

At the invitation of
His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy
Governor of Connecticut

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM

With a
**Massing of the Colors of All
Veterans Organizations and Patriotic Societies**



**HALL OF FLAGS IN THE STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CT**

Wednesday July 4, 2018

10:00 AM

Arranged and conducted by:
The Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Connecticut and its Auxiliary

**THIS SHOULD BE A MUST ATTEND FOR ALL STATE OFFICERS, POST COMMANDERS
AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES**



DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
AND ITS AUXILIARY



98th ANNUAL CONVENTION

BANQUET

LAST CALL

SATURDAY JUNE 9, 2018

LAST CALL

AT 7:00 pm

In the Grand Ballroom of the
ROCKY HILL SHERATON HARTFORD SOUTH HOTEL
100 Capital Blvd, Rocky Hill, Ct

Menu

Mystic Pear Salad

w/spiced pecans & apple walnut vinaigrette

Your Pre Selected Choice of:

- * Seared Sea Bass * NY Strip Steak
- *Baked Chicken in a Tomato Capers Cream Sauce

Accompanied With

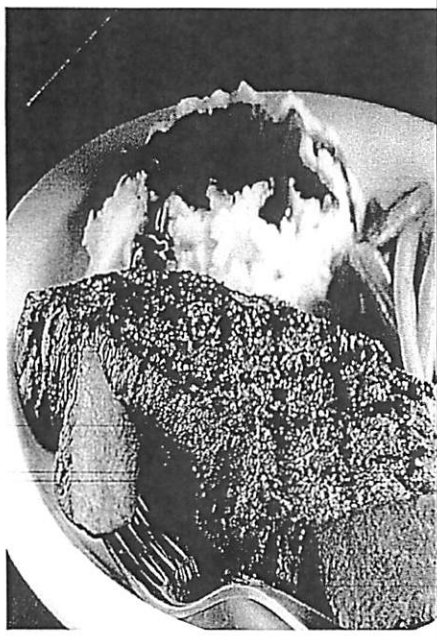
Whipped Potato Puree w/Cauliflower and Cheddar Cheese
Roasted Butternut Squash, Beets and Turnip.

Fresh Baked Rolls w/Sweet Butter

Dessert: 2/ Make your own Ice Cream Sundae Stations

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Specialty Teas Soft Drinks

CASH BAR COCKTAIL HOUR



\$40.00 Per Person



\$40.00 Per Person

BE SURE TO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY. DEADLINE FOR TICKETS IS TUESDAY JUNE 5th, 2018
PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW AND MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT VFW AND MAIL TO: James Delancy,
SSVC Chairman - P.O. Box 429 - Rocky Hill, Conn. 06067

Please reserve me _____ Tickets at \$40.00 each for the Departments 98th Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at 7:00pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Rocky Hill Sheraton Hotel.

Meal Choice/s: Seared Sea Bass _____ NY Strip Steak _____ Baked Chicken _____

NAME: _____ POST/AUX#: _____

STREET: _____ TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____ over

Check / Money Order for \$ _____ is enclosed.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

98th AWARDS BREAKFAST

SATURDAY JUNE 9, 2018 AT 7:30 am

This is an open breakfast, everyone that wants to, may purchase a ticket and attend the Annual Awards Breakfast.

ROCKY HILL SHERATON HOTEL
100 CAPITAL BLVD
ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT

