



CONVENTION BANQUET

SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2023 with dinner at 7:00 pm

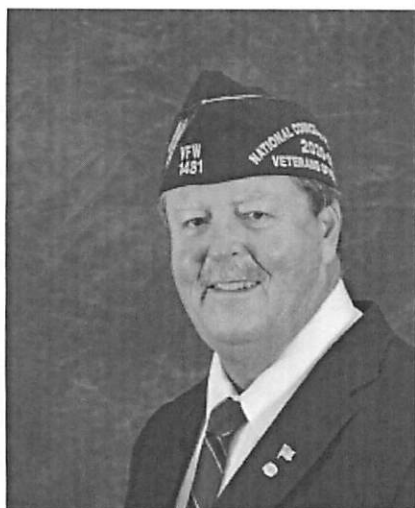
Cash Bar Cocktail Hour 6pm

In the Grand Ballroom of the

ROCKY HILL SHERATON HOTEL

100 CAPITAL BLVD

ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT



Special Guest Dennis Parizek
National Council Member and
State Adjutant/Quartermaster
Utah

Menu

Caesar Salad with Parmesan and
Pancetta Crisps
Your Choice of:

- *Prime Rib of Beef with a Horseradish Crust
- *Baked Cod with Fennel, Shallot, and Crumb Topping
- *Cheese Ravioli

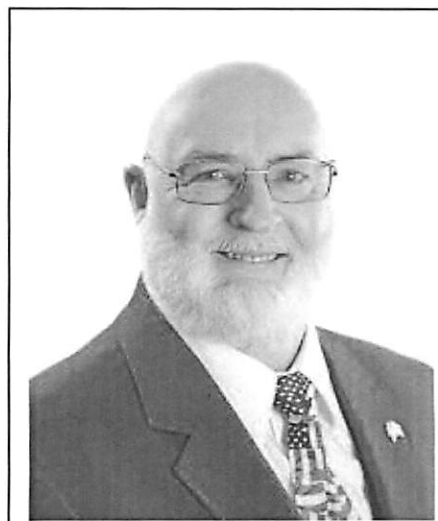
Accompanied With

Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
Chef's choice of Seasonal Vegetables
Fresh Baked Rolls w/Sweet Butter

Dessert: Blueberry Cheesecake

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated
Coffee and Specialty Teas

Bon Appetit



Special Guest Steven Dougherty
VFW Auxiliary National
Ambassador for Americanism

Price per person \$50.00 (Cheese Ravioli PRICE IS \$45.00pp)

Price per person \$50.00

BE SURE TO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY. DEAD LINE FOR TICKETS IS TUESDAY JUNE 6th, 2023
PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW AND MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT VFW AND MAIL TO:

Richard Difederico, SJVC Chairman

P.O. Box 429

Rocky Hill, Conn. 06067

Please reserve me _____ Tickets for the Departments 102nd Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Rocky Hill Sheraton Hotel.

Meal Choice/s: Prime Rib _____ Cod _____ Cheese Ravioli (PRICE IS \$45.00) _____

Please make my meal selection a Gluten Free Meal _____

NAME: _____ POST#: _____

STREET: _____ TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____

Check / Money Order for \$ _____ is enclosed.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT



102nd ANNUAL AWARDS BREAKFAST

SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2023 AT 8:30 am

This breakfast, is by ticket only and none will be sold at the door.

ROCKY HILL SHERATON HOTEL
100 CAPITAL BLVD
ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT



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BUFFET BREAKFAST MENU

Orange and Cranberry Juices
Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese
and Salsa
Breakfast Sausage
Homefries
Muffins
Whole Fresh Fruit
Fruit Preserves
Sweet Cream Butter
Coffee: Regular - Decaf and Tea

ENJOY



ALL OF THE MAJOR CONVENTION AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THIS BREAKFAST.
FOR THE 2022-23 ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR. BE SURE TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS EARLY

Teacher and Eagle Scout awards will also be presented.

Mail To:
Stanley Borusiewicz, Chairman
VFW Awards Breakfast
P.O. Box 429
Rocky Hill, Conn. 06067

Please reserve _____ tickets for the Departments 1012nd Annual Convention Awards Breakfast at \$25.00 each.

