



# NEWSLETTER

VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - Nov/Dec 2018

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



It seems that for the last two newsletters I start out talking about the weather. Well, we sure have had our share of bad weather. First Florence comes along and drenches everyone. Then Michael follows with not so much damage here, but total devastation in the Florida panhandle. Through your generosity, Quartermaster Bill McCormick has forwarded over \$3000.00 to the NC VFW Hurricane Disaster Relief Program. House Committee Chairman

Bill Hertline carried a truck load of supplies worth over \$500 to Boiling Spring Lakes which was especially hit hard with flooding. Thanks to all who donated and helped.

Once again we are going to have a busy two months. First we have Veteran's Day on November 11th. This is a special Veteran's Day in that it marks 100 years since the guns were silenced in Europe ending WW I. It is also a little unusual this year in that Veteran's day is on a Sunday. We will have a ceremony at the Post at 11:00 AM Sunday November 11th. A light lunch and cake will follow the ceremony.

Following Veteran's Day we will have our annual golf tournament. The Howie Howison Memorial Golf Tournament will be held November 12th. Jimmy Milstead has done a fantastic job pulling this together. If you want to play, give Jimmy a call.

On December 8th the Post will host its annual dinner to honor WW II Veterans & Pearl Harbor Remembrance. It is always a joy to have these men and women come and enjoy an evening recognizing their participation in the war.

Thanks to Wayne Weszka we now have a new electric messaging sign in the canteen. We already have current events showing on the sign. To place a message on the sign, you will need to email the message to me. Once I have reviewed the message, I will forward it to Wayne for programming.

After having to cancel bingo three times in the last two months, Wayne Weszka and I decided to come up with a process to make it easier to make a decision on cancellations. If the Brunswick School System closes their schools, we will be cancelling bingo. The school system works closely with police and emergency response agencies on weather conditions and what the safety conditions are on the roads. We do not want people to take unnecessary chances to play bingo.

We got an unexpected gift from Al Jackson recently. Al presented the Post with a model P51 Mustang that replicated the famous Redtails of WWII. The Redtails were formed by the

Tuskegee Airmen. They were the first African American combat pilots. These airmen flew over 15,000 individual sorties over Europe and North Africa. The plane is now being showcased in the canteen with many other model combat planes that have been built by Frank Pinkerton.

This information and picture can be found on our Post website. Take the time to go to the web site [www.vfw7288.org](http://www.vfw7288.org). There is an abundance of information on the site. Rose Deck does a great job of keeping the site updated.

I want to thank Wayne Spears for his work with the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce during the Oyster Fest and all he has done behind the scenes as well as to coordinate Post volunteers for parking and putting up signs at the fest. A special thank you to Bob Stocklin for all he did to help as well as Pat Hinchliffe, Greg Gallus, and Jim Steuve. Marge & Tim Sears made & delivered lunch to the parking volunteers. I believe our VFW & Auxiliary Information Booth at the Oyster Fest was a success in that many stopped by and recognizing the Buddy Poppies donated close to \$300 total. Along with Sharon and I, Rick Arvonio, Bill Reinhardt, Arlene Spears, and Sue Burchacki volunteered time at the tent.

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of the year. Please have a safe and happy holiday season. Stay close to your love ones and try to relax.

Remember, this is your Post.

Dan Kossler  
Commander

## AUXILIARY



The past two months were different from a typical Sept/Oct to say the least! Many of us were out of town for a week unable to return home after Hurricane Florence. I want to thank those that helped other members physically before and after the storm as well as your donations to the NC VFW Disaster Relief. The Auxiliary members voted to send \$1000 to the VFW Auxiliary Department of NC Hurricane Relief for

Auxiliary members assistance. This along with what the Post has sent to NC VFW will help many who have lost so much.

The Attractions, Dining & Value Guide Books were a bigger hit this year than last year! Arlene and Wayne Spears, who led this effort, have collected \$2,330 and the books are still selling!

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Arlene recognized those that sold 10 or more at the Oct meeting. \$1000 was donated to the VFW National Children's Home NC Cottage and \$1000 to the National Veterans Service (NVS) and \$330 (plus any future sales) to the Wreaths Across America for the Wilmington NC National Cemetery.

Many events were cancelled due to the storm such as the Warrior Ride, the National VFW Auxiliary President visit, VFW District 5 meeting and the POW/MIA ceremony at the Post. I hope all read the meaning of the "Missing Man Table" items emailed on Sept 21 lest we not forget those heroes. Also, the preemie blankets have not been delivered as no one from our Post Auxiliary attended the Fall C of A in Cary. I hope to get them to the Women's Clinics before the holidays.

A few members stuffed candy bags with treats to send to the patients and care givers at the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville as we do each year. We also worked the gates at the Oyster Fest at Ocean Isle Beach on Saturday, Oct 20. The Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce donates money to our organization for this effort. It was also the first year there was a VFW & Auxiliary information booth at the Fest. Flags, pinwheels, candy and applications along with data sheets were available. A BIG thank you to those that helped us earn \$650 from the Chamber in one day along with \$144 in donations for Buddy Poppies.

