

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Comrades:

I am into my 17th month serving as your Commander and, until now, I have not made any reference to membership in my writings. While a growing membership is the life blood of our organization, it is only as good as the harmony within any given Post. We currently are the 18th largest Post in the world, which is fantastic, when considering that we must rely primarily on available recruits that enter our doors on a visit. Many of the Posts above us in numbers are growing as a result of returning troops from Iraq and Afghanistan at neighboring military bases.

Obviously, this month's message is about membership. In order to grow, we must recruit. But, time out!! If we recruit these returning soldiers from hostile soils, we must also make them and their families feel welcome to our Post. Currently, we are not!! I have never understood why any combat vet that has stood side by side with another in hostile areas chooses to return home to safety and have issue/s with any combat veteran in a Post.

As your elected Commander, I ask that each of you respect the Officers of the Post, the members that frequent the Post, and their families and guests. Make our Post Home feel more like home and we will grow, not only in numbers, but also in spirit. Gossip only hurts. Curb the negative tongue. Appreciate your fellow comrade for his/her service and, in short order, membership will grow, patronage will grow, and the feelings about yourself as you lie your head down on your pillow at night will grow. "Jack Kessell," you and your young family are missed at our Post. Sorry that you encountered several bad experiences while visiting.

God bless each of you. Review the enclosed calendar of events for Nov. (particularly Veteran's Day) and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in comradeship,
John G. Mitchell, Commander, 537-1960

VFW & AUXILIARY 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.

James Leahy	Elton Savage
Harry Henkel	Oliver Cropper
Paul Kerestus	Nathaniel Thompson



Please call Lou Kubicki at 302-537-2885 for the VFW or Roberta Walter at 302-537-2634 for the Auxiliary, if a member is sick or has passed away.

VFW & LADIES AUXILIARY 2012 DUES

We are now collecting 2012 dues. Consider becoming a Life Member. Contact Rich Bennar at 462-5216 or Pat Stokes at 537-6035 for more information. Please join us at our monthly meetings and **keep us informed of change of addresses.**

WED. MEN'S & THU. LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD - Both teams need players. Call Harold Hartman at 245-7125 or Mary Gauntner at 539-2443.

ELECTRONIC DARTS - Practice 7:00; compete about 7:30 every Tue. **Need players.** Call Pat Stokes at 537-6035.

SHUFFLEBOWL - Will begin Oct. 6th. Call Vern or Carole Stein at 732-6036 for details.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR HOME USE

Call Wilson Lowe at 539-4448 for availability.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

FREE FLU SHOTS Date: Thu., Nov 3 6-8pm *****	DARYL DAVIS BAND & DINNER Date: Sat., Nov. 12, 2011 Food: 5:30-7pm Music: 7:30-11:30pm Tickets: \$25pp or \$45 couple
VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE Date: Fri., Nov. 11 11am	

VFW POST 7234 HONOR GUARD
TO BECOME A MEMBER, PLEASE CONTACT
HOWARD SCOFIELD 302-541-0527

THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Auxiliary Sisters & Comrades:

I would like to take this time to thank all who have helped me with the Luncheon for our National President Gwen Rankin. A special thank you goes to Roberta Walter and Sally Kubicki for their guidance and input; Commander John Mitchell and his officers for making this a success; and, of course, Tom and Pam for the delicious food; and lastly, our Honor Guard. Thank you all so much.

In my last newsletter, I talked about the resignation of our Chaplin Cecelia Leahy. I spoke with Cecelia and she would like to continue as Chaplin, but with her health issues, she felt that it would be better if she resigned. I asked Roberta Walter if she could be our Chaplin pro-tem until Cecelia can return; she has agreed. Thank you again, Roberta.

We will be having some special guests at our meeting on Nov. 7th—Department President Joann Smith and her Staff. Please come out and join us and meet them.

Please don't forget Nov. 11th, at 11am for our Veterans Day Service at the Post. I would love to see all my sisters and comrades at this Service.

Another thank you goes out to Commander Mitchell, Maryann, Pam, and Tom for the nice Volunteer Appreciation get together they had for all volunteers on Oct. 14th. We all had a good time.

As always, please keep all those who are in ill health in your thoughts and prayers.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Loyalty yours,
Carole Keller, Ladies Auxiliary President, 537-5764

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE (MOC)



Greetings from Pup Tent No. 3.

During its regularly scheduled monthly October Scratch, Pup Tent No. 3 was visited by Grand Commander Mark Newman and Grand Quartermaster Jesse Kitson of the MOC Grand of Delaware. The purpose of their visitation was to provide a one-on-one discussion session with Pup Tent members regarding MOC programs and the current status of such programs on both a state-wide level and as it relates to Pup Tent No. 3's specific performance. Overall, Grand Commander Newman was complimentary in his comments related to the Pup Tent's involvement and performance.

