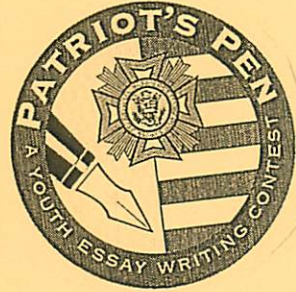


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Our Special Guest for the Dinner will be Past Commander-in-Chief John Biedrzycki Jr.

Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Annual Awards Dinner

SUNDAY JANUARY 13, 2019, Starts Promptly At 12:45pm

***IN THE GRAND BALLROOM OF THE ROCKY HILL
SHERATON HOTEL CAPITAL BLVD - ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT***

\$20.00 per person

The winners of the 48th Annual State Voice of Democracy and Youth Essay and Teacher of the Year Programs will be announced at this Dinner. We need your cooperation to make this a Huge Success. Please make checks payable to THE DEPT. OF CT VFW or just VFW and mail with the reservation form below to: RICH DIFEDERICO, CHAIRMAN - P.O. BOX 429 - ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT 06067

Buffett Menu

*Plated (pre-set) Caesar Salad - Roast Sirloin of Beef with Homemade Brown Gravy
Traditional Mashed Potatoes - Roasted Carrots - Rolls - Butter - Coffee - Tea
Desert - Tiramisu*

Please send me _____ Tickets to the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Awards

NAME: _____ STREET: _____ TOWN: _____

ZIP _____ CHECK/MONEY ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ IS ENCLOSED.

Deadline for tickets is Wednesday January 9, 2019



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DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

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Or Call 860-616-2365 PO Box 429
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

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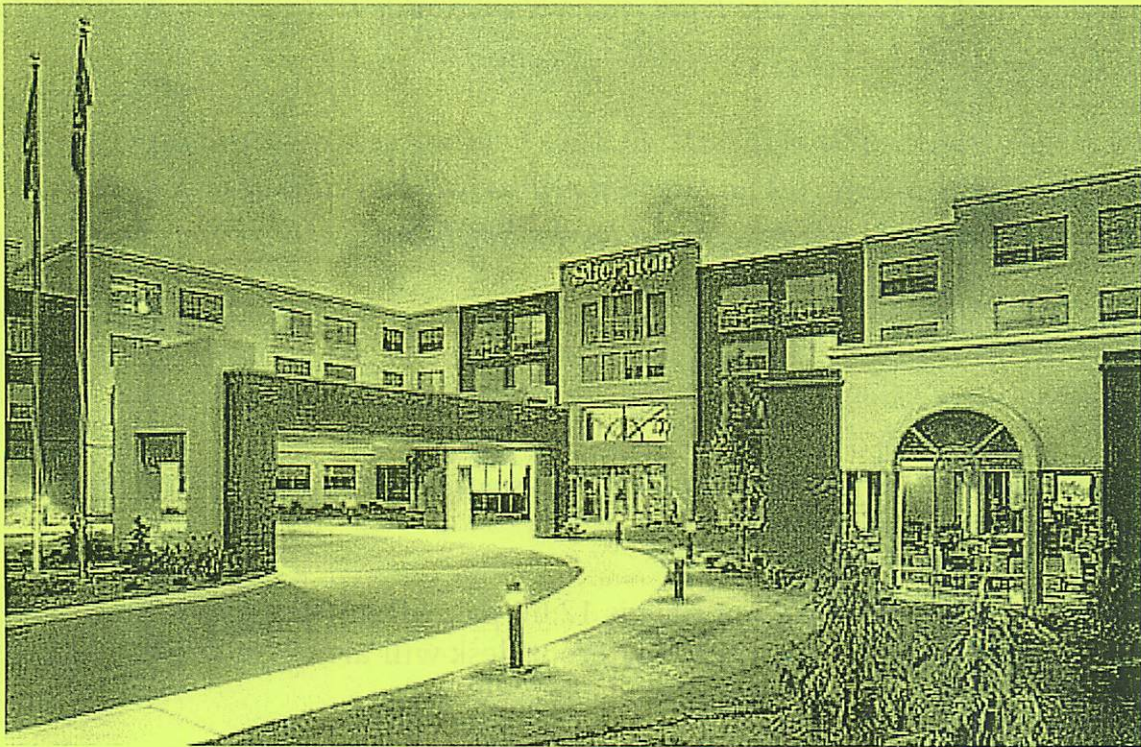


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Any questions, please e-mail me at: stct@vfw.necoxmail.com or call me at: 860-616-2363.

