



NEWSLETTER

VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - Sept/Oct 2018

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer. Needless to say it has been warm, not to mention wet.

We are heading into some of the most active time of the year for our Post. But before I go into our scheduled events, I would like to review some of what has happened over the last two months.

We had a great July 4th celebration. Thanks to all the volunteers that made it happen. There was plenty of food and music. A good time had by all.

On July 10th I had the privilege to attend our Post Auxiliary meeting. Its always enjoyable to connect and thank the auxiliary for all their help. This year they will celebrate 104 years of existence. Quite a legacy of volunteerism and being an integral part of the VFW family.

On July 22nd, a team pulled together and did a thorough cleaning of the main hall. I want to thank Tom McCormack for bringing in his steam cleaner to clean the floor. Pat Hinchliffe, Sharon Kossler, and Jim and Doris Strider for donating their time and effort.

Mirrors were cleaned. Doorways were dusted. Doris even took the curtains home and washed them. Thanks to all.

We have had a few changes in the past two months. Donnie Thompson stepped down as Kitchen Manager. Donnie has held that position for more than four years. He has done a fantastic job. The Post owes him a debt of gratitude for his efforts during that time.

Bob Stocklin has turned his Hall Rental Coordinating position over to Tim Sears and Julie Larson. I want to thank Tim and Julie for stepping up to help.

We are still looking for a volunteer or two to help manage the kitchen so if your interested, contact any of the officers.

Eric and Linda Johnson replaced our magnolia tree out front of the Post. They have done a great job of landscaping.

Eric has requested that I give a special announcement for the Navy birthday coming up on October 13th. There will be a cake cutting ceremony in the post canteen at 1700. All hands should muster in the canteen at 1600 and enjoy fellowship and perhaps some grog and chow. All Naval personnel and other services are welcome.

I have made a point of celebrating all service branch birthdays. So far we have recognized the Army and the Coast Guard. On September 18th at 2:00pm there will be a cake in the canteen to celebrate the Air Force birthday. Please come and enjoy.

Keep alert on some of the events coming up in the next two months. Of course don't miss our meetings being held on September 4th and October 2nd.

On September 11th we will recognize the 2996 victims of that attack by going to the bridge on Rt 130 to wave our flags. On September 21st we will have a POW/MIA ceremony at the Post at 10:30 am. This is a very short but solemn event. I hope all will attend. October 6th our own chef Joe Capone will be cooking lasagna for us. Keep your eyes open for the flyers and ticket sales. And we can't forget the Oyster Festival October 20 and 21st. We will need a lot of volunteers that weekend.

Just a short request before I sign off. Handicapped parking at the Post. If you are able to walk a fair distance without assistance, then please give the others who cannot hardly walk a chance to use the spaces. I know when I do poppies at some of these grocery stores around here, I'm appalled at the people who hop out of their cars while parked in a handicapped space. We have plenty of men and women who can barely walk the 20 or so feet to get to the door. So please have some consideration for your fellow members who are not so well off. Thanks.

I hope you enjoy what is left of the summer. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to approach me or any of the officers.

This is your Post.
Regards,
Dan Kossler

AUXILIARY



I hope everyone enjoyed their rainy summer in Calabash. As is typical, the months of September and October are our very busiest of times.

We have not been vacationing too much though. We provided dessert at the July 4th picnic. Also through the efforts of many, but mostly through Wayne Weszka and Wayne Spears, we raised over \$900 at the August 18th Steak Dinner!!

I want to thank everyone for donating money and/or school supplies. We were able to donate \$300 cash and over \$700 of supplies. They were delivered the week of August 20th to three very grateful schools - Waccamaw, Union Elementary and Shallotte Middle Schools. A grant of \$250 was received from Thrivent Financial and we were able to provide more supplies than previous years' drives.

AUXILIARY (con't.)

Our Post's Auxiliary is still waiting to hear how well the NC Department did at the 105th National VFW Auxiliary Convention held in Kansas City in July. Announcements to the State's Auxiliaries will be at the October Council of Administration meeting in Cary, NC.

Several Auxiliary members cooked or served lunch to the Summit Assisted Living veterans on August 24th. We decorate the tables, make them a sweet treat and always have a take-home package for them. They appreciate each luncheon and enjoy our hospitality.

