

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
TESTIMONIAL DINNER

HONORING

*State Commander, David Greene*

*State Aux. President, Rose Angelicola*

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2019

In the Grand Ballroom of the Rocky Hill Sheraton Hotel  
100 Capital Blvd - Rocky Hill, Ct.

\$45.00 PER-PERSON

LAST CALL

Our Special Guest is Commander-in-Chief William "Doc" Schmitz



Menu

Your Pre-Selected Choice of \*\* Choice New York Strip W/Steak Butter  
\*\*Seared Sea Bass in Lobster Dill Sauce \*\*Grilled Breast of Chicken (Bone in is Juicer) w/parmesan peppercorn butter.

Accompanied with:

\*\* Mystic Pear Salad w/Spiced Pecans, Grapes, Pear Slices, Crumpled Bleu Cheese and Dressing \*\* Cauliflower and Broccoli Medley \*\* Fingerling Potatoes Roasted w/ Parsley, Chives and Cilantro \*\*Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls and Sweet Butter \*\*Coffee - Decaf and Assorted Specialty Teas

- \*\*Dessert: Sweet Potato Maple Cheesecake
- Cash Bar Cocktail Hour at 12:00 Noon Dinner Served at 1:00 pm

LET'S HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EVERY POST AND AUXILIARY TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR OUR STATE COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT

PLEASE SEND ME \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT \$45.00 EACH.  
A CHECK FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ IS ENCLOSED.

POST / AUXILIARY # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

MY / OUR MEAL SELECTION(S) ARE: BEEF \_\_\_\_\_ FISH \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_  
VEGETARIAN \_\_\_\_\_ GLUTEN FREE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL TO:  
VFW QM  
P.O. BOX 429  
Rocky Hill, Ct.  
06067

Cutoff date to order your tickets is Wednesday October 16th



District Meeting Assignments  
2019-2020

District	Date	Time	Post	Location	Commander's Representative	Updates From	Notes
<b>January</b>							
1	Saturday, January 18, 2020	10:00 AM	308	Newtown			
2	Sunday, January 12, 2020	2:00 PM	1979	Wolcott			Commander Casual, Meal After Meeting
3	No Meeting						
4	No Meeting						
5	Friday, January 24, 2020	7:00 PM	7330	Oakville			
6	Thursday, January 16, 2020	7:00 PM	583/1840	Middletown			All Refreshments at 6:00 PM
<b>Febuary</b>							
1	No Meeting						
2	Sunday, February 09, 2020	2:00 PM	7788	Devon			B&G Testimonial Dinner
3	Saturday, February 08, 2020	9:00 AM	574	Plainville			B&G VOD/PP Awards Breakfast
4	Saturday, February 15, 2020	12:00 PM	1265	Pawcatuck			Blue & Grays Meal Before
5	Friday, February 28, 2020	7:00 PM	5157	Watertown			
6	No Meeting						All Refreshments at 6:00 PM
<b>March</b>							
1	Saturday, March 21, 2020	10:00 AM	10201	Brookfield			
2	Sunday, March 08, 2020	2:00 PM	591	Wallingford			Commander Casual, Meal After Meeting
3	No Meeting						
4	Friday, March 20, 2020	7:00 PM	10004	Jewett City			Blue & Grays Meal Before
5	Friday, March 27, 2020	7:00 PM	296	Winsted			
6	Thursday, March 19, 2020	7:00 PM	5095	East Hampton			All Refreshments at 6:00 PM
<b>April</b>							
1	No Meeting						
2	Sunday, April 19, 2020	2:00 PM	10321	Hamden			Commander Casual, Meal After Meeting
3	Saturday, April 18, 2020	10:00 AM	1926	Simsbury			Coffee Before at 9:30 AM, Lunch After
4	Friday, April 17, 2020	7:00 PM	5446	Plainfield			Blue & Grays Meal Before
5	Friday, April 24, 2020	7:00 PM	7330	Oakville			
6	Thursday, April 16, 2020	7:00 PM	10362	Rockfall			All Refreshments at 6:00 PM
<b>May</b>							
1	Saturday, May 16, 2020	10:00 AM	9427	Fairfield			
2	Sunday, May 17, 2020	2:00 PM	201	Waterbury			B&G District Convention & Memorial Service
3	Saturday, May 09, 2020	9:30 AM	6123	Wndosr Locks			B&G District Convention & Memorial Service, Election and Installation Officers
4	Saturday, May 16, 2020	12:00 PM	4606	Ledyard			B&G District Convention & Memorial Service Meal After
5	Friday, May 22, 2020	7:00 PM	6851	Caanan			
6	Thursday, May 21, 2020	7:00 PM	3336	Moodus			Installation Officers



