

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**RE: EAST HAVEN CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY  
WITH ALL DAY BEACH PARTY AND FIREWORKS SHOW  
SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA  
CHAPTER 484 AND THE TOWN OF EAST HAVEN  
SUNDAY JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>**

The Town of East Haven will once again be celebrating the upcoming Independence Day holiday early. This year's event, which is being co-sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 484 and the Town of East Haven, will take place on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date is Monday June 29<sup>th</sup>). The festivities for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireworks celebration, which includes another fun-filled day of food, music and live entertainment, will begin at 12 noon and continue right up to launch time (approximately 9 pm).

Musical acts for this year's event include "No Big Deal", "One Way Ticket", "Rhapsody" and the feature musical performance by Beatles tribute band, "British Beat". WPLR-99.1 will broadcast live from the town beach.

Food vendors and concessionaires are welcome; however, permits will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. Food will also be available from the Sandpiper and Beachhead Restaurants, both of which are located on Cosey Beach Avenue.

As a reminder, street access to the beach will be limited beginning at 8 am. Cosey Beach Avenue will be closed from the intersection of Second Avenue to Philips Street. Similarly, Coe Avenue will be closed from the Bradford Street intersection to the beach. The East Haven Police Department will be posting notices and directing motorists in and around the general vicinity of the town beach.

Although the fireworks are presented in a cooperative effort with the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 484 and the Town of East Haven, the majority of funding is obtained from private businesses and personal donations. To that end, donations may still be mailed to VVA Fireworks 2009 c/o Bernie or Annarose Russo, 41 Hobson Street, East Haven, CT 06512; or delivered to the Mayor's Office, 250 Main Street, East Haven, CT 06512.

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