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NEWSLETTER

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Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Middletown. (Bernie O'Rourke Drive, off RT. 66.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June meeting

This month's meeting is on **Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** at the American Legion Hall. This is the regular Monthly Meeting.

Members and potential members welcome.

This will be the last meeting before the summer break. There will be no meetings in the months of July and August.

Our first meeting after the summer hiatus will be September 1, 2009.

PIZZA NIGHT !!!!

This will be the last meeting before the summer break. We will be having **PIZZA, BEER, & SODA** after the meeting.

Coke and Diet Coke plus other liquid refreshments will be available.

GOLF COMMITTEE

The golf committee will meet June 2nd at 6:00 at the Legion Hall prior to the regular meeting to go over any last minute details for the tournament.

Thank you to everyone on the committee for all their work in getting everything ready for this year's tournament.

Any members who may have items for the tournament raffle are urged to bring them to this meeting.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lance Corporal Thomas W. Fritsch



13th Annual Golf Tournament, June 4, 2009

The **Thomas Fritsch** Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 4th 2009 at the Portland Golf Course. We're looking for a good turnout again this year. We are looking for **TEE Sponsors**, Volunteers, prizes, raffle items; (Bottles of Cheer, Gift Certificates, Dinner for 2, etc.)

Members should contact those businesses that they deal with on a daily basis for Raffle items. Car Washes, Oil Changes, Haircuts, Liquor Stores, Lawn Care, etc.

Tee sponsors, prizes and donations are everyone's responsibility.

This IS a group effort!!

Volunteers are needed for the "**Hole in One**" holes and manning the prizes/raffle items.

Players can sign in between 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. sharp !!



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It's about time her accomplishments were noted ..I know we ALL feel the same and could not come up with anything to surpass this outstanding monument!! God Bless America

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Governor Rell Signs Bill Removing Restrictions on Decorating Veterans' Graves with U.S. Flags

May 22, 2009

Governor M. Jodi Rell today visited a state veterans' cemetery to highlight the signing of legislation that removes restrictions on the decorating of veterans' graves with U.S. flags between Memorial Day weekend and the Fourth of July.

“On this Memorial Day weekend, we recall the men and women who have served our nation in uniform, especially those who – in President Lincoln’s immortal words – have given America their ‘last full measure of devotion,’” Governor Rell said. “Just yesterday we added the names of two men from Connecticut who died in Iraq to the Wall of Honor at the Capitol. This is our way of honoring these courageous individuals and – to again borrow from President Lincoln – ‘it is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.’

“It is also fitting and proper to honor our veterans in their final resting places,” the Governor said. “This bill ensures that we can do this.”

The legislation removes any restrictions on the placement of U.S. flags on the graves of veterans between the Saturday before Memorial Day and the Monday after the Fourth of July.

“I have often said that we can never truly repay the debt we owe to the men and women who have served our nation in uniform,” Governor Rell said. “But the enormity of that debt does not relieve us of the obligation to make payments on it. I consider this important legislation one more payment on that debt – one more way for a grateful state and a grateful nation to say, ‘Thank you. We honor and remember you – now and always.’ That is the true message of Memorial Day.



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DISTURBING E-MAIL RECEIVED

I received this e-mail this past week and I can't believe what is written.

Hi, All,

I spoke w/Cathy Cook at Rocky Hill this afternoon, and the latest she has on the November Parade is that there won't be any this yr. The CT Dept of Veterans Affairs has no \$ this yr, and w/the change in parade mgt which I had reported earlier, as well as the shortage of Guard personnel due to deployments, it ain't gonna happen.

This is sad, but was almost predictable.

I am personally very sorry.

Elliott

To anyone who hasn't been able to figure out what this is in reference to, it's the **VETERANS DAY PARADE....**

I understand that times are tough with the economy being as it is, but to cancel the Veterans Day parade because of funding is disrespectful and an insult to every veteran.

They say that you shouldn't believe everything you read in an e-mail, but the person who sent this is a reliable person.

The Hartford Veterans Day parade is the largest parade in the State and maybe even New England.

I urge everyone to ask around to see if they can find out if this is true, and if it is, start making some noise with any other veteran groups that you are involved in. Contact the local TV stations and ask them to check into this. Maybe even ask them to help sponsor the parade if this is true..





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FYI – As of Memorial Day, 2009, 6,600 graves at the Veterans Cemetery in Middletown, only 5 members from the group placing all the flags.

We need to have more help next year from Chapter members.

The **June 2nd** meeting will be the last meeting for the summer months. June 4th is the Golf Tournament.

PIZZA NIGHT JUNE 2ND

Personal Note: Thank you for my soap box stand on the Veterans Day parade. I can see problems about money issues, but “**shortage of Guard personnel due to deployments**”, **HELLO !!!** What is Veterans Day all about..... To honor those who fought or are fighting for freedom all over the world. Please, sound off if you hear that this is true.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE JUNE MEETING

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