



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MASON DIXON POST 7234

SEPTEMBER 2017

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Another month has passed with so much going on. At our August post meeting we had representatives from the Fort Miles Historical Association telling us interesting facts about Fort Miles. They also told us about finding a WWII AWS spotters shed, which is a rare find. Our post will donate some funds to help with the moving and restoration of the shed. We are in need for someone to step up and take the lead for the Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year awards. John Mitchell and Sally and Lou



Kubicki have been doing this for years and need to take a well deserved break. They are willing to assist anyone who is willing to take on this program.

Some upcoming events: On Saturday September 9th we will have a table set up on the boardwalk at the Bethany

Beach Boardwalk Festival. Anyone wanting to participate with us would be great. This is a good opportunity for exposure to the post and also to sign up new members. If we can get enough people interested, we could work in shifts of a couple hours each. On Monday September 11th there is a council meeting in Dover at 7:30pm. On September 13th I will be attending the Military Honor Day and 16th Annual Patriot Day ceremony at the Georgetown CHEER Community Center from 9am to 3pm. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact me. I believe this is a good opportunity to tell the students about our organization. On Sept 17th our post will be visited by the National Auxiliary President. We will be having a meet and greet followed by dinner. On Wednesday September 20th at 7:30 pm there is District 4 meeting at the VFW post in Milton. On Friday September 22th there is a Veterans Stand Down from 9:00am to 2:00pm in Dover.

The weekend of August 18th - 20th we had Boy Scout Troop 29 from Wilmington DE used our grounds for a camping trip. They arrived Friday night during the heavy rain and lightning, set up camp and stayed till Sunday morning. The scouts went swimming and did some fishing on the Judy V. It seemed like a positive experience for everyone.

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

VFW Post and Auxiliary Members,



Those hot and humid days of summer are behind us as we welcome the sound of children going back to school. As we enter the fall season, let's mark our calendars to volunteer for a project to benefit a veteran! MALTA Update: After



almost a two month wait, the new National membership portal is up and running. Go to <https://vfwauxiliary.org> and select "member log in"; then create your personal log in information. You may then pay your Annual dues (\$35) or PRINT a duplicate membership card. ALL new members

(LIFE & ANNUAL) membership cards will now be processed & mailed from National headquarters. Our Auxiliary Treasurer now has the task of processing all of the applications approved at our

July and August meetings. Please be patient; we are all volunteers. As a reminder, auxiliary dues are \$50, first year, \$35/yr. thereafter. The membership year runs from July 1st thru June 30th (7/1/2018-6/30/18, current year). If you have a 2017 annual membership card, it will expire on 12/31/2017. Congratulations to Bill Hensley, top recruiter & \$100 winner for August! Exciting news: Our National VFW Auxiliary President Dee Guillory will be visiting our Post on Sunday evening, 9/17/17 at 5:30 pm. We cordially invite you to join us for light food and fellowship. Our neighboring Rehoboth Auxiliary members will be helping with desserts. This is our opportunity to show off our beautiful Post home. RSVP to Sally Kubicki (537-2885) or me (537-2634). Congratulations to fundraising chairmen Ellen Reilly and Karen Vitorsek for a VERY successful raffle! The ecstatic winner of the cooler raffle was Joe Pastic of Virginia. These ladies really worked hard; please extend your gratitude to them! Remember to bring items for the Delaware Veterans' Stand Down "Wish List" scheduled for September 22, 2017 in Dover, DE. Canteen Manager, Mark Daughaday needs our assistance to help make the Hospice Dinner (9/8) a huge success. He needs items for the raffle tables (gift cards, craft items, jewelry, etc.) and baked goods. He also will need volunteers to help work the floor during the evening. Mark and his team are always there for the Auxiliary; we need to repay his assistance to us in any way we can! Additional details will be discussed at our September Auxiliary meeting on Monday, 9/4. SHARE the event! Shirley Stong has donated a handcrafted Philadelphia Eagles Afghan and mugs to be raffled off to benefit our Relief Fund. See Shirley for tickets. Department of DE has a new fundraising event, "Tropical Tastes of Fall" on October 14th. Details will be distributed at Auxiliary meeting.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: LIFE HAS NO REMOTE; GET UP & CHANGE IT YOURSELF!

