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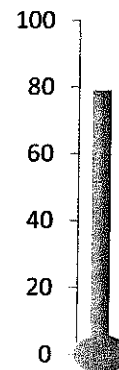
My Fellow Legionnaires,

Even though the weather didn't cooperate with us, the Mid-Winter Conference was a great success. I want to thank everyone who was able to make it, the speakers that braved the weather were exceptional and especially acting Commissioner Joseph Perkins from the Rocky Hill CT VA. He was able to give us a very detailed report about the future of the Rocky Hill facilities and some future projects. This ties in with an agreement with the other VSO's to submit a letter to the General Assembly requesting that they follow through and address the findings that were recently released in the PRI report dated December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We have also requested that each federally chartered VSO be given a seat on the board of trustee's that govern the Rocky Hill campus. Mr. Perkins is asking that the VSO's get involved and give their input and as we all know under the previous leadership this was not the case. I believe that this new leadership is willing to work with the VSO's to ensure our veterans being taken care of and being offered the best treatment possible.

Another bit of good news is that we have officially appointed a new Department Judge Advocate. Please join me in welcoming Brett Connelly to the Department Leadership Team as he fills a much needed void. As you all know the Judge Advocate fills an important role in the Department as he is the one who verifies all contracts, legal documents and other issues before they are signed or acted upon by the Department Executive Committee.

Something to start thinking about is our Department golf tournament on May 20<sup>th</sup> and the reason I am mentioning this now is our National Commander Mike Helm will be attending the event. He will be spending the day with us riding around the golf course talking with our legionnaires, so please spread the word as I would like to double last year's turn-out.

I would like to give a quick update on the Commanders Project. Several Posts, Units and Individuals made donations during the Mid-Winter Conference and thanks to their generosity we have surpassed the \$7,800.00 mark. We are fast approaching my goal of \$10,000.00 and I look forward to surpassing that goal. Again, thank you for all of the donations and for those who haven't made a donation please consider donating to a worthy project within our own state.



Thank You for all that you do and continue to do on a daily basis, your efforts are starting to pay dividends in our membership as we are on track again this year to have a slight increase in our overall membership numbers. We are on track to reach our goal of 22,000 members by the year 2019 and have a realistic chance of exceeding our goal as long as we stay the course by educating our legionnaires and giving you the tools and help when you ask for it. We continue to revitalize our posts throughout the state and are having success utilizing our Membership Task Force in this process, so please keep reaching out to us for help and we will be there to assist you.

*Harry "Butch" Hansen*  
*Department Commander*  
203-206-6343

# MEMBERSHIP

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My Fellow Legionnaires,

It's hard to believe it is already February. We made our 80% Target! Next Target is 85% by February 9, 2015. I would like to congratulate the followings Posts for achieving **100%+ Quota** this past month; **Post 1 Waterbury, Post 48 Guilford, Post 61 Deep River, Post 75 Middletown, Post 114 Groton, Post 161 Waterford and Post 202 Newtown.** A special congratulations to **Post 1771** for achieving **200% Quota**, their goal was 61 and managed to double it, **Great Job!!**

The 4<sup>th</sup> District Revitalization was a great success. 12 of 14 posts of the 4<sup>th</sup> District were represented working their Post 200 lists transferring over 110 of 285 available members to their respective posts. National Vice-Commander Doug Haggan and National Assistant Membership Director Sean Sparks were very impressed by the turnout at the revitalization. Special Thanks to Post 52 Coventry and Manny Rodrigues for the exceptional hospitality!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> District Revitalization is to be held April 23–25, 2015 at Post 34 Milford in the Fowler Building. National Assistant Membership Director Sean Sparks, will be present to assist in the Revitalization. It is imperative there is representation from each Post in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. You can sell what your Post does better than anyone else, as proof shown from the 4<sup>th</sup> District.

I appreciate the hard work from all working their membership. We are well on our way to our Goal of 100% plus. If you need any assistance, the Department Membership Task Force is available to assist, Just Ask.

Save the Dates: May 29 - 30, 2015 to attend The American Legion Family Leadership College at Camp CONNRI in Ashford. The American Legion Extension Institute Classroom Course will be given on Friday night. Look for the flyer in this bulletin.

Remember:

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

*Use the tools provided to get new members into your posts. Especially consider using your Town/City Veterans Tax Exemption list.*

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

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

In Comradeship,

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

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

# ADJUTANT'S Notes

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## Eagle Scout of the Year

The deadline for Eagle Scout Scholarship applications to reach Department HQ is rapidly approaching! Applications for Eagle Scout of the Year are available from Department HQ (or online at <http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/eaglescoutnomform.pdf>). Eligible are those Eagle Scouts who are in a troop sponsored by a Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit or SAL Squadron, OR who have a parent or grandparent who is a member of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary. Deadline to return app to Department HQ is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Department winner receives a \$500 award and their application is forwarded to National to compete for the National Eagle Scout of the Year.

## Department Awards

Awards packages were distributed at the Mid-Winter Conference by Director Rich Olson. The package has been mailed to all Posts that did not pick them up in person. The forms required are 'Word' documents and may be requested via email ([Admin@ctlegion.necoxmail.com](mailto:Admin@ctlegion.necoxmail.com) OR [deptadj@ctlegion.necoxmail.com](mailto:deptadj@ctlegion.necoxmail.com)). Please put some time & effort into applying for many awards. *Make your Awards Committee work!*

## American Legion Baseball

Online Team Registration must take place from January 1 through February 15, but will not be approved for insurance and completion until coaches & managers listed have passed the background check. Background checks are required for everyone directly involved with players. The web site for this is: <https://opportunities.averity.com/ALConnecticut>. Drivers License, Social Security number & credit card (for \$8.00 fee) are needed. Go to: <http://www.baseball.legion.org> or simply go via the Department BB site: <http://www.ctlegionball.com>. There will be a "mandatory" American Legion Baseball Summit for coaches and managers on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM at Post 165, 1253 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott, CT. Teams represented at this Summit will receive a \$100 rebate of their team registration fee!

## The American Legion College

Please find the announcement and registration form included in this Bulletin. We are returning to the comfort of Camp CONNRI, a Salvation Army property in Ashford. The rooms are two person motel quality. Our National Legion College graduates are planning the instruction.

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

## The American Legion Boys State Leadership Program

As announced at the Mid-Winter Conference, we are in the third year of our new improved application process for Boys State. Please find the instruction sheet included in this Bulletin. Copy this sheet and give it to each of your applicants. The new pdf application is available online at both the Department site and the Boys State site. **DO NOT PRINT OUT THE APPLICATION AND HAND IT TO YOUR DELEGATES.** Each delegate should download the application to their computer and complete it before printing it out to obtain all the original signatures required. The program is scheduled for *Saturday, June 20 through Thursday, June 25.* The fee is again \$300.

### Department Potpourri

Another successful Mid-Winter Conference is behind us despite the snow. The induction of our 9<sup>th</sup> class in The Connecticut American Legion Hall of Fame was again a success largely due to the inspiration and preparation of **PDC Frazier Brinley.** Short biographies of the 2015 inductees are in this Bulletin.

Get on the Department email distribution by sending an email request to the Department Adjutant: [DeptAdj@ctlegion.necoxmail.com](mailto:DeptAdj@ctlegion.necoxmail.com)

### 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").* Continued prayers for: PDP Alice Saxton, wife of PDC Boyd. Also, Unit 196 President Lee Murray, wife of PDC Bob. Past Post 104 CDR Lou Lurette recovering at Harrington Court Rehab Ctr in Colchester.

