



# Happy Holidays

from your American Legion Staff

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# *CONNECTICUT LEGIONNAIRE*

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Comrades;

Thank you All for your attendance at our Testimonial. As somebody said 'It was "huge"'. We even had the LT. Governor stop in. Our Mass. And RI neighbors were very supportive as usual. We in turn, attended their testimonials. THANK YOU.

CONNECTICUT ON THE MOVE! Yes we are... This month started our Veterans Activities with us sending off our Comrades of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Military Unit to Afghanistan. We pray they all return Home safe. We then buried 2 of our unclaimed Comrades at the Veterans Cemetery in Middletown, these remind us that 'Freedom is not free' and our job/mission is not done.

We had celebrations all over the State all week long, multiple events each day and we handled them like the Soldiers we are. No Community Center, No School, No Convalescent Home or meeting was left without representation. Our Veterans did a great job keeping our message alive.

The rest of the month was just as busy, we have a lot of information to get out. Districts, Posts, and Committees please let the Comrades know what is going on; I keep hearing "I didn't know that". General information is to be disseminated; the monthly bulletin is full of information, read it at your Post meetings. In order for us to be successful we must be aware, "BRAND AWARENESS"

We have DEC meetings, District meetings, Post meetings and Committee meetings to improve our membership. Knowledge of The American Legion and its policies equal's membership; bring this knowledge to your post. Learning and Leadership sessions and the Membership Task Force are here to help you.

Soon we will have a new format for our 'pink sheet'. We have The American Legion Family Bowling Party coming up. Then, the "The American Legion vs. The VFW Bowling Tournament".

At The Mid-Winter Conference @ Trumbull in January there will probably be a vote to change the length of the conference to two (2) days. These are just a few things happening, and then there's your ideas and input. Yes, you make the difference.

Make sure you get your officers list to the Department. All Districts and Posts should be installed by now.

OK its, the Holiday season! I know but let's make sure our comrades are on the same page

Any Questions, Call.

Everybody have a Great Holiday and a Safe New Years.

Connecticut on the Move!!!!

For God and Country,  
Louie Robinson  
Commander  
Department of Connecticut  
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# MEMBERSHIP

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Comrades,

Thanksgiving Is now over and Christmas will soon be upon us. I hope everyone gave thanks for everything that you have been blessed with and reached out to those whom suffer from needs and want. Remember that these Holidays are the time of giving not only to the loved ones and friends, but to the others that can't afford a place to live and to those that don't have the means to afford holiday food and gifts to put smiles on children's faces. This is the true meaning of what we stand for in our communities.

This year has been moving right along at a Fast clip. It seems like just yesterday that Commander Lou and I started out the year and we are already five months removed. We have been out there talking in the Districts about the importance of Posts being **involved** with the programs that we are trying to put out there to help to grow the Department instead of watching it disappear a little bit every year. If the Posts do not go out in the Communities and try to bring in new and younger Veterans into the fold so we can teach them on how to carry **The Legacy Forward**, The American Legion will no longer exist. We have been in trusted by WW1 and WW11 Veterans to promote the Programs and Principles of The American Legion, it's now the time for us to start to do the same thing to our Younger Men and Women whom are the Veterans that most of us used to be. Please, as **Posts** be involved with the **Districts**, attend some of their Meetings and take advantage of the resources the Department has to offer.

Now for some Membership news; For the most part The Department as a whole is doing pretty good, but there are a few Posts that hold on to membership until they feel it is the proper time, which in turn holds the Department back from reaching or exceeding the Goals set by National. Please process your membership cards in a timely fashion. The membership is going to slow down this time of year, but is up to all of us to keep the ball rolling.

**We Can Do 102% but it is up to you.**

**Have a Festive and safe Holiday season**

**Edward A DeGumbia**  
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## Post Officers Lists & Committee Forms

These are extremely important for HQ & Department Leadership so that we know who to contact at each post. As of 11/25, we have NOT received Department Forms from the following Posts.

**1<sup>st</sup> District:** 6, 8, 33, 40, 53, 59, 68, 77, 84, 90, 122, 123, 133, 199, 201 & 1771. **2<sup>nd</sup> District:** 88, 127, 132, 135, 147, 150, & 194. **3<sup>rd</sup> District:** 12, 29, 140, 177, 202, & 208. **4<sup>th</sup> District:** 19, 21, 52, 95, & 111. **5<sup>th</sup> District:** 9, 41, 54, 58, 114 & 138. **6<sup>th</sup> District:** 38, 43, 46, 70, 87, 146, 155 & 173. **7<sup>th</sup> District:** 18, 64, 75, 105, 184 & 206.

## Mid-Winter Conference

It is time to register for our 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 27-29, 2017.** See the enclosed registration flyer for details. The Saturday evening banquet will include the tenth 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. We will also have a speaker from the Department of Special Revenue (lottery) to inform those posts that may have an interest about having a lottery terminal and adding KENO when it becomes available in the spring. Featured guests and speakers on Saturday include: **National Vice-Commander Vincent James Troiola**, a Past Commander of the Department of New York and **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).* For the ninth 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 (1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>), 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.

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

### A Special Note from the Auxiliary

Thank you to all Legionnaires who helped our Christmas shops be successful this year. Your monetary donations helped us buy wonderful items for the veterans to choose from for their families. Those Legionnaires who helped at our Christmas shops were greatly appreciated. You all made the holidays a little nicer for veterans and their families. Thank you all for your service and your continuous service to our veteran's everyday.

Happy Holidays and New Year. Raelene Miller, ALA VA&R CHAIRMAN

### Department Potpourri

The Department of CT was well represented at our neighboring Departments' Testimonials. On 11/12, the following travelled to Providence, RI to attend the Testimonial for RI CDR David Williams: CDR **Louie Robinson** & wife **Shirley**; SVC **Ed Degumbia** & wife **Lydia**; ADJ **Butch Hansen** & wife **Nancy**; NEC **Joe Jackson** & wife **JoeAnne**; Alt NEC **Wayne Morgan** & wife **Ruth**; 6<sup>th</sup> Dist. CDR **Jackie Evonsion**; PDC **Bob Murray**; Auxiliary SVP **Laura Santino** & husband **Anthony**. On 11/19, the following travelled to Marlborough, MA to attend the Testimonial for MA CDR Kenneth Starks: CDR **Louie Robinson** & wife **Shirley**; SVC **Ed Degumbia**; ADJ **Butch Hansen**; NEC **Joe Jackson** & wife **JoeAnne**; 6<sup>th</sup> Dist. CDR **Jackie Evonsion**; PDC **Bob Murray**; PDC **Richard Anderson** & wife **Bonnie**; PDC **Everett Shepard**; and PDC **John LaFontaine**.

There will be revitalization effort in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District **January 25-27**. Plan now to assist.

Posts who are planning on holding Oratorical contests should be in full swing, don't forget that all post contests should be completed by the end of January and all District contests should be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February to give contestants time to prepare for the Department contest to be held March 4<sup>th</sup> at Goodwin College.

And finally, we wish for everyone to have a very *Happy Hanukkah* and a very *Merry Christmas*. *The Department Offices will be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> as well as Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

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

### **Prayer Concerns**

Tom Reed, Past 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander had recent surgery to install a stint, he is home recovering. Please keep him in your prayers.

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## Department Calendar

### December – 2016

Dec 01-03 – 3<sup>rd</sup> District Revitalization – Headquarters, Bethel Post 100, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Service Officer will be onsite.  
Dec 03 – 7<sup>th</sup> District Leadership Program – Post 156 East Haddam, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Dec 03 – 6<sup>th</sup> District Christmas Party – TBA  
Dec 08 – 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting – Post 113 Old Saybrook, 7:00 p.m.  
Dec 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> District Christmas Party – TBA  
Dec 11 – 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting – Post 26 Stafford Springs, 2:00 p.m.  
Dec 14 – **75% Membership Target Date**  
Dec 14 – 2<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting – Post 76 North Haven, refreshments at 7:00 PM, meeting at 8:00 PM  
Dec 18 – Dept. Legion Riders Meeting – Post 66 Clinton, 12:00 p.m.  
Dec 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting – Post 74 Fairfield, 7:00 p.m.

### January – 2017

Jan 08 – 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting – Post 67, N. Grosvenordale, 2:00 p.m.  
Jan 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting - TBA  
Jan 12 – 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting – Post 206 Middletown Page Hall @ CVH, 7:00 p.m.  
Jan 18 – 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting – Post 143 Stratfield, 7:00 p.m.  
Jan 19 – **80% Membership Target Date**  
Jan 19 – 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting – Post 9 New London, 7:00 p.m.  
25-27 Jan – District Revitalization – 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Headquarters Post 24 Derby 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Service Officer will be onsite  
Jan 25 – 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting – Post 68 Berlin, 6:30 p.m. Social, Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
27-29 Jan 2017 – Mid Winter Conference – Trumbull Marriott Hotel, Trumbull, CT.  
Jan 27 – Department Executive Meeting – Trumbull Marriott Hotel, 8:00 p.m.

