WAR" VETERANS

Did you serve in the United States military in the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953? If so, the Republic of South Korea and the Embassy of the Republic of South Korea want to honor those men and women veterans with the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal.

The medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to US service men and women who served in the Korean conflict. To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. If a veteran was a Navy service member and had served aboard a naval vessel, then he or she is eligible if the naval vessel was assigned into Korean waters during the 1950 to 1953 time frame. This information can be found in the Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, Form DD214.

To establish eligibility and request this medal, you need a signed cover letter requesting the medal and a copy of the Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD214. The DD214 need not be certified or notarized. It is recommended you cut out or delete your Social Security number if it is on your Form DD214.

The cover letter needs to be addressed to: **Ms. Patricia West, Korean Consulate, 229 Peach Tree Street NE, International Tower, Suite 2100, Atlanta, GA 20303**

Lastly, there are no costs or fees to the family or to the veteran. There are no legal agreements that need to be met, nor any documents to be signed. This is an appreciation in the form of the Korean Ambassador Peace Medal from the Republic of South Korea for the sacrifices and service. Your letter must arrive prior to September 23, 2014 to be considered for the award.

Those Korean War veterans that are members of VFW Calabash Post #7288 Korean War that meet the criteria above can submit their cover letter and Form DD214 themselves or upon request, your Post stands ready to assist you in requesting the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. To do so, you must contact the Post Commander via email at vfscalabash@atmc.net; by mailing your request or by dropping a written note at the Post that indicates you would like to receive this medal. Please provide your full name, address and telephone number and an email address with your request.

The Post will create the cover letter for you that you will be required to sign. In addition, you must provide the Post with a copy of your Form DD 214 that verifies your eligibility. After all members have signed their cover letter and provided their DD214, the Post will consolidate all requests for all members that are eligible for the medal and send them to Ms. West at the Korean Embassy in Atlanta, GA.

Please note that this medal will only be awarded to living Korean War veterans who must apply for the medal themselves. Family members cannot apply for the medal on behalf of a living or deceased Korean War veteran. VFW Calabash Post #7288 is ready to provide its Korean War veteran members with assistance in obtaining the Korean Ambassador's Peace Medal that you have so rightfully earned. Please do not wait. There is a limited timeframe for the Korean Embassy to receive requests that will be fulfilled.

Rick Arvonio
Commander

MENS AUXILIARY

Comrades,

The Men's Auxiliary has been busy selling raffle tickets for the beautiful quilts that are on display in the post. Our volunteers have been working the breakfast on Sundays plus the bingo on Thursday nights. One of our largest fund raisers of the year was the Pig Pickin on the 23rd of August. A sell-out again this year we had eleven (11) volunteers signed up to help with the cooking and prep for the meal that we put on for about 120 people.

Special thanks goes to Sharon and her kitchen staff for staying after hours and feeding several golfers who arrived late. Volunteers are always welcome. Sunday football is just around the corner.

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 2nd at 2:30. Come out and get some donuts and free beverages after the meeting.

Don Thompson
President

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS



In July we welcomed new member Faye Arvonio and in August new members Shirley Kelleher and Arlene Spears. At July's meeting we had our final report

on our Summer Card Party, held on 17 June 2014 at Ryan's Steak House. Thanks go to committee members Rose Henshaw, Janet McCoy, Cecilia Exline and Floss Smith who worked hard in making this fund raiser a big success. Proceeds of \$1,500 from the card party were donated to the VFW National Home for Children-NC Cottage-in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Thanks go to Nancey Earney, Barbara Hertline, Cathy Milstead and Barbara and Ed Raulsome who attended with me in supporting the June MDA "Lockup" at the Harley-Davidson in Shallotte. We helped raise over \$50,000 for the MDA Summer Camp and Medical Equipment Programs. Thanks goes to Brenda Arnold-Paige for coordinating the Chili's "Give Back the Night" fund raiser and for all those members of the Post and its auxiliaries that dined out on the two nights. The proceeds will be used for the Department of North Carolina Ladies Auxiliary "Homeless Veterans" Project. Members Joan Elmeier, Nancey Earney, and Marlene Lidgard attended the National Convention with me in St. Louis Missouri 19-23 July 2014. We attended joint meetings and the joint memorial service; auxiliary business sessions, the patriotic rally and the President's

Banquet. As delegates we represented the auxiliary in voting on all business issues, resolutions, and election of the 2014-2015 national officers. We were also well represented at our District 5 meeting on 9 August in Tabor City where Department Commander Jack Goin and Department President Janice Holm talked about our on-line reporting system, membership and we heard promotions on all our national programs.

