

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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Legionnaires,

May is a busy month with election nominations, Post Everlasting Memorial Services, cemetery clean up and placing flags on Veterans graves as well as Memorial Day.

We are looking forward to legion baseball, Boys' State and hopefully State Police Youth Week.

We need to participate as much as possible with our traditions. I hope to see you all at our Dept. Convention in July.

For God and Country,
Dennis P. Beauregard
American Legion Dept. of CT Commander

Sr Vice Commander Message

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My Fellow Legionnaires,

Finally, we are starting to see some light at the end of this dark tunnel. With the leaves starting to pop out on the trees and gardens are being planted and the sun is brighter longer into the day, we should all start taking advantage of newer levels of normalcy. Restrictions are being lifted and we can get back to socializing like we did over a year ago. This also allows us to get back to business as Legionnaires. The Department is still short of National targets membership numbers. With only a few months left in the membership year, we can still reach our goals if we apply a little more effort. I encourage every Post to take a new look at your non-renewed rosters and make every effort to reach these members to see how they are doing and remind them of their expired status, even if it requires knocking on their doors.

Every Post should have already submitted their Post Data Forms. The PDF is necessary for National to prepare membership cards for the 2021-2022 membership year. There should be no reason why we cannot reach 100% submission. Additionally, Consolidated Post Reports are due to be filed after May 1st. Post Adjutants should already have a head start filling them out, either hard copy or online through MyLegion.org. If you have not started completing your Post CPR, please get started.

May is traditionally the time to present Post officer nominations for 2021-2022. As we all know, any member in good standing is eligible to be nominated and serve in a Post leadership position. Look at your membership and attempt to identify a younger member who has displayed and/or expressed an interest in serving as an officer at the Post level and consider a nomination for an officer position. The younger members should also be considered to serve on a Post Committee. Start recognizing the value that the next generation of members brings to the table and be prepared to mentor them along the way.

For God and Country,

Jeff DeClerck
Senior Vice Commander
Department of Connecticut
jadcmd@sbcglobal.net



Fellow Sons of The American Legion:

Updated Consolidated Reports are available and should be completed by all squadrons, to get your updated copy please contact Butch Hansen or myself, I would like these completed and returned to department no later than June 15th.

We will be meeting in person on Sunday May 16th at Post 14 at this time our nomination committee will present names of Sons who wish to serve at the Department level. I am looking forward to some new blood for our committees, if you would like to get involved in our detachment, I urge you to come to this meeting. Also, this will be the last day to turn in any funds for children and youth and the penny challenge

I would like all of you to know that our detachment has made a \$500.00 donation to the Berlin Veterans Gold Star Memorial, its these kinds of things that we should be focusing on.

Finally, our April membership target is 90% has been extended to May 9th, let's all try our best to hit this target.

Hope to see a good turn out on May 16th at 12 noon at Post 14.

Richard Kilby

Detachment Commander

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Comrades,

Spring has arrived and we should all be able to start to enjoy the sunnier skies and warmer temperatures. We are still dealing with a national pandemic, but nowhere near the status as where we were, so things are starting to once again loosen up and open up, allowing us to start getting some normalcy in in our lives. I hope you all continue to play it safe, protecting yourself and your loved ones from contracting COVID. With that all being said, once again I'd like to extend my personal congratulations to each of the Posts, Units, and Squadrons that have attained 100% in membership to date. I've seen 1st hand, a few more entities of The American Legion family in the Department of Connecticut achieve 100% since the last bulletin message. Putting a small team together to make direct contact with the unpaid members, whether by phone calls or even knocking on doors, makes a huge difference. Direct contact does actually work. As I've stated in the past, if you need assistance, all you have to do is ask. We don't know unless you tell us.

Last month I put out a challenge Department wide, which is extended to all facets of The American Legion family here in the Department of Connecticut. I personally decided to name it operation "ALPHA", American Legion Promoting our Heritage and Americanism. For every single Post, Unit, and Squadron that achieves 100% in membership by Mother's Day, May 9th, 2021, you will receive an award to show your achievement. As of this writing, the type of award is still pending, but will be either a small plaque or trophy which you can proudly display. Hopefully this becomes one more motivator to getting involved with "direct contact" with your un-renewed members. It's all about pride and attitude. We are all proud to be members of The American Legion family, so it's our responsibility to share our enthusiasm with others and to make them feel like they should continue standing shoulder to shoulder with us. If you have any events coming up, and would like to utilize a canopy and need a table display with materials, place contact either myself or Department Headquarters, so we can accommodate you in a timely manner. Just like everything else with membership, all you gotta do is ask.

In closing, I hope you are all continuing to remain healthy and safe and that you and your loved ones have a chance to really enjoy the outdoors, with the flowers once again beginning to bloom. "Happy Mother's Day", to all of the mothers. The Department Commander and Sr. Vice both have direct and strong positive messages, so I hope you took the time to read them as well, and keep their words in your thoughts as well.

Jim LaCoursiere

Chairman-Membership, Leadership, and Learning Commission

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Senate Bill 263 (An Act Concerning Club Permit and Non-Profit Club Permit Fees)

With the Governor deciding to rescind all remaining COVID-19 restrictions on May 19, 2021 except for wearing masks indoors, it is even more imperative that the Legislature pass this bill. As of April 28, 2021 the Senate has passed this bill and sent it to the House where it is expected to pass.

What does this mean for The American Legion Posts in Connecticut, it means that Liquor Permits will return to \$300.00 and in some cases, Posts may pay more depending on their canteen configuration. We will keep you updated as we get more information concerning when this bill will take effect.

Post & District Election and Committee Forms

Posts and Districts will be receiving their annual election and committee paperwork the first week of May. It is imperative that you send these forms back to Department Headquarters as soon as possible so we can ensure that National has the correct information on file. This will ensure that incoming officers will have access to the new My Legion in a timely manner so they can perform their required duties and as we all know the new My Legion has many issues that are being worked, so let's not add to the problem.

Post Data Forms

Thank you to all the Posts who have already submitted these forms, but there are still many Posts who have not submitted their forms. These forms are even more critical with the new My Legion database, we need to make sure that National has your current information on file.

Consolidated Post Reports & Consolidated Squadron Reports

Post CPR forms have been mailed and are available on the Department website, many Posts have either sent in their CPR or are filling them out on the National website in My Legion. The Squadron CPR form is a fillable document and is available on the Department website, it can be downloaded or filled out online and sent to Department Headquarters. The SAL CPR will not be mailed this year. All CPR Forms must be in Department HQ by June 3rd.

Please copy and share all Bulletin information as widely as possible!

American Legion Baseball

Background checks are required for all coaches & managers (anyone directly involved with players). **The website for this is: <https://opportunities.averity.com/ALConnecticut> Drivers License, Social Security number & credit card (for \$8.00 fee) are needed.** Starting January 1 through February 15, online Team Registration can start, but will not be approved for insurance and completion until coaches & managers listed have passed the background check. Go to: <http://www.baseball.legion.org> or simply go via the Department BB site: <http://www.ctlegionball.com>

Boys State

Boys State mailings have gone out to the Posts and Schools; you should already be working the program and contacting your local schools. If your post has not sponsored a high school student to Boys State before, please consider doing it this year, since the program is virtual and not cost to the student or Post. Information and application have already been posted to www.ctlegion.org and www.ctboysstate.org

Department Convention

Good news, we will be having a Department Convention this year! Details are still being worked out, but it looks like a one-day convention (Saturday). We are still working on the size of the Convention, but it looks like we will be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend.

Paperwork will be sent out to every Post and District the first week of May, so be on the lookout.

National Convention

The American Legion's 102nd National Convention will take place in Phoenix, Arizona, August 27 – September 2, 2021, the registration forms will be posted on our Department website by March 15, 2021. If you are interested in being a delegate, get with your district leadership and find out how you can become a delegate. If you have never been to a National Convention and would like to be a guest, you can contact our office to find out the details.

Department Potpourri

Please take note of the following this month; All Legion Offices will be closed May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day.

Please keep the family of Post 16 Past Commander Al Sabetta in your prayers as he passed away on April 21, 2021.

Please keep the family of Post 143 Commander Tom Quinn in your prayers as he passed away on April 27, 2021.

Please copy and share all Bulletin information as widely as possible!



American Legion Department of Connecticut National/Homeland Security & Disaster Relief

May 2021 Newsletter (editors Mike Kellett & Joe Haney)

The American Legion's National Security Policy

The American Legion believes national security must be maintained to fulfill the mandate for a strong national defense.

