



Connecticut

District 3 Newsletter #1

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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022-2023 for District 3 Posts and Auxiliaries. I am pleased that our newsletter won First Place at the State Convention for District newsletters! This shows that WHAT YOU DO MATTERS! So please keep me on your email list to receive updates and notices of your activities.

The first meeting of the year will be on Saturday, July 9 at 4pm during a picnic at my home in Avon. I can still take your RSVP if you are attending. But don't wait...I need to know if you are attending by July 5, the latest!

I wish you all a wonderful, safe and happy summer. I look forward to seeing you at the second meeting of the year on Saturday, September 10 at the New Britain Post. Details to come later.

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GENERAL NEWS:

- If you play golf, you don't want to miss the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Department of Connecticut's VFW Patriot's Golf Tournament. It will be held Monday, August 29 at the Crestbrook Golf Course, 834 Northfield Rd., Watertown, CT. The Tournament supports the CT VFW Veterans and Military Service Program and Disaster Relief Fund. Entry fee is \$120 for green fee, cart, breakfast and after play meal. And, for just \$100 your Post can be a Hole, Tee, or Putting Green Sponsor. Contact Commander Mario Richards for more details at 860-772-8561.
- All Auxiliaries are invited to play in the tournament or donate a gift card, gift basket or monetary donation to help purchase larger gifts. Contact Kathie Fleischauer for more details or ideas how your Auxiliary can participate at 203-823-7946.
- PLEASE work on bringing back your expired and unpaid members. And don't forget to purchase your Buddy Poppies this year; especially since 2022 is the 100th anniversary of the Buddy Poppy. Let's make District 3 a model for all others.
- Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters are reminded to send AUDITS and PROGRAM REPORTS in a timely manner.

- National has released the contest themes for the 2022-2023 VOD and Patriot Pen; now is the time to have a plan to reach out to all teachers in middle and high school to share this essay contest with their students.
 - Voice of Democracy – “Why is the Veteran Important?”
 - Patriot Pen – “My Pledge to our Veterans”

- REMINDER: Post Commander Frank Forrest of Rochambeau-Elms Post 2083, East Hartford, announces that SOS Connecticut (Support our Soldiers-Connecticut) will continue to send care packages to men and women who serve around the world. They do this FIVE times a year. They are asking for donations toward the postage they have to purchase to send over 100 packages abroad each time. Please help by sending a generous donation to: SOS Connecticut, 165 Maple Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. You will receive acknowledgement of your donation. Thanks.

- We are excited to announce that the State VFW Scout of Year comes from District 3!! Kate Hollister of BSA Troop 1175 in Simsbury, a recent graduate from Granby Memorial High School, joined the Troop when it was founded in February 2019. The Troop now has 27 female scouts. She holds the distinction as the first female Scout to earn the award at the state level. Her Eagle Scout project was creating portable indoor herb gardens for the Simsbury Senior Center. Early in the pandemic she led a face shield production project for scouts in Troops 1175 and 175 donating over 2,000 face shields to healthcare workers. Hollister will attend The College of Wooster in Ohio to study Clinical Psychology. Her goal is to be a mental health therapist for teens and young adults. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



Kate is congratulated by Scout of Year Chairman Manny Rodrigues and State Commander Dominick Cortese at the State Convention in June.

POST NEWS:

Post 938, Willington, submitted by Commander Edward Dagata

- On June 14th the Post visited Center Elementary School for a Flag Day ceremony handing out flags to all the children.
- The Post is planning a Veterans BBQ in July to be held at the town's Recreational Park. More details to come.

Post 2083, East Hartford, submitted by Jr. Vice Commander Tim Gleason

May 17 & June 21: A Veteran's Coffee Hour was held from 10-11 AM at the East Hartford Senior Center. Several Post officers and members attended.

May 21: Members of Post 2083, along with volunteers, placed flags at Veterans' gravesites at Center Cemetery in East Hartford.

May 30: Post 2083, along with supporters, marched in the East Hartford Memorial Day Parade--the first in six years!!

June 10-12: District 3 representatives, including Post 2083, attended the 101st Annual Department of Connecticut Convention.



Speaking at the East Hartford Memorial Day ceremony is Daniel Lareau, Post Chaplain and Richard Bates, Post Quartermaster

Post 1926, Simsbury, submitted by Commander Lee Wilson

The Post worked with Simsbury's Abigail Phelps Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in creating their float for the Simsbury Memorial Day parade which featured a Buddy Poppy wreath in honor of its 100th anniversary.



The Post is in the final stages of building a flag retirement platform at the Weatogue Fire Station and Park. The last part to be constructed is the fence which will be put in place soon. Flag collection boxes have been built and are in various town buildings for use by the public.