Please mail tickets to: Name _____ Post/Auxiliary _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____

Please do not use the old Buddy Poppy Form, this is the New Buddy Poppy Order Form.



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

BUDDY POPPY ORDER FORM



Date: _____

Post / AUX Name: _____ Post # : _____ City: _____

Name order is shipping to: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Contact Phone # _____

PLEASE BE ACCURATE: LIST NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE SUPPLIES CAN BE DELIVERED DURING THE DAY AND PLEASE BE SURE TO GIVE A STREET ADDRESS.

DATE OF DRIVE: _____

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE DATE IS FILLED IN. IT HELPS TO SPEED-UP DELIVERY OF YOUR ORDER.

BUDDY POPPIES (Per Thousand) \$133.00 Per _____

COIN CONTAINERS (Have to be ordered from the VFW Store)

VOLUNTEER BUTTONS (Have to be ordered from the VFW Store)

PLEASE WAIT TO BE BILLED BEFORE SENDING CHECK TO DEPARTMENT!

Name Ordering: _____ Post # _____ Membership Card Number : _____

PLEASE NOTE: Supplies and Poppies are shipped to the person listed above, and it is **IMPERATIVE** that a **STREET ADDRESS BE GIVEN FOR DELIVERY**. Most Poppy orders will be shipped via UPS, however for other items and some small poppy orders will be shipped via parcel Post. A Statement will be sent to the Post Quartermaster and will include the cost of supplies, plus shipping and handling as billed to Department Headquarters.

Order form to be emailed to: spct@vfw.necoxmail.com or mailed to: VFW Buddy Poppy or Call 860-616-2365

P.O. Box 429
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

ORDER 6 MONTHS BEFORE DRIVE
TO GUARANTEE DELIVERY!



TO: All Members
FROM: Mario Richards State Commander
RE: Council of Administration Meeting

The fourth scheduled Department Council of Administration Meeting of the 2022 - 2023 VFW administrative year, will be held on MONDAY APRIL 24, 2023 at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be held at the Harley P. Chase VFW Post 1265 -160 South Broad St, Pawcatuck, Connecticut. Phone (860) 599-2404

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 or stct@vfw.necoxmail.com

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

Dress is State Commander's Red shirt, casual slacks, (or with 3 button sport shirt if you do not have a Cmdrs. Shirt) and VFW cap. NO Dungarees Please.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 24th of April 2023.

Mario Richards

State Commander

OFFICIAL: For the Commander

Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz

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VFW
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.



Commander Charles M. Pickett District 2, Connecticut *President Kathrine Fleischauer*

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

LAST CALL

LAST CALL

*Delicious testimonial dinner honoring outgoing
 VFWCT2 Commander Pickett and Auxiliary
 President Fleischauer for their years of service.*

\$25 per person
 cash bar

Sunday | April | 16 | 2022
 VFW Post 7666 Guilford
 (104 Mill Rd., Guilford, CT)

2 p.m. reception
 3 p.m. dinner



- Purchase tickets before April 11, 2022 and check-in at door.
- Tables of seven may be reserved.
- Chef Larry Santamaria will prepare a buffet feast of lemon chicken, pot roast, baked ham, scalloped potatoes, stuffed shells, eggplant parmesan, sausage & peppers, mixed vegetable medley, garden salad, rolls, and cake with brief program to follow.
- Requested dress is Blues & Grays with ribbons, official Auxiliary uniform, or Sunday casual.



- VFWCT2 Testimonial Dinner tickets available online (<http://vfwct2.eventbrite.com>)
- OR send checks payable to "District 2 VFW" to:
 - Jack Leblanc, District 2 Quartermaster, 36 Patricia Lane, Naugatuck, CT 06770

Post/Aux: _____ Name: _____

Please reserve ____ tickets at \$25 each for \$_____ check amount.

