

# CONNECTICUT LEGIONNAIRE

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My Fellow Legionnaires,

**Team Connecticut** descended on Washington D.C. February 21st – 24th and participated in informative sessions of The American Legion Washington Conference. We visited our elected officials and attended National Commander Dale Barnett's testimony before a joint session of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs. Available on our website [www.ctlegion.org](http://www.ctlegion.org) is a copy of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session Legislative Point Papers. Please take some time to review the American Legion's stance on the eleven items this legislative session. Use this information to speak with your respective Congressman and Senators for them to support America's veterans and pass legislation demanding accountability and improved performance from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Membership:** I'm asking you Post Commanders to reach-out to your members who have yet to renew to do so. Also, reach out to your expired members, they once joined but failed to renew, ask them to rejoin the post. Most importantly ask them why they didn't renew and make note of their comments. Too many join only to not renew, you had them at one-time but you let them go. Let's try to reverse this by taking their comments and adjust on how you conduct business. We have a Membership Task Force (MTF) to help, all you have to do is ask. Contact MTF Chairman Jim LaCoursiere to schedule assistance.

**Department Constitution and By-Laws update.** The Constitution and By-Laws committee has held many meetings since last month's letter. They have made great strides in making the updates that a finished product will be made available soon. Post Commanders and Adjutants, a copy will be provided to your Post for review prior to the July Department Convention. Please make sure it is available to your membership. Your post delegates will have the opportunity to vote in the updated Constitution and By-Laws. Also for the first time, the current version of the Constitution & By-Laws is now available on our website [www.ctlegion.org](http://www.ctlegion.org). It is unbelievable on what can be accomplished by working together as a Team!

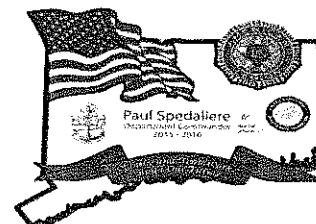
**Legion Family Bowling Tournament:** Sunday March 6, 2016, 2 pm at Bowl-O-Rama Newington. This is an opportunity for our Legion family to get together, have some fun and raise money towards our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. By now you should have already signed up, if you forgot, come out and share in the camaraderie!

**Department Commander's Project:** *My project is to raise funds for the American Legion Centennial. We need to build enthusiasm ramping up to a successful AL Centennial Celebration! I'm asking all posts to do their part and hold a fundraiser where the proceeds or portions of it benefit the Centennial. If you have a fundraiser contact me so we can get the Centennial Committee to attend. Please make checks payable to the American Legion Dept of CT, in the memo AL Centennial. Please send to the American Legion Department Treasurer, 864 Wethersfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06114.*

Please always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

In Comradeship,

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# MEMBERSHIP

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Comrades!

We have been Blessed with a mild winter, so far. We have been able to get around the state pretty good. That means we should have had good "Brand Awareness" moments. But we are up and down with our status in the National membership race. On February 25<sup>th</sup> we were back up to number 18 in the Nation. We have been down as low as 28<sup>th</sup>. We are 4<sup>th</sup> in the Northeast Area, the Lowest this year. This is a little rough.

I know this is due to the 'season'. But also a slowdown in our efforts to call lapsed members, get new members, our holding membership cards and failure to ask for help. Ask a former member if there is something we can do. Come on Comrades, We are better than This... Call the MTF for help and advice. We are here to help you.

**ATTENTION:** District Commander and Senior Vice-Commander "You are on the MTF Committee" automatically. Other members volunteer. Once you are on the committee you are expected to attend meetings. Meetings are held on Saturday mornings to accommodate you. Let's make an effort to attend.

Thanks for meeting the past Target Dates. But a few Posts in each District are carrying the load. Check your posts, find out what is going on with them. Posts that are in good status, 'I Thank You'. Together we are winners.

Don't forget the Awards. We have a few programs going on: oratorical, kids walk, scouts, boys state, state police youth week and funding for the Centennial.

**CONNECTICUT ON THE MOVE! 99 ½% WON'T DO.....Next Target Date March 7<sup>th</sup> = 90%.**

Louie Robinson, SVC  
860-930-5509

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# ADJUTANT'S Notes

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## Post Data Forms

These forms will be mailed with instructions along with a hard copy of the CPR (Consolidated Post Report form) to all posts early in March. **We MUST have the Post Data Forms all back by April 11<sup>th</sup>.** This is critical for correct 2017 renewal notices. *Please do not ignore. Also, please be aware that any prior year dues transmitted to Department must also be at the new \$29.50 rate. You will find a new Transmittal Form in the back of this Bulletin.*

## American Legion Baseball

**REMINDER #1:** American Legion Baseball requires background checks for all general managers, coaches, and anyone who has direct contact with the players and the team. All Background Checks must be completed as soon as possible. Web-link: <https://opportunities.averity.com/ALConnecticut>

**REMINDER #2:** There will be a "mandatory" American Legion Baseball Training Session for coaches and managers on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM at Wolcott Post 165, 1253 Wolcott Rd.

**Teams represented at this Session will receive a \$100 rebate of their team registration fee!**

## The American Legion Family College

Our Department College Committee members are looking forward to this year's College as they hope all of you are. Remember this is a weekend for the Legion family to learn more about our obligations, duties, and programs. This is an informal weekend where you learn but also relax, have fun and get to know each other on a different level. The announcement and registration form for the Department College is included again in this Bulletin. We are returning to the venue of the last three years, which proved very popular with those attending. Instead of National Guard Camp Niantic, we will again be at Camp CONNRI, a Salvation Army property in Ashford. The rooms are two person motel quality, but space is limited so please register early.

## Consolidated Post Reports & Consolidated Squadron Reports

We expect to mail the CPR forms with the Post Data Forms the second week of March. This is the ninth year for the Consolidated Squadron Report and copies should be returned directly to Detachment Adjutant Bob Turner by June 15<sup>th</sup>. **For the 8<sup>th</sup> year:** If you prefer, you may download or request via email a fillable PDF version of the CPR, which you then may save on your computer. Electronic versions must be returned to Department HQ (NOT National) via email (or snail mail). You can also enter your data (directly to National) via [myLegion.org](http://myLegion.org). All CPR Forms must be in Department HQ by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

## Increased Social Security Benefits For Vets

*We have published this information before, but it seems like a good time to repeat it.* Those with active duty between January 1957 and December 31, 2001 may obtain an extra Social Security Benefit. See the web site and notes below to possibly increase your Social Security Benefits. Please share this with anyone who had active duty service between January 1957 and December 31, 2001, and is planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with 1 January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

Soc Sec website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. It is NOT just for military retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 and December 31, 2001. FYI - **this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it!**

## Department Potpourri

Special thanks to **Joseph Kane** (Post 200) of Groton who won \$250 in the Mid-Winter Conference drawing and donated \$200 back to the Department! **Post 141, Trumbull**, is going out of the BINGO business and they have a large supply of sheets for a reasonable price. Contact **George Areson** (203-913-1276). **Post 12, Norwalk**, has a new web site they want you to check out: [www.NorwalkLegionPost12.org](http://www.NorwalkLegionPost12.org). **Post 72, Southington**, is selling paver's for only \$50 that can be inscribed with a personal message to a loved one or dates of service for a veteran in your family. Paver forms are in the American Legion lounge at 64 Main Street in Southington and going fast! These pavers are replacing the sidewalk in front of the post between the road and the front yard of the post. Over 70 sold so far. These will last for generations. Here is a link to the form: <http://kiltonicpost72.org/Forms/PaverOnlineStatic.pdf>

*Please remember to call or send an email to keep Department informed as to the status of our Legion family members.*

### **POST EVERLASTING**

**Harold G. Murray**

Post 196, Milford

45 Year Member

Past Post Commander

Long Time 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chaplain

40&8 Voiture 328 Past Chef de Guerre

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: October 25, 2012  
To: Daniel S. Wheeler  
From: P. B. Onderdonk, Jr.  
Re: Partisan Politics

You requested a review of the limitations on The American Legion becoming involved in partisan political activities. It may not.

This is made crystal clear by 36 US Code §21706 (part of The American Legion Corporate Charter), which states:

**“The corporation shall be nonpolitical and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.”**

This is further emphasized by the provisions of Article II, Section 2 of the National Constitution which provides:

**“The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.”**

The American Legion takes positions on issues and lobbies for veteran's benefits and a strong America. This is clearly permitted. What is not permitted is the endorsement of any candidate or the donation of funds by The American Legion to a candidate. The American Legion takes positions on issues and its members being citizens need to be informed on the issues. Hence, American Legion programs such as candidate nights are fully authorized as long as all candidates are invited on the same terms and conditions. It would be illegal to invite the one you support with advance

notice, but the one you oppose with no notice at all. When Legionnaires wear their pins and hats to political rallies, the media often try to reach the wrong conclusions. This can be very embarrassing to the Legionnaire. Hence, we normally recommend that Legionnaires do not wear their caps to partisan political rallies. There is no rule against doing this so long as the Legionnaire makes it clear there is no endorsement.

Likewise, we recommend that Legion publications not accept paid political ads. However, if they do, the paid political advertisements must be made on the same terms and conditions for all candidates and should be labeled "Paid Political Advertisement" at both the top and bottom.

As noted above, those who violate the partisan political activities prohibition put the Legion charter of their post at risk as well as its tax exempt status.

# The American Legion



For God and Country

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## The wearing of the cap and usage of The American Legion emblem, facilities and political donations

According to Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution of The American Legion, "The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment." The National Charter, approved by Congress, also stipulates The American Legion as an organization is nonpolitical\* which has been interpreted by the National Judge Advocate as "nonpartisan" in modern lingo. Therefore, The American Legion as an organization is prohibited from contributing, helping or endorsing a candidate. However, a member, as a private citizen, and not representing the organization, can employ whatever legal and ethical means to advance his or her candidate.

The Legion cap is considered the official Legion uniform (see **2015 Post Officers Guide, p. 42**). It is not an individual Legion member's decision on the appropriate usage of the cap and emblem. If attending a political event, The American Legion cap, or any clothing with the emblem visible, should be removed so as not to imply endorsement by The American Legion. The problem is the assumption of endorsement by those who see the emblem or name worn at an improper location, such as a partisan rally.

When using post facilities to host candidates, post should remove emblem and Legion flag to avoid any impression of endorsements. Candidates for all parties must be presented equal opportunity at the same time to use the facilities on the same terms and conditions as other competing candidates.

If financial contributions are offered by candidates for political office, campaigns, political action committees or political parties, The American Legion should politely decline. Accepting these contributions may be perfectly legal, but The American Legion must avoid any perception of supporting any candidate or political party.

The American Legion values its independence and effectiveness on veterans' issues. This stance is best maintained by neutrality on individual candidates or political parties. The American Legion by legal definition is non-partisan and supports only issues which impact your Four Pillars..

*\* This means "non-partisan" in today's society. The American Legion is allowed by Congress to lobby for veterans benefits and a strong United States of America. (NJA, October 25, 2012)*

## Department Calendar

### March 2016 – Legion Birthday Month

- 01 Eagle Scout of the Year Applications due at Department HQ.  
05 Department Oratorical Contest, 7:45 AM, Goodwin College, East Hartford  
06 AL Family Bowling Tournament, 2:00 PM, Bowl-O-Rama, Newington.  
07 **90% Membership Target Date.**  
09 1<sup>st</sup> District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 72.  
09 2<sup>nd</sup> District Mtg, 7:00 PM / 8:00 PM mtg, Post 17 Naugatuck. (Past Cdr/Pres)  
10 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:00 PM, Post 75, Middletown, Past CDRs & Pres. dinner.  
12 Baseball Managers / Coaches Summit, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Post 165, Wolcott.  
13 *Daylight Saving Time Begins.*  
13 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 52 Coventry.  
14 AL Department Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 75, Middletown.  
15 AL Birthday 15-17, 1919.  
16 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 207, Middlebrook (Trumbull).  
17 *St. Patrick's Day.*  
17 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 161, Waterford,  
19 *Start of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" 2003.*  
20 *Spring Begins.*  
20 *Palm Sunday.*  
20 SAL Detachment Executive Meeting, Noon, Post 2, Bristol.  
23 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post 142, Hartford.  
24 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM, Post 27, Litchfield.  
25 *Good Friday Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED*  
27 *Easter.*  
30 Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony, 1:00 PM, State Capitol Hall of Flags.