Hope to see YOU at our Auxiliary meeting, 9/4/17,

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

*Hunter L. Spillan
 Herbert W. Chetirkin*

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

Delaware Veterans Benefits are summarized by going to this website.

<http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/delaware-state-veterans-benefits.html>

Some of the highlights are: State Veterans Home
 The Delaware Veterans Home, established in 2007, is



a long-term care facility located on 24 acres in Milford, Delaware. The Home offers skilled nursing care on four units with a total of 150 beds. Eligibility Requirements: 1) Honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces, or a retired member of the National Guard, or

Reserves who is eligible for retirement pay at age 60 and has served on active duty for 180 days or more (not necessarily consecutively). 2) A resident of Delaware for three preceding years prior to admission. 3) Requires a nursing home level of care. Veterans Trust Fund The Delaware Veterans Trust Fund provides assistance to Delaware's veterans in financial crisis. Established in 2013, it has brought relief to veterans in need of help with reintegration, housing, utilities, and incidental expenses for health and welfare. State Park Admission Any veteran who honorably served or is honorably serving, including members of the Delaware National Guard, resides in the State of Delaware and owns a motor vehicle registered in Delaware gets a 50% discount on the annual fee for vehicle entrance to state parks and recreational areas.

Hunting, Trapping and Fishing License for Active Duty Military: Active duty members stationed in Delaware pay the resident rate for a license. Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing License for Disabled Veterans: Veterans with a VA disability rating of 60% may obtain a no-fee license.

If you need assistance with any of the benefits list in the article on this website please contact me.

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

FLU SHOTS

Flu shots October 16th
4 pm till 7 pm
At the Post

CANTEEN CORNER

WOW, what a summer, the Post was the place to be this summer and I would like to thank you all for supporting the Post. You can feel good that supporting the Post enables our membership to support our community with donations for community programs. By enjoying our beautiful facilities we help the people in our community. that's a win win for everybody. With all the business and functions we held this summer, I would like to take this time to thank the wonderful staff we have at the VFW. Without them we could not have accomplished what we did. They are our backbone. If you are in the Post please tell them thank you. Steve, Roger, Brandon, Bev, Bob, Debbie, Karen, Marie, and Sharon. Great Job! Just cause the summer is over it does not mean we are stopping our activities. We will hold our Labor Day Picnic on Sunday 9/3 at 4pm. This will be an indoor picnic with AYCE for \$9.00. We will follow that with our Annual Delaware Hospice Benefit Dinner on Friday 9/8. This will feature an AYCE Buffet for \$15 plus a Bake Sale and Silent Auction. We will begin the evening at 5Pm with a candle lighting ceremony, where for a donation of \$5 you may light a candle that will burn all evening for a loved one. Please support this function as all proceeds go to Delaware Hospice. On 9/10 we will be having our Crab Feast. As of this printing there are a few tickets left, so check with the bartenders for availability.

On 10/14 we will hold our Oyster & Bull Roast. This event always sells out and as of this time tickets are

going fast. If you are interested, do not hesitate, get your tickets now. September means Football. Join us on Sunday afternoons and watch the NFL. Bring a covered a covered dish for all to share and enjoy Sunday afternoons. We serve the food at half time of the 1 o'clock game. Go Ravens.

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

See you at the Post Mark

VFW GOLF ASSOCIATION



VFW Golf Association members continue enjoying golf each Tuesday at the Salt Pond Golf Course. VFW Golf Association members continue enjoying golf each Tuesday at the Salt Pond Golf Course. Please sign-up by sending an email by noon Sunday for the following Tuesday's golf to vfwgolf7234@gmail.com and enter the date of play in the subject. Note the time change for September--show-up at 8:30 a.m. for the 9:00 tee time. Remember all are welcome!!! Thanks to everyone who supported the Sunday Morning Buffet Breakfasts this Summer. And a special thanks to Phil Dulk who coordinated the breakfasts for us.

