



**\*\* Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States \*\***

**\*\* Department of Connecticut \*\***



**DEPARTMENT ORDER #1  
SERIES - 2018/2019**

1. **Having been duly elected and installed as State Commander at the State Convention in Rocky Hill, I immediately assumed the duties of my office and shall endeavor to carry them out to the best of my ability. I thank the members of the Department of Connecticut for the confidence you have placed in me to serve in this high office.**
2. **The following Officers were elected or have been appointed by me to serve for the 2016/2017 term of office and shall be recognized accordingly:**

STATE COMMANDER	JAMES DELANCY
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER	DAVID GREENE
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER	KENNETH HARTLINE
ADJUTANT, QUARTERMASTER	RONALD RUSAKIEWICZ
CHAPLAIN	ELMER PRESTON
JUDGE ADVOCATE	ROBERT BAILEY
SURGEON	LOUIS CARILLO
CHIEF-OF-STAFF	ALFRED "RUSTY" MEEK
INSPECTOR	JOHN LEBLANC
SERVICE OFFICER	ROBERT J. TOZZOLI
COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN	MICHAEL MONTECALVO
PAST STATE COMMANDER	ROBERT PRIEST
COMMANDER - DISTRICT ONE	ANTHONY PUCCIO
COMMANDER - DISTRICT TWO	JOSEPH RAZZAIA
COMMANDER - DISTRICT THREE	JOHN ROMANO
COMMANDER - DISTRICT FOUR	DOMINICK CORTESSE
COMMANDER - DISTRICT FIVE	KENNETH LUKOWSKI
COMMANDER - DISTRICT SIX	ROGER ANDERSON

**All other Officers and Committee Chairmen will be listed in the Department Directory.**

3. **The following Comrades have been appointed to serve as Delegates and Alternates to the Eastern Conference for 2018/2019**

**THE DELEGATES ARE:**

James Delancy-State Commander  
 Davis Greene- Sr. Vice Commander  
 Kenneth Hartline- Jr. Vice Commander  
 Ronald Rusakiewicz - State A/Q  
 Edward S. Banas, PSC, Past C-I- C

**THE ALTERNATES ARE:**

John Leblanc - State Inspector  
 Robert Bailey - State Judge Advocate  
 Elmer Preston - State Chaplain  
 Rusty Meek - State Chief of Staff  
 Robert Priestey - Past State Commander

4. **Congratulations to all the newly elected officers of the Posts and Districts. I look forward to working with all of you this year.**
5. **Please remember that our Department Headquarters office staff is there to help you in any way they possibly can, please feel free to call or e-mail them.**
6. **MEMBERSHIP, I would like to remind all of you of that the Membership Program is once again the number one issue that all Post Officers MUST work on to bring the posts and department back up to 100% With just a little effort on the part of the members of your post, you can add much needed new members to your roster. If you need the names of those members that are about to fall off the rolls of the VFW please contact me, a department officer or district commander for that information.**
7. **Our State Adjutant/Quartermaster has set up our e-mail address books at Department Headquarters. If you were listed as a post officer on the Post Election Report, you will be receiving all of the department e-mails. We ask that you do not send back any cartoons, jokes or other non business items. Our goal is to have someone from every post in our address book that will pass on the information sent out to the other comrades in the post. If the Post Commander does not have e-mail, then a member of the post who does, should be asked to receive and pass on the information. We will also be very happy to add any of our Comrades, Sisters and Brothers to our e-mail address book who care to be in it.**
- 7/A **Remember only a 10 minutes call once a week to your delinquent member or a potential new member may be all you need to get to 100%.**
8. **It is the responsibility of each Post Commander to see that their Post is properly represented at District meetings and Department functions. Each Post has a minimum of 11 elected and appointed officers, and if the Post Commander is unable to attend then the Post Commander should assign one of them to attend a district meeting each month. That would have a member from each post at every district meeting, without the same person going every month, although they may.**
- 8/A **Failure of a post not to send a representative to the meetings ( without a just reason) may result in the removal of the post commander from his/her office.**
9. **The Commander-in-Chief has reminded us that only official VFW caps are allowed at VFW meetings (No baseball caps or other style hats) and that it is objectionable for anyone to consume alcoholic beverages at any VFW meeting. However the National By-Laws now provide for a informal post meeting to be held, and baseball caps are allowed at those meetings.**
10. **Anyone wishing to invite The State Commander to a function must send the request via e-mail or in writing to Department Headquarters, to insure there are no**

