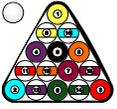


COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

It was once again an honor for me to serve as your Post Commander. I ask that you provide the same support to your new Commander and the rest of the incoming officers, who I am confident, will do a fine job. It takes a lot of work to keep things going in a Post such as ours, bingo, building and grounds, various functions such as poppy drives and Day for a Vet, Rituals, placement of flags on our honored Veterans graves, etc. I ask that you please consider offering your help this year to make our Post one of the finest around.

Yours in Comradeship,
Al Carlson

CANTEEN NEWS:



The annual pool tournament finals took place on Sunday March 26th. Finalists were Eric Rousseau and Billy Hart. The eventual Champion was *Eric Rousseau*. Chairman *Al Carlson* again did a fine job organizing the event.

There was a luncheon spread after the match for anyone who participated in the tournament. Great job Al

Our latest addition to the canteen bartender staff is Lennace (Lenny) Rollins. Lenny is the mother of two and the niece of the famous Colonial Henry Mucci. In her short time at the Post she has already volunteered for various committees and is proving to be a welcome addition to the staff. Welcome aboard Lenny.

DAY FOR A VET:

The annual "Day for a Vet" is scheduled for **April 30th**.



Dick Tomasko is still offering delicious Canteen Lunches for only \$3.50 from 12 to 4 PM each Saturday afternoon. You'll find them hard to beat anywhere. He also welcomes any suggestions to make it even better.



Once again the St Patrick's Day Dinner was a success due to the fine efforts by *Archie and MaryLee Fogler*, who were ably assisted by daughter *Patty Meranda* and son *Dennis*. Many others were there to lend a hand and the committee would like to thank *Paul Lisinsky, Rich, Jim, and Mike Meranda, Ken and Debby Ruff, Kim Rose, Barbara Pauley, Pam Holden, Eric Mason, Larry Shoot, Chuck Caruso, Kevin Norman John Stavola, Travis Kitchen*. Also, *Mark Dzierzbinski & Lenny Rollins* for the decorations, and as always a special thanks to *Rick George* for all his hard work.

PICNIC, Sunday, June 11th. 2 to 8PM.
Only \$5.00 will get you food all day.
All drinks, (Beer, wine, and soda), \$1.00.

The Canteen is open 7 days a week

Sunday	12 Noon to 11PM
Mon & Tues	2 PM to 11PM
Wed & Thurs	2 PM to 12Mid.
Friday	2 PM to 1AM
Saturday	12 Noon to 12 Mid.

(Doors locked at "last call", ½ hour before closing)

For Canteen Hall Rental call Canteen at 874-9982

(Mon to Fri, after 2:00)
(Sat & Sun after 12:00)

Craig Dunna
Canteen Committee

BUILDING & GROUNDS

The committee has recently started to replace the ceiling tiles in the canteen with a new fireproof material. This will be a large undertaking and the committee is asking for anyone familiar with this type of work to donate his services if possible. When this work is complete, there is a committee getting together to undertake a spring cleanup of the canteen.

There have been several requests for wheel chairs from members. We are out of chairs at this time and we request that those who no longer need them to please return them for use by other members. Thank you: Committee Chairman
Travis (Kitch) Kitchen

BIRTHDAYS:



May:

2 nd	Eric Rousseau
3 rd	Emery Linton
6 th	Howie Knapp
7 th	Jim Hessberger
8 th	Clem Wypy
11 th	Betty Beaton (90)
20 th	Pam Holden
21 st	Tim Mead
28 th	Steve Janes

June:

1 st	Mark Morin
9 th	Rosemary Drapp
17 th	Larry Pitcher
26 th	Larry Chadbourne
	Jack Norris
28 th	Jan Mead

TRIVIA

- 1) How many States of the Union have only one syllable?
- 2) What is the lifespan of a dragonfly?
- 3) How long is a jiffy?

(Answers on page 5)



BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross is again having a blood drive in our Veterans hall May 9th from 1:45 to 6:45PM. Requirements for giving blood have changed from past years. You might be eligible and don't know it. If you would like to check for your eligibility, you can do so by calling this toll free number...1-800-560-0565.

RETIREMENT OF OUR NATIONS FLAGS:



Bob Fowler and Bob Broadley will again perform this noble task in early June. They ask that you submit your flags as soon as possible.

ANNIVERSARIES:



May:		Years
4 th	Marge & Chuck Stempert	39
15 th	Deb & Ken Ruff	24
16 th	Flo & Bob Broadley	47
17 th	Carol & Clem Wypy	48
28 th	Marylee & Archie Fogler	50
June:		
2 nd	Bill & Flo Gambino	50
23 rd	Janet & Bob Janes	33
27 th	Les & Marie Delaney	8
29 th	Bob & Sandy Thomas	32

QUARTERMASTERS CORNER

Comrades,
With elections coming up, I'll be brief. Your Post is in good shape financially. We're not quite ready to take on all of the building improvement projects we'd like, but the bills are paid and we are essentially debt free.

We are lucky to have so many people willing to donate time and money to the important work of maintaining our Post and supporting our fellow Veterans of Foreign Wars and their families. Recently, we made a nice donation to the VFW National Home for Children. Soon we'll use the money we have raised to bring our hospitalized comrades in West Haven to our "Day for a Vet". In this regard, I'd like to thank John, Kim, and Debby for the hard work they have done to raise funds. And, I'd like to give special thanks from our Post to Paul Lisinsky and Doris Fagan for their generous contributions.