The National/Homeland Security & Disaster Relief Committee welcomes input from Comrade Legionnaires.

National Security News

Space Force growing up fast

By Alan W. Dowd

Just 16 months old, the U.S. Space Force is contributing daily to the nation's defense, coming into its own as an independent military branch, and gaining some friends in high places. **Gaining support.** Let's start with those friends. After some initial speculation – and a [political push](#) from some quarters – that President Joe Biden might ground the Space Force, the White House in February [announced](#) its full support for the fledgling branch, which was born with strong bipartisan backing during the Trump administration. Gen. John Raymond, chief of space operations and Space Force commander, [said](#) the president's support makes it “clear that this is not a political issue” but one of national security. That presidential vote of confidence is crucial as the Space Force builds itself into what America needs it to be: a branch dedicated to ensuring U.S. access to space and freedom of movement through space, defending U.S. interests and assets in space, deterring hostile activity against those interests and assets, and, if necessary, defeating hostile forces on the ultimate high ground. Biden is not alone. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin [views](#) space as “an arena of great power competition.” He [notes](#) that the “central role space plays in supporting other services in their warfighting role continues to grow.” And he [wants](#) to ensure that the Space Force is “improving the readiness of forces across all domains to protect and secure our homeland and U.S. interests abroad” and “advancing the development and employment of space power for the nation.” **Maturing into independence.** As it advances the development and employment of space power, the Space Force itself is rapidly developing and taking on the burdens – and trappings – of an independent branch. From its first day on duty in December 2019, the Space Force has been tracking satellites, supporting military launches and operating the U.S. constellation of GPS satellites, upon which most Americans depend for the everyday stuff of modern life. For the entire story visit: <https://www.legion.org/landingzone>

POW/MIA

DPOAA identified the following:

Charles Montgomery, USN, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor HI, accounted for 04/09/2021

Stanislaw Drwall, USN, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor HI, accounted for 04/14/2021

Neal Todd, USN, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor HI, accounted for 04/12/2021

Octavius Mabine, USN, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor HI, accounted for 04/05/2021

Raymond Smith, USA, Co A 1st BAT, 32nd IF Reg, 7th INF, North Korea, 04/01/2021

Philip Hoogacker, USA, Co D, 1st BAT, 29th INF, Anui South Korea, accounted for 04/19/2021

Ernest Vienneau, USAF, 340th BMBSq, 97th BMB Grp, 15th AF, Vis Island Croatia, accounted for 04/20/2021

<https://www.dpaa.mil/Our-Missing/Recently-Accounted-For/>

Disaster Preparedness, Relief and Assistance

Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 9-15, 2021

Know your Hurricane Risk

Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water could happen where you live [so you can start preparing now](#).

Make an Emergency Plan

Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands [your hurricane plan](#). Don't forget a plan for the [office, kids' daycare, and anywhere you frequent](#).

Recognize Warnings and Alerts

Have several ways to receive alerts. [Download the FEMA app](#) and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. [Sign up for community alerts](#) in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)- which requires no-sign up. For more info visit: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Support our troops and Welcome them home

Here are some ideas from National:

**Seek out servicemembers returning to your community, and make it a major event*

**Organize community-wide ceremonies on holidays such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July & Veterans Day*

**Present a Legion Certificate of Appreciation - [Download Certificate of Recognition](#)*

**Organize "Support Our Troops Night" at local sporting events*

**Line the streets with U.S. flags, Blue Star Banners, yellow ribbons and yard signs*

For more visit <https://www.legion.org/troops/welcome>

The American Legion, Department of Connecticut
269 Main St
Cromwell, CT 06416

102nd NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING APPLICATION

Deadline for receipt of this form in Department Headquarters
Friday, June 25, 2021, 4:00 PM

I hereby make application for housing at the 2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION of The American Legion to be held in Phoenix, AZ, August 27 – September 2, 2021.

THE CONNECTICUT HEADQUARTERS will be the Hyatt Regency Phoenix Hotel, 122 North Second Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

ACCOMMODATIONS:
Plus, tax rate = 12.77%

King Rate (1 to 2 people) \$123.00
Queen Rate (two beds) (1 to 4 people) \$123.00
ADA Room (1 to 4 people) \$123.00
Corner King Room (1 to 4 people) \$123.00
King/QQ Adj Rm w/ Balcony \$246.00

Rollaway Rate per Day (King Rooms Only) - \$20.00
Parking: Self-Parking per Day - \$23.00/Valet - \$37.00

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Delegates and Alternates of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary ACCOMMODATED as follows:
FIRST – Delegates, SECOND - Alternates, THIRD – Call-ins, FOURTH - others as space is available Guests will not be considered until all specified are placed. **Note: AL Call-ins & Delegates must stay in assigned hotel.**
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HOUSING DEPOSITS: A one-day deposit is required for each room **plus any additional daily fees**

REGISTRATION FEE: All persons attending Convention - Delegates, Alternates and Guests (age 18 or over) **MUST** pay \$25.00 registration fee before room assignments are made. All housing is **assigned based on three (3) Nights minimum occupancy.** On CHECKOUT - be sure your deposit is credited to your account.
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ROOM TO BE OCCUPIED BY: (list full name, address of each occupant).
Indicate if **Delegate, Alternate or Guest.**

Name

Address - Phone Number - Email

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Arrival date: _____

Departure date: _____

Total days: _____

Information about activities may be found through the National web site (www.Legion.org/Convention)

**2020
NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Phoenix, AZ

August 27 – September 2, 2021

CONN. OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS:

Hyatt Regency Phoenix Hotel
122 North Second Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 252-1234

CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

A NATIONAL CONVENTION
REGISTRATION FEE OF **\$25.00**
MUST BE PAID BY EVERY LEGIONNAIRE
AND LEGION GUEST ATTENDING THE
CONVENTION

<p><u>AL DEPARTMENT CAUCUS</u></p> <p><u>SUNDAY, August 29, 2021</u></p> <p><u>1:00-3:00 PM – Location TBD</u></p> <p><i>Registration: THU 8/26 & FRI 8/27 1-5 p.m.</i> <i>Location TBD</i></p>
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**IMPORTANT - NO PHONE RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
BY DEPARTMENT OR CONVENTION HOTEL**

ENCLOSE CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPT. OF CONN

Circle preferences: King or Double / All rooms are Non-Smoking

HOUSING DEPOSIT: (\$138.46 min.) \$ _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$ 25.00 per person X _____ \$ _____

Additional Occupants pay a one time fee of \$25.00 \$ _____
(Questions Please call Adjutant)

TOTAL: \$ _____

Contact
NAME: _____ TEL: _____ POST #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ DIST #: _____

EMAIL: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

**BE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE ANSWERED IN FULL. REMEMBER THAT THIS
APPLICATION MUST REACH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 25, 2021 by 4:00 pm.**



*National President
Nicole Clapp
ALA 100th Anniversary
Celebration*



Please join Department President Lydia DeGumbia welcoming National President Nicole Clapp to the great State of Connecticut and Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary

*Where: Southington Post #72
When: Saturday May 22, 2021
Time: 5:30-6:30pm Cash Bar Social
6:00pm Dinner
Cost: \$25.00 per person*

Deadline is Saturday May 15, 2021

Dinner Buffet: Ziti, Meatballs, Sausage and Peppers, Baked Chicken, Roast beef, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Bread and Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Water and Soda.

Please mail reservations to the ALA Dept. Of CT, PO Box 266, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0266

Check enclosed for ___ reservations @ \$25.00 pp to National President's 100th Celebration

*Unit/Post # _____ Name: _____
District # _____ Address: _____
Town/City: _____ Zip _____
Contact Phone #: _____*

DLA DFNF: Saturday May 15, 2021

25 YEARS AGO – 1996 - The 5th American Legion Family Walkathon

A PURPLE T- SHIRT and A PIN FOR \$100

5 Walking Divisions: 1) Legionnaires, 2) Auxiliary members, 3) Junior Girls, 4) Sons of The American Legion, and 5) All others. Winner of each group received a purple jacket. Second and Third received a purple sweat shirt and 4th- 6th received a baseball cap. The one, who raised the most, presented the check at the Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

The American Legion Family Walk-A-Thon was held on April 21, 1996, starting at 11:00 AM and Noon. The 3-mile course was located just off I-91 near Exit 20, Middletown; Registration was held at the Kaman Linear Systems building at the intersection of Middle Street and Boardman Road.

