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James Jarret Brown VFW Post 8385 Newsletter

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Greetings from your Commander.

Last month went well, just a note concerning Wing Nights, we will start doing them on the first and third Mondays. The Auxiliary continues to do 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 did another Fish fry last month, and again, it was a remarkable success, thank you to all of those that helped and made food. Our plans are to continue and try and do this once a month, normally on the 4th Friday of the month. September fish fry will be on 29 Sept. I said last month that we were going to start back with Steak Nights. We are planning the first one on the 15th of Sept. We are going to be doing them as pre-pay. The tickets should be at the post and the tenders should be able to get them for you. We hosted the district 7 meeting here at the post on the 26th of August, thank you to all that came and helped support. 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. With that, I will let you go, enjoy our post, and let us keep doing what we do. Veterans helping Veterans.

Benjamin Atkinson

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

Auxiliary dinners are going great, please keep an eye on our Facebook page for any upcoming events. I'm on the mend thank you all who checked in on me while I was in the hospital, it's going to take one day at a time.

I also want to thank my Auxiliary for holding it together while I was in the hospital.

We also have a scarecrow stroll and a Trunk-or-Treat in the works, also we are setting up a paint night once a month.

Janet Gohl

FROM THE POST ADJUTANT:

Greetings Comrades, Brothers, and Sisters,

I personally want to thank everyone that sent me texts and messages regarding the death of my aunt.

After the District 7 meeting the district 7 Commander inspected all of files and records that are kept at our Post Quartermaster and the Post Adjutant, I am proud to announce that our Post passed our yearly State required inspection of our post. The district 7 Commander was very pleased with how we keep our records and files in a professional order.

Just a reminder of using the proper channels (Chain of Command) within the post, for VFW Post members if there is a issue within the post please contact the Post Commander so he can resolved the issue, if a Post Auxiliary member has a issue within the post please contact your Auxiliary President and the President will contact the Post Commander so he can resolved the manner.

We have some important holidays coming up 9/11, POW/MIA Recognition Day, Gold Star Mother's Day

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.

Dave Worthen

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

Brothers and Sisters in this month's Chaplain Corner I would like to talk briefly about Suicide Prevention and Intervention.

September is Suicide Prevention month, and we are currently losing 22 veterans every single day in all services, and this is an issue that everyone can get involved in. If a veteran or active-duty member comes to you and tells you that they are having suicide thoughts, they are reaching out to you. Don't dismiss them, talk with them to see if you can help them. It can be as simple as listening to them. Don't be afraid to reach out and help someone who is struggling OR reach out for help if you are struggling God won't ever let you go, and he has given others in life to help you shoulder you this burden. Many of us have been down this road before so you are not alone, my brothers and sisters.

Suicide is not age discriminatory it affects people of all ages and races and even children commit suicide as well. Suicide is not a modern phenomenon. The Bible mentions several instances of suicide. The Bible says that Judas, the disciple who betrayed Jesus, hung himself when he couldn't bear the terrible guilt he felt for aiding in the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus (See Matthew 27:5). Another example is King Saul, the first king of Israel. Saul fell on his own sword during battle when it was apparent that he had lost the battle and he would be captured, tortured, and killed by his enemies (I Samuel 31:4).

I would like to close this month Chaplain Corner with this prayer:

1 John 5:14-15

Oh, Precious Lord, Your Word states that I can have confidence in You, so that if I ask anything according to Your will, You hear me and if I know that You hear me in whatever I ask, I know that I have the requests I have asked of You. I am crying out to you right now in hopes that you will change the mindset of my loved one, I pray against suicidal thoughts in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Remember that it takes only one person to prevent someone from taking their own life. Be that person to help a fellow brother or sister. God Bless you all.

V/r George Tweedy VFW POST 8385 Chaplain

VFW POST RIDERS GROUP:

No Input This Month

BOY SCOUT TROOP 8385

Troop 8385 had a great Court of Honor this August. Almost a hundred merit badges were awarded as well as many rank

advancements. Thanks once again to the Post for chartering the Troop. Popcorn sales are in progress, reach out to one of these young men for some tasty treats that support our local scouts.



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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER:

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September 4th Labor Day

September 10th VFW Post Riders Group Meeting at 12pm

September 11th Patriot Day National Day of Service and Remembrance

September 13th House Committee Meeting 1730

September 14th Ladies Auxiliary VFW was Organized 1914

September 15th POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 17th U.S. Constitution Approved (1787)

September 18th U.S. Air Force Established (1947)

September 21st Post and Auxiliary Meeting 1800

September 24th Gold Star Mother's Day

