

## **COMMANDERS MESSAGE:**



Comrades, our 2006/7-year has been very successful so far. First, I'd like to say thanks for all of the support you have shown to me and your other elected Officers. Next, I'd like to congratulate our newly Chartered Men's Auxiliary. It was a real surprise and a pleasure to have our VFW State Commander and his Officers attend your initiation.

Our fund raising efforts continue to be robust. Through your efforts and contributions we have recently sent over 12 packages to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have also sent \$200 to Operation Uplink, and the Boy Scouts are helping us collect much more. You can all be proud of the work your Post is doing for our overseas and hospitalized troops. Please continue to give what you can.

In July, we added 6 new Iraq / Afghanistan Veterans to our Post membership and soon we'll be adding many more. PLEASE make our newest members feel at home in their new Post. They are our future.

We are in the discussion stage of many major building renovations. Your input is vital to the mission of the Post and the good work we do for the community.

At your service,

Greg Smith  
Commander  
VFW Post 7788

## **QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER:**

Fellow members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who voted for me for the position of Quartermaster. I am enthusiastic about accepting this position and honored that you have put your trust in me. I look forward to serving you in the months to come.

As Quartermaster, I will serve to make sure our finances are open, honest and current. If you ever have any questions or if I can be helpful in my role as Quartermaster, don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,  
Eric Rousseau

## **DISABLED VETS GET GRANTS**

President Bush signed Public Law 109-233- the Housing Opportunity and Benefits Act of 2006-on June 15. A main provision authorizes VA to offer disabled veterans grants of between \$2000 and 14,000 to adapt their homes.

Disabled vets can qualify for the housing grants at homes in which they are temporarily residing. Previously, disabled vets could only use such grants for homes they owned.

## **Main Hall or Grounds Rental**

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

## **TRIVIA**

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

## CANTEEN NEWS:



### SATURDAY PICNICS:

Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	2 to 8PM
Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	2 to 8PM.

Only **\$5.00** will get you food all day.  
All drinks, (beer, wine, and soda), **\$1.00.**

### MEMBER APPRECIATION

The Post Canteen Committee would like to invite Life members, regular members, Ladies and Men's Auxiliary members to the Post Canteen on Tuesday night from 7 to 9 pm and every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 6pm to partake in the Member Appreciation Hours. Draft beer will be \$1.25ea. Domestic Bottled beer will be \$2.00ea, and drinks (other than top shelf), will be \$2.25ea. Come on down and enjoy the price savings with your friends and family.

### 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

## ANNIVERSARIES:



Sept:		Years
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mary & Guy Piselli	56
17 <sup>th</sup>	Phyllis & Jim Powers	40
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Howie & Ethel Knapp	11
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Midge & Fred Reidenbach	43
26 <sup>th</sup>	Pat & Mike Paoletto	35

Oct:		Years
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim & Linda Goldstein	36
10 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Eileen Jess	42
28 <sup>th</sup>	Joan & Eric Rousseau	32
28 <sup>th</sup>	Lee & Sparky Grant	27

### LIFE MEMBER PROMOTED TO SGT.

VFW Life Member and Army Sergeant, Sebastian Raseman, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, (E-5)/ Sgt. Raseman scored 149 out of a possible 150 points from an Army review board that consisted of the Battalion Command Sergeant Major, two First Sergeants and a Sergeant First Class.

Sgt. Raseman is a Veteran of the War in Afghanistan and is currently stationed in Germany with Army Intelligence. Sgt. Raseman is the son of VFW Post 7788 Life Member and former Post Quartermaster, Kim Raseman.

Good job Sebastian, way to go.

Submitted by Jim Goldstein

### TRIVIA

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

### BIRTHDAYS:



September:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Don LaReau  
Ken Ruff
- 7<sup>th</sup> Kim (*Bartender*)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bill Paskewicz
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bob Harvey  
Paul Bradford (86)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Ron Underwood
- 19<sup>th</sup> Steve Herkner
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jane Dodge

October:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Jess
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fran Tartaglio
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jean Weisz
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dick Scanlon  
Donna Altieri
- 10<sup>th</sup> Brad Aukerman
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mary Piselli (84)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jim Powers
- 25<sup>th</sup> Laura LaBosky  
Linda Upson
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jim Crowley
- 30<sup>th</sup> Ed Miller (85)

TAPS



- March 15 **William Bloxsom (83)**  
U. S. Marine WWII  
(Iwo Jima Survivor)
- July 4 **Joseph O'Brien (82)**  
U. S. Navy WWII
- July 7 **Richard I. Taylor (74)**  
U. S. Army Korea
- Aug 1 **Morrill Perry (74)**  
U. S. Marine WWII

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



*Names affect jobs?  
Probably not\**



Have you ever noticed that some people's family names and occupations make a humorous combination?

The *Journal of the American Medical Association* listed some that are definitely attention-getters.

