

Post 8385

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James Jarret Brown VFW Post 8385 Newsletter

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Greetings from your Commander.

Last month went well, Wing Nights are going well, the Auxiliary did an outstanding job on the Tuesday night dinners. I want to thank everyone that has come out to partake and most importantly for those that volunteered their time to assist. We tried something that we had not done in a long time and that was a Fish Fry. I am pleased to say that it was a huge success. Our plans are to continue and try and do this once a month, normally on the 4th Friday of the month.

We are hosting the District 7 meeting here at the post on the 26th of August, please come support us and enjoy the fellowship with some VFW posts other than our own. We will be providing lunch for our fellow posts. (Low country boil).

You all know that we as the VFW are always in search of new members and to renew those members that are on the annual plan. Please assist, however you are capable.

We have been looking into possibly starting 'Steak Night' back up, this is all dependent on the price of steaks, and volunteers to help with it. I will let you know what we come up with.

I have rattled on for long enough, enjoy our post and let's keep doing what we do. Veterans helping veterans.

Benjamin Atkinson

HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Canteen Etiquette - Our canteen is a social gathering place. Many of our members and guests come to our post for a drink, lunch, relax or meet friends. They may want to leave their professional services at the office or their place of business. If you are interested in their services and they do not want to discuss your needs for a service in this social atmosphere, please show them the courtesy of calling them at their place of business.

Thank You

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

Auxiliary dinners are going great, please keep a eye on our Facebook page for any upcoming events.

FROM THE POST ADJUTANT:

Greetings Comrades, Brothers, and Sisters,

I have started the process of getting permits pulled for the Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony. The Post always celebrates Veterans Day on November 11th no matter what day it falls on but this year it falls on a Saturday we are hoping to get more participants this year for the parade.

We must focus on our mission as VFW Members:

We must:

- Take care of our members and their families
- Stay current on veterans' issues and advocate on the local, state, and federal level
- Be involved in our local community by leading and partnering with other veterans and local organizations
- Be the organization that our community thinks of when they think of veterans

I want to congratulate Rick McConnell on being elected as the 2023-2024 Post Sr. Vice Commander.

From the Department there is going to be some new programs this year:

Nominate a local business as Veteran Employer of the Year (does not have to be from your Post).

Nominate someone for VFW Member of the Year (does not have to be from your Post)

Nominate one JROTC Cadet of the Year (does not have to be from your Post.)

Dave Worthen

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

This month I want to challenge everyone in our post to give that gift of kindness to our local communities. I am not talking about giving money, I am talking about something that each and every one of us in the post can do and that is more valuable than money and that is kindness!! Galatians 5:22 tells us "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the lord". I imagine that some people at the post are saying what can I do? Some things that you can do to give the gift of kindness is open a door for that older man or woman, say "Hello or how are you doing today" to someone that you don't know, make a visit to some of our sick brethren, or make a visit to a senior center. It does not cost you anything but a moment of your time to make that person who may be having a bad day a little easier.

Every day we see hate and violence on TV, Radio, Internet, and other means of communication. If we just took that energy that we use for hate and use it for kindness just imagine what can do for our community.

May God bless every one of you.

V/r George Tweedy

VFW POST RIDERS GROUP:

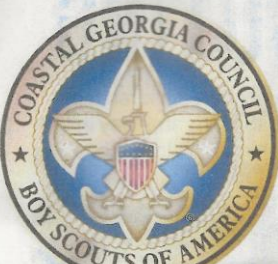
We have made it through the 4th of July now we look at the next several months... We have bike night August 18th from 1800-2200. We have a Funeral escort for a MIA Korean Soldiers Remains in August 12. The soldiers remains were returned and identified as a Solider from Waycross, Ga he was the only child. His parents have since passed before his remains were returned and identified. We are seeing an uptick in Motorcycle accidents please look twice before pulling out or switching lanes. We have Several rides we will be supporting with our presence this Month. One last note we are getting into Hurricane season, now is the time to have your plans for evacuation now, waiting until the storms come is to late.

John Strugala
(Bulldog)
President



BOY SCOUT TROOP 8385

Interest of community service for the Coastal Georgia Council.
It is an annual fund raiser for them for their 22 council counties.



YOUR DOLLARS MAKING AN IMPACT

- >> your gift gives every youth the chance to be a Scout, no matter what their economic circumstances may be.
- >> your gift provides support and training for 1,000+ volunteers leaders who deliver Scouting to Coastal Georgia's youth.
- >> your gift helps provide a safe and fun Scouting experience.
- >> your gift helps send a child to **camp** so they can enjoy all the fun and adventure of the **outdoors**.


FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Scouting is a **values-based** leadership development program where children learn the importance of **character**, how to be effective **leaders** and to learn and play in the great outdoors. Now more than ever it is important to teach our children these values, to live by the Scout Oath and Law and to **Be Prepared** for life.




Scouting makes a dramatic, positive impact on coastal Georgia youth, our families, and our communities, but it won't happen without your support.

Levels of Recognition When You Give




An individual to pledge a gift of \$200 or more will receive a collector's edition Coastal Georgia Council Friends of Scouting Shoulder Patch.



An individual who pledges \$500 or more as a gift or in honor or memory of someone will receive either a commemorative challenge coin in a satin-lined display box or an Eagle Statue based on their level of giving.

HOW SCOUTING IS FUNDED



Funding Source	Percentage
Friends of Scouting/Special Events	31%
Grants	17%
Endowment	17%
Camping/Activities	13%
Popcorn/Campcard Sales	9%
Other	9%
United Way	4%

SUGGESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Do you have an idea that would help the Post? Want to come up with an event that allows us to better help Veterans and their families?

If you do, and would like to suggest or recommend something, write it out and drop it in the blue box by the office door.

The House Committee will review/discuss during their regular monthly meeting, the meeting is open to all post members. The House Committee Meeting always falls on the 2nd Wednesday at 1730.

POST PICTURES:

Quilt if Valor presentation on July 1st, 2023





**VFW POST 8385 IS
HOSTING A
Fish Fry & Karaoke
ON AUGUST 25TH
STARTING AT 5:30 TILL
8PM**



**FOR \$15 YOU CAN'T BEAT THE
DEAL !
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

IMPORTANT DATES OF AUGUST:

AUGUST 7th Purple Heart Medal Was Established (1782)
AUGUST 7th Vietnam War Began (1964)
AUGUST 9th House Committee Meeting at 1730
AUGUST 14th Japan Surrendered, Ending WWII (1945)
AUGUST 14th National Navajo Code Talkers Day
AUGUST 16th National Airborne Day
AUGUST 17th Post and Auxiliary Meeting 1800
AUGUST 19th Post Riders Meeting 1000
AUGUST 19th National Aviation Day
AUGUST 26th District 7 Meeting at the Post 1000
AUGUST 26th Women's Equality Day

