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Comrades:

Spring is here and it looks like just maybe the harsh weather might be over. Now is the time to start your spring clean-up. And no, I don't just mean at your own homes. Now is the time to clean up your Legion appearance – how YOUR Post is perceived within YOUR community. Do you have a Post Home? Does it need a little paint? The lawn mowed? A new sign out front? No Post Home? How about some positive coverage in your local newspaper? Or on public access television? Or just by word of mouth?

A generation or two ago when people thought of a veterans' organization the first one that came to mind was The American Legion. Now if we're thought of at all it's usually as a group of old men sitting around a bar playing cards. You know the image. We are perceived as a dying group and for the most part our wonderful projects and important programs go unnoticed in the world at large. Somewhere along the line we have surrendered our role as the predominate voice of the American Veteran. This trend has to be reversed – and NOW.

Without an increase in membership we will lose the leverage we have with our legislators. We will be unable to influence their votes on military and veterans' affairs. We will not have the personnel we need to carry out our programs such as Boys State and American Legion Baseball. Without membership we will not have the funds we need to finance our projects and our financial assistance to those of us who are in need. Membership is at the very base of everything we do and if we don't start looking to the public again like an up-to-date and vibrant organization why would potential members even want to join?

Let's make spring the time to grow something besides flowers. Let's grow brand awareness and public consciousness and regain our rightful place in the world of veterans' organizations. We need people when they drive by one of our Posts to see us as we really are – not a run-down bar but a home where veterans are helping their fellow veterans as well as the community at large. Everyone in your town needs to know where the American Legion Hall is and they need to be proud and pleased that we're there. Potential members will then want to be a part of YOUR successful organization, and membership will grow.

Remember though that awareness will inevitably invite questions, so each member needs to know "whereof he speaks". Again we direct you to the online Extension Institute (\$4.95), the Department College in Ashford this June, and the periodic Department Leadership Conferences. When the question arises you need to have the right answer. Total knowledge of the product is a must!

So this is the challenge as we approach our centennial. When a stranger asks one of your neighbors where veterans meet in your town the first response needs to be "At the American Legion, of course!" Make sure every veteran you know thinks he or she is missing out on something great if they are not a member – because they truly are. Don't keep who we are and what we do a secret. In the words of our Preamble: For God and Country we associate ourselves together.

**Bob Murray**

Department Commander

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# MEMBERSHIP

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Fellow Legionnaires,

Where has all the time gone, we only have three months left in the membership year and we have an opportunity to do something that hasn't been done in several years, that is to become a 100% quota Department.....

I know that everyone is working hard to get their last few members as evidenced by the increase in quota posts throughout the Department. As I travel and talk with the District leadership they are all saying the same thing, that our posts are working hard and trying to make their quotas. There are several posts out there right now that are within 5 members or less to make their goal, I would ask that you try and contact some of your members that have not paid in a few years or get on [My Legion.Org](http://MyLegion.Org) and do a 5 mile search of HQ Post 200 members within your zip code and try to transfer some of those members into your Post. These are the easiest to get if they have already paid and all you need is their verbal permission to transfer them. If you need assistance with this procedure please call me and I will help you through the process.

For those posts that are struggling for whatever reasons, please give us a call so we can help you help yourselves. I have a membership team that is chomping at the bit to get out there and offer their assistance and do whatever it takes to get you where you need to be.

Our new Membership Task Force was formed last month and if your Post needs help we are here to help in any way we can, you just need to either contact your District leadership or contact myself and we will set up a time for our membership team to come out and assist you with membership.

Here are a few upcoming opportunities to help with membership retention and recruiting and also get some valuable training.

1. The 7<sup>th</sup> District revitalization will be 24-26 April 2014 and will be based out of Middletown Post 75. This is another opportunity for everyone to come out and see how the operation works and also donate some of your time to help out. I encourage everyone to come out and give a few hours of your time and I promise you won't be disappointed. The report time will be 9:00 a.m. on Thursday and 10:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.
2. Legion College will be 6-7 June 2014 and will be held at Camp CONNRI in Ashford, CT. I encourage every Post to send at least one person to this valuable training opportunity, the cost will be \$85.00 for Friday & Saturday and \$65.00 for Saturday only.

Thank You for all that you do,

Harry "Butch" Hansen  
Sr. Vice Commander  
Department of Connecticut

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## Post Tax Reporting

Just a reminder, assuming that your tax year is the calendar year (01/01/2013 – 12/31/2013), and your post's gross receipts were \$50,000 or less, each post has until May 15<sup>th</sup> to go online and file Form 990-N. As long as your Post EIN is registered with Department & National HQ (and most are), this is a very simple process (unless you are filing one of the longer forms) that ***MUST*** be completed in order to maintain your Post's status as a Federal 501C(19) non-profit veterans organization. Check out the following web addresses:

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/index.html>

<http://epostcard.form990.org>

## Testimonials & Banquets

The following Testimonials / Banquets are scheduled with Department:

6<sup>th</sup> District Luau Testimonial, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM, Post 195, Oakville (\$25).

4<sup>th</sup> District Testimonial Cookout, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 PM, Post 14, Rockville (\$20).

National Commander's Banquet, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, Zandri's, Wallingford (\$35).

5<sup>th</sup> District Testimonial, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 PM, Post 128, Niantic (\$25).

3<sup>rd</sup> District Testimonial, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00-5:00 PM, Roberto's Restaurante', Monroe (\$35)

*Please always check with Department HQ before committing to a date and location*

## Renewals and Post Data Forms

In order for any member to have their correct post information on their 2015 card, all transmittals must be at National NLT April 9, 2014, which means **your transmittal must be here at Department HQ by close of business on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. The data for the printing of the 2015 cards will be extracted from the member database April 15<sup>th</sup>, with production beginning on or around April 21<sup>st</sup>. Timely transmittal of dues payments are always essential for a member to be properly served by their post and department, but this cut-off date has significant importance because it will ensure that a member will receive the most up-to-date information on their 2015 card, to include correct continuous years and post information. **Likewise, in order for 2015 dues notices to be correct, we must have all Post Data Forms by April 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Department HQ.

## The American Legion Family College

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. For the second year, instead of National Guard Camp Niantic, we will be at Camp CONNRI, a Salvation Army property in Ashford. The rooms are two person motel quality. Please register early for planning purposes. Register (and pay for!) your post members who are interested in being more involved. *Find the registration form in this Bulletin.*

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

## The American Legion Boys State Leadership Program

Because of the harsh winter, many schools may still be in session when Boys State starts. The Association of High School Principals recommends that students be allowed to take exams early in order to participate in this valuable learning experience. Make sure you suggest this if you encounter any questions about our program schedule. The 2014 program will take place Sunday, June 22 through Friday, June 27 at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic. See the application instructions included in this Bulletin.

## The American Legion Youth Programs Alumni Association

The American Legion Youth Programs Alumni Association launched a Facebook page last year which is available for posting of stories about our local youth programs in action, offering suggestions, or networking with others who are interested in, or are past participants in, American Legion youth programs: Boys State, Boys Nation, American Legion Baseball, Junior Shooting Sports, Boy Scouts, Junior ROTC, Oratorical Contests, Samsung Scholarships – or any other Legion-connected activity that enriches the lives of young people. Please check out the Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-American-Legion-Youth-Programs-Alumni-Association/18089260868877?sk=wall&filter=12>

Learn more about the association at [www.legion.org/youthalumni](http://www.legion.org/youthalumni)

Please share these links with members, volunteers and past participants with stories to share, ideas to strengthen these programs, and successes to report. Thanks for all you do on behalf of our nation's youth. *Daniel S. Wheeler, National Adjutant, The American Legion.*

## Department Potpourri

*Congratulations to our three Eagle Scout of the year honorees: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Jonathan Lemanski, Troop 55 in Shelton; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Caleb Whewell, Troop 9 in Pawcatuck; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Timothy Cox, Troop 75 in Stratford.*

## Prayer Concerns

*Please keep the following in your prayers (remember we are "for God and Country").*

*Bob Kramer (post 52 Adjutant); Bill Cancelli (Post 199, Dept. Chaplain) & Marty Hills (Post 113).*

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

### **POST EVERLASTING**

#### **Joseph J. Purtill**

Eastland-Greenwood Post 152 Pawcatuck  
Post Commander  
Superior Court Judge / Boys State supporter

#### **Louis J. Ernst**

04/17/1927 – 03/22/2014  
Turner-Tinker Post 128 Niantic  
50 Year Legion Baseball Manager  
65 Year Member

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## Department Calendar

### April 2014 – Children & Youth Month

- 04-05 SAL Eastern Region Gathering, Shelton, Post 16 & Hampton Inn.  
04-06 77<sup>th</sup> Annual National High School Oratorical Contest, Indianapolis.  
05 ALA Past President's parley & Eastern Division VP visit.  
05 SAL National Vice-Commander Banquet, \$35, 6:30 PM, Post 174, Oxford.  
06 *U.S. Entry - WWI, 1917.*  
06-12 American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Week.  
07 **95% Membership Target Date.**  
09 1<sup>st</sup> District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 68.  
09 2<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 1, Waterbury.  
10 ALA Birthday, 1919.  
10 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:00 PM, Post 156, East Haddam, Potluck & Gift Book.  
11 1<sup>st</sup> District ALA Dance, \$15, 7:00-11:00 PM, Post 72, Southington.  
13 *Palm Sunday.*  
13 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 67, North Grosvenordale.  
15 *First Day of Passover.*  
16 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 60, Danbury.  
16 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 85, Baltic.  
18 *Good Friday Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED*  
19 Kids Walk. (Multiple locations) – See Bulletin Inserts!  
20 *Easter.*  
23 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post 36, Windsor Locks.  
24 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 137, Harwinton.  
26 Legion Riders statewide meeting, 1:00 PM, Post 196 Milford. (2 reps each Chapter).  
26 ALA Juniors Conference, 9:00 AM, Post 60, Danbury.  
27 Benefit Breakfast for ALSPYW, 8:00-11:00 AM, Post 2, Bristol.  
27 ALA "Foolish Follies" fundraiser, 2:00-5:00 PM, \$15 for dinner, Post 165, Wolcott.