September 7th 2023

Veterans of Foreign
Wars Annual Golf
Tournament

Event proceeds go to the
VFW

Veterans & Military Support
Program



Mohegan Sun

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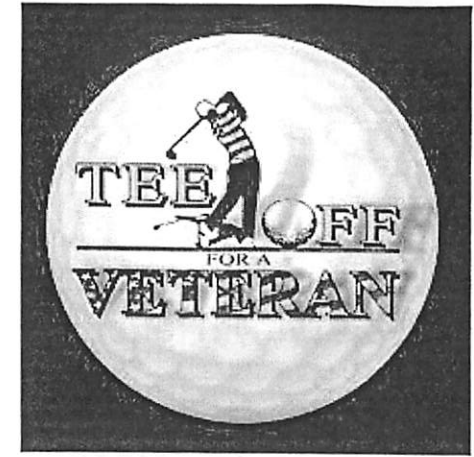
Mohegan Sun Country Club
at Pautipaug

7 Dows Ln, Baltic, CT 06330

Phone: (860) 862-9235



Department of Connecticut
Veteran of Foreign Wars
P.O. Box 429
Rocky Hill, CT. 06067



Veterans & Military
Support Program

Created in 2004 Unmet Needs assists military service members, veterans, and their families who are experiencing a financial hardship directly related to their military service. To date paid over 11k cases

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Annual Golf Tournament

Rain or Shine

September 7th 2023

Prizes will be awarded for

***Closest to the Pin**

***Low net**

***The Longest Drive**

***Bet The Commander 50/50**

***Putting Contest**

All proceeds are to be donated
to the
Veterans & Military Support
Program

All Donations are Tax
Deductible

Sponsor Application

Navy Sponsor-\$1400 4 Golfers, Tee sign

Air force Sponsor-\$1200 4 Golfers, Tee S
sign

Marine Sponsor-\$900 4 Golfers, Tee sign

Army Sponsor-\$700 2 Golfers, Tee sign

Coast Guard Sponsor- \$500 Tee sign

Tee Sponsor-\$400

Green Sponsor-\$350

Golf Cart Sponsor-\$200

Closest to the pin Sponsor-\$100

General Sponsor Any Amount

\$150 Entry Fee per Golfer

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsor Type: _____

Schedule of Events

8:00 am Registration

9:00 am Meeting With The
Golfers

10:00 am Golfing (Shotgun Start)

11:30 am Lunch: Choice of
Chicken Breast, Hamburgers
and Hotdogs

3:30 pm Dinner

Please Make Checks to Address
Below

Department of
Connecticut
Veterans of Foreign Wars
P.O. Box 429
Rocky Hill, CT. 06067

