



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) MASON DIXON POST 7234 OCEAN VIEW, DE

“ Honor the Dead by Helping the Living “





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VFW MISSION



- THE OBJECTIVES ARE FRATERNAL, PATRIOTIC, HISTORICAL, CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL
- TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN COMRADESHIP AMONGST ITS MEMBERS
- TO ASSIST WORTHY COMRADES
- TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY AND HISTORY OF OUR DEAD AND TO ASSIST THEIR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS
- TO MAINTAIN TRUE ALLEGIANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND FIDELITY TO ITS CONSTITUTION AND LAWS
- TO FOSTER TRUE PATRIOTISM
- TO MAINTAIN AND EXTEND THE INSTITUTIONS OF AMERICAN FREEDOM
- AND TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND THE UNITED STATES FROM ALL HER ENEMIES, WHOMSOEVER



HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF VFW POST 7234



- Established in Selbyville, DE in May 1946 in the aftermath of World War II
- 92 Original Charter Members (All Deceased)
- Moved from Selbyville to Ocean View, DE in the 1950s
- Perpetual Charter in November 1976 with 25 Life Members (3 still alive)
- Hosted Vietnam Veterans Memorial “Wall That Heals” in 2019
- Memorial Park Dedicated in 2021





MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS



- VFW Membership approximately 1,230 (end of 2024) – the largest VFW Post in Delaware and 8th largest nation wide
- Post Auxiliary Membership approximately 2,400 (end of 2024) – the largest VFW Post Auxiliary in the Nation
- Mason-Dixon Membership of about 680 (end of 2024)
- Grand Total of over 4,200 Members (end of 2024)
- Post VSO / State VSO can answer member benefit questions



Why Join VFW Post 7234 ?



VFW POST 7234 “ MILLION DOLLAR VIEW ”



VFW POST 7234 “ CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES ”



VFW POST 7234 “ COMMUNITY CARE & OUTREACH ”



VFW POST 7234 “ A PLACE TO REMEMBER ”





VFW - Still Serving



- Assistance
 - Programs to help Veterans of every generation
 - File or Appeal a VA Claim
 - Educational Scholarships
 - Emergency Financial Relief
- Advocacy
 - Respected Voice on Capitol Hill
 - Shape Legislative priorities
 - Lobby for Veterans and Survivor's Rights
 - VA Health Care System improvements



Our Members dedicate many hours to spread Patriotism and Honor our Nation's Heroes



VFW POST 7234 GIVES BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY



- Over \$10,000 Awarded to Education (VOD, PP, TOY, Graduating Seniors, etc.)
- Over \$20,000 Donated to local Charities and Non-Profits (2024)
- Over \$40,000 Donated to the VFW National Home
- Food Collection Point for Delivery to Feed the Needy thru Helping Hands
- Delivered over 900 Pasta Casseroles and 80 Turkeys to Feed the Homeless
- Regular visits to Veterans Homes and Brandywine Assisted Living Facility



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT VFW POST 7234



- Help-A-Vet Program
- Veteran Services and Claims Assistance
- Honor Guard (Funeral Honors, Guardians of the Colors)
- Chicken Shack (during summer months)
- Sunday Breakfast Buffet (during summer months)
- Kitchen Helpers / Cooks / Servers
- Flip Five (Wednesday evenings)
- Children's Programs
- Community Care / Outreach
- Building & Grounds Maintenance
- Communications / Social Media
- Event and Entertainment Planning





