



VFW DEVON POST 7788

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JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2008

COMMANDERS CORNER

Wow, what an exciting and successful year was 2007. Together, our VFW Post 7788 family has sent another hundred boxes to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, re-started our flagging VA Hospital visit program, awarded Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen scholarships, selected our Teacher of the Year, raised \$1,000 for Operation Uplink, organized the Milford Memorial Day parade and wreath ceremony, visited our local schools, participated in the Milford 4th of July ceremony and the Milford Oyster Festival, had a fine showing for the Veteran's Day parade, and much more. And, to all of these fine reasons to be proud of your Post, you may also include that we continue to add new members, we painted our building, installed a new flag pole, we are remodeling the back hall, and soon we will install an elevator lift. To everyone who made these fine things happen, my sincerest THANK YOU!

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 Wednesday of every month. For more information, contact Joannie Rousseau or myself. Yours in Service,

Respectfully,
 Greg Smith
 Commander VFW Post 7788
 VFW National Deputy Chief of Staff

UP COMING EVENTS

DART LEAGUE

Starts January 5th
 7 pm. to 9 pm. For 12
 weeks, \$5.00 per wk.

POOL TOURNAMENT

Men's & Ladies
 Starting January 6,
 See Al Carlson 203-
 874-9982 for
 information. Prizes

LADIES AUXILIARY DINNER & DANCE

Saturday Feb. 2, see
 Bartender for tickets
 or Ladies Auxiliary

SUPERBOWL

Sunday February 3rd
 Kick Off at 6:18 pm in
 the Canteen – Free
 Food at Half-Time.

DEPLOYED TROOPS

The following VFW
 Post 7788 Family
 members are
 deployed overseas.

IORELLA, John
LOFFLER, Jim
MARCUM, Jr. Jim
REYES, Karen,
 Please say a Prayer
 for their safety

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

Welcome Home



VFW
 POST
 7788
 AT
 WORK

Sgt. Richard Troy, USA and Shawn Woodcock, a fourth-grade student at Live Oaks Elementary school in Milford, CT lead the Pledge of Allegiance for Veterans Day.

Kim Raseman, Jim Goldstein and Bob Rhan Life Members from VFW Devon Post 7788 represented our Post and were interviewed by the History Channel.

(Photo by Phil Noel/CT Post)

MEN'S AUXILIARY

Meets the Last Tuesday at 7:00 pm

I'm again happy to see so many of our Aux. members getting involved in the happenings at the Post. Our treasurer **Gerry Zabawa** pitched in as a judge for the "Voice of Democracy" and the "Patriots Pen" contests.

I also was happy to see many of our members marching in the Veterans Day parade. Some of our guys helped out for the Nov. Turkey shoot event. **Chris Dodge** and **Dave Pappin** did most of the recent painting of our Post building. I also want to thank **Chuck Stempert** for the many different repairs he does for the Building and grounds that usually goes unnoticed, as does the hall rental work of **Kevin Norman**. Thanks again guys, keep up the good work. Hope to see you at the January meeting.

Sincerely,
Jim Shea, President Men's Auxiliary

CANTEEN NEWS

**Canteen Opens at 2:00 pm Weekdays
12:00 pm Weekends
(203-874-9982)**

CANTEEN POOL TOURNAMENT

Men's Tournament: \$25.00 entry fee
Sunday Evening January 6, 13, 20, 27,
Tuesday Evenings January 8, 15, 22, and
29. Wednesday Evenings January 9, 16, 23,
and 30. Dinner at the end of the Tournament

Ladies Tournament: \$15.00 entry fee
Monday Evenings January 7, 14, 21, and
28. Saturday Evenings January 12, 19, and
25 includes dinner at the end of the
Tournament. See **Al Carlson** at the
Canteen after 2:00 pm Mon. Tue. Wed. to
sign up and information. Entries are limited
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 third Tuesday 7:00 pm

Our scholarship judging is over and we have our winners. Congratulations to our Voice of Democracy Winners!!!

1st – **Joseph Hanna**,

2nd – **Shannon McDonald**

Congratulations to our
Patriot Pen Winners!!!

