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TRAVIS C. KITCHEN POST 7788

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February, March, April 2016

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Super Bowl 50 Party at the Canteen



Payback for the DICE Rollers
See the Game on our
BIG Screen HD TV
Kickoff at 6:30PM

St. Patrick's
Day

Dinner – Dance

Saturday, March 12

7:00 PM

\$20.00 per person

EVENTS AT A GLANCE



February

2	Ground Hog Day
7	Super Bowl Party
12	Lincoln's Birthday
13	Valentine's Party
14	Valentine's Day
16	President's Day
18	Ash Wednesday
22	Washington's Birthday

Teams unknown at press time

February 7th 2016 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Ca.

March

9	Daylight Savings
12	St. Patrick's Party
17	St. Patrick's Day
20	Spring Begins
20	Kid's Easter Egg Hunt
27	Easter Sunday

The Canteen will host a Super Bowl party for all our DICE Rollers. If you are not a Roller, you can come too and join in on all the excitement!!

April

00	Ladies Auxiliary elections
00	Post elections
00	Men's Auxiliary elections
17	Day for a Vet

Game time is scheduled for 6:00 PM with kickoff at 6:30. Our Big screen HD TV will be on and a FREE buffet will be provided compliments of the Canteen. Cash Bar for drinks.

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VFW Meetings & Events

■ 1st Monday	Board of Director's Meeting at 7:00pm
■ 3rd Monday	Regular Member Meeting at 7:00pm
■ 2nd Tuesday	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at 7:00pm
■ 3rd Tuesday	Men's Auxliary Meeting at 7:00pm

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY



**Saturday, February 13th
Bring your own snacks**

**The ladies will have everything half off!!
Drink prices that is!!**

7:00pm until ??





St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Join us on March 12th for our "wearin' of the green" celebration. A wonderful Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner followed by dancing to the music of DJ Bob Johnson from Post 9460 in Stratford.

Dinner will be served at 7:30PM with music and dancing to follow.

CASH BAR

Tickets can be purchased at the Canteen for \$20.00 per person. Deadline is March 10th, but why wait. Get your tickets now!!

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DAY FOR A VET

Our annual "Day for a Vet" luncheon will take place on Sunday, April 17 at 12:00 noon in the upstairs Hall. Last year we hosted over 120 veterans and hospital staff from the West Haven, Rocky Hill and Newington Veterans' Hospitals.

This year looks to be even bigger. The attendees really look forward to the afternoon away from the hospital, the good food and fellowship that we share.

We always need donations of time to help set up and clean up, as well as donations of items to place in the goody bags (especially word search puzzle books, crosswords puzzle books, etc.).

Resolution for VA Chapels



The authors of this resolution, the members of VFW Post 7788 and VFW CT District 2, request that VFW Department of Connecticut support this resolution, and that it be forwarded to VFW National for approval and vote at our National Convention in July.

A Resolution concerning Chapels at Veterans Administration hospitals throughout the United States of America and its territories.

WHEREAS, chapels located in Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals are open for only a limited amount of time, and chapel doors are often closed and locked on weekends, and evening hours on weekdays when veterans and visitors have tried to access them, and
WHEREAS, as a consequence of this practice, VA chapels are not always available for contemplative reflection or prayer by veterans or their family members, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States strongly urges the Department of Veterans Affairs to open their chapels 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to meet the needs of our veterans and their family members.

Amen



VFW POST 7788 BINGO EVERY THURSDAY

Doors open at 5:30 PM
Games begin at 6:45 PM

Hot dogs, Hamburgers,
Grilled Cheese, Soda and
Chips
available for purchase

We always need volunteers to help sell tickets, cook, serve and clean up. Contact Jim Hessberger to sign up.

ELECTIONS

REMINDER: Post and Auxiliary elections take place in April. Please consider stepping up to serve your Post in some capacity. Most position duties take very little time to fulfill, yet are vital to the organization. We can't do it alone!

Al's Pool Tournament



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Al Carlson is hosting a 16 Player Double Elimination Pool Tournament

Tuesday Matches start February 9th.

Sunday Matches start February 14th.

Check with Al to see if there are any spots left.



Children's Easter Egg Hunt

The "Hunt", Egg coloring, Easter baskets and food!

