My Fellow Legionnaires,

As we move into the month of October and with the commitment to attend Fall Meetings out in Indianapolis and being selected to be a group leader for the upcoming National American Legion College, I will not be able to attend District meetings this month. However moving forward the Department Sr. Vice Commander and I will be making a concerted effort to make some visits to posts throughout the state as we try to gather information about how the department is perceived and what changes we need to make to improve that perception.

This past month as I traveled throughout the districts I announced my Commander’s project. In case you did not attend a District meeting last month here is a brief description of my project:

Veterans Landing - will be a state-of-the-art, affordable assisted living residence for older veterans and their spouses. Studio and one-bedroom apartments in this lovely home will be available on the VA Health Care Campus in Newington. In addition to 103 apartments, Veterans Landing will offer activity rooms (including a library and computer lab); convenience store; on-site medical care and physical therapy; excellent meals in a restaurant-style dining room; and transportation for shopping, medical appointments and field trips. This residence is modelled after CRT’s award-winning assisted living in Hartford.

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Thank You for all your support and with everyone’s help I know we can reach my goal of $10,000 that will be presented to the CRT at our Department Convention.

You can find the flyer in the bulletin along with instructions on where to send the checks.

**Update** - we have begun the transition to the new website and have made good progress and as we make sure that everything is working properly, you can still utilize the old website for basic needs. If there is something that is not on the old website and you absolutely need it, please call the office and they will do their best to get it to you in a timely manner. Please be patient, we are working diligently to provide you the absolute best product possible.

Harry “Butch” Hansen
Commander
Department of Connecticut
203-206-6434
Harryhansen13@att.net

MAINTAINERS MAKE IT HAPPEN
My Fellow Legionnaires,

I was remiss last month for not Congratulating Post 101 Somers & Post 207 Middlebrook for reaching 100% Quota in August! This month I Congratulate Post 1771 Governor’s Foot Guard for reaching 100% Quota.

We are off and running and on our way to the achieving our overall goal of 100%. Let’s keep the membership processes moving; do not hold back those that are currently renewing. It is discouraging to get a notice that your membership dues are late and you already paid. This year we have some good competition and wagers between Districts. Apparently, no one wants the last place spot. It’s building esprit de corps between comrades!

Please review this year’s Membership Incentives and District Recruiter of the Year forms enclosed with the Bulletin. Work for it. That money is your dues money and you want some back.

“How we can grow our membership?”

This is how we get there:

- It is imperative that all Posts have access to MyLegion to manage your membership.

- Access Post 200 members in your area via MyLegion; ask them to transfer to your post.

- Visit your Assessor’s Office and obtain a list of Veterans receiving the Veterans Tax Exemption; ask them to join your post.

- To paraphrase a great President and Legionnaire; “Ask not what the American Legion can do for you but what you can do for the American Legion”

Remember: The new Membership Task Force can help ease the burden, and is available to assist. Contact your District Commander to request assistance.

It is our goal collectively to get 100% in membership in the Department of Connecticut. We are in it together and together we can make it happen.

In Comradeship,

Paul Spedaliere
Department of Connecticut
Senior Vice Commander
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etcldtc@sbcglobal.net

“Unity and Teamwork Builds Our Future”
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How can Connecticut’s American Legion help?

- Raise awareness – be an ambassador for this project
- Raise your voice – help advocate for this through the VA system
- Raise dollars – either as individuals or through your post.
- Here are a few examples of the ‘Wish List.’ CRT will publish a full list, and people can sign up as donors. The needs start small and go all the way up, up up!
  - $9 buys a pair of yoga blocks for the gym
  - $18 buys a single place setting for the dining room: Plate, cup, saucer, soup bowl, silverware and drinking glass.
  - $50 buys two 8-quart mixing bowls
  - $110 will get one microwave – but they need one for every apartment
  - $250 for heart rate monitor
  - $1,000 buys one all-season patio table with umbrella – and they will need eight
  - $3,000 secures one golf cart for on-campus travel – eventually they’ll require four of these
  - $3,850 gets one 60-foot flagpole – but the design calls for at least three of these
  - $7,300 will buy a full set of barbells and weights, to keep residents fit
  - $35 – 45,000 for each van
  - And an estimated $165,000 for a safety pendant system!
Veterans’ Quality of Life

- $18 for each dining room place setting – 150 required
- $750 per year for art supplies
- $1,450 for 55” flat screen TV, sound system, DVD player and Wii in recreation area
- $1,655 for all-season patio table with umbrella and four chairs – total of 8 sets required
- $6,000 to furnish first floor living room – couch, chairs, tables, lamps, gas fireplace
- $35,000-45,000 for each van with lift, will need two for recreational outings, doctor visits off campus

Safety and Security

- $160 first aid kits
- $500 for each bathroom emergency call box in public areas – eight required
- $1,500 for security door controls – will need two sets
- $3,000 for each golf cart for on-campus travel – four will be required
- $165,000 personal safety system – resident pendants plus monitoring station
- $200,000 for camera system

Veterans Staying Fit and Healthy

- $249 for one heart rate monitor
- $650 pulley and weight system
- $1,200 physical therapy platform
- $1,500 staircase and mobility runway
- $3,500 for one treadmill, fitness gym will require at least two
- $7,300 for a full set of barbells and weights

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Please make your checks payable to: The American Legion Department of Connecticut
You can send donations to: A.L. Treasurers Office
C/O Commanders Project
864 Wethersfield Avenue
Hartford, CT 06114
Going to Bat For Aging Vets

By Steve Pintarich and Rich Linnon

As you see on the previous page, Commander Harry “Butch” Hansen has named Veterans Landing as his Commanders Project. Community Renewal Team was chosen by the US Department of Veterans Affairs to build and operate one of the very first affordable assisted living residences in the country for vets and their spouses on the VA Newington campus. This is a chance to get in on the ground floor of a really important initiative: People across the US will be looking at Veterans Landing to see how it’s done!

We were very proud when the Commander asked us to serve as the official liaisons between the Veterans Landing team and our American Legion posts around Connecticut. We have both served on the Veterans Landing Advisory Council, and we can honestly say that this is a very exciting, and a very meaningful project!

The American Legion is the first Connecticut VSO to take on this challenge: Raising funds and awareness about Veterans Landing, and the issue of aging low- and middle-income veterans in Connecticut. Let’s set a strong example for the entire state!

