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POST #758 & AUXILIARIES

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.

NEWSLETTER #4

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2010

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## COMING EVENTS

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

### 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.

### EVENTS FOR MARCH - JUNE

**March 6, 2010 -**

Men's Auxiliary Dinner/Dance.  
Red Steller and The Working Man Band tickets on sale at the bar - \$10.00

**April 11, 2010 - (Sunday)**

Texas Hold'em, Poker - Play at 1:00 P.M.

**April 18, 2010 -**

District 4 Meeting at Post 782 in Burlington at 8:00 A.M.

**April 19, 2010 -**

Meeting including Post Election of Officers

**May 8, 2010 -**

Veterans Outreach with Service Officer at Post 758 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

**May 23, 2010 - (Sunday)**

Texas Hold'em, Poker - Play at 1:00 P.M.

**May 30, 2010 -**

Men's Auxiliary Chicken BBQ, Tickets \$8.00  
12:00 'til gone.

**June 6, 2010 - (Sunday)**

Texas Hold'em, Poker - Play at 1:00 P.M.

**June 11-13, 2010**

Dept. Convention, at the VFW, in Brattleboro, VT.

### Note!

Any events that do not appear in this issue will be publicized locally.

## NEWS FROM POST

Our Post would like to thank the Men's Auxiliary for negotiating with the Northwest Medical Center and obtaining two new wheelchairs, free. This was spear-headed by Travis Rocheleau. We thank Travis and the Auxilliary for this great project. This is what makes this such a great VFW Post; everyone working together. Thanks, Guys!

Department Convention June 11th, 12th, 13th. Our Post is proud of one of our own members who will be elected to Department Commander at the convention - it's Allan Brown. We greatly support him and wish him a successful year for 2010-2011.

### How To Contact VFW Post #758

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Attn. The Officer or Committee to handle your inquiry.



## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades, ladies and men of our fine Auxiliaries:

As we swing into the final three months of the VFW fiscal year, our priorities are as follows. One of course is Membership because without a strong, active membership, the Post, the department and National cannot do the fine work that the many programs the VFW puts forward to assist not only the Membership, but those in our Military, our Communities and the Youth, our future leaders. Therefore, if you know of an eligible or one who is not sure of their eligibility, get his info. to us and we will check it out as eligibility requirements have changed through the years. And if your dues have slipped your mind, please remit them. Remember, twenty-five dollars is a small price to pay for what the organization can do for you and your family. Second, become an active Member. Near or far, you can assist your Post in so many ways, just contact Adjutant Corrado c/o the Post by mail and a list will be sent to you. Third, let us know what we can do for you. There are many programs available for those eight to eighty. To learn more, contact Service Office Curt Brown c/o the Post. Then for more ideas, local members can attend Post meetings and distant Members can find out many programs that they can help with and programs that can help them. In closing, you can see your VFW has a lot to offer.

In Comradeship,

- Reg. Dan and Richard

## MEMBERSHIP

Yes Comrades, you hear and see that word many times, so let us explain why. Membership is not only the "cornerstone" of any organization, but also the "building blocks", the "mortar" and the nail that keep your Post in a position to give you, the Members, all services you rightfully expect and deserve. How can we help? You ask, first, are your dues remitted? Second, are you a Life Member? If not, there are new easier ways to become one (contact us to find out how). Third, a lot of you know someone who may be eligible. Ask them to submit that information to the Post Quartermaster and we will do the rest. The few items listed are simple things, but very important things as previously stated and are what holds your organization together. So take a few minutes and see if you can become a "Builder" of your Post and your Auxiliaries. Thanking you in advance for Chairman Potter,

Mike Corrado

Post Adjutant

## CLASSIFIED

Help Wanted, no experience needed. A - General Kitchen Duty, B - Wait Staff, C - Basic Housekeeping Duties, no references needed. Pay = as many "thank yous" as you may require. To apply, contact QM Mitch, c/o the Post, or drop down for an interview.

## LADIES AUXILIARY

The weather says Spring is not far away!

The Penny Bingo on Tuesdays is in full swing and besides working hard at the bingo, many members bake for the monthly tea cup auction.



Department President, Lucille Brown has been honored for 60 years of membership in our Auxiliary. Congratulations, Lucille.

We are still collecting Campbell and Swanson soup labels. They are sent to VFW National Home to help purchase items for the home.



In April at our regular meeting we will be holding election of officers. Please attend and lend your support to the organization. If you have any intentions, please let them be known as nominations and elections are the same night.

**April 18, 2010** will be District 4 convention in Burlington, VT. 8 am meeting.

**April 24, 2010** will be Department meeting in Morrisville, VT. Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 pm.

Blood Drawing. The American Legion Auxiliary and the VFW Auxiliary are hosting a blood drawing on **May 3, 2010**. The drawing will be held at the American Legion and will be in honor of our Veterans. Watch for the event "Dedicated to Men and Women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States".