#### **POST EVERLASTING**

##### **Arthur G. St. John**

02/22/1926 – 01/04/2015

Post 44, Bantam, 69 Year Life Member

Department Commander 1960-1961

Past Post 15 Commander

Past 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander

Past & Current Post 44 Commander

CT Legionnaire Hall of Fame 2007

##### **Joseph Myjak**

03/28/1923 – 01/24/2015

Post 162, New Haven, Life Member

Department Sgt-at-Arms 1980-1981

Post 162 Commander

Past Post Adjutant & Finance Officer

CT Legionnaire Hall of Fame 2015

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## Department Calendar

### February 2015 – Americanism Month

- 01 Four Chaplains' Sunday.  
01-07 Religious Emphasis Week.  
08 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 95, Hebron.  
09 **85% Membership Target Date.**  
11 2<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 83, Branford.  
11 1<sup>st</sup> District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 154.  
12 *Lincoln's Birthday State Holiday* - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.  
12 7<sup>th</sup> 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.  
17 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 27, Litchfield.  
18 *Ash Wednesday.*  
18 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 160, Easton.  
19 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM, Post 142, Hartford, Americanism Program.  
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, \$35, 2:00 PM, Maneeley's, South Windsor.  
07 Department Oratorical Contest, 8:15 AM, Goodwin College, East Hartford.  
08 *Daylight Saving Time Begins.*  
08 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Post 180 Lebanon.  
11 1<sup>st</sup> District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 72.  
11 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meet, Post 17, Naugatuck. (PDisC/PDisP)  
12 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:00 PM, Post 75, Middletown, Potluck Past CDR & Pres.  
14 Baseball Managers / Coaches Summit, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Post 165, Wolcott.  
14 1<sup>st</sup> District Testimonial, 6:00 PM, Nuchie's, Forrestville. (\$35 pp)  
15 AL Birthday 15-17, 1919.  
15 ALA Junior Bingo, open at noon, games start 2:00, Unit 165, Wolcott.  
17 *St. Patrick's Day.*  
18 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 207, Middlebrook (Trumbull).  
19 *Start of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" 2003.*  
19 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 161, Waterford (65 Rope Ferry Rd).  
20 *Spring Begins.*  
25 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post TBD.  
25 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 31, New Milford (VFW).  
28 ALA Junior Spring Conference.  
28 4<sup>th</sup> District Bingo Fundraiser, 6:00 PM, Post 26, Stafford Springs.  
29 *Palm Sunday.*

## April 2015 – Children & Youth Month

- 03            *Good Friday Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED*  
04            *First Day of Passover.*  
05-11        *American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Week.*  
05            *Easter.*  
06            *U.S. Entry - WWI, 1917.*  
08            **95% Membership Target Date.**  
08            1<sup>st</sup> District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 68.  
08            2<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 1, Waterbury.  
09            7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM, Post 113, Old Saybrook.  
10            *ALA Birthday, 1919.*  
10-12        78<sup>th</sup> Annual National High School Oratorical Contest, Indianapolis.  
11            *ALA Past President's parley & Eastern Division VP visit, 11:00-2:00, Aldario's.*  
12            4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 67, North Grosvenordale.  
15            3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 60, Danbury.  
16            5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 15, Jewett City.  
18            *Kids Walk. (Multiple locations) – See Bulletin Inserts!*  
19            2<sup>nd</sup> District Testimonial, 2-5:00, Waverly Inn, Cheshire. (\$35).  
22            *Earth Day. – Administrative Professionals Day.*  
22            1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post 36, Windsor Locks.  
23            6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 173, Morris (Sr. Center).  
24            *Arbor Day.*  
26            3<sup>rd</sup> District Testimonial, 1:00-5:00 PM, Roberto's, Monroe. (\$35).

## Future Events - 2015

- May 4-7        *National Spring Meetings, Indianapolis, IN.*  
May 18-21     *National Commander Mike Helm visits Connecticut.*  
May 20        *Department Golf Tournament, Blackledge CC, Hebron.*  
May 29-30     *Department Legion Family College, Camp CONNRI, Ashford.*  
  
Jun 5         *Nathan Hale Day program, Noon, State Capitol, Hartford.*  
Jun 20-25     *74<sup>th</sup> Annual AL Boys State Leadership Program.*  
Jun 27-Jul 2   *ALA Laurel Girls State.*  
  
Jul 4         *Independence Day Celebration, Capitol Hall of Flags, hosted by Legion.*  
Jul 5-11      *16<sup>th</sup> Annual AL State Police Youth Week.*  
Jul 9-11      *97<sup>th</sup> Department Convention, Trumbull Marriott.*  
  
Aug 28-Sep 3    *97<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Baltimore, MD.*

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

## Department Calendar – Post Activities

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- 06 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM, Karaoke with Pete Leone, 60 County St., Norwalk. All welcome. Public invited. 203-866-8249.
- 07 **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
- 09 **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
- 10 **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.
- 11 **Post 141, Trumbull**, 6:30 PM, Every Wednesday Bingo, 1 Veterans Circle, Trumbull. Doors open 5:00 PM. 20 games. Jackpots as high as \$1,600. Info: 203-913-1276.
- 13 **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.
- 13 **Post 52, Coventry**, 6:00 PM, Baked Stuffed Shrimp Dinner, \$17. (Reservations required - 860-742-7197).
- 14 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Valentine's Day Dance with radio personality Lee Moore. No cover. All welcome. Dance & listen to 50's, 60's, 70's. Public invited. Singles welcome. 203-866-8249
- 14 **Post 72, Southington**, 6:30-11:00 PM, ALA 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Love Our Heroes Valentine Dance", Testa's Banquet Facility. \$30 pp includes buffet dinner, dancing. Call Sherri: 860-655-7210.
- 15 **Squadron 12, Norwalk**, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Pancake Breakfast. Public invited. 203-866-8249
- 15 **Unit 45, Meriden**, 3:00 PM, Tastefully Simple Products Fundraiser – sample and purchase various products at American Legion Post #45, 835 Hanover Road South Meriden. Free admission.
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- 21 **Unit 45, Meriden**, 4:45 PM, Bus trip to Foxwoods Casino, \$30 per seat, include food and gambling vouchers leaves 5:00PM sharp from American Legion Post #45, 835 Hanover Road South Meriden. Please purchase your ticket to reserve your seat.
- 22 **Post 180, Lebanon**, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, Mid-Winter Breakfast Buffet with Boy Scout Troop 180. Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, Children 6-12 \$3, with 5 & under free.
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- 13 **Post 52, Coventry**, 6:00 PM, "World Famous Baked Fish Dinner", \$10. 138 Snake Hill Rd (860-742-7197).
- 13-14 **Post 95, Hebron**, from 10:00 AM, Hebron Maple Festival. Fried Dough & French Fries.
- 15 **Unit 45, Meriden**, 3:00 PM, 31 Handbags and more fundraiser – come and look at various bags and totes at American Legion Post #45, 835 Hanover Road South Meriden. Free admission.
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- 28 **Post 45, Meriden**, Save the date to visit with the Easter Bunny (835 Hanover Road South Meriden).





# THE AMERICAN LEGION JANUARY 2015 DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

**Grand Prize Winner:      \$5,000.00**

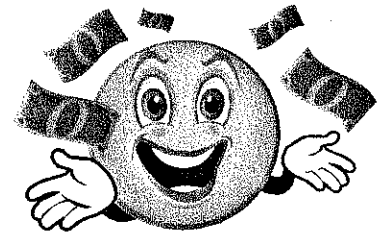
Orville Campbell of Lisbon, CT

**\$ 1,000.00 Winner:**

Martin Flaherty of Waterbury, CT

**\$ 500.00 Winner:**

Manuel Baptista of Milford, CT



**\$ 250.00 Winners**

1. Ronald F. Borge of East Haddam
2. Nino S. Nistri of Glastonbury
3. William P. McMurray of N. Stonington
4. Ron Cimini of North Haven

## **Poppies – February, 2015**

It won't be long before poppy distribution days begin in your towns. Has your Unit or Post set the dates and locations for these days? Many poppy orders have been completed and boxes were picked up at the Mid-Winter Conference last month. At Mid-Winter, there were copies of the following forms available: *Poppy Order for 2015, Poppy Usage Contest* and a *sample Proclamation which can be adapted to your Post or Unit*. **Contact your local public officials and make arrangements to present it in an official ceremony with photographer on hand so that a picture or two can be published in your daily or weekly newspapers.** Don't forget to forward a copy to me with your end-of-year report due in May. More about the report form and due date in future Auxiliares! In the meantime, a sample of the Proclamation is attached.

