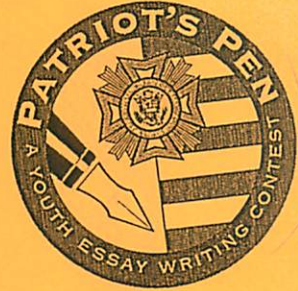


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Our Special Guest for the Dinner will be Past Commander-in-Chief John Biedrzycki Jr.

Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Annual Awards Dinner

SUNDAY JANUARY 13, 2019, Starts Promptly At 12:45pm

**IN THE GRAND BALLROOM OF THE ROCKY HILL
SHERATON HOTEL CAPITAL BLVD - ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT**

\$20.00 per person

The winners of the 48th Annual State Voice of Democracy and Youth Essay and Teacher of the Year Programs will be announced at this Dinner. We need your cooperation to make this a Huge Success. Please make checks payable to THE DEPT. OF CT VFW or just VFW and mail with the reservation form below to: RICH DIFEDERICO, CHAIRMAN - P.O. BOX 429 - ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT 06067

Buffett Menu

*Plated (pre-set) Caesar Salad - Roast Sirloin of Beef with Homemade Brown Gravy
Traditional Mashed Potatoes - Roasted Carrots - Rolls - Butter - Coffee - Tea
Desert - Tiramisu*

Please send me _____ Tickets to the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Awards

NAME: _____ STREET: _____ TOWN: _____

ZIP _____ CHECK/MONEY ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ IS ENCLOSED.

Deadline for tickets is Wednesday January 9, 2019

Holiday Greetings From us to you



*James Delancy
Commander*

*David Greene
Sr. Vice Cmdr.*

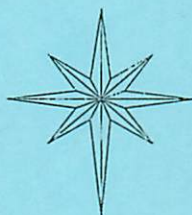
*Kenneth Hartline
Jr. Vice Cmdr.*

*Elmer Preston
Chaplain*

*Roberty Bailey
Judge Advocate*

*Louis Carillo
Surgeon*

*Rusty Meek
Chief of Staff*



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Have a great Holiday Season!!



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND ITS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT



TO: ALL POSTS & AUXILIARIES

FROM: JAMES DELANCY AND
STATE COMMANDER

LAURA ALLEN
STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Christmas is fast approaching and it is time for us to start making plans for our holiday visits to our hospitalized Veterans at the West Haven, Newington and Rocky Hill Hospitals.

State Surgeon, Lou Carillo and State Auxiliary Hospital Chairman, Judith Barnes, ask that as many of the VFW and Auxiliary members as possible join in bringing cheer to our hospitalized Veterans during the holiday season, by attending one of our visits which are listed below.

*****NOTICE NEW DAYS, ROCKY HILL ON MONDAY AND WEST HAVEN ON FRIDAY*****

MONDAY - DECEMBER 10th ---

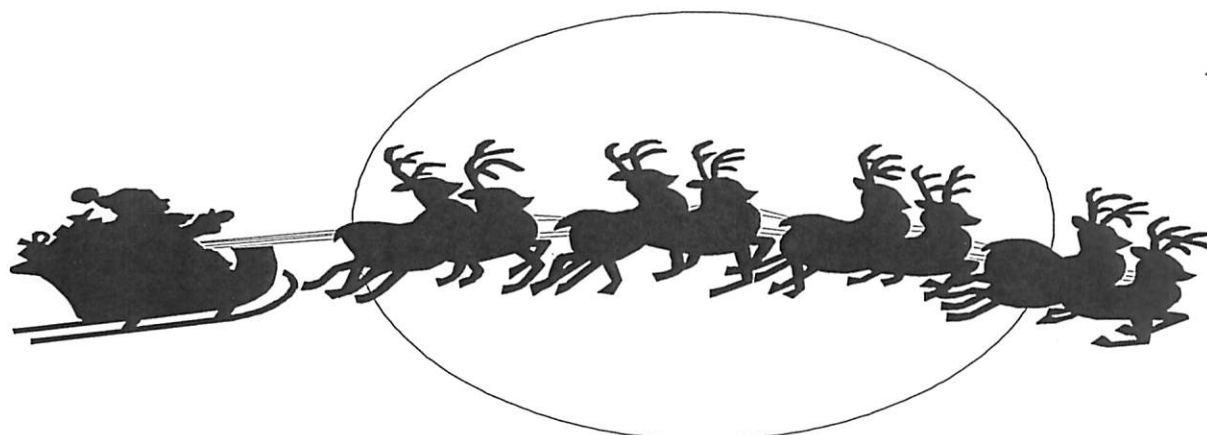
ROCKY HILL STATE VETERANS' HOME
AT 6:30pm
MEET IN THE MAIN LOBBY
OF THE NEW BUILDING BEHIND THE OLD
HOSPITAL.