conflicting dates and to eliminate any double bookings. Please be sure that the

11. The Department Administrative Assistant, Lee Wilson, is there to assist you with many of your concerns, Poppies, audits, program reports and other administrative issues. His direct number is (860) 616-2365
12. Our new webpage is very informative. Please visit and surf it to see what is available to help you in your duties in the VFW. We do get a lot of hits on it and there is always useful and timely information on it. The website is [vfwct.org](http://vfwct.org) and you can contact Lee Wilson at: [spct@vfw.necoxmail.com](mailto:spct@vfw.necoxmail.com) if you need something posted on it. Also if your post would like a free website please contact Ron Rusko our State Adjutant at: [stct@vfw.necoxmail.com](mailto:stct@vfw.necoxmail.com)
13. You are reminded that the National By-Laws provide that each Post shall register at least one delegate to the National Convention. Failure to do either will also put your post in jeopardy of being suspended and your charter possibly revoked by the Commander-in-Chief. PLEASE do not confuse the National Delegate Fee, with the Department Convention Delegate Fees.
14. I would personally like to invite any of our members who are attending the National Convention in Kansas City, MO. this July to stop by the Connecticut Hospitality room and say hello. Everyone is more than welcome!

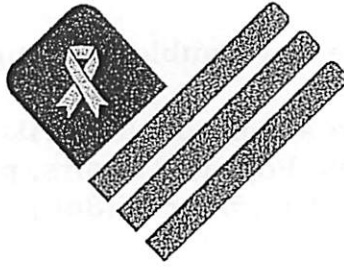
By Order Of:

James Delancy  
State Commander

OFFICIAL:

Ronald(Rusko) Rusakiewicz  
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

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## **KEYS TO PROGRESS<sup>®</sup>** ***PROGRESSIVE***

### Criteria for Progressive Keys to Progress Program

#### **Veteran Recipient Criteria**

- Must be able to provide a DD214
- Must fall below the Geographic Income Threshold for your county, reference VA's Means Test for Priority group 8
- National Income Limits
- Have a valid driver's license
- Have a clean driving record – no major infractions in the past 7 years.
- Be able to insure and maintain the vehicle
- Does not own a vehicle or show a hardship with current vehicle
- One Year Income Tax
- Must be able to pass a background check

#### **Veteran Recipient's Legal Obligations and Liabilities**

- Title transfer fees
- Pay all applicable sales tax and fees after 1yr of ownership
- Insurance coverage after the first six months of ownership

**Please remember that the recipient is legally required to obtain and continue insurance coverage.**



Another FREE Car will be given out to a needy Veteran here in Connecticut.

Please go to [vfwct.org](http://vfwct.org) then resources to download the application pamphlet.

**MUST BE RETURNED TO VFW DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**



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

The First scheduled Department Council of Administration Meeting of the 2018 - 2019 VFW year, will be held on MONDAY – JULY 30, at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be held at the Bennino-Beck VFW Post 2138 located at 3272 Main St. Rocky Hill. Phone No. (860) 563-8876

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 Casual with a three button shirt (Commanders shirt if you have one) and VFW cap. Please no shorts or "T" shirts.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2018.

James Delancy

State Commander

OFFICIAL: For the Commander

*Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz*

Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz State Adjutant/Quartermaster

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

2018 MEMBERSHIP TRAINING

We need to know if you are interested in going to this training. It is FREE and will be given by the VFW National Membership Director, Rick Butler.

Saturday, September 15, 2018

10:00 AM Membership Training (National Membership Director)

Please let me know as soon as possible, so we can decide if we are CAR POLLING, RENTING VANS OR A BUS. We will meet and leave at 7:00am from Department Headquarters and expect to be back around 3-4 pm.

Please call or e-mail me asap if you want to go. Ron 860-616-2363 [stct@vfw.necoxmail.com](mailto:stct@vfw.necoxmail.com)

Doubletree by Hilton Leominster  
99 Erdman Way, Leominster, MA  
1-978-534-9000

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# VETERANS

Do you have a question about health benefits or a disability due to your service?



