

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MASON DIXON POST 7234

# **NOVEMBER 2024**

# **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

**Greetings** 



First, I want to forward the posts and all its members condolences to Bonnie Daughaday and family. The loss of Mark has been felt by many. He will be surly be missed. A lot of excitement will be going on this month. We start with our first Halloween party Friday, Nov 1st from 5pm til 10pm.

Food, music, prizes and lots of fun. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for best costumes. \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00. Door prizes every hour. Don't miss out on our MONSTER mash.

Of course on 11-11 at 11 am we will celebrate Veterans Day. One of our most ceremonious days in our Post. We will also be presenting 12 Quilts of valor to deserving veterans. Our guest speaker that day will be the honorable Mayor of Ocean View, John Reddington, a Vietnam Veteran and long time loyal member and friend of VFW Post 7234. With a Luncheon to follow. Looking forward to seeing a good turnout for our first line dancing classes on Friday the 15th from 1pm to 3 pm. \$5.00 per person. Canteen will be open for lunch and refreshments. Get ready!! I've heard that the Commander, his Junior Vice, and the Officer of the Day will be participating. It may be worth the 5 bucks just to

watch and get some laughs. Rumors have it the Jr. Vice is a regular Travolta on the dance floor. Thanksgivings dinner is a big day for the Post. We open our doors to all to sit down to a full traditional thanksgiving dinner. As we anticipate our staff to serve between 300 to 400 dinners to our welcomed Members and Guests. As always we ask our members to participate by donating fresh frozen turkeys. No less than 18 lb. and no more than 20 lbs. Donations can start anytime from November 1st.

I could not end my comments with out thanking all the volunteers who attended our volunteer appreciation day. We all had fun. Thanks to the bartenders who put in a steady 6 hrs of running to keep us all hydrated. Many thanks to Sharon and Paula M. Thanks go out to John Frye for arranging the Mac's Catering. A marvelous dinner. A well deserved thanks to our volunteer certificate winners, Chuck and Ed from 50/50 fame who have earned lots of money for the Posts veterans' relief fund. Over \$40,000 in the last 2 yrs.

Lastly, I want to thank the posts newly formed decoration committee for the Halloween and fall decorating. The post has never looked so Well, well, so SCARY.

Thank you, Debbie J, Debbie C, Pam, Terri, and Olive along with the ladder boys.

It's been a great past month and looks to be a greater month ahead.

Thank you.
Jim Jensen Commander

# **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

The last week of September and the month of October has been an active time for our Auxiliary as



we continue to serve our Veterans, our community, and promote our organization and what we stand for. We have held events to educate our community and youth about our Veterans, their service to our nation, and sacrifices they have made. Our

program chairs and members have honored and celebrated our Veterans through their work in their respective programs. We look to the month of November when we honor our Veterans on Veterans Day and remember those currently serving as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends.

# POW / MIA

During the last week of September a POW/MIA educational and remembrance class was held at the Mariner Bethel Hope Center with the Family and Youth Ministries Program. A POW/MIA ceremony was held with the youth placing each item to assemble the table and reciting what each represented. The ceremony ended with a moment of silence and a prayer led by Tiffany Kelley, Family and Youth Ministry Director. No matter where they are held, these National POW / MIA Ceremonies share the common purpose of honoring those that were held captive and returned, as well as those that remain missing. Our Youth Chair, Cindy Weese also explained the meaning of the Blue Star



Memorial and Gold Star Mothers and Families. A challenge was given to find the 3 Blue Star and 1 Gold Star Memorials that are located in the area; noting that there is a Memorial Stone in honoring our Veterans from Mason Dixon VFW Post 7234 also in the area. Upon locating the Memorials the Youth are to take a picture with it and send to the Auxiliary.