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 14TH ---

WEST HAVEN Campus of VA CT
AT 6:30pm.
MEET IN THE MAIN LOBBY
OF BUILDING TWO (Emergency Entrance)

NEWINGTON Campus of VA CT Connecticut Healthcare System, WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF BY V.A.V.S. REPRESENTATIVES JOHN SCHMIDT, DORIS LAFERRIERE AND THE V.A.V.S. TEAM.

Please remember we have an obligation to our hospitalized Veterans to bring them a bit of cheer, especially at this time of year.





DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT VFW
AND ITS AUXILIARY



TO: ALL POSTS AND AUXILIARIES

FROM: JAMES DELANCY, STATE COMMANDER
LAURA ALLEN, STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members; As we once again approach this blessed and joyous holiday season we would like you to help in remembering those Veterans who are in the Rocky Hill Veterans Home and the Newington and West Haven Veterans Hospitals.

We can make their holiday a bit brighter, with your help, by providing a gift to each one of them.as we have in past years.

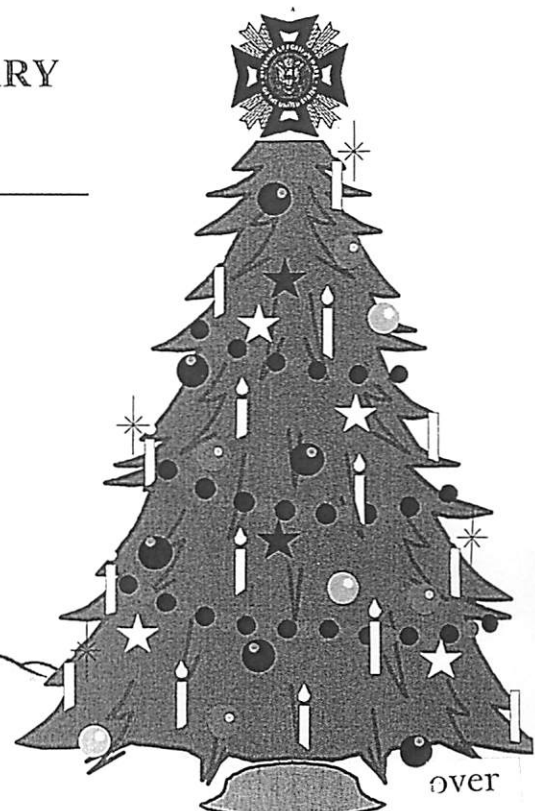
Your Posts and Auxiliaries can send donations to support this effort. Please make your checks payable to the Department of Connecticut VFW and please mail to: Ron Rusko, QM - P.O. BOX 429 Rocky Hill, Ct. 06067

NAME AND NUMBER OF YOUR POST OR AUXILIARY



Thank you!

Jim & Laura



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JIM DELANCY, STATE COMMANDER

