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POST #758 & AUXILIARIES

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.

NEWSLETTER #6

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010

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COMING EVENTS

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

Meetings:

Men's Auxiliary - 1st Monday each month.
Ladies' Auxiliary - 2nd Mondy each month.
Post Meetings - 3rd Monday each month.
Please try to attend your meetings!

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER - JANUARY

- October 16th** - Ladies Auxiliary membership dinner-dance at 6pm. All 2011 paid up are free. All others \$8.00 each. Roast beef and Comrade Samuel Band.
- October 23rd** - Dep't. Council Meeting - Swanton Post #778. Lunch at 12 noon, meeting 1 pm.
- October 30th** - Post Membership Dinner-Dance. 6pm, Roast Pork dinner, all 2011 paid members are free - all others \$8.00 (band?)
- November 13th** - Annual Christmas Craft Sale 9am til 5pm.
- November 21st** - District #4 meeting at our St. Albans Post #758. Lunch at 12 noon, meeting at 1pm.
- December 4th** - Children's Christmas Party - 1pm
You will need to sign up your child in Nov. with age & sex so gifts can be purchased.
- December 11th** - Our Post and Auxiliaries will be serving our annual Christmas dinner for our St. Albans Town Fire Dep't.
- December 31st - New Year's Eve** - Again this year we will have that wonderful band back. They are The Working Man's Band. Admission \$15.00 & bring a dish to share. Remember the good time we had last year.
- January 8th, 2011** - Our annual Egg-Nog Party with entertainment. At 6pm and bring a snack for the table.
- January 15th, 2011** - The VVA Chapter #753 will be having their Christmas Dinner-Dance. More info. to come.



POST COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades, Ladies, Men of our fine auxiliaries and the VVA and Marin Corps League:

As we enter the last quarter of 2010 and as we reflect back on the previous nine months and look ahead to Fall and the beginning of Winter as this period is the Holiday season, we all can be proud of the many accomplishments of the Post and its Auxiliaries along with the National organizations now involved in working hand in hand with the other Veterans organizations to see that all veterans, past, present and those still in "harms way" around the globe, and our future veterans are and will receive all the hard-earned benefits they have earned. Post 758, it's auxiliaries and "Brother" units, support and work towards the same goal.

In closing, you will, as you read this letter, be informed of how and why you as members can help keep your Post and associated Units among the finest in our great State.

Have a wonderful and joyous Fall and Winter.

Dan Hamel
Post Commander

Richard Warren
Senior Vice Commander

Gary Jewett
Vice Commander



PLEASE NOTE:

VVA meetings are still the third Tuesday of the month. The pot luck dishes have been working out well. We have set a date for VVA Christmas party for JANUARY 15th - POT LUCK SUPPER WITH ADAMS BAND PLAYING. All members are to bring a dish - social hour 6pm to 7pm, and dinner from 7pm to 8pm. The band starts at 8pm. Members can bring one guest at no charge. Each member may bring two additional guests at \$5.00 each plus a dinner dish. ALSO LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS OR ASSOCIATES!

Marine Corps League meeting is still the third Saturday of the month at 10:00am. Marine Corps League supper was held the last Saturday (18th) and a good crowd of about 45 and a real good supper was served by the VFW. Thanks to them for the good meal. Marine Corps League will be at Marines Funeral in Swanton.

LADIES AUXILIARY

As we speak fall is arriving. The leaves are turning beautiful colors and soon will be falling to the ground. This newsletter will cover October, November, and December.

Auxiliary Membership dinner is October 16, 2010 at 6pm. Enjoy a free roast beef dinner with your 2011 paid membership dues. Each member can bring a guest which will pay \$8. Sign up is required with Lucy Pearo at [CONFIDENTIAL](#) Band to follow.

Dues for 2011 are coming in and we are now at about 60% of our total membership. We would like to be at 100% by December 31st. Consider buying a life membership that way you will never forget to pay your dues. Josephine Rocheleau is Membership Chairman and her committee would be glad to pick up your dues.

