

General Orders No. 5 | 2026-2027 Series (November)

1. The following 2026-2027 non-paid appointments for the Department of Connecticut are hereby announced:

National Deputy Chief of Staff Travis Nelson, Post 9460 Stratford
National Special Aide-de-Camp Kirk Harrington, Post 6851 Canaan
National Assistant Inspector General Richard Bates, Post 2083 East Hartford
National Aide-de-Camp Jon Blume., Post 1926 Simsbury
National Aide-de-Camp John Visi, Post 6933 Darien
National Aide-de-Camp Gregory Harpin, Post 5446 Plainfield
National Aide-de-Camp Frank Trosky, Post 5157
National Aide-de-Camp Ted Turner, Post 5095 East Hampton
National Aide-de-Camp Eric Badrick, Post 3336 East Haddam-Moodus
National Aide-de-Camp Michael Howes, Post 201 Waterbury
National Aide-de-Camp Ronnie Maeby, Post 10321 Hamden
National Aide-de-Camp Jeff Walsh, Post 9452 Preston
National Aide-de-Camp Van DaCosta, Post 10201 Brookfield

2. The following VFW Fall Committee appointments for the Department of Connecticut are hereby announced:

National Legislative Committee JamesPeter M. Matthews, Post 296 Winsted
National Veterans Service Committee Sherry Wozniak, Post 5446 Plainfield
National Women Veterans Committee Jennifer Zetah, Post 189 New London

3. POST BYLAWS (Updated): According to the VFWCT Dashboard, 9 of 80 Connecticut Posts (down from 11) do not have current Bylaws on file with the Department. Attention is directed to Section 202 of the National Bylaws concerning that "Posts shall...adopt Bylaws." Contact the State Adjutant (vfwcthq@gmail.com) for guidance.
4. POST INSURANCE: Any Post, County Council, District or Department owning and/or operating, directly or by reason of a holding company or other entity substantially controlled by the Post, County Council, District or Department or its members, a canteen, clubroom or other facility available to members or guests must maintain general liability insurance, including, if necessary or appropriate, liquor liability insurance. Such insurance must be of a type and amount sufficient to protect the Post, County Council, District or Department and must name, as additional insureds, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Department of Connecticut. Insurance is tracked on the VFWCT Dashboard. Deficient posts must submit a PDF copy of proof of insurance using the  POS Form on VFWCT.org. Contact the State Adjutant (vfwcthq@gmail.com) for guidance.

VFW DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

PO BOX 429

ROCKY HILL CT 06067-0429

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5. Attention of all members is directed to Article IX of the VFW National Bylaws, specifically offenses involving conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, or conduct unbecoming a member in their relations to the VFW or other members. VFW comrades are expected to act courteously and professionally towards each other. Rude, discourteous, obnoxious or intimidating behavior reflects poorly both on the VFW and the individual. Members who have committed such offenses may be subject to Disciplinary Action as provided in Article IX.
6. The VFW will not tolerate sexual harassment. Sexual harassment may include but is not limited to:
 - Offering employment or organizational benefits in exchange for sexual favors.
 - Making or threatening reprisals after a negative response to sexual advances.
 - Visual conduct that includes leering, making sexual gestures, or displaying of sexually suggestive objects or pictures, cartoons or posters.
 - Verbal conduct that includes making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs or jokes.
 - Verbal abuse of a sexual nature, graphic verbal commentaries about an individual's body, sexually degrading words used to describe an individual, or suggestive or obscene letters, notes or invitations.
 - Physical conduct that includes touching, assaulting or impeding or blocking movements.
7. POST INSPECTIONS (Reminder): The Department of Connecticut Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Inspections shall be completed by December 31, 2026. Department and District Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.
8. The *Bylaws of the Department of Connecticut Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States* (Sep. 10, 2025) and the *VFW Connecticut Standard Operating Procedure Manual* (June 28, 2025) are available on the VFWCT.org website under Admin > Department Info > 02. Publications.

BY COMMAND OF

JOHN A. KENNEDY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:

Domenic M. Guiliano

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Department Adjutant/Quartermaster



VFW

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

JOB OPPORTUNITY

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

★ **VFW SERVICE OFFICE** ★
VA NEWINGTON CAMPUS



**\$21
TO START**



**PART TIME
32 HOURS
PER WEEK**



**4 DAY
WORK WEEK**



**GREAT
ATMOSPHERE**

Join a dedicated team supporting our veterans at the VFW Service Office located at the VA Newington Campus.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED



PLEASE INQUIRE WITH
STATE ADJUTANT GUILIANO
BY EMAIL

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**SERVING
VETERANS
SUPPORTING
COMMUNITIES
MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

VFW

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

SCHOLARSHIP

★ AWARDS DINNER ★

HONORING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

ESSAYS ★ COURAGE ★ PATRIOTISM ★ EDUCATION ★ LEADERSHIP



**VFW
VOICE OF
DEMOCRACY®**

HIGH SCHOOL
ESSAY CONTEST

IDEAS ★ SERVICE ★ PATRIOTISM



**VFW
PATRIOT'S
PEN®**

MIDDLE SCHOOL
ESSAY CONTEST

PATRIOTISM ★ LEADERSHIP ★ CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY



**VFW
SMART/MAHER
TEACHER
OF THE YEAR**

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING
EDUCATORS

DEDICATION ★ INSPIRATION ★ MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Join us for an evening as we recognize and celebrate the outstanding students and dedicated educators who exemplify patriotism, leadership, civic responsibility, and commitment to our nation's values.

★ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2027** ★

DINNER STARTS AT 5:00 PM

FAMILY STYLE DINNER

AQUATURF CLUB

556 MULBERRY STREET ★ PLANTSVILLE, CT

TICKETS: \$70.00 PER PERSON

— Includes Family Style Dinner and Program —

For tickets or more information,
please contact the VFW Department of Connecticut.

**EDUCATION BUILDS
STRONGER AMERICAN
COMMUNITIES**

VFW Connecticut

2026 UNIFORM POLO

Pricing includes the Men's and Women's Sport-Tek Tri-blend polo with left chest embroidery of VFW Connecticut logo.



Optional right chest embroidery of name\title (up to 3 lines; 14 characters max per line) is available for an additional \$10 charge.

LINE 1: _____

LINE 2: _____

LINE 3: _____

\\VFW CONNECTICUT logo:
With Right Chest Embroidery:

SM-XL: \$22	2XL-5XL: \$28
SM-XL: \$32	2XL-5XL: \$38

ORDER SIZE & QUANTITY: SM___ MED___ LG___ XL___ 2XL___ 3XL___ 4XL___ 5XL___

POST/AUX#: _____ EMAIL (or phone): _____

NAME: _____

A check/money order to "VFW Connecticut" in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed/mailed by bank.

MAIL TO: VFW CONNECTICUT PO BOX 429 ROCKY HILL CT 06067-0429 | INFO: adj@vfwct.org



VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE FROM THE HOSPITAL ELVES



The holiday season every year is celebrated with the HELP of
VFW Posts & its Auxiliaries – District VFW & Auxiliaries
At the 2 VA hospitals (West Haven & Newington) and
DVA Rocky Hill Campus.
Department gives a check to West Haven and Rocky Hill.

The hospital elves will distribute \$5 in envelopes to the Veterans
in Newington as a thank you for their service.

**Let's Spread Holiday Cheer
TO OUR VETERANS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

We are asking that VFW and Auxiliary and Districts donations
be sent to the Quartermaster

**Domenic Guiliano
PO Box 429
Rocky Hill, CT 06067**

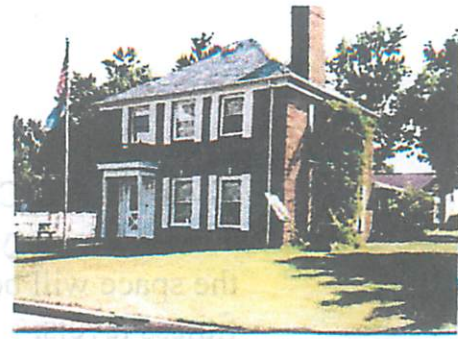
Earmark your check **"Holiday distribution"** in the MEMO

Happy Holidays 2026
Hospital Elves





Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Children



To: All Posts

Re: VFW National Home for Children Donation **2026-2027**

This year the National Home is fundraising to update the Gym/Fitness center for veterans, and their families. Listed below is a list of National Home priority options to consider for your donations. Your support, and generosity are greatly appreciated.

To make a donation:

1. Send check to: VFW National Home for Children
3573 South Waverly Rd.
Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827
2. **Write on your check memo to what fund, or funds you would like your money directed.**

Yours in comradeship

William D'Appollonio

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State Chairman

Sending me this optional info. allows me to verify the financial statement sent to me by the National Home.

Please mail, or e-mail the following information to:

William D'Appollonio, 236 Bass Rd. Windham, Ct. 06280

scotlandhwy@gmail.com

Post _____ District _____ has donated:
\$ _____ to the

Gym/Fitness Center

General Fund

Family Support Services

Connecticut House

See reverse side for fund information

Gym/Fitness Center

This is a facility for Veterans, and their families. It will be renovated, and the space will be equipped with commercial grade fitness equipment for all fitness levels.

General Fund

The General Fund offers the greatest flexibility to address urgent needs and adapt to the ever changing challenges faced by the families that are served. Unrestricted gifts to this fund allow the National Home to respond quickly, whether it's repairing essential infrastructure, supporting new programs, or addressing unforeseen challenges.

Family Support Services

Gifts to the Family Support Services Fund help ensure the National Home can continue offering a wide range of programs for our military and veteran families. This includes professional counseling, tutoring, parenting classes, employment support and more. The fund is used to meet the diverse and evolving needs of each family.

Connecticut House

Donations to our Connecticut House are deposited in the house account fund, and are used for required maintenance, and repairs.



VFW CONNECTICUT

BUDDY POPPY ORDER FORM



- ★ VFW Connecticut Buddy Poppy Forms can be emailed (adj@vfwct.org); mailed (VFW Connecticut, PO BOX 429, Rocky Hill, CT 06067; or called in (860-616-2363) to department headquarters.
 - ★ Volunteer buttons and coin containers must be ordered from the VFW Store.
 - ★ Poppies and supplies are typically shipped via UPS; however, some small orders are shipped via parcel post. It is imperative that a street address to the person on this form that can receive deliveries during the day, be given for delivery (no PO BOX)
 - ★ Department will send the post quartermaster a statement with the total cost of supplies, shipping and handling. Wait for the bill before sending the check. May be paid from the Relief Fund.
- ★ Tin-Tab Buddy Poppies: \$75/500; \$150/1000 + \$15.99 Shipping [eg. $\$75 + \$15.99 = \$90.99$ total for 500]
- ★ Traditional & Anniversary (Gold, Silver, Diamond) Poppies: \$143/500; \$285/1000 + \$29.99 Shipping

ORDERING

Date: _____ Post#: _____ District: _____ Post City: _____

Post/AUX Name: _____

Name of person ordering & Post#: _____

Membership Card Number: _____ Date of Poppy Drive: _____

**If ordering for Auxiliary, include Post Quartermaster Membership Number: _____

SHIPPING (NO PO BOX)

Name to be shipped to: _____

Address to be shipped to: _____

City/State/ZIP to be shipped to: _____

Phone of person to be shipped to: _____

ITEMS

TYPE (check one): ☒ Red ☐ Tin-Tab Anniversary: ☐ Silver ☐ Gold ☐ Diamond

QUANTITY: _____ ESTIMATED COST: _____

WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Monday, October 19, 2026

City	Post	Dist	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Need 100%	Need For All American
Division 1			501 and above Members		All American 103%		
WTBY-NAUG	201	2	519	549	94.53%	30	566 47
Division 2			351 to 500 Members		All American 104%		
OAKVILLE	7330	5	365	453	80.57%	88	472 107
Division 3			246 to 350 Members		All American 105%		
STRATFORD	9460	1	267	336	79.46%	69	353 86
JEWETT CITY	10004	4	190	250	76.00%	60	263 73
NEW BRITAIN	511	3	202	296	68.24%	94	311 110
Division 4			190 to 245 Members		All American 106%		
DANBURY	149	1	186	244	76.22%	58	259 73
EAST HAMPTON	5095	6	147	227	64.75%	80	241 94
Division 5			150 to 189 Members		All American 107%		
BROOKFIELD	10201	1	188	186	101.07%	+2	200 12
NEW MILFORD	1672	5	167	188	88.82%	21	202 35
MANCHESTER	2046	3	130	152	85.52%	22	163 33
PRESTON	9452	4	137	167	82.03%	30	179 42
DEVON	7788	2	145	178	81.46%	33	191 46
NORWICH	594	4	123	154	79.87%	31	165 42
WILLIMANTIC	1724	4	130	164	79.26%	34	176 46
PLAINFIELD	5446	4	116	150	77.33%	34	161 45
WESTPORT	399	1	132	179	73.74%	47	192 60
PAWCATUCK	1265	4	126	179	70.39%	53	192 66
WALLINGFORD	591	2	131	189	69.31%	58	203 72
CANAAN	6851	5	124	181	68.50%	57	194 70
PUTNAM	1523	4	106	171	61.98%	65	183 77
Division 6			125 to 149 Members		All American 108%		
MONTVILLE	10060	4	111	136	81.61%	25	147 36
MYSTIC	3263	4	113	142	79.57%	29	154 41
WINDSOR LOCKS	6123	3	108	137	78.83%	29	148 40
OLD SAYBROOK	10153	6	64	126	50.79%	62	137 73
Division 7			105 to 124 Members		All American 109%		
NIANTIC	5849	4	120	121	99.17%	1	132 12
NEW LONDON	189	4	120	123	97.56%	3	135 15
WOLCOTT	1979	2	106	120	88.33%	14	131 25
TRUMBULL	10059	1	88	105	83.80%	17	115 27
PLAINVILLE	574	3	88	112	78.57%	24	123 35
NEWTOWN	308	1	83	112	74.10%	29	123 40
ROCKY HILL	2138	3	89	124	71.77%	35	136 47
YALESVILLE	9965	2	73	107	68.22%	34	117 44
Division 8			90 to 104 Members		All American 110%		
SUFFIELD	9544	3	88	94	93.61%	6	104 18
AVON	3272	3	78	95	82.10%	17	105 27
WINSTED	296	5	73	91	80.21%	18	101 28
WATERTOWN	5157	5	78	100	78.00%	22	110 32
NEW HAVEN	12150	2	65	96	67.70%	31	106 41

State	District	Total	Goal	Percent	Need	100% Plus 1
District Totals	1	1187	1462	81.19%	275	1463
District Totals	2	1396	1722	81.06%	326	1723
District Totals	5	847	1063	79.68%	216	1064
District Totals	4	1788	2269	78.80%	481	2270
District Totals	3	1200	1550	77.41%	350	1551
District Totals	6	419	640	65.46%	221	641
District Totals	99	1019	1242	82.04%	223	1243
State Total		7856	9948	78.97%	2092	9949

State Totals Today	7856	78.97%
State Totals Last Week	7808	78.48%
Difference	48	0.49%

For weekly updates go the Adjutant's corner on vfwct.org website.

