

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*

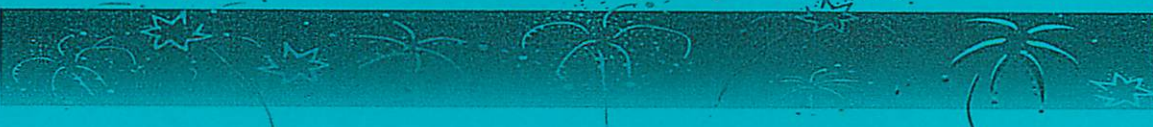
HALL OF FLAGS STATE CAPITOL

HARTFORD

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



Arranged and conducted by  
The American Legion  
Department of Connecticut





THE STATE COMMANDER  
WANTS EVERY POST IN THE  
DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THE SAFETY PROJECT.  
IF YOU POST HAS NOT YET  
SENT IN A DONATION, PLEASE  
DO SO SOON. THANK YOU

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 the 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!!

# 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.



### 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.



**1899**

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.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

## OUR MISSION

- To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts.
- To serve our veterans, the military and our communities.
- To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

## OUR VISION

Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.



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## OUR PURPOSE

The purposes of the corporation are fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational, and are:

1. to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members;
2. to assist worthy comrades;
3. to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans;
4. to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;
5. to foster true patriotism;
6. to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and
7. to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

WE SUPPORT THEIR TOURNAMENT AND THEY SUPPORT OURS



## *American Legion Department of Connecticut Annual Golf Tournament*



**When: Friday, September 20, 2019**

**Time: Registration @ 10:00AM – Shotgun Start @ 12:00PM**

**Where: River Ridge Golf Course, 259 Preston Road (Route 164), Griswold, CT**

**Entry Fee: \$125.00 per player, \$500.00 per team of four players**

**\*Payment due by September 13, 2019\***

**Includes green fees, cart, coupon for outside grill, dinner (at American Legion Post 91, Moosup), prizes (1<sup>st</sup> Place Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team, Closet to the Pin (2 holes) and Men and Women's Longest Drive).**

**Raffle tickets, 50/50 raffle, Mulligans and Strings sold at Registration (NOT AVAILABLE ON COURSE)**

**Players (please print)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (team captain and phone #)
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose completed application & check made payable to: AL Department of Connecticut**

**Mailing address: 864 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114**

**Point of Contact: Jeff DeClerck, Tournament Committee Chairman, 860-608-8111**

**Butch Hansen, Department Adjutant, 860-436-9986**

*Proceeds fund the American Legion/Connecticut State Police Youth Week Program*