



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MASON DIXON POST 7234

MARCH 2017

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Well we survived the Super Bowl again, although there weren't any of the teams that most people root for, but it was a great game! Valentine party was excellent, the cooks once again showed off their talents of cooking a great meal. Everyone had a great time, they danced till they couldn't dance anymore, of course the band stopped playing. We have done a lot at the VFW; we finished the floors once again. We made a lot of improvements in the kitchen, FRP is on most of the walls, and a lot of plumbing has been repaired or replaced. We have a lot of new shelving, which should minimize our clutter as well as make it a little more efficient. Floors have been repaired in the kitchen; we think those who work in there will definitely see a difference.



Thanks to those who helped move tables and chairs, those that fixed things and helped with the clean up, once again our volunteers stepped up. We will be accepting nominations for new officers in the month of March to lead this post for the coming year beginning in June. Please consider running for an office, so that we can continue to support our members, Veterans and our community. As always we are still looking for volunteers to help with the many activities we do, we cannot spell success without U! Please keep our sick members in your thoughts and prayers and remember those who are less fortunate in our community by dropping off food donations at the entry. 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,



Are you ready for SPRING; I know I am! The month of March is filled with so many VFW activities, both in our Post and statewide. I sincerely hope that your future plans include supporting some of these events as they help us continue to fund many veterans' programs. Thank you for the items that have already been dropped off at the Post for shipment to our adopted military members. If you have not already contributed to our drive, you may do so at our March meeting. We also are still collecting stuffed animals or monetary donations for our Millville Fire Co./children project (see Shirley Stong for details). Our Auxiliary is donating \$5000 to our VFW to assist with the purchase of new steam tables. Our VFW has



always very supportive in our attempts to raise funds for our various programs; without the use of the kitchen and the steam tables, we would not have been as successful in our efforts. We truly appreciate our VFW partners' support! Our VFW Auxiliary National President, Collette Bishop, will be visiting our state April 18-20th. We will be hosting a "Meet & Greet" during the early evening of 4/18 to give Collette and our State President, Buttercup Baker, an opportunity to meet our members. Additional details will be in the April newsletter. Reminders: Red, White, & Blue Gala, March 4th, fundraiser for Delaware veterans and their families; state convention raffle tickets available, chance to win 2 nights at the Crowne Plaza or \$300 cash; Children's Easter Party, April 9th, see Connie Weber if you are available to help. Congratulations to Renee

McDorman and Susan Wallace, our Unsung Heroes for February. Each of these (relatively new) members have stepped up to the plate to serve as auxiliary officers and have done outstanding jobs. Please join me to thanking both of them!! Speaking of “stepping up”, Auxiliary elections are just around the corner. Please consider volunteering to serve as an officer or program chairperson. Speak to any of the current or past officers with questions; they will be happy to answer your inquiries. We have many new members with special talents and skills and it would be wonderful if some of them would consider serving in some way. Our Auxiliary is only as successful as we WORK to make it and that success begins with YOU! Remember to notify our Chaplain, Theo Loppatto, of any illness or death of a member; we do not want to overlook anyone. Enjoy the month of March and please join us at our monthly meeting on March 6th. Hope to see you then,

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.



With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember

*Roland C. Maheux
 John T. Westog*

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

Many Veterans are not aware of the benefits they earned because of exposure to "Agent Orange" in Vietnam. Here is a list of the diseases associated with Agent Orange. If you served in Vietnam and have one of these illnesses please call me.



