



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

The Third scheduled Department Council of Administration Meeting of the 2022 - 2023 VFW administrative year, will be held on MONDAY – 30, JANUARY 2023 at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be held at the Fowler-Dix-Park = VFW Post, 20 North Maple St, East Hampton, Connecticut. Phone (860) 267-8837

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 down sport shirt if you do not have a Cmdrs. Shirt) and VFW cap. NO Dungarees or shorts Please.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 30th of January 2023.

Mario Richards

State Commander

OFFICIAL: For the Commander

Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz

Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz State Adjutant/Quartermaster

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

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From the desk of the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster

TO ALL: Post Commanders, Quartermasters and Adjutants.

The National By-Laws mandate that the nomination of post officers will take place in the month of March, with the post elections taking place in April.

Once your post officers have been elected, the person given the responsibility to file the Post Election Report should enter it online at vfw.org If for some reason no-one in your post can enter it online or you normally send it by mail, PLEASE call the Department and we will do it for you as mailing it takes a long time before it gets posted.

We only require the member #s of the post officers and the office they were elected or appointed to.

PLEASE REMEMBER that if you file the report online or decide to mail it to national in MARCH, it will not be accepted by national and you will be required to re file it in April.

Our, and nationals mailing lists and directories are taken from your Post Election Reports, so it is very important that it be complete and correct.

Thank you for your attention to this important post function.

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If you are not receiving the daily department e-mails PLESASE send an e-mail to stct@vfw.necoxmail.com You will then receive timely up to date VFW information from the department, national and others that are deemed in the best interest of the VFW and its Posts. We **DO NOT** send any jokes, funny cartoons or e-mails not related to our concerns or VFW Business and we do not want to receive them either. Send an e-mail today to get on board.

Connecticut as of Wednesday, January 4, 2023

City	Post	Dist	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	Need	City	Post	Dist	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	Need
Division 3 356 to 749 Members								Division 10 51 to 67 Members							
OAKVILLE	7330	5	417	475	87.78%	3	58	OLD LYME	1467	4	68	67	101.49%	10	+1
Division 4 246 to 355 Members								Division 11 (Upper) 10 to 50 members (10 to 50)							
STRATFORD	9460	1	296	310	95.48%	4	14	HARTFORD	254	3	35	35	100.00%	11	0
JEWETT CITY	10004	4	230	249	92.36%	4	19	ANSONIA	597	2	40	40	100.00%	11	0
NEW BRITAIN	511	3	279	340	82.05%	4	61	STAFFORD	9990	3	38	39	97.43%	11	1
Division 5 185 to 245 Members								Division 11 (Lower) 10 to 50 members (10 to 50)							
NAUGATUCK	1946	2	206	202	101.98%	5	+4	THOMASTON	572	5	27	26	103.84%	11	+1
DANBURY	149	1	211	219	96.34%	5	8	WEST WILLINGTON	938	3	26	26	100.00%	11	0
WALLINGFORD	591	2	155	192	80.72%	5	37	RIDGEFIELD	3052	1	19	20	95.00%	11	1
DEVON	7788	2	168	213	78.87%	5	45	COS COB	10112	1	23	25	92.00%	11	2
NEW MILFORD	1672	5	148	192	77.08%	5	44	DURHAM	10169	6	10	11	90.90%	11	1
Division 6 143 to 184 Members								District Totals							
MANCHESTER	2046	3	153	149	102.68%	6	+4	State Total			8869	9947	89.16%		1078
EAST HAMPTON	5095	6	168	169	99.40%	6	1								
WILLIMANTIC	1724	4	168	175	96.00%	6	7								
WINDSOR LOCKS	6123	3	138	144	95.83%	6	6								
MONTVILLE	10060	4	149	160	93.12%	6	11								
WESTPORT	399	1	135	147	91.83%	6	12								
MYSTIC	3263	4	138	152	90.78%	6	14								
PAWCATUCK	1265	4	159	177	89.83%	6	18								
NORWICH	594	4	154	173	89.01%	6	19								
WATERBURY	201	2	145	165	87.87%	6	20								
PUTNAM	1523	4	136	170	80.00%	6	34								
CANAAN	6851	5	136	175	77.71%	6	39								
PRESTON	9452	4	139	182	76.37%	6	43								
Division 7 112 to 142 Members								Division 9 68 to 87 Members							
ROCKY HILL	2138	3	122	122	100.00%	7	0	NEW HAVEN	12150	2	76	72	105.55%	9	+4
WOLCOTT	1979	2	119	125	95.20%	7	6	PROSPECT	8075	2	77	74	104.05%	9	+3
PLAINFIELD	5446	4	128	142	90.14%	7	14	NIANTIC	5849	4	83	80	103.75%	9	+3
YALESVILLE	9965	2	104	118	88.13%	7	14	CANTERBURY	10688	4	78	76	102.63%	9	+2
PLAINVILLE	574	3	102	117	87.17%	7	15	SIMSBURY	1926	3	77	77	100.00%	9	0
OLD SAYBROOK	10153	6	94	127	74.01%	7	33	GUILFORD	7666	2	64	70	91.42%	9	6
Division 8 88 to 111 Members								District Totals							
BROOKFIELD	10201	1	96	94	102.12%	8	+2	State Total			8869	9947	89.16%		1078
AVON	3272	3	88	91	96.70%	8	3								
NOROTON HEIGHTS	6933	1	98	105	93.33%	8	7								
WINSTED	296	5	92	99	92.92%	8	7								
MIDDLETOWN	583	6	82	90	91.11%	8	8								
NEW LONDON	189	4	94	104	90.38%	8	10								
BERLIN	10732	3	89	100	89.00%	8	11								
NEWTOWN	308	1	96	111	86.48%	8	15								
WATERTOWN	5157	5	84	98	85.71%	8	14								
TRUMBULL	10059	1	83	99	83.83%	8	16								

