

OFFICIAL NOTICE



DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SPECIAL
JANUARY 1, 2015

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 8, 2015 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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Bulletin No. 05

My Fellow Legionnaires,

We are half way through the year and now it's time to talk about Mid-Winter Conference, Oratorical Contests, Baseball and Boys State.

Mid-Winter Conference is fast approaching and you should have already made your hotel reservations if you planned on staying overnight. We have a jam packed itinerary scheduled for your benefit, we have a motivational speaker to start us off on the right frame of mind and then we will have several speakers talking to us about such things as; How disabled veterans can start their own business, how we can help veterans transition back into the civilian work force and several other subjects that will help us help our returning veterans as they transition back into the civilian sector. We will also have some workshops in the afternoon such as; Service Officer Training, Soldiers Sailors & Marine Fund and Membership. We will also have numerous vendors with tons of information about veteran's benefits. Please make an effort to attend what promises to be one of our better conferences in many years.

Oratorical Contests should be in full swing, please consider hosting a contest we will help you through it and remember this is an important tool to educate our youth about the constitution and what it means to be an American and what their responsibilities are as a citizen. The deadline for the post contests is January 31st.

Baseball is here, posts should have already started talking with their kids, filling out forms and registering their teams.

Boy's State is fast approaching; the schools and posts will be receiving letters in March, so start thinking about getting out to the schools and letting the students know about this year's program. We are highly encouraging posts to sponsor at least one boy for this outstanding program, we are looking to have approximately 240 boys for this year's program, but we need your help to achieve that goal.

Membership – Normally I would leave membership issues to our Senior Vice Commander, but since I recently received a disturbing email from our National Commander "Mike Helm" I felt it was time to step in and make a few comments. We always tell everyone that you are the "**Life Blood**" of the organization and that we depend on you to keep our membership strong, the problem is that the so called "Life Blood" is getting older and in need of a transfusion. We are making progress, but as each year passes by more and more of our older members are passing on it gets harder and harder to fill those voids at the post level. Our revitalizations are increasing the post numbers but in some cases does not equate to more active members within those posts and people need to understand that these revitalizations **are not** going to solve all of your membership problems you still need to go out and actively recruit new members and keep trying to get your unpaid members to renew. I am putting out this challenge to **every member** within this department to recruit **2 new members before our March 9th deadline**, this is an achievable goal and I expect everyone to take this serious and take the time to help ourselves solve our own problems. I would like to hear from every member who accomplishes this goal, my email is below. Together we can make this happen.

Commander Project – I would like to report that we have passed the \$5,000.00 mark and I would like to say thank you to all posts, units, squadrons and individuals who have made donations. I would also like to take this time to extend the offer to all posts, units, squadrons and anyone else to make a donation at the Mid-Winter Conference and be recognized for your generosity.

Thank You,

Harry "Butch" Hansen

Commander

Department of Connecticut

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MAINTAINERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

MEMBERSHIP

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As we begin a new year, let us continue with the goals we set. When you look at the pink sheet take note to Post 1771, they are 1 member away from reaching 200% and Post 101 is 20 members away. **Great Job to Posts 1771 & 101!** Also, Welcome Aboard to Post 209 Forestville they received their Temp Charter on Dec 1, 2014. I appreciate everyone's tremendous effort on working their membership. We made our 75% Target! Next Target is 80% by January 19, 2015.

January 21 – 23, 2015 is the 4th District Revitalization to be held at Post 52 Coventry, 138 Snake Hill Road. National Vice-Commander Doug Haggan and National Assistant Membership Director Sean Sparks, will be present to assist in the Revitalization. It is imperative there is representation from each Post in the 4th District. You can sell what your Post does better than anyone else.

The National Commander's main focus this year is membership retention. Recently, most of the Department Leadership received a personal letter from NC Helm on his disappointment with the current retention rate. That being said:

Attention all Posts, Units, and Squadrons: *It's time to look over your membership rolls (green bar sheet) and start calling your unpaid 2015 members. The Department Membership team and the Membership Task Force, are encouraging you to work on **retention**. Take the time to directly make the phone calls to the unpaid members, by making a couple of calls per day. Please do not sit back idle thinking "they will pay their dues when they get to it" or assume that "they will pay when National sends out the renewal notice". Make them feel important and remind them of the value of their membership. If your Post, Unit, and/or Squadron need assistance with this task, then please request the help by speaking with your District leadership, and they will make sure that you receive the requested help. Thank you for all that you do, and please take a hard look at this approach, in helping our Department Commander and National Commander, in taking an aggressive approach going after **RETENTION**.*

Remember:

"Women may also be Veterans". When out recruiting, don't overlook the obvious.

Collectively our goal is to reach 100% membership in the Department of Connecticut.

*We are in it **together** and **together** we can make it happen!*

In Comradeship,

Paul Spedaliere
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"Unity and Teamwork Builds Our Future"

"What's Our Goal?"...."100% plus!"

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Mid-Winter Conference

Absolutely very last chance! Call / email / somehow contact Department Assistant Treasurer Dan Smith by January 16th to attend any or all of the fabulous American Legion Mid-Winter Conference. (asst.treasurer200@gmail.com, 860-296-0719).

- Liquor Control Commission, *Friday night @ 6:00 PM*
- Department Executive Committee meeting *Friday @ 8:30 PM*

Saturday morning:

- *Joe Gradia, Keynote Speech*
- *CRT – Community Renewal Team, Veterans Landing Project – Gus Keach-Longo*
- *BravoDelta Consulting – Dawn McDaniel*
- *SBDC – CT Small Business Development Center, James Jackson*
- *Veterans Workshop – Hilary Snyder*
- *Vietnam 50th – Eileen Hurst*
- *US Family Health Plan, Tricare Prime Option / Connecticut – Maria Green*
- *National Vice-Commander Doug Haggan (FR)*
- *Department Legion College – Bob DeCarlo, Director*
- *American Legion Riders update by Jackie Evonsion & John Wright*

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

General Session - afternoon:

- *Membership – Sean Sparks, National Assistant Membership Director – 1:00*
- *100th Anniversary – Centennial Celebration, Post History Web Page – 2:00*
- *Program Updates – 3:00 (Awards, Boys State, Scouting, C&Y, etc.)*

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

Department of Connecticut Legionnaire Hall of Fame – 9th 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 seventh year, the door prize drawings for *cash* will take place at the end of the general session (estimated to be 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 2015 awards packets available for pick-up at the Mid-Winter Conference. Just one more reason for your post to be represented.

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

Treat your officers and 'up and coming leaders' to the **Mid-Winter Conference at the Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway, Trumbull on January 23-25, 2015.** See the enclosed registration flyer for details.

ATTENTION CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Legionnaires intending to run for a Department Office at the July 2015 Convention may address the general session at the Mid-Winter Conference if they notify the Department Adjutant by January 16th.

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.ctlegionbball.com>

Prayer Concerns

Please keep me informed of those needing our prayers (remember we are "for God And Country").

POST EVERLASTING

Arthur G. St. John

02/22/1926 – 01/04/2015

69 Year Member – Honorary Life

Post 44, Bantam, 1961-2015

Post 15, Jewett City. 1946-1961

Many Offices in both Posts

5th District Commander 1957-1958

D.E.C. 1958-1959

Dept. Sr. Vice-Commander 1959-1960

Department Commander 1960-1961

1st Class AL Dept. Hall of Fame 2007

Charles S. Sterback Sr.

12/05/2014

40 Year – Honorary Life Member

Post 74, Fairfield

SSMF Rep & S.O over 25 years

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Department Calendar

January 2015 – Mid-Winter Conference Month

- 01 *New Year's Day Holiday* - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
08 7th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 206, Middletown (CVH, Paige Hall).
09 Department Baseball Hot Stove Banquet, 6:30 PM, Aquaturf.
11 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 67, North Grosvenordale.
14 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 127, Orange.
14 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, hosted by Post 2.
15 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 114, Groton.
19 *Martin Luther King JR. Day* - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
19 **80% Membership Target Date.**
21-23 4th District Revitalization. Post 52, (KofC) 138 Snake Hill Rd, Coventry.
21 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 143, Stratfield.
22 6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM, Winsted VFW (AL Post 43), co-host Post 159.
23 PDC Dinner, 6:00 PM, Trumbull Marriott.
23 State Liquor Commission presentation, Q&A, with Stan Burke, 6:00-8:00 PM.
23 AL Department Executive Committee Meeting, 8:30 PM, Trumbull Marriott.
24 41st Annual Mid-Winter Conference General Session opens at 9:00 AM.
24 CT AL Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, 6:00 Social, 6:45 Dinner.
28 1st District Meeting, Social 6:30, Meet 7:30 PM, Post 68, Berlin.

