My Fellow Legionnaires,

October was an extremely busy month with the Commanders & Adjutants Conference out in Indianapolis where I was able to meet my counterparts from across the nation. We were able to discuss issues that each department is currently facing, membership strategies and brainstorming sessions with our National Vice-Commander Doug Haggan and the other Northeast Departments. The one thing that struck me was that all departments are facing similar issues just on a smaller or larger scale depending on the size of the department. As I sat and listened to other departments discuss their membership problems and possible solutions, I realized that we are on the right track with what we have put forward in our Five Year Plan. As we move forward it is important that if and when you are contacted to support a post revitalization that you participate and support your fellow veterans as they make an effort to increase their membership and involvement within their posts. There may come a day when it is you that is asking for help and it would be nice for someone to return the favor for your past assistance.

This year I was invited to serve as a facilitator for the National Legion College that was held in Indianapolis the 26th thru the 31st of October. We had 3 students from Connecticut; Dennis Beauregard, Dave McCaffrey and Dan Smith. Please join me in congratulating them as they were the first students to participate in the college under the new format, which concentrated on the Post and District level Operations, Resolution Writing, Leadership Skills, Mentorship and Officer Training.

**Commanders Project:** We currently have over $2,000.00 in donations. Thank You to those Posts and Units that have already donated, your contributions are greatly appreciated and are going for a great cause.

**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.

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

**Update** The new website will be up and running within the week, just keep in mind it is still a work in progress and you may see some pages that say "Under Construction”. Please remain patient as it is a long and tedious process to create new pages within the website.

Harry “Butch” Hansen
Commander
Department of Connecticut

MAINTAINERS MAKE IT HAPPEN
My Fellow Legionnaires,

This month, I would like to congratulate Post 25 Beacon Falls, Post 64 East Hampton & Post 208 Ridgefield for reaching 100% Quota. Posts that make Goal, I will make every effort to personally attend your post meeting and present your Goal Certificate and 100% Quota pins. The second renewal notices were sent by National on Oct 2nd and the third notice will go out Dec 2nd. By then posts reaching 100% quota should be rolling in. Let’s not go beyond the Dec 2nd notice. Get a group of your post members together to make some calls or visits to your members that have not yet paid.

If you need some assistance, the Membership Task Force can help. They are comprised of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons ready to assist in whatever help your Post may need. Contact your District Commander for scheduling the Membership Task Force.

Also, focus on members whose memberships have expired. National will entice them back with trinkets, reduced rates or whatever means to get them to renew and then will keep them, one day they’ll show-up on the Post 200 list and the cycle begins again to get them to transfer back to your post. You have the capability to stop it before National tries to entice your members.

This month, we are kicking-off the “What’s our Goal?” campaign. We need to ensure that everyone knows the goal “100% plus!” If we all know the goal, then it should not be hard to obtain. Let’s put Connecticut in First Place where we belong.

During my travels this past month, I came across some issues with regards to women veterans. These issues were without malice or ill intent, but it is clear that education is needed. All I want to instill is this: “Women may also be Veterans”. So when you are out recruiting, don’t overlook the obvious.

Collectively our goal is to reach 100% membership in the Department of Connecticut. We are in it together and together we can make it happen!

From My Family to Yours, have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

In Comradeship,

Paul Spedaliere  
Department of Connecticut  
Senior Vice Commander  
860-537-1372  
etcdtc@sbcglobal.net

“Unity and Teamwork Builds Our Future”

“What’s Our Goal?”....”100% plus!”
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. Contact the Chamber immediately to see if you can still obtain a ticket: 860-347-6924, info@middlesexchamber.com, www.middlesexchamber.com. Let's have a tremendous show of support with a large turnout of Legionnaires for Bob.

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.

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!

Please copy and share all Bulletin information as widely as possible!
Welcome back and Congratulations to our three newest National American Legion College Graduates: Department Assistant Treasurer Dan Smith (Post 96), Past 1st District CDR Dennis Beauregard (Post 72) & Post 101 Commander Dave McCaffrey. Department Commander Butch Hansen was invited to be a facilitator for this college. Congratulations and a very large Thank You go to Bob DeCarlo (Post 61) for his hard work planning & organizing the very successful Department Leadership Conference on Saturday 11/01. He was very capably supported and assisted by Cheryl Ely-DeCarlo (Post 61) and Ed & Lydia Degumbia (Post & Unit 72) who prepared a hearty meal perfect for the cold wet day.