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS AS OF

10/30/2018

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DIV 7	5 POSTS	D#	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-	DIV 9	10 POSTS	D#	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-
9422	WEST HAVEN	2	66	62	93.94%	-4	2774	SALEM	4	35	35	100.00%	0
597	ANSONIA	2	60	50	83.33%	-10	10690	HIGGANUM	6	41	37	90.24%	-4
1926	SIMSBURY	3	57	47	82.46%	-10	10112	COS COB	1	42	35	83.33%	-7
10321	HAMDEN	2	61	43	70.49%	-18	3336	EAST HADDAM	6	44	36	81.82%	-8
9990	STAFFORD SPRING	3	63	37	58.73%	-26	10466	SHELTON	1	43	34	79.07%	-9
9544	SUFFIELD	3	64	37	57.81%	-27	6990	COLCHESTER	4	35	26	74.29%	-9
							6121	PORTLAND	6	44	31	70.45%	-13
DIV 8	18 POSTS	D#	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-	1840	MIDDLETOWN	D#	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-
10362	MIDDLEFIELD	6	51	46	90.20%	-5	10589	COVENTRY	3	36	23	63.89%	-13
4608	LEDYARD	4	48	43	89.58%	-5							
2212	TAFTVILLE	4	45	40	88.89%	-5							
8776	HEBRON	3	45	39	86.67%	-6	DIV 10	18 POSTS	D#	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-
1607	SOUTH BURY	2	52	45	86.54%	-7	10169	DURHAM	6	22	23	104.55%	1
9836	NEWINGTON	3	46	38	82.61%	-8	938	WEST WILLINGTON	3	28	28	100.00%	0
6726	ESSEX	6	46	38	82.61%	-8	572	THOMASTON	5	27	26	96.30%	-1
10201	BROOKFIELD	1	47	36	76.60%	-11	3052	RIDGEFIELD	1	19	18	94.74%	-1
10251	SOUTH WINDSOR	3	47	35	74.47%	-12	9856	CORNWALL	5	17	15	88.24%	-2
10273	BRIDGEPORT	1	46	34	73.91%	-12	10190	GEORGETOWN	1	25	21	84.00%	-4
12084	SEYMOUR	2	51	34	66.67%	-17	935	BETHEL	1	25	20	80.00%	-5
10052	CHESHIRE	2	53	35	66.04%	-18	1009	BLOOMFIELD	3	32	23	71.88%	-9
							9243	LAKEVILLE	5	16	7	43.75%	-9

DISTRICT #	2018	2019	% NOW	+/-
DISTRICT 4	2797	2411	86.20%	-386
DISTRICT 1	1956	1639	83.79%	-317
DISTRICT 3	2285	1905	83.37%	-380
DISTRICT 5	1394	1123	80.56%	-271
DISTRICT 6	817	636	77.85%	-181
DISTRICT 2	2326	1707	73.39%	-619
AT LARGE	13410	10952	81.67%	-2458
TOTALS	24985	20373	81.54%	-4612

DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE MONTH
Dominic Cortese DISTRICT 4

<u>DIVISION COMMANDER OF THE MONTH</u>		
DIV 1	Steve-Evangelista	9460 STRATFORD
DIV 2	Paul-Scappaticci	2046 MANCHESTER
DIV 3	George-Baldwin	9452 PRESTON
DIV 4	Roger-Ochs	2083 EAST HARTFORD
DIV 5	William-D'Appollonio	10688 CANTERBURY
DIV 6	John-Barnas	254 HARTFORD
DIV 7	Freddy-Jackson	9422 WEST HAVEN
DIV 8	Robert-Malcolm	10362 MIDDLEFIELD
DIV 9	Robert-Green	2774 SALEM
DIV 10	Charles-Arrigoni	10169 DURHAM

<u>COMPARATIVE FIGURES</u>			
	6/30/17	06/30/18	
LIFE	9985	9547	
NEW	254	77	
REINSTATES	84	21	
<u>CONTINUOUS</u>	<u>3911</u>	<u>1307</u>	
TOTALS	14234	10952	76.94%