Phone: (860)616-2363

Email:
stct@vfw.necoxmail.com

Connecticut as of Saturday, April 1, 2023

City	Post	Dst	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	Need	City	Post	Dst	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	Need		
Division 3	356 to 749 Members							Division 10	51 to 67 Members								
OAKVILLE	7330	5	447	475	94.10%	3	28	WINDSOR	4740	3	58	56	103.57%	10	+2		
Division 4	246 to 355 Members							OLD LYME	1467	4	69	67	102.98%	10	+2		
STRATFORD	9460	1	315	310	101.61%	4	+5	SUFFIELD	9544	3	60	59	101.69%	10	+1		
JEWETT CITY	10004	4	242	249	97.18%	4	7	NORWALK	603	1	59	60	98.33%	10	1		
NEW BRITAIN	511	3	299	340	87.94%	4	41	EAST KILLINGLY	4908	4	55	56	98.21%	10	1		
Division 5	185 to 245 Members							NEW CANAAN	653	1	53	54	98.14%	10	1		
NAUGATUCK	1946	2	210	202	103.96%	5	+8	MADISON	2096	2	55	58	94.82%	10	3		
DANBURY	149	1	214	219	97.71%	5	5	CLINTON	9918	6	50	54	92.59%	10	4		
WALLINGFORD	591	2	170	192	88.54%	5	22	LEDYARD	4608	4	53	58	91.37%	10	5		
DEVON	7788	2	178	213	83.56%	5	35	Division 11	10 to 50 Members (31 to 50)								
NEW MILFORD	1672	5	157	192	81.77%	5	35	STAFFORD	9990	3	46	39	117.94%	11	+7		
Division 6	143 to 184 Members							WEST HAVEN	9422	2	34	31	109.67%	11	+3		
EAST HAMPTON	5095	6	187	169	110.65%	6	+18	HARTFORD	254	3	36	35	102.85%	11	+1		
WATERBURY	201	2	177	165	107.27%	6	+12	ANSONIA	597	2	40	40	100.00%	11	0		
PUTNAM	1523	4	175	170	102.94%	6	+5	SALEM	2774	4	35	36	97.22%	11	1		
MANCHESTER	2046	3	153	149	102.68%	6	+4	SOUTHBURY	1607	2	43	45	95.55%	11	2		
WINDSOR LOCKS	6123	3	144	144	100.00%	6	0	RIDGEFIELD	3052	1	19	20	95.00%	11	1		
WILLIMANTIC	1724	4	174	175	99.42%	6	1	SEYMOUR	12084	2	34	36	94.44%	11	2		
WESTPORT	399	1	145	147	98.63%	6	2	THOMPSON	10088	4	44	47	93.61%	11	3		
MYSTIC	3263	4	149	152	98.02%	6	3	STAMFORD	9617	1	41	44	93.18%	11	3		
PAWCATUCK	1265	4	171	177	96.61%	6	6	HEBRON	8776	3	41	44	93.18%	11	3		
CANAAN	6851	5	168	175	96.00%	6	7	EAST HADDAM	3336	6	35	38	92.10%	11	3		
MONTVILLE	10060	4	153	160	95.62%	6	7	TAFTVILLE	2212	4	29	32	90.62%	11	3		
NORWICH	594	4	158	173	91.32%	6	15	FAIRFIELD	9427	1	28	31	90.32%	11	3		
PRESTON	9452	4	146	182	80.21%	6	36	HAMDEN	10321	2	43	50	86.00%	11	7		
Division 7	112 to 142 Members							WATERBURY	7790	2	40	48	83.33%	11	8		
ROCKY HILL	2138	3	131	122	107.37%	7	+9	PORTLAND	6121	6	31	39	79.48%	11	8		
PLAINFIELD	5446	4	141	142	99.29%	7	1	CHESHIRE	10052	2	27	39	69.23%	11	12		
WOLCOTT	1979	2	121	125	96.80%	7	4	Division 11	10 to 50 Members (10 to 30)								
YALESVILLE	9965	2	111	118	94.06%	7	7	THOMASTON	572	5	27	26	103.84%	11	+1		
PLAINVILLE	574	3	108	117	92.30%	7	9	WEST WILLINGTON	938	3	26	26	100.00%	11	0		
OLD SAYBROOK	10153	6	117	127	92.12%	7	10	COVENTRY	10589	3	24	25	96.00%	11	1		
Division 8	88 to 111 Members							COS COB	10112	1	23	25	92.00%	11	2		
BROOKFIELD	10201	1	107	94	113.82%	8	+13	DURHAM	10169	6	10	11	90.90%	11	1		
AVON	3272	3	93	91	102.19%	8	+2	ESSEX	6726	6	27	30	90.00%	11	3		
NEW LONDON	189	4	105	104	100.96%	8	+1	BRIDGEPORT	10273	1	27	30	90.00%	11	3		
NOROTON	6933	1	102	105	97.14%	8	3	HIGGANUM	10690	6	27	30	90.00%	11	3		
WINSTED	296	5	96	99	96.96%	8	3	COLCHESTER	6990	4	20	23	86.95%	11	3		
MIDDLETOWN	583	6	85	90	94.44%	8	5	LAKEVILLE	9243	5	19	23	82.60%	11	4		
TRUMBULL	10059	1	93	99	93.93%	8	6										
BERLIN	10732	3	91	100	91.00%	8	9	Members at Large	15007	99	1346	1470	91.56%	1	124		
NEWTOWN	308	1	101	111	90.99%	8	10	State Totals			9496	9947	95.46%		451		
WATERTOWN	5157	5	85	98	86.73%	8	13										
Division 9	68 to 87 Members																
NEW HAVEN	12150	2	81	72	112.50%	9	+9										
PROSPECT	8075	2	80	74	108.10%	9	+6										
BRANFORD	12106	2	72	68	105.88%	9	+4										
NIANTIC	5849	4	84	80	105.00%	9	+4										
CANTERBURY	10688	4	78	76	102.63%	9	+2										
SIMSBURY	1926	3	78	77	101.29%	9	+1										
GUILFORD	7666	2	67	70	95.71%	9	3										
WATERFORD	6573	4	70	75	93.33%	9	5										
ELLINGTON	10689	3	64	70	91.42%	9	6										
EAST HARTFORD	2083	3	69	78	88.46%	9	9										