Auxiliary members will be supporting the Buddy Poppy Drive on Nov 10, preparing a light lunch for those attending the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Post, volunteering at the Golf Tournament on Nov 12, serving lunch to the Summit Assisted Living veterans on Nov 16, and helping to ensure the Dec 8 WWII dinner is a success.

We are halfway through the Auxiliary calendar year and we have already exceeded our program goals. This is ALL thanks to you and your support for the Post and for Veterans, Active Military and their families. As we close on year 2018, let us be thankful for our blessings. There are many storm survivors nearby and in the southeast who need to be remembered in our prayers along with our military members who may be away from home during the holidays.

Sharon Kossler  
President



**"Best Breakfast  
In Town!!"  
First Sunday of  
The Month  
8 to 10:30 a.m.  
\$6.00 per person**

## BINGO

Coming into the last quarter of the year and Bingo has missed a few weeks due to weather conditions. We would like to encourage everyone to grab a friend and come play Bingo on Thursday night at the VFW. Remember, your participation helps to support our veterans. We need your support to make this one of our better years for supporting our veterans. **We have increased our regular Bingo games payout from \$40 to \$50.** The more players the better the prize payout. The Auxiliary opens the kitchen around 5:15 PM with dinners, hot dogs and snacks. In the event, you don't play Bingo, you might like to donate your time to counter your help as a floor walker, check writer or caller. We need your help to keep Bingo going in 2019. We have lost volunteers due to sickness and other conditions. Please contact Wayne Weszka at 443 326-9961 to offer your time. **We need all positions for 2019.**



Thanks for your continued support through the years.

Wayne Weszka  
Bingo Chairman

## FROM THE KITCHEN

At this point in time the kitchen is open Monday & Wednesdays. The menus for the 2 days will be posted on the digital sign.

Dan Kossler, Commander





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Note: Event information can be obtained at the Post for times, places and sign-up for volunteers.**

Dart League - Every Tuesday 5:30 pm – Newcomers Welcome  
Bingo - Every Thursday 6:30 pm

Nov 4 - Post Breakfast from 8-10:30 am  
Nov 6 - Regular Member Monthly Mtg @ 10 am  
Nov 13 - Auxiliary Monthly Mtg @ 1 pm  
Nov 22 - CANTEEN CLOSED - NO BINGO  
Dec 2 - Post Breakfast from 8-10:30 am  
Dec 4 - Regular Member Monthly Mtg @ 10 am  
Dec 11 - Post Breakfast from 8-10:30 am  
Dec 24 - Canteen closes at 4 pm  
Dec 25 - CANTEEN CLOSED  
Dec 27 - NO BINGO  
Dec 31 - Canteen closes at 4 pm

**Check the Bulletin Board or Digital Sign for Additional Info**

## DECEASED

Gary Thomas

## NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome to our New Members*  
James Ashe, Abert Mangel, Charles Pangburn  
Edward McGuire, Edward Walker

## SICK

Bill Cleaver, Ed Dwornick, Mike Nagle  
Walt Timmerman, Tommy Tucker  
"Say a Prayer . . . . Send a Card"

## OFFICERS - 2018

### Elected Officers

Commander.....Dan Kossler  
Senior Vice Commander.....Rick Arvonio  
Junior Vice Commander.....Robert Stocklin  
Quartermaster.....William McCormick  
Chaplain.....Rich Murray  
Trustee - 1 Year.....Tommy Tucker  
Trustee - 2 Year.....Diane Larowe  
Trustee - 3 Year.....Vince Krasniewicz

### Appointed Officers

Adjutant.....Pasquale Cappelletti  
Judge Advocate.....Jim Stueve  
Public Affairs/Publicity.....Pasquale Cappelletti  
Surgeon.....Eric Johnson  
Service Officer.....Rose Deck  
Officer of the Day.....Cliff Hinkley  
Guard.....Cliff Hinkley  
Webmaster.....Rose Deck

### House Committee

1 Year.....Bill Hertline - Chairman  
2 Year.....Jim Milstead  
3 Year.....Rick Arvonio  
Congratulations to all of our officers and thank you for volunteering and stepping up to support the Post!



## 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.

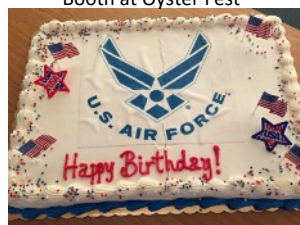
## ACTIVITIES AT THE POST



Lt Commander Jim Milstead (USN Ret) all dressed up for the Navy Birthday party



Commander Dan at VFW Info Booth at Oyster Fest



USAF Birthday celebration



Al Jackson and the donated P51 Mustang Red Tail plane model.

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Remember to say **THANK YOU** to our Sponsors & let them know you're from VFW Calabash Post #7288!



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