



Happy Holidays

from your American Legion Staff

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Bulletin No. 04

My Fellow Legionnaires,

I want to start this month's message by wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please take the time to enjoy the holidays and spend time with your families as they always seem to go by too quickly.

I wasn't really sure what I was going to write about this month until some issues came our way and I thought this would be a good opportunity address them and let you know this could easily happen to your post. Normally the Department would not get involved with post issues unless they involve illegal acts that would require the Department to take action against the post and protect The American Legion name.

Recently there have been some issues involving posts with bars and on both occasions it involved an anonymous phone call to the Liquor Commission by an individual who was extremely upset with the post for reasons that cannot be discussed. This is a good time to remind posts with bars that the bar does not control how the post operates; in fact it is the other way around, the post has all of the power and can at any time make the decision to close the bar if they so desire. Those posts that have a permittee in name only need to seriously reconsider how you do business as that individual is ultimately responsible for what happens within that bar and could cause the post to lose everything because of your neglect or outright refusal not be involved with the day to day operations of the business. If your post officers and members are not aware of how your bar is being run, I highly suggest you educate yourselves, because all it takes is one individual who was mistreated or feels that something illegal is going on to make that phone call and bring everything crashing down.

What I am trying to tell you is that if your post is in this situation where the bar runs the post and not the other way around you need to fix this problem before you become the next casualty of an anonymous phone call that could put your post in danger of losing their charter or even worse; your post home. Don't let it get to the point where the Department has to come in and conduct an investigation and possibly make the decision to suspend your charter and close your doors until we can put all the pieces back together. Let this serve as fair warning...

Commanders Project: We currently have over \$3,000.00 in donations. Thank You to those Posts, Units, Squadrons and Districts that have already donated. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and are going for a great cause. You can find the flyer in the bulletin along with instructions on where to send the checks.

The website is up and running, please keep in mind it is still a work in progress and you may continue to see some pages that say "Under Construction". We ask that you remain patient as it is a long and tedious process to create new pages within the website.

Harry "Butch" Hansen
Commander
Department of Connecticut



MAINTAINERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

MEMBERSHIP

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This month, I would like to congratulate **Post 192 Middlefield** for reaching 100% Quota. This post was inactive but due to the hard work of 7th District Commander Bob DeCarlo, they are now meeting and have some new members.

I appreciate everyone's tremendous effort on working their membership. We should be at our 75% Target as of December 8, 2014, next is 80% by January 19, 2015. Please make a concerted effort to get 100% by December 31, 2014. Remember, Membership is everyone's responsibility. Get a group of your post members together to make calls or visits to your members that have not yet paid.

If you have gained some new members over the past year, I'd be interested to know how they found out about the American Legion. In particular, were they influenced by the banners and/or billboard advertisements? You may call or e-mail me the information.

This past month, we held a 3rd District Revitalization transferring over 200 from Post 200 to local posts. I would like to express a cheerful Thank You to Post 12 Commander Richard Olson, Unit 12 President Irene Cardillo, and Past Dept President Raelene Miller for the hospitality shown toward Michele Steinmetz and myself while we stayed in Norwalk.

Something for each of us to ponder: We have many posts that were once thriving in their communities and now they have aged members and no one to replace them. How did this happen? Many posts have had the same Commander and other officer positions serve honorably for many years. Then the day came when they had gone to report to the Commander of us all and the other members didn't know what to do. They unknowingly let their own post deteriorate by not actively pursuing new membership growth, mentoring junior members or allowing others to fulfill the post officers' positions. Let's not allow history to repeat itself. Ask yourself "How can I make my American Legion Post better and thrive in my community."

"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!

From My Family to Yours, have a safe and Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

In Comradeship,

Paul Spedaliere
Department of Connecticut
Senior Vice Commander
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"Unity and Teamwork Builds Our Future"

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

ADJUTANT'S Notes

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Mid-Winter Conference

It is time to register for our 41st Mid-Winter Conference. Treat your officers and 'up and coming members' to the **Mid-Winter Conference at the Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, CT on January 23-25, 2015.** See the enclosed registration flyer for details. The Saturday evening banquet will include the ninth class of inductees to the Department of Connecticut Legionnaire Hall of Fame (see list in this Bulletin!). The Hall of Fame Plaque with plates for all members will be on display. As always, we will have the Liquor Control Commission back on Friday evening. Come and ask questions regarding the laws applicable to your post Bar and especially Public Act No. 14-114 which was effective October 1st, regarding who no longer must sign your guest book. Featured guests include: **National Commander Candidate Charles Schmidt (OR)** and **National Vice-Commander Doug Haggan**, a Past Commander of the Department of France! We also anticipate having a surprise speaker first thing in the morning to set the tone and get everyone excited about the day. I have also extended an invitation to **CT DVA Acting Commissioner Joseph Perkins** to talk briefly about his ideas for our organization's interaction with and support of CT DVA. In the Afternoon General Session, **National Assistant Membership Director Sean Sparks** will have some time to talk membership (probably recruiting & retention). *Saturday afternoon will have the usual breakout for Fund reps (1:00-2:00) and Service Officers (2:00-3:00).* We will also have a demonstration of how to go online and add your Post to the *Centennial Celebration website* by establishing a *Post History page* (site is hosted by National). For the seventh year, we will have the door prize drawings for cash that will take place at the end of the general session (approximately 3:30 Saturday). 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 are available from HQ and will be available at the Conference. After the close of the general session (4:00) there will be a 40 & 8 Grand Cheminot that all Voyagers will be welcome to attend.

