

**Veterans of Foreign Wars
Barr-Allen Post 2785
315 Philema Road, Albany Georgia 31701
Office: 229-883-9950**

July 2025 Newsletter

VFW Post 2785 finished the 2024-2025 Program year with All-American status, to include membership rolls at over 102%.

What is the VFW about? Sign up for VFW Action Corps and become aware of what the VFW advocates for on our behalf. We are a membership organization, and only as strong as membership rolls dictate. Sign up for VFW Action Corps to become knowledgeable on legislative priorities.

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly>
<https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>

Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy are now out for notification to our local schools, youth organizations (Homeschools, Boy Scouts, Albany Young Marines, etc.)

Link: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

Commander's Message:

Hello, my name is Lonzie Jimmerson III and it is a privilege and an honor to serve as Commander of Post 2785. Upon this nomination/election it is my hope to assist the VFW with a heavier footprint in the Lee, Dougherty, & Dawson areas. After graduating Lee Conty High School in 2003 I enlisted in the United States Air Force, my time in the Military qualifying me for VFW membership includes stops in Korea (Camp Humphreys), Iraq (COB Speicher/Tikrit; Balad; Baghdad and to many more to remember, Afghanistan (FOB PASAB). Although my time in the military was brief it was an experience that brought joy, pain, and COMRADERY. As we move forward in the next season at the VFW, I would like for us to focus more on our Communities and Comradery.

Meet the Commander

As we prepare to celebrate the independence of this nation, I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome all of you to come out on July 4th for an informal meet and greet. From the hours of 1600-2000 time will be dedicated for member introductions. Please let me know what you would like to see more of and less of from your local VFW. Our post reputation in the local community could use a makeover, so for all complaints (I welcome them) an attempt at providing a solution would be appreciated. This is OUR Post not just because of our membership dues, this is OUR post based on the sacrifices that we have made. As we focus on community and comradery, I look forward to meeting you all and building on our community also known as the VFW. Stay Safe and enjoy your July 4th weekend!!

POST EVERLASTING:

Post 2785 had no deceased members for the month of June.

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POST EVENT DATES (JUL 2025)

- **Open Tue through Fri (4 pm); Sat at 11am; Closed Sun-Mon**
- **Happy Hour 4-6PM**

Date	Day	Event	Time
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Tue	Pool Tournament	6 pm
July 1	Tue	Lt Cliff Rouse Run event mtg	7 pm
July 2	Wed	House Committee meeting in Annex	6:30 pm
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Wed	Cornhole Tournament	6 pm
July 4	Fri	Potluck dinner, Mike English Band, Fireworks at dusk	5 pm
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Sat	Lounge opens	11 am
July 10, 24	Thur	PTSD Counseling session in Annex	11 am, and 1 pm
July 11, 18, 25	Fri	11 th – 229 Band 18, 25 - DJ night, bands TBA/TBD	6 pm
July 10	Thur	Independent Harley Riders mtg	6 pm
July 15	Tue	Bingo Committee mtg	6:30 pm
July 17	Thur	DAV meeting in Hall	6 pm
July 24	Thur	Member meeting in Main Hall, Aux meeting in Annex	6:30 pm

ANCILLARY TRAINING DATES

Georgia Leadership Training (GLT)

- 10AM - 3PM EST, it is "highly encouraged" VFW Post officers attend one of these sessions. **Link address** (<https://georgiavfw.org/>)

Date	Day	Location
July 12	Sat	Acworth (VFW Post 6508)
July 19	Sat	Athens (VFW Post 2872)
Aug 2	Sat	Warner Robins (VFW Post 6605)

Service Officer Training

Sep 20 (Sat) in Macon (VFW Post 658)

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POST OFFICERS

Commander: Lonzie Jimmerson

Senior Vice Commander: Johnny White

Junior Vice Commander: Jay Lewis

Quartermaster: Dennis Davis

Trustees: John Kirkman (1-yr), Robert Breton (2-yr) James Stephens (3-yr)

Adjutant: Chris Shroyer

House Committee Chair: Tom Tangwall

Chaplain: vacant

Service Officer: John Kirkman

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President: Dana Sheffield

Sr. Vice President: Leah Shroyer

Jr. Vice President: Patricia Carver

Treasurer: Ouida Trawick

Trustees: Lori Davis (1-yr), Karen Griffin (2-yr) Patricia Carver (3-yr)

Conductor: Lori Davis

Chaplain: Karen Griffin

Secretary: Angela Miles

Guard: Linda Stokes Breton