VFW Post 8794 TOWN CRIER - Newsletter

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Message from the Commander

Hello Comrades,

Greetings and I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends, our family enjoyed ours and had a great time.

Membership is important and I want to thank everyone who has renewed for 2024-25 year and ask that those who have not to consider getting those dues in as soon as possible. We cannot do it without you.

I want to remind everyone that our Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony will be conducted on December 7th at 5 pm at the Post, it is an important event that allows us to honor those who gave all and served during that historical time, I would like to see you there! Dinner will be served after the Ceremony.

If I do not see you, I wish all a Merry Christmas and joyful holiday season.

Let us remain focused on our goals and continue to be successful. Again, and as always thank you comrades for all your efforts in making this the best organization to be a part of.

Do not forget to attend the VFW Post Meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, December 12th; all VFW members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. You will make a difference by being there!

God Bless the U.S.A.

Bob Burns
Commander 2024-25

Message from the Auxiliary President

Hello Auxiliary members,

We would to welcome all our new members to the growing Auxiliary family. We continue expand as an organization which is a good thing but we would love to have more members show up to volunteer around the Post. I would like to thank in advance the volunteers who helped put on this year kids Christmas party. They have done an outstanding job decorating the Post for this upcoming event. The Post will be having a Pearl Harbor Day ceremony starting at 5pm on December 7th. The Post will be providing dinner after this event has concluded. The tenth annual chili cook-off was a huge success again this year. Thanks, for all the member who participated we all had a great time. Special shout out goes to the one only "Hutch" who helped coordinate this event. Awesome job! Next, year we hope to expand this event to have even more entries. I would like to remind everyone that this time of year is especially hard for some our Veterans and families so if you see a Vet or family member in need, please reach out to them to see if we can do something to assist. We will be wrapping up our socks, hats, coats drive on December 20th. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Let us continue to keep up the unwavering support for heroes. Until, we meet again.

God bless America!
Sincerely,
Pat Kelly
Auxiliary President, 2018-25

Message from the Quartermaster

Greetings to all members.

We are doing well on membership and have reached over 92% at the end of November. December is the next push we need when most are due, so check your cards and make sure you renew your membership, or even better join as a life member. We are going to continue the Lifetime Program and if you would like to join as a **VFW Post 8794 LIFETIME MEMBER, WE have an offer you cannot refuse through 2025, we will pay your first $100 of whatever the cost of your Lifetime Membership is.** (See below Chart for your age group)

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP COST

		VFW 8794	YOU PAY
Through Age 30	$425.00 –	$100 =	$325.00
31-40	$410.00 -	$100 =	$310.00
41-50	$375.00 -	$100 =	$275.00
51-60	$335.00 -	$100 =	$235.00
61-70	$290.00 -	$100 =	$190.00
71-80	$225.00 -	$100 =	$125.00
81 and over	$170.00 -	$100 =	$ 70.00

If you are interested in this program and want to Join Lifetime, see me or call me and I will make it happen! This is a great opportunity. - Richard Curry, QM, 2021-25

Message from the Canteen Manager

Hello all,

WELCOME ALL MEMBERS TO OUR FOXHOLE CANTEEN! **FOOTBALL SEASON is coming to an end!** However, we still have a few big games to watch, I believe Ohio State will be in the Big Ten Championship Game on December 7th and we will have an Army vs Navy tailgate on December 14th at 3pm, should be fun. Thanks for coming in and all your support. We will have continued to plan some great events so take some time to stop by and enjoy some down time with us at the Foxhole Canteen. **Our Queen of Hearts is growing again**, it is now over $54,000, nice! See Calendar for all events. Texas Hold-Em on Tuesdays 6-9pm. Come in and sit in on some card games where we play for fun. We have our Pool league on Sundays. **WE WILL OPEN ON SUNDAYS AT 1 pm FOR NFL GAMES COME IN AND ENJOY THE GAME WITH OUR BEER SPECIAL *$2 FOR ALL DOMESTIC BEERS DURING ALL GAMES!***

Canteen Hours: Monday – Thursday 3 to 10pm
Friday - Saturday 1- Close
Sunday 1- 9 pm

R.G. Kouns
Canteen Manager

Fundraising Events

New VFW Ball Caps – See sample in hallway display case, ask your bartender, RG or QM for one only $18 apiece.

New Foxhole Canteen Shirts – See sample in hallway display case, ask your bartender, RG or QM for one only $28 apiece.

Foxhole Canteen Logo Glass with your favorite drink, ask the bartender for one! See samples in hallway display case.

Rat-Bastard Shirts to cure Cancer - $30.00 each.

Message from the Bingo Manager

Hi Bingo Family,
I would like to thank my bingo volunteer staff; the Sunday I was out (Actually every Sunday). All of you did a great job!!!
Hog Wild has a jackpot and Horse Jackpot is growing. The Magic Ball still has 2 jackpots!
Our Monthly Drawing will be December 29th.
Thank you to all our bingo players and the volunteers that make our bingo sessions happen.
Sunday doors open at 4pm and bingo starts at 6pm.
Also, I would like to mention that the VFW in Reynoldsburg has started a small-town bingo on Thursdays the same time, doors open at 4 and bingo starts at 6pm.

The Guru Says – "It is all fun and games…. until someone yells Bingo!!"
Thanks, Becky Kelly, The Bingo Guru, O-74……. Good Number!

Safety Message

December Safety Tips

Events Committee

We will still need your support! We will still need you to volunteer. Come on its fun, help out where you can? If you have a great idea you would like to present bring it to the Events Committee Meeting now meets on the **4th Monday of the month at 6:00pm**. Get involved, it doesn't hurt…..much! All Members are welcome at the meeting.

SEE CALENDAR FOR EVENTS.

Post Officers 2024-25

COMMANDER: Bob Burns

SR. VICE CMDR: Christine Curry

JR. VICE CMDR: Dan Miller

QUARTERMASTER: Richard Curry

ADJUTANT: Christine Curry

CHAPLAIN: R G Kouns

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Bobby Oliver

SURGEON: Shannon Devera

OFFICER OF THE DAY: Frank Clements

GUARD: Don Dionne

SERVICE OFFICER: Rick Curry

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR: Shannon Devera

3-YR. TRUSTEE: Ellen Brandes-Mattingly

2-YR. TRUSTEE: Sherry Kemp-Woodyard

1-YR. TRUSTEE: Gary Pfaff

House Committee Members

Rob McKee, 1-Yr. Ron Pannell, 2-Yr. Frank Clements 3-Yr

Auxiliary Officers 2024-25

PRESIDENT Pat Kelly

SENIOR VICE Janice Ritchey

1ST VICE David Hutchison

TREASURER Dan Neidert

SECRETARY Nancy Johnson

CHAPLAIN Carmen Johnson

CONDUCTOR Shane Gibson

GUARD Saundra Hill

3-YR. TRUSTEE Mary Britton

2-YR. TRUSTEE Roberta Thacker

1-YR. TRUSTEE Linda Clements

Welcome New Members

(VFW Members)
Beverly, Jonathan
Epling, Joseph
Gleaves, Trevor
Robinson, Ina
Watkins, John
Adams, David

(Auxiliary Members)

(Associate Members)

SICK CALL

Bob Kapp

Kathy Manley

TAPS 2024-25

Robert Burns Sr.
Rudy Notturniano

December Humor