This was a walk for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, formally the Newington Children's Hospital.

1996, The Committee held a WALKATHON Recognition Awards Dinner (Bar-B-Q) on June 30, 1996, 2:00 PM at Marlborough Post 197. Tickets sold for \$6.00. It was a full house.

The Volunteer List - I hope that you were there.... Frazier Brinley 103 - Chairman
From 75: Scott Organek, Bob Scanlon, Ron Organek, Nancy Smart, Linda Reardan, Marty Reardan, Sr., Norm Way and Calvin Hilton. Others: Dennis Roberts 180, Jean Roberts 54, Terri Fischer 165, Ed Carney 48, Kathy Riordan 50, Ed Ripkin 89, Stu Dudley 184, Richard Bergeron 56, Bernice Bergeron 56, Joyce Brinley 103, Ernie Godfrey 72, Jim D'Amato 80, Laura Freeman 102, Debbi Knickerbocker 36, Joseph Mardu 1, Helene Mardu 96, Sheldon Parker 18, Barbara Vincelette 66, Mary Le Duc 102, Ron Schaefer 105 and Helene Schaefer 155.

Middletown Post 75 provided Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Cold drinks to the Walkers. There were two water stops: One was provided by Joe & Helene Mardu and Richard & Bernice Bergeron. The 2nd water spot by 1996 must have been eliminated. The lead car was driven by Sheldon Parker (previous years, it had been done by Tim Cavanaugh). Walkers: 123, Were you one? Did you pledge?

A Children & Youth Report, May 15, 1996: The Walkathon raised \$14,809.30.

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

February 5, 2021

BOY'S STATE APPLICATIONS AND BROCHURES ARE NOW AVAILABLE
ONLINE AT
<http://www.ctlegion.org> or <http://www.ctboysstate.org>

To obtain your Boys' State applications they are available on the web-sites above. *Please provide the above web information to your selected delegates*, have them download and complete the application and return the completed application (with all signatures) to you. The checklist and application are formatted so it may be filled in AND saved right on the computer then printed (plain 8.5 x 11 paper) when complete, *but please remember that.....*

ALL SIGNATURES MUST STILL BE HANDWRITTEN AND ORIGINAL

ADDITIONAL REMINDERS

1. All applications MUST be received at Department Headquarters by June **4th, 2021 - 4:00 PM.**
3. All applications must be checked for the following:
 - a. If not an **American Citizen, Applicant must provide copy of green card.**
 - b. Applications must be signed by School Principal and responsible Post Officer.
 - c. Parent or Guardian must sign.
 - d. Applicant must sign.
 - e. All questions must be answered.
 - f. This year's program will be open to both Juniors and Seniors who were not able to Attend last year.
 - g. Seniors who attend will not be eligible for the Samsung Scholarship or Boys Nation.
4. **There will be no fee this year, the entire program will be virtual via Zoom.**

DATE OF BOYS' STATE IS: Monday, June 21 through Friday, June 26, 2021 with a Graduation the morning of June 26, 2021

If you have any questions or concerns or are unable to obtain an application through the websites, please contact Department Headquarters at 860-436-9986 or email: admin@ctlegion.org



The American Legion Department of Connecticut Boys' State Leadership Program

Welcome to The American Legion, Department of Connecticut Boys' State Virtual Leadership Program. We are so excited to be continuing our new way to apply for this exciting program in 2021. You should access this application at <http://www.ctlegion.org> or <http://ctboysstate.org> and **TYPE** the application prior to printing it. To complete the application, print the **TYPED** application and have it signed with **ORIGINAL** signatures. If you do not have access to a computer or you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 860-436-9986 and we will be happy to assist you.

Below is a checklist that will help you submit your application. The Dates of The Boys' State Virtual Leadership Program are Monday, June 21, 2021 – Friday, June 25, 2021 with a morning graduation on Saturday June 26, 2021.

Your application WILL NOT be processed unless all required information is enclosed

Please return your completed application to your Local Post

POSTS please return completed applications to:

The American Legion
Department Headquarters
Attn: Boys State
269 Main St
Cromwell, CT 06416

Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application (TYPED) completed and with 4 signatures (Parent, Applicant, School Principal, Post representative)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanent Resident Card if NOT a U.S. Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please check potential date conflicts i.e. school end/graduation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Video/Photograph waiver form



Boys' State Leadership Program Fact Sheet

INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL DELEGATES, SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES, AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Connecticut Boys State Web-site

For additional information pertaining to The American Legion Boys State, Department of Connecticut, visit our website: www.ctlegion.org or www.ctboysstate.org

Program Site and Date

The American Legion, Department of Connecticut, will sponsor **2021** Boys State Virtually via Zoom from **Monday, June 21 to Friday, June 25, 2021 with Graduation on Saturday morning June 26, 2021. Place to be determined.**

Program Check-in

All students will be required to attend an orientation via zoom prior to the start of the program. Students will be notified via email the date and time of the orientation along with a link to log in.



Boys' State Leadership Program Objectives

To develop civic leadership and pride in American citizenship.

The American Legion hopes that each young man attending Boys State will return to his community a better citizen and display his willingness to make greater civic contributions.

To develop a keen interest in government.

To develop in the young citizens of Boys State a full understanding of our American traditions and belief in the United States of America.

The American Legion Boys State teaches citizens the glorious traditions of this country!

To develop in the young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government

The final two objectives come from the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion:

"To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation . . ."

"To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy . . ."



DEADLINE JUNE 4, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.
CONNECTICUT AMERICAN LEGION BOYS' STATE VIRTUAL
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM Monday, June 21 through Saturday, June 26, 2021



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____ DOB _____
 Street Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Parent cell Phone _____
required

We are looking into using Apps this year for various aspects of our program. Do you have smart phone capability? YES NO Student *required* Cell phone

Parent e-mail *required* _____ Student e-mail *required* _____

Parent or Guardian _____

Address if different Than above _____

Name & Address of School _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO If no, you ***MUST*** attach a copy of your Permanent Resident Card

PARTICIPATION

The High School Oratorical Contest? YES NO If so, where and placement? _____

Are you or have you been a Boy Scout? YES NO If yes, rank & leadership positions held? _____

The American Legion Baseball Program? YES NO Post Team/Position _____

Sons of The American Legion YES NO If yes, Squadron _____

Additional Organizations, Activities & leadership positions held: _____

The American Legion Boys State Leadership Program is devoted to functional citizenship training of the potential leaders in the various communities of our State. Your admission to American Legion Boys' State depends on your school record, your character and your qualities of leadership. *The use of or possession of firearms, alcohol or drugs will result in instant dismissal, and the Boys' State commission reserves the right to inspect all rooms.* I understand the above information and give permission for my picture and/or voice to be used in the promotion of this program in video, in print and on the Internet and agree to abide by all rules and guidelines of the American Legion Boys' State of Connecticut.

MUST BE SIGNED BY **APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN**

APPLICANT : _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

SCHOOL:

As principal of _____ High School I certify the above named student is a member of the Junior Class. I believe that he will be A responsible Citizen of the American Legion Boys' State because of his Character, Leadership and interest in Government. His average grades are above "C"
 Date: _____ X _____

ATTENDANCE

I understand that I must attend all sessions at Boys' State. If I do not attend all sessions I understand I will not receive a graduation certificate and Boys' State pin, nor will I be allowed to use Boys' State on any reference or resume

APPLICANT : _____

POST INFORMATION OR SPONSORING ORGANIZATION

If the information below is not typed it MUST be neatly written and legible

Sponsoring Post	Other Sponsoring Organization
Post Representative	Contact Phone
Authorized Representative Signature: _____	Date: _____

RELEASE FORM

I, _____, hereby grant permission to **The American Legion Department of Connecticut**, the rights of my image, in video or still, and of the likeness and sound of my voice as recorded on audio or video tape during the 2021 Boys State session without payment or any other consideration. I understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or recording. I also understand that this material may be used in diverse educational settings within an unrestricted geographic area.

Photographic, audio or video recordings may be used for ANY USE which may include but is not limited to:

- Presentations;
- Courses;
- Online/Internet Videos;
- Media;
- News (Press);

By signing this release, I understand this permission signifies that photographic or video recordings of me may be electronically displayed via the Internet or in the public educational setting.

I will be consulted about the use of the photographs or video recording for any purpose other than those listed above.

There is no time limit on the validity of this release nor is there any geographic limitation on where these materials may be distributed.

