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NEWSLETTER

March 2013

2013 Dues are overdue and payable now...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 23 – American Legion monthly Saturday Breakfast 0800-1000 hrs, Legion Hall, Bernie O'Rourke Drive

March 23 – Veterans Museum Ham & Baked Bean Dinner

April 2 – Regular Meeting

April 3 – Veterans Home Bingo (tentative)

April 11 – Funeral service for Ron Delisle, St. Mary's Cemetery, East Hartford.

April 28 – "Letter from Italy" performance

May 27 – Memorial Day Parade

May 7 – Regular Meeting

June 4 – Regular Meeting

June 14 – New Britain RockCats VVW Recognition game.

DRAWING

Richard Thompson's name was drawn at the meeting however he was not present to claim the \$40.00 prize. April drawing will be for \$50.00. You must be present to win so come to the meetings and you may leave with \$\$\$\$\$ in your pocket!

NEW MEMBER

Our newest Life Member, **Jeffrey Waskiewicz**, US Army, was welcomed at the meeting. Jeff gave a brief overview of his service background and is very enthusiastic to actively participate with the Chapter. Make it a point to introduce yourself to Jeff at the next meeting.

ROCKY HILL VETERAN'S HOME BINGO

The chapter will sponsor another Rocky Hill Veteran's Home BINGO on (tentatively) Wednesday, April 3, 2013. We provide cash prizes and the all-important donuts. Anyone who wants to participate should meet at the American Legion Hall at 6:15pm and we will convoy up to Rocky Hill. Guaranteed to be a great time with enormous appreciation from the residents/players.

VIET NAM VETS NEEDED TO MEET WITH INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Jerry Augustine announced that Liz Warner of the Independent Day School is looking for approximately ten (10) Viet Nam vets to meet with 8th grade students to share their memories and experiences while serving in Viet Nam. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile event as a way to connect with the young students and to give them insight as to what the war was really like. Don't hesitate as there will be no inappropriate or embarrassing questions asked. Date will be announced for sometime in the first week of April. If you would like to participate contact Commander Riley as soon as possible.

TAPS - MEMBERS IN DISTRESS

On Thursday, April 11th, VVW Member Ron Delisle will be laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery in East Hartford. At the request of his family we have been asked to provide a visible support for our brother by attending this ceremony. The family is requesting an Honor Guard, Rifle Salute, & Taps, so if you can participate in any way or know of anyone who can assist contact Commander Riley as soon as possible. Our Chapter needs to make a decent showing so anyone who can attend should contact Commander Riley or Jack Mayoros.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

In light of the many times we have used Mike Rogalsky's deuce & a half, the Chapter voted to make a monetary contribution to help defray the necessary repair cost.

The Middletown Historical Society has offered to do a pictorial presentation of Viet Nam & Cambodia. More information will be gained by Bob Santangelo and we will try to schedule this as a part of a regular meeting.

The Chapter voted to make a monetary contribution to the American Legion Post to help defray some of the costs of operating the hall that we use for our meetings and other events.

COMMITTEES

Rich Couture reported that plans are underway for our June 6, 2013 annual **Golf Outing** at Portland Golf Course. "Save the Date" cards were sent out to all who played last year to invite them back in 2013.

Rich also announced that he submitted a letter to Middletown High School explaining the **Peter Taft Memorial Scholarship Award** and asking them to select and submit name(s) of candidate(s) to be considered by the Committee to receive the award. Rich also asked that another member consider taking over some of the administrative duties related to this committee. If you can help please contact Rich and let him know.

Ron Lee reported that our Chapter will be recognized at the Friday, June 14th **New Britain Rock Cats Baseball** game and that attendees from our chapter will be given the honor of presenting the large field flag to be displayed for the National Anthem. We will need a minimum of thirty (30) participates to hold this large flag. All members are asked to help the chapter by with ticket sales. Every member is asked to buy/sell a minimum of two (2) tickets each.

A **Trip Committee** was formed consisting of Bob Santangelo, Jerry Augustine, Nick Cardone and John Landry to work on planning the 2013 annual get-away trip for the chapter. Thanks guys for stepping up!

2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY

As you know, the Chapter held the annual Christmas Holiday Party at the American Legion Hall on December 14th. Better late than never, here are a few photos from that party. Thanks again to "Chef Vinny" (USN), Bonine and all who helped to make this a great time!

