



Commander's Corner

This time of year always reminds me of how grateful I am to be an American and to have friends like each of you. There are many new and exciting opportunities coming. I hope to tell you more about them soon. For now, I'll say it's looking very likely that the next few months will bring major improvements to our Post to assist our handicapped and disabled members and friends.

Our fund raising efforts continue to do well. The Milford Oyster Festival Committee is donating \$500 for Operation Uplink. The Milford Young Women's Club and Mrs. Barbara Lisman each made large donations of Thanksgiving and Christmas items for our overseas troops. I'd also like to thank the many others who have made smaller but very important contributions. Since June our Post has sent over 30 care packages to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. We couldn't do it without contributions both large and small, and the help of Men's Auxiliary members Chuck Rehn and George Baczek.

PLEASE remember to make our newest Post members feel at home.

For up-to-date information about your Post, including both the Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries, don't forget to visit our new Website at WWW.VFW7788.ORG.

At your service,

Greg Smith
Commander
VFW Post 7788

BUILDING AND GROUNDS



The B & G Committee would like to thank the following Men's Auxiliary Members for their efforts replacing the canteen ceiling tiles:

Kevin Norman, George Baczek, Chuck Rehn, Rob Masud, Dave Ferguson, and Bob Broadley. GREAT JOB GUYS!!

Chairman
Travis (Kitch) Kitchen

Main Hall or Picnic Grounds Rental

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

QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER

Comrades: I would like to report to all that we are financially sound and all bills are current. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continuous support throughout this year. I am very happy to see the enthusiasm and the upbeat feeling around the Post. I sincerely hope that this great feeling will continue! I know it is a busy time of year but hope you can find time to come down and enjoy your Post. Wishing all a very happy, joyous and prosperous New Year!!

Post Quartermaster
Eric Rousseau

TRIVIA

- 1) Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- 2) Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

CANTEEN NEWS:

THANKS:

- *Thanks to Life Member Bob Fowler for his contributions to the Post. In particular his yearly organization of the Retirement of our nations Flags.*
- *Thanks to all who made the Turkey shoot a success. Dick Tosasko, Gerry Zabawa, Debbie Ruff, Linda Upson, Doreen Lyons, Kim Laue, and our talented MC Al Carlson*
- *Thanks to all the people responsible for the great job they did decorating the Post Canteen.*
- *And a special thanks to Life Member Dick Tomasko who unselfishly gives us the benefit of his time and cooking skills at the numerous events we hold at our Post. Dick never seems to get thanked enough.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)

Craig Dunna
Canteen Committee

TRIVIA

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.
(but who really cares?)

ANNIVERSARIES:



Jan:		Years
19 th	Tony & Chris Papcun	43
28 th	Chris & Greg Smith	23
29 th	Fran & Red Temple	40

TRIVIA

- 1) There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- 2) A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

BIRTHDAYS:



January:

1 st	Bill Ryan
2 nd	Red Temple
5 th	Ann Dunne (85)
7 th	Kim Rose
9 th	Bonnie LaReau
	Joseph Fetcho
14 th	John Stavola
	Fred Worsnop (91)
16 th	Debbie Ruff
22 nd	Diana Dunna

February:

3 rd	Scottie
	Archie Fogler
5 th	Fran Temple
7 th	Alex Carlson
12 th	Tony Papcun
19 th	Bill Schwartz
24 th	Jim Marcum
27 th	Helen Politi
28 th	Frank Peregrim (80)
	Gene Korpita

CHAPLAINS CORNER:

SICK CALL

Tom McGowan – Bpt. Hospital,
Room 743 – Tel. 384-4299



Think before Speaking



Think before you speak,” is good advice for people of every age.

While discussing the purchase of a gift a teenage girl said to her parents, “I have a better suggestion.”

Her father quickly corrected her, “You have a different suggestion, you don’t know that it is better.”

When her father saw her puzzled expression he explained, “We your parents love you, understand you and know you. We know what you meant. Using the word ‘better’ as you did is tactless.

“The right choice of words will allow people to like you. Think about how your words will be heard or understood by others.”

Silence is golden. Tact is platinum.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
(Proverbs 25:11)

Jesus, teach me to think of others’ feelings.

*Taken from a copy of the Christophers publication, “Three Minutes a day”.

Condolences: Our sincere condolences go out to Charter member *Guy Paselli* and his family for the recent loss of his grandson Richard. Also to the family of Ladie’s Aux. Member *Anne Manganello*, who passed away on the 26th of November.



MEN’S AUXILIARY:

The Men’s Auxiliary had a meeting on Nov 21st. Lifetime Post member Jim Goldstein was present to pinch-hit for Commander Greg Smith, who wasn’t available due to illness. Jim presented the Men’s Auxiliary with the official Charter from the State. He also recognized Men’s Aux. members Kenny Ruff and Larry Shoot by presenting a beautiful plaque for their efforts in hosting the first annual Poker Run to help support Operation Uplink.