**Beverly F. Dean Dept. Poppy Chairman**  
e-mail: [beved@snet.net](mailto:beved@snet.net)

### **Sample Poppy Proclamation**

WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers;

WHEREAS, millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle;

WHEREAS, a nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war;

WHEREAS, The red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower;

THEREFORE, I (full name) (title), of the (city, town, country, state) do hereby proclaim this (date)th day of (month), (year), as POPPY DAY and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of (city, town, county, state) this (date)th day of (month), (year).

## 2015 Connecticut American Legion Hall of Fame Inductees

**Eugene Peter Armstrong**, WWI Army Veteran, joined Corporal Coyle Post 1, Waterbury and served as Post, Department, National Vice-Commander, NEC, 40/8 Grand Chef de Gare and served as the Department Treasurer/SS&M Fund Director: 1930-53. His motto was "Still Serving: It's Who We Are."

**THOMAS W. BYERS**, A Navy Veteran of World War I, a charter and honorary life member of Clifford R. French Post 22, Thomaston. He was the Post and 6th District Commander. Post Service Officer and Soldiers, Sailors and Marine Fund Representative in Thomaston for 35 years. He was on the Department Rehabilitation Commission for 23 years and Chairman for 17 years. Jim Bement, a 2010 Hall of Fame inductee, noted "He smoked Big Black Smelly Cigars."

**Adam Thomas Raczkowski** was a WWI Army Veteran and a member of the Lost Battalion. He was a Post Commander of Kiltonic Post 72, Southington. Adam was Foreign Relations Chairman, Post Adjutant, Publicity Chairman, District Delegate, Boys' State Chairman and Counsellor. During the 60's and 70's he ran for just about every Department office. At the time of his death, he had more than 25,000 hours of voluntary service at the Veteran's Hospitals.

**Joseph Myjak** was a WWII Army veteran who took part in the D-Day invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. He was a life time member of Frank J. Stempick Post 162, New Haven. He was an all-time high Post Commander, Military Ball Chairman, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Senior and Junior Vice-Commander. He was the Post, District and Department Sgt-At-Arms for Bill Lucas. He was the person, who talked to the students in the Hamden and doctors at the Yale Medical School. He was an Advocate for veterans and their stories. Joseph Myjak died January 24, 2015.

**ANGELO DELLACAMERA**, Angi was signed by the Yankees to a minor league contract. During Spring training, he played with Phil Rizzuto and Joe DiMaggio. He was a WWII and Korean War Era Vet. He took part in the Allied invasion of Sicily as a Tank Commander with Patton's 43rd Division, 3rd Armored Battalion. He first joined his dad's Post 47. But transferred to the West Haven Legion, Post 71, where he became their baseball coach, twice Post Commander, District Historian, Executive committeeman and honorary life member. He is well known as one of the best Sgt-at-Arms in the State. He has been a Sgt-at-Arms at least once every decade since 1970, this includes Post, District and Department. In 2010, Angi was the Sgt-at-Arms of the year.

**Miguel Escalera** enlisted in the Army during WWII and was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations, the Silver Star for gallantry and two Combat Bronze Stars for heroism. "Still Serving America" has definitely been Miguel's motto. He has served as the Agent for Veterans' Affairs for the Town of Clinton and Fund Representative for the Soldiers Sailors and Marines' Fund continuously for more than 50 years. Miguel is a past post commander, 7th District Commander, Department Executive Committeeman and a long time member of the Dept. Internal Affairs Commission. Miguel Escalera received the American Legion Distinguished Service Citation for his volunteer service as a SS&M Fund Representative, Clinton Chamber of Commerce Award of Distinction for Public Service and Connecticut Public Service Distinguished Citizen Award. Miguel A. Escalera has been a member of Hilliard Jones Cookson Post 66 for the last 58 years. The Legion has been a huge part of Miguel Escalera's life and through that service and commitment, he was inducted into the 2013 Connecticut Veteran's Hall of Fame.

**GILBERT J. SHEFFIELD, Sr.** Gil was a Korean Army Veteran. He joined The American Legion, John Coleman Prince Post 9 in 1954. Gil followed Fred Treat up the chairs. He was Senior Vice & Adjutant when Fred was Commander. Then Gil was Commander and Fred was his Adjutant. Gil was the 5th District Adjutant and Boys State Chairman. And in 1985-86, once again, he followed Fred Treat up the chairs: Junior and Senior Vice in the District. In 1986-88, he was the 5th District Commander. In 1991-92, he served as the Department Eastern Area Vice-Commander with Gus Williams and Rae Fredrickson. He was an excellent father, his daughter: Karen is a Past Department President.

**Steve Fahy** joined the Marines in May, 1966 and Just 6 months later, he was in Vietnam. Sometime after being shot, he made a Med Cruise and had Guard Duty in Argenta, Newfoundland. He joined the American Legion, Niantic Post 128 in 1976, but transferred to Seicheprey Post 2, soon afterward. He became Post Commander, District Commander and Sgt-at-Arms for the Auxiliary's Baltimore National Convention Parade. He was known for "Hippity-Hop-Stop". He was a quota District Commander. And, in 1991, with the help of Area Vice-Commander Gus Williams, he, as Captain, recruited a Department Color Guard that still is active today. Steve has been a good sport over the years. He has been Santa Claus, a white Bunny with a lime green cape and a leprechaun. And, in 1991 and 92, he took part in the foolish follies. He has been an active member for the last 38 years out of 39 years as a post, District and Department Officer.



## THE AMERICAN LEGION *Centennial celebration*

House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Excerpt from address by Congressman ANTONI N. SADLAK, (R, At-Large, Conn.) at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Connecticut Department of The American Legion at Bridgeport, Connecticut, July 17, 1954:

"The cold war against Communism can be as effective as military battles of the past. But a successful cold war requires planning and nerve, loyalty and intense unity of effort.

"Our most effective weapon is our ability to see clearly the real and present danger in communist aggression, and the imperative need for a united American citizenry aligned solidly behind President Eisenhower against the ruthless, godless Soviet system, and against all who would compromise with it.

"In the constant war that is being waged against us by Communism, all of us have a duty to defend our national security, soldiers in civilian clothes as well as those in uniform, to defeat the invisible enemy who is trying to confuse, divide and weaken us. This is one of the major battlegrounds today and perhaps for many years to come. Only by a unified effort can we survive."



# HIRING OUR HEROES®

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

## 2015 Hiring Our Heroes – Hartford, CT

*A Free Hiring Fair for Veterans,  
Transitioning Service Members, and Military Spouses*

**The Lyceum**

**227 Lawrence Street, Hartford, CT 06106**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015**

**EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP: 8:30 A.M.**

**HIRING FAIR: 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

**EMPLOYER LUNCH & LEARN: 1:00 P.M.**

A **Workshop** for job seekers that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 8:30AM.

A **Lunch and Learn** presentation for employers that focuses on best practices for recruiting, hiring, and retaining veterans and military spouses will start at 1:00PM.

### EMPLOYERS

Must register for **FREE** at [HiringOurHeroes.org/events](http://HiringOurHeroes.org/events)

### JOB SEEKERS

Register for **FREE** at [HiringOurHeroes.org/events](http://HiringOurHeroes.org/events)

Thanks to our local partners:

- Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce
- The Connecticut Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)
- The Connecticut Department of Labor
- The U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS)
- The American Legion
- Goodwill Industries International
- NBC News
- And all of our other local partners

For registration questions, please email [hiringourheroes@uschamber.com](mailto:hiringourheroes@uschamber.com) or call 202-463-5807.