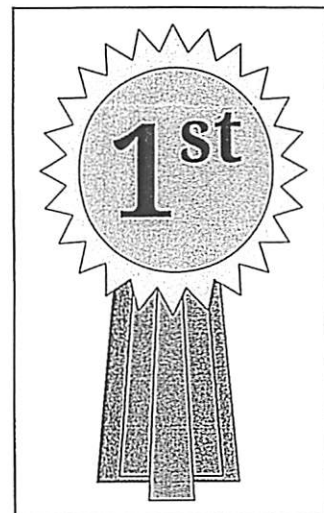


BUFFET BREAKFAST MENU

JUICE BAR

- *FRESH STRAWBERRIES, BLUEBERRIES, GRAPES AND ORANGE SLICES
- *FRESHLY SCRAMBLED EGGS
- *CHICKEN APPLE SAUSAGE
- *BLUEBERRY PANCAKES W/WARM MAPLE SYRUP & POWERED SUGAR
- *SKILLET BREAKFAST POTATOES
- *ASSORTED PASTRIES, BAGELS, BREADS FOR TOASTING W/CREAM CHEESE AND BUTTER SPREADS AND COFFEE CAKE
- *YOGURT PARFAITS IN WINE GLASS
- *FRESHLY BREWED COFFEE
- DE-CAFE AND SPECIALTY TEAS

ENJOY



ALL OF THE MAJOR CONVENTION AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THIS BREAKFAST. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND WITH YOUR POST DELEGATION. BE SURE TO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY. DEAD LINE FOR TICKETS IS WEDNESDAY JUNE 6, 2018. PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW AND MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE DEPARTMENT OF CT. VFW AND MAIL TO:

David Greene, VFW SJVC - Chairman
98th Annual Convention Awards Breakfast
P.O. Box 429
Rocky Hill, Conn. 06067

LAST CALL

Please reserve me _____ Tickets at \$25.00 each for the Departments 98th Annual Convention Awards Breakfast to be held on Saturday June 9, 2018 at 7:30am in the Grand Ballroom of the Rocky Hill Sheraton Hotel.

NAME: _____ POST#: _____

STREET: _____ TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____

Check / Money Order for \$ _____ is enclosed.

DIV 7	5 POSTS	D #	2017	2018	% NOW	+/-	DIV 9	10 POSTS	D #	2017	2018	% NOW	+/-
9990	STAFFORD SPRING	3	60	63	105.00%	3	10201	BROOKFIELD	1	36	40	111.11%	4
10321	HAMDEN	2	59	58	98.31%	-1	6121	PORTLAND	6	40	44	110.00%	4
9066	FRANKLIN	4	62	59	95.16%	-3	10690	HIGGANUM	6	41	41	100.00%	0
1926	SIMSBURY	3	59	56	94.92%	-3	1840	MIDDLETOWN	6	37	37	100.00%	0
9422	WEST HAVEN	2	69	63	91.30%	-6	2212	TAFTVILLE	4	45	45	100.00%	0
9544	SUFFIELD	3	70	61	87.14%	-9	1009	BLOOMFIELD	3	33	33	100.00%	0
							2774	SALEM	4	38	37	97.37%	-1
							6990	COLCHESTER	4	35	34	97.14%	-1
							10589	COVENTRY	3	35	32	91.43%	-3
							9992	BLOOMFIELD	3	40	35	87.50%	-5
DIV 8	18 POSTS	D #	2017	2018	% NOW	+/-	DIV 10	18 POSTS	D #	2017	2018	% NOW	+/-
597	ANSONIA	2	50	58	116.00%	8	1792	GREENWICH	1	19	20	105.26%	1
12084	SEYMOUR	2	48	50	104.17%	2	938	WEST WILLINGTON	3	29	29	100.00%	0
4608	LEDYARD	4	47	48	102.13%	1	572	THOMASTON	5	28	28	100.00%	0
8776	HEBRON	3	46	45	97.83%	-1	3052	RIDGEFIELD	1	20	20	100.00%	0
1607	SOUTHBURY	2	55	53	96.36%	-2	9856	CORNWALL	5	18	18	100.00%	0
9836	NEWINGTON	3	48	46	95.83%	-2	10190	GEORGETOWN	1	28	27	96.43%	-1
10466	SHELTON	1	46	44	95.65%	-2	10169	DURHAM	6	23	22	95.65%	-1
3336	EAST HADDAM	6	46	44	95.65%	-2	9243	LAKEVILLE	5	18	16	88.89%	-2
10362	MIDDLEFIELD	6	56	50	89.29%	-6	935	BETHEL	1	30	26	86.67%	-4
10052	CHESHIRE	2	56	50	89.29%	-6							
10273	BRIDGEPORT	1	51	45	88.24%	-6							
10112	COS COB	1	50	43	86.00%	-7							
6726	ESSEX	6	54	46	85.19%	-8							
10251	SOUTH WINDSOR	3	52	44	84.62%	-8							

