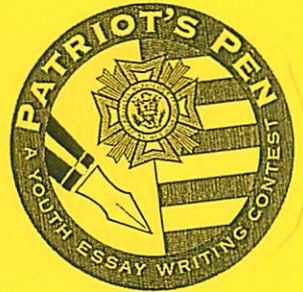


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and its Auxiliary



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



Past Commander-in-Chief - John A. Biedrzycki Jr.

Past Commander-in-Chief John A. Biedrzycki Jr. is coming to Connecticut on Saturday January 12th. 2019

John is going to be here representing Commander-in-Chief B.J. Lawrence for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Awards Dinner on Sunday the 13th.

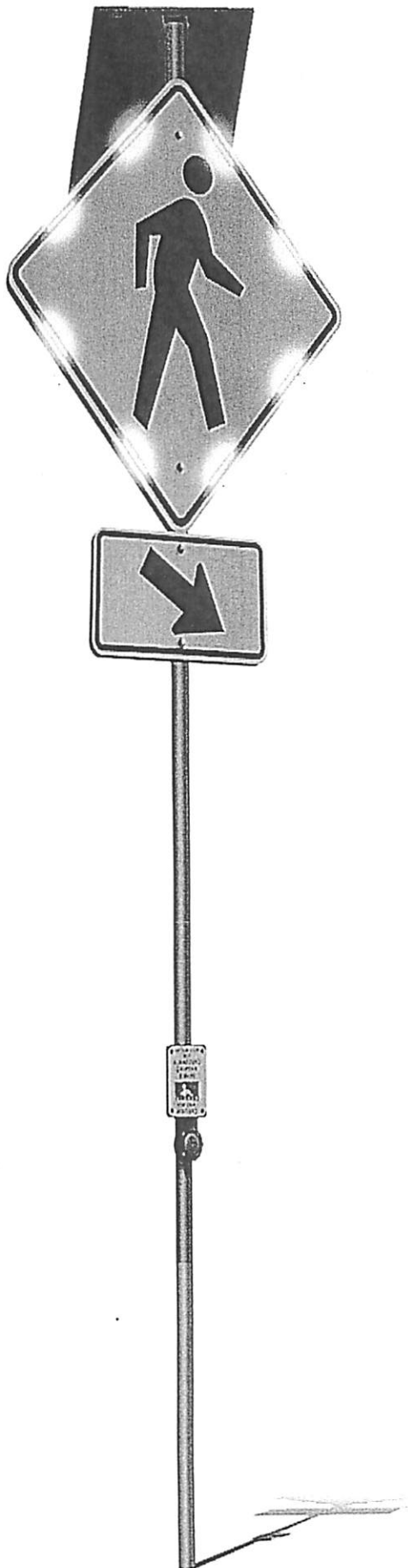
John has always been a good friend of the comrades here in Connecticut, so please plan to attend his informal but informative training session. John was an educator all his life, so this should be very interesting and helpful to all officers and interested members.

The seminar will be at 10:00 am at VFW Post 2138 Rocky Hill at 3272 Main St. Rocky Hill, CT. with Coffee and pastries provided.

This event is open to all VFW Officers and VFW Members. This is the only training session the Chief will be giving while in Connecticut, so please don't miss it.

James Delancy
James Delancy, State Commander

New Safety Program Notice – Elliott Hastings, State Safety Chairman



As mentioned by the State Commander at the last Council Meeting, he wanted to do something in the Safety area where ALL the VFW Posts and Auxiliaries could get involved in a joint effort.

After speaking to Tammy Marzik the CT VA Commissioners Administrative Assistant, it was determined that the Rocky Hill Veterans Home has been trying for a few years to get 6 free standing Solar powered crossing signs where someone, even in a wheelchair, could press a button and the lights would flash, warning the driver of a car to stop and allow the person to cross the street safely.

These would be used on campus at 3 locations and would provide a safe way for the Veterans to cross the street. The VA will install them.

