



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MASON DIXON POST 7234

NOVEMBER 2018

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

THE DAYS ARE SHORTER
THE NIGHTS ARE FINALLY COOLER
THE LEAVES ARE FALLING
YES, FALL IS UPON US

The holidays are getting closer: let us keep those in need in our thoughts and prayers and help them whenever we can. To recap the month of October: on Sunday the 7th the Auxiliary hosted a paint party to benefit our veterans programs. Everyone had a great time. We even had some of the men



participating. I have not decided if I will auction off my masterpiece or not as I would hate to disappoint so many of you who would love to own a "Commander Original"!!!! On Saturday the 13th I went to the Apple Scrapple Festival. Our district had tables set up and we passed out poppies and got a lot of donations for Veterans relief. It was great being out there talking with people and knowing how many people really appreciate the sacrifices our veterans made. On Sunday the 14th, I was invited to a ceremony at the National Guard post honoring retired Colonel James B. Testerman. His life of commitment to the Army and Guard was amazing. The National Guard post is now named after him in his honor. It is always a pleasure to attend these events for me. We have new t-shirts –long sleeve and sweatshirts. What would be ne a better Christmas gift than of our new shirts. Shop early as they are selling fast. Our annual Children's Halloween Party will be

on Sunday the 28th. This event is open to the public so let all know they are welcome. Remember to check the calendar and bulletin board for upcoming events. Please remember the sick from our post.

God bless all veterans.
Those who served
Those who are now serving
& Those who didn't return.
God bless America

Dean Levering
Commander
443-553-1167

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Members, the Auxiliary fundraiser, "Wine Dine and Paint the Town, held on Sunday, October 7th, was a big success. We had 57 Picassos in attendance. Everyone had a great time and left with a canvas painting worthy of framing. I want to thank Carol Flood and her



committee for suggesting and carrying out all of the details, to perfection, in arranging the event. Also, a big thanks to Tickled Paint for their great instruction allowing us to create our masterpieces. Thank you to Andrea Caggiano for her extra \$100.00 contribution to this event. If you missed it, stay tuned, for we may do it again in the Spring. Besides all of the fun we

had, monies were raised to allow us to continue to assist in meeting the unmet needs of our veterans and active military in our community. If anyone has any ideas for additional fun and profitable fundraisers, please contact me or any officer, or better yet bring your ideas to one of our meetings. We are open to all suggestions. As I write this, we are looking forward to our children's Halloween party on Sunday, October 28th from 2 to 4. Bring the kids and have some fun.

November is filled with many important dates. November 6th is Election Day. Remember to exercise your right to vote. It is not only our right but our responsibility. Our freedom and the ability to vote continue to be guaranteed because of all of the military men and women who have sacrificed to preserve our freedom. Show them you appreciate their sacrifice by voting. On the Auxiliary desk, near the register, are stickers to wear after you leave the polls. The sticker says, "I vote in honor of a veteran". There is a space to fill in the name of a loved one who has served our country. If you can't locate them or none are available, please contact Chuck Bologna, our Legislative Chair. After honoring our veterans for guaranteeing our right to vote, we honor them on November 11th, Veterans Day. A service will be held on that day at the Post at 11:00am. Please take time out of your busy day to attend. We have ordered "Thank you for your service coins" and we will make them available at our meeting on November 5th. In addition to the Veterans Day service, members of our Auxiliary will be handing out Poppies at the Giant on 11/10 and Hocker's on 11/11. All contributions received support the National Home for Children.

