



Commander's Message

As we enter a new year, I'd like to again say how grateful I am for each effort, large and small, in support of VFW Post 7788 and our mission. Your work on behalf of Veterans and the men and women of today's Armed Forces is awe-inspiring and something of which you can justly be proud. Let's make 2007 another successful and fun VFW 7788 year!

Since last June our Post has sent over 40 large care packages to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and our fund raising efforts on behalf of Operation Uplink and the VFW National Home for Children have been nothing short of fantastic. The support we have received from individual donors and organizations including the Milford Republicans, the Milford Democrats, the Milford Oyster Festival Committee, the Milford Young Women's Club, Girl Scout Troop 8392, the Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation and Subway Restaurants is a tremendous testament to your hard work.

If you are able to donate even a small amount of your time to visiting our Veterans at the West Haven VA hospital, please let me or Pam Holden know. We promise you'll be glad you did. The patients at our VA hospital always make you happy to have stopped by. So, to beat the winter blues and put a smile on your own face, as well as the faces of our hospitalized Veterans, come join us in a hospital visit. Meeting times will be posted on the white board downstairs.

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

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

At your service,
Greg Smith
Commander



MEN'S AUXILIARY:

The Men's Auxiliary had a meeting on Jan 16th. Since the Charter was initiated, we are happy to report an increase of 8 new members, 1 of which was initiated at the January meeting. The next meeting will be held on the 20th of February.

Jim Shea
President



LADIE'S AUXILIARY:

Our last meeting was held on Jan 16th and we met with our District President. Thankfully, she found everything in order. To date, we have voted in 10 new members and anticipate 2 more members in Feb. Our next meeting will be held on the 20th of Feb. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Joan Rousseau
President

CANTEEN CORNER

NEW VIDEO GAME AT OUR POST CANTEEN

Many Members have been asking for new games for the Post Canteen. Your Canteen Committee will place a new digital video Golf and bowling machine in the Canteen for our Member's entertainment. The Golf game provides 18 holes on nine different golf courses. Also, the bowling machine gives you 10 frames of digital bowling with automatic scoring. Come down to your Post Canteen and enjoy your favorite beverage and try a game of golf or bowling!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17	St Pat's Dinner
April 27	Juke Box /Pizza Party
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)

The Post Canteen is operated for the benefit of our members. All members are legally responsible for the guests they sign in. We ask that you please use good judgment when signing guests into our Canteen.

Craig Dunna
Canteen Committee

TRIVIA

George Washington had to borrow money to go to his own inauguration.

James Buchanan was the only unmarried president of the United States.

VFW CHILI COOK OFF WINNERS

MILFORD, CT – Saturday January 20, wasn't just an ordinary Saturday night at Post 7788. The great annual VFW Canteen Chili Cook-Off took place amongst great expectations and gastronomical delights. Contestants from the Post Men's and Ladies Auxiliary, as well as, regular members of the Post competed to see who would be named "The Best Chili Cook for 2007. The competition was, (no pun intended), **Hot!!!**

A panel of three esteemed Chili judges consisting of *Mr. Al Carlson*, *Mr.* and *Ms. Joan Rousseau*. *The Judges* graded each Chili Contestant on two criteria, Taste and Hotness. After much sampling and several rolls of antacids the judges decided that *Ms. Nancy Gasper*, a Ladies Auxiliary member, took first place with Commander, *Greg Smith*, coming in second. Honorable mentions were also awarded to *Mr. Chuck Rehn* and *Mr. Jim Piorkowski* both of the Men's Auxiliary.

When asked what her winning recipe was, *Ms. Gasper* said, "It's a secret, that's why I won". For her winning recipe *Ms. Gasper* gets bragging right as the Best Chili Cook for 2007 and her name will be engraved on the annual "Chili Cook-Off" plaque.

Jim Goldstein

THANKS

The Post would like to thank Subway Restaurants for a \$1000 subway sandwich donation, which we will use for our work at the VA hospital

TRIVIA

Half of the 42 U.S. Presidents are of Irish descent.

