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POST #758 & AUXILIARIES

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.

NEWSLETTER #7

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011

PO BOX 802, ST. ALBANS
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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 Monday each month.
Post Meetings - 3rd Monday each month.
Please try to attend your meetings!

EVENTS FOR JANUARY - MARCH

January 8, 2011 - Commander's and President's "EGG/NOG Party, beginning at 18:00 hrs (6 pm). There will be entertainment, and please bring "snacks" for your table.

January 15, 2011 - VVA Dinner / Dance (note: this is for VVA Members and invited guests only). Meal is potluck, furnished by members, then dance to the Adams Band.

February 19, 2011 - Post & Auxiliary Anniversary Dinner / Dance (note: menu / band will appear in local media). Also you will receive that info. when you reserve in advance your attendance. The cost is \$8.00 per meal.

March 5, 2011 - Men's Auxiliary Annual Dinner / Dance (note: more info. should appear in their section of this letter, also on local media later).

March 17, 2011 - The famous St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef / Cabbage. Serving begins at 18:00 (6 pm). Cost = \$8.00 ea. Again, please reserve in advance.

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



POST COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades, Ladies, Men of the Auxiliaries,

As we enter into the new year, let us wish all of you the very best through the coming months. Also as the "Line Officers" for Post 758, let us rededicate ourselves to keeping your Post in the forefront of assisting all Veterans and their families in the many avenues open to us, to lead the way in teaching our Youth, Americanism, Patriotism, Sportsmanship through the many VFW programs available; assisting our communities, again following VFW programs, and last but not least, making sure our "infirm" Comrades are not forgotten whoever they may be. Therefore Comrades, to succeed in these endeavors, we need the support of our fine Membership to join in by volunteering their time, their suggestions, their input at meetings and so on.

So thanking all of you in advance,

Dan Hamel, Commander
Richard Warren, Sr., Vice Commander
Gerald Jewett, Jr., Vice Commander

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are at 86% for the year. We still need to try and get 100%. Your help is needed to make this quota. A reminder that those who pay by the year, yours will not be honored after 31 December, 2010. So pay your dues and hopefully this will not happen to you.

How to Contact VFW Post #758

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

Attn. The Officer or Committee to handle your inquiry.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Happy New Year to all the members of our Ladies Auxiliary. My wish is much prosperity for the coming year.

Remember the Commander and President's Egg Nog Party on January 8, 2011 at 6pm. Bring an appetizer or finger food to share and enjoy the evening.

Upcoming meetings to remember are **January 22, 2011, Council Meeting in Middlebury.** Workshops start at 10am, lunch at noon and council meeting at 1pm. If you want to see the Auxiliary work at the State level this is a good meeting to go to.

District 4 Meeting on February 27, 2011 in Burlington. Lunch at noon, meeting at 1pm.

And of course **every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm our own Auxiliary meeting here at the Lake Road Club Rooms.** If you would like any further info on any of these meetings feel free to call Sheila Spaulding, President [REDACTED].

The Auxiliary is selling raffle tickets for a Quilt featuring the individual states of the United States and their state flowers. This Quilt was handmade by Jackie Hill and was donated to the Color Guard to raise funds for their trip to National Convention. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5. The drawing will be at the February Anniversary Dinner. Many members have tickets to sell.

Our Penny Bingo is on Tuesdays and once a month it features a tea cup auction.

We are very close to 100% in membership. We need about 50 more dues to come in. If you have not paid yet and would like someone to pickup your dues please call one of the membership committee members, Lucille Brown [REDACTED], Lucy Pearo [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Sheila Spaulding [REDACTED]. Your dues help us to promote our Veteran Programs.

Community Service is very important in our Auxiliary. We are knitting and or crocheting mittens to be given to someone in need in January. If you would like to donate mittens please call Sheila Spaulding [REDACTED] or leave at the bar. I know you all do much community service please let me know so I can report it.

Also be prepared for the elections in April. I know it is 4 months away but the next newsletter might not get out before then. April 11, 2011 at 6:30pm at our meeting will be election of new officers. Please attend and think of running for office. We are all here to help.