This release applies to photographic, audio or video recordings collected as part of the sessions listed on this document only.

By signing this release, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the above release and agree to be bound thereby. I hereby release any and all claims against any person or organization utilizing this material for educational purposes.

Full Name _____

Street Address/P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

Samsung American Legion Scholarship

The Samsung American Legion Scholarship online application process is now open. Use the link at the bottom of this page. Please read through the requirements of this page before applying.

Worldwide electronics leader Samsung endowed a scholarship fund of \$5 million to be administered by The American Legion in 1996. Meant to show appreciation for U.S. veterans who came to Korea's aid during its struggle against communist forces in the Korean War, the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program established a series of scholarships derived from interest and other income from the principal amount. As of 2019 the Samsung American Legion Scholarship has awarded more than \$6.5 million in college scholarships to 2,266 applicants since its inception in 1996.

The application window for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship opens February 1st each year. High School Juniors only!

Deadline

Scholarship applicants must **complete and submit their online application prior to 11:59 (local time) of Day 1 of their respective American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program.** All applications must be submitted using the online application system and may not be modified after the due date or given a deadline extension under any circumstance.

Participants should check their individual program coordinator as to whether or not the coordinator desires them to bring a hard copy of their submitted application materials. If a hard copy is required, participants will need to complete their application PRIOR to arrival at their respective program.

Award Amounts

Samsung scholarships may be used for undergraduate studies and applied toward tuition, books, fees, and room and board. Winners are selected according to academic record, involvement in school and community service.

- Ten National Scholars receive \$10,000 each (two from each region)
- Ten National Runners-Up receive \$5,000 each (two from each region)
- Remaining Department Finalists receive \$1,250 each guaranteed

Eligibility

Scholarship applications are limited to students between their junior and senior years of high school who attend the current session of either an American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program and are a direct descendant - i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. - or a legally adopted child of a wartime U.S. military veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for American Legion membership.

Applicants who are direct descendants of Korean War Era Veterans will receive three bonus points.

Applicants who upload a copy of a current membership to the American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion will receive a bonus point or may receive a bonus point by uploading a current membership card of a parent in The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The

American Legion. No more than one bonus point for Legion Family membership will be awarded per application.

Proof of Service Documentation

ACCEPTABLE

- Form DD214 (Official discharge certificate)
- Official "Honorable Discharge" certificate
- Form DD1300 (Official military death certificate)
- Official record of burial in a military cemetery issued by the National Cemetery Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Current or former military ID card
- Current or former LES (Leave and Earnings Statement)
- Official logbook entries from a military unit
- ANY OTHER DOCUMENT LISTED ON THE "Military Service Verification Documents List" (Linked below)

UNACCEPTABLE

- Any otherwise "acceptable" document that is illegible
- Obituaries
- Pictures of military headstones
- Pictures of service members in uniform
- Entries in non-military and/or non-official records or books
- Membership cards from veterans organizations
- VA Healthcare Cards

For more information

- [Boys State Contacts and Websites](#)
- [Girls State Contacts and Websites](#)
- [FAQ - Samsung American Legion Application](#)
- [Military Service Verification Documents List](#)
- [2019 Samsung American Legion Scholarship Annual Report](#)

The following locations may be of assistance.

- Many certificates of discharge prior to 1979 do not appear to be "official" documents as many were typed onto a sheet of paper. If you are unsure if it is an official document, please ask your American Legion service officer. Department Service Officers are listed by state at <https://www.legion.org/serviceofficers>.
- The National Archives and Records Administration: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/index.html>
- The County Clerk and Records Office where the veteran resided.
- The funeral home may have kept a copy if military honors were provided.
- Monument company if VA headstone or marker was ordered.
- If the veteran had utilized a VA Home Loan there may be a copy of the DD214 with the title documentation.
- Veterans who have signed up for EBENEFITS through the Veterans Administration may be able to obtain a printable copy from <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>

- The State Director of Veterans Affairs may have received a copy of the veterans DD214 at the time of discharge from military service. This will be specific to the state in which the veterans home of record.

[Access the online Samsung Scholarship application here:](#)

<https://www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application>



MISSION BLUE POST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

THE AMERICAN LEGION INTERNAL AFFAIRS & MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

INSTRUCTIONS & MISSION BLUE POST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

For assistance in completing this application, or for contact information, contact your department at www.legion.org/departments.

POST GRANT (Application–Page 3): The Mission Blue Post Assistance Program (PAP) grant is intended to assist posts whose revenue has been negatively impacted from the effects of the COVID-19 health crisis within the community, as well as any government-mandated restrictions. The funds distributed from this grant are to be exclusively used to meet financial responsibilities associated with maintaining post facilities and community presence. Grants are only approved to cover costs and fees associated with mortgage payments, rent, insurance premiums, and/or utilities. Recipient posts are prohibited from using funds to maintain or cover a loss of income from any registered post business (including but not limited to post bars, cantinas, restaurants, etc.) paying post employees, building upgrades or repairs, taxes, fines/fees/penalties, or funding post activities and programs. Posts who meet all the required criteria may receive up to \$1,000.00 from the Mission Blue PAP fund. Department commanders/adjutants are encouraged to complete a Mission Blue PAP grant application on behalf of the post.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA: American Legion posts who meet all qualifying criteria for the Mission Blue PAP Grant are eligible to receive up to \$1,000.00. Department commanders/adjutants must certify the applicant post meets the following criteria:

- Must have a consolidated post report on file.
- Must have filed an IRS 990 within the prescribed due date.
- Must have filed all other required forms and reports as prescribed by the department.
- Must have actively participated in one or more American Legion program(s) within the last 18 months.
- Must have a financial need.
- Must provide a certificate of insurance for all liability coverage naming The American Legion doing business as (dba) American Legion National Headquarters and the post's department as an additional insured.(Submit declaration page showing coverage)
- Must provide documentation indicating that the post is properly incorporated.

REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION (Application–Page 3): Department leadership must verify that applicant posts meet all the qualifying criteria prior to submission of the grant application. Posts and departments do not need to submit any bills or receipts along with grant applications. The application must be filled out completely and accurately to prevent delay in processing. Grant requests may be submitted in fillable PDF format and sent via email to IA@legion.org. Any questions regarding this grant should be directed to the Internal Affairs & Membership Division.

APPROVAL SIGNATURE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS: Upon review, if additional information is needed, the department will be contacted. If the application is properly completed and all qualifying criteria and requirements are met, the Internal Affairs & Membership Division will endorse the application and forward a request for funds to the Finance Division. After review and approval by the National Adjutant, a check will be issued and forwarded to the department headquarters to disburse to the applicant post along with a grant fulfillment letter which will also include reporting instructions.

If any of the above steps have not been taken, the application may be returned to the department headquarters for amendment or further clarification. Applications not approved will be returned to the department headquarters with reasons for disapproval who will then notify the applicant post.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Posts are required to submit a true and accurate report outlining how the grant funds were used (mortgage, rent, insurance premiums, and/or utilities) within six months of the receipt of funds and no later than February 28, 2022. Information regarding the report format and submission will be included within the grant fulfillment letter. This report should be reviewed by department headquarters prior to forwarding it to the Internal Affairs & Membership Division at the national headquarters.



MISSION BLUE POST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form contains two sections: a post information section and a department verification section. Both sections must be completed in full. Departments will need to review the instructions and information within this document with the applicant post prior to completing the grant application.
2. Departments will need to obtain the necessary records to verify all qualifying criteria have been met. These are only for the department verification process and additional records do not need to be sent to national headquarters along with the application. If additional information is needed for the review process, the department will be contacted.
3. Mission Blue PAP grants are strictly for assisting posts with facility related expenses (as outlined in Resolution 36, October 2020). Bills, receipts, and itemized expenses are not required with this application.

REMINDER: Mission Blue PAP grants are not provided to cover costs or lost revenue associated with any post business, such as bars, cantinas, pubs, restaurants, club rooms, etc.

4. Ensure all sections of the application are complete and the appropriate signatures are obtained.
5. Applications must be submitted national headquarters by the department headquarters for approval. All applications sent directly to national headquarters by any other means will be returned to the appropriate department headquarters without review or action.
6. If you have questions concerning the Mission Blue PAP Grant and application, please contact the Internal Affairs & Membership Division using the information below.

