

At the invitation of
His Excellency Edward M. Lamont Jr.

Governor of Connecticut

All are invited to gather for the

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM**

*With a
Massing of the Colors by Color Bearers of the
Veterans Organization and Patriotic Societies*

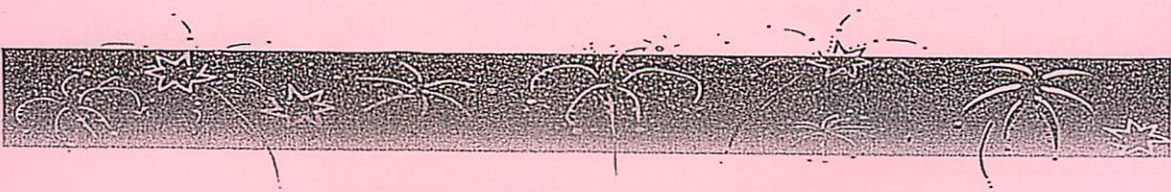
HALL OF FLAGS STATE CAPITOL

HARTFORD

Thursday, July 4, 2019
10:00 A.M.



Arranged and conducted by
The American Legion
Department of Connecticut



CAR SHOW and FAMILY EVENT DAY



Sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 201
and Auxiliary

2205 Baldwin Street, Waterbury, Ct.

Saturday, August 10, 2019

10 am – 6 pm

All makes and models
Waterbury Fire Dept/fire truck
Eagle Riders
Military recruiters
Waterbury Police Dept/
Community Relations Division

Military vehicles
Brass City Cares, Inc.
FunMuggs facepainting
Child ID fingerprinting
Police vehicle and horses
Post Service Officer

Plus many more vendors

Live Band
Hamburgs

Raffles
Hot dogs

50/50
Soda

Beer
Water

The proceeds to go to the Post Memorial to honor our veterans
(to be placed where the 3 flag poles are)

\$1.00 per person/children under 12 free

Rain date will be Sunday August 11, 2019

Car registration and info call Obie
203-578-5186

Sponsorships/donations call Betty
203-578-5301



Department of Connecticut Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States

P.O. BOX 429 Rocky Hill, CT 06067 (860)616-2360 Fax: (860) 616-2364
hqct@vfw.necoxmail.com vfwct.org

URGENT AND IMPORTANT 2019-2020

DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION FOR ADS FOR THE CONVENTION AD BOOK FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT VFW HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A PRIVATE CONCERN TO SOLICIT ADS FOR OUR CONVENTION AD BOOK THAT HELPS TO PAY FOR THE STATE CONVENTION. BECAUSE OF THAT, CONNECTICUT HAS THE LOWEST CONVENTION DELEGATE FEES IN THE COUNTRY.

OUR COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HAS GIVEN US PERMISSION TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM. YOU MIGHT BE RECEIVING CALLS FROM YOUR LOCAL TOWN MERCHANTS AS TO THE LEGITIMACY OF THIS PROGRAM. WE WILL BE USING YOUR POST AS A REFERENCE.

I CANNOT IMPRESS UPON YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROGRAM, AND I SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL CO-OPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT IN THIS VENTURE.

ALL POST MEMBERS AND ESPECIALLY EMPLOYEES THAT ANSWER THE POST PHONES, SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THIS COMPANY, CONSULT TELE – COMMUNICATIONS, REPRESENTS OUR ORGANIZATION. WHEN INQUIRIES ARE MADE REGARDING THIS COMPANY AS BEING LEGITIMATE, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT: 860- 616- 2363 OR TO PASS ON OUR PHONE NUMBER/S.

WE TRUST YOU WILL POST THIS NOTICE IN YOUR POST HOME AND INFORM ALL OF YOUR OFFICERS AND THOSE THAT NEED TO KNOW ESPECIALLY YOUR BARTENDERS, (IF YOU HAVE A CANTEEN) THAT ANSWER THE POST PHONE. PLEASE INFORM THE MEMBERS OF YOUR AUXILIARY AS WELL.

NO VFW POST WILL BE SOLICITED BY OUR VENDOR; ALL REQUESTS FOR CONVENTION ADS FROM OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES WILL COME FROM DEPARTMENT. MONIES RECEIVED FROM OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES WILL GO SOLELY TO OUR DEPARTMENT. NO VFW MONEY WILL GO TO THE VENDOR.

