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WORLD WAR II VETERANS DISCUSSION GROUP
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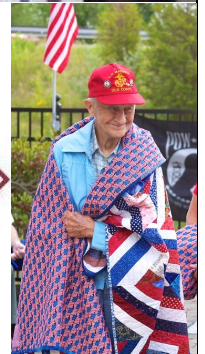
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 29th at 2:00 pm in the Hagaman Library DeMayo Community Room.

This month, we have two speakers. First, **Jane Dougherty**, co-coordinator for **Connecticut Quilts of Valor** will speak about her experiences in making and giving quilts for service members and veterans touched by war. Quilts of Valor (QOV) is a national foundation that has awarded over 100,000 quilts to veterans. In 2004, Jane's best friend's son was wounded in Iraq and treated at Brook Army Hospital for burns. After visiting at Brook, her friend shared QOV's website with Jane, and the message was clear—Jane needed to make quilts for veterans! Jane travels with her Marine Corps League husband, taking quilt tops to events and asking attendees to sign with their service history, if they have such, or their good wishes. Her commitment to Quilts of Valor has grown every time someone thanks her for what she is doing; it is her honor to be part of making Quilts of Valor for all those who continue to sacrifice for us. Anyone who attended Veterans Awareness Day at Quinnipiac University has seen Jane with her quilts.

And **Kevin** will share photos he took during a recent visit to Fall River, Massachusetts to see **Battleship Cove**, the world's largest naval ship exhibit which includes the battleship USS *Massachusetts* (BB-59), destroyer USS *Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.* (DD-850), the submarine USS *Lionfish* (SS-298), two PT boats and other military vehicles.



Battleship Cove, MA



THANK YOU!

We would like to express our great appreciation to two individuals who have recently made donations to the WWII Veterans Discussion Group.

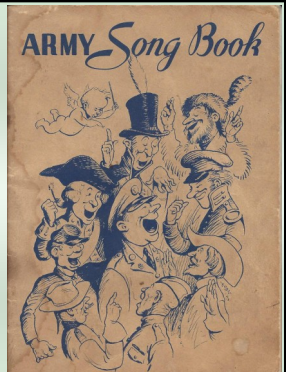
A donation was made by Barbara Yankowski in honor of her father, Elmer E. Verespey, who was a private in the U.S. Army, 29th Division, who landed on Omaha Beach, June 6th, 1944. He was later wounded in the Battle of St. Lo, for which he received the Purple Heart.



Elmer Verespey

A second anonymous resident has also made a donation and expressed appreciation for the WWII Veterans Group and the work the Library has done with the group.

We're sure to be singing many new songs at our meetings, thanks to the donation of an Army Song Book by Karin and Linde Nobile. They knew that our WWII Group would benefit from it, since we like to sing fun, old-time songs. It even has funny parodies (see below). Thank you Karin and Linde!



[Parodies of the chorus of "K-K-K-Katy"]

1.

K-K-K-K. P.,
 Dirty old K. P.,
 That's the only Army job that I abhor;
 When the m-m-m-moon shines over the guardhouse,
 I'll be mopping up the k-k-k-kitchen floor.



GEM OF THE MONTH:

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. —John F. Kennedy

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR U.S. CONGRESS

Attorney Burton Weinstein, who spoke at last month's meeting, has provided the following information below for you to contact members of Congress, should you need assistance resolving Veterans' issues. Fawn will also have a document with contact info to hand out at this month's meeting.

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro:

Main District Office: Washington, D.C. Office:
59 Elm Street 2413 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
New Haven, CT 06510 Washington, DC 20515

tel (203) 562-3718 tel (202) 225-3661
fax (203) 772-2260 fax (202) 225-4890

Stratford Exchange:
Phone: (203) 378-9005

Senator Richard Blumenthal:

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Bridgeport, CT, 06604 724 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC, 20510

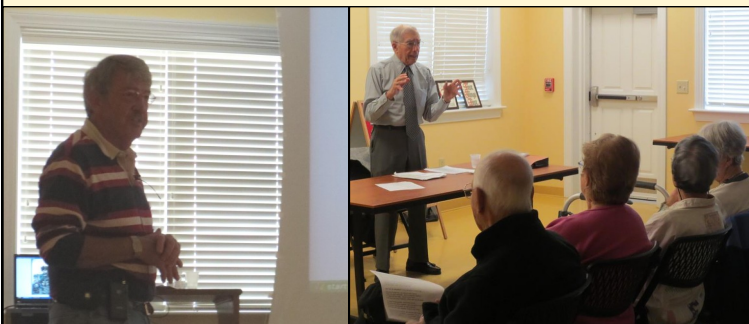
tel (203) 330-0598 tel (202) 224-2823
fax (203) 330-0608 fax (202) 224-9673

90 State House Square
10th Floor
Hartford, CT, 06103

tel (860) 258-6940
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BINGO? The East Haven American Legion has Bingo every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. See address and phone, below right.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

John Henningson (above, left) shared many photos of his Vietnam experiences, and attorney Burton Weinstein (above, right) spoke about veterans' rights and sources of veterans' advocacy.

Mother Nature's Wardrobe

by Faux Poe

*Ah yes! It's time to slip into
an Autumn frock.*

*For Time the master ordered
the clock*

*To change the color from
forest green*

*Yellow, orange and scarlet
must be seen*

*We sat and watched as red,
and orange do sneak,*

*Up the side of each mountain
to its peak*

*But as the passing of time
runs down*

*Our forest so scarlet now
changes to brown*

*But we shall not worry
for as we know*

*White as an ermine
will come with the snow*

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

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

Do you know someone currently serving overseas? The local American Legion would like their name and address to send care packages to them. Please contact:

American Legion Unit 89
574 Thompson Ave.
East Haven, CT 06512



Phone: (203) 469-2204