## Department of Connecticut Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States

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

### URGENT AND IMPORTANT 2019-2020

#### DEPARTMENT SOLICITION FOR ADS FOR THE CONVENTION AD BOOK FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT VFW HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A PRIVATE CONCERN TO SOLICIT ADS FOR OUR CONVENTION AD BOOK THAT HELPS TO PAY FOR THE STATE CONVENTION. BECAUSE OF THAT, CONNECTICUT HAS THE LOWEST CONVENTION DELEGATE FEES IN THE COUNTRY.

OUR COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HAS GIVEN US PERMISSION TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM. YOU MIGHT BE RECEIVING CALLS FROM YOUR LOCAL TOWN MERCHANTS AS TO THE LEGITIMACY OF THIS PROGRAM. WE WILL BE USING YOUR POST AS A REFERENCE.

I CANNOT IMPRESS UPON YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROGRAM, AND I SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL CO-OPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT IN THIS VENTURE.

ALL POST MEMBERS AND ESPECIALLY EMPLOYEES THAT ANSWER THE POST PHONES, SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THIS COMPANY, CONSULT TELE – COMMUNICATIONS, REPRESENTS OUR ORGANIZATION. WHEN INQUIRIES ARE MADE REGARDING THIS COMPANY AS BEING LEGITIMATE, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT: 860- 616- 2363 OR TO PASS ON OUR PHONE NUMBER/S.

WE TRUST YOU WILL POST THIS NOTICE IN YOUR POST HOME AND INFORM ALL OF YOUR OFFICERS AND THOSE THAT NEED TO KNOW ESPECIALLY YOUR BARTENDERS, (IF YOU HAVE A CANTEEN) THAT ANSWER THE POST PHONE. PLEASE INFORM THE MEMBERS OF YOUR AUXILIARY AS WELL.

NO VFW POST WILL BE SOLICITED BY OUR VENDOR; ALL REQUESTS FOR CONVENTION ADS FROM OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES WILL COME FROM DEPARTMENT. MONIES RECEIVED FROM OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES WILL GO SOLELY TO OUR DEPARTMENT. NO VFW MONEY WILL GO TO THE VENDOR.

WE WILL AGAIN THIS YEAR ASK OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES TO PURCHASE ADS IN OUR CONVENTION BOOK. (Starting in January). BY DOING SO, WE THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE ADS.

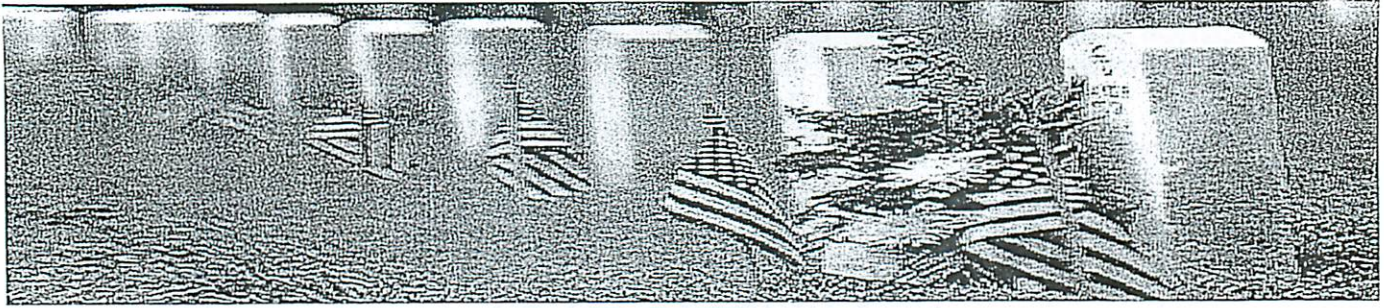
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ME AT HEADQUARTERS AT: (860) 616-2363.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION,

RON RUSKO, STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER



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## *Help honor our "Fallen Veterans"*

TO ALL:

Respect, Honor, and Remember those Veterans who are no longer with us

I have been contacted by Middletown VFW Post 583 of the Connecticut Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars to assist them in the notification about placement of approximately 10,000 Flags at the Veterans Cemetery located on Bow Lane in Middletown for Veterans Day.

