



NEWSLETTER

VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - March/April 2020
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



The weather should be getting warmer in the next few months, hope more members can get out to the post meetings, 1st Tuesday of every month at 1000 am. Our Valentines dinner dance was a great success, thank you Jim Milstead for running this. Great meal, and all enjoyed. I would also like to thank the kitchen crew for doing such a great job.

Our fish fries start on the 28th of February and every Friday until April 10th, please come out and support the post and enjoy a great meal.

None of these dinners can happen without volunteers, we always need people to help set up, and clean up. Our big item is Sunday Breakfast, no one is stepping up to take over as Chairman for the Breakfast, for the past 2 months we had to try and find people to help serve and cook in the kitchen. WE NEED PEOPLE TO COMMIT TO HELPING. Please step up and volunteer, there is always a spot for you. Our nominations for officers will start at the meeting in March and also in April, so if anyone wants to run for office please come out to the meeting. Please remember there is more to the post then just the canteen, which does not run the post. We have been receiving a large number of complaints about the political conversations being yelled and discussed in the canteen, this will not be tolerated in the canteen, the post does not get involved in political parties. What you think should be discussed outside of the canteen. If this continues you will be asked by Bartender to leave. The canteen is not the place for this. I would like to thank our Sr. Vice Rick Arvonio for taking care of the memorial service for Brook Farquhar who was a life member and a Navy Veteran, again job well done.

LETS NOT FORGET ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Bill Hertline, Commander



AUXILIARY



we are one of the largest Auxiliaries in the State of North Carolina. The New Year is well under way as we move forward with our programs for Veterans. In January, Commander Bill Hertline and I delivered a large collection of clothing, baby items, and toiletries to the VA Hospital in Fayetteville. Additionally, \$250 in active wear was shipped separately to the hospital with

the help from Auxiliary member Gordy Heitmuller who obtained a grant to support Veterans.

Wayne Spears, along with Cathy Milstead and our officers, presented certificates and monetary awards to our Teachers of the Year and Patriot Pen winners. Presentations were made to both groups during January.

In February, the Department Council of Administration meeting was held in Cary. Several Auxiliary members attended and were honored that our Patriot Pen winner, Audrey Smithwick, from Shallotte Middle School, was nominated as a finalist. During the banquet, Audrey was awarded second place after competing against students across the entire state. We are very proud of Audrey's accomplishments and also proud of Auxiliary Chaplin, Cathy Milstead, who was one of Audrey's first pre-school teachers and was able to celebrate her success with Audrey and her family.

During March and April, comes the hope that warmer weather will soon arrive. Remember the weekly Fish Fry will begin on February 28, from 5 to 7 PM. and continue through each Friday until April 10th. Cost is \$12 per person. Tell your friends and neighbors--it is one of the best deals in the area. Daylight Savings time starts at 2 AM on Sunday, March 8. After Easter, the Auxiliary and Post will return with the monthly dinners created with cooperation of members from both organizations. These efforts raise needed funds and are dedicated to serve our Veterans programs throughout the country.

Remember our Auxiliary meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in the Post hall. Please join your fellow members and learn all the positive things we accomplish in service to our Veterans and their families.

Nominations for Elections for the Post Auxiliary and District Auxiliary Officers begin in March and elections are held in April. If you are interested in becoming an Officer, or serving on a committee, please contact me for additional information.

As we reflect on the last several months please remember our post and auxiliary members who have recently passed. Reach out to their family members and offer your support and encouragement.

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Our Auxiliary's success is based on the support of our members and volunteers who assist in fundraising events. Without our volunteers our program requirements could not be met. Our members and volunteers are the backbone of our organization and with their dedication and commitment to our veterans

I am most grateful that our membership continues to support its fellow brothers and sisters and our Post. It is why I am so proud to lead the Auxiliary and honored to be your representative.

Susan Burchacki, President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

SUICIDE PREVENTION . . . how can we help? I strongly believe that each of us can have an impact by talking to each other and listening to whom you are speaking with. A friendly pat on the back . . . How are you today? . . . How are you feeling? Sometimes a person may be considering harming themselves and a smile and a friend's concern can change everything.

POST MEMBERSHIP . . . who should you speak to about joining our post? It seems as though we are in the midst of a building boom and being invaded by folks from all over the country. That is our opportunity as many of these folks are veterans and may not even know about us. So have a chat ask about military service and also if no military background they may very well qualify for our auxiliary.

Eric L Johnson Chaplain

FROM THE KITCHEN

The kitchen was kept busy in January and February with Shields dinner, karaoke, and Valentines Dinner. Thanks go out to all members who supported these functions. The kitchen cooks for the Shields the second Wednesday of every month and for bingo every Thursday night. Please feel free to volunteer for any of these functions. Help is always needed.

Fish fries start February 28th for seven straight weeks. If you could help any one of these weeks please contact me. St. Patty day is coming up and we will have a corned beef and cabbage dinner. Lunches are every Wednesday, weather permitting, and Friday night dinners will start as soon as fish fries are over.

Special thanks to Wayne, Jeanne, George, Pat, Jimmy, Phyllis, Bobby and whoever I forgot for a great job on Valentines Dinner. Just remember SO FEW DO SO MUCH FOR SO MANY.

Don Thompson, Kitchen Manager

Wayne Spears, Assistant

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. play Bingo, you might like to donate your help as a floor walker, check writer help. Please contact Wayne Weszka at your time. We have all positions open.

A full slate of Bingo happens in January and February, so grab a friend and join us for a fun night.. Thanks for your continued support through the years.



Wayne Weszka, Bingo Chairman



Friday Night FISH FRY

Feb. 28th thru
April 10th

5 to 7 pm
**HADDOCK, FRENCH FRIES
AND COLE SLAW**

\$12 Per Plate

Clam Chowder Soup - \$2.00



**Keep your eye on the Bulletin
Board for more information**



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.

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

MARCH

Mar 1 - Post Breakfast
 Mar 3 - Post Member Meeting
 Mar 5 - BINGO
 Mar 6 - Fish Fry
 Mar 7 - Bowling League Banquet
 Mar 10 - Auxiliary Meeting (Nominations)
 Mar 12 - BINGO
 Mar 13 - Fish Fry
 Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day
 Mar 19 - BINGO
 Mar 20 - Fish Fry
 Mar 26 - BINGO
 Mar 27 - Fish Fry

APRIL

Apr 2 - BINGO
 Apr 3 - Fish Fry
 Apr 5 - Post Breakfast
 Apr 7 - Post Member Meeting
 Apr 9 - BINGO
 Apr 10 - Fish Fry
 Apr 14 - Auxiliary Meeting (Elections)
 Apr 16 - BINGO
 Apr 23 - BINGO
 Apr 24 - Karaoke
 Apr 30 - BINGO

Check the Bulletin Board or Digital Sign for Additional Info



CHERY 'Z'

Friday, February 28th - 7 to 9 pm

Kitchen closed - Fish Fry Available

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

Brooke Farquhar, Asa T. Robison Jr.
 Donald Woolnough

SICK

None

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our New Members
 William Delaney, Barry Goudoras
 Maryanne Nichols, Joseph Dalesandro



"Best Breakfast In Town!!"

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

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