Before sending a Mission Blue PAP application to The American Legion National Headquarters, did you:

- Verify the applicant post has met all the required criteria for grant consideration?
- Complete all sections of the application and attach all required documents?
- Provide a copy of post's insurance declaration page showing The American Legion National Headquarters as an additional insured on the post's liability (aka general liability) coverage?
- Sign and date the application?

The American Legion
Mission Blue Post Assistance Program
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
(317) 630-1330
Email: IA@legion.org

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MISSION BLUE POST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

Date Rec'd

INTERNAL AFFAIRS & MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

Through The American Legion Department Headquarters of

POST GRANT APPLICATION

Post Legal Name: Post #: Dept.:
 Post Officer Requesting Grant: Name: Title:
 Street Address: City: State: Zip:
 Phone: Email:
 Signature: Requested Amount:

Department Officer Certifying: Name: Title:
 Phone: Email:

Department Headquarters certifies that the applicant post has met all the following criteria. (All must be checked to be considered for grant approval.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) for the current calendar year has been submitted to national headquarters.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Filed IRS 990 within the prescribed due date.
<input type="checkbox"/>	All department required annual forms have been submitted to the department for the upcoming year (including the Post Officer Certification Form).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Participated in one or more American Legion programs in the last 18 months.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Post must have a financial need.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The post is properly insured and the national headquarters is listed as additionally insured (declaration page attached).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure post is properly incorporated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The post agrees to use all funds dispersed by this grant to cover only approved expenses AND will provide a report to department demonstrating how those funds were used within 180 days of receipt of funds or no later than February 28, 2022.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(NOTE: Department will need to relay all reports back to Mission Blue PAP administrators at national headquarters.)

Upon Signature, this form must be sent to national headquarters

NOTICE: If a post is a recipient of a Mission Blue PAP grant and would like to be contacted by staff from The American Legion National Headquarters to publicly share your story of how The American Legion assisted you, please sign below. Your testimonial will be used in print, marketing and online American Legion Media. Mission Blue PAP stories promote the American Legion Mission Blue PAP Fundraising efforts, through which grants are made possible, and how donations to the fund support ongoing assistance for American Legion Posts, veterans, and their communities.

FOR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY:

DEPARTMENT OFFICER: Approve or Disapprove Recommended Amount: \$
 Signature: Title: Date:

FOR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY:

REVIEW COMMITTEE: Approve or Disapprove Recommended Amount: \$
 Signature: Title: Date:
NATIONAL ADJUTANT: Approve or Disapprove Amount: \$
 Signature: Date:

End of an era as American Legion Post 4 sells building tries to start anew in Norwich

APRIL 23, 2021

NORWICH — During its final day serving as the home of American Legion Post 4, piles of trophies sat in the entranceway. A man bought a pool table. Movers packed a truck with items taken from the hall.

The building on 457 Laurel Hill Road in Norwich served as the long-time home of the 100-year-old American Legion Robert O. Fletcher Post 4. But through the years, it became painfully clear it was time Post 4 found another home.

“The building isn’t what makes the American Legion post,” Post Commander James Robertson said. “It’s the membership that makes it.”



Debts pile up

Debts have piled up at Post 4, and toward the end of 2020 officials decided to sell their building to Wiese Construction in Norwich. The sale will be finalized on April 28. While Robertson doesn't know yet what the building or site will be used for, he said the decision to sell was important to keep the post in good financial standing.

“When we got the offer from (Wiese Construction) to purchase it, it was perfect,” Robertson said. “We could pay off our debts and walk away from here with a good name with banking institutions and creditors.”

Post 4's years of debt totaled upward of \$20,000, and the Post 4 hall was in need of many repairs, including \$30,000 to fix the roof, along with electrical and plumbing issues.

“Past leadership here, there was a lot of mismanagement, accounting issues,” Robertson said. “The money that was made wasn't put into the building.”



Robertson had hoped for a turnaround. In March 2020, before pandemic-related lockdowns began, Robertson had looked to hosting

brunches and fundraisers to help turn things around. But the pandemic hit, and the idea of hosting fundraisers went by the wayside.

Artifacts find a new home

Looking inside the Post 4 office, a space that was once full of papers and other things was empty, with just the desks and a relative few items left when Robertson spoke on April 2. In terms of the stuff from the Legion hall, Robertson said much of it was being sold off or given away.

“Some of it will go into storage, and we’ll hold on to it in case we get another home,” Robertson said.

Some of the items Post 4 sold included their pool table and the refrigerator. Other things had to be given away. This includes the two torpedoes and the Howitzer adorning the outside of the Post 4 building in Laurel Hill, which was built in the 1960s. Robertson the Howitzer will be given to the American Legion Joseph St. Germaine Post 85 in Baltic, and the torpedoes will be given to the City of Norwich.



State Senator Cathy Osten, who is also Post 85’s Commander, said the Howitzer will be displayed in the Veterans Memorial Park in Sprague.

Osten felt it was important, considering the park had two machine guns at one point, which disappeared over the years.

“This is returning something to the Veteran’s Memorial Park in concept that has always been there,” Osten said.



As for the torpedoes, Robertson said the city will put them in storage until there's a use. Norwich Mayor Peter Nystrom believes it's important to preserve these artifacts.

“They do represent a ton of sacrifice,” Nystrom said.

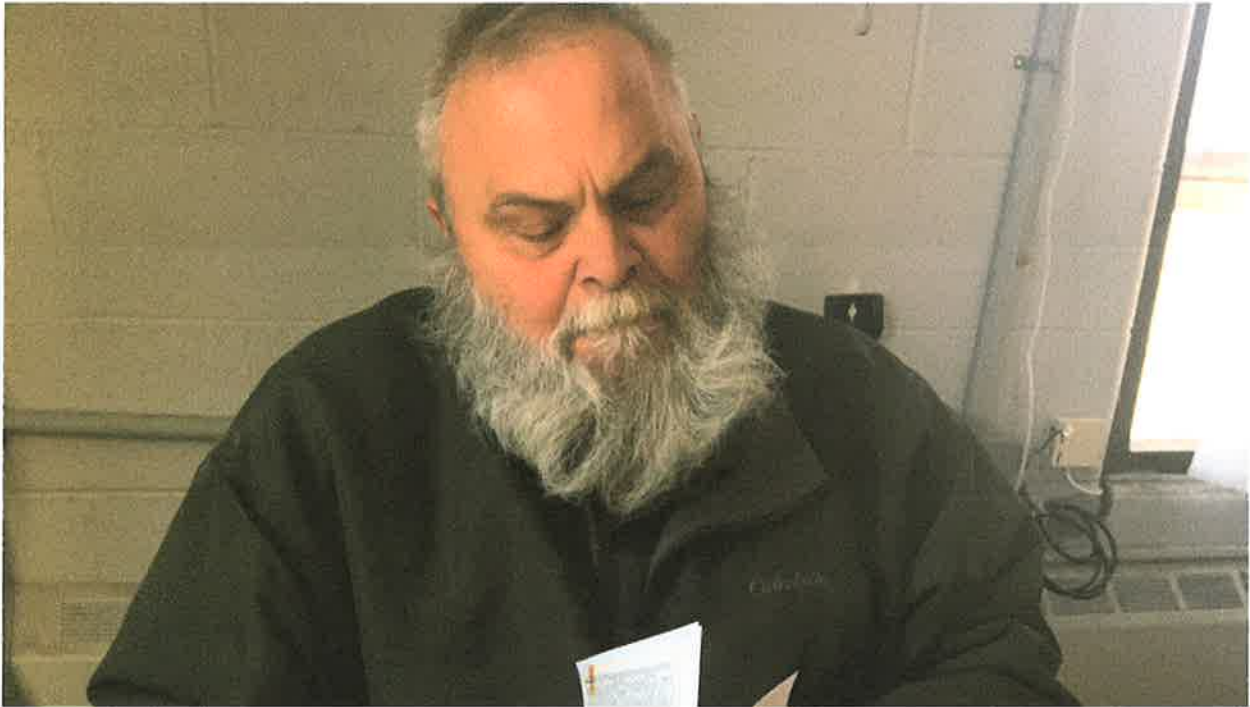
[More: Norwich warehouse fire survivor: 'Every night for the last 59 years I say my prayers for the boys'](#)

However, other artifacts will stay within the post. Robertson said there was a time capsule buried at Post 4 that was recently exhumed. The contents, which are now in the possession of another Post 4 member, including old pictures, old hats, a Post 4 newspaper, and a list of over 700 Post 4 building donors from 1961, kept in a copper box.

“We’re looking at setting up a display in the library or something like that,” Robertson said.