### April 2016 – Children & Youth Month

- 02 40&8 Grande Cheminot, Noon, American Steak House, Meriden.  
02 4<sup>th</sup> District Bingo Fundraiser, 7:00 PM, Post 26, Stafford Springs.  
03-09 American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Week.  
06 *U.S. Entry - WWI, 1917.*  
09 Kids Walk. (Multiple locations) – See Bulletin Inserts!  
10 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 13 (at Putnam VFW).  
11 **95% Membership Target Date.**  
13 1<sup>st</sup> District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 68.  
13 2<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post TBD.  
14 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 156, East Haddam.  
15-17 79<sup>th</sup> Annual National High School Oratorical Contest, Indianapolis.  
20 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 60, Danbury.  
21 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 15, Jewett City.  
22 *Earth Day.*  
23 *First Day of Passover.*  
23 4<sup>th</sup> District Testimonial, 5:00 PM, Post 26, Stafford Springs.  
27 *Administrative Professionals Day.*  
27 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post 36, Windsor Locks  
28 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM, Post 173, Morris.  
29 *Arbor Day.*



## May 2016 – Spring Meetings & Memorial Month

- 01-05 National Spring Meetings, Indianapolis, IN.  
06 Deadline for submission of proposed changes to Department Constitution & Bylaws.  
08 *Happy Mother's Day!*  
08 *V-E Day – 1945.*  
09 **100% Membership Target Date.**  
11 1<sup>st</sup> District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 142.  
11 2<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post TBD.  
12 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 66, Clinton.  
13-14 American Legion Family Leadership College, Camp CONNRI, Ashford.  
13-15 National Commander Homecoming, Pine Mountain, GA.  
15 *Peace Officers' Memorial Day.*  
15 SAL Detachment Executive Committee meeting, Noon, Post 16 Shelton.  
15 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 26, Stafford Springs.  
16 **AL Department Executive Cmte, 6:30 PM dinner, 7:15 meet, Post 180, Lebanon**  
16-18 ALA National President Sharon Conatser to visit Connecticut.  
18 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 141, Trumbull.  
19 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 180, Lebanon.  
20 Armed Forces Day Luncheon, 11:00 social, 12:00 lunch, Aqua Turf, Southington.  
20 DEADLINE for submission of Department Awards Nominations, 4:00 PM.  
20 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM, Post 173, Morris.  
21 *Armed Forces Day.*  
22 *Maritime Day.*  
25 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post 80, Enfield.  
30 *Memorial Day Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED*

## June 2016 – Post & District Elections Month

- 06 DEADLINE for submission of Post & District Histories for judging, 4:00 PM.  
06 Nathan Hale Day Program, Noon, State Capitol, Hartford.  
06 D-Day – 1944.  
08 2<sup>nd</sup> District, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meet, Post TBD. (Elections)  
09 7<sup>th</sup> District Mtg, 7:00 PM, Post 61, Deep River (Winthrop Baptist Church). (Elections)  
12 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting, 1:00 PM, Post TBD (Elections).  
12 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 14, Rockville (Elections).  
14 Flag Day – 7:00 PM EDT, *Pause for the Pledge.*  
15 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 16, Shelton (Elections).  
16 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 128, Niantic (Elections).  
19 *Happy Father's Day!*  
19-24 75<sup>th</sup> Annual AL Boys State Leadership Program, ECSU, Willimantic.  
25 Korean War started – 1950.  
23 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 22, Thomaston (Elections).  
24 DEADLINE for Department Convention room reservations at the Trumbull Marriott.  
26-Jul 1 ALA Laurel Girls State Program, ECSU, Willimantic.

## Future Events – 2016

- Jul 4 Independence Day Celebration, Capitol Hall of Flags, hosted by VFW.  
Jul 6-10 98<sup>th</sup> Department Convention, Trumbull Marriott.  
Jul 24-30 17<sup>th</sup> Annual AL State Police Youth Week.  
Aug 26-Sep 1 98<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Cincinnati, OH.

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

## Department Calendar – Post Activities

### March 2016

- 04 **Post 91, Moosup**, Noon - 7:00 P.M., Lenten fish dinners every Friday. Menu - fish & chips \$8.50, fried clam strip dinner \$7.50, Combo fish and fried clam strips \$8.00, Clam chowder sm. \$2.00, lg. \$3.00, french fries \$2.00. Call ahead and order will be waiting 860-564-8005
- 06 **Post 36, Windsor Locks**, 8:30 – 11:00 AM, Family Breakfast, \$4.00 adult, \$3.00 child under 13, Menu choices are: pancakes or french toast, sausage, orange juice, and coffee.
- 06 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 2:00 - 7:00 P.M., St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Show featuring; Malone & The Lads. Tickets \$20.00 (Adults Only), Menu - Corn Beef & Cabbage, desert & coffee.
- 07 **Unit 12, Norwalk**, 7:00 PM, Bingo at Post 12, 60 County St. Norwalk. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Kitchen open. Smoke free. Public invited. Plenty of free parking. 203-866-8249
- 08 **Post 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 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.
- 11 **Post 91, Moosup**, Noon - 7:00 P.M., Lenten fish dinners every Friday. Menu - fish & chips \$8.50, fried clam strip dinner \$7.50, Combo fish and fried clam strips \$8.00, Clam chowder sm. \$2.00, lg. \$3.00, french fries \$2.00. Call ahead and order will be waiting 860-564-8005
- 11 **Post 52, Coventry**, 6:00 PM, Baked Fish Supper, \$10. K of C, 138 Snake Hill Rd, Coventry. (860-742-7197)
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- 19 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Dance Party. Listen & Dance to the music of Pete Leone. No cover. All welcome. Singles invited. Cash Bar, plenty of free parking. 203-866-8249
- 19 **Unit 72, Southington**, 6:30-11:00 PM, ALA "Love Our Heroes Spring Fling", Testa's Banquet Facility. \$30 pp includes buffet dinner, dancing. Cash Bar, Raffles. Info: Sherri at 860-655-7210 or sherval@cox.net.
- 20 **ALR Chapter 101, Somers**, 4:00 - 7:00 P.M., Spaghetti Dinner at Knights of Columbus Hall, 236 Main St. Tickets \$8.00, children under 5 years \$5.00. For tickets contact Mike @ 860-763-2154
- 20 **SAL Squadron 72, Southington**, 8:00 - 11:00 A.M., Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Menu includes - eggs cooked to order, omelets, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash, home fries, toast, coffee and juice. Donations of \$8.00 per person.

### March 2016 (continued)

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- 24 **Post 91, Moosup**, 7:00 P.M., 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Steak Dinner - \$20 includes all you can eat steak, salad, green beans, baked potato and bread (keg beer included in price). Call ahead 860-564-8005.
- 25 **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.
- 26 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Oldies Night with radio personality Lee Moore. Listen & Dance to your favorite songs from yesteryear. No cover. All welcome. 203-866-8249
- 26 **Post 75, Middletown**, 8:00-10:00 AM, End-of-the-Month Breakfast. 58 Bernie O'Rourke Dr. All are welcome. Bacon, Eggs to order, Sausage, French Toast, Pancakes, Home Fries, Breakfast Sandwiches, Toast, Juice, & Coffee all for \$6.00.
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### April 2016

- 03 **Post 36, Windsor Locks**, 8:30 – 11:00 AM, Family Breakfast, \$4.00 adult, \$3.00 child under 13, Menu choices are: pancakes or french toast, sausage, orange juice, and coffee.
- 16 **Unit 102, Manchester**, 7:00 P.M., Benefit for Homeless Veterans featuring; Frankie Justin Lamprey and Roughstock. British American Club, 73 Maple Street, Manchester, Ct. Donations \$9.00, raffles, fun, prizes and feel free to bring snacks.
- 28 **Post 91, Moosup**, 7:00 P.M., 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Steak Dinner - \$20 includes all you can eat steak, salad, green beans, baked potato and bread (keg beer included in price). Call ahead 860-564-8005.
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### May 2016

- 13 **Post 52, Coventry**, 6:00 PM, Baked Stuffed Shrimp Dinner, \$15. Reservations req'd. K of C, 138 Snake Hill Rd, Coventry. (860-742-7197)
- 22 **South Windsor Legion Baseball Golf Tournament**. Topstone Golf Course, 1:00 shotgun, \$125. Contact Craig Zimmerman, 860-670-5224 or request Registration form from Dept. Adjutant.

### June 2016

- 17 **Post 16, Shelton**, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. Highland Golf Club, 8:00 AM shotgun, \$75, includes Golf Cart, Beer & Steak Dinner. Deadline to register: June 10, 2016.

# 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 2019



## THE AMERICAN LEGION *Centennial celebration*

### 2017 Centennial Calendar

Includes 2 Decembers...and 11 months

- 1) On the 2016 December: Our Dept Leaders - Legion, ALA, ALA-Jr, & SAL
- 2) second December, 2017 will be available.

Expect to have 8 months available for use by posts, with 4 alternates

*Each month will be available for a donation of \$250 on a first come, first served basis. If payment is not received in a timely manner, then the month requested will be put back on the market.*

Post Picture by PDF, JPG or as agreed on, completed by July 1 with sign offs by those in picture. \$250 must be paid on time.

10 Calendars come with the \$250. On the calendar, 2 one line meeting (Mon-Fri) notices and 2-4 days on weekends, again: one line, only.

Example: #102 Mtg 7 pm

Note: what could be possible....2 (two) posts could do this together for one month. Each would have to pay \$125 each. Each would have ½ page & would receive 5 calendars. No smaller division will be allowed.

4 Contests on going: Legion, ALA Juniors, SAL & Auxiliary. Deadline convention. Will use months that are not requested for the contests and/or combine pictures in one or two months, dependent on the picture sizes.

**2017 Calendars:** Every attempt will be made to have the new calendars available by the September, 2016, Department Executive Committee.

Frazier Brinley,

Please note my new E-Mail [fb.pnh05@gmail.com](mailto:fb.pnh05@gmail.com)

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### 1964 Nutmeg Boys State Awards: *(Spelling could be wrong)*

Boys Nation Representatives: Shane Dunn & Bruce Jackson

Arthur J Connell Award: John Pedetak Frances Burke Redick Award: William Brustein

Eliot K Burr Award: Andrew Kellie Richard Spencer Award: ? Totro

J Dean Spencer Award: Al Rogers Yeoman Award: Ronald Milkowski

Benjamin C Bamford Award: Frank Gamache

Frank S Tarbell Award: Joseph Rossi Harry R Bartlett Award: Charles Snow

Farrington Award: Don Agestinucci Phibbs Award: Peter Robinson

Mary Alice Cameron Award: Soloman Hockbaum

# 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 2019

Centennial sub-committee Chair: Debbie Knickerbocker

**Patriotic T – Shirt Contest. Entry fee \$5.00**

Design and make a Patriotic T-shirt. Deadline for Entries: Noon, 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the 2016 American Legion Auxiliary Convention at the Marriott, Trumbull, CT. 1 t-shirt entry per member. The Patriotic T-Shirt Contest's winner, the winning t-shirt will have a picture taken and put in the 2017 Calendar.

