



VFW DEVON POST 7788

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COMMANDERS CORNER

As the holidays approach, I can't help but think about all the things for which I am thankful. First, that my wife Christine and my son Matthew are healthy and doing well. Next, that my other family, our VFW Post 7788 family, has seen another year of growth and success. We've still got a lot to do, but we can all be proud of the support you've shown to our troops and hospitalized veterans this past year, as well as the many important Post building improvements we've accomplished together.

Special thank you to Eric Rousseau for not only continuing to be an outstanding Quartermaster, but also for taking so much of his personal time to see that our Post got a new paint job and that our elevator installation plans remain on schedule. Big thanks to the painting crew and the handicapped access team.

Please continue to make our newest members welcome. Many of these young men and women have served several tours of duty in recent years. Many of them are deployed today or will soon deploy again. Remember, it's for and with them that we are building our future. Let's keep them in our prayers this holiday season.

I'll see you at our VA Hospital visits on the 4th Wed of every month. For more information, contact Joannie Rousseau or Pam Holden.

Respectfully,

Greg Smith
Commander VFW Post 7788

UP COMING EVENTS

TURKEY SHOOT

Friday November 16,
2007 7:00 pm to 11:00
pm Canteen Lounge
\$5.00.

ARMY/NAVY FOOTBALL GAME

Sat. Dec. 1st. 4 pm on
our Giant HD Plasma
TV, In the Canteen.

CANTEEN HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday Dec 21
4pm-8pm drink
specials, free food

POOL TOURNAMENT Men's & Ladies

January 2008
See Al Carlson for
information. Only 16
sign up's each.

DEPLOYED TROOPS

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

**IORELLA, John,
LOEFFLER, Jim,
MARCUM, Jr. Jim,
BENZI, Karen,**
Please say a Prayer
for their safety

**- RETURNED -
HERKNER, Steve,
MURRY, Jay,
DAWID, Kevin,**

Welcome Home



VFW
POST
7788
AT
WORK

.Post 7788 Men's Auxiliary member, **Larry Shoot**, (on left), accepting his VFW Distinguished Service award from Post Commander **Greg Smith**, (on right), during the recent Men's Auxiliary "Poker Run".

MEN'S AUXILIARY

Meets the 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm

Once again, we find ourselves at the beginning of a beautiful Connecticut fall season. I hope your summer went well, and all of your family is in good health. We have resumed our monthly Men's Auxiliary Membership Meetings, which are now held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. We hope to see all our membership in attendance on Oct 23rd, and again Nov 27th at 7:00PM.

For those of you who have been accepted into our organization, but have not been properly installed, I hope to see you at our next meeting for this brief ceremony, and to meet your fellow Auxiliary members.

Over the summer, our organization has accomplished 3 major functions that have benefited the honorable Veterans of Post 7788, and to a lesser degree, our own Men's Auxiliary. I see a huge amount of talent and leadership in our organization and I hope we continue this pro-active attitude toward the support of this fine Post.

Sincerely,
Jim Shea
President Men's Auxiliary

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Opens at 2:00 pm Weekdays
12:00 pm Weekends

CANTEEN POOL TOURNAMENT

Men's Tournament: Tuesdays January 8, 15, 22, and 29. Wednesdays January 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Ladies Tournament: Monday January 14, 21, and 28. Sunday January 13, 20, and 27. \$25.00 entry fee includes dinner at the end of the Tournament. See Al Carlson to sign up and information. Only 16 entries for each Tournament sign up and pay up early. *First come, first served.* Prizes awarded.

Bring your friends and enjoy your Canteen.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Meets the 3rd Tuesday 7:00 pm

To All Our Members,

The Ladies Auxiliary has been working very hard on several different projects. We will be sponsoring the Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Patriotic Art Scholarships, which we are very excited about. To date, we do have quite a few interested students that would like to participate and I will keep you updated on winners, since the deadline is November 1st and judging will be right after that date. We also will be having our annual holiday basket raffle, which will begin on November 1st. Since this will be the last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish each and every one of you Happy Holidays and a Happy and healthy New Year.

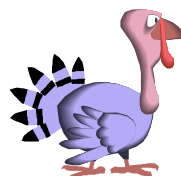
Sincerely,
Joan Rousseau
President, Ladies Auxiliary

ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT

Friday November 16th 2007 7:00 pm to 11:00 p.m. in the Canteen Lounge we will hold our annual Turkey Shoot.

All you can eat Hot Dogs and our famous Texas Style Chili and Draft Beer; admission is \$5.00 per person. We will have Raffles for Turkeys, Hams, and Bottles of Wine.

This is a good event to bring your friends from work or the neighborhood and have some fun. Tickets will be sent out with this Newsletter. Please purchase them or sell them. But please come on down and have some fun at the Turkey Shoot. There will be a cash bar available. Your Friends may also purchase tickets at the door.



