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VFW POST 201

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2205 Baldwin Street, Waterbury, Connecticut 06706-2652

HERE TO INFORM MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY ALIKE



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FUTURE PLANS & POSSIBILITIES

Time brings change and the promise of good things to come with 100 years of service behind us and endless possibilities for the future.

Some thoughts and ideas may be wishful thinking but without them we simply remain as we are in the moment with no forward movement.

Our "To Do" list is filled with suggestions from members, family, friends, guests and the community as well. Some are quite ambitious and others are definitely worth a dedicated effort.

Our "Must Do" list is something quite different and requires our undivided attention.

The collective family of Post 201 and our Auxiliary embrace each new opportunity and always remain open to recommendations that can be added to that "To Do" list.

YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED
Don't hesitate to contact us by phone at 203-754-0738 or email at post201vfw@yahoo.com and by following us on Facebook or by visiting our website at <https://vfw201.org>

UPDATES

We are finally returning to where we were before COVID-19 and the lockdowns, prohibitive restrictions, and imposed guidelines that all but stopped us in our tracks with few options but, we were able to overcome those difficulties and have shown that we are resilient and perhaps even more capable in the face of adversity. We are grateful for the cooperation and understanding of everyone during those seemingly endless months and pleased that we can be optimistic once again. Some of our goals include a celebration of our 100 years of service and in the planning stages for this coming September. Please keep an eye open for more details and the precise date, which looks like September 18th right now. A committee is working to make this the best **100 Year Anniversary celebration** possible. The Post 201 and Auxiliary members will be joining together for this event since both received their charters at about the same dates.

Plans are on the table for a **Post Memorial** to all those who have served our country, past, present, and future. Donations towards this effort are always welcome as we hope to provide something of distinction for everyone to appreciate.

Some other ambitious plans are to pave our rear parking lot and, at some point, erect a covered pavilion at the far end of that property to provide more opportunities to hold events and gatherings. Emphasis is again on funding and donations will be graciously accepted.

Post 201 is proud to have initiated **"POST 201 OPERATION CARE PACKAGE"** in support of our own Connecticut National Guard Troops who are deployed overseas. See the flyer Page 3 of this newsletter and consider donating comfort items for those so far from home. We, who have served in conflicts and wars on foreign soil, know all too well, what it means to receive something from home. Just knowing that folks back home are thinking of them, raises spirits and makes the hardship of that service a little more bearable.

RECENT HAPPENINGS

We had a successful "Pancake Breakfast", sponsored by the Auxiliary, and "Steak Dinner" and evening of musical entertainment by "The Rockin' Heartbeats". Karaoke has returned and we are open to any ideas to make this the place to visit.

Our event hall calendar is filling up more each day with some scheduling into next year. We make every attempt to make this venue available for bereavement gatherings when possible but, it is recommended that you make every attempt to schedule parties, weddings, bridal and baby showers, etc., as well in advance as possible. Just be aware that the schedule for Friday evenings and weekends fills up more quickly than other days and you should plan accordingly.

As always, we extend thanks to Rachel Carpentier, our Permittee, for making herself available for scheduling hall rentals and to answer any questions regarding those rentals.

Please call the Post at (203) 754-0738 for information.

Just a word that we also provide the opportunity for business gatherings and meetings for clubs and organizations across our community and are always eager to support and promote causes that align with the motto of the Veterans of Foreign Wars that **"No one does more for Veterans"** and that helping others is the VFW way.

Post 201 OPERATION CARE PACKAGE



The WHEELER-YOUNG VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Waterbury, Connecticut Post 201

IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR "CARE" PACKAGES IN SUPPORT OF OUR CT NATIONAL GUARD
TROOPS DEPLOYED TO AFRICA

SPECIFIC ITEMS REQUESTED BY THOSE TROOPS ARE

PLAYING CARDS - UNO CARDS - TRAVEL SIZE GAMES
TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES - TOOTHPASTE - SHAMPOO - SOAP
MOUTH WASH - DENTAL FLOSS STICKS - DEODORANT
BABY WIPES - RAZORS

PLEASE - NO AEROSOL CANS

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS REQUESTED ARE
PEANUT BUTTER AND CRACKERS - CHEESE AND CRACKERS - BEEF JERKY
TUNA CREATIONS - TUNA IN POUCHES - PRINGLES CHIPS - HARD CANDIES

YOU CAN PROVIDE A MONETARY DONATION FOR US TO PURCHASE AND SHIP THE ITEMS
OVERSEAS TO VFW POST 201, (**INDICATE TROOP PACKAGES**) - 2205 BALDWIN ST.,
WATERBURY, CT 06706

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS