



NEWSLETTER July/August 2021

**VFW Calabash Post 7288
www.vfw7288.org**

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings from Veterans of Foreign Wars Calabash Post 7288. What a year has passed. Here's hoping for a healthy and successful VFW 2021-2022 fiscal year. As your new Commander, I stress to the membership that my goal is to put Veteran related causes first and foremost on my agenda. I promise the Post's home will continue to be maintained and upgraded wherever possible. I seek help in making these endeavors successful and thus need assistance from all our members, both regular and Auxiliary.

The pandemic shuttered the Post for several months and curtailed many of the fundraising and social events. I am delighted to announce that Canteen functions are back to normal. Thursday night Bingo has successfully re-booted and is being well supported by the community. The Buddy Poppy distribution program has received a boost with our two Food Lion store locations having received our request to staff positions at stores on November 6th.

A special thanks is deserved by kitchen manager Don Thompson for spear-heading the take-out dinner program during the pandemic when the Canteen and other indoor activities of the Post were curtailed. I would also like to thank all those who made monetary contributions and those who volunteered their time to the Post this past year. While in the thank you mode; a special shout out to Linda and Eric Johnson for sprucing up the front of the building. All the flowers and new shrubs were bought and planted by them, and they refuse reimbursement for the cost.

I look forward to serving and ask for your help to make this year a success. If you know of a veteran or the family of a veteran in need, please contact the Post.

James A. (Jimmy) Milstead
Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I want to welcome all of our members back to the Post after a long year working through a pandemic that will be remembered for years to come. Our Post's Auxiliary is back and ready to take on the challenges facing us as we move forward to support VFW Calabash Post #7288, Veterans, and their families. Thank you for your continued support!

Wayne Wieszka
President

CALENDAR OF 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 p.m. – Newcomers Welcome
BINGO Every Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.

July 3	Buddy Poppy @ Ace Hardware
July 4	Free Hot Dogs & Yeti Cooler Drawing 12-3 p.m.
July 6	Regular Members Monthly Mtg @ 10 a.m.
July 13	Auxiliary Monthly Mtg @ 1 p.m.
July 21	Golf League Party after Golf - Afternoon
July 31	Chicken Dinner 5-7 p.m.
August 3	Regular Member Monthly Mtg @ 10 a.m.
August 10	Auxiliary Monthly Mtg @ 1 p.m.
August 17	Red Cross Blood Drive 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Check Post's Bulletin Boards or Digital Sign for More Information

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

There is a long list of birthdays in July and August, too many to list here! So, check the bulletin board in the Canteen to see whose birthday it is each day and wish them a Happy Birthday!

KITCHEN MANAGER'S MESSAGE



Welcome Back! The Kitchen has been very busy with lunches on Wednesday and Thursday night Bingo. As the Post has reopened from the pandemic and Bingo has restarted, crowds have exceeded expectations, which is a good thing. The Post had a steak dinner in June which was very successful. The next dinner is scheduled for July 31st and will be BBQ chicken and there will be a limited number of tickets sold so please check your emails for upcoming notices and more information. So call or visit the Post early to reserve your tickets! Don't be left out! Special thanks go out to all the volunteers as they are the people who make things happen at the post. Once again, I am asking for volunteers to help in the kitchen on Thursday night bingo to give two or three hours of your time to help support the Post!!

Don Thompson
Kitchen Manager

BINGO MANAGER'S MESSAGE

BINGO HAS BEGUN ANEW! The Post is open for Bingo once again and we 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 are a regular or Auxiliary member of the Post, and you don't play Bingo, you might like to donate your time to help as a floor walker, check writer or caller. We need your help. Please contact Wayne Weszka at 443 326-9961 if you would like to volunteer. We have all positions open.

Wayne Weszka

NEW MEMBERS

NONE

SICK LIST

NONE

DECEASED MEMBERS

Daniel James Kossler, Jr.	January 2021	Past Post Commander
Willie Richardson	May 2021	Past Post Surgeon
Thomas Hough	June 2021	Auxiliary Member

POST OFFICERS 2021-2022

Elected Officers

Commander	Jim Milstead
Sr. Vice Commander	Cliff Hinkley
Jr. Vice Commander	Diane Larrowe
Quartermaster	Greg Gallus
Chaplain	Eric Johnson
1-Year Trustee	Vince Krasniewicz
2-Year Trustee	Jay Bertha
3-Year Trustee	Don Whitfield

Appointed Officers

Adjutant	Jim Stueve
Judge Advocate	Jim Strider
Surgeon	Jim Carota
Service Officer	Mickey Martin
Officer of the Day	Jay Bertha
Guard	Jay Bertha
Webmaster	Rose Deck
Public Affairs	Jim Stueve

House Committee (Elected)

1-Year	Cliff Hinkley
2-Year	Eric Johnson
3-Year	Bill Hertline

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Wayne Weszka
Sr. Vice President	Cathy Milstead
Jr. Vice President	Brenda Arnold
Conductress	Nancy Earney
Treasurer	Jeannie Weszka
Chaplain	April Farquhar
Secretary	Pat Hinkley
Guard	Barbara Hertline
3-Year Trustee	Sue Burchacki
2-Year Trustee	Bill Gajewski
1-Year Trustee	Pat Hinkley

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Officers Club

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