DISTRICT #	2017	2018	% NOW	+/-
DISTRICT 2	2210	2268	102.62%	58
DISTRICT 4	3038	2872	94.54%	-166
DISTRICT 1	2106	1982	94.11%	-124
DISTRICT 6	872	819	93.92%	-53
DISTRICT 3	2552	2351	92.12%	-201
DISTRICT 5	1530	1405	91.83%	-125
AT LARGE	14234	13458	94.55%	-776
TOTALS	26542	25155	94.77%	-1387

DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE MONTH
STANLEY BORUSIEWICZ DISTRICT 2

<u>DIVISION COMMANDER OF THE MONTH</u>		
DIV 1	Richard-Kennedy	9460 STRATFORD
DIV 2	Charles-Barnsely	1946 NAUGATUCK
DIV 3	Stanley-Kugler	201 WATERBURY
DIV 4	Kirk-Harrington	6851 CANAAN
DIV 5	Lorenzo-Santamaria	7666 GUILFORD
DIV 6	Elliott-Hastings	12106 BRANFORD
DIV 7	Robert-Titus	9990 STAFFORD SPRING
DIV 8	Patrick-Freeman	597 SEYMOUR
DIV 9	Joseph-Beal	10201 BROOKFIELD
DIV 10	Wayne-Kaczmarek	1792 GREENWICH

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	6/30/17	06/30/18	
LIFE	9985	9693	
NEW	254	205	
REINSTATES	84	84	
<u>CONTINUOUS</u>	<u>3911</u>	<u>3476</u>	
TOTALS	14234	13458	94.55%

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS AS OF

DIV 1	2 POSTS	D#	2017	2018	% NOW	+/-	DIV 4	8 POSTS	D#	2017	2018	% NOW	+/-
9460	STRATFORD	1	444	439	98.87%	-5	6851	CANAAN	5	143	151	105.59%	8
7330	OAKVILLE	5	811	694	85.57%	-117	296	WINSTED	5	157	159	101.27%	2
							1523	PUTNAM	4	161	162	100.62%	1
DIV 2	11 POSTS	D#	2017	2018	% NOW	+/-	10732	BERLIN	3	138	137	99.28%	-1
1946	NAUGATUCK	2	229	312	136.24%	83	6933	NOROTON HEIGHTS	1	150	141	94.00%	-9
591	WALLINGFORD	2	235	261	111.06%	26	3272	AVON	3	145	135	93.10%	-10
7788	DEVON	2	268	271	101.12%	3	9452	PRESTON	4	170	157	92.35%	-13
1265	PAWCATUCK	4	225	214	95.11%	-11	189	NEW LONDON	4	159	145	91.19%	-14
10060	MONTVILLE	4	225	211	93.78%	-14	574	PLAINVILLE	3	165	146	88.48%	-19
511	NEW BRITAIN	3	237	222	93.67%	-15	DIV 5	14 POSTS	D#	2017	2018	% NOW	+/-
1724	WILLIMANTIC	4	261	243	93.10%	-18	7666	GUILFORD	2	103	103	100.00%	0
1672	NEW MILFORD	5	230	214	93.04%	-16	5157	WATERTOWN	5	125	125	100.00%	0
2046	MANCHESTER	3	245	224	91.43%	-21	603	NORWALK	1	103	100	97.09%	-3
10004	JEWETT CITY	4	337	306	90.80%	-31	145	BRIDGEPORT	1	124	119	95.97%	-5
9965	YALESVILLE	2	229	205	89.52%	-24	8075	PROSPECT	2	106	101	95.28%	-5
149	DANBURY	1	342	306	89.47%	-36	308	NEWTOWN	1	133	126	94.74%	-7
9929	WEST HARTFORD	3	292	258	88.36%	-34	5849	NIANTIC	4	106	100	94.34%	-6
DIV 3	12 POSTS	D#	2017	2018	% NOW	+/-	10689	ELLINGTON	3	118	111	94.07%	-7
201	WATERBURY	2	198	198	100.00%	0	6573	WATERFORD	4	100	93	93.00%	-7
3263	MYSTIC	4	220	216	98.18%	-4	2650	DANIELSON	4	103	95	92.23%	-8
594	NORWICH	4	220	213	96.82%	-7	9617	STAMFORD	1	93	83	89.25%	-10
6123	WINDSOR LOCKS	3	184	178	96.74%	-6	2083	EAST HARTFORD	3	125	111	88.80%	-14
1979	WOLCOTT	2	175	165	94.29%	-10	7790	WATERBURY	2	87	77	88.51%	-10
5095	EAST HAMPTON	6	221	205	92.76%	-16	DIV 6	14 POSTS	D#	2017	2018	% NOW	+/-
399	WESTPORT	1	197	181	91.88%	-16	12106	BRANFORD	2	81	91	112.35%	10
5446	PLAINFIELD	4	203	186	91.63%	-17	10059	TRUMBULL	1	73	75	102.74%	2
10153	OLD SAYBROOK	6	198	181	91.41%	-17	2096	MADISON	2	81	83	102.47%	2
2138	ROCKY HILL	3	194	161	82.99%	-33	9918	CLINTON	6	81	81	100.00%	0
DEPARTMENT AT LARGE							1467	OLD LYME	4	80	80	100.00%	0
15007	HARTFORD	99	1926	1761	91.43%	-165	10688	CANTERBURY	4	85	84	98.82%	-1