Legionnaire Insurance Trust

LegionCare registration forms are available from Department HQ to include with each Legionnaire's Renewal card or to provide to Paid Up For Life members. **LegionCare** is the enhanced Accidental Death benefit available at **No-Cost** to all Legionnaires. **LegionCare** is a one-of-a-kind benefit offered exclusively to Legionnaires and provides: \$5,000 in Accidental Death Coverage for covered accidents that occur if you are traveling on official Legion business; \$1,000 for all other covered accidents; 24/7 protection that covers Legionnaires at home, at work and while travelling away from home. **IMPORTANT:** Every few years each Legionnaire must confirm their \$5,000 in protection in order to be covered. Legionnaires may activate their coverage through the **LegionCare** application or by going online at www.theLIT.com. Our goal is to ensure that every Legionnaire activates this protection. Current activation will provide protection until August 31, 2016.

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

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING MEMBERSHP RENEWALS

Any Legionnaire whose renewal is *not processed at National HQ by December 8th* will receive another dues notice in January. It is vital that your renewals are at Department HQ by 3:00 PM, December 8th.

Department Potpourri

The Department of CT was well represented at our neighboring Departments' Testimonials. On 11/15, the following travelled to West Warwick, RI to attend the Testimonial for RI CDR Robert Schierschmidt: CDR **Butch Hansen**; SVC **Paul Spedaliere**; Alt NEC **Wayne Morgan & wife Ruth** (PDP); Historian **Jackie Evonsion**; PDC **Bob Murray**; IA Chair **Ed Degumbia**. On 11/23, the following travelled to Taunton, MA to attend the Testimonial for MA CDR Charles Towers: CDR **Butch Hansen**; SVC **Paul Spedaliere**; NEC **Joe Jackson & wife JoeAnne** (ALA Pres); Alt. NEC **Wayne Morgan**; Historian **Jackie Evonsion**; PDC **Bob Murray**; IA Chair **Ed Degumbia**. *Congratulations and thank you to all who participated in the 3rd District Revitalization.* **Post 141 in Trumbull** reports they had a very successful revitalization effort with 33 legionnaires transferred from Post 200! Another opportunity to help is coming up **January 21-23** when the same effort will be applied in the **4th District** (see flyer).

And finally, we wish for everyone to have a very *Happy Hanukkah* and a very *Merry Christmas*. *The Department Offices will be closed December 25th & 26th as well as Thursday, January 1st.*

**Lots of holiday parties this month -
please be careful and celebrate responsibly.**

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"). PDC Art St. John (44) suffered a stroke on 11/19. His speech is impaired and he has been transferred from rehab at Valerie Manor to home with hospice care. Post 182 Adjutant (48+ years) *James (Jim) O. Hall*.

POST EVERLASTING

Patrick Waldron

09/15/1933 – 10/28/2014

Post 60, Danbury

30 Year Member

Danbury Director Veterans Affairs

30 Year SSMF Representative

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Department Calendar

December 2014 – Holiday Blood Donor Drive Month

- 01 ALA Christmas Shop, Rocky Hill.
05 Annual Boys State Corporation Meeting.
07 Pearl Harbor Day – 1941. *Flag at half staff.*
06-09 ALA Christmas Shop, West Haven VA.
08 **75% Membership Target Date**
10 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 76, 20 Church St, North Haven. Legion Casual. Theme: Annual Post 76 “Blue Jeans for Babies”.
10 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, hosted by District Officers.
11 7th District Meeting, 6:00 PM, Post 156, E. Haddam; (Potluck & Christmas).
12 Each Department Office closed to take respective Employees to Holiday Lunch.
13 Membership Task Force meeting, 9:00 AM, Post 16, Shelton.
13 6th District Christmas Party, 6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner, Log House, Barkhamsted.
13 *ARMY-navy Game, Baltimore.*
14 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 19, Willimantic.
15 Bill of Rights Day.
17 *First Day of Hanukkah.*
17 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 74, Fairfield.
20 Panama “Operation Just Cause” – 1989.
21 Winter Begins.
21 5th District “Breakfast with Santa”, 8:00-11:00 AM, Post 4, Norwich.
25 *Christmas Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.*
26 *Christmas Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.*
31 DEADLINE to order poppies from ALA.