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Officer of the Day Jay Murray contemplates on whether he should have another glass of soda at the recent Poker Run

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 13 AND
DECEMBER 31, 2007
1:45 PM TO 7:00 PM
UPSTAIRS HALL

QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



To My Comrades:

The Elevator project is progressing. I recently visited a Club in the Hartford area that has an elevator lift like the one we are looking at installing at our Post. It works very well and they have no complaints. I took some photographs of the lift and it should fit our needs. My committee will be researching more information before we make any final decision. I will keep you the members informed as we progress.

Eric Rousseau
Post Quartermaster
jr111155@aol.com

MEET THE BARTENDER



GERRY ZABAWA Fill in Volunteer Bartender and Chef.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS CORNER



Time is growing short!

If you are a continuing member you must renew your membership before December 31, 2007. If you are a Life Member you are all set. All continuing memberships must be paid by December 31, 2007. See me about changing over to a Life Membership or go to the Post Web Site at www.vfw7788.org and click on Join and go to the on line Life Membership section of the form. Last year for the first time in many years we achieved a little over 100% and we hope to surpass this goal this year, but without you sending in your dues we can not do it. Remember to renew. Send your check for *\$25.00 to VFW Post 7788
422 Naugatuck Ave.
Milford, CT. 06460
attention Post Quartermaster

Bob Paddock
Senior Vice Commander
skipmy1@sbcglobal.net

ARMY vs. NAVY FOOTBALL GAME

on our Giant screen HD Plasma TV Saturday December 1st, 2007 in the Canteen.
Game time 4:15 pm
food at Half Time come early and get a seat.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Devon Post 7788

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06460

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MEETINGS

Board of Directors

1st Monday of the
Month 7:00 pm.

VFW Members

3rd Monday of
the Month 7:00
pm, None July or
August

Ladies Aux.

3rd Tuesday of
the month 7:00
pm

Men's Aux.

4th Tuesday of
the Month 7:00
pm, None July or
August

VA Hospital Visit

4th Wednesday
of the month
leaves Post at
7:00 pm.

Volunteers
Welcomed

Canteen Cmte.

2nd & 4th
Wednesdays of
the month 7: pm

VFW 7788 MERCHANDISE FOR SALE: SHIRTS, HATS, JACKETS, AND OTHER ITEMS



Visit the Post Canteen and see the items we have for sale in the display case. All proceeds go to the Post. If you do not see your size just place a pre-paid order and we will order what you want. Embroidery is available. Contact Jim Goldstein or the on duty Bartender for merchandise information and sales. Help support your Post. Buy a gift for the upcoming holidays. Ladies Auxiliary shirts are available. Men's Auxiliary merchandise is also available.

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

If you wish to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter, give us your e-mail address. Contact Jim Goldstein at [jhgold@optonline.net](mailto:jhgolds@optonline.net) it helps to hold costs down!

VFW 7788 NOVEMBER 2007 EVENTS

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3 Dart League 7p
4	5 B.O.D. MEETING 7:00 PM	6 ELECTION DAY GET OUT AND VOTE	7	8 BINGO 5:30 PM	9	10 Dart League 7pm JUKE BOX PARTY 7PM
11	12	13 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 1:45 PM TO 7:00 PM	14 Canteen Cmte. 7 pm	15 BINGO 5:30 PM	16 CANTEEN TURKEY SHOOT 7 PM	17 Dart League 7pm
18	19 VFW MEETING 7:00PM	20 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm	21	22 THANKSGIVING NO BINGO CANTEEN CLOSED	23 CANTEEN PIZZA NIGHT 7P-9P (FREE PIZZA)	24 Dart League 7pm JUKE BOX PARTY 7PM
25	26	27 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	28 Canteen Cmt 7 VA Hospital Visit 7:00 pm	29 BINGO 5:30 PM	30	1 (DECEMBER) ARMY NAVY FOOTBALL 4pm

VFW 7788 DECEMBER 2007 EVENTS

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

2	3	4	5	6 BINGO 5:30PM	7	8 Dart League 7p JUKE BOX PARTY 7PM
9	10	11	12 Canteen Cmte. 7 pm	13 BINGO 5:30 PM	14	15 Dart League 7pm
16	17	18 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	19	20 BINGO 5:30 PM	21 CANTEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY	22 Dart League 7pm
23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE CANTEEN CLOSED AT 6P	25 CHRISTMAS DAY CANTEEN CLOSED ALL DAY	26 Canteen Cmte. 7 pm VA Hospital Visit 7 pm	27 BINGO 5:30 PM	28	29 JUKE BOX PARTY 7PM
30	31 Canteen Closed 6 pm	RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 1 P				





MILFORD VETERANS DAY PARADE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday November 11, 2007, Line up at the rear of the Parsons Complex at 1:00 pm and we step off at 2:00 pm. We march down hill to the Milford Green for a short ceremony at the Gazebo than return to the Post for some refreshments.

