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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 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 APRIL - JUNE

May 14, 2011 - HAM DINNER
6 P.M. - COST IS \$8.00

May 29, 2011 - MEN'S AUXILIARY
CHICKEN BAR-B-Q
12:00 NOON

June 3-4-5 - BARRE STATE CONVENTION

June 25, 2011 - 25TH ANNUAL COLOR GUARD
AUCTION

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.



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,

With this newsletter we are entering the last quarter of the Veterans of Foreign War year. Working together the Post and Auxiliaries have accomplished much, although there is still plenty to add to those accomplishments before a new slate of officers takes office on June 5th.

Of course there is MEMBERSHIP. "Oh", you say, "I have read or heard that a lot". Yes you do, because Membership is the "lifblood" of all Veterans organizations and at this period of American history, these organizations and their membership strength is more important than ever. Many programs in some way affect all of us, also the ranks of Veterans are swelling, many of us are getting older and our needs increase with age and those applying and registering with the VA are close to an all time high. Your membership in multiple Veterans organizations is a valuable statistic for each organization's work in safeguarding those entitlements given to the past, present and future former Servicemen and women. There are those who say that we ask for too much. Our answer is, "the Veterans organizations are protecting the entitlements that exist and were promised and seeing that any additions are only to keep current with the times." Just look at Federal Employees benefits; granted they deserve said benefits and so do our Service personnel and our Veterans. Other programs important to our organization will appear later in this letter.

In Comradeship,

Dan Hamel, Commander

Richard Warren, Sr. Vice Commander

Gerald Jewett, Jr., Vice Commander

SAFETY CHAIRMAN'S "ADVICE"

Yes, advice. Well for one, always think "safety first". Second, remember soon bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc. will be out and "zooming" down the roads [if the potholes are gone], so all drivers should be extra careful. Do not forget those smoke / carbon monoxide alarm batteries and if you haven't already got a Radon detector, check with me through the Post to find out how to procure one. Check your local paper for tips from the Fire Department which most papers publish. So until it's time for the summer safety tips...

Yours in Comradeship,

John Baraby

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

Well ladies the year is winding down. Even though we are close to the end we still are in need of 27 members dues to make our Auxiliary 100% for this year. If any one has a relative that can join our auxiliary please call Sheila Spaulding, President [REDACTED].

Dates to remember:

April 10th in Essex will be the District 4 Convention. Elections also.

April 23rd in Lyndonville is the next Council/Department meeting. Lunch at noon - Meeting at 1pm.

May (date to be announced) will be Buddy Poppy Sales. Lucy Pearo is chairman. Please call her to help. [REDACTED]

May 30 is Memorial Day. The Auxiliary will march in the St. Albans Parade. We can always use more marchers.

June 3-5, 2011 will be the Department Convention in Barre, VT. For more info on this call President, Sheila Spaulding

Here are some of the projects we have worked on this past 3 months. All this has been done with the hard work of our active members and your membership dues.

The Auxiliary along with the Post and Men's Auxiliary gave \$1,000 each to the Canal Street Housing Project in Winooski. This is housing for homeless veterans. They also receive help to get jobs.

Our Quilt Raffle (quilt made by Jackie Hill) netted [REDACTED] benefit of the Color Guard's trip to National Convention. [REDACTED]

Some of our members knitted mittens this winter and they were donated to the St. Albans Town School.

Vermont State Music Festival will be held in St. Albans in May and our Auxiliary donated Pledge of Allegiance pencils for the students.

The Voice of Democracy Essay Contest was won on the Post Level by Elizabeth Houston of Bakersfield. The Patriot's Pen Essay Contest was won on the Post and District Level by Joeline Curtis. Good Job ladies. Your work has made us proud.

Since January 1, 2011 - 4 auxiliary sisters have passed away, Marie Ann Maskell, Carlene Brusco, Jennie Marlow and Jane Bingham, Past National President who was from Middlebury, VT. May they rest in peace.

Sheila Spaulding
President

JUST A THOUGHT
*Nothing can be
accomplished until
we take the first step.*

DID YOU KNOW?