So now what? Butch is asking you and your posts to raise money for Veterans Landing in any way you wish. The sky’s the limit! Dinners at nearby restaurants are always popular – we’ve had good luck at Chili’s and Outback Steakhouse. There may be a family-owned eatery in your town that would cooperate. But you know what works in your area, from breakfasts to barbecues to ball games and other outings.

How can we help?

- Get in touch with one of us for ideas, planning or support. We’ll provide a “boiler plate” for the press release you’ll use to announce your fundraiser, and a sample invite letter to your elected officials.
- Community Renewal Team can provide all kinds of materials about Veterans Landing. There are flyers, brochures, and oversized posters that show the front and back of the building. There are also Veterans Landing pins and bracelets to give away at your event, and caps for the members who organize the event.
- Senior staff from CRT is also happy to come out and speak - at a post meeting, public event or whenever veterans’ advocates gather.

Please let us know what you’re planning, and how we can work with you on this!

Steve Pintarich: 860-620-9861  stevepintarich@cox.net
OR Rich Linnon: 860-874-1664  Richard.Linnon@va.gov
2014–2015 Membership Goal Incentives

Our goal is to get 100% quota in each District (all 7 Districts 100%) though it seems lofty, it is doable with a little effort by everyone.

Incentive award program

1. Any district who reaches the 100% goal prior to the National deadline will receive a $250.00 check to use any way they see fit plus the District Commander and Sr Vice will receive one overnight stay at the Department Convention.

2. Any Post reaching 100% goal by National deadline will receive a Certificate.

3. Any individual who signs up 15 new members will receive a $50.00 check and a plaque for being a top recruiter.

   - Numbers will have to be verified by Department Headquarters in the following manner: The individual will have to send in the list of names that he/she signed up (preferably with ID #) and Department Headquarters will verify that those new members are in fact in the data base and new.

4. Any individual who signs up 25 or more new members will receive a $100.00 check and be submitted to National for the Silver Brigade award.

5. Any individual who signs up 50 or more new members will receive a $200.00 check and be submitted to National for the Gold Brigade award.

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

DEPARTMENT RECRUITER OF THE YEAR: Each Legion post will have the opportunity to submit the name of the "Top Recruiter" for that post who has signed up the highest number of new members for the current membership year by May 11 of each year. Department Adjutants will determine the top new-member recruiter for their respective department and certify their "Department Recruiter" to National Headquarters on or before May 31 of each year. The "Department Recruiter" properly certified from each department will be awarded a plaque with his/her accomplishment inscribed thereon.
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Recruiters Name: ________________________________  Post Number: __________

District Commander (verifying)  Name: ________________________________

Date: __________  Signature: ________________________________
Middlesex Chamber of Commerce

The American Legion Department of Connecticut is a member of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's annual Support the Troops & Honor the Veterans Member Breakfast Meeting will be on Monday, November 10th starting at 7:45 AM (arrive early). This event is at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Cromwell. Cost is only $20 (member rate). The featured speaker this year is retired American Legion National Adjutant and Past National Commander Robert W. Spanogle. Please find the flyer in this Bulletin and register right away. Let's have a tremendous show of support with a large turnout of Legionnaires for Bob.

Post Leadership Conference

In response to positive feedback received the last four years, we are continuing our Fall Post Leadership Conference. Our 5th annual information session welcomes any & all Post Leaders (or soon-to-be leaders or wanna-be leaders). This will take place on Saturday, November 1st, at Post 165, 1253 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott, CT, from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. There is NO COST to each participant and morning coffee & light lunch is included! Block out this Saturday morning and leave with knowledge of many programs and membership. Again, please find the registration form in this Bulletin. Your response is needed so that there will be enough materials plus coffee and lunch for all attendees.

Auxiliary

Add support for the ALA Christmas shops to your calendars. Rocky Hill: Set-up Fri. 11/28; Shop Sat. 11/29 – Mon. 12/01; and West Haven: Set-up, Sat. 12/06; Shop, 12/07 – 12/09. Legion help is especially needed to do the ‘heavy lifting’ for the set-ups and closings. Expect to find a Volunteer Sign-up form in next month’s Bulletin. Also, I know the ALA would appreciate any help obtaining appropriate merchandise for this massive project. And cash donations are always welcome! Call ALA VA&R Chair Ruth Morgan, 203-387-2305.

Resolution No. 37, May 1988

Please take note of National Resolution # 37 from May, 1988, "Reaffirmation of The American Legion Policy Concerning Affiliation With Other Organizations" which is sent to Department HQ every year at this time and is included in this Bulletin as a reminder to all Posts and leaders here in Connecticut.

Please copy and share all Bulletin information as widely as possible!
Mid-Winter Conference

Plans are underway for our 41st Mid-Winter Conference. Plan now to treat your officers and ‘up and coming members’ to the Mid-Winter Conference at its new location: the Trumbull Marriott, on January 23-25, 2015. An Advanced registration form will be in the November Bulletin (as well as distributed via email). The Saturday evening banquet will include the ninth class of inductees to the Department of Connecticut Legionnaire Hall of Fame and the Hall of Fame Plaque will once again be on display. As always, we have invited the Liquor Control Commission back for Friday evening (6:30). Posts with “lounges” are well advised to send their permittees and staff to this session. Come and ask questions regarding the laws applicable to your post Bar. One featured guest and morning speaker will be National Vice-Commander Doug Haggan, a Past Commander of the Department of France! CDR Hansen also has a couple of interesting speakers in mind for the morning session there will be the usual specialized breakout in the afternoon for SSMF Reps & Service Officers. We will also invite a candidate for National Commander. Keep your eyes open for more details as they are confirmed!

Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT)

A special note from Department Insurance Director Chuck Berry: The American Legion Department of Connecticut officially endorsed insurance program is “The Legionnaire Insurance Trust” (L.I.T). L.I.T. offers special plans and rates on a variety of products. They may be contacted via their web site: http://www.thelit.com or by calling 1-800-235-6943, ext. 1617. Products are administered by Association Group Insurance Administrators (AGIA). If you would like a post visitation by Trustee Chuck Berry, please contact him at cberry1@comcast.net or 203-715-2330. Please also remember that USAA is the officially endorsed provider of Financial Services, to include highly regarded Auto & Homeowners insurance. Retired Treasurer Jack Monahan is our official liaison with USAA.

