



## **Commander's Corner**

I'd like to again start by saying thanks for all of the support you have shown to me and everyone else who works hard to make your Post an organization of which you can be proud.

Please welcome our new Ladies' Auxiliary President, Joanie Rousseau. We're all looking forward to working with the new Ladies team.

Visit our new Website at [WWW.VFW7788.ORG](http://WWW.VFW7788.ORG). You'll find up-to-date information about your Post, including both the Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries. Be sure to let our new Ladies Auxiliary Secretary, Christine Smith, know what you think of the Website. She put many hours into its creation.

In September we added another five Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans and a Vietnam Veteran to our Post membership. PLEASE make our newest members feel at home in their new post.

Our fund raising efforts continue to do well. Our Men's Auxiliary raised \$1,000 for Operation Uplink during their Poker Run. Please be sure to thank Kenny Ruff, Larry Shoot, and the rest of the people who made that event so successful. In addition, our Post has recently sent over 24 care packages to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our golf tournament was another complete success. Let's give a big thank you to Men's Auxiliary President Jim Shea for another great year.

Our Canteen Committee continues to shine. For those of you who missed the September meeting, they turned over

another \$15,000 to our Post Quartermaster. You can be sure that Bingo Chairman Jim Hessberger, Canteen Chairman Jim Killeen, Quartermaster Eric Rousseau, and I will continue to be good stewards of your Post finances.

At your service,

Greg Smith  
Commander  
VFW Post 7788

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**



The B & G Committee has been busy erecting a 14' X 22' roof addition over the cooking area adjacent to the picnic pavilion structure. It was built to shelter our hard working cooks from the blazing sun.

There is also an effort to replace the existing ceiling tiles in the Post canteen.

Thanks to *Joseph Della Monica, Sr.* for his generous donation to the B & G.

## **Main Hall or Picnic Grounds Rental**

Contact Kevin Norman @  
**(203)-877-9812 (Leave Message)**

Chairman  
Travis (Kitch) Kitchen

## **TRIVIA**

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:  
Spades - King David,  
Hearts - Charlemagne,  
Clubs - Alexander, the Great  
Diamonds - Julius Caesar

## CANTEEN NEWS:

### Canteen Member Appreciation Hours.

Life members, regular members, Ladies and Men's Auxiliary members are invited every Tuesday night from 7 to 9 pm and Thursday afternoon from 2 to 6pm  
 Draft beer \$1.25ea.  
 Domestic Bottled beer \$2.00ea.  
 Drinks (other than top shelf) \$2.25ea.



Dick Tomasko is again serving lunches on Saturday afternoons from 12 noon to 3PM. Come down next Saturday and enjoy Dick's delicious lunches at outrageously low prices.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 27	Halloween Party
November 18	Turkey shoot
December 2	Army Navy Game
December 15	Christmas Party
January	Pool Tourney
January 20	Chili Cook Off
March 17	St Pat's Dinner

### **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	Noon to 12 Mid.

(Doors locked at "last call", 1/2 hour before closing)

### Canteen Hall Rental

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

Craig Dunna  
 Canteen Committee

### TRIVIA

Those San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

## ANNIVERSARIES:



Nov		Years
10 <sup>th</sup>	Lyna & Jim Christy	62
13 <sup>th</sup>	Eleanor & Frank Peregrim	58
16 <sup>th</sup>	Craig & Diana Dunna	39
20 <sup>th</sup>	Marianne & Rich Joye	35
Dec:		Years
30 <sup>th</sup>	Midge & Gene Heslin	56

## BIRTHDAYS:



### November:

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Stefan Dick Janes MaryLee Fogler
6 <sup>h</sup>	Pam Banks
7 <sup>h</sup>	Chris Papcun
9 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Drews (91)
11	Joan Rousseau
21 <sup>st</sup>	Alice McDougall
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Frank Retartha
29 <sup>th</sup>	Lee Grant (80)

### December:

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barbara Paskewicz Pat Cicarelli
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sal Attianese Garry Jones
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Reidenbach
20 <sup>th</sup>	Joe & John Richardson
21 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Smith
24 <sup>th</sup>	Travis (Kitch) Kitchen (84)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Thomas
30 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Banks
31 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Jordan

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



*On fly balls at Fenway*



Boston Red Sox fan Paul Lagace couldn't understand why the players no longer hit fly balls off the field at Fenway Park the way they used to.

Lagace, a professor of aeronautics and astronautics, had students build a model of the ballpark. Then they simulated the wind and typical paths of fly balls.

They found that the new club building behind home plate creates a vortex. The wind now swirls toward center field and back toward home plate. This pushes balls downward and backward with enough force to shorten fly balls by 8 to 12 feet.

Our words, too, exert force. Belittling remarks can hurt and hinder those around us. Encouraging words strengthen and help them.

**Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger....If anyone thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain. (Jas. 1,19,26)**

*Encourage us to use Your gift of speech in love, Creator.*

\*Taken from a copy of the Christophers publication, "Three Minutes a day".

### TRIVIA

Math:

$$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$$

## TAPS

Aug 23

**Edward Miller (84)**  
U. S. Army WWII

April 14

**Paul Bradford (85)**  
U. S. Army WWII

September 15 **John Scrivines Sr. (61)**  
U. S. Navy Vietnam

Condolences: Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Men's Aux. Member **Walter Farley**, who passed away on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September.

