

# Here and There:

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

I would like to thank all the members for having me as the new Post Commander. Your previous Commander Laura LaBosky will certainly be hard to follow, but I promise to do my best. I would also like to thank all the members and friends who volunteered to do the Poppy Drive, which supports our Chaplains needs. This year's drive was a huge success thanks to the volunteers who gave up their time to sell Poppies in front of the Milford Stop & Shop. Many volunteers took two or more shifts in order to avoid a lull in the effort. I feel the drive deserves more of the members support. The shifts are only two hours long and can be very rewarding. I ask you to please consider volunteering for next year's drive.

Yours in Comradeship,  
**Al Carlson**

## DECEASED MEMBER RITUAL

In the past, many members have represented our Post by serving in the ritual. But, although any member is eligible to perform this task, lately the Chaplain's is forced to perform with as little as three men. His only alternative is to ask non-members to serve when a request is made from the family of our honorable deceased member. If you are interested in helping our Chaplain *Bill Gambino*, please call him at home a (878-7461) or call the Post Canteen at (874-9982)

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

The Committee recently reported that the Post roof is in serious need of repair. It has been patched many times over the years but continues to leak. We are currently accepting bids to solve the situation.

I would like to thank *Chuck Stempert* for his efforts with the hall rental, and also *Jim Shea* for refurbishing all the canteen bar stools with new bearings and leg pads.

**Travis (Kitch) Kitchen** (Chairman, BOG)

## RETIREMENT OF OUR NATIONS FLAGS:



One of the responsibilities of our Post is to accept all used American Flags for retirement. For the last five or six years, this honorable task has been performed by member *Bob Fowler*, who is ably assisted by retired fireman *Bob Broadley*. Permission must first be requested from the fire marshal before undertaking this ritual, which is carried out respectfully and in private. These two men say they happily perform this difficult task "in honor of the Veterans who fought and died for our way of life."

## TRIVIA

- 1) If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?
- 2) What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

(Answers on page 3)

## MEMBER NEWS:

Member *Tim Mead* retires on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 after 21 years with the Milford Board of Education.

*Lorna Pitcher* stopped down to the canteen on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, for "Lunch at the Club". It was nice to hear her distinctive laughter again. Also making a rare appearance at the Canteen was charter Member *Guy Piselli* on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

## THANKS

Once again the Post would like to thank the members and friends who lend support for our functions. Please support these generous donors.

LIBERTY ROCK SUBWAY, SIMPLY KITCHENS  
NEW FUTURE SPORTS & DESIGN,  
PAUL LISCINSKY BUILDERS 10-10 LUBE  
MR. MAC'S CANTEEN, MILFORD SEAFOOD,  
CARLSON IND. SUPPORT SYST.  
BEST RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT CO.  
ALL IN THE FAMILY HOUSE CLEANING  
UNIQUE HOME IMPROVEMENT  
MARK'S LAWN SERVICE, FUNARO INS. AGENCY

# BINGO!!!



EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT  
AT THE VFW HALL

422 NAUGATUCK AVE  
DEVON CT

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM  
GAMES START AT 6:45PM

## THURSDAY BINGO:

The Post would like to thank member *Bob Deveny*, who volunteered his time to work on Thursday Bingo. *Jim Hessberger*, *Fred Reidenbach* and the ladies Auxiliary still could use more help on Thursday evenings. No experience necessary. If you can volunteer once a month, or even once every three months, or even 2 hours, it would be a big help. If you would like to help, call the canteen 874-9982 and leave your name and number.

## SUNDAY BINGO:

The Ladies Auxiliary holds Bingo on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT?

1. Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.
2. Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

## DAY FOR A VET

The Vets arrived at 11:45. The Post 7788 Fife & Drum Corps piped them in. (Band Members) *Kim Raseman*, *Sis Hawes*, *Beth Yoder*, *Monica McGovern*, *Heather Paradise*, *Amanda Dunn*. *Robert Paradise* was on drums and *Sandy Paradise* was there to provide support.