## Library, Literacy, and the Community

As part of our Patriotism through Literacy program our Auxiliary donated 20 books to South Bethany Coastal Library and the Frankford Public Library. Books were donated from VFW 7234 Auxiliary in honor of our National President Brenda Bryant. National Youth Activities Program Ambassador, Dominique Garcia, encourages reading with a Veteran. Retired Navy Captain and VFW Post 7234 member Sharon Ruest was more than happy to help with this mission. Frankford Public Library librarian, Kim Barten, holds a weekly reading and educational session with preschool children at Parsons Farm. Post7234 member Sharon Ruest attended this and read Patriotic books to the

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e geared towards their age group. Children also participated in singing and then colored the American flag. Thank You Sharon for the sharing of your time.



<u>Veterans - VA Hospital / Delaware Veterans</u>

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The Hospital program led by Shirley Stong continues to serve our Veterans with visitations to the VA Hospital / Delaware Veterans Home and Brandywine Senior Living. On Oct. 7th, VA Hospital resident and Vietnam Veteran John Eaton was a recipient of a Quilt of Valor. The Quilt was presented by Dana Mason from the Sussex County Chapter of Quilts of Valor. Auxiliary members Eileen Healy, Shirley Stong, Sandra Magera, and VFW member John Mitchell were present. Thank You for attending and making this happen for our Veteran. Our Auxiliary also presented a check donation to the Delaware Veterans Home as well as snacks and grooming supplies for the Veterans.

# Iraq / Afghanistan Memorial

The Iraq / Afghanistan Memorial came to the Lewes Cape May Ferry Terminal Oct 17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>. This is a photo tribute wall to honor those lost during the Iraq / Afghanistan War. This Memorial consisted of 5,394 names, 163 of which are women, and one dog, Sgt. Rubert. 30 columns were erected consisting of photos of service men and women lost. Members of our Auxiliary volunteered and served as hospitality greeters, assisting visitors in locating loved ones, handing out flags with poppies and answering questions. An Auxiliary table was sponsored where membership in the Auxiliary and VFW were promoted as well as contest and scholarships sponsored by the Auxiliary and VFW.

# **Cops and Goblins**

The Cops and Goblins event at John West Park on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> was a success. Thanks to the generous donations of candy from Auxiliary and Post members as well as friends. Our members are extremely generous. If you need something all you have to do is ask. Through this event we were able to reach hundreds of kids and parents. Not only did we hand out candy but promoted the post, membership, and contests / scholarship being held. These included Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy essay contest, Illustrating America and Patriotic Art contest (2D & 3D Art). Thank You to Volunteers Kathy I, Peg, Cindy, and Fran. Thanks to Lori Showalter for the creation of the Halloween balloon sculpture. It was a big hit with the kids.

#### **Upcoming events**

On Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> our Youth program will be holding a "Make One, Give One" Holiday craft event. This is a craft event in which Holiday ornaments will be made. Participants will make holiday ornaments for themselves and will also make one for a veteran at the VA Hospital / Delaware Veterans Home. Preparations are beginning for our Breakfast with Santa event to be held in December. Watch for upcoming details.

This is an election year, so be sure to get out and vote. Subscribe to VFW Action Corp Weekly where you can view the VFW priority goals and the legislative issues that are being presented and fought for on behalf of our Veterans.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER: A reminder to all our annual members that their membership is up for renewal are dues must be paid by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. You should have received your renewal, if not reach to me or our Treasurer Roberta Walter. I encourage all annual members to consider converting to life membership. This can be done by utilizing the form included by Treasurer Roberta Walter in your annual renewal notice or by logging onto MALTA and renew from there. IF you have not created an account go to Malta.VFW Auxiliary.org to do so.

November is a month of thanks. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace, deceased or alive, although it's largely intended to thank living Veterans for their sacrifices. Thanksgiving Day is not only a time to share a meal with family and friends, but a time to give thanks for all the blessings in our lives.

Let us all remember our veterans both past and present, especially during this month of thanks. Remember those that are not able to be with their family and pray they return safely.

Our monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the post. Come join us, get involved, and meet fellow members. You can also follow us on face book under VFW Auxiliary 7234.

#### Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Dale Weese, Jr President #7234 Auxiliary (443) 324-1244 Aux7234.de@gmail.com

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTES**

Greetings Comrades, Auxiliary, Post Members, Your Board of Directors hope that your Fall Season is progressing well. During October, **Board Members participated in the Celebration** of Life for our long time friend and Canteen Manager Mark Daughaday at the Post; the Bull and Oyster Roast, Help-A-Vet Meeting; Annual **Volunteer Recognition Dinner/Dance** (congratulations to Chuck and Ed on receiving their Volunteer of the Year Certificates); Bar and **Canteen Management Meetings, Events** Planning Committee Meeting; Mingo and Trivia Game Nights; the monthly Board of Directors Meeting; and the monthly General Membership Meeting. Your Board voted to approve a revised 2024 version of our Board of Director By-Laws, which was subsequently approved by the General Membership at the monthly meeting. Most importantly, for our Members and their **Guests, Post Officers and Board Members** continue to be present, on site each evening at the Post. We plan to continue this daily presence in the future. This demonstrates the Board's commitment to the success of our Post and continuity of operations for our Members and their Guests.

Looking ahead to November, two events are worthy of special mention. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will honor all Veterans with our Veterans Day and Quilts of Valor Presentation Ceremonies. Also, on Thursday, November 28th we will host our Annual Thanksgiving Day Meal with all the trimmings. To do your part, please purchase 18 – 20 LB frozen turkeys to donate and drop them off at the Post. While you are at it, please consider donating new, unwrapped toys for our annual Toys for Tots drive. Collection boxes are located at the Post. Looking ahead, the Post will be hosting Sunday afternoon NFL Football Games where you will bring your favorite Covered Dish to share with other Patrons. On Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, we will host our first Line Dancing Class at 1 PM. You can participate for a \$5 donation. Of course, we will continue to have Monday Game Nights alternating between Mingo and Trivia; the staples of Cheese Steak Subs on Tuesdays and Flip Five on Wednesdays; either Pizza and Wings or AYCE Buffet Meals on Friday Nights; and Prime Rib with Live Music on Saturday

nights. There truly is something for everyone. We invite all Members to visit and bring their Guests to the bright new atmosphere that helps make your Post all that it can be.

Important opportunities for you to serve our Veterans in crucial positions become available in 2025. These include the position of Post Quartermaster and Treasurer, as well as other Post Officers and several Board of Director Members. There are many opportunities to step forward and serve your Post and our Veterans. Please consider this opportunity as your opportunity. If you are interested, I urge you to talk with the present Quartermaster, Bill Healy, or any Post Officer or Board Member to answer questions you may have. Our Post needs YOU. Our Veterans need YOU.

Our Canteen Manager, Kitchen Crews, Bartenders, and an outstanding array of Volunteers are committed to serving those who served our country. We could not keep our doors open without these dedicated Employees and Volunteers. Having said that, we are in constant need of Volunteers as Kitchen Helpers, Servers, Clean Up Crews, etc. We hope to see some new, fresh faces soon. We can work around your schedule. It only involves a few hours per week.

In November, temperatures turn chilly, but Family Gatherings bring us warmth. Your VFW Family wants to see you at the Post and continues to ask for your patience in dealing with Post employees, volunteers, and staff members. We all want you and your guests to have an enjoyable experience at the Post. Keep in mind that we are an organization operated primarily by a small paid staff and augmented by many Volunteers. Each is devoted to doing their best. Feel free to respectfully complain when it is warranted, but better yet, fill out a Volunteer Application Form and pitch in to make our Post, your Post, the best that it can be. We continue to Honor and Serve all Veterans - first, last, and always.

Chad Myers Chairperson Board of Directors

# **CHAPLAINS' CORNER**



Andy Kominaik

With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families who have lost loved ones. Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord, may the perpetual light shine upon them, and may they rest in peace. Amen.

Please call Phyllis Scully at 30-381-539-9981 for the VFW or Eileen Healy at 302-539-9981 for the Auxiliary, if a member is sick or has passed away.

# SERVICE OFFICER OUTREACH

It has come to my attention that some people are not taking advantage of some tax exemptions they are entitled to. It is best to speak with a tax professional about which plan is best for your situation. There is a difference between tax credit and tax exemption.