Consider the 22 physicians named Needle, Probe, Lance or Ligate. Or the 20 named Drill, Scope, Bolt and Pin. A Doctor Gass is an anesthesiologist. There's a psychiatrist named Couch. Of the eleven Doctors Dust, Mold or Pollen, not one is an allergist.

And can you imagine doctors named Klutz, Croak or Blunt? There are nine of them. Ouch!

Then there are 19 Doctors Cure, Fix or Heal. Well, those *are* helpful names.

You know, there's more to any one person than his or her family name or a job. Look beyond the name to the woman or man underneath.

**You shall not render an unjust judgment; You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. (Lev. 19:15)**

*Open our eyes to see others as they are, not as they appear, Jesus.*

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

TRIVIA

"I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

Condolences: Our sincere condolences go out to Member Max Nowicki Sr. and his family for the death of his wife Evelyn, who passed away on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January. Evelyn was a member of our Ladies Auxiliary.

We also would like to express our condolences to former Post Commander Laura LaBosky and her family who recently lost their mother Helen this July 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

The service will honor the deceased from all wars and conflicts. The general public is invited to attend the Service; 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.



### **MEN'S AUXILIARY:**

On July 10, 2006, the Post was honored to have CT VFW Commander Stanley Borusiewicz Jr. present the Charter for VFW Post 7788 Men's Auxiliary. After the ceremony, the following members were nominated and elected to office.

President – Jim Shea,  
Sr. Vice Pres. – Ken Ruff,  
Jr. Vice Pres – Chris Dodge  
Sec./ Acting Treas. – Gerry Zabawa Jr.,  
Chaplain – Kevin Norman  
Beginning in September, meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

### **MEMBER DEPLOYED TO AFGHANISTAN**

Post 7788 Member; Army Reserve Sgt. Steve Herkner has been deployed to Afghanistan to assist with Helicopter support operations in that country. Steve is normally assigned to the Helicopter support Battalion stationed in New London, CT. This makes the 8<sup>th</sup> time Steve has been deployed overseas in support of the United States War on Terror; He spent several tours in Bosnia and is a Veteran of the first Iraqi war. Please keep him in your prayers. Please show your support for Steve and his wife Jennifer.

His mailing address is:

Sgt. STEVE HERKNER  
Task Force Spartan  
C Company 1-102 Infantry  
PRT Nuristan (Kala Gush)  
APO AE 09354

### **Ceremonial Flag Retirement**

The annual Ceremonial retirement of our nations flags was performed on Wed, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to approximately 12 Noon. The Ceremony coincided with Flag Day and the 231<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Army. This year the flag sizes ranged from as small as 3 x 2 inches to an enormous flag at approx. 30 x 15 feet.

Bob Fowler supervised the Ceremony with the help of Bob Broadley. Al Carlson provided the Ceremonial prayer and Craig Dunna was there to lend his usual support. Also on hand to assist this year were Alice Mc Dougal, Maryann Nichols, and Greg Nichols. Also, thanks to Fire Department Marshal Lee S. Cook for his support.

Thanks to all for their hard work,  
Chairman Bob Fowler



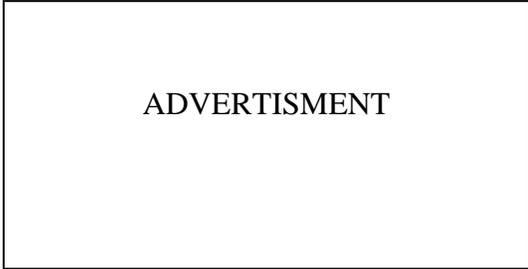
## **Flag bill put into law**

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Roscoe Bartlett said he looked forward to joining the President today at 2:25 pm EDT when he signs his bill, into law. It will ensure the right of an individual to display the flag of the United States at their home. The House approved it on June 27.

The Senate approved it on July 17. Congressman Bartlett’s flag legislation is the first of ten on the American Values Agenda announced by the House Congressional leadership that will become law.

“It’s very exciting to know that Americans will soon be free to fly the flag at their homes,” said Congressman Bartlett. “I was alarmed when I learned that some homeowners associations and condos all over the country prevent Americans from flying the American flag. It’s hard to see how flying an American flag could depreciate the value of a condo.

That’s why I introduced this bill. H.R. 42 provides reasonable guidelines to guarantee Americans the freedom to display the American flag at their homes. I am grateful for the support I received for this bill from the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, American Veterans (AMVETS), Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA), the American Legion, the National Independent Flag Dealer’s Association and the Community Associations Institute (CAI).”



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## **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 electronic copy of the newsletter, give us your e-mail address.

Newsletter Editor  
Jim Shea.

## **TRIVIA**

### ***Sahara Desert***

In the Sahara Desert, there is a town named Tidikelt, which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years. Technically though, the driest place on Earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island. There has been no rainfall there for two million years.