



NEWSLETTER

VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - Nov/Dec 2019
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Well, the year is almost over, a lot has been done so far this year, the dinners have been great and have all been sold out. The Oyster Fest parking lasted one day, due to a bad storm on the night of the 19th and 20th. A lot of the vendor tents were blown down and had to be canceled on

Sunday morning. Thank You to all the members who did work on Saturday, and a special thanks to Greg Gallus for putting it all together.

The Navy Birthday was a great time, thanks to all who brought food, and to Tim Sears and Eric Johnson for the great job they did. I also would like to thank Tom McCormack for setting up the Air Force Birthday celebration. As we move into November we have the Marine Corps Birthda on the 10th, hosted by Jack Goin. On the 11th at 1100 hours we will have our Veterans Day Service. On the 15th a Chicken Parm dinner with cost \$10.00 per person. On the 18th we will be having our Post Golf Tournament, to honor Tom Tucker, this is already SOLD OUT. Thanks to Jim Milstead for running this . . . Great Job! The Post will be closed on the 28th for Thanksgiving. On December 7th we will be having our WWII party, and Pearl Harbor Remembrance. Lets not forget Bob Larson, he will be missed for all he did around the post, prayers for his family. The Post will be closed on Christmas Day.

Again THANK YOU to everyone who works hard to make all we do happen.

HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS

YOURS IN COMRADESHIP
BILL HERTLINE

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Let us take pause and acknowledge those families impacted by the Tornadoes that hit Calabash and especially for those who are in the midst of reparations to serious damages caused by the storm. As always, our members volunteered and assisted both with labor and financial aid to our fellow members. We wish those families

a smooth transition back to normal and thank those members who helped our members at a very difficult time.

Fall is always a busy time for our members. October began with our Department Council of Administration (C of A) in Cary, NC. During the joint session on Saturday morning, there were numerous presentations of programs for the year. The Auxiliary Department President's Special Project this year is to raise funds for Eagle Rock Camp (<https://eaglerockcamp.org>). This is a program to aid families to "heal from the hidden wounds of war." There is no cost for the family however, fundraising is the sole resource to send a family -- the actual cost is \$3,000 per family. At the conclusion of the presentation those in attendance donated \$1,000 to help send a family to ERC for one week. At the Auxiliary session, 2019-2020 programs were introduced. Our Auxiliary was well represented with the largest representation for the State. The day concluded with a banquet to honor the Buddy Poppy King and Queen. Two amazing young students demonstrated great hope for the future of America.

The dinners and Karaoke events are being well attended and help both the Members and the Auxiliary raise funds for our programs. Thanks to our Auxiliary members who prepare, cook, and serve the meals in cooperation with the Post members. Upcoming events are posted in the canteen and also will be communicated to our members.

During our October meeting, Arlene Spears recognized those individuals who during our sales of Attraction Books outsold everyone else. A special thank you goes to Robbie McDougall who sold over 20 books. The fundraiser was our best success since taking on the project several years ago. So much so, that we immediately had discussion and voted to send \$3,000 to

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provide one family to attend Eagle Rock Camp retreat for one week.

As November begins please remember that Buddy Poppy Day is Saturday, November 9 and volunteers are needed to hand out poppies. Our Veteran's Day Service is Monday, November 11 at 11 AM in the Post, refreshments will be served. The Auxiliary is hosting a Chicken Parmesan Dinner on November 15 beginning at 5 PM. This is another fabulous "sold out" event thanks to our creative kitchen chefs. The WW II dinner is December 7, at 1 PM. The Annual Wreaths Across America event is at Wilmington National Cemetery, Saturday, December 14 at 12 PM.

As the year comes to a close, I thank my officers, trustees, program chairs, and entire membership for your support this year. We succeed as a team thanks to all of you! Please care for those who are in need and in poor health. Take time to appreciate the lives we have especially our families. Pray for our military members who protect us all and won't be home for the holidays. And, pray for the families of those who have lost loved ones this year. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Susan Burchacki, President

FROM THE KITCHEN

GOOD EATS FROM THE POST KITCHEN

Wow, what a great summer it's been. We have had 5 sold out dinners serving some great food. Thanks to you, our members for showing your support for these fundraisers, and of course to our volunteers who put in the many hours to set up the hall, prep and cook and serve the food and the volunteers who spent time cleaning up after the dinner!