### February – 2017

Feb 08 – 2<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting – TBD  
Feb 08 – **85% Membership Target Date**  
Feb 09 – 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting – Post 103 Westbrook Library 7:00 PM  
Feb 12 – 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting – Post 13 Putnam, VFW Providence St. Putnam 2:00 PM  
Feb 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting – Post 160 Easton, 7:00 PM  
Feb 16 – 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting – Post 4 Norwich, 7:00 PM  
Feb 22 – 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting – Post 142 Hartford, 6:30 PM Social, Meeting 7:30 PM  
Feb 26 – Mar 1 – Washington Conference

### Future Events

04 Mar 2017 – Department Oratorical Contest at Goodwin College  
11 Mar 2017 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Department Bowling Tournament  
25 Mar 2017 – 1<sup>st</sup> District Testimonial – Nuchies Resterant

## Department Calendar – Post Activities

### December 2016

- 02     **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM, Karaoke with Rita, 60 County St., Norwalk. Public invited. No cover. Come & sing or just listen. Lots of free parking. Call 203-866-8249.
- 03     **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Juke Box Night. Listen & Dance to your favorite's songs from yesteryear. No cover. All welcome. 203-866-8249
- 04     **Post 36, Windsor Locks**, Monthly Breakfast from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. 1 S. Main St. Breakfast includes, French toast or Pancakes, Sausage, juice and coffee or tea. Cost is \$4.00 adults and \$3.00 children under 12. For details, call Edward Sabotka, 860-623-5704.
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- 10     **Post 13, Putnam**, 12:00 PM, Wreath Across America Program at Veterans Park (Bridge Street) to be Followed by the retirement of the flags currently posted on the Pomfret Street WWI Memorial Bridge, Route 44, Putnam
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- 20     **Post 52, Coventry**, 6:00 PM, Fish dinner, cost is \$10.00. First Congregational Church of Coventry, 1171 Main Street Coventry. Call 860-541-1840
  
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## THE AMERICAN LEGION *Centennial celebration*

Hello,

The Connecticut & National Centennial Committees are looking for Legionnaires who are news anchors, governors, teachers and businessmen (lots of visibility)... Can you help? Here are some, can you think of anyone else?

US Senator Richard Blumenthal(18), Ted Graziani (62), Commissioner Sean Connolly (95), Rob Simmons (58) and Richard W. Anderson (105).

**POST HISTORIES:** Past Department Commander and Historian Boyd Saxton put together a book on the history or pictures of these post: 1, 2, 10, 16, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 31, 33, 36, 41, 43, 48, 56, 59, 61, 62, 71, 72, 74, 84, 86, 92, 96, 103, 111, 123, 126, 127, 128, 138, 154, 156, and 201. If you would like to join this group, then please mail the information to the Department (attention Centennial Committee).

What could your post or district do? At the time of the November Bulletin printing, I had not received permission from the Connecticut State Library to use their **WWI Booklist**; Permission granted. It is here! If you use this resource, then please give the CT State Library credit.

### **CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES**

Gala: Ed DeGumbia, Parade: Bob Murray, Post & District coordination: Richard Olson, Souvenirs: Joe Jackson, American Legion Auxiliary Coordination: Janet Jefford, SAL Coordination: John Wright, Bulletins: Frazier Brinley, the Program Book Chairmen & Editor: Jim LaCoursiere & Everett Shepard are working hard to make our, The American Legion Family, 100 year celebration a success. If you would like to help, then let them know!

Indivisible – The Story of Our Flag is back at Emblem Sales for \$9.95 each or 25 for \$198.75 (\$7.95) catalog number 755.915

**Hope you have a very Merry Christmas & a Fantastic 2017**

**W. Frazier Brinley**

## *Centennial Celebration Continued*

*Have you ever just thought about all the things, we have to be thankful for...past and present?*

Connecticut has Yale, the Pilot Pen, Payne Whitney, the Grove St. Cemetery, the Yale Bowl, close to New York & Boston Sports, the Wolf's Head, the Scroll & Keys, Moreys & Hamburgers, Mystic Pizza, the home of the Wiffle Ball and Pez, the Turtle and submarines, Samuel Colt, Colt Park, Conn. Children's Medical Center, Hitchcock Chairs, Nathan Hale, Timothy Dwight, Ithiel Towne & the Town lattice, Gillette's Castle & Samuel Clemens, Brooklyn's Old Trinity Church, Devils Hopyard, the Veterans Rocky Hill Home & Hospital, S, S & M Fund, the Wolf's Den, Israel Putnam, Jonathan Trumbull, Jerimiah Wadsworth, Satan's Kingdom, the Charter Oak, Mystic & the sailing ship: The Morgan, Moodus Noices, Noah Webster House, the Tapping Reeve House, UCONN Boys & Girls Basketball, the Beardsley Zoo, Gungywamp Society, Fort Griswold & Trumbull, the Thimble Islands, Weed Beach, the old State House, Whalers Hockey memory, Wesleyan & Trinity, the Sleeping Giant, Limerock, Cheeseborough Ponds, Pepperidge Farms, Lake Compounce, witch hazel, Yankee Doodle, Essex...Westbrook...Deep River Fife & Drum, the Mystic Sailing Masters, the Hurricanes, Conn College, Mitchell & the Coast Guard Academy, the Institute of Living, the Durham...Woodstock...Hamburg... Brooklyn... Ledyard... Chester... Berlin... Guilford... Bethlehem & North Haven Fairs, New Hartford ... East Haven and East Hampton Days. We have Putnam Park, Perrelli Tires, Stanley works, the Barnum Museum, Special Olympics & youth Leadership Forum, an Alpaca Farm, the Bulls, Comstock and Cornwall Covered Bridges, Electric Boat and the Nautilus, the DeVito House, the movie location for Other people's money (OPM), Stew Lenards, Barkhamsted light house, Norontons' Old Soldier's Home, Slater's Museum, USS X-1, the Eagle, Oxoboxo Lake, the Stone House, Legion Ave, Lovers Lane and Wine Country, New England Jukebox, Tobacco & Carousel Museums, the Merritt Parkway, the Berlin Turnpike & I-95, the Wadsworth Atheneum, Old Newgate Prison, Lady Fenwick, Lionel Gardner, the Glebe House, 2 trolley museums, Essex Trains, AMTRAC, Hartford Hospital & Children's Miracle Network Hospital, Governors Foot Guard, minor league baseball, the American Legion & Peoples Forests, Hammonasset, K-9 Olympics, the Leffingwell Inn, The Wethersfield Seed Co., Lou Gehrig, Pomfret Stadium, Bishops, Scotts & Lyman Orchards, The Kid City & the Hungu Strike Memorial, Nodines Smokehouse, Valley's Steak House, the Berkshires, Lourdes of Litchfield, Dustin Hoffman, Meryl Strep, Kevin Bacon, Susan St. James, Mia Farrow & Dennis Leary. We have the Farmington River, Conn. River, the Quinnipiac, Lake Candlewood, Sheticket River, Quinbaug & Thames Rivers, Sycamore Drive-In, Blue Back Square, the Painted Wagon, the 3 Bears, Howard Johnson, the Gelston House, Goodspeed and Collin's Diner. There is Frog Rock, Frog Bridge, East Rock, and a swing bridge, Dudley town, the Pinchot sycamore. We have Monte Video, Heublem Tower, The Lock Museum, the American Mural Project, the Wolfpack, the Newington Children's Hospital & Hiram Bingham, III and the TPC. We have the Tara Mar and a ferry in Chester & Glastonbury, the memory of the Bissell Ferry & Royal Rubber. There's Aetna, Travelers, Bayer, Pfizer, Bristol-Myers-Squibb, Sigorsky, United Technologies, CL&P, Mussy Field and our family....just to name a few. We are known as The Constitution State, the Provisional State, the Arsenal of Democracy, the Nutmeg State and the land of steady habits. Can you add to the list?