The price of each one of them is close to \$4,000.00 or shy of \$24,000.00 for the 6 that are needed. (Might get 20% off the price)

With a hundred VFW Posts in the state, and the CT VFW Auxiliary partnering with us, this is a project we all really need to get involved in to help keep the Veterans at the Veterans Home safe.

Please bring this to the attention of your members at your next post or auxiliary meeting and ask for their support of this project. .

YES, We want to help keep our Vet's safe.

Enclosed is our donation of _____

VFW Post # and Name _____

Auxiliary Post # and Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Please make check out to VFW and Mail to VFW –
P O BOX 429 – Rocky Hill CT 06067 -Thank You!!

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
AND VFW AUXILIARY
DISTRICT 4

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY – PATRIOT’S PEN
AWARDS LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

WILLIAM L. MERCIER VFW POST 5446
7 WINSOR AVE
PLAINFIELD, CT 06374

STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST DINNER – 1:00 PM

TICKETS: \$15.00 PER PERSON

Please reserve _____ tickets @ 15.00 each \$ _____

Deadline for tickets: February 18, 2019

Checks payable to District 4 VFW and mail to:

Kenneth C. Hartline, Quartermaster (860) 599-5252

135 Asher Ave. – Pawcatuck, CT 06379

Name: _____ Post/Aux. _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



TO: All Members
FROM: James Delancy, State Commander
RE: Council of Administration Meeting

The Third scheduled Department Council of Administration Meeting of the 2018 - 2019 VFW year, will be held on MONDAY – JANUARY 28, 2019 at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be held at the Hannon Hatch VFW Post 9929 – 83 South St. – West Hartford, CT. Phone No: (860) 953-2065. This meeting will be co-sponsored by the Rochambeau-Elms VFW Post 2083 of East Hartford.

All Post Commanders are invited to attend this meeting **and bring any Post Officer or Member** who may wish to attend. Every VFW Member is welcome.

If any State Officer, District Commander or State Chairman is unable to attend this meeting, please notify the State Adjutant at Department Headquarters at: (860) 616-2363

Food will be available prior to the meeting starting at 6:00 pm.

Dress is Khaki pants and the State Commanders shirt, or casual 3 button down sport shirt and VFW cap.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 28th of January 2019.

James Delancy

State Commander

OFFICIAL: For the Commander

Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz
Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz State Adjutant/Quartermaster

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

JIM DELANCY, STATE COMMANDER

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS AS OF

12/31/2018

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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
597	ANSONIA	2	60	54	90.00%	-6	2774	SALEM	4	35	35	100.00%	0
1926	SIMSBURY	3	57	51	89.47%	-6	10112	COS COB	1	42	41	97.62%	-1
9544	SUFFIELD	3	64	57	89.06%	-7	10690	HIGGANUM	6	41	38	92.68%	-3
10321	HAMDEN	2	61	46	75.41%	-15	3336	EAST HADDAM	6	44	40	90.91%	-4
9990	STAFFORD SPRING	3	63	41	65.08%	-22	10466	SHELTON	1	43	39	90.70%	-4
							6990	COLCHESTER	4	35	29	82.86%	-6
							6121	PORTLAND	6	44	36	81.82%	-8
							10589	COVENTRY	3	36	29	80.56%	-7
DIV 8	18 POSTS	D #	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-	DIV 10	18 POSTS	D #	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-
10201	BROOKFIELD	1	47	47	100.00%	0	9243	LAKEVILLE	5	16	17	106.25%	1
10362	MIDDLEFIELD	6	51	50	98.04%	-1	10169	DURHAM	6	22	23	104.55%	1
12084	SEYMOUR	2	51	50	98.04%	-1	938	WEST WILLINGTON	3	28	28	100.00%	0
8776	HEBRON	3	45	44	97.78%	-1	572	THOMASTON	5	27	26	96.30%	-1
2212	TAFTVILLE	4	45	43	95.56%	-2	3052	RIDGEFIELD	1	19	18	94.74%	-1
4608	LEDYARD	4	48	45	93.75%	-3	10190	GEORGETOWN	1	25	23	92.00%	-2
9836	NEWINGTON	3	46	43	93.48%	-3	935	BETHEL	1	25	23	92.00%	-2
1607	SOUTHBURY	2	52	47	90.38%	-5	9856	CORNWALL	5	17	15	88.24%	-2
10251	SOUTH WINDSOR	3	47	40	85.11%	-7	1009	BLOOMFIELD	3	32	23	71.88%	-9
10273	BRIDGEPORT	1	46	39	84.78%	-7							
6726	ESSEX	6	46	38	82.61%	-8							
10052	CHESHIRE	2	53	42	79.25%	-11							

