

Howard Plant VFW Post 782

Newsletter – August 2018

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Post key leaders:

Commander – Michelle Caver

Senior Vice – Nic Thornbro

Junior Vice – Kevin Hough

Qtr Master/Adj – Joe Gilmond

Chaplain – Rav Bains

Service Officer – Sarah Tullos

MESSAGE FROM THE POST COMMANDER

Last month was filled with problem-solving opportunities and a test of patience for many. Some matters were temporarily addressed while others remain a painful obstacle to negotiate. Long-term solutions are being considered among the few who are engaged in daily Post operations. Their efforts are commendable and patron patience is genuinely appreciated. If you have concerns about what is happening to address the myriad of problems that seemed to show up last month, please attend a Post or Auxiliary Meeting so you can help with developing strategies to resolve them.

Our annual picnic is offered on August 12 from NOON to 6p. This year's theme is a Hawaiian Luau. Our gathering is intended to be fun so don't look for authentic Hawaiian festive traditions. The small team of organizers will do their best to deliver good food and enjoyable activities. In return, bring your family, wear a festive clothing and look forward to spending time with your Post 782 family.

This message ends with heartbreaking news. One of our own and notably one of our best, Don Sawyer, passed away on July 26. A service to honor his life will be held in Randolph, VT on August 3 at 10:30 am, Pleasant View Cemetery.

And remember, your concerns are my concerns. Please feel free to reach out to me directly via my cell phone at **518.928.4391** or email – michcaver@gmail.com.

In service,
Michelle Caver
Post Commander



Our Post needs its members' involvement to thrive. Your opinion matters most when it's heard and can be counted. **Post meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday, monthly at 6:30p.** Join us prior to the meeting at **5:45p** for a light dinner & camaraderie. **Hope to see many in the veteran family on August 7.**



AUXILIARY

MADAM PRESIDENT'S PLACE

Comrades and Auxiliary members:

I want to thank all the members who helped at the 4th of July picnic. It was a great time and the food was wonderful.

At our July meeting, our State President, Christine, visited our Post. We had a cake for her and did a round table meeting. Thanks to the Members who were there.

When you're at the Post, check out the updates to the Ladies room! Mary Dean did a great job painting and decorating it. A BIG THANKS to her!

We are still having bingo fundraisers and I would like to start up shuffleboard again as a fun activity to do at the Post. If anyone is interested in participating, give me a call (373-5203). Watch the calendar for coming events.

Reminder: We are now accepting dues for 2019















Next Auxiliary meeting is changed to August 21 to support an opportunity to rent out the Hall. Always looking for suggestions at the meeting.

When you see a Veteran don't forget to THANK them!

Respectfully,
Sue Brennan
Auxiliary President

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August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				NO LINE DANCING SCHEDULED		
5 Roerun's Annual: CALCUTTA FUNDRAISER for Kidney, Heart, & Cancer Research 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	6	7 <i>HEALING WATERS FLY TYING</i> 9-11 AM  POST MEETING 6:30 PM MEAL @5:45 PM	8	9 LINE DANCING W/DANCING DEAN 6 – 9 PM 	10  AUXILIARY BINGO 6:00 PM DINNER SERVED 5:00 – 6:30 PM	11  COMMUNITY DANCE W/FOX & FRIENDS 7 – 11 PM KITCHEN OPEN
12  Annual Picnic!!! Noon – 6 PM 	13	14 <i>HEALING WATERS FLY TYING</i> 9-11 AM Private Party 5pm – 11pm	15	16 LINE DANCING W/DANCING DEAN 6 – 9 PM 	17	18  COMMUNITY DANCE W/DARK HORSE 7 – 11 PM KITCHEN OPEN
19  AUXILIARY BINGO FUNDRAISER (SPECIAL PROJECTS) 6:00 PM DINNER SERVED 5:00 – 6:30 PM	20	21 <i>HEALING WATERS FLY TYING</i> 9-11 AM  AUXILIARY MEETING 6:00 PM	22	23 LINE DANCING W/DANCING DEAN 6 – 9 PM 	24  AUXILIARY BINGO 6:00 PM DINNER SERVED 5:00 – 6:30 PM	25 Private Party 10am – 4pm  COMMUNITY DANCE W/THE ADAMS 7 – 11 PM KITCHEN OPEN
26 Private Party 11am – 5pm	27	28 <i>HEALING WATERS FLY TYING</i> 9-11 AM	29	30 LINE DANCING W/DANCING DEAN 6 – 9 PM 	31	

