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POST #758 & AUXILIARIES

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.

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COMING EVENTS

NOTE! For our local membership, all events can be seen in print or on the TV / radio outlets.

We hope you all enjoyed the Ladies Auxiliaries Membership Banquet and Dance, as I doubt you will receive this in time. But in case you do, call the Post for information.

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.

October 10th, 2009 - the VA "OUTREACH" Program will be at the Post from 08:00-12:00 hrs. There will be representatives in attendance should you have any questions regarding benefits.

October 17th - the Post Membership Banquet will be held. This is free to all 2010 paid-up members and and life members. Please try to limit attendance to one guest. Guest fee will be \$8.00 and includes a scrumptious meal (it's a surprise) with dancing to the Snowy River Band. Please call ahead for reservations.

October 24th - the Department of Vermont "Council of Administration" meeting will be hosted by Post 758, and its Auxiliary. Auxiliary meets at post at 10:00 hrs, lunch is at 12:00 hrs, and the Post will hold its meeting at the Moose Club at 13:00 hrs.

October 17th the drawing for the Marlin XL7C 30-06 Bolt Action Rifle with 3-9 Pentax scope will be held. Until then, tickets (\$5.00 each) are available at the Post. You can also mail a check to the attention of the House Committee, and your ticket(s) will be mailed to you, or held in "escrow" by the Committee. You will be notified if you win. Either way, let's make this raffle a big success!

November 7th - the Statewide Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony, hosted by the VT Boy Scout Council, will be held in Barre. The kickoff time is usually 10:00 hrs.

November 11th - attend the Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony in your area and show the youth of today the patriotism of the veterans by "falling out" with your family.

November 14th - the Post Color Guard is having a Christmas Bazaar with tables loaded w/many assorted Christmas items. Check the Messenger for exact time or call the Post.

December 5th - the Children's Christmas Party will be held. As usual, a sign-up sheet will be at the Post or you can mail, e-mail or fax the information to us. Please provide the name and age, gender, etc.

January 8th - the Commander & Presidents Egg-Nog Party will be held. More info will be publicized later.

Note! Any events that do not appear in this issue will be publicized locally, as other events are in the works but not yet finalized.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Comrades of the Post and its Auxiliaries:

After much discussion, we have decided that this format will be sent out every four months.



COMMANDER'S CORNER

A message from the three Commanders, Reg, Dan, & Dick:

Comrades of Post 758, we are proud that you have placed your confidence in the three of us to lead this great Post for the coming year. We promise to do the very best we can to keep up the tradition of greatness that is the Post 758 legacy.

- Commander: Reg Johnson, Sr. Vice: Dan Hamel, Jr. Vice: Richard Warren

VFW Post 758 -- Newsletter -- Fall Issue

Comrades and ladies and men of our auxiliaries, your question this summer might have been, "What happened to our newsletter?". The answer is simply that we decided for economic and other reasons to suspend publication for the summer. For all local members, we advertise all events in local papers and other media. Ladies Auxiliary President, Sheila Spaulding, is now handling publicity for all "units".

Our publications will now cover the important issues to keep all informed of our activities. Remember, our national publications are important because they emphasize the VFW goals and also keep up to date with our ongoing efforts to see that all veterans, past, present and future will be able to obtain the benefits they proudly earned and deserve.

Comrades, Ladies and Men of our auxiliaries, we, as your elected officers, are working to follow the guidelines set forth by the national and state officers. They are, along with other veteran's organizations, dedicated to helping our veterans, our community, and our youth. In doing so, we need your help as members, first to keep our organization strong with membership, and second to enlist your minds and bodies to assist us in our endeavors - volunteerism is an important "spoke" in the VFS wheel. We need your minds for ideas, constructive criticism and your bodies to help by attending meetings, and assisting in our many projects.

- Post Commander, Reg Johnson; Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, Dan Hamel and Richard Warren; Ladies Auxiliary President, Sheila Spaulding; Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, Jo Rocheleau and Diane McMahon; Men's Auxiliary President, Gary Brown, Sr. and Junior Vice Presidents, Jay West and Steve Lareau; along with all other officers and appointees, do dedicate ourselves to serve you, the membership, our communities, our state, and our nation.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Labor Day has passed and now we are looking toward autumn and the changing of the leaves here in our area.

This Auxiliary has started its new year already and we are looking forward to many exciting things. Posted below are some of the days to look for and others may be advertised in the local newspaper, the St. Albans Messenger.