Thanksgiving is upon us next, and the Auxiliary will again be purchasing Thanksgiving dinners, which we will deliver to the local Coast Guard station members. This is a tradition the Auxiliary has participated in for many years and is very much appreciated by the Coast Guard members stationed here. We will also be participating in another Auxiliary tradition, and that is Operation Cookie Drive. Cookies can be dropped off at the Post from Tuesday, November 27th through Saturday, December 1, by 10:00am. Last year the auxiliary sent 1,375 dozen {16,500} cookies to our troops. The Post will again be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for any member

who may want to attend. The goal is to make sure no one spends Thanksgiving alone. Our Auxiliary will assist with this by supplying Turkeys and Pies. If you happen to have a reward card, to a local grocery store that earned you some holiday points, use them to purchase a turkey, and deliver it to the Post. All contributions will be appreciated and help to defray the costs. What a great day of friendship this is and thanks to the Post for hosting it. Reminder notices are being sent to all of our annual members to renew their dues. Renewal dues are \$35.00. Please pay them as soon as possible. You will risk not being a member in good standing if your dues are not paid by 12/31/18. Also, another reminder to make a \$5.00 contribution to the Cancer Fund. Our Department requires we contribute to this fund based on the number of members we have. With over 900 members in our Auxiliary, this is a large contribution from our treasury, so all contributions are greatly appreciated. Our next meeting will be on November 5th at 7:00 pm at the Post. Hope you can join us and volunteer some time at our many events.

Let us always remember those who served and always try harder to serve them better.

Loyally yours,
Carol Weber
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

Dennis G. Knotts

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

With the holidays approaching there are any ways we



can help and honor Veterans and active Military. The Post will soon be involved in helping local families at Christmas, Marines Toys for Tots, Wreaths Across America, our Post Food collection for Food Bank, etc. On Nov 3rd at Dover Downs there will be a Dinner to Benefit Delaware

Veterans Trust Fund. While somewhat pricey \$100 a person; it does benefit a great cause which helps Delaware Veterans in need; several members of our Post have used this fund. For more information visit their website DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com or call 302-739-2792. Please if I can assist in any way let me know

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Respectfully, Robert P. Corsa, Service Officer

CANTEEN CORNER

With the winter months approaching the activities at the Post will heat up. Starting on Monday's in November we will be offering a Fried Chicken Dinner for \$8. You will receive 3 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, and a roll. On Monday 11/5 dinner will be served from 4-6pm and on the 12th, 19th, and 26th from 5-7pm. Come join us for a delicious Chicken Dinner. On Saturday 11/10 we will be having our Veterans Day Dinner Dance. We will be featuring a Buffet Dinner for \$15 and Overtime will be playing for us to dance the night away. This will not be a ticketed event, but arrive early to secure a seat. Food will be served from 5-7pm and the music from 6-10pm. On Sunday 11/11 at 11am we will be honoring our Veterans with the Veterans Day Ceremony. This is the time that we all should stop to honor all the People that gave so much. Again this year we will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for our Members and their Guests. Like last year I will need your help in purchasing the Turkeys. Giant Foods will have Turkeys on sale at the beginning of November when you buy \$25 worth of groceries. Please stop by and get a turkey and drop it off at the Post. Please help us make this a great Thanksgiving Dinner.

Future events to put on your Calendar are, Friday 12/7 our Post Xmas Party and Monday 12/31 New Years Eve Party

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. Signup is not required, however please show-up at 8:30 a.m. for 9:00 a.m. tee time. Remember all are welcome!!! Membership dues are currently being collected for this year \$6. If you are thinking about joining the Golf Association, please call our President, Ken Smith, at 267-228-7285 or email him at madriverken1946@gmail.com for more information.

Thanksgiving Dinner

As the holidays are approaching, we at the Post. Have a lot to be thankful for. We would like our members, and their quests to join us for Thanksgiving Dinner. Our goal is that no member spends the day alone. The Dinner will be open to all Members and Their Guests. We would hope that as a member, you will reach out to your communities, church groups, and organizations to bring as your guest any individuals who will spend this day alone or cannot afford to eat. Also as a member, if cooking is just not your thing, bring your family to share dinner with us. All guests must be accompanied by a member. There will be no charge for this dinner, but a donation jar will be available. Donations will be accepted, but not expected. If you would like to donate a dessert, please feel free. Please help us show our Members and our Community how much we care.