Please take note of the following this month: November 11th is Veterans Day – Please conduct or attend a Veterans Day program (Legion Offices closed 11/11). November 16-22 is American Education Week. November 23-29 is National Family Week. And finally, our wish for everyone is a very Happy Thanksgiving November 27th (all Legion Offices closed 11/27 & 28).

Did you know that you can sign up for flag status e-mail alerts?. It’s on the Legion web site at: http://www.legion.org/flag/notification

Department Adjutant Everett Shepard will be on vacation the week before Thanksgiving starting 11/17, returning to work on Monday 11/24.

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) now recuperating at his son’s home (mail best wishes to: 4 Summit Ln, Bethel, 06801). PDC Art St. John (44) is rehabbing at Valerie Manor (Room 116, 1360 Torringford St., Torrington, CT).

POST EVERLASTING

Leroy Brockett
12/20/1943 – 10/22/2014
Post 89, East Haven
Past Post Commander
Past 2nd District Commander

David Bujalski
01/02/1986 – 10/27/2014
Post 88, Hamden
Post Adjutant

Judge Jerry Wagner
Age 88, 09/30/2014
Post 116, Bloomfield
Post Commander

Please copy and share all Bulletin information as widely as possible!
Here is a repeat of information on a couple of little known VA benefits that we re-run at least once a year. Contact our Department Service Office if you believe you or someone you know may qualify.

**Aid and Attendance (A&A)** is an enhanced or special monthly pension benefit paid in addition to basic pension. You may not receive enhanced or special monthly pension without first establishing eligibility for basic VA pension. However, because enhanced pension is based upon a higher income limit, a claimant ineligible for basic pension due to excessive income may be eligible for enhanced pension benefits. A Veteran may be eligible for A&A when:

1. The Veteran requires the aid of another person in order to perform his or her activities of daily living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, attending to the wants of nature, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting himself/herself from the hazards of his/her daily environment, **OR**,
2. The Veteran is bedridden, in that his/her disability or disabilities requires that he/she remain in bed apart from any prescribed course of convalescence or treatment, **OR**,
3. The Veteran is a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity, **OR**,
4. The Veteran has corrected visual acuity of 5/200 or less in both eyes, or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less.

**Housebound** is an enhanced or special monthly pension benefit paid in addition to basic pension. You may not receive enhanced or special monthly pension without first establishing eligibility for basic VA pension. However, because enhanced pension is based upon a higher income limit, a claimant ineligible for basic pension due to excessive income may be eligible for enhanced pension benefits. A Veteran may be eligible for Housebound benefits when:

1. The Veteran has a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling **AND**, due to such disability, he/she is permanently and substantially confined to his/her immediate premises, **OR**,
2. The Veteran has a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling **AND**, another disability, or disabilities, evaluated as 60 percent or more disabling.

A Veteran cannot receive both Aid and Attendance and Housebound benefits at the same time.

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November 2014 – Membership Retention Month

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 Spanogi
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.
20 6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meeting, Post 146, Bethlehem.
22 Massachusetts Department Commander Testimonial, Taunton.
23-29 National Family Week.
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.
10 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, hosted by District Officers.
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.
14 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, hosted by Post 2.
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.
21-23 4th District Revitalization.
21 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 143, Stratfield.
22 6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meeting, Post 43, Winsted.
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 68, Berlin.

February 2015 – Americanism Month

01 Four Chaplains’ Sunday.
01-07 Religious Emphasis Week.
08 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 95, Hebron.
09 85% Membership Target Date.
11 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post TBD.
11 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 154.
12 Lincoln’s Birthday State Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
12 7th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 103, Westbrook (Library - Oratorical).
14 Valentine’s Day.
14 Deadline for completion of District Oratorical Contests.
15 ALA Awareness Luncheon.
16 President’s Day Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED.
18 Ash Wednesday.
18 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 160, Easton.
19 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 54, Colchester.
23 Iwo Jima Flag Raised 1945.
25 1st District Meeting, 6:30 PM, Post 142, Hartford, Americanism Program.
26 6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 31, New Milford.

