



NEWSLETTER

VFW Post 7288 - Calabash, NC - May/June 2020

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



This has been a trying time for everyone. I hope this finds all of you safe and healthy and keeping social distancing. The last time the post was opened was St. Patrick's day, at which time we were ordered closed by the Governor. This has caused a problem with a lot of posts in the state. At this time I still don't know when we can

open. This information will be put out on an e-mail to all members when I receive it. We will not open before, due to the safety of our members. If anyone has any concerns please contact me. There is not much more to add to this message, except everyone stay safe, and you will be contacted by e-mail for any changes.

BE SAFE !

Commander,
Bill Hertline

AUXILIARY



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As I prepare this article, I have learned that I work best under pressure. Such as, this article is due tomorrow, so I start today. The storms are due to start any moment, the clouds are moving in quickly, followed by heavy winds and torrential rain. So I had to weed the worst garden in my yard-before the rain. Do you now understand? Under

pressure! All be it, the pressure we are all experiencing is not that of a deadline-it is the pressure of not knowing when our lives return to normal, even if it is a new normal.

I pray that our members, both Post and Auxiliary, are doing as requested, using common sense, and most importantly, staying well. For those of us, who have recently lost a spouse, we know all too well, the solitude of "Social Distancing." Our loss was an eerie prelude to what began 32 days ago.

As for activities at the Post, it's simple. There are none. Our officers met last week (keeping appropriate distances) to conduct the audit. I am pleased to report that all was in order. We also finalized our donations, as the fiscal year-end nears on June 30th. I will share with you our final year donations the next time we meet. And, on that note, our Department President is awaiting a decision from the National Council of Administration as to how to handle elections, the Department Convention, and beyond. The National Convention was cancelled last week. This information is expected by May 1. Once available I will communicate with you via email. I have asked Patty Burton, and she accepted, to Chair our Nominating Committee. If you are interested in a position, please contact me and I will provide Patty's contact information.

I know that many of our talented seamstresses have been making face masks for family, friends, and neighbors. If you are in need of a mask, please contact me and I will assist you in getting one. Please check on your friends and those you know who are not well and if they need food or assistance we should be able to provide reasonable assistance to help them during these very different times.

The auction scheduled for next week, of course, is postponed. I will contact Nancey Earney, Auction Chair, once we have information on setting a new date. The items that have been donated will be packed up and stored for use later.

As it is near the end of the year, and not knowing when we will meet again, Memorial Day is May 25 and if permitted, we will be having our poppy drive on Saturday, May 23. The Memorial Day Service will be decided at a later time. Of course, we will keep you informed of any and all upcoming events.

By the way, it's has not yet started to rain!

Stay safe and be well, I am hoping to see many of you soon.

Susan Burchacki, President



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RETURNING TO NORMAL?

Well that may be questionable in every ones mind. We all look at this from our own perspective and decide what we want to be normal. Is there a normal for us now we have had weeks of quarantine to think about well everything. Our own longevity, that also for family and loved ones.

I believe that we will come out much stronger and a bit wiser having had weeks or months to consider everything possible. We spent a lot of time with our significant other and they with us, so we know each other a bit more in depth. Hopefully we all had discussions about all the worlds problems and our own issues. I, as chaplain, will not preach to you, rather I ask you to say a prayer for what you believe in your heart.

Eric Johnson
Chaplain

BINGO

As soon as we reopen I 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 dinners, hot dogs and snacks. In the Bingo, you might like to donate your help as a floor walker, check writer or help. Please contact Wayne Weszka at your convenience. We have all positions open.

A full slate of Bingo will happen when we reopen, so grab a friend and join us for a fun night. In the meantime, stay safe!

Thanks for your continued support through the years.

Wayne Weszka, Bingo Chairman



FROM THE KITCHEN

The Kitchen like the rest of the post was purring along with several activities planned going into spring. Events before Covid- 19 shut down the post included a Friday night dinner in January, a dinner party for the Shields group,(retired policemen) that use our hall and a great Valentine's dinner dance. Of course we owe many thanks for all the volunteers that stepped up and helped put on these events.

Moving along, our world famous Fish Fries started at the end of February with a lot of help from Phyllis, Sherrie, Warren, Vinnie, Pat, Dawn, Terri, Arlene, Diane, Wayne, Commander Bill and Donnie. Help in the hall to serve and clean up included Jay, Jerry, Pat, Willie, and Rose.

Our annual St Patty's day dinner coordinated by Tom McCormack, with cooks, Pat Hinchcliffe, Wayne Spears and help prepping and serving, Helen McCormack, Arlene Spears, Jim Bicknell, Joe Capone, Jim Stueve, Billy G, Eddie C and Don Thompson. Of course that day started the stay at home order and we ended up serving take-out dinners only. Since then the post and the kitchen have been closed with all of the food frozen or sold.

Hopefully everyone is doing well and we all hope that we will be able to open the post soon along with the kitchen, resuming Wednesday lunches, Friday night dinners and getting back out to socialize again. So until we all can meet again and enjoy each other's company stay safe and stay healthy.

Donnie Thompson, Kitchen Manger
Wayne Spears, Assistant Manger



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Raymond Van Arsdale



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