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# **THE AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**A SPEECH CONTEST ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**

## **STATE FINALS**

**Cash Scholarships – Winner: \$1500**

**Runner up: \$1000 and Contestants 3-7: \$500**

**State Final's Eligibility: Must be certified the winner of the Post and District Oratorical Contests. All High School or Home School Students (9-12 grades) are welcome to participate in this speech contest on the U. S. Constitution. FYI - Post certification: by Jan. 31, 2015 and District certification: by Feb. 17, 2015.**

**Cash prizes (in lieu of bonds): 1<sup>st</sup> = \$1500, 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$1000, 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> = \$500.**

**Saturday, MARCH 7, 2015; 9:00 AM**

**Doors open at 7:30 AM - Snow date March 8**

**Goodwin College  
One Riverside Drive - East Hartford, CT**

**Contestants, Judges and volunteers must be at the school by 8:15 AM  
A Luncheon will be provided at the contest conclusion.**

**For additional information and requirements, go to [legion.org](http://legion.org) and search:  
oratorical contest. Or contact Mary-Ann Roczynski at [roczynsma@att.net](mailto:roczynsma@att.net)  
or 860-250-9439 (C).**

**Directions on Reverse**

## Directions

### **Goodwin College River Campus - One Riverside Drive - East Hartford, CT**

#### **From points North:**

Take I-91 South,  
Merge onto I-84 East via Exit 30 on left toward CT-2 East  
Merge onto CT-2 East via Exit 55  
Take Exit 5 Willow Street/Riverside Drive and bear right at the bottom of the exit ramp. Continue to end of the road and follow signs for visitor parking

#### **From points South:**

Take I-91 North  
Merge onto US-5N/CT-15N via Exit 29 toward I-84 East.  
Take the US-5 N/Main Street Exit 90, Turn right on Main Street.  
Turn right on Willow Street Extension  
Turn slight left onto Riverside Drive. Continue to end of the road and follow signs for visitor parking

#### **From points West:**

Take I-84 East  
Merge onto CT-2 East via Exit 55  
Take Exit 5 Willow Street/Riverside Drive exit and bear right at the bottom of the exit ramp. Goodwin College River Campus is at the end of the road

#### **From points East (Norwich, Glastonbury):**

Take CT-2 West to Exit 5A Main Street  
Turn slight right onto Main Street  
Turn Left onto Ensign Street. Take left onto Riverside Drive  
Goodwin College River Campus is at the end of the road

#### **From points East (Manchester, Vernon, Tolland):**

Take I-84 West to Exit 55  
Merge onto CT-2 East via Exit 55 (Exit is on left).  
Take Exit 5 Willow Street/Riverside Drive exit and bear right at the bottom of the exit ramp. Goodwin College River Campus is at the end of the road.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT, THE AMERICAN LEGION  
**OFFICIAL STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM**  
**NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
**A SPEECH CONTEST ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ENTRANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND LOCATION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS NOW ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATION**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STUDENT IS REGULARLY ENROLLED IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE AT

\_\_\_\_\_

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

(Principal)

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**SPACE BELOW THIS LINE TO BE USED FOR WINNER ONLY!**

(to be filled out by American Legion officials as indicated)

Certified as Winner of \_\_\_\_\_ place in Post Elimination Contest. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contest Chairman (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ American Legion Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Certified as Winner of \_\_\_\_\_ place in District Elimination Contest. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contest Chairman (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF SPEECH \_\_\_\_\_

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Certified as Winner of \_\_\_\_\_ place in Department Contest. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

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**DISTRICT CHAIRMAN:** Please certify below as to the total number of students in your District who in any way participated in the Oratorical Contest.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN DISTRICT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_





# The American Legion Department of Connecticut Boys' State Leadership Program

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Welcome to The American Legion, Department of Connecticut Boys' State Leadership Program. We are so excited to be offering a new way to apply for this exciting program in 2015. You should access this application at <http://www.ctlegion.org> or <http://ctboysstate.com> and **TYPE** the application prior to printing it. To complete the application, print the **TYPED** application and have it signed with **ORIGINAL** signatures. If you do not have access to a computer or you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 860-436-9986 and we will be happy to assist you.

Below is a checklist that will help you submit your application. The Dates of The Boys' State Leadership Program are Saturday, June 20, 2015 – Thursday, June 25, 2015.

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

Please return your completed application to your Local Post

**POSTS** please return completed applications to:

The American Legion  
Department Headquarters  
Attn: Boys State  
PO Box 208  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

## Checklist

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Application (TYPED) completed and with 4 signatures<br>(Parent, Applicant, School Principal, Post representative) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Medical Waiver Form completed and with 2 Parent Signatures  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Permanent Resident Card if NOT a U.S. Citizen   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Please check potential date conflicts i.e. school end/graduation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Check for \$300.00<br>(provided by sponsoring Post or organization)   |

TESTIMONIAL HONORING

*40/8 GRAND CHEF de GARE*

*DANA MURPHY*

*8/40 CHAPEAU DEPARTEMENTAL*

*JANET YOUNG*

Sunday, March 1, 2015

Maneeley's Banquet Facility

65 Rye Street

South Windsor, CT

Cash Social: 2:00 pm

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Dinner Buffet includes: Chicken Francaise, Eggplant Rolletini, Swedish Meatballs, Pasta,

Medley of Vegetables, Red Bliss Potatoes, Garden Salad, Cake, Coffee, soda, and tea

Reservation Deadline: February 24, 2015

Directions: From I-84 to Exit 61 (I 291) to exit 4 (Rt 5N), turn left, approximately 5 miles turn right onto Sullivan Avenue, turn left on to Rye Street

Traveling I-91 N, take Exit 35a (Manchester), Exit 4 (Rt 5 N) left at end of the exit, approximately 5 miles turn right onto Sullivan Avenue, turn left onto Rye Street

Traveling I-91 S, Take Exit 44 to RT 5S, approximately 5 miles turn left onto to Sullivan Avenue, take first left onto Rye Street

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Make checks payable to: Salon 19 de CT

Mail Check to Sue W. Larsen Reservation Chairman, 350 Deming Street, South Windsor, CT 06074

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations @ \$35 pp for 40/8 8/40 Testimonial

Salon # \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Voiture# \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



*The American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary  
First District  
Testimonial  
Honoring*

*Chuck Woodin*  
*Commander*

*Laura Santino*  
*President*

**Nuchie's Restaurant**  
164 Central ST, Bristol, CT 06010 (Forestville)

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**  
Social: 5-6 PM      Dinner: 6 PM      \$35.00 pp

*Family Style Dinner- assorted choices*

Make checks payable to First District American Legion  
**Deadline for dinner reservations: March 5, 2015**

Dinner reservations to: **First District American Legion**  
Attn: **Chuck Berry**  
110 Castle Rd  
Bristol, CT 06010-5301

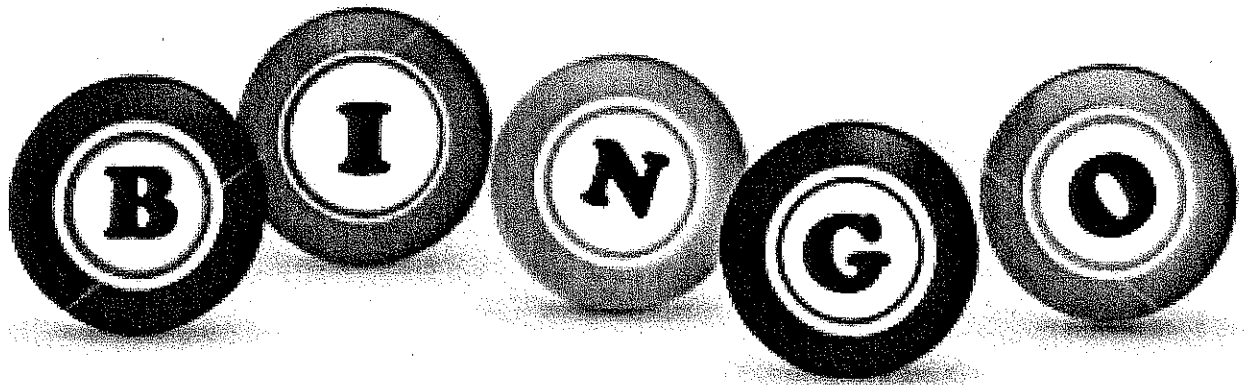
Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron# \_\_\_\_\_



**4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION BINGO**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 26**