# World War I Booklist

BOOKS ABOUT "THE GREAT WAR" FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

## Picture Books

### **The Letter Home** by Tim Decker

A medic sent to the front lines in the trenches of World War I writes a letter home to his young son. (Age 7-12)

### **War Game** by Michael Foreman

During World War I, four English friends and their comrades find temporary relief from the brutal and seemingly endless struggle in the trenches when, on an extraordinary Christmas Day, they celebrate the holiday with their German enemies. (Age 8-12)

### **Shooting at the Stars** by John Hendrix

In 1914 France, a British soldier writes to his mother about the strange events of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, when German and Allied soldiers met on neutral ground to share songs, food, and fun. (Age 8-12)

### **Knit Your Bit** by Deborah Hopkinson

When his father leaves to fight in World War I, Mikey joins the Central Park Knitting Bee to help knit clothing for soldiers overseas. (Age 5-10)

### **And the Soldiers Sang** by J. Patrick Lewis

A young Welsh soldier fights along the Western Front during World War I, experiencing the horrors of trench warfare before participating in the famed Christmas Truce of 1914. (Age 8+)

### **Bunny the Brave War Horse** by Elizabeth MacLeod

A long-eared horse named Bunny proves himself invaluable as a war horse during World War I, especially to his two riders, brother soldiers Bud and Thomas Dundas. (Age 6-10)

### **Finding Winnie** by Lindsay Mattick

A woman tells her young son the true story of how his great-great-grandfather, Captain Harry Colebourn, rescued and learned to love a bear cub in 1914 as he was on his way to take care of soldiers' horses during World War I, and the bear became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh. (Age 6-8)

### **Christmas in the Trenches** by John McCutcheon

A World War I veteran tells his grandson of his experiences in 1914, when British and German soldiers declared a truce from fighting to celebrate Christmas together. (Age 6-10)

### **Casey Over There** by Staton Rabin

After his older brother Casey goes off to fight in World War I, Aubrey and his family are so worried that Aubrey writes a letter to Uncle Sam asking him to send Casey home. (Age 5-8)



## The Language of Doves by Rosemary Wells

On her sixth birthday, Julietta's grandfather gives her one of his beautiful homing pigeons and tells her a story of his experience raising and training doves in Italy during the Great War. (Ages 5-8).

## Novels

### **Soldier Dog** by Sam Angus

After his dad disappears, thirteen-year-old Stanley joins the army during World War I and is assigned to the War Dog School, where he is partnered with a messenger dog named Bones and the two of them are sent to France. (Middle School)

### **Stay Where You Are & Then Leave** by John Boyne

Four years after Alfie Summerfield's father left London to become a soldier in World War I he has not returned but Alfie, now nine, is shining shoes at King's Cross Station when he happens to learn that his father is at a nearby hospital being treated for shell shock. (Middle School)

### **Remembrance** by Theresa Breslin

The destinies of two Scottish families, one of shopkeepers and one of wealth and power, become entwined through their involvement in World War I, social causes, and love. (Teen)

### **The Great War** edited by Jim Kay

Combines evocative photographs and illustrations in a treasury of stories by eleven international writers that were inspired by artifacts connected to World War I. (Teen)

### **Without Warning** by Dennis Haseley

An English working-class girl comes of age during World War I, as she witnesses the horrors of war and decides to become a nurse on the front lines. (Teen)

### **Poppy** by Mary Hooper

In 1914-15 England, fifteen-year-old Poppy works as a parlor-maid until she is transformed by forbidden love and a war that sends her to the front line as a nurse. (Teen)

### **The Night the Bells Rang** by Natalie Kinsey-

Warnock

The last year of World War I is an eventful one for Vermont farm boy Mason as he helps with the chores, tries to get along with his little brother, and sees an older bully go off to the war. (Middle School)



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**Anastasia: the Last Grand Duchess** by Carolyn Meyer

A novel in diary form in which the youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas II describes the privileged life her family led up until the time of World War I and the tragic events that befell them. (Middle School)

**Charlie Wilcox** by Sharon E. McKay

In 1915 in Newfoundland, fourteen-year-old Charlie, anxious to disprove his parents' belief that his club foot makes him unfit for fishing and seal hunting, stows away on a sailing vessel only to find himself on a troop ship headed for the war in Europe. (Middle School)

**My Brother's Shadow** by Monika Schroder

In 1918 Berlin, Germany, sixteen-year-old Moritz struggles to do what is right on his newspaper job, in his relationship with his mother and sister who are outspoken socialists, and with his brother, who returns from the war physically and emotionally scarred. (Teen)

**Megiddo's Shadow** by Arthur Slade

After the death of his beloved older brother Hector in World War I, sixteen-year-old Edward leaves the family farm in Canada to enlist in Hector's battalion, where he attempts to come to terms with what has happened. (Teen)

**Kipling's Choice** by Geert Spillebeen

In 1915, mortally wounded in Loos, France, eighteen-year-old John Kipling, son of writer Rudyard Kipling, remembers his boyhood and the events leading to what is to be his first and last World War I battle. (Teen)

**Archie's War** by Marcia Williams

When Archie is given a scrapbook for his tenth birthday in 1914, he chronicles the next four years of his life using documents, artifacts, and comic strips. (Elementary/Middle School)

## Nonfiction



**Stubby the War Dog** by Ann Bausum

American soldier J. Robert Conroy befriended a stray dog with a stumpy tail while training to fight overseas in WWI. They bonded so closely that Conroy smuggled him to Europe, where Stubby accompanied Conroy's regiment on the Western Front, lending both his superior olfactory senses and amiable temperament to the war effort. (Grade 4-7)

**Unraveling Freedom** by Ann Bausum

Analyzes the United States' involvement in World War I, examining the 1915 sinking of the Lusitania and drawing parallels between the administrations of Presidents Woodrow Wilson and George W. Bush. (Teen)

**The War to End All Wars** by Russell Freedman

An introduction to World War I explains its relevance as a conflict that involved many nations and casualties while introducing modern weaponry and military strategies that have shaped all subsequent wars. (Grade 7+)

**Where Poppies Grow** by Linda Granfield

An anecdotal overview of World War I illustrating how ordinary lives were changed by global-scale conflict and humanizing the sacrifice made by so many. (Grade 4-10)

**The Donkey of Gallipoli** by Mark Greenwood

The true tale of a young English boy who, due to his love and understanding of donkeys, enlisted in World War I as a stretcher bearer and courageously carried more than three hundred wounded Allied soldiers off the battlefield as bullets and bombs blew up all around him.

**Midnight** by Mark Greenwood

A foal is born at midnight, on the homestead side of the river. Coal black. Star ablaze. Moonlight in her eyes. On October 31, 1917, the 4th and 12th Regiments of the Australian Light Horse took part in one of the last great cavalry charges in history. Among the first to leap the enemy trenches was Lieutenant Guy Haydon riding his beloved mare, Midnight. This is their story. (Grade K-4)

**Treaties, Trenches, Mud, and Blood** by Nathan Hale

A history of World War One in graphic format. (Middle School)

**In the Fields and the Trenches** by Kerrie Logan Hollihan

Tells the stories of different men and women, some famous and some not, who participated in World War I. (Teen)

**Harlem Hellfighters** by J. Patrick Lewis

A regiment of African American soldiers from Harlem journeys across the Atlantic to fight alongside the French in World War I, inspiring a continent with their brand of jazz music. (Middle School)

**Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting** by Jim Murphy

Tells the story of the December 25, 1914 truce between German and British soldiers as they laid down their weapons and met in No Man's Land to celebrate Christmas. (Grade 4-8)

**Remember the Lusitania!** by Diana Preston

An account of the World War I German torpedo attack on and sinking of the passenger liner, the Lusitania, describing the experiences of some of those involved. (Grade 3-6)

**Rags: Hero Dog of WWI** by Margot Theis Raven

A stray dog named Rags befriends a U.S. soldier in Paris, France, during WWI. Rags traveled with the troops carrying messages from the front line to the back. His loyalty kept him by his owner's side until Sergeant Donovan died at the base hospital in Chicago. (Grade 1-4)

**Winnie** by Sally M. Walker

A picture book account of the true story that inspired the Winnie-the-Pooh classics follows the experiences of a World War I veterinarian and soldier who rescued a baby bear, made her his regiment's mascot and introduced her to Christopher Robin at the London Zoo. (Grade K-3)





## **American Legion, Department of Connecticut Centennial Celebration, Souvenir Ad Book Fundraiser**

The American Legion, Department of Connecticut is working very hard in preparation for a celebration in 2019 for the American Legion Centennial, 100 years of service. This is a great opportunity for the American Legion, Department of Connecticut to make much needed fundraising dollars. This handout is designed to let you know how this program will work.

### **How it Works**

American Legion Family members go out to area businesses, friends and families and ask them to advertise in our Program Ad Book, which is a supplement to our Souvenir Book (History Book). For the "Legion Family-District's, Post's, Unit's, and Squadron's", these are strictly for just that, "Legion Family-District's, Post's, Unit's, and Squadron's, and Corporate Sponsors". This book is strictly ads and promotional, as a supplemental guide for the History Book. Every corporate sponsor will receive a free copy of the History Book, as well. Corporate Sponsors will also receive a certificate of appreciation and their company name and logo placed on a large banner. Prices for each are listed below:

### **Costs of Ads – Legion Family Costs of Ads**

Full Page Ad: \$100

3/4 Page Ad: \$75

Half Page Ad: \$50

1/4 Page Ad: \$30

**Booster Supporters- one line only- full name, family name, special short message- \$5**

### **Costs of Ads – Business/Corporate Costs of Ads**

Center Fold Section of Book Full Page: \$2,500

Inside covers Full Page Ad: \$1,500

Full Page Ad: \$1,000

3/4 Page Ad: \$750

Half Page Ad: \$500

1/4 Page Ad: \$250

Business Card Ad: \$100

**You have TWO different forms: one is for Businesses; one is for Legion Family.** Use one form per ad, and make sure you put YOUR NAME on it, to get credit for the sale. Extra copies of forms will be available from Department Headquarters.