I too want to add **my Congratulations** to Charles Barnsely Post Commander of VFW Post 1946 in Naugatuck, who won an all-expense paid trip to Kansas City, MO for being over 126% in membership so far this year and also to Stan Borusiewicz District two Commander for getting his district over 100%. I know they were successful because they simply called their members and asked them to pay their dues. I would hope that other Post Commanders, along with their membership teams would spend, as I have been asking, **JUST 10 Minutes** to call your un-paid members and ask them to renew their membership in the VFW. We need them and they need us. Charlie and Stan proved that a few simple calls work. Please give it a try. Thank you.

Bob Priest, State Commander



Sheraton Hartford South Hotel
100 Capital Blvd, Rocky Hill, CT 06067
860-257-6000

Reservations can be made online at vfwct.org
OR by mailing the following to Juliet Wong at the Sheraton.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Check in Date: _____ Check out Date: _____

Room Type (circle one): King 2 Double Beds

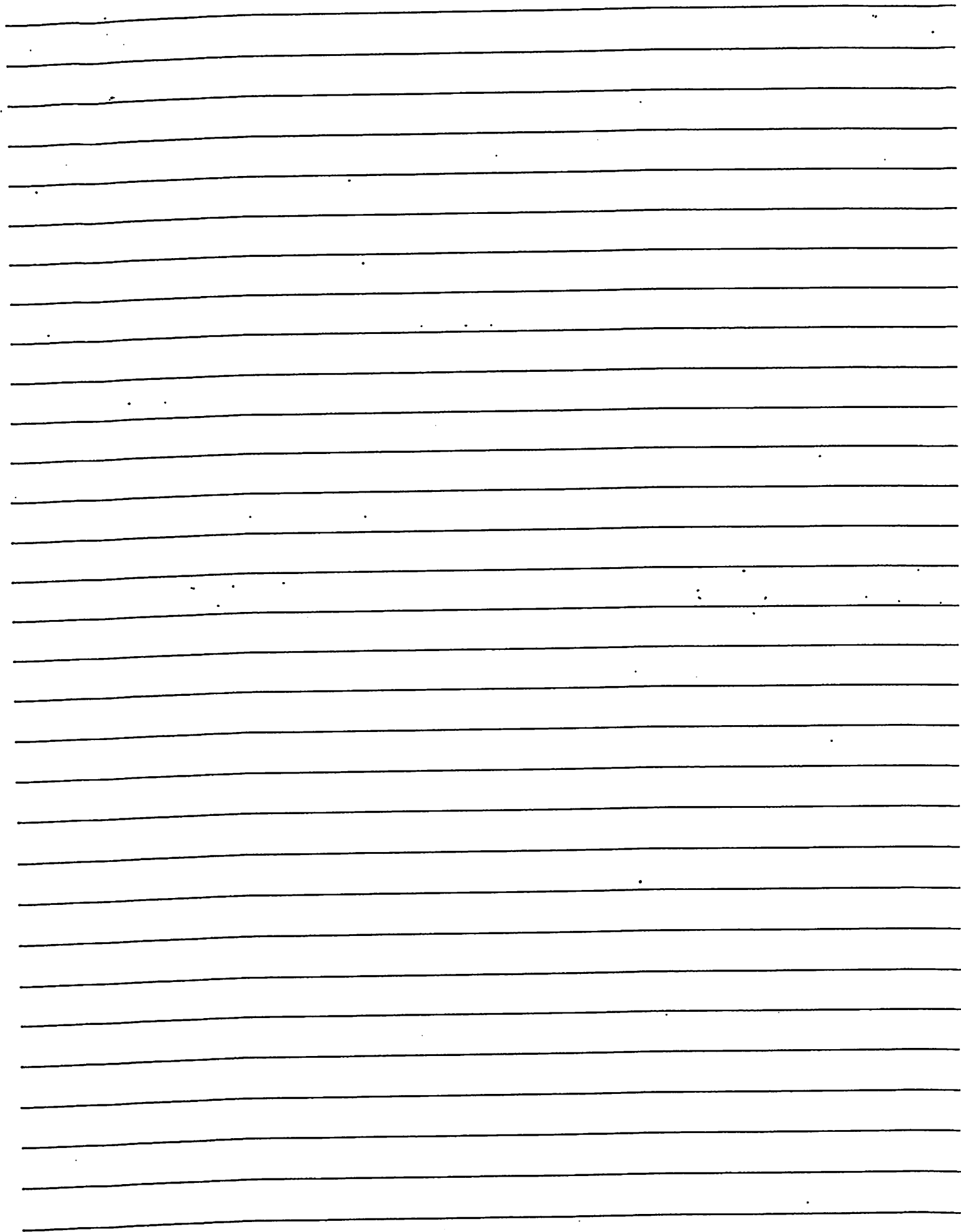
Payment Method (circle one): Credit Card Debit Card

Card Type (circle one): Visa MC AE Discover

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Room rates are \$108 plus tax per night. Forms must be received by the Sheraton by 5/25/2018.
All special room requests must be made through Ron Rusko.





VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

98TH ANNUAL CONVENTION BOOK

TO: ALL UNITS

FROM: RON RUSKO, CHAIRMAN
CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK

LAST CALL

ALL POSTS AND AUXILIARIES ARE ASKED TO PLEASE PURCHASE ADVERTISING SPACE IN THE *ANNUAL CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK*. ONLY VFW'S AND OUR AUXILIARIES CAN RECEIVE THESE PRICES. ANY ADS FOR BUSINESSES MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH OUR AD BOOK SOLICITORS Consult Communications.

Please present this to the membership at your next meeting to have your post or auxiliary represented with an ad in our State Convention ad book.

THE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\$150.00 FULL PAGE

\$75.00 HALF PAGE

\$50.00 QUARTER PAGE

\$25.00 BUSINESS CARD AD

PLEASE SUBMIT ADVERTISING ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM AND SEND TO :

RON RUSKO, CHAIRMAN
VFW HEADQUARTERS
P.O. BOX 429
ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT 06067

TOGETHER WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO: DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT - VFW

Thank you!