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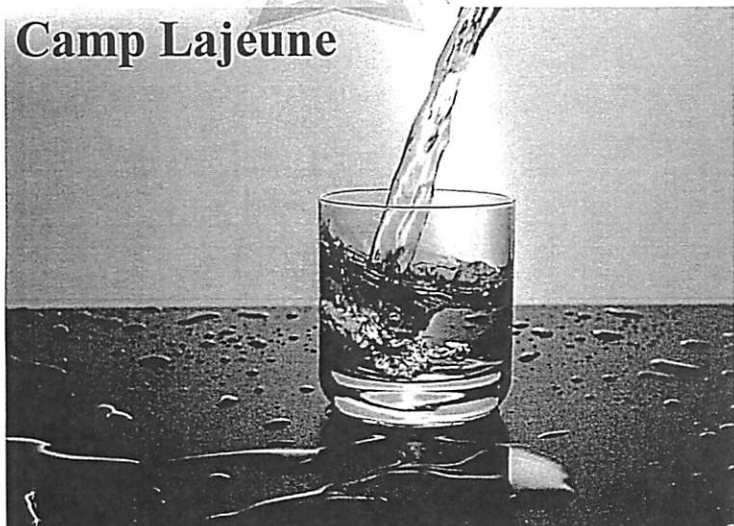
WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Global War on Terrorism, Iraq, Afghanistan; and all USA involved Military conflicts and wars.

## Military Burn Pits



No you don't have to be a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars CT; but, what a way to keep in tune with all that is new in the Veteran's world.

## Camp Lajeune



## NEED HELP?

Call our VFW Veterans Service Officer VSO Robert Tozzoli  
860-594-6610 or  
email [robert.tozzoli@va.gov](mailto:robert.tozzoli@va.gov)  
Monday-Friday 8am - 4pm  
If he is busy helping a veteran, he will call back within 24 hrs!



Rocky Hill

Connecticut

(860) 616-2363

We are  
here to  
help you!

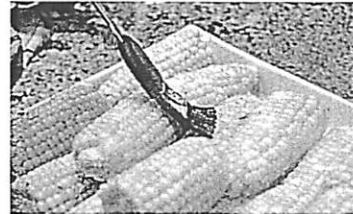
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# VFW DISTRICT ONE ANNUAL PICNIC AUGUST 19, 2018

At the Bloom's House  
25 Philo Curtis Rd  
Sandy Hook, CT.06482  
10am – 6pm



Food, Games, Raffles, Beer, Soda, Water

Tickets \$20 a person in advance \$25 at the door (kids 12 and under free)

For Info call Eduarda (Eddy) Swilling Wade President 203-384-8277 or email [eddyeswilling@gmail.com](mailto:eddyeswilling@gmail.com) or Kim McCarroll 203-482-9075, [kimmccarroll@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmccarroll@yahoo.com)

Starting at 10am (**until we run out so come early**) Liver, Bacon and Onions

Noon – 3pm Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn on the cob, CLAMS (raw and steamed)

4:30pm – 6pm Roast Pig & BBQ Chicken, Salads and Desserts

There are things to do all day games, cards, raffles, bingo etc. or you can just sit and enjoy the atmosphere, talk to friends and meet new friends.

**\*\*No Tickets will be mailed check in at the table \*\***

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Make checks payable to District One Dept. of CT VFW and mail to

Kim McCarroll, 23 Philo Curtis Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Post/ Aux: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Children



To: All Posts

Re: VFW National Home for Children Donation **2018-2019**

Thank you to the Posts, and Auxiliaries, that support our VFW National Home for Children. We are over half way to our goal of raising \$17,995.00 to purchase a Tram for the National Home. The National Home is in need of a Tram to transport visitors for tours around the campus, and has asked the Dept. of Ct. to fund this request. We are the only Dept. that is donating to the Tram Fund portion of the Transportation Fund. There will be a plaque installed on the Tram to signify that the Dept. of Ct. donated the Tram. If you would like to support this request, write Transportation Fund on the check memo. If you would rather donate to other funds, listed below are some options.

To make a donation, **Please follow the instructions below**

1. Send check to: VFW National Home for Children  
3573 South Waverly Rd.  
Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827
2. **Write on your check memo to what fund you would like your money directed.**

Yours in comradeship

*William D'Appollonio*

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State Chairman

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Sending me this optional form, allows me to verify the financial statement sent to me by the National Home.