The sliding glass door rooms that open up to the courtyard, that will be used for hospitality rooms, must be booked through me and there is an additional \$25.00 a day fee for the furniture removal.

Room Rate \$ 120.00 plus 15% at time of check-out All Hotel room reservations must be made online or by phone to the hotel reservation center and mention the VFW Eastern Conference.

Room reservations can be made at any time; however, the deadline is October 1, 2019.

Note: After the deadline, all unreserved rooms will be released to the general public.

If handicap room is needed, please let the hotel know at the time of reservation.

We will have a shuttle service from the hotel to the Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT (Hartford BDL) Please fill out the enclosed shuttle service request and return it to the address listed on the bottom of the form. (Cab ride will be close to \$60.00 and Uber a bit cheaper)

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Check-in time is 3:00 pm; Check-out time is 12:00 pm. All guests arriving before 3:00 pm will be accommodated as rooms are available. Front desk will arrange to check luggage for those arriving early when guestrooms are unavailable.

TRAVELING

Flying: You can fly into Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT (Hartford BDL)

Driving: The hotel *is right off of exit 23 on I-91. Traveling North it's on your right just off the exit - Traveling South turn left off the exit and it will be on your right hand side less than ¼ of a mile ahead.*

JIM DELANCY, STATE COMMANDER

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS AS OF

11/30/2018

| DIV 1 2 POSTS | | | | | | DIV 4 8 POSTS | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|------|-------|------|--------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|-----|-----|---------|-----|
| D# | 2018 | 2019 | % NOW | +/- | | D# | 2018 | 2019 | % NOW | +/- | | | |
| 9460 | STRATFORD | 1 | 435 | 381 | 87.59% | -54 | 2083 | EAST HARTFORD | 3 | 106 | 114 | 107.55% | 8 |
| 7330 | OAKVILLE | 5 | 685 | 588 | 85.84% | -97 | 5849 | NIANTIC | 4 | 98 | 97 | 98.98% | -1 |
| | | | | | | | 145 | BRIDGEPORT | 1 | 111 | 107 | 96.40% | -4 |
| DIV 2 11 POSTS | | | | | | DIV 5 14 POSTS | | | | | | | |
| D# | 2018 | 2019 | % NOW | +/- | | D# | 2018 | 2019 | % NOW | +/- | | | |
| 2046 | MANCHESTER | 3 | 222 | 215 | 96.85% | -7 | 603 | NORWALK | 1 | 100 | 95 | 95.00% | -5 |
| 10060 | MONTVILLE | 4 | 212 | 197 | 92.92% | -15 | 6933 | NOROTON HEIGHTS | 1 | 140 | 130 | 92.86% | -10 |
| 1724 | WILLIMANTIC | 4 | 239 | 220 | 92.05% | -19 | 189 | NEW LONDON | 4 | 139 | 128 | 92.09% | -11 |
| 594 | NORWICH | 4 | 213 | 195 | 91.55% | -18 | 574 | PLAINVILLE | 3 | 137 | 125 | 91.24% | -12 |
