



DEBORAH ROSE/SPECTRUM

Jim Hull, who joined the Andrew B. Mygatt VFW Post 1672 in New Milford in 1968, is joined on the Village Green in New Milford by the organization's newest and youngest member, Bob Madorran, of Gaylordsville, who served six years in the Army National Guard and completed a tour in Afghanistan.

ANDREW B. MYGATT VFW POST 1672 – AT A GLANCE

The New Milford Veterans of Foreign Wars marks its 85th anniversary this year.

Chartered in 1929, members originally met at the New Milford Public Library.

The organization moved into its Avery Road home in the mid-1950s. An addition was constructed in the early 1970s.

The VFW runs on donations from members and the private sector. To that end, the VFW offers numerous fundraisers throughout the

year, including a raffle, a clam bake, a sweetheart dance, a country hoedown and a fall harvest moon event.

In addition, the VFW and its ladies' auxiliary team up in November - Nov. 10-11 this year - for an annual luminary event on the Village Green.

Funds are also raised at weekly bingo gatherings, and through hall rental. The post has two halls, one of which is the biggest one in town.

Other activities include a card club. Dart, horseshoe and pool leagues are planned.

The post also collaborates with other veteran-related groups, according to Herman Izzard, a five-year member who is the post's oldest member.

In July, the New Milford Veterans Committee - made up of veterans from several veterans' groups in town, including the VFW - installed and dedicated a new flagpole at Center Cemetery in town.

Some VFW members are also members of other veteran groups such as the American Legion, the Korean

War Veterans Chapter 11 in Danbury, the Marine Corps and other organizations.

The post also gives back to the community. It presents an annual scholarship to a graduating New Milford High School senior, and it sponsors a Boy Scout troop.

In addition, it helps support the Connecticut House in Grand Rapids, Mich., which aids orphans and widows of the nation's soldiers, and the Wounded Warriors Project, among other programs.

VFW LADIES' AUXILIARY – AT A GLANCE

The Andrew B. Mygatt VFW Post 1672's ladies' auxiliary plays an active role in the Greater New Milford community.

The group, chartered in 1930, offers several events throughout the year, including a tag sale, Bunco, a scrapbooking event and a luminary project, in collaboration with the VFW, set for Nov. 10-11 this year.

The auxiliary also supports and encourages participation in the VFW's Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen contests, open to students in

grades nine to 12 and six to eight, respectively, as well as other VFW programs, such as Teacher of the Year and VFW classroom.

In recent months, the auxiliary garnered 10 honors - including awards, medals and other recognitions - at the state VFW convention in East Hartford.

New members are welcome.

To be eligible, an applicant must have parent, sibling, grandparent or child who served. A copy of discharge

papers would be required.

Those interested may become life members, with the fee contingent on the applicant's age.

Annual dues are \$18. The auxiliary consists of about 90 members, of which 15 to 20 are active.

It meets the first Wednesday of each month at the VFW hall on Avery Road.

For more information, call 860-946-9028, or find "Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 1672 - New Milford" on Facebook.

Thanks offered for support

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up with Deb Faust at her longtime "junk food booth" and joined her as the non-profit organization to benefit from the booth's proceeds. Funds will support our fireworks fund.

This year, funds raised at Deb Faust's "junk food booth" will support our fireworks fund.

In addition to the community events the Chamber offers, over the years our funds have also benefited local charities and organizations.

The cost to run the fair increases every year. In the past six years, fees to participate in the fair have only been raised once, last

year in 2013. This decision was not made lightly.

Our costs include permit and usage fees to use the Village Green, tent/table/chair rentals, electricity, the electrician, electrical supplies and upgrades, the porta potties, overnight security and entertainment.

All vendors are invited to join the Chamber and receive the Chamber vendor discount in addition to all the other Chamber benefits.

Our intention with the slight increase in vendor rates in 2013 was to help us cover our costs so we can continue to host community events and sup-

port our local charities and organizations.

For more information about the fair or to get involved, call 860-354-6080 or email nmcc@newmilford-chamber.com.

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