As in past years, it is time again to remember and show respect to those Veterans that are no longer with us in honor of Veterans Day. The support from those who have assisted over the years is being asked to continue this honor to our Veterans once again.

VFW Post 583 is asking for help and assistance on **Saturday, November 9, 2019**, starting at 9:00am sharp at the Veterans Cemetery located on Bow Lane in Middletown to place approximately 10,000 American Flags to honor the Veterans that are laid to rest there.

**Veteran groups, Youth Groups, Public and Community Organizations, and individuals that would like to assist in honoring and remembering those Veterans who served our Country are welcome to show that their sacrifices are "NEVER FORGOTTEN".**

Youth groups are especially welcome to assist us in the placement of the flags.

Flags will be onsite and you do not need to register or call, just please show up by 8:30am for the 9:00am start time on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, RAIN OR SHIN, OR SNOW....

Requests to be able to personally place a flag on a love one's resting place at this time is nearly impossible to guarantee so anyone wishing to do so should place a Flag prior to November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO PRESENT CONSTRUCTION IN THE CEMETERY, A SMALL AREA MAY BE CLOSED OFF THAT DAY AND CEMETERY PERSONNEL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FLAG PLACEMENT THERE. NO PUBLIC ACCESS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THAT AREA THAT DAY.**

Flags will be removed November 16<sup>th</sup>, also starting at 9:00am and help will be needed for this also.

Please pass along this request to friends, family, Youth Groups, and Organizations you belong to for them to help us honor those who were willing to serve and fight for the rights and freedoms we enjoy today.

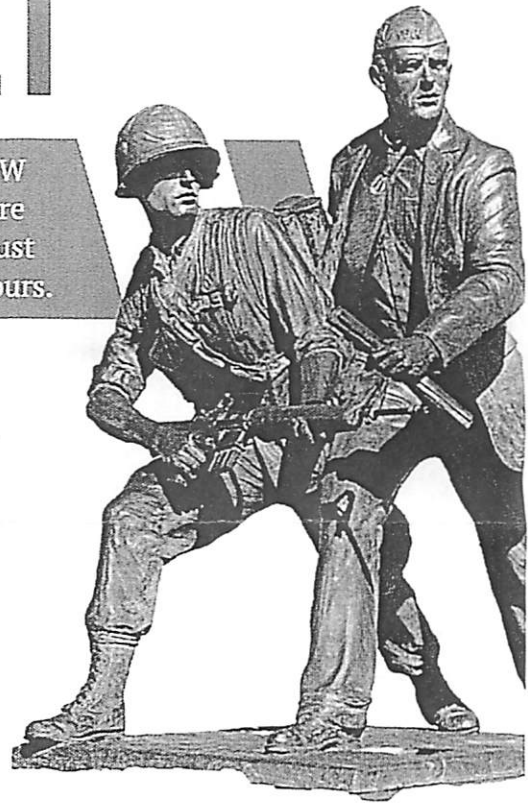
In the past we have had a tremendous turnout and hope this continues from the Community in volunteering to honor Veterans that are no longer with us but their sacrifices will always remain with us.

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# 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.

Updated December 2018

Learn more about the VFW's programs and services at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org).



