My Fellow Legionnaires,

I would like to take a moment to offer a sincere heartfelt Thank You to everyone who sent cards or sent me a message on Facebook wishing me a speedy recovery after my knee surgery and my hospitalization last month. My family and I are very fortunate to have so many friends within The American Legion Family and we are so grateful to be associated with this great organization.

I would like to give a quick update on the Commanders Project. Thanks to your generosity we have surpassed the $8,600.00 mark. We are fast approaching my goal of $10,000.00 and I look forward to surpassing that goal. Again, thank you for all of the donations and for those who haven’t made a donation please consider donating to a worthy project within our own state.

I would like to a moment to share my limited edition “Commanders Membership Pin” this pin will be awarded to anyone who recruits two new members in their post, the deadline to submit for this award is May 12th. All you have to do is send me an email with the names you recruited and I will verify them with the Adjutants office, once they have been verified you will be awarded the pin at Department Convention. If you are unable to attend the convention your pin will be mailed to you. Here is a picture of the pin that will be awarded. My email address is harryhansen13@att.net

We have some very important programs coming up in the next few months and I urge every post to consider participating in all of them.

Legion Family College – May 29th and 30th at Camp Connri in Ashford, CT. Please consider coming out and learning about the Legion and its programs, if you think you know it all I can assure you that you don’t. This year we are offering the Legion College Online Institute Course on Friday night at no cost to anyone who attends; this will be your opportunity to learn about the history of the Legion.

Boys State – June 21st thru June 25th we are encouraging all posts to send at least one high school student and if possible to send two. The cost is $300.00 per student and is a worthwhile investment; it teaches our youth about local and state government and allows them to be active participants in how the process works. They will elect local and state officials to include the Governor of the state, they will write bills and introduce them in the house and senate where they will be debated amongst their peers and much more.

State Police Youth Week – July 5th thru July 11th again we encourage all posts to visit their respective high schools and seek out individuals who are interested in pursuing law enforcement careers. This is a worthwhile program where kids will go through an intense week of training. They will go through a condensed version of what the State Police recruits go through and at the end of the week it is amazing to see the transformation that they go through from when they started.

Thank You for all that you do and continue to do a daily basis

Harry "Butch" Hansen
Department Commander
203-206-6343
My Fellow Legionnaires,

Next Target 95% is April 6, 2015. I would like to congratulate Post 3 Stamford, Post 80 Enfield and Post 133 South Windsor for achieving 100%+ Quota this past month; Thank you for doing your part towards helping us reach our Department’s overall Goal of 100% Plus!

Membership Round-up: On Saturday April 18, 2015 is in conjunction with the Annual Kids Walk, which is a Legion Family event! Let’s come together in the weeks prior and gather all our remaining renewals, expired and new membership cards and bring them to the walk sites. Your District Sr Vice Cdr, ALA Vice Presidents and SAL representatives will be on-site to accept the cards and dues. Posts please deliver your cards and dues to your prospective sites by 10am; our first site visit will be the 2nd District. Additional details for walk sites inside this Bulletin.

2nd District Revitalization will be held April 23 – 25, 2015 at Post 34 Milford in the Fowler Building. If you have never attended a revitalization effort, here is a great opportunity to acquire some knowledge on how to contact and approach prospective new members to your post. Share in the Camaraderie.

Help Wanted: If you have ever had the desire to serve on a Department Commission or Committee and have never been asked, I would like to know. I’m in the process of making appointments. Please contact me soon for consideration.

Property Tax Relief: If you are 65 and older and your adjusted gross income is $34,600 single, $42,200 married. You could qualify for the Elderly Benefit a tax abatement of up to $1200. If you qualify for the Elderly Benefit and you are a Veteran, you also qualify for an additional Veterans Exemption. Contact your Tax Assessor’s Office for an application and further details that may apply for your Municipality. Just fill-out the application and provide copies of your Federal and State Income Tax Returns to your Assessor no Later than May 15, 2015.

Also, let a family member know the location of your DD-214. Without it, your family will not be able to receive any death benefits on your behalf.