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 MON – FRI 3 – 5 PM ALSO DRINK SPECIALS		VIETNAM VETERANS DAY CEREMONY MARCH 29 11AM COME AND SHARE A WELCOME HOME A DRINK AND A MEAL EVERYONE WELCOME		LUNCH 12 -2:30 1 PRIME RIB DINNER 5 – 7 PM SHORT TIME MEMORY
2 SUNDAY FUNDAY	LUNCH 12 – 2: 3 VFW & AUX MTG 7PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 4 SHUFFLEBOARD VFW FAMOUS CHEESE STEAKS 5 – 7 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 5 FLIP FIVE 6PM WINGS & THINGS 5 – 7 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 6 TEXAS HOLD'EM 1 – 4 PM CRAB CAKE GRILLED FISH 5 – 7 PM DARTS 6PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 7 LINE DANCING 1 – 3 PM PIZZA SLICES & WINGS 5 – 7 PM DJ DENNY (KARAOKE)	LUNCH 12 -2:30 8 PRIME RIB DINNER 5 – 7 PM ROBIN & THE HOODS
9 INDIGENOUS FIRST PEOPLE IN OUR MILITARY PRESENTATION DISCUSSION 2 – 4 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 10 MINGO NIGHT 6 – 8 PM FOOD 5 – 7 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 11 SHUFFLEBOARD VFW FAMOUS CHEESE STEAKS 5 – 7 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 12 FLIP FIVE 6PM WINGS & THINGS 5 – 7 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 13 TEXAS HOLD'EM 1 – 4 PM FRIED CHICKEN GRILLED FISH 5 – 7 PM DARTS 6PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 14 SEAFOOD BOIL 5 – 7 PM DJ DENNY (KARAOKE)	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 15 PRIME RIB DINNER 5 – 7 –PM THIN ICE
16 ST PATS BUFFET 4 – 6 PM DJ CRUISE 5 – 8 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 17 TRIVIA NIGHT 6 – 8 PM FOOD 5 – 7 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 18 SHUFFLEBOARD VFW FAMOUS CHEESE STEAKS 5 – 7 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 19 FLIP FIVE 6PM WINGS & THINGS 5 – 7 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 20 TEXAS HOLD'EM 1 – 4 PM MEAT LOAF GRILLED FISH 5 – 7 PM DARTS 6PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 21 LINE DANCING 1 – 3 PM PIZZA SLICES & WINGS 5 – 7 PM OPEN JUTE BOX	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 22 PRIME RIB DINNER 5 – 7 –PM IDENTITY CRISIS
23 DART TOURNAMENT STARTING AT NOON	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 24 MINGO NIGHT 6 – 8 PM FOOD 5 – 7 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 25 SHUFFLEBOARD VFW FAMOUS CHEESE STEAKS 5 – 7 PM BOARD MTG 6P	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 26 FLIP FIVE 6PM WINGS & THING 5 – 7 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 27 TEXAS HOLD'EM 1 – 4 PM FRIED CHICKEN GRILLED FISH 5 – 7 PM DARTS 6PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 28 DAVE'S ITALIAN NIGHT 5 – 7 PM OPEN JUTE BOX	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 29 VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 11 AM PRIME RIB DINNER 5 – 7 –PM NATALIE DARKES BAND
30 SOUP & CHILI CONTEST STARTING AT 2 PM	LUNCH 12 – 2:30 31 TRIVIA NIGHT 6 – 8 PM FOOD 5 – 7 PM		COMING UP BULL & OYSTER ROAST 5 APRIL			

EXAMPLES OF EVENTS

- Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony
- Games: Flip Five, Trivia, MINGO
- Children's Craft Parties
- St. Patrick's Day Celebration
- Live Bands and Musicians
- Line Dancing (including Lessons)
- VFW Famous Cheese Steak Subs
- Family Pizza and Buffet Nights
- Half Price Draft Beer / Beer Buckets
- Burgers/Hot Dogs/Wraps/Soup
- Comradeship, Shared Experiences
- Lunch and Dinner – 6 Days a Week
- Something for EVERYONE!!



HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF VFW POST 7234



- VFW Membership
 - Veterans with duty in designated combat areas during designated times (DD214)
 - Special Limited Time Offer: Free Annual Membership Dues Payment - on Us!!
- Post Auxiliary Membership
 - Directly related to a family member who is eligible for VFW membership
- Mason-Dixon Membership
 - Military Veteran who doesn't qualify for VFW Membership
- Fill Out Application, Attach Payment, Selection Board, Approval

Make Our VFW, Your VFW !





WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN VFW POST 7234 ?



To qualify for VFW membership, you must meet the following TWO requirements:

1. Honorable Service – must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and either received a discharge of Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) or be currently serving.
2. Service in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or hostile waters. This can be proven by:
 - A. Authorized campaign medals (see next slide for a list)
 - B. Receipt of Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay (verified by pay statement)
 - C. Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days

This information is usually available through a Veteran's DD-214. If other information is needed or if a Veteran's DD-214 is not complete, they can contact the National Personnel Records Center at 314-801-0800 or at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/> to request more information.

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AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN MEDALS MAKING YOU ELIGIBLE TO JOIN VFW POST 7234



- China Service Medal • American Defense Service Medal • European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal • American Campaign Medal • Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal • Army of Occupation Medal • Navy Occupation Service Medal • Korean Service Medal • Navy Expeditionary Medal • Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal • Vietnam Service Medal • Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal • Southwest Asia Service Medal • Kosovo Campaign Medal • Combat Infantryman Badge • Combat Medical Badge • Combat Action Ribbon • Combat Action Medal¹ • Combat Action Badge • SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia • Korea Defense Service Medal • Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal • Afghanistan Campaign Medal • Iraq Campaign Medal • Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal • Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon WITH GOLD BORDER² • Purple Heart • Korea Duty (Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days) • Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay (with accompanying Military Pay Statement)