JIM DELANCY, STATE COMMANDER
10/30/2018

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS AS OF

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<u>DIV 1</u>	<u>2 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>DIV 4</u>	<u>8 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>
9460	STRATFORD	1	435	362	83.22%	-73	2083	EAST HARTFORD	3	106	114	107.55%	8
7330	OAKVILLE	5	685	564	82.34%	-121	5849	NIANTIC	4	98	94	95.92%	-4
							145	BRIDGEPORT	1	111	105	94.59%	-6
<u>DIV 2</u>	<u>11 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>	603	NORWALK	1	100	94	94.00%	-6
2046	MANCHESTER	3	222	208	93.69%	-14	6933	NOROTON HEIGHTS	1	140	128	91.43%	-12
1724	WILLIMANTIC	4	239	214	89.54%	-25	189	NEW LONDON	4	139	126	90.65%	-13
594	NORWICH	4	213	187	87.79%	-26	308	NEWTOWN	1	128	112	87.50%	-16
10060	MONTVILLE	4	212	186	87.74%	-26	574	PLAINVILLE	3	137	117	85.40%	-20
10004	JEWETT CITY	4	309	264	85.44%	-45	10732	BERLIN	3	133	113	84.96%	-20
9965	YALESVILLE	2	201	170	84.58%	-31	10689	ELLINGTON	3	110	93	84.55%	-17
5095	EAST HAMPTON	6	203	170	83.74%	-33	8075	PROSPECT	2	106	86	81.13%	-20
9929	WEST HARTFORD	3	247	204	82.59%	-43	6851	CANAAN	5	153	113	73.86%	-40
1265	PAWCATUCK	4	215	176	81.86%	-39	5157	WATERTOWN	5	124	91	73.39%	-33
3263	MYSTIC	4	218	178	81.65%	-40	3272	AVON	3	140	102	72.86%	-38
149	DANBURY	1	300	241	80.33%	-59	7666	GUILFORD	2	101	71	70.30%	-30
1672	NEW MILFORD	5	220	175	79.55%	-45							
7788	DEVON	2	284	221	77.82%	-63	<u>DIV 5</u>	<u>14 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>
511	NEW BRITAIN	3	221	163	73.76%	-58	10688	CANTERBURY	4	83	79	95.18%	-4
591	WALLINGFORD	2	260	185	71.15%	-75	1467	OLD LYME	4	80	71	88.75%	-9
201	WATERBURY	2	203	140	68.97%	-63	2650	DANIELSON	4	92	77	83.70%	-15
1946	NAUGATUCK	2	320	197	61.56%	-123	10059	TRUMBULL	1	78	61	78.21%	-17
							4740	WINDSOR	3	79	60	75.95%	-19
<u>DIV 3</u>	<u>12 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>	9617	STAMFORD	1	83	63	75.90%	-20
9452	PRESTON	4	158	144	91.14%	-14	2096	MADISON	2	85	62	72.94%	-23
6123	WINDSOR LOCKS	3	173	156	90.17%	-17	9918	CLINTON	6	82	59	71.95%	-23
399	WESTPORT	1	185	165	89.19%	-20	12106	BRANFORD	2	94	53	56.38%	-41
2138	ROCKY HILL	3	161	140	86.96%	-21							
296	WINSTED	5	152	132	86.84%	-20	<u>DIV 6</u>	<u>14 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>
1523	PUTNAM	4	157	136	86.62%	-21	254	HARTFORD	3	73	77	105.48%	4
5446	PLAINFIELD	4	187	149	79.68%	-38	583	MIDDLETOWN	6	67	61	91.04%	-6
1979	WOLCOTT	2	176	131	74.43%	-45	4908	EAST KILLINGLY	4	73	60	82.19%	-13
10153	OLD SAYBROOK	6	181	111	61.33%	-70	653	NEW CANAAN	1	71	58	81.69%	-13
							10361	FARMINGTON	3	65	51	78.46%	-14
							12150	NEW HAVEN	2	75	56	74.67%	-19
							10088	THOMPSON	4	68	49	72.06%	-19
							9427	FAIRFIELD	1	78	52	66.67%	-26

DEPARTMENT AT LARGE

15007 HARTFORD 99 1835 1531 83.43% -304

Comrades, It's VERY disheartening to see us way in the bottom of the barrel in membership. We are #48 out of 54 departments. I know we can do much, much better than that. Our membership is what allows us to help all of those Veterans we help each and every year and fight for their rights on Capitol Hill. Loss of membership just reduces the help we can provide them with. I had Ron send an e-mail last week concerning two new challenges I have put into place. One is to get those posts in division ten to increase their members to move up into another division and the other is an offer of \$200.00 to the first person in CT to sign up 20 new members and a monetary reward to the runners up. Please put a little effort into your post membership programs and spending using the "Just 10 Minutes a week" will pay off. Thank you, Jim Delancy, State Commander

PATRIOT'S PEN REPORT FORM

POST #	AUXILIARY	NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS (need minimum of one)	NUMBER OF POST WINNERS ADVANCED (need min. of one)	MONETARY AWARDS	ADDL. MONEY EXPENDED

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VOICE OF DEMOCRACY REPORT FORM

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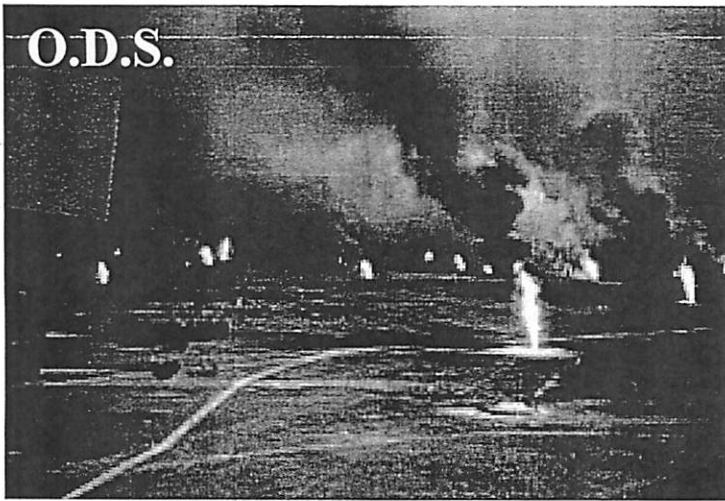
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VETERANS

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.