**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**

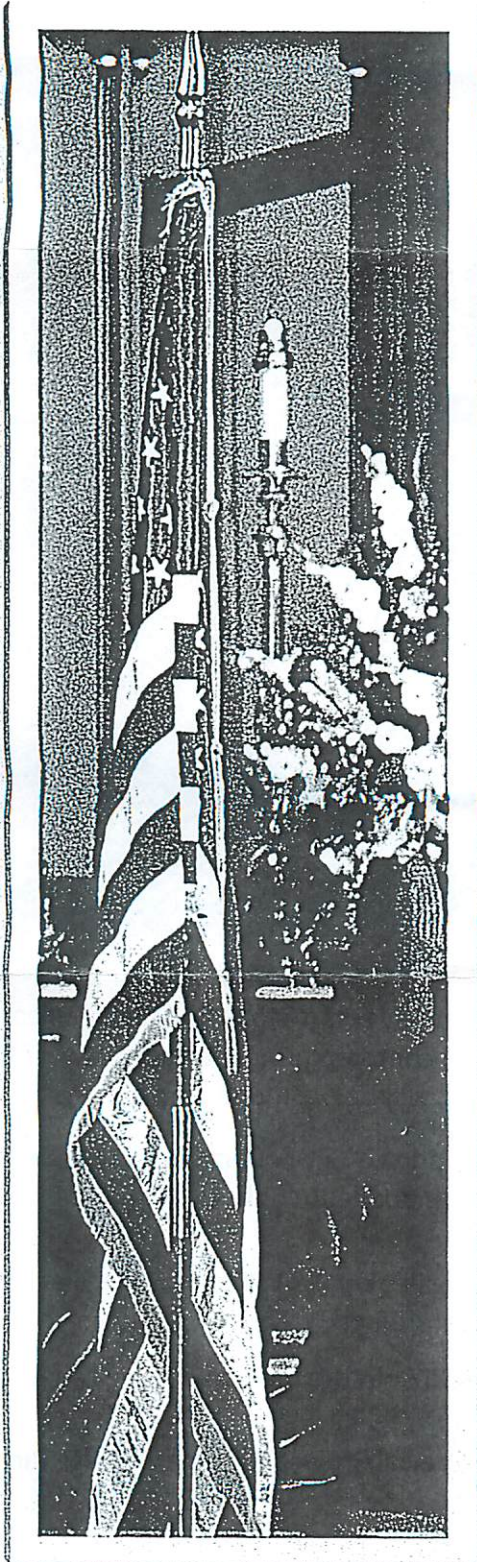
**33,000+**

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.

# 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RED, WHITE, & BLUE MASS



*For Active Duty, Retired & Reserve  
Personnel, Veterans, Veterans'  
Organizations & Auxiliaries of all Faiths*

*To honor our service women and  
men for their selfless dedication to  
God and country, to recognize their  
sacrifices and those of their  
families, and to commemorate  
those who have made the  
ultimate sacrifice.*