1st – **Rachel Hiatt**, 2nd – **Phylcia Prince**,

3rd – **Ratan Manohar**

If you would like to read these essays, they are on display in our Canteen. You are more than welcomed to enjoy them at your convenience.

Thank you to all who have devoted their time and experience to make this event a successful one. We will be planning our Valentine's Dinner Dance this year (**FEB.2 2008**). More information to follow.

I would like to take one moment to wish all of you a wonderful and joyous holiday and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Joan Rousseau, President, Ladies Auxiliary

VFW DEVON POST 7788 IS FORMING AN HONOR GUARD

Anyone interested in joining the Post Honor guard we have six positions open. Our Post has had a Championship Guard before at the State level and we would like to try for it again. The Honor guard is open to members of the Post and to the Men's and Ladies Auxiliary. A meeting will be held on **Monday January 14, 7 pm** in the Canteen to discuss uniform and fundraising. Your support is needed for us to be successful. Come out and join so that we can once again show our pride in Post 7788 and bring another Championship Home. Former Honor Guard members are welcome to join again and who knows maybe we can be able to carry the Service flags and have two more lines of guards as well. Hoping to see many of you there for the meeting.

Tim Mead

Past Honor Guard Captain

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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MOVIE NIGHT AT THE VFW

Each Saturday night at 7:00 pm. Bring your own DVD or see one of ours.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday January 8, 2008
1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
VFW upstairs hall
And
Tuesday March 11, 2008
1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
VFW upstairs hall



SICK CALL

Bob Janes has returned to work and is recovering from his operation

Dick Scanlon is recovering from a Burn injury to his hand & face

Cindy Radcliffe is back at work and is recovering from a bout with Bronchitis


DART LEAGUE Sign Up

Starts Jan. 5, 2008. 7 to 9 pm. For 12 weeks, \$5.00 per week. Once again, your Canteen is forming the Dart Teams to compete in our Dart League. See Kim Rose at the Canteen on Wednesday or Saturday evenings after 6:00 pm. for information and sign up.



LADIES AUXILIARY DINNER DANCE

The Ladies Auxiliary will host a Valentine's Dinner and Dance on **Saturday February 2nd, 2008** in the Canteen Lounge. Dinner will be from 7 pm to 8 pm with Dancing starting at 8 pm to closing.

Come and enjoy the evening with your Spouse or someone special. Tickets on sale at the Canteen \$15.00 ea. 

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY XLII

Date: February 3, 2008

Site: University of Phoenix
Stadium: Glendale, Arizona
Kick-off: 6:18 p.m. EST
Television: FOX



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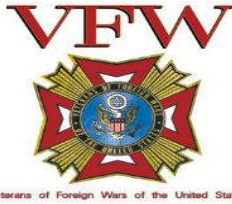
Canteen. Bring your friends and enjoy the game with them.

We will have our own indoor (where it's warm) tailgate party. Bring your own snacks to munch on during the game but reserve some room for our free buffet at half time. There will be a cash bar available stocked with your favorite beverages staffed by our smiley and perky Bartenders otherwise known as **Cindy and Ron** (aka Stumpy). Celebrate this annual "rite of winter" by enjoying the game at VFW Devon Post 7788 Canteen



VFW Devon Post 7788 on Parade

Veterans Day November 11,
2007 Milford, CT.
(Photo by Christine Smith, VFW 7788)



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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 Auxiliary

3rd Tuesday of
the month 7:00
pm

Men's Auxiliary

Last 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 jhgolds@optonline.net it helps to hold costs down!

