



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MASON DIXON POST 7234

JULY 2017

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your Commander for the next 12 months. Together we can keep this Post headed in the positive direction it has been going. We have enjoyed great



success at the Post and I know we can keep doing it. Comrades, Auxiliary, and Volunteers have shown we can achieve great things working together. I truly believe that our staff is the best around. The heart and soul of any organization is its people and ours are

outstanding. I look forward to serving with my fellow comrades of Post 7234 and our Officers and Board of Directors. Our Post relies on Volunteers for the success of our various functions. Please keep this in mind and Volunteer when you can. If you are unsure what you can do, please ask. Remember our Veterans, those who did not come home, those who served, and those who are currently serving. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact myself or another Officer of the Post and we will do what we can to help.

God Bless Everyone ----- God Bless America

Dean Levering
Commander
443-553-1167

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

VFW Post and Auxiliary Members,



Welcome to July and a new program year! State convention marks the end of one year and the



beginning of another for our Auxiliary. Congratulations and a note of thanks to our Program Chairmen for their hard work during the last year. We appreciate your volunteering to lead us in serving our veterans and families! We have a new VFW Auxiliary State President, Sue Beachboard; her

theme is **“UNITED WE STAND”** for our veterans. You will have the opportunity to meet Sue at our official Auxiliary visitation in October or when the VFW Auxiliary National President visits our Post in September. How would you like to win a raffle while supporting an Auxiliary fundraiser? The Auxiliary is currently offering raffle tickets for sale (\$5/ea, 3 for \$10) featuring an 80 liter high performance Calcutta Cooler, a fishing pole, hat, several paperbacks, beach towels, and two (2) \$25 Banks Liquors gift cards—all this valued at \$550.00. Drawing will be held on Friday, August 18th, 2017. Purchase tickets now!! Our Friday dinner for July features Roast Beef on the menu (7/21). If you have not volunteered to work that evening, please join us for dinner and support the Auxiliary’s fundraising efforts and remember that we will need baked goods for that evening. Exciting news announcement regarding Annual Dues: you may now pay your annual dues online! Attend our July Auxiliary meeting for details; the **MALTA** is coming to a computer near you!! Please remember to fly your American flag proudly on July 4th in celebration of our country’s Independence! At

press time, there were no final details concerning the Bethany Beach parade. Stay Safe and enjoy our Freedom! It is with a heavy heart that I extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Pat Stokes who recently passed in June. Pat was our Auxiliary Treasurer for several years. She always had a smile on her face and was always ready to challenge anyone to a game of darts! Pat will be missed. I would love to see you at our July 3rd Auxiliary meeting. Come enjoy the comradeship and beautiful sunsets with your fellow Auxiliary members; we've missed you!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "THE LIFE IN FRONT OF YOU IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE LIFE BEHIND YOU"

Loyally yours,
Roberta Walter
Auxiliary President

CHAPLAINS' CORNER

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families who have lost loved ones. Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord, may the perpetual light shine upon them, and may they rest in peace. Amen.



Harry E. Simmons Jr.

Please call John Mitchell at 302-381-9934 for the VFW or Theo Loppatto at 302-537-5661 for the Auxiliary, if a member

is sick or has passed away.

SERVICE OFFICER OUTREACH

All VFW members & AUX

The nation's largest veteran groups joined key senators Wednesday to endorse conditionally a plan from Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary David J. Shulkin to replace the unpopular 2014 Choice program, which critics contend often has failed to provide timely access to private-sector care when VA health care isn't readily available. In testimony before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Shulkin unveiled his replacement for Choice, titled



the Veterans Coordinated Access and Rewarding Experiences (CARE) Program. CARE would have the familiar features of a managed care program, with VA health care providers assigned to patients and deciding, based on clinical needs, whether to treat patients inside VA or refer them to an outside network of private-sector care providers under contract to VA. VA is asking Congress to scrap the "arbitrary" mandates established under Choice to offer access to private-sector health care if veterans reside more than 40 miles from a VA hospital, or a VA clinic staffed by a primary care provider, or if they must wait longer than 30 days for access to VA care after seeking an appointment. Also, under the CARE plan, if a local VA facility can't treat a patient, the VA provider would grant permission to use the outside provider network, either inviting the patient to find a community care provider or providing help with a referral. Representatives of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and Paralyzed Veterans of America endorsed Shulkin's vision to drop Choice and its metrics of wait times and geographic distance, and use clinical need instead to determine whether to refer patients to community care. Some senators on the committee embraced the CARE plan with enthusiasm. But Tester and especially Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., are worried that portions of VA's 2018 budget request and the CARE plan take dangerous steps toward privatizing VA care, despite Shulkin's assurances that is not a goal. Tester noted the budget would boost funding next year for community-based care by 33 percent and for VA hospitals and clinics by only 1.2 percent. More to follow, will keep you posted.

Please remember in the Corsa Household (Veterans are our only business).

