



VFW DEVON POST 7788

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COMMANDERS CORNER

We're off to another great VFW 7788 year.

Our membership continues to grow and all of our programs are off to a terrific new start.

When you see them, please thank:

- Our State Representative, Speaker Jim Amann, for the \$30,000 grant to help us with our handicapped access projects. Eric Rousseau and his team are already planning installation of an elevator lift.
- Jim, Chuck, and Gerry for another fun and successful Golf Tournament. They raised \$1,200 for our Post.
- Kenny, Larry, and Gerry for another successful and fun Poker Run. They raised \$1,300 for Operation Uplink and for our VA Hospital visits.
- Our Oyster Festival volunteers who raised \$140.00 for Operation Uplink and signed up 10 new members.
- Our Bingo team and our Canteen Committee members for helping us pay the bills.
- Chuck and Pat for keeping up the Packages for Troops effort.
- Travis for the new flag pole.
- Each other for being a part of all we do for today's Armed Forces and our Community.

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.

Yours in Service,
Greg Smith
Commander

UP COMING EVENTS

*FREE PIZZA PARTY

Every Friday night 7:00 p.m. at the Canteen during the month of October.

*FREE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Wednesday night October 31st from 7pm to Midnight, Come in Costume

*TURKEY SHOOT

Friday November 2, 2007 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm Canteen Lounge \$5.00.

B.O.D. 1st Monday

Meetings 3rd Monday

VA Hospital Visit 4th Wednesday 7pm

DEPLOYED TROOPS

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

- CPL. DAWID, Kevin, Marines**
PVT. FIORELLA, John, Army
Sgt. LOEFFLER, Jim, Army
Sgt. MARCUM, Jr. Jim, Army
SCPO REYES, Karen, Navy
 Please say a Prayer for their safety
 - RETURNED -
HERKNER, Steve, Army
MURRY, Jay, Army



VFW 7788 AT WORK WITH KIDS

VFW 7788 Life member **Kim Raseman** accepts an American Flag from an East Shore Middle School, (Milford, CT.), student for retirement. Kim Raseman and Post 7788 Senior Vice Commander **Bob Paddock** conducted a flag retirement on Flag Day June 14, 2007 at the school.

MEN'S AUXILIARY

Meets the 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm

Since our last meeting, the Men's Auxiliary has been instrumental in the success of this year's Post 3-day Poppy Drive, which helps fund the Post Chaplain's needs. We also held an Annual Golf Tournament in July. Tourney precedes normally goes to help with the Post General Fund. In August we are holding a Poker Run to help support the VFW Operation Uplink, intended to purchase phone cards for our active military heroes. I am indeed proud of all the help extended to the Post by our membership this past year, and I'm looking forward to another productive year. Hope to see you on Tuesday Sept 25th at 7:00pm for the next scheduled meeting of the Men's Auxiliary.

Sincerely,
Jim Shea
President

LADIES AUXILIARY

Meets the 3rd Tuesday 7:00 pm

Our year is already moving quickly!!! We have many things to do and look forward to. The first thing on our agenda for the year is going to be a Tag Sale in October. Following with our (two)!!! baskets of cheer for raffle for the holidays!!! Of course, hopefully we will also be able to run the St. Valentine's Day dinner/dance!!!! I am looking forward to working with all of you. I do however want to ask for volunteers. We cannot run functions without help!! If you have an hour or two that you can spare and would like to share in the fun, please let us know and we can get you started. Also we will be volunteering 2 hours every 4th Wednesday to the VA Hospital. If you are interested in joining our team please put your name on the volunteer list in the canteen or call Joan Rousseau at 877-0584.

Sincerely,
Joan Rousseau
President

CANTEEN NEWS

FREE PIZZA PARTY

Every **Friday night** at the Canteen during the month of **October**. The Pizza will be served from 7 pm to 9 pm. Cash Bar and drink specials. Come on down with your friends and family and enjoy.

FREE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Wednesday night October 31st from 7pm to Midnight, Come in Costume and enter the contest for best Costume. Prize awarded, Cash Bar and drink specials all night.

MEMBERS DRINK SPECIALS

Each **Tuesday** from **7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** and on **Thursday** from **2:00 pm to 6:00pm** twenty-five cents, (.25), will be discounted from each drink you order. Bring your friends and enjoy your Canteen.

ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT

Friday November 2nd 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 JABA's 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.



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Pat Cicarelli

accepting his award for distinguished service to VFW Devon Post 7788 July 22, 2007.

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

QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER

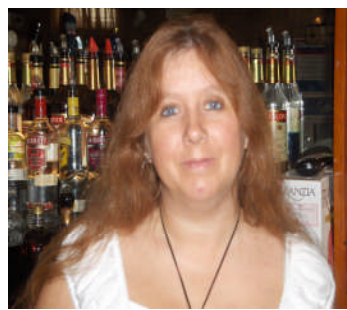


To My Comrades:

Once again I have the honor to serve as your quartermaster. This last year has come and gone so fast!!! We remain in good financial condition and our bills are current.