WE WILL AGAIN THIS YEAR ASK OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES TO PURCHASE ADS IN OUR CONVENTION BOOK. (Starting in January). BY DOING SO, WE THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE ADS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ME AT HEADQUARTERS AT: (860) 616-2363.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION,

RON RUSKO, STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER

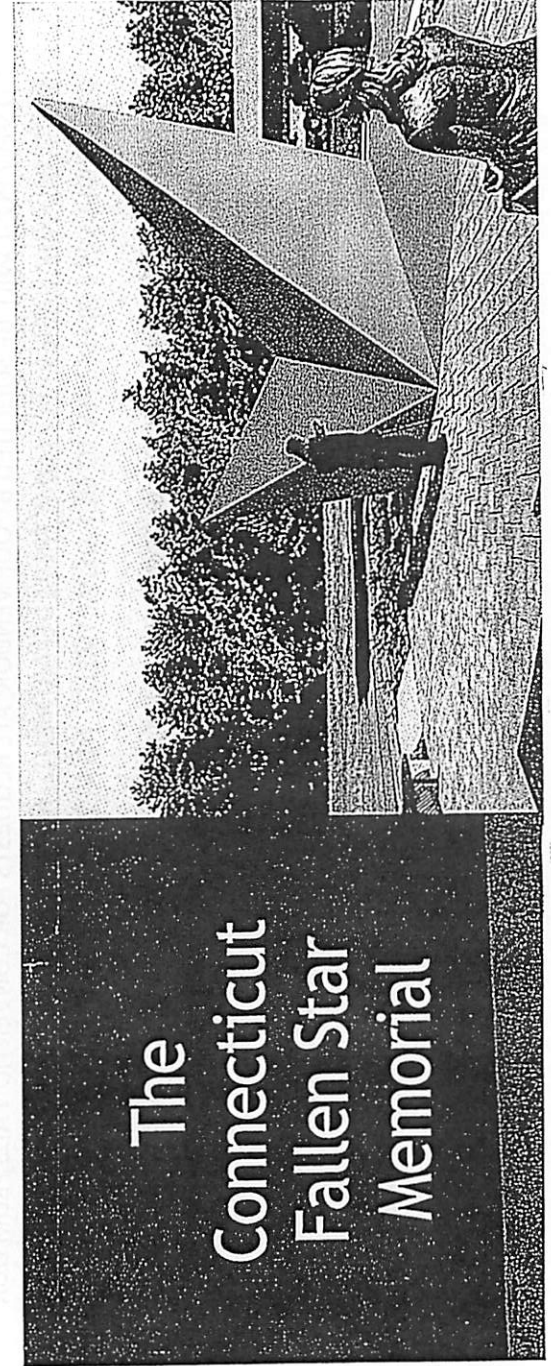
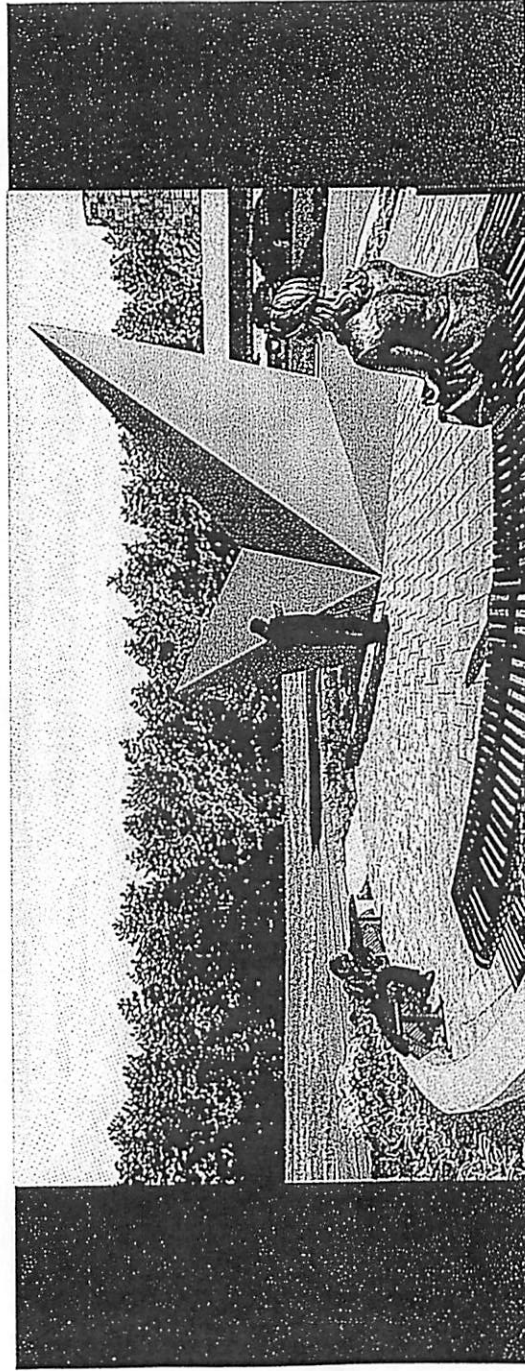
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