*Open to all American Legion Family members.*

**Juniors: Patriotic Picture Contest. Entry fee \$1.00.**

Draw or paint something patriotic. 1 picture per junior member. Deadline: 9 AM at the 2016 Juniors Convention. Winning picture or pictures will have a spot/month in the 2017 American Legion Family Centennial Calendar.

*Open to only to American Legion Auxiliary – Junior Members*

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Centennial SAL Sub-Committee Chair: John Wright

**SAL – Patriotic Photo Contest. Entry fee: \$5.00**

Take a picture of something patriotic without people in the picture. 1 picture per SAL Member. Deadline the opening of the 2016 SAL Convention. Winning entry or entries will have a spot/month of the 2017 American Legion Family Centennial Calendar.

*Open to only SAL members. (Dual Members, too).*

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**CENTENNIAL-PATRIOTIC PHOTO CONTEST. Entry Fee: \$10.**

1 picture per American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary Member. Patriotic Pictures with people in photo will need releases from those people. All entries with \$10 need to be submitted to Frazier Brinley: [fb.pnh05@gmail.com](mailto:fb.pnh05@gmail.com) by June 1, 2016. Checks payable to the American Legion. Memo: Centennial. And mailed to The American Legion, PO Box 208, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

Entry Fees must come with entries. All photos must be printed or submitted electronically to the chairman or as noted. If electronically, fees must be mailed to Frazier Brinley C/O The American Legion, PO Box 208, Rocky Hill, CT 06067



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
*Centennial celebration*

**BOYS' STATE 1963 & 1964**

<u>1963 Counselors</u>	<u>1964**</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>1964 Town/City</u>
Donald H. Potter **		Glastonbury - Director	Chairman
Robert Bellinger **		Berlin	Lincoln
Edward J Kelly, Jr **		Stamford	Director
Charles L Parker **		Dept. Adj/Asst Director	Secretary
Ernest L Pemberton **		East Haven	Staff
Matthew E. Phibbs **		Uncasville	Polk
Benjamin F Bernstein **		Ansonia	Adams
Francis V Byrnes **		Waterbury	Jefferson
Ronald Schaefer		West Haven	
John P Duffy		Bristol	
Louis Jamele **		Naugatuck	Monroe
Raymond McKeon **		Bristol	Asst Director
Henry F Osak		Bridgeport	
Michael Kiley **		Naugatuck	Garfield
Salvatore J Lavorgna **		Stratford	Washington
Edward Daley		Norwich	
Mrs Mary Alice Cameron **		East Haven	Staff
John White		VA Hospital - West Haven	
William W Waters		Norwich	
Harold Zoss		Prospect	
William J Walsh		Waterbury	
William Smith, Jr		Waterville	

1964 Counselors not noted above \*\*

	<u>Town/City assigned</u>
K.P. Phillips	Polk
Adam T Raczkowski	Madison
J Henry Wilkins	Hayes
Rene Benoit	Lincoln

1964 Junior Counselors

Donald S. Budrejesko	Adams	Thomas Rath	Madison
John Carazzi	Monroe	Paul Sessions	Jefferson
Arthur Dery	Adams	Clyde Thompson	Washington
William A Grindel	Garfield	Robert Wilson	Washington
Robert Herbst	Hayes	James M Palmer	Tyler
Thomas Otto	Madison	Philip Anger	Lincoln
William C Myers	Polk	John R Williams, Jr	Staff

How many names do you recognize? Who is from your Post?

Frazier Brinley, Centennial Celebration Chair

Articles from 1964 Boys State Newspaper

THE INDIVIDUAL

“Every single person who dares (to) call himself an individual must have beliefs. He believes in what he judges right. He must believe in himself and in his ideas. The individual believes in something, whether or not it coincides with the beliefs of established institutions is of no consequence. He has his own beliefs, and they are what make him, himself. Man is a subjective creature, so it is impossible to say that one thing holds for all people. That’s the end of subjectivity.

An individual is never afraid to commit himself. In groups, or in discussions, committal is the external act of self-belief. Not to commit oneself is fatal. It is to acknowledge that one has no interest in the practice of living.

The world is full of millions of individuals, and life is the slow process of self-recognition and understanding. To deny either self-belief or committal is to deny the will of oneself to live.”

By Thomas Tessier, 1964 Town of Tyler

Witty Dittys

“While Girls State holds hootenannies on the lawn, the males hold caucus’s with a yawn. Conjunction between the two institutions are lacking in voluminous quality. The French love, “l’amour,” but Boys Staters have no cars to satisfy biological drives. This may be just as well, for drinking cokes after waiting hours in line does something to a man. Remember, “B-Sers,” never drink and park; accidents cause people! I hope that this has satisfied the racy demands of all you people who frequent Tom Jones.”

By Peter Robinson, and the Old Bag of Tricks 1964

## 2016 Connecticut American Legion Hall of Fame Inductees

**Clarence C Scarborough, WWI**, was a graduate of Yale University in 1906. He enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Connecticut Infantry, Machine Gun Company on June 4, 1915. He served during World War I in France and retired in 1922 as a Major. He first joined Rau-Locke Post 8 in Hartford, 1919, then transferred to Hayes-Velhage Post 96, West Hartford in 1920. He was elected Treasurer, Chairman of the S, S & M Fund & Liaison Officer on Sept 9, 1922. He served 1922-30. Then Liaison/Service Officer until January 6, 1961. He was the longest serving officer of the Connecticut American Legion with 39 years. Hugh Graham was second with 31 years. Clarence was an Honorary Past Department Commander. He died July 2, 1972.

**George E. Ducanic, Korea**, served in the US Navy, 1953-57. In 1980, George joined Oscar H. Cowan Post 3 with the urging of Bill Thomson with the idea of jump starting the baseball program and post. George became commander for the first time in 1983-84. When Ray Bernier left, George stepped in as the Service Officer and State Fund Rep. In 1987 and currently, he is the Post Commander, Finance Officer & Service Officer/State Fund Rep. He is a member of the State golf Committee. In 1993, the Stamford American Legion took over the local Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program under the leadership of George E Ducanic. And, in 2011, Stamford was recognized as The National Toys for Tots Campaign of the Year, an ongoing program of Post 3 & George Ducanic for the last 23 years.

**Donald R Groman, Sr., Korea**, served in the US Air Force, 1954-57. Joe Jackson recruited Donnie in 1987. In 1990, he was the Connecticut Recruiter of the Year, recruiting 86 new members. As Post 28 Commander, Donnie helped expand the scope of the town's Veteran's Memorial. Donnie created a Post Color Guard which took part in ceremonies and parades. Donnie Groman is one of 4 Legionnaires, who became Charter members of Steve Fahy's newly formed Department Color Guard in 1991, along with Pete Loux, Jerry Kennedy and Marty Hills. In the 6<sup>th</sup> District, Donnie served as Commander and Department Vice-Commander on three separate occasions: 1994-95, 2001-02 & 2002-03. At Department, he was a Department Executive Committeeman and past Chairman of Internal Affairs.

**Ted C Graziani, Vietnam**, is a retired state Legislator and Ellington, Selectman. He is married to Erin and they have 5 children. Ted Graziani served in the US Army from Aug 22, 1966 - June 6, 1968. Served in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive with the 539th & 610th Transportation Company. Ted joined Ellington Post 62 in 1989. He was the Post's Boys State chairman, Chaplain, 2 term post Senior Vice Commander and Commander. Ted's Legislative Accomplishments for veterans have been exceptionable. Two examples: he established Welcome Home Day for Vietnam Veterans...March 30, annually and enabled military spouse eligibility for unemployment compensation. Ted was our Chairman of VA & R: 2011-12, a member of our Legislative Committee and Soldiers', Sailors' and Marine Fund Commission. Ted is a past Americanism Award recipient and Legislator of the Year.



**Martin David Hills, Vietnam War Veteran.** He served in the US Army, 101st Airborne from the end of 1969 to 1971. Marty worked for the Old Saybrook Town Highway Crew for 41 years. Marty joined Faulk-Marcolini-Newman Post 113, Old Saybrook in 1987. In 1989, he was Senior Vice-Commander and the next year, he was the Post Commander. At the same time, he was elected 7<sup>th</sup> District Junior Vice-Commander. Marty served on the Department Color Guard from its start in 1991 to 2015. He held the following positions over the years: Jr Vice, 3 times as Sr Vice, at least 6 times as Commander and Finance Officer. Post Committees: membership, Children & Youth and SAL. In the 7<sup>th</sup> District, Marty served as commander in 1992-94 and 1998-99. Marty David Hills died September 11, 2015.

**ALVIN L BUTTERS, JR., Vietnam,** is a US Navy Veteran (enlisted & an Officer), serving from 1955 to 1975. Al retired as a Lieutenant Commander. He has been married to Nancy for 57 of years, they have 4 children. In 1976, Al joined Peter Gallan Post 104. He has been the Post Finance Officer for 36 years and on the Bingo committee for 38 years. He served as Post Commander 5 times. In the 5<sup>th</sup> District, he was elected District Commander, 1983-84. Al Butters first was appointed to the Dept. Children and Youth Committee in 1991, participating in the first 3 Family Walkathons, and then appointed to the Boys' State Commission. An appointment that he has never relinquished! As the Post Boys' & Girls' State chairman, he now sends 8 Boys & 8 girls, annually. Al is an Honorary Life Member.

**Fred McCarthy, Vietnam,** served in the U.S. Army in the 23rd Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, GA during Vietnam. He has been married to Kay for 38 years, they have 4 children. Russ Smith signed him up to Hamden Post 88 and as a team they helped revitalize posts: 1, 184 & 192. Fred became Commander, a position he has held many times since 2006. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, he was the District Judge Advocate, Junior Vice-Commander and on the Department Personnel Committee and Soldiers, Sailors and Marine Fund Commission. Fred McCarthy has been a tireless advocate for veterans in Hamden. He helped over 100 veterans get enrolled in the VA system. Fred volunteers at the VA hospital, the VA's Errera Center, the American Legion **Auxiliary** Gift Shop, and helps at the Brooksvale Park garden to provide produce for the community and St. Anne's Soup Kitchen. He joined as he noted "To Be Part of Something Good!" Just 15 years, ago!

**Roger Herbert Anderson, Vietnam,** is a US AIR FORCE Veteran, serving from 1963 - 1973, as a Russian linguist. Roger has been married to Donna for 40 years, they have 3 children. Roger joined the Legion and Post 200 in 1989 after receiving assistance from the S, S & M Fund. Roger transferred to Abe E. Miller Post 133, South Windsor in 2000, when the post completed reorganization. Since those early days, Roger has been primarily the Post Adjutant, except when he was Commander 2002-2003. Roger H Anderson is a Boys State Counselor, a commission member and a member of the Boys & Girls State Foundation. He is the Post & District Oratorical Chairman and was the Department Oratorical Program Co-Director. He volunteers for the Auxiliary's Christmas Shop, the Foolish Follies & Legions Kids Walk. He has been the 1<sup>st</sup> District Junior Vice, Judge Advocate and Department Executive Committeeman. At Department, he has been the Dept. Historian, Sergeant-At-Arms, and assistant Sgt-At-Arms. He has been the co-chair of the Department Legislative Committee. He is the Post, District & Department Representative at the Newington VA. And visits Vets in local nursing homes, a program he initiated at the post. Nationally, Roger is on the Media & Communications Commission.

## IRS Exempt Organization Updates: 990-N (e-Postcard)

The IRS has posted that the host site for the annual filings of the 990-N (e-Postcard) will be changing on **February 29, 2016**.

How does this affect Connecticut American Legion Posts? The overall impact should be minor for those organizations filing for the tax years of 2014 or 2015.

