

OFFICIAL NOTICE



DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SPECIAL
JANUARY 1, 2014

Your attention is called to the following two (2) Constitutional Amendments adopted by the 1949 Department Convention.

Posts are hereby notified that any Constitutional Amendments or Resolutions, binding as American Legion Policy upon the Department or its Posts, **MUST BE SUBMITTED** at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the Department Convention... MAY 9, 2014 to Department Headquarters. Department Headquarters will furnish the required electronic form to any Post or individual upon request.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE XIV: SECTION 1

"This Constitution may be amended at any Department Convention by the vote of two thirds (2/3) of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to the Department Executive Committee at least sixty (60) days before the opening of the Convention and a copy thereof transmitted to each Post at least thirty (30) days prior to such Convention."

ARTICLE V: SECTION 10, b

"Any resolution which it is proposed to submit to the Department Convention, shall, if after passage it is to be binding as American Legion Policy upon the Department or its constituent Posts, be presented in writing to the Department Executive Committee at least sixty (60) days before the opening of the convention and the Department Adjutant shall transmit a copy to each Post at least thirty (30) days prior to such convention."

CONNECTICUT LEGIONNAIRE

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Comrades:

Happy New Year! Here we are entering another year but watching the news you'd think it was still a continuation of the old one. But the fact is that it really is a new beginning with new opportunities for ourselves, our country and our Legion. I hope we all make the most of it.

As I reminded us last January the work of the Legion never stops. Even though there's usually a lull in Post and District activities during the holidays there are always active duty troops, veterans and their families who need our help and who depend on us. Obviously we never forget about them but we must also actively continue to support them with our efforts and our dedication. Again, as Legionnaires *"it's what we do"*.

What we also do is support our communities and our youth with many programs designed to promote healthy activities and instill a sense of pride and obligation to our American ideals. These include American Legion Baseball, the Oratorical Contests and Boys State. Now is the time of the year when these programs are starting up again and I encourage your Posts to become as involved as your circumstances allow. And this year we are restarting the Junior Shooting Sports, an exciting program which we have not had for some time. Plenty of opportunities to add to your Consolidated Post Reports!

In just a couple of weeks will be our 40th Mid-Winter Conference, and again I cannot stress enough the importance of each Post sending one, two or more representatives to this event. We have a line-up of speakers and subjects which will be of immense value to your Posts as you conduct your normal Legion business, and I hope that you will all attend and make the most of it.

I want to take a moment to thank each Post and each individual who has already donated to the National Emergency Fund (NEF). You all know that Connecticut has been given a financial goal by National Commander Dellinger, and thanks to your generosity we are well on our way to meeting it. This fund exists to help Legionnaires and Posts in need following natural disasters (think Super Storm Sandy) and unfortunately it has been used a lot lately. Who knows when the next disaster will strike and who will be in need of our help? Let's be sure Connecticut does it's part. Thank you!

This now starts your Legion's 95th year. As I've said before, it's going to be an exciting time – a time to reflect on what's been done in the past and a time to make some history ourselves. Always remember the reason we exist as an organization and I know that every Post in the Department of Connecticut will have a prosperous New Year.

Bob Murray
Department Commander
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MEMBERSHIP

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My Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope everyone's holidays went well, now it is time to get back to the business at hand. The next few months are the critical months that will make or break us as far as membership goes. I need everyone's help if we are going to achieve that elusive 100% goal by May 1st. I urge everyone to start sending letters, making phone calls and even making personal contact with your members who have not renewed as of yet. We all know why we need to maintain our current membership, but more importantly we all know why it is so important that we continue to grow our membership if we are to continue to work our children & youth programs and serve our veterans within our own state.

Here are a few upcoming opportunities to help with membership retention and recruiting and also get some valuable training.

1. The 5th District Revitalization will be 22-24 January 2014 and will be based out of Montville Post 112. This is another opportunity for everyone to come out and see how the operation works and also donate some of your time to help out. I encourage everyone to come out and give a few hours of your time and I promise you won't be disappointed.
2. Don't forget about Mid-Winter Conference 25 January 2014, we have some outstanding speakers scheduled and several breakout sessions that will offer some valuable training opportunities. As we move forward during the year our goal is to offer as many opportunities as possible to train and mentor our legionnaires so they are as prepared as possible to take on more responsibility in the organization.

As we move forward you will start to hear about our Legion College Program coming in June 2014. I encourage every post to send at least one person to this outstanding learning opportunity. We are offering valuable training to current and upcoming officers and legionnaires alike with subjects like;

1. Speech Class
2. How to run a meeting
3. How to chair a committee
4. Protocol
5. Membership

These subjects are valuable to the whole Legion Family and I encourage the Auxiliary, Son's and Legion Riders to attend. You will hear more about the college during the Mid-Winter Conference.

Harry "Butch" Hansen
Sr. Vice Commander
Department of Connecticut

ADJUTANT'S Notes

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Mid-Winter Conference

Absolutely very last chance! Call / email / somehow contact Department Assistant Treasurer Chuck Berry by January 17th to attend any or all of the fabulous American Legion Mid-Winter Conference. (altreasurer2@yahoo.com, 860-296-0719).

- Liquor Control Commission, *Friday night @ 6:30 PM*
- Department Executive Committee meeting *Friday @ 8:30 PM*

Saturday morning:

- *Mark Lawless, LCSW, Suicide Prevention Coordinator VA Healthcare*
- *VA – Outreach Opportunities by Katherine Americo*
- *“Give2theTroops” – Andi Grant Edwards & Albert Wilder*
- *American Legion Riders update by Jackie Evonsion & John Wright*
- *Update on Junior Shooting Program*
- *National Vice-Commander Bill Rakestraw (NJ)*

Saturday - afternoon breakouts:

- **SAL** meeting Saturday afternoon
- Fund Reps breakout Saturday afternoon – 1:00
- Post Service Officers Q & A with Department Service Officer – 2:00
- Membership – *Michele Steinmetz*, National Assistant Membership Director – 1:00

General Session - afternoon:

- Scouting Program & other Youth Program Updates
- Legion College
- Department Awards
- POW/MIA Update & Service

40 & 8 Cheminot after the general session (approx. 4:00)

Department of Connecticut Legionnaire Hall of Fame – 8th Class, 6:45 PM Banquet.

Sunday morning Memorial Service (9:30 AM) followed by Department Officers Round Table (your opportunity to ask anything & everything with your Dept. Officers).

For the sixth year, the door prize drawings for *cash* will take place at the end of the general session (between 3:30-3:45). All Connecticut Legionnaires should have received six tickets by mail. You do not need to be present to win, HOWEVER, if you are present and you win any level prize (1st through 7th), you will receive a \$250 attendance bonus. Additional tickets will be available at the Conference.

Awards Director Rich Olson will have the 2014 awards packets available for pick-up at the Mid-Winter Conference. Just one more reason for your post to be represented.

Treat your officers and ‘up and coming leaders’ to the **Mid-Winter Conference at the Sheraton Hartford South, Rocky Hill on January 24-26, 2014.** See the enclosed registration flyer for details.

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

ATTENTION CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Legionnaires intending to run for a Department Office at the July 2014 Convention may address the general session at the Mid-Winter Conference if they notify the Department Adjutant by January 17th.

Eagle Scout of the Year

Applications for Eagle Scout of the Year are available from Department HQ (or online at <http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/eaglescoutnomform.pdf>). Eligible are those Eagle Scouts who are in a troop sponsored by a Legion Post OR who have a parent who is a member of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary. Deadline to return app to Department HQ is March 1st. Department winner receives \$500.

American Legion Baseball

Background checks are required for all coaches & managers (anyone directly involved with players). **The web site 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.ctlegionbb.com> POSTs: see flyer for the "Hot Stove Dinner" in this bulletin. Sign up your manager & coaches.

Department Potpourri

Dept. Adjutant **Everett Shepard (111) & son Matthew (SAL 13)** went on VFW organized bus trip to ARMY-navy Game (another heartbreaker! along with extreme weather).

