



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MASON DIXON POST 7234

SEPTEMBER 2018

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Summer may be winding down but activities are still going strong at Post 7234, with the exception of the Chicken Shack and Sunday Brunch. I want to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to make both as successful as they were. We have enjoyed a prosperous summer season and hope to continue it into the fall. We have a new Post Officer, Rich



Fales, who is now our new Junior Vice Commander. Rich came to us from Maryland where he held various positions at his post and district levels. We welcome him to our post and position. The Post purchased a new display cabinet for the foyer. We have received many compliments

about it. Our merchandise is now easier to see and sell. New items will be added as time goes on. The old display case is now in the outside foyer. We would like to have some military memorabilia on display there. So, again I ask, if anyone has anything they would like to have included such as patches, etc. please consider contacting me. On August 20-22 we had our parking lot sealed and striped. This was a much needed project. Thanks to all that helped with traffic control. Thank you too for your patience during this work. The Bethany Beach Lifeguard Patrol held their annual party downstairs on Monday August 20th. As always they seemed to have a great time. It is our pleasure to host this affair for these very deserving young people. Don't forget, on Saturday Sept 8th, we will be having a table on the Bethany Beach Boardwalk Festival. We need a few volunteers both post and auxiliary to hand out pamphlets and explain requirements for membership and let people know what the VFW is really all about. Get in touch with Jim Jensen (443-278-5056) if you are interested in volunteering. If you are a member of our Post possessing a key card for the

front door, please USE it. If you are a new member or a member without one, please see about getting one. This helps our bartenders continue to serve drinks especially during busy times. We also have had a new entry buzzer installed in the front door which also has a light signifying the door is unlocked. Hopefully this will help people gain access to the facility easier.

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

I want to thank all of the Auxiliary and VFW members who attended the "meet and greet" on



Sunday, August 26th to welcome the Auxiliary National President, Sandi Kriebel to our Post. Sandi spoke to us of the importance of team work between the Auxiliary and Post, for this combined effort will produce the greatest results in fulfilling

our mission of meeting the needs of our veterans and military families. Her focus, as President, is to build on our foundations and traditions and fully explain the responsibilities of all officers, committee chairs and members. When we all know what to do, we do it much better. I am confident that the spirit of teamwork between the Auxiliary and the VFW, at our Post, was evident during her visit. Thank you



also for all of the cookie donations from the Auxiliary members. Connie Weber immediately recognized how to turn events into profits. She will be selling any left- over cookies at Flip Five. Thanks Connie for always thinking of ways to raise money. The more money we have, the more we can help those in need. The Auxiliary is kicking off its' first fundraiser for the year. Wine Down and Paint the Town will be held on Sunday, October 7th, from 2 to 4 at the Post. The cost is \$40.00 and will include a beautiful hand painting, created by you, a complementary drink and light refreshments. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Carol Flood at 302-530-9262 or Ellen Reilly at 908-451—0624. You may also contact any of the auxiliary officers. Come on out and support our fundraiser. It is a lot of fun and you may surprise yourself with a beautiful piece of artwork, that you created. Thank you to Carol Flood for arranging what is sure to be a fun event. The VFW Auxiliary offers cancer grants to members who are battling cancer. An applicant must be a member of the VFW Auxiliary for one (1) full year. Current due must be paid before applying for a cancer grant. A member is allowed two (2) grants during their lifetime. Twelve (12) months must elapse between new diagnosis and/or treatment from date of first grant for second application to be considered. The grant is currently \$550.00 and funds are paid directly to the member. Applications can be obtained online through the VFW National website or any of the officers of our Auxiliary can provide the application. This program is funded by member contribution. I am asking each and every Auxiliary member of our Post to make a \$5.00 contribution to this program. Contributions can be made by cash or check payable to VFW Auxiliary Post 7234. They can be brought into the Post in an envelope to the attention of the Auxiliary or mailed to VFW, Attention Auxiliary, 29265 Marshy Hope Way, Ocean View, De 19970. Please consider making this contribution. The program needs your support and you never know, hopefully not, when you may need to ask for assistance. In the words of our National President, Believe...We Can Do It."

There are a lot of good things taking place through the efforts of our Auxiliary members. Please join us at one of our future meetings, which take place the 1st Monday of each month. You can make a difference.

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.



