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MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

Hope everyone had a great holiday and bared the cold. A couple of quick notes. First, it was voted by the Post in the last months meeting to recognize Bob Handy for all the time and work he contributes to the Post. Congratulations Bob, a job well done and greatly appreciated. We are also gearing up for our Annual Men's Auxiliary Dinner Dance which will be held on the 7th of March. This is free for all "2009 Paid Men's Auxiliary Members" all others \$10.00. The Menu consists of Roast Pork with all the fixings starting at 6 p.m., and music by The Adams Band starting at 7 p.m. and playing until 11 p.m. Hope to see you there. Tickets will be available at the bar. Also, don't forget our Annual Chicken BBQ coming up May 25th Memorial Day, starting at 12:00 p.m. till gone. More on that in our next newsletter. Also look for a raffle to be held on that day as well. Any ideas bring them to the meeting. So everybody is aware our newsletter comes out every three months. So please bare with us, as we do our best to get everything together.

We would like to welcome three new members, John Vigario, Fred F. Snide, and Brian Perrow, welcome.

We now offer a website where anyone can go and log on and see "what's happening". Cliff Smith has worked very hard on this project and is greatly appreciated. The Post site is: www.vfwpost758.com

If you wish to be emailed about news or updates we need your email address. Either drop it off or call the club. Well, I hope I didn't forget anything. Remember our meetings are on the 1st Monday of every month. Hope to see you there.

For God and Country,
C. Jay West, Sr. Vice President

COMING EVENTS

**For other events like
Friday Night Dinners, etc.
Call your local Post**

Meetings:

Mens Auxiliaries, 1st Monday each Month.
Ladies Auxiliaries, 2nd Monday each month.
Post Meetings, 3rd Monday each month.
Please try to attend your meetings.

On Saturday, February 14th, 2009, the Post along with the Ladies & Men's Auxiliaries will host the Anniversary Dinner Dance. The hall opens at 17:00 (5PM) serving is at 18:00 (6PM) since this is all 3 "Units" of Post #758, please try to [1] Reserve Early, [2] Limit to one guest. The fee will be \$8.00, as we go to press, the menu and band are our famous "it's a surprise" but a good one.

Then on Sunday, February 15th, 2009, Post 758 will host District #4 for its meeting. Those from the Post and the Ladies Auxiliaries who wish to attend, a lunch will be served at noon with meetings at 13:00 (1PM).

On the 7th of March 2009, our fine Men's Auxiliary has a dinner event, so please read their section for all the details.

Sake's and Beggora, on St. Patty's Day March 17th, 2009, our famous **CORN BEEF & CABBAGE** will be served. So wear green and have six "green-backs" ready and join the celebration. Come early and then, dig in at 6pm!

For you Post members interested in the "workings" of the VFW, the District meeting on the 15th of February, and the Department "Council of Administration" meeting on January 24th at the St. Johnsbury Post #793 could be something you might want to attend.

Marine Corps League

For those already members and those interested in joining, our meetings are every third Saturday at Post #758, at 10:00 hrs, which translates to Jan. 17th, Feb. 21st, March 21st - come on down and join us. H. Neuberger, Commandant

On Friday, January 23rd - Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, 5PM

On Friday, February 20th - Ham Dinner, 5PM

COMMANDERS CORNER

Veterans and Comrades along with your auxiliaries, as we enter the year 2009 a time that is clouded by events both at home and in the world at large, in these uncertain times one thing will remain stable and unswerving is the VFW's dedication to the Veteran, all Veterans to insure the rights freely given to them by their country is forthcoming. With this in mind Post 758 as always is dedicated to follow that course of action, doing the utmost for the Veteran, past, present and future. As my comrades have stated many times in these newsletters, your suggestions, your ideas, your complaints are important to us, the time you spend helping others becomes important when you report it to us, why? Because the VFW can show others that Veterans and their families, do not just ask for assistance (a right they earned) but gives much back to the Community, helping fellow Veterans and others in an unselfish way. In closing, remember your continued membership is important to the VFW and if for any reason that may be a financial burden at this time, please let QM Mitch know.