### May 2014

- 02 6<sup>th</sup> District Testimonial Luau, \$25, 6:00 PM social, 7:00 PM dinner, Post 195, Oakville.  
03 4<sup>th</sup> District Testimonial, \$20, 4:00 social, 5:00 cookout, Post 14, Rockville.  
08 *V-E Day – 1945.*  
08 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:00 PM, Post 66, Clinton, Memorial Service.  
08-10 National Commander Dan Dellinger visit to Connecticut.  
09 Deadline for submission of proposed changes to Department Constitution & Bylaws.  
09 Banquet honoring National Commander Dan Dellinger, Zandri's, Wallingford. (\$35)  
10 Nat'l Commander to attend Breakfast (\$10) at Post 72, Southington.  
10 Nat'l Commander to attend Shrimp Dinner (\$17) at Post 52, Coventry (860-490-3872)  
11 *Happy Mother's Day!*  
12 **100% Membership Target Date.**  
12 AL Department Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post TBD.  
14 1<sup>st</sup> District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 142.  
14 2<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post TBD (call: 203-729-2624).  
15 *Peace Officers' Memorial Day.*  
15 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 180, Lebanon.  
16 Armed Forces Day Luncheon, 11:00 social, 12:00 lunch, Aqua Turf, Southington.  
17 *Armed Forces Day.*  
17 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 5<sup>th</sup> District Chili Cook-Off, 6:00 PM, Bozrah Volunteer Fire Dept.  
18 2<sup>nd</sup> District Fundraiser, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM, Bertucci's of Orange. (See Flyer).  
18 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 26, Stafford Springs.

## May 2014 continued

- 21 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post unknown (call: 203-372-7251).
- 22 *Maritime Day.*
- 22 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 173, Morris.
- 26 *Memorial Day Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED*
- 28 Phil Haddad Memorial Golf Tournament, 10:00 AM, Blackledge CC, Hebron.
- 28 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post 80, Enfield.
- 31 5<sup>th</sup> District Testimonial, \$25, 5:00 social, 6:00 buffet, Post 128, Niantic.

## June 2014

- 01 3<sup>rd</sup> District Testimonial, \$35, 1:00-5:00, Roberto's Restaurante', Monroe.
- 06 D-Day – 1944.
- 06 Nathan Hale Day Program, Noon, State Capitol.
- 06-07 American Legion Family College, Salvation Army Camp CONNRI, Ashford.
- 07 ALA Juniors Convention.
- 08 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting, 1:00 PM, Post unknown (call: 860-202-6875).
- 08 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 14, Rockville.
- 11 1<sup>st</sup> District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 2.
- 11 2<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meet, Post TBD (call: 203-729-2624).
- 12 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:00 PM, Post 61, Deep River (Winthrop Baptist Church).
- 14 Flag Day – 7:00 PM EDT, *Pause for the Pledge.*
- 15 *Happy Father's Day!*
- 18 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 16, Shelton.
- 19 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 114, Groton.
- 22-27 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual AL Boys State Leadership Program, ECSU.
- 25 Korean War started – 1950.
- 26 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 22, Thomaston.

## July 2014

- 04 *Independence Day Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.*
- 04 Independence Day Program, 9:30 AM, Hall of Flags, Capitol. Hosted by VFW.
- 06-12 15<sup>th</sup> Annual American Legion State Police Youth Week, State Police Academy.
- 10-12 96<sup>th</sup> Department Convention, Sheraton Hartford South, Rocky Hill.
- 12 **DEADLINE to REGISTER with Dept. HQ for NAT'L CONVENTION, Charlotte, NC.**
- 31-8/2 National Membership Workshop & DSO School, Indianapolis.

## August 2014

- 02 Invasion of Kuwait, "Operation Desert Shield" – 1990.
- 05 Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam – 1964.
- 07 Purple Heart Day.
- 07-11 American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament, Middletown, CT.
- 10 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual VJ Day Parade, Moosup, CT, 1:01 PM.
- 14 V-J Day – 1945.
- 15-19 88<sup>th</sup> American Legion Baseball World Series, Shelby, NC.
- 08/22-28 96<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention, Charlotte, NC.

## Future Events - 2014

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

### April 2014

- 04 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM, Karaoke with Pete Leone, 60 County St., Norwalk. Singles welcome. Public invited. 203-866-8249.
- 05 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Oldies Dance with Pete Leone. No cover. All welcome. Singles invited. 203-866-8249
- 05 **Post 52, Coventry**, NRA Basic Safety Pistol Class. (860-742-7197)
- 06 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 11:00 AM, Veteran of the Month Program, 60 County St., Norwalk.
- 06 **Post 36, Windsor Locks**, 8:30 – 11:00 AM, Family Breakfast, \$3.50 adult, \$2.50 child under 13, Menu choices are: pancakes or french toast, sausage, orange juice, and coffee.
- 06 **Post 83, Branford**, All you can eat breakfast.
- 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. Call post, 860-828-9201 for more info.
- 09 **Post 113 SAL, Old Saybrook**, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, every Wednesday Veterans Dinner. Call post, 860-388-9482 for menu, cost and reservations.
- 11 **Post 52, Coventry**, 6:00 PM, Fish Dinner, \$12. (860-742-7197)
- 12 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Oldies Dance with radio personality Lee Moore. No cover. All welcome. 203-866-8249
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- 19 **Post 195, Oakville**, 7:00 PM – 11:00 AM. Spring / Easter Old Time Dance Party. Larry Ayce Band. \$15 each, 2 for \$25. Snacks provided or bring own. Cash bar. Benefit Building Fund.
- 19 **Post 182, Granby**, 5:00 AM–Noon, Pancake Breakfast, w/ bacon, OJ, coffee & "Real Maple Syrup"
- 21 **Unit 12, Norwalk**, 7:00 PM, Bingo at Post 12, 60 County St. Norwalk. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Kitchen open. Smoke free. Public invited. Plenty of free parking. 203-866-8249
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- 23 **Post 113 SAL, Old Saybrook**, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, every Wednesday Veterans Dinner. Call post, 860-388-9482 for menu, cost and reservations.

- 25 **Post 194, Prospect**, 4:30 – 7:30 PM, Ziti Dinner. \$10.00 (under 13 = \$5), Prospect fire House, Route 69. Benefit Legion Baseball program.
- 26 **Post 12, Norwalk**, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Oldies Dance with radio personality Lee Moore. No cover. All welcome. 203-866-8249
- 27 **Post 20, Terryville**, 1:00 PM, Steak & Cheese sandwiches w/peppers onions. \$5.00.
- 28 **Unit 12, Norwalk**, 7:00 PM, Bingo at Post 12, 60 County St. Norwalk. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Kitchen open. Smoke free. Public invited. Plenty of free parking. 203-866-8249
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- 07 **Post 113 SAL, Old Saybrook**, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, every Wednesday Veterans Dinner. Call post, 860-388-9482 for menu, cost and reservations.
- 09 **Post 154, Thompsonville**, 5:30 PM, Annual Banquet at Grassmere Country Club. Dinner 6:30 PM. Tickets \$25.00 per person. Contact Lucien Lefevre at 860-463-7168 or Jim Raynor at 860-745-3611, no later than May 3, 2013.
- 10 **Post 52, Coventry**, 6:00 PM, Baked Stuffed Shrimp Dinner, \$17. (860-742-7197)
- 13 **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. Call post, 860-828-9201 for more info.
- 14 **Post 113 SAL, Old Saybrook**, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, every Wednesday Veterans Dinner. Call post, 860-388-9482 for menu, cost and reservations.
- 18 **South Windsor Legion Baseball**, Annual Golf Tournament, Topstone Golf Course (\$120).
- 20 **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. Call post, 860-828-9201 for more info.
- 21 **Post 113 SAL, Old Saybrook**, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, every Wednesday Veterans Dinner. Call post, 860-388-9482 for menu, cost and reservations.
- 25 **Post 20, Terryville**, 1:00 PM, Fried Dough. \$3.00.
- 25 **Post 154, Thompsonville**, 1:00 PM, Enfield Memorial Day Parade.
- 27 **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. Call post, 860-828-9201 for more info.
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## Requirements for National Convention Registration

1. All American Legion Auxiliary Delegates & Alternates AND all ALA Junior Delegates MUST register and pay the \$25 fee through the ALA Department HQ (Treasurer).
2. All SAL Delegates & Alternates MUST register and pay the \$25 fee through Detachment Adjutant Robert Turner.
3. All American Legion Delegates & Alternates AND all Guests MUST register and pay the \$25 fee through Department Adjutant Everett Shepard.
4. Official National Convention Housing for ALL attendees (ALA, SAL, AL) must be reserved through Department Adjutant Everett Shepard. All Legion Delegates & Call-Ins MUST stay in official housing per Department Resolution.

The American Legion, Department of Connecticut  
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Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0208

## 96<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION Pre-Reservation Form

**No Money Required Yet!**

**Please return to Department Headquarters ASAP**  
**But at least by Monday, April 28, 2014**

Please let us know if you are seriously considering attending and will reserve housing at the 2014 NATIONAL CONVENTION of The American Legion to be held in **Charlotte, North Carolina, August 22 – August 28, 2014.**

THE CONNECTICUT HEADQUARTERS will be the Hilton Charlotte Center City, 222 East Third Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. ([www.charlottecentercity.hilton.com](http://www.charlottecentercity.hilton.com)). This is one of two headquarters hotels and is across the street from the Convention Center. We have this privilege this year and next year in Baltimore because of Janet Jefford becoming ALA National President for 2014-2015.

**Connecticut Party:**

**No money budgeted for party. Would you pay \$25-\$35 per person for a party? \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Which is best day? Monday, 8/25? \_\_\_\_\_ or Friday, 8/22? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please circle below the accommodations you will reserve:**

<b>ACCOMMODATIONS:</b>	<b>King (1 bed, 1-2 persons)</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>Plus tax rate = 15.25%</b>	<b>Double (2 Beds, 1-2 persons)</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>Rollaway: No Charge (limited #)</b>	<b>Each Additional Occupant in Rooms</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Parking: \$18.00 per day self / \$25.00 valet</b>		

Delegates and Alternates of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary ACCOMMODATED as follows:  
**FIRST - Delegates    SECOND - Alternates    THIRD - Call Ins    FOURTH - others as space is available**  
**Guests** will not be considered until all specified are placed. Note: AL Call-ins & Delegates must stay in assigned hotel.

