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MEMORAIL DAY Activities



*** Flags on Graves ***

****Wreath Laying
Dough Boy Monument****

**Downtown Parade
Grand Marshall Greg Smith**



POKER RUN

July 12th

Sponsored by Men's Auxiliary

UPCOMING EVENTS

May	
9 th	Mother's Day Vendor & Craft Fair
10 th	<i>Mother's Day</i>
16 th	Armed Forces Day
16-17	<i>Post 7788 Poppy Drive</i> <i>Cherry Street Shop Rite</i>
23 rd	Flags on Veterans' Graves
23 rd	<i>Wreath Laying</i>
24 th	Memorial Day Parade
25 th	<i>Memorial Day</i>
June	
11-13	State Convention
14 th	<i>Ladies Auxiliary Poppy Drive</i> <i>Bridgeport Ave Stop and Shop</i>
14 th	Flag Day
14 th	<i>Flag Retirement ceremonies</i>
20 th	Comedy Night- Spaghetti Din
21 st	<i>Father's Day</i>
July	
4 th	Independence Day
12 th	<i>Motorcycle Poker Run</i>
19-23	102 nd VFW National Conv



If this is your first Newsletter, you are a new member or an old member that we have recently added to our mailing list. You can receive this letter by e-mail by contacting the editor at the address listed in the Editor's Notes below.

Post has a new Website



The NEW website has gone live in place of our old one. This is the place to go for all of the Post news and activities. We will update every month to keep you informed of all the VFW's happenings. If you haven't had the opportunity to look at it yet, the website address is (www.vfw7788.org). If you are getting this Newsletter by e-mail, you can click on the above link. If you are not getting this by e-mail, you should be. Send your e-mail address to the Editor. We welcome your feedback and comments.

VFW POST 7788 LADIES AUXILIARY
MOTHERS' DAY
VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, 2015
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

VENDORS include:



Jewelry, Cosmetics, Arts & Crafts and More!!

For VENDOR INFO, Please Contact **Kim Rose**, VFW Ladies AUX President @ 203-988-2078
or email lux7788president@gmail.com

INDOOR FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE at

VFW, 422 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, CT

STATE CONVENTION

Department of CT State Convention
 Sheraton Hartford South Hotel - June 11th-14th



Book your hotel room by May 28th for the State convention to receive the group rate!

For online room reservations, visit their website at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/VFW> or call the hotel directly at (860) 257-6000. Be sure to mention "Veterans of Foreign Wars convention" to get the special \$106/night rate. Rate is only good until May 29th, so make your reservations early

POPPY DRIVES

The Post will be selling poppies in front of ShopRite on Cherry Street Saturday, May 16th and 17th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Canteen for volunteers to man the table in 2 hour shifts.



The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling poppies in front of Stop & Shop at 855 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford on Sunday, June 14th. There will also be a sign-up sheet for the Ladies in the Canteen.

COMEDY NIGHT



Saturday June 20 at 7:00PM
Dinner followed by comedy
Featuring Billy Winn and two Guests
Only \$25.00 per Person!!

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

On Saturday, May 23, 2015, at 8:00 AM, we will be placing flags on the graves of veterans buried in Kings Highway cemetery on Cherry Street.

Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 am, the Post will participate in wreath laying ceremonies starting at the Dough Boy Monument in front of City Hall, then proceeding to the Green. The Ladies Auxiliary will then proceed to Milford Harbor to place a wreath in the water in memory of all those lost at sea.

The City of Milford will celebrate Memorial Day with a parade on Sunday, May 24, 2015. The parade will line up at Watson Field behind the Parson Complex. Step off is at 2:00 PM. with the parade route proceeding down River Street to the Milford Green.

MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN



Our 9th annual Poker Run, sponsored by our Men's Auxiliary unit, will take place on Sunday July 12, 2015.

\$25.00 per bike (Pre-register \$20.00), \$10.00 additional rider, \$5.00 extra poker hand.

Register at the post starting at 9:00am, first bike out at 9:00am, last bike by 10:00am.

Coffee/donuts before, roast beef dinner after. Door prizes and raffle. Best poker hand 100 Points, Second 75 Points and Third 50 Points.

All bikes back by 1:30pm sharp, best poker hands determined at 2:00pm sharp.

Support to be Announced

For additional information or to pre-register contact Kenny Ruff at 203-395-9435, (druff1961@aol.com), or VFW Post 7788 at 203-874-9982 after 2:00 pm.

Subject: Economics 101

A city boy, Kenny, moved to the country and bought a donkey from an old farmer for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day.

The next day the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry son, but I have some bad news. The donkey died."
 Kenny replied, "Well then, just give me my money back."
 The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already."
 Kenny said, "OK, then just unload the donkey."
 The farmer asked, "What ya gonna do with him?"
 Kenny: "I'm going to raffle him off."
 Farmer: "You can't raffle off a dead donkey!"
 Kenny: "Sure I can. I just won't tell anybody he's dead."