**Ad forms & money should be turned in as you get them**

If you are handed paper copies of ads try to keep them clean, so they will copy nicely. If the customer wants to email their "ready to print" ad, have them send it to: [legionjim3@aol.com](mailto:legionjim3@aol.com)

• **We cannot create or design "custom ads".** We need either a "ready to copy" paper version or a "ready to print" Electronic version of the ad (electronic is preferred for better ad quality).

### **Length of Fundraiser**

Ads must be turned in no later than **September 1, 2017**. All ads & money must be turned back into **Department Headquarters** by this date



## BUSINESS ADS

### Not for Family ads

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size (Please check)

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Page-Centerfold Section \$2,500 Business pricing 8" x 10½"

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Page-Inside Covers \$1,500 Business pricing 8" x 10½"

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Page \$1,000 Business pricing 8" x 10½"

\_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Page \$ 750 Business pricing

\_\_\_\_\_ Half Page \$ 500 Business pricing

\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter Page \$ 250 Business pricing

\_\_\_\_\_ Eighth Page \$ 100 (business card size) 2" x 3½"

Format (Please check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Will email ready to print ad to: [legionjim3@aol.com](mailto:legionjim3@aol.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ Paper copy provided

Special Comments about Ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Seller's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make sure Cash or check payable to the** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ if you have any questions.

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### DEADLINE TO TURN IN ADS:

# September 1, 2017

Thank you for supporting The American Legion Dept. of CT, Centennial

## FAMILY / FRIEND ADS

### Not for business ads

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number for Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size (Please check) \_\_\_\_\_ Full Page \$100 Family/friend pricing only

\_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Page \$75 Family/friend pricing only

\_\_\_\_\_ Half Page \$50 Family/friend pricing only

\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter Page Family/friend pricing only

Format (Please check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Will email ready to print ad to: [legionjim3@aol.com](mailto:legionjim3@aol.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ Paper copy provided

Special Comments about Ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Seller's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make sure Cash or check payable to the** \_\_\_\_\_

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# September 1, 2017



## THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Connecticut

### THE AMERICAN LEGION IS FOUNDED ON FOUR PRINCIPALS (PILLARS):

- \* The care of Active Duty Personnel, Veterans and their Families
- \* A strong National Defense, Law and Order, and Homeland Security
- \* Instilling a sense of Patriotism and Americanism in our Communities
- \* To care for and to provide for our Nation's Children and Youth

#### SOME IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS IN AMERICAN LEGION HISTORY

**MARCH 1919:** Members of the WWI American Expeditionary Force convene in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.

**SEPTEMBER 1919:** The US Congress charters the American Legion.

**AUGUST 1921:** The Legion's efforts result in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, which later becomes the Veterans Administration.

**JUNE 1923:** The American Legion drafted the first U.S. Flag Code.

**JULY 1925:** The Legion creates the American Legion Baseball program. Today more than 50% of all Major League Baseball players are graduates of this program. About 82,000 youths play Legion Baseball each year.

**JUNE 1935:** Creation of American Legion Boys State. Today more than 19,500 young men participate nationwide each year.

**JUNE 1938:** Creation of the National High School Oratorical Contest. Today more than 3,400 students participate nationwide each year.

**DECEMBER 1943:** Past National Commander Colmery writes the "GI Bill of Rights", considered the greatest piece of social legislation of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century – basically creating what is today known as the American Middle Class - providing education grants and home loans to returning WWII troops.

**JULY 1954:** Creation of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, which has awarded more than \$11 million to date.

**SEPTEMBER 1966:** Creation of a special group pressing for the resolution of POW's and MIA's from the Vietnam War.

**AUGUST 1969:** Creation of the National Emergency Fund which assists Posts and individual Legionnaires following natural disasters.

**AUGUST 1982:** The American Legion becomes the largest supporter of the Vietnam Wall with a \$1,000,000 donation for it's construction.

**JANUARY 1989:** Through the efforts of the American Legion the Veterans Administration (VA) is elevated to a higher Cabinet-level status as the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

**October 1990:** Creation of the Family Support Network to assist the families of troops deployed overseas.

**JUNE 1991:** Creation of the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports program, which teaches gun safety and marksmanship to more than 2,000 participants a year.

**FEBRUARY 2010:** Creation of Operation Comfort Warriors which has raised millions of dollars to assist in and ease the recuperation of our Wounded Warriors. In the 2012-2013 fundraising year alone more than \$1,100,000 was raised – with every single penny raised going directly to benefit the Wounded Warriors!

In addition the American Legion Riders has raised millions of dollars during their annual Legacy Scholarship Runs to provide college scholarships to the children of troops killed in action since 9-11.

**THESE ARE JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NEARLY 100-YEAR  
OLD HISTORY OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST WARTIME VETERANS  
ORGANIZATION**

## **2017 Connecticut Legionnaire Hall of Fame**

The 2017 American Legion Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner will take place January 28, 2017, 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: Chuck Berry, 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 2017 – 11<sup>th</sup> Class**

<b>*E. GUY MILLER</b>	<b>Post 187, Wallingford</b>
<b>VICTOR W. YANOSY</b>	<b>Post 176, Monroe</b>
<b>RICHARD J. OLSON</b>	<b>Post 12, Norwalk</b>
<b>RAYMOND K. WILLIAMS</b>	<b>Post 21, Danielson</b>
<b>EVERETT G. SHEPARD, III</b>	<b>Post 111, Woodstock</b>
<b>JOYCE M. HARRIS</b>	<b>Post 205, Gales Ferry</b>
<b>ARTHUR W. MELYSCHER</b>	<b>Post 43, Winsted</b>
<b>D. JOSEPH JACKSON</b>	<b>Post 28, New Hartford</b>

\*deceased

*If you have information to share on any of the inductees or know of family members, please contact Frazier Brinley, at [fb.pnh05@gmail.com](mailto:fb.pnh05@gmail.com), or 16 Pepperbush DR, Clinton, CT 06413.*



**AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

**TRUMBULL MARRIOTT, TRUMBULL, CT**

**JANUARY 27-28-29, 2017**

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 and Keno speakers @ 6:00 PM, Department Executive Committee meeting 8:00 PM. A full range of American Legion programs, tailored for the "Blue Cap" Legionnaire will be held all day on Saturday and Sunday morning. *Saturday morning will feature National Vice-Commander Vincent James Troiola (NY). See December Adjutant's Notes for full details. Saturday afternoon will have the usual breakout for Service Officers & SSM Fund Reps. Saturday evening banquet features the induction of the 11<sup>th</sup> class into The Connecticut American Legion Hall of Fame.* Hotel rate: \$94.00 + 9% tax (single or double). **Call Marriott Reservations at 1-800-682-4095 or 203-378-1400; ask for AMERICAN LEGION ROOM BLOCK. If you reserve a room online the group code is: LEGLAGA**

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE JANUARY 16, 2017.**

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

***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 27, 7:00 pm.*

**Chuck Berry, Reservations Chairman (860) 296-0719**

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

**Please reserve the following tickets for the 43rd Annual Mid-Winter Conference.**

**Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to: The American Legion Dept of CT**

<b>Combo (<u>Reg.+Dinner</u>) SAVE \$5:</b>	<b>@ \$40.00 per person</b>	<b>No. of persons _____</b>
<b>Hall of Fame Dinner only:</b>	<b>@ \$40.00 per person</b>	<b>No. of persons _____</b>
<b>Registration only</b>	<b>@ \$ 5.00 per person</b>	<b>No. of persons _____</b>
<b>Hall of Fame Children's Dinner (12&amp;Under)</b>	<b>@ \$16.00 per person</b>	<b>No. of persons _____</b>

**Post/Unit/Sq. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ District No.: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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## **Buffet Dinner Menu**

**Rolls and Butter**

**Garden Salad (Creamy Peppercorn or Red Wine Vinaigrette)**

**Short Ribs with Cognac Mushroom Sauce and BBQ Sauce (on side)**

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

**Seared Salmon with Lemon Buerre Blanc Sauce**

**Macaroni & Cheese**

**Yukon Gold Mashed Potato**

**Peas & Carrots**

**Dessert Station**

**Coffee & Tea**

## **Kids Menu**

**Chicken Tenders with French Fries and ketchup (on side)**

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



# **TRAINING SESSION**

**MIDWINTER CONFERENCE  
TRUMBULL MARRIOTT TRUMBULL, CT  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2017, 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**



**CONNECTICUT AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL COMMITTEE  
16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOT STOVE BASEBALL DINNER**

**Friday, January 6, 2017 – 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 2017*

**Ed Lettick, James O'Neill, Robert Berger**



- Alumni of the Year  
**Corporal Greg Caron USMC, Ellington**
- Distinguished Coaches Award  
**Rich Balzano, Branford**
- Contributor Award  
**Joe Eltman, Waterbury**
- Committee Award  
**John Krot, Danielson**
- Major League Player of the Year  
**Matt Carasiti, Berlin (Colorado Rockies)**
- Minor League Player of the Year  
**Troy Scribner, Torrington (Salt Lake Bees)**
- College Coach of the Year  
**Travis Beausoleil, (Mitchell College)**
- College Player of the Year  
**Aaron Civale, Windsor Locks (Northeastern University)**
- High School Coach of the Year  
**Mike McDermott, South Windsor High School**
- Media Award  
**Peter Wallace, Torrington Register Citizen**
- Umpire Award  
**Rudy Costello, Fairfield Board**
- 15 U Coach of the Year  
**Ken Lewis, Stamford**
- 17 U Coach of the Year  
**Jim Nursick, RCP**
- 19 U Coach of the Year  
**TJ Grande, RCP**

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**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 Friday, December 30, 2016**. 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](http://www.ctlegionbball.com)

Walk in reservations cannot be accepted!



