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TRAVIS C. KITCHEN POST 7788

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Super Bowl 51 Party at the Canteen



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



Dinner – Dance

Saturday, March 11
7:00 PM
\$20.00 per person

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

February

2	Ground Hog Day
5	Super Bowl Party
12	Lincoln's Birthday
25	Valentine's Party
14	Valentine's Day
20	President's Day
22	Washington's Birthday

March

1	Ash Wednesday
12	Daylight Savings
11	St. Patrick's Party
17	St. Patrick's Day
20	Spring Begins
27	Easter Sunday

April

9	Kid's Easter Egg Hunt
16	Easter Sunday
00	Auxiliary elections
00	Post elections

Day for a Vet

Changed to May 7th

VFW Meetings & Events

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

** I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places.
He told me to quit going to those places. –
Henny Youngman **



New England Patriots Vs Atlanta Falcons

Super Bowl LI will be the 51st Super Bowl. The New England Patriots (AFC) champion will play the Atlanta Falcons (NFC) champion to decide the league champion for the 2016 season. The game will represent the 50th anniversary year of the first Super Bowl, which was played on January 15, 1967.

Super Bowl LI is scheduled for **Sunday, February 5, 2017**,^[2] at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas, and will be the third time the Super Bowl is held in Houston, after VIII in 1974 and XXXVIII in 2004. The Super Bowl LI halftime show will be headlined by Lady Gaga.

**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.**



Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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

Sunday April 9th from 12 to 2 pm. Open to all children ages infant to 12 years old.

Please sign up in the canteen.

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OUR VFW AUXILIARY – WHO WE ARE



The VFW Auxiliary has undergone many changes since it was established in 1914. Our Travis C. Kitchen VFW Post 7788 Auxiliary was chartered in 1946, and has been a big part of Post 7788 since it was formed. Over the years, faces have changed, but our mission has always been "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes". In the past two years, bylaw changes instituted by the National VFW and Auxiliary have affected us all, opening up our membership to male relatives of eligible veterans. With the disbandment of all Men's Auxiliaries nationwide on December 31st, an opportunity to increase our membership by welcoming their members into our Auxiliary was exciting. We welcome them into the Auxiliary and look forward to working with them in all the projects and programs sponsored by the VFW. As always, we support our VFW Post and Commander Razzia in all the work they do for our veterans.

Why join the VFW Auxiliary?

Membership benefits are many, and you will have the opportunity to:

- Support Veterans, Active Duty Military and their Families. The VFW Auxiliary offers numerous avenues for service, such as hospital volunteering, adoption of military units and promoting patriotism. Our 7788 Auxiliary makes monthly visits to the West Haven VA, playing bingo with patients in the blind unit, sharing snacks and fellowship, bringing a little joy for a few hours each month. We have also adopted the 103rd Air Control Squadron based in Orange, CT. During their last two deployments, we have sent numerous packages, letters and cards, most recently this past Christmas. Letting the service men and women know we care is so important to them when they are thousands of miles from home.

- Develop new skills. The Auxiliary offers many ways for members to acquire and utilize skills such as leadership, public speaking, fundraising and community outreach. As an Auxiliary member, you may be asked to represent the Auxiliary at a school on Veterans Day, or greet guests at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. These are opportunities to introduce the Auxiliary to the public, and show people who we are and what we do.

- Service Benefits. The VFW Auxiliary offers members access to a network of money-saving products and services in the insurance and benefits industry. Discounts on products and services, credit cards, travel are also available. The Auxiliary also offers cancer grants and scholarships to its members.

VFW 7788 Auxiliary with its 107 members is a small part of the National VFW Auxiliary with its over 470,000 members in 4,000 auxiliaries nationwide. We are doing our part to improve the lives of our veterans, active military and their families and the community. Our slogan, "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes", continues to define our mission.