Department Potpourri

Department Commander Butch Hansen will be at the Commanders’ & Adjutants’ Conference (along with Dept. ADJ) 10/11-10/15, therefore SVC Paul Spedalieri will be acting CDR. Also attending the Fall Conference: National Americanism Chair Richard Anderson; NEC Joe Jackson; Finance Comm. member Jack Monahan; Past Nat’l Historian Frazier Brinley; Department Historian Jackie Evonsion; Alt. NEC Wayne Morgan; Dept. Americanism Chair Dana Murphy & PDC Bob Murray.

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers and keep me informed of those needing our prayers (remember we are “for God And Country”). Past 3rd Dist. CDR Tom Reed (100) fell & injured his back, had surgery & is now in rehab (mail best wishes to: 4 Summitt Ln, Bethel, 06801).

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Department Calendar

October 2014 – National Disability / Employment Awareness Month

06 55% Membership Target Date.
08 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 88, Hamden.
09 7th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 75, Middletown.
11 SAL Fall National Executive Committee Meeting, Indianapolis.
12 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 14, Rockville.
13 Columbus Day Observed – DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED
12-16 CDR & ADJ Conference, Fall Meetings, Indianapolis.
15 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 176, Monroe.
16-18 ALA National President Janet Jefford’s Homecoming.
18 Beirut Memorial Ceremony, 1:00 PM. All Wars Memorial, Bantam, CT
22 1st District Meeting, Social 6:30, Meet 7:30 PM, Post 72, Southington.
22 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 104, Taftville.
22 6th District Meeting?, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meeting, Post TBD.
23 Beirut Bombing, 1983.
24 Initiation of Members, Post 24, Derby.
25 Grenada Invasion, 1983.
25 Membership Task Force, 9:00 AM, Post 180, Lebanon.
25 4th District Fund Raiser, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, NRA Basic Pistol Safety Class.
25-31 National American Legion College, Indianapolis.
26 VFW Department Testimonial, Noon, Rocky Hill Sheraton.
27 Navy Day.
27-11/03 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.
31 Halloween.

November 2014 – Membership Retention Month

01 Post Leadership Conference, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM, Post 165, Wolcott. (FREE).
01 8&40 Pouvoir, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Post 9, new London.
02 Daylight Saving Time Ends.
02 Connecticut Veterans Parade, 12:30, Hartford.
04 ELECTION DAY. Veterans Vote!
07 Post Service Officer Training, 10:00 Am – 3:00 PM, Newington VA.
08 Department Testimonial, 6:00 PM Social, 6:45 Dinner, Aqua Turf, Plantsville.
10 Support the Troops Breakfast, 7:45 – 9:00 AM, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell
   Featured Speaker: Past National CDR Robert Spanogle
10 AL Department Executive Committee, 7:00 PM, Post 60, Danbury.
11 Veterans Day Holiday – DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED
12 65% Membership Target Date.
12 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 71, West Haven
12-16 3rd District Revitalization (working out of Post 12, Norwalk).
13 7th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 66, Clinton.
14 Post Service Officer Training, 10:00 Am – 3:00 PM, Newington VA.
15 Rhode Island Department Testimonial, West Warwick.
16 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 91, Moosup.
16-22 American Education Week.
19 1st District Meeting, Social 6:30, Meet 7:30 PM, Post 36, Windsor Locks.
19 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 12, Norwalk.
20 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 112, Montville.
22 Massachusetts Department Commander Testimonial, Taunton.
23-29 National Family Week.
November 2014 - continued

27-29             Holiday Blood Donor Drive.
27             Thanksgiving Holiday – DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
28             DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
29-30             ALA Christmas Shop, Rocky Hill.

December 2014 – Holiday Blood Donor Drive Month

01             ALA Christmas Shop, Rocky Hill.
05             Annual Boys State Corporation Meeting.
07             Pearl Harbor Day – 1941. *Flag at half staff.*
06-09             ALA Christmas Shop, West Haven VA.
08             **75% Membership Target Date.**
10             2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post TBD.
11             7th District Meeting, 6:00 PM, Post 156, E. Haddam; (Potluck & Christmas?).
13             6th District Christmas Party, 6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner, Log House, Barkhamsted.
13             ARMY-navy Game, Baltimore.
14             4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 19, Willimantic.
15             Bill of Rights Day.
17             3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 74, Fairfield.
25             Christmas Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
26             Christmas Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
31             DEADLINE to order poppies from ALA.

January 2015 – Mid-Winter Conference Month

01             New Year's Day Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
08             7th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 206, Middletown (CVH, Paige Hall).
11             4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 67, North Grosvenordale.
14             2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post TBD.
15             5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 114, Groton.
16             Department Baseball Hot Stove Banquet, 6:30 PM, Aquaturf.
19             Martin Luther King JR. Day - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
19             **80% Membership Target Date.**
21             3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 143, Stratfield.
23             PDC Dinner, 6:00 PM, Trumbull Marriott.
23             State Liquor Commission presentation, Q&A, with Stan Burke, 6:30-8:00 PM.
23             AL Department Executive Committee Meeting, 8:30 PM, Trumbull Marriott.
24             41st Annual Mid-Winter Conference General Session opens at 9:00 AM.
24             CT AL Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, 6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner.
28             1st District Meeting, Social 6:30, Meet 7:30 PM, Post TBD.

Future Events - 2015

Feb 15             ALA Awareness Luncheon.
Mar 14             1st District Testimonial, 6:00 PM, Nucci’s, Forrestville.
May 4-7             National Spring Meetings, Indianapolis, IN.
Jun 5             Nathan Hale Day program, State Capitol, Hartford.
Jul 4             Independence Day Celebration, Capitol Hall of Flags, hosted by Legion.
Jul 9-11             97th Department Convention, Trumbull Marriott.
Aug 28-Sep 3             97th National Convention, Baltimore, MD.
Department Calendar – Post Activities

October 2014

05  Post 36, Windsor Locks, 8:30 – 11:00 AM, Family Breakfast, $4.00 adult, $3.00 child under 13, Menu choices are: pancakes or french toast, sausage, orange juice, and coffee.

10  Post 12, Norwalk, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM, Karaoke contest with Rita, 60 County St., Norwalk. Public invited. Contact Stan Remson or call 203-866-8249.

10  Post 52, Coventry, 6:00 PM, Fish Dinner, $10. (860-742-7197)

11  Post 12, Norwalk, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM. Oldies Night with radio personality Lee Moore. No cover. All welcome. Dance & listen to 50’s, 60’s, 70’s. Public invited. Singles welcome. 203-866-8249

13  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

14  Post 102 Legion Riders, Manchester, 4:00 – 8:00 PM, Cruise Night. Questions: Call: Post 860-646-7961, or Fred 860-808-4585, or Rachel 860-468-0134. Food & Beverages available to purchase.