DEADLINE FOR ADS IS MONDAY MAY 8, 2018

FULL PAGE
\$150

HALF PAGE
\$75.00

QUARTER PAGE
\$50.00

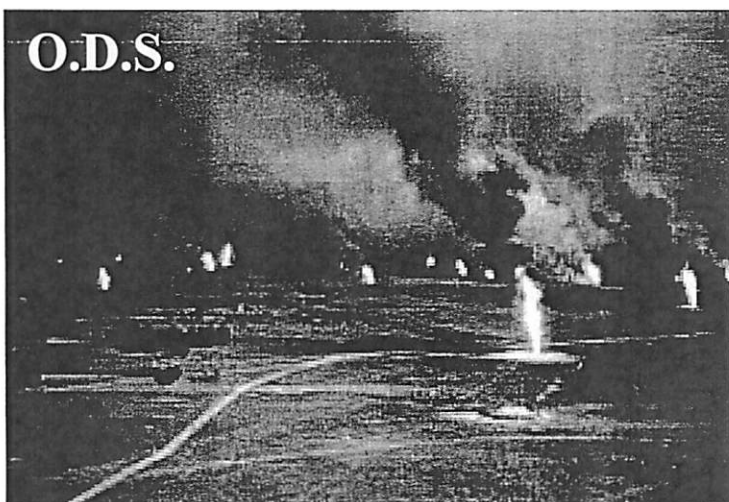
BUSINESS CARD
\$25.00

VETERANS

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



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

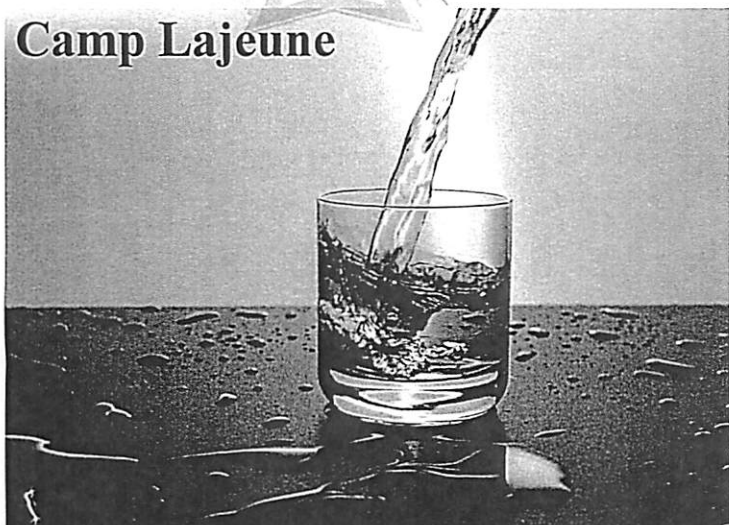


Military Burn Pits



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
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!

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

CONNECTICUT VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS Patriot's Golf Tournament

DATE: Monday September 24th, 2018

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

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 (\$350) 2 INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS, HOLE Signage _____

AIR FORCE SPONSOR (\$200) 1 INDIVIDUAL HOLE Signage _____

MARINE SPONSOR (\$100) WHOLE Signage _____

DONATION _____

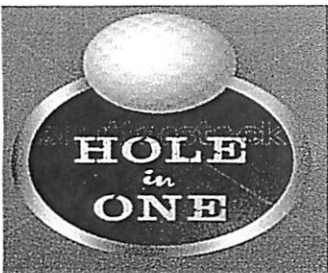


Richard DiFederico
Tournament Chairman
860-616-2363
rich@vfw.necoxmail.com

* Send Entry Forms &
Payment" to:

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

Phone:
860-616-2363



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

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.



Become a Veterans' Advocate.