City	Post	Dist	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Need 100%	Need For All American
Division 9			70 to 89 Members		All American 111%		
NORTON HEIGHTS	6933	1	80	87	91.95%	7	97 17
CANTERBURY	10688	4	63	75	84.00%	12	84 21
PROSPECT	8075	2	62	75	82.66%	13	84 22
BERLIN	10732	3	65	81	80.24%	16	90 25
SIMSBURY	1926	3	68	86	79.06%	18	96 28
WINDSOR	4740	3	56	72	77.77%	16	80 24
MIDDLETOWN	583	6	65	87	74.71%	22	97 32
BRANFORD	12106	2	50	83	60.24%	33	93 43
EAST KILLINGLY	4908	4	49	88	55.68%	39	98 49
Division 10			50 to 69 Members		All American 112%		
OLD LYME	1467	4	66	69	95.65%	3	77 11
LEDYARD	4608	4	59	66	89.39%	7	74 15
WATERFORD	6573	4	59	68	86.76%	9	77 18
EAST HARTFORD	2083	3	55	64	85.95%	9	72 17
ELLINGTON	10689	3	48	57	84.21%	9	64 16
EAST HADDAM	3336	6	47	58	81.03%	11	65 18
HAMDEN	10321	2	41	51	80.39%	10	58 17
MADISON	2096	2	43	55	78.18%	12	62 19
NORWALK	603	1	44	57	77.19%	13	64 20
CLINTON	9918	6	41	56	73.21%	15	63 22
GUILFORD	7666	2	49	68	72.05%	19	77 28
THOMPSON	10088	4	32	52	61.53%	20	59 27
STAFFORD SPRINGS	9990	3	34	56	60.71%	22	63 29
Division 11 (Upper)			10 to 50 Members (31 to 49)		All American 113%		
SALEM	2774	4	29	32	90.62%	3	37 8
STAMFORD	9617	1	34	38	89.47%	4	43 9
NEW CANAAN	653	1	38	47	80.85%	9	54 16
SEYMOUR	12084	2	25	31	80.64%	6	36 11
SOUTHBURY	1607	2	29	38	76.31%	9	43 14
HEBRON	8776	3	32	43	74.41%	11	49 17
WEST HAVEN	9422	2	27	37	72.97%	10	42 15
CHESHIRE	10052	2	31	45	68.88%	14	51 20
PORTLAND	6121	6	21	39	53.84%	18	45 24
TAFTVILLE	2212	4	20	38	52.63%	18	43 23
Division 11 (Lower)			10 to 50 Members (10 to 30)		All American 113%		
WEST WILLINGTON	938	3	21	24	87.50%	3	28 7
HIGGANUM	10690	6	23	27	85.18%	4	31 8
THOMASTON	572	5	21	26	80.76%	5	30 9
HARTFORD	254	3	24	30	80.00%	6	34 10
COLCHESTER	6990	4	19	24	79.16%	5	28 9
LAKEVILLE	9243	5	19	24	79.16%	5	28 9
BRIDGEPORT	10273	1	22	29	75.86%	7	33 11
FAIRFIELD	9427	1	12	20	60.00%	8	23 11
COS COB	10112	1	13	22	59.09%	9	25 12
DURHAM	10169	6	11	20	55.00%	9	23 12
COVENTRY	10589	3	14	27	51.85%	13	31 17

District Commander : Dist 1. John Jacques

Division 1 Commander : Post 201, David Taft

Division 2 Commander : Post 7330, Thomas Way

Division 3 Commander : Post 9460, Steve Evangelista

Division 4 Commander : Post 149, Nelson Martins

Division 5 Commander : Post 10201, John Kennedy

Division 6 Commander : Post 10060, David Lamirande

Division 7 Commander : Post 5849, Wayne Gates

Division 8 Commander : Post 9544, William Moryto

Division 9 Commander : Post 6933, Scott Vanderheyden

Division 10 Commander : Post 1467, Gregory Symonds

Division 11 Commander : Post 2774, Edward Lezon

Division 11 (L) Commander : Post 938, Edward Dagata