In 2007 we are looking forward to proceed with our handicapped improvements to our building. Again, I thank you for your continuous support through out the year and look forward to serving as your quartermaster again this year. Please continue to make our newest to make our newest members and friends welcome at our post. – Eric Rousseau

MEET THE BARTENDER



Cindy Radcliff Canteen Permittee, Works Thursday nights and Sunday day shift.

ACTIVE MILITARY SERGEANT AND LIFE MEMBER OF POST 7788 RETURNS HOME:

Life member *Steve Herkner* paid a visit to our Canteen in July. He had just completed a tour in Afghanistan from Jan. 2006 to April 2007. Steve first joined our Post in 1993 and became a life member in 96. Brother-in-law to frequent Canteen visitor *Mark Morin*, Steve resides in Griswold CT with his wife, (Jennifer) and 2 children, Sydney and Cole. Steve who has been in the service for 22 years would like to continue to 30 years as a drill Sergeant or possibly retire. Great to see you again Steve and good luck with whatever you decide. God bless you.

Sergeant Herkner's tours:

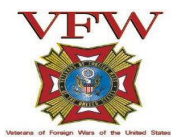
Desert Storm	90 to 91
Nicaragua	96 to 97
Bosnia	01 to 02
Iraq	03 to 04
Afghanistan	06 to 07

Submitted by: Jim Shea

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS CORNER



As we rapidly approach the end of the year I wish to remind our members that membership renewal time will be at hand. All continuing memberships must be paid by December 31, 2007. 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.*



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If you are interested in advertising your business cards in the Post newsletter, the cost is \$100 for a year's subscription; your card will appear in 6 issues.

Birthdays and anniversaries are inserted in the newsletter on a voluntary basis. If you would like to submit one, or both, contact me or call the canteen and leave the information. (Ages are optional.)

As always, if the family of a deceased member wishes to continue receiving the newsletter, please notify me or call the canteen and leave a message.

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

Also if anyone wishes to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter, give us your e-mail address. Contact jhgolds@optonline.net

VFW 7788 SEPTEMBER 2007 EVENTS

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

VFW 7788 OCTOBER 2007 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 (SEPT.)	1 B.O.D. MEETING 7 PM	2	3	4 BINGO 5:30PM	5 Free Pizza Party 7 pm	6 Dart League 7p
7	8	9	10	11 BINGO 5:30PM	12 Free Pizza Party 7 pm	13 Dart League 7p
14	15 VFW MEETING 7:00 PM	16 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18 BINGO 5:30 PM	19 Free Pizza Party 7 pm	20 Dart League 7P
21	22	23 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	24 VA Hospital Visit 7:00 pm	25 BINGO 5:30 PM	26 Free Pizza Party 7 pm	27 Dart League 7p
28	29	30	31 FREE HALLOWEEN PARTY 7 PM			

ANNIVERSARIES:
SEPTEMBER 2007

8 Mary & Guy Piselli
17 Phyllis & Jim Powers
23 Ethel & Howard Knapp
23 Midge & Fred Reidenbach
26 Pat & Mike Paoletto

BIRTHDAYS:
SEPTEMBER 2007

4 Don LaReau
4 Kenny Ruff
7 Kim Laue
13 Ron Underwood
19 Steve Herkner
25 Jane Dodge
28 Larry Sterback
29 Mark Dzierzbinski
30 Ed Miller

ANNIVERSARIES:
OCTOBER 2007

1 Jan & Tim Mead
3 Linda & Jim Goldstein
10 Ellen & Bob Jess
19 Joan & Eric Rousseau
28 Joyce & Al Neumen
28 Lee & Sparky Grant

BIRTHDAYS:
OCTOBER 2007

1 Bob Jess
3 Fran Tartaglio
8 Jean Weisz
9 Dick Scalon
9 Donna Altieri
10 Brad Aukerman
15 Mary Piselli
17 Jim Powers
25 Laura LaBosky
25 Linda Upson
26 Jim Crowley

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NEW POST 7788

MEMBERS

CONNORS, Daniel

ROSSEL, John

WELCOME

VETERANS

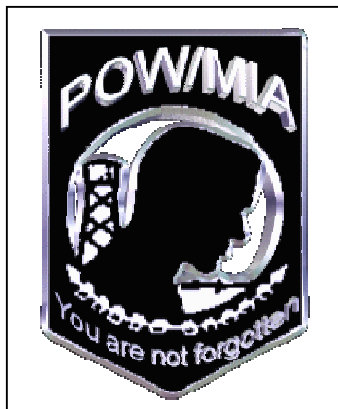
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