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers and keep me informed of those needing our prayers (remember we are "for God And Country"). 5th Dist SVC **Jack Pelto (180)**, pneumonia on 12/31 put him in hospital. Post 2 Commander **Ray Delvalle** (fell 12/21 severe head injuries put him in St. Francis), keep your thoughts and prayers with Ray and his family for a full recovery. Roy Benedict (12) on the loss of his son Thomas. Continued prayers for Past 1st District CDR **Barry Lazlo (102)**.

POST EVERLASTING

Kilburn Dean

01/19/1929 – 12/24/2013
Post 83, Branford
Past Chef 40&8 Voiture 328

Stanley A. Halgas

Post 154, Thompsonville
Past Post Commander

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Department Calendar

January 2014 – Mid-Winter Conference Month

- 01 *New Year's Day Holiday* - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
08 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 2.
08 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 127, Orange.
09 7th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 206, Middletown.
11 ALA Department Day of Leadership, 8:15 AM, Post 68, Berlin.
12 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 67, North Grosvenordale.
13 **80% Membership Target Date.**
15 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 143, Stratfield.
16 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 58, Stonington.
17 Department Baseball Hot Stove Banquet, 6:30 PM, Aquaturf.
20 *Martin Luther King JR. Day* - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
22 1st District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 68, Berlin.
23 6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meeting, Winsted VFW 296.
22-24 **5th District Revitalization.**
24-25 **40th Mid-Winter Conference, Hartford Sheraton South, Rocky Hill.**
24 PDC Dinner, 6:00 PM, Hartford Sheraton South, Rocky Hill.
24 State Liquor Commission presentation, Q&A, with Stan Burke, 6:30-8:00 PM.
24 AL Department Executive Committee Meeting, 8:30 PM, Sheraton.
25 Mid-Winter Conference General Session opens at 9:00 AM.
25 CT AL Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, 6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner.
27 Vietnam Cease Fire, 1973.
30 Start of the 1968 Tet Offensive.

February 2014 – Americanism Month

- 01 2nd District Oratorical Contest, 10:00 AM, Post 17, Naugatuck.
02 Four Chaplains' Sunday.
02-08 Religious Emphasis Week.
09 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 95, Hebron.
10 **85% Membership Target Date.**
12 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 154.
12 *Lincoln's Birthday State Holiday* - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
12 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post TBD.
13 7th District Oratorical Contest, 6:30 PM, Westbrook Library.
14 Valentine's Day.
15 Deadline for completion of District Oratorical Contests.
16 2nd District Testimonial, \$30, 1:00 PM Social, 2:00 PM Dinner, Aqua Turf, Plantsville.
17 *President's Day Holiday* - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
19 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 160, Easton.
20 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 54, Colchester.
23 Iwo Jima Flag Raised 1945.
23 ALA Awareness Lunch, 1:00 PM, Post 165, Wolcott.
24 Start of "Operation Desert Storm" 1991.
26 1st District Meeting, 6:30 PM, Post 142, Hartford, Americanism Program.
27 6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meeting, Post TBD.
28 End of "Operation Desert Storm" 1991.

March 2014 – Legion Birthday Month

- 01 Eagle Scout of the Year Applications due at Department HQ
01 Department Oratorical Contest, 8:15 AM, Goodwin College, East Hartford.
01 1st District Testimonial, \$35, 6 PM Social, 7 PM Dinner, Manor Inn, Plantsville.
02 40&8 / 8&40 Testimonial.
05 Ash Wednesday.
09 Daylight Saving Time Begins.
09 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 52, (KofC, 138 Snake Hill RD), Coventry.
10 **90% Membership Target Date.**
10 AL Department Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM.
12 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 72.
12 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 17, Naugatuck.
13 7th District Meeting, 6:00 PM, Post 75, Middletown, Potluck Past CDR & Pres.
15 AL Birthday 15-17, 1919.
15-17 Department Service Officers School – Washington, DC.
18-26 Washington Conference.
17 St. Patrick's Day.
19 Start of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" 2003.
19 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 207, Middlebrook (Trumbull).
20 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 161, Waterford.
26 1st District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post 102, Manchester.
26 6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:30 PM meeting.
28-29 ALA National President visit to Connecticut.

April 2014 – Children & Youth Month

- 07 **95% Membership Target Date.**
04-05 SAL Eastern Region Gathering, Shelton, Post 16 & Hampton Inn.
09 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 1, Waterbury.
10 7th District Meeting, 6:00 PM, Post 156, East Haddam, Potluck & Gift Book.
13 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 67, North Grosvenordale.
16 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 60, Danbury.
16 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 85, Baltic.
19 Kids Walk.
27 ALA "Foolish Follies" fundraiser, Post 165, Wolcott.

Future Events - 2014

- 05/08-10 National Commander Dan Dellinger visit to Connecticut.
05/09 Banquet honoring National Commander Dan Dellinger, Zandri's, Wallingford.
05/12 **100% Membership Target Date.**
05/28 Phil Haddad Memorial Golf Tournament, 10:00 AM, Blackledge CC, Hebron.

06/22-27 AL Boys State Leadership Program, ECSU.

07/10-12 Department Convention, Hartford Sheraton South Rocky Hill.

We have a page or two of Post Activities in each monthly bulletin. We can not include a one page flyer for every post activity, but we can include 2 or 3 lines of info. I will forward appropriate announcements (flyers) to my 'Legion email list'. Forward your post activities to me via email at: DeptAdj@ctlegion.necoxmail.com

Department Calendar – Post Activities

January 2014

- 06 **Unit 12, Norwalk**, 7:00 PM, ALA Bingo at Post 12, 60 County St. Norwalk. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Kitchen open. Smoke free. Public invited. Plenty of free parking. 203-866-8249
- 07 **Post 68, Berlin**, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, every Tuesday Pasta Dinner. \$7.00 all you can eat, with very thick meat sauce, bread, coffee, soda. Call post, 860-828-9201 for more info.
- 08 **Post 113 SAL, Old Saybrook**, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, every Wednesday Veterans Dinner. Call post, 860-388-9482 for menu, cost and reservations.
- 10 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM, Karaoke with Pete Leone, 60 County St., Norwalk. Singles welcome. Public invited. 203-866-8249.
- 10 **Post 52, Coventry**, 6:00 PM, Fish Dinner, \$12. (860-742-7197)
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- 18 **Post 14, Rockville**, 3:00 PM,, "Winter Comfort Soup & Stew Festival", \$10, all you can eat. Variety hot & hearty soups & stews, salads, rolls, corn bread, desert. Call: 860-875-1091.
- 18 **Post 68, Berlin**, 6:00-11:00 PM, Benefit Party for Tom Scofield, VFW hall, 41 Veterans DR, New Britain. Pasta Dinner 7:00. Call: Dave, 860-529-7662 or Teresa, 860-324-8433.
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- 01 **Post 12, Norwalk, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Oldies Dance with radio personality Lee Moore. No cover. All welcome. 203-866-8249**
- 02 **Post 36, Windsor Locks, 8:30 – 11:00 AM, Family Breakfast, \$3.50 adult, \$2.50 child under 13, Menu choices are: pancakes or french toast, sausage, orange juice, and coffee.**
- 04 **Post 68, Berlin, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, every Tuesday Pasta Dinner. \$7.00 all you can eat, with very thick meat sauce, bread, coffee, soda. Call post, 860-828-9201 for more info.**
- 05 **Post 113 SAL, Old Saybrook, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, every Wednesday Veterans Dinner. Call post, 860-388-9482 for menu, cost and reservations.**
- 08 **Post 72, Southington, ALA 5th Annual "Love Our Heroes Valentine Dance", Testa's Banquet Facility. \$25 pp includes buffet dinner, dancing. Call Sherri: 860-655-7210.**
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- 14 **Post 52, Coventry, 6:00 PM, Baked Stuffed Shrimp Dinner, \$17. (860-742-7197)**
- 16 **Post 154, Thompsonville, 10:45 AM, Saint Patrick's Church, Four Chaplains Mass.**
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1919-2019 AMERICAN LEGION HISTORY