**10 MONSON ROAD**

**STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT 06076**

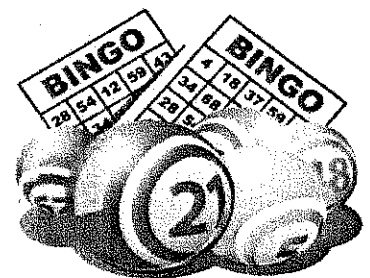
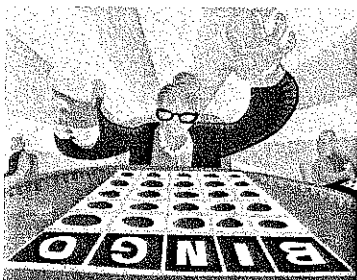
**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015**

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

**WE WILL FOLLOW THE AMERICAN LEGION BINGO FORMAT**

**HOMEMADE FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO**

**PURCHASE**



**CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
SPECIAL BINGO**

**Sunday, March 15, 2015**

**Doors open 12 noon**

**Games begin 2:00 pm**

**Location:** Wolcott 165 Post Home

**Benefit:** American Legion Auxiliary  
Junior Girls Programs

Some of the Programs: Storybook Mission, new books for children of deployed parents  
The Josh dog program, toy dogs for children of deployed parents  
Holiday tray favors for the West Haven V.A. Medical center  
Decorating and filling Christmas stockings for the children of  
Patriot's Landing

*Many raffle prizes will be awarded.*

*Great food will be available for sale.*

*Please join us for a fun day.*

If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation to the Junior Girls Program.

Mail to:

American Legion Auxiliary  
P.O. Box 266  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0266  
Earmarked: Junior Girls Bingo

**AMERICAN AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY LUNCHEON**

**April 11, 2015**  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Buffet \$23.00  
Kid's Meal \$19.50

Aldario's Restaurant  
240 Naugatuck Avenue  
Milford, Connecticut 06460  
203-874-6096

**FIRM DEADLINE: MARCH 27, 2015      NO RESERVATIONS AFTER THIS DATE**

**BUFFET:** Assorted cold salads, Cavalelli pasta & Broccoli, Chicken Francese, Stuffed Filet of Sole, Eggplant Parmigiani, Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, coffee and tea and Ice Cream Sundae.  
**KID'S MEAL:** Chicken Tender and French Fries and Ice Cream Sundae.

**CASH BAR:**

**DIRECTIONS:** I-95 North or Southbound take exit 34 to Route 1  
End of ramp, take right onto Route 1  
Proceed on Route 1 for ½ mile (3 lights)  
At third light, take left onto Naugatuck Avenue.  
Proceed on Naugatuck Avenue for 1 mile (3 lights)  
Aldario's is at the 3<sup>rd</sup> light on right  
Parking area in rear

Make Checks Payable to: American Legion Auxiliary  
Past President's Parley

Mail to: Alcyne Welton  
36 Dewey Avenue  
Milford, CT 06460  
203-804-4213  
alcynewelton@yahoo.com

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets at \$23.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Tickets at \$19.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total # of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# SECOND DISTRICT TESTIMONIAL

HONORING



**TOM FLOWERS**

**ROBIN SEELEY**

WHERE: WAVERLY INN  
286 MAPLE AVE.  
CHESHIRE, CT. 06410

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2015  
CASH BAR: 1:00 PM  
DINNER: 2:00 TO 5:00 PM

PRICE: **\$35.00** PER PERSON

BUFFET STYLE DINNER

MAIL RESERVATIONS TO: KAREN THOMPSON  
1081 NEW HAVEN RD.  
NAUGATUCK, CT. 06770

PLEASE RETURN BOTTOM PORTION

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: ALA 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT

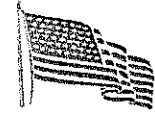
DEADLINE: APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT/POST: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ TABLES OF 10 = \$350.00

DINNER CHAIRMEN: NANCY HANSEN - 203-228-4006  
RON FISCHER - 203-729-2624



3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT TESTIMONIAL 2015  
 HONORING  
 DISTRICT COMMANDER DAVID GALLAGHER  
 And  
 DISTRICT PRESIDENT ALICE SAXTON

You are cordially invited to the 2015 3<sup>rd</sup> District Testimonial honoring our distinguished leaders for the American Legion year 2014-2015. This celebratory event will take place:

Sunday, APRIL 26, 2015 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm

At

Roberto's Restaurante  
 505 Main Street  
 Monroe, CT 06468

There will be a delicious, plentiful buffet and a Cash Bar for your enjoyment.  
 Price: \$35 per person. Let us show our respect and appreciation for these dedicated leaders of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District!

Please make checks payable to: ALA Third District  
**Deadline for Reservations is April 12th**

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Send reservations to: Helen Goewey  
 17 Laurel Lane  
 Prospect Ct 06712 (203-758-4379)

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ @ \$35 pp  
 Unit# \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ PH \_\_\_\_\_





### 4th Annual VJ Day Parade Golf Classic

Sponsored by American Legion Post 91

When: Monday, April 27, 2015

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

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

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

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

Players (please print)

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

***SORRY – NO COOLERS***

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

Mailing address:

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

Point of Contact: Jeff DeClerck: 860-608-8111, email [jadcmd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jadcmd@sbcglobal.net)



## 4th Annual VJ Day Parade Golf Classic

Sponsored by American Legion Post 91

When: Monday, April 27, 2015

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

Tee Sponsor/Dedication: \$75.00

### TEE SPONSOR

Business Name and address (please print)

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

### TEE DEDICATION

Service Member's Name:

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Branch and Dates of Service:

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

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

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



# THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPT. OF CONNECTICUT 2015

## PHILLIP HADDAD MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP FORM



WEDNESDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
BLACKLEDGE COUNTRY CLUB, HEBRON, CT  
**SPONSORSHIP FEE - \$100.00**

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

2015 AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
PHILLIP HADDAD GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSOR FORM

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

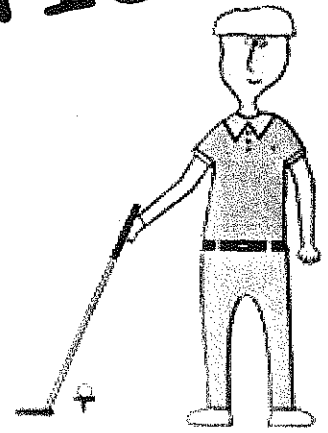
CONTACT PERSON AND TELEPHONE OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

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

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



# THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPT. OF CONNECTICUT 2015 PHILLIP HADDAD MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



WEDNESDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

BLACKLEDGE COUNTRY CLUB, HEBRON, CT

**REGISTRATION - \$100.00**

INCLUDES GREENS FEES, GOLF CART, STEAK DINNER  
SHOTGUN START 10:00 AM - SCRAMBLE FORMAT

*FREE RAFFLE AND PRIZES!*

*SPECIAL GUEST: Come and meet National Commander Mike Helm of Nebraska!!  
- RETURN BOTTOM PORTION -*

PHILLIP HADDAD MEMORIAL AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
2015 GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

**FOURSOME**

**NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

SINGLES ACCEPTED -  
WE WILL PLACE YOU  
IN A FOURSOME

FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED  
GET YOUR ENTRY IN EARLY!

NO ENTRY ACCEPTED  
WITHOUT PAYMENT

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY  
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

**REMIT PAYMENT TO:**

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
864 WETHERSFIELD AVENUE, HARTFORD, CT 06114



# The American Legion Family Department of Connecticut Leadership College 2015



## CAMP CONNRI

28 Happy Hill Lane  
Ashford, CT 06278  
May 29-30, 2015

**(Deadline for Registration: May 18, 2015)**

## *A Time to Learn, a Time to Grow*

**Welcome to the 2015 session of the Department of Connecticut Legion Leadership College!**

As we move forward in the Department of Connecticut and with the changes in the National Organization the challenges before us grow. In order to meet these challenges we believe that it is proper and necessary to provide the best training to the members of our Department. The future of our organization depends on your abilities and skills. Our Legion College will offer a fun experience and provide an opportunity to expand your organizational knowledge. Our highly qualified instructors will enable you to become a more effective leader within our organization. They will teach you how to do things right the first time. You will receive a Certificate and CT Legion College Pin. Feel free to speak with any member of our staff and to ask them questions. We are here to serve you. Join us in this learning experience and enjoy the opportunity to network with your Legion Family!