The transition requires the following:

Those Posts of the American Legion that **have already filed** the 990-N online for the current required tax year prior to February 29, 2016 **will not be impacted until the next required filing due date**. However, when your organization is required to file, please note that the site has changed and it will be necessary to establish a new account on the new IRS repository system for filing.

The IRS will formerly take over the 990-N (e-Postcard) system of filing February 29, 2016. The IRS will not be obtaining or retrieving the already established account data of user id(s) and passwords from the Urban Institute.

Connecticut American Legion Posts that **have NOT filed** a 990-N for the current tax year **before February 29, 2016** should note that the host site has changed and the account-user ids and passwords, established through the host site of Urban Institute will no longer work with the new IRS repository system for filing. The IRS requires that the eligible organizations required to file the 990-N (e-Postcard) **will need to establish a new account – user id and password** on or after February 29, 2016.

<https://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Annual-Electronic-Filing-Requirement-for-Small-Exempt-Organizations-Form-990-N-e-Postcard>

### Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations — Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Most small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, *Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990EZ*.

- Form 990-N **must** be completed and filed electronically. **There is no paper form.**
- Form 990-N filers may choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.

**Form 990-N filing due date:** Form 990-N is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year. **You cannot file the e-Postcard until after your tax year ends.**

**Example:** If your tax year ended on December 31, the *e-Postcard* is due **May 15** of the following year. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the next business day. This is the case for most Posts in Connecticut.

If your 990-N is late, the IRS will send a reminder notice to the last address of record.

While there is no penalty assessment for filing Form 990-N late, organizations that fail to file required Forms 990, 990-EZ or 990-N for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax-exempt status. Revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status will happen on the filing due date of the third consecutively-missed year. Watch this IRS YouTube presentation for more information.

## How to file

### To file 990-N on or before February 28, 2016:

The Urban Institute will continue to host Form 990-N at <http://epostcard.form990.org/> until February 28, 2016. If you file your organization's tax-year 2015 990-N on or before February 28, 2016, you won't be required to register for the new Form 990 submission process at IRS.gov until you file your tax-year 2016 Form 990-N in 2017.

### To file 990-N on or after February 29, 2016:

The IRS will begin hosting Form 990-N on February 29, 2016. All form 990-N users (including users previously registered with Urban Institute) who file after February 28, 2016, will be required to register before completing the 990-N.

This is a one-time registration. You won't need to register each year.

In the unlikely event that technical issues delay implementation of the new Form 990-N submission process, systems are in place to prevent organizations from being penalized if their filing due dates occur before the system is in place. To avoid this, please consider filing your 2015 return prior to February 29. *(This information is too late for this option!)*

**Information you will need** Form 990-N is easy to complete. You'll need only eight items of basic information about your organization.

**Who must file** Most small tax-exempt organizations with gross receipts that are normally \$50,000 or less must file the *e-Postcard* (see Who Must File FAQs). Exceptions to this requirement include:

- Organizations that are included in a group return,
- Churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of churches, and
- Organizations required to file a different return

## Search for Form 990-N filings

To search for organizations that have filed Form 990-N and to view their filings, see Exempt Organizations Select Check. You can also download the entire database of Form 990-N filings on that site.

## Additional information

- Frequently Asked Questions - Form 990-N
- Frequently Asked Questions - Automatic Revocation for Not Filing Annual Return or Notice
- Final regulations (August 10, 2009)
- Educational tools - Help spread the word – Help small tax-exempt organizations stay exempt!
- EO Update - Subscribe to the IRS Exempt Organizations email newsletter
- StayExempt.irs.gov - Exempt organizations educational website
- Form 990-N and Form 990-EZ Filing Tips presentation
- Questions about your account or problems with the Form 990-N filing system should be directed to Customer Account Services at 1-877-829-5500. Page Last Reviewed or Updated: 20-Jan-2016  
<https://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Annual-Electronic-Filing-Requirement-for-Small-Exempt-Organizations-Form-990-N-e-Postcard>

# **Legislative Agenda for 114<sup>th</sup> Congress 2<sup>ND</sup> SESSION**



## **STILL SERVING: IT'S WHO WE ARE**

The American Legion is the voice of over 2 million American veterans and servicemembers. As a resolution-based organization, The American Legion's positions represent the views of its members and are based on our four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

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**2016**

**Fully fund a superior national defense and protect troops from sequester cuts:** The global threat to America is great, whether from the Islamic State, North Korea or many other corners of the earth. The American Legion believes national security is upheld by keeping a well-funded Department of Defense, a good quality of life for troops and a sensible separation transition from military service to civilian life. This includes keeping all of our promises to those who enlist to serve, and fighting against those who would sacrifice the benefits of those who serve for short term budget gains. Although the severity of the sequester cuts has been lessened, force reductions continue, and the military remains in a recovery mode after absorbing the dramatic cuts of the previous fiscal year.

**Oppose Diminution of Military Benefits:** The American Legion stands strong against those who would further dilute the promises made in the contract with those who served and still serve in our nation's defense. We strongly oppose any proposed degradations of the promised health care and benefits to retired service members from when they enlisted.

**Ensure Real Accountability within VA:** The American Legion believes in a strong Department of Veterans Affairs; to restore trust and confidence in VA there must be real accountability for employees and management who breach the compact and violate the trust of veterans. There must be consequences for poor performance and actions that hurt veterans and veterans deserve to see justice is swift and serious when those in the VA act against veterans' interests.

**Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Healthcare System for Veterans:** Veterans need to know there will

be a robust system built for them and to care for their needs. The American Legion led the way in calling for reform in the midst of a crisis in patient access to VA health care. Access problems can be solved with a consolidated plan for community care, but The American Legion strongly opposes efforts to privatize care and diminish the VA healthcare system.

**Provide Help for Veterans Struggling with Mental Health and Brain Injury:** The American Legion has dedicated extensive resources to studying the devastating effects of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Service members and veterans suffering through these conditions deserve access to the best care and research, and advances in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM).

**Ensure Transition Programs are Not Adversely Affected by Sequestration:** The devastating cuts to the Defense budgets wrought by sequestration are having unforeseen effects on the ability to help service members transitioning to the civilian world. Transition Assistance Programs (TAP) face budget shortfalls as every defense dollar has to be squeezed to meet readiness goals, all while huge cuts to force strength are putting more service members out on the streets. Congress must act to reverse these cuts and ensure veterans aren't put at a disadvantage as they are forced from the service.

**End Veteran Homelessness:** That even one man or woman who has defended this nation should sleep on the streets at night is a national embarrassment. The American Legion strongly supports continuing the drive to eliminate veterans' homelessness

and calls on Congress to pledge whatever resources are necessary to accomplish this goal. The programs are working, it is essential that we keep funding them in order to not lose ground.

**Support Veterans in Business:** Veterans who own small businesses hire a greater percentage of other veterans and know the value of veteran employees. Veteran owned businesses represent a great tool in the fight against veteran unemployment. The American Legion supports veteran owned small businesses through improving parity for veterans in government contracting and supporting revolutionary applications of the GI Bill to support veteran entrepreneurs in addition to student veterans.

**Improvements to Education Benefits:** As one of the authors of the original GI Bill, The American Legion continues to be focused on sustainability for this important earned benefit, and ensuring that veterans receive the most benefit possible from it.

**Disabled Veterans Tax/Widows Tax:** VA disability compensation should not be offset from military retired pay regardless of the VA rating percentage, nor should VA survivor benefits (DIC) be offset from military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities. The American Legion supports legislation that would completely repeal these unjust offsets NOW.

**American Flag:** The American Legion remains committed to protecting Old Glory, and continues to support legislation that safeguards our nation's flag from physical desecration.



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# RICHARD BLUMENTHAL

UNITED STATES SENATOR *for* CONNECTICUT

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For Immediate Release:  
February 26, 2016

Contact: Elizabeth Benton (CT) - (860)729-3589  
[Elizabeth\\_Benton@blumenthal.senate.gov](mailto:Elizabeth_Benton@blumenthal.senate.gov)

## BLUMENTHAL DEMANDS REFORMS TO EXPEDITE VA APPEALS HEARINGS

*VA Heeds Blumenthal Call and Adds Additional Hearing Date, but More Needed in Connecticut and Nationwide To Ensure Timely Review of Veteran Appeals*

(Hartford, CT) – U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) today joined Connecticut veterans in demanding reforms to expedite Board of Veterans Appeals hearings following a decision that would have left all Connecticut veterans waiting until FY2017 or later for appeals hearings.

Veterans Benefits Administration has 440,000 appeals pending nationwide, with some veterans waiting years for resolution. In one outrageous case, a veteran wanted 25 years for a final decision.

Earlier this year, BVA informed veterans that there would be no hearings through the remainder of fiscal year 2016 for the Hartford Veterans Administration Regional Office. Instead, BVA intended to divert resources to other areas of the country facing even longer wait times. That decision meant that Connecticut veterans who filed appeals in 2014 would have had to wait until at least FY2017 for a decision, and veterans who filed appeals this year could have expected to wait another two years for a decision. After hearing from numerous veterans and advocates outraged by the move, Blumenthal wrote Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald to urge that BVA reverse its decision and provide additional hearing dates for Connecticut veterans.

Heeding Blumenthal's call, BVA has now agreed to add a new videoconference hearing date for Connecticut veterans—a stop gap measure that will provide relief to a limited number of veterans. Blumenthal and veterans today called on BVA to commit to a plan for additional hearings to ensure timely access to justice for Connecticut veterans. Blumenthal also called for broader reforms to appeals hearings to eliminate the backlog in Connecticut and nationwide.

**“Justice delayed is justice denied, and no veteran in Connecticut or nationwide should be forced to wait years for the benefits they earned and deserve. The majority of these cases involve disability benefits—in many cases a lifeline for injured and disabled veterans unable to work. VA must establish new procedures immediately to address the oldest appeals without prejudicing and unduly prolonging newer ones,”** Blumenthal said.

Full text of the letter to Secretary McDonald is below:

Dear Secretary McDonald:

I write to urge your immediate review of the recent changes to the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) scheduling priorities allocating hearing dates to the oldest pending cases nationwide, and thereby systematically shortchanging others.

Apparently, BVA is seeking to clear the oldest cases—some delayed by many years—which is a commendable goal. While I share your desire to address the oldest pending cases, the end result is there are currently no BVA hearings allocated to the Hartford Veterans Administration Regional Office (VARO) for the remainder of fiscal year 2016. This outcome, even if unintended, is simply unacceptable. If no additional hearing dates are provided to process newer cases in Connecticut, BVA will be contributing to another backlog and making our veteran appeals wait unacceptably long for a fair, adequate result.

Already, veteran constituents and their representatives have contacted me expressing frustration that they will not receive a hearing in ten months and also that the number of cases pending ahead of them will not be reduced. In essence, the pending line of appeals will be frozen for at least 10 months while more appeals will undoubtedly be added. Further, veterans who filed appeals in 2014 will receive no hearing until after 2016 and veterans who filed their appeals in 2015 will likely not receive a hearing for another 2 years. While veterans may elect to proceed with an in-person hearing in Washington, D.C., many lack the financial means to do so. BVA provides no monetary assistance for them to do so. As a result, I believe the best solution would be to allocate adequate resources and docket dates for Hartford VARO hearings.