All the best in the coming months.
Maureen Houston - Post Commander

SR. VICE COMMANDER

As we begin the calendar year 2009, let us all during these troubled times work together to help improve conditions in our communities, our neighborhoods, etc. And the VFW along with your Post has many programs you as members can take part in and or benefit from. Within the newsletter you will find "messages" from different Officers, appointees, and Committee Chairpersons all willing and able to accept your suggestions, your assistance, or assist you the Member with different problems that may arise. Post 758 and it's officers and staff are attempting to make your Post a "family friendly Post" and from all reports we are succeeding, but we still need your input, your ideas to complete the task one hundred percent, so in closing may I remind you as Members of all our "Units" for any function you may have in mind, contact us, *your hall* is available and at a surprisingly nominal fee, so wishing you all the best the coming year.

Reg. Johnson, Sr. Vice Commander

POST JR. VICE COMMANDER

Comrades, as we start a new year we still have many of our citizens "in harms way" as members of our Armed Forces stationed in many parts of the globe. Post 758 along with other organizations both Veteran and Fraternal have programs to assist both those serving in the military along with their families. Members of Post 758 both local and distant may join in, to find out how just contact us. (Contact information included in this newsletter.) Also remember, if you assist others in any way please let us know about it. And finally, I want to give a "salute" to my comrades on the Post Color Guard and Honor Guard for their unselfish dedication to their "Units" as I am proud to be one of them.

Dan Hamel, Jr. Vice Commander

ADJUTANTS NOTES

Comrades, as you read these newsletters you find, mentioned many times, the word "volunteer" and comrades of all the "Units" at the Post. This is the key word as to the success or failure of any Post. And I am proud to say that at Post 758 the volunteerism spirit is good. And with just a few more "hands" the "good" will become great. And in this issue I want to tell all of you what first class support the Post receives from the Ladies & Men's Auxiliaries and I can't forget to mention the Vietnam Veterans Assoc. #753, and now the Marine Corps League, all comrades and ladies, working not only for the betterment of the Post but our community, State, Nation. My hats off to them. And comrades both near and far you can help just by sending in your report on any volunteer service you have done. Give us your suggestions, ideas you may gather as you read the magazines from the Veterans Organizations, as this is your Post and your input is important to us.

Mike Corrado, Post Adjutant

LADIES AUXILIARY

Christmas is behind us and the New Year is ahead of us. I hope everyone had good Holidays. This newsletter will be covering 3 months. Following are some of the upcoming meetings for the Ladies Auxiliary. 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm the auxiliary meets. At this meeting we hold a drawing for a life membership from the members present. The odds are great and I am sure you will enjoy the meeting.

January 24 Council/Department Meeting in St. Johnsbury, VT

February 15 District Meeting in St. Albans, VT
April 4 Council/Department Meeting in Essex Jct., VT
April 12 District Convention in Burlington, VT

The Anniversary dinner will be February 14th at 6pm. This is a celebration of the Post and Auxiliary charters here at the Post Home. Menu & cost to be decided. Remember to make reservations. Sign up at bar 527-0956 or with Lucy Pearo [REDACTED].

Your 2009 Dues should have been paid by now. IF NOT you are not in good standing with the club. It is not too late! Time slips by us and sometimes we forget to pay them. If that is the case please call and we will gladly pick them up. Call Membership Chairman, Josephine Rocheleau [REDACTED], President, Sheila Spaulding [REDACTED], Treasurer, Christine Brown [REDACTED], Membership Committee member, Lucille Brown [REDACTED] and Membership Committee member, Lucy Pearo [REDACTED].

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay Contests have been held and the winners announced. Joshua Nye is the Voice of Democracy winner. Sam Boudreau, Catherine Magnant, and Alexis Allen are the Patriot's Pen Winners. Congratulations to these young people. They are our future.