We will be serving Dinner on Friday night, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday. Housing accommodations are MOTEL quality, two-person rooms. Take this opportunity to meet new friends and share experiences. **Those who stay Friday night will complete the American Legion Extension Institute Classroom Course at no additional cost** (*This course is required to become a Department Officer or attend the National Legion College*).

**This is a wonderful, fun, and energetic weekend, all for \$85  
Or Day Student \$65**

**Friday: Registration 4-9 pm, Dinner 6:00, followed by Welcome & ALEI Course  
Reveille Saturday morning at 7:00 am, breakfast 7:30-8:30 am; classes.**

## **Enjoy- Learn and Mentor the Future**

**Trainers are Connecticut National American Legion College Graduates and other Legion  
Volunteers are expected to speak on a number of important topics.**

*American Legion Family Leadership College  
Department of Connecticut*

*Camp CONNRI  
28 Happy Hill Lane  
Ashford, CT 06278  
May 29-30, 2015*

**REGISTRATION FORM**

*Registration FEE \$85.00 Fri – Sat / \$65 Saturday only  
Please one individual per form only.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/  
Post: \_\_\_\_\_ Dist: \_\_\_\_\_  
/Squad.

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

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

*I Prefer to room with: \_\_\_\_\_ Smoker \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-smoker \_\_\_\_\_*

**REGISTRATION FEE \$85.00**

**Includes 4 meals, Graduation Certificate and Lodging**

**If you can't come for the entire event, you may register for Saturday only for \$65**

**Meals for Day students: Breakfast [ ] Lunch [ ] Dinner [ ] please check the ones you will be eating.**

**Registration fee, via check only, must be submitted with completed form.**

**Make checks payable to: American Legion Family College**

Mail the completed form and check to: **Dan Smith, Asst. Treasurer  
864 Wethersfield Ave  
HARTFORD CT 06114**

**Registration form and fee must be received no later than May 18, 2015.**

**Questions I would like to have answered or subjects covered:**

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

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

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

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

**NAME OF WWII VETERAN AND BRANCH OF SERVICE:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**POST/TOWN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **COLOR GUARD: YES** \_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_

**CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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February 1, 2015

Dear American Legion Leadership and Members,

I am deeply grateful for your dedicated service to our nation and your commitment to our community and serving fellow veterans. I was recently asked by an American Legion member to explain how to acquire a piece of military hardware to display on the front lawn of the post, and I thought the answer might be of interest to other American Legions.

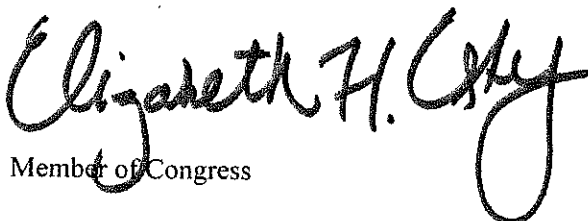
The American Legion is an authorized organization able to acquire obsolete equipment for public display through the U.S. Department of Defense. If the requested equipment is available, the post must assume costs of demilitarization, transportation, and installation. Interested post commanders may make a request to the U.S. Department of Defense directly or with assistance from your Member of Congress. If your post is in the Fifth Congressional District, please call my office at 860-223-8412 or email me at [esty.house.gov/contact](mailto:esty.house.gov/contact), and my staff will be happy to help you.

Please send your surplus equipment requests for display equipment and ceremonial rifles to:

Commander  
U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command  
ATTN: AMSTA-LCL-IWD, M/S: 419D  
6501 East 11 Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48397-5000  
(586) 467-6302/ (586) 467-6296  
[usarmy.detroit.tacom.mbx.ilsc-donations@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.detroit.tacom.mbx.ilsc-donations@mail.mil)

Thank you for your dedicated service to our community, our state, and our country. Your example of selflessness and determination is an inspiration to us all. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office and speak with my Military Affairs and Veteran District Aide, Sherri Vogt, at 860-223-8412.

Sincerely,

  
Member of Congress



**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY  
MEMORIAL EDUCATION GRANT**

**DO NOT DETACH THIS COVER SHEET!**

Dear Guidance Counselor:

Attached is an application for a \$500.00 Education Grant, which is being offered by the American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley. These applications **MUST** be returned to the Unit President listed below.

Unit President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

All applications must be returned to the Unit President along with all requirements as soon as possible in order for her to review them before forwarding them to the chairman. They **must** be in the Unit President's hands no later than **March 1, 2015**.

You may **make as many copies** of this application as needed (all pages). We thank you for helping to distribute these applications to the eligible students. Application may also be found on [www.ct.legion.org](http://www.ct.legion.org) under the Document and Forms section.

Sincerely,

Alcyne Welton  
Alcyne Welton  
Department Past Presidents Parley Chairman

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY EDUCATION GRANT  
INFORMATION FOR UNITS AND APPLICANTS**

A \$500.00 maximum grant will be awarded for the year 2014-2015 by the PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY to assist a child, grandchild or great grandchild of an ex-service WOMAN, who is a member for at least 3 years in The American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Connecticut, or who was a member for three (3) years prior to their death, to secure an education beyond the high school level.

In the event there are not enough applicants from ex-service woman's children, grandchildren or great grandchildren, the scholarship grant will be awarded to the child, grandchild or great grandchild of a member of The American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Connecticut, who has been a member for three (3) years or was a member for the three (3) years prior to their death, or a child, grandchild or great grandchild that is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary/Sons of The American Legion, Department of Connecticut for at least three (3) years.

At least one Grant will be for a Nursing Student.

**RULES:**

1. Applicant must not be over 23 years of age and in an undergraduate program.
2. Applicant must show need of financial assistance. (Please be sure all financial questions on application are properly filled out showing any exceptional needs.)
3. Have a high school education, or its equivalent, and be enrolled or be eligible for entry into a university, college, technical school or a professional school that meets the approval of the committee.

**APPLICATION:**

1. Completed application together with current transcript of marks and three (3) current letters of recommendation, all in one envelope, must be returned to the Unit President (address on cover sheet) by **March 1, 2015**.
2. Secure three **current** letters of recommendation from:
  - A. Applicants guidance counselor, or if applicant attends college – a letter from college adviser.
  - B. Spiritual adviser or Clergyman of the church the applicant attends OR an essay of 250 – 500 words on “What God and Country means to Me”.
  - C. Another adult citizen who is acquainted with the applicant but NOT a relative or connected with The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or the Sons of The American Legion. Employers or directors of volunteer groups with which the applicant works are acceptable, along with teachers or school personnel.

3. Please attach a list of school and community activities.
4. The three members of the Scholarship Grant Committee shall make the final selections.
5. The winners will be announced at the Annual Past Presidents' Parley Spring Meeting.
6. All rules MUST be followed exactly to be eligible:

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Each unit is responsible for the applicant's packet and MUST check to verify that all necessary information has been included.

Unit President or Secretary: Please return this signed completed application postmarked by **MARCH 10, 2015** and received no later than **MARCH 15, 2015** to:

Alcyne Welton  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Parley Education Chairman  
36 Dewey Avenue  
Milford, CT 06460  
203-804-4213  
e-mail: [alcynewelton@yahoo.com](mailto:alcynewelton@yahoo.com)

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
APPLICATION FOR PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY EDUCATION GRANT  
2014-2015**

1. Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of person by which applicant is eligible \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Living ( ) Deceased ( )  
 Is/was the person a member of CT. The American Legion ( ) CT American Legion Auxiliary ( )  
 Number of CT AL Post \_\_\_\_\_ Number of the CT ALA Unit \_\_\_\_\_ # of years of membership \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you qualify for eligibility under an Ex-Service Woman? Yes ( ) No ( )  
 If yes, is she a member of CT The American Legion ( ) CT American Legion Auxiliary ( )?  
 Number of Post or Unit \_\_\_\_\_ of years of membership \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are you a member of the CT American Legion Auxiliary ( ) or CT Sons of The American Legion ( )  
 Number of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ # of years of membership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current membership card number \_\_\_\_\_
5. Number of dependent children in family: Number OVER 18 years \_\_\_\_\_  
 Explain why Dependent \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number UNDER 18 years of age \_\_\_\_\_
6. Occupation of Father/Stepfather \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation of Mother/Stepmother \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation of Husband/Wife \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_
7. Compensation or pension received by parent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and/or children \$ \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you eligible for Survivors and Dependents Education Benefits? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Date of Graduation from High School \_\_\_\_\_

- 10. College, University or Technical School applicant will attend is \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Degree and career field applicant plans to pursue \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Approximate expenses of schooling for the coming year \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Approximate earnings of the applicant during the year Jan. 2014 through Dec. 2014.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. **SIGNATURE** of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check application carefully. Be sure all requirements listed on attached sheet are completed and it is properly signed. Return to Unit President listed on cover letter by **March 1, 2015**.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY UNIT PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY:**

I have checked this application along with the transcript of marks and 3 letters of recommendation or 2 letters of recommendation and an essay, list of activities and find the information to be complete and correct.