**HOUSING DEPOSITS:** A one day deposit of \$144.06 will be required for each room **plus any additional fees**  
**REGISTRATION FEE:** All persons attending Convention - Delegates, Alternates and Guests (age 18 or over)  
**MUST pay \$25.00 registration fee. All housing is assigned on the basis of three (3) nights minimum occupancy.**

**ROOM TO BE OCCUPIED BY:** (list full name, address of each occupant).

Indicate if **Delegate, Alternate or Guest.**

Name

Address and Phone Number

_____	_____
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Arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total days: \_\_\_\_\_

If you plan to ATTEND the CONVENTION, but have made OTHER HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS, please check and RETURN FORM TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. [    ]

# 2014 ORATORICAL WINNERS

## First Place

Phoebe Petrovic of Valley Regional High School  
Sponsored by Post 61  
Seventh District

## Second Place

Eeman Abbasi of Amity Regional High School  
Sponsored by Post 127  
Second District

## Third Place

Maria DaRocha of Southington High School  
Sponsored by Post 72  
First District

Gajaan Sittambalam of Shelton High School  
Sponsored by Post 16  
Third District

Daniel Bullock of Coventry High School  
Sponsored by Post 52  
Fourth District

Abby Robbins of East Lyme High School  
Sponsored by Post 128  
Fifth District

# The Story of The American Legion

George Seay Wheat

## The Birth of the Legion - FORWARD

The American Legion was conceived by practically the entire personnel of the army, navy, and marine corps! Every man in the military and naval establishment did not think of it in just such terms, but most of them knew that there would be a veterans' organization of some tremendous import, and here it is!

"A veterans' organization of some kind will be formed." I heard that identical remark not once, but a dozen times on board a transport en route to France as early as September, 1918. In fact, one night in the war zone a group of officers were huddled around a small piano trying to make the best of a lightless evening, and, having sung every song from *Keep the Home Fires Burning* to *You're in the Army Now*, paused, longingly toyed cigarettes which were taboo by ship's order, and then began to spin yarns.

"Reminds me of a G.A.R. reunion," one second lieutenant from Maine remarked, after a particularly daring training camp adventure had been recounted.

"Just think of the lying we'll all do at our reunions when this war is over," chirped a youngster from South Carolina. And then spoke a tall major from Illinois:

"The organization which you young fellows will join won't be any *liefest*—at least not for forty years. Don't forget there's some saving to do for the United States when this European mess is over. Us fellows won't ever get out of Uncle Sam's service."

How well the Illinois major hit the nail on the head! The incident on the transport seems worth recording not only because of the major but because it shows the general anticipation of what is now the American Legion. Perhaps it was this general anticipation which is responsible for the cordial reception that the Legion has had ever since its very inception in Paris.

No one can lay claim to originating the idea of a veterans' association, because it was a consensus among the men of the armed forces of our nation. A certain group of men can take unto themselves the credit for starting it, for getting the ball rolling, aiding its momentum, and, what is more important, for guiding it in the right direction, but no one man or group of men "thought up" the American Legion. It was the result of what might be called the "spontaneous opinion" of the army, navy, and marine corps caused by a fusing together in a common bond of the various elements of the service, just as spontaneous combustion is brought about by the joint action of certain chemical elements.

Spontaneous opinion, like spontaneous combustion, is dangerous when improperly handled and beneficent when rightly directed. That's what the organizers of the Legion have been and will be mostly concerned with. They have their elements—these men of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and the organizers mean to direct this united and organized patriotism into such channels

as will make for the welfare of the United States of America primarily, and, secondarily, for the welfare of the service men themselves.

Just how much attention this Legion with four million potential members intends to pay to the United States of America, and just how much to them *per se*, is basically important and pertinent as a question, nowadays when the Legion is being tried and is on the witness stand before public opinion. The answer is most clearly indicated by the preamble to the proposed constitution printed elsewhere.

This preamble stresses *Americanism, individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; battling with autocracy both of the classes and masses; right the master of might; peace and good will on earth; justice, freedom, and democracy!* Only in the last two words of the preamble is mention made of the welfare of the men themselves. These two words are *mutual helpfulness*. But be sure and understand the connection in which they are used.

"... we associate ourselves together ... to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

This is the way the last purpose of the preamble reads.

The men who framed this constitution certainly did not believe that comradeship would be consecrated and sanctified by anything of a selfish character under the guise of mutual helpfulness. Certainly not the *comradeship* that made bearable the zero hour in the trenches or the watch in a submarine infested sea.

To go a little in advance of the story and speak practically, mutual helpfulness has meant so far voting down a pay grab from Congress; a get-together spirit to foster the growth of the Legion; a purpose to aid in the work of getting jobs for returning soldiers, and the establishment of legal departments throughout the country to help service men get back pay and allotments. Mutual helpfulness in this case would seem to make Uncle Sam as much a partner in it as are the Legion members. Because, for every job the Legion gets an unemployed man, and for every dollar Legion lawyers help collect for back pay and allotments, a better citizen is made. And better citizenship is what the Legion most wants.

So here seems to be the place to make the patent observation that *mutual helpfulness* will in future years mean just what it means to-day—doing something for the United States of America.

At the present time the Legion might be compared to a two-headed American eagle—one looking towards France and the A.E.F., and the other homewards to the service men here. The two are a single body borne on the same wings and nourished of the same strength. They are the same in ideal and purpose but directed for the moment by two different committees working together. One committee is the result of the caucus at Paris in March, when the A.E.F. started the organization, while the other was born this month in St. Louis, Mo., for the men here.

GEORGE S. WHEAT.

NEW YORK May, 1919.

G.P. Putnam's Sons New York and London  
1919 The Knickerbocker Press

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

## 1919-2019 AMERICAN LEGION HISTORY

Post #	Name	Town/City	1 <sup>st</sup> Commander	1 <sup>st</sup> Adjutant	Charter Date
54	Donald A. Bigelow	Colchester	Edward Kelley	C.D. Bigelow	11/6/1919
55	Richard William Morgan	Mystic	Walter Gray	John White	
56	Leon Goodale	Glastonbury	Martin L. Roser	Percy H. Williams	10/31/1919
	Goodale-Ramaker				
57	(Women's Post)	Bridgeport	Marjorie B. Burton	Catherine M. Grady	
58	James Harvey	Stonington	Fred E. Hyde	Joseph E. Cushing	10/31/1919
59	Gray Dickenson	Windsor	William Evans	Raymond D. Hayes	11/5/1919
60	Danbury	Danbury	Walter A. Smith	Francis S. Hayes	11/6/1919
	Joseph A. Treadwell				
61	Richard W. Ibell	Deep River		Harry R.I. Marvin	11/6/1919
	Ibell-Jacobson-Smith				
62	Miller Hatheway	Ellington	Clyde J. Cordsten	Harold J. Patric	11/6/1919
	Hathway-Miller (50th Anniv. Book)				
63	August Matthias	Westport	Morris Burr	Edward L. Lehar	11/6/1919
64	Treadway-Cavanaugh	East Hampton	Harold Scranton	Worthington White	11/19/1919
65		Columbia		Phillip E. Isham	11/19/1919
66	Howard Hilliard	Clinton	Sidney A. Finer	Sidney A. Finer	11/19/1919
	Hilliard-Jones-Cookson				
67	Oscar W. Swanson	Thompson	Harold E. Linderson	Philip E. Duhamel	11/19/1919
68	Berlin (April, 1919)	Berlin		James Corr	11/19/1919
	Bolton-Kasica			Lawrence Southland	
	Bolton-Kasica-Patterson				
69	Ormont	Portland	Dr. G.B. Chedel	M.N. Jarvis	11/19/1919
70	Hubert C Williams	Salisbury	Sidney O. Cowles		
	Williams-Parsons				
71	Hughson	West Haven	Ralph B Hart	Albert A Snavely	12/13/1919
	Hughson-Miller				
72	Kiltonic	Southington	C J Beardslee	Allan A Upson	12/13/1919
73	Shaw-Simon	Wallingford		William Austin Pratt	12/13/1919
74	George Alfred Smith	Fairfield		D. H. S. Huntington	12/17/1919
75		Middletown		Carl F. Anderson	12/17/1919
	Milardo-Wilcox				
76		North Haven		Dwight N. Blakesie	10/4/1920
	Murray-Reynolds				
77		East Hartford		Edward Truex	1/6/1920
	Brown-Landers-Ratti				
78	Everett Ray Seymour	Ridgefield		Joseph A. Reach	1/6/1920
79	Griswold	Madison	George Dowd	E. Leland Hull	1/16/1920
80		Enfield		John L. Sullivan	1/16/1920
	Tanguay-Magill				
81	Roberts-Bouchet	Norfolk		George L. Clark	2/28/1920
82	Located at Hospital #41	New Haven		Lieutenant Jacobs	
83	Corcoran-Sundquist	Branford	A.Judson Harmount, Jr	Walter R. Nichols	3/12/1920

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## 1919-2019 AMERICAN LEGION HISTORY

Post material is based on the first issues, April/May, 1920, of the Legion's monthly newspaper. The additional names below the first line are taken from latter issues and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book. Where information is blank, I will continue to update as I find the correct initial information. The Adjutants dates are off and will be corrected for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book and souvenir program book.

### ODDS and ENDS

Did you know that the 4<sup>th</sup> District is still the only District not to hold a Department Convention?

John F. Pickett, Past Commander's Cup was awarded in 1930 to the District showing the greatest Percentage increase in membership over 1929. It was presented to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District for 13.7% increase.