A big thanks to them all.

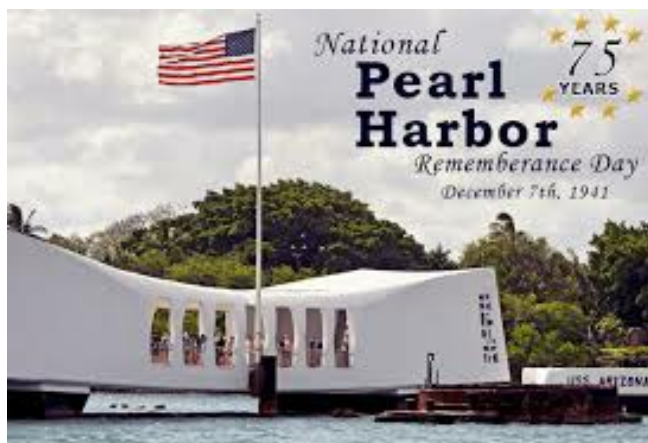
The kitchen also continues to serve lunch on Wednesday only. The kitchen has been open for Bingo with some new help. And the very successful Karaoke night with the kitchen serving over 70 meals. These efforts take a lot of help so a special thanks to all of our members that have stepped up to volunteer.

Now that we're on a roll, we have more dinners planned. Again, it's been a great joint effort between the Post, Auxiliary, and Committee supporting our Post and Serving our Veterans.

Have a great holiday season and don't forget to stop in the Post and enjoy some great food from the volunteers.

Don Thompson, Kitchen Manager

Wayne Spears, Assistant



ANNUAL WWII PARTY December 7 – 1 to 5 p.m. Luncheon will be served

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.



Happy Holidays to everyone! There will be NO BINGO on Thursday, November 28th or December 26th.

Thanks for your continued support through the years.

Wayne Weszka, Bingo Chairman

ITALIAN NIGHT AT THE POST

Friday, Nov. 15, 2019 - Serving at 5 pm



**Chicken Parmigiana,
Penne Pasta
Salad & Dessert**

Prepared by: Joe "The Don" Capone
And His Henchmen

\$10.00 per person

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

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 thru 30 - Toys-4-Tots Collection (Month Long)
Nov 3 - Post Breakfast
Nov 5 - Post Member Meeting
Nov 7 - BINGO
Nov 9 - Buddy Poppy Distribution
Nov 10 - Maring Corps Birthday
Nov 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony (Hot Dogs, Chips, Cake)
Nov 12 - Auxiliary Meeting
Nov 14 - BINGO
Nov 18 - Post Golf Tournament (T. Tucker)
Nov 21 - BINGO
Nov 28 - THANKSGIVING - Canteen Closed - NO BINGO

DECEMBER

Dec 1 - Post Breakfast
Dec 3 - Post Member Meeting
Dec 5 - BINGO
Dec 7 - WWII Party & Pearl Harbor Remembrance
Dec 10 - Auxiliary Meeting
Dec 12 - BINGO
Dec 19 - BINGO
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Canteen closes at 4 pm
Dec 25 - Christmas Day - Canteen closed
Dec 26 - NO BINGO
Dec 31 - New Year's Eve - Canteen closes at 4 pm

Check the Bulletin Board or Digital Sign for Additional Info



Second Annual VFW Winter Bowling PLANET FUN - Shallotte, NC

Starts Saturday, January 4, 2020

Show 9:30 a.m. - Bowling at 10:00

Four (4) Person Teams

\$10 per person Registration

Fee \$150 per person for all Ten weeks

Includes 3 games of Bowling, Shoe Rental
Banquet and Prizes on March 7th

CONTACT - Tim Sears tmsears@atmc.net or
Wayne Weszka wwpremier@atmc.net

OFFICERS 2019-2020

Elected Officers

Commander.....Bill Hertline
Senior Vice Commander.....Rick Arvonio
Junior Vice Commander.....Jim Milstead
Quartermaster.....Bill 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.....Jim Stueve
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!

DECEASED

Robert (Bobby) Larsen - John Rowe

SICK

None

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our New Members
Robert Caldwell - James Montanaro



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.



**"Best
Breakfast
In Town!!"**

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

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