Respectfully,
Sheila Spaulding, President



DID YOU KNOW?

THAT "LARRY L'ESPERANCE'S LOSERS" HAD SO MANY NAMES FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS THAT WE HAD NO ROOM TO PUBLISH THEM, SO DROP DOWN DURING THE WEEK; THURSDAYS WILL GIVE YOU A CHANCE FOR THE "BIG" JACKPOT. AND MAYBE THE LIST WILL BE SHORTER NEXT TIME.

MENS AUXILIARY

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. Our annual New Year's Eve Dinner / Dance was sold out again this year so I'm sure a great time was had by all. Please remember this newsletter goes out once every three months, so we're doing our best to get everything in.



Saturday, March 7, 2011 we are having our Annual Men's Auxiliary Dinner / Dance. Free for all 2011 paid members, \$10.00 for everyone else. Our menu consists of stuffed chicken breast with all the fixings. Dinner from 6 - 7 pm, band to follow. And as always, do your best to get your 2011 dues paid as soon as possible.

Dates to Remember:

March 7, 2011 - Men's Auxiliary Dinner / Dance

May - Memorial Day Weekend (Sunday) 12pm.

For "God and Country",

C. Jay West
Senior Vice President



DID YOU KNOW?

THE "STATELINE TRANSIT" TAXI WILL TAKE VETERANS TO THEIR APPOINTMENTS EITHER LONG DISTANCE OR LOCAL FOR 50% OF THE NORMAL FARE.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

This time I want to begin by thanking some of our membership for their volunteerism. In Community Service, David Ovitt, Larry L'Esperance, Pat and Rita Winegar, Mitch Melton, Richard Underwood, Doris Farnsworth, Denise Brooks, Curt Brown, Burt Cross, Bob Hardy, John Baraby, Dan Hamel, Francis Potter, Fre McMahan, Richard Warren, those wonderful Ladies of the Auxiliary, and the Post "Honor Guard" Adm. Ret, Hamm for his work with the Historical Museum. And to those many nameless members who do their part, from the Membership of Post 758, and I apologize to anyone I did not mention. "We could not do it without you".

Mike Corrado,
Adjutant



SERVICE OFFICER

Comrades, if you read your VFW magazine or magazines if you belong to the other fine Veterans organizations, you know how we are all "pushing" Congress and the VA to see that Veterans programs are given the proper priority to see that all Veterans receive the benefits due them, along with doing all that is humanly possible to clear the massive backlog for "benefit" claims. If you have not registered with the VA, please do so ASAP, contact me for assistance. Also, if you need help filing a claim, I can also help as we have a very fine Department Service Officer at White River VA.

In comradeship,

Curt Brown
Service Officer

AMERICANISM

Comrades, Ladies and Men of the Auxiliaries,

It was heartwarming to see how the Communities throughout the great State of Vermont came together in their support of our Vermont troops and their families during the deployment and their welcome home. As Americanism Officer and State Color Guard Captain, I want to extend a message of gratitude to all Veterans organizations and the way they all "pulled" together in all programs of support and assistance to these Soldiers and their families, the attendance at the services for those "Fallen Heroes" by all the Veteran organizations, the support and assistance to those wounded, which proved once again the true meaning of "Honor and dedication to our fellow citizen of our great country". Your Post Color Guard, along with our comrades from the VVA, Marine Corps League and American Legion, during the last three months have demonstrated Patriotism by their marching and letting our Flag be seen being carried down many different streets in our State, and the patriotism of our youth and the citizens in showing their respect is something that makes the rigors of being a Color Guard member all worthwhile. So to all Color Guard members wherever you may be, I salute and thank you.



Mike Corrado
Americanism Officer

"JUST A THOUGHT"

*IT IS HARD TO CLIMB THE LADDER OF SUCCESS
WITH YOUR HANDS IN YOUR POCKETS.*

QUARTERMASTER'S "SEA BAG"

Comrades, Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries,

Your Post throughout the year hosts many "projects" at the Post Home for Veterans, our senior citizens and other various events as part of our "community service". And guess what? --You're right, all manned by volunteers, from the three "units" that comprise the 758 membership, so this an appeal to you "local" members to please contact myself or Adjutant Corrado, using our lines of communication and we will see you receive all the information to assist you in choosing a "rewarding" experience lending a helping hand. Also, yes you guessed right again, membership dues are \$25.00 - being an "early bird" would be appreciated, and finally, attending the Post meetings can almost equal a visit to a fine restaurant, well maybe a good diner, because of the meal the "chefs" put on before each meeting, all for donation, so top down before 18:00 on meeting nights. With that I will close the "old sea bag" for this time.