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT ADJUTANTS

#### Department Adjutants

Alfred N. Philips	Dates to be determined
William J. Malone	
Thomas J. Bannigan	(resigned)
Clarence J. Guinan	
N.R. Durant, Assistant	
C.M. Pfennig, Assistant	
E. L. White	
Allen P. Parker	
William C. Murray	1929-1939
Arthur L. Baldwin	1939
Pierce U. Clark	1940 – 1950
Charles L. Parker	1950 - 1968
Ben B. Truskowski	1968 – 1969
Hugh C. Graham	1969 – Sept. 2001
Charles R. Berry	Sept. 2001 – Sept. 2006
Everett G. Shepard III	Sept. 2006 -



## KIDS WALK

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
"KIDS WALK" - Walkathon  
*Starting Over*  
APRIL 19, 2014

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

**District #1 – Bristol - Rockwell Park - Stone House**

Contact: Steve Jacoby (860-316-5508) 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**

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 #6 – Litchfield – White Memorial Foundation**

Contact: Charles Jaworski (860-883-3268)

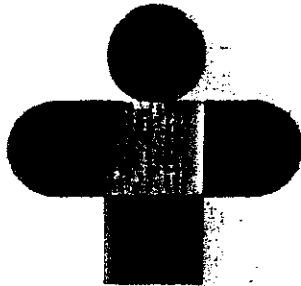
**District #7- Deep River- Valley Regional High School Track**

Contact: Jim Beardsley JR (860-526-5555)

**Questions? - Please contact Lou Robinson: 860-525-2479**



# 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.

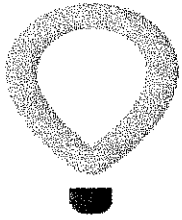
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(Parent or legal guardian of minor under 18)

# PLEDGES

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**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**



**Children's  
Miracle Network  
Hospitals**  
Helping Local Kids



# ANNUAL KIDS WALK

To Benefit Children's Miracle  
Network Hospitals  
[childrensmiraclenetworkhospitals.org](http://childrensmiraclenetworkhospitals.org)

**PATRIOTS PARK, COVENTRY, CT  
SATURDAY APRIL 19, 2014**

**3 Mile Walk**

**8:30 AM Registration, 9AM-1PM Walk**

Contact: Dennis Dziadowicz @ [dizd1@cox.net](mailto:dizd1@cox.net)  
Or Bill Root @ 860-508-3482 or [iamwill1038@yahoo.com](mailto:iamwill1038@yahoo.com)

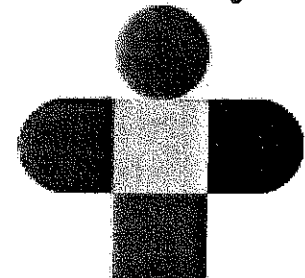
**COME AND WALK IF YOU CAN  
OR PLEDGE MONEY TO ONE OF THE  
WALKERS**



**5<sup>th</sup> District, Proudly Host**

## **Children's Miracle Network Walkathon**

**An event for the whole family: Food and Family Fun**



**Connecticut  
Children's  
MEDICAL CENTER**

• **Where: Fort Shantok State Park - Montville, Connecticut**

• **When: April 19, 2014**

**Registration Starts: 9:00AM**

**Walk-A-Thon: 10:00AM-1pm (You can walk any time during this time)**

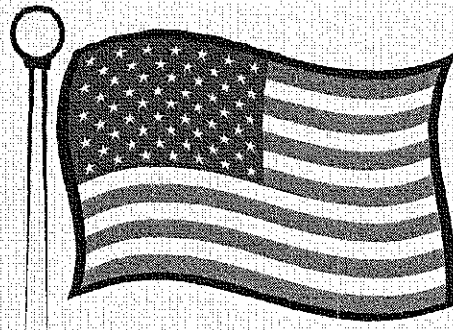
• **Why: All proceeds will be used for research, medication, and to pay for the hospital stay of less fortunate children at the Children's Hospital's of Connecticut.**

• **What: Please turn in all donations the day of the Walk-A-Thon**

**Sponsor Sheets available at your local Post home or by contacting:**

**Jim LaCoursiere, Past Nat'l Vice Commander: (860) 705-4173**

**e-mail: [Legionjim3@aol.com](mailto:Legionjim3@aol.com)**



**1<sup>st</sup> District American Legion/  
CT. STATE POLICE  
YOUTH WEEK BENEFIT  
BREAKFAST**

**POST #2 American Legion  
22 Hooker Ct. –Bristol, CT**

**Sunday**

**April 27, 2014**

**8:00 to 11:00 am**

**Adult: \$6.00**

**Child (under 10): \$3.00**

**Tickets available at Post**

*The American Legion, Department of Connecticut  
National Commander's Banquet*

*Honoring*



*Daniel M. Dellinger*

Zandri's Stillwood Inn  
1074 South Colony Rd (Rte 5), Wallingford

**Friday, May 9, 2014**

Cash Bar Social: 6:00 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM \$35.00 pp

**Choice of Entrée:** Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus, Chicken Francais or  
Swordfish Steak

\*please call Department Headquarters for special dietary restrictions, including vegetarian option\*

**Make checks payable to The American Legion of CT**  
**Deadline for dinner reservations: May 2, 2014**

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Dinner reservations to: The American Legion, Dept. of Connecticut  
National Commander's Banquet  
Attn: Charles Berry, Ass't Treasurer  
864 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$280.00 for table of 8) for:

Prime Rib # \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Francais # \_\_\_\_\_ Swordfish Steak # \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please call Department Headquarters for Special Dietary restrictions\*

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

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

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

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**See over for table of 8**

**NAMES**

**Prime Rib**

**Shrimp**

**Swordfish**

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**National Commander**

**Dan Dellinger**

**Visits the 1<sup>st</sup> District at Post 72**

**Breakfast with the National Commander**

**At Kilitonic Post 72 in Southington**

**Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 11:00 AM**

**The price for the breakfast will be \$10.00 with all Proceeds going to the**

**National Emergency Relief Fund**

**So save the date to meet and greet the National Commander to the State of  
Connecticut with a good old Connecticut Yankee welcome!!!**

**Date     May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Place    Kilitonic Post 72 Southington 66 Main St**

**All breakfasts will be cooked to order by the great Chefs of our S.A.L Squadron**

**Upstairs in the main hall**



# **Legislative Priorities for 113<sup>th</sup> Congress 2<sup>nd</sup> Session**



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

The American Legion is the voice of 2.4 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.

**1608 K St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
(202) 861-2700**

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

**March 2014**

**Fully fund a superior national defense and protect troops from sequester cuts:** 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 separation includes mandatory end-of-service physical examinations for reserve component service members like those conducted for active duty service members. 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. (H.R. 2841)

**Oppose further increases in TRICARE fees, including prescription drug fees:** 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 to retired service members from when they enlisted.

**Ensure Stability of VA Funding:** Fourteen percent of VA's budget is still not covered under Advance Appropriations, including vital programs such as the disability claims processing, construction and the critical Information Technology (IT) budget. Congress must act to authorize full Advance Appropriations for all VA programs, benefits and services, thereby shielding VA from Washington's annual budget battles. (Support H.R. 813/S. 932)

**Veterans' Benefits & Health Care:** The American Legion is deeply concerned about access to quality health care for veterans. In an era of budget restraint, VA cannot fall victim to underfunding,

especially in light of the coming drawdown which will lead to an influx of newly eligible veterans. With ever-growing costs to deliver healthcare and the increase in usage of VA care and benefits, a budget with little or no increase will not sustain the level of care and assistance required. The American Legion urges congressional oversight to ensure full staffing and funding. A solution must be found to VA's capital lease program that will allow VA to continue to deliver critical care and services through Community-based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs).

**VA Claims Backlog:** The American Legion strongly supports the Administration's goal of eliminating the backlog by 2015 and calls on Congress to support VBA's ongoing transformation of the benefits claims processing system, while providing aggressive oversight to ensure it is completed properly, sufficient funding to finish developing and then fully deploying its new Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS), as well as support for the complete digital conversion of all active paper claims files.

**Work opportunities for veterans in the private sector through government incentives:** The American Legion calls on Congress to implement a proposed pilot program that would subsidize businesses and non-profit organizations that create on-the-job training opportunities for veterans. (Support S.1216). Additionally, extend and improve the work opportunity tax credit for hiring veterans under the VOW Act. (Support S.1624/H.R.3395)

**Support Veteran Entrepreneurs:** The American Legion calls on Congress to fully fund SBA's veteran entrepreneurship programs such as Boots to Business and

Veteran Business Outreach Centers.

**End Veteran Homelessness:** The American Legion strongly supports the Administration's goal of eliminating veterans' homelessness by 2015 and calls on Congress to pledge whatever resources are necessary to accomplish this goal, to include medical, rehabilitative and employment assistance to homeless veterans and their families. (Support S.1387/H.R.3743)

**Quality Education through Post-9/11 GI Bill:** As one of the founding authors of the original GI Bill, The American Legion wants to protect our veterans with oversight that include provisions to evaluate post-secondary education institutions on quality factors such as accreditation, transferability, cost, graduation rates, and acceptance in the job market. State Approving Agencies should be returned their original power to protect the GI Bill along with adequate funding to execute their mandate. All student-veterans should be allowed in-state tuition rates. (Support H.R. 357/S.257)

**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. (H.R.333 /H.R.303/ H.R.32)

**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. (Support H.J.Res.47/ S.J. Res.17)

Join us for a fabulously funny day  
as the American Legion Auxiliary  
presents the:

# Foolish Follies

2-5 pm

April 27, 2014

American Legion  
Post 165  
1253 Wolcott Rd  
Wolcott

\$15 donation  
includes  
pasta dinner

You  
decide  
the  
winner



## ALA 1<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT FUNDRAISER DANCE

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT IS  
SPONSORING A DANCE IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR  
VETERAN'S PROGRAMS. THIS YEAR, 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT PRESIDENT LYDIA  
HAS PICKED VICTORY GARDENS AS HER PROJECT  
SO.....

IT'S TIME TO PUT ON OUR DANCING SHOES ..... KICK UP OUR HEELS  
AND HAVE SOME FUN

WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION POST 72 (UPSTAIRS HALL)  
64 MAIN STREET, SOUTHLINGTON

DATE: APRIL 11, 2014

TIME: 7:00 PM TO 11:00PM

COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON

THERE WILL BE SNACKS PROVIDED AT YOUR TABLES, CASH BAR  
A 50/50 RAFFLE

AND

MUSIC BY SOUTHLINGTON'S OWN

JERRY LIMMER

(IF YOU WANT TO HEAR IT, CHANCES ARE JERRY WILL HAVE IT)

DUE TO CAPACITY ALLOWANCE

*THERE WILL ONLY BE 100 TICKETS SOLD,*

SO DON'T MISS OUT ON WHAT WILL BE A FUN NIGHT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT

BARBARA PASHA

860-426-2855



# 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT LUAU TESTIMONIAL

IN HONOR OF

6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT PRESIDENT KAREN FRANZESE

&

6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER RICHARD ST JOHN

FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 2, 2014

SOCIAL HOUR IS 6PM

DINNER IS AT 7PM

GRASS SKIRTS ARE OPTIONAL

COST IS \$25 PER PERSON

THE LUAU WILL BE HELD AT OAKVILLE POST 195

62 BUNKER HILL ROAD, WATERTOWN, CT

PLEASE SEND CHECKS BY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> TO: HEIDI ST GEORGE

119 LONG SWAMP ROAD, WOLCOTT, CT 06716

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT HEIDI ST GEORGE AT 203-980-0322



**FOURTH DISTRICT  
TESTIMONIAL Cookout**

Honoring

***Michael Mitchell***  
District Commander

***Barbara Pippin.***  
District President

Saturday May 3, 2014

Dobosz-Ertel-Labloc-Hansen Post # 14  
114 West Street  
Rockville CT 06066

Cash Bar Social 4:00 pm

Cookout 5:00 pm

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

Deadline: April 26, 2014

Make checks payable to: American Legion, Fourth District  
Mail to: Manny Rodrigues, 193 Depot Road Coventry CT 06238  
Phone: 860-742-7197

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_. Please reserve \_\_\_\_ tickets at \$20.00 per person for the Fourth District Testimonial on Saturday May 3, 2014.