** I stopped believing in Santa Claus when my mother took me to see him in a department store, and he asked for my autograph. – Shirley Temple **



AUXILIARY NEWS

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings fellow comrades,



We face the New Year with some challenges: maintaining our 100% membership, getting new members to join and members who have died. I would ask that if you haven't paid your dues as yet please do so immediately. If your dues are not due yet please, if you can, pay them by March 1st. This new system that has been put in place by National makes it difficult to maintain our 100% rating as a number of our members come due in May. Another challenge that we face is support of our Post events. Expenses to operate the post have risen over the past two years. I also realize that personal expenses of our members also have risen but I would ask that when these fund raisers are offered that you support them the best that you can. Some of these are: Our Junior Vice Cmdr., Frank Figerle is putting together a cookbook. He is asking for some of your favorite recipes to be published. There are template forms in the Canteen that you can use for easy transcription. You may also just drop off a copy of your recipes in the Commander's box at the Canteen. I am also planning a Chicken parm. dinner for late February as well as our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance. I know that the smoking is an issue for some of you and I am addressing that. The St. Patrick's Day event will be upstairs where there is no smoking allowed. I am also thinking about closing off the downstairs hall to keep the smoke from the canteen from coming in. Inclosing, I am asking you to pay your dues and support our programs to keep our Post one of the best in the state.

Thank you for your support.

Yours in comradeship,

Joe Razaia, Commander

Happy New Year everyone!

We are starting off 2017 in great shape – we have just reached 105.94% in membership! For the second year in a row, we have achieved 100% before December 31st. We welcome our new members, most of whom are coming over from the Men's Auxiliary, and thank our continuous members for renewing early.

The Auxiliary is looking forward to working with the Men's Auxiliary as we transition to one Auxiliary. We are hopeful our new members will consider taking on some officer positions in the Auxiliary when elections are held this Spring. As with any organization, change is not easy, and there is a period of adjustment learning new ways. However, we have always worked well together as two auxiliaries, and I see no reason why that spirit of cooperation cannot continue as we move forward as one auxiliary. Our basic principles are the same; we are here to support our veterans.

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 11th. 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.

District 2 President Betty Fries conducted her inspection on November 8, 2016 and reported our Auxiliary was in full compliance with reporting and record keeping guidelines and is in good order.

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



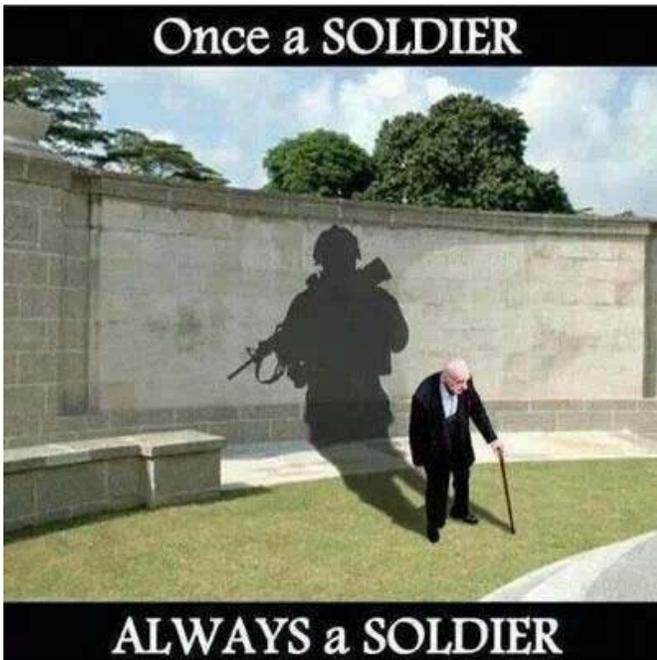
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Chaplain's Message

Paul R DeCava No Details

Michael Bedrin 12/6/2016
US Navy WWII



Lord,

We come to you proclaiming that you are all powerful and all loving. You are our tower of strength. You are our ever - present help in times of trouble.

We come to you with thankful hearts for all the blessings you have given our country.

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

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 or at the Canteen.

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