



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MASON DIXON POST 7234

JUNE 2017

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Thank you for your support this past year, I am blessed to have so much support, from the officers to the many volunteers who have made Mason Dixon #7234VFW the best it can be! I cannot begin to develop a list of Thank You's I need to send out, we have accomplished a lot this year, our numbers are up in revenue, attendance to the many activities and the volunteers who work all the fund raisers. As the new administration takes over, I know you will support them as you have done for me, always stepping up when the call goes out for help! Don't think I am going away, I will continue to work as you all do each day, doing what we do to support our Veterans and those who support them. I could write so much more but the tears won't allow that to happen. Please continue to support this post, our new Commander Dean and his elected and appointed officers. Please keep our sick members in your thoughts and prayers and remember those who are less fortunate in our community. God Bless Our Veterans, God Bless the Auxiliary who support them and God Bless America.



John Hickman
Commander
302-448-0723

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

VFW Post and Auxiliary Members,



It's that time of the year once again when we're surrounded by nature's beauty--- AND the hum of lawnmowers, carpenter bees, children playing, and construction trucks!! I truly have a case of Spring Fever! Our 1st Friday night dinner and



bake sale of this season was successful; thanks for your support and volunteering in some way. Our June dinner will feature chicken & dumplings and will be held on June 30th. Please publicize all canteen activities to your friends & neighbors to help support our Post and remember to patronize

the Chicken Shack in Bethany Beach on Saturdays. State convention, to be held later this month, is the time when auxiliary program chairmen are recognized for their hard work & dedication. Wish all of them good luck! It was wonderful that many of you attended the Memorial Day services in Bethany Beach and at our Post. Remember to fly your American flag on June 14th for Flag Day. I was honored to join our Scholarship Chairman, Sally Kubicki, in the presentation of a \$1500 scholarship from the Auxiliary to SARAY LOPEZ from Indian River High School. Competition was very close this year as every applicant was exceptional. I am proud that our Auxiliary honored and encouraged young people, our future leaders, in this manner. I want to thank our current Post Commander, John Hickman, and his fellow officers for their support and encouragement to our Auxiliary and its officers during the past year. We could not have been as successful in many of our efforts without their support. I am looking forward to working with our new Post Commander Dean Levering and his officers. I am confident that our VFW Post and

Auxiliary members will continue to serve our veterans and their families as a team! Join us for the June 5th meeting; I have a special surprise for honoring my "Unsung Heroes"!!

Thought for the month: **"START EACH DAY WITH A GRATEFUL HEART BY THANKING A VETERAN"**

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.



*John J. Delabrer
Lawrence E. Stein*

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

There's a phone line that has been set up to scam veterans who happen to misdial the Veterans Choice Program phone number. The only difference



between the phone numbers rests in the area code, warns the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#). The Veterans Choice Program phone number is 1-866-606-8198. The scammer's number replaces 866 with 800. VA officials say the scam phone number will not provide any information on the Choice

Program or its eligibility criteria, but it will offer a \$100 rebate for the caller's credit card information. The VA says they would never ask for this information, nor would they ever offer incentives through the Choice Program. Also the real Veterans Choice Program hotline will automatically tell the caller that they have reached the "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs." The fake number will only tell

callers they reached the "Veterans Choice Program" after the caller asks. The VA is currently working with the Office of the Inspector General to get the scam phone line shut down through legal action. Information on the Veterans Choice Program can be found <https://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/>. You can also find further protection against identity theft by contacting 1-855-578-5492. The Veterans Affairs Safety Service toll-free number operates every weekday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. EST and has a voicemail for after hour messages.

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

Well summer is here and our activities have increased. Chicken Shack is open on Saturdays, We have Breakfast every Sunday, and Steamed Crabs are served at the Post on Thursdays. These are sure signs that summer is here. With summer comes more people which means the Post will become Busier and busier. Remember if you have friends or family members visiting, we have a full menu for lunch from 12-3 Mon - Sat. Can you think of a better spot to enjoy your lunch then on our deck. The Thursday Night Crab Night has been a great success the first couple of weeks, so remember to order your crabs by Thurs by 1pm Hopefully we will have better weather on Sunday afternoons in June , so everyone can enjoy hearing John play his steel drums on the deck and enjoy the burgers and dogs. Please look at the calendar carefully as we have a lot of activities in June and we will be using downstairs on some occasions. We had our second bus trips to local restaurants on 5/21 and everyone enjoyed their meals and had a great time on the bus. We will have our next one on 7/16 and are going to the Red Roost which is an old Eastern Shore Crab house. These trips have become very popular, so look for the sign up sheet to reserve your seat on the bus. As we move into June it's when officers at the Post change and we will have a new Commander Dean Levering. I personally want to thank John Hickman for his hard work and leadership in the past year. John spent countless hours making the Post look better and function better, and Making sure our members need were met. Thank You John

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

See you at the Post Mark

VFW GOLF ASSOCIATION



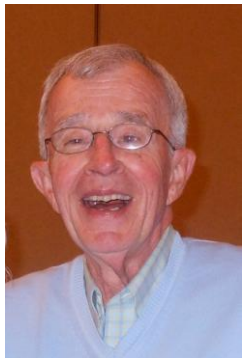
VFW Golf Association

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. Note the earlier time beginning in June. 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 May 21. Your help made it a big success.