Unit Pres. Or Sec's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

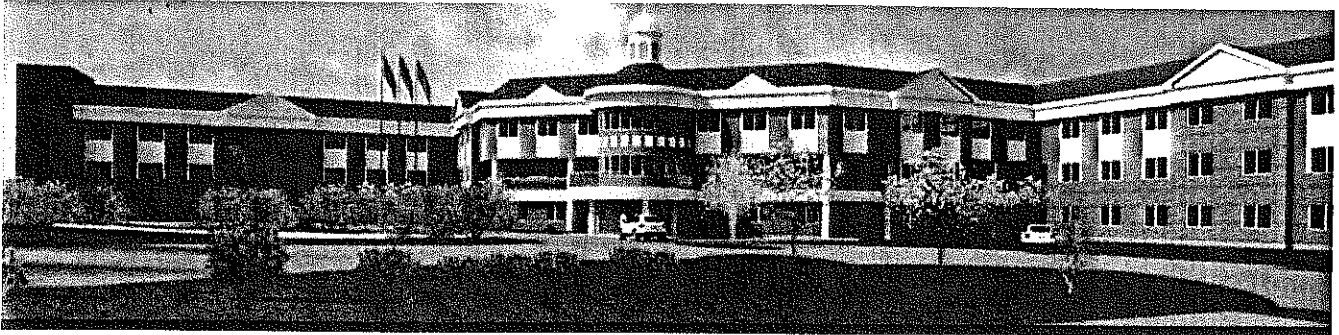
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Unit President or Secretary – return application and attached information sheet together with transcript of marks and letters of recommendation ALL in the same envelope postmarked no later than **MARCH 10, 2015** to be received no later than **MARCH 15, 2015** to:

Parley Education Chairman:  
Alcyne Welton, 36 Dewey Avenue, Milford, CT 06460

# 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](mailto:stevepintarich@cox.net)  
OR Rich Linnon: 860-874-1664 [Richard.Linnon@va.gov](mailto:Richard.Linnon@va.gov)

## 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

1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____
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18	_____	_____	_____
19	_____	_____	_____
20	_____	_____	_____

Recruiters Name

Post Number

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

District Commander (verifying)

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_



# THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Membership ID# Former Member) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

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

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

Signed By Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

American Legion Member ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's American Legion Post Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran Served: (check all that apply)

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

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

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

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

## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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/>

Don't Forget! When Members Visit...

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF CONNECTICUT MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY REPORT												
As of: 01/30/2015												
			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	38		100.00%	81.40%	100.00%	108.57%
13	Putnam	4	7	10	7	10			142.86%	70.00%	142.86%	0.00%
14	Rockville	4	23	21	26	20	13		91.30%	123.81%	76.92%	65.00%
15	Jewett City	5	23	24	20	17	12		104.35%	83.33%	85.00%	70.59%
16	Shelton	3	113	118	116	114	88		104.42%	98.31%	98.28%	77.19%
17	Naugatuck	2	22	21	7	6	9		95.45%	33.33%	85.71%	150.00%
19	Willimantic	4	68	57	58	68	9		83.82%	101.75%	117.24%	13.24%
20	Terryville	6	94	84	67	64	19		89.36%	79.76%	95.52%	29.69%
21	Danielson	4			4	3						0.00%
22	Thomaston	6	63	56	59	59	42		88.89%	105.36%	100.00%	71.19%
24	Derby	2	6	3	3	3			50.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%
26	Stafford Springs	4	48	48	37	18	25		100.00%	77.08%	48.65%	138.89%
27	Litchfield	6	15	9	13	9	12		60.00%	144.44%	69.23%	133.33%
33	Plainville	1	44	35	33	15			79.55%	94.29%	45.45%	0.00%
40	East Windsor	1										
43	Winsted	6	19	18	19	19			94.74%	105.56%	100.00%	0.00%
45	Meriden	2	45	48	46	40	28		106.67%	95.83%	86.96%	70.00%
48	Guilford	2	9	9	9	10	8		100.00%	100.00%	111.11%	80.00%
50	Ansonia	2										
52	Coventry	4	10	12	11	11	9		120.00%	91.67%	100.00%	81.82%
54	Colchester	5	25	24	18	15			96.00%	75.00%	83.33%	0.00%
60	Danbury	3	20	22	26	25	8		110.00%	118.18%	96.15%	32.00%
61	Deep River	7	15	12	12	12	12		80.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
67	N. Grosvenordale	4	23	18	26	21	15		78.26%	144.44%	80.77%	71.43%
68	Berlin	1	49	45	42	38	29		91.84%	93.33%	90.48%	76.32%
71	West Haven	2	15	22	20	10	6		146.67%	90.91%	50.00%	60.00%
72	Southington	1	198	189	176	181	161		95.45%	93.12%	102.84%	88.95%
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	23		100.00%	120.00%	86.11%	74.19%
88	Hamden	2	35	28	29	25	22		80.00%	103.57%	86.21%	88.00%
89	* East Haven	2										
91	Moosup	4	38	44	41	38	42		115.79%	93.18%	92.68%	110.53%
95	Hebron	4	65	60	61	62	64		92.31%	101.67%	101.64%	103.23%
96	West Hartford	1	119	91	97	91	81		76.47%	106.59%	93.81%	89.01%
100	Bethel	3	19	22	23	25	17		115.79%	104.55%	108.70%	68.00%
101	Somers	4					19					
102	Manchester	1	21	20	21	14	9		95.24%	105.00%	66.67%	64.29%
104	Taftville	5	17	13	13	13	17		76.47%	100.00%	100.00%	130.77%
112	Montville	5	90	81	94	93	56		90.00%	116.05%	98.94%	60.22%
113	Old Saybrook	7	58	40	34	37	15		68.97%	85.00%	108.82%	40.54%
128	Niantic	5	82	76	57	49	33		92.68%	75.00%	85.96%	67.35%
142	Hartford	1	11	10					90.91%	0.00%	0.00%	
156	East Haddam	7	64	69	67	68			107.81%	97.10%	101.49%	0.00%
165	Wolcott	2	32	32	28	22			100.00%	87.50%	78.57%	0.00%
174	Oxford	2	55	59	42	45	22		107.27%	71.19%	107.14%	48.89%
177	Bridgeport	3	15	16	16	26	40		106.67%	100.00%	162.50%	153.85%
194	Prospect	2										
195	Oakville	6	14	44	33	38	29		314.29%	75.00%	115.15%	76.32%
196	Milford	2	53	41	50	49	30		77.36%	121.95%	98.00%	61.22%
197	Marlborough	1	91	82	82	74	35		90.11%	100.00%	90.24%	47.30%
199	Plainville	1	16	15	15	15			93.75%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%
1771	Governor's Footguard	1		11	11	9	10			100.00%	81.82%	111.11%
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>1942</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>1773</b>	<b>1200</b>		<b>95.90%</b>	<b>95.78%</b>	<b>95.32%</b>	<b>67.68%</b>

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**DISTRICT NO. 1 HARTFORD 34 POSTS**