Please complete this section and mail, or E-Mail the information to:

William D'Appollonio, 236 Bass Rd. Windham, Ct. 06280

E-Mail: [scotlandhwv@gmail.com](mailto:scotlandhwv@gmail.com)

Post \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ has donated to:

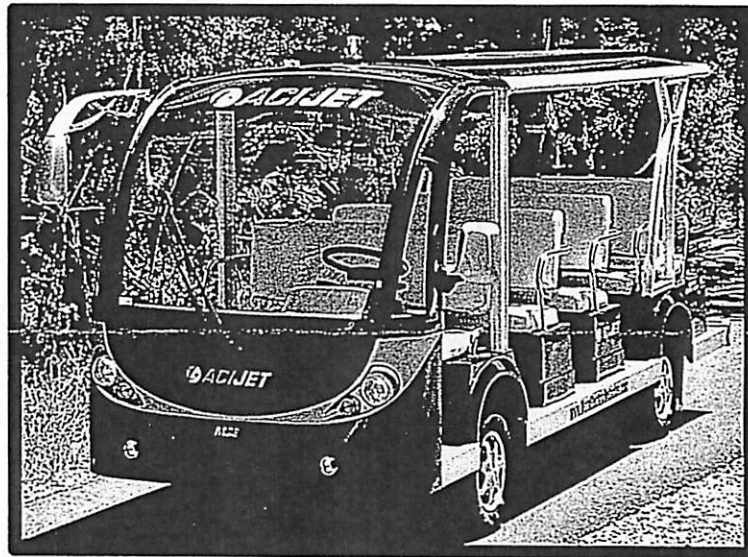
Transportation Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Education Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Technology Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Activity Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ct. House \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# VFW Dept. Of Connecticut & Auxiliary



## MotoEV Electro Transit Buddy 15 Passenger Shuttle (Or similar vehicle)

**\$17,995.00\***

Send checks to:

VFW National Home for Children  
3573 S. Waverly Rd  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Please be sure to write "Tram" in the check memo.

Contact National Home Chairman, Bill D'Appollonio with questions

Phone: 860-456-1631

Email: [scotlandhwy@gmail.com](mailto:scotlandhwy@gmail.com)

\*Any excess funds raised will be put into the  
Transportation Fund for vehicle maintenance.



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NATIONAL HOME  
FOR CHILDREN



VFW Auxiliary Department of Connecticut  
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Kim McCarroll, Chairman  
(203) 482-9075 [kimmccarroll@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmccarroll@yahoo.com)



**Are you a witness, spectator or a suspect?  
Did you do the crime?**



**Join us for a Murder Mystery Dinner, Show, Music and More.**

Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Stratford VFW Post 9460  
100 Veterans Boulevard, Stratford.

5:30pm -6:30pm cocktail hour cash bar and appetizers  
6:30pm Buffet Dinner- Salad, Ziti, Chicken Parmigiana, rolls, coffee and dessert

\$40 a person

To reserve a table of 10 you must buy all 10 tickets at the same time. To reserve a table or more information contact Kim McCarroll 203-482-9075. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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**Make checks payable to Dept. of CT VFW Auxiliary and mail to**

**Kim McCarroll, 23 Philo Curtis Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482**

**Number of Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount of Check:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post/Aux:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Think you can figure out who dunnit??**

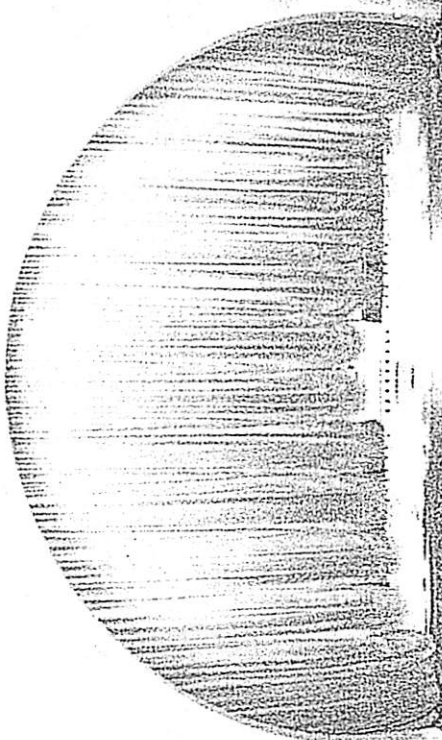


Kim McCarroll – Finance Chairman

Aimee Schlemmer – Co Chairman



OUR SEATS







The Department of Connecticut VFW and its Auxiliary, are once again sponsoring a bus trip to the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall in New York City, starring the famous Rockettes. The bus leaves Stratford VFW Post 9460 at 7:00am sharp, for the 11:00 am show. The traffic to New York at that time of day and year is **TERRIBLE**, so it takes some time to get there. We have movies on the bus.