In May, remember our meeting on **May 10, 2010** at 6:30 pm.

Buddy Poppy Distribution will be **May 21 & 22, 2010**. Contact Lucy Pearo if you can help. The money collected goes into our relief fund to help Veterans.

As always, St. Albans will have a Memorial Day Parade and ceremony in Taylor Park.

**June 11, 12, 13, 2010** will be the VFW Department Convention in Brattleboro.

Respectfully,  
*Sheila Spaulding*  
Ladies Auxiliary President

### DID YOU KNOW?

YOUR POST HAS MANY MEDICAL RELATED ITEMS (HOSPITAL BEDS, WHEELCHAIRS, CRUTCHES, ETC) TO LOAN AND ON THAT SUBJECT, ALL THIS EQUIPMENT WAS ORGANIZED BY CHRIS MESICK AND HIS LOVELY WIFE. A BIG THANK YOU TO THEM AND AS YOU WILL READ ELSEWHERE IN THIS LETTER, TWO NEW WHEELCHAIRS WERE PROCURED BY OUR FINE MEN'S AUXILIARY, LED BY AUXILIARY MEMBER, TRAVIS ROCHELEAU. THANKS TO THEM.



### SAFETY OFFICER

Well folks, ice is about gone, boats and camps are being made ready, but remember this is Vermont and keep those snow tires on "only Betsy" because Old Man Winter just likes to visit the area about that time. So all you Comrades play it safe this spring.

- John Baraby  
Chairman

## MENS AUXILIARY

Our Annual Dinner Dance was held on March 6th. A great time was had by everyone. A big thank you goes out to all those involved in putting this together.



This being said, don't forget our Annual Chicken BBQ, which will be held **Sunday, May 30th**. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be available at the club. Serving will be at noon 'til gone. And don't forget our raffle that is going on and will be drawn on the day of the Chicken BBQ.



1st Prize:  
2nd Prize:  
3rd Prize:

Screened-In Tent  
VT Teddy Bear  
Homemade Bird House  
made by Bob Handy

A big thank you goes out to Travis Rocheleau for getting two brand new wheelchairs donated from Northwestern Medical Center here in St. Albans. Travis put in a lot of time and effort on this and we thank him. The Post and everyone appreciate this very much. The chairs will be used a lot.

Just a friendly reminder that your 2010 dues are now due. We would like 100% again this year. So please pay them ASAP. And for course, our meetings are on the 1st of every month. All paid members are welcome. We would like your input and ideas. See you there.

For God and Country,  
*Jay West*  
Vice President

## ADJUTANTS REPORT



To all readers of our newsletter, no your hard working Mail Carrier did not forget you. Due to a series of events, your Adjutant and other Officers (since it would be too late into the new year before we could get one out), decided to wait until the April issue to begin a quarterly newsletter. I wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary President, Sheila Spaulding for doing such a great job on the publicity for the events that took place during this period. As you all must know by now, a large contingent of Vermont National Guard Troops are being deployed to Afghanistan and there are local agencies giving aid and support to both the families and the troops themselves. To offer any assistance, contact the Post, Attn. Dan Hamel, to receive further information. By now, most of the Members of our three "Units" know that Community Service is one of the VFW's Premier projects and Post 758 and it's Auxiliaries are always among the top Posts in Community Service activity and reporting. Reporting by all Posts to national headquarters helps the VFW show the National that it is more than a bunch of Veterans sitting around drinking beer and telling war stories. A lot of you, no matter which "Unit" you're a Member of, are able to assist by letting us know of the "good deeds" within your Community. I know many of you are involved in some kind of Youth projects, just fill out the form and mail it to the Post. In advance, the Post thanks you.

Post Adjutant  
*Mike Corrado*

## VIETNAM VETERANS NEWS

Well it's now Daylight Savings Time once again, as the days get longer and the weather gets nicer.

If everything goes well, the VVA will be selling tickets for a Charter Boat Fishing Trip, spring and fall on Lake Champlain in hopes to make a little money!

I am also running for President of VVA for another year in hopes of your vote.

We are also looking for new members or associates. Thank you,

Richard Warren  
VA President



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



The Marine Corps League will be looking for members to march in the Maple Festival on **May 2nd**.

We are also looking for new members so if anyone knows of a man or woman who we might get as a new member, please refer them to me, Richard Warrn or Larry L'Esperance, and we would be glad to have them as a member.

Our meetings are held at the VFW the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M.

Thanks,

Commandant Richard

## DID YOU KNOW?

LARRY L'ESPERANCE INFORMS ME THAT THERE WERE SOME WINNERS IN OUR "CHARITABLE" DRAWINGS, BUT A WHOLE LOT OF LOSERS. SO DO NOT BE A "LOSERS"- STOP IN AND SIGN UP. A HINT, THURSDAYS, EARLY EVENING IS A GOOD TIME.