Post #	Name	Town/City	Commander	Adjutant	charter date
1	Corporal Coyle	Waterbury	Edward L. White	Thomas P. Murphy	7/12/1919
2	Seicheprey	Bristol	I.A. Dresser	W.T. Leishman	7/7/1919
3	Oscar H. Cowan	Stamford	Justus J. Fennel	Albert S. Webb	7/29/1919
4	Robert O. Fletcher	Norwich	E.C. Herrick	H.T. Robinson	6/25/1919
5	LeRoy G. Woodward	Watertown	Charles W. McGowan	Samuel C. Logue	6/17/1919
6	Eddy-Glover	New Britain	William T. Stockwell	Harry C. Jackson	6/18/1919
7	Jane A. Delano	Hartford	Miss. M. Beryl Lenfest	Miss. F. Auria Secor	11/19/1919
8	Rau-Locke	Hartford	John L. Purcell	John J. Eckels	8/18/1919
9	John Coleman Prince	New London	H.S. Dorsey	Philip B. Grove	7/10/1919
10	Emil Senger	Seymour	Albert G. Dahinden	Albert Mitchell	6/27/1919
11	Harry W. Congdon	Bridgeport	Frederick J. Adams	Richard S. Swain	7/19/1919
12	Frank C. Godfrey	Norwalk	John Keogh	Arthur C. Kelly	7/3/1919
13	Anselm Mayotte	Putnam	Edward F. Perry	Whitman Danielson	7/7/1919
	Mayotte-Viens				
14	Argonne	Rockville	Walter C. Miller	Miss. Sophie Polinska	7/1/1919
	Stanley Dobosz				
	Dobosz-Ertel-Loboc-Hansen				
15	LaFlamme Lynch	Jewett City	Harold J. Brickley	John T. Barry	7/6/1919
	LaFlamme-Kusick				
16	Charles W. Sutter	Shelton	William J. Griffin	William L. Hamilton	7/7/1919
	Sutter-Terlizzi				
17	Naugatuck	Naugatuck	Edward J. Kennedy	Donald S. Tuttle	7/8/1919
18	Robert A. LaPlace	Essex	Dr. F.B. Braden	Morton C. Tiley	7/14/1919
	LaPlace-Champlin				
19	James J. Shea	Willimantic	W.P.S. Keating	Edward T. Morris	7/14/1919
20	Plymouth	Terryville	E.T. Neuman	William J. Murname	7/31/1919
21	Leo J. L'Homme	Danielson	Ira A. Warren	Lorimer H. Dixon	7/31/1919
22	Clifford R. French	Thomaston	Forbes Gibbs	Paul Fenton	7/31/1919
23	Russell K. Bourne	Wethersfield	Everett H. Hart	Burton M. Mason	7/31/1919
	Bourne-Keeney				
24	John H. Collins	Derby	John Voorhees	Lester Gunn	8/20/1919
25	Beacon Falls	Beacon Falls		Robert C. McCarthy	8/20/1919
	Schaefer-Fischer				
26	Strazza	Stafford Springs	A. J. Needham	Richard R. Murray	8/20/1919
	Strazza-Tonoli-Emhoff				
27	Morgan-Weir	Litchfield	William Foord	Albert Clark	8/1/1919
28	Charles A. Fixer	New Hartford	C. M. Maxfield	Joseph A. Leonard	8/20/1919
	New Hartford				
29	Greenwich	Greenwich	J. A. Trachtman	Mills H. Husted	9/6/1919
30	New Canaan	New Canaan	John D. Fearhke	John F. Doyle	9/6/1919

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31	Ezra Woods	New Milford	Harry Brant	Donald E. Hungerford	9/6/1919
32	Hanrahan	Unionville	Thomas J. Crocket	John J. Minniter	9/9/1919
33	Brock-Barnes	Plainville	James Usher	John Guidon	9/9/1919
34	Milford	Milford	Edwin S. Munson	C. H. Pulver	9/9/1919
	Posts 1-34 are the charter posts				
35	Sound Beach	Old Greenwich	J.H. Graham	R.D. Crandall	1919
36	Gensi-Viola	Windsor Locks	Charles D. Cannon	Arthur W. Burt	9/23/1919
37	Mary G. Gormly	Waterbury	Jennie Heppil	M.R. Long	9/10/1919
38	Torrington	Torrington	Clarence W. Geer	Mason Turner	9/29/1919
39	Westville	New Haven	David A. Harper	Merlin Farnham	10/2/1919
40	Barry-Poulter	Warehouse Point	J. E. Vehring	E. W. Bailey	10/2/1919
41	Lyme	Old Lyme	James M. Schley, Jr.	William H. Moore	10/3/1919
42	Anderson-Dunn-Kochiss	Stratford			10/3/1919
43	Leonard Burns	Winsted	James Kelley, Jr.	George E. Spellman	10/3/1919
	Tuttle-Burns				
44	Tyler-Seward-Kubish	Bantam		Samuel Leithouser	10/3/1919
45	Meriden	Meriden	David P. Smith	John A. Bradley	10/3/1919
46		Mansfield			1919
46	Lamson-O'Donnell	Goshen-Cornwall			8/3/1922
47	New Haven	New Haven	Charles E. Lockhart	Charles J. Guinan	10/8/1919
48	Darrow	Guilford	R. Walter Bishop	George D. Sullivan	10/9/1919
	Darrow-Rebuzzini				
49	Garvin-O'Connell	Canaan	Harry J. Waller	W. T. Wallace	10/9/1919
50	William H. Gordon	Ansonia		John P. Picket	10/22/1919
	Gordon-Viselli				
51	Ernest F. Sexton	Noroton Heights	H. Scribner	L.E. Weed	10/22/1919
	Sexton-Cleveland	Darien			11/6/1919
52	Arthur Edward Clark	South Coventry	Henry P. Frink	Howard W. Daniels	10/22/1919
	Green-Chobot-Richardson	Coventry-Mansfield			

This is Post Names, Commanders and Adjutants as reported to Department Headquarters in April, 1920. You will see some changes and a number of these posts have had their charters discontinued. Furthermore, as I was reading the very first Connecticut Legion Magazine (cost ten cents) I noticed that Connecticut had another National Vice Commander. Thomas J. Bannigan. He became National Vice Commander, when John G. Emery replaced National Commander Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr. upon his death.

W. FRAZIER BRINLEY

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER

The American Legion Department Servicicers and Accredited Representatives (those professional individual such as County Service Officers who receive training and accreditation from The American Legion) attend annual training to update and expand their knowledge base and to maintain accreditation through a testing procedure. Accreditation is filed by the National Organization with the VA's Office of General Counsel. A list of accredited representatives is available on the OGC's website.

The Department of Connecticut is blessed to have many, many dedicated Legionnaires serving as Post Service Officers and most often a volunteer Fund Representative of the Connecticut Soldiers Sailors and Marines (SS&M) Fund. As such, some PSO's may be maintaining files on veterans/clients containing Personal Protected Information including records and documents pertaining to previous or current claims for benefits filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such information should be maintained only by the Department Service Office as set forth in the Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulatory authority of Title 38 US Code, among other regulations.

According to the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission Code of Procedure, "Department Service Officer or DSO" includes all American Legion professional service officer employees of a Department or a State Veterans agency. The DSO is normally located at the VA regional office (RO). In some states there is more than one RO and there will be one or more DSOs. DSOs have specialized training and experience that contribute to a thorough knowledge of VA regulations and instructions. They are familiar with the broad spectrum of VA programs and operations. **The DSO is also an accredited representative, responsible for providing assistance and representation in any claim for VA benefits.**

Veterans needing assistance with benefits and programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and other military-related matters, often turn to The American Legion for help. For most veterans, the post in their community is "The American Legion," This means veterans needing help are going to look for it at the local post. This is especially true today with the thousands of troops deploying and returning from the War on Terrorism. If a veteran goes to a post for help and is turned away or treated with indifference, The American Legion, not the post, is seen as not caring about veterans. Regardless of what the Legion has done or is currently doing for veterans at the state and national levels The American Legion has turned away a veteran and potential new member. This is why it is so important that every post have a Post Service Officer (PSO) truly interested in helping fellow veterans.

The PSO is often the initial contact between The American Legion and the veteran. The PSO, in most instances, is not a professional service officer, nor is he or she an "accredited" representative of The American Legion (the exception would be when a professional service officer, county, state or Legion, also serves as the PSO for his or her post).