Searching for something new

The Post also isn't wasting time searching for a new home. Robertson said the members will find a place to still hold meetings, and they're watching the real estate market to find a new place. Ideally, the Post members are looking for a place big enough to rent out as a source of income.



“We looked at several places, but they were out of our reach, or they required too much work,” Robertson said.

Augustus Wortham Jr., the Post 4 adjutant is hoping for a space that can do similar things to what the current building could do, between both the hall itself and the pavilion with people renting it for their own occasions, or even other social groups taking advantage of the space.

“A lot of events have taken place out there,” Wortham said. “A lot of history.”

Membership dwindles

It's important to keep in mind that most of the members of Post 4, and much of the American Legion is made of older individuals and that the Legion's national average for dues is only \$40 a year, according to the Legion's FAQ page.

Robertson said Post 4's membership peak was in the 1970s with over 700 veteran members, with there only being 115 members now, with 15 that regularly attend meetings.

Robertson said that younger veterans tend not to join the American Legion because of the time and money they're putting into raising a family, and the past stigma of American Legion posts around their bars.



“That image comes up with people and has turned a lot of people off over the years,” Robertson said.

Osten also said declining membership is a widespread problem across all American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. However, she also said that people are generally older when they join those organizations.

“It’s always been a problem to get that next group in, and it’s something we have to work on,” Osten said.

Robertson also said there are more veteran organizations that people have the option of joining. While Robertson said it’s a net positive, not having the membership in the American Legion can impact its effectiveness.

“There’s strength in numbers,” Robertson said. “The more membership the American Legion has, the more influence they’ll have with Congress when it comes to veteran decisions.”

Looking to the future

However, Robertson said the future looks bright for Post 4, as it will place a bigger focus on services the American Legion has for veterans, and hold more community events, while keeping things family-friendly “by staying away from the bar area.”

Back in March 2020, Robertson said the bar, which post members decided to close in April 2019 after many complaints, was the post’s main source of income.

As for American Legion services, Robertson said the post needs to educate people on what’s available. Robertson is fond of service officers that can help veterans and their families with military-related paperwork. Robertson also said the access to federal and state agencies from the American Legion is also important.

“They can come to the American Legion and ask, ‘where do I find out about this,’ and we can go and help them out,” Robertson said.

As for making Post 4 activities more family friendly, Wortham is the one in charge. Wortham said he left the post for a time but returned because of Robertson and the more community-oriented people that Robertson associated with.

“When he came, it started to get so much better,” Wortham said. “That was a blessing.”



Wortham also believes Post 4’s recommitment to community services reflects the whole purpose of military service to begin with.

“We serve just so that the community can prosper,” Wortham said.

Wortham said that the post needed to grow the skills among the people they have, as those in military life are used to taking orders. For Wortham, growing skills among the membership means being able to better serve homeless veterans and holding community events.

“You’ve got to have organizational skills, and a lot of those guys didn’t,” Wortham said.

Wortham also believes the new path can lead to success for Post 4 as well. He drew comparisons to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2212, which has had popular bingo nights without selling alcohol.

“It’s not that other things wouldn’t work, it’s whether you institute them, and back them, and support them,” Wortham said.

Remembering the old building

As for the old post building, Robertson said he'll miss the camaraderie between the veterans that met there. Some folks will meander in, and others, like Post Historian Rich Russ, will stay to tell stories and jokes.

“A lot of people still come in to work on things, help out with fundraisers,” Robertson said. “It was a place to meet and a place to hang out.”

Wortham, held a memorial service for his father at Post 4, so it has a lot of meaning for him. The Post 4 building, according to Wortham, is built “perfect for community,” as the only event space of a comparable size in the city is the Holiday Inn, and he had ran shows in the past at Post 4 for both veterans and young artists.

Regardless if the building still stands after the buyer takes it over, Wortham said he hopes something positive will take Post 4's place.

“I don't think it will go to waste,” Wortham said.

Robertson said there was talk of having a send-off for the Post 4 building, but only so many people were interested.

Wortham reflected that Post 4 has a lot of both good and bad history, but he believes the future will have the post “smelling like a rose” in the Rose City.

“We're moving to the next phase, which is a more positive position,” Wortham said.



2021 Tentative Schedule Post 45, 835 Hanover Road, S. Meriden, CT

March 14	St Pats Day – Corn Beef Sandwich’s	13:00	All Welcome
March 21	Meriden’s – St. Patrick’s Day Parade	(TBD)	<i>Tentative Date?</i>
April 4	Easter	CLOSED	CLOSED
April 18	Red Poppy’s Distribute, S&S Broad St.	10:00	<i>Never Forgotten.</i>
April 24	American Legion Outside Spring Clean Up	9:00	All Welcome, <i>lunch later</i>
May 2 (23 Rain Date)	American Legion-Post 45 Car Show	11:00/4:00	Car Classic – All Welcome
May 16	Red Poppy’s Distribute, S&S Broad St.	10:00	<i>Never Forgotten</i>
May 30	AL – Gun Raffle	18:00	Drawing
May 31	Memorial Day Parade/ Broad Street	10:00	ALL WELCOME
June 12	WatchFire – Set Up	10:00	Set Up
June 13	American Legion WatchFire Ceremony	14:00	<i>2,000+ flags retired</i>
July 18	Red Poppy’s Distribute, S&S Broad St.	10:00	<i>Never Forgotten</i>
July 31	Renegade Pigs Annual Outing	8:00	ALL WELCOME
August 7	Chicken BBQ (SAL & Ladies Auxiliary)	16:00	<i>#1 BBQ in Meriden</i>
September 11	Meriden City Hall, 9/11 Ceremony	8:15	<i>So WE NEVER FORGET</i>
September (TBD)	LA – Roast Pork Dinner	16:00	ALL WELCOME
September 26	American Legion-Post 45 Car Show	11:00/4:00	Car Classic – All Welcome
October 9	AL – 8th Veterans Award Ceremony	18:00	<i>Honoring our Veterans</i>
October 16	American Legion/ Mohegan Sun Bus Trip	9:00-5:00	All Welcome, Family Affair
October 23	American Legion Halloween Party	17:00	<i>Have a bite w/ Dracula</i>
November 11	Veterans Day Ceremony , Broad St, S&S	10:00	<i>Saying - “THANK YOU”</i>
November 13	American Legion/ Outside Fall Clean Up	8:30	<i>All Welcome, lunch to follow</i>
November 20	Renegade Pigs-Turkey Run	9:00	MAKE A DONATION
November 21	Red Poppy’s Distribute, S&S Broad St.	10:00	<i>Never Forgotten</i>
November 25	Thanksgiving	9:00-12:00	<i>A lot to be Grateful For!</i>
November 28	LA-Cookies for Solders, Packaging	13:00	<i>Donations Welcome</i>
December 4	Christmas in The Village	13:00	<i>A Gathering for ALL</i>
December 18	American Legion Christmas Party	17:00	<i>A Celebrate of God & Family</i>
December 18	Wreaths Across America/ Walnut Grove	12:00	<i>Paying Honor, Respect</i>
December 24	Christmas Eve	9:00-5:00	Dec 25 = CLOSED
December 31	New Years Eve	9:00-5:00	

American Legion Meeting @10:00 – 1/9, 3/7, 5/23, 7/11, 9/12, 11/14 (Commander Williams, 203 641-4622)

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting @1:00pm – 3rd Sunday of the month (President Sullivan, 203 694-2678)

SAL Meeting @12:00 – 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/26, 10/24 (Commander Arabasz, 203 506-0683)

Call Post 45 at (203) 641-4622, for event information/questions/**Hall & Pavilion Rentals**. We welcome Volunteer’s for any & all events. **The public is always “WELCOME”!** Always **THANK A VETERAN** for our Freedom!