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 2046 Arthur Thompson
- 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 1467 Richard Mason
- Division Commander (U): 11. Post 254 Edward Mularkey Jr.
- Division Commander (L): 11. Post 572 Richard O'Connell

Connecticut as of Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Post	Dist	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	Need
District Totals	1	1248	1349	92.51%	5	101
District Totals	3	1435	1572	91.28%	4	137
District Totals	4	2008	2234	89.88%	3	226
District Totals	2	1467	1646	89.12%	4	179
District Totals	6	517	588	87.92%	6	71
District Totals	5	923	1088	84.83%	5	165
District Totals	99	1271	1470	86.46%	4	199
State Total		8869	9947	89.16%		1078

Congratulations to our 2022-23 Winners. Remember if you have not sent in what you have done/spent on the VOD or PP programs to Department, you will not get credit for it. Ron

2023 VOD AND PP STATE WINNERS

Voice of Democracy

Sponsored By

1	Jared W. Lessing	603 Norwalk	Second Place
2	Katherine Farrell	1607 Southbury	Third Place
3	Bradford DeVillier	9544 Suffield	
4	Sidhaarth K. Bulusu	4608 Ledyard	First Place
5	Sarena Kate Doot	296 Winsted and Auxiliary	
6	Nicholas Chunko	5095 East Hampton and Auxiliary	

Patriots Pen

1	Audrey Englert	149 Danbury and Auxiliary	
2	Marlo Gabriele	1607 Southbury	Second Place
3	<u>Danesh Raza</u>	<u>2138 Rocky Hill</u>	
4	<u>Isabella S. Ruta</u>	<u>4608 Ledyard</u>	First Place
5	<u>Matthew James Barbieri</u>	<u>7330 Oakville and Auxiliary</u>	Third Place
6	Cody Pennington	<u>10153 Old Saybrook and Auxiliary</u>	



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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.



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

- 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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 twitter.com/vfwhq

 [youtube.com/vfwwids](https://www.youtube.com/vfwwids)



Veterans Hotline – (800) 273-8255 (TALK)

To ensure veterans with mental health crises have immediate access to trained coordinators, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has established a 24-hour national Suicide Prevention Hotline, manned by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Veterans in crisis can call 1-800-273-TALK, (1-800-273-8255) press option #1, and be linked to the Veterans Crisis Line and a crisis intervention professional. Hotline staff provide immediate help and will link callers to mental health services, including suicide prevention coordinators located at every VA medical center.

Veterans Online Chat:

“Chat” live online with a crisis counselor. The online chat service is available 24/7. [Click here](#) and then click on the “Veterans Chat” link.

or send a text message to **838255** to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from the Veterans Crisis Line.