Ed (Albert) Pike

OH, THE PLACES TO GO, THE THINGS TO SEE

Mark, our Canteen Manager, is always thinking of interesting and fun activities, and not just at the Post. Plans have ranged from R & R cruises to short, pleasant, one-day bus trips. Mark is also open to new ideas for things to do. So here are some suggestions for future road trips.



Chicken Shack Museum, Bethany Beach. The Chicken Shack is the repository of the largest known local collection of chicken memorabilia and objet d'art, including: the chicken welcoming sign, plates, plaques, trivets, trays, dolls, signs, stuffed chickens and roosters (cloth), magnetic place mat, a basket of eggs, chicken clock and rooster metal sculptures. A truly amazing display! Group tours can be arranged through

Roger Kramp, museum creator and curator. But note that group tours can't be scheduled when the Chicken Shack is in operation on Saturdays during the summer season. However, individuals may visit on those Saturdays and watch the exciting chicken grilling process. Get there before dawn to see the spreading and lighting of the charcoal; followed by the careful saucing of each bird; the precision rotation of the grills; and the "Baggers" in action. Don't miss the always friendly and efficient performance of the inside team serving the hungry customers and, finally, one of the most exciting attractions. . .the cleaning of the grills. You might even be able to talk to Chicken Shack volunteers if they're on break. Pick up a half chicken with rolls and chips while you're there and enjoy it at one of the picnic tables. I'm hoping that next year a gift shop tent with souvenirs will be available, to include Bobble Heads of all the volunteers. Here's a current roster of Ken Weber's team, noting that not everyone works every Saturday.

George Bennitt	Tony Colicchio
Jack Lynch	Pete Lavole
Josh Bolles	Norbert Dedicatoria
Chuck Bologna	Warren Eastburn
Frank Silva	Mike May
Paul Brennan	Robert Fehre
Paul Burbank	Jim Fiske
George Smith	Al Sletto
Ed Burke	Herbert Fogelman
Chuck Campbell	Doug Fountenout
Roger Kramp	Rick Smith
Frank Capella	Dennis Gonder
Jim Cheseroni	Paul Stehlik

Mike Carlin
 Jerry & Rosemary Hardiman
 Ken Weber (*Crew Chief*)

I'm sure people will want to collect all the Bobble Heads!

For longer road trips, here are some "must see" places that should be on the list.

Future Birthplace of Captain Kirk. Riverside, Iowa.

For all Star Trek fans, this is a pilgrimage destination, the town where Captain Kirk will be born on March 22, 2233 (3/22/2233!). The entire town is a museum and celebrates the pre-birthday every year. A small container of Kirk Dirt, dug from somewhere in town, can be purchased for around \$3.00. The price will undoubtedly increase as the available supply decreases, so it could be a great investment. Goodbye Roslyn Capital!

World's Largest Ball of Twine, Cawker City, Kansas. Started in 1953, the ball of sisal twine has been estimated to now weigh over ten tons. If we go next August, we can add more to it during the town's annual Twine-A-Thon.

Spam Museum. Austin, Minnesota. Many will have fond, and not so fond, memories of Spam. The museum, situated next to the Hormel Company production facility, features a giant Spamburger and a Wall of Spam with thousands of cans of Spam that document the product's history. If we're lucky, we'll also get to sample the product and work on a production line for a day.

President Grant's Cigar. Galena, Illinois. Ulysses S. Grant, commander of Union armies during the Civil War and the 18th President of the United States from 1869 to 1877, dropped a cigar butt while walking through his hometown in 1880. The cigar was retrieved and saved by a local boy and is now prominently displayed in the Galena History Museum. There are other historic artifacts as well. This is a must stop for Civil War buffs and cigar lovers.

