



# Veterans of the Vietnam War

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NEWSLETTER

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## *2013 Dues are overdue and payable now...*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 21 – Flag-folding demonstration at Bielfield School

**May 24 – Flags placed at Veterans' Cemetery, 10am**

**May 27 – Memorial Day Parade 9am**

**June 4 – Regular Meeting, 7pm**

**June 14** – New Britain RockCats VVW Recognition game. Gates open at 5:30pm

### A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm the Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords will present a concert at Portland High School dedicated those men and women who have served in our Armed Forces. Reminiscent of the USO shows, they will sing familiar patriotic favorites. **Tickets for active military and veterans are \$15.00**, adults \$20.00, and \$18.00 for children under 12. For tickets or information call **Diane at (860) 347-2787**.

### DRAWING

John DiMauro was the lucky winner of the \$60.00 drawing. Congratulations! You must be present to win so come to the meetings and you may leave with \$\$\$\$ in your pocket!

### POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

We had two guests at our meeting who were given a membership application and asked to join. **Joe Wisnesk, USMC**, told briefly about his experience in Vietnam where he served in the same platoon with Tom Fritch. He recounted Tom and some of the events while they were out on patrol. Joe gave a very emotional recollection of those days gone by. **Tom Kelly, US Army**, also explained that he had been trying to attend a meeting for some time and finally got there. Let's welcome these two brothers home and into our chapter.

### COMMITTEES

Rich Couture reported that plans are continuing for our **June 6, 2013 annual Golf Outing** at Portland Golf Course. **We need volunteers to assist with the tournament** so please consider coming out and pitching in to help, even if only for a part of the day if you cannot devote the entire time. Contact Commander Larry, any of the Board members, or Rich if you can volunteer some time. Nick Cordone brought in raffle prizes for the golf tournament donated by The Inner Circle Family Martial Arts and Quonset Surplus Store. Chris Cote's Golf Store also donated raffle prizes. All members were asked to solicit Tee sponsors, Raffle Prize donations, and players for the golf tournament to help make this a successful fundraiser. Any donations should be brought in to our June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting if they are not given to someone on the golf committee sooner.

Ron Lee noted again that our Chapter will be recognized at the **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

The **Trip Committee** announced that consideration is being given to the following places for our annual fall get-away: Washington DC/Arlington, VA; Jamestown, VA; or possibly a Veterans cruise out of New York City or Boston to a location south of here (Bermuda/Florida). We need to decide the dates and location(s) as soon as possible in order to lock-in the reservations, etc. More info at our June meeting.

**PLACEMENT OF FLAGS AT VETERANS' CEMETERY**

We need members to step forward to volunteer to install the flags at the gravestones in the Bow Lane Veterans' cemetery on **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**, in preparation of Memorial Day. We usually **start around 10:00am** and are done by noon so please consider helping in this worthwhile event, even if you can only come for a short time.



**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – MIDDLETOWN**

The Memorial Day Parade in Middletown will be held on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at approximately 10:30am, with line-up beginning around 10:00am on Spring Street. Members will meet at the Vietnam Memorial on the Washington Street green at 9:00am for a short service then move to the parade staging area. This year will be honoring Viet Nam era veterans and our chapter and anyone else who wants to join us will be the lead element in the parade. We need a strong turnout for this event. Mike Rogalsky will have his deuce there so if you can't walk the length of Main Street you can ride but we need bodies. Please be ready to step forward and volunteer to "march" in the parade.

**DONATION RECEIVED**

Jerry Augustine presented a check for \$500.00 donated by his car club, The Connecticut Street Rod Association, Inc. Many thanks to this generous organization for their support.



**PETER TAFT SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED**

This year's \$500.00 **Peter Taft Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Michael Tewksbury** at our May meeting. Michael, grandson of Glenn Tewksbury and grand-nephew of John, will be attending Norwich University in Vermont. He was introduced by Glenn who gave a synopsis of members of the Tewksbury family who had served in the military. Michael explained that he is working on his Eagle Scout project by working to restore the Middletown Veteran's Memorial.



**UPCOMING VETERANS EVENTS**

The Newington, CT VFW Post 9836 is holding their Golf Outing on **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** at Goodwin Golf Course, Hartford, Registration at 1100, shotgun start at 1200. \$100 per player includes golf, cart, driving range, lunch, and steak dinner. For more info call: (860) 666-9036.

The Portland, CT VFW Post 6121 is sponsoring **"Rock for Vets Music Festival"** on **Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**, 2pm-10pm at the Portland Fair Grounds. Event features four bands (Great Hill Mountain Band, Jamie's Junk Show, Bloomer, & Addison Station). Tickets are \$20.00 for all-day pass. Food & Water available. Bring Lawn Chair, Blanket, Coolers, but **NO PETS!** For tickets or more info call: (860) 883-5087.

Cromwell Memorial Day Parade will be held on Thursday, May 30th.



***"All Gave Some, Some Gave All"***

Thank a Veteran for their service.

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