That throughout the Veterans of Foreign Wars, along with the other Veteran's organizations, Vietnam Veterans are in the majority filling officers "Chairs" from National, State and Post levels. Growing in number are our Female Comrades and our newer Members from our "middle east campaigns" who are becoming Officers at all levels.

MENS AUXILIARY

Happy Spring everyone. Just a couple of quick notes. Our annual Dinner/Dance was held on March 5th. We had a small turn out but the food was excellent and the band was good as well. Thanks goes out to all those who helped put it together. There was no March meeting due to bad weather. Next meeting is on the 4th of April. Nomination of officers and election of officers will take place. If you or anyone wants to run or hold an office, this is the time.

Also in coming events is our Annual Chicken BBQ on Memorial weekend, the 29th of May. Call the club for further details at that time.

50/50 Drawing - "Downtown" Gary Brown



Also, some sad news: Ernest Gratton passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

"Good of the Order"

Please try to pay your dues ASAP.

For God and Country,

C. Jay West
Sr. Vice President

DID YOU KNOW?

That each Thursday evening in the Post Canteen is a great time to visit the Post. You will find a wonderful camaraderie exists between our fellow members of all our "units" and Guests. Why not make it a family affair? Also our "weekly charitable based" drawing is held and if you have signed up for a buck and you are there you can win it all. As Larry L'Esperance tells us, "a lot of Members are losing out by not signing up". So don't become a "Larry's loser" and come on down.

SERVICE OFFICER'S INFORMATION CORNER

Fellow Comrades, as you may have read in your Veterans magazines, there are many changes taking place within the VA that can and will affect all Veterans from every period. That said, it is important that you register with the VA, that you contact your Service Officer for updates, not only the Post Service Officer but if need be, he will direct you to the Department Service Officer. We are here to assist you and your family in any way we can. Our contact information is posted in this newsletter so again, if you have any questions about your entitlements, please contact me [note by mail is the best way to make sure I receive it].

C Brown
Post Service Officer

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Looking for new member to join our League. The Maple Festival is coming up. Marine Corps League will stand guard for the Quilt Show in St. Albans. Fred McMahon was put in for Marine of the Year. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month.

R Warren
Commandant

JUST A THOUGHT
*If you are not afraid to
face the music, you may
someday lead the band*

MASTER'S "SEA BAG"

...tes" I want to get it across to our Membership of ... that participation is also a very important part to ... sful Post and/or Auxiliary. Why? Number one, we ... od" to assist, learn, and begin to become an active ... hen "go through the Chairs" to then lead this Post ... s to greater heights. Number two, we will welcome ... ns" our newer Members, male or female, to come ... our Canteen, our Banquet Hall, and our meetings ... ope you will give us your ideas, comments, (pro or ... suggestions to better the Post and to see how we ... ve your needs to accomplish our goal to become ... d percent "Family Friendly Post". To be able to do ... Sam said, "WE NEED YOU"! So Mates, get the ... w eligible Veterans that they can benefit by joining ... of Foreign Wars in many ways and that includes ... our female Veterans.

Old "Sea Bag", let me remind all of you that your ... n our organization is more important than you ... etting our newer Veterans to join us is something ... ope you will do.



JUST A THOUGHT
Everything is easier with practice, except getting up in the morning.

VETERANS

...ill around for the March 26th Supper at the League ... it Vietnam Vets. \$18.00 a couple. ... e available for a 8.6 Sage Fly Rod and an Orvis ... ew members and associates. ... 3rd Tuesday of the month.

JUST A THOUGHT
In the old days, the Board of Education was a shingle in the woodshed.

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and condolences go out to the families ... n comrades.



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ADJUTANTS REPORT

Comrades and Members of our fine Auxiliaries, so far you have been advised that spring is close by, that we need all of you taking part in all the programs we have to offer in any way you may be able to assist, all of which is an important part of what makes Post 758 and is Auxiliaires a great "cog" in the large Veterans of Foreign Wars "wheel". And with your assistance, we can become even better. In short, all of you are needed in one way or another to achieve our goals to see that every Veteran regardless of where they mnight have served, receive the utmost respect and to understand the many different and varied needs that each have. We at Post 758, its Auxiliaries, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Marine Corps League who meet at the Post home also share these same goals. So please take the time to correspond with us on your views and comments along with your suggestions on how to improve on the way we "do business", so to speak. Also, as the advanced technology age is with us as Adjutant and Editor of this newsletter, I along with the other officers, would like to know who among yhou would like to receive the letter by E-Mail. If so, include your E-Mail address. If we put this in effect, all other will receive it the usual way. Also we sometimes wonder how many of you read it and do you have any comments. Therefore we would like to hear from you, as it is your newsletter. Happy Easter from the officers of Post 758.

