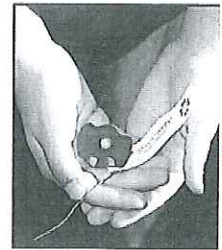


Avon – Canton VFW

2013 Poppy Drive

(17 to 26 May)



- ✓ Our VFW Post has been distributing Poppies in this community for 20 years.
- ✓ As veterans, we are deeply committed to insuring all donations go to the cause itself.
- ✓ Last year we raised \$22,500 in 10 days in May - every cent was donated to veterans
- ✓ We distribute more poppies than any VFW Post in Connecticut – Top Post last 3 yrs
- ✓ Our mission is to distribute these funds to the highest-rated veteran causes.
- ✓ We select veterans' charities which distribute 80% or more to the cause itself...
- ✓ since the average charity distributes only 50 to 60% of its funds to its underlying cause due to heavy expenses – salaries, advertising, overhead.
- ✓ We also distribute to local veteran causes – Deployed Vets, Rocky Hill Veterans Home, Iwo Jima Memorial, CCSU Vet Scholarship Fund, Grave Markers, Funeral Wreaths, etc.
- ✓ Our Veterans will be at Walmart, Stop&Stop, Shop-Rite & Dunkin' Donuts (Canton).
- ✓ Our's are REAL, LOCAL WAR VETS – WWII to Afghanistan who serve as volunteers!
- ✓ \$25,000 is our Target this year – as the need is great and growing with returning vets.
- ✓ Veterans' causes are sadly subject to Scammers - they pose as vets, mislead the public & steal from veterans. Be aware of them – we are working with CT to expose them!
- ✓ We hope you will support our 10-day Poppy Drive – there's no better way to help vets!
- ✓ How can you help – Write a check to Avon VFW Post 3272 (Poppy Drive), Take a Poppy Can, Buy Poppies for your family, friends & associates (we have packs of 10 poppies)!
- ✓ If you need more information, want a speaker or have a suggestion – Contact Lee Wilson (860-798-3562) or Bill Newman (860-676-0037).

We Are Most Grateful To Businesses Which Allow Us to Distribute Poppies

– For Without Them We Could Never Raise These Funds!

VETERANS CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY AVON VFW
(Since We Raised \$22,500 - IN OUR 2012 POPPY DRIVE)

<u>ARMY RELIEF FUND</u>	<u>\$1000</u>	<u>A+ Rated</u>
<u>A.F. AID SOC</u>	<u>\$1000</u>	<u>A+ Rated</u>
<u>BLINDED VETS</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>Started in Avon</u>
<u>CCSU VET FUND</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>Scholarship Fund</u>
<u>CT NAT GUARD</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>CT Nat Guard Fund</u>
<u>CT NAT HOME</u>	<u>\$1000</u>	<u>Widows/Orphans</u>
<u>CARE PACKAGES</u>	<u>\$277</u>	<u>Deployed Troops</u>
<u>FISHER HOUSE</u>	<u>\$2000</u>	<u>A+ Rated</u>
<u>GRAVE MARKERS</u>	<u>\$534</u>	<u>For Avon Vets</u>
<u>HOMES FOR HEROES</u>	<u>\$1000</u>	<u>A+ Rated</u>
<u>IRAQ&AFGAN VETS</u>	<u>\$2000</u>	<u>A+ Rated</u>
<u>INTREPID FALLEN</u>	<u>\$1000</u>	<u>A+ Rated</u>
<u>IWO JIMA MEMORIAL</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>Local Memorial</u>
<u>NAT MIL FAMILY ASS</u>	<u>\$1500</u>	<u>A+ Rated (2)</u>
<u>NAVY/USMC RELIEF</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>A+ Rated</u>
<u>NAVY SEAL FOUNDAT</u>	<u>\$1000</u>	<u>A+ Rated</u>
<u>QUILTS OF HONOR</u>	<u>\$540</u>	<u>Avon Quilts for Vets</u>
<u>SEMPER FI FUND</u>	<u>\$1000</u>	<u>A+ Rated</u>
<u>ROCKY HILL HOME</u>	<u>\$2000</u>	<u>CT Vet Home</u>
<u>POST VET HISTORIES</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>Mil Histories Exp</u>
<u>USO</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>4-star rated</u>
<u>UNICO - WW</u>	<u>\$140</u>	<u>Wounded Warrior Prj</u>
<u>VFW SCHOOL ESSAYS</u>	<u>\$200</u>	<u>Avon Students</u>
<u>VFW POPPIES (12K)</u>	<u>\$1440</u>	<u>Disabled Vets</u>
<u>VN VETS MEM FUND</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>"The Wall" - D.C.</u>
<u>VETERAN HISTORIES</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>Post History Prj</u>
<u>MISC VET EXPS</u>	<u>\$893</u>	<u>Vet Hosp Expenses</u>
<u>STATE CMDR PROJ</u>	<u>\$104</u>	<u>Hosp Vets Sports</u>
	<u>\$22,628 Total</u>	

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Avon VFW Seeks Names of Residents Who Served in War on Terror

The Memorial Committee of Gildo T. Consolini VFW Post 3272 is in the process of collecting names for eventual inscription on the Veteran's Memorial located on the Town Green for those from Avon who have served in the **War on Terror** that began with the September 11, 2001 attack.

The War on Terror was authorized by the United States Congress under the Authorization for Use of Military Force against Terrorists passed on September 18, 2001. Since the end to this conflict may be years or decades away, the Post wants to begin a roster of names before too much time has passed. As in the past, the criteria for inclusion on the memorial are as follows: 1) **A resident of Avon** who left the town for active duty in the Armed Forces. 2) Service on active duty was in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard. **A DD Form 214** must be provided showing proof of residence and active duty status. A soldier included under the Persian Gulf War listing who was on active duty on September 11 is eligible for inclusion under the War on Terror as well.

The Avon Post already has several veterans eligible for inclusion on the Memorial who are members of our organization. We have also been gathering names of active duty personnel and veterans who may be eligible from local newspaper articles.

If you know of **someone who you believe to be eligible**, please call our Post Commander Grant Hagedorn at 352-2514, Membership Chairman Bill Newman at 676-0037 or mail the information to Post Quartermaster Don Perreault at 555 Huckleberry Hill Rd. in Avon.

**Serving This Community and Veterans Since
1945**