# **Tax Assistance Programs**

# **Summary**

**As of August 28, 2024** 

State Senior Citizen School Property Tax Credit: Download Form

a. This must be your full-time, primary residence.

- b. Individuals who establish legal domicile in Delaware on or after January 1, 2018, will be required to have been legally domiciled within the State for a period of **at least 10 consecutive years** in order to be eligible to receive credit. (House Bill 99-signed July 17, 2017)
- c. Have a Delaware Driver's License (60 days by law to change driver's license).
- d. Statewide deadline is **APRIL 30**, for applications to be turned in.
- **e.** Exemption does **NOT** transfer to new property. You must complete a new application if you move. Also, your driver's license MUST be updated.

# Exemption for Disabled (Filing date - January 1 thru April 30, 2024) <u>Download Form</u>

- a. Totally disabled.
- b. Full-time resident of Sussex County for the preceding five (5) years as of July 1, 2024.
- c. Income other than Social Security cannot exceed \$6,000 for singles, or \$7,500 if married.
- d. Exemption is applied to taxable assessments up to \$12,500 of Assessed value.
- e. <u>IRS form 4506-T</u> must be signed and submitted with application. This form will be sent to the IRS to verify adjusted gross income.

# Exemption for Residents Over 65 (Filing date - January 1 thru April 30, 2024) Download Form

- a. Must be 65 years of age by June 30, 2024.
- b. Full-time resident of Sussex County for the preceding five (5) years as of July 1, 2024.
- c. Income other than Social Security cannot exceed \$6,000 for singles, or \$7,500 if married.
- d. Exemption is applied to taxable assessments up to \$12,500 of Assessed value.
- e. <u>IRS form 4506-T</u> must be signed and submitted with application. This form will be sent to the IRS to verify adjusted gross income.

# Sussex County Property Tax Subsidy (Filing date - July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025)

- a. Full-time resident of Sussex County for the preceding five (5) years as of July 1, 2024.
- b. Applies to county portion of tax only.
- c. Annual income cannot exceed \$15,800 for singles, or \$20,000 if married.
- d. Applies to first \$16,000 of taxable assessments.
- e. Liquid assets or real estate, other than the home, must be less than \$15,000 (Example: anything that could be sold within 90 days, such as stocks, bonds, furniture, vehicles, etc.).

f. The property owner must re-apply each year.

# **Disabled Veterans School Tax Credit** <u>Download</u> Form

- a. Totally disabled.
- b. Full-time primary resident ofDelaware for the preceding three (3)years as of July 1 of the current tax year.
- c. Up to full credit towards property taxes, excluding Sussex Tech and non-value-based fees and services.
- **d.** Statewide deadline is **APRIL 30**, for applications to be turned in.

**Note:** These exemptions are non-transferable if the property is sold, and all credits are removed.

New property owners must file a new application.

New property owners must file a new application to receive any of these credits.

NO APPLICATION SHALL BE APPROVED UNLESS ALL TAXES, USER FEES, SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND ALL OTHER TAXES AND FEES THEN DUE TO OR COLLECTIBLE BY SUSSEX COUNTY HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL FOR ALL PARCELS OWNED BY THE APPLICANT BEFORE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE. (Sussex County Clean Hands Act) Mailing this application is a courtesy. We cannot accept responsibility for delays or loss of application due to mail service. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure they receive the application, and it is returned by the deadline.

For information, please contact the Billing Office: Sussex County Government P.O. Box 589 Georgetown, DE 19947

Georgetown, DE 19947 (302) 855-787

In Comradeship, H. Rich Fales, Post Service Officer Cell: (301) 325-3813 Email: Smokey1st@netzero



# **HONOR GUARD NEWS**

We began October by welcoming back Honor



Guard member Ed Krusey. Ed and his wife Kathy are from Denver but spend 6 months a year in Bethany. During that time, Ed regularly participates with our Honor Guard. (He also is active in the VFW Honor Guard in Denver). Ed is a former Army Captain and a Vietnam veteran. We also welcome our 3 newest Honor Guard

members, Charlie Plis, USAF, Vietnam, Jay MacDonald, USAF, Vietnam, and Mark Modzeleski, USMC. Our Honor Guard now has 21 members, and we are grateful for their dedication and commitment.

Honor Guard member David Holden continues on the IR recovering from surgery. Hurry back, Dave!

Many of our Honor Guard members attended the Celebration of Life at the Post for former Canteen Manager Mark Daughaday where there was standing room only. Mark was well loved, and his smiling face is missed.

Thank you to Bonnie, JC, and Kevin Daughaday for your generous donation of \$500 to the Honor Guard for our new uniforms. We are in the process of being measured at Graves Uniforms in Lewes and we should be wearing our new winter uniforms in early January.

Almost all of our Honor guard members attended the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner with spouses on October 11<sup>th</sup>. A good time was had by all, (see photos).

We are grateful to our Post Honor Guard for their dedication and service and "salute" you for your representation of Mason Dixon VFW Post 7234.

To learn more about Mason Dixon VFW Post 7234 Honor Guard and our duties and responsibilities, please contact me.

John F. Gossart, Jr. Captain of the Honor Guard 240-304-8183 Judge800@yahoo.com

Or:

Mike Schiffer Assistant Captain of the Honor Guard 302-448-1877 Rschiffer0@gmail.com

\*The purpose of the Honor Guard is to provide funeral honors for our fallen comrades and guard national monuments. An Honor Guard may also serve as the 'guardians of the colors' "'by displacing and escorting the national flag on ceremonial occasions at official functions."









# **WE MISS YOU**

Once a month Monday night meetings. **WE MISS YOU.** Lunches, new and expanded menu, **WE MISS YOU.** Friday night family pizza and
wing night. **WE MISS YOU.** Saturday night live
music and Chef Daves' prime rib and other fine dinner
items. **WE MISS YOU.** Monday night
mingo/trivia. **WE MISS YOU.** 

Comrades, Auxiliary members and Mason Dixon members this is your Post.

New floor, new paint, new lighting, new and expanded menus, new events, a Board of Directors member or an Officer on duty at the Post EVERY night to help insure that your visit in the best it can be and to demonstrate our commitment to our Post.

## WE MISS YOU.

This Post has over 4000 members and while not all are full time residents of the area if just 5% of our members, just 200 members, brought a spouse, son, daughter, grandchild, friend or neighbor once or twice a week to an activity, to have lunch or dinner, to dance and enjoy live music on Saturday night our Post would be busy every day,

# WE MISS YOU.

Your officers and events committee are working very hard to provide activities events and entertainment to make Post 7234 a great destination. Are you aware of our ongoing programs such as Help A Vet, Casseroles to help feed the homeless, Honor Guard, Quilts of Valor, Community Service, Donations to worthy causes just to name a few.

YOUR post needs your participation in order to

**YOUR** post needs your participation in order to continue these activities.

Help us replace WE MISS YOU, with GLAD YOU CAME, HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT TIME!

Mike Tuckman Jr. Vice Commander

## **CANTEEN CORNER**

**Bull and Oyster Roast** 

I would like to thank everyone involved especially the volunteers in making the Bull and Oyster Roast another huge success. Without your support and dedication to our Veterans, events like this would not be possible. Again thank you very much.

As we head into November we should take time to remember our Veterans. On Monday 11/11/ at 11am we will be honoring our veterans with our Veterans Day Ceremony. This is a time we should stop to honor all the people that gave so much.

November will be a very busy month with the following events scheduled:

Nov. 1 - Halloween Party
Kitchen Open 5 -10
DJ Denny 6 - 10
Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony 11
am.
Nov. 15 - Line Dancing 1 - 3 pm.
\$5:00 per person.
Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Dinner

**Thanksgiving** 

As the holidays are approaching, we at the Post have a lot to be thankful for. We would like our members and their guests to join us for Thanksgiving Dinner.
Our goal is that no member spend the day alone. Dinner is open to all members and their guests. All guests will be accompanied by a member. There is no charge for this dinner, but a donation jar will be available. Donations will be accepted but not expected.