| 10004 | JEWETT CITY | 4 | 309 | 278 | 89.97% | -31 | 308 | NEWTOWN | 1 | 128 | 116 | 90.63% | -12 |
| 5095 | EAST HAMPTON | 6 | 203 | 181 | 89.16% | -22 | 10689 | ELLINGTON | 3 | 110 | 96 | 87.27% | -14 |
| 9965 | YALESVILLE | 2 | 201 | 179 | 89.05% | -22 | 10732 | BERLIN | 3 | 133 | 116 | 87.22% | -17 |
| 1672 | NEW MILFORD | 5 | 220 | 194 | 88.18% | -26 | 8075 | PROSPECT | 2 | 106 | 91 | 85.85% | -15 |
| 9929 | WEST HARTFORD | 3 | 247 | 212 | 85.83% | -35 | 5157 | WATERTOWN | 5 | 124 | 101 | 81.45% | -23 |
| 1265 | PAWCATUCK | 4 | 215 | 182 | 84.65% | -33 | 3272 | AVON | 3 | 140 | 108 | 77.14% | -32 |
| 3263 | MYSTIC | 4 | 218 | 184 | 84.40% | -34 | 6851 | CANAAN | 5 | 153 | 117 | 76.47% | -36 |
| 149 | DANBURY | 1 | 300 | 244 | 81.33% | -56 | 7666 | GUILFORD | 2 | 101 | 76 | 75.25% | -25 |
| 7788 | DEVON | 2 | 284 | 230 | 80.99% | -54 | | | | | | | |
| 511 | NEW BRITAIN | 3 | 221 | 178 | 80.54% | -43 | DIV 6 14 POSTS | | | | | | |
| 591 | WALLINGFORD | 2 | 260 | 197 | 75.77% | -63 | 10688 | CANTERBURY | 4 | 83 | 79 | 95.18% | -4 |
| 201 | WATERBURY | 2 | 203 | 145 | 71.43% | -58 | 1467 | OLD LYME | 4 | 80 | 71 | 88.75% | -9 |
| 1946 | NAUGATUCK | 2 | 320 | 204 | 63.75% | -116 | 2650 | DANIELSON | 4 | 92 | 81 | 88.04% | -11 |
| | | | | | | | 10059 | TRUMBULL | 1 | 78 | 67 | 85.90% | -11 |
| | | | | | | | 4740 | WINDSOR | 3 | 79 | 61 | 77.22% | -18 |
| DIV 3 12 POSTS | | | | | | DIV 6 14 POSTS | | | | | | | |
| D# | 2018 | 2019 | % NOW | +/- | | D# | 2018 | 2019 | % NOW | +/- | | | |
| 9452 | PRESTON | 4 | 158 | 151 | 95.57% | -7 | 9918 | CLINTON | 6 | 82 | 63 | 76.83% | -19 |
| 6123 | WINDSOR LOCKS | 3 | 173 | 164 | 94.80% | -9 | 9617 | STAMFORD | 1 | 83 | 63 | 75.90% | -20 |
| 399 | WESTPORT | 1 | 185 | 168 | 90.81% | -17 | 2096 | MADISON | 2 | 85 | 62 | 72.94% | -23 |
| 2138 | ROCKY HILL | 3 | 161 | 146 | 90.68% | -15 | 12106 | BRANFORD | 2 | 94 | 60 | 63.83% | -34 |
| 296 | WINSTED | 5 | 152 | 134 | 88.16% | -18 | | | | | | | |
| 1523 | PUTNAM | 4 | 157 | 138 | 87.90% | -19 | 254 | HARTFORD | 3 | 73 | 78 | 106.85% | 5 |
| 5446 | PLAINFIELD | 4 | 187 | 162 | 86.63% | -25 | 583 | MIDDLETOWN | 6 | 67 | 62 | 92.54% | -5 |
| 1979 | WOLCOTT | 2 | 176 | 133 | 75.57% | -43 | 653 | NEW CANAAN | 1 | 71 | 62 | 87.32% | -9 |
| 10153 | OLD SAYBROOK | 6 | 181 | 122 | 67.40% | -59 | 10361 | FARMINGTON | 3 | 65 | 55 | 84.62% | -10 |
| | | | | | | | 4908 | EAST KILLINGLY | 4 | 73 | 61 | 83.56% | -12 |
| | | | | | | | 10088 | THOMPSON | 4 | 68 | 56 | 82.35% | -12 |
| | | | | | | | 12150 | NEW HAVEN | 2 | 75 | 60 | 80.00% | -15 |
| | | | | | | | 9427 | FAIRFIELD | 1 | 78 | 55 | 70.51% | -23 |
| DEPARTMENT AT LARGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15007 | HARTFORD | 99 | 1835 | 1592 | 86.76% | -243 | | | | | | | |