Future Events - 2015

Mar 01 40&8 / 8&40 Testimonial.
Mar 07 Department Oratorical Contest
Mar 14 1st District Testimonial, 6:00 PM, Nucci’s, Forrestville.
Apr 26 3rd District Testimonial, Roberto’s, Monroe.
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.
Department Calendar – Post Activities

November 2014

04 Post 68, Berlin, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, every Tuesday Pasta Dinner. $7.00 all you can eat, with very thick meat sauce, bread, coffee, soda. BYOB own wine. For info Call post, 860-828-9201. 154 Porters Pass, Berlin.

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

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 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

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 Reserve Toys for Tots program. 250 tickets at $20 each. Tickets: American Legion Post 80, Attn: Brian, 566 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082.

09 Post 20, Terryville, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Dart Tournament. $5.00 Entry Fee. Winner takes all. Food & Beverages (Meatball Grinders w/cheese & chips) $5.00. 245 Main ST, Terryville.

10 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

11 Post 13, Putnam, 5:00-9:00 PM, Celebrity Bartenders Night, J.D. Coopers, 146 Park RD, Putnam. “Your tips will support American Legion Youth Programs”.

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

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

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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.

30  **Post 12, Norwalk**, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM+. Annual Holiday Fair & Christmas Tree Lighting (at 5:00 PM). Santa will be on hand to meet & greet young & old. Info: 203-866-8249.

December 2014

02  **Post 68, Berlin**, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, every Tuesday Pasta Dinner. $7.00 all you can eat, with very thick meat sauce, bread, coffee, soda. BYOB own wine. For info Call post, 860-828-9201. 154 Porters Pass, Berlin.

07  **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.

07  **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  **Post 133, South Windsor**, Noon, State Capitol Hall of Flags – Wreaths Across America Ceremony.

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**ATTENTION POST HISTORIANS:**

Do you have an interest in learning how to create an Annual Narrative or Yearbook for your Post that will be ready to submit for the annual History Competition?

If so, then please contact Past National Historian Frazier Brinley at wfbpooh@att.net

Depending on numbers interested, he will mentor individuals or schedule a workshop to review all the criteria for a winning History.
The following articles were taken from the “Connecticut Legion Record” dated April, 1927, Hartford, Conn., VOL.II, No.3.

“Legion Still In Charge of Fund” (page 1.) “Bill is Liable to Bob Up Again Under Another. The distribution of the state fund still remains with Legion, thanks to a friendly legislature. The so-called Sturges Bill is a thing of the past, but it will spring up again under a new name next time if we are to believe the general rumors afloat at the capitol. Father Cassidy of Farmington, a Legionnaire, hit the nail on the head when he said that he would like to see a bill introduced which would put the fund in the hands of the Legion for ten years.

Father Cassidy of Farmington couldn’t get it through his head why any legislator would want to pick on his boys, so he journeyed to Hartford and made a very forceful speech not exactly complimenting Representative Sturges.

... Very few Legionnaires know that Judge Malone of Bristol wrote most of the national constitution of the Legion. The Preamble is almost 100% Malone suggestion.

MEMBERSHIP PRIZES OFFERED.... West Virginia Tops Connecticut in Membership Contest.

Licked again, but by golly, not very badly. Rod Merrick wired last night at West Virginia’s total was 7271 and the treasurer (noted that we were at) ...7112. This is fully 7 weeks ahead of last year... Now, where do we go from here? More and bigger prizes for continued effort.

First, a fine Big Easter Egg for the post sending in the most members between now (noon, April 8<sup>th</sup>) and noon on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 2019

From Easter to April 30th is "CLEAN UP TIME"—every post going over the top during that time gets a prize and every Post now 100% which reaches 133% will also get a prize.