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 food, 7:00 PM meeting, Post 43, Winsted.
23 PDC Dinner, 6:00 PM, Trumbull Marriott.
23 State Liquor Commission presentation, Q&A, with Stan Burke, 6:30-8:00 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, 7:00 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 TBD.
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.
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 District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post TBD.
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.
29 *Palm Sunday.*

Future Events - 2015

- Apr 26 3rd District Testimonial, Roberto's, Monroe.
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.

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

December 2014

- 02 **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.
- 05 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM, Karaoke with Rita, 60 County St., Norwalk. Public invited. No cover. Lots of free parking. Call 203-866-8249.
- 06 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Oldies Night 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
- 06 **Post 102, Manchester, ALR**, 8:00 – 10:00 AM, Pancake or Egg Breakfast, \$10.00 adult, \$6.00 child under 7. Menu includes: Sausage, Bacon, Toast & Home Fries, orange juice, coffee, tea.
- 07 **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.
- 07 **Post 113, Old Saybrook**, 1st Sunday every Month 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Buffet Breakfast. All you care to eat \$7.00 adult \$3.00 child 12 and under.
- 08 **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
- 08 **Post 133, South Windsor**, Noon, State Capitol Hall of Flags – Wreaths Across America Ceremony.
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- 11 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 6:00 PM open, 7:00 PM Dinner, "Ladies Night Dinner & Christmas Party", \$20. Lots of vendors & Holiday music. Dinner, desert, beer, wine, coffee, door prizes. 60 County St., Norwalk. Smoke Free. 203-866-8249.
- 12 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM, Karaoke with Pete Leone, 60 County St., Norwalk. All welcome. Public invited. 203-866-8249.
- 12 **Post 27, Litchfield**, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, FREE Concert featuring the 102nd CT Army National Guard 10 piece Rock & Roll Band. Collecting non-perishable food items for Holiday Food Drive & donations towards new War on Terror Monument to be on Litchfield Green.
- 13 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. "Oldies Night". Listen & Dance to the music of Pete Leone. No cover. All welcome. Singles invited. 203-866-8249
- 13 **Post 133, South Windsor**, Noon, Veterans Memorial Park, South Windsor – Wreaths Across America Ceremony.
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- 31 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM, "New Years Eve Party". Listen & Dance the night away with Radio Personality Lee Moore. Noisemakers, party favors, continental breakfast after midnight. Smoke free. Public invited. Plenty of free parking. Call for reservations 203-866-8249

January 2015

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- 09 **Post 52, Coventry**, 6:00 PM, Fish Dinner, \$10. (860-742-7197)
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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



THE AMERICAN LEGION *Centennial celebration*

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Connecticut Members

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NEC</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1919-1921	Justus J. Fennel	1919-1920	Harry C. Jackson
1921-1922	Thomas J. Bannigan	1920-1921	No Alternate
1922-1923	Justus J. Fennel	1921-1922	James P. Rogers
1923-1925	Edward L. Barlow	1922-1924	Harry C. Jackson
1925-1926	Eugene P. Armstrong	1924-1926	E. A. Stillman
1926-1927	E. A. Stillman	1926-1927	Harry C. Jackson
		1927-1928	Edward P. White
1927-1931	Harry C. Jackson	1928-1930	Earl F. Richards
1931-1933	Kenneth F. Cramer	1930-1932	Paige A. Seaton
1933-1934	Anson T. McCook	1932-1933	Edward L. Newmarker
1934-1935	Edward L. Newmarker	1933-1934	Sydney A. Finer
1935-1937	Sydney A. Finer	1934-1938	J. Fred Collins
1937-1938	William J. Miller	1938-1940	Raymond F. Gates
1938-1939	Arthur L. Baldwin	1940-1946	Leo J. Dowling
1939-1941	J. Fred Collins		
1941-1945	Raymond F. Gates		
1945-1947	Herbert L. Emanuelson	1946-1948	Louis J. Chevallier
1947-1953	Arthur J. Connell	1948-1952	Howard Whear
1953-1979	Joseph G. Leonard	1952-1954	Howard I. Jacobs
		1954-1956	Edward Robinson
		1956-1957	George D. Baron
		1957-1964	Leroy Butler
		1964-1977	Francis G. Garris
		1977-1979	Henry S. Bialoglowy
1979-1985	Henry S. Bialogowoy	1979-1985	Lionel F. Dugas
1985-1986	Lionel F. Dugas	1985-1986	Richard W. Anderson
1985-2013	Richard W. Anderson	1986-1991	Frank D'Angelo
		1991-1996	Elliot N. "Hank" Morris
		1996-1999	Joseph F. Mardu
		1999-2005	K. Robert Lewis
		2005-2007	W. Frazier Brinley
		2007-2013	D. Joseph Jackson
2013-	D. Joseph Jackson	2013-	Wayne Morgan

100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 2019

50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Chairman: Joseph G. Leonard, NEC

Vice Chairmen:

Neale V. Cabral, Department Commander

Henry S. Bialoglowy & John N. Roberto, Past Department Commanders

Ethel D. Curtis, Department President & Marion O'Connor, Past Department President

Treasurer: Benjamin B. Truskowski Asst: John C. King

Secretary: Charles L. Parker Asst: Francis G. Garris

General Members:

Thomas W. Byers; Hugh C. Graham; Richard J. Heath; Paul Joyce; Edward Lynch, Jr.;
Francis E. Miner; Louis E. Molinaro and Peter Nedzweckas

Department Executive Meeting, November 10, 2014

I, Frazier Brinley, Chairman of the Centennial Celebration, make a motion to have the Connecticut Centennial, 100th Anniversary Celebration run concurrent with the National Organization. And furthermore:

- 1) That Connecticut's official date, the beginning, was June 10, 1919 the day of the first temporary Executive Committee meeting and thus our official date will be 100 years, later: June 10, 2019.
- 2) That a committee be formed to initiate committees necessary to celebrate this event throughout Connecticut from the Posts, Districts and Department (possible committees: Honorary Committee, Centennial Web Site, History Bbook, Program Book, Public Relations, National Officers & Chairmen visits, Banquet, Baseball, Dance/Ball, Veterans Day: Nov. 11, 2019, Birthday, Parades, Special Events, District and Post participation).
- 3) That PDC Art St. John be honored as the first member of the Honorary Committee for the 100th Anniversary and that Richard Anderson be a Vice Chairman of the Committee.
- 4) That the following be on the initial committee, but not limited to: Frazier Brinley, Chairman; Richard Anderson, Vice Chairman; Art St. John, Honorary Committeemen; and all Department officers and Past Department Commanders; and as many others selected from those who volunteer and any others appointed by the Department Commander.
- 5) That The American Legion work side by side with the American Legion Auxiliary, Juniors, Sons of The American Legion and Legion Riders.
- 6) That the Department fully fund all aspects of this Celebration, as needed.
- 7) That the Department fully publicize this celebration and the individual events.

Motion seconded by PDC Larry Duffany and passed without dissent.



**7th District American Legion and
American Legion Auxiliary**

CHRISTMAS PARTY

AUCTION

POT LUCK SUPPER

Thursday, DECEMBER 11 - 6:30 pm

At EAST HADDAM POST 156

33 NEPTUNE AVE.

Proceeds to the CWF and the 7th District

Lots of laughs

and get a start on your Christmas Gifts list





AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY
6th DISTRICT

HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

6:00 PM - COCKTAILS

6:30 PM - DINNER

THE LOG HOUSE RESTAURANT

110 NEW HARTFORD ROAD

(ROUTE 44)

BARKHAMSTED, CT 06063

\$25.00 per person

Make checks payable to: The American Legion
Payment must be in no later than Nov. 28, 2014

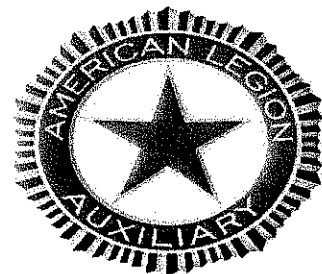
Mail to: Barbara Lamontagne (Legion 6th District Treasurer)
83 Redcoat Road
Waterbury, CT 06704-1145

A grab bag gift is optional (\$10.00 limit) - Participate in the FUN!

For more information please call: Sandy Cruz at 203-768-1345 (Auxiliary)
Barbara Lamontagne at 203-757-9305 (Legion)

5th District
American Legion and Legion Auxiliary
present:

Breakfast with Santa



**Don't wait in line at the mall to visit Santa.
Bring your wish list, camera and have breakfast with Santa.**

**American Legion Post 4
456 Laurel Hill Ave (Rte. 12), Norwich**

**Sunday:
December 21, 2014
8 am - 11am**

**Serving: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausages, Pancakes, Hash browns,
Juice, Coffee & Tea**

**Donation: \$7.00 Adults;
\$6.00 Seniors;
\$3.00 Children 6-12;
Free Children 5 & under**



**CONNECTICUT AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL COMMITTEE
14TH ANNUAL HOT STOVE BASEBALL DINNER**

**Friday, January 9, 2015 – Aqua Turf Club at Plantsville, CT
Cocktails at 6:30 PM – Dinner at 7:00 PM (Tickets - \$45)**

MC: Rich Coppola, WTIC-TV, Channel 61

Honorees Include:

*American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame
Class of 2015*



Franklin Johnson, Gene Spaziani, David Farr

- Contributor Award
Dan Rezende, South Windsor
- Major League Player of the Year
Jesse Hahn, New London Post 9
- College Player of the Year
Chris Demorais, West Hartford Post 96
Ryan Plourde, Waterbury Post 1
- 19 U Coach of the Year
William Robertson, Cheshire
- 17 U Coach of the Year
Scott Curtis, Tolland
- 15 U Coach of the Year
John Amendola, Wallingford
- New England Coach of the Year
Jay Hickey, RCP
- College Coach Award
Matt LaBranche, ECSU
- High School Coach of the Year
Sal Coppola Amity High School
Brian Hourigan Oxford High School
- Alumni of the Year
TBD
- Committee Leadership Award
Chuck Berry, West Hartford
- Media Award
Chris Elsberry –Connecticut Post
- Umpire Award
Paul Proto, Fairfield Board

Reservation Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ zip _____

E-Mail _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to cover the cost of _____ reservation(s). Cost per person is \$45.

