

Veterans of Foreign Wars Devon Post 7788



POST 7788 NEWSLETTER



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - State of the Post

VFW Post 7788 achieved 100.23% membership for the 2006/2007 year. Congratulations to our Men's (157%) and Ladies (117%) Auxiliaries for greatly exceeding their membership goal!

In May/June, we hosted 42 hospitalized Veterans at our "Day for a Vet", participated in the placement of 2,800 Memorial Day Flags, a wreath laying, organized a parade that was the largest in many years, and conducted a large flag retirement.

Our Packages for Troops effort continues to go well. Several

more troop support efforts are coming.

Please join us on July 16th as we honor our members and the public for their support.

Beginning in July, our VA Hospital Bingo night is the 4th Wednesday of every month. We need volunteers from the Post, and our Men's and Ladies Auxiliaries. Due to scheduling conflicts, we will no longer go on the First Monday of the month.

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UP COMING EVENTS

- **INDEPENDENCE DAY** Wednesday July 4.
- **VFW 7788 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** Sunday July 22, 2007 10:00 am The Orchards Golf Course North Street Milford, CT. \$60.00
- **2nd ANNUAL VFW 7788 MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN** Sunday August 19th 2007. \$25.00.

DEPLOYED TROOPS

The  following VFW Post 7788 Family members are deployed Overseas to a combat zone.

DAWID, Kevin, Marines
IORELLA, John, Army
LOEFFLER, Jim, Army
MARCUM, Jr. Jim, Army
Please say a Prayer for their safety
- RETURNED -
HERKNER, Steve, Army
MURRY, Jay, Army

NEW POST FLAG POLE NEEDED

The time has come to replace the old flag pole out in front of our Post. Commander **Greg Smith** has researched the options we have and we are going for an aluminum

satin finish flag pole with internal halyards so that the Flags can be raised and lowered by an internal hand crank. The new system is easier to use and is supposed to be vandal proof.

The new flag pole will cost approximately \$1,100. dollars, plus shipping and installation. We will be running fund raisers and raffles. Donations may be sent to the Post Quartermaster.

AUXILIARY NEWS

MEN'S AUXILIARY:



Congratulations to the newly elected Men's Auxiliary slate of Officers on their election to office. **Jim Shea** President, **Kenny Ruff** Sr. Vice President, **Robbie Masud** Jr. Vice President, **Gerry Zabawa** Secretary. The Men's Auxiliary will now hold its meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm in the Canteen Lounge. Men's Aux. Baseball Caps available \$14.00 ea.

Jim Shea President
Men's Auxiliary

LADIES AUXILIARY:



Thank you for the honor of being your President again this upcoming year. Our last year was a very successful one!! Our growth and success are due to YOUR hard work, willingness to lend a helping hand, patience and dedication. I THANK YOU FOR THAT!!! This next year I will do my best to communicate better and to work together so that we may achieve many new goals for our future. At this time we have achieved 117.91% membership. At our State Convention we received an award for our 100% mem-

bership as well as our monthly hospital visits by Pam Holden. The 100% membership flag will be displayed in the canteen along with our Charter for you to see. We need continuous growth and development, fresh new opinions and ideas. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (excluding July and August) at 7p.m. in the upstairs hall. Please attend and enjoy some time with us, so that YOU can take part in our future!! I have confidence that EVERY member of this auxiliary will do their part in making this next year a great success. I look forward to working with all of you.
Joan Rousseau, President

SICK CALL -TAPS

ARATA, Charles age 86 of Milford, CT May 28, 2007 US Navy WWII
CERRONE, Nicholas, age 75 of Milford, CT May 29, 2007 US Navy Korea
HURLEY, John B. age 79 of Milford, CT. June 1, 2007 US Navy WWII
KING George J. age 81, of Stratford, CT. April 15, 2007 U.S. MARINE CORPS WWII
KISTNER Charles P. age 85, of Milford, June 10, 2007 WWII U.S. Navy
Samsel, Stanley age 85, of Bridgeport, CT. (Delayed Notification) Thursday, October 19, 2006
WADE, John F. age 83 of Milford and Taunton, Mass. May 9, 2007 U.S. NAVY WWII

DAY FOR A VET

"We had a blast", "The best time I had in months", "Thank you for making us feel at home". These were some of the comments made by Veterans from the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Haven, Connecticut during their visit to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7788 in the Devon section of Milford, Connecticut. On Sunday May 6th 2007 VFW Post 7788 hosted approximately 50 hospitalized Veterans and Staff from the VA Hospital to an afternoon of good food, good fun, and good times. This was the forty-sixth year that

VFW Post 7788 has treated the hospitalized Veterans to this annual day away from the Hospital. The members of VFW Devon Post 7788, the Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary units of the Post served the Veterans a lunch consisting of Roast Beef with Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, and Desert. After lunch entertainment was provided to the Veterans by the Female vocal group **The Alley Cats** and the **Tim Borer and Friends Band**. Comedian **Bill Winn** from the A & E's Comedy on the Road TV, VH-1 Comedy Stand-up

Spotlight and frequent guest on WPLR Radio, stopped by and entertained the hospitalized Veterans with his very special brand of humor and had the Veterans and Staff members laughing and holding their sides in response to his stories. Local dignitaries, Milford Mayor **Jim Richetelli**, Milford Police Chief **Keith Mello**, Deputy Police Chief **Steven Fornier**, Fire Chief **Louis LaVecchia**, and State Senator **Gail Slossberg** stopped by and helped serve the food to the Veterans and thanked them for their service to our Country. See *Thank You on page #4.*

VFW 7788 LIFE MEMBER GETS MARRIED

Sgt. **Sebastian Rase-man**, USA, (son of Kim Raseman), married Rita Adriana Gaya Barabino in Geneva Switzerland on May 25th, 2007. The couple will reside on base in Germany while they await the birth of their son.