The Connecticut Fallen Star Memorial

“As we know, freedom has a price. We must never forget the immense sacrifice that Connecticut’s bravest military and first responders have made for our state and our country. We must always be mindful of their service, and the pain and loss of their families. This beautiful memorial is but a small gesture to express our deep gratitude.”

— U.S. Congressman John B. Larson

The Connecticut Fallen Star Project is operating under the 501(c)3 of Goodwin College Foundation. All donations to The Fallen Star Project are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.



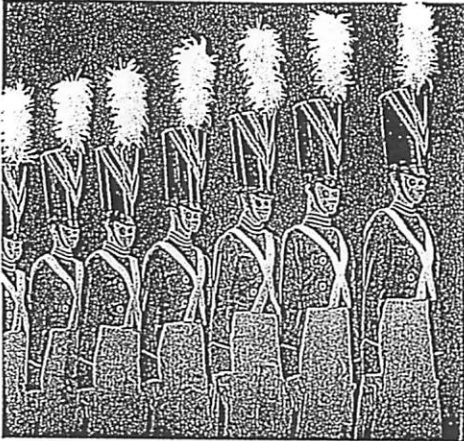
The Connecticut Fallen Star Memorial

State Commander Dave Greene’s Special Project for 2019- 2020.



Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall in NY City

With the Famous Rockettes



Over for seating chart

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 4th 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 \$110.00 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.** You are 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 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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OUR SEATS

REPRESENTATIVE
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The VFW by the numbers

1.6 million+

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

6,278

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



Helping veterans get justice

109,000+

Number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2018.

15,000

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2018 resulting in more than \$155 million in disability compensation.

24

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



Helping struggling military families

9,653

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Unmet Needs* since 2004.

\$4,725,869

Amount of grants provided through *VFW Unmet Needs* covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

3,172

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.



Improving life in America

10.3 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$46.9 million

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.



Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



Honoring the fallen

9.3 million+

Number of VFW "Buddy"® Poppies distributed by the VFW last year.

\$12 million

Amount raised through the VFW "Buddy"® Poppy program for needy veterans.



Inspiring patriotism in young people

33,000+

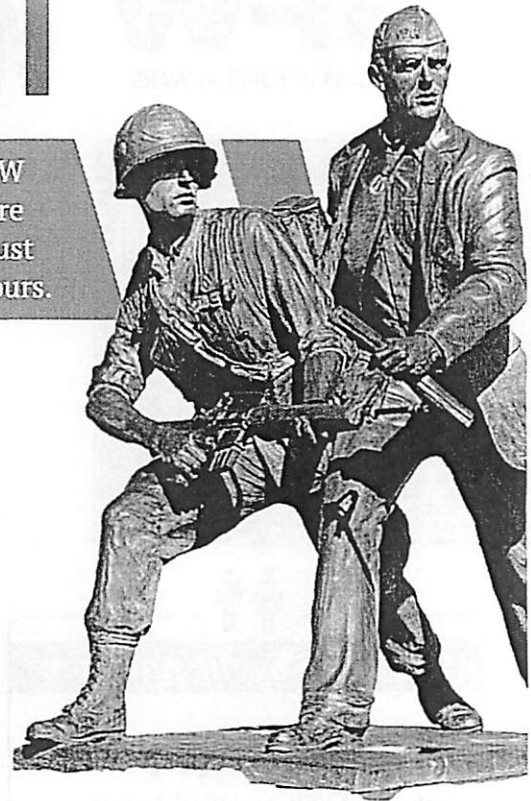
Number of high school students who competed in the 2017–18 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

100,000+

Number of students who competed in the 2017–18 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.