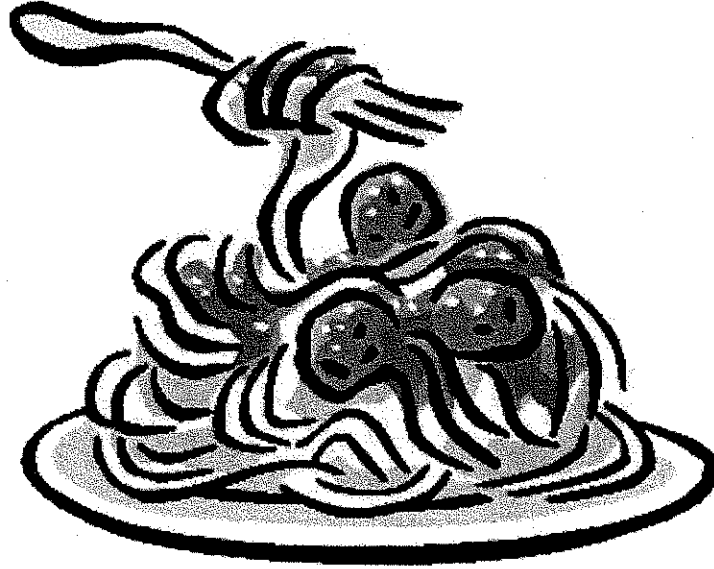
I appreciate BVA's cooperation in addressing my concerns regarding the Hartford VARO, and I hope this cooperation will result in additional hearings for Connecticut veterans. Even with such short term steps, BVA must establish a new procedure to address the oldest appeals without prejudicing and unduly prolonging newer ones. Such exacerbated, egregious delay denies justice to veterans in Connecticut. I urge you to reconsider and revise the recent changes in the hearings process to allocate adequate resources and BVA hearings to the Hartford VARO and other similarly situated VARO's. Please inform my office, as well as veterans and veteran representatives, of any changes in process for requesting additional hearings.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

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Follow Senator Blumenthal online:





**American Legion 5th district  
Spaghetti Dinner**

March 26, 2016 5pm to 7pm

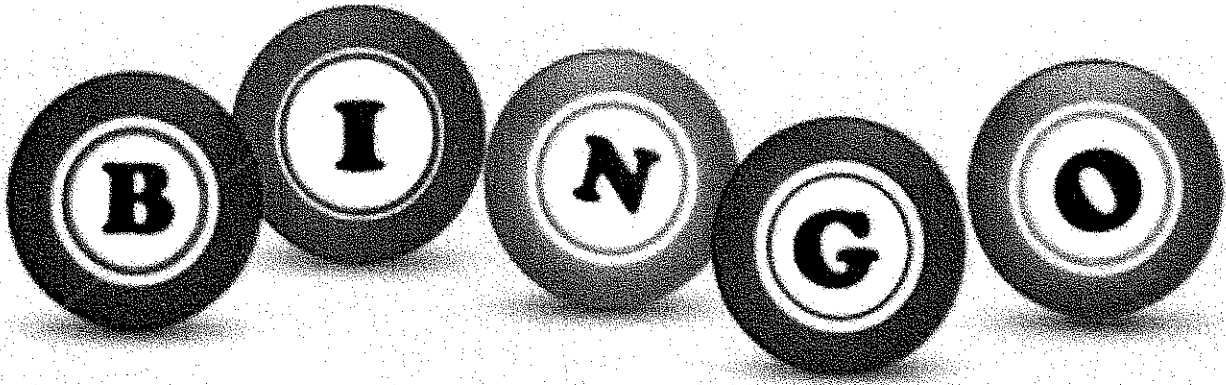
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\$4 for kids

American Legion Post 128

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 26

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STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT 06076

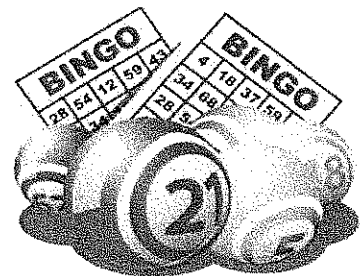
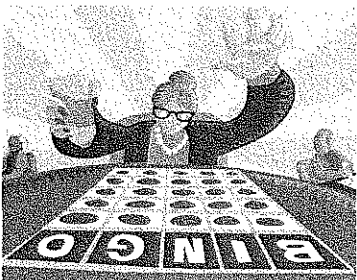
**SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016**

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

WE WILL FOLLOW THE AMERICAN LEGION BINGO FORMAT

HOMEMADE FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO

PURCHASE





## KIDS WALK

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
"KIDS WALK" - Walkathon  
*Starting Over – Year Three*  
APRIL 9, 2016

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**Most Sites register at 9:00 am and start at 10:00 am**

**District #1 & #6 – Bristol - Rockwell Park - Stone House**  
Contact: Robert Coffey (860-966-5610) OR Chuck Woodin (860-930-9645)

**District #2 – West Haven Beach - Board Walk**  
Contact: Wayne & Ruth Morgan (203-387-2305)

**District #3 – Shelton - River Walk Veterans Memorial Park**  
Contact: Mike Kellet (203-673-2745)

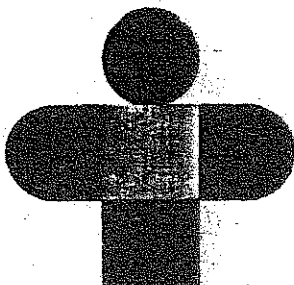
**District #4 – Coventry – Patriots Park**  
Contact: Dennis Dziadowicz (860-684-6468) OR  
Bill Root (860-508-3482)

**District #5 – Uncasville - Fort Shantok State Park**  
Contact: Jim LaCoursiere (860-705-4173)

**District #7 – Old Saybrook – Grace Church, 366 Main Street**  
Registration: 8:30 AM, Walk starts: 9:00 AM  
Contact: Frazier Brinley (860-705-4173)

**Questions? - Please contact Mary Ann Roczynski: 860-250-9439**

# CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK



Connecticut  
Children's  
MEDICAL CENTER



## KIDS WALK

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

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY

## THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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

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

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

### DISCLAIMER

I agree to assume all responsibility for and all risk of damage or injury that may occur to me as a participant in this event. In consideration of being accepted as an entrant, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, assigns and administrators, release and discharge The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and any and all sponsors thereof, any municipal and/or State of Connecticut property or personnel, and all persons associated with the Kids Walk committee from all claims, damages, rights of action, present or future, whether the same to be known, anticipated, resulting from or arising out of, or incident to, my participation in this event. I hereby certify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for this Kids Walk. I also grant permission for use of my name and/or picture in any broadcast, photograph, or other account of this event. I understand that the Kids Walk will be held regardless of weather conditions.

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or legal guardian of minor under 18)

# PLEDGES

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All Pledges Prepaid.

TOTAL

Make checks payable to:

Kids Walk or CT Children's Medical Center ONLY

Minimum of \$25.00 donation to receive a T-Shirt for Walkers only



**Fourth District  
Testimonial Dinner**

Honoring

***John Hurchala***  
District Commander

***Janice Sentivany***  
District President

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

**Strazza – Tonoli - Emhoff Post # 26**

**Stafford Springs, Ct.**

**Cash Bar Social 5:00 PM**

**Tickets: \$25.00 per person**

**Dinner buffet includes: Stuff Chicken breast, oven roast potatoes, gravy, vegetable, Toss Salad, rolls and butter. Desert, coffee and tea.**

**Make check payable to: American Legion. Fourth District & mail to:**

**Manny Rodrigues, 193 Depot Rd. Coventry, Ct. 06238 -3310**

**Phone # 860-742-7197**

**Enclose is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_. Please reserve\_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$25.00 per person for the Fourth District Testimonial on Saturday, April 23, 2016.**

**Unit/Post#\_\_\_\_\_ Name\_\_\_\_\_**

**District#\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_**

**Town / City\_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone\_\_\_\_\_**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS APRIL 17, 2016**



# American Legion Family Department of Connecticut Leadership College 2016

## CAMP CONNRI

28 Happy Hill Lane  
Ashford, CT 06278

**May 13 and 14, 2016**

**(Deadline for Registration: May 6, 2016)**



# *Time to Learn, a Time to Lead and Grow*

**Welcome to the 2016 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 skills and techniques. Our Family College has the best, highly qualified instructors. 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.

We will be serving Dinner on Friday night, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday. Housing accommodations are MOTEL quality, two-person rooms. Take this time to meet new friends and share experiences. Friday night kick-off should be fun and educational at the same time. So make time and plan to attend.

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

**Friday: Registration 4-9 pm, Dinner 7:00, followed by Welcome & Orientation  
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**

*There is a no alcohol Allowed on Premises Policy*

*American Legion Family Leadership College  
Department of Connecticut*

*Camp Connri  
28 Happy Hill Lane  
Ashford, CT 06278  
May 13-14, 2016*

*Remember there is no alcohol Allowed on Premises*

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

**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**

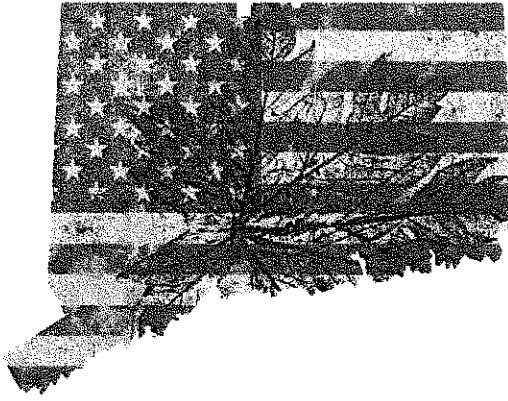
Mail the completed form and check to: **Ian Lilly, Asst. Treasurer**  
**864 Wethersfield Ave**  
**HARTFORD CT 06114**

Registration form and fee must be received no later than May 6, 2016.

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

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# 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 continuing our new way to apply for this exciting program in 2016. You should access this application at <http://www.ctlegion.org> or <http://ctboysstate.com> and **TYPED** 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 Sunday, June 19, 2016 – Friday, June 24, 2016.

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)   |





# **AMERICAN LEGION CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE YOUTH WEEK**



## **2016 ANNOUNCEMENT**

The American Legion Department of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police, announce their joint sponsorship of the 17th Annual State Police Youth Week. The program, a law enforcement practicum for high school students completing their JUNIOR YEAR in 2016 at an accredited high school in the state of Connecticut, will be held at the State Police Training Academy in Meriden, CT, from Sunday, July 24th, to Saturday, July 30th, 2016.

The program offers insight into the training, duties and expectations of Law Enforcement Officers. The program provides realistic experience, patterned after recruit training at the Connecticut State Police Academy, and affords individuals considering a law enforcement career the opportunity to gain knowledge of the professional life of a police officer.

Cadets will participate in a variety of mentally and physically demanding instructional sessions, including patrol techniques, the Connecticut Penal and Motor Vehicle Codes, criminal and accident investigation, firearms safety and training, water safety training, team-building and confidence training, defensive driving techniques, and other law enforcement skill training. Cadets will experience the daily activities of recruit training, including 5:15 reveille, physical conditioning, inspection of quarters, and participation in assigned details.

***COMPLETED APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING PERSONAL STATEMENTS  
AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE \$125.00 FEE,  
MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016.***

***DUE TO STRICT LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS,  
LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.***

For further information contact your Guidance Counselor, School Resource Officer, local Post of the American Legion, or the American Legion Department Treasurer, 864 Wethersfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06114. Telephone 860.296.0719.



# AMERICAN LEGION CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE YOUTH WEEK



## 2016 APPLICATION (REPRODUCIBLE)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Road
City/Town
State
Zip Code

Age \_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed 2016 \_\_\_\_ G.P.A. \_\_\_\_

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size \_\_\_\_ (S, M, L, XL) Pant Size \_\_\_\_\_ (Waist X Inseam) SSN \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ School Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street
City/Town
State
Zip Code

Sponsoring Post (or organization) \_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street
City/Town
State
Zip Code

Sponsor Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

I voluntarily apply to attend the Connecticut American Legion State Police Youth Week at the Connecticut State Police Academy at Meriden, CT, **Sunday, July 24th to Saturday, July 30th, 2016**. I understand that I must have completed Junior Year (11th grade) at an accredited Connecticut high school by the date on which the program begins. I must not have already left or graduated from high school. I understand that the program is physically and mentally challenging, requiring that I be physically fit and in good academic standing. I agree that, if selected, I will provide a Waiver and Indemnification Agreement, Consent to Medical Treatment and a Medical Certification of Fitness.

### SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TOGETHER WITH:

- A ONE-PAGE PERSONAL STATEMENT, handwritten or typed, stating your reasons for applying to participate in the program and what you hope to achieve, **AND**
- A RECOMMENDATION from a Teacher, Guidance Counselor, School Resource Officer, or Resident Trooper.

Submit Application Packet to:  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT**  
 864 WETHERSFIELD AVE., HARTFORD, CT 06114

**COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET  
 AND \$125.00 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE  
 MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016.**

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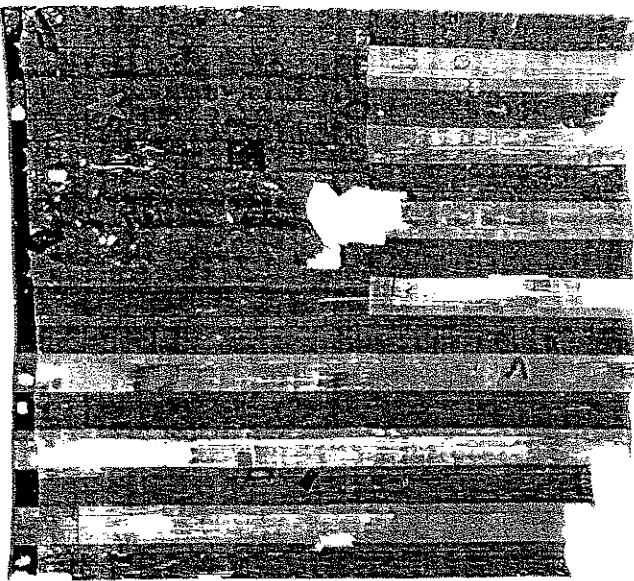
# INDIVISIBLE

## THE STORY OF OUR FLAG



AN AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
CENTENNIAL BOOKAZINE





# INDIVISIBLE

## The Story of Our Flag

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary celebrate a century of service to veterans, military personnel, youth and patriotism with **INDIVISIBLE: The Story of Our Flag.**

This journey through American history, documented in images, voices, lyrics, milestones and meanings pays tribute to the power and poignancy of our nation's colors.

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# ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY!

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OR DISCOUNTED BULK ORDERS

**American Legion Emblem Sales**

[emblem.legion.org](http://emblem.legion.org)

Visit Emblem Sales in the basement at the Sheraton on Saturday, Monday or Tuesday.

(888) 453-4466

Item number: 755.915

### VISIT YOUR LOCAL BOOKSELLER

Beginning Nov. 10, "Indivisible: The Story of Our Flag" will be sold at the following fine retailers:

- Barnes & Noble
- Books A Million
- Book World
- Hastings
- Sam's Club

**Special opportunity during the 2015 Fall Meetings:** You may fill out the order form below and deliver it to the Emblem Sales shop in the basement of the Sheraton on Saturday, Monday or Tuesday OR at the table in the lobby at National Headquarters from Monday-Wednesday.

After Wednesday, you may still pre-order your bookazine online. [emblem.legion.org](http://emblem.legion.org)



### INDIVISIBLE: THE STORY OF OUR FLAG PRE-ORDER FORM

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PHONE		
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### QUANTITY - CREDIT CARD ONLY. No Checks or Cash, please

SINGLE COPIES @ \$9.95 EACH	<input type="text"/>
BULK PRICING (OVER 25 COPIES) @ \$7.95 EACH	<input type="text"/>
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**American Legion Post 91  
66 Prospect Street  
Moosup, CT 06354  
860-564-8005**

**Dear Friend,**

**Godreau McMahon American Legion Post 91 Parade Committee proudly announces that this year's parade is dedicated to not only veterans of our Greatest Generation, but will also recognize veterans of the Korean War, Vietnam War, Lebanon/Grenada, Operation Just Cause – Panama and Persian Gulf/War on Terrorism. This will be the 55th annual VJ Day Parade and it will be held on 14 August 2016.**

**Step off time will be at 1:01PM, rain or shine.**

**All participants must sign in at the registration point, NOT at the American Legion Post.**

**If you plan to participate, please mail the enclosed form to:**

**Sue LaBarre  
VJ Day Parade Committee  
P.O. Box 821  
Danielson, CT 06239**

**Please ensure to include an email address (if available) on the registration form for future notifications.**

**Thank You,**

**Jeff DeClerck  
Parade Chairman**



**American Legion Post 91  
VJ Day Parade Committee  
66 Prospect Street  
Moosup, CT 06354  
860-564-8005**

**Entry Form  
55th Annual VJ Day Parade  
14 August 2016**

**Nature of Entry: (Color Guard, Band, Float, etc.)**

**Sponsoring Organization:**

**Contact Person: (Phone #, Address & email if available)**

**Please submit by 15 July 2016. NOTE: APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS**

**All participants will be at the staging area by 11:30 A.M.**

**NO CANDY MAY BE THROWN FROM FLOATS OR VEHICLES. You may have people hand out candy along the parade route. Thank You.**

**Mail completed application to Sue LaBarre, VJ Day Parade Committee, P.O. Box 821, Danielson, CT 06239 or directly to the Post.**



We support the Seymour Oxford Food Bank

Presents:

**Veterans Appreciation Concert 2016**

**Emil Senger Post 10 American Legion and VFW Post 12084**

**Saturday April 30, 2016 - @ 6:30 PM**

**Seymour Middle School Auditorium, Seymour, CT**



**Program Ad Book Form**

**Contact Person: Tom Gabianelli at [tgabs@att.net](mailto:tgabs@att.net) or (203) 231-2682**

**Ad sold to:**

Name/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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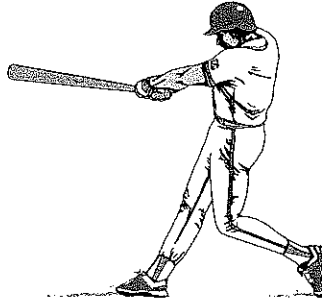
Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to CT Hurricanes Drum & Bugle Corps**

<u>AD Sizes</u>	<u>Price (circle one)</u>
<u>Back Cover</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
<u>Inside Covers</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
<u>Full Page</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Half Page</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>Quarter Page</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>

**Affix AD Artwork, Business Card or desired text:**

**Send checks and artwork to: CT Hurricanes c/o Tom Gabianelli, 69 West Street, Seymour, CT 06483**



## FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT AT TOPSTONE GOLF COURSE

February 23, 2016

To: All Friends of South Windsor American Legion Baseball

From: Craig Zimmerman 670-5224 (craig\_zimmerman@msn.com)

The South Windsor American Legion Baseball Program will be holding its 24th annual fundraiser Golf Tournament on Sunday, May 22nd, at Topstone Golf Course in So. Windsor.

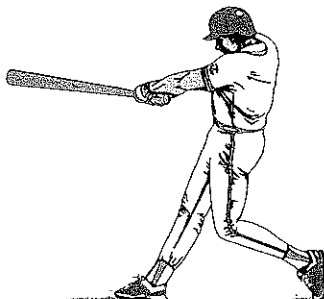
Over the past few years, our teams have experienced great success. For example, last season our 19 & Under Team had one of its best seasons in our 50 or so year history, finishing with the best record in the state during the regular season. This summer, we will again be hosting part of the prestigious 19 & Under State Tournament.

This year's Golf Tournament should be outstanding – for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, Topstone will let us have a Shotgun Start beginning at 1:00PM! We hope that you will agree that the course, prizes, and food are all going to be first rate. The proceeds from our Golf Tournament will be used to help defray the overall costs of our program – for example umpires, equipment, lights charges, and trip/tournament expenses.

We would appreciate your support and participation in what should be a great day of golf. Please review the enclosed tournament information with your family, friends, and co-workers. To reserve a spot for your Foursome, to be a Tournament Sponsor, or to Donate a Prize, please complete and send the enclosed form as soon as possible - with a check if applicable. If you have any questions, please call one of us at any time.

We know that this year's tournament will be great. Hope to see you on Sunday, May 22nd.  
Thanks.





## **24TH ANNUAL SOUTH WINDSOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, MAY 22ND  
**WHERE:** TOPSTONE GOLF COURSE, SOUTH WINDSOR  
**COST:** \$125 PER PERSON  
**TIME:** SHOTGUN TEE TIMES STARTING AT 1:00PM (please arrive by 12:15PM)  
**EVENT:** 4 PERSON CALLOWAY SCRAMBLE – INCLUDES 18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH  
 CART, BOX LUNCH AT CHECK IN, AND A BUFFET DINNER AFTER GOLF  
**PRIZES:** TOP 4 FOURSOMES, CLOSEST TO THE PIN, LONG DRIVE AND A RAFFLE

REGISTRATION TYPE (CIRCLE ONE)      **INDIVIDUAL - \$125**      **FOURSOME - \$500**

NAME	HANDICAP/ AVG. SCORE	ADDRESS	PHONE #
1) _____	_____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____	_____

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

\_\_\_ TEE/GREEN SIGN SPONSOR (\$100)      \_\_\_ CART SPONSOR (\$500)  
 \_\_\_ COCKTAIL PARTY SPONSOR (\$350)      \_\_\_ DINNER SPONSOR (\$1,000)

SPONSOR NAME AND ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

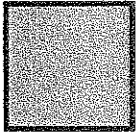
CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SOUTH WINDSOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL  
 RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO: CRAIG ZIMMERMAN  
 5A AMATO DRIVE, SO. WINDSOR, CT 06074 860-670-5224

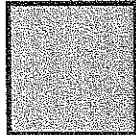


# **THE WALL THAT HEALS**

## **Donation Form**



Monetary Cash Donation



Monetary Check Donation

All donations will be going in support of and must be made out to:

### **The American Legion Post 2 Wall That Heals Support Fund**

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Donor Information**

Donor First and Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donation Solicited By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Return this form and Donation to:

The American Legion Post 2

22 Hooker Court, Bristol, CT 06010

Thank you for Helping American Legion Post 2, a local Non Profit Organization, in sponsoring the Vietnam Wall that Heals Event in June 9<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup> 2016!!!

Please feel free to call Post Commander Russ Trudel with any questions 860-585-1715



**THE WALL  
THAT HEALS**



**THE VIETNAM WALL THAT HEALS**

**SPONSORED BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 2**

**AND THE CITY OF BRISTOL, CT**



**JUNE 9TH TO 12TH 2016**

**VETERANS MEMORIAL BLVD**

**HELP US HONOR AND THANK THOSE THAT SERVED**

**AND REMEMBER THOSE NAMED ON THE WALL**

# 67<sup>th</sup> ARMED FORCES DAY LUNCHEON

## AQUA TURF CLUB

556 Mulberry Street  
SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT

### RESPONSE FORM

Please use this form to reserve individual or group attendance for the Connecticut Armed Forces Day Luncheon to be held on Friday May 20, 2016. **Cost per individual is \$30.00**

**Please make checks payable to "The CT Armed Forces Day Luncheon"**

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

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please List Names on Back of form)**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS/SPECIAL REQUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SEATING IS LIMITED SO PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT  
NO LATER THAN MAY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to:**

**SFC William Blake  
Armed Forces Luncheon Committee  
National Guard Armory  
360 Broad Street  
Hartford, CT 06105-3795**



# BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP



## BECOMING A GREAT MANAGER AND LEADER

Everyone recognizes great managers and leaders when they see them. Chances are they were not born that way; they learned and developed to be great over time.