It isn't necessary for the PSO to be an expert in veterans' law or benefits. What is important is for the PSO to have a strong desire to assist veterans. The purpose of the PSO is to be an initial point of contact regarding veteran issues by providing veterans in the community where the post is located with basic information and assistance, *including referral as directed by the Department Service Officer (DSO)*. Given the complexity and broad range of rules that govern VA benefits, it is critically important for the PSO to work with the professional American Legion DSO and ensure **any paperwork submitted by the veteran is forwarded to the DSO in a timely manner.**

The PSO should be familiar with laws and regulations pertaining to the filing of claims, as well as the policies and guidelines established by the National VA&R Commission as outlined in the VA&R "Code of Procedure."

However, it cannot be stressed enough, that given both the volume of regulations and the technical nature of the benefits process, the PSO should coordinate his/her efforts to assist a veteran or dependent with an accredited American Legion service officer, according to the customs of his or her department.

The role of the volunteer Post Service Officer may vary somewhat from Department to Department. Therefore, it is extremely important that the Post Service Officer discuss with the Department Service Officer the Department's policy regarding their assistance to veterans and their dependents.

In general, the PSO primary responsibility is to help the DSO protect a claimant's interests. This means doing nothing that could have an adverse effect on his/her claim, including providing information or advice that may not be accurate or proper.

The Post Service Officer should work with and through The American Legion Department Service Officer and the staff of Legion-accredited representatives located at the VA regional office in the filing of any claim or evidence in support of a claim or appeal. Similarly, the PSO should strongly advise claimants that it is to their advantage to cooperate with and work through the DSO. Only the DSOs and their staff have direct access to a claimant's VA claims folder ("C-file") and can take official action on the claimant's behalf.

Please do not sign any documents submitted by or for the claimant where such signature designates an accredited representative. The authorized signatories are those American Legion Accredited Representatives – currently Department Service Officer K. Robert Lewis, Assistant DSO Thomas Wood, and Accredited Representative Richard Linnon.

CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF VA RECORDS

Under the Privacy Act, any information or records in a VA claim may not be disclosed by any American Legion service officer without the claimant's expressed authorization. This limits how much, other than in a general fashion, accredited representatives may share with the PSO who assisted with the filing once the claim is filed.

CLAIM FORMS, DOCUMENTATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Post Service Officers should not hold such material. To avoid delays and potentially lost benefits, all claims or correspondence submitted to the PSO should be **immediately** directed to the DSO at the VA regional office having jurisdiction over the geographic area where the claimant lives.

It is also important that no material or evidence ever be submitted directly to VA.

Should a benefit claim be denied, the PSO should advise claimants to contact the DSO right away, before initiating an appeal or taking further action on their claim.

These issues will be discussed at the 2014 Mid -Winter Conference during the Service Officer breakout.

In Comradeship;

K. Robert Lewis
Department Service Officer



**CONNECTICUT AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL COMMITTEE
13TH ANNUAL HOT STOVE BASEBALL DINNER**



**Friday, January 17, 2014 – Aqua Turf Club at Plantsville, CT
Cocktails at 6:30 PM – Dinner at 7:00 PM (Tickets - \$40)**

**MC: Rich Coppola, WTIC-TV, Channel 61
Special Guest
Mike Buss National Baseball Director**

Honorees Include:

*American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame
Class 1 - 2014*

James “Doc” Gilhuly, Francis Mullins, William Pomfret

- Contributor Award
George Holler, Milford
- College Player of the Year
Colin Sitarz, West Hartford
Kevin Korwek, Madison
- Coach of the Year
Rich Balzano, Branford
- Junior Coach of the Year

- New England Coach of the Year
Craig Zimmerman, South Windsor
- College Coach Award
Nick Giaquinto, Sacred Heart University
- High School Coach of the Year
Mike Giovinazzo, Bristol Eastern High School
- Committee Leadership Award
Ed Slegeski, Manchester
- Media Award
Matt Conyers -Hartford Courant
- Umpire Award
Jeff Earle, Bethel

Reservation Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

zip _____

E-Mail _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to cover the cost of _____ reservation(s). Cost per person is \$40.

Please return this form with your check (payable to **CT American Legion Baseball**) to Chuck Berry, 110 Castle Road, Bristol, CT 06010 **before Friday, January 10, 2014**. Include the names of other members of your party on the back of the form. For further questions call Chuck Berry at 203-715-2330 cherry1@comcast.net or email Dave Farr, Dfarralbb@aol.com More information is available on the CT American Legion Web Site www.ctlegionbball.com Walk in reservations cannot be accepted!



**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT
OF CONNECTICUT
40TH ANNUAL
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

SHERATON HARTFORD SOUTH, ROCKY HILL, CT

JANUARY 24-25-26, 2014

The annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Sheraton Hartford South (formerly Rocky Hill Marriott), 100 Capital Blvd., Rocky Hill, CT. Conference will begin on Friday with the *Liquor Commission @ 6:00 PM*, Department Executive Committee meeting *8:30 PM*. A full range of American Legion programs, tailored for the "Blue Cap" Legionnaire will be held all day on Saturday and Sunday morning. *Saturday morning will feature Mark Lawless, LCSW, Suicide Prevention Coordinator VA Connecticut Healthcare as well as NVC Bill Rakestraw (NJ). Saturday afternoon will have a breakout for Service Officers & Fund Reps, as well as Membership training by National Staff (Michele Steinmetz). A special POW/MIA update will also be scheduled. Saturday evening banquet features the induction of the 8th class into The Connecticut American Legion Hall of Fame.* Hotel rate: \$92.00 + 12% tax (single or double). **Call Sheraton Reservations at 888-627-8263, ask for AMERICAN LEGION ROOM BLOCK.**

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE JANUARY 10, 2014.

Registration only:	\$ 5.00
Hall of Fame Dinner (Sat., 6:00 cash bar, 6:45 dinner)	\$40.00

Lunch will be on your own but *a special buffet will be available (\$12 + tax & tip).*
All American Legion Posts are encouraged to pay for their member's registration if they attend the conference. Make this a weekend of camaraderie and relaxation.

Chuck Berry, Conference Chairman (860) 296-0719

**The American Legion
PO Box 290167
Wethersfield, CT 06129-0167**

Please reserve the following tickets for the 40th Annual Mid-Winter Conference.

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____ Payable to: The American Legion

Combo (Reg. + Dinner):	@ \$45.00 per person	No. of persons _____
Hall of Fame Dinner only:	@ \$40.00 per person	No. of persons _____
Registration only	@ \$ 5.00 per person	No. of persons _____

Post/Unit/Sq. No.: _____ Name: _____

District No.: _____ Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Zip: _____

Tear off and use this form for registration & meal reservations only!

Buffet Dinner Menu

Rolls and Butter

Garden Salad

Roast Sirloin, Carved at the Buffet

Roasted Chicken

Wild Rice

Mashed Potato

Vegetable

Roasted Brussels Sprouts and Butternut Squash

Dessert Station

Coffee & Tea

Cash Bar

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
**SOLDIERS', SAILORS'
AND MARINES' FUND**



TRAINING SESSION

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE
SHERATON HARTFORD SOUTH, ROCKY HILL
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th, 2014, 1:00 PM

◀ ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND ▶

ELIGIBILITY-

ACTIVE SERVICE-HONORABLE DISCHARGE
STATUTORY WARTIME PERIODS
CONNECTICUT RESIDENCY
NEED - INCOME/ASSET LIMITATIONS

INELIGIBILITY -

OTHER THAN HONORABLE DISCHARGE
UNCHARACTERIZED (ENTRY-LEVEL) DISCHARGE
LESS THAN 90 DAYS SERVICE
ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING
FULL-TIME STUDENTS
FORMER SPOUSES
ADULT CHILDREN

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE -

ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE PROVIDED
ITEMS FOR WHICH ASSISTANCE NOT PROVIDED
REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT



DOOR PRIZE DRAWING

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

SHERATON HARTFORD SOUTH, ROCKY HILL
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th, 2014

\$5,000 GRAND PRIZE

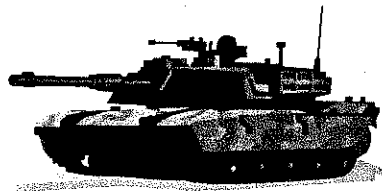
\$1,000 SECOND PRIZE

\$500 THIRD PRIZE

\$250 FOURTH - SEVENTH PRIZES (4)

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT - \$250 BONUS IF PRESENT AT DRAWING

SEND IN YOUR TICKETS TODAY!