February 2015 – Americanism Month

- 01 Four Chaplains' Sunday.
01-07 Religious Emphasis Week.
08 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 95, Hebron.
09 **85% Membership Target Date.**
11 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 83, Branford.
11 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 7th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 103, Westbrook (Library - Oratorical).
14 Valentine's Day.
14 Deadline for completion of District Oratorical Contests.
15 ALA Awareness Luncheon (\$17), 1:00 PM, Post 68, Berlin.
16 *President's Day Holiday* - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
18 *Ash Wednesday.*
18 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 160, Easton.
19 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 54, Colchester.
22-25 Legion Washington Conference, Hilton Washington Hotel.
23 Iwo Jima Flag Raised 1945.
24 Start of "Operation Desert Storm" 1991.
25 1st District Meeting, 6:30 PM, Post 142, Hartford, Americanism Program.
26 6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 31, New Milford.
28 End of "Operation Desert Storm" 1991.

March 2015 – Legion Birthday Month

- 01 Eagle Scout of the Year Applications due at Department HQ
01 40&8 / 8&40 Testimonial.
07 Department Oratorical Contest, 8:15 AM, Goodwin College, East Hartford.
08 *Daylight Saving Time Begins.*
08 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 101, (KofC, 236 Main st), Somers.

March 2015 – continued

- 09 **90% Membership Target Date**
09 AL Department Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM.
11 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 72.
11 2nd Dist. Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meet, Post 17, Naugatuck. (PDisC/PDisP)
12 7th District Meeting, 6:00 PM, Post 75, Middletown, Potluck Past CDR & Pres.
14 1st District Testimonial, 6:00 PM, Nucci's, Forrestville.
15 AL Birthday 15-17, 1919.
15 ALA Junior Bingo, Unit 165, Wolcott.
17 *St. Patrick's Day.*
18 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 207, Middlebrook (Trumbull).
19 *Start of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" 2003.*
19 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 161, Waterford (65 Rope Ferry Rd).
20 *Spring Begins.*
25 1st District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post TBD.
27 6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 20, Terryville.
28 ALA Junior Spring Conference.
29 *Palm Sunday.*

April 2015 – Children & Youth Month

- 03 *Good Friday Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED*
04 *First Day of Passover.*
05-11 American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Week.
05 *Easter.*
06 *U.S. Entry - WW I, 1917.*
08 **95% Membership Target Date**
08 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 68.
08 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 1, Waterbury.
09 7th District Meeting, 6:30 PM, Post 113, Old Saybrook.
10 ALA Birthday, 1919.
10-12 78th Annual National High School Oratorical Contest, Indianapolis.
11 ALA Past President's parley & Eastern Division VP visit.
12 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 67, North Grosvenordale.
15 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 60, Danbury.
16 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 15, Jewett City.
18 Kids Walk. (Multiple locations) – See Bulletin Inserts!
22 *Earth Day. – Administrative Professionals Day.*
22 1st District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post 36, Windsor Locks.
23 6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 173, Morris (Sr. Center).
24 *Arbor Day.*
26 3rd District Testimonial, Roberto's, Monroe.

Future Events - 2015

- May 4-7 National Spring Meetings, Indianapolis, IN.
Jun 5 Nathan Hale Day program, State Capitol, Hartford.
Jun 20-25 AL Boys State leadership Program.
Jun 27-Jul 2 ALA Laurel Girls State.
Jul 4 Independence Day Celebration, Capitol Hall of Flags, hosted by Legion.
Jul 9-11 97th Department Convention, Trumbull Marriott.
Aug 28-Sep 3 97th National Convention, Baltimore, MD.

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 2015

- 04 **Post 36, Windsor Locks**, 8:30 – 11:00 AM, Family Breakfast, \$4.00 adult, \$3.00 child under 13, Menu choices are: pancakes or french toast, sausage, orange juice, and coffee.
- 06 **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. BYOB own wine. For info Call post, 860-828-9201. 154 Porters Pass, Berlin.
- 08 **Post 165, Wolcott**, 4:00-7:00 PM, "Evening at LaFortuna Restaurant". Roast Beef, \$10, Sr. \$8.
- 09 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM, Karaoke with Pete Leone, 60 County St., Norwalk. All welcome. Public invited. 203-866-8249.
- 09 **Post 52, Coventry**, 6:00 PM, "World Famous Baked Fish Dinner", \$10. 138 Snake Hill Rd (860-742-7197).
- 10 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Listen & Dance to the music of Pete Leone. No cover. All welcome. Singles invited. 203-866-8249
- 10 **SAL 95, Hebron**, Noon – 4:00 PM, 25th Anniversary "Pot of Luck Venison & Football". \$20.
- 12 **Unit 12, Norwalk**, 7:00 PM, 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
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- 30 **Unit 96, West Hartford**, Movie Night. "An Officer & A Gentleman". \$20 in advance, \$25 at door (max 50). Food 6:30 – Movie 7:30. Must be 21. 3 hours free garage parking. jeanneberry@comcast.net
- 31 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Oldies Dance with radio personality Lee Moore. No cover. All welcome. Dance & listen to 50's, 60's, 70's. Public invited. Singles welcome. 203-866-8249
- 31 **Unit 72, Southington**, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, 12th Annual Valentine Chocolate Fest. Free admission. Raffle Baskets, candy, bake sale, café. Info: Call 860-582-4813. 64 Main ST., Southington. (Snow date 2/1).

February 2015

- 03 **Post 10, Seymour**, 7:00 PM, Saga of the Four Chaplains Memorial Service, 1st Congregational Church, 44 S. Cliff St, Ansonia. Info: 203-888-7813.
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- 13-14 **Post 95, Hebron**, from 10:00 AM, Hebron Maple Festival. Fried Dough & French Fries.



THE AMERICAN LEGION *Centennial celebration*

Questions, you might have...

- 1) Under normal circumstances, how many Sgt-At-Arms & Assistant Sgt-At-Arms does the State Commander appoint?

- 2) How often does Connecticut get to have a National Vice-Commander? And how often does Connecticut get to have some other National Officer? Such as National Historian, Chaplain or?

- 3) Which Department Commanders, after they served as Department Commanders, were elected to District Commander? And, when this happened, was there any conflict of interest or problem?

- 4) Starting from 1990-91, how many District Commanders rose to be a Department Commander? The 2nd had the most and the 7th had the least. Who didn't meet the criteria? Who was the first Department Officer, not counting District or Vice Commanders from this group?

- 5) The American Legion story in the 50th Anniversary program book starts out *"Out of the signing of the Armistice on November 11, 1919, came a burning desire in the hearts of the majority of those who had served in the A. E. F. to keep alive that association among men that had been created by wartime and solidified by its challenges and sacrifices."*

If you could change anything in the quoted text, what would that be?

Answers:

- 1) The Commander normally has one Sgt-At-Arms and Assistant, but as a courtesy to the incoming and outgoing commanders, the Commander appoints an assistant for each. Answer: 1 Sgt + 3 Assistants. Sometimes the Commander would like an additional assistant, so the Commander would appoint an assistant Sgt-At-Arms for Conventions & Conferences. Over the years, some Commanders had appointed assistants in each District. Frank D'Angelo did this. (*Constitution currently limits assistants to 3*).

- 2) Time period for National Vices: Doesn't exist officially, but you can project to once every 10 or 11 years. National Officers: this was not a trick question... Joe Jackson is our National Executive Committeeman, so, every year, we get someone and a back up with the Alternate. Currently, the Alternate is Wayne Morgan. Now, if you were thinking otherwise, like National Chaplain, that is a hit or miss opportunity. And, if you were thinking about National Commander, I have no idea. It appears that states that never had an opportunity are now getting one more often. Furthermore, I believe the National Organization is looking for a female candidate. Denise Rohan (WI) might be a possibility.

- 3) Bill Pomfret. Conflict: He had a vote as a Past Department Commander and as District Commander, regardless, he only had one vote. Furthermore, he could not serve on any Department Committees or Commissions.

- 4) a) 13 b) Who didn't meet criteria, but served in that time period? The following served as District Commanders *prior to 1990-1991*: Frazier Brinley and Andy Barylski: 1980-81; Everett Shepard 1982-83; David Smith 1985-86; Larry Duffany 1986-87; and Gus Williams 1988-89. Frazier Brinley was appointed Department Historian by Leo Hindsley (1976-1977) when Betty Baker moved to Chicago.

- 5) Change 1919 to 1918 and *men* to veterans.

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DSO's Interviewed by Committee reviewing best use of Rocky Hill Veterans Home- Study Released

DSO K. Robert Lewis and Veterans Homeless Task force member Richard Linnon met with staff investigators from the state General Assembly Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee (a very imposing name indeed) to offer thoughts and recommendations on proposed modifications to the use of facilities at the Connecticut Veterans Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill.

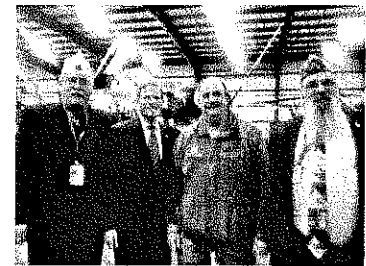


Aerial view of RHVHH

Topics discussed included how to utilize resources at the State and Federal level partnered with Veterans Service Organizations and non-profits to eliminate veteran homelessness in Connecticut in 2015, provide housing, benefits, educational and legal avenues for needy vets and their families.

