



Connecticut

District 3 Newsletter #4

February 2023

Happy New Year! This is the fourth installment of the District 3 newsletter for the 2022-2023 year. Our next meeting is Saturday, February 4 for our Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen Awards Ceremony. It is being held at the Madeley-Roberts Post 574, 7 Northwest Drive, Plainville. The Post is providing a hearty breakfast for everyone, so plan to arrive by 8:30am. We will open the meeting at 9:00am, suspend it for breakfast and the awards ceremony. The District meeting will follow. I hope you all can attend – bring a new member with you!

The winning students and families will be in attendance, and I know you will welcome them as our guests. This year's themes were:

Voice of Democracy – “Why is the Veteran Important”

Patriot's Pen – “My Pledge to our Veterans”

The winners and their places will be announced that morning. The students winners are: Nate Sillman, Tessa Phillip, Bradford Devillier, Danesh Raza, Keylee Simmons and Christopher Porter.

Lee Wilson, District 3 Commander – 860-798-3562 cmd@vfwctdist3.org

GENERAL NEWS:

- **START PLANNING NOW** for the VFW Service Day on Saturday, May 6. This is an all community event and some Posts plan for events all week long. I hope you will share with us in the next newsletter what your plans are so we can learn from each other. Best practices are always best shared!
- **PLEASE** work on bringing back your expired and unpaid members. As Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland's says, “Every Veteran Counts.” There are many ideas on how to do this in the most recent VFW Magazine or check in with any of the officers of District 3 who are happy to help.
- The **SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM** submittal at the Post level is due March 1. Please contact Lee Wilson for details of what is needed. Please participate in this important program which is another way to be involved with your community.
- Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters are reminded to send **AUDITS** and **PROGRAM REPORTS** in a timely manner.

➤ On Veterans Day 2022, the United for ALICE report (funded by United Way) reported that 23% of Connecticut's veterans are unable to afford basics in the nation they so selflessly defended. That 23% Connecticut veterans breaks down to 5% living in poverty and 18% live paycheck to paycheck. Most of those 18% participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) which is the official name for foodstamps. (ALICE = Asset, Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) For more information visit: www.united4alice.org/aliceveterans

➤ Remember – the VA's Suicide Hotline is: 800-273-8255, press 1.

DISTRICT 3 AND POSTS
COMMUNITY ACTIVITY/ADMINISTRATION/AUDIT REPORT

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| NEEDED FOR ALL- | YES | YES | | YES | | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | NEEDED FOR ALL-STATE | | | |
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| | ***** SEE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM FOR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL-STATE ***** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | COMMUNITY ACTIVITY | | | | | | | | | | | | | ADMINISTRATION | | | AUDITS | | | | | CATEGORIES COMPLETED | % OF CATEGORIES COMPLETED | |
| DISTRICT AND POSTS | VOICE OF DEMOCRACY | PATRIOT'S PEN | SCOUT OF THE YEAR | OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES | TEACHER OF THE YEAR | CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION | SAFETY | BUDDY POPPY | HOSPITAL / NURSING HOME | AMERICANISM | COMMANDER'S SPECIAL PROJECT | OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE And VMS | POPPY PURCHASED | BOND | CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY | DISTRICT MEETING ATTENDANCE | INSPECTION REPORT | JUNE AUDIT | SEPTEMBER AUDIT | DECEMBER AUDIT | MARCH AUDIT | | | |
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| 511 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 | | 1 | | | P | 1 | | | | 12 | 60% | |
| 574 | | | | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | P | 1 | | | | 10 | 50% | |
| 938 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | 2 | 10% | |
| 1926 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | P | 1 | 1 | | | 17 | 85% | |
| 2046 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | 8 | 1 | 1 | | | P | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 10 | 50% | |
| 2083 | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 | | 1 | 6 | 6 | | 19 | | 1 | | | F | 1 | 1 | | | 10 | 50% | |
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| 6123 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 3 | 15% | |
| 8776 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | P | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | 25% |
| 9544 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 20% | |
| 9990 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | P | 1 | | | | 2 | 10% |
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All American 2022-2023 Eligible Dashboard Report