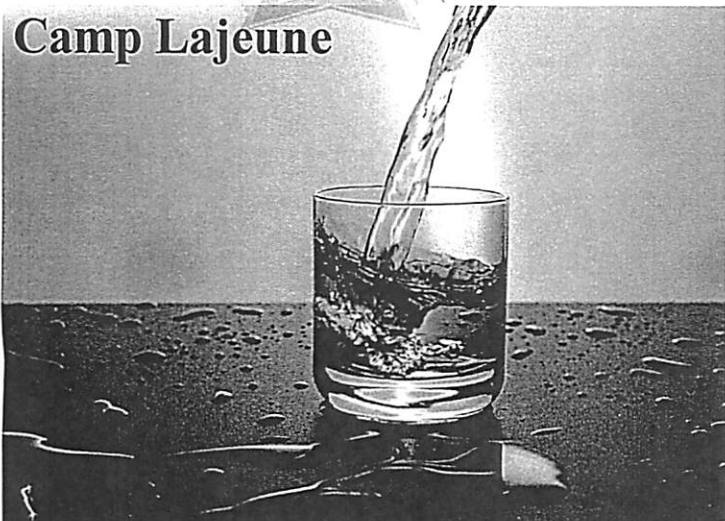


Military Burn Pits



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!

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I want to talk to the VFW State Service Officer about a claim.

My name

is: _____

My phone #

is: _____

My e-mail

is: _____



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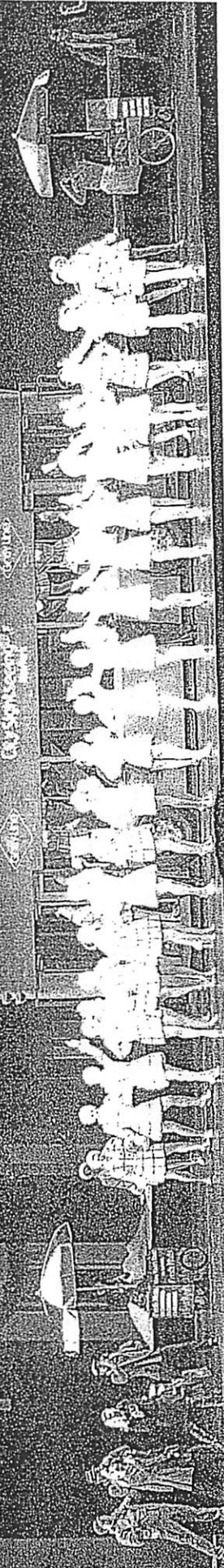
LAST CALL

MUSIC HALL RADIO CITY Music Hall RADIO CITY

MUSIC HALL RADIO CITY STARRING THE ROCKETTES

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

STARRING THE



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.

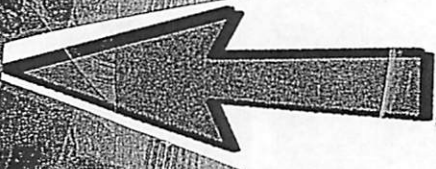
The show is on Wednesday December 5th at 11:00 am. Coffee and pastries/donuts will be served before we leave the VFW. We return around 3 pm. Food is available in the theatre (expensive), or in stores or from street vendors outside. See reverse side for our UP-FRONT seats. They are GREAT!! Our entire bus trip will be only \$105.00 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.**

Your also welcome to take the bus down, (Must pay for bus seat) stay in NY after the show, and return on your own.

**Over for seating
chart and payment
information.**

ONLY 8 SEATS LEFT AS OF October 31st. Call me if interested - 860-616-2363 BTW, the seats around us are selling for over \$200.00 each online.

OUR SEATS



LAST CALL

To reserve your seats. Any questions

NDW

call: (860) 616-2363

Payment is due