In advance of the final report release, K. Robert and Richard attended a Homeless Veterans Informational Summit in Middletown to meet with providers, caregivers and government agencies NGO's focused on reaching out to our comrades in arms. At first blush, Connecticut appears to have stepped up to the plate policy wise, with agreements by parties on how best to serve homeless veterans. As they say, the devil is in the details, and ensuring effective partnerships and outreach bolstered by adequate and appropriate

funding remains an unknown. Ideas on effective utilization of known resources such as the Veterans Home are addressed in the report by the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee published on Dec. 19, 2014. Copies of the report are available at PRI@cga.ct.gov



Legion Commander and DSO staff honor WWII veterans at New England Air Museum.

Department Commander Butch Hansen (in uniform), Service Officer K. Robert Lewis and Accredited Representative Richard Linnon joined Senators Blumenthal and Murphy on Jan 2nd to mark new

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legislation easing the TSA requirement for veterans travelling as part of an "Honor Flight" to and from Washington DC.

Post Service Officer Training conducted

Post Service Officers from across the state attending training conducted by the Department Service Office on November 7th and 14th. More than thirty individuals sought to improve their skills to better assist veterans and their families at the local level. Attendees received a copy of the Post Service Officer Manual, a CD ROM with the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) basic service officer training course and associated exams and a Community Resource Team publication listing statewide vets resources.

Walking through the requirements and duties of a Post Service Level, DSO Lewis stressed the importance of PSO's to

their communities and to The American Legion. By serving as an initial point of contact, coordinating with the Service Office to forward claims requests and documentation and maintaining confidentiality.

Interest across the Department appears high, so a new round of training will be announced for the March-April time frame.

Department partners with Sikorsky to accredit Veteran Service Officer

A Memorandum of Understanding is being finalized between the Department and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation and Teamsters Local 1150 which provides Legion accreditation, training and guidance to an in-house veteran service officer who will provide necessary services to the thousands of veteran-employees at Sikorsky. Signing of the MOU is anticipated for

January 5, 2015. Commander Hansen has reviewed and affixed his signature and it has been forwarded to Sikorsky for final action. Legionnaire Jeff Cascarelli has been trained and travel to DC for Service Officer training along with DSO Lewis, ADSO Tom Wood and Accredited Rep Rich Linnon.



Senators Blumenthal and Murphy announce passage of veteran - friendly legislation.

Department Service Officer School is set for Feb 20-22 in Washington DC.

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New Veterans Access to Care Cards mailed by VA to all VA Healthcare users.

Following passage of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 which seeks to address the roadblocks veterans face in receiving timely and adequate VA Healthcare, the VA began to process to mailing out informational letters and VACA Cards to enrolled veterans nationwide. While some may interpret the Act as allowing vets to select their own doctor and specialists and present them with a VA card for services, that is not the case. Access to healthcare and specialists within a geographic area coupled with long wait times govern the implementation of the Act benefits for veterans. Following a briefing with leadership from VA Connecticut Healthcare and the New England Region, it appears that currently less than 75

vets in Connecticut MAY qualify. As VA guidelines state:

“As directed by the Choice Act, VA will administer the “Veterans Choice Fund” to implement the Veterans Choice Program (“the Program”). The Program will operate for 3 years or until the Fund is exhausted. The Program will provide Veterans who were enrolled as of August 1, 2014 or eligible to enroll as a recently discharged combat Veteran with a Veterans Choice Card, and allow those Veterans who are unable to schedule an appointment within 30 days of their preferred date or the clinically appropriate date, or on the basis of their place of residence to elect to receive care from eligible non-VA health care entities or providers. This is separate from VA’s existing program providing Veterans care outside of the VA system. Eligible non-VA entities or providers must enter into agreements with VA to furnish care, must

maintain the same or similar credentials and licenses as VA providers, and must submit to VA a copy of any medical records related to care and services provided under the Program for inclusion in the Veteran’s VA electronic medical record.”

Sixteen billion dollars has been set aside for three years or until funds are exhausted. We will keep an eye on this going forward. Link to VACA guides at <http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/documents/Choice-Act-Summary.pdf>

Outreach to Colleges continues.

Department Service Office staff will offer services to veterans in universities and colleges across the state. Target sites include Tunxis, Three Rivers, Ashnuntuck and Gateway Community Colleges, Albertus Magnus and potentially UNH.

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PDC Art St. John penned his way into the International Book of Poetry. His poems cover a variety of subjects, but one of his poems titled "A Veteran's Bond" seems appropriate to share at this time.

"A VETERAN'S BOND"

by

Art St. John

There's a special bond between Veterans,
who served in our various wars.
It stems from what they gave to their nation,
some voluntarily and others draft laws.

The years that they served were all taken,
from the early part of their lives.
Some left their parents at home all alone,
others left children and wives.

But it's time that they spent in the service,
where together they lived youthful years.
They depended upon one another,
sharing joys, compassion and tears.

Yes, Veterans are real special people,
their status can't be taken away.
Their contributions are the main reasons,
that our nation is long here to stay.



2014-15 BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS



American Legion Social Event

WHEN: Sunday, January 18th – 3:00pm

WHAT: Bridgeport Sound Tigers vs. Syracuse Crunch

WHERE: Webster Bank Arena | 600 Main Street | Bridgeport

TICKETS: \$20 Ticket (Regular Price \$34)- Portion of each ticket benefits Veterans Landing

Come Join Commander Harry Hansen and Fellow American Legion Members from Across the State for a FUN Day of Hockey!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

of tickets: _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Checks payable to: **Bridgeport Sound Tigers**

To Order Tickets, Please Mail Form to Dan Tamburro at
600 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604 OR
Call Dan at 203-345-4822 by Monday, January 12th.

Questions? Please contact Dan at:
Dan.Tamburro@harboryardse.com | 203.345.4822

NO DAY OF GAME ORDERS. DISCOUNT FOR ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY



WE WANT YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
4th DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP RE-VITALIZATION

Please come and help along with National Vice-Commander Doug Haggan and Assistant National Membership Director Sean Sparks

WHERE: POST 52, (K of C Hall) 138 Snake Hill Rd, Coventry

WHEN: JANUARY 21 - 23, 2015

Wednesday January 21, 2015 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursday January 22, 2015 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Friday January 23, 2015 – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

ARRIVAL TIME: 9:00 AM Wednesday; 9:30 Thursday & Friday

*WHO: ALL Posts, Districts, Membership Task Force Members,
Anyone & Everyone interested in learning & contributing*

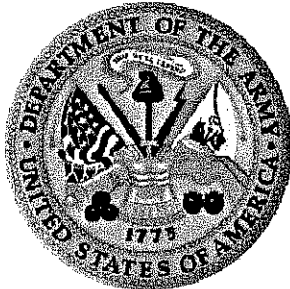
*RSVP: Jim LaCoursiere - LegionJim3@aol.com
Manny Rodrigues - marineveteran@charter.net*

*All training will be provided. Please bring a cell phone AND your charger to all sessions.
'Coffee &' plus a light lunch to be provided.*

We look forward to working with you and seeing you there,

Harry Hansen, Department Commander
Paul Spedaliere, Department Sr. Vice Commander
4th District Officers

THE AMERICAN LEGION
**SOLDIERS', SAILORS'
AND MARINES' FUND**



TRAINING SESSION

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

TRUMBULL MARRIOTT, TRUMBULL, CT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2015, 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

TRUMBULL MARRIOTT MERRITT PARKWAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24th, 2015

\$5,000 GRAND PRIZE

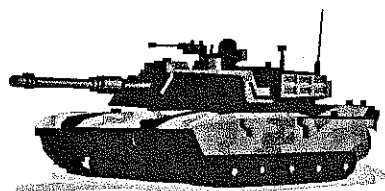
\$1,000 SECOND PRIZE

\$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

2015 Connecticut Legionnaire Hall of Fame

The 2015 American Legion Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner will take place January 24, 2015, 6:00 Cash bar, 6:45 Dinner, 7:45 Induction, at the Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, CT. Tickets are \$40/person and must be purchased in advance. Make checks payable to The American Legion, Dept. of Conn. Mail to: Attn: Dan Smith, 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 2015 – 9th Class

STEPHEN FAHY	Post 2, Bristol
*ADAM RACZKOWSKI	Post 72, Southington
*EUGENE P. ARMSTRONG	Post 1, Waterbury
ANGELO DELLACAMERA	Post 71, West Haven
JOSEPH MYJAK	Post 162, New Haven
*GIL SHEFFIELD	Post 9, New London
*THOMAS BYERS	Post 22, Thomaston
MIGUEL ESCALERA	Post 66, Clinton

*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.