Patriotic Art Program deadline is March 21, 2009. Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to participate. Material is at the schools. But if anyone has questions please feel free to call.

Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year nominations are due by February 1st. Young people ages 12-15 are encouraged to participate.

Cancer Aid forms are available upon request. If you are in treatment and have been a member for over 1 year you qualify.

Penny Bingo is held on Tuesday afternoons at the club rooms. Bingo starts at 12:30pm. If you would like to donate sandwiches for the lunch please call Lucy Pearo, [REDACTED]. Every 3rd week of the month the Penny Bingo holds a Tea Cup Auction. Come and bid on the many wonderful Baked Goods. This is one of our most important fund raisers. The ladies who work on the Penny Bingo deserve a big hand!!!

Keep in mind that in May we will be having our Buddy Poppy Sales. Date to be decided. Anyone interested in helping to sell contact Poppy Chairman, Lucy Pearo. It is never too early to sign on.

Lastly and most importantly in the month of April we will be holding nominations and elections for the offices of the Auxiliary. Please attend this meeting and consider running for an office.

Loyally,
Sheila Spaulding, President Ladies Auxiliary

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Comrades, first let me explain why we use the term Comrades alot.

That is the title prescribed by the VFW to address all members of the VFW Family, so others such as both Auxiliaries and Family members, it pertains to you. Now Youth Activities, one thing all of you should be aware of is the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids Michigan, a cluster of many homes, where children of Veterans in need and sometimes families are taken care of. The home provides all amenities of a community, including education.

This financial downturn has caused some of their funding to drop, in short donations would help in a big way, so to donate send a check to Dept. of Vermont, VFW-P.O. Box 1248, Montpelier VT 05461.

Earmarked (National Home).
Thanking you in advance, Allan Brown

(Editors note: Allan is also the Department Jr. Vice Commander)

DID YOU KNOW? - YOU LOST!

Due to space limitations, only weekly losers will be listed.

The weekly "pot" is over two grand. So read 'em and weep.

Earl Poland, Ruben Glidden, Evette Champaign, Lee Kelly, Connie Smith, Betty Jordan, John Hodgeboom, David Ovitt.

So drop in on a Thursday evening, socialize and sign up, or your name could appear here next time.

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Comrades, as we move into the year 2009 the average age of our WWII comrades is approximately 83 years, our Korean Vets, are around 79 years, and our "Nam" Vets is in the high 50s. As our Veterans population increases in age, so do many problems and as we are their comrades let us that are able assist our less fortunate comrades. As you know the VFW cannot keep up with the demand, although things are improving. I am sure we can think of many that we can be of some help no matter how small as just as visiting those in nursing homes or infirm on their homes is something that helps, so give it a try. Also if you need any help with the VA contact me, my number is (802) 527-0956 or write the Post. The address and numbers follows.

Curt Brown, Post Service Officer

VFW Post #758, P.O. Box 802, St. Albans, VT 05478

Phone: (802) 527-0956 - Fax: (802) 527-2188

- Email: [REDACTED]

Attn: The Officer or Committee to handle your inquiry.

DID YOU KNOW...

Your Post is home to not only Post #758, but the Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries, The Vietnam Veterans Association and The Marine Corps League along with a Boy Scout Troop that meets at the Post and assists in many ways, one is the placement of the flags on the graves of departed comrades, for this we thank them.

HINTS FROM THE SAFETY OFFICER

Well Comrades, here in the great state of Vermont, we still have a long way to go before the robins sing, so with our "roller coaster" weather, you ice fisherman make sure of the ice before you venture out. Again make sure your heating unit is in good working order, that you have replaced the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors lately. Also, in winter alot of extension cords are in use, make sure that they are not overloaded or frayed. In closing, while driving use caution, and clean all snow from all windows, remember think safety.