AL Amyloidosis
 Chronic B-cell Leukemias
 Chloracne
 Diabetes Mellitus Type 2
 Hodgkin's Disease
 Ischemic Heart Disease
 Multiple Myeloma
 Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
 Parkinson's Disease
 Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset
 Porphyrria Cutanea Tarda
 Prostate Cancer
 Respiratory Cancers
 Soft Tissue Sarcomas

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 P Corsa, Service Officer

CANTEEN CORNER

What a February we had at the Post. Super bowl the hall was full from people playing Flip 5 and staying for the game. Thank You to everybody who brought a covered dish to share. If you went home hungry that day it was your own fault. I wonder how many people went to bed thinking Atlanta had won? Thanks to all the people that helped put the food out and then clean up. That's what makes our Post great. Then a full house celebrated Valentine's Day at our Dinner Dance. As usual Steve and Rodger prepared an excellent meal and Sharon and Dasha kept our glasses full. The dance floor was always full well into the evening and everyone had a great time. Thanks to John Hickman and the entire board, as their advanced planning made our stay downstairs very short. All repairs were made and the kitchen was completely cleaned and painted. Now we are ready for the spring and summer, with our floors redone and a fresh coat of paint everywhere. Our Monday Night Darts continues to grow every week. Never worry about being good enough to play, our talent level varies from person to person from maybe hitting the board to never missing. Come out and enjoy the fun and be prepared to laugh. Now as we move into March we have a lot of activities planned. On Friday 3/17 we will have our ST. Patrick's Day Party. Our menu will include traditional St. Patrick's Day fare and Irish Music and Green will be

everywhere. Come early to get a seat for this fun day. On Sunday March 19th we will be holding our first Post Olympics. We will draw 2 person teams which will compete in 3 games. The game will be Dart's, Shuffleboard, and Corn Hole. The entrance fee will be \$10pp and will be awarded in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. There will be a blind draw for partners and each team will consist of a man and a women. If you would like bring a covered dish to share and we can enjoy food and drink while we are playing. On Sunday March 26th we will be having our first Sunday afternoon Bus trip to Restaurants in the region. We have a great line up of places picked for this year and are doing one every other month. The 1st will be The Old Mill Crab House in Delmar. See the bartender to sign up. Space is limited so do not hesitate. Tickets are now on sale for the April 1st Bull & Oyster Roast. As this event sells out fast, see the Bartenders to purchase your tickets and reserve your table.

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

See you at the Post Mark

VFW GOLF ASSOCIATION

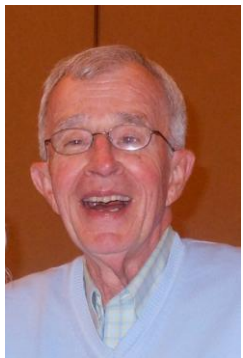


VFW Golf Association members play golf each Tuesday at the Salt Pond Golf Course. Starting at 9:00 a.m. Weather permitting. Remember all are welcome!!!

Ed (Albert) Pike

Valentine's Day All Year

Surely, the highlight event for February was the Valentine's Dinner Dance. Sold out! I was surprised at the size of the crowd, when we were greeted by Lori and Amy at the register, thinking a lot of people



had left for Florida. But Valentine celebrants filled the bar area, dining room and atrium. If you just went for dinner with friends, you had to be happy with the delicious meal prepared by Roger and Steve, with crab soup, salad, roast beef, lobster tail, flounder, roast potatoes and vegetables on the menu. If you stayed for