**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT
OF CONNECTICUT
41ST ANNUAL
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
TRUMBULL MARRIOTT, TRUMBULL, CT
JANUARY 23-24-25, 2015**

The annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, 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. *So far, Saturday morning will feature candidate for National Commander Charles Schmidt (OR) and National Vice-Commander Doug Haggan (FR). See December Adjutant's Notes for more details. Saturday afternoon will have the usual breakout for Service Officers & SSM Fund Reps. Saturday evening banquet features the induction of the 9th class into The Connecticut American Legion Hall of Fame.* Hotel rate: \$94.00 + 9%(?) tax (single or double). Call Marriott Reservations at 1-800-228-9290 or 203-378-1400; ask for AMERICAN LEGION ROOM BLOCK.

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE JANUARY 9, 2015.

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

Lunch will be on your own.

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.

American Legion Auxiliary Department Executive Committee meeting January 23, 7:00 pm.

Dan Smith, Reservations Chairman (860) 296-0719

**The American Legion
864 Wethersfield Ave
Hartford, CT 06114**

Please reserve the following tickets for the 41st Annual Mid-Winter Conference.

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

Combo (Reg.+Dinner) SAVE \$5:	@ \$40.00 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 (Creamy Peppercorn or Red Wine Vinaigrette)

Chateau Steak with Cognac Mushroom Sauce (on side)

Herb Roasted Chicken (legs, thighs, breasts & wings)

Sole with Lemon Buerre Blanc Sauce

Macaroni & Cheese

Mashed Potato

Peas & Carrots

Dessert Station

Coffee & Tea

Cash Bar

Announcing Northwest Sporting Goods & Supply's

3rd Annual Ice Fishing Tournament Jan. 25, 2015*

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 and their children.

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: 8:00am – 2:00 pm Registration Starts: 6:30am

CALL 860-738-8994
Drawing for Auger: 7:50am January 12

****All Prizes Based on 150 Participants****

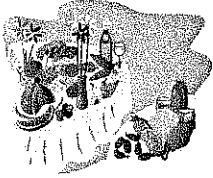
REGISTRATION FORM

Name and Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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



Awareness Luncheon

Date: February 15, 2015

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: American Legion Post 68

154 Porters Pass • Berlin, Ct

*Come and enjoy the wonderful speaker we have
planned for this event.*

Buffet Lunch with Dessert and Beverages
\$17.00 pp Deadline for reservations 2/6/15

Chairman: Helen Goewey

Please NO E-Mails
203-758-4379

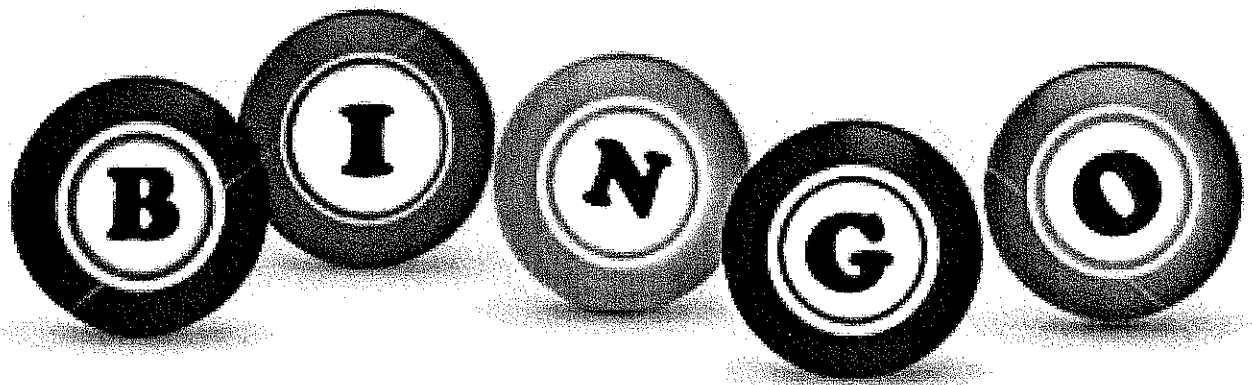
Send reservations to: American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Connecticut
P O Box 266
Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0266

Name: _____ Unit/Post # _____

Phone # _____

Attending _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____





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4TH DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

AMERICAN LEGION POST 26

10 MONSON ROAD

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT 06076

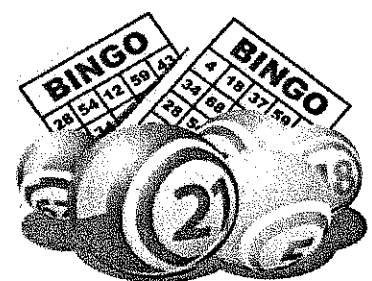
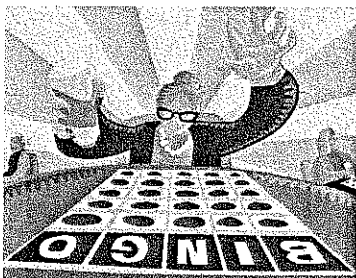
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015

BINGO @ 7:00PM DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM

WE WILL FOLLOW THE AMERICAN LEGION BINGO FORMAT

HOMEMADE FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO

PURCHASE





4th Annual VJ Day Parade Golf Classic

Sponsored by American Legion Post 91

When: Monday, April 27, 2015

Where: **Lake of Isles South (Private) Course: Foxwoods**

Tee Sponsor/Dedication: \$75.00

TEE SPONSOR

Business Name and address (please print)

Phone Number: _____ Website: _____

TEE DEDICATION

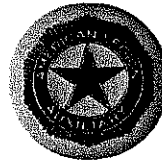
Service Member's Name:

Branch and Dates of Service:

Mail completed application & check made payable to: **VJ Day Parade Committee to:**

VJ Day Parade Committee, American Legion Post 91, 66 Prospect Street, Moosup, CT 06354

Point of Contact: Jeff DeClerck: 860-608-8111, email jadcmd@sbcglobal.net



4th Annual VJ Day Parade Golf Classic

Sponsored by American Legion Post 91

When: Monday, April 27, 2015

Time: Registration @ 10:00AM – Shotgun Start @ 12:00PM

Where: Lake of Isles South (Private) Course: Foxwoods

Entry Fee: \$135.00 per player. \$540.00 per team of four players (Due by April 20, 2015)

Includes green fees, cart, range balls, bag tag & tees, box lunch, prime rib and carved turkey dinner and prizes (1st place team, 2nd place team, closest to the pin and men & women's longest drive)

Players (please print)

1. _____
Name (team captain or individual), phone #
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

SORRY – NO COOLERS

Enclose completed application & check made payable to: VJ Day Parade Committee

Mailing address:

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**American Legion Post 91
66 Prospect Street
Moosup, CT**

American Legion Post 91 VJ Day Parade Committee is proud to announce that our 54th Annual VJ Day Parade will be dedicated to “Our Greatest Generation, 70 Years Later” as we pay honor to those who served, fought and sacrificed while serving this country in World War II. The parade will be held on August 9, 2015.

This year will mark the 70th anniversary of VJ Day which also represents the anniversary of the end of World War II. In tribute, we are inviting every surviving World War II veteran throughout the State of Connecticut to participate in this year’s parade where they will be recognized as Parade Grand Marshals.

We are asking every American Legion Post within the Department of Connecticut to identify those survivors in their communities and formally invite them on our behalf. We request the Posts with survivors who wish to participate to provide a vehicle and include their Color Guard (where available) to serve as their escort in the Honors Division of the parade. Please return the entry form below by July 10, 2015.

NAME OF WWII VETERAN AND BRANCH OF SERVICE:

POST/TOWN: _____ **COLOR GUARD: YES** ___ **NO** ___

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

**Jeff DeClerck
Commander
jadcmd@sbcglobal.net – (860) 608-8111**



THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPT. OF CONNECTICUT 2015

PHILLIP HADDAD MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP FORM



WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th, 2015
BLACKLEDGE COUNTRY CLUB, HEBRON, CT
SPONSORSHIP FEE - \$100.00

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

2015 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



It's a battle for your ID. The villain? Identity thieves.

11.6 million adults were victims of identity theft last year.¹ Is your identity protected?

The Plot

How do thieves steal your identity?

- **Phishing:** Fraudsters can pose as a trusted source, such as a bank or employer, and convince you to provide personal information over the Internet or phone.
- **Hacking:** Thieves can hack into your computer with an insecure connection, malware or keystroke-logging software.
- **Card skimming:** Restaurant or store employees could save your card numbers with a hand-held skimmer.
- **Stealing:** Identity thieves can get the information they need by stealing your wallet, mail, tax returns and other documents.

The Crime

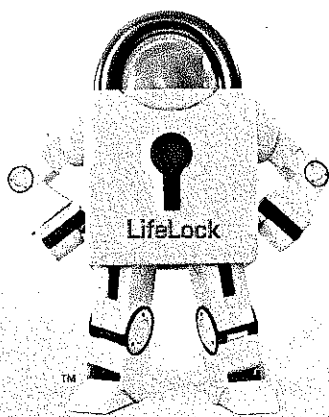
What can identity thieves do with your personal information?

