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**OCTOBER IS  
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**WORLD WAR II VETERANS DISCUSSION GROUP**  
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# October 2013

**Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 30th at 2:00 pm in the Hagaman Library DeMayo Community Room. This month we have what is sure to be an interesting meeting with Anthony Fernando, an experienced military vehicle restorer. Mr. Fernando hails from a family rich in service to our country. Many of his relatives served in wars dating back to WWI, WWII, and Korea, including his father. A 21-year Navy veteran himself, Anthony served onboard ships, submarines and even ground forces with military Communications, Intelligence and Reconnaissance, retiring in 2003. He currently works for the Defense Industry associated with Army, Navy, (*cont'd. Page 2—See "Featured Speaker"*)**



**Military Vehicle Restorer and  
 U.S. Navy Veteran Anthony Fernando**

**SONGS WE'LL SING IN OCTOBER**

**BABY FACE**  
**CALIFORNIA HERE I COME**  
**I'M LOOKING OVER A 4-LEAF CLOVER**  
**GIVE MY REGARDS TO BROADWAY**  
**HAS ANYBODY SEEN MY GAL**



**World War II Postage Stamps**  
**From the Collection of George McCaul**



**Diamonds on the River**  
 by Faux Poe

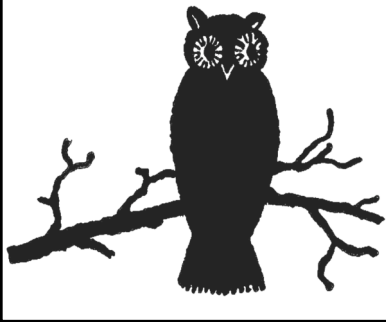
The early morning with dawn's  
 first light,  
 Sweeps away the vestiges of the  
 darkest night.  
 Across the river bank to bank,  
 A path of brilliance and luster  
 does rank.

High in minerals scale of  
 precious gems,  
 for each ripple or swirl  
 a diamond stems.

But oh! Such wealth must  
 float away,  
 And let our river its diamonds  
 be put there to stay.



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**GEM OF THE MONTH:****"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, but empties today of its strength."**1945—*The East Haven News* combined with the *Branford Review*

East Haven, Connecticut, Thursday, October 10, 1945

# East Haven Extends "Welcome Home" To Returning Veterans



Photo by Peter Lucas

Stretched across East Haven's familiar Main street near the intersections of High street and Thompson avenue is the handsome "Welcome Home Servicemen" banner provided by the East Haven Rotary Club. Many from the Army, the Navy, the Air Corps, the Marines and the Seabees as well as other branches of our forces including

the auxiliaries have returned home this autumn, some for furloughs before future assignment to duty, others to receive well-merited discharges and a return to civilian life. All East Haven joins in bidding welcome home to these who have already come home and expresses the earnest hope that all will be back at home in the near

future. Our hearts are sad for the families of those who will not return, those heroes of World War II who are represented by Gold Stars upon our Community Honor Roll. Our Main street shown above is typical of Main streets all over America where servicemen are now returning to home and family and to civilian life.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Muriel Minto 10/1  
 Frank A. Casucci 10/3  
 Donna Maturo 10/6  
 Salvatore Corso 10/18  
 Dana Murphy 10/18  
 Larry Brustman 10/21  
 Ruth Altschuler 10/28  
 Fawn Gillespie 10/28



(*Featured Speaker, cont'd from pg. 1*) and Marine optical systems for L-3 Communications as a Field Engineering Manager. WWII history has always been his favorite subject. Once retired from the military, he pursued his passion for WWII, combining it with his love for Jeeps when he restored his first military vehicle, a WWII-era

Willy's Jeep. He has also restored a Korean War-era Dodge M-37 Weapons Carrier (3/4 ton pickup truck). Anthony uses his military vehicles for events, parades and WWII reenactments in an effort to inspire the younger generations, all the while preserving a part of military history and honoring all veterans.

*Voice of  
 the Veteran*  
**WNHU 88.7 FM**  
**Fridays @ 1200**

A new talk show on WNHU, the "Voice of the Veteran," is providing veterans with information on everything from military and education benefits to insurance and counseling information.

Hosted by Gabor Kautzner, outreach specialist and counseling technician with the New Haven Vet Center and a veteran of the U.S. Army, the show hopes to connect not only with veterans on the UNH campus but also with other veterans in Connecticut.

It airs on Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. on WNHU, 88.7 FM.

**HAPPY  
 HALLOWEEN!**