17  Post 12, Norwalk, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM, Karaoke with Pete Leone, 60 County St., Norwalk. All welcome. Public invited. 203-866-8249.

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18  Unit 45, Meriden, 4:30 PM, ALA Unit hosts a Roast Pork Dinner. $15 each. Food served 4:30-6:30 ish. Various fundraising events include Silent Auction which closes promptly at 6:30 PM. All proceeds to fund Scholarship program. 835 Hanover Rd, South Meriden.

18  Post 72, Southington, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM, “Quilts of Valor”. Foundation mission is: “Making quilts to cover ALL combat service members and veterans touched by war with healing Quilts of Valor.” Contact Jane Dougherty to sew or help: Jane.Dougherty@QOVF.org or 203-315-0232.

20  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

23  Post 12, Norwalk, 7:00 PM. Ladies Night Dinner & Vendors. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets now on sale. 203-866-8249

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26  Post 75, Middletown, 8:00 AM, End-of-the-Month Breakfast. 58 Bernie O’Rourke Dr. All are welcome. Bacon, Eggs, Sausage, French Toast, Pancakes, Home Fries, Breakfast Sandwiches, Toast, Juice, & Coffee all for $6.00.

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31  Post 12, Norwalk, 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM, Karaoke contest enters week 4 with Pete Leone, 60 County St., Norwalk. All welcome. Public invited. 203-866-8249.
November 2014

01 Post 45, Meriden, 6:00 PM, 2nd Annual Veteran Award Ceremony Dinner-Dance. $60 each (open bar); choose Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, or Baked Stuffed Filet of Sole. Held at II Monticello, 557 South Broad St, Meriden. Honors: Willie Pinckney (WWII); Maurice Poirier (WWII); Mat Dominello (Korea); Peter Wanat (VN); Lillian Gopoiian (Iraq); Pat Gaynor (Iraq). Call: 860-628-1469 or 203-634-9876.

02 Post 113, Old Saybrook 1st Sunday every Month 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Buffet Breakfast. All you care to eat $7.00 adult $3.00 child 12 and under.

08 Unit 2, Bristol, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, CRAFT FAIR. Many local crafters & vendors. Questions: 860-508-7868 or alaunit2ct@gmail.com.

08 Post 80, Enfield, 9:00 AM, 5th Annual USMC "SOS" Birthday Breakfast. SOS, Eggs, Potatoes, Toast, Danish, Coffee, Juice & Good Times. Celebrate the Corps 239th birthday & support the US Marines Reserves Toys for Tots program. 250 tickets at $20 each. Tickets: American Legion Post 80, Attn: Brian, 566 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082.

14 Post 52, Coventry, 6:00 PM, Fish Dinner, $10. (860-742-7197)

22 Post 52, Coventry, 5:30-6:30 PM, Ham & Bean Supper, $8. (860-742-7197)

29 Post 75, Middletown, 8:00 AM, End-of-the-Month Breakfast. 58 Bernie O'Rourke Dr. All are welcome. Bacon, Eggs, Sausage, French Toast, Pancakes, Home Fries, Breakfast Sandwiches, Toast, Juice, & Coffee all for $6.00.
June 10, 1919: A Beginning

Note:

This is for the most part, re-written as Alfred N. Phillips wrote it. But, I have corrected fragment sentences.

"Minutes of The First Meeting of the Temporary State Executive Committee on The American Legion, Connecticut Branch, Held at the City Club in Hartford, CT Tuesday, June 10, 1919.

The American Legion began to take definite form today when twelve of the fourteen men who had attended the St. Louis caucus met at the City Club for an all day session. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am with the temporary chairman, James B. Moody, Jr. presiding. They signed their names to the certificate of incorporation to be filed with the secretary of the state on Thursday, June 12, 1919. The Temporary Committee adopted the charter and by-laws for the state organization of the Legion in Conn. and elected temporary officers, who will hold office until the State Convention here in October.

The temporary officers elected were: James B. Moody, Jr., of Hartford, chairman; Alfred N. Phillips, Jr. of Stamford, secretary; William J. Malone of Bristol, Vice Chairman; Francis W. Carroll of Waterbury, second vice chairman; Frank S. Butterworth of New Haven, treasurer. The full personnel of the executive committee were voted to consist of those delegates who had gone to the St. Louis convention, namely: James B. Moody, Jr., Alfred N. Phillips, Jr., Bernard H. Mattheis of Seymour, William J. Malone of Bristol, Walter D. Makepeace, Francis W. Carroll and James S. Hurley of Waterbury, Philo C. Calhoun of Bridgeport, Webster D. Copp of Norwich, Morton C. Tilney of Essex, Paul L. Sampsell of New London, Rev. Harry C. Meserve of Stamford, Hiram Bingham and Frank S. Butterworth of New Haven and Robert Vance of New Britain.

"After today, you are going to see The American Legion grow in this state like a mushroom," declared Mr. Moody. "We already have received petitions for charters from local organizations representing a total membership of nearly 3,000 men. We should have more than 10,000 members in Connecticut posts before the first state convention."

It was decided that the dues for membership in the Legion should be an enrollment fee of $1. and thereafter annual dues at the minimum rate of two dollars, payable and collectable on or after November 11 of each year. It was also decided that from the enrollment fees and dues, the state executive committee should have the right to call upon each post. Or organization, for an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the minimum amount collected.
It was voted that not more than one charter be granted to any city in the state of less than 100,000 population and that not more than two charters be granted to posts of the Legion in cities of more than 100,000 population.

The executive committee announced that they were ready to act upon petitions from local organizations desiring to be among the first posts of the Legion in the state.