- **Steal your money:** Identity thieves can takeover your bank accounts or steal your credit and debit card numbers.⁵
- **Open new accounts:** Criminals can use your identity to get new loans, credit cards, home utilities or even to take on a new mortgage.
- **Commit employment or benefits fraud:** With your name and information, fraudsters could apply for a job or use your medical benefits.
- **Engage in criminal activity:** Identity crooks could even commit crimes in your name.

The Defense

Are you protected from such a serious threat? Try these tips:

- Use a paper shredder to shred your mail, old tax returns and other documents containing personal information.
- Don't login to public Wi-Fi. Make sure you're always on a secure connection.
- Be wary of emails and phone calls asking for your personal information.
- Enroll in identity theft protection with LifeLock!



¹ Bank account takeover protection requires LifeLock Ultimate™ protection.
⁵ Javelin Strategy & Research, "2012 Identity Fraud Survey Report," February 2012.



Endorsed by Your Department
of The American Legion

Identity thieves want to become you. Protect your identity with LifeLock.

LifeLock is the industry leader in identity theft protection. With LifeLock service, you can have peace of mind knowing your identity is protected. LifeLock offers two levels of protection.

LifeLock Identity Theft Protection

- Alerts of potential threats—both credit and noncredit related¹
- Replacement of lost or stolen debit or credit cards
- Advanced Internet monitoring for exposure of your personal information
- And more! Visit LifeLock.com for a full list of product features.

LifeLock Ultimate™ Protection

Includes all services in the standard LifeLock plan, plus:

- Expanded checking and savings account application and bank account takeover alerts¹
- Daily monitoring of all three credit bureau reports for new credit inquiries
- 24/7 Online access to your annual TransUnion credit report and monthly scores
- And more! Visit LifeLock.com for a full list of product features.



\$1 Million Total Service Guarantee[†]

If you become a victim of identity theft while you are a LifeLock member, LifeLock will spend up to \$1 million to hire lawyers, investigators, consultants and whoever else it takes to restore your name and help your recovery.

Special Promotion for Legionnaires!

30 Days FREE*
+ 10% OFF LifeLock Enrollment
Protect Yourself Today.

1. Visit LifeLock.com or call 1-800-LifeLock (543-3562)
2. Use promotion code LIT3
3. Complete enrollment by providing the required information

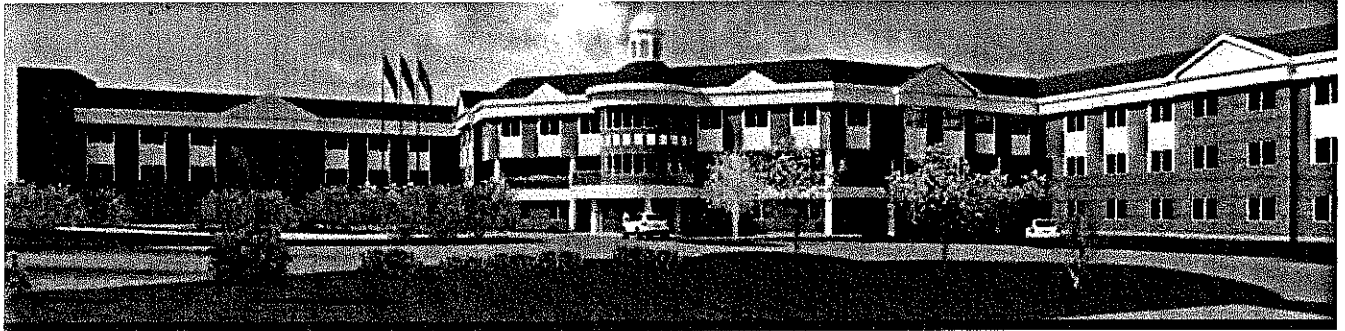
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^{*} At the end of the 30-day trial period your credit card will be billed automatically (\$9.00 mo./\$99.00 yr. plus applicable sales tax for standard LifeLock identity theft protection or \$22.50 mo./\$247.50 yr. plus applicable sales tax for LifeLock Ultimate) unless you cancel within the 30-day trial period. You can cancel anytime without penalty by calling 1-800-LifeLock. LifeLock is for new members only.

[†] Network does not cover all transactions and scope may vary.

[‡] The benefits under the Service Guarantee are provided under a Master Insurance Policy underwritten by State National Insurance Company. As this is only a summary please see the actual policy for applicable terms and restrictions at LifeLock.com.

COMMANDER'S PROJECT VETERANS LANDING



Veterans Landing will be a state-of-the-art, affordable assisted living residence for older veterans and their spouses. Studio and one-bedroom apartments in this lovely home will be available on the VA Health Care Campus in Newington. In addition to 103 apartments, Veterans Landing will offer activity rooms (including a library and computer lab); convenience store; on-site medical care and physical therapy; excellent meals in a restaurant-style dining room; and transportation for shopping, medical appointments and field trips. This residence is modeled after CRT's award-winning assisted living in Hartford.

How can Connecticut's American Legion help?

- Raise awareness – be an ambassador for this project
- Raise your voice – help advocate for this through the VA system
- Raise dollars – either as individuals or through your post.
- Here are a few examples of the 'Wish List.' CRT will publish a full list, and people can sign up as donors. The needs start small and go all the way up, up up!
 - \$9 buys a pair of yoga blocks for the gym
 - \$18 buys a single place setting for the dining room: Plate, cup, saucer, soup bowl, silverware and drinking glass.
 - \$50 buys two 8-quart mixing bowls
 - \$110 will get one microwave – but they need one for every apartment
 - \$250 for heart rate monitor
 - \$1,000 buys one all-season patio table with umbrella – and they will need eight
 - \$3,000 secures one golf cart for on-campus travel – eventually they'll require four of these
 - \$3,850 gets one 60-foot flagpole – but the design calls for at least three of these
 - \$7,300 will buy a full set of barbells and weights, to keep residents fit
 - \$35 – 45,000 for each van
 - And an estimated \$165,000 for a safety pendant system!

Veterans' Quality of Life

- \$18 for each dining room place setting – 150 required
- \$750 per year for art supplies
- \$1,450 for 55" flat screen TV, sound system, DVD player and Wii in recreation area
- \$1,655 for all-season patio table with umbrella and four chairs – total of 8 sets required
- \$6,000 to furnish first floor living room – couch, chairs, tables, lamps, gas fireplace
- \$35,000-45,000 for each van with lift, will need two for recreational outings, doctor visits off campus

Safety and Security

- \$160 first aid kits
- \$500 for each bathroom emergency call box in public areas – eight required
- \$1,500 for security door controls – will need two sets
- \$3,000 for each golf cart for on-campus travel – four will be required
- \$165,000 personal safety system – resident pendants plus monitoring station
- \$200,000 for camera system

Veterans Staying Fit and Healthy

- \$249 for one heart rate monitor
- \$650 pulley and weight system
- \$1,200 physical therapy platform
- \$1,500 staircase and mobility runway
- \$3,500 for one treadmill, fitness gym will require at least two
- \$7,300 for a full set of barbells and weights

I encourage all Posts, Auxiliary Units, SAL Squadrons and Legion Riders Chapters to take a close look at this project, this is exactly what we as a Legion family can come together and support as this is a Veterans project within our own state that we can control what our money goes towards. What an opportunity this is to show everyone in the state that The American Legion Family is truly behind our Veterans and what we can accomplish as a group when we all come together for one common goal. This is our chance to stand up and shout out to everyone that The American Legion is out there working hard to give our Veterans every opportunity humanly possible to better themselves and their families.

Thank You for all your support and with everyone's help I know we can reach my goal of \$10,000 that will be presented to the CRT at our Department Convention.

*Please make your checks payable to: **The American Legion Department of Connecticut***

You can send donations to: A.L. Treasurers Office

C/O Commanders Project

864 Wethersfield Avenue

Hartford, CT 06114

Going to Bat For Aging Vets

By Steve Pintarich and Rich Linnon

As you see on the previous page, Commander Harry "Butch" Hansen has named Veterans Landing as his Commanders Project. Community Renewal Team was chosen by the US Department of Veterans Affairs to build and operate one of the very first affordable assisted living residences in the country for vets and their spouses on the VA Newington campus. This is a chance to get in on the ground floor of a really important initiative: People across the US will be looking at Veterans Landing to see how it's done!

We were very proud when the Commander asked us to serve as the official liaisons between the Veterans Landing team and our American Legion posts around Connecticut. We have both served on the Veterans Landing Advisory Council, and we can honestly say that this is a very exciting, and a very meaningful project!

The American Legion is the first Connecticut VSO to take on this challenge: Raising funds and awareness about Veterans Landing, and the issue of aging low- and middle-income veterans in Connecticut. Let's set a strong example for the entire state!