the dance part, that was a fun bonus. Music was

provided by "Over Time," which we've enjoyed on other occasions and Norm has described as a really good dance band. That was certainly true on this night, especially with the alternating slow numbers that filled the dance floor with Valentine couples until the end. Romance was in the air. With couples, it's always interesting to hear how they met, the range of places and situations: in school; at work; family events; parties; internet matchups; blind dates; and even bars, if you can believe that. I think some may have met at the Post, but I haven't confirmed that. Whatever the occasion, was it luck? Fate? Or, as in my case, Divine intervention? And why were they sure this was "Mr. or Ms. Right"? Mathematicians think they have the answer. A recent article in the Wall Street Journal described a mathematical formula to solve "The Marriage Problem" in deciding whether to commit to an individual or continue looking in the hope of meeting someone better. The formula uses probability calculus to determine an "optimal stopping point" and maximize the odds of choosing the best partner. The strategy is to reject the first 37 percent of prospects and then select the next person who is better than everyone in the initial study group. There's a "simplified" formula for those in a hurry that requires rejection of the square root of a predetermined number of prospects before deciding. Sounds very romantic! This is one reason the population of mathematicians is declining. As a math-challenged individual, I think the formulas are nuts. For one thing, supposing you've finished the rejection step and are ready to choose, but the person you decide on is still in the rejection phase. You both lose. A better approach is to follow Humphrey's Law, developed by the English psychologist George Humphrey. As described in the Farmer's Almanac, it says: Paying too close attention to a normally automatic or unconscious activity hampers the ability to do it well. Basically, it means don't over think what comes naturally. Then, there's the question of how to keep the Valentine's Day romance going. Here are two tips I picked up. Communications. Apparently, this is very important. Talking about your feelings. Two-way communications is preferable. But it can be one-way. I read about one happy couple where the woman hasn't said a word to her husband for three months because she didn't want to interrupt him. (Yes, I changed the genders. Sensitivity and self preservation.) TV Ears. This advice is not getting the attention it deserves, especially with the prevalence of hearing loss. Maybe you've seen the ads: "TV Ears saved my marriage." When a couple is watching TV and one of them, like me, doesn't hear all the dialogue and has to pause or interrupt the program to ask "what was that?" or

“What’d she say?” it can cause problems. A 2-hour movie can stretch into four hours, or one can lose track of an exciting program. But with the wireless technology of TV Ears (or other company in that business), both individuals have a separate headset with a volume control feature. A transmitter attached to the TV sends a signal to the headsets and each individual can adjust the volume and tone as needed. Viola! The ads show a happy couple with their Valentine’s Day connection restored. I have to look into this. Right now, when I ask Rosemary “What’d he say?” She makes stuff up! I think I’m missing a lot in the programs we watch. Or maybe it really is time for those hearing aids. And there’s always the restorative power of another dinner date at the Post. Check the calendar. There’s a lot going on every month. Thanks again to Mark and all those who made this year’ Valentine’s Dinner Dance so much fun, including Sharon and Dasha (and John Hickman, too) behind the bar.

By the way, here are some days in March you may want to keep in mind.

- March 3. The Star Spangled Banner declared the U.S. National Anthem by Congressional Resolution (1931)
- March 8. International Women’s Day
- March 10. First telephone call (landline) (1876)
- March 12. Daylight Savings Time begins (Is it spring forward or spring back?)
- March 14. National Pi Day (3.14, etc.)
- March 17. St. Patrick’s Day (Slàinte!)
- March 20. First day of Spring

Hope you enjoy the whole month.
Jerry Hardiman

Membership Dues

Those VFW Members who pay their dues on a yearly basis, please pay your dues so you can continue your membership in our organization. Your membership is valuable to us as we strive to leave no veteran behind. We continue to have an active schedule for members to come with friends to enjoy friendship and good times. As any Past Commander will tell you they received numerous calls for help from veterans (both members and non members) in need of support and in need of help with VA benefits. We strive to keep up with current changes in Veteran issues and offer contacts to experts to help you. We also participate with local government leaders and other local veteran groups to champion veteran causes. Also through you membership and participation in

our events we are able to help veterans in need and our local community. We also have a program to help those members who cannot afford their membership dues. So please call us or drop us a note or email, no questions asked; **WE WILL LEAVE NO VETERAN BEHIND!** If you can afford it please consider a Life Membership; join the 1000+ Life Members of our Post. We look forward to your continued membership and hope that you will become more active in our Post. Thank You

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON & EVENING OF FOOD & FUN

FOOD SERVED 3 - 7 pm **GREAT MUSIC 4:30 - 9:30pm**

BEEF RAW OYSTERS
OYSTER STEW STEAMED SHRIMP
SAUSAGE & PEPPERS COLE SLAW
POTATO SALAD BAKED BEANS
DRAFT BEER & SODA
 Donation: \$30/person
 **Benefits Veterans Relief Fund