Unit/Post # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
District # \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN/CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS April 26, 2014**

**5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Family  
with Bozrah Post 138**

**Present:**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Chili Cook-Off**

**Participants will square off for cash prize and bragging rights.**

**SATURDAY: MAY 17, 2014**

**Starting @ 6 pm**

**Location: Bozrah Volunteer Fire Dept  
239 Fitchville Rd, Bozrah, CT**

**Team Entry Fee: \$20.00 (Prize pot)**

**Grand Prize: 50% of the Pot**

**Winner's Post will host next year's chili cook-off!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 30% of the Pot**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 20% of the Pot**

**General Admission: \$5 for chili, cornbread, salad & drink.**

**Come out and have some FUN!!!**

**Many RAFFLE Items!!**

**For complete rules or more information contact Jim Robertson at  
[robertsonje@comcast.net](mailto:robertsonje@comcast.net) or 860-908-1336**

# 5<sup>th</sup> District Testimonial

In Honor of:

**Commander**

**President**



**Allen Iott**

**Karen Sheffield**

**American Legion Post 128  
16 York Ave  
Niantic, CT**

**Saturday: May 31, 2014**

**5pm Social hour - cash bar / hors d'oeuvres**

**6pm Buffet Dinner and Program**

**\$25.00 per person**

**Info Call: Paul Spedaliere 860.537.1372**

**Please make check payable to: 5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion**

**Send in by May 15, 2014 to: Paul Spedaliere  
587 Levita Rd  
Lebanon, CT 06249**

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

**Post No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**No. of people attending:** \_\_\_\_\_





3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT TESTIMONIAL 2014  
HONORING

DISTRICT COMMANDER DAVE BISSONNETTE  
And  
DISTRICT PRESIDENT CAREN VARJAS

You are cordially invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Testimonial honoring our distinguished leaders for the American Legion year 2013-2014. This celebratory event will take place:

**Sunday, June 1, 2014 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm**

At

Roberto's Restaurante'  
Handicap Accessible  
505 Main Street  
Monroe, CT 06468

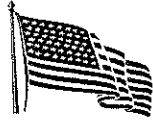
There will be a delicious, plentiful buffet and a Cash Bar for your enjoyment.  
Price: \$35 per person. Let us show our respect and appreciation for these dedicated leaders of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District!

Please make checks payable to: ALA Third District  
**Deadline for Reservations is May 11th**

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Send reservations to: Alice Saxton  
95 Lakeview Terrace  
Sandy Hook CT 06482 (203-426-7728)

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

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



## Directions



They are on CT-25

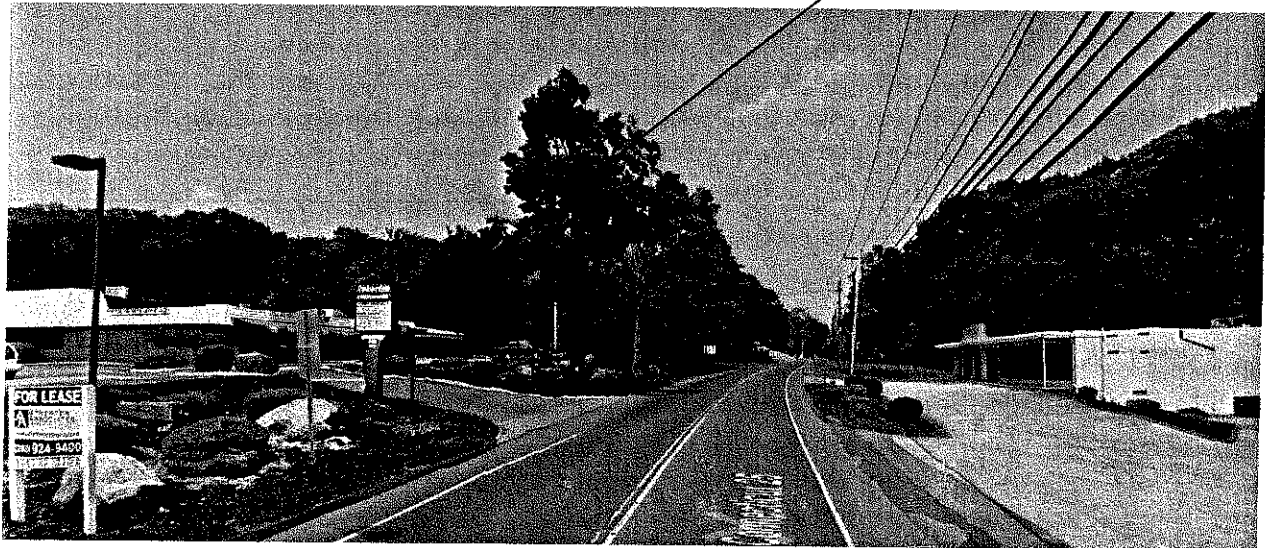
Please go to [www.robertosmonroe.com](http://www.robertosmonroe.com)

Select from the column on the left "Directions"

GPS Information: 505 Main Street, Monroe, CT 06468

Roberto's

Roberto's has parking in the back. There is limited parking in the front.





# THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPT. OF CONNECTICUT 2014

## PHILLIP HADDAD MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP FORM



WEDNESDAY, MAY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
BLACKLEDGE COUNTRY CLUB, HEBRON, CT  
**SPONSORSHIP FEE - \$100.00**

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

2014 AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
PHILLIP HADDAD GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSOR FORM

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

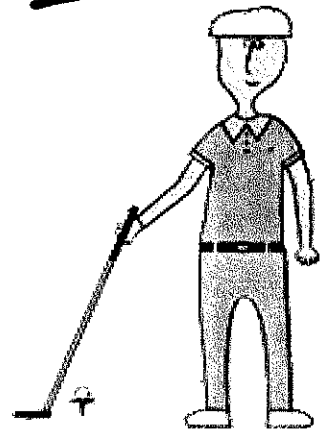
CONTACT PERSON AND TELEPHONE OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

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

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



**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPT. OF CONNECTICUT  
2014 PHILLIP  
HADDAD  
MEMORIAL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

**BLACKLEDGE COUNTRY CLUB, HEBRON, CT**

**REGISTRATION - \$100.00**

**INCLUDES GREENS FEES, GOLF CART, STEAK DINNER**

**SHOTGUN START 10:00 AM - CALLAWAY SYSTEM**

**FREE RAFFLE AND PRIZES!**

**- RETURN BOTTOM PORTION -**

**PHILLIP HADDAD MEMORIAL AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
2014 GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM**

**FOURSOME  
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER**

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

**SINGLES ACCEPTED -  
WE WILL PLACE YOU  
IN A FOURSOME**

**FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED  
GET YOUR ENTRY IN EARLY!**

**NO ENTRY ACCEPTED  
WITHOUT PAYMENT**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY  
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014**

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



# The American Legion Family Department of Connecticut Leadership College 2014 CAMP CONNRI



28 Happy Hill Lane  
Ashford, CT 06278  
June 6-7, 2014

**(Deadline for Registration: May 25, 2014)**

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

**Welcome to the 2014 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 and other Legion  
Volunteers are expected to speak on a number of important topics such as:**

**How to run a Meeting  
Officers Duties  
My Legion.Org and Membership  
Protocol  
How to Fill a Chair  
Public Speaking  
And more**

*American Legion Family Leadership College  
Department of Connecticut*

*Camp Connri  
28 Happy Hill Lane  
Ashford, CT 06278  
June 6-7, 2014*

**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: **Charles R. Berry, Asst. Treasurer**  
**PO BOX 208**  
**ROCKY HILL, CT 06067-0208**

**Registration form and fee must be received no later than May 25, 2014.**

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

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# AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

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February 1, 2014

**\*\* NEW PROCESS \*\***  
BOY'S STATE APPLICATIONS AND BROCHURES WILL NOW BE  
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
**<http://www.ctboysstate.com> or <http://www.ct.legion.org>**

Written requests are no longer necessary to obtain your Boys' State applications! They will (soon) be available on the web-sites above. *Just provide the above web information to your selected delegates*, let them download and complete the application and return the completed application (with all signatures) to you. The checklist and application are formatted so it may be filled in AND saved right on the computer then printed (plain 8.5 x 11 paper) when complete, *but please remember that.....*

**ALL SIGNATURES MUST STILL BE HANDWRITTEN AND ORIGINAL**

### **ADDITIONAL REMINDERS**

1. All applications MUST be received at Department Headquarters by: **June 2, 2014 - 4:00 PM.**
3. All applications must be checked for the following:
  - a. If not an **American Citizen, Applicant must provide copy of green card.**
  - b. Applications must be signed by School Principal and responsible Post Officer.
  - c. Parent or Guardian must sign.
  - d. Applicant must sign.
  - e. All questions must be answered.
4. **Fee is \$300.00**

**DATE OF BOYS' STATE is: Sunday, JUNE 22 through Friday, June 27, 2014**

If you have any questions or concerns or are unable to obtain an application through the web-sites, please contact Department Headquarters at 860-436-9986 or [Admin@ctlegion.necoxmail.com](mailto:Admin@ctlegion.necoxmail.com)



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

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Welcome to The American Legion, Department of Connecticut Boys' State Leadership Program. We are so excited to be offering a new way to apply for this exciting program in 2014. You can access this application at <http://ctboysstate.com> or [www.ct.legion.org](http://www.ct.legion.org). 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 June 22, 2014 – June 27, 2014.

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  
P.O. Box 208  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

## Checklist

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Application 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**



## **2014 ANNOUNCEMENT**

The American Legion Department of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police, announce their joint sponsorship of the 15th Annual State Police Youth Week. The program, a law enforcement practicum for high school students completing their JUNIOR YEAR in 2014 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 6th, to Saturday, July 12th, 2014.

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 13, 2014.***

***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, PO Box 290167, Wethersfield, CT 06129-0167. Telephone 860.296.0719.



# AMERICAN LEGION CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE YOUTH WEEK



## 2014 APPLICATION (REPRODUCIBLE)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Age \_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed 2014 \_\_\_\_ 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 6th to Saturday, July 12th, 2014**. 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.

