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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2011 SCHEDULE

- September 6 – Meeting Night, 7pm
- October 4 – Meeting Night, 7pm
- November 1 – Meeting Night, 7pm
- November 3-6 – **Washington DC Trip**
- November 11 – **Veterans Day** (Think about it...we recognize Veterans Day on the eleventh month, eleventh day, eleventh hour, eleventh minute...this year is 11-11-11-11. Do you believe Al Qaeda isn't thinking about this?)
- December 6 – Meeting Night, 7pm - **Election of Officers for 2012**
- December 11 - **Christmas Party**

NO MEETING OR DRAWING IN AUGUST

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Please extend a welcome hand to our newest member, Richard J. Annino, a US Navy veteran. Richard lives in Higganum and was sponsored by Vinny Labbadia.

WELCOME ABOARD !!!

TAPS

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our friend and brother, Anthony "Tony" J. Labbadia Sr., 63, of Coventry, loving husband of Gail (Guglietta) Labbadia, who died suddenly on Wednesday, July 20, 2011.

Tony was born and raised in Middletown, son of Kathleen "Ruth" (Newman) Labbadia and the late Vincent Labbadia. Tony was a retired union millwright/carpenter (Local 43). **He was a proud retired Navy man, having served in the Vietnam War;** a longtime member of the Elks Club, **lifetime member of the VFW and a member of the Veterans of the Vietnam War.**

Tony enjoyed entertaining for family and was a proud "Papa" to his grandchildren. To cherish his loving memories, he leaves his children; Anthony J. Labbadia, Jr., and his wife, Angela, Audrey Letizia and her husband Doug and Eric Letizia, his grandchildren; Tessa, Arianna, Preston and Peighton, his brothers; John, Joseph, Pompey, Vincent and William Labbadia, his sisters, Joy Manuel, Julie Pollitt and Judy Schoenhardt; his mother and father in law, Carol and Richard Morin; also many nieces and nephews.

Tony, you will certainly be missed!

NEW BRITAIN ROCKCATS VFW RECOGNITION BASEBALL GAME

Cmdr. Larry Riley and Petty Officer Vinny Labbadia were once again the front runners for selling tickets to the New Britain RockCats fundraiser on Friday night, August 19th with the Rock Cats playing the Bluejays.

INTERESTING WEBSITE

Years ago, General Motors decided to get into the heavy duty automatic transmission business. They were getting ready to tape their first introductory video. As a warm up, the stage crew began what has become a legend within the training industry.

It's all total meaningless drivel made up as he goes along. (Kind of like when Mike R. gets the floor!) Keep in mind, this is strictly off the cuff, nothing is written down. Nothing he says is true. He had NO script! This was a rehearsal for camera, lighting and stage crew. Copy this YouTube website: [Entabulator1.wmv](#) and paste it into your browser to access the video.

VERY INTERESTING !!!

2011 TRIP TO "THE WALL" AND THE WASHINGTON DC AREA

Planning continues for this year's trip to visit The VietNam Veterans Memorial ("The Wall") and other attractions and points of interest in and around Washington, DC leaving on **Thursday, November 3rd and returning on Sunday, November 6th**. The committee is checking out various hotels in the area to try to obtain the best deal. Presently there are 51 people signed up to attend. Tentative plans include a free day to sightsee on your own on Thursday after arrival, an escorted tour of the Capitol and the Pentagon (being arranged by Senator Lieberman) on Friday with a night visit to the monuments, a tour to the Naval Academy and Annapolis, MD on Saturday, and return home Sunday with a possible stop at Baltimore Harbor for lunch and sightseeing.

Remember, reservations are on a "first come – first served" basis. Contact Jack Mayoros (860-347-8843) for more info or to sign up.

SENIORS DISCOUNTS

Gone are the days of your grandmother's "early bird special" at the local diner. As our baby boomers reach retirement age, hundreds of retailers are featuring new and improved discounts exclusively for the 60 and older crowd. **Thanks to Cmdr. Larry** for sharing this list of senior savings that will help you keep more cash in your pocket. Whoever said getting older was a bad thing, obviously didn't know about these fantastic senior discounts!

Restaurants

- Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
- Arby's: 10% off (55+)
- Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+)
- Boston Market: 10% off (65+)
- Burger King: 10% off (60+)
- Captain D's Seafood: discount varies on location (62+)
- Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
- Chili's: 10% off (55+)
- Denny's: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55+)
- Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+)
- Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+)
- IHOP: 10% off (55+)
- KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)
- Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)
- Long John Silver's: various discounts at participating locations (55+)
- McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday (55+) Senior soda
- Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+)
- Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)
- Subway: 10% off (60+)
- Taco Bell: 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
- TCBY: 10% off (55+)
- Wendy's: 10% off (55+)

Retail and Apparel

- Banana Republic: 10% off (50+)
- Big Lots: 10% off
- Clarks: 10% off (62+)
- Dress Barn: 10% off (55+)
- Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
- Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
- Kmart: 20% off (50+)
- Kohl's: 15% off (60+)
- Modell's Sporting Goods: 10% off
- Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions
- The Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+)

Travel

- Alamo: up to 25% off for AARP members
- American Airlines: various discounts for 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
- Amtrak: 15% off (62+)
- Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members
- Best Western: 10% off (55+)

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- Budget Rental Cars: 10% off; up to 20% off for AARP members (50+)
- Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Clarion: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations
- Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+)
- Econo Lodge: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members
- Greyhound: 5% off (62+)
- Hampton Inns & Suites: 10% off when booked 72 hours in advance
- Hertz: up to 25% off for AARP members
- Holiday Inn: 10%-30% off depending on location (62+)
- Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)
- InterContinental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+)
- Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+)
- Marriott Hotels: 15% off (62+)
- Motel 6: 10% off (60+)
- Myrtle Beach Resort: 10% off (55+)
- National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members
- Quality Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Sleep Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
- Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50 and up
- United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
- U.S. Airways: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