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at 10:15 a.m.**

*Cathedral of St. Patrick  
213 Broadway, Norwich, CT*

**Rev. Thomas Hoar, S.S.E.  
President, St. Edmund's Retreat  
Celebrant & Homilist**

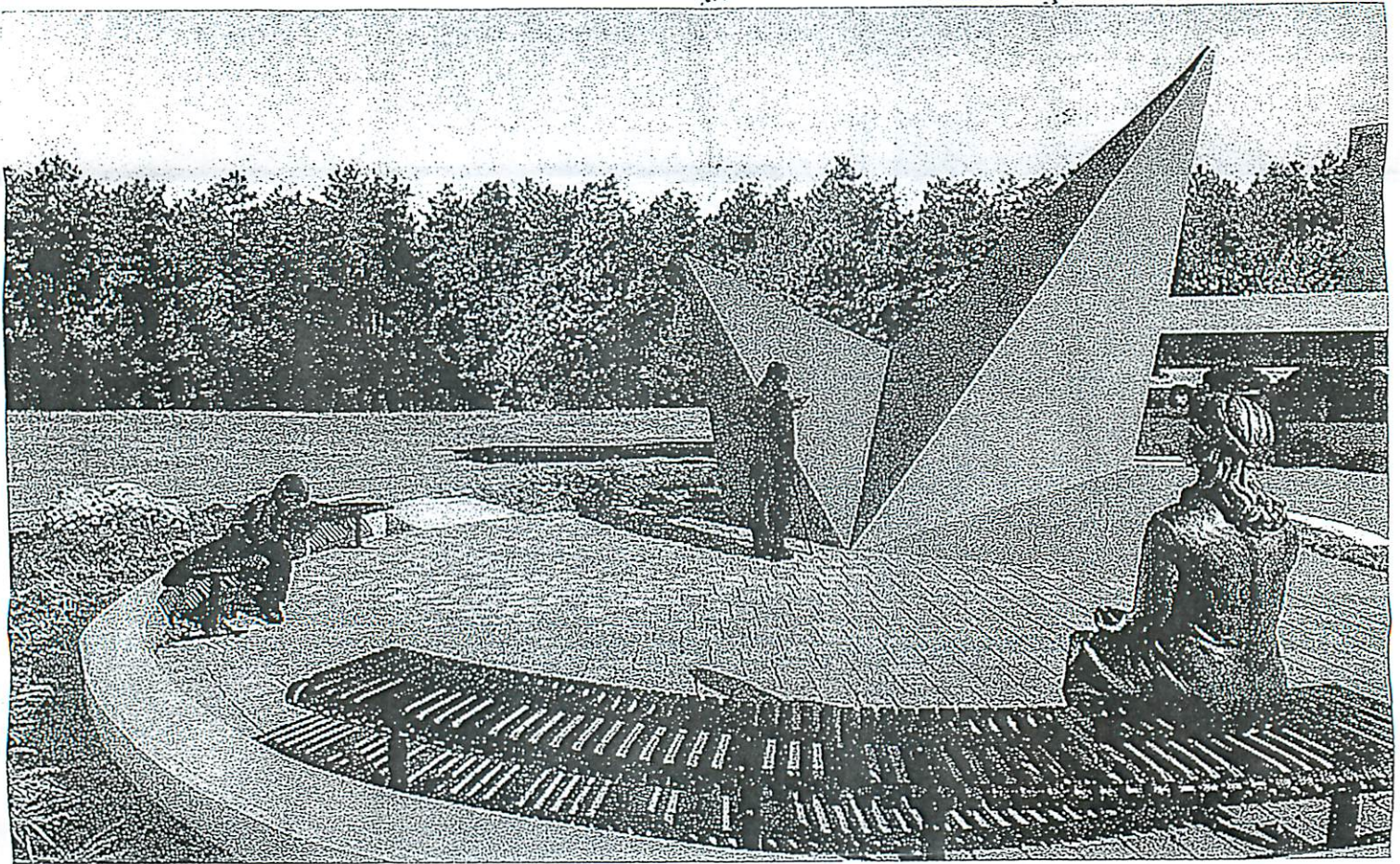
**For more information, please call  
860-887-9294**



# COMMANDER DAVE GREENE'S SPECIAL PROJECT

## THE CONNECTICUT FALLEN STAR MEMORIAL

Over 30,000 Connecticut men and women have given their lives in service to our country. They deserve our everlasting gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy today. A volunteer committee is working to bring the Fallen Star Memorial to Connecticut, specifically to East Hartford at Goodwin College.



Accompanying the Fallen Star Memorial will be three bronze statues that pay tribute to Gold Star Families. One depicts a seated woman holding a photo and dog tags of her beloved hero, contemplating the Fallen Star. The other figures, a man and a child paying their respects to their fallen heroes, will be positioned around the Star.

The Connecticut Fallen Star project is operating under the 501(c)3 and the VFW operates under the 501(c)19 organizations. All donations to the Fallen Star Project and the VFW are tax deductible to the extent provided by the law.

This is a Special Project that the VFW State Commander would like to have all of his VFW Posts and Axillary Units to participate in raising monies for this great project.

Mail donation checks to: Dept of CT VFW, PO Box 429, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. In the memo write in: Fallen Star Project

VFW State Commander: David Greene

VFW State Special Project Chairman: Mario Richards



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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](http://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](http://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.

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**



[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)



[facebook.com/vfwfans](https://www.facebook.com/vfwfans)



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

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**CONNECTICUT LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
BRIDGEPORT CONNECTICUT  
**V.F.W. POST 10273**

**"BROTHERS IN ARMS**

**BROTHERS IN BLUE"**

SEPT. 4, 2019

VFW POST 10273 BRIDGEPORT CONN. HAS A BROTHER WHO  
IS CURRENTLY ON DIALYSIS AND IN NEED OF A DONOR KIDNEY.  
HIS NAME IS VICTOR DIAZ, USMC, VIETNAM VETERAN.  
HE IS CURRENTLY ON THE ORGAN DONATION LIST (KIDNEY) AT  
HARTFORD HOSPITAL, HARTFORD CONNECTICUT  
CONTACT NUMBER 860-696-2021  
OUR POST WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP FROM OUR BROTHER POSTS  
IN FINDING HIM A DONOR. THANK YOU FOR ANY ASSISTANCE.