SEE LETTER IN MAILING

JIM DELANCY, STATE COMMANDER

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| DIV 7 | 5 POSTS | D# | 2018 | 2019 | % NOW | +/- | DIV 9 | 10 POSTS | D# | 2018 | 2019 | % NOW | +/- |
|-------|-----------------|----|------|------|--------|-----|--------|-----------------|----|------|------|---------|-----|
| 9422 | WEST HAVEN | 2 | 66 | 63 | 95.45% | -3 | 1840 | MIDDLETOWN | 6 | 36 | 37 | 102.78% | 1 |
| 1926 | SIMSBURY | 3 | 57 | 50 | 87.72% | -7 | 2774 | SALEM | 4 | 35 | 35 | 100.00% | 0 |
| 597 | ANSONIA | 2 | 60 | 52 | 86.67% | -8 | 10690 | HIGGANUM | 6 | 41 | 38 | 92.68% | -3 |
| 10321 | HAMDEN | 2 | 61 | 44 | 72.13% | -17 | 10112 | COS COB | 1 | 42 | 38 | 90.48% | -4 |
| 9990 | STAFFORD SPRING | 3 | 63 | 39 | 61.90% | -24 | 3336 | EAST HADDAM | 6 | 44 | 39 | 88.64% | -5 |
| 9544 | SUFFIELD | 3 | 64 | 38 | 59.38% | -26 | 10466 | SHELTON | 1 | 43 | 36 | 83.72% | -7 |
| | | | | | | | 6990 | COLCHESTER | 4 | 35 | 28 | 80.00% | -7 |
| DIV 8 | 18 POSTS | D# | 2018 | 2019 | % NOW | +/- | 6121 | PORTLAND | 6 | 44 | 35 | 79.55% | -9 |
| 2212 | TAFTVILLE | 4 | 45 | 43 | 95.56% | -2 | 10589 | COVENTRY | 3 | 36 | 27 | 75.00% | -9 |
| 10362 | MIDDLEFIELD | 6 | 51 | 48 | 94.12% | -3 | | | | | | | |
| 4608 | LEDYARD | 4 | 48 | 45 | 93.75% | -3 | | | | | | | |
| 9836 | NEWINGTON | 3 | 46 | 43 | 93.48% | -3 | DIV 10 | 18 POSTS | D# | 2018 | 2019 | % NOW | +/- |
| 8776 | HEBRON | 3 | 45 | 41 | 91.11% | -4 | 10169 | DURHAM | 6 | 22 | 23 | 104.55% | 1 |
| 1607 | SOUTHBURY | 2 | 52 | 46 | 88.46% | -6 | 938 | WEST WILLINGTON | 3 | 28 | 28 | 100.00% | 0 |
| 10201 | BROOKFIELD | 1 | 47 | 41 | 87.23% | -6 | 572 | THOMASTON | 5 | 27 | 26 | 96.30% | -1 |
| 6726 | ESSEX | 6 | 46 | 38 | 82.61% | -8 | 3052 | RIDGEFIELD | 1 | 19 | 18 | 94.74% | -1 |
| 10273 | BRIDGEPORT | 1 | 46 | 37 | 80.43% | -9 | 10190 | GEORGETOWN | 1 | 25 | 23 | 92.00% | -2 |
| 10251 | SOUTH WINDSOR | 3 | 47 | 37 | 78.72% | -10 | 935 | BETHEL | 1 | 25 | 23 | 92.00% | -2 |
| 10052 | CHESHIRE | 2 | 53 | 39 | 73.58% | -14 | 9856 | CORNWALL | 5 | 17 | 15 | 88.24% | -2 |
| 12084 | SEYMOUR | 2 | 51 | 37 | 72.55% | -14 | 1009 | BLOOMFIELD | 3 | 32 | 23 | 71.88% | -9 |
| | | | | | | | 9243 | LAKEVILLE | 5 | 16 | 8 | 50.00% | -8 |

| DISTRICT # | 2018 | 2019 | % NOW | +/- |
|------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| DISTRICT 4 | 2797 | 2514 | 89.88% | -283 |
| DISTRICT 3 | 2285 | 1994 | 87.26% | -291 |
| DISTRICT 1 | 1956 | 1704 | 87.12% | -252 |
| DISTRICT 5 | 1394 | 1183 | 84.86% | -211 |
| DISTRICT 6 | 817 | 686 | 83.97% | -131 |
| DISTRICT 2 | 2326 | 1785 | 76.74% | -541 |
| AT LARGE | 13410 | 11458 | 85.44% | -1952 |
| TOTALS | 24985 | 21324 | 85.35% | -3661 |

DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE MONTH
Dominic Cortese DISTRICT 4

| <u>DIVISION COMMANDER OF THE MONTH</u> | | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| DIV 1 | Steve-Evangelista | 9460 STRATFORD |
| DIV 2 | Paul-Scappaticci | 2046 MANCHESTER |
| DIV 3 | George-Baldwin | 9452 PRESTON |
| DIV 4 | Roger-Ochs | 2083 EAST HARTFORD |
| DIV 5 | William-D'Appollonio | 10688 CANTERBURY |
| DIV 6 | John-Bamas | 254 HARTFORD |
| DIV 7 | Freddy-Jackson | 9422 WEST HAVEN |
| DIV 8 | David-Buchan | 2212 TAFTVILLE |
| DIV 9 | Frank-Martini | 1840 MIDDLETOWN |
| DIV 10 | Charles-Arrigoni | 10169 DURHAM |

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

| | 6/30/18 | 06/30/19 | |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| LIFE | 9521 | 9574 | |
| NEW | 58 | 97 | |
| REINSTATES | 13 | 36 | |
| <u>CONTINUOUS</u> | <u>3819</u> | <u>1751</u> | |
| TOTALS | 13411 | 11458 | 85.44% |



Comrades, I've been hearing that the Younger Veterans don't want to join the VFW, I would like to address some of the reason they may not want to join.

1. No time, working too many hours.
2. They don't like being a part of an organization that doesn't offer much.
3. They don't have time to be part of the organization.
4. When they did try to join, they feel out of place.
5. Nothing in it for them as a younger veteran.

So let's try a different approach.

First, if you approach a potential member, the first thing to do is to thank him/her for his service.

Second, Ask him/her if the VFW can do anything for them.

Third, Tell them about the VA health care and our service officer and other benefits. (Note make sure you have phone number and name of our service officer)

Fourth, Then if he/she is receptive to you, then explain to them what the VFW does, fighting in Washington DC to ensure all veterans receive their earned benefits, mention our scholarship programs, helping Veteran families if need be, when a spouse is deployed, our youth programs plus many other programs we provide to Veterans and deployed service members.

Fifth, That is when you want to ask him/her if they served overseas and where? Encourage them to join, explain that active participation is not necessary at this time. Explain that we need them to be a part of the bigger picture when we lobby our representatives in Washington and Hartford, because our strength is in our numbers and our legislators listen to us because we represent millions of VFW members that VOTE!!. AND **Most importantly!!!** We need to mentor them and make them feel like they are an important part of the VFW, which they are.

Jim Delancy, State Commander



DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT VFW
AND ITS AUXILIARY



TO: ALL POSTS AND AUXILIARIES

FROM: JAMES DELANCY, STATE COMMANDER
LAURA ALLEN, STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members; As we once again approach this blessed and joyous holiday season we would like you to help in remembering those Veterans who are in the Rocky Hill Veterans Home and the Newington and West Haven Veterans Hospitals.

We can make their holiday a bit brighter, with your help, by providing a gift to each one of them.as we have in past years.