Ed (Albert) Pike

A Salute To the Honor Guard

We've all watched the Post Honor Guard perform at numerous special occasions like Memorial Day and Veterans Day. We appreciate their military bearing in formation and manual-of-arms precision with the M1 rifle. (More about the M1 later.) We get a glimpse of how they must have carried themselves in uniform when they were younger. And we wait for their 3-volley rifle fire salute (blanks for the occasion), reflecting our American military custom of firing "three volleys of musketry" over the graves of



fallen comrades. And then there's Taps. There's always something moving about those special moments provided by the Honor Guard. But that's not all they do. Some of the service time of members of the Honor Guard is devoted to providing honors for deceased veterans at graveside services. I'm sure we all know from experience how meaningful those ceremonies are for family and friends. Paul Burbank, Captain of the Honor Guard, estimates that they are averaging participation in about two funerals each month. Paul tries to rotate volunteers for all events depending on their availability. He says that the typical response when he calls for volunteers to form an Honor Guard contingent is always, "I'll be there." The Honor Guard recently provided full honors for a deceased veteran in Milton, who was 102 years old when he passed away, when the local VFW was unable to do so. I remember Fulton telling me last year about Post volunteers, including Honor Guard members, conducting a traditional graveside service for a deceased homeless veteran without any known family or friends. These are just two examples that

demonstrate that no veteran we know of will be left forgotten or be laid to rest without recognition and honor for their service. So this is a salute to all the members of the Honor Guard for volunteering and for all they do for others in all those events. With apologies to anyone I may have missed and for any misspelled names, here is a list of current members.

Bob Aronson
Cliff Beirmester
Paul Burbank (Captain)
Don Golis
Andy Kominiak
Ed Krusey

Ty Magliola
Tom Mitchell
Steve Rapley
Frank Ray
Al Sletto
Ed Wolfe

Now here's a bit of Honor Guard trivia. The rifle used by the Honor Guard in ceremonies is the M1 rifle, designed by John Garand, the standard rifle in US military services from 1936 to 1960. The official designation is: Rifle, Caliber .30, M1. (Some may still remember the rifle number they had to memorize years ago.) Weight specifications vary; the weapon carried by the Honor Guard weighs about 12 pounds. Hefting the M1 in drills and ceremonies helps keep the members of the Honor Guard physically fit. Better than paying for a gym membership or aerobics classes. If you are interested in serving on the Honor Guard, call Paul Burbank at (757) 288-6248.

Thanks again to all the Honor Guard volunteers. They are a credit to the Post and their military services.

P.S. Moving into June here are some dates to keep in mind, maybe with lunch or dinner at the Post.

June 6. D-Day (1944)
June 7. National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
June 14. US Army Founded (1775). Happy Birthday, Army!
Flag Day, too (Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the U.S. Flag in 1777.)
June 18. Father's Day.
June 21. Summer begins.
June 22. WWII GI Bill signed into law (1944).
June 24. First Flying Saucer Reported (1947). (Get out the tin foil hats!)
June 27. Hundreds of fish fall from the sky during heavy rainstorm in Tiller's Ferry, SC (1901). (I'm not making this up. I think Bob should create a special drink for the occasion.)

Check the Post calendar to see what Mark has planned for the month. Enjoy every day!

Jerry Hardiman

GOLF LEAGUE



**EVERY TUESDAY
SALTPOND 9AM**

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**



FLAG DAY

JUNE 14

**WELCOME HOME VETERANS
JOIN US AT VFW 7234**



**VFW
FRIDAY FAMILY
BUFFET**

**JUNE 9th, 2017
5:00 pm 'til 8:00 pm**



**BAKED ZITI
CHICKEN CARBONARA
SCALLOPED POTATOES
BROCCOLI W/CHEESE
SAUCE
FRIED FISH
CAESAR SALAD
GARLIC BREAD**

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
FRIDAY FAMILY
BUFFET**

**JUNE 23rd, 2017
5:00 pm 'til 8:00 pm**

**ROASTED PORK
SAUERKRAUT
MASHED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
FRIED FISH
TOSSED SALAD
ROLLS & BUTTER**

Donation: \$10 AYCE

MUSIC: THE JONES BOYS

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VFW Post #7234
Ocean View, DE**

**COMMUNITY
WELCOME**

**VFW
FRIDAY FAMILY
BUFFET**

**JUNE 16th, 2017
5:00 pm 'til 8:00 pm**

**BEEF STROGANOFF
BUTTERED NOODLES
MIXED VEGETABLES
FRIED FISH
TOSSED SALAD
ROLLS & BUTTER**

Donation: \$10 AYCE

**DINNER SERVED
DOWNSTAIRS**

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Ocean View, DE**

COMMUNITY WELCOME

**VFW AUXILIARY
FRIDAY FAMILY
BUFFET**

**JUNE 30th, 2017
5:00 pm 'til 8:00 pm**

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

Donation: \$10 AYCE

**Music by
DJ RAY DISNEY**

**Sponsored by:
MASON DIXON VFW
AUXILIARY
Marshy Hope Road
Ocean View, DE**

**HOMEMADE
BAKED
GOODS for
SALE**

COMMUNITY WELCOME

(Effective June 10)

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Dean Levering
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Board Member	John Hickman
Board Member	Fulton Loppatto
Board Member	John Mitchell
Board Member	Rick Delaney
Board Member	Mike Grabowski

AUXILIARY TEAM

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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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