Sunday March 20th from 1 to 3 pm. Open to all children ages infant to 12 years old. **Please sign up in the canteen.**



Santa visits Children's Christmas Party



MILITARY HUMOR

"If the enemy is in range, so are you." - Infantry Journal

"It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed." - U.S. Air Force Manual

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons." - General MacArthur

"Tracers work both ways." - U.S. Army Ordnance

"Five second fuses only last three seconds." - Infantry Journal

"Any ship can be a minesweeper. Once."

"Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do." - Unknown Marine Recruit

The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in aviation are: "Why is it doing that?", "Where are we?" And "Oh S...!"

"If you see a bomb technician running, follow him." - USAF Ammo Troop

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings fellow comrades,



I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Just a few things to keep you informed on the Post. Membership is as of this writing over 80% which is very good.

There are a number of members who have not as yet paid their dues which was due on December 31st. If you have not paid your dues you may do so online at: www.vfw.org or you can send a check to the Post or directly to National. Be sure to put your membership number on the check.

We are planning a Valentine's Party on February 13th and a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance for March 12th in the downstairs hall. A flyer is posted in the canteen.

I am hoping that we can have more members attend our monthly meetings this year and obtaining new members as well.

Yours in comradeship,
Joe Razaia Commander



LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

We are starting off 2016 in great shape – we have just reached 106.52% in membership! First time in recent memory we have achieved 100% before December 31st. We welcome our new members and thank our continuous members for renewing early.

The Auxiliary will be having a St. Patrick's Day "cheer" raffle – the basket should be on display in the canteen by Valentine's Day and will be raffled off at the St. Patrick's Day dinner dance on March 12th. The Auxiliary will also be preparing the corned beef and cabbage dinner for the party! Volunteers are welcome to help out in the kitchen and in decorating the hall.

We are also planning to go ahead with another craft and vendor fair in time for Mother's Day. We'll be

looking for volunteers to work the fair, the kitchen and with setting up and cleaning up.

District 2 President Betty Fries made her official visit to our Auxiliary on January 12th and inspected the books and records. Our inspection was perfect and we were congratulated on the good order of our Auxiliary and on our membership numbers!

We look forward to seeing you at one or all of our upcoming events as we continue our "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes".

Nancy Paddock,
Auxiliary President



MEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

As we reflect back on 2015, it was another full year of accomplishments. We can all be proud of our volunteering, financial contributions and efforts.

They were; the Turkey Shoot and Tool Bucket raffles, 50/50 Car Show raffle, gasoline raffle and the 50/50 Christmas Party raffle. We also supported Missy's children's Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties, in addition to her Golf Tournament and the State VFW Convention theme that won and brought back the Devon Cup to our Post.

We also helped with the new gutters, hall blinds and purchased a new computer for the Men's Auxiliary. We also participated in the Poppy drives, flag placement and parades and made another sizable donation to the Fisher House which will soon break ground at the West Haven VA. Last but not least, we had another great Poker Run by Ken Ruff, who sold the 2015 Poker Run hoodies, which will remind us as we wear them in the future, of all the 2015 accomplishments of which we are so proud!!

Thank you all again for supporting our post.

Men's Auxiliary President
Dan Gregory



TAPS

Ralph Inzitari

John Wayne Shea



Chaplain's Message

Heavenly Father, we commemorate those among Your servants who have been called to Your bosom in the land of light. We pray that Your mercy and justice have made right their human failings and faults. We pray that

whatever justice was denied them in this vale of tears has been granted them a hundredfold. We pray that whatever comforts they were denied in this life, whatever evil they endured, may now redound to their everlasting happiness. We are thankful for their companionship and association in this life. By their efforts we are assured security and strength. Because they served well, we are proud to call them our own. We ask that, following in their footsteps, we may continue in Your service until Your summons comes. Then, in the knowledge that we have striven to observe Your truths and precepts, may we be judged worthy to be united with them and with You forever in heaven. Amen.

Al Carlson
Post Chaplain

EDITOR'S NOTES

Another issue of the Newsletter is done. I hope you find all the information that you need to know. Since the newsletter is published quarterly, it is difficult to get all the information that we need far enough in advance to have all the details. It is also not practical to publish the newsletter more often. Our most up to date information can be found on our website.

The website address is (www.vfw7788.org).

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