ADJUTANT'S NOTICES

ANNIVERSARIES:

JULY

AUGUST



JULY

8th. Maria & Gary Jones 35 Years.
15th. Bonnie & Don LaReau 40 Years.
22nd. Ann & Mark Morin 12 Years.



BIRTHDAYS:

4th. Betty Sonnenberg
5th. Lyna Christy
7th. Russ Edwards

13th Jim Killeen
13th. Frank Romano
18th. Ann Morin
19th Jim Shea
20th. Eric Barone
23rd Jim Goldstein
24th. Jim Christy
24th. Maryann Nichols
25th. Bob Broadly
28th. Jan Mead

1st. Emil Hayducky
1st. Joyce Neumon
5th Al Neumon
6th Bob Fowler
6th Lefty Stefan
9th. Judy Hessberger
15th Greg Smith
25th. Al Carlson
27th. Bob O'Brien
27th Larry Pitcher
29th. Stella Willard

HOW TO RENT OUR FACILITIES

Main Hall or Picnic Grounds Rental

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

CANTEEN LOUNGE

(For Parties up to 90)
Contact Cindy Radcliff
(203) 874-9982

NEW POST 7788 MEMBERS

Carson Shaw
Kent Viscount
Jim Marcum, Jr

WELCOME VETERANS

WELCOME HOME

Post 7788 members SSGT. **Jay Murry**, US Army and SGTFC **Steve Herkner**, US Army have returned home safe and sound from Afghanistan. For those of you who have prayed for their safe return, Thank You, they worked. Jay will resume his position at UPS and Steve is an air frame mechanic with the US Army.

CANTEEN NEWS NEW CANTEEN PERMITTEE

Cynthia G. Radcliffe, Daughter of VFW 7788 member, **Russ Edwards**, has been appointed Canteen Permittee. Cindy has worked as a Bartender

for our Post for over a year and is bringing a fresh outlook and direction to our Canteen. Lets all wish Cindy good luck in her new position.

ELECTRONIC DART BOARD

The Canteen has installed an electronic

dartboard and is forming DART Teams. Come on down to the Canteen and play a game of Darts with your friends. The Dartboard automatically keeps your score and if you throw a bad game it insults you. Come on down and check it out.

VFW 7788 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday July 22, 2007 at The Orchards Golf Course on North Street Milford, CT. Registration 8:30 am, Tournament Starts at 10:00 am, Luncheon 12:00 pm at the Canteen Lounge.

The Orchards Golf Course is a nine

(9) hole par 3 course with flat wide fairways, Golf, Lunch, Gifts \$60.00 per Golfer. Please contact **Chuck Stempert** or **Jim Shea** for information.

Please send your name and tournament fee to VFW Post 7788 422 Nauga-

tuck Ave. Milford, CT. 06460. The deadline for sign up is Saturday July 14, 2007. If you wish to help sponsor the golf tournament the following are the sponsor rates: Platinum \$350, Gold \$100, Silver \$50, Donation \$25, Luncheon Only \$25.



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Tomasko,

LADIES AUXILIARY

Judy Hessberger, Arlene Jones,
Barbara Macisco, Jan Mead,
Patty Miranda, Nancy Paddock,
Christine Smith, and Kim Rose.

MEN'S AUXILIARY

George Baczek, Bob Masurd,
David Papcin, Kenny Ruff, Larry
Shoot, Ron Underhill, and Gerry
Zabawa.

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For a job well done at our recent Day for a Vet program which was held on Sunday May 6th, 2007.

With out the dedicated time and effort of these Volunteers we could not have hosted over fifty residents and staff from the VA Hospital to a day out and away from the Hospital.

Thank you people you make VFW Devon Post 7788 proud.

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

"The amount of work you put into an organization is directly related to the amount of worth you get out of an organization".

Meet the Bartender



Al Carlson - Life Member, Senior Bartender, 4 time Post Commander, works Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday day shift and Saturday day shift.



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|--|
| 1 | 2 B.O.D. MEETING 7:00 PM | 3 | 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY MINI PICNIC | 5 BINGO 5:30 PM | 6 | 7 Dart League 7p |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 BINGO 5:30 PM | 13 | 14 Dart League 7p |
| 15 | 16 VFW MEETING 7:00PM | 17 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm | 18 | 19 BINGO 5:30 PM | 20 | 21 DEVON DAY Dart League 7p |
| 22 VFW Annual Golf Tournament 8:30 am | 23 | 24 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm | 25 VA Hospital Visit 7:00 pm | 26 BINGO 5:30 PM | 27 | 28 Dart League 7p |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

VFW 7788 AUGUST 2007 EVENTS

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 BINGO 5:30PM | 3 | 4 Dart League 7p |
| 5 Walnut Beach Fair | 6 B.O.D. MEETING 7 PM | 7 | 8 | 9 BINGO | 10 | 11 Dart League 7p |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 BINGO 5:30 | 17 | 18 Dart League 7 pm |
| 19 2nd ANNUAL VFW POKER RUN | 20 VFW MEETING 7:00 PM | 21 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm | 22 VA Hospital Visit 7:00 pm | 23 BINGO 5:30 | 24 | 25 Dart League 7p |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm | 29 | 30 BINGO 5:30 PM | 31 | |

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