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## THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTARY

By Post Commander Joseph Byrnes "Hoss"



Hello, Comrades! I am writing my monthly newsletter from my desk at work and would like to welcome everyone to another VFW year. It has been a bumpy few months at the VFW Post and I would like to thank everyone for stepping up, volunteering, and taking part in many of our Post functions and endeavors. I would like to welcome Comrade Gary Kelch in his new position as Senior Vice Commander and Comrade Jason Turney who will be filling the Junior Vice Commander position. I look forward to working with both of you and the rest of the command staff on this year's activities.

District 10 nominated me again this year to serve as the District Chaplin and I look forward to serving District 10 Comrades. Speaking of District 10, we just completed our end-of-year functions by attending the 2017 Department Convention and the swearing in of our new state leaders. I would like to highlight and congratulate Ms. Linda Bond on her nomination and election to President for the Department of Virginia Auxiliary.

As we start the new year, I am looking forward to re-starting the Commander's Call again. Previous Commander's Calls has been very beneficial to our Post. There are several issues we need to discuss as a Post. I urge my fellow Comrades to update their email address to ensure that you all will be properly informed. I am also urging each and everyone to attend our monthly meetings.

Each monthly newsletter, I have been highlighting certain individuals who go above and beyond with their dedication to the Post. For this month, I would like to recognize our Post Service Officer, Comrade Frank Konieczny. Comrade Konieczny has spent countless hours working with individual veterans within our Post and other veterans from around the Fairfax County area. He was recognized by our Department Service Officer for his meticulous work and as a true friend to the veteran. The next time you see Comrade Konieczny, which most likely will be at BINGO or at the Post helping a veteran needing assistance with their submission of VA paperwork, please acknowledge him for his excellent work and tell him how much his sacrifice is appreciated.

On a sad note, we will be saying farewell to our current Post Quarter Master, Comrade Joe Barringer, who will be moving on from the Post to enjoy his retirement from the Army and his new life as a government contractor. Comrade Barringer will be missed and his expertise has been invaluable. From the Post, I would like to say thank you and wish you well in your new job.

As always, I continue to 'sing the same song' regarding for the need of volunteers. Our Bingo program are always in need of volunteers which provides the Post the financial stability and allows us to give back to our Veterans in need, i.e. Thanksgiving and Christmas program. Please understand that the Bingo program is the lifeblood of our charitable capabilities and without your support, this program may go away. Please contact Ms. Diana Regan at oregandl@cox.net to get on the schedule for either Thursday or Friday night.

I look forward to seeing you around the VFW Post Home or at Bingo. Remember, if anyone asks, we are open for business and our business is taking care of Veterans.

Joseph Byrnes, Commander

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Post Chaplain Wayne Yancey

Hello Comrades, Members of the Auxiliary, and Friends of the Post,

I hope everyone is doing well in this heat. Fortunately, I work inside so it doesn't bother me that much.


I don't do "Facebook" but Diana tells me that congratulations are in order for Comrade Terri Andreoni. Terri got engaged to Loren Armstrong on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the 242<sup>nd</sup> Army Birthday Ball at the Washington Hilton. Terri is an Active Duty Lt. Colonel in the US Army and has been a member of Post 7327 and its' Auxiliary for approximately ten years. She was Quartermaster for three of the four years that I was Commander and is a past "All American Quartermaster". She is also a past "Quartermaster of the Year" for the entire state of Virginia. Congratulations to Terri and Loren from your Comrades, Auxiliary members, and friends of the Post.

Comrade Haywood Thomas is still recuperating but says he is getting a little better each day. Stay strong, Haywood and let us know if you need anything.

It's great to see Comrade J. B Young doing well and back to working Bingo. We really appreciate the support.

Our next visit to the VA Hospital in Washington D. C. is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> (the third Tuesday of the month"). As usual, we will leave the Post Home at 6:00 pm; will arrive and begin playing Bingo at the VA Hospital at about 7:00 pm and will leave at approximately 8:00 pm. We will get back to the Post Home at approximately 9:00 pm. We welcome all who would like to join us.

As always, please contact me using one of the options provided below if there is anything I can do for anyone.  
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# Message from Your Auxiliary President

By Barb Major



First we want to congratulate our own Linda Bond on her election as Department of Virginia Auxiliary President at the recent VFW Convention in Williamsburg. We wish her a very successful year, and we stand ready to help her in any way we can.

On August 9 we will be sponsoring refreshments for the Fairfax County Park Authority's Summer Entertainment Series: Lee District Nights. The program starts at 7:30 and runs about one hour. Bring a lawn chair if you can and come out and have fun. This year the band is the Mariachi Los Amigos. It should be a very lively evening. We sponsored refreshments last year and we had a blast!

Finally, members please watch your mailboxes for our annual Bakeless Bake Sale notice, which should arrive at the end of July. The Auxiliary uses these funds to complete our administrative tasks.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 7 pm. We'd love to see you there. In the meantime, be safe and enjoy the summer!



This past weekend at the VFW Department of Virginia State Convention, Springfield Post's own Linda Bond was sworn in as the Department of Virginia Auxiliary President. For the past decade Linda has been a stalwart Member of the Post Auxiliary, providing leadership and passion for the mission of the Auxiliary. The Post has been fortunate to have Linda as part of our team and we are proud to support her leading the entire State of Virginia Auxiliary organization. Congratulations Linda and have a great year as President!

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## *Upcoming Events and Activities*

- July 4 - Independence Day 
- July 11—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30pm
- July 12 —Auxiliary Membership Meeting, 7 pm
- July 18—VA Hospital Visit, leave Post Home at 6:00 pm
- July 25—General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Jul 22-26 - National Convention, New Orleans
- July 27 - Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (1953) 

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*Come early to meetings and join us for drinks and camaraderie!*

**BINGO - EVERY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY evening beginning at 7:00 pm at  
Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department**

### *Post Hours of Operation*

Monday / Tuesday – Closed (except for meetings)  
Wednesday / Thursday—10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Friday – 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday / Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Post may be open other than these hours as events require and personnel are available.