**Department of Connecticut  
American Legion Family  
Bowling Tournament**



**Saturday March 11, 2017, 1pm  
Bowl-O-Rama  
2143 Berlin Turnpike  
Newington, CT**

Tournament is open to all American Legion Family members. Proceeds benefit Commander's Project: State Police Youth Week. Please get your 4 person Team(s) together and **send in by March 3, 2017.**

**Only 20 Lanes are currently reserved.**

**Cost is \$20.00 per person: Includes shoe rental, 3 Games of Bowling and Pizza**

Please return this portion with the Names in the order you will be bowling, they will be entered into the score computer before you arrive.

Mail Checks Payable to: **"American Legion Dept of CT"**

American Legion Department of Connecticut

ATTN: Bowling Tournament

P.O. Box 208

Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0208

**Team Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check#** \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Post/Unit	District	Contact Information
1.)			
2.)			
3.)			
4.)			



**THE AMERICAN LEGION, 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**POST 2**  
22 Hooker Ct  
Bristol, CT 06010

**DECEMBER 10, 2016  
5:00-9:00 PM  
\$20 per person Buffet Dinner  
Cash Bar**

**Bring a bottle of Cheer to participate in Cheer Raffle  
BRING A \$15 GRAB BAG GIFT FOR STORY TIME  
Reservation Deadline December 5, 2016**

**Chuck Berry, Finance Officer (203) 715-2330**

**The American Legion  
1<sup>st</sup> District  
110 Castle Rd  
Bristol, CT 06010**

Please reserve the following for 1<sup>st</sup> District Christmas Party.

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to: The American Legion 1<sup>st</sup> District

@ \$20.00 per person

No. of persons \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District No. \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tear off and use this form for registration**





American Legion  
Abe E. Miller Post 133  
South Windsor, CT 06074



# WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY CT. STATE CAPITOL

HOSTED BY  
THE  
AMERICAN LEGION

DECEMBER 12th, 2016  
12:00 NOON  
HALL OF FLAGS

ALL VETERANS WELCOME

**REMEMBER - HONOR - TEACH**

[www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org) (or) [swlegion133.org](http://swlegion133.org)

# Legion leads memorial inventory effort

National commander calls on members to document, photograph, and upload into database all local military, veteran and war monuments and memorials.

American Legion National Commander Charles E. Schmidt is calling on all posts, districts, counties, areas, zones, departments and affiliates of the organization to help build an unparalleled database of memorials and monuments that honor U.S. military service and sacrifice. The database and uploading instructions can be found at [www.legion.org/memorials](http://www.legion.org/memorials) on the Legion's national website.

"As The American Legion nears its centennial year, one aspect of our organization's rich legacy is universal – 'to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars,'" Schmidt said, quoting from the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution. "We know that in virtually every corner of the country, and beyond our shores, American Legion Family members have paid tribute to military service, honor and remembrance by carving out sacred spaces in their communities to ensure that the price paid for freedom is not lost on future generations."

Schmidt said the Legion's memorials database project is a great opportunity to involve the entire American Legion Family, youth groups such as Boy Scouts, local civic organizations, schools and others. "It is especially important to assess the conditions of these memorials – whether it's a plaque in the park listing a county's war dead or a well-known community statue or plaza. What better way to commemorate the Legion's centennial than to spruce up, repair and revive awareness to those who served before us, whose memorials and monuments may be showing the effects of age and weather? It's also the perfect time for communities to reacquaint themselves with the meaning of their memorials."

The American Legion Memorial Inventory Project is not focused on any one war era. "We know that American Legion posts care for memorials ranging from the Revolution to the Global War on Terrorism, all around the world," Schmidt said. "We also are well aware that some of them have come under attack because they may contain some religious symbolism or language, and The American Legion steadfastly opposes removal or revision of such monuments. In order to ensure their continued respect and protection, we have a responsibility to index them and bring attention to their original and intended meaning."

The web platform – easily accessed and used from a smartphone or electronic tablet – asks for the location of the memorial, a description of it, date of installation if known and a rating of its condition. Uploaders are also strongly encouraged to take photos of the memorial and post them onto the database. Once a submission has been made, it may take a couple of days before it appears, following review.

The American Legion is also working with the United States World War One Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum and Library to document monuments and memorials dedicated specifically to World War I, thousands of which were erected by the early American Legion. The 100 Cities/100 Memorials program includes a matching-money grant opportunity for applicants. More can be learned about that project at [www.worldwar1centennial.org/100-cities-100-memorials-home](http://www.worldwar1centennial.org/100-cities-100-memorials-home) online.

The American Legion National Executive Committee passed Resolution 10 during the Oct. 12-13 meetings in Indianapolis to encourage all American Legion posts, American Legion Riders chapters, American Legion Auxiliary units and affiliated groups to participate in the Veterans Memorial Identification Project and build the national database.

"This is who we are in The American Legion," said American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance Committee Chairman Robert W. Spanogle, a past national commander and past national adjutant of the organization. "This memorial identification project will be a major benefit for researchers, students, educators, the media and travelers who need to understand the story of our nation as told through the military experience and immortalized in every community. We have a sacred obligation to keep these memories alive, recorded and in the best possible condition."

John B. Raughter  
Deputy Director, Media Relations  
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October 2016

Dear Friends of America's VetDogs:

I may have met you at your national convention this year representing America's VetDogs with my service dog, Ben.

I was a Navy FMF Corpsman with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division; on September 17, 2004, I was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) while running to assist a vehicle that had been disabled by an earlier IED. I lost my left leg above the knee and received extensive damage to my right knee and ankle. My recovery and well-being comes in no small part to my service dog Ben, who has been my canine companion since 2008 when I graduated from America's VetDogs' Smithtown, NY campus. Ben helped me work through my own limitations, and I became a volunteer for VetDogs telling others about the services they provide to veterans of all eras and all disabilities. I now have the great privilege of working on staff and with veteran organizations like yours to share our mission to help veterans live a life without boundaries.

America's VetDogs has successfully trained hundreds of guide and service dogs free of charge for veterans with blindness, spinal cord injuries, hearing impairments, peripheral and central balance disorders, seizure disorders, limb loss, traumatic brain injuries and PTSD. We are so excited to have our very own "Puppy with a Purpose," Charlie, on NBC's Today with one of our amazing trainers, Olivia Poff, for the next 16 months! It's a wonderful opportunity to share how an assistance dog can change the lives of veterans with disabilities.

America's VetDogs and its parent organization the Guide Dog Foundation were the first assistance dog program in the United States to be accredited by both International Guide Dog Federation and Assistance Dogs International. **Our dual accreditation sets us apart from all other assistance dog organizations;** we are able to meet each person's specific needs by custom training and providing assistance dogs across ALL disabilities. This makes America's VetDogs well positioned to address the needs of our growing population of veterans with disabilities. **It is also why it's more important than ever to reach out to our family of supporters!**

We need your help to spread the word about our free services to veterans of all eras. Please post and share the enclosed information with your members. We hope you will also consider making America's VetDogs your fundraising project. With your generous commitment, VetDogs can continue to answer the call for our disabled brothers and sisters, and provide them the support they deserve.

