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POST #758 & AUXILIARIES

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.

NEWSLETTER #10

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011

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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:

Start at 18:30 Hrs. / "Chow" at 18:00 Hrs.
Men's Auxiliary - 1st Monday each month.
Ladies' Auxiliary - 2nd Monday each month.
Post Meetings - 3rd Monday each month.
Please try to attend your meetings!

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Oct. 8th, 2011 - LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DINNER/DANCE

[Paid up members=no charge] Note! Your dues may be paid at the door. Guests=\$8.00. Menu = Ham w/all the trimmings. Hall opens at 17:00 hrs, serving at 18:00 hrs, then dance to the Conrad Samuels Band and as always, reservations are requested. Please call or stop down to reserve.

Oct. 9th, 2011 - TEXAS HOLD'EM AT POST 758 Start up at 12 Noon

Oct. 22nd, 2011 - DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICERS OUTREACH SEMINAR

Veterans with any questions about their benefits should plan to attend. Seminar starts at 8:00 til 14:00. Coffee/donuts served.

Oct. 22nd, 2011 - POST MEMBERSHIP DINNER/DANCE

Hall open at 17:00 hrs [paid up member- no charge] Note! Dues may be paid at the door. The menu a this time is "It's a Surprise" which will be served at 18:00hrs, then dance to the Conrad Samuels Band and as always, reservations are requested. Please call or stop down to reserve.

Dec. 3rd, 2011 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Featuring Santa. Sign up sheet will be posted at the Post. Any questions, contact the Post.

Dec. 10th, 2011 - ST. ALBANS TOWN VOLUNTEER FIREMEN DINNER

Hosted by the Post. For the firemen and their guests.

Dec. 31st, 2011 - GALA NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
Post and Auxiliaries. Hall opens at 17:00 hrs, Chow=Pot-Luck and is from 18:00 to 19:30 hrs. Dance to the Conrad Samuels Band till 2012 - party favors furnished. All this for \$15/person - tickets available at the Post Canteen, also committee members will "canvas" members and guests who attended previous New Years parties.



PLEASE NOTE!

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



POST "LINE OFFICERS" CORNER

Comrades, Ladies, Men of the Auxiliaries,

As we enter into the last quarter of 2011, let us define exactly ours and hopefully your perception of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the role Post 758 and its Auxiliaries play in accomplishing the goals set forth by the National Organization. First and foremost is to insure that all Veterans, past, present and future, are represented at the National, State and Local level to insure that all entitlements promised them are forthcoming in a timely manner. Second is to provide a Post Home where ALL Veterans and their families can take advantage of the many changes Post 758 has undertaken during the past few years in order to satisfy the needs of ALL our members - and with the assistance of our Auxiliaries are still moving forward. Third, to be of great assistance to our communities, our elderly and infirm, our youth and to further Americanism and patriotism in many endeavors. The Veterans of Foreign Wars has many programs that, when followed, cover all the aforementioned projects.

Last but not least is of course MEMBERSHIP, the lifeblood of any organization. We all realize "times are a changing" and with the age of technology upon us, Post 758 is doing its best to adapt. Therefore we need you, the membership for: [A] suggestions, [B] recruiting new members - this you have heard and read many times but now more than ever we ask that you "lend a hand" as we are sure you know a Veteran, young or older, male or female (in many Posts our female veterans are becoming valuable Post Members), [C] stop down either just to look around or attend a Post or Auxiliary meeting and bring that possible new member with you.

In this letter many of our programs will be explained and if you have any questions, just contact us at the listings posted in this issue.

In comradeship and through this quarter, enjoy the holidays.

Mike Corrado, Commander

Larry L'Esperance, Sr. Vice Commander

Dan Hamel, Jr. Vice Commander

VIETNAM VETERANS

Sept. 19th we held a supper dance at the American Legion Post #11. On Sept. 20th our meeting night was a ladies night. I'd like to thank Pete Poquette and other members of the Legion for their help and also Larry L'Esperance. I would also like to thank Pat Winegar for his help and work with the Color Guard. We are always looking for new members or associates. Our meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm and as always a potluck supper before the meeting. Thank you.

Richard Warren, President

How to Contact VFW Post #758

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

All Inquiries: Attn. the Officer or Committee you wish information from.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Good news from the VFW National Convention in San Antonio. Christine Brown, Veteran and Family Support Department Chairman received 1st place award for Best Promotion of the National Military Service Program. Gloria Bechard was named Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in the Nation. Our Auxillary received a Silver Award from VFW National Home for monies donated. Thanks to our delegates for representing our Auxillary in Texas.

National dues will be increasing on January 1st. This means that we will probably be seeing an increase on the Department level. That being said dues paid by December 31, 2011 will be at the same price of \$15.00. We need 180 more dues to be 100%. If you would like someone to pick up your dues payment please call Sheila at [REDACTED]. Thank you in advance.

October 8, 2011 is the Ladies Membership Dinner. Dinner is at 6pm with a Band to follow. Menu is Ham. Free to Auxiliary members with paid up dues for 2011. They are entitled to bring a guest for the cost of \$8.00. Sign up is required. Please call Lucy Pearo [REDACTED]. Limited seating available.