**ATTACH  
RECENT  
PHOTOGRAPH  
HERE**

**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  
 PO BOX 290167, WETHERSFIELD, CT 06129-0167**

**COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET  
 AND \$125.00 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE  
 MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> 2014.**



**3rd Annual VJ Day Parade Golf Classic**

**Sponsored by American Legion Post 91**

**When: Monday, April 28, 2014**

**Time: Registration @ 7:00AM – Shotgun Start @ 9:00AM**

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

**Entry Fee: \$135.00 per player. \$540.00 per team of four players (Due by April 21, 2014)**

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

**Players (please print)**

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

***SORRY – NO COOLERS***

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

**Mailing address:**

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

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

***BREAKFAST BUFFET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT REGISTRATION  
STARTING AT 7:00AM***

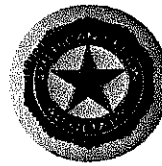
## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual VJ Day Parade Golf Classic Menu**

### **Registration Breakfast –New England Buffet**

Sliced Fresh Seasonal Fruits  
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs  
Breakfast Potatoes, Bacon and Sausage  
Assorted Danish, Muffins and Bagels  
Served with Butter and Preserves  
Chilled Orange Juice  
Regular and Decaffeinated Coffees, Teas  
Bottled Water

### **Post Play Grilled Luncheon Buffet**

Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken,  
Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,  
Fresh Baked Buns, Sliced Cheeses,  
Platter of Lettuce, Tomatoes, Red Onion, Pickles,  
Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Boston Baked Beans,  
Chips, Cookies and Brownies  
Iced Water & Iced Tea



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

# **PARADE RAFFLE**

## ***TWO TICKETS***

**NEW YORK YANKEES**

**VS**

**BOSTON RED SOX**

**At Fenway Park**

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

**Right Field Box 8, Row G**

**\$10.00 per arms-length (no single tickets)**

*Send check payable to: VJ Day Parade Committee to address above.  
Include name, address, phone number and number of arms-lengths ordered  
Confirmation of entry will be made by phone upon receipt of check  
Drawing will take place on the day of the VJ Day Parade (08/10/2014)*

# *Dining for Dollars*

FUNDRAISER

## **Bertucci's of Orange**

Sunday, May 18, 2014  
11:00 am to 10:00 pm

When you present this flyer 15% of what you spend will be given to  
The 2nd District American Legion, Department of Connecticut. Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery.

**Bertucci's**

550 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477  
Phone: 203-799-6828

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# "SOS" Breakfast

Sponsored by  
Middlesex County Blue Star Mothers, VFW Post 2138, Rocky Hill  
and Cromwell Veteran Affairs Committee

Saturday, April 12, 2014 - 8:00 to 10:00 am  
VFW Post 2138, 3272 Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT

Entertainment - Raffles  
Gather with old friends &  
meet some new ones!  
Proceeds benefit MCBSM  
Veteran Programs & Events

All are welcome to  
attend, Veterans of  
all ages, families,  
friends or anyone  
who wants to have a  
great breakfast!

\$5 Breakfast Includes  
SOS Gravy or Sausage,  
Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes, Toast  
Coffee & Orange Juice

For more information, Reservations for Groups

Call Cathy @ 860-306-7144 or

Email: [chodlin@comcast.net](mailto:chodlin@comcast.net)

Reservations must be received by  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014





Westbrook Elk Lodge 1784  
**Veterans Remembrance  
Luncheon & Ham Shoot**  
Sunday, April 13th, 2014, Noon



Guests are invited from Rocky Hill, Newington and West Haven VA Facilities; South Park Inn, Homes for the Brave, Elks Veterans, VFW and American Legion Posts and more.

Westbrook ELK Lodge serves the following towns: Guilford, Clinton, Deep River, Madison, Essex, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Old Lyme, Chester and Killingworth.

#### **PROGRAM**

- 1130: Guests start arriving
- 1200: Invocation, CAPT Jayne Viera USN (Ret)
- 1215: Lunch
- 1300: A Short Musical Program
- 1315: The Comedy of JOHN ROMANOFF
- 1345: Departure or Participate in Ham Shoot\*

\*The Lodge will have an ongoing Public Ham Shoot, firing shotguns into Long Island Sound. The winner of a Ham or Gift Card is the one with the most pellets in a paper target. Veterans are invited to participate as our guests. However if you might be fearful of gunfire please consider not attending the Ham Shoot part of our event.



# Department of Veterans Affairs

## INSTRUCTIONS

### APPLICATION FOR VETERAN'S FLAG ON CONNECTICUT DRIVER LICENSE OR IDENTITY CARD

(Please note, this program does NOT begin until January 1, 2013, however The Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs ("CDVA") will accept this application starting November 1, 2012. If your license or ID expires prior to January 1, 2013, you are still required to renew your license before the expiration date.)

Use this form to apply to add a veteran's flag to your existing Connecticut driver license or identity card. Applications must be received no later than 30 days prior to the expiration date of your license.

**PURPOSE:** In accordance with Public Act No. 11-68, all Connecticut veterans with qualifying service below are eligible to receive the veterans' identifier on their driver license or identity card.

**ELIGIBILITY:** In order to receive veteran's flag on an existing Connecticut license or identity card, the veteran must submit the following to CDVA:

1. Documentary proof of qualifying military service (90 or more days of active federal service, not including initial entry training) DD-214 or pre 1950 WG AGO Discharge certificate.
2. Proof of an honorable discharge, or a discharge under honorable conditions, from military service (or discharge due to injuries received in the line of duty) for the qualifying service. All other discharges will be considered ineligible.

**DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Completed and signed application form (CTDVA VL-1)
2. Proof of service: DD-214 or other documentation if DD-214 is unavailable, i.e.: VA Certificate of service.

If the name on the DD-214 is different from the veterans' legal name, proof of name change is required; i.e. court decree, marriage certificate etc.

Download and Print the application here: [APPLICATION](#)

SEND APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:

CT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
ATTN: VETERAN'S FLAG ON DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD  
287 WEST ST.  
ROCKY HILL, CT 06067  
FAX: 860 616-3562  
VETERANS' TOLL FREE INFO LINE: 866 928-8387

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DVA VL-1

APPLICATION FOR VETERAN'S FLAG ON DRIVER LICENSE OR IDENTITY CARD

1. SERVICE MEMBER'S PERSONAL INFORMATION (All Applicants Must Complete This Section)

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Mo Day Year  
Date of Birth

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CT Driver's License or Identity Card Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address Street Address (if different from mailing address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone Number Secondary Phone Number E-Mail

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION WITH THIS APPLICATION TO VERIFY MILITARY SERVICE AND STATE RESIDENCY

2. INFORMATION VERIFICATION, ACCESS & RELEASE AUTHORIZATION (ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION)

**STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY:**

This application required supporting documentation and access to your military records which are the primary means of determining your eligibility to qualify for the CT veterans' identifier. Disclosure of the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information or access thereto may result in the inability to verify eligibility based on the lack of sufficient information. Unverified eligibility will result in the denial and return of this application. By submitting this form, I understand that the Department of Veterans Affairs will certify me for the veterans' identifier on the CT Driver's license or Identity Card. I attest that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date Signed

ELIGIBILITY (To be completed by CT Department of Veterans Affairs)

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ INELIGIBLE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF CT DVA VERIFICATION OFFICER DATE

Reason for Ineligibility:  
Lack of Documentation \_\_\_\_\_ Could not verify eligibility \_\_\_\_\_ Did not have qualifying military service \_\_\_\_\_  
Veteran was not honorably discharged or received a disqualifying character of discharge \_\_\_\_\_



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CT NATIONAL GUARD SERVICE MEMBER AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

800-858-2677 or [www.Facebook.com/CTNGFamilies](http://www.Facebook.com/CTNGFamilies)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL IS MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD!

- Tuesday, April 1, 2014:** **Family Support Group Meeting** 1830  
Armed Forces Reserve Center 375 Smith Street, Middletown, CT
- Monday, April 7, 2014:** **Child & Youth Council Meeting** 1830  
Armed Forces Reserve Center 375 Smith Street, Middletown, CT
- Tuesday, April 8, 2014:** **Family Readiness Group B.A.S.I.C.S. Training** 1800  
Armed Forces Reserve Center 375 Smith Street, Middletown, CT
- Saturday, April 19th:** **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** 0900  
William A. O'Neill Armory, 360 Broad Street, Hartford, CT

## ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

The *Military Vacations for Families from Armed Forces Vacation Club®* (AFVC) is a "Space Available" program that offers military and other Department of Defense-affiliated personnel the opportunity to enjoy vacations at popular destinations around the world - for the incredibly low price of just \$349\* USD per unit, per week. Those eligible and their family and friends have access to spacious accommodations at more than 4,000 resorts, apartments, condominiums and homes in more than 100 countries.



Stay with your loved ones at a beachfront resort in Mexico, a well-appointed cabin in the Canadian Rockies, or a centuries old home in the English countryside. Take your leave at a do-everything resort near Orlando's theme parks, Greece's ancient ruins or Tuscany's rolling hills. With *Military Vacations for Families from Armed Forces Vacation Club*, your vacation options span the globe.

The program is available to all active and retired members of the Armed Forces, Department of Defense employees and select civilian employees in military support roles. For more information, please check out <http://www.afvclub.com/> or contact AFVC at 1-800-724-9888 or 317-805-9975 (if calling from overseas).

SERVICE PROVIDER: *SPOTLIGHT*  
NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI Connecticut offers a variety of support groups throughout the state in conjunction with its local affiliates, including groups for parents, siblings, spouses, and parents of children and adolescents, and people with psychiatric disorders.



- NAMI Affiliate Friends and Family Support Groups
- Other NAMI Friends and Family Support Groups
- NAMI-CAN Support Groups (Child and Adolescent Network)
- The Connection Support Groups

**Office Branches and Locations:** NAMI Elm City  
Stop & Shop Community Room, 2nd Fl.  
150 Whalley Ave., New Haven  
1st Thursday of Month - 7:00-8:30pm  
Elaine (203) 777-1111 or Lisa (203) 488-0168

**NAMI Fairfield Friends & Family Support Group**  
First Congregational Church  
148 Beach Rd., Fairfield  
1st Wednesday, Speaker Meeting  
3rd Wednesday, Support Group  
Both Meetings - 7:30- 9:00pm  
Judy (203) 650-3463

*Want to stay connected and receive instant updates? Just "LIKE" us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CTNGFamilies](http://www.facebook.com/CTNGFamilies)! If you have any questions or require assistance with a Family Readiness or Family Assistance issue, please contact our office at 1-800-858-2677.*



# Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!