SUMMARY / QUESTIONS



- VFW Post 7234 has a proud history
- We invite all eligible Veterans to join, young or old
- All eligible Veterans are welcome at our Post
- Research the Post, Visit the Post, Join the Post

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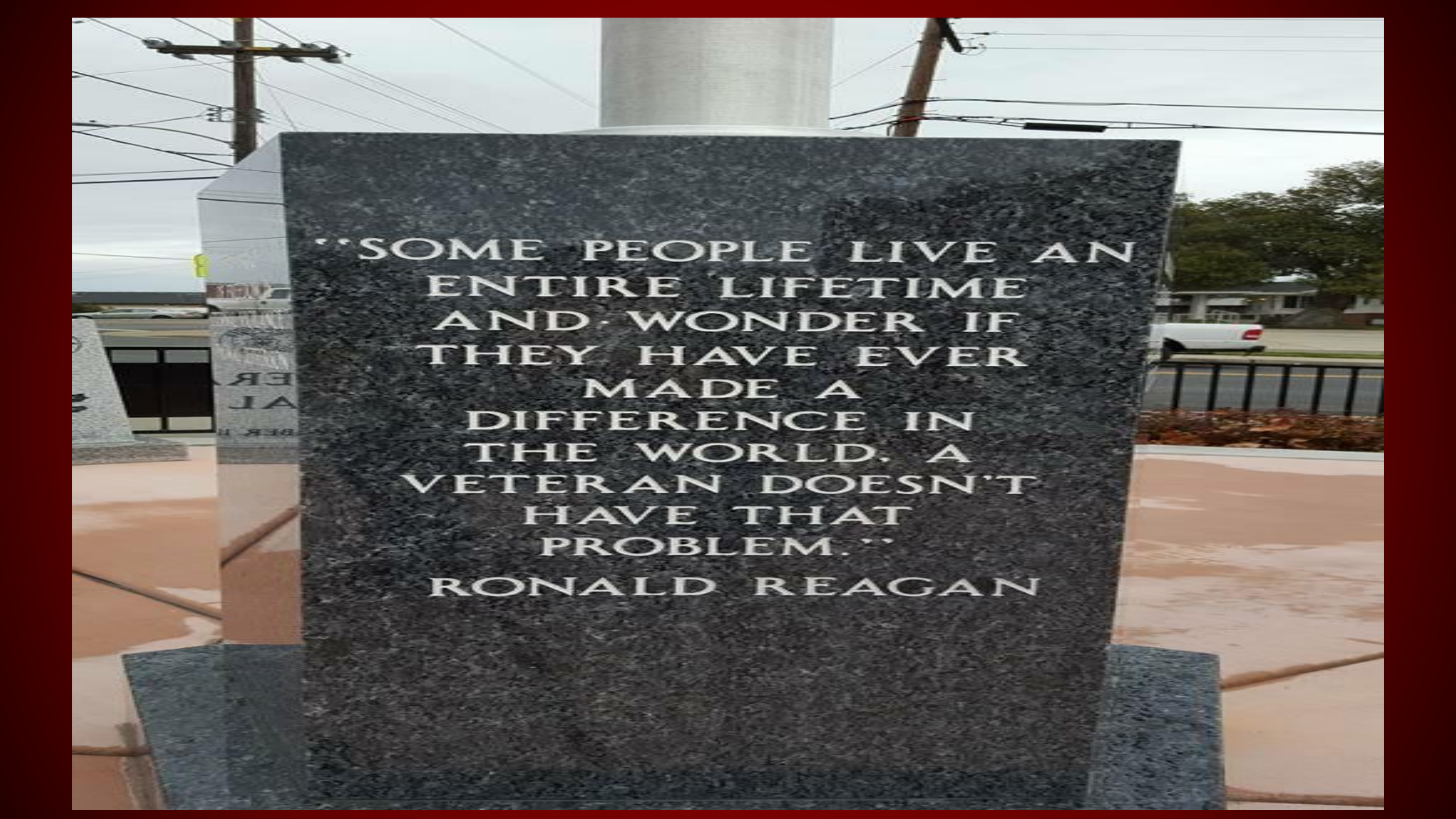
Website: www.vfw7234.com

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Facebook: VFW Post 7234 or VFW Auxilliary 7234

Link to Weather Camera Mounted at Post: <https://youtu.be/PPqPQEUio8w>



A dark granite monument stands on a light-colored stone base. The monument is rectangular and has a quote by Ronald Reagan engraved in white capital letters. The background shows a cloudy sky, a utility pole with wires, and a white pickup truck parked on a street behind a black metal fence. The ground is a mix of light-colored stone and dark gravel.

“SOME PEOPLE LIVE AN
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RONALD REAGAN