Cancer Aid and Research is a very important program in the auxiliary. To earn money for this program we are raffling a beautiful Quilted Wall Hanging. Drawing will be at the membership dinner. For tickets call Martha Ohliger [CONFIDENTIAL](#). We also have cancer pins from the President for sale for \$2. They make a nice little gift.

Cancer Grants are available on the National and our Auxiliary level. We hope no one needs to use one but if so do not hesitate to call for one. Call either Sheila Spaulding [CONFIDENTIAL](#) Christine Brown [CONFIDENTIAL](#)

October 23, 2010 is our Council Meeting in Swanton at 1pm. Bring a non perishable food for Make a Difference Day. This will go to the local food bank.

Penny Bingo is up and running again. If you get a chance drop in to play or at least check out how smoothly these ladies work this bingo.

Children's Christmas Party is December 4, 2010. This is open to children and grandchildren of members. Sign up sheet will be out in October or November.

Christmas Bazaar was a big success last year and is scheduled for November 13th. This includes food (lunch), decorations, gifts, crafts, candy and much more. Look for Santa to greet shoppers.

November 6, 2010 is the Statewide Boy Scouts Veteran's Day Parade. This year it will be here in St. Albans. Ladies I challenge members to march. We need to honor our Veterans and what better way than a parade. Call Christine Brown 524-[CONFIDENTIAL](#) or Sheila Spaulding [CONFIDENTIAL](#) for more info.

The Auxiliary will be raffling off a beautiful handmade queen size quilt to benefit the Color Guard. We will have photos of the quilt and tickets to start the raffle in October.

Voice of Democracy for high school students and Patriot's Pen for 6-8 grade students Essay Contests are due November 1, 2010. Brochures are in the schools or you may call Christine Brown [CONFIDENTIAL](#)

Respectfully,
Sheila Spaulding
VFW #758 Auxiliary President



SAFETY COMMITTEE

As "Mitch" informed us, "the leaves are falling" so the kids are back in school, bicycles are out both with the kids and the adults, and fall sports are in full swing at our fields and playgrounds. With all this activity, "caution" is the rule to follow. Before winter sets in, have your heating plants put into A-one shape - if you burn wood, check those chimneys and last but not least, get your vehicles ready for winter. Above all, "be safe".

John Baraby
Safety Chair



MENS AUXILIARY

Hope everyone had a great summer. Once again fall is here and again the holidays. Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our annual Pork Roast BBQ was a huge success. A great time was had by everyone. What a wonderful crowd. A big thank you goes out to Jo Rocheleau for making the baked beans - they were great. Thanks to Tommy Underwood & Dayton Brown for doing a fantastic job cooking the pork loins and everyone else involved. Working together proves we can get things done. And also a big thank you goes out to the club for getting the band. Good food and good music. Thank you.

Again we will be having a "New Years" eve party. Red Stellar and The Working Man's Ban will be here. Again this will be "pot luck". Please bring a dish if you can. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person. Only 100 tickets will be sold so please get them early. We will be eating at 7pm with music from 8pm till. Party favors at midnight, snacks and coffee as well. Tickets will be available at the bar in December for this event. For more info, call Steve Lareau at [CONFIDENTIAL](#)

Just a quick note to remind you that our 2011 dues are now being accepted. Let's try for 100%. If you know someone who could be a member, bring them to the club and find out and we'll sign them up. If there's something anyone would like to put in our (Mens Auxiliary) newsletter, please let me know and I'll do my best to get it in. Till next time.

Happy Holidays
For "God and Country",

C. Jay West
Senior Vice President



DID YOU KNOW?

THAT THE NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE LAST YEAR, PUT ON BY THE POST AND THE TWO AUXILIARIES, WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND THIS YEAR THE SAME BAND WILL BE PLAYING. SO CHECK OUT THIS "LETTER" CLOSELY AS MORE INFO WILL BE GIVEN.