Please contact me at [Joe@Vetdogs.org](mailto:Joe@Vetdogs.org) or (770)-639-4095 if you want further information or have questions, or mail back the enclosed form. Thank you for YOUR service to our country, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Worley, Veteran Relations Liaison



## 2016 Veteran Service Organization Support

- ☐ Yes, we are interested in America's VetDogs please send us more information:

Organization Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Please keep us on your mailing list
- ☐ Please send more America's VetDogs Flyers #\_\_\_\_\_ (How many)
- ☐ Please send America's VetDogs Brochures #\_\_\_\_\_ (How many)
- ☐ Please send America's VetDogs Bookmarks #\_\_\_\_\_ (How many)
- ☐ Please send America's VetDogs Sentinel Newsletters #\_\_\_\_\_ (How many)
- ☐ Please send information on applying for a guide or service dog

*All donations to America's VetDogs are tax deductible*

- ☐ Yes, our organization will be raising money to support America's VetDogs
- ☐ We have enclosed a donation to support America's VetDogs

**Please return to: America's VetDogs-the Veteran's K-9 Corps.  
Attn: Development - VSO  
371 E. Jericho Tpke.  
Smithtown, NY 11787**





# **AMERICA'S VETDOGS®**

## **THE VETERAN'S K-9 CORPS®**

[www.VetDogs.org](http://www.VetDogs.org)

**Through training and placing guide dogs with individuals who are blind or have low vision; hearing dogs for people who have lost their hearing later in life; service dogs for those with other physical disabilities; facility dogs that work with physical and occupational therapists as part of the rehabilitation process in military and VA hospitals; or PTSD service dogs to help mitigate the effects of PTSD in an effort to provide the emotional and physical support needed; America's VetDogs is helping those with disabilities who have honorably served our country and community regain their independence.**

**All America's VetDogs services are provided at no cost to those who have honorably served.**

### **How Can You Help?**

**America's VetDogs relies on voluntary contributions from individual donors, corporations, foundations, and service organizations to fund its mission. It costs over \$50,000 to breed, raise, train, and place an assistance dog; however, there is never a charge to the recipient, even if their disabilities are non-combat related.**

- **Spread the word about America's VetDogs – Learn more at [www.VetDogs.org](http://www.VetDogs.org).**
- **Make a financial contribution and/or encourage others to contribute or raise funds.**
- **Sponsor a class or a veteran/dog team.**
- **Invite a VetDogs speaker to an event.**
- **Include America's VetDogs in your bequest, legacies, and planned gifts.**
- **Make a donation in memory or honor of your fallen comrades, friends, or loved ones.**

**If you know anyone who would benefit from having a guide or service dog, or have questions about our programs, please reach out to the America's VetDogs Consumer Services team at 866-282-8047 or [info@VetDogs.org](mailto:info@VetDogs.org).**



The background of the entire page is a stylized American flag, featuring white stars on a blue field and red and white stripes.

# *Please Join Us*

## *“Veterans Coffee Hour”*

### **Coffee and Conversation**

November 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 ~ 1:30 P.M.

December 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 ~ 1:30 P.M.

**Douglas Manor**  
103 North Rd ~ Windham CT

*All Veterans and Veterans  
Spouses are Welcome!*

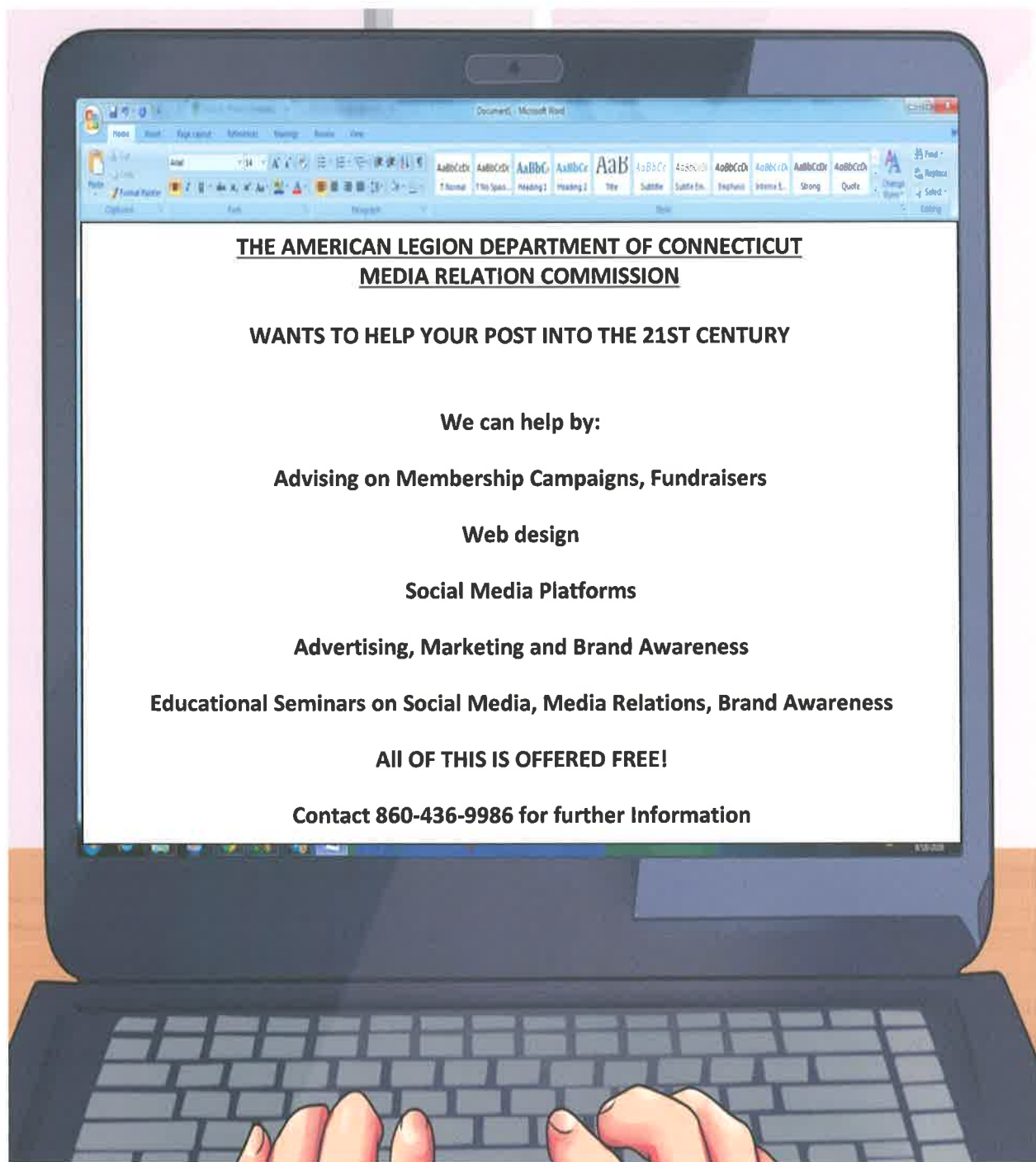
*~Join us to relax and enjoy a cup of coffee and  
conversation with fellow Veterans~*

*~Join us to learn more about the benefits, resources,  
and services available to Veterans offered by  
government and non-profit organizations~*

**Special Thanks to:**

**Hartford HealthCare at Home, Veterans Liaison,  
Wayne I. Rioux**

**For more information, please contact:  
Douglas Manor (860) 423-4636**



**IF YOUR POST WOULD LIKE THE MEMEBERS OF THE MEDIA RELATIONS COMMITTEE HELP WITH  
ADVERTISING EVENTS**

**OR**

**ASSISTING WITH THE SET UP OF A WEB SITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA SITE GIVE US A CALL!**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HELP!**



**Women's Veteran Outreach Committee  
of**

**The American Legion Department of CT**

**Is looking for your help...**

**The Committee is looking for donations of Toiletries and Comfort Items for  
Female Homeless Veterans**

**Items needed:**

**Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner, Feminine Products, Perfumes, Nail Polish,  
Stationary, Pens, Pencils and anything else female related**

**The committee members are:**

**Mary - Ann Roczynski - District 1, Subrina Persaud - District 1,**

**Mary Harris - District 2, Jackie Evonsion - District 6,**

**Barbara LaMontagne - District 6 , Eileen Richard - District 7**

**Please email:**

**ctalfemaleveterans@gmail.com or Call 860-459-9028 (Jackie Evonsion-Director)**

**A Collection Box will be made available at this year's**

**MID WINTER CONFERENCE**





Ansonia Gordon-Visselli American Legion Post 50 is addressing veteran suicides with a unique awareness activity. Nationally, the well-recognized static of 22 veterans per day committing suicide is a grim reality that need not be. Across the country, a popular "22 push-up" movement, where people volunteer to do 22 push-ups for 22 days while challenging others to do the same, has increased the awareness of this sad truth while giving hope to those veterans that are troubled in so many ways, for so many reasons.

Post Adjutant Patrick Henri designed a display that consists of 22 individual signs depicting the silhouettes of kneeling soldiers. Accompanying them is a larger sign declaring "22 Veterans Commit Suicide EVERY DAY. Please pray for our Vets", along with the following contact information- To help: [www.22kill.com](http://www.22kill.com); [www.mission22.com](http://www.mission22.com); [www.preventsuicideCT.org](http://www.preventsuicideCT.org). For help: Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1; Military One Source 1-800-342-9647.