District Commander: District 1: John Kennedy

- Division Commander: 3. Post 7330 Michael Minervino
- Division Commander: 4. Post 9460 Steve Evangelista
- Division Commander: 5. Post 1946 Charles Barnsely
- Division Commander: 6. Post 5095 Quentin Walton
- Division Commander: 7. Post 2138 James Redick
- Division Commander: 8. Post 10201 Joseph Beal
- Division Commander: 9. Post 12150 Charles Pickett
- Division Commander: 10. Post 4740 Michael Bunk
- Division Commander (U): 11. Post 9990 Robert Titus Sr.
- Division Commander (L): 11. Post 572 Richard O'Connell

Connecticut as of Saturday, April 1, 2023

State	Post	Dst	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	Need
District Totals		1	1327	1349	98.36%	5	22
District Totals		6	569	588	96.76%	6	19
District Totals		3	1521	1572	96.75%	4	51
District Totals		4	2151	2234	96.28%	3	83
District Totals		2	1583	1646	96.17%	4	63
District Totals		5	999	1088	91.81%	5	89
District Totals		99	1346	1470	91.56%	4	124
State Totals			9496	9947	95.46%		451

Congratulationa to the 26 Posts that have attained their 100% or Better
 Also to the 10 Post Commanders leading their membership dixisions
 We only need a bit over 400 members to make Connecticut a 100% State
 With everyone pitching in to call their members that are unpaid, we can
 make it happen!! Thanks for your help in doing so.
 Mario Richards, State Commander

OVER

VFW DAY OF SERVICE



Dear VFW Leaders,

Last year, veterans across the country turned out in force to show how they are **#StillServing** during the first-ever VFW Day of Service. They united with one another and their communities to strengthen bonds and help neighbors.

It was amazing to see. Now, it's time to gear up for next year and do it all over again!

The second annual VFW Day of Service will kick off **May 6, 2023**. Last year, veterans everywhere participated. [See how your Department stacked up against the others.](#) We were blown away by the turnout, but we want to do even better in 2023 — and we need your help.

[Let Us Know You're In](#)

We're challenging you and your members to help make VFW Day of Service 2023 even bigger! Help us get the word out to VFW Posts and veterans in your state, and encourage them to participate.

Let's show America all the different ways veterans are **#StillServing** their nation.

We'll be in touch with more details and ideas for joining us for VFW Day of Service 2023. Thanks for helping us gear up for another successful nationwide event!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

[SHARE YOUR STORY](#)

[POST TO SOCIAL](#)



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
CONVENTION BUDDY POPPY DISPLAY
OPEN TO ALL VFW POSTS AND AUXILIARY UNI



RULES

Displays will be presented and judged in Three categories:

- CATEGORY 1. Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign.** (Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)
- (a) Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW Buddy Poppy.
 - (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.
- CATEGORY 2. Memorial or Inspirational Displays.** (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)
- (a) Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy.
 - (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.
- CATEGORY 3. Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies.** (Post Home displays, table center-pieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)
- (a) Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.
 - (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

Post or Auxiliary name, number or city may not be visible on the displays. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

101st ANNUAL CONVENTION BOOK

TO: ALL UNITS
FROM: RON RUSKO, CHAIRMAN
CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK

ALL POSTS AND AUXILIARIES ARE ASKED TO PLEASE PURCHASE ADVERTISING SPACE IN THE ANNUAL CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK. ONLY VFWs AND AUXILIARIES CAN RECEIVE THESE PRICES. ANY ADS FOR BUSINESSSES 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 SIDEOF 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 9, 2022

FULL PAGE
\$150

HALF PAGE
\$75.00

QUARTER PAGE
\$50.00

BUSINESS CARD
\$25.00