In our bachelor's degree program for Management and Leadership, you will learn to manage innovation, change, and talent development. We will teach you the science of "soft" skills. Effective communication is the cornerstone of all successful relationships and something all employers are looking for in potential employees. This program has been designed to meet the needs of today's busy students. For added flexibility, students will take hybrid (on-campus and online) 7 1/2 week Management and Leadership core courses.

Learn the skills organizations are seeking, including:

- ▶ Communication across multicultural perspectives
- ▶ Creative and ethical problem solving
- ▶ How to facilitate collaboration, conflict resolution, talent development, and teamwork
- ▶ Psychology of management and leadership
- ▶ Facilitate organizational change

You will become well versed in contemporary organizational theories and practices to make your integration into any organization more effective. These skills will lead to career opportunities in government, corporate, for-profit, and nonprofit entities.

# CURRICULUM

## General Education Requirements - 40 credits

CAP 1XX	Computer Literacy Competency (CL)	3
COM 1XX	Communications Competency (COM)	3
ENG 101	English Composition	3
ENG 1XX	Writing Competency (WR)	3
ENG 325	Advanced Writing for the Business Professional (AW)	3
MATH 1XX	Math Competency (MATH)	3
	Science Competency (SCI)	4
PSY 112	Introduction to Psychology (SS)	3
	Social Science Competency (SS)	3
	Cultural Competency (CU & E/P)	6
	Global Studies Competency (G/US)	3
	Global Studies Competency (G/W)	3

## Programmatic General Education Required - 6 credits

ASD 120	The College Experience OR General Education Elective	3
STAT 167	Principles of Statistics	3

## Major Core Requirements - 36 credits

Freshman Year		
OS 101	Team Dynamics and Individual Skills	3
OS 160	Leadership Theory and Practice in the Organization	3
OS 180	Organizational Supervision and Administrative Roles	3
Sophomore Year		
OS 210	Organizational Communications	3
OS 230	Organizational Ethics	3
OS 250	Understanding Worker Behaviors	3
Junior Year		
OS 315	Organizational Theory	3
OS 320	Cross-cultural Competencies in the Organization (MC)	3
OS 330	Talent Development and Performance Assessment	3
Senior Year		
OS 355	Project Management OR	
OS 425	Facilitating Groups	3
OS 430	Organizational Change	3
OS 450	Capstone: Strategic Planning for Organizations (RE)	3

## Directed Electives - 12 credits

ACC 1XX	Accounting Elective	3
BUS 101	Introduction to Management	3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking	3
PSY 205	Organizational Behavior	3

## General Electives - 27 credits

Electives	27
<b>Total Credits: 121</b>	

To view course descriptions visit:  
[www.goodwin.edu/academics/course\\_descriptions.asp](http://www.goodwin.edu/academics/course_descriptions.asp)

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Students enrolled in the Management and Leadership program who take three or more classes per semester while maintaining a 3.0 GPA are eligible to receive a scholarship worth 40% of their tuition.

## INDUSTRY SETTINGS WHERE YOU CAN WORK WITH THIS DEGREE:

- ▶ Corporate
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Manufacturing
- ▶ Nonprofit
- ▶ State/Federal

## TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Admissions  
 (800) 889-3282  
[www.goodwin.edu/contactus](http://www.goodwin.edu/contactus)

Michael Wolter  
 Program Director, Management and Leadership

# ARNG EDUCATION & INCENTIVES NEWSLETTER



## Announcing Our New ARNG Education TWITTER Page!

The all-new Army National Guard Education Services Twitter Page will contain a myriad of information ranging from education programs and services, to scholarships, testing, and apprenticeships, small business development and other career-related content, as well as updates. To find the page, search Twitter for @arngeducation or visit,

<https://twitter.com/arngeducation>. Follow us and share our tweets today!

**NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATION SERVICES**  
@arngeducation

Welcome to the official Army National Guard Education Services Twitter page! We are the premier education enterprise within the Reserve Components.  
Arlington, VA  
nationalguard.com

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ARNG Soldiers urged to make use of education benefits during Transfer of Education Benefits Awareness Month, nationalguard.mil/News/ArticleVi...

Army Guard Soldiers urged to make use of education benefits during ...  
ARLINGTON, Va. – Army National Guard Soldiers eligible for education benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill have had the option of transferring ...  
nationalguard.mil

<https://twitter.com/arngeducation>

# NATIONAL GUARD



# HR 3016 Passes in the House!

At the time of this writing, The House of Representatives voted on and passed House Resolution (HR) 3016 in February. The bill moves on to the Senate for its approval, and from there to the President for signature. This bill makes several significant changes to education benefits for Service members and their dependents. Below is a summary of the proposed changes in this bill:

### **1. Additional Post-9/11 GI Bill Qualifying Time for Reservists.**

Reservists on orders for medical treatment under Title 10 Section 12301(h), will be able to count that time as qualifying service and may receive increased Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

### **2. MHA Cut For Dependents Using Post-9/11.**

Reduces a child's Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) by 50%; a spouse's MHA does not change.

### **3. Renewed Work Study Program.**

A great job opportunity for Veteran students, will be renewed until 2020.

### **4. Expansion of Yellow Ribbon.**

Spouses and children using the Fry Scholarship will be eligible for the Yellow Ribbon program, which helps defray the cost of tuition at private or foreign schools.

### **5. In-State Tuition Rates.**

All Soldiers, Veterans and dependents using Post-9/11 GI Bill will be charged the in-state tuition rate, regardless of where they live or attend school.

### **6. Flight Training Cap.**

Flight training, which previously had no limit, will have the same annual cap as training at a private or foreign school.

*"Intelligence  
plus character-  
that is the true  
goal of  
education."*

*-Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## **IMPORTANT!**

Service members who transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits BEFORE this bill becomes law will retain the full MHA for their children while those who wait risk receiving reduced benefits.

**BOTTOMLINE:** Protect your child's benefits and transfer your Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits as soon as you become eligible!

**DON'T WAIT - TRANSFER TODAY!**

Go to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>



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[www.facebook.com/arngeducation](http://www.facebook.com/arngeducation)

**For more information on your education benefits:**

-Contact your State Education Services Office

-Go to [www.nationalguard.com](http://www.nationalguard.com)





## REQUEST TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS FROM RENEWAL NOTICE MAILINGS

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

MEMO TO: Department Headquarters of \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Post Adjutant*

The following member(s) should not receive renewal notices through National's Direct Renewal Program. Exclusion will continue until National is notified otherwise by the post/department.

- 1)  Please "X" if member has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership by post  
(See "Notes" below)

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

- 2)  Please "X" if member has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership by post  
(See "Notes" below)

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

- 3)  Please "X" if member has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership by post  
(See "Notes" below)

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTES:

- This form is used to report members who should no longer receive renewal notices due to special or unusual circumstances; their records will be "C-coded" and the annual membership register will reflect a "C" in the Exchange Flag column. (Example: A member who is in a care facility and has requested the notices to be discontinued.) This form is also used to report members who have been awarded an **Honorary Life** membership by their post; an "H" will appear in the "Type" column of the member's record on the annual membership register. This form shouldn't be used for any other purpose.
- **Do not** use this form to report deceased members; please submit a Member Data Form.
- **Do not** request "C-codes" for PUFL members, Honorary Life members or Department Life members since their "Type" codes (P, H and L) automatically exclude them from all renewal notice mailings.
- Once a member's record is coded to be excluded from direct renewal mailings, it will continue to reflect that code until National receives an authorized request to allow renewal notices to resume.



## ***FREE On-Line Access to Post Membership***

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

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

### ***POST SITE***

***Requires Authorization Form available at [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org)***

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

### ***MEMBER SITE (Legion Members only)***

***No authorization required. Members can go to [www.myLegion.org](http://www.myLegion.org) and click on the Member section to register.***

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

*For more information visit [www.myLegion.org](http://www.myLegion.org)  
Call Toll Free: 1-800-433-3318  
E-Mail: [myLegion@legion.org](mailto:myLegion@legion.org)*

**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 (2016) MEMBERSHIP (\$ amount as of 01/01/2016)**

	2016 CURRENT RENEWALS	@ \$29.50 EACH	\$
	2016 NEW	@ \$29.50 EACH	\$
	TRANSFER-CARD AND DUES ENCLOSED	@ \$29.50 EACH	\$

\*\* Please note you no longer need to send online renewals into Dep't H.Q.\*\*  
Give the Member their portion and please discard the rest

**PREVIOUS YEAR ( ) MEMBERSHIP**

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

**DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIP**

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

**ADJUSTMENTS TO REMITTANCE**

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

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

#	PUFL
#	ONLINE RENEWALS
#	TRANSFERS FROM POST 200
#	PAID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR 2016
#	CURRENT TOTALS

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

(PLEASE PRINT)

# 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:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <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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## 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 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

## 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 previously?  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)**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <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)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84)                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities) |

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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: [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.**

ALA 12/2013

## JOIN THE LEGION FAMILY!

For nearly a century, The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion have worked steadfastly, side by side, promoting patriotism and national security while supporting youth and advocating for veterans and active-duty military personnel and families.

The Legion Family also includes American Legion Riders ([www.legion.org/riders](http://www.legion.org/riders)). A Legion Rider must be a member of The American Legion or Auxiliary in order to join a chapter at a local post.

While members of The American Legion Family are individually unique, collectively we are a multi-million member powerhouse of caring advocates dedicated to service. You'll find that getting connected to The American Legion Family is one of the best decisions you'll ever make. Please use the enclosed applications to join today.

For details on The American Legion Family, contact:



THE AMERICAN LEGION

P.O. Box 1055  
Indianapolis, IN 46206  
(317) 630-1321  
ia@legion.org

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



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

8945 N. Meridian St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46260  
(317) 569-4500

alahq@ALAforVeterans.org  
[www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

P.O. Box 1055  
Indianapolis, IN 46206  
(317) 630-1205  
sal@legion.org

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

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### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MISSION:

*In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.*

*For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.*

Visit us online at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)



World's largest women's patriotic service organization

## There are many opportunities for involvement in the American Legion Auxiliary. Help us get you connected!

### 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
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the following individual(s) about volunteering or joining the American Legion Auxiliary:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Join The American Legion Family