September 18, 2009 POW/MIA Ceremony 6:30pm at Post
October 3, 2009 Auxiliary Membership Dinner 6pm.
Dues must be paid.
Menu: Ham
Sign up with Lucy Pearo at [redacted]
October 12, 2009 Our regular Auxiliary Meeting at 6:30pm.
Tea cup Auction for the benefit of
Cancer Aid & Research.
October 24, 2009 Department Council Meeting.
Lunch at noon, meeting at 1pm.
November 9, 2009 Our regular Auxiliary Meeting at 6:30pm.
November 14, 2009 CHRISTMAS Bazaar at Post.
December 5, 2009 Children's Christmas Party.
January 8, 2010 Commander Reggie and President Sheila's
Egg Nog Party (this is a Friday evening)

For further information about any of these dates, please call Sheila Spaulding, [redacted] or Lucille Brown, [redacted]

The Penny Bingo on Tuesday afternoon has started again. Remember to bring in your Campbell's Soup labels. They go to National Home and help buy much needed items.

Most importantly is membership. Please pay your 2010 dues as soon as possible. National VFW Auxiliary does not send out reminders any longer. So consider this newsletter your official reminder. Department of Vermont would like to see the membership be at 100% by the end of November. Let's help the State. We would love to see you at our regular meetings. At each regular meeting there is a drawing for the members in attendance for a life membership. Your dues help us to pay our commitments to our Veteran Programs.

Respectfully,
Sheila Spaulding
Auxiliary President

DID YOU KNOW?

THAT AUXILIARY PRESIDENT, SHEILA SPAULDING, IS NOW HANDLING ALL THE PUBLICITY FOR THE POST AND ITS AUXILIARIES...SO BE SURE TO SCAN LOCAL PAPERS AND OTHER MEDIA FOR EVENTS THAT DO NOT GET IN THE NEWSLETTER.

BEREAVEMENT

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

TAPS

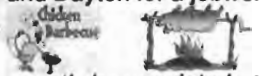
Merlin F. Brant
Clyde A. Williams
Frank Patnadue



MENS AUXILIARY

Just so everyone knows, the newsletter will be out every four months. We will do our very best to keep up with everything.

Our annual chicken barbeque held on Memorial Day was a great success. Thanks, as always, goes out for all those involved. Also, our annual pig roast was held on September 12th and was fantastic. Thank you Tom and Dayton for a job well done - everyone had a wonderful time.



You may have noticed the club roof has recently been painted. A big thank you goes out to Mike Laughlin for his donated time. Again, "Foreman Bob" and his crew came through.

This being said, I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and remember - our meetings are on the 1st Monday of every month. Hope to see you there. Happy Holidays.



For God and Country,
Jay West
Vice President

DID YOU KNOW?

POST 758 NEEDS BOTH DART AND POOL ENTHUSIASTS FOR LEAGUE PLAY IN THE AREA. IF INTERESTED, STOP BY THE POST OR CALL CURT BROWN, [redacted] TO REGISTER OR FOR INFORMATION.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

To all former and those still in the "Corps", The League in St. Albans makes its headquarters at VFW Post 758 and hold our meetings at the Post, usually monthly on Saturday mornings at 10:00 hrs. Upcoming meetings are 10/17, 11/21/09, & 12/19/09. All members are urged to attend and those wishing to join our ranks, feel free to attend.

This past September our detachment, Rhett Vincelette #1282, celebrated its second anniversary with a dinner meeting. All of you reading this letter, please remember the League's toy collection for underprivileged children. Collection barrels are in many places and at Post 758.

Hoping to see you all soon,
"Semper - Fi"

SERVICE OFFICER

Just a reminder to veterans that need to update their finance records - if you receive the form from the VA, make sure you fill it out and send it in. This could save you some problems in the future.
-Curt Brown



Veteran's Day
at Redstone Villa
November 11, 2008

QUARTERMASTER & MEMBERSHIPSERVICE

Well "mates", the fall season is close at hand and as the leaves begin to drop, we drop the news that 2010 dues are being solicited. One way that will eliminate you having to pay yearly dues is to become a Life Member and National has a new way, which is the "payment" method. To get all information on this plan, contact us at the Post in any of the following ways:

Phone - 802-527-0956

E-Mail - [REDACTED]

Fax - 802-527-2188

Mail - VFW Post 758, PO Box 802, St. Albans, VT 05478

Of course, you may contact us on any matter, just indicate the officer or chairperson you wish to communicate with. That being said, let me explain my position on being a member. Since I first came aboard, I first-hand have witnessed the real assistance this organization has given to all veterans, to the community and to youth in so many ways. We are "going with the times" and making our Post a family-friendly Post. If you are a member and haven't attended any meetings or evens in a while, please do so in the near future. If you are eligible to join, stop in and see what we have to offer the veteran. Remember that membership is the life blood of the VFW and its auxiliaries, and associated veteran organizations. We are dedicated to serving the veteran and our community.

In summing up, if now a member, remit dues; if you know of someone eligible, bring them down as recruiting new members is everyone's duty.

