# **Veterans of Foreign Wars Devon Post 7788**

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# **POST 7788 NEWSLETTER**



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#### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - State of the Post

It's been a pleasure serving as Commander of VFW Post 7788. As my tenure begins to draw to a close, I'd like to thank each of you for making this past year so successful. The first nominations for next year's offices will take place on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the regular members meeting

We had the first meeting of our Post Handicapped Access Advisory Panel on February 21<sup>st</sup>. We talked about the need to provide better ramp access, upgrade our four bathrooms, and install an elevator/lift. We are continuing to work with

City and State officials to obtain part of our funding through grants. As soon as we know more, we'll let you know. If you are able to donate any amount of time to visiting our Veterans at the West Haven VA hospital, please let me, Pam Holden, Joan Rousseau. or Jim Shea know. We promise you'll be glad you did. Meeting times will be posted on the white board downstairs.

#### Reminders:

We are offering free membership for qualified new candidates for our Post or Auxiliaries. This offer will end in June. Our Day For a Vet program will be held on **Sun. May 6 at 12:00 p.m.** We are the City of Milford host organization for this year's Memorial Day ceremonies. We're still sending monthly packages to Iraq/ Afghanistan. Thanks again for all you do for our Troops and Veterans. At your service,

Greg Smith, Commander VFW Post 7788

The true worth of a person is not how much money they have, but, How much money they have that they have donated to others.

# UP COMING EVENTS

- FLAGS ON THE GRAVES Saturday May 26, 2007 8:30 a.m.
- Memorial Day Parade (Milford, CT)
   and Open House at the Post. Sunday
   May 27, 2007
   Parade @ 2:00 pm
- FLAG DAY Thursday June 14th 2007 Bring your old and worn flags to the Post for retirement.
- STEAK NIGHT Saturday June 16 2007 6:00 pm \$15.00 pp.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### NEW POST 7788 OFFICERS APPOINTED

We are pleased to announce that member, **Bob Paddock**, has agreed to take over responsibilities of VFW

Devon Post 7788 Post Adjutant position. Bob is

a successful businessperson and works as a Real estate Broker for for the MaxCom realty company in Orange, CT.

Navy Reservist, and Post member, Chief **Karen Reyes** has just graduated from Nursing College and has agreed to help as the Assistant Post Service Officer, Chief Reyes would eventually like to be a certified Veterans Service Officer at the West Haven VA Hospital.

### **BINGO COMMITTEE**

Bingo is held each Thursday night with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The Bingo Kitchen is open from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. pm Thursday. The Bingo Kitchen offer a variety of grilled foods and sandwiches, coffee, tea and sodas.

# **AUXILIARY NEWS**

## **MEN'S AUXILIARY:**



The next meetina will be held on May 15th.

Jim Shea President (203) 378-5522. <u>iimio@optonline.net</u>

#### LADIES AUXILIARY



Past Ladies Auxiliarv President,

Pam Holden will be going up to the West Haven VA hospital the first Monday of the month to visit our hospitalized Troops, If you would like to help give me a call. Our next meeting will be held on May 15th. Hope to see you there. Joan Rousseau President (203) 877-0584 jr111155@aol.com

## VIETNAM **MEMORIAL DINNER**

Wednesday May 23, 2007 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the West Shore Middle School 70 Kay Ave. Milford, CT. \$10.00 Adult, \$5.00 Vietnam Veteran and Children under 12. To raise money for CT Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Contact Mr. Thomas Acri, or call the school at (203) 783-3553 for reservations Buy tickets its for a good cause..

### **TRIVIA**

- 1. What date does the U.S. Army celebrate as their Birthday?
- 2. What is the official "Motto" of the U.S. Army?
- 3. What in the name of the oldest, continuous U.S. Army unit, formed prior to the Revolutionary War that still exists today.

# Chaplain's Message



Comrades, if you know of a mem-

ber or family member that is in distress or sick, please give me a call at (203) 878-0794 or e-mail me at k9hdlr69@msn.com

The mission of the

VFW is to "Care for the Veteran, their Widows, and Orphans " if they are having problems maybe we can help. In May we will be conducting our annual "Poppy Drive" to help raise funds for the Chaplain's Relief

Fund. We need some volunteers to help us solicit money at various locations through out Milford. Its one day, two hours of your time. The monies collected will help defray expenses for flowers and gift baskets delivered to sick Comrades

## SICK CALL

Tom McGowan -Southport Manor George King – Lord Chamberlain Manor Emil Hayducky -Broken leg & ankle (At Home)

> **TAPS** Jan 26

Robert E. Haine (78) U. S. Army Korea

March 15

Chester J. Kafara (83) U.S. Navy WWII

# INDEPENDENCE DAY MINI PICNIC



Wednesday July 4, 2007 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All

you can eat, Hot Dogs Hamburgers, and Corn on the Cob. \$5.00 per person.

There will be a Cash Bar available in the Canteen. Use our air conditioned Canteen and Lounge and enjoy yourself.

Bring your family members and some Guests and help celebrate our Country's Independence Day with a good old fashioned family style

picnic. Your Canteen and Lounge will open early at 12:00 p.m. for your enjoyment. If you know a Veteran bring them along and have a good time.

Tickets go on sale June 4th 2007 at your Canteen. See the Bartender.

# **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Monday May 7th 2007 upstairs hall. 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Please give the gift of life.