***YOU'LL BE
TANK-FUL
YOU DID!!***

**ADDITIONAL TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT OR DEPARTMENT TREASURER**

2014 Connecticut Legionnaire Hall of Fame

The 2014 American Legion Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner will take place January 25, 2014, 6:00 Cash bar, 6:45 Dinner, 7:45 Induction, at the Hartford Sheraton South, Rocky Hill. Tickets are \$40/person and must be purchased in advance. Make checks payable to The American Legion, Dept. of Conn. Mail to: Chuck Berry, Asst. Dept. Treasurer, The American Legion, 864 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, CT 06114.

OR

– use the Mid-Winter Conference flyer in this Bulletin and sign up for the entire weekend.

Get a room & Get away.

Inductees for 2014 – 8th Class

DAVID GREENLEAF	Post 2, Bristol
DAVID L. FARR	Post 36, Windsor Locks
*WILLIAM J. LUCAS	Post 162, New Haven
*WILLIAM GULYA	Post 60, Danbury
*RICHARD GRANT	Post 95, Hebron
WALTER TALLMAN	Post 54, Colchester
*CARL JOHNSON	Post 20, Terryville
RICHARD W. ANDERSON	Post 105, Cromwell

*deceased

If you have information to share on any of the inductees or know of family members, please contact Frazier Brinley, at wfbpooh@att.net, or 16 Pepperbush DR, Clinton, CT 06413.

Message From The Legionnaire Insurance Trust

Your Connecticut American Legion Department and the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) are constantly looking to improve the value of your membership. And, we have some exciting news to report!

Since 1966, the LIT has been offering a competitive, dependable package of insurance choices to protect Legionnaires and their family. Our goal is to continue serving Legion families for decades to come. With the future in mind, we are pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2014, the A+ rated Transamerica family of insurance companies will become the new provider for our Hospital Indemnity Protection and Cancer Care programs with additional programs to follow soon.

Transamerica is committed to serving Connecticut Legionnaires and their families with superior customer service that has made them an industry leader for over 100 years. Transamerica is also dedicated to staying ahead of your insurance needs in a changing world and will periodically update their coverage(s) to stay current with insurance laws and regulations as well as how healthcare is delivered.

If you are one of the thousands of Legion families currently enrolled in these products, rest assured that the transition will be as simple as possible. All you have to do is pay your next bill and your coverage will continue.

New products will be coming on board soon because of LIT's partnership with Transamerica and you will see these items offered to Your Connecticut American Legion Department in the coming months.

We look forward to this new partnership with Transamerica, and to continuing our commitment of service and protection to you and your loved ones.

Note: This provider change does not apply to the "No Cost To You" LegionCare Accidental Death policy at this time. Please continue to apply via the enrollment form you can obtain at your post or Department HQ.

P.O. Box 26720, Phoenix, Arizona 85068-6720 (855) 792-5356

Announcing Northwest Sporting Goods & Supply's

2nd Annual Ice Fishing Tournament Jan. 12, 2014*

Highland Lake, Winsted, CT

Being held in conjunction with local American Legion Post 43 Tuttle-Burns of Winsted, Proceeds will assist the Department's National Emergency Fund and local Veterans by providing food during the holidays and toys for the children of veterans at Christmas.

***PLEASE CALL ART TO CHECK ON ICE CONDITIONS AT 860-307-5103**

Entry Fee: \$20.00- Winners Determined by weight of Fish

Prizes:	1 st Place	\$1000.00
	2 nd Place	\$500.00
	3 rd Place	\$250.00
	4 th Place	\$150.00
	5 th Place	\$100.00



Raffle- Food Available-Fun! Live Bait for Sale Onsite!

Tournament Hours: 8:00 am-2:00 pm Registration Starts: 6:30am

Drawing for Auger: 7:50 am January 12 *If Ice conditions appropriate

All prizes based of 150 Participants

REGISTRATION FORM

Name and Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fully Completed Entry Form & Payment must be received to qualify for Auger Raffle

*Alternate "ICE" Date- February 9, 2014

SECOND DISTRICT TESTIMONIAL

HONORING



RON FISCHER



JAN NOCERA

WHERE: AQUA TURF
556 MULBERRY STREET
PLANTSVILLE, CT. 06479

WHEN: **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH 2014**
CASH BAR: 1:00 P.M.
DINNER: 2:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

PRICE: **\$30.00 PER PERSON**

MAIL RESERVATIONS TO: HARRY HANSEN
2 BADGER RD.
WOLCOTT, CT 06716

PLEASE RETURN BOTTOM PORTION

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: A.L. 2ND DISTRICT

DEADLINE: 12 FEBRUARY 2014

DINNER SERVED FAMILY STYLE: SALAD, PENNE W/MEAT SAUCE, ROASTED PORK LOIN, CHICKEN FRANCAISE, ROASTED NEW BLISS POTATO'S, GREEN BEANS, COFFEE, TEA AND DESERT.

NAME: _____

UNIT/POST _____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____ PHONE # _____

CHECK #: _____ \$ Amount enclosed (**\$30** X number attending): _____



Awareness Luncheon

February 23, 2014

1:00 PM

American Legion Post 165
1253 Wolcott Rd
Wolcott CT 06716

Come out for an informative afternoon on ways to help our Service Personal and their families.

Buffet Lunch with Dessert and Beverages
\$15.00 per person

Deadline for reservations: 2/15/2014

Send reservations to:

Nancy Hansen, 2 Badger Rd, Wolcott CT 06716

Questions?: 203-228-4006

Name: _____ Unit/Post # _____

attending _____ Check # _____ Amount\$ _____

First District Testimonial

honoring

Commander Dennis Beauregard

&

President Lydia DeGumbia

will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014

at *The Manor Inn Restaurant*

1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Plantsville 06479

A social hour (cash bar) will start at 6:00 PM

Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM

The cost is \$35 per person

The meal choices are:

- Veal Parmesan
- Broiled Scrod
- Chicken Francaise

Detach along dotted line and return

Complete this form, detach it, and return it, along with your payment made payable to **American Legion First District**, by February 22 to:

Chuck Berry
110 Castle Road
Bristol, CT 06010

Name: _____

Post # _____

Attending: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Unit # _____

Veal: _____

Scrod: _____

Chicken: _____

OPERATION MILITARY KIDS

Wouldn't it be really super if the American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion could sponsor a camp this year for tween (ages 9 to 12) military kids. All we need to do is raise money. The cost for 25 to 30 children would be about \$4,000.00. It would be about \$40.00 per child if we broke it down into sessions. This camp would be in the Spring on a weekend, so we have the time to find the funds. If our goal is not reached, we could pay for military kids to attend a 4-H camp with other children, but have special sessions in the afternoon especially for them. That is just one of my goals for the year.

We will support Michelle McCarthy with her children & Youth functions, such as the Horses to Homecoming held at the Avon Governor's Horse Guard especially the one held in April, which honors the month of the Military Child.

Operation Military Kids could use some small stuffed animals (6 inches or so) for the Hero Packs and also could use baby items for their special packs.

There are many ideas that units & posts could do to bring awareness to your communities: Have an open house inviting other community groups, the general public and invite a military child speak to the group (Speak out for military kids); Host a Halloween or Christmas Party for the children and invite the parents to attend. (Note – you would have to advertise to get the word out and ask families to sign up by sending you a note or calling you),

Talk with your schools to see if they would like to invite OMK for an orientation for the educators. You would give Lisa Marcinkowski (OMK program director) contact information so they could get in touch with her.