QUARTERMASTER  
FRANK PISANELLI

203 414 1006  
IF NEED BE LEAVE A MESSAGE  
AND I'LL RETURN YOUR CALL

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of CT  
"Serving Our Veterans with Aloha"  
"Remember Our Heroes...I Am Who I Am"



**AUCTION**

It's time for the VFW Auxiliary Annual Auction

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday  
March 21, 2020

This coming year's location will be

VFW 7666 Guilford  
104 Mill Road  
Guilford, CT

More news to come!!!

If you haven't been to the newly rebuilt Guilford post we invite to come and have fun with our great auction to benefit

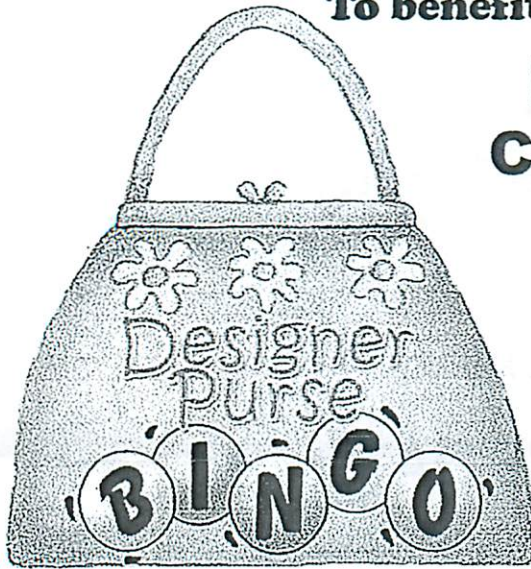
Department of CT  
VFW Auxiliary  
Finance

We need your help to start saving items for the auction. Come with your friends!  
It is always a great time for all. Help meet our goals to keep the Department of CT VFW Auxiliary running strong. Thank you.

Kathie Fleischauer-  
Chief of Staff/Extension Chairman 2019-2020 Department of CT  
[Renee52187@yahoo.com](mailto:Renee52187@yahoo.com)/ 24 West Main St. Ste. 224, Clinton, CT 06413/203-823-7946

**To benefit:**

# **Department of CT VFW Auxiliary**



UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

**Date: Saturday–November 16, 2019**

**Location: VFW – Post 9929  
83 South St., West Hartford, CT**

**Cost: \$35 ADMIT ONE**

Purse Preview  
6pm-7pm

~Bring snacks to share with your table~

Bingo  
Starts at 7pm

- 10 games of Bingo and a dauber ..  
Each game has a corresponding designer purse prize
- ADDITIONAL Bingo cards available for \$2.00 per game
- Reserved tables of 8 come with 10 extra Bingo cards for the table!  
You decide how to share ☺

**For tickets Call or Text  
Grace Kelly at 860.795.6442**

*Tickets are limited - Pre-sale tickets only!*



**TO:** All Members  
**FROM:** David Greene, State Commander  
**RE:** Council of Administration Meeting

The Second scheduled Department Council of Administration Meeting of the 2019 - 2020 VFW year, will be held on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2019 at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be held at the Waterbury VFW Post 201- 2205 Baldwin St.- Waterbury, CT.  
Phone No: (203) 754-0738.

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

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

Dress is Khaki pants and the State Commanders shirt, or casual 3 button down sport shirt and VFW cap.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 5th of November, 2019.

