VFW Post 8794 TOWN CRIER - Newsletter

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Message from the Commander

Hello Comrades,

Our new VFW 8794 WEBSITE is up and running for all to gain more information faster, go to VFW8794.org https://vfw8794.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp we are posting a lot of great information there.

I want to continue to do our best to welcome younger Veterans and their families to our Post, this effort will take all members I will not abide those members that would rather serve themselves than the many Veterans that are within our community, the VFW is an organization that exists for all Veterans rather than those of an entitled few and my vision is for this Post to become one of the leaders in that area.

We will also observe the anniversary of the sinking of the **USS Maine** in Havana Harbor, February 15, 1898, which will honor those Comrades who served in our Nation's cause in the Spanish-American War who formed the Veterans of Foreign Wars 125 years ago.

Do not forget to attend the VFW Post Meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, February 13th; 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, my fellow Auxiliary members,

We have been doing great this year recruiting new and retaining our current members, thank you all, remember if you have expired you need to see one of your Auxiliary Officers to get your dues paid for this year.

February's meeting will be on the 6th so looking forward to seeing everyone, nominations are right around the corner so start thinking what position you would like to hold in our post auxiliary, we have a great group.

What a wonderful job by Hutch, Linda, Beth selling 50/50 the last weeks. This will allow us to support more veterans and their families in the community. Keep up the great work! Lastly, I would like to thank our awesome kitchen crew on Sunday. You guys are the best! Best wishes to everyone for a joyous and propitious New Year. Keep up the unwavering support for our heroes.

God Bless America!
Patrick Kelly
Auxiliary President 8794

Message from the Quartermaster

Greetings to all members.

We are doing great on membership and have reached over 103% at the end of January. Thank you for all who have renewed. Please keep checking when you are due, 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, 2018-25

I want everyone to know about our new WEBSITE https://vfw8794.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp you can goggle or search VFW 8794 and bring it up, we are going to start posting the newsletter & events calendar on the sight along with a lot a other great information and helpful links. I urge all members to start using this site. We will at some point go to this as our main communication method because even email is getting bulky. Thank you, try it you might just like it!

Message from the Canteen Manager

Hello all,

WELCOME ALL MEMBERS TO OUR FOXHOLE CANTEEN! **FOOTBALL SEASON is coming to an end!** THE BUKEYES ARE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!! What a great tailgate we had. Now on to the Superbowl on Sunday February 9th, come in and enjoy the game with us. We also have some great events coming up this month, on the 15th a Valentine's Day Band & Steak Dinner, on the 22nd Karaoke, come on in a sing. Thanks for coming in and all your support, 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 $72,000, 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 $10 apiece.

New Foxhole Canteen Shirts – See sample in hallway display case, ask your bartender, RG or QM for one only $15 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 - $15.00 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 February 23rd

Superbowl Sunday (February 9th) Doors open at 2pm Bingo starts at 4pm.
Starting in March Bingo times will change to doors open at 3pm and Bingo will start at 5pm.
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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.

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

February 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
Leggett, Royden
Sager, Ward K
Fritz, Andrew
Mohler, Devin
Bateson, Janey
Murff, Warren S

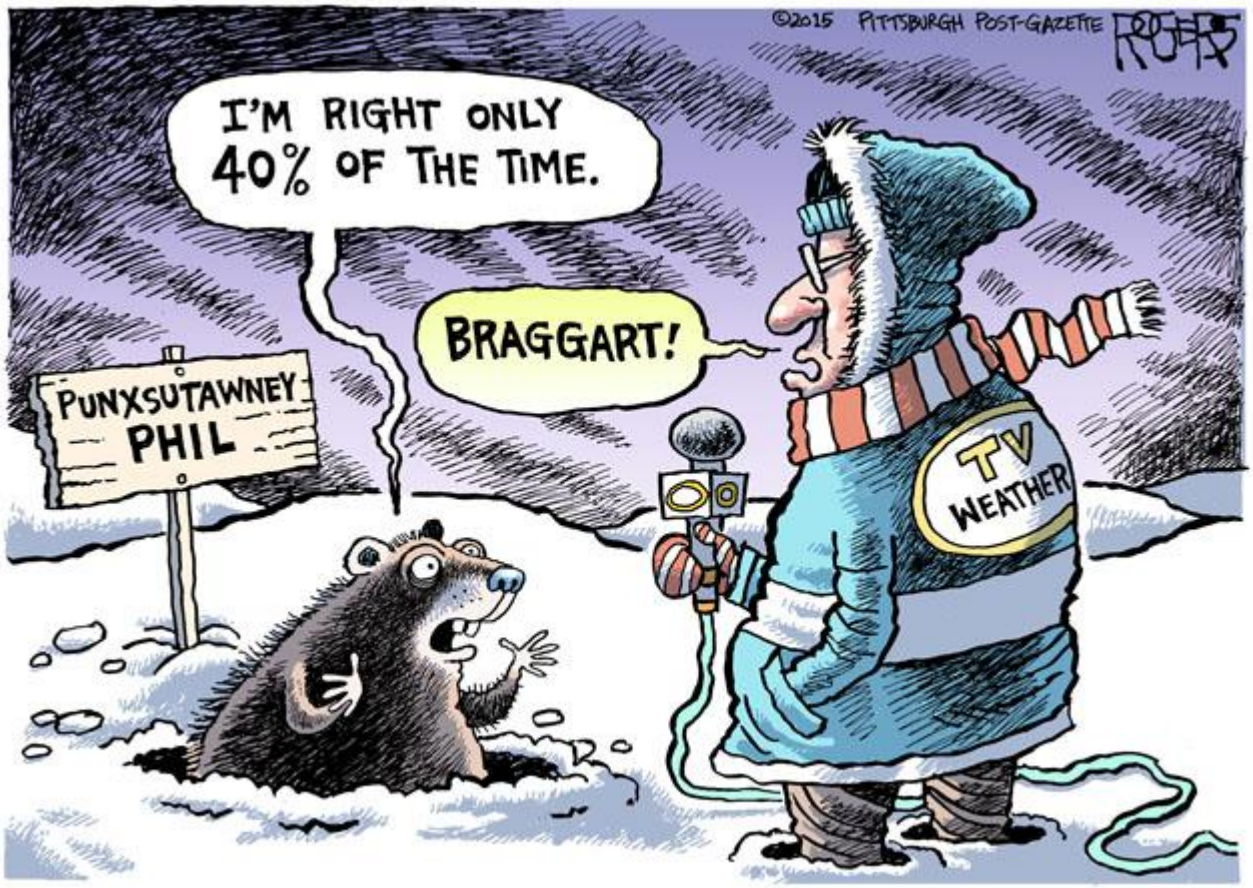
(Auxiliary Members)

(Associate Members)

SICK CALL

Bob Kapp

TAPS 2024-25

Robert Burns Sr.
Rudy Notturniano

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