The first charter of The American Legion for Connecticut was granted to Waterbury after a petition signed by about 150 names had been presented by W.D. Makepeace. This new post will be known as Waterbury Post No. 1 of The American Legion. William J. Malone spoke for Bristol, saying that the city had an appropriation of $7,000 with which to organize a non-military association for all ex-servicemen and had withheld all organization because the servicemen in Bristol were anxious to organize a post of The American Legion and had really started their plans before Waterbury citizens had. The charter of post No. 2, to be located at Bristol, was granted on Mr. Malone's recommendation. A.N. Phillips, Jr., made the next plea for a charter of the Legion in Connecticut, telling what Stamford had done since the war for ex-servicemen. The Charter was granted to Stamford, the title to be Stamford Post No. 3. Applications were also favorably received for Watertown and New Britain for the granting of charters and will be acted upon at the next meeting. Chairman Moody brought up the matter of Hartford posts and said that the city will probably support two posts and that the Hartford citizens assume that they will be named for Major George J. Rau and Captain Arthur Locke. The chairman and secretary were authorized to employ any clerical help necessary to carry out their work for the Legion and it was voted that copies of the state constitution and by-laws be sent to the various posts in the state as suggestions for adoption but not to be considered obligatory. The chairman reported that copies of The American Legion Weekly would soon be ready and that the Special Fourth of July number could be secured by any member of the Legion sending their order to the secretary.

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn, it being about 5:30 P.M.

ALFRED N. PHILLIPS, STATE SECRETARY

Footnote:

Material recorded at the 1st Department Executive Meeting, Hartford, June 9, 1919 and located at our current Department Headquarters, Rocky Hill, CT.

W. Frazier Brinley
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Connecticut

2014 Fall Post Leadership Conference

COME JOIN US TO RECEIVE ANSWERS TO ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS REGARDING AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAMS AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES!

WHERE: American Legion Post No. 165 Wolcott
1253 Wolcott Road
Wolcott, CT 06416

WHEN: Saturday, November 1, 2014
8:00 AM – 2:30 PM
(Morning coffee, and lunch included)

COST: FREE

Please make reservations via US Mail;
or fax to (860-436-9491);
Or email to Admin@ctlegion.necoxmail.com

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
Boys State, Scouting
Oratorical Contest
American Legion Baseball
Children & Youth Activity
Veterans Affairs & Rehab
Protocol Guidelines
Parliamentary Procedures
Membership Strategy
myLegion.org
Media Relations
CT Leadership College
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Please return to AL Department Headquarters: PO Box 208, Rocky Hill CT 06067-0208
Post No. _____________________________ # of Attendees: ________________
Contact: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________ Phone #: ________________
The American Legion Department of Connecticut– Fall Post Leadership Conference on Saturday 11/1/2014
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
May 4-5, 1988

Resolution No. 37: Reaffirmation of The American Legion Policy Concerning Affiliation With Other Organizations
Origin: Subcommittee on Resolutions
Submitted by: Subcommittee on Resolutions

WHEREAS, The American Legion adopted Resolution No. 6, National Executive Committee, October 10-11-12, 1952, concerning the affiliation of The American Legion with other organizations; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of that resolution was a reaffirmation of a long-established policy of The American Legion which has proved its wisdom by prohibiting The American Legion from joining any such organization, committee, association, council, or group in which The American Legion is not permitted a full voice and vote in determining matters of policy of such organization, committee, association, council or group; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 1988, That The American Legion shall not be a member of, or affiliated with, any organization, committee, association, council or group whereby The American Legion might be committed to a policy contrary to that adopted by The American Legion; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the National Adjutant is instructed to circulate this resolution to all Departments and National Officers of The American Legion on a yearly basis.
The American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary
Department Dinner
Honoring

Harry (Butch) Hansen
Commander

Joe Anne Jackson
President

Aqua turf
556 Mulberry St., Plantsville CT

Saturday, November 8, 2014
Cash Bar Social 6:00 PM    Dinner 6:45 PM    $35.00 pp

FAMILY STYLE
Roast Pork Loin and Chicken Francise

If any special Dietary needs please let us know

Make checks payable to: The American Legion Dept. of CT

No Reservations Accepted After Deadline of November 1, 2014

Dinner Reservations to:
The American Legion, Dept. of Connecticut
864 Wethersfield Avenue
Hartford, CT 06114

Department Testimonial

Check enclosed in the amount of $___________ for ________ reservations. ($350.00 for table of 10)

Name ____________________________________________ District # __________

Address __________________________________________ Post # ________

City/Town __________________________________________ Unit # ________

Phone: ( ___ ) ___ - ________

# _____ Vegetarian Option

See Reverse for tables of 10
Directions to Aqua Turf

From Route 91, North or South or Wilbur Cross Parkway, North or South, Rt. 15
Take Route 691 west to Exit 3, turn right at the end of the exit onto Route 10 South. Stay on Route 10 South until you reach Mulberry St on right after Alzheimer’s Care Facility, stay on Mulberry St through two stop sign and continue until you reach Aqua turf on right.

From Rt. 8, North or South, East Bound I84
Take 84 East to Take Route 691 east to Exit 3, turn left at the end of the exit onto Route 10 South. Stay on Route 10 South until you reach Mulberry St on right after Alzheimer’s Care Facility, stay on Mulberry St through two stop signs and continue until you reach Aqua turf on right.

From Route 84, West Bound
Take Route 84 West to Exit 29 on Left. At the end of the exit go straight onto Mulberry St, proceed on Mulberry St until you reach Aqua Turf on right.

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**Support the Troops & Honor the Veterans**  
**Member Breakfast Meeting**  
**November 10, 2014**

**Where:**
Crowne Plaza Hotel Cromwell  
Cromwell, CT

**When:**
Monday, November 10, 2014  
7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**To Register:**
Online: www.middlesexchamber.com  
Email: info@middlesexchamber.com  
Phone: (860) 347-6924  
Fax: (860) 346-1043  
Mail:  
Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce  
393 Main Street  
Middletown, CT 06457

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**NOVEMBER 10 SUPPORT THE TROOPS/HONOR THE VETERANS BREAKFAST MEETING**

**ROBERT W. SPANOYLE**  
PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER, THE AMERICAN LEGION

Advance Registration Required  
Register Online: www.middlesexchamber.com  
Email: info@middlesexchamber.com  
Phone: 860-347-6924  
Fax: 860-346-1043  
Mail: Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, 393 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457

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**BREAKFAST:**  
$20 members ___  $30 non-members ___  **ALL VETERANS PAY MEMBER RATE ($20.00)**

Check included #  
Bill me ___  (members only)

Please check if you are a new member and this is your first attendance at a breakfast meeting.

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Please attach  
**Military Affiliation and Rank:**

To Pay with a charge card, we accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express.