David Greene

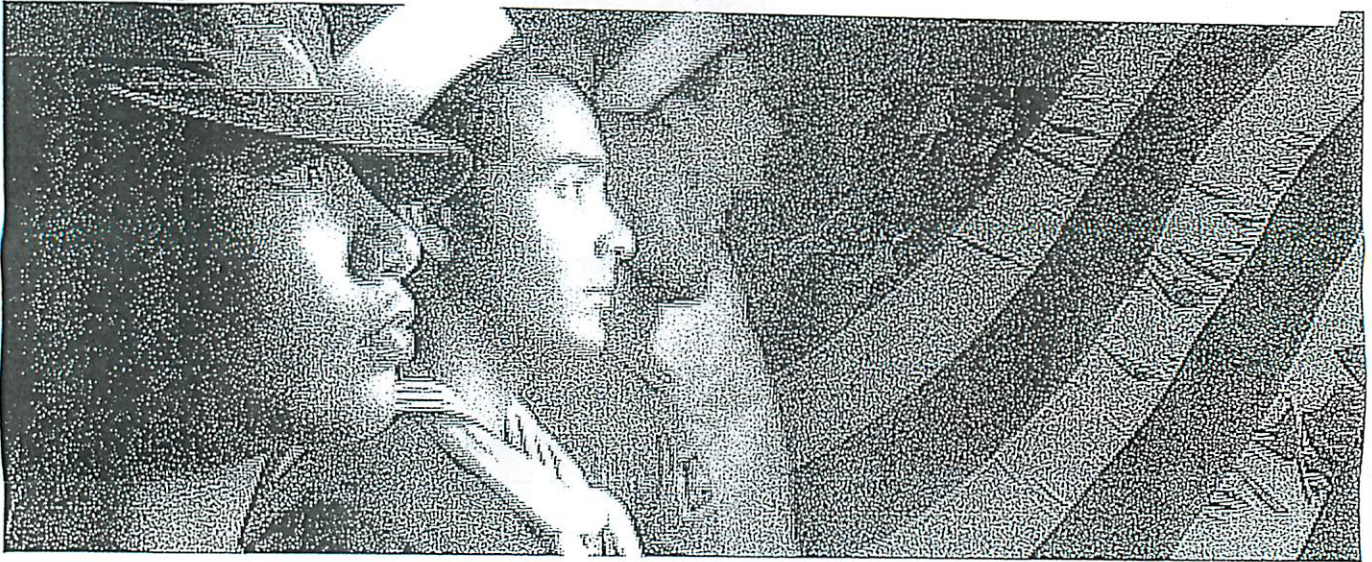
State Commander

OFFICIAL: For the Commander

*Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz*  
Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz State Adjutant/Quartermaster



PLEASE LET YOU MEMBERS KNOW ABOUT THIS JOB OFFER.  
Great for someone recently retired.



Paid Position Available for the right person.

#### Interested in Helping Veterans?

We have an opening in our State Service Office, and need someone to join the Service Office Team.

*This is a full time* position for a male or female, who would run the office as the VFW State Service Officer, and help Veterans file or re-file claims for injuries or illnesses incurred while serving in the United States Military.

We will provide, and pay, for all of your training. The job is perfect for a retired person that is looking to get a bit more income and help Veterans in the process.

The office is located in the Newington VA hospital, and the position DOES require membership in the VFW. There is a some out of state travel that we provide housing, meals, travel and compensation for. You must also be capable of using a computer for e-mails, letters and filing claims.

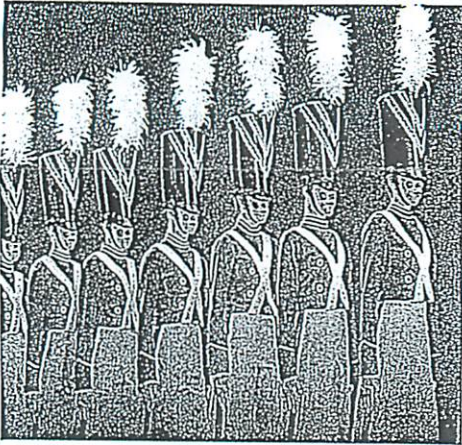
If you are interested please send a brief resume to me at:  
[stct@vfw.necoxmail.com](mailto:stct@vfw.necoxmail.com) or call me at 860-616-2363

Thanks Ron Rusko



## Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall in NY City

With the Famous Rockettes



Over for seating chart

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 4th 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 \$110.00 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.** You're also welcome to take the bus down, (Must pay for bus seat) stay in NY after the show, and return on your own.