## Join Us!

Saturday, April 19, 2014  
William A. O'Neill Armory  
360 Broad Street, Hartford

Registration begins at 8:30 AM  
(please no early birds)

Breakfast is served at 9:00 AM  
(Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, etc)

Cost per Family is \$5.00  
(to help offset the cost of food)

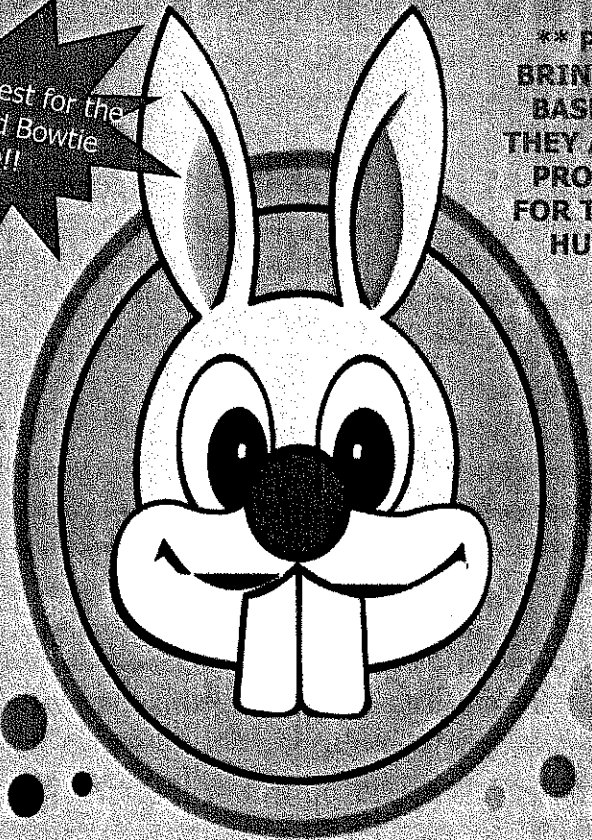
Checks made payable to *CT Youth Council* and  
mailed to the above address by the RSVP date  
to secure your space.

*Service Members and their dependents only are welcome and reservations are **REQUIRED** no later than April 14th, 2014. Please call 1-800-858-2677 or email [michelle.m.mccarty4.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:michelle.m.mccarty4.ctr@mail.mil).*

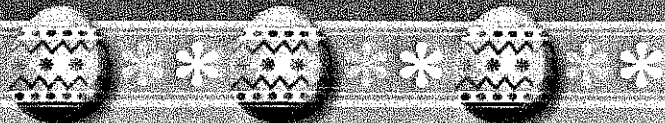
*Egg Hunt for ages infant to 10 years  
The Easter Bunny will join us!  
Don't forget your cameras  
Crafts and Activities!*

Dress your best for the  
Bonnetts and Bowtie  
Parade!!

\*\* PLEASE  
BRING YOUR  
BASKET AS  
THEY ARE NOT  
PROVIDED  
FOR THE EGG  
HUNT\*\*



# Happy Easter!





## *Dancing With Our Heroes The Event*

The Fred Astaire Franchised Dance Studios of New England are partnering together for a fund-raising "Dancing with Our Heroes" Gala to be held Saturday, September 13, 2014 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford.

The event will feature general dancing, a sit-down dinner, a silent auction, a professional show and the "Dancing with Our Heroes" competition. The proceeds of the event will be donated to The Friends of Fisher House Connecticut for the construction of a Fisher House on the grounds of the West Haven VA. The goal is to raise \$500,000.

The "Dancing with Our Heroes" competition will be a Ballroom & Latin dance competition between our military heroes, who will each be partnered with a professional dance instructor. Each participating Fred Astaire Dance Studio will provide the instructors and free lessons to help the hero prepare for the competition. There will be no cost to the hero for participation. Winners will be selected by audience votes and a panel of judges.



[www.dancingwithourheroes.com](http://www.dancingwithourheroes.com)

**FRED ASTAIRE**  
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# Dancing With OUR HEROES

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Connecticut Convention Center 100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT



## What You Need to Know as a Participating Hero

### Who will teach me how to dance?

- You have the amazing opportunity to work with your instructor for 25 lessons to develop one dance to perform on September 13, 2014.

### What dance will I perform?

- You choose the dance! You may choose from the Foxtrot or Swing, whichever you feel most comfortable with or are most excited about! If you need help deciding, your instructor is more than willing to recommend the best dance for you! Please send an email to [sandy.uhc@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.uhc@gmail.com) with your dance choice.

### How does the competition work?

- You will never be on the dance floor alone! We will have 40 hero & instructor pairings. We will split the performers into groups of 5 based on the dances.
- We anticipate having 3 judges. Each dancer will get a paddle score (1-10) from each judge. The dancers will be ranked by paddle score and receive points based on their placement. We will then add up their popular votes to get their popular placement. To determine the overall score and winners, we will add together the judges score and popular vote placement. For example:

Hero Dancer	Judges Scores (3 Judges)	Judges Score Placement	Popular Vote Totals	Popular Vote Placement	Overall Placement
Marine	7, 9, 8 = 24	2	\$5,000 (\$1 per vote)	1	Winner
Army	8, 10, 9 = 27	1	\$2,500	3	2nd Place
Coast Guard	7, 6, 9 = 22	3	\$3,500	2	3rd Place

- Awards will be given to the Top 3 scorers, as well as the "Judge's Choice" and the "People's Choice."
- After each heat, you will receive verbal comments and feedback from one of the 3 judges.
- Don't forget to invite all of your friends and family to the event so they can share in this AMAZING experience with you!

The event schedule will run as follows:

6:00 - 7:00	Cocktails, General Dancing, Silent Auction Opens
7:00 - 7:30	Welcome, National Anthem, MIA/POW Table
7:30 - 9:00	Sit Down Dinner
9:00 - 10:30	Opening Show, Dancing With Our Heroes Competition
10:30 - 11:00	General Dancing, Silent Auction
11:00	Present Awards, Silent Auction Closes



# THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

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

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

**Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:**

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

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

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

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

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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) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone)

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

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to Sons of the American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address go to The American Legion Department/state headquarters, or [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

ALA 11/2011

## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of \_\_\_\_\_



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### APPLICANT INFORMATION

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (M.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Required)  Birth - 17  18 and over

Have you been a member before?  Yes  No

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to American Legion Auxiliary Department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current Department address go to: <http://www.ALAtorVeterans.org/contact/state-headquarters/>

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

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

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

**Veteran Served: (check all that apply)**

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

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

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

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

## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

## Incentive award program

1. Any District which reaches the 100% goal prior to the National deadline will receive a \$500.00 check to use any way they see fit. (*Department Adjutant will determine this*).
2. Any individual who signs up 15 new members will receive a \$50.00 check and a plaque for being a top recruiter.
  - a. Numbers will have to be verified by Department Headquarters in the following manner: The individual will have to send in the list of names that he/she signed up and department headquarters will verify that those members are in fact new members in the post.
3. Any individual who signs up 25 or more new members will receive a \$100.00 check and be submitted to National for the Silver Brigade award. (*List of NEW members must be submitted to Department Adjutant for certification*).
4. Any individual who signs up 50 or more new members will receive a \$200.00 check and be submitted to National for the Gold Brigade award. (*List of NEW members must be submitted to Department Adjutant for certification*).
5. Any individual who is personally responsible for transferring 25 or more individuals from post 200 into their respective post will receive a check for \$50.00.
  - a. Transfers will have to be verified by department headquarters in the following manner: The individual will have to send in the list of names that they submitted transfer paperwork for and the department will verify with the post membership chairman who submitted the paperwork for approval.

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

**DEPARTMENT RECRUITER OF THE YEAR:** Each Legion post will have the opportunity to submit the name of the "*Top Recruiter*" for that post who has signed up the highest number of new members for the **current** membership year by **May 9** of each year. Department Adjutants will determine the top new-member recruiter for their respective Department and certify their "*Department Recruiter*" to National Headquarters on or before **May 31** of each year. The "*Department Recruiter*" properly certified from each department will be awarded a plaque with his/her accomplishment inscribed thereon.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF CONNECTICUT MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY REPORT												
As of: 03/31/2014												
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual		2011%	2012%	2013%	2014%
		Dist.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014		of 2010	of 2011	of 2012	of 2013
2	Bristol	1	75	75	83	96	103		100.00%	110.67%	115.66%	107.29%
6	New Britain	1	3	3	3				100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
9	New London	5	29	14	16	17	8		48.28%	114.29%	106.25%	47.06%
12	Norwalk	3	31	43	43	35	29		138.71%	100.00%	81.40%	82.86%
13	Putnam	4	23	7	10	7	10		30.43%	142.86%	70.00%	142.86%
14	Rockville	4	27	23	21	26	16		85.19%	91.30%	123.81%	61.54%
15	Jewett City	5	25	23	24	20	16		92.00%	104.35%	83.33%	80.00%
16	Shelton	3	92	113	118	116	110		122.83%	104.42%	98.31%	94.83%
17	Naugatuck	2	25	22	21	7	6		88.00%	95.45%	33.33%	85.71%
19	Willimantic	4	42	68	57	58	51		161.90%	83.82%	101.75%	87.93%
20	Terryville	6	88	94	84	67	56		106.82%	89.36%	79.76%	83.58%
21	Danielson	4				4	3					
22	Thomaston	6	69	63	56	59	59		91.30%	88.89%	105.36%	100.00%
24	Derby	2	10	6	3	3	3		60.00%	50.00%	100.00%	100.00%
26	Stafford Springs	4	54	48	48	37	18		88.89%	100.00%	77.08%	48.65%
27	Litchfield	6	15	15	9	13	8		100.00%	60.00%	144.44%	61.54%
33	Plainville	1	39	44	35	11	0		112.82%	79.55%	31.43%	0.00%
40	East Windsor	1										
43	Winsted	6	17	19	18	19	0		111.76%	94.74%	105.56%	0.00%
45	Meriden	2	46	45	48	46	34		97.83%	106.67%	95.83%	73.91%
48	Guilford	2	6	9	9	9	10		150.00%	100.00%	100.00%	111.11%
50	Ansonia	2										
52	Coventry	4	10	10	12	11	11		100.00%	120.00%	91.67%	100.00%
54	Colchester	5	21	25	24	18	15		119.05%	96.00%	75.00%	83.33%
60	Danbury	3	28	20	22	26	25		71.43%	110.00%	118.18%	96.15%
61	Deep River	7	15	15	12	12	12		100.00%	80.00%	100.00%	100.00%
67	N. Grosvenordale	4	31	23	18	26	20		74.19%	78.26%	144.44%	76.92%
68	Berlin	1	46	49	45	42	36		106.52%	91.84%	93.33%	85.71%
71	West Haven	2	26	15	22	20	5		57.69%	146.67%	90.91%	25.00%
72	Southington	1	215	198	189	176	172		92.09%	95.45%	93.12%	97.73%
74	Fairfield	3										
75	Middletown	7	9	11	8	7	7		122.22%	72.73%	87.50%	100.00%
80	Enfield	1	19	30	30	36	29		157.89%	100.00%	120.00%	80.56%
88	Hamden	2	36	35	28	29	22		97.22%	80.00%	103.57%	75.86%
89	* East Haven	2										
91	Moosup	4	32	38	44	41	35		118.75%	115.79%	93.18%	85.37%
95	Hebron	4	65	65	60	61	61		100.00%	92.31%	101.67%	100.00%
96	West Hartford	1	85	119	91	97	79		140.00%	76.47%	106.59%	81.44%
100	Bethel	3	15	19	22	23	25		126.67%	115.79%	104.55%	108.70%
102	Manchester	1	21	21	20	21	11		100.00%	95.24%	105.00%	52.38%
104	Taftville	5	15	17	13	13	13		113.33%	76.47%	100.00%	100.00%
112	Montville	5	90	90	81	94	88		100.00%	90.00%	116.05%	93.62%
113	Old Saybrook	7	58	58	40	34	20		100.00%	68.97%	85.00%	58.82%
128	Niantic	5	77	82	76	57	33		106.49%	92.68%	75.00%	57.89%
142	Hartford	1		11	10					90.91%	0.00%	0.00%
156	East Haddam	7	61	64	69	67	54		104.92%	107.81%	97.10%	80.60%
165	Wolcott	2	36	32	32	28	22		88.89%	100.00%	87.50%	78.57%
174	Oxford	2	61	55	59	42	35		90.16%	107.27%	71.19%	83.33%
177	Bridgeport	3	16	15	16	16	23		93.75%	106.67%	100.00%	143.75%
194	Prospect	2										
195	Oakville	6	31	14	44	33	38		45.16%	314.29%	75.00%	115.15%
196	Milford	2	49	53	41	48	28		108.16%	77.36%	117.07%	58.33%
197	Marlborough	1	86	91	82	78	56		105.81%	90.11%	95.12%	71.79%
199	Plainville	1	16	16	15	15	15		100.00%	93.75%	100.00%	100.00%
1771	Governor's Footguard	1			11	11	8					
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1986</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>1942</b>	<b>1832</b>	<b>1538</b>		<b>101.96%</b>	<b>95.90%</b>	<b>94.34%</b>	<b>83.95%</b>