Mark, Post VFW and Aux. Officers

Veterans Day Service
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7234



VFW POST 7234
Ocean View, Delaware
Sunday November 11, 2018
11:00 AM

We will salute and honor All Veterans who served this country and their spouses and families.
Everyone is welcome.

New Years Eve

I know it's seems early to be thinking about New Years Eve , but people are already wanting to buy Tickets. This Night has become very popular and we sell out as soon as tickets go on sale. The system for tickets sales that we used last year made it very smooth and fair to all. We will use the same system this year, and it is as follows.

Tickets will go on Sale Monday 11/26

4 pm-6pm VFW, Mason Dixon ,and AUX members only(Must show Card)

6 pm-8pm Guests of the Post

Each Person may purchase:

- 2 Bar seats
- 1 Bar table
- 1 Hall or Atrium Table (6 or 8 seats)

Tickets Must be paid for at the time of reservation.

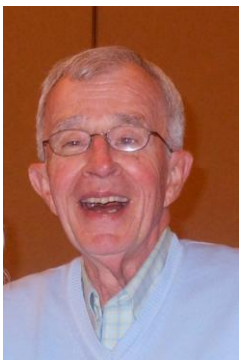
We will have 2 options for your dining that evening.
Option 1: Dinner and Hors D'oeuvres Buffet \$35 per ticket

Option 2: Hors D'oeuvres Buffet \$25 per ticket

Come join us on the 26th for our Fried Chicken Dinner and buy your tickets for New Years.

VOLUNTEERING KEEPS YOUR BRAIN FROM SHRINKING

You read that right the first time. As reported in Bottom Line Personal in June, a study at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore determined that volunteering does indeed stop an individual's brain from shrinking with age. The conclusion was based on evaluation of retired people who served as mentors for school children helping them learn to read. This is exciting medical news. I wish I knew about it years ago. I would have raised my hand more when they called for volunteers. The news is an unexpected bonus for Post



volunteers. We all recognize that the success of the Post's activities and all the good the Post is able to depend on volunteers. Dean, Mark and many others have frequently commented on this fact at events in expressing appreciation for all their efforts. Ken Weber, commenting on the Chicken Shack operation, has said: "Success is spelled V-O-L-U-N-T-E-E-R-S."

Just think for a moment about all the individuals on the Honor Guard; the year-round Cheese Steak (Tuesdays); Flip Five (Wednesdays) and dinner teams; the summer Sunday breakfast crews and Chicken Shack and crab night teams; and Auxiliary activity volunteers. And don't forget the officers and directors who volunteer to serve in those positions. And all the individuals who help out during the year in other activities, like the programs for kids. Because of the newsletter publishing schedule, I'm writing this before the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in October. If it's like previous years, the place will be full. (But you don't have to get there three hours early.) It's an impressive sight and there are even more volunteers who are unable to attend. Seeing so many gathered together you can't help but think that volunteering is perhaps the most distinctive characteristic of the Post. Why is that? Those I've talked to in the past have said that the main reasons so many volunteer are to be part of a really worthwhile cause—helping others; and the enjoyment of working with friends. Now, there's this new motivating reason: Saving your brain. The corollary to that benefit must be that the more you volunteer the more brain cells you generate. Who knows where this could lead? Mensa? Jeopardy? Reading "War and Peace?" Where are those sign-up sheets? It may not be too late. Here's something else to consider. With Election Day approaching on November 6, I thought about this quote Rosemary shared with me some time ago (author unknown): "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections maybe once a year, but every day you volunteer you vote about the kind of community you want to live in." Or the kind of Post you want to be part of. Thanks to all our volunteers for making VFW Post 7234 such a great organization.

Looking forward to November, here are some dates to keep in mind, together with all the dates on the Post calendar.

- Nov. 3. Sadie Hawkins Day
SOS signal (. . . _ _ . . .) established in 1906.
(Coincidence? What do you think?)
- Nov. 4. Daylight Savings Time ends. (Is it "Fall forward" or "Fall back"?)
- Nov. 6. Election Day
- Nov. 10. Happy 243rd Birthday to the U.S. Marine Corps established in 1775. (Semper Fi!)
- Nov. 24. Thanksgiving Day . . . with so much to be thankful for.

