VFW Post 8794 TOWN CRIER - Newsletter

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Message from the Commander

Hello Comrades,

We had a wonderful Pearl Harbor Ceremony attended by the Mayor of Whitehall Mike Bivens and his wife Joy. I would like to personally thank both for their attendance and support. We had a very nice turn out and as always it was a nice ceremony. We also had a chance to honor the families of two of our WWII Veterans who passed away this last year Rudy Notturniano & Leno Bevilacqua and recognizing their service to their country & the VFW.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season; we had many Post events that were well enjoyed by all in attendance. The children's Christmas Party was superb and a special thanks to the Auxiliary for making this a wonderful event for the kids and a special thank you goes out to Santa Claus (aka Gerald Grimes) and his Elf (aka Kathy Manley) for visiting the Post and wishing all a Merry Christmas and distributing the toys and gifts to all those excited youngsters. Speaking of giving toys, a special thank you goes out to all for your donations to Toys for Tots we delivered over 6 boxes of toys to the Marine Corps Reserve for distribution to kids in the area. This is what makes this a great holiday season. We had a nice New Year's Party at the Post on December 31, 2024, hope you enjoyed it.

While we continue to enjoy the season and events in our canteen let us also remember that this Post is about our programs and accomplishing our goals which are to serve Veterans and our Community with pride. So, let us keep up the good work and continue to volunteer. Also, I want to announce our new VFW 8794 WEBSITE 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.

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, my fellow Auxiliary members,

Wow! Hard to believe we are already starting another chapter together. I been given permission to start my year with as your first District 11 male President starting in June 2025. My duties at the Post will be limited. I would like to see someone from our group of officer's steps up to take my place. Nomination and election will be coming soon up in the next few months. So, keep in mind if you got what it takes to be the next great leader of our Auxiliary organization. We love too
welcome.
On, side note. I would like to remind everyone if you are not paid up for 2025 membership year. You are no longer in good standing. We would hate to see someone to lose out of all the Post events and drawing. 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

Auxiliary Spaghetti dinner 1-17-25

Auxiliary Chicken dinner 1-24-25.

Message from the Quartermaster

Greetings to all members.

We are doing well on membership and have reached over 102% at the end of December. 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!** However, we still have a few big games to watch, Ohio State keeps winning and heading toward a National Championship, how exciting! On January 10th at 7pm, we will have our Buckeyes vs Texas Game on here at the Post with some food and drink specials, 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 $64,000, 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 January 26th.
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

January 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

(Auxiliary Members)

(Associate Members)

SICK CALL

Bob Kapp

TAPS 2024-25

Robert Burns Sr.
Rudy Notturniano

January Humor