## SERVICE OFFICER

Presumptive Agent Orange Exposure for some Navy crews: The VA has made a list of vessels that were in blue waters that could be exposed to Agent Orange, better known as Brown Water Operation. Anyone needing this information can contact Curtis Brown, Post Service Officer for the long list of ship names I have on file - **CONFIDENTIAL**.

I urge all Veterans to register with the VA. You never know if you many need the service in the future. If I can be of any help, plesae give me a call.

Curtis Brown  
Service Officer

## TAPS

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

Roy Baker - PO Box 628, Bennington, St. Albans  
James Fendley - 8 Johnson St., Bennington  
Robert Demar - 690 Sherman St., Bennington  
Merlin Grand - 62 Olive St., Bennington  
James Hale - 17 Demond St., St. Albans  
Philip Marsha - 1186 Main St., Bennington  
Frank Pennard - 43 Doris Drive, Milton  
Clyde Williams - Bennington

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

As the final semester of the school year winds down, for anyone, anywhere, many volunteers are needed to assist in many ways for many organizations in youth sports this summer. Now is a great time to start planning ahead for those two youth "contests", "Voice of Democracy" for high school students and "Patriots Pen" for grades six through eight. These can be rewarding for both the student and the school, so if you have youths in your family in these categories, contact Christine Brown, c/o Ladies Auxiliary Post 758, and the "how to get started" will be sent to you and possibly the information might be in the next issue. - Remember, the youth of today are tomorrow's leaders.

- Allan Brown

## DID YOU KNOW?

THAT CURT BROWN WAS DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 1981-1982, AND FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011 HIS SON ALLAN BROWN WILL BE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER. THIS FATHER AND SON, EACH DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS! THEY ARE A FIRST TO MY KNOWLEDGE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS HIGHT HONOR WITHIN THE VFW.

## QUARTERMASTERS "SEA-BAG" MATES -

I bet you thought that I'm going to "bug" you all about unpaid dues, "belay" that the Membership Chairman told me, I know their dues "are in the mail" said he, so don't let him down. Now for my two cents worth, I spend a lot of time at the Post and this gives me a chance to see what this Post has to offer the Members. One important component of the overall benefit of belonging is the family atmosphere at most all functions, young and not so young having a great time. So I say to myself, "Mitch, I think all the time I put in is well worth the effort". The moral of it all is simply, if you haven't given it a try, please do so and I think once you see what we are all about, we will see a lot more of you at our events. Well I see it's about time to close up my old "sea bag", so until later...

-Mitch

Your Quartermaster



## AMERICANISM

Comrades and the Ladies and Men of our Auxiliaries, spring has finally arrived and your Color Guard has posted the colors at the Department Commander and President's Banquet in Springfield, VT. And now the "Americanism" season begins for the Color Guard and I hope for all of you, because another VFW high priority project is Americanism. Displaying the National Color is one way, another way, no matter where you live is to "fall out" for all patriotic parades and ceremonies. A great example is the youth of St. Albans who now are in attendance in large numbers and showing both respect and enthusiasm, aimed at the participants and the ceremony. This we also see in all corners of Vermont that we parade in. And these are the ones that we want to reach. So in closing, I hope to see a lof of you as we "march" around Vermont and further. And remember our deployed Natoinal Guard Comrades in your prayers.

-Mike Corrado

## DID YOU KNOW?

THAT THE POST AND AUXILIARIES, WITH MUCH EFFORT FROM STEVE LAREAU, PUT ON A SUPER NEW YEAR'S PARTY WITH A BAND STEVE FOUND. THE BAND "WOWED" THE CROW AND A RETURN ENGAGEMENT IS ALREADY IN THE WORKS FOR THIS COMING NEW YEAR'S.

### CANTEEN CORNER

We have to give the "staff" a big thank you for the way the Canteen has been decorated for every holiday since Christmas. It made the lounge very warm and friendly and they intend to keep it up throughout the year. On weekends there usually are free snacks and surprise "dishes". The "George Storck" pool room is there for your enjoyment, great popcorn is always ready to snack on and of course, your favorite beverage, served to you by our friendly staff. So drop in, you and your family will be warmly greeted. 'Til then, "cheers" from the house committee and Canteen Staff.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Yes our Post website 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 and event starts, check our Post calendar. If one of our members become sick or goes in 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 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 is:

[www.vfwpost758.com](http://www.vfwpost758.com)

My email address is:



Cheers, Cliff Smith

*The newsletter is edited and published by Post Adjutant, M. F. Corrado, under the authority of the Post Commander and Auxiliary Presidents.*

Our 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 way is the placement of the flags on the graves of departed comrades, and for this we thank them.

Francis R. Potter, Membership 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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