



NEWSLETTER

VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - May/June 2019

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Well here we are at my closing months as the Commander of Calabash Post 7288. Although I won't be listing a number of physical improvements for the Post, I have to say administratively the Officers, Staff and Volunteers have made me exceptionally proud.

It is no secret that my health issues have limited my involvement at the Post for the last few months. But Rick Arvonio, Bob Stocklin, Bill Hertline, Bill McCormick, Rich Murray, Jim Stueve,

Tom McCormack and Pasquale Capelletti, to name a few, were just one phone call away and they'd say "Just rest Dan. We got it". What more could a Commander ask for?

I think the thing I am most proud of over the past year is the Volunteerism at this Post. I have always ended my newsletters with the caption "THIS IS YOUR POST". Apparently it took hold not only with the comrades but with all the volunteers that help this Post be the success it is. Think about all the efforts in the Kitchen under the direction of Donnie Thompson along with Wayne Spears, Wayne Weszka, Joe Capone, Kirk Earney and countless others who support the WWII Dinner, Summit Assisted Living Veteran Lunches, monthly Shields dinner, Valentine's Dinner, weekly lunches, breakfasts, Bingo Kitchen, Fish Fries or whatever else is planned.

The other volunteer activities such as Bingo and the new Bowling League which Tim Sears and Wayne Weszka put together this year were very successful not to mention a lot of fun. There are also many others who help with Blood Drives, Golf Tournaments, Oyster Fest parking, Buddy Poppies distribution as well as maintaining and cleaning the Canteen and Hall. It is truly amazing what we all can do as well as provide donations to the VFW programs and local organizations.

I want to congratulate the next Slate of Officers for 2019-2020. Based on the experience I see in this slate, the Post is assured to continue its success.

- Commander - Bill Hertline
- Sr. Vice Commander - Rick Arvonio
- Jr. Vice Commander - Jim Milstead
- Chaplain - Eric Johnson
- Quartermaster - Bill McCormick
- Adjutant: Jim Stueve
- 3-year Trustee: Dennis O'Brien
- House Committee 3 year: Cliff Hinkley
- House Committee 2 year: Tom McCormack

In closing, I want to thank everyone for the support they have given me this year. If I have learned anything, it is the tight knit group this Post has shown to me and our community and our military. We may have our disagreements, but if you want someone to cover your back, look to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Calabash Post #7288. Thank you again for everything and good luck in the future.

REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR POST.

Dan Kossler
Commander

AUXILIARY



How fast two years can go by. I want to thank you for making the Calabash VFW Auxiliary a success. I am proud of all that we have been able to do and the programs we supported.

Our annual election of Auxiliary Officers was held at our April 9 meeting. The officers who will serve for the coming year, June 2019– June 2020, are as follows:

- President.....Susan Burchacki
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- Sr. Vice President.....Wayne Spears
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- Jr. Vice President.....Donnie Thompson
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- Treasurer.....Wayne Weszka
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- ChaplainCathy Milstead
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- Conductress.....Marlene Lidgard
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- Guard.....Jane Rockwell
rockwelljane80@gmail.com
- 3-Year Trustee.....Pat Hinkley
pathinkley2014@gmail.com
- 1-Year Trustee.....Arlene Spears
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AUXILIARY (con't.)

Congratulations Officers! I wish you all the best and know you will get the support you need from the Post and Auxiliary members and all the volunteers!

The Bowling League started in January was a lot of fun. A big THANK YOU goes to Wayne Weszka and Tim Sears for setting this up. Over \$1000 each was sent to: VFW National Home Guest Lodge Kitchen remodel, Wreaths Across America, and Post #7288. The bowling continues once a month from May-August at 10:00 am at Planet Fun for 3 games for \$10. Dates are: May 11, June 8, July 13 and August 10. Monies from this will go to Veteran and Active Military Suicide Prevention Programs.

The Lucky Draw and Silent Auction funds raised enabled us to send over \$1000 to the VFW Veterans & Military Support. Many many thanks to Nancey Earney and all who sorted items, baked sweets or served in kitchen as well as the setup and clean up. Every year it is a lot of work but the profits tell the story!