DISTRICT #	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-
DISTRICT 4	2797	2588	92.53%	-209
DISTRICT 1	1956	1806	92.33%	-150
DISTRICT 3	2285	2082	91.12%	-203
DISTRICT 5	1394	1256	90.10%	-138
DISTRICT 6	817	721	88.25%	-96
DISTRICT 2	2326	1883	80.95%	-443
AT LARGE	13410	11969	89.25%	-1441
TOTALS	24985	22305	89.27%	-2680

DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE MONTH
 Dominic Cortese DISTRICT 4

DIVISION COMMANDER OF THE MONTH

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-Barnas	254 HARTFORD
DIV 7	Freddy-Jackson	9422 WEST HAVEN
DIV 8	Carl-Monti	10201 BROOKFIELD
DIV 9	Frank-Martini	1840 MIDDLETOWN
DIV 10	Christopher-Ohmen	9243 LAKEVILLE

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	6/30/18	06/30/19	
LIFE	9521	9588	
NEW	58	136	
REINSTATES	13	46	
<u>CONTINUOUS</u>	<u>3819</u>	<u>2199</u>	
TOTALS	13411	11969	89.25%

JIM DELANCY, STATE COMMANDER
12/31/2018

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS AS OF

DIV 1	2 POSTS	D#	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-	DIV 4	8 POSTS	D#	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-
9460	STRATFORD	1	435	393	90.34%	-42	2083	EAST HARTFORD	3	106	118	111.32%	12
7330	OAKVILLE	5	685	608	88.76%	-77	145	BRIDGEPORT	1	111	112	100.90%	1
							5849	NIANTIC	4	98	97	98.98%	-1
DIV 2	11 POSTS	D#	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-	6851	CANAAN	5	153	148	96.73%	-5
2046	MANCHESTER	3	222	216	97.30%	-6	189	NEW LONDON	4	139	134	96.40%	-5
10004	JEWETT CITY	4	309	289	93.53%	-20	574	PLAINVILLE	3	137	131	95.62%	-6
594	NORWICH	4	213	199	93.43%	-14	603	NORWALK	1	100	95	95.00%	-5
1724	WILLIMANTIC	4	239	223	93.31%	-16	6933	NOROTON HEIGHTS	1	140	131	93.57%	-9
10060	MONTVILLE	4	212	197	92.92%	-15	308	NEWTOWN	1	128	118	92.19%	-10
1672	NEW MILFORD	5	220	204	92.73%	-16	10689	ELLINGTON	3	110	100	90.91%	-10
9965	YALESVILLE	2	201	186	92.54%	-15	10732	BERLIN	3	133	117	87.97%	-16
9929	WEST HARTFORD	3	247	224	90.69%	-23	8075	PROSPECT	2	106	93	87.74%	-13
5095	EAST HAMPTON	6	203	184	90.64%	-19	5157	WATERTOWN	5	124	102	82.26%	-22
149	DANBURY	1	300	271	90.33%	-29	3272	AVON	3	140	110	78.57%	-30
1265	PAWCATUCK	4	215	189	87.91%	-26	7666	GUILFORD	2	101	79	78.22%	-22
3263	MYSTIC	4	218	191	87.61%	-27							
7788	DEVON	2	284	239	84.15%	-45	DIV 5	14 POSTS	D#	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-
511	NEW BRITAIN	3	221	182	82.35%	-39	10688	CANTERBURY	4	83	79	95.18%	-4
591	WALLINGFORD	2	260	211	81.15%	-49	1467	OLD LYME	4	80	73	91.25%	-7
201	WATERBURY	2	203	151	74.38%	-52	10059	TRUMBULL	1	78	70	89.74%	-8
1946	NAUGATUCK	2	320	210	65.63%	-110	2650	DANIELSON	4	92	81	88.04%	-11
							4740	WINDSOR	3	79	69	87.34%	-10
DIV 3	12 POSTS	D#	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-	9617	STAMFORD	1	83	70	84.34%	-13