Rita M. Barylski
Liaison to Operation Military Kids



THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPT. OF CONNECTICUT 2014

PHILLIP HADDAD MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP FORM



WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th, 2014
BLACKLEDGE COUNTRY CLUB, HEBRON, CT
SPONSORSHIP FEE - \$100.00

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
◀ *RETURN BOTTOM PORTION* ▶

2014 AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
PHILLIP HADDAD GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSOR FORM

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

CONTACT PERSON AND TELEPHONE OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS (POST/DISTRICT/RESTAURANT/SERVICE STATION, ETC.)-

REMIT PAYMENT TO:
THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
864 WETHERSFIELD AVENUE, HARTFORD, CT 06114



2013 - 2014
EASTERN REGION UNOFFICIAL GATHERING
&
TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Honoring

National Vice Commander
Robert Turner

April 4th & 5th, 2014
Shelton, Connecticut

Hosted By:

The American Legion
Sutter-Terlizzi Post 16
295 Bridgeport Avenue
Shelton, CT

The American Legion
David S. Miles Post 174
43 Oxford Road
Oxford, CT

For more information visit <http://turner.ctsal.org>



2013 - 2014
EASTERN REGION UNOFFICIAL GATHERING
Hotel Accommodations

Place: **Hampton Inn Shelton**
695 Bridgeport Ave
Shelton, CT 06484
Phone (203) 925-5900
Fax (203) 944-9180

Price: \$92.00 per night plus tax King / Double

Website: <http://www.hamptoninnshelton.com/>

Hotel includes free buffet breakfast and wireless internet.

Hotel also has a free shuttle to any location within 5 miles to include American Legion Post 16.

From Bradley International Airport

Take Rt. 91 S to I-84 W. Continue on 84 W to Rt. 8 S (exit 19). Take exit 12 off of Rt. 8. Take a right at the end of exit. Take a left at the first set of lights. The new Shelton Hampton Inn will be the first entrance on the right.

From I-84 (East or West)

Take exit 19, Rt. 8 S. Take exit 12 off of Rt. 8. Take a right at the end of the exit. Make a left at the first set of lights onto Bridgeport Ave. Shelton Hampton Inn will be the first entrance on the right.

Headed South on I-95

Take I-95 South to Exit 38 (Merritt Parkway). Take exit 52 (Rt. 8 N). Take exit 12. Make a left at the end of the exit. At second light make a left onto Bridgeport Ave. Shelton Hampton Inn will be the first entrance on the right.

Headed North on I-95

Take I-95 North to Exit 27A to Rt. 8 N. Go to exit 12 off Rt. 8. Take a left at the end of the exit. At second light, make a left onto Bridgeport Ave. Shelton Hampton Inn will be the first entrance on the right.



2013 - 2014
EASTERN REGION UNOFFICIAL GATHERING
Testimonial Dinner

Honoring
National Vice Commander
Robert Turner

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2014
Place: The American Legion Post #174, Oxford, Connecticut
43 Oxford Road, Oxford, CT
Time: Social Hour 6:30 p.m.; Dinner Served at 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$35.00 per person
Menu: Appetizers, House Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Tea and Dessert.

Choice of Entree:

Seafood Newburg
Served in puff pastry shell with a side of rice and green beans

-or-

Roast Beef & Gravy
Served with Baked Potato and green beans

Deadline: March 15, 2014

Mail Reservation Form To: Laura Miller, 1070 Amity Road, Lot #15, Bethany, CT 06524
Make Checks Payable to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 174 Memo: Testimonial Dinner

Enclosed please find check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ covering _____ reservations for the Testimonial Dinner for Robert Turner Vice Commander. Entrée Choices are as follows:

_____ Seafood Newburg _____ Roast Beef

Submitted By _____ Phone # _____



2013 - 2014
EASTERN REGION UNOFFICIAL GATHERING
AD JOURNAL & BOOSTERS

Honoring
National Vice Commander
Robert Turner

Ad Prices:

Full page \$50.00

1/2 Page \$25.00

1/4 Page \$15.00

Boosters \$5.00 for up to two lines

Make check Payable to:

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 174

Send check and ad to:

Edna Turner

42 Blue Hills Road, Monroe, CT 06468

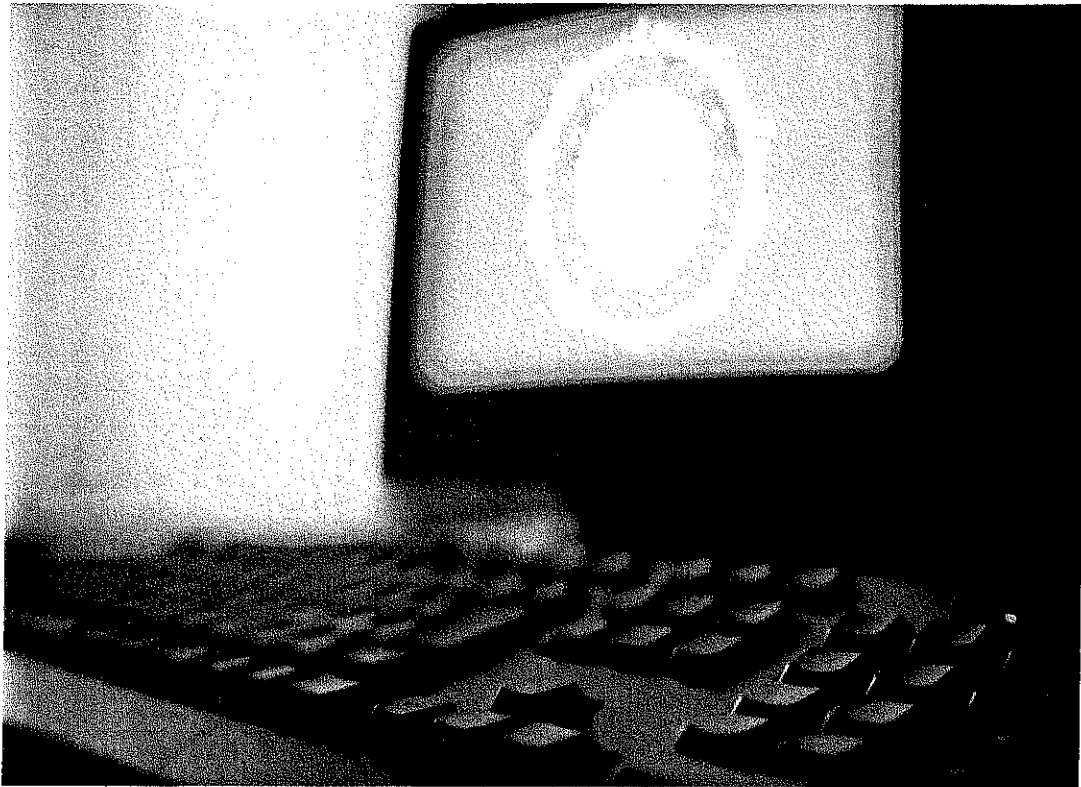
Email Print Ready Art Work to: nec@ctsal.org

Subject: AD BOOK

Deadline for ADS: March 1, 2014



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



mySAL site offers access to membership

Sons of The American Legion squadron adjutants can now access membership information, reports and electronic membership tools online.

 www.mySAL.org

National Headquarters developed the website to mimic **myLegion.org**, which assists post, district and county officers with their membership needs. Download an authorization form at **www.mySAL.org** to start the process of creating a squadron account.

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

NOVEMBER 13, 2013

**MEMORANDUM TO: NATIONAL OFFICERS, DETACHMENT COMMANDERS AND
ADJUTANTS**

FROM: BRIAN J. O'HEARNE, NATIONAL ADJUTANT

SUBJECT: MySAL

During the fall National Executive Committee meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 11-12, 2013, a special presentation was made on the new "MySAL" program and the initial rollout of this system to all sons squadrons across the country. This presentation from Mr Joe Gallagher, Deputy Director of the National Headquarters IT Division was introduced on that Saturday and included a special power point presentation describing what the program is and features that are now available for all squadrons.

For those of you that did not attend and those just getting the word on this new program, MySAL.org is a secure internet site linked to the membership data base for the Sons. The portal site MySAL.org provides officers with access to the membership data and member-management tools.