A month later the farmer met up with Kenny and asked, "What happened with that dead donkey?"
 Kenny: "I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at \$2 a piece and made a profit of \$898.00."
 Farmer: "Didn't anyone complain?"

Kenny: "Just the guy who won. So I gave him his \$2 back."

102nd VFW National Convention



Approximately 10,000 VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members will convene from all over the world at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. VFW members will vote on organizational by-laws, attend workshops, network with other veterans and attend business sessions. Convention delegates will also enjoy addresses from several notable and distinguished guests.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings fellow comrades,



Summer is on the way and there are a number of things going on at the Post. A Day for a Vet is being held on April 26th. It is always a huge success and Greg Smith and his committee do a great job. The Ladies Aux. is having its Vender Fair on May 9th. Our Annual Poppy Drive will be held on Saturday and Sunday May 16 & 17th at Shoprite on Cherry Street in Milford. Sign up sheets are at the Canteen. The posting of the flags at Kings Highway Cemetery, wreath laying ceremony and Memorials Day Parade plans are being made. Our new website is up and running, take a look at www.vfw7788.org

to see what is going on at your post. More events to come: Men's Aux. Poker Run, Post Golf Tournament, Family Roast and other fun stuff as well. Our Post is at 103.5% in membership for which I am very proud there are still some unpaid members so if you haven't paid your dues please do so soon.

Yours in comradeship,
Joe Razzaia
Commander



LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings All

It has been an honor to serve this past year as President. I want to first of all thank my ladies auxiliary for their support, hard work and dedication. I'd especially like to thank Nancy Paddock for being my right hand whenever I needed help she was there for me. It was an absolute pleasure working with the Men's Auxiliary and Post Commander as we were able to accomplish a lot of great things. The ladies auxiliary will be left once again in the very capable hands of Nancy Paddock as she will be our next President. For our upcoming events, We have a Mother's Day Basket raffle going on with some GREAT gift certificates approx value is \$155 tickets are available in the canteen please see your bartender. We also have our upcoming Craft and Vendor Fair on Sat. May 9th, please come out to support us. We also have our Poppy Drive coming up and that's always a great day. Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve you, it has been my pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Rose.
Ladies Auxiliary President



MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

GREETINGS to my fellow Aux Members, Spring has sprung FINALLY!! , Elections are being held , the nominations for office held at the last meeting are as follows; President Dan Gregory, Senior Vice Garry Saxton, Junior Vice Matt Gregory, Treasurer Mike Nunno, Chaplin Alex Carlson, Appointed Sargent of Arms Bill Travis , Trustee, Alex Carlson .

I would like to thank the past & present Officers of this Auxiliary for helping me this year in office, especially past Charter President Jim Shea, and past Presidents Tony Papcun and Ken Ruff. They have made it a very smooth road so far, my hat is off to them.

If I am elected again I will do my best to continue the efforts of everyone who helps this post. The State Convention is in June, let's make a great showing there to show our support for the post.

Time keeps marching on. The Tenth Annual Poker Run (Ruffs Run) is in July. Please members help is needed for this event, Kenny Ruff works hard to bring this all together every year, we are looking for someone to chair this event next year or this will be the last run. Don't let this happen.

The Post had a great Saint Patrick's Day dinner this year, thanks Commander Joe and volunteers. The Veterans Grave landscaping project at Kings Highway Cemetery is getting under way now that better weather is here. The sign up sheet will be in the Canteen. Men's Aux tended to about eight Veterans graves last year, please call me if you would like to help with this endeavor. 203 996 7966 Thanks Dan More fund raising ideas are needed to bring in support for the Post, this winter's plowing was pretty hard on the budget .Please bring your ideas to the meeting and be heard, also you may win in our membership dues raffle if your name is pulled and you're in attendance! We are always looking for new members spread the word to friends and family, there is strength In numbers.

Thanks to all the rest of you, who make this the best V.F.W. post there is.

Men's Auxiliary President
Dan Gregory



Chaplain's Message

Our hearts are also filled with thankfulness to those who serve our country in the armed forces. Their love for our country and for our people is inspiring.

Father, we are reminded that our soldiers fight many personal battles, and we ask that today you would intervene in their lives and help each one individually.

Lord, we know that there are times when each one suffers from loneliness, homesickness, exhaustion, sadness, fear, extreme weather conditions, personal physical conditions, and a myriad of other difficulties. We ask that every need would be ministered to this day. We ask that you would come to each one and ease their personal challenges and

give each one renewed hope and cheer. We ask that you would refresh each one this day in every way. Amen.

Al Carlson
Post Chaplain



TAPS



Gerard Daley

No Details

EDITOR'S NOTES

Another issue of the Newsletter is done. I hope you find all the information that you need to know. For the **most up-to-date information for our Post**, check out our NEW website. The **website address is (www.vfw7788.org)**.

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