Please return this form with your check (payable to **CT American Legion Baseball**) to Chuck Berry, 110 Castle Road, Bristol, CT 06010 **before Thursday, January 1, 2015**. 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 cberry1@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!



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*

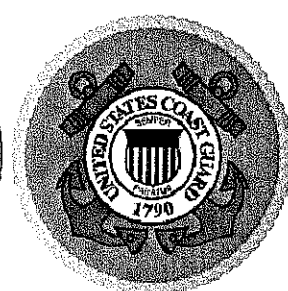
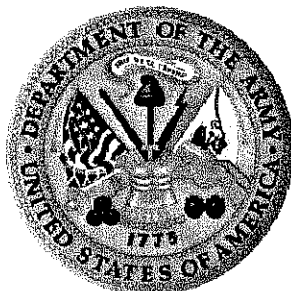
RSVP: *Jim LaCoursiere - LegionJim3@aol.com
Manny Rodrigues - marineveteran@charter.net*

*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

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 DELACAMERA	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 @ 6:30 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)

Broiled Cod

Macaroni & Cheese

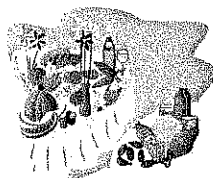
Mashed Potato

Peas & Carrots

Dessert Station

Coffee & Tea

Cash Bar



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

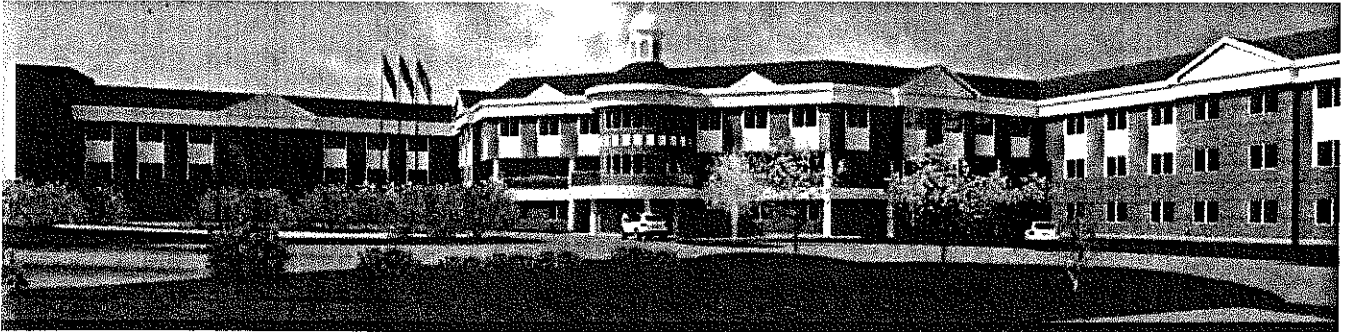
Name: _____ Unit/Post # _____

Phone # _____

Attending _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____



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!

Steve Pintarich: 860-620-9861 stevepintarich@cox.net

OR Rich Linnon: 860-874-1664 Richard.Linnon@va.gov

POPPIES

The 2014 Poppy year was a great success with over 130,000 poppies ordered and we are looking forward to the 2015 year to be even more so. What a wonderful gift it would be for our Auxiliary's National President, Janet Jefford from Glastonbury #56 to have Connecticut as the best of the Poppy year for 2015?

The 2015 Poppy Order form is below. Because 2014 was so successful, there is no change in the cost of ordering for 2015. Please note that there is a need for an e-mail address so that Posts and Units can be notified when orders have been completed and ready for pickup at District meetings. This Poppy Chairman will notify by e-mail only. In addition, orders will not be processed until the Auxiliary office has received a completed order form and check.

Beverly F. Dean, ALA Department Chairman
(203) 281-3642 e-mail: beved@snet.net

POPPY PLAN OF ACTION 2014 – 2015

Purpose: To honor veterans for their service and sacrifice by promoting and educating all people of the Poppy's history and the financial benefit realized by our nation's veterans as a result of its distribution.

POPPY ORDER FORM

Mail this completed order form with payment to: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of CT., P.O. Box 266, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0266. Full payment must accompany order for it to be processed.

Post/Unit # _____ District # _____. Poppies are \$120.00 per thousand. Check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for # _____ poppies is enclosed, PAYABLE TO: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of CT. Poppy order is requested no later than (date): _____.