John Baraby, Post Safety Chair

QUARTERMASTERS CORNER

Comrades, many times you have heard or read the fact that the volunteer effort of the members of any organization is such an important part of that organizations success, and that is true at Post 758, you will see them helping at the dinners and banquets the Post puts on, in many projects around the Post, some like Wellington Towle who built the wonderful cue rack for the Storck Pool Room. And D. Day who hand crafted the sign over the front entrance. Those members who attend the wakes and funerals of our departed comrades. Usually our Adjutant puts the "thank you" comments in his spot but this time I want to include him in my corner one, for donating those large scale models of the 65 Pontiac Convertible, for a drawing for Patrons of the Canteen and second for donating back the stipend the Adj. receives to the Post, also Comrade Warren who donates back his stipend for duty as a trustee and to Dave Hill our Judge Advocate for his hefty donations to the Color Guard Fund.

Comrades these are just some of our volunteering members and

as always we could use more, one good way is if you haven't paid your dues, now is the time. In closing, I wish all of you the best for the New Year.

Mitch Melton, Quartermaster

DID YOU KNOW?

Yes our post web site is up and running, so read the column that follows.

Comrades,

Did you know your post is launching its own website. We are aware that sometimes things happen that the newsletter alone cannot keep you informed of. With that in mind we hope to make the website a tool that will allow us to keep our members informed of current events.

Looking for when or what the next dinner is? Not sure what time an event starts, check our Post Calendar. If one of our members become sick or goes into the hospital or even passes, our Sick Call page would let you know. We will be posting pictures, helpful links, & some forms too. Come see what we have for you. If you have something to add to the calendar, please be complete as you can be as to "who, what, where and when, etc." when you let us know, as missing information will cause delays. Never assume I will know anything.

The URL of our website is:

www.vfwpost758.com

My email address is:

Cheers, Cliff Smith

MEMBERSHIP

Hope you all had a joyous holiday season. As the New Year starts we are 89% for the year. I hope that you that have not paid your dues for this year that you will submit them soon, to National or to the Post. Now, the bad news, any member that have not paid your dues for the past two years are subject to being dropped from the membership roster, hope we do not have to drop anyone. Hope to hear from you soon.

Francis R. Potter

Membership Chairman

CANTEEN UPDATE

Well comrades, another year has come and gone. We send out a Happy New Year to all our members. If you were unable to frequent your Canteen last year, start this year right and stop in and visit. Our climate control system will keep you all cozy. Don't forget Thursday nights is when we hold our weekly drawing. Hoping to see you soon.

The House Committee and Canteen Staff

BEREAVEMENT

Our hearts and condolences go out to the families of our fallen comrades.



TAPS

Bernard Coon	St. Albans, VT
Francis C. Day	Swanton, VT
Christopher B. Fosgate	St. Albans, VT
James E. Hance	St. Albans, VT
Maurice A. Hardy	Delphos, KS
Perry Kempton	St. Albans, VT
Elmer R. Leduc	St. Albans, VT
Reginald T. Richard	St. Albans, VT
Paul A. Rocheleau	Swanton, VT
Ronald Morin	St. Albans, VT

DID YOU KNOW?

In the last newsletter the first picture we included under "do you know", was comrade Dave Hill, the second set were comrade Dan Scanlon, and Ladies Auxiliary Member Coleen Coon. In this issue do you know this past President of the Ladies Auxiliary? And a member of the Post. You all should get to know, a hint, "anchors aweigh".



Community Service Input Form

Name _____

Services Performed _____

Hrs _____

Ideas to get you started
Have You:

- Donated time for any youth activities?
- Mowed a neighbors lawn?
- Driven a person to the Doctors, etc.?
- Participated on a panel or committee for a nonprofit organization?
- Performed for a local cause?
- Volunteering at Nursing Homes / Hospitals Etc.

- Monies = Used in or for the Srv./Donations to charitable Organizations and mileage if any.

_____/_____
_____/_____

Please detach and mail to:
Attn: ADJUTANT
VFW Post 758 - PO Box 802 - St Albans VT 05478