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You will be billed if cancellations are not made by Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
2014 Post Service Officer Training

Two Sessions – Registration Required

Friday November 7th, 2014 or Friday November 14, 2014

10 am – 3pm
Newington VA Regional Office
555 Willard Ave. Newington CT

AGENDA

- Duties of a Post Service Officer and constituencies
  - Resources Available
  - Time line of a claim from application to CAVC
    - New VA Intake and POA Forms
    - NVLSP Training Program
    - E-Benefits and SEP Interfaces
    - Compensation versus Pension
    - Death Benefits vrs DIC
- Pro and Cons of Individuals and Agencies offering help
  - Code of Procedure Requirements

Registration: Contact Alexis Cook at 860-594-6600
WE WANT YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
3RD DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP RE-VITALIZATION

WHERE: POST 12, 60 COUNTY ST, NORWALK

WHEN: NOVEMBER 12 - 16, 2014

Thurs  November 13, 2014 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Friday  November 14, 2014 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sat     November 15, 2014 – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

ARRIVAL TIME: 9:15 AM ON ALL DAYS

WHO:  ALL Posts, Districts, Membership Task Force Members,
      Anyone interested in learning

RSVP: Jim LaCoursiere - LegionJim3@aol.com
      Rich Olson       - RJOlson@sbcglobal.net
      Raelene Miller (Hotel Arrangements) RAE45MIL@gmail.com

All training will be provided. Please bring a cell phone AND your charger to all sessions.
‘Coffee &’ plus a light lunch to be provided
Local lodging available (must be reserved a minimum of 2 weeks in advance)

We look forward to working with you and seeing you there,

Harry Hansen, Department Commander
Paul Spedaliere, Department Sr. Vice Commander
3rd District Officers
POPPIES

The 2014 Poppy year was a great success with over 130,000 poppies ordered and we are looking forward to the 2015 year to be even more so. What a wonderful gift it would be for our Auxiliary’s National President, Janet Jefford from Glastonbury #56 to have Connecticut as the best of the Poppy year for 2015?

The 2015 Poppy Order form is below. Because 2014 was so successful, there is no change in the cost of ordering for 2015. Please note that there is a need for an e-mail address so that Posts and Units can be notified when orders have been completed and ready for pickup at District meetings. This Poppy Chairman will notify by e-mail only. In addition, orders will not be processed until the Auxiliary office has received a completed order form and check.

Beverly F. Dean, ALA Department Chairman
(203) 281-3642 e-mail: bevied@snet.net

POPPY PLAN OF ACTION
2014 – 2015

Purpose: To honor veterans for their service and sacrifice by promoting and educating all people of the Poppy’s history and the financial benefit realized by our nation’s veterans as a result of its distribution.

POPPY ORDER FORM

Mail this completed order form with payment to: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of CT., P.O. Box 266, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0266. Full payment must accompany order for it to be processed.

Post/Unit #_________ District #_________. Poppies are $120.00 per thousand. Check #_________ in the amount of $_________ for #_________ poppies is enclosed, PAYABLE TO: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of CT. Poppy order is requested no later than (date):

Contact Name (please print)__________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
City/Town __________________________________________ Zip ______________
Phone (______________________________) Cell (__________________________)
E-Mail address for notification of completed order _______________________

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2014
NRA Basic Pistol Safety Class

To Benefit Our American Legion 4th District

We are conducting a Basic Pistol Safety Class with three certified NRA Instructors for those interested in obtaining a Connecticut Pistol Permit. Proceeds from this class will be used to support OUR Community and Youth programs.

This is a full day interactive class which will include classroom training, demonstrations and live fire exercises. At the completion of the class, you will understand how the different types of pistols and revolvers work, what it takes to safely operate and clean them and you will practice what you learn in the classroom at the range. At the end of the class, you will receive a certificate of completion which is required to apply for a Connecticut State Pistol permit. The permit gives you the ability to purchase and carry firearms and ammunition in CT.

**When:** Saturday, 25th of October, 2014

**Where:** Windham Fish and Game, 267 Jerusalem Road, Windham CT.

**Time:** Begins at 8:00 am till 4:00 pm; please arrive by 7:30 am to check-in.

**Donation:** $125.00 per person ($50 to reserve space – non-refundable, $75.00 paid at class, cash or check only)

**Included:** All class materials including NRA Basic Pistol packets (textbooks, exams, certificates), firearms, ammunition and refreshments (coffee/donuts and lunch).

Class is limited to 20 participants: contact Commander Manny Rodrigues to sign up for this class at 860-490-3872 or marineveteran@charter.net

Please provide the following information:

Name (as on your driver’s license):

Full Address:

Phone:

Email:

Date of Birth:Age:     Member of NRA: Y N     NRA# (if Y):

Please make checks out to American Legion 4th District and mail to, American Legion Post 52 P.O. Box 51, Coventry CT 06238
HOLIDAY PARTY
SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, 2014
6:00PM COCKTAILS
6:30PM DINNER
THE LOG HOUSE RESTAURANT
110 NEW HARTFORD ROAD
(ROUTE 44)
BARKHAMSTED, CT 06063

$25.00 per person
Make checks payable to: AL DISTRICT 6

Mail to: Barbara Lamontagne,
83 Redcoat Road
Waterbury, CT 06704

For more information please call: Sandy Cruz at 203-768-1345
2014 Connecticut Beirut Memorial Ceremony
1pm Saturday, October 18th 2014
All Wars Memorial, Bantam CT

The Beirut Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion Tyler Seward Kubish Post 44 Art St John Commander, invite you to attend the 17th Annual CT Beirut Memorial Ceremony, to Honor and Remember the 241 Marines, Sailors and Soldiers who lost their lives on October 23rd 1983 in the Bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut Lebanon. Of the 241 that lost their lives on October 23rd 1983, Six were from Connecticut and during the 1958 Beirut Lebanon Operation Blue Bat there was one Marine from Connecticut. The names of these Seven are as follows;

1958 Beirut Lebanon “Operation Blue Bat”
PFC Scott B. Sanborn Fairfied, CT

1982 Beirut Lebanon Peacekeeping Mission
Major Randall A. Carlson Trumbull, CT

1983 Beirut Lebanon Peacekeeping Mission, Marine Barracks bombing October 23rd 1983
LCpl Thomas A. Debenefetto Mansfield Center, CT
SSgt Thomas G. Smith Middletown, CT
Cpl Devon L. Sundar Stamford, CT
PFC Stephen D. Tingley Ellington, CT
LCpl Dwayne W. Wigglesworth Naugatuck, CT

Any and All Veterans Groups are encouraged to also attend this Ceremony. Please direct any and all questions about the All Wars Memorial to the Officer In Charge of the Memorial John P. Lilly at (860)-567-9621.
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

