



Connecticut

## District 3 Newsletter #5

March 2024

The next District 3 meeting will be Saturday, March 9 at the Pvt. Walter J. Smith, Post 511, 41 Veterans Drive, New Britain. Coffee will be at 9:30am with meeting starting at 10:00am. Guest be Linda Hoffman, Development Director, Alzheimer's Association of CT. She will share what their organization can do to help veterans and families who are dealing with Alzheimer's. She will present at the beginning of the meeting.

HELP WANTED – The New Britain Post has a food pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items and sundries to this meeting. Your generosity before the holidays with donations at the Suffield meeting was tremendous. Let's do that again!

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### GENERAL NEWS:

- PLEASE work on bringing back your expired and unpaid members. There are many ideas on how to do this in any of the VFW Magazines or check in with any of the officers of District 3 who are happy to help.
- **Post Commanders and Quartermasters are reminded to send AUDITS on time. We need to start using the DASHBOARD website at [www.vfwct.org](http://www.vfwct.org) to post your activities.**
- **If your Post has not yet been inspected, please be prepared to do so.**
- Don't forget the Veterans Day of Service is in May. Please check the most recent VFW Magazine you received for further information. I hope your Post will do something special that can be reported at the Annual Meeting!
- The District 3 Convention will be held on Saturday, May 11 at the Avon Free Public Library. Mark your calendar now so you don't forget! District nominations and elections are held at the same time.
- **THE TIME IS NOW!!** Order your Buddy Poppies if you are having drives around Memorial Day. Contact the Department in Rocky Hill to order.

## POST NEWS:

Post 2138, Rocky Hill, submitted by Felix Ortiz, Quartermaster



Post 2083, East Hartford, submitted by Frank Forrest, Commander

- The Post held its first Girl Scout cookie collection and packing event recently.
- The next Support Our Soldiers-Connecticut Easter/Spring collection event for our overseas Troops will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2024, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hillstown Grange Hall, 617 Hills Street, East Hartford, CT. Donations of snacks, sweets (especially "Peeps"), drawings and greeting cards are needed and may be dropped off that day by 12:30 p.m. or by special arrangement. For more information, please call Frank Forrest at 860-690-2845 or email to [sosconnecticut@aol.com](mailto:sosconnecticut@aol.com). This is a great event to support our Troops stationed away from home for the Holidays. Organizations that are interested in helping, please contact us. It costs about \$800 to ship the packages, and we need donations to help defray postage costs. Checks should be made out to 'SOS Connecticut' and mailed to: SOS Connecticut, c/o Frank Forrest, 165 Maple Street, East Hartford, CT 06118.

**Post 2046, Manchester**, submitted by Erin Denis, Member

- The Manchester Veterans Advisory Committee Veterans Task Force, in collaboration with the Manchester VFW Post 2046, Manchester Elks Lodge 1893, DAV Chapter 17, Army & Navy Club and American Legion Post 102, invites all veterans and significant others to a COFFEE HOUSE dinner event on Thursday, March 21 from 6:00 – 8:30pm at the Army & Navy Club, 1090 Main Street, Manchester. Pizza, salad, soda and water will be provided.
- The same group is sponsoring a COFFEE HOUSE daytime event every THIRD Thursday of each month from 10:00am- 12:30pm at the same location. All veterans and significant others are more than welcome to attend.

**Post 10689, Ellington**, submitted by Bruce Warkentin, Commander

- The Post is exploring the possibility of upgrading the town's POW/MIA memorial. Presently, there is a plaque mounted on a large rock. A suggestions is to replace it with a granite memorial with appropriate inscriptions and original plaque. Also, it would be placed next to the flagpole and existing monuments on the Town Green. I plan on visiting several area POW/MIA sites for ideas and getting cost estimates.

**Post 574, Plainville**, submitted by Bob Beveridge, Commander



- In January the Post presented local resident Antonella Calabrese a Plaque of Appreciation for her years of support by bringing events to the facility, helping with all their functions and putting them in touch with local businesses and corporations for support.

**Post 938, Willington**, submitted by Ed DAgata, Commander

- On November 11, 2023 Corporal Henry Toberman Post No. 938 Veterans of Foreign Wars honored three living World War II veterans with Citations from the Connecticut General Assembly and an engraved World War II mediation. The ceremony was part of a three-town event that was held at the Willington Veterans Memorial in Willington Connecticut. Two of the citations were awarded by State Senator Jeff Gordon and the First Selectmen of Willington and Ashford. The Citation for the remaining Veteran was



issued by Senator Gordon and the Mayor of Mansfield. Special engraved Medallions were presented to all three World War II Veterans by Edward DAgata Commander of Post 938 and Lt Col Alyssa Kelleher a two time Bronze Star recipient. A reception was held in the Main Hall of the Willington Senior Center at the close of the Veterans Day Ceremony.



## **Post 3272, Avon**

- The Post's efforts at assisting the resettlement of an Afghan family made front page of a local magazine for the Farmington Valley. Here is the link:  
[https://issuu.com/deckertbruce/docs/-today\\_-\\_2-2024?fr=sMjUzOTYzNzg1NDM](https://issuu.com/deckertbruce/docs/-today_-_2-2024?fr=sMjUzOTYzNzg1NDM)

## **Post 9544, West Suffield**, submitted by Bill Moryto, Commander

- The Post is holding a generous Veterans Breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 9:00-11:00am in their lower dining hall, 972 Sheldon Street, West Suffield. It is FREE for all to attend – join us!!!  
Duke's Canteen offers food on Thursday and Fridays from 4:00 – 9:00pm every week.