VFW 7788 JANUARY 2008 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Dart League 7pm
6 Men's Pool Tournament 7pm	7 Ladies Pool Tour. 7pm B.O.D. MEETING 7:00 PM	8 Red Cross Blood Drive 1 pm Men's Pool Tournament 7 pm	9 Men's Pool Tournament Canteen Mtg. 7 PM	10 BINGO 5:30 PM	11 Ladies Pool Tournament. 7pm	12 Dart League 7pm
13 Men's Pool Tour. 7pm	14 Honor Guard Mtg. 7 pm Ladies Pool 7pm	15 Men's Pool Tournament 7pm	16 Men's Pool Tournament 7pm	17 BINGO 5:30 PM	18	19 Ladies Pool Tour. 7pm Dart League
20 Men's Pool Tournament 7pm	21 Ladies Pool Tour. 7pm VFW MEETING 7:00PM	22 Men's Pool Tournament 7 PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	23 Men's Pool Tournament 7pm Canteen Mtg. 7PM VA Hosp. Visit 7:00 pm	24 BINGO 5:30 PM	25	26 Ladies Pool Tour. 7pm Dart League 7pm
27 Men's Pool Tournament 7pm	28 Ladies Pool Tournament 7pm	29 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm Men's Pool Tournament 7 pm	30 Men's Pool Tournament 7pm	31 BINGO 5:30 PM		

VFW 7788 FEBRUARY 2008 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> GET YOUR TICKETS FOR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARTY </div>					1 Tickets go on sale for St. Patrick's Day	2 Ladies Aux. Dinner & Dance 6 pm Dart League 7pm
3 SUPERBOWL 6:00 PM IN THE CANTEEN	4 B.O.D. MEETING 7:00 PM	5	6 Canteen Mtg. 7 pm	7 BINGO 5:30 PM	8	9 Dart League 7pm	
10	11	12	13	14 BINGO 5:30 PM	15	16 Chili Cook- Off 6 pm Dart League 7pm	
17	18 VFW MEETING 7:00PM	19 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	20 Canteen Mtg. 7 pm	21 BINGO 5:30 PM	22	23 Dart League 7pm	
24	25	26 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	27 VA Hospital Visit 7 pm	28 BINGO 5:30 PM	29		

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

This year we are celebrating Saint Patrick's Day on Saturday March 08, 2008 in our Canteen Lounge starting at 6:00 pm

Tickets are limited and they go fast, tables may be reserved for six or more people, all tickets must be paid for in advance due to the demand for tickets for this event. First come, first served. Get your tickets while the supply lasts. Tickets will go on sale in the Canteen on February 1, 2008. See the on duty Bartender to purchase your tickets and to reserve your table.

We will serve tender and juicy thin sliced Corn Beef with Red Potatoes, Cabbage and Carrots all you can eat.

There will be a DJ playing old favorites and today's hit songs for your listening and dancing pleasure and there will be drink specials at the Bar to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day

Bring your family and fiends and enjoy the party at the Canteen

TICKETS: \$15.00 per person

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

NEW TELEPHONE AND ANSWERING SYSTEM AT THE POST



Our VFW Post has come into the 21st century and has updated our old telephone system with a state of the art digital phone and answering system. This move also affords us the opportunity to efficiently manage the numerous phone calls that come into our Post for information about Veterans rights, Membership, Hall Rentals, and people seeking information on Veterans topics. Our telephone numbers remain the same but the people who are responsible for following up on the phone calls can now do that from the comfort and privacy of their homes or when they are on the road and cannot get to their home answering machine.



Everybody is
IRISH on this day
**TICKETS GO ON
SALE FEB. 1st 2008**

**COME TO THE PARTY
AT THE CANTEEN
SATURDAY
MARCH 8th, 2008**

IRISH TRIVIA QUESTIONS

In 1951, which film was shot on location in Cong, County Mayo and directed by John Ford?

What lies on top of an Irish Coffee?

In 1986 which Bob received an Honorary knighthood after founding Band Aid?

A traditional Irish stew contains which meat?

ANSWERS AT THE CANTEEN

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNERS AND PATRIOT PEN WINNERS



The members of VFW Post 7788 take great pleasure in announcing that **Joseph Hanna** of Foran High School and **Shannon McDonald** of Jonathan Law High School have been selected as 1st and 2nd place winners of our Voice of Democracy essay contest. This year's theme was "My Role in Honoring America's Veteran's". We are also very pleased to announce that **Rachel Hiatt** of St. Gabriel's School, **Phylcia Prince** of West Shore Middle School, and **Ratan Manohar** of Harborside Middle School have been selected as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of our Patriot's Pen contest. This year's theme was "Why I Am An American Patriot".

