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**Commanders Message**

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**Commander Bobby Jeans** - Just a few short messages and I promise to be brief. You are all well aware that Memorial Day Holiday is quickly approaching us. I hope to see you at one of our events that we will be holding over that weekend. I hope that you will be able to join us for at least one of our planned events.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of VFW Post 2230 who will take their positions on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> will be our last monthly meeting before our summer break. Installation of officers will be held at the meeting and refreshments will be served. Meeting will start as usual at 8:00pm in the main hall.

**National Super Star Wrestling** - In conjunction with VVA 668 and 779 post 2230 will host a pro wrestling match on Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> in the main hall, doors open at 6pm. Our last outing was a huge success please plan on attending with your sons or grand children or just other friends. It will be a great event and you are sure to enjoy these matches.

**Poppies** - Chairman Ed Sulenski has begun this years drive. Solicitation Chairman Ed and his band of merry men have taken their post at the local A&P. They shall continue until the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. Feel free to join in or drop off a cup of much needed coffee to show your support.

**Memorial Day** - Flag deployment will be Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> starting with breakfast at the post at 8am, cemetery at 9am and hot dogs and beer at the post at noon. Memorial Day services are Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Refreshments will be served after the services. If weather causes doubt for flag deployment call the post to confirm at 908-276-9769.

**Get Out the Vote** - Comrades, we have a fellow veteran and VFW Post 2230 member running in the Republican Primary on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Seat (Mike Ferguson vacated seat). Tom will be at our services on May 26<sup>th</sup> come out and meet him.



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**Maintenance** – Chairman Ed McDyer and his crew have completed another successful mission. All the post in Memorial Park have been painted and the chains have been placed in a such a way as to give all easy access for viewing of our pavers, monuments and flags. Again Fred Gorman has set our flag display at the post and all is ready for Memorial Day. Landscaper Dave Kokai has a wonderful display of red, white and blue flowers so that the facility will be standing tall for our services on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**GSP Overpass Flags** Glenn Miller reports that he will be putting out a new set of flags prior to Memorial Day. The daily routine of keeping the flags flying has continue through the efforts of Glenn to be a grand success. Thanks for you efforts Glenn.

### **Easter Baskets for Veterans - Ed Miller**

Ed Miller organized Harding School, St. Theresa and David Brearley Schools in making 125 Easter baskets consisting of Chocolates, Stationary supplies and pens and distributing them to the three wards at Lyons Veteran's Hospital. Thanks to all the students for putting the baskets together they were well received by our Veterans and they commented how useful the writing implements were for our confined Veterans.

**BOY SCOUTS** – John and the boys are preparing for summer Boy Scout activities. The plans for summer camp and over night camping trips are in full swing. Our VFW sponsored troop is getting bigger by the day and already after just a few short years of existence one scout, Richard Tieman, has already reached the rank of Eagle and John informs us that he is only the first of many more who are close to making Eagle Scout. Congratulations Richard on a job well done. Scoutmaster John Kozak has far exceeded the expectations of our post in the performance of the troop. Congratulations John.

**Cell Phones For Soldiers** - Just wanted to remind everyone that our Cell Phones for Soldiers program is still going strong. If you are disposing of your old cell phone drop by the post and drop it in our basket in the Lounge. If you can't make it to the post call Bobby Jeans and he will make arrangements to have the phone picked up.

**Memorial Park** - All the bricks that have been ordered are in and in place. We currently have seven brick orders being processed as well as the dedication plaque. Unfortunately



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they will not be in place for services on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please bare with us as soon as the order arrives they will be put in place.

**Sr. Vice Commander – Brian Hirth** – The post continues to expand. So do our community based services. One of our most recent projects that we have been asked to facilitate is the “Battleship New Jersey” assistance group. This shall consist of fund raising to assist the group in expanding services at the memorial. This past meeting Commander Jeans has asked if one of our Navy Veterans would be interested in chairing this committee for post 2230. Please contact myself or Commander Jeans as soon as possible if you are interested in this project.

**Jr. Vice Commander – Tony Lepore** . As the scholarship chairman all has been completed for this year and we shall make the scholarship awards to the winners this June. The winners will be listed in our September Newsletter. As you all know May 7<sup>th</sup> was Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day on the New Jersey calendar. Commander Bob Jeans, Rick Harrison, Bo Hadiak, Herb Worthington, Tony Vetuschi and the loveable Tom Winter presented a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Homdel on behalf of KVC/VFW Post 2230. The ceremony was well attended to a standing room only crowd.

**Chaplin – Bill Boll** – I would like to remind all to keep our serving men and women in your prayers especially over the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our services on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Condolences** - On behalf of VFW Post 2230 our deepest condolences to the families of Adjutant Mark Guzevich on the passing of his father Ed, who was a WWII United States Marine Veteran (Semper Fi) and to John Kozak on the passing of his wife Elaine. If anyone would like more information to send a card call Commander Jeans at the post.

**Quartermaster – Howard Hahn** – Sadly this will be my last newsletter reporting to you as Quartermaster. I shall be turning over the books to the newly elected Quartermaster of the Post who will be taking the con effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Thank you one and all for all the help and support that you have given me and that support certainly made my job as Post Quartermaster easier.