NEWS FLASH, DEVON, CT –

The VFW Commander in Chief, Headquarters, Kansas City, Kansas has appointed our Commander *Greg Smith*, to the position of National Deputy Chief of Staff. The nomination to this high office came from the Conn. VFW State Commander *Stan Borusiewicz Jr.*

Greg has been instrumental in collecting items for our Troops stationed overseas and seeing to their needs and also the needs of those they leave behind. Greg has also increased membership within VFW Devon Post 7788 to well on its way to 110% of their membership goal. We welcome Greg Smith as a strong community leader with insight and drive.

TRIVIA

The average Super Bowl party has 18 people.

ANNIVERSARIES:



March:		Years
4 th	Jim & Judy Hessberger	40
19 th	Jim & Jo Shea	48

April:		Years
9 th	Lefty & Mary Stefan	24
11 th	Roberta & Larry Chadborne	54

TRIVIA

It costs about 3 cents to make a \$1 bill in the United States.

Americans on average use about 580 pounds of paper per year per person.

BIRTHDAYS:



March:

3 rd	Bill Burns	
	Al Capozziello	
4 th	Fran Baye	
8 th	Craig Dunna	
11 th	Joe Schietinger	(91)
28 th	Lorna Pitcher	
30 th	Frank Buda	
31 st	Guy Piselli	(86)

April:

5 th	Bob Janes	
11 th	Ray Tuska	(81)
16 th	Flo Broadley	
18 th	Dick Tomasko	
19 th	Kim Raseman	
28 th	Jay Salmini	
	Kay Leahey	
29 th	John Borgatti	

CHAPLAINS CORNER:

TAPS:



Dec 13 **Joseph Borack Sr. (88)**
U. S. Army WWII

SICK CALL

Tom McGowan – Southport Manor
Tel. 203-254-3370

George King – Lord Chamberlain Manor
Rehab. Center

Main Hall or Picnic Grounds Rental

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



CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

The Aspirin Label Warning



When Dr. Douglas Reye died in 1977, few realized his importance.

While practicing at the Royal Alexandria Hospital in Sydney, Australia, Dr. Reye studied tissue from the body of a ten-month old boy. He saw liver and brain damage he'd never seen before.

Over the next 11 years, Dr. Reye identified 20 more cases of what his colleagues nicknamed "Reye's syndrome."

Two decades later American epidemiologists linked Reye's syndrome to the use of aspirin to control fevers in children with viral infections. Word spread. The use of aspirin among children declined, as did the incidence of Reye's syndrome. Warning labels are now on all bottles of aspirin.

Dr. Reye's reports led to one of this century's major public health triumphs. And the doctor whose obituary in the Medical Journal of Australia was less than two lines now has his name on every aspirin bottle.

You never know how your contribution to this world will turn out. Contribute today.

Overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21)

Help me to help good, Lord.

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

FUNDRAISING

Thanks to all who purchased tickets to our First Annual Holiday Gift Basket Fundraiser! Also to all of our helpers, who donated to the baskets, put them together and sold tickets! The winner of the Holiday Basket was the beautiful *Fran*, wife of Life Member *Red Temple*. And the lucky winner of the Basket of Cheer was, *Judy Miller*, wife of member *Paul Miller*, Congratulations!

Men's Auxiliary Member *Rob Masud* ran a Raffle at our Annual Christmas Party to raise money to pay for shipping packages to our Troops. His hard work, and your generosity paid off. The lucky winner was a friend of the Post, Barbara Pauley. Thanks to Rob, and all of those who purchased tickets, we will be able to ship 12 packages to our Troops. Great job Rob, thank you!

Have some spare time on your hands? Look for a sign up sheet shortly at the Canteen. We are coordinating with the VA Hospital some volunteer nights. We promise a fun and rewarding experience. No weekly commitment, just sign up for the evening (s) that you can make it.

Respectfully Submitted
Kim Rose
Ladies Auxiliary
Fundraising/Publicity



**JUKE BOX & PIZZA
PARTY
April 27th 7:00 pm
at the canteen**