POST MEMBERS, CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN FLY TYING ON TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 9AM. THE ACTIVITY DOES NOT REQUIRE FISHING OR CONVERSATIONAL SKILLS BUT NOTED AS AN ENJOYABLE ACTIVITY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.

LIVING OUR VALUES

CONGRATULATIONS

Allston “Joe” Gilmond earned All-American Commander to recognize his leadership as our Post Commander 2017-2018. Joe will say this honor is shared with his line officers who supported him and the Post. This is certainly true so congratulations to his leadership team as well.

Our District 2 Commander, Kevin Maloney achieved All-American Commander status as well. He plans to attend one of our Post meetings in the near future. You can offer him congratulations and also share any concerns you’d like to bring to his attention.

SPECIAL NOTICE: VFW Elects Vincent ‘B.J.’ Lawrence as New National Commander

In the new VFW Commander-in-Chief’s acceptance speech, he states, ‘There’s an energy in this organization that’s just chomping at the bit to be released’ “It comes from a younger generation who wants to get their hands dirty out in their communities, and it comes from an older generation who knows that the way we did things in the past no longer works, but whose experience and knowledge remains valuable,” said Chief Lawrence.

SINCERE THANKS

To the Auxiliary and the couple veterans who time and time again ensure our special events are offered to our members. The good people who regularly share their time, talents and resources do so with a smile. The Bar-B-Q on July 4 and the upcoming Post picnic on August 12 are examples of their dedication and commitment to our Post 782 family. If you haven’t already, consider supporting and attending a Post event in the future. Some upcoming annual events:

Halloween Party in October

Youth Holiday Party in early December

Holiday Dinner/Dance on December 24

New Year’s Party on December 31

THANK YOU, AUXILIARY FOR ADJUSTING YOUR MEETING DATE THIS MONTH SO WE ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE UNEXPECTED REVENUE FOR THE POST VIA HALL RENTAL TO A GROUP! YOUR SUPPORT IS PRAISE WORTHY!

POST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Post Budget

Last month, the intentions were to move forward with addressing many issues that have recently surfaced or some that have been ongoing for some time in the Post. However, without key leadership present, making any decisions didn't seem like the right thing to do. So again, if you have an interest in genuinely understanding our current financial situation or improving our current practices, we'll be voting on how to move forward in some areas so it is worth it to be present at the August 7 meeting.

Some specific topics: Post Revenue/Expenditure review, proposal of using operating budgets for various areas, Fire Inspection results, cable service, canteen liquor prices, Hall rental agreement/scheduling, food pricing, and veteran volunteer bartenders (fill-in support).

Rescheduling of flag burning event

Due to the possibility of inclement weather, our annual Flag Day event was postponed. We have an opportunity to partner with the Milton community and participate in their flag burning event or reschedule our own. We have quite few flags accumulated so burning them at our Post will require many volunteer shifts throughout approximately a 6-8 hour period.

The United States Flag Code (4 USC Sec 8 Para (k) Amended 7 July 1976) states: "The Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

House Committee Introduction

Our Post has functioned without a formal House Committee for some time. There are a few members who are willing to step up and support the Post in the role of ensuring daily operating procedures and expenditures are supported by our By-Laws and reflect the wishes of our membership. This new team deserves our support so as changes are introduced, recognize it is reflective of *what right looks like* and not tradition.