### SICK CALL

Tom McGowan – Bpt. Hospital, ICU

### Memoriam



**Mrs. Joan Tomasko**



Joan, who passed away in 2000, was the wife and best friend of lifetime VFW member Dick Tomasko. Dick and Joan were married for 45 Years and were friends since she was 14 years old. He misses her terribly.

Submitted by his good friend,  
Linda Upson



### LADIE'S AUXILIARY:

Elections were held to install new Officers recently. The results were as follows:

President	Joan Rousseau
SR VP	Judy Hessberger
JR VP	Laura Murray
Treasurer	Arleen Jones
Secretary	Christine Smith



**MEN’S AUXILIARY:**

On Sept 19, 2006, the VFW Post 7788 Men’s Auxiliary had its first official meeting. A drive is underway to increase the membership, with 3 new candidates to be installed at the next meeting. It was also determined that for now, the meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

**VETERANS CHURCH SERVICE**

On Saturday Nov. 11, (Veterans Day), at 4:p.m. a Mass will be held at St Ann’s RC Church located on Naugatuck Avenue in the Devon Section of Milford, CT.

Former Canteen Permittee and 3rd Division Veteran Sal Attianese is sponsoring the service to honor the deceased from all wars and conflicts. The general public is invited to attend and it is open to all regardless of religious affiliation or beliefs.

Please come and honor our fallen heroes and give thanks for their ultimate sacrifice that preserves our liberty and our American values.

**VETERANS DAY PROGRAM**

Saturday Nov. 11th at 11:00 am  
There will be a wreath laying ceremony starting at the WW I monument in front of city hall, then marching up to the green where units will place a wreath at the WW II, Flag pole, Civil War and the Korean Vietnam monuments.

The Veterans Day Parade will be held on Sunday November 12th, 2006  
We will form up at Wesson Field at 1:00 we will step off at 2:00 sharp and proceed to the green where we will continue with the ceremonies



**VFW 7788 TRIVIA QUIZ**

When was Devon Post 7788 founded?  
Year \_\_\_\_\_, Month \_\_\_\_\_, Day \_\_\_\_\_  
(It’s hanging on the wall).

Who was the first Post Commander of VFW Devon Post 7788?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(His name is on the board)

What Life Member of the Post lived in the house on the corner of Naugatuck Ave. and Mathews Street, (where the parking lot now stands)?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Two answers, either one will be correct).

Who was the first Female Veteran of VFW Devon Post 7788?

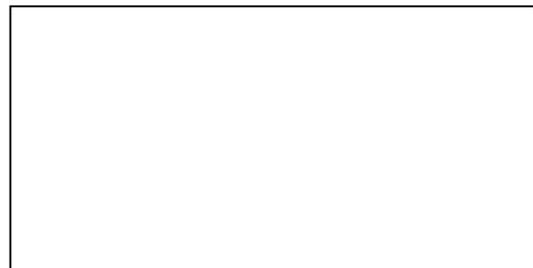
\_\_\_\_\_  
(She later became successful in the transportation industry)

What VFW Devon Post 7788 Life Member used to drive the “Purple People Eater?”

\_\_\_\_\_  
(You Law graduates should know this. He lived across the street).

*Ask around; get help if you need it. If you get all the Trivia questions correct and hand them into the Bartender at the Post Canteen by the end of the month than you will receive a pitcher of draft beer complements of Shamus O’Goldstein’s Famous Foods, LLC.*

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**Letter From the Family of  
Cpl Jordan Pierson**

“To: Commander Smith and Members of VFW 7788.”

“Words cannot express our deepest thanks for your organization and its support of our family during this time. Thanks to your organization we were able to have a tremendous gathering at Arlington for him. The community and outreach of the VFW reminds us of what a great country we have and why it is worth fighting and dying for.”

Sincerely  
Eric, Beverly, Ethan

**Editors Notes:**



If you are interested in advertising your business cards in the Post newsletter, the cost is \$100 for a year’s subscription; your card will appear in 6 issues.

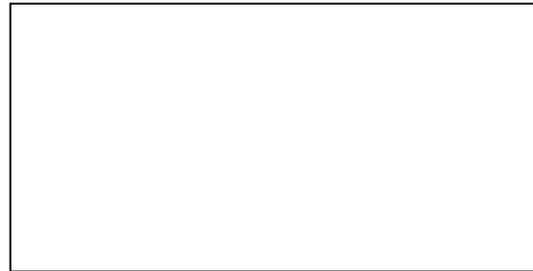
Birthdays and anniversaries are inserted in the newsletter on a voluntary basis. If you would like to submit one, or both, contact me or call the canteen and leave the information. (Ages are optional.)

As always, if the family of a deceased member wishes to continue receiving the newsletter, please notify me or call the canteen and leave a message.

Also if anyone wishes to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter, give us your e-mail address.

Newsletter Editor  
Jim Shea.

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The Post would like to thank *Jean Gould* for her generous donation toward the Post flags.

**TURKEY SHOOT  
SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 18TH  
6:00 PM "till"**



**VFW POST 7788  
422 NAUGATUCK AVE  
DEVON CT  
BEER - HOT DOGS - CHILI  
RAFFLE - DOOR PRIZES  
DONATION \$5.00**

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

**TRIVIA**

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.