In Comradeship,
Mitch Melton
QuarterMaster



MEMBERSHIP

Comrades,
Quartermaster Mitch got the ball rolling in his corner so just let me add that I am sure all members by now know the importance that membership plays in the operation of your Post. Really important is the "voice" it gives the veterans organizations at both local, state, and national in insuring that all veterans, past, present, and future will receive all the benefits that their service to our country gave them the right to expect. Our dues are \$25.00, a real value for the good it does. As always, if you find this at a time of hardship, contact us care of Curt Brown, Service Officer.

- F. Potter
Membership

SAFETY

Well Folks, the days are getting shorter, kids are in school and soon the leaves will cover the ground. That means winter is coming, heating units, chimneys, and fireplaces should be checked. And as it gets dark much earlier now, please drive with caution and watch for children on or near our roads and streets. And get your vehicles ready. Remember "safety first" this fall and winter season.

-John Baraby
Safety Chair



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The annual Youth Scholarship entry forms are now available. The Voice of Democracy audio essay is open to students in grades 9 to 12. Patriot's Pen, a written essay, is open to students in grades 6 to 8. The entry forms and more information are available online at www.vfw.org, or by contacting me or our Ladies Chair. For the online option, navigate to the Programs sections, then the Scholarship section. The due date for both scholarships is November 1st to the Post. This year's theme for the VOD is, "Does America Still Have Heroes?" The theme for Patriot's Pen is, "When Is The Right Time To Honor Our Military Heroes?"

- Allan Brown



DID YOU KNOW?

COMRADE LARRY L'ESPERANCE KEEPS A RECORD OF THOSE NAMES THAT ARE DRAWN BOTH DAILY AND WEEKLY IN OUR CHARITABLE "SIGN-UP" DRAWINGS...THE LIST IS TOO LONG TO PUBLISH. SO DON'T BE A "LOSER" AND STOP IN ANYTIME. THURSDAYS AROUND 6PM ARE WHEN THE BIG DRAWINGS TAKE PLACE. IF YOU ARE PRESENT, YOU GET THE ENTIRE "POT" AND ONE-HALF IF YOU'RE NOT PRESENT.

ADJUTANT & AMERICANISM

First, let me thank Curt Brown for filling in for me at Post meetings. My work schedule coincides, making it impossible to attend so Curt and I share the Adjutant duties. How many of you have heard, "Oh those veteran clubs, they're nothing but a bunch of guys drinking beer and telling war stories"? Sure you have and nothing could be further from the truth. A veteran's club is an organization dedicated to assist veterans along with doing what it can for the youth of the area as well as the community as a whole. Our Post Home hosts many different organizations at no charge to hold meetings, etc. Our volunteers may be found around the community doing many varied services. The members of the Post and its associated auxiliaries are your friends and neighbors, our facilities are family-friendly and the only war stories you will hear are our members who are hunters, or happen to be there on the Post's meeting night when old comrades get together. To sum it up, a vet's club is a place for families to enjoy, so to you members who haven't stopped by for a while, drop in, then spread the word that it is also a good organization to belong to. For \$25.00 a year in dues, it's a real bargain. Post 758 is blessed with two great auxiliaries, whose members go above and beyond the call of duty by assisting the Post. We all thank them.

On the Americanism side, from Memorial Day through the Veteran's Day Ceremonies, the Color Guard & Honor Guard has and will log many miles in our state and beyond, spreading Americanism to many, especially the youth, which makes our endeavors worthwhile. And spreading Americanism with 758 are our veteran comrades from the Vietnam Veterans Association, the Marine Corps League and the American Legion Color Guards - a heartfelt thanks to them. So fly the national colors, attend all Veteran's Ceremonies in your area. Also, FYI, the POW/MIA banner is now a flag and takes a position to immediate left of our national color (Old Glory) in a parade or when viewing.

-Mike Corrado
Co-Adjutant / Americanism Officer



CANTEEN CORNER

To the members of all "units" associated with Post 758, as we approach the fall and holiday season, our canteen, which, with our new HVAC system and our cheerful atmosphere and personnel, will be warm and friendly. Decorations to fit the season will be place and hot popcorn, "crock-pot" specialties on weekends, and friendly games of pool or cards are available for your enjoyment. All beverages from coffee to "high octane" are served. Our banquet hall and new kitchen are available to all, with a special price for all members, and will still be a deal when a price adjustment kitcks in after January 1st. Therefore, the canteen staff, the Post House Committee, the Post and its auxiliaries, and associated veteran's organizations wish all of your a joyous holiday season.

TO ALL MEMBERS

With the upcoming deployment of the Vermont National Guard Units, watch your local news outlets for anything you might be able to do for both the troops and their families, as that information will be passed out by our publicity officer

POST INFO

New rules will begin January 1, 2010 for hall rents and meal prices. For more information, you can call Curt Brown at [redacted] or information forms can be picked up at the club rooms.

- Curt Brown

House Committee Chairman

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.

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_____/_____

Please detach and mail to:
Attn: ADJUTANT
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