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# TRAVIS C. KITCHEN POST 7788

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August, September, October 2018

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## Annual Golf Outing



## VFW Business Meeting

YOU  
CAN  
HELP



Monday, September 10th  
Fairchild Wheeler Golf  
Course

It's your post

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August

18<sup>th</sup> Milford Oyster Festival

### September

3<sup>rd</sup> Labor Day

11<sup>th</sup> Patriot Day

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

21<sup>st</sup> POW/MIA Ceremony

### October

8<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day

28<sup>th</sup> Children's Halloween Party

31<sup>st</sup> Halloween

## What's going on at Post 7788??



If you don't know, you should. All Vets are invited to attend our Post meeting at 7:00 PM on the third Monday of each month. We have over 300 members and it is time that more people got involved.

## 44th Annual Milford Oyster Festival



Saturday August 18, 2018 in  
Downtown Milford, CT  
10am-6pm  
Free Admission



Stop by the  
VFW Post 7788 table.  
We are located just over  
the Stonebridge on the  
right.

We can use some volunteers to join  
us at the table.  
Sign up sheet will be available.

## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course,  
2390 Easton Tnpk, Fairfield, CT.

***Monday Sept 10th, 2018,  
8:00 am Sign-in,  
9:00 am Prompt -Shotgun Start  
Scramble Format***

\$125.00 per person / \$500 per foursome  
Prizes for Hole in One, Longest Drive,  
Closest to the Hole, raffles for golf  
equipment and supplies, plus other items.

Includes Golf Shirt, breakfast at Fairchild  
Golf Course, lunch at the Post after the  
game with awards and prizes!

**Cash bar will be available**



Additional information;  
contact **Missy McGeough**  
Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday  
evening at the VFW  
**(203-874-9982)** after 6:00 pm.

Open to all VFW members, auxiliary  
members, friends and family.

**Sign up NOW!**

## POW/MIA Ceremony

In the United States, National  
**POW/MIA Recognition Day**  
is observed on the third Friday in September. It  
honors those who were prisoners of war and  
those who are still missing in action.

***"Tonight we have some honored guests who  
cannot be with us.  
so we remember them in in this way."***

Please join us in a very moving  
ceremony on September 21st at 7:00  
PM in the Post in the upstairs hall.



The National League of Families' POW/MIA flag symbolizes the United States' resolve to never forget POWs or those who served their country in conflicts and are still missing. Newt Heisley designed the flag. The flag's design features a silhouette of a young man, which is based on Mr Heisley's son, who was medically discharged from the military. As Mr Heisley looked at his returning son's gaunt features, he imagined what life was for those behind barbed wire fences on foreign shores. He then sketched the profile of his son as the new flag's design was created in his mind.

The flag features a white disk bearing in black silhouette a man's bust, a watch tower with a guard on patrol, and a strand of barbed wire. White letters "POW" and "MIA", with a white five-pointed star in between, are typed above the disk. Below the disk is a black and white wreath above the motto "You Are Not Forgotten" written in white, capital letters.

## Children.s Halloween Party



**October 28th  
1:00 to 3:00 pm.**

Sign up sheet will be in the Canteen.  
Make sure you sign up your children or grandchildren. See Missy for details.



**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.

**Patriot Day – September 11th** – officially known as National Day of Service and Remembrance, is observed every September 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Patriot Day will be on **Monday, September 11th, 2017.**

## Thank You

Tony Spignola, Jim Killeen, Don Lareau,  
Jim Hessberger Thomas Nanchy, Mike  
Rodonsky and John “Pepper” Kandrack  
for all their help with our  
Flag Retirement Ceremony!!

## DO YOU PLAY SET-BACK?

High,  
Jack



Low,  
and Game

We are getting ready for a tournament on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm to play Set Back. We need ten two person teams to get started and a few alternates. We are set to start on September 25<sup>th</sup> and conclude on November 27<sup>th</sup>. **For more information, call Jim Killeen at 203 209-8934.**

## Eight-ball Pool Team Tournament



## **SIGN UP NOW!!**

**We want all VFW Members, men and women and their friends. for Monday night pool, starting Sept 24<sup>th</sup> thru Dec 10 from 6:30pm till 8:30pm. For Info contact Pepper 203 430-7511**

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST**  
**At the POST**  
**LOOK WHAT \$6.00 WILL GET YOU!!**

**Eggs or Pancakes**  
**Sausage or Bacon**  
**Home Fries – Toast**  
**Juice and Coffee**



**Get the COMBO for \$8.00!!**

**Bring your friends**

**On the fourth Sunday of each month from 8:00am to 11:00am**

For the past few years sponsors, including the Milford Bank and Colony Grill, have organized a 5K run on Fathers Day right here in Milford. Local politicians were present and the proceeds from the race are distributed to various Veterans groups including our Post 7788. Submitted by Joseph Fetcho.



**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Greetings Comrades,

It has been my pleasure to serve as you commander last year and my honor to serve as your Commander again this year. I have many goals for our post this year and some are already in the works. We have and will be holding Breakfast on the fourth Sunday of every month depending on availability of upstairs hall. Membership has been a problem this past year, I would sincerely hope that those who have not done so please pay their dues asap or you will be dropped from our rolls. As always, we are looking for more volunteers for events and projects that the post is involved in as well as participation in events sponsored by the post. We cannot succeed as a post without your help and support

Thank you for your support.

Yours in comradeship,

Joe Razaia, Commander

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**VFW AUXILIARY NEWS**

I want to welcome all the new Auxiliary members to Post 7788. We have achieved over 100% renewals despite unfortunately losing a few this year, Thank you all !

Coming soon on Saturday August the 4th is the annual Classic Car Show produced by daughter Joanne Hayducky in memory of her father Emil Hayducky,,, WW2 veteran and Purple Heart recipient. She will again provide hamburgers and hot dogs and need the auxiliary to volunteer cooking / serving and help her manage the event. Don't miss this day to see Devon's VFW parking lot with antique vehicles older and better shape than mine.

I want express my thanks to the "Core" Auxiliary Officers and volunteers that have helped us this past year, they truly deserve my thanks ! And "thank you" again for continuing another year !

Looking forward I want to express and remind all that we are now "One" Auxiliary to work together on both responsibilities the past groups of "Ladies" and "Men" provided to OUR Veterans and post. The officers are always looking for help volunteering, people to "chair" events and attend our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be Tuesday the 11th of September in the upper hall at 7pm. Your attendance and input is very welcomed.

To paraphrase the words of John F Kennedy;

"Ask not what Post 7788 can do for you,,,  
Ask what YOU can do for Post 7788. "

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Nunno ,, Auxiliary President



## Chaplain's Message

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” Losing a loved one is devastating, but we can take comfort in knowing that God holds those soldiers close who have been born again in Christ, and honors their dedication. Pray that their souls have found God and are at rest with Him. Spend time remembering those soldiers, both those who are lost and those who survived to come home to us. Many soldiers who come home face additional challenges, and perhaps knowing they are not forgotten may be the comfort that heals any emotional or physical wounds they now carry.

**Al Carlson Post Chaplain**

**TAPS**



**Richard Donnelly  
US Army - Vietnam**

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Another issue of the Newsletter is done. I hope you find it interesting and informative. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

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