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

You are cordially invited to attend Military Honor



Day and the 16th annual Patriot Day ceremonies on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at the CHEER Community Center located at the corner of Sand Hill Road and Route 9, east of Georgetown. Activities will be taking place from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be dozens of educational

displays filling the CHEER Community Center highlighting events such as Pearl Harbor, Normandy Beach, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and all conflicts to the present that have occurred, including the Cold War, Grenada, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Please if I can assist in any way let me know
 302 933 0119

Respectfully,
 Robert P. Corsa, Service Officer

CANTEEN CORNER

As the tourists leave and the kids go back to school, I have to start my column by thanking everyone for a great summer. The Post was full of activity all summer long and the support that our members gave us was tremendous. But none of this would be possible without all the volunteers that work every event. We had Ken Weber's crew cooking chicken every Saturday at the Chicken Shack and George Hickman's 4 breakfast crews that have provided Breakfast every Sunday. These are 2 of the summer activities that have made our Post successful. And of course we have all the weekly crews that work all year. Without all these volunteers we could not do what we do, and from Myself, the Post Officers and All the Members we say THANK YOU. With the summer over the activities will not stop. We start September with our Labor Day Picnic on Sunday the 2nd. A great menu at \$10 AYCE and music for dancing. We will also hold a Corn Hole Tournament at 5:30pm. If it is anything like our Pig Roast tournament, we will have many participants and should be very competitive. Each team will be set by a blind draw and no experience is needed. The Crab Feast for Sept 9th is almost sold out, but a few seats were still available. Tickets for the Bull & Oyster Feast on 10/6 will go on sale on Sept. 1st. The cost will be \$35 and this event sells out early, so see the bartenders and buy your tickets and secure your table. September is a busy month for Weddings and Special events. Please pay attention to the calendar to know if we are up or downstairs. These events fund a lot of the things that we do and are very important to the financial well-being of the Post. As you probably have noticed we have replaced and improved the buzzer at the entrance door. Now when you buzz a green light will shine when it is time to pull the door. This has seemed to be working better than the old system, but it amazes me on how many of our members still buzz instead of using a key card. Every time you buzz the door the bartender has to stop what they are doing to let you in. Key Cards are \$10 and EVERY member should have one. See the bartenders for a key card application. Please help us make our Post more efficient.

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 NOTE TIME CHANGE!!! at the Salt Pond Golf Course. Come join us, reunite with everyone, and welcome our new members. To

signup, please send an email to vfwgolf7234@gmail.com by noon Sunday for the following Tuesday's golf. Show-up at 8:30 a.m. for 9:00a.m.tee time. Remember all are welcome!!! 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.

FREE FINANCIAL COACHING FOR VETERANS

Many veterans and their families may not be aware that free financial coaching is now available for them through an initiative of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), a federal government agency. The program is managed through a contract with the Armed Forces Service Corporation (AFSC). AFSC has financial coaches throughout the country, who are trained professionals certified by the Association of Financial Counseling and Planning Education. The coaches have various military backgrounds and experience working with military service members and veterans. They do not sell or recommend any specific investment products. AFSC



coaches can, among other things, help individuals identify financial goals, create a financial management plan and track progress in achieving those goals. They can provide guidance and support to help individuals make informed financial choices, and also identify available veteran-specific resources that may be useful. The CFPB advises that veterans with concerns or questions about their personal financial situations, or who are looking to make changes, may find this cost-free service helpful. The AFSC has indicated that a veteran's immediate family members also may be eligible for the service provided. To learn more or to be connected with an AFSC coach, visit www.findmyfinancialcoach.com or call 1-844-90-GOALS (1-844-904-6257). This is a good opportunity to mention that the CFPB's Office of Service member Affairs assists active duty service members, veterans and their families in a number of other ways. For example, the agency monitors complaints filed with the CFPB regarding financial fraud, scams, harmful and illegal loan practices and pay allotment abuses. Working with other agencies, it has helped recover millions of dollars for the victims. While the CFPB has been the focus of political disagreements and controversy over the past few years, its programs for service members, veterans and their families have

enjoyed bipartisan support. To learn more about the complaint process online, visit www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint a site where individuals can also submit a complaint concerning matters within the jurisdiction of the CFPB. Just thought this information might be helpful to veterans and families in our area.

Jerry Hardiman

9/11: NEVER FORGET

September 11, 2001, like December 7, 1941, will forever “live in infamy” in our collective memory. All you have to say is “9/11” and most people know the day you refer to, the day America was attacked by 19 Islamic terrorists in four hijacked airliners.