For those who are not aware, Grand Commander Newman was elected to the high position of Supreme Jr. Vice Commander at the recent Supreme Scratch held in San Antonio, TX in Sep. 2011. Attaining this position was an honor for Grand Commander Newman and certainly brings prestige to the State of Delaware. If you should see Grand Commander Newman, I am sure a word of congratulations would be warmly received by him.

If you are a Cootie, remember our pledge to "increase and multiply" by asking a veteran that you know to consider joining the MOC ranks.

Submitted by George Burkett, Seam Squirrel (Commander)

VFW MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION - Next meeting will be on Nov. 8th. **All VFW members are welcome to join.**

Sign up by noon on Sun. for play on Tue. TEE TIME: Arrive at 8:00 a.m. for 8:30 a.m. tee-off. Starters through Dec.: Dave Moore, Mike Mooney & Frank Skahetka.

Fall Outing: The outing was held at the Rookery in Milton, DE on Tue., Oct. 4th. Dinner was in the Atrium at Post 7234. **64 men and women participated and had a wonderful time! Congratulations to all the winners! Hope to see more next fall!**

For questions/comments, please contact one of the officers, below: Buck Dunn, Pres. at 539-3661; Chris Brown, Sec. at 539-2602; Dave Moore, VP at 537-9897; Phil Lamb, Treas. at 541-0410.

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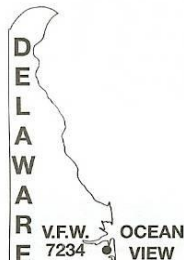
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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
 GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS	BE AN EARLY BIRD -- PAY YOUR 2012 DUES	1 GOLF @ Salt Pond 7:30a LUNCH 12-3 CHEESESTEAKS 5-7 DARTS 7:30	2 LUNCH 12-3 MEN'S SHUFFLE-BOARD 12-3 WINGS 5-7 BAR BINGO 6:00	3 LUNCH 12-3 LADIES SHUFFLE-BOARD 12-3 FISH & CHIPS 5-7 <u>FREE FLU SHOTS 6-8</u> SHUFFLEBOWL 6:30	4 LUNCH 12-3	5 LUNCH 12-3 SHRIMP & LIGHT FARE 5-8 MUSIC 6-10 JUST ME GARY
6 <u>DST ENDS SUNDAY BREAKFAST</u> Cooked to Order 8:30a-11:30a Bloody Marys/ Mimosas \$1.50 FOOTBALL HH	7 POST & AUX. MEETING 7:30P	8 <u>ELECTION DAY</u> GOLF @ Salt Pond 7:30a LUNCH 12-3 CHEESESTEAKS 5-7 DARTS 7:30	9 LUNCH MEN'S SHUFFLE-BOARD 12-3 WINGS 5-7 BAR BINGO 6:00	10 LUNCH 12-3 LADIES SHUFFLE-BOARD 12-3 CHIC PARM/PASTA 5-7 SHUFFLEBOWL 6:30	11 <u>VETERAN'S DAY</u> SERVICE 11:00 NO LUNCH	12 NO LUNCH DARYL DAVIS BAND & DINNER FOOD: 5:30-7 MUSIC 7:30-11 \$25pp/\$45 couple
13 MOC MEETING 2:00 FOOTBALL HH	14 CLOSED Dept. Meeting – Dover 7:45p	15 GOLF @ Salt Pond 7:30a LUNCH 12-3 CHEESESTEAKS 5-7 DARTS 7:30	16 LUNCH 12-3 MEN'S SHUFFLE-BOARD 12-3 WINGS 5-7 BAR BINGO 6:00 Dist. Meeting- Milton 7:30	17 LUNCH 12-3 LADIES SHUFFLE-BOARD 12-3 MEATLOAF 5-7 SHUFFLEBOWL 6:30	18 LUNCH 12-3 Eastern States Conference 18-19--Dover	19 LUNCH 12-3 SHRIMP & LIGHT FARE 5-8 MUSIC 6-10 ACT II
20 FOOTBALL HH HOMEMADE IN-HOUSE CHILI 1-5	21 CLOSED	22 GOLF @ Salt Pond 7:30a LUNCH 12-3 CHEESESTEAKS 5-7 DARTS 7:30	23 LUNCH 12-3 MEN'S SHUFFLE-BOARD 12-3 NO FOOD NO BAR BINGO	24 <u>THANKSGIVING DAY</u> CLOSED	25 LUNCH 12-3	26 LUNCH 12-3 SHRIMP & LIGHT FARE 5-8 MUSIC 6-10 THE EXPRESSIONS

<p>27 FOOTBALL HH</p>	<p>28 CLOSED</p>	<p>29 GOLF @ Salt Pond 7:30a LUNCH 12-3 CHEESESTEAKS 5-7 DARTS 7:30 BOD Meeting 7:00</p>	<p>30 LUNCH 12-3 MEN'S SHUFFLE- BOARD 12-3 WINGS 5-7 BAR BINGO 6:00</p>	
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THU., DEC. 1st, AARP MEDICARE PART B WORKSHOP, 5:30-7:30