TESTIMONIAL DINNER
HONORING
State Commander, Gregory Smith
and
State Auxiliary President, Carol Preston

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2014
in
The Grand Ballroom of the Rocky Hill Sheraton Hotel
100 Capitol Blvd - Rocky Hill, Ct.
$40.00 PER-PERSON

Menu
Your Choice of  ** Skirt Steak (London Broil)
           ** Seared Sea Bass in Lemon Sauce
           ** Chicken Cordon-bleu
           Accompanied with:
           ** Fresh Mixed Garden Salad with dressing  ** Roasted Zucchini  ** Petite Roasted
           Fingerling Potatoes  ** Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls and Sweet Butter  ** Coffee - Decaf and
           Assorted Specialty Teas  ** Dessert is an Apple Tart: Cinnamon, Roasted Apples w/Caramel

Cash Bar Cocktail Hour at 12:00 Noon          Dinner Served at 1:00 pm

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TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR OUR STATE COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT

PLEASE SEND ME _____ TICKETS AT $40.00 EACH.   A CHECK FOR $_______ IS ENCLOSED.

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CITY: __________________ ZIP: ______

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PLEASE MAIL TO:
Ron Rusko, VFW Quartermaster
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4. Individual and couples financial counseling
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In addition to our services, we also provide:

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- Financial literacy
- Career development

Call our helpline at 844-NO-HOMELESS for more information.

Don't wait. Call today.
10th Annual
Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut
Walk for Thought

Sunday, October 26
Registration Begins at 11:00 AM
Rentschler Field, East Hartford

Food, Games, Costumes & Prizes!

Register now at www.biact.org

Presented by
UNITED STEEL
Patriot Dinner Dance & Auction
"A Salute to Veterans"
Proceeds to benefit the
CT Trees of Honor Memorial in Middletown, CT
November 1, 2014
Laurel View Country Club
310 Shepard Avenue - Hamden, CT
7:00 – 11:00 PM
Live Music - The 42nd Street Band

➢ General Admission $60 includes a Three-Course Meal with Cash Bar
➢ Black Tie or Cowboy Boots (and everything in between—your choice).
➢ Fun Silent Auction to include bidding on designated veterans and local personalities.
   A few of the Silent Auction dancers are shown above.
➢ General dancing throughout the night with Special Dance Performances by Christopher Kilkenny & Diana Lyn Cote and the Dancing Duo of Prudence Sloan & Joel Silvestro.
➢ Auctioneer & Silent Auction Dancer - WDRC Radio Personality, Brad Davis
➢ Master of Ceremonies & Silent Auction Dancer – Bob Maxon, NBC 30 Meteorologist.

Tickets may be purchased at www.cttreesofhonor.com, “Buy Tickets” in the “Events” drop down menu. Reserved seating will be limited to the purchase of an entire table (seating for 8). All other seating will be first come, first served. Contact us at TreesMemorial@gmail.com for more information.
The Connecticut Trees of Honor Memorial Committee Announces the Patriot Dinner Dance & Auction – “A Salute to Veterans”

Hamden, CT: The CT Trees of Honor Memorial committee will host a Dinner Dance event at the Laurel View Country Club 310 Shepard Avenue in Hamden, CT on November 1, 2014 from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. The event will feature special guest Master of Ceremonies, Bob Maxon of NBC 30, Auctioneer, Brad Davis of Talk of Connecticut Morning Show on WDRG-AM radio, Prudence Sloan of Better Connecticut, COL Rob Simmons and many others. A special Silent Auction with feature bidding on a dance with a Veteran or V.I.P. There will be general dancing throughout the night to the live music of the 42nd Street Band.

Proceeds will benefit the Connecticut Trees of Honor Memorial, under construction in Veterans’ Memorial Park, on Walnut Grove Road in Middletown, CT. The memorial will honor and forever remember our 65 Connecticut men and women who served in the military, deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, and made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. The memorial will encompass a beautifully designed space that will include a tree planted for each of our State’s heroes who gave their life serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The memorial to date has been constructed with private donations and volunteer efforts. It will be a serene, reflective area where families, friends, and visitors can be reminded of the valiant courage, bravery, and selflessness of our Connecticut men and women who served. A monument to honor all Connecticut veterans will also be a part of this memorial design.

Tickets to the dinner/dance are $60 per person and can be reserved online at www.cttreesofhonor.com by selecting “Buy Tickets” from the “Events” tab. Alternatively, guests can request tickets by mail. Please send checks made payable to CTHM, Inc. to CTHM, Inc.
P. O. Box 86
Cromwell, CT 06416

Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door. For more information call Diane at 860 930-9048 or Sue at 860 841-4287.

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“2014 CONNECTICUT VETERANS PARADE” SENDS OUT THE CALL
FOR MARCHERS & SPONSORS FROM ALL OVER STATE

New England’s Largest Veterans Parade is Sunday, November 2

HARTFORD, CONN., September 5, 2014 – Calling all U.S. veterans and active military personnel from across Connecticut. The “2014 Connecticut Veterans Parade” is seeking participants for this year’s colorful statewide parade! The 15th annual procession will step off on Sunday, November 2 at 12:30 p.m. near the Connecticut State Capitol Building in Hartford and will march through the Downtown area. The Parade will take place a week before the actual federal and state observances of Veterans Day.

Approximately 3,000 people march or ride every year in the Connecticut Veterans Parade, making it the largest veterans’ parade in New England and one of the biggest salutes to veterans in the entire U.S. The parade honors the dedication and sacrifices of servicemen and women from all U.S. conflicts, and offers state residents the opportunity to express their thanks. Special features will include a tolling of church bells and 1:30 p.m. Moment of Silence when the parade pauses in observance of service members who died while serving their country. One hour before the start of the parade, there will be an 11:30 a.m. wreath-laying ceremony at the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Arch in Bushnell Park.

“This parade is a visually powerful and poignant tribute to the dedicated servicemen and women of all conflicts who stepped forward so we that can continue to enjoy our freedom,” explains Paul F. Pendergast, President of the Connecticut Veterans Parade and a U.S. Air Force veteran himself. “We encourage people from all corners of Connecticut and beyond to make the time to come line the streets of Downtown Hartford and say ‘Thank You’ for their sacrifices.”