Please if I can assist in any way let me know
302 933 0119

Respectfully Robert Corsa, Service Officer

CANTEEN CORNER

Boy did the Post heat up in June. You can see that summer is here, as the crowds have got bigger and bigger. We started a special bar menu on Fridays from 12pm to 4pm for the Bar and Deck. The following items are in the menu: Steamed Clams, Steamed Shrimp, Steamed Mussels, Mini Burger Sliders, Wings, and Seafood Skewers. Start your weekend early on Fridays and enjoy one of these specials. We will start the month of July with our 4th of July Picnic on Sunday July 2nd at 4pm. Pit Beef, Pit Ham, BBQ Chicken, and Hot Dogs will be the

featured items on the buffet. It will be AYCE for \$9.00. Our next Bus Trip to local Restaurants will be on July 16th, as we are going to the Red Roost Crabhouse in Quantico, Md. This is truly an Eastern Shore Crabhouse so you do not want to miss it. The bus cost \$16pp and you can sign up at the bar. Seats are limited and are going fast. Please remember when you come to the Post for one of our nightly events, that we are a volunteer organization and help by bussing your own tables. We have trash cans spread thru the Post so you will not have to go too far. As I was looking at a local magazine, I came across an ad which was advertizing Coke. It was a campaign between Coke and Dollar General where they are selling 16ounce Cokes with a military – theme, money will be donated to The United States Service Organizations. This is good way for you to support the troops when shopping at Dollar General.

As always if you have any suggestions please let me know.

See you at the Post Mark

VFW GOLF ASSOCIATION



VFW Golf Association members play golf each Tuesday at the Salt Pond Golf Course. Please sign-up at the Salt Pond Pro Shop by noon Sunday for the following Tuesday's golf. Show-up at 7:30 a.m. for 8:00 tee time. Remember all are welcome!!! Thanks to everyone who participated with the Sunday Morning Buffet Breakfast on Father's Day. We're holding our Summer Tournament this year on July 11 at Salt Pond. The celebration and awards luncheon will be at the Post following golf. Sign-up information is posted on the Salt Pond Pro Shop bulletin board. I hope to see everyone on the 11th!

Ed (Albert) Pike

Cheese Steaks on a Roll



Chicken Shack and Sunday breakfasts are back for the summer and from the crowds it looks like people have been looking forward to their return. Clearly, they

are two favorite Post activities for locals and visitors alike. That's only possible thanks to all the volunteers who serve from May to Labor Day. There's another favorite activity where the volunteers serve all year, on every Tuesday evening: the Cheese Steak Night. The reasons for the popularity have been known for a long time. Simply put, this is the best cheese steak and the best value around, with the best service. I don't know where



cheese steaks originated. Most people say Philadelphia. However others credit John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich (1718-1792), with the creation. The Earl claimed that he created this eponymous "sandwich," with cheddar or Stilton, around 1770. ("Earl's: The Best Cheese Steak in the Empire.") He alleged that Benjamin Franklin appropriated his idea on a trip to England and later introduced it as his own in Philadelphia. Ben argued that with Cheese Whiz and

fried onions it was entirely different. This dispute is one of the little known, but significant, reasons behind the American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Note that the 4th of July falls on a Tuesday this year. Coincidence? Maybe not. But I digress. Back to the cheese steak at the Post. Generous portions of lean meat (beef or chicken) prepared when you order, a choice of different cheeses, maybe grilled onions, and great rolls all add up to a real treat. Those concerned about calories can skip the roll, cheese, French fries and onions rings, and just enjoy the tasty grilled meat with lettuce, tomatoes and sweet peppers. And it's all at a low price for the highest quality food and service. There should be a plaque on the wall to recognize whoever came up with the idea for the cheese steak night at the Post, and another for all the volunteers who have made it such a success. On recent Tuesday evenings, the team included:

Brant Collins
 Bonnie, "JC" and Mark Daughaday
 Jack Frye
 John and Barbara Frye
 George and John Hickman
 Jerry Jacynski
 Mary Ann Peden
 Ruth Ann Sagers
 Karen and John Vitsorek

My apologies to anyone I missed and for any misspelled names. The team of volunteers is backed up by Bob, Debbie, Karen, and Sharon at the bar, who handle all the beverage requests in their usual friendly, efficient way. There are a few other things I noticed. First, all the volunteers were busy from start to clean up and really enjoy working together and getting the food out to the hungry patrons. Another thing is that the sandwiches are so substantial two people sometimes share the meal. The last observation is that everyone seemed

focused on their sandwiches (maybe because it take two hands, unless you want it in your lap), and on the people they were with. No electronic devices or fidget spinners in sight, a plus for conversation at the table. Cheese Steak Night is just a great meal and fun evening all around. Thanks to all the volunteers who make that possible for so many others. Heading into July here are a few dates to think about, together with all the events on the Post calendar.

July 2. U.S. Army Air Corp established in 1926.
(The USAF was later established on September 18, 1947.)

July 4. Independence Day!
Happy 241st Birthday USA!! Time to celebrate!