Individual prize— to the member who personally obtains the greatest number of cards (for new and old members) between now and noon on May 14th—a fine new Danbury straw hat to open the season with. The Adjutant of the post must certify these were obtained personally and this certification must be in this office not later than May 16th...

... there will be prizes for the posts making the largest numerical gain..., as well as for the largest percentage gain...”

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“Stratford Post Meets With Auxiliary Unit - Finest of Feelings Between Organization

Anderson Dunn Kochiss Post 42 of Stratford held a very successful Valentine masquerade dance on February 14 in Sterling Memorial Hall. Refreshments were served and music was furnished by Cale’s Orchestra. During the evening, Henry Cook of the Hickory Hill Camp did the promoting for a series of old fashioned dancing.

Every six weeks the Ladies Auxiliary holds a joint meeting with the post after which the ladies serve a covered dish supper for the boys. It is an ideal way for the post and unit to get their members acquainted...

On St. Patrick’s night, the members of the Legion, Auxiliary and guests enjoyed a very pleasant party. Refreshments were served followed by dancing. Favors, noise makers and other surprises made the party a success.

The American Legion, Anderson, Dunn, Kochiss and Auxiliary has offered $10 in gold as a prize for a winning essay on “Americanism” written by members of the graduating class of the Stratford High School. In the future the prize will be offered annually. The essays will be judged by the faculty of the high school.”

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What is Operation: Thank You!?

Ocean State Job Lot has a long history of commitment and support for our military service members and their families. Operation: Thank You! is an extension of that commitment and an expression of our gratitude for all they have done and are doing for our country.

As part of Operation: Thank You!, all active and retired military servicemen and women, their families and dependants will receive 25% off their purchases* at any Ocean State Job Lot store during the four day period from

* Excludes: Cumberland Pellet Stoves, Propane tanks and Propane refills

Who can participate?

All Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve and retired personnel, Veterans and their immediate family members and dependants are eligible to participate. Positive ID is required at the time of checkout. Acceptable forms of ID include:

- DOD Active / Retired Military ID
- DOD Active / Retired Military Dependant / Family ID
- DD-214 / Military Discharge Papers
- VA ID Card
- VA Hospital ID Card
- VA Service Connected Disability ID Card
- CAC ID Card
- VFW ID Card
- American Legion ID Card

What is the checkout procedure?

1) Inform the Sales Associate at the register, prior to the start of the transaction, that you are participating in Operation: Thank You!.
2) The Sales Associate will ask to see your ID (refer to the list above).
3) Your 25% discount will be calculated at the conclusion of the transaction and will appear on your receipt.

Other Program specifics

- All products are eligible for discount with the exception of Cumberland Pellet Stoves, Propane Tanks & Refills.
- 25% Discount may not be combine with any other offer, including but not limited to Job Lot Internet Coupons and advertised sale items.
- Discounts may not be applied to past purchases, Gift Cards, Clearance items and Phone cards are excluded.
- No Rain Checks
- All warranty and return rules apply
- Military ID is Required

For More Information Contact David Sarlito 401-295-2672 ext 2884 or d.sarlito@osj.com
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

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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
REQUIEM MASS
In memory of all Veterans

Music by Gabriel Fauré

November 16, 2014
4:00 PM

In the context of Holy Eucharist
Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church St., Hartford

- Featuring the Cathedral Choir
  Joshua Anand Slater, Music Director
  Thomas Whitestone, Organ
  Olivia Miller, Soprano • Steve Valenzuela, Baritone
7th District American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary

CHRISTMAS PARTY

AUCTION

POT LUCK SUPPER

Thursday, DECEMBER 11 - 6:30 pm

At EAST HADDAM POST 156

33 NEPTUNE AVE.

Proceeds to the CWF and the 7th District

Lots of laughs

and get a start on your Christmas Gifts list
AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY
6th DISTRICT

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: American Legion of Connecticut
Payment must be in no later than Nov. 28, 2014

Mail to: Barbara Lamontagne (Legion 6th District Treasurer)
83 Redcoat Road
Waterbury, CT 06704-1145