The event is organized by a nonprofit collaboration of veterans’ groups, corporations, local municipalities, businesses and civic organizations. The Connecticut National Guard assists with the management of parade logistics, and the City of Hartford hosts the event. Many of the members of the Parade Planning Committee have been involved in the parade since its inception more than a decade ago.

U.S. veterans and active military personnel are encouraged to register now to march or ride. Any Connecticut resident who is an active, retired or honorably discharged member of the U.S. Armed Forces including commissioned officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves is welcome to participate. Parade organizers also seek veterans groups, patriotic commissions, local municipalities, and marching bands and drill teams from colleges, high schools and middle schools, as well as pipe & drum and fife & drum corps from all over the state. Parade organizers also are seeking scores of volunteers to help with a variety of hands-on responsibilities, before and during the parade.

Parade organizers also seek veterans groups, patriotic commissions, local municipalities, and marching bands and drill teams from colleges, high schools and middle schools, as well as pipe & drum and fife & drum corps from all over the state. Sponsorship dollars are needed to help pay for the operations of the parade. Sponsors can include corporations, organizations, and individual residents who wish to make a contribution to the effort. Parade organizers also are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of hands-on responsibilities, before and during the parade.

An Impressive roster of Honorary Grand Marshals will be announced by the Connecticut Veterans Parade committee in the coming weeks.

Financial contributions to support the parade can be made on-line at www.ctveteransparade.org. Checks may be written to “Connecticut Veterans Fund” and mailed to:

Connecticut Veterans Fund
1245 Farmington Avenue #338
West Hartford, CT 06107
Connecticut 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to enter the parade’s Student Essay Contest to answer “I Want to Say THANK YOU to a Veteran Because...” and the top winner will ride in the 2014 parade. The deadline for entries is Friday, September 26. Contest rules and entry form are at www.ctveteransparade.org.

The following are the parade sponsors, as of September 4: The Founding Sponsor is: Aetna; Presenting Sponsor is: United Technologies. Contributing Sponsors are: the Connecticut National Guard; and the City of Hartford. Associate Sponsors are: Bank of America; and Travelers. Cooperating Sponsor is: Saslow Lufkin & Buggy, LLP. The parade is produced in cooperation with: Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs; Brad Davis; and Lamar Outdoor Advertising Hartford/Springfield. In Kind Sponsors: American Medical Response; Hartford Business Improvement District; The Hartford News; Invisible Gold Web Designs; Kelly Design Company; R2 Graphics; The Salvation Army; and TagTeam Business Partners, LLC.

Parade Route: The November 2 parade will step-off at 12:30 p.m. near the Connecticut State Capitol at the intersection of Buckingham St. and Washington St., and travel north up Trinity Street and through the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch. Marchers will then make a right onto Pearl Street, then make a right onto Main Street where it will pass a reviewing stand at the corner of Main & Gold Streets across from the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, and finally will make a right onto Capitol Avenue where it will end at Hudson Street. The event is expected to last for 2 to 2½ hours.

To register to march or volunteer in the 2014 Connecticut Veterans Parade or learn more about becoming a parade sponsor, visit www.ctveteransparade.org or call the Parade Info Phone at 860-986-7254.

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Thanks,
-Laura

Laura Soll, Communications - CT Veterans Parade
860-688-4499, cell 860-833-4466
www.ctveteransparade.org
UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP RECORD

Keeping our members\' records current is very important to The American Legion. We encourage all Legionnaires and SAL members to update their member information today by filling out the adjacent card. Be sure to list your street address, email address and other important information, including branch of service, war era and date of birth.

UPDATE Just tear out the card, fill it out, tape it shut, add a stamp and drop it in the mail. Still too much work? Go online to www.legion.org/update. Once you update your member record there, make sure you\'ll stay connected by signing up for one of our e-newsletters at www.register.legion.org.

RENEW In addition to updating your member record, you can renew your membership online. Visit www.legion.org/renew and click \"Renew Now.\" You also have the option to sign up for automatic annual renewal. More than 25,700 Legionnaires have signed up for this program. Once you enter the required information, you can set your account for automatic annual renewal of membership dues using your credit card. We follow all Payment Card Industry (PCI) data security standards to ensure your personal financial safety.

EMAIL REMINDERS Not ready for automatic renewal? You can opt out of the first two paper renewal notices by visiting www.legion.org/renewal/email and receive an email reminder instead, allowing you to renew by clicking a link contained in the email. This will not only save you time and the cost of a stamp, it will also save the Legion the cost of paper and postage. With those savings, we can allocate more funds to helping veterans like you through our programs and advocacy in Washington.

PAID UP FOR LIFE Would you rather pay up for life and never have to renew again? The Legion rolled out a new Paid Up For Life program in January. To see your personalized offer, visit www.legion.org/join/pulf. You can pay in full or in 12 easy installments. Join 170,000 paid-up-for-life members today, and never again worry about renewing or future dues increases again.

DON'T FORGET Be sure the Legion has correct and up-to-date information for you by returning the adjacent card, or by going to www.legion.org/update to update your information.
Please refer to our article on the adjoining page about updating your member information and other related issues.
FREE On-Line Access to Post Membership

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

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

POST SITE

Requires Authorization Form available at www.mylegion.org

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

MEMBER SITE (Legion Members only)

No authorization required. Members can go to www.mylegion.org and click on the Member section to register.

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

For more information visit www.mylegion.org
Call Toll Free: 1-800-433-3318
E-Mail: myLegion@legion.org
## 2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES
### DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

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Delegate Strength 30 Days Prior to Convention

### 2015 RENEWAL SCHEDULE
#### CUTOFF DATES
For Changes at Nat'l
- May 14, 2014
- Sept. 3, 2014
- Nov. 5, 2014
- Jan 1, 2015
- Feb 25, 2015
- April 15, 2015

#### RENEWAL NOTICE DATES
- July 3, 2014
- Oct. 2, 2014
- Dec. 2, 2015
- Jan 22, 2015
- March 13, 2015
- April 30, 2015

* The November Target date will be on a Friday due to Veterans Day falling on that previous Tuesday
* To Maximize the December renewal notice, the January target date will be on the third Wednesday of the month

National Target Dates are two days later. All membership must be into Department on these dates to count for making the target date.
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTAL NUMBER _______
DATE: _____________ POST NUMBER ______

TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT
P.O. BOX 208
ROCKY HILL, CT 06067-0208

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CITY / TOWN _________________________

(PLEASE PRINT)
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: _____
DATE: ________ SQUADRON NUMBER: _____

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