The display is being relocated to a new spot every day for at least 22 consecutive days so that they can receive maximum exposure throughout town, utilizing public places, businesses and residential front yards as backdrops.

Post 50 is offering use of this display to Connecticut Legion Posts that would like to bring Veterans Suicide Awareness to their city. Contact Pat Henri, 203-734-1851 or [phenri@comcast.net](mailto:phenri@comcast.net).





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**Paul Bucha**  
Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient  
Board Trustee

November 11, 2016

Harry R. Hansen, Jr.  
American Legion Dept. of CT  
PO Box 2208  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Dear Butch:

The Pentagon estimates that 1 million service members will transition to civilian life over the next 5 years. We understand the challenges of transitioning military professionals, and in response to this growing need, our Institute of Advanced Media (IAM) developed a veterans' program. Housed in the state-of-the-art Learning Lab at CPTV/WNPR headquarters in Hartford, the program trains veterans and their spouses in the latest advanced media, digital production and project management. They are presented with course credentials and are given employment placement support. This highly successful program has seen job placement rates of 82-95%.

We are proud of our program and those that have benefited by this training. Veterans like Jason Messenger who spent 6 years in the United States Marine Corps as a Multichannel Equipment Operator, but found himself unprepared for the job market when his enlistment period ended. Jason learned to capture, edit, enhance, and publish videos, as well as strategies for communicating effectively through the medium of video. This led him to a number of internship opportunities to expand his experience. A high priority of our program is workforce entry support. Together with our supportive staff, Jason was able to craft a resume to showcase his experience in a way that employers would find appealing. Today Jason is happily employed in a job that he enjoys and sees as a career.

If you know of a veteran who might be interested in participating in this program, or would like more information, contact Donna Sodipo, Senior Vice President, Education at 860-275-7337 or [dsodipo@cpbn.org](mailto:dsodipo@cpbn.org).

Our Institute of Advanced Media relies on outside donations to sustain our success. In honor of the recent Veterans Day, we are asking you to consider a gift to this worthwhile program. Please return the form at the bottom of this letter with your gift or go online to [www.cpbn.org/veterans](http://www.cpbn.org/veterans).

Join us in our steadfast commitment to support veterans in their transition to civilian life.

Sincerely,

Paul Bucha  
Board Trustee | CPTV | WNPR

**Thank you for your gift to support our Veterans Vocational Training Program!**

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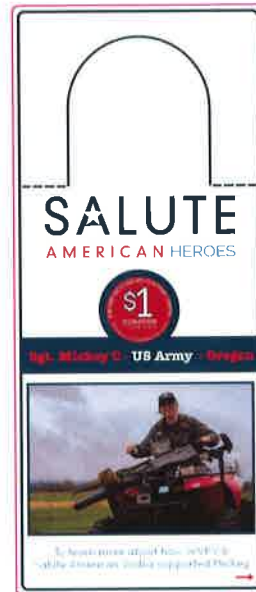
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2016-2017 Membership

75% Target Date December 14, 2016

November 28, 2016

**DISTRICT NO. 1 HARTFORD 34 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
2	Bristol	685	449	65.5%
6	New Britain	70	54	77.1%
8	Hartford	40	23	57.5%
23	Wethersfield	85	63	74.1%
32	Unionville	20	12	60.0%
33	Plainville	90	7	7.8%
36	Windsor Locks	290	222	76.6%
40	East Windsor	41	32	78.0%
53	Farmington	25	16	64.0%
56	Glastonbury	130	98	75.4%
59	Windsor	40	26	65.0%
68	Berlin	232	154	66.4%
72	Southington	575	437	76.0%
77	East Hartford	22	17	77.3%
80	Enfield	285	216	75.8%
84	Simsbury	92	80	87.0%
90	Collinsville	30	21	70.0%
94	Suffield	D 15	0	0.0%
96	West Hartford	380	281	73.9%
102	Manchester	180	129	71.7%
116	Bloomfield	D 15	5	33.3%
117	Newington	115	81	70.4%
122	Burlington	15	5	33.3%
123	Rocky Hill	45	31	68.9%
131	Hartford	D 15	3	20.0%
133	Q South Windsor	150	154	102.7%
142	Hartford	180	119	66.1%
154	Thompsonville	150	117	78.0%
182	Granby	96	25	26.0%
197	Marlborough	150	94	62.7%
199	Plainville	15	7	46.7%
201	Avon	25	11	44.0%
209	Forrestville	65	39	60.0%
1771	Gov. Foot Guard	125	118	94.4%
<b>OTAL</b>		<b>4488</b>	<b>3146</b>	<b>70.1%</b>

**DISTRICT NO. 2 NEW HAVEN 29 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
1	Waterbury	135	107	79.3%
10	Seymour	170	94	55.3%
17	Naugatuck	180	134	74.4%
24	Derby	140	115	82.1%
25	Beacon Falls	63	60	95.2%
34	Milford	60	52	86.7%
45	Meriden	255	156	61.2%
48	Guilford	80	68	85.0%
50	Ansonia	72	48	66.7%
71	West Haven	130	95	73.1%

**District No. 2 New Haven (contd.)**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
73	Wallingford	155	118	76.1%
76	Q North Haven	200	234	117.0%
79	Madison	122	90	73.8%
83	Branford	220	145	65.9%
88	Hamden	200	120	60.0%
89	East Haven	180	133	73.9%
92	Cheshire	65	40	61.5%
127	Orange	123	95	77.2%
132	New Haven	35	20	57.1%
135	Waterbury	30	3	10.0%
147	Southbury	38	35	92.1%
150	Hamden	35	29	82.9%
162	New Haven	D 30	28	93.3%
165	Wolcott	190	133	70.0%
174	Oxford	215	146	67.9%
187	Wallingford	157	144	91.7%
194	Prospect	40	3	7.5%
196	Milford	420	341	81.2%
204	Heritage Village	80	61	76.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3820</b>	<b>2847</b>	<b>74.5%</b>

**DISTRICT NO. 3 FAIRFIELD 25 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
3	Stamford	125	89	71.2%
11	Bridgeport	35	7	20.0%
12	Norwalk	380	269	70.8%
16	Shelton	440	331	75.2%
29	Greenwich	85	68	80.0%
30	Q New Canaan	24	27	112.5%
42	Stratford	68	17	25.0%
60	Danbury	225	181	80.4%
63	Westport	25	10	40.0%
74	Fairfield	175	126	72.0%
78	Ridgefield	140	107	76.4%
86	Wilton	70	57	81.4%
100	Bethel	175	139	79.4%
134	Bridgeport	15	10	66.7%
140	Bridgeport	85	42	49.4%
141	Trumbull	150	113	75.3%
143	Stratfield	150	121	80.7%
160	Easton	35	22	62.9%
176	Monroe	86	65	75.6%
177	Bridgeport	98	97	99.0%
202	Newtown	35	20	57.1%
207	Middlebrook	30	24	80.0%
208	Ridgefield	25	0	0.0%
		30		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2706</b>	<b>1942</b>	<b>71.8%</b>

ONLINE renewals through August are included.\*

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

\*All PUFL's are credited as of this date.



**2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP**

**DISTRICT NO. 4 WINDHAM/TOLLAND 14 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
13	Putnam	115	106	92.2%
14	Rockville	250	195	78.0%
19	Willimantic	245	77	31.4%
21	Danielson	100	72	72.0%
26	Stafford Springs	211	179	84.8%
52	Coventry/Mansfield	107	88	82.2%
62	Ellington	90	66	73.3%
67	N Grosvenordale	180	134	74.4%
91	Moosup	245	181	73.9%
95	Hebron	125	71	56.8%
101	Somers	220	210	95.5%
106	Hampton	16	0	0.0%
111	Woodstock	105	79	75.2%
203	Eastford	20	12	60.0%
<b>OTAL</b>		<b>2029</b>	<b>1470</b>	<b>72.4%</b>

**DISTRICT NO. 5 NEW LONDON 17 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
4	Norwich	200	130	65.0%
9	New London	120	87	72.5%
15	Jewett City	165	117	70.9%
41	Lyme	80	32	40.0%
54	Colchester	140	88	62.9%
58	Stonington	40	26	65.0%
85	Baltic	45	37	82.2%
104	Taftville	90	82	91.1%
112	Montville	240	172	71.7%
114	Groton	60	19	31.7%
115	Noank	50	36	72.0%
128	Niantic	275	203	73.8%
138	Bozrah	35	28	80.0%
152	Pawcatuck	40	22	55.0%
161	Waterford	40	38	95.0%
180	Lebanon	125	98	78.4%
205	Gales Ferry	27	14	51.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1772</b>	<b>1229</b>	<b>69.4%</b>