ADJUTANTS REPORT

Comrades and the ladies and men of our Auxiliaries,

As you may know by now the Veterans of Foreign Wars have many programs in the categories of - Community Service, Americanism, Youth Activities, Scouting & Safety - and during the year most of the Membership volunteer their services in at least one or more of these categories and being members you can and should report what you do to the Post by using the "Volunteer registration form" on the back of this letter. What you do through the whole year may be incorporated in one form and these forms are usable for all categories, giving the program time and monies used plus mileage used in that project. Examples - Youth = take grandchildren to a sport event, etc. - Community Service = hospital, nursing home, etc., non-family visitations, Community Volunteer Committees, Neighborhood Watch. Volunteer "clean up" details, mow neighbor's lawn, etc. safety, volunteer snow clean-up, volunteer to repair unsafe areas around a house for a "disabled" person, etc. These are just a few suggestions so if you volunteer, report it to the Post.

Last but not least, as I am now fully "retired", I spend more time at the Post and in doing so I notice that Men's Auxiliary member Bob Hardy is many times doing a lot of odd jobs around the Post - all volunteer time - so a big thank you to Bob.

And in closing, for all the Officers, Appointees, Committees and Canteen staff, along with the Color Guard, wish all of you the very best for the coming Holidays and a warm "Welcome Home" to the Troops.

Mike Corrado
Adjutant



DID YOU KNOW?

THAT THE LADIES AND MENS AUXILIARIES ARE AMONG THE FINEST AND MOST ACTIVE IN THE STATE AND BEYOND, GIVING THE ASSISTANCE TO THE POST THAT WE COULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT. SO A BIG VFW "HATS OFF" AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

AMERICANISM UPDATE

Rutland, Schuylerville, New York, Brattleboro, Georgia, Morrisville, Belvedere, Enosburg Falls, Randolph, East Fairfield, Lyndonville, Springfield, St. Albans (4) and Indianapolis, Indiana were the places your Post Color Guard traveled to to participate in parades or ceremonies since last February. In Schuylerville, for the third year in a row they took first place in the "Best Veterans Marching Unit" category and in Indianapolis, third place in Color Guard Competition at the National Convention. And they finish out the year with two parades here in St. Albans.

And on that note let me remind all Members that on November 6th, the state-wide Boy Scouts "Salute to Veterans" will take place in St. Albans and I urge all local Veterans along with their extended family to turn out for that and the parade and ceremony on the 11th, as should all who live away, fall out for ceremonies in your area. For the 6th, let's get the word out as there have been 11 others around the state so as Veterans, let us show the rest of the State how we support the Veteran.

Mike Corrado
Americanism Officer



DID YOU KNOW?

POST 758 HAS A VERY FINE HALL WITH FIRST CLASS KITCHEN FACILITIES THAT MAY BE "RENTED" FOR YOUR SPECIAL OCCASIONS. JUST CALL THE POST BETWEEN 10 AM AND 8 PM FOR DETAILS AND PRICING.

QUARTERMASTERS "SEA BAG"

Mates and all those Comrades of those Units associated with Post 758,

As the leaves turn color and tumble to the ground, so we Mortals may gather them off our lawns, etc. The conventions are finished, new Officers are in place and eager to keep the VFW ship on a course that ends up at the Port of "VFW Program fulfillment." This can only be accomplished by all Members "leaning" on the oars. In most previous "letters" the Way, The How and the Reason have been explained many times. So recapping, the VFW is About and for all Veterans though primarily those VFW eligible and their Families, Our Community, our Youth, our Sick and infirm, many in "extended care" facilities. You may contact the Post and any and all questions on "the why, how and the reasons" will be explained on how you, the Members, are urged to reap the benefits of the VFW and also in your own way, "Grab hold of an Oar".