Join the VFW Action Corps and receive the VFW Action Corps Weekly e-newsletter and all VFW Action Alerts.

www.vfw.org/ActionCorps

Join Us Online and Learn More About Our
Grassroots Advocacy:

- Receive weekly updates on the VFW's efforts in D.C.
- Be involved with pressing issues through Action Alerts.
- Track and communicate with your elected officials.

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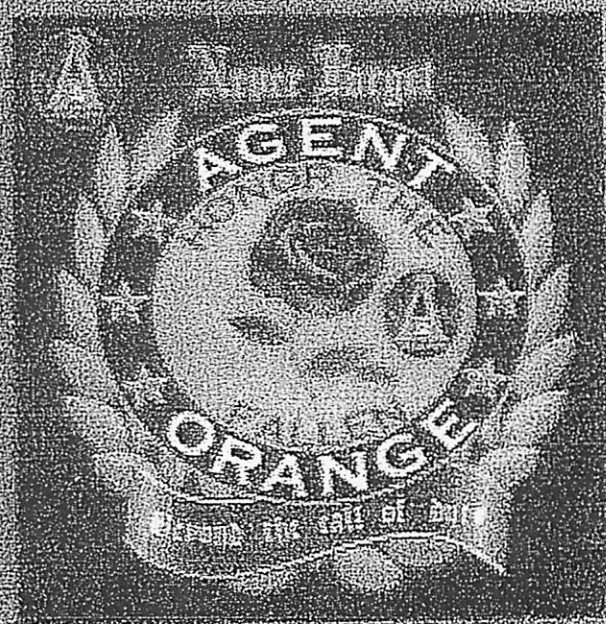
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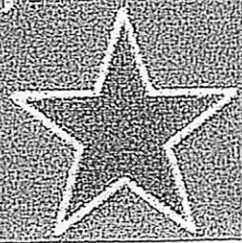
Viet Nam Veterans Agent Orange Memorial Unveiling Ceremony

Saturday May 26, 2018 11:00 am



Waterford Town Hall
Rope Ferry Rd
Waterford Ct. 06385

Presented by Waterford VFW Post 6573 Auxiliary





Open Invitation To:

First Responders, Veterans and Families, and the General Public

Free Seminar on Suicide Prevention

Saturday, May 19, 2018

9:00 am – 11:00 AM

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 511

41 Veterans Drive, New Britain, CT

Suicide prevention is everyone's business.

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, on average there are 123 suicides per day in the United States.

This includes the 22 veterans who commit suicide in communities across America.

These are sobering statistics, but you can help.

Come and join the discussion and learn what you can do to prevent yet another life lost.

Presenter:

Justine Ginsberg, RN Community Health Coordinator FVHD
& Director of Resilience Grows Here**

Written materials need to be prepared, so please RSVP by May 14 to:
lee@computersbylee.com or 860-798-3562.

**Resilience Grows Here (RGH) is a veteran's mental health initiative, funded by the Prevention Institute and Movember® Foundation. This seminar is open to any and all first responders or family members of anyone who might be at risk. You do not need to be associated with a veteran to participate in this free seminar.

Please join us - everyone is welcome.

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

"Catch the Dream for our Veterans"

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE DUTCH-TREAT DINNER



Join us as we welcome our National VFW Auxiliary
Senior Vice President Sandi Kreibel
on her visit to our Department Convention!!

Chowder Pot

Thursday, June 7th, 2018 at 7:00 PM

(if from Rocky Hill Sheraton, meet in the lobby no later than 6:30 PM)

165 Brainard Road

Hartford, CT 06114

Exit 27 off of I-91

- Going I-91N
 - Take a RIGHT off the ramp on to Brainard Road
 - Take a RIGHT into parking lot
- Going I-91S
 - Take a LEFT off the ramp on to Airport Road
 - Go to the end of the road, turn RIGHT on to Brainard Road
 - At stop light, go straight through to next light, turn RIGHT into our parking lot

Please RSVP to (860) 747-3465 or
email smessenger01@comcast.net
by June 3, 2018 so we can get a head count.