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**KVC NEWS:**

**President Jerry Dobbins** – Memorial Day season is close at hand and we are all making our summer plans. Before we take that well deserved break I would hope that you will volunteer to participate in our Memorial Day weekend flag deployment. The more bodies the faster we get done. Please take a few moments to help us complete our mission for this solemn Veterans remembrance activity. Finally after a lot of hard work and time our dishwasher is working and all the electrical work has been completed in the Post messhall. Thanks to the efforts of Dennis Ferrara, Al Fiorillo and Bobby Vesselli.

**Vice President – George Klose** Our heating oil situation has improved and we will not have to address this until next fall. I will be keeping a close eye out for the best possible price to purchase oil for our upcoming winter (cold weather) season. Building and Grounds Chairman Brian Hirth completed the paving in front of Memorial Park in time for our Memorial Day Services. Job well done thanks Brian!!!

**Bar Chairman – Gerry Grasso** Well I no longer am drinking alone the bar is crowded thanks for keeping me company it's always good to see old friends keep coming and by the way I will never refuse a beer so please buy me one. On a more serious note I would like to thank our bartenders on their continued effort to maintain a quality lounge and services second to none to all of our guest and customers

**Secretary – Bill Salzmann** **Congratulations to Susan Kathleen Scheuerer** on her admission to the New York State Bar Association. The admission ceremony was attended by a proud mom and dad Sally and Ray Scheuerer. Susan is currently working as an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn, New York. Ed Sulenski's nephew, RP2 Joseph Ditzel, US Navy, has recently been deployed to Kuwait in support of the Seabees. Joseph supports one of the Chaplain's assigned to the NMCB 74, whose members are currently deployed in 10 countries. This particular battalion's primary responsibility is humanitarian aid in war torn countries and others needing improvements in water supply, electricity, school buildings and roads. Previous to this deployment, Joe was in Iraq where he was promoted to Second Class Petty Officer and earned the SCWS pin (Seebee Combat Warfare Specialist). One of his



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responsibilities while in both Iraq and Kuwait has been the United through Reading program, video-taping military personnel reading children's books so the tapes could be sent home for families to view. Upon returning home to the States, Joe will be assigned to Parris Island, supporting Chaplain's who will be working with new Marine recruits. **Congratulations** to the newly elected officers of VFW Post 2230. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 Commander Robert Jeans, Senior Vice Commander Brian Hirth, Junior Vice Commander Jerry Dobbins, Adjutant Bill Salzman, Quartermaster Richard Banks, Judge Advocate Terry Dempsey, Surgeon Joe (Tex) Weaver, Chaplin Bill Boll, Guard Dan Sims and Officer of the Day Paul Campanelli have been elected in service to the Post for a one year term. Thank you one and all for your service.

Commander Bobby Jeans represented the Post at Kenilworth High School in giving a presentation of military participation during the Vietnam War in the School's "Veterans in the Classroom" program. The presentation was given to advanced placement school courses taught by Scott Miller and Diane Penn. Pictures of the participating students were taken and will be on the Kenilworth Veterans Web page for viewing.

**Membership Committee** - Harry Scheidegger reports that for the most part all of the membership dues has been paid. There are still a few members not paid and just a reminder that if your dues is not paid for 2008 please send a check as soon as possible.

**National Veterans Service Committee** - Show off your artistic talent. All types of visual painting, photography, pottery, sculpture and wood or metalworking. All submitted art work will be on display for the entire day. If you are interested in sharing your artwork and talents contact the Staff at the VA Scott Snell 908-604-5814 ext 4423. Deadline for submissions is May 16<sup>th</sup>. Lyons Building three Atrium June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm and East Orange 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Auditorium June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Light refreshments will be served.

### **Lyons Veterans - Fred Gorman**

Assistance is needed to implement the Special Caregiver's Day program of our veterans and their families. The VA New Jersey Health Care System Lyons-campus presents Caregiver's Day June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Nursing Home Care Unit. Usually the time is 10:00am to 3:00pm a final time will be announced at a future date. Any donations will be



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appreciated made checks payable to VA New Jersey Health Care Systems and earmarked for the Caregivers Day. More information available by calling VA Voluntary Service at 908-604-5814.

**Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 688 - Rick Harrison President**

I would like to thank the members and their spouses of Post 2230 for their much appreciated support and attendance at our recent Spring Dance held at the Post. In addition, I would like to also extend a special "Thank You" to Bob Jeans and the staff of the VFW for their cooperation in making the evening a very enjoyable one. The buffet Larry prepared was "outstanding". On behalf of VVA Chapter 688 we are very grateful.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 510 will host their 12<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Golf Outing at Knoll West Country Club in Parsippany, NJ on Thursday May 22, 2008. For additional information contact Viola at 973-887-8040

**Special Benefit**

Union County members of local Council #8 and friends will be hosting a Benefit for Vanessa Chacon a 5 year old who has been recently diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. She is currently being treated by specialists at New York University Hospital. The benefit is to help offset the Medical expenses. Benefit to be held on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm at Cranford Elks Lodge 951 Lincoln Avenue East in Cranford, NJ. Spaghetti dinner and cash bar donation \$10.00 for additional information contact Traci Pizzi at 908-403-2160 and Ed Lozinski 908-872-2837.