P.S. Who won the Army/Navy Game?

Mitch Melton
Quartermaster

BEREAVEMENT

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



- Edward A. Billow - [REDACTED]
- Arthur A. Brouillette - [REDACTED]
- James Budd, Jr. - [REDACTED]
- John K. Lovejoy - [REDACTED]
- Wilfred Mosher - [REDACTED]
- Kennison M. Olds - [REDACTED]
- Russell E. Tidd - [REDACTED]



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen oral and written essay contests are completed for 2010. Post winners have been chosen and one entry from each has gone on to the District for further judging, so let me remind all parents, grandparents and family members of youth from grade six thru high school, NOW is the time to inquire to receive information on getting that child of children's school involved in these rewarding programs. The best way to inquire is to drop a letter to the Post, "attention" Allan / Christine Brown, Youth Activities and the information will be sent to you. Also remember, helping yours or a friend's youth involved in any activity like taking them to a sporting event, taking them skiing, skating, etc., coaching a youth team, or refereeing are commendable youth activities and we would appreciate your reporting to our Adjutant of your endeavors for the youth of the community. Many thanks.

Allan and Christine Brown
Post and Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairs



"JUST A THOUGHT"

*AN OUNCE OF "DON'T - SAY - IT"
IS WORTH A POUND OF "DIDN'T - MEAN - IT"*

SAFETY CHAIRMAN

Comrades, Ladies,

Seeing that there is a lot more of "old man winter" we need to practice good safety habits, when driving, when enjoying winter sports like skiing, ice fishing, hunting, etc. Check your heating system and if any doubts about it, call an authorized service person, check on getting a "radon" detector for your basement (your local fire dept. should be able to give you information on how to procure one). Also, make sure the smoke alarms and monoxide detectors are working, watch for ice on sidewalks and falling off roofs. In closing, "practice safety".

John Baraby
Safety Chair



MARINE CORPS

Wishing you Seasons Greetings and a wonderful New Year!
See you at the meetings.

"JUST A THOUGHT"

*WHEN YOU ARE RIGHT, NOBODY REMEMBERS,
BUT WHEN YOU ARE WRONG, NOBODY FORGETS*

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Happy New Year!

Our VVA Dinner / Dance is on January 15, 2011. The meal is potluck (provided by members), and we'll be dancing to the Adams Band. See you all there!

"JUST A THOUGHT"

*HUMAN HANDS BUILD A HOUSE,
BUT HUMAN HEARTS BUILD A HOME.*

CANTEEN REPORT

From all of us at Post 758, hope your Holiday season was a joyous time. Here at your Canteen, many great times both here and in our hall were enjoyed by a great many members and guests and we want to remind all of you that this your Canteen and Hall and we want you to enjoy all the many different types of events that are available and with suggestions from the membership young/old are welcome, meetings are the perfect place to let them be known, otherwise we have a suggestion box in the Canteen. Inquiries about the "Hall" rental are welcome by calling all days from noon to 8 pm. For now Tuesdays will be from 3 pm til 8 pm. Thursday evening is a good time for stopping in and enjoying the camaraderie of those here, although we welcome you any day of the week. Those "crock pot" dishes every Friday Eve. are sure worth stopping in for as we have some great cooks among our membership. Also remember we have a first class pool room and two TV's all for your enjoyment, as well as WI-FI. If there are in your family younger eligible Veterans bring them down as we would like their input on the feasibility of installing modern "electronic games" in the Post. We are here to serve our membership and to do so we need your input as we strive to be a "family friendly" Post. With your assistance we will succeed in being able to satisfy all ages of members and their families.

Hoping to see you soon,

The Canteen Staff and the House Committee.

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
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