9452	PRESTON	4	158	163	103.16%	5	9918	CLINTON	6	82	66	80.49%	-16
6123	WINDSOR LOCKS	3	173	168	97.11%	-5	2096	MADISON	2	85	68	80.00%	-17
399	WESTPORT	1	185	175	94.59%	-10	12106	BRANFORD	2	94	71	75.53%	-23
2138	ROCKY HILL	3	161	149	92.55%	-12							
5446	PLAINFIELD	4	187	169	90.37%	-18	DIV 6	14 POSTS	D#	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-
1523	PUTNAM	4	157	141	89.81%	-16	254	HARTFORD	3	73	79	108.22%	6
296	WINSTED	5	152	136	89.47%	-16	9427	FAIRFIELD	1	78	76	97.44%	-2
10153	OLD SAYBROOK	6	181	147	81.22%	-34	10361	FARMINGTON	3	65	63	96.92%	-2
1979	WOLCOTT	2	176	142	80.68%	-34	583	MIDDLETOWN	6	67	62	92.54%	-5
							653	NEW CANAAN	1	71	65	91.55%	-6
	DEPARTMENT AT LARGE						4908	EAST KILLINGLY	4	73	65	89.04%	-8
15007	HARTFORD	99	1835	1633	88.99%	-202	10088	THOMPSON	4	68	60	88.24%	-8
							12150	NEW HAVEN	2	75	64	85.33%	-11

Comrades, Here we are half way through our VFW 2018/19 year and we have shown a recent slight increase in membership and I appreciate the increase, but we are still way behind where we should be.

Comrades, We must all pull together and get our membership up.

This organization was created in 1899 to help Veterans of all Foreign Wars, and we are only as strong as our membership, helping veterans with their needs by just a few members is not the intent

We need more members and new members to keep up with the demands Remember the more Members we have, the lighter the load for everyone to bear.

Remember just 10 minutes a week may be all you need for your post to be successful,

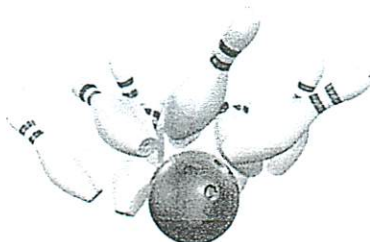
Jim Delancy State Commander Ct VFW



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Department of Connecticut American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars Family Bowling Tournament



Saturday April 27, 2019, 1:00 pm
Bowl-O-Rama
2143 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT

Tournament is open to all American Legion & VFW members and the Family. Proceeds benefit each Commander's Project. Please get together your 4 person Teams by April 22, 2019.

Only 30 lanes will be available.

Cost is \$20.00 per person, Includes shoe rental, 3 Games of Bowling and Pizza

Please return this portion with your names in the order you will be bowling. They will be entered into the automated scoring system before you arrive.

Mail Checks Payable to: "American Legion Dept of CT"

American Legion Department of Connecticut
ATTN: Bowling Tournament
PO Box 208
Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0208

Team Name _____ Check# _____

Name	Post/Unit	District	Contact Information
1.)			
2.)			
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