So now what? Butch is asking you and your posts to raise money for Veterans Landing in any way you wish. The sky's the limit! Dinners at nearby restaurants are always popular – we've had good luck at Chili's and Outback Steakhouse. There may be a family-owned eatery in your town that would cooperate. But you know what works in your area, from breakfasts to barbecues to ball games and other outings.

How can we help?

- Get in touch with one of us for ideas, planning or support. We'll provide a "boiler plate" for the press release you'll use to announce your fundraiser, and a sample invite letter to your elected officials.
- Community Renewal Team can provide all kinds of materials about Veterans Landing. There are flyers, brochures, and oversized posters that show the front and back of the building. There are also Veterans Landing pins and bracelets to give away at your event, and caps for the members who organize the event.
- Senior staff from CRT is also happy to come out and speak - at a post meeting, public event or whenever veterans' advocates gather.

Please let us know what you're planning, and how we can work with you on this!

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The American Legion



For God and Country

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OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER

December 11, 2014

Everett G. Shepard, III, Adjutant
The American Legion of Connecticut
PO Box 208
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Dear Everett,

I write to you today with considerable disappointment and concern over the current state of our membership programs. When we met in Indianapolis last summer, we all agreed on the importance of increasing our retention programs at the post, district and department levels.

Unfortunately, thus far we have shown no success in increasing our retention rates, and therefore, although some of the departments have shown growth, the vast majority of departments are falling further and further behind.

Today I am announcing a member retention surge, beginning immediately and running through January 31st, 2015. During this period, I expect each and every one of you, along with your department and district officers, to support the membership renewal programs in each and every post by accomplishing the following:

- Telephoning at least three lapsed members per week and renewing them.
- Telephoning each of your subordinate commanders at either the area, district, county or post level at least once a week for the next six weeks to promote renewals and provide accountable feedback on what they are doing to increase renewals.
- Promoting membership renewals as your command focus and priority by statements in your department communications, in e-mails or during American Legion functions at every opportunity.

As leaders of the largest war-time veterans' organization in the world; we have an obligation to our members and to the organization to keep The American Legion strong.

The way we do this is by having a growing and robust membership that allows us to continue to have the lead amongst the veteran community. We owe our members and our programs our maximum efforts over the next six weeks.

Thank you in advance for these efforts and the continuing privilege to serve each of you and the veterans that make up this organization as your National Commander.

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Helm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "H".

Michael D. Helm
National Commander

Copy to:
National Adjutant
Past National Commanders
National Executive Committeemen
National Vice Commanders

2014-2015 Membership Goal Incentives

Our goal is to get 100% quota in each District (all 7 Districts 100%) though it seems lofty, it is doable with a little effort by everyone.

Incentive award program

1. Any district who reaches the 100% goal prior to the National deadline will receive a \$250.00 check to use any way they see fit plus the District Commander and Sr Vice will receive one overnight stay at the Department Convention.
2. Any Post reaching 100% goal by National deadline will receive a Certificate .
3. Any individual who signs up 15 new members will receive a \$50.00 check and a plaque for being a top recruiter.
 - Numbers will have to be verified by Department Headquarters in the following manner: The individual will have to send in the list of names that he/she signed up (preferably with ID #) and Department Headquarters will verify that those new members are in fact in the data base and new.
4. Any individual who signs up 25 or more new members will receive a \$100.00 check and be submitted to National for the Silver Brigade award.
5. Any individual who signs up 50 or more new members will receive a \$200.00 check and be submitted to National for the Gold Brigade award.

NOTE: No monies will be awarded until all verifications are complete. Individual will be presented their award at a post or district meeting and also be recognized at Department convention.

DEPARTMENT RECRUITER OF THE YEAR: Each Legion post will have the opportunity to submit the name of the "Top Recruiter" for that post who has signed up the highest number of new members for the **current** membership year by **May 11** of each year. Department Adjutants will determine the top new-member recruiter for their respective department and certify their "Department Recruiter" to National Headquarters on or before **May 31** of each year. The "Department Recruiter" properly certified from each department will be awarded a plaque with his/her accomplishment inscribed thereon.

The American Legion
 Department of Connecticut
 District
 Recruiter of the Year Award



New Member's Name

Member ID No.

Date Recruited

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Recruiters Name

Post Number

District Commander (verifying)

Name

Date

Signature



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 (6/25/50-1/31/55)
- 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

ELIGIBILITY 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.AL4forVeterans.org/contact/state-headquarters/>

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)
- WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
- Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46)
- Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)
- 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 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.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

_____ Date _____

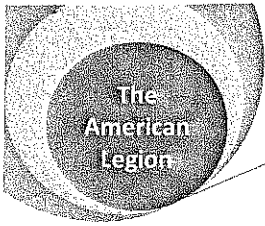
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\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues _____

_____ Recruiter's Name _____

_____ Recruiter's Signature _____

_____ Recruiter's Phone # _____



2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	10,500	SEPTEMBER 8, 2014	(2ND Mon)	50%
FALL MEETINGS	11,550	OCTOBER 6, 2014	(1ST Mon)	55%
VETERANS DAY	13,650	* NOVEMBER 12, 2014	(2ND Weds*)	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	15,750	*DECEMBER 8, 2014	(2ND Mon)	75%
MID-WINTER	16,800	JANUARY 19, 2015	(3RD Mon)	80%
PRESIDENT'S DAY	17,850	FEBRUARY 9, 2015	(2ND Mon)	85%
LEGION BIRTHDAY	18,900	MARCH 9, 2015	(2ND Mon)	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	19,950	APRIL 6, 2015	(1ST Mon)	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	21,000	MAY 11, 2015	(2ND Mon)	100%
Delegate Strength 30 Days Prior to Convention				

2015 RENEWAL SCHEDULE

CUTOFF DATES

For Changes at Nat'l

May 14, 2014
 Sept. 3, 2014
 Nov. 5, 2014
 Jan 1, 2015
 Feb 25, 2015
 April 15, 2015

RENEWAL NOTICE DATES

July 3, 2014
 Oct. 2, 2014
 Dec. 2, 2015
 Jan 22, 2015
 March 13, 2015
 April 30, 2015

- * The November Target date will be on a Friday due to Veterans Day falling on that previous Tuesday
- * To Maximize the December renewal notice, the January target date will be on the third Wednesday of the month

National Target Dates are two days later. All membership must be into Department on these dates to count for making the target date.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF CONNECTICUT MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY REPORT												
As of: 12/31/2014												
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual		2012%	2013%	2014%	2015%
		Dist.	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		of 2011	of 2012	of 2013	of 2014
2	Bristol	1	75	83	96	106	86		110.67%	115.66%	110.42%	81.13%
6	New Britain	1	3	3					100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
9	New London	5	14	16	17	13			114.29%	106.25%	76.47%	0.00%
12	Norwalk	3	43	43	35	35			100.00%	81.40%	100.00%	0.00%
13	Putnam	4	7	10	7	10			142.86%	70.00%	142.86%	0.00%
14	Rockville	4	23	21	26	20	6		91.30%	123.81%	76.92%	30.00%
15	Jewett City	5	23	24	20	17	12		104.35%	83.33%	85.00%	70.59%
16	Shelton	3	113	118	116	114	77		104.42%	98.31%	98.28%	67.54%
17	Naugatuck	2	22	21	7	6	9		95.45%	33.33%	85.71%	150.00%
19	Willimantic	4	68	57	58	68	9		83.82%	101.75%	117.24%	13.24%
20	Terryville	6	94	84	67	64	19		89.36%	79.76%	95.52%	29.69%
21	Danielson	4			4	3						0.00%
22	Thomaston	6	63	56	59	59	42		88.89%	105.36%	100.00%	71.19%
24	Derby	2	6	3	3	3			50.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%
26	Stafford Springs	4	48	48	37	18	25		100.00%	77.08%	48.65%	138.89%
27	Litchfield	6	15	9	13	9	12		60.00%	144.44%	69.23%	133.33%
33	Plainville	1	44	35	33	15			79.55%	94.29%	45.45%	0.00%
40	East Windsor	1										
43	Winsted	6	19	18	19	19			94.74%	105.56%	100.00%	0.00%
45	Meriden	2	45	48	46	40	22		106.67%	95.83%	86.96%	55.00%
48	Guilford	2	9	9	9	10	8		100.00%	100.00%	111.11%	80.00%
50	Ansonia	2										
52	Coventry	4	10	12	11	11	9		120.00%	91.67%	100.00%	81.82%
54	Colchester	5	25	24	18	15			96.00%	75.00%	83.33%	0.00%
60	Danbury	3	20	22	26	25	8		110.00%	118.18%	96.15%	32.00%
61	Deep River	7	15	12	12	12	12		80.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
67	N. Grosvonordale	4	23	18	26	21	10		78.26%	144.44%	80.77%	47.62%
68	Berlin	1	49	45	42	38	17		91.84%	93.33%	90.48%	44.74%
71	West Haven	2	15	22	20	10	6		146.67%	90.91%	50.00%	60.00%
72	Southington	1	198	189	176	181	148		95.45%	93.12%	102.84%	81.77%
74	Fairfield	3										
75	Middletown	7	11	8	7	7	7		72.73%	87.50%	100.00%	100.00%
80	Enfield	1	30	30	36	31	14		100.00%	120.00%	86.11%	45.16%
88	Hamden	2	35	28	29	25	22		80.00%	103.57%	86.21%	88.00%
89	* East Haven	2										
91	Moosup	4	38	44	41	38	40		115.79%	93.18%	92.68%	105.26%
95	Hebron	4	65	60	61	62			92.31%	101.67%	101.64%	0.00%
96	West Hartford	1	119	91	97	91	81		76.47%	106.59%	93.81%	89.01%
100	Bethel	3	19	22	23	25	17		115.79%	104.55%	108.70%	68.00%
101	Somers	4					18					
102	Manchester	1	21	20	21	14	9		95.24%	105.00%	66.67%	64.29%
104	Taftville	5	17	13	13	13	17		76.47%	100.00%	100.00%	130.77%
112	Montville	5	90	81	94	93	56		90.00%	116.05%	98.94%	60.22%
113	Old Saybrook	7	58	40	34	30			68.97%	85.00%	88.24%	0.00%
128	Niantic	5	82	76	57	49	33		92.68%	75.00%	85.96%	67.35%
142	Hartford	1	11	10					90.91%	0.00%	0.00%	
156	East Haddam	7	64	69	67	68			107.81%	97.10%	101.49%	0.00%
165	Wolcott	2	32	32	28	22			100.00%	87.50%	78.57%	0.00%
174	Oxford	2	55	59	42	45	22		107.27%	71.19%	107.14%	48.89%
177	Bridgeport	3	15	16	16	26	40		106.67%	100.00%	162.50%	153.85%
194	Prospect	2										
195	Oakville	6	14	44	33	38	24		314.29%	75.00%	115.15%	63.16%
196	Milford	2	53	41	50	49	23		77.36%	121.95%	98.00%	46.94%
197	Marlborough	1	91	82	82	74	35		90.11%	100.00%	90.24%	47.30%
199	Plainville	1	16	15	15	15			93.75%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%
1771	Governor's Footguard	1		11	11	9	10			100.00%	81.82%	111.11%
	TOTALS		2025	1942	1860	1766	1005		95.90%	95.78%	94.95%	56.91%