Attractions, Dining & Value Guide Books for Sale through Sept 30th

The Auxiliary kicked off this fundraiser in an effort to make \$2000 to go toward the VFW National Home for Children (NC Cottage) and other VFW National Programs. These books are the "Grand Strand" edition, but there are also coupons for places in Calabash and Littler River. The coupons are good NOW through 12-31-2019 - so about 18 months to use! The books are \$20 each. You can sign up at the post for books or email Arlene Spears at arspears@comcast.net or call at 910-575-3851. There is no limit to the amount we sell. The more we sell, the more money we will make to send to the National programs!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

12-14 Sep Several members are going to Greensboro NC to meet the National VFW Auxiliary President Sandi Kriebel. Our own Cathy Milstead has been asked to sing the National Anthem at the banquet for Sandi!

21 Sep The Auxiliary will participate in the POW/MIA Ceremony on Friday, September 21st, 10-10:30 am at the Post. Please come learn the meaning of the "Missing Man Table" that we keep in the entryway.

15 Sep VFW & Auxiliary District 5 meeting on Saturday, September 15th, 10am at the Holly Ridge Post. Several of our members are District Officers.

Late Sep As the Auxiliary does every fall, we will be making a simple Autumn craft for VA Hospital patients and our local veterans at assisted living facilities. More information will be coming.

5-7 Oct The NC Department C of A will be held in Cary NC. If you want to attend and learn more about our programs and projects, contact me for more information. I will be taking Preemie blanket donations and other children items for another new project.

19 Oct We will need several cooks and servers at the Warrior Ride Lunch on Friday, October 19th. I will be sending out a note asking for help as we have a big crowd at this function.

20 Oct We will need several volunteers to work the entrance gates at the Ocean Isle Beach Oyster Festival. A signup sheet with time slots will be in the Canteen and at the September meeting.

27 Oct A Halloween Party is being hosted by the Auxiliary on Saturday from 5 – 9 pm. Tickets will go on sale soon. Costumes are OPTIONAL!! Please come. Proceeds will go be split with 50% to the National Home for Children (NC Cottage) and 50% to the Department President's special project of Suicide Awareness.

As you can see October is typically one of our busier months. Please participate at the events and volunteer as you can. Your support is GREATLY appreciated. We currently have 239 Auxiliary members at our post (with more applications coming in) and are the second largest Auxiliary in NC. Please come to meetings so we can get to know each other and do what we do best -- TAKE CARE OF OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES! THANK YOU!

Sharon Kossler, President

FROM THE KITCHEN

The Post Kitchen is on a limited schedule for lunches due to lack of volunteers and support. In fact, there have been a few Fridays in recent weeks where no lunch has been provided. At this point in time the kitchen is open Monday & Wednesdays. Information will be forthcoming about any other changes.

Dan Kossler, Commander

BINGO

Come out and enjoy a night of Bingo every Thursday night starting at 6:30 PM. Our crowds are getting larger and our payouts are getting better. Bingo pays out over \$1200.00 or better every Bingo session. The first Thursday of the month we will be offering buy a \$22.00 pack and get a \$2.00 pack for free. We have increase our regular Bingo games payout from \$40 to \$50 The more players the better the prize payout. So, come out and support your Post by playing Bingo, bring your friends and neighbors for a fun night at the Bingo Hall. You could be the next big winner. The Auxiliary opens the kitchen around 5:15 PM with dinners, hot dogs and snacks, in the event, you don't play Bingo then you might like to donate your time to volunteer your help as a floor walker, check writer or caller. Please contact Wayne Weszka at 443-326-9961 to offer your time.



Thanks for your continued support through the years.

Wayne Weszka
Bingo Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Golf League - Every Monday

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

Bingo - Every Thursday 6:30 pm

Sept 2 - Post Breakfast from 8-10:30 am

Sept 4 - Regular Member Monthly Mtg @ 10 am

Sept 11 - Auxiliary Monthly Mtg @ 1 pm

Oct 2 - Regular Member Monthly Mtg @ 10 am

Oct 7 - Post Breakfast from 8-10:30 am

Oct 9 - Auxiliary Monthly Mtg @ 1 pm

Check the Bulletin Board for Additional Info



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.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our New Members

Francis (Frank) Brindzik, Jonathan Leonard
James (Larry) Thomas

SICK

Gary Thomas

“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.....Gary Thomas
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!



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

ACTIVITIES AT THE POST



Commander Dan celebrating US Coast Guard Birthday at Post on August 4th



Grilling at the Post to celebrate 4th of July



VFW Auxiliary President Sharon Kossler delivered school supplies and a monetary gift to Waccamaw School Principal Roman Kelley.

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