Yours in Comradeship, Commander B.R. Williams Jr, Post 45

American Legion

Post 45 Raffle

**NEWINGTON
GUN EXCHANGE**



Saturday

May 15, 2021

\$10.00 tickets

1:00 pm

\$600.00 Gift Card

Call for ticket info; (203) 634-9876

(Must not be present to win)



AMERICAN LEGION, Post 45 Meriden

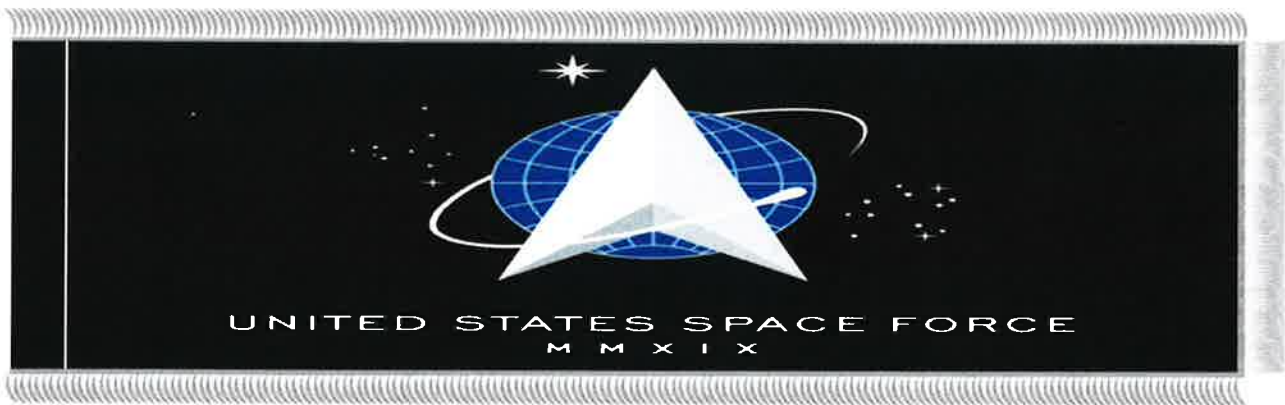
SPACE FORCE FLAG FUND RAISER

Space Force is the Newest Branch of the UNITED STATES Military, organized for trained, and equipped to "provide freedom of operation for the United States in, from, and to space" and "provide prompt and sustained space **operations**," with its stated duties enumerated as to "**protect**" the interests of the United States in space!

Post 45 is looking to secure our Newest Military Flag "**Space Force**". The "**Space Force Flag**" is 52" x 66" and is fully embroidered, at a combined cost in the range of two thousand dollars.

We are soliciting tax deductible contributions, as noted below. There will also be a **Space Force Commemorative Plaque** on display at Post 45, noting your name and level of support.

<u>Sponsorship Level</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name as noted on Sponsorship Plaque</u>
RHODIUM	\$251.00 - \$500.00	_____
PLATINUM	\$126.00 - \$250.00	_____
GOLD	\$76.00 - \$125.00	_____
SILVER	\$25.00 - \$75.00	_____



Name; _____ Phone; _____
 Address; _____ Donation; _____

NOTE: Your donation is tax deductible. A brief ceremony will take place on the unveiling of the "**Space Force Flag**" and you will be advised on the date in question. Checks payable to; American Legion, Post 45, Space Force - 835 Hanover Rd, Meriden, CT 06451 (Att; Commander Williams)

Should you have any questions, please contact Commander Williams from Post 45 at (203) 641-4622.

Newtown Labor Day Parade

Monday, September 6th 2021

SAVE THE DATE

Please come join us at our Labor Day Parade!

The largest CT Labor Day parade and Newtown's largest annual event.

Let's show American Legion Family Pride as we celebrate together!

All are welcome! Bring your flags!



Wear your American Legion Shirt and cap and good walking shoes.

Vehicles will be available for those who want to ride.

Vehicle line-up in staging area begins at 8am and parade kicks off at 10am.

Participants need to be with our vehicles at about 9am.

Please let us know if you can come and participate.

Email Post 202 Sr Vice Commander Donna A Monteleone at americanlegionnewtown@gmail.com or call 203 577-9568

American Legion Post 202 Newtown & Brookfield

JAM TRAVEL PLANNERS LLC IN ENFIELD IS STARTING A TRAVEL CLUB FOR ALL LEGION MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE LEGION.



Do you like to travel? If you do then join our club. You will not be disappointed. Our travel club will allow members to maintain up-to-date profiles based on their travel interests that will help the club to search potential offers and trip options for them. Our club will help members link up with like minded individuals which helps to simplify the travel planning while getting the best price. All information stays at the club.

There are no annual or monthly membership fees. Instead, the purpose/goal of our club is to offer travel enthusiasts a convenient and more affordable way to explore their passion through our custom designed private party group tours. We tailor design our own private party group tours for 20-40 people to accommodate the interests our members. By designing our own tours, the members decide the size of the group and what to see and do. We will also be promoting group cruises to get the best bang for your buck. Post protection is guaranteed with every trip we do.

**For an application email Jim Dooley, Jr. Vice Commander Post 80 at:
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Take out or dine in - only 250 meals

\$12 - 1/2 chicken, beans, coleslaw, roll

Plymouth Post No 20

245 Main St, Terryville (860) 584-9119

Agent Orange Monument Unveiling Ceremony Saturday, June 5th at 6:00 P.M.

at Veterans Monument Park on Monument Lane, Andover, CT
located on the corner of Route 6 and Route 316. (rain or shine)



AGENT ORANGE

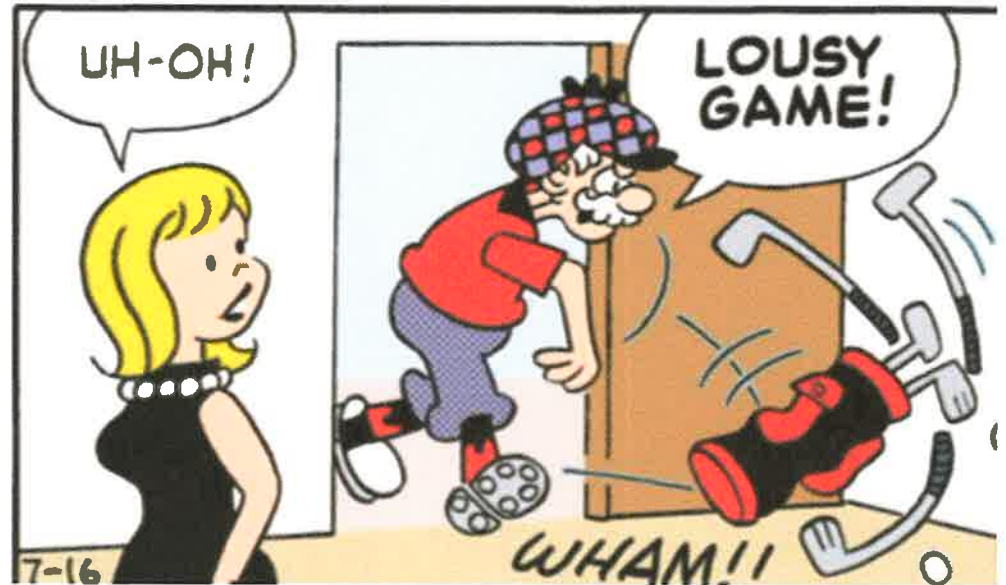
Andover resident and Vietnam Veteran, Gerry Wright, is fundraising for an Agent Orange Monument at our Veterans Monument Park.

Funds are being raised through the
BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

The bricks will be placed in a walkway at this park. Show your support for our Veterans.
Visit www.andoverconnecticut.org/veterans-affairs to fill out the brick donation forms.
Questions? Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-742-7305 ext 2
or contact Gerry Wright 860-982-3944 or happyhauler@comcast.net

POST 16 GOLF TOURNAMENT

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15 at
8:00 AM SHOTGUN START
4 MAN SCRAMBLE
FIRST 12 TEAMS OF 4
\$90.00 PER PERSON
MONEY MUST BE PAID NLT
TUESDAY, JUNE 8**



**HIGHLAND GOLF CLUB
261 WOOSTER STREET
SHELTON, CT**

**PRIZES WILL BE
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**DINNER TO FOLLOW AT POST 16
SHRIMP COCKTAIL
CLAMS ON THE ½ SHELL
STEAK
BAKED POTATO
CORN ON THE COB
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4/27/2021

District Name	Paid	Transfers	Total	Goal	% Goal
CT Dist 0004	1996	24	2020	2035	99.26
CT Dist 0006	1348	11	1359	1564	86.89
CT Dist 0003	2059	21	2080	2403	86.56
CT Dist 0002	3183	68	3251	3785	85.89
CT Dist 0001	3316	93	3409	3991	85.42
CT Dist 0007	956	8	964	1149	83.90
CT Dist 0005	1181	18	1199	1490	80.47
CT Dist 0099	1371	0	1371	1747	78.48