2015 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

80% Target Date 01/19/2015

December 31, 2014

DISTRICT NO. 1 HARTFORD 34 POSTS

District No. 2 New Haven (contd.)

DISTRICT NO. 1 HARTFORD 34 POSTS				District No. 2 New Haven (contd.)						
		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>	
2	Bristol	780	618	79.2%	73	Wallingford	181	130	71.8%	
6	New Britain	102	68	66.7%	76	North Haven	169	124	73.4%	
8	Hartford	44	25	56.8%	79	Madison	113	92	81.4%	
23	Wethersfield	92	68	73.9%	83	Branford	271	162	59.8%	
32	Unionville	23	18	78.3%	88	Hamden	235	145	61.7%	
33	Plainville	120	78	65.0%	89	East Haven	223	160	71.7%	
36	Windsor Locks	309	247	79.9%	92	Cheshire	65	47	72.3%	
40	East Windsor	66	40	60.6%	127	Orange	127	103	81.1%	
53	Farmington	25	15	60.0%	132	New Haven	50	22	44.0%	
56	Glastonbury	133	120	90.2%	135	Waterbury	39	19	48.7%	
59	Windsor	51	33	64.7%	147	Southbury	38	27	71.1%	
68	Berlin	231	186	80.5%	150	Hamden	36	34	94.4%	
72	Southington	602	497	82.6%	162	New Haven	D	53	32	60.4%
77	East Hartford	28	21	75.0%	165	Wolcott	230	164	71.3%	
80	Enfield	266	231	86.8%	174	Oxford	243	188	77.4%	
84	Simsbury	105	83	79.0%	187	Wallingford	141	136	96.5%	
90	Collinsville	39	28	71.8%	194	Prospect	45	31	68.9%	
94	Suffield	D	15	2	13.3%	196	Milford	413	332	80.4%
96	West Hartford	436	364	83.5%	204	Heritage Village	95	58	61.1%	
102	Manchester	185	146	78.9%	TOTAL		3903	3056	78.3%	
116	Bloomfield	D	15	7	46.7%	DISTRICT NO. 3 FAIRFIELD 25 POSTS				
117	Newington	121	94	77.7%			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>	
122	Burlington	15	10	66.7%	3	Stamford	127	118	92.9%	
123	Rocky Hill	57	39	68.4%	11	Bridgeport	41	31	75.6%	
131	Hartford	D	15	5	33.3%	12	Norwalk	430	332	77.2%
133	South Windsor	125	116	92.8%	16	Shelton	445	397	89.2%	
142	Hartford	200	142	71.0%	29	Greenwich	91	76	83.5%	
154	Thompsonville	201	138	68.7%	30	New Canaan	24	17	70.8%	
182	Granby	95	76	80.0%	42	Stratford	62	53	85.5%	
197	Mariborough	168	120	71.4%	60	Danbury	310	222	71.6%	
199	Plainville	34	21	61.8%	63	Westport	35	14	40.0%	
201	Avon	30	21	70.0%	74	Fairfield	223	160	71.7%	
209	Forrestville		1		78	Ridgefield	144	127	88.2%	
1771	Q Gov. Foot Guard	A	61	121	198.4%	86	Wilton	81	57	70.4%
TOTAL		4789	3799	79.3%	98	Georgetown	16	8	50.0%	

DISTRICT NO. 2 NEW HAVEN 29 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>	
1	Q Waterbury	98	105	107.1%	100	Bethel	204	143	70.1%	
10	Seymour	197	134	68.0%	134	Bridgeport	20	13	65.0%	
17	Naugatuck	181	133	73.5%	140	Bridgeport	94	66	70.2%	
24	Derby	151	124	82.1%	141	Trumbull	157	139	88.5%	
25	Q Beacon Falls	56	59	105.4%	143	Stratfield	201	131	65.2%	
34	Milford	68	55	80.9%	160	Easton	35	29	82.9%	
45	Meriden	263	199	75.7%	167	Bridgeport	32	28	87.5%	
48	Guilford	76	75	98.7%	176	Monroe	80	72	90.0%	
50	Ansonia	81	59	72.8%	177	Bridgeport	98	79	80.6%	
71	West Haven	146	107	73.3%	202	Newtown	38	35	92.1%	
					207	Q Middlebrook	A	23	31	134.8%
					208	Q Ridgefield	A	19	23	121.1%
					TOTAL		3030	2401	79.2%	

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

*December online NOT available until after 01/16/2015

OVER PLEASE

2015 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

December 31, 2014

DISTRICT NO. 4 WINDHAM/TOLLAND 14 POSTS

DISTRICT NO. 6 LITCHFIELD 20 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
13	Putnam	97	72	74.2%
14	Rockville	279	217	77.8%
19	Willimantic	260	187	71.9%
21	Danielson	115	86	74.8%
26	Stafford Springs	195	179	91.8%
52	Coventry/Mansfield	103	86	83.5%
62	Ellington	95	78	82.1%
67	N Grosvenordale	220	148	67.3%
91	Moosup	237	187	78.9%
95	Hebron	144	79	54.9%
101	Q Somers	97	177	182.5%
106	Hampton	16	9	56.3%
111	Woodstock	139	95	68.3%
203	Eastford	25	19	76.0%
TOTAL		2022	1619	80.1%

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
20	Terryville	200	143	71.5%
22	Thomaston	200	138	69.0%
27	Litchfield	145	113	77.9%
28	New Hartford	89	67	75.3%
31	New Milford	105	84	80.0%
38	Torrington	155	120	77.4%
43	Winsted	120	66	55.0%
44	Bantam	85	69	81.2%
46	Goshen	65	63	96.9%
49	Canaan	15	10	66.7%
70	Salisbury	17	14	82.4%
87	Washington	63	56	88.9%
126	Sharon	55	36	65.5%
137	Harwinton	60	39	65.0%
146	Bethlehem	68	58	85.3%
153	Kent	44	39	88.6%
155	Woodbury	64	28	43.8%
159	Riverton	39	30	76.9%
173	Morris	28	13	46.4%
195	Oakville	210	180	85.7%
TOTAL		1827	1366	74.8%

DISTRICT NO. 5 NEW LONDON 17 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
4	Norwich	243	179	73.7%
9	New London	153	104	68.0%
15	Jewett City	170	130	76.5%
41	Lyme	83	54	65.1%
54	Colchester	172	105	61.0%
58	Stonington	40	34	85.0%
85	Baltic	50	42	84.0%
104	Taftville	90	79	87.8%
112	Montville	256	204	79.7%
114	Groton	52	50	96.2%
115	Noank	55	39	70.9%
128	Niantic	311	232	74.6%
138	Bozrah	42	33	78.6%
152	Pawcatuck	50	36	72.0%
161	Waterford	39	38	97.4%
180	Lebanon	118	111	94.1%
205	Gales Ferry	27	20	74.1%
TOTAL		1951	1490	76.4%