# **ADJUTANT'S NOTICES**

## **ANNIVERSARIES**:



48 Years

#### MAY

4th Marge & Chuck Stempert 54 Years 15th Deb & Ken Ruff 25 Years 16th Flo & Bob Broadly

### JUNE

2nd Bill & Flo Gambino 51 Years 22nd Frank & Barbara Buda 44 Years 23rd Janet & Bob Janes 34 Years 29 Bob & Sandy Thomas 33 Years

# BIRTHDAYS:

### MAY

2nd Eric Rousseau 3rd Emery Linton 7th Jim Hessberger 6th Howie Knapp 8th Clem Wypy 11th Betty Beaton 20th Pam Holden 21st Tim Mead 27th Laura Gallatly

## **JUNE**

1st Mark Moran

9th Rosemary Drapp 17th Larry Pitcher 21st Tim Mead 26th Larry Chadbourn 26th Jack Norris 28th Jan Mead

"The highest award for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they became by it."

Saturday June 16, 2007 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm \$15.00. N.Y. Strip Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, & Garden Salad, Coffee & Tea. Desert bring your own. Music provided by our Juke Box, you bring the coins. Tickets on sale May 1, Only 50 tickets will be sold.

# **CANTEEN NEWS**

## **LOUNGE IMPROVE-**

MENTS The Canteen Committee with the able assistance of our Men's Auxiliary and the Building and Grounds Committee have made several renovations to the Canteen Lounge. We have installed new energy efficient lighting as well as new ceiling tiles in our Lounge. New wall board has been installed by **Travis Kitchens** with a chair rail. The Lounge is looking better than it ever has.

STEAK DINNER

# Flags on the Graves Saturday May 26, 2007

Once again VFW Post 7788 has the honor of placing American Flags on the graves of our fallen Comrades and fellow Veterans. Saturday May 26, 2007 8:30 a.m. we will meet at the Flag Pole in Kings Highway Cemetery Milford, CT. (next to Pizza Uno) to place the flags on the graves. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to help us accomplish our task. It's two hours of your time to help pay homage to our fallen Veterans. Bring a family member, especially children, and

teach them the reason we place the flags on the graves and to show them the sacrifice that Veterans endured for our Freedoms. The VFW Canteen Committee will supply the coffee and donuts for all the volunteers.

# 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 the Canteen 2p-6p (203) 874-9982

# RETIRING OF THE FLAGS

Thursday June 14th.
2007. Bring your old
and worn Flags to
the Post for a
retirement ceremony
conducted by
Bob Fowler.

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

This year VFW Post 7788 is the Host Post for the Milford, CT. Memorial Day Parade. The Parade will step off at 2:00 p.m. from the Parson's Complex parking lot and proceed to the Milford Green. Free Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Corn on the Cob will be served 2p-5p at the Post.



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# **BARTENDERS CORNER**

Cindy Radcliff—Canteen Permittee, Works Thursday nights and alternating Sundays nights. Working MOM.

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

Rosemary Drapp - Retired Dental Assistant, Working MOM. Works Thursday & Fridays day shift. Professional Mixologists.

Kim Laue - Legal Secretary City of Bridgeport, CT. Works Monday, and Fridays nights, Working MOM, Nickname: KIM #1

Kim Rose - Admin. Assistant, City of Bridgeport, CT. Member Ladies Auxiliary, works Wednesday and Saturday night and every other Sunday night. Working MOM, Nickname: KIM #2

Ron Fiorella - Member Men's Auxiliary, and Radio Station 99.1 personality, Salesman Napoli Pontiac, Former professional Baseball player. Works Tuesday nights and Sunday days. Nickname: STUMPY.

Gerry Zabawa - Member Men's Auxiliary and fill in Bartender.

Canteen Kitchen Crew

Dick Tomasko - Retired

# MAY and JUNE 2007

Mechanic and Truck Driver, Life Member, Resident Chef

Linda Upson - Ladies Auxiliary Member, Chef's Assistant.

Our unique and talented Bartender Staff and Kitchen Crew are here to serve you with a good drink, a good joke, and a personality that has to be experienced to be believed. Come on down to your Post Canteen and enjoy a good time with good people.



#### Meet the Bartender



Kim Rose - City of Bridgeport Admin. Assistant, Member Ladies Auxiliary Publicity and Fund Raising Committee., works Wednesday and Saturday night and every other Sunday night. Nickname: KIM #2

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	WH VA Hosp. Visit, Contact Pam Holden	1	2	3 BINGO 5:30 PM	4	5 KENTUCKY DERBY AT THE POST CAN- TEEN
6 DAY FOR A VET 12:00 P.M.	7 2pm BLOOD DRIVE. B.O.D. MEET- ING 7:00 PM	8	9	10 BINGO 5:30 PM	11	12
13 Mothers Day	14	15 Ladies & Men's Auxiliary Meetings 7:00pm	16	17 BINGO 5:30 PM	18	19
20	21 VFW MEETING 7:00PM	22	23 VIETNAM MEMORIAL DINNER, West Shore Middle School, Mlfd.	24 BINGO 5:30 PM	25	26 FLAGS ON GRAVES 8:30 AM
27 2 pm Pa- rade and Post OPEN HOUSE	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31 BINGO 5:30 PM		

# **VFW 7788 JUNE 2007 EVENTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 VA Visit, B.O.D. MEET- ING 7 PM	5	6	7 BINGO 5:30PM	8	9
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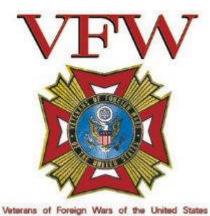
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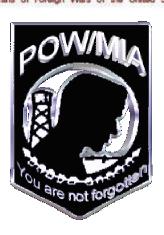
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# SUPPORT OUR TROOPS - REMEMBER OUR POW'S AND MIA'S THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE

### **TRIVIA ANSWERS TO PAGE 2**

- 1. June 14,1775
- 2. This We Defend
- 3. 1st. CO. Gov. Foot Guard, CT. October 1771





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