The Children's Christmas Party is December 3, 2011. Sign up sheet will be up in the bar soon. Please list the child's name and age. Open to member's children and grandchildren.

Quilt Raffle tickets are available from Auxiliary members. Money earned will go to the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation. Tickets will be available at the membership dinner also.

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay contests are available to High School Students and 6-8 students. Pamphlets have been brought to schools but if you are in need of one call Christine Brown [REDACTED].

In closing I would like to mention that at our September meeting the auxiliary sisters observed the remembrance of September 11th by distributing Remembrance Poppies and POW/MIA Day by holding a Missing Man Ceremony. May we never forget their sacrifices.

Respectfully,

Sheila Spaulding, President



JUST A THOUGHT

Wear a smile and
have friends,
wear a scowl and
have wrinkles.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Comrades and all, I could probably do 500 words on that subject this time of year, but I will be brief, "When in doubt, cease and desist" and read the manual or get a professional's advice. Above all, be careful in all endeavors.

A safe and happy holiday season -

John Baraby, Chairman



MENS AUXILIARY

Hello everyone. Hope a nice summer was had by all. Just a couple of quick notes. Our annual Pork Roast was a great success. Want to thank Dayton and Tom for a wonderful job cooking the pork. Also want to thank Lucy Perras for doing a fantastic job in making the baked beans and Ed & Jennie Royer for the corn cooker and for helping us out. Everybody involved did a wonderful job.

We also held our Fall Raffle

1st Prize: Bird House - Curt "Dirty" Brown

2nd Prize: VT Teddy Bear - Lucy Brown

3rd Prize: \$25.00 Gas Card - Bill Bronson



Congratulations to our winners!

Not sure when the next newsletter will be out so from the Mens Auxillary to all of you, Happy Holidays.

There will be no December meeting. Remember our meetings are on the 1st Monday of every month. James Raymond was our N/R pick from our last meeting. The pot was \$158. Sorry Jim. If you know anyone who would like to be a member and is eligible, please let us know.

For God and Country,

C. Jay West, Sr. Vice President

JUST A THOUGHT

We'd worry a lot less about
what people think of us if we
realized they almost never
give us a thought.

AMERICANISM

Comrades, [note that includes our fine members of our Auxiliaries], your Post Color Guard was in attendance at BFA St. Albans for a 9/11 Memorial on the following Monday. It was held on the front steps with the band assembled in front. Also in attendance were local firemen and with members of the VVA, the student body as a whole were assembled from the sidewalk all along in front of the school. The memorial service was poignant and as the national anthem was played, I watched as we were facing them, the students almost to a person were attentive and during the short speech the same was the norm.

Yes comrades, patriotism is alive and well with our youth.

Now for our membership, the recognition of Veterans Day begins in Springfield, VT on 11/5/11 with the statewide Veterans Appreciation Parade, sponsored by the "Scouting Community". If possible, it is worth getting together and make the trip, then locally parades and ceremonies on 11/11/11. Near or far "fall out" and show our youth and others your respect for fellow Veterans, past present and all our service men and women. As a footnote, the Post Guard won the Bronze Medal for placing third in the Color Guard Competition at the National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Thanks for the men and women who participated. Comrades, remember Americanism is a 24/7 project.

Have fulfilling holidays.

JUST A THOUGHT

Living in the past
is lots of fun,
Besides it's cheaper.

MEMBERSHIP

Comrades, most of you read your magazines you receive from each of the Veterans organizations you belong to. Therefore it is safe to assume that you understand, even though most of us have "crossover" membership in these organizations, that our membership in each of these organizations is very important when our national, state and local representatives are standing up for not only Veterans rights but those of all citizens of the nation, state and community. This boils down to the fact that your membership in all Veterans organizations you may belong to is very important.

Comrades, the "dues notices" have been mailed so please respond and most of you in our locale must know someone who had tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq in all branches of our Armed Services. If so, explain that the Veterans of Foreign Wars has much to offer the Veteran regardless of age, male or female. We are changing with the times and their input will be valuable in completing our journey into the 21st century.

Come down and check us out this fall and through the holiday season, which we hope will be joyful.

Francis Potter and Mitch Melton

JUST A THOUGHT

The trouble with making mental notes is that the ink dries too fast.

QUARTERMASTERS SEA BAG

Mates, as we sail into fall then the rough weather as old man winter blows in, the many programs that the Veterans of Foreign Wars are in "full speed ahead". These include our Youth Activity programs, "Voice of Democracy" - oral essay contest for high school students and "Patriot's Pen" - written essay contest for students grades 6 thru 8. These are two very worthwhile programs that students in those categories can take advantage of so Mates, read and act on the Youth Activity section of this newsletter. Then there are many ways that you can get involved in Community Service that will be explained further on.

Of course do not forget Americanism, Post activities, Safety in and outside the home and last but not least, MEMBERSHIP that's the fuel this Post gets its "head of steam" from.

Have a great fall/winter and come on down.