### Payment is due in October.

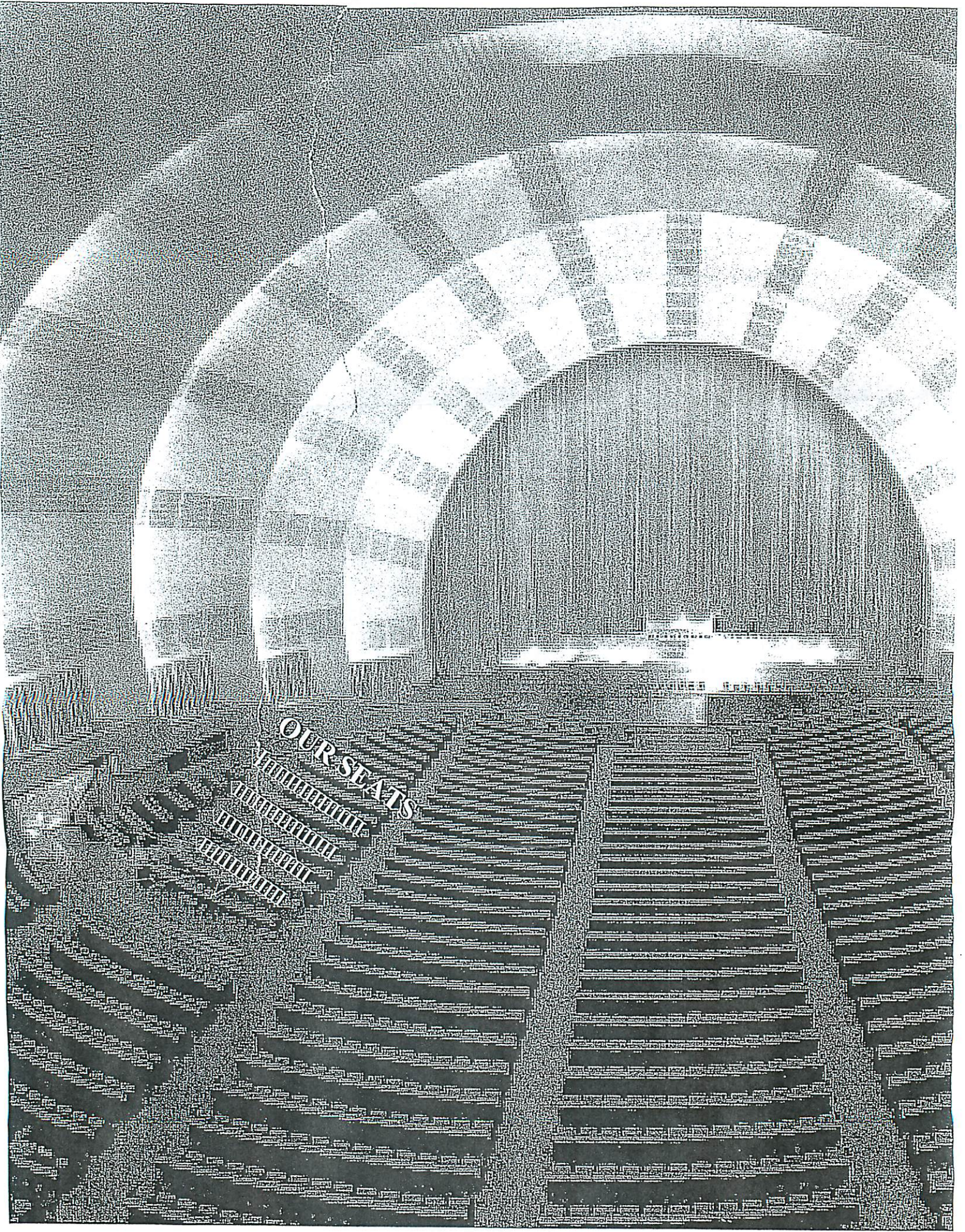
Please e-mail to: [ofct@vfw.necoxmail.com](mailto:ofct@vfw.necoxmail.com) to reserve your seat/s. Any questions call: (860) 616-2363

Or mail to VFW P.O. BOX 429 Rocky Hill, CT 06067 .

Please reserve me \_\_\_\_\_ seats for the Christmas show on the bus.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_





OUR SEATS  
REPRESENT  
THE FUTURE  
OF THE  
INDUSTRY