DISTRICT NO. 7 MIDDLESEX 14 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
18	Essex	58	38	65.5%
61	Deep River	65	57	87.7%
64	Q East Hampton	65	67	103.1%
66	Clinton	89	67	75.3%
69	Portland	46	41	89.1%
75	Middletown	235	231	98.3%
97	Chester	47	34	72.3%
103	Westbrook	80	66	82.5%
105	Cromwell	129	96	74.4%
113	Old Saybrook	182	153	84.1%
156	East Haddam	189	147	77.8%
184	Durham	30	13	43.3%
192	Q Middlefield	22	23	104.5%
206	Middletown	60	49	81.7%
TOTAL		1297	1082	83.4%

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
7	1,297	1,082	83.423%
4	2,022	1,619	80.069%
1	4,789	3,799	79.328%
3	3,030	2,401	79.241%
5	1,951	1,490	76.371%
2	4,084	3,056	74.829%
6	1,827	1,366	74.767%
	19,000	14,813	77.963%

1903	CT State Police	15	1	6.667%
	HQ Post 200	2,000	2,039	101.950%
		21,015	16,853	80.195%

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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	779	99.9%	76	North Haven	169	143	84.6%
6	New Britain	102	76	74.5%	79	Q Madison	100	111	111.0%
8	Hartford	44	38	86.4%	83	Branford	271	234	86.3%
23	Wethersfield	92	89	96.7%	88	Hamden	235	206	87.7%
32	Q Unionville	23	23	100.0%	89	East Haven	223	187	83.9%
33	Plainville	117	116	99.1%	92	Q Cheshire	56	65	116.1%
36	Q Windsor Locks	304	311	102.3%	127	Orange	127	118	92.9%
40	East Windsor	66	47	71.2%	132	New Haven	63	40	63.5%
53	Farmington	25	18	72.0%	135	Waterbury	38	36	94.7%
56	Q Glastonbury	119	145	121.8%	147	Southbury	38	31	81.6%
59	Windsor	51	45	88.2%	150	Hamden	36	26	72.2%
68	Q Berlin	223	233	104.5%	162	New Haven D	53	40	75.5%
72	Q Southington	600	604	100.7%	165	Wolcott	230	196	85.2%
77	East Hartford	28	22	78.6%	174	Oxford	243	222	91.4%
80	Enfield	266	265	99.6%	187	Q Wallingford	138	144	104.3%
84	Simsbury	105	100	95.2%	194	Q Prospect	41	44	107.3%
90	Collinsville	39	32	82.1%	196	Milford	411	408	99.3%
94	Suffield D	15	2	13.3%	204	Heritage Village	95	82	86.3%
96	Q West Hartford	433	439	101.4%	TOTAL		4062	3673	90.4%
102	Manchester	185	176	95.1%					
116	Bloomfield D	15	8	53.3%					
117	Newington	121	114	94.2%					
122	Burlington	15	5	33.3%					
123	Rocky Hill	57	54	94.7%					
131	Hartford D	15	6	40.0%	3	Stamford	127	119	93.7%
133	Q South Windsor	112	134	119.6%	11	Bridgeport	41	33	80.5%
142	Hartford	200	183	91.5%	12	Norwalk	430	386	89.8%
154	Thompsonville	201	172	85.6%	16	Shelton	445	430	96.6%
182	Q Granby	91	97	106.6%	29	Greenwich	91	81	89.0%
197	Marlborough	168	162	96.4%	30	New Canaan	24	18	75.0%
199	Plainville	34	25	73.5%	42	Stratford	62	51	82.3%
201	Avon	30	29	96.7%	60	Danbury	310	281	90.6%
1771	Q Gov. Foot Guard A	44	74	168.2%	63	Westport	35	19	54.3%
TOTAL		4720	4623	97.9%	74	Fairfield	223	191	85.7%

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>
					78	Ridgefield	144	136	94.4%
					86	Wilton	81	70	86.4%
					98	Georgetown	16	9	56.3%
					100	Bethel	204	177	86.8%
					134	Bridgeport	20	16	80.0%
					140	Bridgeport	94	83	88.3%
					141	Trumbull	157	141	89.8%
					143	Stratfield	201	157	78.1%
					160	Q Easton	35	35	100.0%
					167	Bridgeport	32	27	84.4%
					176	Monroe	80	68	85.0%
					177	Bridgeport	98	85	86.7%
					202	Newtown	38	34	89.5%
					207	Q Middlebrook A	22	23	104.5%
					208	Ridgefield A	0	19	100.0%
					TOTAL		3010	2689	89.3%
1	Waterbury	98	82	83.7%					
10	Seymour	197	167	84.8%					
17	Naugatuck	181	168	92.8%					
24	Derby	151	138	91.4%					
25	Q Beacon Falls	55	57	103.6%					
34	Milford	68	58	85.3%					
45	Meriden	263	246	93.5%					
48	Q Guilford	74	77	104.1%					
50	Ansonia	81	72	88.9%					
71	West Haven	146	125	85.6%					
73	Wallingford	181	150	82.9%					

**PUFL credits & ONLINE renewals through June 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	90	92.8%
14	Q Rockville	276	281	101.8%
19	Willimantic	260	247	95.0%
21	Danielson	115	109	94.8%
26	Stafford Springs	195	187	95.9%
52	Coventry/Mansfield	103	92	89.3%
62	Ellington	95	85	89.5%
67	N Grosvenordale	220	198	90.0%
91	Moosup	237	212	89.5%
95	Hebron	144	113	78.5%
101	Q Somers	79	112	141.8%
106	Hampton	16	9	56.3%
111	Woodstock	139	116	83.5%
203	Eastford	25	20	80.0%
TOTAL		2001	1871	93.5%

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
20	Terryville	200	163	81.5%
22	Thomaston	200	172	86.0%
27	Litchfield	145	139	95.9%
28	New Hartford	89	81	91.0%
31	Q New Milford	105	105	100.0%
38	Torrington	155	146	94.2%
43	Winsted	120	106	88.3%
44	Bantam	85	78	91.8%
46	Q Goshen	65	65	100.0%
49	Canaan	15	12	80.0%
70	Salisbury	17	16	94.1%
87	Washington	63	56	88.9%
126	Sharon	55	51	92.7%
137	Harwinton	60	58	96.7%
146	Q Bethlehem	68	68	100.0%
153	Kent	44	39	88.6%
155	Woodbury	64	56	87.5%
159	Riverton	39	32	82.1%
173	Morris	28	24	85.7%
195	Q Oakville	202	219	108.4%
TOTAL		1819	1686	92.7%

DISTRICT NO. 5 NEW LONDON 17 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
4	Norwich	243	199	81.9%
9	New London	153	137	89.5%
15	Q Jewett City	158	179	113.3%
41	Q Lyme	72	87	120.8%
54	Colchester	172	157	91.3%
58	Q Stonington	39	40	102.6%
85	Baltic	50	45	90.0%
104	Q Taftville	81	96	118.5%
112	Q Montville	236	270	114.4%
114	Q Groton	42	59	140.5%
115	Noank	55	51	92.7%
128	Niantic	311	278	89.4%
138	Bozrah	42	36	85.7%
152	Pawcatuck	50	43	86.0%
161	Q Waterford	35	42	120.0%
180	Q Lebanon	A 115	120	104.3%
205	Q Gales Ferry	22	33	150.0%
TOTAL		1876	1872	99.8%

DISTRICT NO. 7 MIDDLESEX 14 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
18	Essex	58	48	82.8%
61	Q Deep River	65	65	100.0%
64	Q East Hampton	61	68	111.5%
66	Q Clinton	80	96	120.0%
69	Q Portland	45	47	104.4%
75	Q Middletown	225	245	108.9%
97	Chester	47	39	83.0%
103	Westbrook	80	70	87.5%
105	Cromwell	129	119	92.2%
113	Q Old Saybrook	178	185	103.9%
156	East Haddam	189	175	92.6%
184	Durham	30	21	70.0%
192	Middlefield	22	15	68.2%
206	Middletown	60	50	83.3%
TOTAL		1269	1243	98.0%

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
5	1,876	1,872	99.787%
7	1,269	1,243	97.951%
1	4,720	4,623	97.945%
4	2,001	1,871	93.503%
6	1,819	1,686	92.688%
2	4,062	3,673	90.423%
3	3,010	2,689	89.336%
	<u>18,757</u>	<u>17,657</u>	<u>94.136%</u>

1903	CT State Police	15	1	6.667%
	HQ Post 200	<u>1,828</u>	<u>2,629</u>	<u>143.818%</u>
		20,600	20,287	98.481%