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## VETS (Cont'd)

After settling in, the Vets received a menu consisting of fruit salad, a roast beef dinner, cake, and more. In attendance were Mayor *Richetelli*, Police Chief *Mello*, & City Clerk *Allen Jepson*. In addition, (to the delight of the Vets), some lovely Miss Connecticut contestants were on hand. The Swamp Yankees provided entertainment during the luncheon and the girls and the City Officials served the meals and mingled with our honorable guests afterwards.

The Miss Connecticut contestants also entertained with many songs, either solo or as a group. Everyone took the time to talk and pose for pictures with the Vets before it was time to leave.

A representative from the Elks Club stopped in and generously donated a check for \$750 to the hospital.

After the Vets were seated on the bus for the trip home, each Vet received a small gift bag along with a Subway Sandwich to take with them. At that point, the Vets stood up and applauded the volunteers.

Thumbs up to all who helped with "Day for a Vet." The gang did a great job unloading the bus of our honorable veterans and assisting with their departure.

## Miss Connecticut Contestants:

<i>Amy LaReau</i>	Miss Maritime
<i>Dana Daunis</i>	Miss Fairfield County
<i>Jillian Vollentine</i>	Miss Greater Torrington
<i>Dianna Baitinger</i>	Miss North Haven
<i>Melissa Marchionna</i>	Miss Farmington Valley
<i>Carolyn Fleishauer</i>	Miss Teen Quinnipiac Valley

## Volunteers:

<i>Dick Tomasko</i>	<i>Bob &amp; Flo Broadley</i>
<i>Linda Upson</i>	<i>Pam Holden</i>
<i>Betty Beaton</i>	<i>Al Carlson</i>
<i>Pat Cicarelli</i>	<i>The Swamp Yankees</i>
<i>Rick George</i>	<i>Helen LaBosky</i>
<i>Eddie LaBosky</i>	<i>David LaReau</i>
<i>Bill Schwartz</i>	<i>John Stavola</i>
<i>Don LaReau</i>	<i>Fred Deluca</i>
<i>Laura LaBosky</i>	<i>Bill LaReau</i>
<i>Linda LaReau</i>	<i>Fred Reidenbach</i>
<i>The Winkle Bus Company</i>	

## FLAG PLACEMENT SAT MAY 28

Once again, thanks to the members and friends of our Post as well as the Girl Scout troops from Mathewson School and Pumpkin Delight for placing our Country's flag on the graves of our deceased veterans. This effort took place at the Milford Kings Highway Cemetery.

## CANTEEN NEWS:

*Kentucky Derby:* Many members and friends were down at the Post Canteen to watch this years exciting race on one of the four available TV's. This event is always popular at the canteen and this year carried over to the Preakness and Belmont Stakes.



**LUNCHES:** The canteen sandwiches have been discontinued on Saturday and Sunday for the summer. The Post will continue this popular activity in the fall.

### **The Canteen is open 7 days a week**

Mon & Tues	2 to 10 PM
Wed & Thurs	2 to 11PM
Friday	2 to 12PM
Sat	12 Noon to 12PM
Sun	12 to 10PM

If business warrants, the Canteen will remain open longer than the times specified. This is at the discretion of the bartender in charge. We ask you to always remember that the bartender is in charge, (in the absence of the permittee).

## Canteen Hall Rental

Call Canteen 874-9982  
After 2:00 (Mon to Fri)  
After 12:00 (Sat & Sun)

## ANNIVERSARIES

July:

8 <sup>th</sup>	Maria & Gary Jones	33 Years
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bonnie & Don LaReau	38 Years
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ann & Mark Morin	10 Years



## BIRTHDAYS:

July:

4 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Sonnenberg
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lyna Christy (80)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Edwards
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Killeen
	Frank Romano
19 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Shea
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Goldstein
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Christy
	Maryann Nichols
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Broadlely

August:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Emil Hayducky
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Fowler
	Lefty Stefan
9 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Hessberger
15 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Smith
25 <sup>th</sup>	Al Carlson
27 <sup>th</sup>	Bob O'Brien
	Larry Pitcher Jr.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Stella Willand

## POST MEETINGS:

### Board of Directors:

July 5<sup>th</sup>  
Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

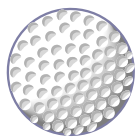
All meetings start at 7:00PM

### Membership:

Meetings cancelled for the summer.

