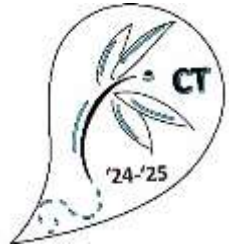




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Please allow me to introduce myself, I'm Ed O'Lena a lifelong Nutmegger. I am an HVAC supply salesman. I live in Waterbury and am a Past President Lt. Shea Auxiliary to VFW Post 201 in Waterbury. I'm in the VFW Auxiliary to honor my dad's service to our country (Cpl. Francis E. O'Lena, US Army veteran in the Korean War).

I ask all Auxiliary members who haven't signed up to receive the VFW Action Corps Weekly newsletter to do so. It's very easy to do. Just go to MALTA. Look for the Member Resources tab at the top of the main page then click on the "Sign Up For Action Corps Weekly – VFW link"

Pass the Dole Act: The VFW was proud to host a coalition of supporters, survivors, and caregivers to advocate for H.R. 8371, Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act. Please contact your Congressman and Senators to let them know you wish for them to support this bill.

Claim Shark Victims: Predatory unaccredited companies referred to as "Claim Sharks" coach veterans in filing VA disability claims with promises of increasing their ratings, while charging fees and taking a portion of the veterans' compensation. This is an illegal practice. Veterans Service Organizations like the VFW have [accredited service officers](#) who provide claims assistance to veterans free of charge, as is the law. If you or someone you know has been charged fees for VA claims assistance, please email the [VFW](#).

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