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District	Post	Paid	Transfers	Total	Goal	% Goal
CT Dist 0001	CT Post 0002	464	4	468	625	74.88
	CT Post 0006	36	0	36	51	70.59
	CT Post 0008	22	0	22	25	88.00
	CT Post 0023	50	1	51	65	78.46
	CT Post 0032	8	0	8	15	53.33
	CT Post 0033	60	1	61	80	76.25
	CT Post 0036	225	1	226	252	89.68
	CT Post 0040	35	1	36	40	90.00
	CT Post 0053	12	0	12	15	80.00
	CT Post 0056	88	8	96	110	87.27
	CT Post 0059	23	0	23	35	65.71
	CT Post 0068	174	1	175	210	83.33
	CT Post 0072	518	31	549	540	101.67
	CT Post 0077	12	0	12	15	80.00
	CT Post 0080	230	4	234	260	90.00
	CT Post 0084	65	2	67	80	83.75
	CT Post 0090	19	0	19	25	76.00
	CT Post 0096	244	5	249	305	81.64
	CT Post 0102	148	10	158	165	95.76
	CT Post 0117	119	4	123	115	106.96
	CT Post 0123	18	0	18	25	72.00
	CT Post 0133	194	11	205	195	105.13
	CT Post 0142	98	2	100	150	66.67
	CT Post 0154	90	0	90	118	76.27
	CT Post 0182	81	0	81	90	90.00
	CT Post 0197	101	6	107	135	79.26
	CT Post 0201	15	1	16	20	80.00
	CT Post 0209	75	0	75	100	75.00
	CT Post 1771	92	0	92	130	70.77
	CT Dist 0001		3316	93	3409	3991

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District	Post	Paid	Transfers	Total	Goal	% Goal
CT Dist 0002	CT Post 0001	101	5	106	135	78.52
	CT Post 0010	154	8	162	145	111.72
	CT Post 0017	171	6	177	185	95.68
	CT Post 0024	113	1	114	125	91.20
	CT Post 0025	61	0	61	65	93.85
	CT Post 0034	36	0	36	50	72.00
	CT Post 0045	177	0	177	200	88.50
	CT Post 0048	67	0	67	75	89.33
	CT Post 0050	34	0	34	55	61.82
	CT Post 0071	60	0	60	90	66.67
	CT Post 0073	99	1	100	118	84.75
	CT Post 0076	180	38	518	540	95.93
	CT Post 0079	108	2	110	122	90.16
	CT Post 0083	136	2	138	170	81.18
	CT Post 0088	118	0	118	165	71.52
	CT Post 0089	100	0	100	135	74.07
	CT Post 0092	32	0	32	45	71.11
	CT Post 0127	80	0	80	110	72.73
	CT Post 0132	20	0	20	30	66.67
	CT Post 0135	23	0	23	30	76.67
	CT Post 0147	32	0	32	38	84.21
	CT Post 0150	17	0	17	30	56.67
	CT Post 0162	16	0	16	25	64.00
	CT Post 0165	127	0	127	160	79.38
	CT Post 0174	123	0	123	170	72.35
	CT Post 0187	135	0	135	157	85.99
	CT Post 0194	19	0	19	40	47.50
	CT Post 0196	457	4	461	480	96.04
	CT Post 0204	62	1	63	75	84.00
	CT Post 0210	25	0	25	20	125.00
CT Dist 0002		3183	68	3251	3785	85.891678

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District	Post	Paid	Transfers	Total	Goal	% Goal
CT Dist 0003	CT Post 0003	96	0	96	110	87.27
	CT Post 0011	16	0	16	25	64.00
	CT Post 0012	261	1	262	315	83.17
	CT Post 0016	380	0	380	420	90.48
	CT Post 0029	64	5	69	75	92.00
	CT Post 0030	22	0	22	22	100.00
	CT Post 0042	43	1	44	60	73.33
	CT Post 0060	149	0	149	198	75.25
	CT Post 0063	12	0	12	15	80.00
	CT Post 0074	122	0	122	150	81.33
	CT Post 0078	125	0	125	140	89.29
	CT Post 0086	78	4	82	70	117.14
	CT Post 0100	148	2	150	170	88.24
	CT Post 0140	40	0	40	45	88.89
	CT Post 0141	129	5	134	140	95.71
	CT Post 0143	84	0	84	120	70.00
	CT Post 0160	32	2	34	35	97.14
	CT Post 0176	75	1	76	80	95.00
	CT Post 0177	88	0	88	98	89.80
	CT Post 0202	60	0	60	60	100.00
CT Post 0207	15	0	15	25	60.00	
CT Post 0208	20	0	20	30	66.67	
CT Dist 0003		2059	21	2080	2403	86.558469

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District	Post	Paid	Transfers	Total	Goal	% Goal
CT Dist 0004	CT Post 0013	192	1	193	200	96.50
	CT Post 0014	402	12	414	325	127.38
	CT Post 0019	136	2	138	180	76.67
	CT Post 0021	75	1	76	75	101.33
	CT Post 0026	187	2	189	200	94.50
	CT Post 0052	89	0	89	95	93.68
	CT Post 0062	54	0	54	65	83.08
	CT Post 0067	123	1	124	145	85.52
	CT Post 0091	210	1	211	220	95.91
	CT Post 0095	132	1	133	125	106.40
	CT Post 0101	284	0	284	290	97.93
	CT Post 0111	94	3	97	95	102.11
	CT Post 0203	18	0	18	20	90.00
CT Dist 0004		1996	24	2020	2035	99.262899

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District	Post	Paid	Transfers	Total	Goal	% Goal
CT Dist 0005	CT Post 0004	118	0	118	165	71.52
	CT Post 0009	49	0	49	85	57.65
	CT Post 0015	109	0	109	135	80.74
	CT Post 0041	37	1	38	45	84.44
	CT Post 0054	81	0	81	110	73.64
	CT Post 0058	28	0	28	30	93.33
	CT Post 0085	36	0	36	45	80.00
	CT Post 0104	85	5	90	85	105.88
	CT Post 0112	169	6	175	220	79.55
	CT Post 0114	29	0	29	50	58.00
	CT Post 0115	31	2	33	40	82.50
	CT Post 0128	168	0	168	220	76.36
	CT Post 0138	36	0	36	40	90.00
	CT Post 0152	32	0	32	35	91.43
	CT Post 0161	39	2	41	40	102.50
	CT Post 0180	115	1	116	125	92.80
CT Post 0205	19	1	20	20	100.00	
CT Dist 0005		1181	18	1199	1490	80.469799

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District	Post	Paid	Transfers	Total	Goal	% Goal
CT Dist 0006	CT Post 0020	194	4	198	245	80.82
	CT Post 0022	126	2	128	130	98.46
	CT Post 0027	97	0	97	110	88.18
	CT Post 0028	37	0	37	55	67.27
	CT Post 0031	114	1	115	115	100.00
	CT Post 0038	82	0	82	110	74.55
	CT Post 0043	61	0	61	80	76.25
	CT Post 0044	71	0	71	70	101.43
	CT Post 0046	64	0	64	70	91.43
	CT Post 0049	8	0	8	15	53.33
	CT Post 0070	26	0	26	35	74.29
	CT Post 0087	37	1	38	55	69.09
	CT Post 0126	33	0	33	40	82.50
	CT Post 0137	34	0	34	40	85.00
	CT Post 0146	55	0	55	55	100.00
	CT Post 0153	46	0	46	44	104.55
	CT Post 0155	39	1	40	40	100.00
	CT Post 0159	58	1	59	45	131.11
	CT Post 0173	8	0	8	15	53.33
	CT Post 0195	158	1	159	195	81.54
CT Dist 0006		1348	11	1359	1564	86.892583

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District	Post	Paid	Transfers	Total	Goal	% Goal
CT Dist 0007	CT Post 0018	38	0	38	46	82.61
	CT Post 0061	54	0	54	65	83.08
	CT Post 0064	48	0	48	65	73.85
	CT Post 0066	115	1	116	115	100.87
	CT Post 0069	28	0	28	45	62.22
	CT Post 0075	163	4	167	200	83.50
	CT Post 0097	33	0	33	40	82.50
	CT Post 0103	51	1	52	60	86.67
	CT Post 0105	86	1	87	100	87.00
	CT Post 0113	109	0	109	140	77.86
	CT Post 0156	151	1	152	165	92.12
	CT Post 0184	9	0	9	20	45.00
	CT Post 0192	30	0	30	28	107.14
	CT Post 0206	41	0	41	60	68.33
CT Dist 0007		956	8	964	1149	83.899043