Contact Name (please print) _____
Address _____
City/Town _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) Cell (_____)
E-Mail address for notification of completed order _____

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2014

OPERATION MILITARY KIDS

Kids Camp Report

Turned in report at the ALA DEC meeting but wanted to shout out to the Units & Posts that donated to the OMK Tween Camp Weekend held at the 4-H camp in Franklin the first weekend in October.

Nineteen military children attended and were engaged in leadership and team building activities. They set up families on their own and took care of each other. We had a flag orientation and they learned what the stars & stripes meant. A flag folding ceremony was completed and the kids all tried a hand at it. We did have a campfire on Friday evening. We were going to hold a flag raising on Saturday, but the rain deterred that part of the program. Saturday evening they all learned about the poppy and its history. All of them gave a try at making a poppy, which is not any easy task. It was quite a successful weekend for all.

Thanks to Miss Pearl (as the kids call her) for being there to speak with the children about their problems they might encounter with deployment and reintegration along with Judy ?. Thanks to Lisa Marcinkowski of OMK for all the supplies and activities along with Michelle McCarty from the C&Y National Guard. Thanks to Meg McCabe from Safe Kids for her fun egg activity.

Thanks to Mary Ellen Welch (UCONN Ext. Ctr) for bringing supplies and supplying the insurance that was needed. Special thanks to Marc Cournoyer (4-H) for his activities and for helping with the use of the camp.

Thanks to the Legion volunteers, Dean Thompson, Thomas McBriarty and Joe Jackson. Thanks to the Auxiliary volunteers JoeAnne Jackson, Debra Knickerbocker and Karen Thompson who did the cooking.

A great big thanks to the Units and Posts that donated to this worthy cause. Without you it would not have happened.

God Bless
Rita M. Barylski
Liaison to OMK

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 (8/25/50-1/31/53)
- 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.ALAforVeterans.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 (8/25/50-1/31/53)
- 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 Assistant/Officer Membership Verification _____

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

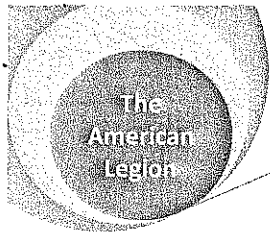
Received From _____

\$ _____ 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.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT**



MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTAL NUMBER _____
DATE: _____ POST NUMBER _____

**TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT
P.O. BOX 208
ROCKY HILL, CT 06067-0208**

ATTACHED HEREWITH IS OUR REMITTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ IN PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING:

CURRENT YEAR (2015) MEMBERSHIP

	2015 CURRENT RENEWALS	@ \$24.50 EACH	\$
	2015 NEW	@ \$24.50 EACH	\$
#	2015 ONLINE RENEWALS (Dep't card only)		
	TRANSFER-CARD AND DUES ENCLOSED	@ \$24.50 EACH	\$

PREVIOUS YEAR (2014) MEMBERSHIP

	2014 CURRENT RENEWALS	@ \$24.50 EACH	\$
	2014 NEW	@ \$24.50 EACH	\$

DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIP

	200 _ RENEWALS	@ \$24.50 EACH	\$
	200 _ RENEWALS	@ \$24.50 EACH	\$
TOTALS			\$

ADJUSTMENTS TO REMITTANCE

\$	ADDED TO COVER PRIOR SHORTAGE	\$
\$	REDUCTION REFLECTING CREDIT DUE POST	\$
ADJUSTED TOTALS		\$

POST RECORDS INDICATE THAT:

#	PAID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR 2015
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SIGNATURE _____

PHONE: _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / TOWN _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT**

MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: _____
DATE: _____ **SQUADRON NUMBER:** _____



**TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT
P.O. BOX 208
ROCKY HILL, CT 06067-0208**

ATTACHED HEREWITH IS OUR REMITTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ IN PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING:

CURRENT YEAR (2015) MEMBERSHIP

	2015 CURRENT RENEWALS	@ \$10 EACH	\$
	2015 NEW	@ \$10 EACH	\$
	TRANSFER-CARD AND DUES ENCLOSED	@ \$10 EACH	\$

PREVIOUS YEAR (2014) MEMBERSHIP

	2014 CURRENT RENEWALS	@ \$10 EACH	\$
	2014 NEW	@ \$10 EACH	\$

DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIP

	201_ RENEWALS	@ \$10 EACH	\$
	201_ RENEWALS	@ \$10 EACH	\$
	TOTALS		\$

ADJUSTMENTS TO REMITTANCE

\$	ADDED TO COVER PRIOR SHORTAGE	\$
\$	REDUCTION REFLECTING CREDIT DUE POST	\$
	ADJUSTED TOTALS	\$

SQUADRON RECORDS INDICATE THAT:

#	PAID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR 2015
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF CONNECTICUT MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY REPORT												
As of: 12/03/2014												
			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	59		104.42%	98.31%	98.28%	51.75%
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	18		88.89%	105.36%	100.00%	30.51%
24	Derby	2	6	3	3	3			50.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%
26	Stafford Springs	4	48	48	37	18			100.00%	77.08%	48.65%	0.00%
27	Litchfield	6	15	9	13	9	11		60.00%	144.44%	69.23%	122.22%
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	15		106.67%	95.83%	86.96%	37.50%
48	Guilford	2	9	9	9	10			100.00%	100.00%	111.11%	0.00%
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			80.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%
67	N. Grosvenordale	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	138		95.45%	93.12%	102.84%	76.24%
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	9		100.00%	120.00%	86.11%	29.03%
88	Hamden	2	35	28	29	25			80.00%	103.57%	86.21%	0.00%
89	* East Haven	2										
91	Moosup	4	38	44	41	36	26		115.79%	93.18%	87.80%	72.22%
95	Hebron	4	65	60	61	62			92.31%	101.67%	101.64%	0.00%
96	West Hartford	1	119	91	97	91	61		76.47%	106.59%	93.81%	67.03%
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	8		95.24%	105.00%	66.67%	57.14%
104	Taftville	5	17	13	13	13	13		76.47%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
112	Montville	5	90	81	94	93	50		90.00%	116.05%	98.94%	53.76%
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	30		106.67%	100.00%	162.50%	115.38%
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	20		77.36%	121.95%	98.00%	40.82%
197	Marlborough	1	91	82	82	74	21		90.11%	100.00%	90.24%	28.38%
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	1764	801		95.90%	95.78%	94.84%	45.41%

2015 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

75% Target Date 12/08/2014

December 03, 2014

DISTRICT NO. 1 HARTFORD 33 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	531	68.1%	76	North Haven	169	118	69.8%
6	New Britain	102	63	61.8%	79	Madison	113	80	70.8%
8	Hartford	44	24	54.5%	83	Branford	271	161	59.4%
23	Wethersfield	92	67	72.8%	88	Hamden	235	129	54.9%
32	Unionville	23	18	78.3%	89	East Haven	223	151	67.7%
33	Plainville	120	79	65.8%	92	Cheshire	65	43	66.2%
36	Windsor Locks	309	231	74.8%	127	Orange	127	96	75.6%
40	East Windsor	66	40	60.6%	132	New Haven	50	22	44.0%
53	Farmington	25	12	48.0%	135	Waterbury	39	18	46.2%
56	Glastonbury	133	114	85.7%	147	Southbury	38	26	68.4%
59	Windsor	51	33	64.7%	150	Hamden	36	33	91.7%
68	Berlin	231	177	76.6%	162	New Haven	D 53	30	56.6%
72	Southington	602	458	76.1%	165	Wolcott	230	158	68.7%
77	East Hartford	28	20	71.4%	174	Oxford	243	172	70.8%
80	Enfield	266	214	80.5%	187	Wallingford	141	131	92.9%
84	Simsbury	105	86	81.9%	194	Prospect	45	29	64.4%
90	Collinsville	39	28	71.8%	196	Milford	413	300	72.6%
94	Suffield	D 15	1	6.7%	204	Heritage Village	95	53	55.8%
96	West Hartford	436	333	76.4%	TOTAL		4084	2846	69.7%
102	Manchester	185	137	74.1%					
116	Bloomfield	D 15	5	33.3%					
117	Newington	121	94	77.7%					
122	Burlington	15	10	66.7%					
123	Rocky Hill	57	39	68.4%					
131	Hartford	D 15	2	13.3%	3	Stamford	127	98	77.2%
133	South Windsor	125	105	84.0%	11	Bridgeport	41	28	68.3%
142	Hartford	200	132	66.0%	12	Norwalk	430	295	68.6%
154	Thompsonville	201	138	68.7%	16	Shelton	445	354	79.6%
182	Granby	95	55	57.9%	29	Greenwich	91	63	69.2%
197	Marlborough	168	110	65.5%	30	New Canaan	24	17	70.8%
199	Plainville	34	20	58.8%	42	Stratford	62	39	62.9%
201	Avon	30	21	70.0%	60	Danbury	310	191	61.6%
1771	Q Gov. Foot Guard	A 61	106	173.8%	63	Westport	35	13	37.1%
TOTAL		4789	3503	73.1%	74	Fairfield	223	148	66.4%
					78	Ridgefield	144	115	79.9%
					86	Wilton	81	56	69.1%
					98	Georgetown	16	8	50.0%
					100	Bethel	204	119	58.3%
					134	Bridgeport	20	13	65.0%
					140	Bridgeport	94	20	21.3%
					141	Trumbull	157	105	66.9%
					143	Stratfield	201	125	62.2%
					160	Easton	35	28	80.0%
					167	Bridgeport	32	28	87.5%
					176	Monroe	80	68	85.0%
					177	Bridgeport	98	77	78.6%
					202	Newtown	38	25	65.8%
					207	Q Middlebrook	A 23	31	134.8%
					208	Q Ridgefield	A 19	23	121.1%
					TOTAL		3030	2087	68.9%

