

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Connecticut

Veterans and Family Support

July 2026

Judith Barnes, Chairman

STAND DOWN

Friday September 18, 2026



This year the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will be donating items to distribute to an expected 1200 homeless and needy veterans who visit one of the six regional locations.

YOU can help by purchasing and delivering items, tailored for each sites' veteran clientele, to your closet coordinator by September 15, 2026.

Bridgeport – University of Bridgeport, Wheeler Recreation Center, 400 University Ave.

Site Contact: Eddy Swilling Wade (Aux. 399) Items requested: toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, deodorant, socks (men's & women's), tissues, puzzle books, individual size cookies, & crackers. (5 Homes for the Brave facilities area.) Approximately 300 Veterans

Bristol – Double Tree by Hilton, 42 Century Drive, Bristol. **Site Contact: Anne Philippon** (1979)
Items requested: hygiene items, T-shirts, socks, and briefs. Approximately 100 Veterans

Danbury – Danbury War Memorial, 1 Memorial Drive **Site Contact: Jean Mariano** (Aux. 10201)
Items requested: over-the-counter glasses, pocket flashlights, socks, individual size snacks, hygiene items, & word search books. Approximately 100 Veterans

Norwich – Easter Seals Veterans Rally Point, 24 Stott Ave., Norwich

Site Contact: Virginia Livernoche (Aux. 10088) Items requested: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balm, socks, playing cards, gum, puzzle books, pencils/pens, Individual packets of tissue and individual snacks. Approximately 100 veterans

Rocky Hill – CT Department of Veterans Affairs, 287 West St. **Site Contact: Judy Barnes**

Items requested: bars of soap, deodorant, pocket flashlights. Approximately 500 Veterans

Stamford – UCONN Stamford Campus, 1 University Place, Stamford

Site Contact: Kathie Fleischauer (Aux. 7666) Items requested: puzzle books, pens/pencils, playing cards, ChapStick (please assemble individual packets in a Ziplock bag) Approximately 100

NO time to shop or deliver? You may make a financial donation to purchase items, please make a check out to: **CT VFW Auxiliary**, write "Stand Down" in the memo area and mail to Department Treasurer Anne Philippon.

Thank you for your participation.

Scan QR Code to connect to the CT DVA STAND DOWN 2026 Information page.

