

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7765



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Post 7765 Newsletter for Men & Women Members and Their Families

March 2008

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Successful Spaghetti Dinner for

104th MP Battalion Held February 23rd

Event sponsored by Friends of the 104th Military Police Battalion & Hosted by Red Hook VFW Post #7765

The event was organized by David Byrne, VFW member and National Guard member of the 104th MP Battalion. Post and family members and friends of those serving in the 104th gladly volunteered to help make the dinner a huge success. David said, "Funds from this dinner will be used to prepare a 'Welcome Home' event for the returning soldiers of the 104th in March of this year."

David also explained, "This spaghetti dinner is the second such event to support local troops serving in the war zone in Iraq. The unit was deployed in June 2007, trained in Texas and was immediately assigned to southern Iraq. 76 members of the Battalion will be returning home soon and we want to be ready to thank them properly for their service overseas."

Friends of the 104th are grateful to the VFW for opening its facilities at Post #7765 in Red Hook for our events. We know the members of the VFW appreciate those currently serving in active duty and want to do everything possible to make them feel welcome and at home when they return. According to David Byrne, the dinner raised over \$2,000.00.

The organizers would like to extend a couple of special thank you's for the Silent Auction raffle items: WHUD – for 2 tickets to Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre for dinner and a performance valued at over \$160; Merritt Bookstore for donating books valued at over \$300; and Sipperly's Grog Shop large gift box assortment valued as several hundred dollars. Also a special thank you to Adams Fairacre Farms, Kingston for their donation of more than \$400 worth of food and produce for our first dinner held earlier this year.

Please see a list of contributors on back page – businesses and individuals – who offered items to the Silent Auction – we thank you very much for your loyal support (We would appreciate if our readers would patronize the businesses).



Sam Lore congratulates organizer David Byrne



Photos:

Hungry guests filling up the dining room area;

Volunteers greeting dinner guests and selling raffles tickets at the entrance door;

One of three delicious cakes prepared for dessert;

Workers Karen Sheehy and Jennifer Andaloro manning the silent auction tables.

Commander's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of VFW Post 7765 for all their hard work during the last year.

We are only 8 members away from having 100% membership goal in 2008.

Sick Call: *Get well soon to Owen Canary, Joe Frisenda, Rich Krieger and Henry Ingber, recovering at home.*

The post voted to approve a contract for construction on the north wall of the facility not to exceed \$80,000. Work is currently well under way.

The post also authorized purchase of two charcoal filters to eliminate smoke odor in the bar costing \$910.00.

Thanks to dedicated hard work of non-member Mike Lueck, the new front doors are installed in the bar entrance. Also, thanks to new member Richard Wambach for taking on job of Editor of our new newsletter and managing our new web site.

Yours in Comradship
Bill Moore,
Post Commander

Donations for Spaghetti Dinner Silent Auction:

- Catholic War Veterans
- WHUD Radio Station
- De's Jeweler's
- R.R. Cork's Wines and Liquor
- Oliver Kita Fine Confections
- Pottery Shack
- Hudson Valley Footwear
- Samuel's
- Village Pizza
- Cavallo Fine Jewelry and Gifts
- Merritt Bookstore
- Annex Antique Center
- 156th Veterans Association
- Lyceum Theaters
- Robert S. Exelbert, DC, Chiropractor
- Village Pizza
- Sipperly's Grog Shop
- Janice Snead
- Linda Perry
- Joyce Frace
- Pam and Don Nimphius
- Jennifer Andaloro
- Kathleen Sheehy

The ASF at Windham Mountain taught 30 injured United States soldiers and Marines how to ski



For the 4th year, on January 11-13, Adaptive Sports Foundation hosted a three day "Support Our Troops" event for US soldiers and Marines injured during recent tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Working with professional ASF instructors, and members of the Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project and the New York City Fire Department, veterans participated in events included ski/snowboard lessons, après ski parties and snowtubing.



The outcome of these special events is a powerful reminder of the bonds that can be forged through giving back. For the soldiers, Marines and firefighters, to the volunteer instructors, to members of the community, everyone involved is positively impacted by the event.

Seeing first hand what these young men and women sacrificed for our freedom is often overwhelming for many. Tears are shed as people watch ASF volunteers and the soldiers working together to overcome the adversity created by their injuries. Everyone present witnesses the strength of will it takes for each soldier to

conquer his disability and accomplish his goals.

Sponsors of the ASF's 2008 "Support Our Soldiers" weekend included Southwest Airlines, Dunbrooke Corporation, National Amputee Association, VFW National Foundation, Blumberg Marketing, Windham Mountain, Disabled Sports USA, Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project, New York City Fire Department, Windham's Knights of Columbus and the Red Hook VFW Post #7765, whose contribution of \$3,000.00 toward the event was the largest donation from the VFW organization.



For more information on some of the organizations who sponsored this event, please visit the following web sites: ASF—www.adaptivesportsfoundation.org; Disabled Sports USA—www.dsusa.org; Wounded Warrior Project—www.woundedwarriorproject.org; Windham Mountain—www.windhammountain.com. Veterans of Foreign Wars—www.vfw.org.

UPCOMING: ASF's 2008 Summer Support our Troops Event – Burden Lake, NY Aug 1-4.

VFW Post #7765 New Members

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| Donald J Butler | William M Pulcastro |
| Adam J Drake | David Sanchez |
| Thomas J Flanagan | Tristan R Schroeder |
| Thomas E Gritman | Sam P Stovall |
| Steven T Hobson | Timothy H Sykes |
| Leohone J Karcher, Sr | Richard L Wambach |

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| Kevin L Meccariello | ★ |
| Homer S Price | ★ |
| Michael R Procino | ★ |
| Edward L Pruitt | ★ |

Reinstated Members:

- Eric W Butt
- Ian M Delaney
- James F Ferguson
- Francis J Flandreau
- Loren M Huff
- Matthew C Thomas
- Walter A Van Vleet
- James A Wiand

VFW Taps

- In memory of our deceased members:*
- Robert C Daugherty
 - Joseph L Kane
 - Patrick F McEleney
 - Charles H Murphy, Sr
 - John Perz
 - Bruce E Radliff
 - Irwin A Sherman
 - Robert C Simmons, Jr
 - Howard L Wheeler
 - Frederick S Zipser

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Coming Events:

- Sun., 3/9**—Daylight Saving time begins: *Spring Ahead!*
- Mon., 3/10**—Post Meeting
- Sun., 3/16**—4-7pm St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
- Thu., 3/20**—Spring begins
- Fri., 3/21**—Good Friday
- Sun., 3/23**—Easter
- Tue., 4/1**—don't forget "All Fools Day!"
- Mon., 4/14**—Elections
- Third Tue.,** Men's Auxiliary Meeting
- 200 Club Dinners:**
- Sat., 4/5 and Sat. 10/11**

Men's Auxiliary

Post #7765 members wish to thank the **Men's Auxiliary** who voted to purchase 1,000 American Flags to be displayed on veterans' grave sites for Memorial Day celebrations.