Activities & Entertainment

- AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55+)
- Bally Total Fitness: up to \$100 off memberships (62+)
- U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)
- Regal Cinemas: 30% off
- Ripley's Believe it or Not: @ off one-day ticket (55+)
- SeaWorld Orlando: \$3 off one-day tickets (50+)

Cell Phone Discounts

- AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$29.99/month (65+)
- Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50+)
- Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+)

Since many senior discounts are not advertised to the public, our advice to men and women over 55 is to **ALWAYS ask a sales associate if that store provides a senior discount.** That way, you can be sure to get the most bang for your buck!

PUTTING SAFETY IN YOUR HANDS: The Free Child ID iPhone App from the FBI



We all know what a crazy world we are living in. Consider this: You're son or daughter are shopping at the mall with your grandchildren when one of them suddenly disappears. A quick search of the nearby area is unsuccessful. What do they do? Now there's a free new tool from the FBI that can help. [The Child ID app](#)—the first mobile application created by the FBI—provides a convenient place to electronically store photos and vital information about your children so that it's literally right at hand if you need it. Parents can show the pictures and provide physical identifiers such as height and weight to security or police officers on the spot. Using a special tab on the app, you can also quickly and easily e-mail the information to authorities with a few clicks.

The app also includes tips on keeping children safe as well as specific guidance on what to do in those first few crucial hours after a child goes missing.

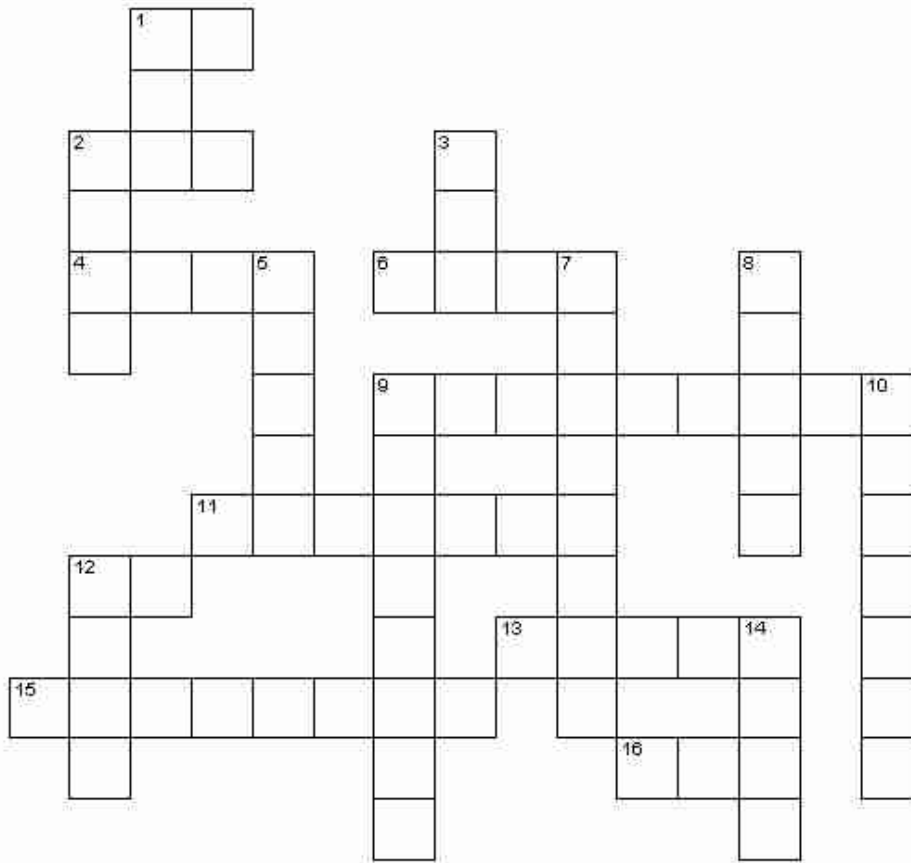
HURRICANE IRENE

Hopefully everyone safely survived the effects of Hurricane Irene this past weekend. Many towns are still without power or other quality of life services. If you are on of those who need help, don't forget to thet yours brothers at VVW know. Certainly we can do whatever we can to help out our brothers, sisters amd neighbors.

**AS THE SONG GOES...*"SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER..."*
AT OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING!!!**

HERE'S THE LAST CROSSWORD PUZZLE OF THE SUMMER.

(FIRST CORRECTLY COMPLETED CROSSWORD PUZZLE TURNED IN AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WINS A PRIZE.)



Across

- 1 Olive drab color, standard "Army Green" color
- 2 United States Navy
- 4 Magazines
- 6 Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
- 9 A foul-smelling oil used by many Vietnamese to ward off evil spirits
- 11 Medical evacuation by helicopter
- 12 Landing zone
- 13 "Situation Normal All F**ked Up"
- 15 Thin wire strung across an area someone may walk through
- 16 Naval Support Activity

Down

- 1 Officer's Candidate School
- 2 United States Marine Corps
- 3 Missing In Action
- 5 A derogatory term used to refer to any Asian
- 7 Communist forces fighting the South Vietnamese government
- 8 United States Army, Vietnam
- 9 Any place outside of Vietnam
- 10 Mature Vietnamese woman
- 12 Long-range reconnaissance patrol
- 14 United States Air Force

Puzzle #3

Name: _____