Remember:

*Use the tools provided to get new members into your posts. Especially consider using your Town/City Veterans Tax Exemption list.*

*Women may also be Veterans. While out recruiting, don’t overlook the obvious.*

*Collectively our goal is to reach 100% membership in the Department of Connecticut.*

In Comradeship,

Paul Spedaliere  
Senior Vice Commander  
Department of Connecticut  
860-537-1372  
etcdc@stbccglobal.net

“Unity and Teamwork Build Our Future”

“What’s Our Goal?”....”100% plus!”
Post Tax Reporting

Just a reminder, assuming that your tax year is the calendar year (01/01/2014 – 12/31/2014), and your post’s gross receipts were $50,000 or less, each post has until May 15th to go online and file Form 990-N. As long as your Post EIN is registered with Department & National HQ (and most are), this is a very simple process (unless you are filing one of the longer forms) that MUST be completed in order to maintain your Post’s status as a Federal 501C(19) non-profit veterans organization. Check out the following web addresses:


Testimonials & Banquets

The following Testimonials / Banquets are scheduled with Department:
2nd District Testimonial, April 19th, 2-5:00 PM, Waverly Inn, Cheshire. ($35)
3rd District Testimonial, April 26th, 1-5:00, Roberto’s, Monroe. ($35)
4th District Testimonial, May 3rd, 1:00 PM, Post 19, Willimantic. ($20)
Testimonial SAL Detachment Commander John Wright, 5:00 PM, Post 112, Montville. ($25)
National Commander’s Dinner, May 19th, 6:00 PM, Post 16, Shelton.

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

Renews and Post Data Forms

In order for any member to have their correct post information on their 2016 card, all transmittals must be at National NLT April 8, 2015, which means your transmittal must be here at Department HQ by close of business on Monday, April 6th. The data for the printing of the 2016 cards will be extracted from the member database April 15th, with production beginning on or around April 21st. Timely transmittal of dues payments are always essential for a member to be properly served by their post and department, but this cut-off date has significant importance because it will ensure that a member will receive the most up-to-date information on their 2016 card, to include correct continuous years and post information. Likewise, in order for 2016 dues notices to be correct, we must have all Post Data Forms by April 6th. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Department HQ.

The American Legion Family College

This is a weekend for the Legion family to learn more about our obligations, duties, and programs. This is an informal weekend where you learn but also relax, have fun and get to know each other on a different level. For the third year, instead of National Guard Camp Niantic, we will be at Camp CONNRI, a Salvation Army property in Ashford. The rooms are two person motel quality. Please register early for planning purposes. Register (and pay for!) your post members who are interested in being more involved. Find the registration form in this Bulletin.

Please copy and share all Bulletin information as widely as possible!
The American Legion Boys State Leadership Program

Because of the harsh winter, many schools may still be in session when Boys State starts. The Association of High School Principals recommends that students be allowed to take exams early in order to participate in this valuable learning experience. Make sure you suggest this if you encounter any questions about our program schedule. The 2015 program will take place Saturday, June 20 through Thursday, June 25 at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic. See the application instructions included in this Bulletin.

The American Legion Youth Programs Alumni Association

The American Legion Youth Programs Alumni Association launched a Facebook page in 2013 which is available for posting of stories about our local youth programs in action, offering suggestions, or networking with others who are interested in, or are past participants in, American Legion youth programs: Boys State, Boys Nation, American Legion Baseball, Junior Shooting Sports, Boy Scouts, Junior ROTC, Oratorical Contests, Samsung Scholarships – or any other Legion-connected activity that enriches the lives of young people. Please check out the Facebook page at: http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-American-Legion-Youth-Programs-Alumni-Association/180892608688877?sk=wall&filter=12

Learn more about the association at www.legion.org/youthalumni

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

Prayer Concerns

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

George Besse (post 78 Commander) heart valve replacement 3/27. Continued prayers for: PDP Alice Saxton, wife of PDC Boyd. Also, Unit 196 President Lee Murray, wife of PDC Bob.

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

POST EVERLASTING

John M. “Jack” Pelto

01/22/1940 – 03/16/2015
Lebanon Post 180
5th District Commander 2014-2015
Boys State Staff

Kenneth E. Going

03/22/2015 – Age 89
Carlson-Sjovall Post 105, Cromwell
67 Years – Life Member
Past Post Commander Posts 184 & 105
Past 7th District Commander
CT American Legion Hall of Fame 2011