The squadron adjutant or his designated representative can view and edit squadron membership for his squadron. This includes making changes to names, addresses, and date of birth information. He can generate membership listings and listings of current paid members as well as viewing current status, i.e. paid and transmittal information. The squadron adjutant can generate reports available in CSV file format which will allow users to work with the data in microsoft excel and access to include the capability of generating labels for use in local mailings. This, if used properly can be a great membership tool and can greatly assist in membership renewals.

Now - how can you get started? Just go to the internet page www.legion.org/sons and click on mysal link. Complete the authorization form listed, obtain the proper authorization signatures for your squadron and mail it to the address provided on the form.

To date, over 106 squadron applications have been received and more are arriving each day. Keep in mind only one person can be authorized per squadron. Also, the squadron adjutant or his designated person must be a sons members with current membership dues paid. What does this cost – it's free of charge to all members. This can be one of the greatest membership tools ever, if used.

We ask you to pass this along to all detachment and squadron leadership.



FREE On-Line Access to Post Membership

MyLegion.org is a website designed to assist post adjutants with everyday membership duties and to connect members of The American Legion to their Post and Department as well as other American Legion members.

This site can be accessed from any computer with an internet browser.

POST SITE

Requires Authorization Form available at www.mylegion.org

- ✚ View members who have renewed on-line
- ✚ View and Edit post membership
- ✚ Communicate with members by posting Newsletters, Announcements, and Calendar
- ✚ Find members in your area of expired members and eligible DMS members using a radius search and generate reports to contact them
- ✚ Generate reports of current, expired, deceased and undeliverable members
- ✚ Submit Annual Consolidated Post Report
- ✚ Download Membership Materials, Brochures and Suggested Speeches
- ✚ Communicate with other officers through MyLegion Officer's Forum

MEMBER SITE (Legion Members only)

No authorization required. Members can go to www.myLegion.org and click on the Member section to register.

- ✚ Create a profile and connect with other Legion members
- ✚ Keep up to date with news from your post and department
- ✚ Link to post and department calendar and websites
- ✚ Communicate with other members through the Member's Chat Forum
- ✚ Renew membership on-line

***For more information visit www.myLegion.org
Call Toll Free: 1-800-433-3318
E-Mail: myLegion@legion.org***



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ (Phone) _____

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

(Membership ID# Former Member) _____ (Email) _____ (Post #) _____ (Date) _____

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

- WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)
- WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
- Korea (8/25/50-1/31/55)
- Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)
- Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84)
- Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)
- Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities)
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - Only Eligibility)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signed By Applicant _____ Name of Recruiter _____

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current Department address go to: www.legion.org

ALA 11/2011

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ Recruited by _____ (Initial) _____ (Last)

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Phone) _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and

Email Address _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of the American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address go to The American Legion Department/state headquarters, or www.legion.org

ALA 11/2011

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Unit # and Location _____

Date of Birth (Required) Birth - 17 18 and over

Have you been a member before? Yes No

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Mail completed application to American Legion Auxiliary Department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current Department address go to: <http://www.ALAForVeterans.org/current/state-headquarters/>

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through-Name of Veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) Living Deceased

American Legion Member ID Number _____

Veteran's American Legion Post Name _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Veteran Served: (check all that apply)

- WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)
- Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46)
- Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)
- Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)
- WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
- Korea (8/25/50-1/31/55)
- Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84)
- Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 to today)

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran: (Step relatives are eligible)

- Mother Wife Daughter Sister
- Grandmother Granddaughter Great-Granddaughter Self

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF CONNECTICUT MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY REPORT												
As of: 12/31/2013												
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual		2011%	2012%	2013%	2014%
		Dist.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014		of 2010	of 2011	of 2012	of 2013
2	Bristol	1	75	75	83	96	101		100.00%	110.67%	115.66%	105.21%
6	New Britain	1	3	3	3	3			100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
9	New London	5	29	14	16	17	8		48.28%	114.29%	106.25%	47.06%
12	Norwalk	3	31	43	43	35	24		138.71%	100.00%	81.40%	68.57%
13	Putnam	4	23	7	10	7	10		30.43%	142.86%	70.00%	142.86%
14	Rockville	4	27	23	21	26	1		85.19%	91.30%	123.81%	3.85%
15	Jewett City	5	25	23	24	19	8		92.00%	104.35%	79.17%	42.11%
16	Shelton	3	92	113	118	115	86		122.83%	104.42%	97.46%	74.78%
17	Naugatuck	2	25	22	21	7	6		88.00%	95.45%	33.33%	85.71%
19	Willimantic	4	42	68	57	58	19		161.90%	83.82%	101.75%	32.76%
20	Terryville	6	88	94	84	62	0		106.82%	89.36%	73.81%	0.00%
21	Danielson	4				4	0					
22	Thomaston	6	69	63	56	59	15		91.30%	88.89%	105.36%	25.42%
24	Derby	2	10	6	3	3	0		60.00%	50.00%	100.00%	0.00%
26	Stafford Springs	4	54	48	48	37	0		88.89%	100.00%	77.08%	0.00%
27	Litchfield	6	15	15	9	13	6		100.00%	60.00%	144.44%	46.15%
33	Plainville	1	39	44	35	11	0		112.82%	79.55%	31.43%	0.00%
40	East Windsor	1										
43	Winsted	6	17	19	18	19	0		111.76%	94.74%	105.56%	0.00%
45	Meriden	2	46	45	48	45	20		97.83%	106.67%	93.75%	44.44%
48	Guilford	2	6	9	9	7	8		150.00%	100.00%	77.78%	114.29%
50	Ansonia	2										
52	Coventry	4	10	10	12	11	11		100.00%	120.00%	91.67%	100.00%
54	Colchester	5	21	25	24	18	0		119.05%	96.00%	75.00%	0.00%
60	Danbury	3	28	20	22	26	19		71.43%	110.00%	118.18%	73.08%
61	Deep River	7	15	15	12	12	12		100.00%	80.00%	100.00%	100.00%
67	N. Grosvenordale	4	31	23	18	26	10		74.19%	78.26%	144.44%	38.46%
68	Berlin	1	46	49	45	42	22		106.52%	91.84%	93.33%	52.38%
71	West Haven	2	26	15	22	20	5		57.69%	146.67%	90.91%	25.00%
72	Southington	1	215	198	189	175	152		92.09%	95.45%	92.59%	86.86%
74	Fairfield	3										
75	Middletown	7	9	11	8	7	7		122.22%	72.73%	87.50%	100.00%
80	Enfield	1	19	30	30	36	17		157.89%	100.00%	120.00%	47.22%
88	Hamden	2	36	35	28	29	0		97.22%	80.00%	103.57%	0.00%
89	* East Haven	2										
91	Moosup	4	32	38	44	40	29		118.75%	115.79%	90.91%	72.50%
95	Hebron	4	65	65	60	61	0		100.00%	92.31%	101.67%	0.00%
96	West Hartford	1	85	119	91	97	68		140.00%	76.47%	106.59%	70.10%
100	Bethel	3	15	19	22	23	25		126.67%	115.79%	104.55%	108.70%
102	Manchester	1	21	21	20	21	7		100.00%	95.24%	105.00%	33.33%
104	Taftville	5	15	17	13	13	13		113.33%	76.47%	100.00%	100.00%
112	Montville	5	90	90	81	94	67		100.00%	90.00%	116.05%	71.28%
113	Old Saybrook	7	58	58	40	34	10		100.00%	68.97%	85.00%	29.41%
128	Niantic	5	77	82	76	57	18		106.49%	92.68%	75.00%	31.58%
142	Hartford	1		11	10					90.91%	0.00%	0.00%
156	East Haddam	7	61	64	69	67	0		104.92%	107.81%	97.10%	0.00%
165	Wolcott	2	36	32	32	28	22		88.89%	100.00%	87.50%	78.57%
174	Oxford	2	61	55	59	41	18		90.16%	107.27%	69.49%	43.90%
177	Bridgeport	3	16	15	16	16	18		93.75%	106.67%	100.00%	112.50%
194	Prospect	2										
195	Oakville	6	31	14	44	33	30		45.16%	314.29%	75.00%	90.91%
196	Milford	2	49	53	41	45	11		108.16%	77.36%	109.76%	24.44%
197	Marlborough	1	86	91	82	77	27		105.81%	90.11%	93.90%	35.06%
199	Plainville	1	16	16	15	15	0		100.00%	93.75%	100.00%	0.00%
1771	Governor's Footguard	1			11	11	8					
	TOTALS		1986	2025	1942	1815	938		101.96%	95.90%	93.46%	51.68%

2014 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

80% Target Date is January 13th

December 31, 2013

DISTRICT NO. 1 HARTFORD 33 POSTS

District No. 2 New Haven (contd.)

