



NEWSLETTER

VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - March/April 2019
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS" This is the official motto of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America.

I am not sure many of our members understand what that Motto means in actual practice. We, as a Post, do not routinely publicize our efforts. The monthly and quarterly donations this Post contributes to are local, State, and National Organizations and Causes. Those usually aware of these donations are the Comrades who

attend the monthly meetings and vote on motions for donations. To be aware or have a say in where donations go, please come to our meetings on the first Tuesdays of the month.

Here is a short list of some of the areas Calabash Post #7288 supported over the last year:

- Hurricane Disaster Relief**
- Wreaths Across America**
- VFW National Children's Home - NC Cottage**
- Fisher House at Ft Bragg**
- Operation First Response**

There are many small donations made to local Organization and Causes on a monthly basis. The ones listed above are some of the more prominent ones.

Also, keep in mind when someone makes a suggestion for a donation outside of a VFW Program, our Officers will work through various web sites and Government Check Lists to ensure the money is going to those who need the resources and not for elaborate administration expenses. I am now working with our team to find a Veteran's Suicide Prevention Organization that we can contribute to this quarter.

Our volunteers are hard at work doing various things, such as: work Bingo floor and Kitchen, distribute Buddy Poppies, help at the Oyster Fest, plan and cook lunches, dinners and parties, hall cleaning so we can rent it out and make a small profit. It is appreciated all the time and effort many put in to ensure we have the funds to donate to the VFW and local and State Organizations. Their efforts allow this Post to do what is SUPPOSED to do and that is to support our Veterans and our Community.

I am very proud of Post #7288. The support and generosity is phenomenal. Time and again this Post has been asked to step up to a crisis or a critical need and we always come through. We need to sustain that drive if we want to remain one of the best Posts in this State.

That being said, we will have a lot of volunteer opportunities coming up besides the "normal": Fish Fries from March 8-April 19, St Patrick's Day Dinner March 16, and the State Commander Allen Payne and NC Department Auxiliary President Patty Harris Homecoming at Calabash April 26-27. You will be seeing flyers and information on all these events.

Remember we will have our Post elections at our April 2nd members meeting. There is still time to come forward if you have an interest in serving as an officer or an appointed position. You can contact any of our current officers and we will work with the nominating committee composed of Bob Stocklin and Jim Stueve.

I hope everyone enjoys the warm weather now that we are heading into Spring.

As I always end my column: Remember -- This is your Post!

Dan Kossler
Commander

AUXILIARY



Spring is just around the corner and our Auxiliary reporting year will end mid-April! It is so hard to believe how fast time is going! Elections for the Post Auxiliary and District Auxiliary Officers will occur in April. If you want to be an Officer, or be appointed as Secretary, or lead/participate on a committee, please contact me for more information. I plan to email information on the openings.

The Bowling League which started in January has been a lot of fun. A big THANK YOU goes to Wayne Weszka and Tim Sears for setting this up. We will have our banquet on March 9. Funds raised will go to: VFW National Home Guest Lodge Kitchen remodel, Wreaths Across America, and Post #7288.

Four Auxiliary members attended the NC VFW Winter Council of Administration in Cary, NC February 8-9. Our Auxiliary was recognized for the Post's Quarterly Newsletter and for 100% membership by January. We are also proud to say that all of our required and suggested contributions have been met by December. Through your efforts and support of fund raisers, we are able to donate generously to VFW and Auxiliary programs.

At our regular February meeting, we had our annual inspection by the District 5 Auxiliary President Deborah Crowder

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I was very proud when she told meeting attendees we are informed and active. She can see what we do from our required Reporting on various programs on the Department tool. Deborah loved the New Member Package and the Treasurer's worksheets for audit purposes. Deborah said we can only learn from each other and she borrowed the information to share with other Post's Auxiliaries.

Upcoming Events

March - The Flag Education and the Pledge of Allegiance programs will be presented to pre-school children at Seaside United Methodist Church. Each year after the program, the students make Easter cards to be sent to patients at the Fayetteville VA Medical Center.

12 March - The names of members expressing their interest in running for different offices will be presented at the regular March meeting. Elections and additional nominations occur at our April meeting.