For the month of August our auxiliary is sponsoring a school supply drive to help those kids in need attending Waccamaw and Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary Schools. It's never too late to donate school supplies. The fall season brings lots of activities and fund raising projects so mark your calendars and if you are interested in any of these projects/events, please call me. 21-22 September—the National Ladies Auxiliary President, Anne Panteleakos, will be making her visit to North Carolina in the Brevard/Asheville area. NFL Football Sundays at the Post commence in September, with the Ladies Auxiliary responsible for the refreshments on the 3rd Sunday of each month through December. . Please plan on attending our Post's POW/MIA Ceremony scheduled for Friday, 19 September, at 10:00 at the Post. The Fall Council of Administration will be held 3-5 October 2014 in Greensboro. We will be collecting donations for the Cancer table so if you have any good quality yard sales items you would like to donate we need them at the post by 29 September. The Ladies Auxiliary annual event "Celebrating America" this year will be held at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland where we will be celebrating the 200th

Anniversary of the "Star Spangled Banner"; and the annual Southern Conference is scheduled for 6-9 November in Charleston, West Virginia. Finally, make your plans to attend our annual Halloween Party on 31 October, where you can party with all the other ghost and goblins.

It's only with your contributions, ideas, participation and generous spirit; your donations of time and resources; and your willingness to work as a team that we continue to achieve great things for our veterans, our military families, our community and each other. I am truly blessed to represent such a wonderful group of sisters and look forward to another successful year.

Our next two Auxiliary meetings are scheduled for 9 September and 14 October 2014 at 1:00. Your attendance is important to our auxiliary—it's your hard work that makes us a "healthy auxiliary" so we hope to see you at these meetings.

Your in Sisterhood
Fran Redfield

LADIES AUXILIARY

President	Fran Redfield 910 287-7527
Sr. V. President	Nancy Earney 843 399-7233
Jr. V. President	Brenda Arnold-Paige 910 579-3049
Chaplain	Joan Elmeier 910 575-2420
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Looking for a Few Good Men & Women – Your Post Needs Your Help!

As published in the July/August Newsletter, VFW Calabash Post #7288 conducts numerous fundraising activities throughout the year to support many causes that serve and benefit many in the Veteran community! As always the success of any of the Post's efforts is fully dependent upon the support of our members.

As is often the case with any organization, the many volunteers that have stepped up to support these activities continue to be the same people time and again and their efforts are both critical to our success and very much appreciated by the Post and the ultimate beneficiaries. That is why we continue to reach out to our almost 1,000 Post members, including members of the Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary, to step up to the challenge and volunteer just a few hours to help in any way possible.

Volunteering to support the Post can help us achieve so much more. Importantly, it is an opportunity to give back to the community and those most in need – our Veterans and their families. Whether it is setting up the Post's Hall before or after an event, supporting our monthly breakfasts, weekly lunches, a special dinner event or helping out once a month at Bingo, an hour here or there means a lot. And your willingness to help will also support the many members that will be there by your side.

We have posted a single all volunteer signup sheet on the Calabash Post #7288 member bulletin board where you can sign up for specific efforts that need support or leave it open to any or all activities for which we may need volunteers. You may only be called when we need additional help or you may never be called if we have enough volunteers, but by signing up we know we will be able to count on you if needed and if you are available at that time of need. This single signup sheet is used for all members of the Post, including the Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary to volunteer.

When you come to the Post, please sign-up with your name and telephone number and place an "X" to indicate how you would like to support the Post's efforts. If you can't make it into the Post, please send us an email at vwcalabash@atmc.net or call the Post at (910) 579-3577 and we will sign you up.

Thank you to all those who have already volunteered their time so generously and thank you in advance to those who will be signing up to volunteer!

There is much work to be done! Come join us as we pursue our next great challenge.