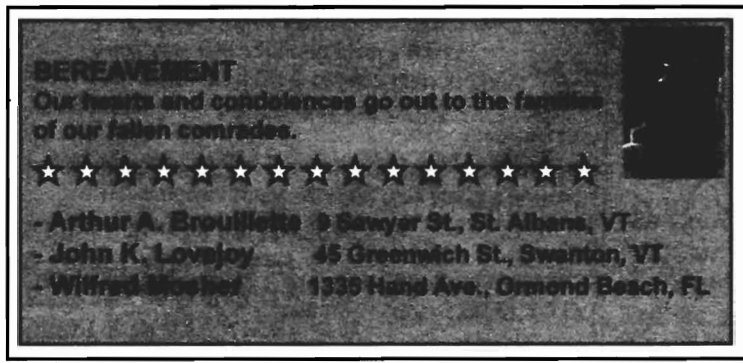
Also, 2010/2011 dues may be paid, (\$25.00) . Also check on you Life Membership program.

See the back of this newsletter on how to contact the Post.



Mitch Melton
Quartermaster

TAPS



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Comrades and all associated Members,

Our last newsletter had most all the "how to get started info" on both the VOD and Patriotic Pen oral and written essay programs. For those who contacted us to receive the details, we thank you and it is still not too late to get started but you must hurry. These are the two most rewarding programs of all the Youth Activities programs so we implore those with children from grade six through twelve to find out about them. If not for this year, get a head start on next year.

Also, Youth Activities encompasses any activity that Youth may be involved with and there are many opportunities for all "Unit" Members to volunteer their services to assist in any way you might have expertise in or just for the joy of helping our Youth. To receive any or all info on Youth Activities and your Youth's participation, contact us at the listed ways and it will be forthcoming. Note, any member with connections with a school should contact us on how your school can participate in the VOD and Patriotic Pen programs. Also, a correction from the last letter = those in Swanton, Highgate and Franklin- for info contact Post 778 in Swanton.

In advance thanking you for your interest,

Allan and Christine Brown
Post and Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairs



DID YOU KNOW?

THE 12TH ANNUAL "STATE-WIDE" BOY SCOUT SPONSORED PARADE AND CEREMONY WILL BE IN ST. ALBANS ON NOVEMBER 6TH, AND A LARGE TURN OUT OF "LOCALS" WOULD BE GREAT. ALSO YOUR POST 758 COLOR GUARD HAS PARTICIPATED IN ALL THE PREVIOUS 11 PLUS THE TWO IN HUNTINGTON THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THEM. WATCH FOR THE FULL AGENDA IN LOCAL PUBLICATIONS.

MEMBERSHIP

I guess I sound like a broken record (you do remember them?), but Membership is the backbone of the VFW, yes we are in friendly competition with the other Posts in the State. The spirit of competition is healthy, but the plain truth is that the more Members, the more we can do for you the Veteran and your families. This is possible because when we bring forth programs, local state and National, Membership is very important. You now hear the words "Family Friendly Post" and that is what your Post is - we strive to give all the membership, the older member to the youngest, male, female, all their children - and soon to add to our Pool room as the future calls for modern electronic games, etc. to be available. This is where the younger Members with their input at meetings will be invaluable for future planning. So now I ask you to pay your dues (\$25.00) early, also inquire about our Life Member program.

In Comradeship,

F. Potter
Membership Chair



POST SERVICE OFFICER

Once again I urge all Veterans that haven't registered with the VA to do so. Many illnesses are caused by the Agent Orange. All you need to do is prove you were in that area. If you think you may be effected in any way, you should make a claim.

If I can be of any help, please contact me **CONFIDENTIAL**

Curtis Brown
Service Officer



CANTEEN UPDATE

As always as the holidays approach, your Canteen will be decorated in the proper theme. Don't forget that our pool table can be played without a charge. Also, as the weather is nice, the deck is a fine place to relax with friends. As the temperature begins to fall our "Crock Pot" free entrees will be available on Friday evenings along with your favorite beverages. Two TV's for your enjoyment and for you "Game Show" addicts, the place in the afternoon is in the Canteen. As always all suggestions will be considered by the Committee. Finally, why not stop down on Thursday evenings and sign up for our charitable drawing and join the crowd and enjoy the free hot popcorn and the camaraderie of the Membership. Here's hoping to see you soon.

The House and Canteen Staff

How to Contact VFW Post #758

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

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

Email:  net

Attn. The Officer or Committee to handle your inquiry.

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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