July 20. First man on the moon (Neil Armstrong) in 1969. Don't forget Buzz Aldrin.

July 27. Korean War Armistice signed in 1953.

Hope you all enjoy every day in July.

Jerry Hardiman

Independence Day. A Day We Gratefully Continue to Celebrate

Some time ago, I saved a reprint of a letter John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, on July 3, 1776, regarding the Declaration of Independence and Independence Day. Here's an excerpt, the part I thought was most timely and meaningful: "[This day] will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated, a day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.

It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward forever more. "You will think me transported with enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these states. Yet through all the gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means. And that posterity will triumph in that days transaction even though we should rue it, which I trust in God we shall not." Just wanted to pass it on. Thanks to all of you for all you've done and continue to do to maintain our patriotic traditions. I'm looking forward to the celebration part this year.
Happy Birthday to the USA! 241 years young.

Jerry Hardiman

GOLF LEAGUE



**EVERY TUESDAY
SALTPOND 8AM**

DART LEAGUE



**EVERY MONDAY
STARTING AT 6PM**

SHUFFLEBOARD



**EVERY TUESDAY
STARTING NOON**



**JOIN US
FOR OUR
WEEKLY
CRAB
FEAST**

**STEAMED CRABS - \$37 dozen
Must call in order by 12 noon each
Thursday (539-9981)**

**SEAFOOD MENU AVAILABLE
5-8 pm**

**MASON DIXON VFW POST #7234
MARSHY HOPE WAY
OCEAN VIEW, DE**





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY 7th, 2017

POT ROAST
ROASTED RED POTATOES
ROASTED VEGETABLES
FRIED FISH
TOSSED SALAD
ROLLS & BUTTER

**MASON DIXON VFW #7234
FRIDAY NIGHT BUFFET**

Serving 5 pm 'til 8 pm

Donation: \$10 A.Y.C.E.

**D.J.RAY DISNEY
6pm - 10pm**

COMMUNITY WELCOME

**VFW AUXILIARY
FRIDAY FAMILY
BUFFET**

JULY 21st, 2017
5:00 pm 'til 7:00 pm

ROAST BEEF & GRAVY
MASHED POTATOES
STRING BEANS
FRIED FISH
TOSSED SALAD
ROLLS & BUTTER

Donation: \$10 AYCE

HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS

MUSIC by DJ RAY DISNEY
6-10 pm

Sponsored by: Mason Dixon
VFW Post #7234 AUXILIARY
Ocean View, DE

COMMUNITY WELCOME



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY 14th, 2017

BAKED HAM
MAC & CHEESE
STEWED TOMATOES
BUTTERED CORN
FRIED FISH
TOSSED SALAD
ROLLS & BUTTER

**MASON DIXON VFW #7234
FRIDAY NIGHT BUFFET**

Serving 5 pm 'til 8 pm
DONATION: \$10.00 AYCE

**MUSIC by: THE JONES BOYS
6-10 pm**

COMMUNITY WELCOME

VFW FRIDAY FAMILY BUFFET

JULY 28th, 2017
5:00 pm 'til 7:00 pm



BAKED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES
& GRAVY
BUTTERED
CARROTS
FRIED FISH
TOSSED SALAD
ROLLS & BUTTER

Donation: \$10 AYCE

**MUSIC by DJ RAY DISNEY
6:00 - 10:00 pm**

Sponsored by:
MASON DIXON
VFW POST #7234
Marshy Hope Road
Ocean View, DE

COME JOIN
THE FOOD,
FUN, &
FRIENDSHIP

COMMUNITY WELCOME

VFW LEADERSHIP TEAM

Commander	Dean Levering
Sr Vice Cmdr	Robert Criswell Jr.
Jr Vice Cmdr	John Hickman
Quartermaster	Bill Hensley
Adjutant	Fulton Loppatto
Chaplain	John Mitchell
Judge Advocate	John Mitchell
Surgeon	George Hickman
Officer of the Day	Rick Delaney
Guard	Rick Smith
Service Officer	Bob Corsa
Honor Guard Capt	Paul Burbank
Trustee	Danny Steele
Trustee	George Smith
Trustee	Ed Wolfe

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Trustee	Connie Weber
Trustee	Debbie Vischer-Jensen

Our Quartermaster, Bill Hensley is a notary. He will provide notary services to members at no cost. Donations to the VFW will be accepted. Please call the post at 302-539-9981 to schedule.

FOOD BANK

Please continue to drop off food items at the entry way. We continue to support our local families in need. Thank you for your donations.

**VFW POST 7234 HONOR GUARD
TO BECOME A MEMBER, PLEASE
CONTACT PAUL BURBANK
757-288-6248**

**Member in Need of Assistance
Please call:
Dean Levering 443-553-1167**

**Member Sick or Deceased
Please call:
For VFW – John Mitchell 302-381-9934
For Aux – Theo Loppatto 302-537-5661**

**Assistance with VA claims or benefits
Please call:
Bob Corsa 302-745-1668**

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