This is our day and we should be proud of our Service to our Country. VFW Post 7788 along with other Veterans organizations will be marching in this Parade, we need you to help. Contact Post 7788 Senior Vice Commander Bob Paddock at skipmy1@sbcglobal.net or call him at (203) 878-8527 and let him know that you are a proud Veteran and or Auxiliary member and want to march with our Post on Veterans Day.

E-mail from Karen Benzi,

Dear Bob, Greg, and Jim,

I will be unable to march this year-our units leave this week. Will be thinking of all of you and what your have done to make Milford a wonderful place for Veterans to live in. Will be drawing strength and courage from our Military heritage and Heroes. You are all in my prayers and I am grateful to the Men and Women Warriors of our Nation for ensuring my freedom thru their many sacrifices.

Very respectfully,

Karen M. Benzi,
Senior Chief Petty Officer

VA FLU SHOTS:

Flu season will soon be here and veterans, especially the more elderly, are encouraged to get their shots. Most VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) are making preparations to administer these shots at no charge to enrolled veterans. If in doubt whether or not yours will be, scheduling shots it is recommended you contact them. Shots are at no charge to enrolled veterans who would normally pay \$20 to \$30 if they were to obtain them through local medical services.

TRIVIA - NAVY

What is the name of the oldest "Commissioned" ship in the United States Navy?

What is the name of the oldest, surviving, "Navel Veterans" club in the United States?

What department of the United States Navy celebrates its 232 founding in November?

**ANSWERS WILL BE POSTED IN THE
CANTEEN ON SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 10, 2007**

THANK YOU

Rich Scanlon – Life Member
Travis Kitchen – Charter Life Member
Eric Rousseau – Quartermaster
Chris Dodge – Men's Auxiliary
Dave Papcin – Men's Auxiliary
Chuck Stempert – Men's Auxiliary

They power washed, scraped, patched, primed and painted (4 coats) on our VFW Post building for only the cost of materials (about \$360). They also replaced broken or damaged sections of the siding on the rear of the building.

Nice work!!!!

Soon the Public Works Dept will relocate our old flagpole to the City Animal Shelter. In the Spring, we'll have some new landscaping.

ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT

VFW Members and Friends of Devon Post 7788, we need your help! Below are two tickets to our Canteen's annual Turkey Shoot that will be held on Saturday November 16th, 2007 7:00 pm To 11:00 pm in our Canteen Lounge. Please sell these tickets or purchase them for yourself or friends.

The Turkey Shoot is always a good time and it is fun to participate in. No live Turkeys are harmed, just the dead ones.

Please mail your check to the Canteen VFW Devon Post 7788 at 422 Naugatuck Avenue Devon, CT 06460 – Thank you, *The Canteen Committee*.

YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE APPRECIATED

TURKEY SHOOT – ADMIT ONE		
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Raffles for Turkeys, Hams, and Wine		
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I AM a United States Sailor,

I WILL support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me,

I REPRESENT the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world,

I PROUDLY serve my country's Navy combat team with HONOR, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT,

I AM committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.

Submitted by Karen Benzi,

ANNIVERSARIES:
NOVEMBER 2007

10th LINDA & JIM CHRISTY
13th ELEANOR & FRANK
PEREGRIM
16th DIANA & CRAIG DUNNA
20th MARIANNE & RICH
JOYE

BIRTHDAYS:
NOVEMBER 2007

2nd MARY STEFAN
2nd DICK JANES
2nd MARY LEE FOGLER
6th PAM BANKS
7th CHRIS PAPCUN
9th JOE (Tin Can) DREWS
11th JOAN ROUSSEAU
21st ALICE McDOUGALL
23rd FRANK RETARTHA
29th LEE GRANT

ANNIVERSARIES:
DECEMBER 2007

30th MIDGE & GENE
HESLIN

BIRTHDAYS:
DECEMBER 2007

3rd BARBARA
PASKEWICZ
3rd PAT CICARELLI
8th SAL ATTIANESE
8th GARY JONES
10th FRED REIDENBACH
20th JOE & JOHN
RICHARDSON
21st CHRISTINE SMITH
24th TRAVIS KITCHENS
25 BOB THOMAS
30th CRAIG BANKS
31st BOB JORDAN

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NEW POST 7788

MEMBERS

Edward Baptiste
Peter Bencivenga
Art Belanger
Eric Karlsen
Nathan Dougall

**WELCOME
VETERANS**

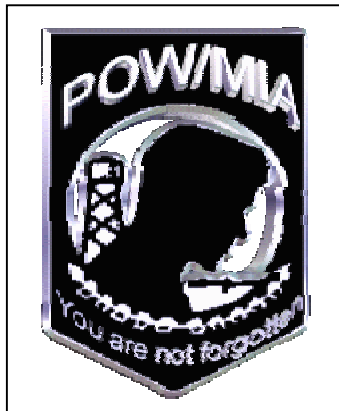
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