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

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>	
2	Bristol	780	661	84.7%	73	Wallingford	181	136	75.1%	
6	New Britain	102	68	66.7%	76	North Haven	169	132	78.1%	
8	Hartford	44	25	56.8%	79	Madison	113	99	87.6%	
23	Wethersfield	92	73	79.3%	83	Branford	271	167	61.6%	
32	Unionville	23	20	87.0%	88	Hamden	235	163	69.4%	
33	Plainville	120	81	67.5%	89	East Haven	223	167	74.9%	
36	Windsor Locks	309	263	85.1%	92	Cheshire	65	50	76.9%	
40	East Windsor	66	40	60.6%	127	Orange	127	107	84.3%	
53	Farmington	25	15	60.0%	132	New Haven	50	28	56.0%	
56	Glastonbury	133	124	93.2%	135	Waterbury	39	20	51.3%	
59	Windsor	51	36	70.6%	147	Southbury	38	27	71.1%	
68	Berlin	231	197	85.3%	150	Hamden	36	34	94.4%	
72	Southington	602	527	87.5%	162	New Haven	D	53	32	60.4%
77	East Hartford	28	21	75.0%	165	Wolcott	230	167	72.6%	
80	Enfield	266	252	94.7%	174	Oxford	243	198	81.5%	
84	Simsbury	105	83	79.0%	187	Wallingford	141	140	99.3%	
90	Collinsville	39	28	71.8%	194	Prospect	45	31	68.9%	
94	Suffield	D	15	2	13.3%	196	Milford	413	371	89.8%
96	West Hartford	436	368	84.4%	204	Heritage Village	95	58	61.1%	
102	Manchester	185	157	84.9%	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4084</b>	<b>3220</b>	<b>78.8%</b>	
116	Bloomfield	D	15	7	46.7%					
117	Newington	121	99	81.8%						
122	Burlington	15	10	66.7%						
123	Rocky Hill	57	42	73.7%						
131	Hartford	D	15	5	33.3%	3	Stamford	127	119	93.7%
133	South Windsor	125	121	96.8%	11	Bridgeport	41	31	75.6%	
142	Hartford	200	156	78.0%	12	Norwalk	430	358	83.3%	
154	Thompsonville	201	144	71.6%	16	Shelton	445	423	95.1%	
182	Granby	95	81	85.3%	29	Greenwich	91	78	85.7%	
197	Marlborough	168	142	84.5%	30	New Canaan	24	17	70.8%	
199	Plainville	34	21	61.8%	42	Stratford	62	55	88.7%	
201	Avon	30	23	76.7%	60	Danbury	310	235	75.8%	
209	Forrestville		11		63	Westport	35	16	45.7%	
1771	Q Gov. Foot Guard	A	61	122	200.0%	74	Fairfield	223	163	73.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4789</b>	<b>4025</b>	<b>84.0%</b>	78	Ridgefield	144	130	90.3%	

**DISTRICT NO. 3 FAIRFIELD 25 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>	
3	Stamford	127	119	93.7%	
11	Bridgeport	41	31	75.6%	
12	Norwalk	430	358	83.3%	
16	Shelton	445	423	95.1%	
29	Greenwich	91	78	85.7%	
30	New Canaan	24	17	70.8%	
42	Stratford	62	55	88.7%	
60	Danbury	310	235	75.8%	
63	Westport	35	16	45.7%	
74	Fairfield	223	163	73.1%	
78	Ridgefield	144	130	90.3%	
86	Wilton	81	61	75.3%	
98	Georgetown	16	8	50.0%	
100	Bethel	204	146	71.6%	
134	Bridgeport	20	13	65.0%	
140	Bridgeport	94	75	79.8%	
141	Trumbull	157	144	91.7%	
143	Stratfield	201	144	71.6%	
160	Easton	35	29	82.9%	
167	Bridgeport	32	28	87.5%	
176	Monroe	80	74	92.5%	
177	Bridgeport	98	79	80.6%	
202	Q Newtown	38	40	105.3%	
207	Q Middlebrook	A	23	31	134.8%
208	Q Ridgefield	A	19	23	121.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3030</b>	<b>2520</b>	<b>83.2%</b>	

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

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
1	Q Waterbury	98	106	108.2%
10	Seymour	197	142	72.1%
17	Naugatuck	181	140	77.3%
24	Derby	151	128	84.8%
25	Q Beacon Falls	56	59	105.4%
34	Milford	68	55	80.9%
45	Meriden	263	214	81.4%
48	Q Guilford	76	77	101.3%
50	Ansonia	81	62	76.5%
71	West Haven	146	110	75.3%

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

\*January online NOT available until after 02/16/2015

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

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
13	Putnam	97	72	74.2%
14	Rockville	279	230	82.4%
19	Willimantic	260	189	72.7%
21	Danielson	115	86	74.8%
26	Stafford Springs	195	183	93.8%
52	Coventry/Mansfield	103	89	86.4%
62	Ellington	95	80	84.2%
67	N Grosvenordale	220	167	75.9%
91	Moosup	237	196	82.7%
95	Hebron	144	80	55.6%
101	Q Somers	97	186	191.8%
106	Hampton	16	9	56.3%
111	Woodstock	139	97	69.8%
203	Eastford	25	19	76.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>1683</b>	<b>83.2%</b>

**DISTRICT NO. 6 LITCHFIELD 20 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
20	Terryville	200	151	75.5%
22	Thomaston	200	151	75.5%
27	Litchfield	145	113	77.9%
28	New Hartford	89	69	77.5%
31	New Milford	105	92	87.6%
38	Torrington	155	124	80.0%
43	Winsted	120	93	77.5%
44	Bantam	85	69	81.2%
46	Goshen	65	63	96.9%
49	Canaan	15	11	73.3%
70	Salisbury	17	14	82.4%
87	Washington	63	57	90.5%
126	Sharon	55	48	87.3%
137	Harwinton	60	44	73.3%
146	Bethlehem	68	58	85.3%
153	Kent	44	39	88.6%
155	Woodbury	64	42	65.6%
159	Riverton	39	32	82.1%
173	Morris	28	13	46.4%
195	Oakville	210	192	91.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1827</b>	<b>1475</b>	<b>80.7%</b>

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

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
4	Norwich	243	186	76.5%
9	New London	153	104	68.0%
15	Jewett City	170	141	82.9%
41	Lyme	83	54	65.1%
54	Colchester	172	126	73.3%
58	Stonington	40	37	92.5%
85	Baltic	50	44	88.0%
104	Taftville	90	86	95.6%
112	Montville	256	225	87.9%
114	Q Groton	52	55	105.8%
115	Noank	55	44	80.0%
128	Niantic	311	240	77.2%
138	Bozrah	42	33	78.6%
152	Pawcatuck	50	38	76.0%
161	Q Waterford	39	41	105.1%
180	Lebanon	118	115	97.5%
205	Gales Ferry	27	22	81.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1951</b>	<b>1591</b>	<b>81.5%</b>

**DISTRICT NO. 7 MIDDLESEX 14 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
18	Essex	58	43	74.1%
61	Q Deep River	65	66	101.5%
64	Q East Hampton	65	67	103.1%
66	Clinton	89	71	79.8%
69	Portland	46	41	89.1%
75	Q Middletown	235	241	102.6%
97	Chester	47	36	76.6%
103	Westbrook	80	67	83.8%
105	Cromwell	129	97	75.2%
113	Old Saybrook	182	160	87.9%
156	East Haddam	189	147	77.8%
184	Durham	30	13	43.3%
192	Q Middlefield	22	23	104.5%
206	Middletown	60	54	90.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1297</b>	<b>1126</b>	<b>86.8%</b>

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	
7	1,297	1,126	86.816%	
1	4,789	4,025	84.047%	
4	2,022	1,683	83.234%	
3	3,030	2,520	83.168%	
5	1,951	1,591	81.548%	
6	1,827	1,475	80.733%	
2	4,084	3,220	78.844%	
	<b>19,000</b>	<b>15,640</b>	<b>82.316%</b>	
1903	CT State Police	15	1	6.667%
	HQ Post 200	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,168</u>	<u>108.400%</u>
		<b>21,015</b>	<b>17,809</b>	<b>84.744%</b>