The show is on Wednesday December 5th at 11:00 am. Coffee and pastries/donuts will be served before we leave the VFW. We return around 3 pm. Food is available in the theatre (expensive), or in stores or from street vendors outside. See reverse side for our UP-FRONT seats. They are GREAT!! Our entire bus trip will be only \$105.00 pp with a box of (\$8.00) RCMH Popcorn and a \$5.00 soda or water voucher. So that's bus seat, show seat, continental breakfast and that expensive box of Popcorn & soda for one price. **Sorry no children prices.**

Your also welcome to take the bus down, (Must pay for bus seat) stay in NY after the show, and return on your own.

**Payment is due in October.**

Please e-mail to: [ofct@vfw.necoxmail.com](mailto:ofct@vfw.necoxmail.com) to reserve your seat/s. Any questions call: (860) 616-2363

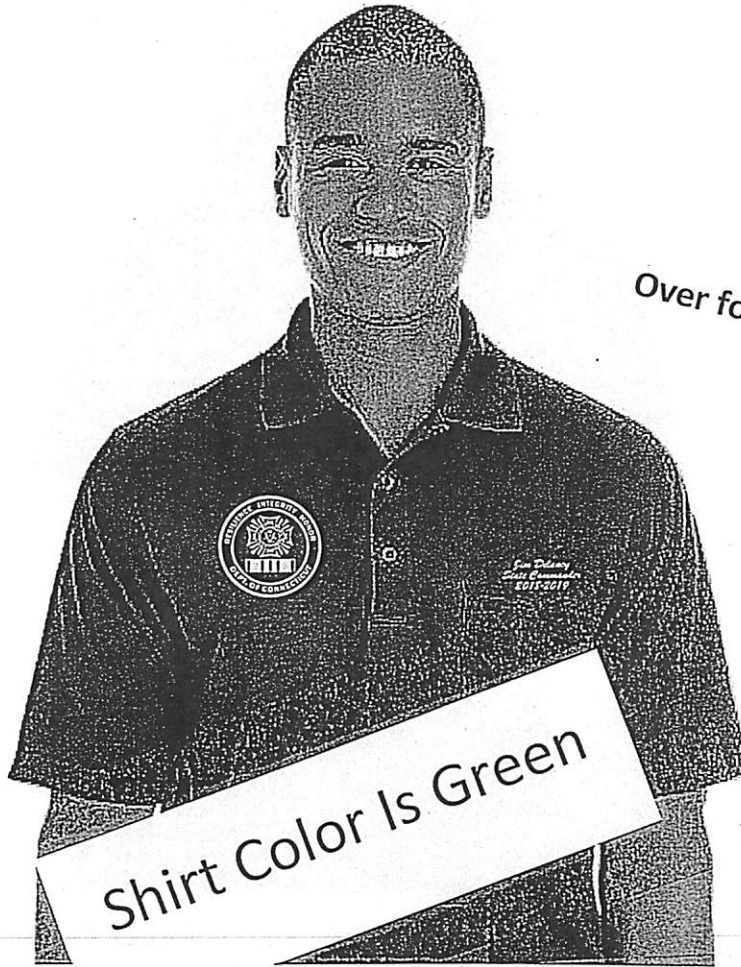
Or mail to VFW P.O. BOX 429 Rocky Hill, CT 06067 .

Please reserve me \_\_\_\_\_ seats for the Christmas show on the bus.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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State Commanders 2018 – 2019 Shirt Order Form

Men's Shirts: Small \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Large \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
X Large \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 2X Large \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 3X Large \$28.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
4X Large \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME (On Shirt) \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE (On Shirt) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/s: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check and form to: VFW PO BOX 429 Rocky Hill, CT 06067





**State Commanders 2018 – 2019 Shirt Order Form**

These shirts come with the State Commanders Logo and name/title included.

Ladies Shirts: Small \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Large \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

X Large \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 2X Large \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 3X Large \$28.00 \_\_\_\_\_

4X Large \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

If you want more than one shirt, put the amount next to the size you want. If it is to have different lettering, use a separate form please.

NAME (On Shirt) \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE (On Shirt) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/s: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check and form to: VFW PO BOX 429 Rocky Hill, CT 06067