The Flag Education and the Pledge of Allegiance programs were presented to pre-school children at Seaside United Methodist Church. Each year after the program, the students make Easter cards that are sent to patients at the Fayetteville VA Medical Center. Cathy Milstead read a book "F is for Flag" and made gift bags and Nancey Earney, Barbara Hertline and Marlene Lidgard assisted in helping the students make the cards.

A Patriotic Art winner was selected from 27 submissions. Cailee Gore, a senior at West Brunswick High School, was 1st place. Pictures of the top 3 art works are posted on Post 7288's website www.VFW7288.org. There will be an award ceremony at WBHS in May.

Thirteen applications were received for the Theresa McMahon Scholarship. Judging will occur and it will be decided on how many/how much to give in 2019. Last year we gave four at \$500 each.

Upcoming Events

14 May - Installation of officers after the regular May meeting.

25 May - 10am-4pm - Buddy Poppy Distribution at Food Lion locations in Carolina Shores and Sunset Beach. 2-hour shift. Signup sheet in Canteen.

27 May - 10am - Memorial Day Service at the Post. Refreshments to be served. Please plan on attending and pay tribute to those we have lost.

11 June - 1pm - Regular meeting

14 June - Flag Day - fly your US Flags!

21-23 June - VFW Department Convention in Cary, NC

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

We are very fortunate to have had volunteers to staff our post kitchen to provide lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We have volunteers to cook all of our Post dinners, functions and special events including our monthly breakfast. Many hours are devoted to provide this service. We want to thank all of our volunteers for providing the many man hours to provide this service to our Post membership.

Unfortunately because of lack of support from our membership the kitchen will not be serving lunch on Mondays or Fridays.

In the near future we may try to provide Friday night dinners, with low cost special entrees every other week. But again, this will only work if we have support from our members. Keep an eye out for more information for the details.

So again we thank those volunteer members that have provided the many hours over the years to operate the kitchen and hope our renewed schedule for the kitchen will meet with success and participation from our membership.

DECEASED

None

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our New Members
Ralph Amsden John Cardineli, Richard Lelyo

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

- May 4 - Kentucky Derby at the Post
- May 5 - Post Breakfast
- May 7 - Post Member Meeting (Installation)
- May 9 - BINGO
- May 11 - Bowling at Planet Fun
- May 14 - Auxiliary Meeting (Installation)
- May 16 - BINGO
- May 18 - The Preakness at the Post
- May 23 - BINGO
- May 25 - Buddy Poppy Distribution
- May 27 - Memorial Day Service
- May 30 - BINGO
- June 2 - Post Breakfast
- June 4 - Post Member Meeting
- June 6 - BINGO
- June 8 - Bowling at Planet Fun
- June 8 - Belmont Stakes at the Post
- June 11 - Auxiliary Meeting
- June 13 - BINGO
- June 20 - BINGO
- June 27 - BINGO

Check the Bulletin Board or Digital Sign for Additional Info

OFFICERS 2019-2020

Elected Officers

Commander.....	Bill Hertline
Senior Vice Commander.....	Rick Arvonio
Junior Vice Commander.....	Jim Milstead
Quartermaster.....	William McCormick
Chaplain.....	Eric Johnson
Trustee - 1 Year.....	Diane Larowe
Trustee - 2 Year.....	Vince Krasniewicz
Trustee - 3 Year.....	Dennis O'Brien

Appointed Officers

Adjutant.....	Jim Stueve
Judge Advocate.....	Bob Stocklin
Public Affairs/Publicity.....	
Surgeon.....	Jack Goin
Service Officer.....	Rose Deck
Officer of the Day.....	Cliff Hinkley

House Committee

1 Year.....	Jim Milstead
2 Year.....	Tom McCormack
3 Year.....	Cliff Hinkley

Congratulations to all of our officers and thank you for volunteering and stepping up to support the Post!



Join us at the Post for the best Horse Racing Events

- May 4 - Kentucky Derby
- May 18 - The Preakness
- June 8 - Belmont Stakes



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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



“Best Breakfast In Town!!”

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

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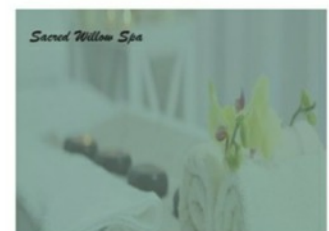
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