23 March - 10am-2pm - \$10. The Lucky Draw and Silent Auction is planned to be held in the Post #7288 Hall. This is an event planned for Men and Women!! There will be a bake sale. Food for sale in the kitchen include doughnuts and coffee in the morning and sandwiches/chips in the afternoon. Drawings begin at 1pm. Please come and participate!! Each year Nancey Earney and her committee work very hard to have wonderful items to sell and this is a very big money maker for the Auxiliary. Funds raised will go to VFW Veterans & Military Support.

29 March - 2-4pm - Post Canteen. Sheet Cake to honor 2nd annual National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

6 April - 10am - District 5 Convention at the Boiling Springs Lake Post will include Elections and Installation of New Officers.

9 April - 1pm - Monthly meeting. Please show your interest and support to elect the new slate of Auxiliary Officers and ensure our various committees are manned.

26-27 April - NC Department Auxiliary President Patty Harris visit to Calabash. Please come meet Patty and State Commander Allen Payne at either or both events. Horderves at 5pm Friday night and a Prime Rib dinner at 6pm Saturday night. \$25 per person for both nights. More information will be coming.

Sharon Kossler, President



BINGO

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 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. Please contact Wayne Weszka at 443 326-9961 to offer your time. We have all positions open.



Thanks for your continued support through the years.

Wayne Weszka, Bingo Chairman

FROM THE KITCHEN

I want to start off by thanking those that helped make the Valentines Dinner a great success. I could not have pulled it off without the help of Jeanie Weszka, George Garvis, Jimmy Stueve, Jeff Hayden, and Pat Hinchcliff. They did a great job. We also had the privilege of serving lunch to the Veterans from Summit Place. They always appreciate everything we do for them. We gave them soup, salad, meal, and dessert. Most are WWII and Korean Vets. We need to get more members come to their lunch and say hello and thanks!

Kitchen is open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Come out for lunch and support your post!

Upcoming are the fish fries starting March 8 for seven weeks. And don't forget St Patty's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner on the 16th. Kitchen help is always needed. Contact Don Thompson or Wayne Spears if you can volunteer 2 / 3 hours a "month".

Thanks

Don Thompson

DECEASED

George (Tommy) Tucker

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our New Members

Derrell (Allen) Boyd, David Field, Brian Hess, Jay Bertha, Wayne Henry, Charlie Jost, Frank Farmer

SICK

Brooke Farquhar

"Say a Prayer Send a Card"

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
 Mar 3 - Post Breakfast from 8-10:30 am
 Mar 5 - Regular Member Monthly Mtg. @ 10 am
 Mar 8 - Fish Fry
 Mar 12 - Auxiliary Monthly Mtg @ 1 pm
 Mar 13 - Shields Meeting
 Mar 15 - Fish Fry
 Mar 16 - St. Patrick's Day
 Mar 20 - Brunswick County Blood Drive
 Mar 22 - Fish Fry
 Mar 23 - Annual Lucky Draw & Silent Auction
 Mar 29 - Fish Fry
 Apr 2 - Regular Member Monthly Mtg. @ 10 am
 Apr 5 - Fish Fry
 Apr 7 - Post Breakfast from 8-10:30 am
 Apr 9 - Auxiliary Monthly Mtg. @ 1 pm
 Apr 10 - Shields Meeting
 Apr 12 Fish Fry
 Apr 19 - Fish Fry
 Apr 25 - Bingo
 Apr 26/27 - State Commander & Aux President Homecoming

Check the Bulletin Board or Digital Sign for Additional Info



OFFICERS - 2019

Elected Officers

Commander.....Dan Kossler
 Senior Vice Commander.....Rick Arvonio
 Junior Vice Commander.....Robert Stocklin
 Quartermaster.....William McCormick
 Chaplain.....Rich Murray
 Trustee - 1 Year.....Dennis O'Brien
 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 March or April, stop in at the Post, let the bartender know that you are celebrating your birthday and enjoy a free beverage on us.



VFW Post 7288 Bowling Group



Cathy and Jim Milstead who chair the annual Post's Valentines Day Party. Another wonderful job done by this lovely couple.



"Best Breakfast In Town!!"

**First Sunday of The Month
 8 to 10:30 a.m.
 \$6.00 per Person**

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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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