

# 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

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*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.

### 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.

### 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 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.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

### MEN'S AUXILIARY:



The next meeting will be held on May 15th.

Jim Shea President  
(203) 378-5522.

[jimjo@optonline.net](mailto:jimjo@optonline.net)

### LADIES AUXILIARY



Past Ladies  
Auxiliary  
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](mailto: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 member 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](mailto: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 throughout 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:



### MAY

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

### 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."**

## 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 Pa-  
rade. 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.

## **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 light-  
ing as well as new  
ceiling tiles in our  
Lounge. New wall  
board has been in-  
stalled by **Travis  
Kitchens** with a chair  
rail. The Lounge is  
looking better than it  
ever has.

### **STEAK DINNER**

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.

## **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, es-  
pecially children, and

teach them the reason  
we place the flags on  
the graves and to  
show them the sacri-  
fice that Veterans en-  
dured for our Free-  
doms. The VFW Can-  
teen Committee will  
supply the coffee and  
donuts for all the vol-  
unteers.



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## BARTENDERS CORNER

**Cindy Radcliff—Canteen Permittee**, Works Thursday nights and alternating Sunday 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 Friday 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

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.



## MAY and JUNE 2007

### 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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 VA Visit, B.O.D. MEET- ING 7 PM	5	6	7 BINGO 5:30PM	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day BINGO 5:30 PM	15	16 STEAK NIGHT 6:00pm
17 Fathers Day	18 VFW MEETING 7:00 PM	19 Ladies & Men's Auxiliary Meetings 7:00 PM	20	21 BINGO 5:30 PM	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 BINGO 5:30 PM	29	30

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TRIVIA ANSWERS TO PAGE 2

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



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



YOU ARE  
NOT  
FORGOTTEN