Rick Arvonio
Commander



7288 Members Golf League SEPT/OCTOBER SCHEDULE

9/1 Lockwood	Show 7:00	10/6 Beachwood	Show 7:30
9/8 Pearl West	Show 7:00	10/13 Seatrail Maples	Show 7:30
9/15 Crow Creek	Show 7:45	10/20 Rivers Edge	Show 7:00
9/22 Tigers Eye	Show 8:30	10/27 Lions Paw	Show 7:15
9/29 Tidewater	Show 7:00		

SICK - DECEASED

SICK LIST - STUART SOUTH, 202 Ocean Forest Dr. NW, Calabash, NC 28467

DECEASED - Ed Phelps . . . **AUXILIARY** - Robert Barnes
Send a Card . . . Say a Prayer

NEW MEMBERS

Sal Giarrusso, John Harvey, Gordon Heitmuller, Robert Mac Dougall, Larry Planner, James Seeney



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 09/02 - MEMBERS MEETING 10 AM
- 09/02 - MEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING 2:30 PM
- 09/03 - CONCERT HOME FOR CHILDREN AT SUNSET BEACH
- 09/07 - SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8 AM - 11 AM
- 09/09 - LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 1 PM
- 09/19 - POW - MIA CEREMONY 10 AM
- 09/20 - CRAB CAKES OR PORK DINNER
SERVING FROM 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

OCTOBER

- 10/05 - SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8 AM - 11 AM
- 10/07 - MEMBERS MEETING 10 AM
- 10/07 - MEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING 2:30PM
- 10/11 - GREAT DRAWING DINNER DANCE
6:00 PM - 10: PM TICKET HOLDERS ONLY
- 10/14 - LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 1 PM
- 10/17-18-19 OYSTER FEST PARKING
- 10/31 - LADIES AUXILIARY HALLOWEEN PARTY
7 TO 10 PM



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.

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SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	GOLF Lockwood Show 7:00 ¹	Member's Mtng 10 a.m. Men's Aux Mtng 2:30 p.m. ²	Concert Home for Children Sunset Beach ³	BINGO 6:30 p.m. ⁴ Durwood Jackson Herk Hernandes Marty Biddle Susan Burchaki	⁵	⁶
⁷ BREAKFAST 8 to 11 a.m. \$5.00 / Person	GOLF Pearl West Show 7:00 ⁸	LADIES AUX. MEETING 1 P.M. ⁹	¹⁰	BINGO 6:30 p.m. ¹¹ JC Peloquin Stefe Perry Nick Micale Marlene Lidgard	¹²	¹³
¹⁴	GOLF Crow Creek Show 7:45 ¹⁵	¹⁶	¹⁷	BINGO 6:30 p.m. ¹⁸ Ray Ketcham Don Thompson Jim Milstead Cathy Milstead	POW/MIA ¹⁹ Ceremony 10 a.m.	Crab Cakes Or Pork Dinner ²⁰
²¹	GOLF Tigers Eye Show 8:30 ²²	²³	²⁴	BINGO 6:30 p.m. ²⁵ Eric Johnson Ken Kiel Mike Crowley Linda Johnson	²⁶	²⁷
²⁸	GOLF Tidewater Show 7:00 ²⁹	³⁰				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			¹	BINGO 6:30 p.m. ² Wayne Spears Jerry Baum Bob Hall Sue Burchaki	³	⁴
⁵ BREAKFAST 8 to 11 a.m. \$5.00 / Person	GOLF Beachwood Show 7:30 ⁶	Member's Mtng 10 a.m. Men's Aux Mtng 2:30 p.m. ⁷	⁸	BINGO 6:30 p.m. ⁹ JC Peloquin Greg Gallus Ed Warner Shri Warner	¹⁰	Great Drawing Dinner/Dance ¹¹
¹²	GOLF Seatrail Maple Show 7:30 ¹³	LADIES AUX. MEETING 1 P.M. ¹⁴	¹⁵	BINGO 6:30 p.m. ¹⁶ Linda McPherson Bill McDavit Fred Ortiz Alice Ortiz	¹⁷	¹⁸
¹⁹	GOLF Rivers Edge Show 7:00 ²⁰	²¹	²²	BINGO 6:30 p.m. ²³ Durwood Jackson Don Thompson Jim Milstead Cathy Milstead	²⁴	²⁵
²⁶	GOLF Tidewater Show 7:00 ²⁷	²⁸	²⁹	BINGO 6:30 p.m. ³⁰ Ray Ketcham John Mitchell Herk Hernandez Marlene Lidgard	³¹ HALLOWEEN PARTY 7 TO 10 p.m.	

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!!



You can always count on VFW Calabash Post #7288 for an excellent event. On August 23rd it was the Annual Pig Pickin'. From the time the pork was taken from its 14 hours in the cooker, tended by Bill James and son Jason, until it hit the culinary surgeons in the kitchen, to the enjoyment of the hungry folks, the sold-out event was a total success.

“Think we’ll have enough for everyone??”

”Only the prime for these good people!”



“What kind of secret do they have to make this taste so good?”