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st, 2017

Music by: **DJ RAY DISNEY**

COMMUNITY WELCOMED
 MASON DIXON VFW POST
 MARSHEY HOPE WAY, OCEAN VIEW, DE

Honor Guard

The ranks of our Honor Guard are diminishing and our current members are aging. The Honor Guard is the pride of Our Organization. The service they provide at Ceremonies and Funerals gives great respect to our veterans and our country. Please consider joining this great organization. We provide all uniforms, transportation to functions, etc. There are usually about 20 functions a year; you are only asked to attend as many as you can. Please call if you are interested. Thank You

DART LEAGUE



**EVERY MONDAY
STARTING AT 6PM**

SHUFFLEBOARD



**EVERY TUESDAY
STARTING NOON**

**VFW
FRIDAY FAMILY
BUFFET**

**MARCH 3rd, 2017
5:00 pm 'til 7:00 pm**



**BAKED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES
& GRAVY
BROCCOLI
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

ROAD TRIP



Join us on a road trip
to the Old Mill Crab House

On Sunday, March 29th

The bus will depart the VFW at 3 pm and return
when we're full of crabs (or whatever).

Cost for the Jor-Lin Bus: \$16.00 per person.

Cost of the food at the Old Mill is on you.

See Mark to sign up.

**VFW
FRIDAY FAMILY
BUFFET**

**MARCH 10th, 2017
5:00 pm 'til 7:00 pm**

**SALISBURY STEAK
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
BUTTERED CORN
FRIED FISH
TOSSED SALAD
ROLLS & BUTTER**

Donation: \$10 AYCE

MUSIC: DJ RAY DISNEY

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

**COMMUNITY
WELCOME**

**ST. PATRICKS DAY at
MASON DIXON VFW
POST #7234**

**CORNED BEEF
CABBAGE
HAM
POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
ROLLS
DESSERT
\$7.50 AYCE**

**JOIN US on
FRIDAY, MARCH 17th, 2017
4:00pm 'til 7:00pm (food served)
MUSIC by: DJ RAY DISNEY
(5:00 pm 'til 8:00 pm)**

COMMUNITY WELCOME

**VFW
FRIDAY NIGHT
BUFFET**

**MARCH 31st, 2017
5:00 pm 'til 7:00 pm**

**Donation: \$ 10
AYCE**

PASTA SMORGASBORD

**FRIED FISH
CAESAR SALAD
GARLIC BREAD**

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

**ENJOY THE
BEAUTIFUL SUNSET
WITH US**

**Sponsored by:
MASON DIXON
VFW
Marshy Hope Rd.
Ocean View, DE**

COMMUNITY WELCOME

**VFW
FRIDAY FAMILY
BUFFET**

**MARCH 24th, 2017
5:00 pm 'til 7:00 pm**

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

Donation: \$10 AYCE

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

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

COMMUNITY WELCOME

VFW LEADERSHIP TEAM

Commander	John Hickman (302-448-0723)
Sr Vice Cmdr	Dean Levering
Jr Vice Cmdr	Robert Criswell Jr
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	Mike Grabowski
Trustee	Danny Steele
Trustee	George Smith

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	John Hickman
Vice President	Fulton Loppatto
Treasurer	Bill Hensley
Secretary	Ken Weber
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Board Member	Robert Criswell Jr
Board Member	Hal Barber
Board Member	John Mitchell
Board Member	Rick Delaney
Board Member	Mike Grabowski

AUXILIARY TEAM

President	Roberta Walter
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Chaplain	Theo Loppatto
Guard	Shirley Stong
Conductress	Ellen Reilly
Patriotic Ins	Jackie Umstetter
Trustee	Ruth Ann Sagers
Trustee	Donna Paddock
Trustee	Debbie Morlock-Wood

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:
John Hickman 302-448-0723**

**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**

**For the Latest Updates and News
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