As always, I am proud to serve you as your Quartermaster. Greg Smith

HALL RENTAL:

To reserve a date for the Main Hall or Picnic Grounds call Chuck Stempert (8AM to 8PM) @ (203) 878-9894 (Leave Message)

POPPY DRIVE:

There will be a signup sheet at the Canteen for those wishing to participate in the Poppy drive. It will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday May 26, 27, and 28, from 9:00AM to 8:00PM. 2-Person, 2-Hour Shifts.

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SERVICE OFFICERS NEWS

* A recent report states that nearly 2 million veterans and their widows are likely missing out on as much as 22 million dollars a year in pensions from the U.S. Government. It is stated that the department of Veterans Affairs has had only limited success in finding them.

Widows are the hardest hit. Per V.A. estimates, only one in seven of the survivors of deceased servicemen who likely could qualify for pension actually receive a monthly check. The reason for the lax participation is that poor veterans and widows are completely unaware of the program. The total number of pension cases fell to 541,000 in fiscal year 2005, the sixth straight year of decline.

** This program information is reduced from a column in the New York Times. Written by reporter Chris Adams of Knight – Ridder Newspapers.*

If you need help, pick up the phone and call VFW Post 7788, (876-9982) or call Bill Gambino, Service Officer at 878-7461. We can review your current information and determine what we need to start a request. . Take action now to ensure that you get the benefits you deserve.

Service Officer Bill Gambino

Here and There:

An old friend *Walt Farley* stopped down the canteen to say hello on Monday March 27th. *Walt* expressed interest in joining the Men's Auxiliary.

John Stavola spent some time with his kids on the coast. Said he had a great time. Good to have him back.

Bob and Flo Broadley's two swans (Charlie and Charlene) returned on February 2nd and they would like to thank *Mayor Richetelli* for keeping his promise not to bother the swans in Milford.

Good luck member *Rich Nucifora* in his recent retirement.

The committee for Day for a Vet would like to thank member *Paul Lisinsky* for his generous contribution.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Appeal from the Chaplain

We all need a hand at one time or another in our life. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you know of a fellow member who is in distress.

**Post Chaplain:
Tim Mead**

Memorial Day Flag Placement:

If you wish to volunteer to place flags on the graves of our honorable Veterans, there will be a signup sheet at the Canteen. The group is scheduled to meet at the Kings Highway Cemetery, 8:30AM, Saturday, May 27.

Condolences: Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Member Tim Mead who lost his father-in-law Caryl Sedlock



*Fair words work**



Felix Mendelssohn, one of the most popular composers of his day, was generous in recognizing and promoting the work of others.

Once, at a gathering in London, a group of opera buffs were ripping to shreds Donizetti's opera *The Daughter of the Regiment*. Among the detractors were composers who couldn't hold a candle to Donizetti.

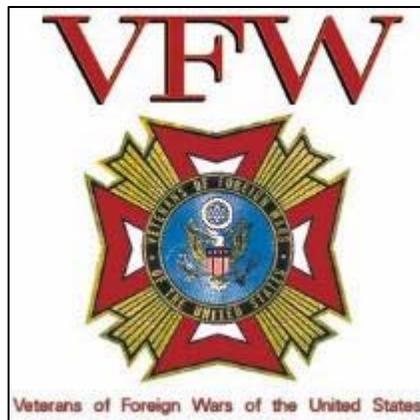
Mendelssohn listened to their comments. Then he said, "Well, I don't know. I'm afraid I like it. I should like to have written it myself."

So, obviously, would the envious composers belittling the opera. Their snide remarks stopped. The good-natured fairness of one person silenced a roomful of spiteful critics.

It's a technique that works. Try it for yourself.

Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment. (Ju. 7:24)

*Taken from a copy of the Christophers.



FROM THE PAST:

***WATERBURY** - The topic was actress Jane Fonda. The reviews were scathing.

"I ask you, do we really need her here in Waterbury?" local resident Joe Briggs shouted out once, twice, three times.

"Hell no." thundered back the crowd of some 250 people gathered at Library Park to protest Fonda's upcoming appearance in Waterbury to make an MGM movie.

The crowd, mostly veterans, was united in its dislike of Fonda over her trips to North Vietnam more than 15 years ago and her criticism of U.S. involvement.

"I want her to know how we feel." Said Emery Linton of Bridgeport, The Vietnam vet said he feels Fonda owes the country an apology for her actions.

One sign read "It's now 1988 and 'Hanoi Jane' is making millions and still remains unpunished as a traitor and for her Vietnam War crimes."

Speaking before the group, Guy Russo of Waterbury, a retired major general in the Connecticut National Guard, said he had a message for Fonda.

"Go home. Go away, Mrs. Hanoi Jane ... We still pain about things you'll never know," Russo said. "You are not welcome in my hometown," he said, drawing a strong round of cheers from the crowd.

Russo said later that he intends to picket when Fonda comes.

"She got her rights, and I've got mine," he said.

*From an article in the Bridgeport Post dated March 7, 1988 by Post staff writer Mark Marselli.

BINGO!!!



**EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT
AT THE VFW HALL
422 NAUGATUCK AVE
DEVON CT
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
GAMES START AT 6:45PM**

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. One State contains only one syllable,Maine.
2. A dragonfly's life lasts 24 hours.
3. A jiffy is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second



Editors Notes:

To help defray the cost of the Post newsletter, we are now accepting business cards to be used as advertisements. If you are interested, the cost is \$100 for a year's subscription, your card will appear in 6 issues.

As always, if the family of a deceased member wishes to continue receiving the newsletter, please notify the Commander or call the Canteen and leave a message. Also, if anyone wishes to receive an e-mail copy of the newsletter give us your e-mail address.

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Jim Shea.