## TRIVIA ANSWERS:

- 1) One thousand
- 2) All invented by women.



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
POST 7788**

**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Sunday Aug. 21, 2005

*The Orchards G.C. Milford CT*

**Four Person Scramble**

- **Registration**                    **8:30AM**
- **Tournament Starts**        **10:00AM**
- **Luncheon**                        **NOON**

**Golf - Lunch - Gifts**

**\$50.00 Per Golfer**

**(Pull carts available at clubhouse for  
a fee)**

**Please send names of foursomes**

**with entry fee**

**Make checks payable to:**

**C. Stempert**

**422 Naugatuck Ave.**

**(Event Chairman)**

**Space limited to 40 Golfers (10 teams)**

**RSVP, Deadline is August 15th**

**RENTAL INFORMATION**

To reserve a date for the Main Hall or Grounds: \$100 Deposit + \$150 Security Fee. Security fee is refundable 10 days after the event. (Subject to adjustment).

**Main Hall Rental:**

Capacity 166, Room Size 48x52  
 Saturday                    \$390+ (\$75\*) = \$465  
 Sunday                      \$340+ (\$75\*) = \$415  
 Mon –Thurs                \$250+ (\$75\*) = \$325  
 Friday                        \$340+ (\$75\*) = \$415  
                                       (\$75\* Clean up charge)

**Grounds Rental:**

Saturday                    \$440+ (\$75\*) = \$515  
 Sunday                      \$350+ (\$75\*) = \$425  
                                       (\$75\* Clean up charge)

For additional information on fees, e.g. bar, beverages, kitchen use, member cost, etc. Call Chuck Stempert (From 8AM to 8PM) @ (203) 878-9894 (Leave Message)

(Upon request, a Caterer is available at an additional cost).

**50's /60's DAY AT THE PAVILLION**



Get out your 50's or 60's duds on July 30<sup>th</sup> and spend the afternoon at the Post pavilion with music, dancing, hot dogs, hamburgers, wine, beer, and soda. No admission charge and all items go on sale for only \$1.00 each. DJ sets up at 2:00PM and will play until 8:00PM.

**DANCE NITE AT THE PAVILLION**

Another great day of music will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 8PM. Still free admission and all items for \$1.00. Come on over to the Post Pavilion for some summer fun.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



*Memorial Statement*



Almighty and merciful God, Father of all, amid these monuments of the dead we see your hand. In the depth of our sorrow we realize the truth of these inspired words: "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believes in me, though he was dead, yet shall he live". As comrade after comrade departs we march on with the ranks.

Help us to be faithful to you and to one another. Look with mercy on all of us here today and in your tenderness console and comfort those bereaved by death.

Heavenly Creator, bless our Country with freedom, peace, and honesty. Through God's Holy Spirit may we all meet at last in your heavenly kingdom, where we shall praise God forever.

Post Chaplain:  
**Bill Gambino**

\*COOKIES FOR A CAUSE– Starting this month and through the summer, Unibic cookies will be sold in the U.S. supermarkets to benefit Veterans of Foreign Wars. They actually are baked in Australia, one of our longtime allies, and are based on a recipe that was made popular by Australian and New Zealand women to support their troops overseas. They're called ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) cookies. Looks like the Girl Scouts have a little competition.

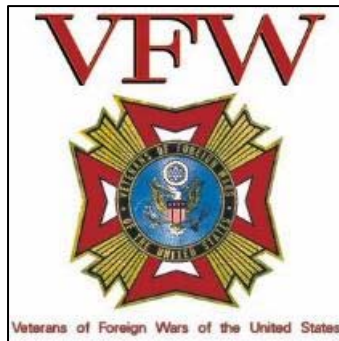
\*Parade Magazine Sunday May 22, 2005  
(Submitted by Jim Goldstein Sr.)

TAPS

May 2<sup>nd</sup> John Procik, (84)  
U. S. Navy, WWII

May 19<sup>th</sup> Joseph G. German (83)  
U. S. Army Air Corps WWII

May 29<sup>th</sup> Alfred White, (78)  
U. S. Navy, WWII



Post 7788 would like to salute our Country's men and woman overseas who fight for the way of life we all continue to enjoy.