Elvis' Wart. Cornelia, Georgia. The Everything Elvis Museum displays an eclectic collection of Elvis memorabilia and artwork. (Many works in velvet, of course.) The main attraction and most valuable item is a wart that was removed from somewhere on Elvis's anatomy in 1957. The wart was subsequently purchased from the doctor who removed it and carefully preserved. I understand that the museum management has refused requests to clone Mr. Presley from the wart DNA. Good decision. You don't know whether the clone would be Elvis-like or just a giant wart. Scary. While we're there we can purchase T-shirts with the message: "The King Is Gone . . . But the Wart Lives On." Can't wait to buy several as gifts!

Everyone goes to the National Parks and major tourist attractions. This is a list of unique places you can tell your family and friends about for years. They'll be speechless.

Moving into September, here are some dates to keep in mind, in addition to all the events on the Post calendar. September is an anniversary month for the VFW.

- Sept. 4. Labor Day.
- Sept. 10. Grandparents Day.
- Sept. 11. Patriots Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.
- Sept. 14. Star Spangled Banner written by Francis Scott Key in 1814.
- VFW Lies' Auxiliary established in 1914.
- Sept. 15. POW/MIA Recognition Day.
- Sept. 17. U.S. Constitution approved in 1787.
- Sept. 18. U.S. Air Force established in 1947.
- Sept. 20. Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown.
- Sept. 22. First day of Autumn.
- Sept. 24. Gold Star Mothers' Day.
- Sept. 25. Bill of Rights signed in 1789.
- Sept. 29. Yom Kippur begins at sundown.
- VFW established in 1899.

Hope you enjoy every day this month.
 Jerry Hardiman

DELAWARE HOSPICE BENEFIT

Join Us for an Evening of
Food & Fun

Friday, September 8th, 2017

Dinner Served 6-8 pm
Chinese & Silent Auction
Bake Sale

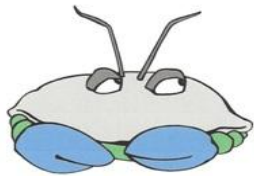
Roast Beef, Baked Flounder, Baked Ziti
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mac & Cheese
Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce
Tossed Salad Rolls & Butter

Donation: \$15

FEATURING ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET
BAKED GOODS & HANDMADE ITEMS
CHINESE & SILENT AUCTION

MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHTING
CEREMONY
5-6 P.M.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT
APPRECIATED



CRAB FEAST

SUNDAY, 9/10/17

3pm
til
7pm

STEAMED CRABS
STEAMED SHRIMP
CHICKEN HOT DOGS
MD. CRAB SOUP
CORN ON THE COB
BAKED BEANS COLE SLAW
POTATO SALAD

DONATION: \$35
A.Y.C.E.

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



TICKETS REQUIRED - MAY BE PURCHASED AT CANTEN BAR
WILL SELL OUT - BUY EARLY!

FRIDAY DINNERS

SEPT 1 PORK TENDERLOIN
SEPT 15 POT ROAST
SEPT 22 CHICKEN & DUMPLING
SEPT 29 BAKED HAM

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON &
EVENING OF FOOD & FUN

FOOD
SERVED
3 - 7 pm

VFW
JOHN
"BROWNIE"
ABSALOM
BULL ROAST
BENEFIT**

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, OCTOBER 14th, 2017

Music by: DJ RAY DISNEY

COMMUNITY WELCOME

MASON DIXON VFW POST
MARSHY HOPE WAY, OCEAN VIEW, DE



CELEBRATE LABOR DAY

ENJOY OUR INDOOR PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3rd, 2017

4:00 pm 'til 7:00 pm
FOOD SERVED

PIT BEEF PIT HAM
BBQ CHICKEN HOT DOGS
MAC & CHEESE COLE SLAW
CORN ON THE COB
TOSSED SALAD

DONATION: \$ 9.00 A.Y.C.E.

MUSIC by DJ DISNEY
5:00 pm 'til 9:00 pm

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COMMUNITY WELCOME

WELCOME HOME VETERANS
JOIN US AT VFW 7234



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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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**

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