Post Opens 2 pm Dinner 3 - 6 pm

## **Line Dancing**

Many of our members have been expressing interest in starting line dancing classes. On Friday Nov. 15 from 1 - 3 pm will be our first class. All it costs is \$5.00. Great lunch specials will be available. Come out and enjoy the fun.

**News Years Eve** 

I know it seems early to be thinking about New Years Eve, but people are already wanting to buy tickets. This nite has become very popular. Tickets will go on sale Thursday Dec. 5. More detailed information on ticket sales will be posted in the near future Tickets will be \$55.00

# Hors d' oeuvre

MD. Crab Soup Cocktail Meatballs Steamed Shrimp Cheese Tray Vegetable Tray

## Dinner

Sliced beef and gravy Chicken Marsala Shrimp Mac and Cheese Lobster Tail Mixed Vegetables Caesar Salad Rolls and Butter

John Frye Canteen Manager

# 2024 MASON DIXON MEMBER RENEWALS

It is that time of year when Mason Dixon members whose membership expires on December 31, 2024 will begin the process of renewing their memberships. <u>Beginning</u>
<u>November 01, 2024</u>, the Post will begin accepting renewal dues for Mason Dixon members whose cards show an expiration date of 12/31/2024. All dues for 2024 expiring Mason Dixon memberships must be received by December 31, 2024. <u>Please check your card and make payment, if necessary. You will not receive any further notice of your need to renew.</u>

Effective January 1, 2023, membership renewals and new memberships were changed to a two-year term. So, please remit \$150.00 before December 31, 2024 and your new card will expire on December 31, 2026. New membership cards will be available the middle of November. Dues payments may be mailed, placed in the Mason Dixon box at the membership station, or dropped off at the bar. If you wish to receive your card by mail, you will need to submit a self-addressed stamped envelope with your renewal payment. Otherwise, new cards will be available for pick up at the bar once your payment has been received.

Thank you for being a member of Mason Dixon Post No. 7234 VFW of the U.S., and we especially thank you if you volunteer!

**Canteen Board of Directors** 

# A COMEDY AND THOUGHTS FOR VETERANS DAY

On November 11, we will honor all veterans who



have served our country in war and peace, at home and throughout the world, volunteers and draftees, on active duty in regular military units or in National Guard or reserve units. Whether in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast guard or Space Force, for one tour or a full career, all have sworn an oath or affirmed the

duty to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." All who have served are one family. I love the extent and unity of this special day.

Thinking about it, I came across an article by Rich Cohen I the Wall Street Journal about Bill Murray's "funny but serious" speech in the hit movie "Stripes" in 1981. You may remember it. Murry plays a slacker wise guy named John Winger who winds up in a squad or platoon of other misfits in basic training. One day, they're standing around, demoralized, completely unprepared for a drill they're expected to perform in a parade, and threatened with dire consequences if they fail. Then Winger (Murray) rallies the troops with the speech that Rich Cohen compares to inspirational speeches by Winston Churchill and Presidents Roosevelt and Lincoln. I wouldn't go that far, but the speech seemed to fit here this Veterans Day. Here's an excerpt.

"We're not Watusi. We're not Spartans. We're Americans, with a capital A. You know what that means? . . . That means our forefathers were kicked out of every decent country in the world. We are the wretched refuse. We're the underdogs. We're mutts! But there's no animal that's more faithful, more loyal, more lovable than the mutt. So, we're all dogfaces.

"We're all very, very different, but there's one thing we have in common. . . we're American soldiers! We've been [winning] for over 200 years.

"Now we don't have to worry about whether or not we practiced [for the parade] . . . All we have to do is to be the great American fighting soldier that is in each one of us. Now do what I do and say what I say. And make me proud."

Then Winger leads them through a drill performance of comic razzle-dazzle he makes up as he goes along. And, of course, they excel, the military stars of the whole parade.