| Department | District | Post | Veterans & Military Support Donation | Voice of Democracy | Patriot's Pen | Teacher Award | Buddy Poppy Order | Membership | National Legislative Service | Community Service | Recruiting Events | Department Round Up Tour | NVS Training | Post Service Officer Training |
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| Connecticut | 3 | 254 | Met | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Met | N/A | Met | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 511 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | Met | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 574 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | Met | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 938 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Met | N/A | Met | Met | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 1926 | Met | Met | Unmet | Unmet | Met | Met | N/A | Met | Met | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 2046 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Met | Met | N/A | Met | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 2083 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | Met | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 2138 | Unmet | Unmet | Met | Unmet | Met | Met | N/A | Met | Met | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 3272 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | Met | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 4740 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Met | N/A | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 6123 | Met | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 8776 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 9544 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 9990 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Met | N/A | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 10589 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 10689 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | Met | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Connecticut | 3 | 10732 | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Unmet | Met | Unmet | N/A | Unmet | Unmet | N/A | N/A | N/A |

- The VFW Auxiliary Department of CT is holding a raffle of a hand painted wooden fireplace screen. (see below) The screen is 29" wide x 21" high. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The Drawing will be held at their quarterly meeting in April. To purchase tickets, please send the donation to: Anne Philippon, Department Treasurer, 12 Baldwin Drive, Bristol, CT 06010. Good luck!!!



POST NEWS:

Post 8776, Hebron, submitted by John Gasper, Quartermaster

- The Post made several donations at the end of the year: National Home for Children, Hebron Interfaith Human Services Food Pantry, American Cancer Society, State Veterans Christmas Fund and the Gary Sinese Foundation.
- The Post hosted a model airplane building event for local youth.
- The Post participated in their town's Wreaths Across America event to honor community veterans.

Post 2138, Rocky Hill, submitted by Melissa Michaud, Adjutant

- We have darts competition on Wednesdays during their team season.
- We have Setback league every Thursday at 7pm.
- We had an Honorable Mention Patriot Pen winner at the State Awards Ceremony. (see photo on next page)
- We collaborate with the Rocky Hill Fire Dept. by inviting them in on a normally closed evening to hang out (chill with us) after their drill on Tuesday nights.
- We collect food donations for a local assisted living facility.
- As Veteran's Outreach Coordinator at Middlesex Community College, I (Melissa) market all our events to student veterans.
- Please join us at any or all of our events...including STEAK NIGHT! No RSVP needed.

STEAK NIGHT
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

AT THE VFW - ROCKY HILL, CT POST - 2138
PREMIUM QUALITY SIRLOIN STEAK
BAKED POTATO, SALAD, DINNER ROLL.

FROM 6PM

ONLY \$15

SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS

VFW
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.
BENNINO-BECK POST-2138
ROCKY HILL CT.

VFW POST-2138
100%
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Rocky Hill Post members with Honorable Mention winner, Danesh Raza, and his family as the State Awards Ceremony

Post 1926, Simsbury, submitted by Commander Lee Wilson

- Post members participated in the annual Town of Simsbury Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11. Keynote speaker was Post Junior Vice Commander Colonel (Ret.) Lori Winn.



Simsbury Post Jr. Vice Cmdr. Colonel (Ret.) Lori Winn

- On November 15, the Post accepted a donation of \$2,000 from UNICO of Avon to purchase a storage shed to be placed adjacent to the US Flag retirement platform being built by the Simsbury VFW and Simsbury American Legion Post behind a local fire station. UNICO is the country's largest Italian American service organization founded 100 years ago in Waterbury, CT.
- The Post participated in the Town of Simsbury Wreaths Across America event on December 17th organized by the Abigail Phelps Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- During the four weeks of November 11 to December 11, the Post ran a new clothing drive at six locations around town. Over \$6,000 of new clothing was collected and donated to the Rocky Hill Veterans Home.