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Department Calendar

April 2015 – Children & Youth Month

03 Good Friday Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED
04 First Day of Passover.
05-11 American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Week.
05 Easter.
06 U.S. Entry - WW I, 1917.
08 95% Membership Target Date
08 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 68.
08 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 1, Waterbury.
09 7th District Meeting, 6:30 PM, Post 113, Old Saybrook.
10 ALA Birthday, 1919.
10-12 78th Annual National High School Oratorical Contest, Indianapolis.
11 ALA Past President’s parade & Eastern Division VP visit, 11:00-2:00, Aldario’s.
12 4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 67, North Grosvenordale.
14 Heroes 4 Hire Job Fair, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Rentschler Field Ballroom.
15 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 60, Danbury.
16 5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 15, Jewett City.
18 Kids Walk. (Multiple locations) – See Bulletin Inserts!
18 Membership Round-Up – Deliver Membership to ALL Walkathon Sites!
19 Post 156, 10:30 AM, Dedication of Hall in Memory of PDC Edward D. Barry.
19 2nd District Testimonial, 1-5:00, Waverly Inn, Cheshire. ($35).
22 Earth Day. – Administrative Professionals Day.
22 1st District Meeting, 6:30 PM refreshments, 7:30 PM, meet, Post 36, Windsor Locks.
23 Veterans Resource & Career Fair, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Ramada Inn, E. Hartford.
23 6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meeting, Post 173, Morris (Sr. Center).
23-25 2nd District Revitalization. Post 34, Fowler Bldg, 45 New Haven Ave, Milford.
23 Department Color Guard Fundraiser, 4-9:00 PM, Chill’s, 11 Spring St, Southington.
24 Arbor Day.
25 UCONN Air Force ROTC Awards, 1:30-3:30 PM.
26 3rd District Testimonial, 1:00-5:00 PM, Roberto’s, Monroe. ($35).
30 Yale ROTC Pass in Review followed by Awards, 11:00 AM.

May 2015 – Memorial Month

03 4th District Testimonial, 1:00 PM, Post 19, Willimantic. ($20).
04-07 National Spring Meetings, Indianapolis, IN.
08 V-E Day – 1945.
08 Deadline for submission of proposed changes to Department Constitution & Bylaws.
08 UCONN Army ROTC Awards, U. of New Haven, Time & Place TBD.
09 1st District ALA Dance, 6-11 PM, Post 2, Bristol. ($15).
10 Happy Mother’s Day!
11 100% Membership Target Date
11 AL Department Executive Committee, 7:00 PM, Post 165 Wolcott.
12 3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 141, Trumbull.
13 1st District Bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans Home, 7:00 PM, hosted by Post 142.
13 2nd District Meeting, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting, Post 17, Naugatuck (Host 25).
14 7th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 66, Clinton, Memorial Service.
**May 2015 – Memorial Month (continued)**

15
*Peace Officers’ Memorial Day.*
DEADLINE for submission of Americanism Award Nominations, 4:00 PM.
15
Armed Forces Day Luncheon, 11:00 social, 12:00 lunch, Aqua Turf, Southington.
16
*Armed Forces Day.*
Testimonial for SAL Det. Commander John Wright, 5:00 PM, Post 112 Montville ($25)
17-20
*National Commander Mike Helm visits Connecticut.*
SAL Detachment Executive Committee meeting, Noon, Post 112 Montville.
17
4th District, 1:00 PM, Post 26, Stafford Springs.
17
Benefit Dinner for Alice Saxton, 2:00-7:00 PM, Post 2, Bristol.
17
National Commander to attend 4th District Meeting.
18
Dinner Honoring National Commander Mike Helm, 6:00 PM, Post 16, Shelton.
19
Nat’l Commander to attend Meeting, Post 12, Norwalk.
20
Nat’l Commander to meet & greet at Department Golf Tournament.
20
Phil Haddad Memorial Golf Tournament, 10:00 AM, Blackledge CC, Hebron.
20
USCGA Athletic Awards program, 5:00 PM, Roland Gym.
21
5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 180, Lebanon (Memorial Service).
22
*Maritime Day.*
DEADLINE for submission of Department Awards Nominations, 4:00 PM.
25
*Memorial Day Holiday - DEPARTMENT OFFICES CLOSED*
26
Boys State Commission Meeting, 6:30 PM, Post 96, West Hartford.
27
1st District Meeting, 6:30 PM Memorial Service, then social & meet, Post 80, Enfield.
28
6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 137, Harwinton (SR Center).
29-30
Department Legion Family College, Camp CONNRI, Ashford.

**June 2014**

05
DEADLINE for submission of Post & District Histories for judging, 4:00 PM.
05
Nathan Hale Day Program, Noon, State Capitol, Hartford.
06
D-Day – 1944.
10
2nd District, 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meet, Post 83, Branford (Host 48). (Elections)
11
7th District Mtg, 7:00 PM, Post 61, Deep River (Winthrop Baptist Church). (Elections)
14
Flag Day – 7:00 PM EDT, *Pause for the Pledge.*
14
1st District Meeting, 1:00 PM, Post 2, Bristol (Elections).
14
4th District Meeting, 2:00 PM, Post 14, Rockville (Elections).
17
3rd District Meeting, 7:30 PM, Post 16, Shelton (Elections).
18
5th District Meeting, 7:00 PM, Post 128, Niantic (Elections).
21
*Happy Father’s Day!*
20-25
74th Annual AL Boys State Leadership Program, ECSU.
25
Korean War started – 1950.
25
6th District Meeting, 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM meet, Post 22, Thomaston (Elections).
27-Jul 2
ALA Laurel Girls State Program, ECSU.