**Q = Quota Post    A = All-Time High Post**

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>2017</u>
2	3,820	2,847
4	2,029	1,470
3	2,706	1,942
1	4,488	3,146
5	1,772	1,229
7	1,279	855
6	1,657	1,099
	<b>17,751</b>	<b>12,588</b>

HQ Post 200	<u>2,049</u>	<u>1,556</u>
	<b>19,800</b>	<b>14,144</b>

**DISTRICT NO. 6 LITCHFIELD 20 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
20	Terryville	180	129	71.7%
22	Thomaston	160	111	69.4%
27	Litchfield	130	91	70.0%
28	New Hartford	80	52	65.0%
31	New Milford	108	72	66.7%
38	Torrington	140	108	77.1%
43	Winsted	105	42	40.0%
44	Bantam	70	56	80.0%
46	Goshen	70	49	70.0%
49	Canaan	15	7	46.7%
70	Salisbury	15	8	53.3%
87	Washington	55	1	1.8%
126	Sharon	50	29	58.0%
137	Harwinton	45	33	73.3%
146	Bethlehem	65	44	67.7%
153	Kent	44	37	84.1%
155	Woodbury	50	27	54.0%
159	Riverton	39	31	79.5%
173	Morris	25	3	12.0%
195	Oakville	211	169	80.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1657</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>66.3%</b>

**DISTRICT NO. 7 MIDDLESEX 14 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
18	Essex	48	41	85.4%
61	Deep River	67	49	73.1%
64	East Hampton	70	2	2.9%
66	Clinton	100	80	80.0%
69	Portland	46	26	56.5%
75	Middletown	248	171	69.0%
97	Chester	45	33	73.3%
103	Westbrook	70	45	64.3%
105	Cromwell	115	68	59.1%
113	Old Saybrook	165	125	75.8%
156	East Haddam	195	132	67.7%
184	Durham	22	18	81.8%
192	Q Middlefield	28	31	110.7%
206	Middletown	60	34	56.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1279</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>66.8%</b>

<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
<b>74.529%</b>
<b>72.449%</b>
<b>71.766%</b>
<b>70.098%</b>
<b>69.357%</b>
<b>66.849%</b>
<b>66.325%</b>
<b>70.914%</b>

<u>75.939%</u>
<u>71.434%</u>

**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 (2017) MEMBERSHIP**

	2017 CURRENT RENEWALS	@ \$29.50 EACH	\$
	2017 NEW	@ \$29.50 EACH	\$
	TRANSFER-CARD AND DUES ENCLOSED	@ \$29.50 EACH	\$
	2017 ONLINE RENEWALS		

**PREVIOUS YEAR (2016) MEMBERSHIP**

	CURRENT RENEWALS	@ \$29.50 EACH	\$
	NEW	@ \$29.50 EACH	\$

**DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIP**

	201 _ RENEWALS	@ \$29.50 EACH	\$
	201 _ RENEWALS	@ \$29.50 EACH	\$
TOTALS			\$

**ADJUSTMENTS TO REMITTANCE**

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

**POST RECORDS INDICATE THAT: ( For Post use to track membership)**

#	PUFL
#	ONLINE RENEWALS
#	TRANSFERS FROM POST 200
#	PAID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR 2017
#	CURRENT TOTALS

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

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SAL 2016-2017 Membership

**District No. 1 Hartford 13 Squadrons**

SQDN	POST	<u>Previous Year Goal</u>	<u>105% Quota</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>100%</u>
2	Bristol	109	114	45	41.3%
6	New Britain	I 0	0	0	#DIV/0!
33	Plainville	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
40	East Windsor	I 0	0	0	#DIV/0!
68	Berlin	40	42	0	0.0%
72	Southington	185	194	106	57.3%
80	Enfield	31	33	0	0.0%
96	West Hartford	71	75	24	33.8%
102	Manchester	10	11	4	40.0%
197	Marlborough	61	64	1	1.6%
199	Plainville	I 0	0	0	#DIV/0!
209	Forrestville	13	14	13	100.0%
1771	Gov. Foot Guard	10	11	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>530</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>36.4%</b>

**District No. 2 New Haven 11 Squadrons**

SQDN	POST	<u>Previous Year Goal</u>	<u>105% Quota</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>100%</u>
17	Naugatuck	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
24	Derby	10	11	0	0.0%
45	Meriden	45	47	12	26.7%
48	Guilford	10	11	1	10.0%
50	Ansonia	I 0	0	0	#DIV/0!
71	West Haven	10	11	0	0.0%
88	Hamden	31	33	0	0.0%
89	East Haven	I 0	0	0	#DIV/0!
165	Wolcott	10	11	7	70.0%
174	Oxford	39	41	0	0.0%
194	Prospect	I 10	11	0	0.0%
196	Milford	63	66	18	28.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>228</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>16.7%</b>

**District No. 3 Fairfield 6 Squadrons**

SQDN	POST	<u>Previous Year Goal</u>	<u>105% Quota</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>100%</u>
12	Norwalk	50	53	22	44.0%
16	Shelton	126	132	79	62.7%
60	Danbury	10	11	15	150.0%
74	Fairfield	I 0	0	0	#DIV/0!
100	Bethel	25	26	23	92.0%
177	Bridgeport	46	48	44	95.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>257</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>71.2%</b>

**Q = Quota Squadron A = All Time High Squadro I = Inactive Squadron**

**District No. 4 Windham/Tolland 10 Squadrons**

SQDN	POST	<u>Previous Year Goal</u>	<u>105% Quota</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>100%</u>
13	Putnam	10	11	4	40.0%
14	Rockville	13	14	2	15.4%
19	Willimantic	76	80	0	0.0%
21	Danielson	I 0	0	0	#DIV/0!
26	Stafford Springs	43	45	0	0.0%
52	Coventry/Mansfield	11	12	1	9.1%
67	N Grosvenordale	18	19	10	55.6%
91	Moosup	42	44	26	61.9%
95	Hebron	61	64	9	14.8%
101 Q	Somers	15	16	17	113.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>289</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>23.9%</b>

**District No. 5 New London 6 Squadrons**

SQDN	POST	<u>Previous Year Goal</u>	<u>105% Quota</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>100%</u>
9	New London	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
15	Jewett City	19	20	9	47.4%
54	Colchester	11	12	0	0.0%
104	Taftville	22	23	22	100.0%
112	Montville	74	78	15	20.3%
128	Niantic	53	56	16	30.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>179</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>34.6%</b>

**District No. 6 Litchfield 4 Squadrons**

SQDN	POST	<u>Previous Year Goal</u>	<u>105% Quota</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>100%</u>
20	Terryville	55	58	15	27.3%
22	Thomaston	58	61	0	0.0%
43	Winsted	18	19	0	0.0%
195	Oakville	43	45	19	44.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>174</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>19.5%</b>

**District No. 7 Middlesex 5 Squadrons**

SQDN	POST	<u>Previous Year Goal</u>	<u>105% Quota</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>100%</u>
61	Deep River	12	13	0	0.0%
66	Clinton	15	16	2	13.3%
75	Middletown	10	11	10	100.0%
113	Old Saybrook	30	32	11	36.7%
156	East Haddam	63	66	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>130</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17.7%</b>

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>Previous Year Goal</u>	<u>105% Quota</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
3	257	270	183	71.206%
1	530	557	193	36.415%
5	179	188	62	34.637%
4	289	303	69	23.875%
6	174	183	34	19.540%
7	130	137	23	17.692%
2	228	239	38	16.667%
	<b>1,787</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>33.688%</b>

November 28, 2016

**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 (2017) MEMBERSHIP**

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

**PREVIOUS YEAR ( 2016 ) MEMBERSHIP**

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

**DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIP**

	200_ RENEWALS	@ \$10 EACH	\$
	200_ 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 2017
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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

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Name	Phone	Name	Phone	Name	Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Please contact the following individual(s) about volunteering or joining the American Legion Auxiliary:					
Recruiter's Name	Unit/Post #	City	State		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

I am interested in learning more about:

- ☐ Paid Up For Life Membership
- ☐ Volunteering for Veterans
- ☐ Education Activities
- ☐ Youth Activities
- ☐ Scholarships
- ☐ Community Service
- ☐ Auxiliary Emergency Fund
- ☐ Local Unit Activities
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Member Discounts and Services
- ☐ Activities to Support Active-Duty Military and Families
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# THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

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:

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

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](http://www.legion.org).

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Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Received From \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues  
Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

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 and apply for membership.

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 visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

ALA 12/2013

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Received From \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues  
Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Department of \_\_\_\_\_



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

### 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 previously? ☐ 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: [www.ALAforVeterans.org/contact/state\\_headquarters](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/contact/state_headquarters). Dues include a yearly non-refundable allocation of \$3.40 for American Legion Auxiliary magazine. Membership pending approval of application.

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)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)               | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46) | <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)   |
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### Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- |                                      |  |  |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wife          | <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother | <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Great-granddaughter | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_