As Rich Cohen points out it's a silly speech in a funny scene in a comedy. But it expresses a powerful truth in an unsentimental way about Americans in the military and veterans too. Differences don't matter. Service is the common bond, strength and motivation. And, like so many members of the Post, that spirit continues after discharge or retirement from the military in service to others in their communities.

So, at 11:00 AM on November 11, commemorating the Armistice in World War I (on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month), we will celebrate Veterans Day in a traditional formal ceremony to honor all those who have served and protected our nation. That's our tradition, recognizing that Armistice Day was officially

changed to Veterans Day by an Act of Congress on June 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 168), approved and implemented by President Eisenhower in a Proclamation on October 8, 1954. Hard to believe that was seventy years ago considering all the veterans who have served since then. It's a big family.

Today, looking forward to November, here are some dates to keep in mind, in addition to Veterans Day and all the events in the Post calendar.

Nov. 3. **Daylight Saving Time ends. Set clocks** back one hour.

Nov. 5. **Election Day** 

U.S. Marine Corps 249th Birthday Nov. 10.

(Semper Fi since 1775.)

Veterans Day. Honoring all. Nov. 11.

Nov. 28. Thanksgiving Day (With so much to be grateful for.)

I hope you enjoy every day in November.

Jerry Hardiman

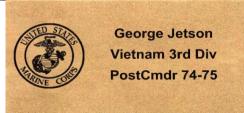
# **Community Care**

Please remember those in need in our community. Continue to bring food items for our food bank. Also continue to bring in casseroles.

Andy Artemchuk Chairman



YFW Post 7234 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign 29265 Marshy Hope Way Ocean Yiew, De 19970



**Donation: \$100.00 per brick (100% Tax Deductible)** 

## **BRICK SIZE 4X8**

Make Checks payable to: VFW Post 7234

Please print form, fill out completely and mail form along with a check to the above address or drop by Bar at Post

You may provide up to three lines of inscription. The top line may say "In honor of" or "In memory of" if you choose. Military Branch, Ranks, etc. are permitted.

Each paver may contain up to three (3) lines with 18 characters per line (lines will be centered) (select emblem or no emblem). Spaces & Punctuation such as dashes or commas are counted as a character. VFW7234 reserves the right in its sole discretion to deny any application and return the paver donation. Questions can be directed to John Mitchell at <a href="mailto:sadpearl@mediacombb.net">sadpearl@mediacombb.net</a> 302-381-9934 or John Gossart at <a href="mailto:judge800@yahoo.com">judge800@yahoo.com</a> 240-304-8183.



# **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Commander
Sr. Vice Cmdr
Jr. Vice Cmdr
Ouartermaster

James Jensen
Chad Myers
Mike Tuckman
Bill Healy

Adjutant Fulton Loppatto
Chaplain Phyllis Scully
Judge Advocate John Gossart Jr.
Surgeon Richard Wagner
Officer of the Day Andy Artemchuk

Guard Jeff Ringel Service Officer Rich Fales

Honor Guard Capt John Gossart Jr. Trustee Greg Albertson

Trustee Rob Gill Trustee Skip Coale

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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# **AUXILIARY TEAM**

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#### **Veteran Claims Assistance**

Our state Veterans Service Officer comes to our Post the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 1:30PM; to make an appointment you can contact him at <a href="mailto:david.hilliard@va.gov">david.hilliard@va.gov</a> or 302-994-2511 ext 7586

#### **FOOD BANK**

Please continue to drop off food items at the entry way. We continue to support our local families in need. Thank you for your donations.

VFW POST 7234 HONOR GUARD TO BECOME A MEMBER, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN GOSSART 240-304-8183

#### **HELP A VET PROGRAM**

Veterans - Need Assistance, a

friendly call, a visit, etc.

**Contact our Post:** 

VFWpost7234@gmail.com

**Member Sick or Deceased** 

Please call:

For VFW – Phyllis Scully 302-539-9981 For Aux – Eileen Healy 302-539-9981

Assistance with VA claims or benefits Please call:

Rich Fales (301)325-3813 or email me at

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