(Photo by Christine Smith. VFW 7788)

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
DEVON POST 7788 INVITED TO
SPEAK TO SENIOR CITIZENS IN
STRATFORD, CT.**



**YOUR POST AT WORK IN THE
COMMUNITY**

At the senior living facility Atria of Stratford, many residents, along with residents of Hamden's Atria Larson Place, gathered to share their experiences as veterans of World War II. The stories were videotaped and will be submitted as part of the Library of Congress Veteran's History Project. Guest speaker **Bob Paddock** (standing), senior vice commander of Devon's VFW Post 7788 listened as Army Sergeant John Pawasauskas, center, told stories of his time in France during the war. At right is Air Force Sergeant Bill Zrelak. Both are residents at Stratford's Atria. (Tracy Deer-Mirek/Connecticut Post)

**VFW 7788 LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBER
ELECTED TO MILFORD OFFICE**



Congratulations to VFW Devon Post 7788 Ladies Auxiliary, Senior Vice President. **Kim Rose**, who was elected to the Planning & Zoning Board for the City

of Milford. Kim is active in Community affairs and the people of Milford showed their confidence in her this past November election.

In addition to her Sr. Vice duties, she serves the Post as the "Voice of Democracy" Chairperson, and finds time to be one of our Canteen Bartenders. Always cheerful and upbeat, Kim is friendly to all and we her friends are truly proud of her accomplishment. Good Luck Kim in this new endeavor. (Photo by Jim Goldstein VFW 7788)

DID YOU KNOW

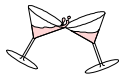
- ***VFW** was first to Demand Congressional Recognition of "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER" as the NATIONAL ANTHEM.
- ***VFW** was first to establish a National Home for Orphans of Veterans.
- ***VFW** was first to Demand Pensions for Widows and Dependents of World War Veterans.
- ***VFW** was the first Veterans organization to launch a nationwide educational campaign in Defense of Democracy.

Quartermaster Corner

The Elevator Committee has approved our Proposal. Details will be available upon the Member vote at our next Regular Meeting.

Our financial condition is sound and all of our bills are up to date. I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry X-Mass and a Happy and Healthy New year. Again, thank you for all of your confidence and support.

Eric Rousseau. Quartermaster



ANNIVERSARIES:
JANUARY 2008

19 Tony & Chris Papcun
28 Greg & Christine Smith
29 Red & Fran Temple



BIRTHDAYS:
JANUARY 2008

- 1 Bill Ryan
- 2 Red Temple
- 5 Ann Dunne
- 6 Kim Rose
- 9 Bonnie LaReau
- 14 Mike Moens
- 14 John Stavola
- 14 Fred Worsnop
- 16 Debbie Ruff
- 22 Diana Dunna
- 26 Rob Fultz



ANNIVERSARIES:
FEBRUARY 2008



BIRTHDAYS:
FEBRUARY 2008

- 3 Archie Fogler
- 5 Fran Temple
- 5 Russ Edwards
- 7 Alex Carlson
- 9 Joseph Fetcho
- 12 Tony Papcun
- 19 Bill Schwartz
- 24 Jim Marcum
- 27 Helen Politi
- 28 Frank Peregrim
- 28 Gene Korpita

HOW TO RENT OUR FACILITIES

Main Hall or Picnic Grounds Rental

Contact Kevin Norman (Leave Message) (203) 877-9812 or 203-874-9775

CANTEEN LOUNGE

(For Parties up to 90)
Contact Cindy Radcliffe (203) 874-9982 after 2pm

VFW POST 7788
NEW MEMBERS
Edward Baptiste
Peter Bencivenga
Art Belanger
Eric Karlsen
Nathan Dougall
WELCOME
VETERANS

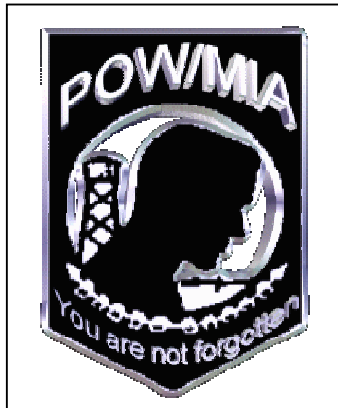
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