Mitch, Quartermaster

LARRY'S LOSERS

Well Comrades, in the last three months I am happy to say we had quite a few winners so this time just let me remind you to stop in and sign up and you also could be a winner.

Also, I am happy to announce that the "Queen of Hearts" is "visiting" your Post - another reason to stop in and check out the "rules" in place to handle "royalty".

Till next time, Larry L. wishes "luck to all for the holidays".

SERVICE OFFICER'S CORNER

Comrades, as I have been doing the important duty of being a Service Officer for quite a while, I know many of you have not taken advantage of the many benefits that the VA has to offer. Therefore your Post will be hosting a Department Service Officers "Outreach" seminar at our Post Home on October 22, 8:00 till 14:00 with coffee and donuts available. For all you local Veterans, this is a chance to listen, ask questions and find out in what ways you may be eligible to receive the many benefits the VA has to offer. Also, this seminar should dispel any of the many rumors that abound and give you the straight information and facts.

And as always, Larry and I are here to assist you in many ways that you may need assistance. Remember, your Post is here to assist you.

Hoping to see you on Oct. 22nd and if you know a Veteran, young or old, member or not, please bring him or her along.

In closing, have a great fall and holidays. Visit a Vet.

Curt Brown, Service Officer



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Comrades, schools are now in session and our Post Quartermaster mentioned the youth essay contests, "Voice of Democracy" for those students in high school and "Patriot's Pen" for students in grades 6 thru 8. Comrades, if any relative, friend, etc. falls in those categories, these are very worthwhile programs for them to be involved in. If a student is interested, first call [802] 524-3756 or e-mail gmcorrado@msn.com for the basic information. If you are interested in going further, your contact information will be given to us by Commander Corrado and we will contact you with full particulars. If you hurry, there is still time to enroll your student. Any teachers reading this, especially English teachers, you can contact Commander Corrado for information on this program [Note! Commander Corrado, due to his availability during the day will "pipeline" as time is short]. Also, have you thought about "scouting" for the youths in your family? If so, contact the Post, attention Allan and Christine Brown and we will be forthcoming with information on how to become involved with "scouting". In closing, we know that a lot of our members are involved in youth activities, i.e. sports, drama and other extra curricular activities, so please let us know about them by contacting the Post, attention Youth either by regular or e-mail.

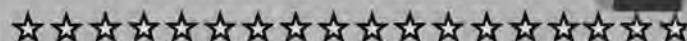
The best for the holiday season.

Allan and Christine Brown



BEREAVEMENT

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



Joseph W. Kittell --- Bakersfield, VT

Robert E. Messier --- Highgate Center, VT

Leonard A. Peace --- Hillsborough, NH

Raymond Gladdin --- St. Albans, VT



CANTEEN REPORT (and other "going's on")

To all, as usual your Canteen will be decorated to go along with the season and holidays. Friday Eve. "Crock Pot" will have many delicious surprises along with other snacks from time to time. The "George Storck" pool room is getting a lot of use so join us because good and bad shots are welcome. Our Canteen is in operation for the benefit of our members and guests along with our banquet hall and modern kitchen. For more details contact the Post, the best time being from 12 Noon and 10pm. The House Committee has added the "Queen of Hearts" to our "game list" and has also installed a new Wi Fi along with a 42 in. TV in the hall for use with the Wii game unit with all the attachments. Our capable Entertainment Committee headed by Dave Bruley are working out tournaments, etc. that we can get going in the near future for teams young or old, including family against family, which is part of the "family friendly" Post we are striving for. Of course your input is always welcome. So until we see you, best wishes for the upcoming holidays.

Your Canteen Staff and Your House Committee

Our hall rent is reasonable! Check it out if you are planning a function.

Note: To reserve in advance, you may stop in the Canteen or call in your requests. Either way, if you find you are unable to attend, please let us know.

Note: Should you know of anyone who might need assistance of any kind, Veteran or not, let us know. The Post may not in all cases be able to help but we will try hard to find someone who can. Also should your dues be a burden just let Mitch know and something can be worked out.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

First let me thank all who were active in community service and let us know about it including hours / monies spent, as Post 758 for the second time in the last four years was the Department of Vermont's "Outstanding" Community Service Post. This backs up what we say; that the Veterans of Foreign Wars is an integral organization within the community structure for the town it serves. That being said, starting with the start of fall through winter seasons and the holidays, there are so many chances that will arise for you, the members of the Post and Auxiliaries, to participate in and perform community service. If you do, we ask you to report it to us in the many ways listed in our "how to contact" section. You can also get the information to us, including Americanism and Safety related things you do for others by emailing to gmcorrado@msn.com. Again you can see that the Veterans of Foreign Wars are people helping people.

Enjoy the seasons and holidays.

Allan Brown, Tim Hodet, Mike Corrado and Christine Brown

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Our new officers were voted in on the 24th of September. Marine Corps League member Roger Cornell has been nominated to take my place. Our meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Looking for new members and younger members. Marine Sargeant Dakota Mayer was awarded the Medal of Honor for bravery in Afghanistan. The Marine Corps League has tickets for a beautiful quilt we will raffle off.

Thank you.

Richard Warren, Commandant

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