For more information please call: Sandy Cruz at 203-768-1345 (Auxiliary)
Barbara Lamontagne at 203-757-9305 (Legion)
CONNECTICUT AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL COMMITTEE
14TH ANNUAL HOT STOVE BASEBALL DINNER

Friday, January 9, 2015 – Aqua Turf Club at Plantsville, CT
Cocktails at 6:30 PM – Dinner at 7:00 PM (Tickets - $45)

MC: Rich Coppola, WTIC-TV, Channel 61

Honorees Include:
- American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame
  Class of 2015

Franklin Johnson, Gene Spaziani, David Farr

- Contributor Award
  Dan Rezende, South Windsor
- Major League Player of the Year
  Jesse Hahn, New London Post 9
- College Player of the Year
  Chris Demorais, West Hartford Post 96
  Ryan Plourde, Waterbury Post 1
- 19 U Coach of the Year
  William Robertson, Cheshire
- 17 U Coach of the Year
  Scott Curtis, Tolland
- 15 U Coach of the Year
  John Amendola, Wallingford
- New England Coach of the Year
  Jay Hickey, RCP
- College Coach Award
  Matt LaBranche, ECSU
- High School Coach of the Year
  Sal Coppola Amity High School
  Brian Hourigan Oxford High School
- Alumni of the Year
  TBD
- Committee Leadership Award
  Chuck Berry, West Hartford
- Media Award
  Chris Elsberry –Connecticut Post
- Umpire Award
  Paul Proto, Fairfield Board

Reservation Form

Name ____________________________ Telephone ____________________________

Address ____________________________ ____________________________ zip

E-Mail ______________________________

Enclosed is my check for $___________ to cover the cost of ________reservation(s). Cost per person is $45.

Please return this form with your check (payable to CT American Legion Baseball) to Chuck Berry, 110 Castle Road, Bristol, CT 06010 before Thursday, January 1, 2015. Include the names of other members of your party on the back of the form. For further questions call Chuck Berry at 203-715-2330 cberry1@comcast.net or email Dave Farr, Dfarralbb@aol.com More information is available on the CT American Legion Web Site www.ctlegationball.com Walk in reservations cannot be accepted!
**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT**

**41st ANNUAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

**TRUMBULL MARRIOTT, TRUMBULL, CT**

**JANUARY 23-24-25, 2015**

The annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, CT. Conference will begin on Friday with the Liquor Commission @ 6:00 PM. Department Executive Committee meeting 8:30 PM. A full range of American Legion programs, tailored for the “Blue Cap” Legioinnaire will be held all day on Saturday and Sunday morning. So far, Saturday morning will feature candidate for National Commander Charles Schmidt (OR) and National Vice-Commander Doug Haggan (FR). There will be more details in later flyers. Saturday afternoon will have the usual breakout for Service Officers & SSM Fund Reps. Saturday evening banquet features the induction of the 9th class into The Connecticut American Legion Hall of Fame. Hotel rate: $94.00 + 9% tax (single or double). Call Marriott Reservations at 1-800-228-9290 or 203-378-1400; ask for AMERICAN LEGION ROOM BLOCK.

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE JANUARY 9, 2015.**

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**Lunch will be on your own.**

All American Legion Posts are encouraged to pay for their member's registration if they attend the conference. Make this a weekend of camaraderie and relaxation.

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Dan Smith, Reservations Chairman  (860) 296-0719

The American Legion  
864 Wethersfield Ave  
Hartford, CT  06114

Please reserve the following tickets for the 41st Annual Mid-Winter Conference.

Check enclosed in the amount of $ __________ Payable to: *The American Legion*

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Buffet Dinner Menu

Rolls and Butter

Garden Salad (Creamy Peppercorn or Red Wine Vinaigrette)

Chateau Steak with Cognac Mushroom Sauce (on side)

Herb Roasted Chicken (legs, thighs, breasts & wings)

Macaroni & Cheese
Mashed Potato

Peas & Carrots

Dessert Station

Coffee & Tea

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

How can Connecticut’s American Legion help?

