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
(203) 804-1002
murray2031@sbcglobal.net
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 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 7th 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
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\textsuperscript{th} 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:


Testimonials & Banquets

The following Testimonials / Banquets are scheduled with Department:

- 6\textsuperscript{th} District Luau Testimonial, May 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 6:00 PM, Post 195, Oakville ($25).
- 4\textsuperscript{th} District Testimonial Cookout, May 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 4:00 PM, Post 14, Rockville ($20).
- National Commander’s Banquet, May 9\textsuperscript{th}, 6:00 PM, Zandri’s, Wallingford ($35).
- 5\textsuperscript{th} District Testimonial, May 31\textsuperscript{st}, 5:00 PM, Post 128, Niantic ($25).
- 3\textsuperscript{rd} District Testimonial, June 1\textsuperscript{st}, 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\textsuperscript{th}. The data for the printing of the 2015 cards will be extracted from the member database April 15\textsuperscript{th}, with production beginning on or around April 21\textsuperscript{st}. 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\textsuperscript{th}. 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/180892608688877?sk=wall&filter=12

Learn more about the association at 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: 1st place, Jonathan Lemanski, Troop 55 in Shelton; 2nd place, Caleb Whewell, Troop 9 in Pawcatuck; 3rd 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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April 2014 – Children & Youth Month

04-05 SAL Eastern Region Gathering, Shelton, Post 16 & Hampton Inn.
04-06 77th 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 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 68.
09 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 1, Waterbury.
10 ALA Birthday, 1919.
10 7th District Meeting, 6:00 PM, Post 156, East Haddam, Potluck & Gift Book.
11 1st District ALA Dance, $15, 7:00-11:00 PM, Post 72, Southington.
13 Palm Sunday.
13 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 67, North Grosvenordale.
15 First Day of Passover.
16 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 60, Danbury.
16 5th 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 1st District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post 36, Windsor Locks.
24 6th 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 ALA “Foolish Follies” fundraiser, 2:00-5:00 PM, $15 for dinner, Post 165, Wolcott.

May 2014

02 6th District Testimonial Luau, $25, 6:00 PM social, 7:00 PM dinner, Post 195, Oakville.
03 4th District Testimonial, $20, 4:00 social, 5:00 cookout, Post 14, Rockville.
08 V-E Day – 1945.
08 7th 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 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 142.
14 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post TBD (call: 203-729-2624).
15 Peace Officers’ Memorial Day.
15 5th 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 3rd Annual 5th District Chili Cook-Off, 6:00 PM, Bozrah Volunteer Fire Dept.
18 2nd District Fundraiser, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM, Bertucci’s of Orange. (See Flyer).
18 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 28, Stafford Springs.
May 2014 continued

Maritime Day.
6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 173, Morris.

Memorial Day Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED
Phil Haddad Memorial Golf Tournament, 10:00 AM, Blackledge CC, Hebron.
1st District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post 80, Enfield.
5th District Testimonial, $25, 5:00 social, 6:00 buffet, Post 128, Niantic.

June 2014

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

July 2014

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

August 2014

Invasion of Kuwait, "Operation Desert Shield" – 1990.
Purple Heart Day.
American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament, Middletown, CT.
53rd Annual VJ Day Parade, Moosup, CT, 1:01 PM.
88th American Legion Baseball World Series, Shelby, NC.
96th Annual National Convention, Charlotte, NC.
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)

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19  **Post 182, Granby**, 5:00 AM–Noon, Pancake Breakfast, w/ bacon, OJ, coffee & “Real Maple Syrup”

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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.
Post 194, Prospect, 4:30 – 7:30 PM, Ziti Dinner. $10.00 (under 13 = $5), Prospect fire House, Route 69. Benefit Legion Baseball program.

Post 12, Norwalk, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Oldies Dance with radio personality Lee Moore. No cover. All welcome. 203-866-8249

Post 20, Terryville, 1:00 PM, Steak & Cheese sandwiches w/peppers onions. $5.00.

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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South Windsor Legion Baseball, Annual Golf Tournament, Topstone Golf Course ($120).

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.

Post 113 SAL, Old Saybrook, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, every Wednesday Veterans Dinner. Call post, 860-388-9482 for menu, cost and reservations.