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF CONNECTICUT MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY REPORT											
As of: 03/01/2016											
		Actual	Actual	Actual	FINAL	Actual	2013%	2014%	2015%	2016%	
	Dist.	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	of 2012	of 2013	of 2014	of 2015	
2	Bristol	1	83	96	106	99	100	115.66%	110.42%	93.40%	101.01%
6	New Britain	1	3					0.00%	0.00%		
9	New London	5	16	17	13			106.25%	76.47%	0.00%	
12	Norwalk	3	43	35	35	46	46	81.40%	100.00%	131.43%	100.00%
13	Putnam	4	10	7	10	3		70.00%	142.86%	30.00%	0.00%
14	Rockville	4	21	26	20	20	6	123.81%	76.92%	100.00%	30.00%
15	Jewett City	5	24	20	19	17	19	83.33%	95.00%	89.47%	111.76%
16	Shelton	3	118	116	114	115	100	98.31%	98.28%	100.88%	86.96%
17	Naugatuck	2	21	7	6	9		33.33%	85.71%	150.00%	0.00%
19	Willimantic	4	57	58	68	78		101.75%	117.24%	114.71%	0.00%
20	Terryville	6	84	67	64	64	43	79.76%	95.52%	100.00%	67.19%
21	Danielson	4		4	3					0.00%	
22	Thomaston	6	56	59	60	63	39	105.36%	101.69%	105.00%	61.90%
24	Derby	2	3	3	3	3	3	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
26	Stafford Springs	4	48	37	18	45	43	77.08%	48.65%	250.00%	95.56%
27	Litchfield	6	9	13	9	12	7	144.44%	69.23%	133.33%	58.33%
33	Plainville	1	35	33	27	12		94.29%	81.82%	44.44%	0.00%
40	East Windsor	1									
43	Winsted	6	18	19	19	22	17	105.56%	100.00%	115.79%	77.27%
45	Meriden	2	48	46	40	40	44	95.83%	86.96%	100.00%	110.00%
48	Guilford	2	9	9	10	9	9	100.00%	111.11%	90.00%	100.00%
50	Ansonia	2									
52	Coventry	4	12	11	11	10	8	91.67%	100.00%	90.91%	80.00%
54	Colchester	5	24	18	15	27	11	75.00%	83.33%	180.00%	40.74%
60	Danbury	3	22	26	25	19	8	118.18%	96.15%	76.00%	42.11%
61	Deep River	7	12	12	12	12	12	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
66	Clinton	7					15				
67	N. Grosvendale	4	18	26	21	19	15	144.44%	80.77%	90.48%	78.95%
68	Berlin	1	45	42	38	42	34	93.33%	90.48%	110.53%	80.95%
71	West Haven	2	22	20	10	6		90.91%	50.00%	60.00%	0.00%
72	Southington	1	189	176	181	192	168	93.12%	102.84%	106.08%	87.50%
74	Fairfield	3									
75	Middletown	7	8	7	7	7	9	87.50%	100.00%	100.00%	128.57%
80	Enfield	1	30	36	32	30	24	120.00%	88.89%	93.75%	80.00%
88	Hamden	2	28	29	25	28	28	103.57%	86.21%	112.00%	100.00%
89	* East Haven	2									
91	Moosup	4	44	41	38	45	41	93.18%	92.68%	118.42%	91.11%
95	Hebron	4	60	61	62	64	61	101.67%	101.64%	103.23%	95.31%
96	West Hartford	1	91	97	91	90	54	106.59%	93.81%	98.90%	60.00%
100	Bethel	3	22	23	25	20	20	104.55%	108.70%	80.00%	100.00%
101	Somers	4				20	15				75.00%
102	Manchester	1	20	21	14	12	8	105.00%	66.67%	85.71%	66.67%
104	Taftville	5	13	13	13	17	20	100.00%	100.00%	130.77%	117.65%
112	Montville	5	81	94	93	79	62	116.05%	98.94%	84.95%	78.48%
113	Old Saybrook	7	40	34	37	32	30	85.00%	108.82%	86.49%	93.75%
128	Niantic	5	76	57	51	50	44	75.00%	89.47%	98.04%	88.00%
142	Hartford	1	10					0.00%	0.00%		
156	East Haddam	7	69	67	77	80	36	97.10%	114.93%	103.90%	45.00%
165	Wolcott	2	32	28	22	14	10	87.50%	78.57%	63.64%	71.43%
174	Oxford	2	59	42	45	39	22	71.19%	107.14%	86.67%	56.41%
177	Bridgeport	3	16	16	26	40	46	100.00%	162.50%	153.85%	115.00%
194	Prospect	2					2				
195	Oakville	6	44	33	38	38	41	75.00%	115.15%	100.00%	107.89%
196	Milford	2	41	50	50	57	59	121.95%	100.00%	114.00%	103.51%
197	Marlborough	1	82	82	75	77	25	100.00%	91.46%	102.67%	32.47%
199	Plainville	1	15	15	15			100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	
209	Forrestville	1					13				
1771	Governor's Footguard	1	11	11	9	10	9	100.00%	81.82%	111.11%	90.00%
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1942</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>1802</b>	<b>1833</b>	<b>1426</b>	<b>95.78%</b>	<b>96.88%</b>	<b>101.72%</b>	<b>77.80%</b>

**2016 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

90% Target Date March 7, 2016

March 1, 2016

**DISTRICT NO. 1 HARTFORD 34 POSTS**

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

			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Goal</u>				<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
2	Bristol		685	613	89.5%	73	Wallingford		171	146	85.4%
6	New Britain		80	61	76.3%	76	Q North Haven		169	189	111.8%
8	Hartford		44	34	77.3%	79	Madison		122	111	91.0%
23	Wethersfield		92	79	85.9%	83	Branford		250	192	76.8%
32	Unionville		23	17	73.9%	88	Hamden		230	165	71.7%
33	Plainville		120	80	66.7%	89	East Haven		210	162	77.1%
36	Windsor Locks		309	282	91.3%	92	Q Cheshire		65	68	104.6%
40	East Windsor		66	38	57.6%	127	Orange		127	116	91.3%
53	Farmington		25	15	60.0%	132	New Haven		50	35	70.0%
56	Glastonbury		133	117	88.0%	135	Waterbury		39	26	66.7%
59	Windsor		51	36	70.6%	147	Southbury		38	36	94.7%
68	Berlin		235	219	93.2%	150	Hamden		37	31	83.8%
72	Southington		602	527	87.5%	162	New Haven	D	50	29	58.0%
77	East Hartford		25	21	84.0%	165	Wolcott		230	162	70.4%
80	Enfield		285	269	94.4%	174	Oxford		243	196	80.7%
84	Simsbury		100	89	89.0%	187	Wallingford		157	155	98.7%
90	Collinsville		39	28	71.8%	194	Prospect		45	35	77.8%
94	Suffield	D	15		0.0%	196	Milford		424	386	91.0%
96	West Hartford		400	351	87.8%	204	Heritage Village		90	69	76.7%
102	Manchester		185	170	91.9%	<b>TOTAL</b>			4112	3461	84.2%
116	Bloomfield	D	15	6	40.0%	<b>DISTRICT NO. 3 FAIRFIELD 25 POSTS</b>					
117	Newington		121	98	81.0%				<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
122	Burlington		20	6	30.0%	3	Stamford		140	114	81.4%
123	Rocky Hill		50	41	82.0%	11	Bridgeport		41	28	68.3%
131	Hartford	D	15	4	26.7%	12	Norwalk		400	354	88.5%
133	Q South Windsor	A	135	150	111.1%	16	Shelton		457	424	92.8%
142	Hartford		200	163	81.5%	29	Greenwich		91	77	84.6%
154	Thompsonville		201	128	63.7%	30	New Canaan		24	19	79.2%
182	Q Granby		96	97	101.0%	42	Stratford		68	60	88.2%
197	Marlborough		168	134	79.8%	60	Danbury		300	205	68.3%
199	Plainville		34	16	47.1%	63	Westport		35	15	42.9%
201	Avon		30	21	70.0%	74	Fairfield		200	161	80.5%
209	Q Forrestville	A	40	44	110.0%	78	Ridgefield		144	125	86.8%
1771	Gov. Foot Guard		125	123	98.4%	86	Wilton		81	62	76.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>			4764	4077	85.6%	98	Georgetown		16	8	50.0%
<b>DISTRICT NO. 2 NEW HAVEN 29 POSTS</b>						100	Bethel		200	165	82.5%
			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Goal</u>	134	Bridgeport		20	12	60.0%
1	Waterbury		129	112	86.8%	140	Bridgeport		94	73	77.7%
10	Seymour		197	147	74.6%	141	Trumbull		162	141	87.0%
17	Naugatuck		181	163	90.1%	143	Stratfield		180	141	78.3%
24	Derby		151	135	89.4%	160	Easton		35	30	85.7%
25	Q Beacon Falls		63	63	100.0%	167	Bridgeport		32	4	12.5%
34	Milford		66	56	84.8%	176	Monroe		86	77	89.5%
45	Meriden		263	228	86.7%	177	Q Bridgeport		98	98	100.0%
48	Guilford		88	72	81.8%	202	Newtown		43	29	67.4%
50	Ansonia		81	67	82.7%	207	Middlebrook		31	29	93.5%
71	West Haven		146	109	74.7%	208	Ridgefield		23		0.0%
						<b>TOTAL</b>			3001	2451	81.7%

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

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

\*February online NOT available until after 03/16/2016

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**2016 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

March 1, 2016

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

**DISTRICT NO. 6 LITCHFIELD 20 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Goal</u>			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
13	Q Putnam	98	106	108.2%	20	Terryville	190	155	81.6%
14	Rockville	279	241	86.4%	22	Thomaston	190	135	71.1%
19	Willimantic	260	204	78.5%	27	Litchfield	140	109	77.9%
21	Danielson	115	94	81.7%	28	New Hartford	89	76	85.4%
26	Stafford Springs	211	207	98.1%	31	New Milford	108	106	98.1%
52	Coventry/Mansfield	107	95	88.8%	38	Torrington	155	123	79.4%
62	Ellington	95	76	80.0%	43	Winsted	110	85	77.3%
67	N Grosvenordale	210	160	76.2%	44	Bantam	85	69	81.2%
91	Moosup	245	236	96.3%	46	Goshen	70	62	88.6%
95	Hebron	125	112	89.6%	49	Canaan	15	11	73.3%
101	Q Somers	A 218	224	102.8%	70	Salisbury	17	12	70.6%
106	Hampton	16	10	62.5%	87	Washington	63	52	82.5%
111	Woodstock	116	97	83.6%	126	Sharon	55	46	83.6%
203	Eastford	25	18	72.0%	137	Harwinton	60	38	63.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>		2120	1880	88.7%	146	Bethlehem	68	56	82.4%
					153	Q Kent	44	44	100.0%
					155	Woodbury	64	39	60.9%
					159	Riverton	39	31	79.5%
					173	Morris	28	17	60.7%
					195	Oakville	211	207	98.1%
					<b>TOTAL</b>		1801	1473	81.8%

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

**DISTRICT NO. 7 MIDDLESEX 14 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Goal</u>			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
4	Norwich	223	173	77.6%	18	Essex	52	43	82.7%
9	New London	140	102	72.9%	61	Q Deep River	67	67	100.0%
15	Jewett City	170	147	86.5%	64	East Hampton	70	69	98.6%
41	Lyme	83	72	86.7%	66	Q Clinton	92	94	102.2%
54	Colchester	172	121	70.3%	69	Portland	46	44	95.7%
58	Stonington	42	33	78.6%	75	Middletown	248	241	97.2%
85	Baltic	50	41	82.0%	97	Chester	47	40	85.1%
104	Taftville	92	85	92.4%	103	Westbrook	80	67	83.8%
112	Montville	250	227	90.8%	105	Cromwell	129	98	76.0%
114	Groton	65	57	87.7%	113	Old Saybrook	185	150	81.1%
115	Noank	55	42	76.4%	156	East Haddam	196	188	95.9%
128	Niantic	300	241	80.3%	184	Durham	30	18	60.0%
138	Bozrah	42	33	78.6%	192	Q Middlefield	25	31	124.0%
152	Pawcatuck	48	36	75.0%	206	Middletown	62	59	95.2%
161	Waterford	45	38	84.4%	<b>TOTAL</b>		1329	1209	91.0%
180	Lebanon	126	117	92.9%					
205	Gales Ferry	30	23	76.7%					
<b>TOTAL</b>		1933	1588	82.2%					

Q = Quota Post      A = All-Time High Post

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
7	1,329	1,209	90.971%
4	2,120	1,880	88.679%
1	4,764	4,077	85.579%
2	4,112	3,461	84.168%
5	1,933	1,588	82.152%
6	1,801	1,473	81.788%
3	3,001	2,451	81.673%
	<b>19,060</b>	<b>16,139</b>	<b>84.675%</b>

1903	CT State Police	0	1	
	HQ Post 200	1,940	2,173	112.010%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>18,313</b>	<b>87.205%</b>