Here's part of the casualty toll of the attack that day:

- People killed at the World Trade Center (WTC) site in New York City: 2753
- FDNY firefighters who died in rescue efforts in the collapse of the WTC towers: 343
- NYPD officers who died in the WTC rescue efforts: 23
- Port Authority police officers who died in the WTC rescue efforts: 37
- People killed when hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon: 184
- Passengers and crew killed when United Airlines Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania: 40

The death toll and destruction on 9/11 was a sharp reminder, if it wasn't clear already, that we were at war with an evil radical Islam. A war of national survival. Rosemary and I had family members (two firefighters and a police officer) in the WTC area on 9/11 and friends and others we knew who were in that area and the Pentagon. We thank God that all survived, physically unharmed at

least. As I'm sure you do, we mourn all who died, whether we knew them or not, and will never forget them, or the evil behind the attack. Fulton, Theo and their daughter Christine recently visited the September 11 Memorial and Museum on the site of the WTC in New York City. Intended as a place of commemoration, reflection, education and peace, it is also the resting place for the remains of many victims. I understand from Theo and Fulton that it's a beautiful memorial and that a visit is an emotional experience. Ask them about it if you get a chance.



Theo said the following quote from Virgil's epic "The Aeneid" is inscribed on a wall of the memorial: "No day shall erase you from the memory of time." So on 9/11 this year, let us pause to remember all the victims of the terrorist attacks on that day. May God bless them and all their families and the United States of America forever. September 11 is also designated as Patriots Day and as a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Here are some other days in September to keep in mind, in addition to all the events on the Post calendar:

Sept. 3. Labor Day

Sept. 9. Grandparents Day

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown

Sept. 14. "Star Spangled Banner" written by Francis Scott Key in 1814.

VFW Auxiliary organized in 1914

Sept. 17. U.S. Constitution approved in 1787

Sept. 18. U.S. Air Force established in 1947

Yom Kippur begins at sundown

Sept. 21. POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept. 22. Autumn begins

Sept. 29. VFW established in 1899

Sept. 30. Gold Star Mothers' Day

Hope you enjoy every day in September.

Jerry Hardiman

VFW FRIDAY BUFFET
 SEPTEMBER 7th, 2018
 5:00-7:00 pm
SERVED DOWNSTAIRS

BEEF TIPS
 BUTTERED NOODLES
 VEGETABLE OF THE DAY
 FRIED FISH
 TOSSED SALAD
 ROLLS & BUTTER
 Donation: \$12 AYCE

SERVED DOWNSTAIRS

VFW FRIDAY BUFFET
 SEPTEMBER 28th, 2018
 5:00-7:00 pm

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

MUSIC – THE JONES BOYS
 6:00-10:00 PM

VFW FRIDAY BUFFET
 SEPTEMBER 14th, 2018
 5:00-7:00 pm

FRIED PORK CHOPS
 MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
 SAUERKRAUT
 VEGETABLE OF THE DAY
 FRIED FISH
 TOSSED SALAD
 ROLLS & BUTTER
 Donation: \$12 AYCE

MUSIC – DJ JT CRUISE
 6:00-10:00 PM



VFW LABOR DAY PICNIC
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018
 DONATION: \$10.00 AYCE

PIT BEEF FRIED CHICKEN
 PIT HAM HOT DOGS
 MAC & CHEESE
 COLE SLAW
 CORN ON THE COB
 TOSSED SALAD
 Food Served: 4-7 pm
 Music: 5-9 pm

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT
 Register: 5pm Tournament: 5:30pm

VFW POST HOME
 MARSHY HOPE WAY, OCEAN VIEW, DE.

VFW FRIDAY BUFFET
 SEPTEMBER 21st, 2018
 5:00-7:00 pm

POT ROAST
 RED ROASTED POTATOES
 ROASTED VEGETABLES
 FRIED FISH
 TOSSED SALAD
 ROLLS & BUTTER
 Donation: \$12 AYCE

MUSIC – DJ ROCKIN RAY
 6:00-10:00 PM

1 Complimentary DRINK

Light Refreshments

Tickled Paint ARTworks
 FUNdraiser
Wine Down & Paint The Town
 VFW Post 7234
 29265 Marshy Hope Way
 Ocean View, Delaware
Sunday October 7th
2pm – 4pm



Cost: \$40 per seat that can be purchased
 Call Carol Flood @ 302-530-9262 or
 Ellen Reilly @ 908-451-0624

All proceeds benefit unmet needs of Veterans, Active Duty Military and their families.

Auxiliary VFW Post 7234

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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| 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

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| President | Dean Levering |
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| Board Member | John Mitchell |
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| Board Member | Mike Grabowski |

AUXILIARY TEAM

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| President | Carol Weber |
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| 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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