Hope you enjoy every day in November.

Jerry Hardiman



VFW FRIDAY FAMILY BUFFET
 NOVEMBER 2nd, 2018
 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

PORK CHOPS
 MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
 SAUERKRAUT
 VEGETABLE OF THE DAY
 FRIED FISH
 TOSSED SALAD
 ROLLS & BUTTER
 DONATION: \$12 AYCE
 MUSIC: J.T. CRUISE
 6-10 PM

JOIN US FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



VFW FRIDAY FAMILY BUFFET
 NOVEMBER 23rd, 2018
 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

HAM & CABBAGE
 BOILED POTATOES
 VEGETABLE OF THE DAY
 FRIED FISH
 TOSSED SALAD
 ROLLS & BUTTER
 DONATION: \$12 AYCE

MUSIC: ROCKIN' RAY
 6-10 PM

JOIN US FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



VFW FRIDAY FAMILY BUFFET
 NOVEMBER 9th, 2018
 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

ROAST BEEF
 MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
 VEGETABLE OF THE DAY
 FRIED FISH
 TOSSED SALAD
 ROLLS & BUTTER
 DONATION: \$12 AYCE

MUSIC: THE JONES BOYS
 6-10 PM

JOIN US FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



VFW FRIDAY FAMILY BUFFET
 NOVEMBER 30th, 2018
 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

SHRIMP SCAMPI
 SAUSAGE CACCIATORE
 VEGETABLE OF THE DAY
 FRIED FISH
 CAESAR SALAD
 GARLIC BREAD
 DONATION: \$12 AYCE

MUSIC: J.T. CRUISE
 6-10 PM

JOIN US FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



VFW FRIDAY FAMILY BUFFET
 NOVEMBER 16th, 2018
 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

MEATLOAF
 MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
 VEGETABLE OF THE DAY
 FRIED FISH
 TOSSED SALAD
 ROLLS & BUTTER
 DONATION: \$12 AYCE

MUSIC: J.T. CRUISE
 6-10 PM

JOIN US FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

**NEW YEARS
 EVE GALA**

**MASON DIXON VFW
 POST #7234**

7:30pm 'til 12:30am

DINNER MENU Beef Burgundy Chicken Marsala Lobster Tail Roasted Potatoes Glazed Carrots Rolls & Butter	HORS D'OEUVRES BUFFET Crab Soup Meatballs Steamed Shrimp Caesar Salad Cheese & Veggie Trays Chips & Salsa
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Option #1 DINNER COMBO (8-10pm)
 \$35 --Dinner & Hors d'oeuvres Buffet

Option #2 BUFFET ONLY(8-11pm)
 \$25--Hors d'oeuvres Buffet ONLY

**TICKETS & RESERVATIONS-
 REQUIRED**

MUSIC BY: IDENTITY CRISIS

TICKETS ON SALE NOV 26

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Commander	Dean Levering
Sr. Vice Cmdr	Hal Dietrich
Jr. Vice Cmdr	Rich Fales
Quartermaster	Bill Hensley
Adjutant	Fulton Loppatto
Chaplain	John Mitchell
Judge Advocate	John Gossart Jr.
Surgeon	George Hickman
Officer of the Day	Rob Gill
Guard	James Jensen
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	Rick Smith
Board Member	Rich Fales
Board Member	Hal Barber
Board Member	John Mitchell
Board Member	Rick Delaney
Board Member	Mike Grabowski

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Jr Vice Pres	Chuck Bologna
Secretary	Ty Magliola
Treasurer	Laurie Corsa
Chaplain	Theo Loppatto
Guard	Shirley Stong
Conductress	Karen Vitsorek
Patriotic Ins	Jackie Umstetter
Trustee	Connie Weber
Trustee	Debbie Vischer-Jensen
Trustee	Larry Hamby

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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