M. Corrado
Adjutant

AMERICANISM OFFICER

At the District Four Meeting last month our State Commander and also a Post Color Guard Member, Allan Brown in his "Good of the Order" message echoed my feelings when he spoke on the importance of Veterans at every opportunity to get out and "parade" our "National Color" so all can see that Patriotism is alive. Hopefully all can begin to feel the way the majority of Veterans do that it is one of the "cornerstones" that make our country great. Post 758 Color Guard is fortunate to have had and still has the great support of the Post, we have fine equipment, uniforms, etc. and in turn we are proud to participate in the many Parades and Ceremonies that we do throughout the year. So from the Color Guard a big thank you to the Post and its Auxiliaries and to the community at large for all the support through the many years. I know this is a Post 758 newsletter, but comrades in your travels tell other Posts of the importance of "parading the Colors" - fancy uniforms are not needed and other equipment if wanted can be procured without a great expense. If you find there is an interest, take their name and how they may be contacted and give that info to me as I am also the State Color Guard Captain. Now starting with Loyalty Day on May 1st through til Veterans Day in November, consult your VFW calendar for those days you should observe by "flying the Flag" and "falling" out for Parades and Ceremonies in your area. For our area, 4/17/11=Maple Festivbal Parade - May 1st = Loyalty Day [fly the flag] and a Parade in Rutland. May 21st? = Georgia Parade and Ceremony. May 29th = East Fairfield, Ceremony, St. Albans "Rolling Thunder". May 30th = St. Albans Parade and Ceremony.

So members, please "fall out" and participate to show the youth of your community your Patriotism. Thanking your in advance.

M. Corrado
Americanism



CANTEEN REPORT

Our Canteen has much to offer our members, along with our "Banquet Hall" with new kitchen, our "Pool Room" and the staff. Therefore we await your visit, your call about the "hall rental" [noon to eight] or any questions you may have. If in any "event" in the "Coming Events" requests you to reserve, please do so.



Until we see you in person, Happy Easter and as I write this it is St. Patty's Day so to all, "May your path be down hill and the wind always be at your back."

The House Committee and Canteen Staff, along with the Post Officers

MEMBERSHIP

Every member of the Post and Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries can, and we hope they will, be a Recruiter to get those who have not paid their dues and new members. We send out over 850 newsletters. You all have friends, relatives and neighbors so the odds are some of the aforementioned are in the above categories. Please recruit them - just get their names and addresses and forward them to the Post, Attn. Post QM. We will do the rest.

In advance, many thanks.

**F. Potter,
Membership**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Comrades, ladies and men of the Auxiliaries, "Old Man Winter" is starting to fade and spring is approaching. Soon our youth will begin to be active in "organized athletic competition" at many levels and volunteers are always needed to assist in many ways. So if you are knowledgeable in any of the many different athletic events, why not see if you may be able to help out as many hands are needed in these endeavors. Taking young spectators to these events is also important, so you can see there are many ways you can join in and if you do, we ask you to let us know so we may be able to let our communities know that our Members are helping our "leaders of tomorrow". And soon fall will arrive faster than we realize. Please, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. of high school, sixth, seventh and eight grade students, please contact us [preferably by mail] to receive information on how to get our "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriots Pen" Programs started in that student's school as the rewards for participation are many. We will fully explain this once you contact us. So remember, Veterans organizations know how important our youth are and have many programs to assist our "leaders of tomorrow".

Allan and Christine Brown

DID YOU KNOW?

That when more than our "National Color" [Old Glory] are flown together on separate poles, only the flag of another country may be and should be equal in height - all the others must be at a lower position. [Note, some businesses do not follow the "flag code" in this regard so if you see this, maybe a friendly reminder might rectify the situation.]

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