FACT SHEET

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.



YOUR DONATION OF

\$20

ENSURES THE VFW CAN

Educate a separating service member about his or her well-earned VA benefits through a private benefits counseling session with a VFW Service Officer.

Provide training to 4 VFW Service Officers on signs of emotional suffering so they can better direct veterans to programs and services.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

Serve 5 morale-boosting "welcome home" meals for service members recently back from combat.

2,000+

Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

39

Number of VFW-SVA Fellows (student veterans) who have traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for veterans' rights.

\$8.3 billion+

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits — which includes \$1.4 billion in new benefits paid to veterans in fiscal year 2018.

2.3 million+

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

27

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

\$3 million

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

\$10.8 million+

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 43% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

\$5.7 million

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 1,287 veterans and service members through VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" since January 2014.



CONNECTICUT VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS Patriot's Golf Tournament

DATE: Monday September 23rd, 2019

TIME: Registration at 8:30 AM. Tee Time at 10:00 AM Shotgun
WITH COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

PLACE: CHIPPANEE COUNTRY CLUB
6 MARSH RD.
BRISTOL CT.

ENTRY FEE: \$120.00 (includes: green fees, cart, lunch & Dinner)

Format: Tournament will be a Scrambled event with 4-person teams. If you're not in a foursome, we will be placed you with one

ENTRY FORM:

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Team Members:
Player 1 Name: _____ \$120.00

Player 2 Name: _____ \$120.00

Player 3 Name: _____ \$120.00

Player 4 Name: _____ \$120.00

DINNER GUEST ONLY \$40.00 _____

ARMY SPONSOR (\$600) 4 INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS, HOLE Signage _____

NAVY SPONSOR (\$360) 2 INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS, HOLE Signage _____

AIR FORCE SPONSOR (\$240) 1 INDIVIDUAL HOLE Signage _____

MARINE SPONSOR (\$120) WHOLE Signage _____

ANY DONATION _____

Richard DiFederico
Tournament Chairman
860-616-2363
rich@vfw.necoxmail.com

* Send Entry Forms &
Payment" to:

Connecticut VFW
P.O. Box 429
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Phone:
860-616-2363



**WINS
CAR
To Be Determined**

**VFW Department of Connecticut 2019-2020 - State Commander's Shirt
Order Form**



Shirt Color is **BURGANDY**

NAME: _____ POST: _____ DATE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL _____

Embroidery right chest (3 lines max – up to 14 characters per line)

SIZE SM__ MED__ LG__ XLG__ 2X__ 3X__ 4X__

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

SELECT - MEN'S SHIRT----- WOMAN'S SHIRT (Has a collar) -----

Prices for either Men's or Woman's shirt, are the same & both have pockets.

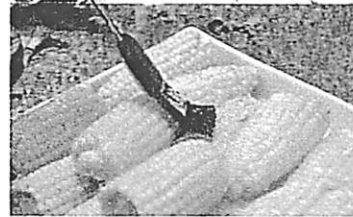
PRICE: SM TO XLG \$25.00 - 2X \$26.00 - 3X \$27.00 - 4X \$28.00

Payment _____ Cash Check Check Number _____

**Please mail order form and check (not Cash) to: VFW - P.O. BOX 429 Rocky Hill, CT
06067**

**VFW DISTRICT ONE ANNUAL PICNIC
AUGUST 18, 2019**

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 or Kim McCarroll 203-482-9075, 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 TBD , 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 ****

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 of the United States ****

**** Department of Connecticut ****



**DEPARTMENT ORDER #1
SERIES - 2019/2020**

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 2019/2020 term of office and shall be recognized accordingly:

- *Sr. Vice Commander Kenneth Hartline (Post 1265)
- *Jr. Vice Commander Dominick Cortese (Post 9452)
- *Adjutant/QM Ronald Rusakiewicz (Post 9460)
- *Chaplain Stanley Borusiewicz (Post 1946)
- *Judge Advocate Robert Bailey (Post 10153)
- *Surgeon Louis Carillo (Post 5095)
- *Chief of Staff Robert Priest (Post 1265)
- *Inspector John Leblanc (Post 1946)
- *Past State Commander James Delancy (Post 1672)
- Color Guard Captain Michael Montecalvo (Post 6933)
- *Cmdr. District One Roy Molgard (Post 10059)
- *Cmdr. District Two Charles Pickett (Post 12150)
- *Cmdr. District Three John Romano (Post 1926)
- *Cmdr. District Four Sherry Wozniak (Post 5446)
- *Cmdr. District Five Kenneth Lukowski (Post 7730)
- *Cmdr. District Six John Botti (Post 1840)
- * Members of the Council of Administration + Commander

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 States Conference for 2019/2020

THE DELEGATES ARE:

- David Greene - State Commander
- Kenneth Hartline - Sr. Vice Commander
- Dominick Cortese - Jr. Vice Commander
- Ronald Rusakiewicz - State Adjutant
- Robert Bailey- PSC

THE ALTERNATES ARE:

- Bob Priest, State COS
- James Delancy - PSC
- John Larensen
- John Schmidt, PSC
- Alfred "Rusty" Meek , PDC

4. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers of the Posts and Districts. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

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5. For those that did not donate to the Safety Signs last year, please do so soon as the necessary funds to pay for everything needed to install them, has not yet been realized. As a VFW Post it is your duty to support these safety projects for our Veterans.
6. **MEMBERSHIP**, Post Quartermasters should remit any post dues they receive directly to National via the internet if possible.
7. Our Department Headquarters has an e-mail system that sends out timely information on a daily basis to everyone listed as an elected or appointed officer in a post or district. We cut and paste all of the available e-mails from the National website of the post officers listed. If you are interested in being on the list, just send an e-mail to stct@vfw.necoxmail.com and we will add you on. 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 Auxiliary members to our e-mail address book.
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 12 elected and appointed officers, and if the Post Commander is unable to attend then the Post Commander he/she should assign one of them to attend a district meeting. That would have a member from each post at every district meeting, without someone going every month, although they may.
9. The Commander-in-Chief has reminded us that only official VFW caps are allowed at Formal VFW meetings (No baseball caps) and that it is objectionable for anyone to consume alcoholic beverages at any VFW meeting. Smoking or vaping at any VFW meeting is also not permitted.
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 time and date of the affair is on the request along with the dress required. If the Commander is unavailable for your event, he will assign another chair officer or member of his staff to represent him.
11. It is the responsibility of the Post Commander to see that the post is properly bonded and that all post audits are done and sent to Department when completed.
12. The Department sends out "snail" mail at the beginning of each month to all of the posts and officers. If you want a post flyer included please have it in to department by the third week of the prior month.
13. Our website for the Department of Connecticut VFW and a web page for each District and the Auxiliary has been updated this year and contains all of the forms used during the year by a post to fill out and submit to us. Anyone wanting something posted on your district page, please e-mail it to me and we will put it on the page. Remember we cannot post any flyer for a fundraiser not a VFW Program. The website is at vfwct.org and I suggest you familiarize yourself with it, if you haven't already. It contains a wealth of VFW information.

15. **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 so will have your post being suspended by the Commander-in-Chief.**
16. **I would personally like to invite any of our members who are attending the National Convention in Orlando Florida this July, to stop by the Connecticut Hospitality room. Everyone is more than welcome! We will post the room # in the hotel Lobby.**

By Order Of:

David Greene, State Commander

OFFICIAL:

**Ronald(Rusko) Rusakiewicz
State Adjutant**



TO: All Members
FROM: David Greene, State Commander
RE: Council of Administration Meeting

The First scheduled Department Council of Administration Meeting of the 2019 - 2020 VFW year, will be held on MONDAY – JULY 29, 2019 at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be held at the Edward A. Norton VFW Post 7666 – 1852 Durham Rd. Guilford, CT. Phone No: (203) 453-9252.

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.

Any further membership awards for the 2018 – 2019 year will be given out at this Council Meeting.

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 29th of July 2019.

David Greene

State Commander

OFFICIAL: For the Commander

Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz

Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz State Adjutant/Quartermaster



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