



VFW Post 8385 James Jarret Brown



NEWSLETTER

August 2024

Congratulations to VFW Post 8385 and Ben Atkinson 2023-2024 post commander. We were awarded All-American Post, ranked #24 in Division #3.

The last few weeks have been hot, and I hope that all of you are finding ways to stay hydrated and cool. Summer vacations for most of us are coming to an end, and the kids or grandkids are headed back to school, please remember to drive safely and be aware of the young ones out there.

August Events

4th - Cub Scouts Meeting @ 1600-1700

6th - FRG Meeting

6th - Auxiliary Dinner @ 1700

7th - Commander's Choice Dinner @ 1730

8th - House Committee Meeting @ 1730

10th - District Meeting@

11th - Rider's Group Meeting @ 1230

13th - Auxiliary Dinner @ 1700

14th - SUBVETS Meeting

14th - Commander's Choice Dinner @ 1730

15th - Post Meeting @ 1800. **Reminder, the Canteen will be closed during the meeting.**

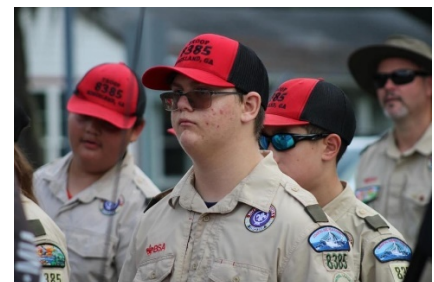
20th - Auxiliary Dinner @ 1700

21st - Commander's Choice Dinner @ 1730

25th - Boy Scouts Court of Honor – @1600-1800

27th - Auxiliary Dinner @ 1700

28th - Commander's Choice Dinner @ 1730



Upcoming State and National Events:

- Commander in Chief Homecoming will be held in Savannah, GA 23 – 25 August. Alfred J “Al” Lipphardt is our Commander in Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The 3rd Commander-in-Chief from the state of Georgia. On 22nd – Commander in Chief Homecoming Steak Dinner @ 1600 VFW Post 660(Savannah, GA)



National Convention is set for 26 July – 1 August in Louisville, KY

The District Meeting will be held here at our very own post 8385 - on 10 August @ 1000 this year. Please make time to attend, it is very important that we represent our organization and our Post.



04 July 2024 – Our Independence Day celebration was a huge success. We had a fantastic time hosting our members, their families and our community. Everyone we talked to really enjoyed everything. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time to make this 4th one of the best ones in a while.

We are very motivated to ensure that we continue to represent our post and our fellow veterans throughout our community. If there is an event you would like to see us participate in, please bring it to our attention.

Remind your friends, neighbors and co-workers that VFW Post 8385 is unique in the fact that we are an "OPEN POST" and therefore, EVERYONE is invited and welcome in the Post at any time.

We are actively seeking new members, be sure and let your Veteran friends and family know that we are here, what we represent and why being a member is a great opportunity. The Auxiliary is also always welcoming new members so if someone is interested and does not qualify to be a Post member maybe they do qualify to be an Auxiliary Member. The most important part of our sustainability is attracting AND maintaining members in good standing who actively participate in our programs! Please help us out! We can always use help with membership engagement!

Post 8385 is a great place to relax, talk to old friends and Comrades, meet new friends and get some great food and a nice cold drink.

The purpose of our organization is TO HELP VETERANS! If you know of a Veteran in need, please bring it to the attention of any of our Post Officers so that they can quickly get the proper assistance for all our Veterans in need. We cannot do this alone; we need each and every one of you to assist us.

The kitchen is now open 7 days a week for lunch and the Auxiliary and Commander's Choice Dinners have been going well. These high-quality lunches and dinners are an affordable option to feed yourself and your family and to give yourself a much-needed break during the week from having to prepare the meals yourself. Please remind your friends, family and acquaintances that our Post is open to the public and they are more than welcome to visit and enjoy our food, beverages and friendship at any time.

Our hall is available to rent for your events. Please contact us if you need a venue to host your event. We can ensure use of the bar and kitchen is available.

To Celebrate the kickoff to NCAA College Football weekend VFW POST 8385 will be hosting our first ever Chili Cook-Off. Saturday 31 August 2024. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee. The event is open to the public. Sign-ups will be accepted until noon on Friday 23 August 2024. There will be cash and prizes. Whip up a batch of your homemade chili and come on out. If you aren't the chili maker, maybe you are the connoisseur! Come on out and give them all a taste.


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Chili Cook-Off
 Saturday, 31 August 2024
 \$10 Entry Fee Cash & Prizes

 Sign up **PRIOR TO** noon
 Friday, 23 August 2024
 Open to the Public
 See details & Sign up inside
 VFW Post 8385

If you have inputs for the next issue of the newsletter, those inputs will be due one week prior to the publishing date. If you have suggestions for the newsletter let us know you can reach out to any of us or by placing the suggestion in the Post's suggestion box. Enjoy

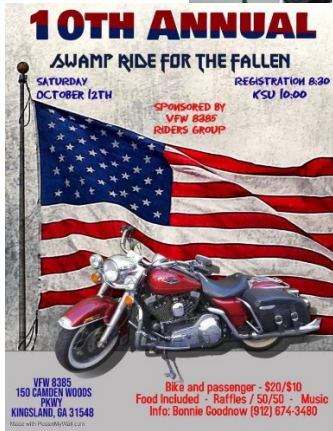


Commander's Corner:
 Greetings from the Commander,

As I travel to Louisville Ky to pick up last year's All-American awards, I'm reminded of the importance of what we do and why do it in our community. Last year this post celebrated a stellar year and I'm hoping for a repeat this year. I know with hard work and commitment we can get it done.

The VFW year is in full swing and we as a Post have lots of new activities planned as well as some of the old favorites returning. As we begin the college football season the house committee and other members of the Post have decided to do a chili cook off. We're working with the local community to have some "celebrity judges" and our VFW "staff" members will be there to assist in helping make this event successful.

On another note, I'm looking to increase our community involvement numbers. I know we're out in the community doing the business of the VFW we just have to remember to record those numbers so our Junior Vice Commander can report them. I'm as guilty as everyone for not reporting but I'm hoping as a team we can do better.



Thank you all for all you do for our Post, our Community and our Veterans.

Patsey Schreiber
Post Commander

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