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

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

Safety and Security

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

Veterans Staying Fit and Healthy

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

I encourage all Posts, Auxiliary Units, SAL Squadrons and Legion Riders Chapters to take a close look at this project, this is exactly what we as a Legion family can come together and support as this is a Veterans project within our own state that we can control what our money goes towards. What an opportunity this is to show everyone in the state that The American Legion Family is truly behind our Veterans and what we can accomplish as a group when we all come together for one common goal. This is our chance to stand up and shout out to everyone that The American Legion is out their working hard to give our Veterans every opportunity humanly possible to better themselves and their families.

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

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

By Steve Pintarich and Rich Linnon

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

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

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

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

How can we help?

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

Please let us know what you’re planning, and how we can work with you on this!
Steve Pintarich: 860-620-9861 stevepintarich@cox.net
OR Rich Linnon: 860-874-1664 Richard.Linnon@va.gov
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
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, but 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/pulfl. 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.
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Member Profile Update Card

Please print legibly.

Member ID

Name

Address

Email Address

Phone #

Date of Birth

Service Era

Branch

Gender

☐ Aug. 2, 1990 to today (Gulf War / War On Terrorism)
☐ Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990 (Panama)
☐ Aug. 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon / Grenada)

☐ U.S. Army
☐ U.S. Marines
☐ MALE

☐ U.S. Navy
☐ U.S. Coast Guard
☐ FEMALE

☐ Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)
☐ June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War)
☐ Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II)

☐ U.S. Air Force
☐ U.S. Merchant Marine (WWII only)

☐ Male
☐ Female

I certify that the information I have provided is correct.

OR complete member profile information online:
www.legion.org/update

Please fill out only those fields that apply. Information provided is kept confidential.
By providing mailing and/or email address information, you agree to receive future membership communications and email from The American Legion.
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, 2014
- 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.**
2014–2015 Membership Goal Incentives

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

Incentive award program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Recruiters Name

Post Number

District Commander (verifying)  
Name  

Date  
Signature
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
DATE: ______________ POST NUMBER ______________

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

ATTACHED HEREWITH IS OUR REMITTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $________ IN PAYMENT
OF THE FOLLOWING:

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SIGNATURE_________________________ PHONE: ____________________

NAME____________________________

ADDRESS__________________________

CITY / TOWN__________________________

(PLEASE PRINT)
Sons of the American Legion
Department of Connecticut

Membership Transmittal Number: _____
Date: ________ Squadron Number: _____

To: The American Legion
Office of the Adjutant
P.O. Box 208
Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0208

Attached herewith is our remittance in the amount of $_______ in payment of the following:

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Adjusted Totals: $_______

Squadron records indicate that:

# ________ PAID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR 2015

Signature: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Name: ________________________________

Address: ______________________________

City / Town: __________________________ (Please Print)
THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Phone)

Address
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

(Membership ID / Former Member) (Email) (Post #) (Date)

Date
(Received From) (Paid for 20) Dues

Recruiter’s Name

Recruiter’s Signature

Recruiter’s Phone #

DUES RECEIPT
(Please Print)

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

Signed By Applicant

Name of Recruiter

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

ALA 11/2011

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date

Detachment of

Squadron No.

Birth Date

Name
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Recruited by

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

Veteran through whom eligibility is established

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

Department of

(b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from

Where?

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran,

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SONS?

Eligibility certified by

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

ALA 11/2011

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through Name of Veteran (If living, must be American Legion member)

Living □ Deceased □

American Legion Member ID Number

Veteran’s American Legion Post Name

Post # City State

Veteran Served: (check all that apply)

Date
(Received From) (Paid for 20) Dues

Recruiter’s Name

Recruiter’s Signature

Recruiter’s Phone #

DUES RECEIPT
(Please Print)

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

Mother □ Wife □ Daughter □ Sister □

Grandmother □ Granddaughter □ Great-Granddaughter □

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

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18)

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

Applicant Information

Name
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone

Email Address

Date of Birth (Required)

Date of Birth (Required)

Have you been a member before? □ Yes □ No

ALA 11/2011

Unit # and Location

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18)

Date

Post # City State
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### DETACHMENT OF CONNECTICUT
#### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY REPORT

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- **PUFL credits & ONLINE + HQ renewals through September are included.**
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**OVER PLEASE**
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