2014 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

95% Target Date is April 7th

March 31, 2014

**DISTRICT NO. 1 HARTFORD 33 POSTS**

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

DISTRICT NO. 1 HARTFORD 33 POSTS				District No. 2 New Haven (contd.)					
		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
2	Bristol	780	744	95.4%	76	North Haven	169	139	82.2%
6	New Britain	102	76	74.5%	79	Q Madison	100	102	102.0%
8	Hartford	44	38	86.4%	83	Branford	271	220	81.2%
23	Wethersfield	92	89	96.7%	88	Hamden	235	197	83.8%
32	Q Unionville	23	23	100.0%	89	East Haven	223	177	79.4%
33	Plainville	117	97	82.9%	92	Cheshire	56	53	94.6%
36	Q Windsor Locks	304	306	100.7%	127	Orange	127	114	89.8%
40	East Windsor	66	47	71.2%	132	New Haven	63	39	61.9%
53	Farmington	25	18	72.0%	135	Waterbury	38	31	81.6%
56	Q Glastonbury	119	146	122.7%	147	Southbury	38	26	68.4%
59	Windsor	51	45	88.2%	150	Hamden	36	26	72.2%
68	Q Berlin	223	238	106.7%	162	New Haven	D 53	39	73.6%
72	Southington	600	587	97.8%	165	Wolcott	230	190	82.6%
77	East Hartford	28	22	78.6%	174	Oxford	243	199	81.9%
80	Enfield	266	256	96.2%	187	Wallingford	138	136	98.6%
84	Simsbury	105	98	93.3%	194	Q Prospect	41	42	102.4%
90	Collinsville	39	32	82.1%	196	Milford	411	308	74.9%
94	Suffield	D 15	2	13.3%	204	Heritage Village	95	71	74.7%
96	Q West Hartford	433	438	101.2%	TOTAL		4062	3394	83.6%
102	Manchester	185	168	90.8%					
116	Bloomfield	D 15	7	46.7%					
117	Newington	121	108	89.3%					
122	Burlington	15	5	33.3%					
123	Rocky Hill	57	54	94.7%					
131	Hartford	D 15	6	40.0%	3	Stamford	127	114	89.8%
133	Q South Windsor	112	133	118.8%	11	Bridgeport	41	33	80.5%
142	Hartford	200	172	86.0%	12	Norwalk	430	381	88.6%
154	Thompsonville	201	171	85.1%	16	Shelton	445	413	92.8%
182	Q Granby	91	97	106.6%	29	Greenwich	91	79	86.8%
197	Marlborough	168	157	93.5%	30	New Canaan	24	18	75.0%
199	Plainville	34	24	70.6%	42	Stratford	62	51	82.3%
201	Avon	30	29	96.7%	60	Danbury	310	265	85.5%
1771	Q Gov. Foot Guard	A 44	72	163.6%	63	Westport	35	19	54.3%
TOTAL		4720	4505	95.4%	74	Fairfield	223	188	84.3%

**DISTRICT NO. 3 FAIRFIELD 24 POSTS**

DISTRICT NO. 2 NEW HAVEN 29 POSTS				DISTRICT NO. 3 FAIRFIELD 24 POSTS					
		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>			<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
1	Waterbury	98	78	79.6%	78	Ridgefield	144	129	89.6%
10	Seymour	197	157	79.7%	86	Wilton	81	67	82.7%
17	Naugatuck	181	158	87.3%	98	Georgetown	16	9	56.3%
24	Derby	151	136	90.1%	100	Bethel	204	167	81.9%
25	Q Beacon Falls	55	57	103.6%	134	Bridgeport	20	16	80.0%
34	Milford	68	58	85.3%	140	Bridgeport	94	85	90.4%
45	Meriden	263	233	88.6%	141	Trumbull	157	140	89.2%
48	Guilford	74	73	98.6%	143	Stratfield	201	153	76.1%
50	Ansonia	81	69	85.2%	160	Easton	35	34	97.1%
71	West Haven	146	117	80.1%	167	Bridgeport	32	27	84.4%
73	Wallingford	181	149	82.3%	176	Monroe	80	67	83.8%
					177	Bridgeport	98	84	85.7%
					202	Newtown	38	34	89.5%
					207	Q Middlebrook	A 22	23	104.5%
					TOTAL		3010	2596	86.2%

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

**2014 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

March 31, 2014

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

**DISTRICT NO. 6 LITCHFIELD 20 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
13	Putnam	97	87	89.7%
14	Rockville	276	266	96.4%
19	Willimantic	260	236	90.8%
21	Danielson	115	108	93.9%
26	Stafford Springs	195	178	91.3%
52	Coventry/Mansfield	103	92	89.3%
62	Ellington	95	81	85.3%
67	N Grosvenordale	220	201	91.4%
91	Moosup	237	211	89.0%
95	Hebron	144	108	75.0%
101	Q Somers	79	81	102.5%
106	Hampton	16	9	56.3%
111	Woodstock	139	114	82.0%
203	Eastford	25	20	80.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2001</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>89.6%</b>

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
20	Terryville	200	157	78.5%
22	Thomaston	200	166	83.0%
27	Litchfield	145	136	93.8%
28	New Hartford	89	80	89.9%
31	New Milford	105	93	88.6%
38	Torrington	155	143	92.3%
43	Winsted	120	99	82.5%
44	Bantam	85	75	88.2%
46	Goshen	65	61	93.8%
49	Canaan	15	12	80.0%
70	Salisbury	17	16	94.1%
87	Washington	63	58	92.1%
126	Sharon	55	50	90.9%
137	Harwinton	60	51	85.0%
146	Bethlehem	68	62	91.2%
153	Kent	44	38	86.4%
155	Woodbury	64	49	76.6%
159	Riverton	39	31	79.5%
173	Morris	28	23	82.1%
195	Q Oakville	202	210	104.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1819</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>88.5%</b>

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

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
4	Norwich	243	196	80.7%
9	New London	153	131	85.6%
15	Q Jewett City	158	177	112.0%
41	Q Lyme	72	81	112.5%
54	Colchester	172	153	89.0%
58	Q Stonington	39	40	102.6%
85	Baltic	50	45	90.0%
104	Q Taftville	81	94	116.0%
112	Q Montville	236	267	113.1%
114	Q Groton	42	57	135.7%
115	Noank	55	44	80.0%
128	Niantic	311	271	87.1%
138	Bozrah	42	36	85.7%
152	Pawcatuck	50	41	82.0%
161	Q Waterford	35	42	120.0%
180	Q Lebanon	A 115	120	104.3%
205	Q Gales Ferry	22	30	136.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1876</b>	<b>1825</b>	<b>97.3%</b>

**DISTRICT NO. 7 MIDDLESEX 14 POSTS**

		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Goal</u>
18	Essex	58	45	77.6%
61	Deep River	65	60	92.3%
64	East Hampton	61	57	93.4%
66	Clinton	80	74	92.5%
69	Portland	45	35	77.8%
75	Middletown	225	208	92.4%
97	Chester	47	37	78.7%
103	Westbrook	80	70	87.5%
105	Cromwell	129	111	86.0%
113	Old Saybrook	178	150	84.3%
156	East Haddam	189	162	85.7%
184	Durham	30	21	70.0%
192	Middlefield	22	15	68.2%
206	Middletown	60	47	78.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1269</b>	<b>1092</b>	<b>86.1%</b>

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
5	1,876	1,825	97.281%
1	4,720	4,505	95.445%
4	2,001	1,792	89.555%
6	1,819	1,610	88.510%
3	3,010	2,596	86.246%
7	1,269	1,092	86.052%
2	4,062	3,394	83.555%
	<b>18,757</b>	<b>16,814</b>	<b>89.641%</b>

222	USS Connecticut	15	0	0.000%
1903	CT State Police	15	1	6.667%
	HQ Post 200	<u>1,813</u>	<u>2,745</u>	<u>151.407%</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,600</b>	<b>19,560</b>	<b>94.951%</b>