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
2	Bristol	780	624	80.0%	76	North Haven	169	122	72.2%
6	New Britain	102	70	68.6%	79	Madison	100	89	89.0%
8	Hartford	44	30	68.2%	83	Branford	271	200	73.8%
23	Wethersfield	92	81	88.0%	88	Hamden	235	170	72.3%
32	Unionville	23	21	91.3%	89	East Haven	223	166	74.4%
33	Plainville	117	68	58.1%	92	Cheshire	56	55	98.2%
36	Windsor Locks	304	268	88.2%	127	Orange	127	108	85.0%
40	East Windsor	66	44	66.7%	132	New Haven	63	5	7.9%
53	Farmington	25	17	68.0%	135	Waterbury	38	23	60.5%
56	Q Glastonbury	119	128	107.6%	147	Southbury	38	25	65.8%
59	Windsor	51	41	80.4%	150	Hamden	36	27	75.0%
68	Berlin	223	195	87.4%	162	New Haven	D 53	37	69.8%
72	Southington	600	520	86.7%	165	Wolcott	230	162	70.4%
77	East Hartford	28	22	78.6%	174	Oxford	243	181	74.5%
80	Enfield	266	222	83.5%	187	Wallingford	138	129	93.5%
84	Simsbury	105	94	89.5%	194	Prospect	41	27	65.9%
90	Collinsville	39	31	79.5%	196	Milford	411	296	72.0%
94	Suffield	D 15	1	6.7%	204	Heritage Village	95	63	66.3%
96	West Hartford	433	432	99.8%	TOTAL		4062	3070	75.6%
102	Manchester	185	142	76.8%					
116	Bloomfield	D 15	5	33.3%					
117	Newington	121	103	85.1%					
122	Burlington	15	5	33.3%					
123	Rocky Hill	57	51	89.5%					
131	Hartford	D 15	6	40.0%	3	Stamford	127	106	83.5%
133	Q South Windsor	112	123	109.8%	11	Bridgeport	41	32	78.0%
142	Hartford	200	138	69.0%	12	Norwalk	430	360	83.7%
154	Thompsonville	201	160	79.6%	16	Shelton	445	372	83.6%
182	Granby	91	86	94.5%	29	Greenwich	91	69	75.8%
197	Marlborough	168	136	81.0%	30	New Canaan	24	18	75.0%
199	Plainville	34	20	58.8%	42	Stratford	62	49	79.0%
201	Avon	30	28	93.3%	60	Danbury	310	235	75.8%
1771	Q Gov. Foot Guard	A 44	68	154.5%	63	Westport	35	19	54.3%
TOTAL		4720	3980	84.3%	74	Fairfield	223	177	79.4%

DISTRICT NO. 3 FAIRFIELD 24 POSTS

DISTRICT NO. 2 NEW HAVEN 29 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
1	Waterbury	98	72	73.5%	78	Ridgefield	144	121	84.0%
10	Seymour	197	141	71.6%	86	Wilton	81	64	79.0%
17	Naugatuck	181	146	80.7%	98	Georgetown	16	9	56.3%
24	Derby	151	128	84.8%	100	Bethel	204	135	66.2%
25	Q Beacon Falls	55	55	100.0%	134	Bridgeport	20	16	80.0%
34	Milford	68	58	85.3%	140	Bridgeport	94	61	64.9%
45	Meriden	263	211	80.2%	141	Trumbull	157	136	86.6%
48	Guilford	74	61	82.4%	143	Stratfield	201	142	70.6%
50	Ansonia	81	65	80.2%	160	Easton	35	30	85.7%
71	West Haven	146	105	71.9%	167	Bridgeport	32	26	81.3%
73	Wallingford	181	143	79.0%	176	Monroe	80	63	78.8%
					177	Bridgeport	98	84	85.7%
					202	Newtown	38	34	89.5%
					207	Q Middlebrook	A 22	23	104.5%
					TOTAL		3010	2381	79.1%

**PUFL credits & ONLINE renewals through November are included.*
Adjustments (mainly negative, for duplicate payments) are current.**

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DISTRICT NO. 4 WINDHAM/TOLLAND 14 POSTS

DISTRICT NO. 6 LITCHFIELD 20 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
13	Putnam	97	81	83.5%
14	Rockville	276	229	83.0%
19	Willimantic	260	186	71.5%
21	Danielson	115	93	80.9%
26	Stafford Springs	195	158	81.0%
52	Coventry/Mansfield	103	79	76.7%
62	Ellington	95	74	77.9%
67	N Grosvenordale	220	167	75.9%
91	Moosup	237	182	76.8%
95	Hebron	144	91	63.2%
101	Somers	79	77	97.5%
106	Hampton	16	9	56.3%
111	Woodstock	139	109	78.4%
203	Eastford	25	17	68.0%
TOTAL		2001	1552	77.6%

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
20	Terryville	200	147	73.5%
22	Thomaston	200	155	77.5%
27	Litchfield	145	118	81.4%
28	New Hartford	89	64	71.9%
31	New Milford	105	84	80.0%
38	Torrington	155	138	89.0%
43	Winsted	120	97	80.8%
44	Bantam	85	62	72.9%
46	Goshen	65	56	86.2%
49	Canaan	15	12	80.0%
70	Q Salisbury	17	17	100.0%
87	Washington	63	59	93.7%
126	Sharon	55	41	74.5%
137	Harwinton	60	44	73.3%
146	Bethlehem	68	62	91.2%
153	Kent	44	38	86.4%
155	Woodbury	64	34	53.1%
159	Riverton	39	18	46.2%
173	Morris	28	17	60.7%
195	Oakville	202	143	70.8%
TOTAL		1819	1406	77.3%

DISTRICT NO. 5 NEW LONDON 17 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
4	Norwich	243	183	75.3%
9	New London	153	100	65.4%
15	Jewett City	158	144	91.1%
41	Lyme	72	5	6.9%
54	Colchester	172	120	69.8%
58	Stonington	39	31	79.5%
85	Baltic	50	44	88.0%
104	Taftville	81	72	88.9%
112	Montville	236	206	87.3%
114	Groton	42	31	73.8%
115	Noank	55	35	63.6%
128	Niantic	311	241	77.5%
138	Bozrah	42	36	85.7%
152	Pawcatuck	50	37	74.0%
161	Waterford	35	23	65.7%
180	Lebanon	115	110	95.7%
205	Gales Ferry	22	14	63.6%
TOTAL		1876	1432	76.3%

DISTRICT NO. 7 MIDDLESEX 14 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
18	Essex	58	37	63.8%
61	Deep River	65	55	84.6%
64	East Hampton	61	57	93.4%
66	Clinton	80	65	81.3%
69	Portland	45	33	73.3%
75	Middletown	225	191	84.9%
97	Chester	47	34	72.3%
103	Westbrook	80	62	77.5%
105	Cromwell	129	102	79.1%
113	Old Saybrook	178	138	77.5%
156	East Haddam	189	155	82.0%
184	Durham	30	13	43.3%
192	Middlefield	22	15	68.2%
206	Middletown	60	32	53.3%
TOTAL		1269	989	77.9%

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
1	4,720	3,980	84.322%
3	3,010	2,381	79.103%
7	1,269	989	77.935%
4	2,001	1,552	77.561%
6	1,819	1,406	77.295%
5	1,876	1,432	76.333%
2	4,062	3,070	75.579%
	18,757	14,810	78.957%

222	USS Connecticut	15	0	0.000%
1903	CT State Police	15	1	6.667%
	HQ Post 200	<u>1,813</u>	<u>2,498</u>	<u>137.783%</u>
		20,600	17,309	84.024%