DISTRICT NO. 3 FAIRFIELD 24 POSTS

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	Waterbury	98	80	81.6%	134	Bridgeport	20	13	65.0%
10	Seymour	197	134	68.0%	140	Bridgeport	94	20	21.3%
17	Naugatuck	181	128	70.7%	141	Trumbull	157	105	66.9%
24	Derby	151	116	76.8%	143	Stratfield	201	125	62.2%
25	Q Beacon Falls	56	57	101.8%	160	Easton	35	28	80.0%
34	Milford	68	55	80.9%	167	Bridgeport	32	28	87.5%
45	Meriden	263	176	66.9%	176	Monroe	80	68	85.0%
48	Guilford	76	64	84.2%	177	Bridgeport	98	77	78.6%
50	Ansonia	81	56	69.1%	202	Newtown	38	25	65.8%
71	West Haven	146	103	70.5%	207	Q Middlebrook	A 23	31	134.8%
73	Wallingford	181	127	70.2%	208	Q Ridgefield	A 19	23	121.1%
					TOTAL		3030	2087	68.9%

PUFL credits & ONLINE + HQ renewals through October are included.*

Adjustments (mainly negative, for duplicate payments) are current.

*November online NOT available until after 12/17/2014

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DISTRICT NO. 4 WINDHAM/TOLLAND 14 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
13	Putnam	97	71	73.2%
14	Rockville	279	210	75.3%
19	Willimantic	260	152	58.5%
21	Danielson	115	84	73.0%
26	Stafford Springs	195	171	87.7%
52	Coventry/Mansfield	103	77	74.8%
62	Ellington	95	74	77.9%
67	N Grosvenordale	220	148	67.3%
91	Moosup	237	172	72.6%
95	Hebron	144	79	54.9%
101	Q Somers	97	165	170.1%
106	Hampton	16	9	56.3%
111	Woodstock	139	83	59.7%
203	Eastford	25	16	64.0%
TOTAL		2022	1511	74.7%

DISTRICT NO. 6 LITCHFIELD 20 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
20	Terryville	200	143	71.5%
22	Thomaston	200	137	68.5%
27	Litchfield	145	104	71.7%
28	New Hartford	89	66	74.2%
31	New Milford	105	78	74.3%
38	Torrington	155	119	76.8%
43	Winsted	120	67	55.8%
44	Bantam	85	57	67.1%
46	Goshen	65	61	93.8%
49	Canaan	15	8	53.3%
70	Salisbury	17	15	88.2%
87	Washington	63	5	7.9%
126	Sharon	55	36	65.5%
137	Harwinton	60	32	53.3%
146	Bethlehem	68	63	92.6%
153	Kent	44	42	95.5%
155	Woodbury	64	28	43.8%
159	Riverton	39	30	76.9%
173	Morris	28	13	46.4%
195	Oakville	210	167	79.5%
TOTAL		1827	1271	69.6%

DISTRICT NO. 5 NEW LONDON 17 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
4	Norwich	243	168	69.1%
9	New London	153	93	60.8%
15	Jewett City	170	123	72.4%
41	Lyme	83	53	63.9%
54	Colchester	172	105	61.0%
58	Stonington	40	34	85.0%
85	Baltic	50	38	76.0%
104	Taftville	90	76	84.4%
112	Montville	256	201	78.5%
114	Groton	52	41	78.8%
115	Noank	55	35	63.6%
128	Niantic	311	227	73.0%
138	Bozrah	42	33	78.6%
152	Pawcatuck	50	37	74.0%
161	Waterford	39	35	89.7%
180	Lebanon	118	108	91.5%
205	Gales Ferry	27	18	66.7%
TOTAL		1951	1425	73.0%

DISTRICT NO. 7 MIDDLESEX 14 POSTS

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
18	Essex	58	34	58.6%
61	Deep River	65	54	83.1%
64	Q East Hampton	65	70	107.7%
66	Clinton	89	66	74.2%
69	Portland	46	41	89.1%
75	Middletown	235	203	86.4%
97	Chester	47	33	70.2%
103	Westbrook	80	58	72.5%
105	Cromwell	129	96	74.4%
113	Old Saybrook	182	144	79.1%
156	East Haddam	189	142	75.1%
184	Durham	30	13	43.3%
192	Q Middlefield	22	23	104.5%
206	Middletown	60	42	70.0%
TOTAL		1297	1019	78.6%

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
7	1,297	1,019	78.566%
4	2,022	1,511	74.728%
1	4,789	3,503	73.147%
5	1,951	1,425	73.039%
2	4,084	2,846	69.687%
6	1,827	1,271	69.568%
3	3,030	2,087	68.878%
	19,000	13,662	71.905%

1903	CT State Police	15	1	6.667%
	HQ Post 200	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,092</u>	<u>104.600%</u>
		21,015	15,755	74.970%