Since the Charter was initiated, we are happy to report an increase of 7 new members, 3 of which were initiated at this meeting. The next meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday in January.

Jim Shea

TRIVIA

- 1) A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.





LADIE'S AUXILIARY:

I'm honored, and looking forward to serve as your Ladies Auxiliary President for the upcoming year. We are hoping to have an exciting and successful year ahead of us! We have 7 new Ladies aux members with us and would like to continue to open our arms to anyone who is eligible and would like to join us...We have already completed one fundraiser with much success, but we need your fresh new opinions and support for our continuous development and growth. I will do my best to make you proud. Wishing all of you a very happy, healthy and successful year.

Sincerely,
Joan Rousseau
President

CHILI COOK-OFF

Our Post will be hosting a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday January 20, 2007 beginning at 6:00 p.m. There is no fee for entering, just bring a quart of your Chili and a crock-pot to warm it up in, and you can compete for the bragging rights to the "Best Tasting Chili" at VFW Devon Post 7788 for the year. You would also get your name engraved on the Official VFW Post 7788 Chili Pot plaque.

To enter contest, contact *Jim Goldstein* at the Canteen, or e-mail him at jhgolds@optonline.net. . Your Chili Entry will be judged on taste and warmth by three impartial, somewhat sober judges, We anticipate a night of fun, so come on down.

P. S. *Jim Goldstein* will not be entering the Chili Cook-Off this year due to a request by the Board of Health and Milford Hospital.

VFW POST 7788 TRIVIA QUIZ #2



Where was the first VFW Devon Post 7788 Canteen Located?

_____ (It's in the same building)

What Veterans group suffered the most casualties of any service branch during WWII but is denied member status in the VFW? _____ (It still is not considered an armed service)

Why is "Liberty Rock" so historic in the Devon area and what purpose was it used for?

_____ (You can see clearly now, the rain has gone)

Can you name three Charter members of VFW Devon Post 7788?

_____ (If the walls had eyes)

What diminutive VFW Devon Post 7788 Life member tackled another much larger (BMOC) VFW Devon Post 7788 Life member during a high school football game?

_____ (One played for Stratford, One played for Law, who went on to tryout for the N.Y. Jets and does not like Spiders).

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 FREE pitcher of draft beer complements of Shamus O'Goldstein's Famous Foods, LLC.

**Life Membership Installment
Payment Plan for Veterans of VFW
Devon Post 7788**

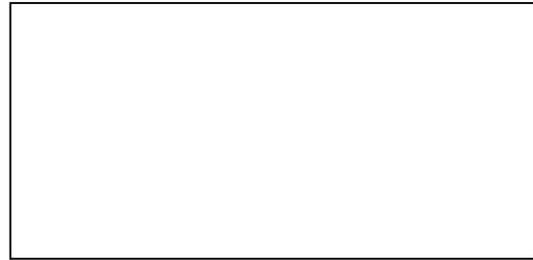
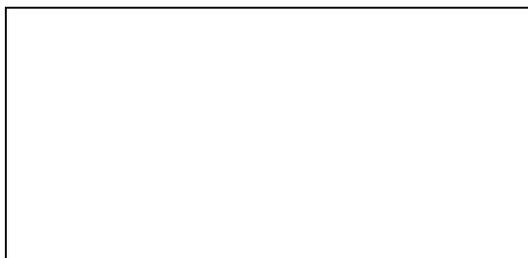
Annual members may take advantage of the VFW National's installment plan from **January 1 through March 31** of each year. The member's current year annual dues must be paid before enrollment in the installment plan will be accepted. The interest-free program allows the Life Membership fee to be spread over four payments within the calendar year. An initial installment (1/4 of the total fee) must be sent along with a completed enrollment form directly to National Headquarters.

National will bill for the remaining three payments as they become due. Call (816) 756-3390 (ext. 152) or [e-mail](#) for an installment plan agreement forms and fee schedule. Credit cards may not be used for installment payments. *Or contact our Post Quartermaster, Eric Russo and he will assist you in becoming a Life Member. The time is right; the price is right, never have to pay Post, or National Dues again. Become a VFW Devon Post 7788 LIFE MEMBER.*

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONE TIME FEE,
(By Age)**

Up to 30 years of age	\$245.00
31 through 40 years of age	\$235.00
41 through 50 years of age	\$215.00
51 through 60 years of age	\$195.00
61 through 70 years of age	\$165.00
71 through 80 years of age	\$125.00
81 plus years of age	\$85.00

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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.

The Post now has its own website. If you would like to visit it, go to: www.vfw7788.org

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

Newsletter Editor
Jim Shea.

TRIVIA

- 1) There are more chickens than people in the world.
- 2) Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!