General Questions About VA Medical Benefits:

Veterans who are not in crisis, but who have questions about medical benefits or who need information about their closest VA medical facility should

- [How We Help](#)
- [Signs of Crisis](#)
- [Resources and Support](#)
- [About](#)

24/7, confidential crisis support

for Veterans and their loved ones

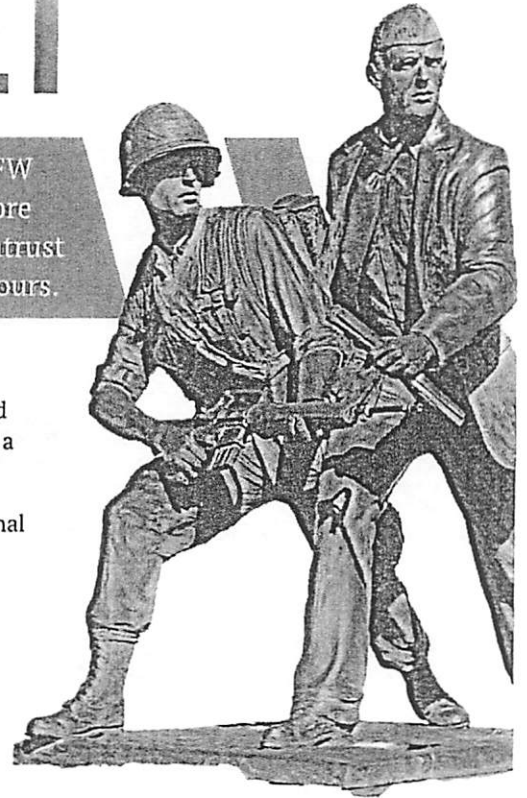
You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to connect.

Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one?

You're not alone—the Veterans Crisis Line is here for you. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to call.

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 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.



THE VFW'S VITAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Educate separating service members about their well-earned VA benefits through private benefits counseling sessions with a VFW Service Officer.

Provide training to 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.

Deliver morale-boosting "welcome home" celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.

2,000+

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

\$10.65 million

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 2,372 veterans and service members through VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" since January 2014.

\$10 billion

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits.

66

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

28

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.

\$3.2 million

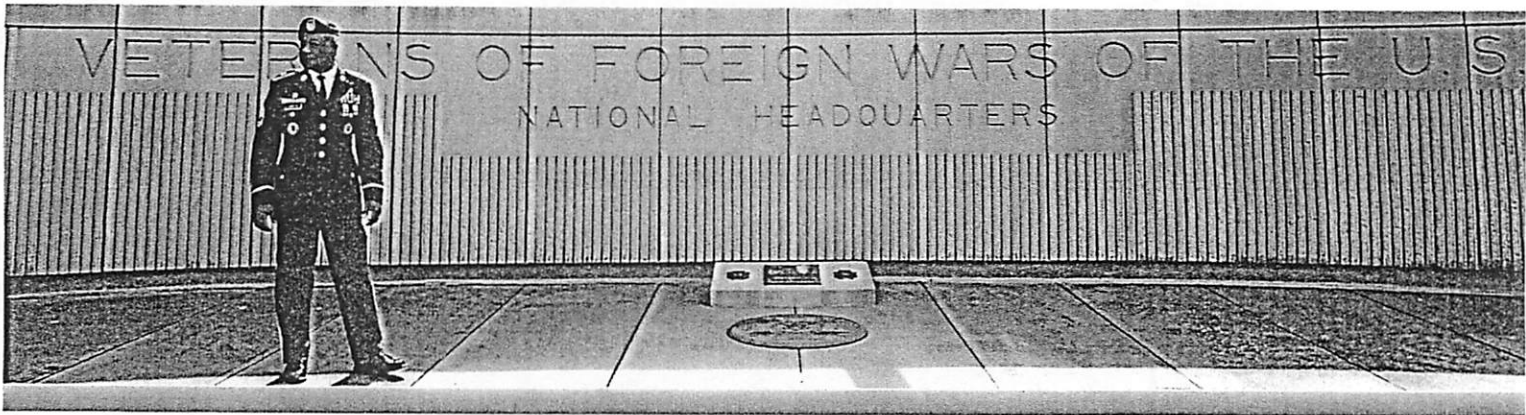
Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

\$12.6 million+

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 45% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

3.4 million+

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



The VFW by the numbers

1.5 million

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

5,755

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



Helping struggling military families

11,216

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

\$5,631,271

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

3,869

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



Cutting red tape

100,000

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2021.

Nearly 12,000

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2021 resulting in more than \$152 million in disability compensation.

20+

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



1899

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



Improving life in America

5.3 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$52.2 million

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



Inspiring patriotism in young people

25,000+

Number of high school students who competed in the 2021-22 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

72,000+

Number of students who competed in the 2021-22 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.



September 7th 2023

Veterans of Foreign Wars Annual Golf Tournament

Event proceeds go to the VFW Veterans & Military Support Program



Mohegan Sun

INVITATIONAL Mohegan Sun Country Club at Pautipaug

7 Dows Ln, Baltic, CT 06330

Phone: (860) 862-9235



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Veteran of Foreign Wars
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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



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
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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
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