Post 20, Terryville, 1:00 PM, Fried Dough. $3.00.

Post 154, Thompsonville, 1:00 PM, Enfield Memorial Day Parade.

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.
96th 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). 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:

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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

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. [ ]
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.
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ODDS and ENDS

Did you know that the 4th 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 2nd District for 13.7% increase.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT ADJUTANTS

Department Adjutants

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Thomas J. Bannigan
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C.M. Pfennig, Assistant
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Allen P. Parker
William C. Murray
Arthur L. Baldwin
Pierce U. Clark
Charles L. Parker
Ben B. Truskowski
Hugh C. Graham
Charles R. Berry
Everett G. Shepard III

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1950–1968
1968–1969
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W. Frazier Brinley, 3-27-2014
KIDS WALK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
“KIDS WALK” - Walkathon
Starting Over
APRIL 19, 2014

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

CMN Champions
Children's Miracle Network

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.

__________________________
(Parent or legal guardian of minor under 18)

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All Pledges Prepaid.  TOTAL

Make checks payable to:  
**Kids Walk or CT Children's Medical Center ONLY**

Minimum of $25.00 donation to receive a T-Shirt for Walkers only
ANNUAL KIDS WALK
To Benefit Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals
childrensmiraclenetworkhospitals.org

Patriots Park, Coventry, CT
Saturday April 19, 2014
3 Mile Walk
8:30 AM Registration, 9AM-1PM Walk

Contact: Dennis Dziadowicz @ dizzd1@cox.net
Or Bill Root @ 860-508-3482 or iamwill1038@yahoo.com

Come and Walk if you can
Or Pledge Money to one of the Walkers
5th District, Proudly Host

Children's Miracle Network Walkathon

An event for the whole family: Food and Family Fun

• 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
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

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: ____________
PHONE: (_____) ____- _________

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National Commander
Dan Dellinger
Visits the 1st 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 10th

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
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

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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 1st DISTRICT FUNDRAISER DANCE

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 1ST DISTRICT IS SPONSORING A DANCE IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR VETERAN’S PROGRAMS. THIS YEAR, 1ST 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, SOUTHBINGTON
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 SOUTHBINGTON’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
6TH DISTRICT LUAU TESTIMONIAL

IN HONOR OF

6TH DISTRICT PRESIDENT KAREN FRANZESE
&

6TH 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 25TH 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
5th District American Legion Family with Bozrah Post 138

Present:

3rd 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!
2nd Place: 30% of the Pot
3rd 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 or 860-908-1336
5th District Testimonial

In Honor of:

Commander
Allen Lott

President
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: 5th 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: ____
3rd DISTRICT TESTIMONIAL 2014
HONORING

DISTRICT COMMANDER DAVE BISSONNETTE
And
DISTRICT PRESIDENT CAREN VARJAS

You are cordially invited to the 3rd 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 3rd District!

Please make checks payable to: ALA Third District

Deadline for Reservations is May 11th

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
Select from the column on the left "Directions"

GPS Information: 505 Main Street, Monroe, CT 06468

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 28th, 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 28TH, 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:  

_____________________________  

_____________________________
**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
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. 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

☐ Application completed and with 4 signatures
(Parent, Applicant, School Principal, Post representative)

☐ Medical Waiver Form completed and with 2 Parent Signatures

☐ Permanent Resident Card if NOT a U.S. Citizen

☐ Please check potential date conflicts i.e. school end/graduation

☐ Check for $300.00
(provided by sponsoring Post or organization)
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.
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 13TH 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 (1st place team, 2nd 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

BREAKFAST BUFFET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT REGISTRATION
STARTING AT 7:00AM
3rd 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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Bertucci's
550 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477
Phone: 203-799-6828
“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

Reservations must be received by
April 10th, 2014
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 Vieria 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)

   Mo  Day  Year
   Date of Birth
   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
**Upcoming Events**

**APRIL IS MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD!**

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**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 $3049* 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.afvc.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! 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 wel-
come and reservations are REQUIRED no later than
April 14th, 2014. Please call 1-800-858-2677 or email
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!

Happy Easter!
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
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 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:

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- 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
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

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