Your Posts and Auxiliaries can send donations to support this effort. Please make your checks payable to the Department of Connecticut VFW and please mail to: Ron Rusko, QM - P.O. BOX 429 Rocky Hill, Ct. 06067

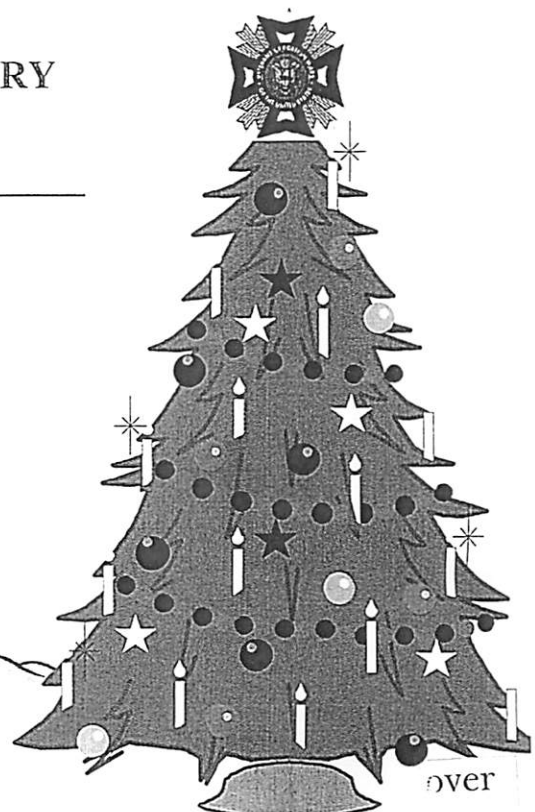
NAME AND NUMBER OF YOUR POST OR AUXILIARY



Jim

Thank you!

& Laura



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Please sign up for the Action Corps. We need all of our members to respond to positive and also unpopular bills concerning Veterans, our military and our national security. It's just a few clicks of the mouse on your computer and will make a huge difference in the way our representatives in DC vote. Please go to www.vfw.org/actioncorps today to sign up.

Thank You, John Larensen, State VFW Legislative Chairman and member of the VFW National Legislative Committee.



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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISIT

Friday February 8 -10, 2018

VFW Auxiliary National President, Sandi Kriebel is coming to Connecticut to visit with the Members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries

Starting December 1st make reservations at La Quinto Inns and Suites, 64 Ella Grasso Blvd., Windsor Locks
Tele. 1-860-623-3336, Ext. 5 and tell them you are making reservations for the CT VFW Auxiliary Group
for Feb. 8-10th. Room is \$94.50 plus taxes/night.

Friday Agenda:

Help Greet Sandi at the airport at 12:25, SW Airlines. A nice showing would be great, **We Can Do This.**

Dutch treat lunch at H&M Pizza, 492 Spring St., Windsor Locks upon her arrival.

Check in at the hotel.

Bowling/Escape Room at Spare Time Entertainment, 129 Ella Grasso Blvd., Windsor Locks

Dutch treat dinner at Skyline Restaurant, 106 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday Agenda:

Breakfast at the hotel for guests.

Leave hotel at 8 a.m.

Visit Fisher House at 10:00 a.m. at West Haven VA Campus, 950 Campbell Av., West Haven. Visit W.H VA.

Dutch Treat at Lenny and Joe's, 501 Long Wharf Dr., New Haven for Dutch treat lunch at noon

Meet and Greet Dinner at West Hartford Post 9929, 83 South Street, West Hartford at 6:00 p.m. Bring your small flags for an Aisle of Flags before dinner. \$16/person for Chicken Picata, roasted potatoes, hot vegetable, tossed salad, bread and butter/ dessert.

We have a surprise presentation for Sandi/ details forth coming.

There will be a special program on membership with special guest.

Presentation of gifts from your Auxiliary or individuals will follow.

Dress is casual for Friday and Saturday. Open meeting will be business casual. **Blue shirts for the Aisle of Flags or Matching Outfits.**

Name: _____ Aux/Post _____

Number of people attending Dutch Treat Lunch at H&M on Fri. _____

Number of people attending Bowling/ Escape Room on Fri. _____ FUN, FUN, FUN

Number of people attending Meet and Greet Dutch Treat Dinner at Skyline Restaurant _____

Number of people attending the Fisher House Tour/ West Haven VA on Sat. _____

Number of people going to Lenny and Joe's for Luncheon Sat. Dutch Treat _____

*Number of people attending Opening Meeting, 83 South St, West Hartford Post #9929 _____

Mail to Anne Philippon, 12 Baldwin Dr., Bristol, 06010. * Make Checks payable to Dept. CT VFW Aux. \$16/P