**Future Events - 2015**

Jul 4
Independence Day Celebration, Capitol Hall of Flags, hosted by Legion.
Jul 5-11
16th Annual AL State Police Youth Week.
Jul 9-11
97th Department Convention, Trumbull Marriott.

Aug 5-9
AL Baseball Northeast Regional Tournament, Muzzy Field, Bristol.
Aug 28-Sep 3
97th National Convention, Baltimore, MD.
April 2015

01 Post 141, Trumbull, 6:30 PM, Every Wednesday Bingo, 1 Veterans Circle, Trumbull. Doors open 5:00 PM. 20 games. Jackpots as high as $1,600. Info: 203-913-1276.

04 Post 44, Bantam, 10:00 AM, 316th Consecutive Veteran of the Month service, Borough Hall, Bantam, CT.

07 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.

08 Post 141, Trumbull, 6:30 PM, Every Wednesday Bingo, 1 Veterans Circle, Trumbull. Doors open 5:00 PM. 20 games. Jackpots as high as $1,600. Info: 203-913-1276.

10 Post 52, Coventry, 6:00 PM, “World Famous Baked Fish Dinner”, $10. 138 Snake Hill Rd (860-742-7197).

11 Post 10, Seymour, 6:30 PM, Veterans Appreciation Concert, $10, Seymour Middle School Auditorium, 211 Mountain Rd, Seymour. Featuring: Connecticut Hurricanes Drum & Bugle Corps; Connecticut Alumni Drum & Bugle Corps; Park City Pride Drum & Bugle Corps; Skyliners Alumni Drum & Bugle Corps; Century Limited Drum & Bugle Corps; Special Performance by Seymour Middle School Band.

12 Post 36, Windsor Locks, Family Breakfast. $4 Adults, $3 Children!

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19 Unit 12, Norwalk, 3:00 PM, Bridgeport Sound Tigers vs Hartford Wolf Pack. Center Ice $20. Order by April 10th. Luanne Ryan, 203-595-1461, luanneryan11@gmail.com.

26 ALA 195, Oakville, Juniors, 4-6:00 PM, Pre-Mother’s Day Pasta Dinner. 62 Bunker Hill Rd, Watertown. Pasta & Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Dessert. Advance tickets: $9 Adults; $5.50 Children under 12. $2 more at the door. Order & Info: 203-768-1345 or sandybutterfly@optonline.net

May 2015

02 Post 44, Bantam, 10:00 Am, 317th Consecutive Veteran of the Month program, All Wars Memorial, Bantam.

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08 Post 52, Coventry, 6:00 PM, Baked Stuffed Shrimp Dinner, $15. (860-742-7197, Reservations required)

09 Post 209, Forrestville, bus trip to USS Nautilus Museum, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Post 112 Montville. Payment deadline is 4/25. Make checks payable to A.L. Post 209 and mail to: American Legion Post 209, c/o Chuck Woodin, PO Box 9408, Forrestville, CT, 06011-9408. Only 56 seats available!
May 2015 (continued)

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24 Post 154, Thompsonville, 1:00 PM, Enfield Memorial Day Parade, looking for riders. Monica Owen, smo281@cox.net

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June 2015

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05 Post 16, Shelton, 8:00 AM shotgun start, 5th Annual Golf Tournament, $75 (golf, cart, beer, steak!), Highland Golf Club, Sign-up by May 27th. 18 hole scramble, limited to 64 golfers.

07 Post 36, Windsor Locks, Family Breakfast. $4 Adults, $3 Children!

12 Post 45, Meriden, 10:00 AM shotgun start, 1st Annual Patriot Golf Tournament, $125 (golf, cart, gift bag, prizes, cont. breakfast, lunch, dinner), Hunters Golf Club. American Legion & Marine Corps League. Contacts: Ken Benoit (203-443-5610), Steve Fahy (860-966-4540). Also seek Sponsors.

21 Post 52, Coventry, 1:00 PM, Fathers Day Lobster Dinner, $25. (860-742-7197, Reservations required)
2015 EAGLE SCOUT WINNERS

First Place
Ryan Adams
of
Ridgefield, CT

Second Place
Matthew Mallon
of
Southbury, CT

Third Place
William Weishaupt
of
Milford, CT
2015 ORATORICAL WINNERS

First Place

Christina Mitchel of Valley Regional High School
Sponsored by Post 61
Seventh District

Second Place

Gabriel Milluzzo of South Windsor High School
Sponsored by Post 133
First District

Third Place

Durga Rathi of Cheshire High School
Sponsored by Post 92
Second District

Keyur Shah of Shelton High School
Sponsored by Post 16
Third District
Connecticut Posts: What was Happening in April, 1920

Glastonbury: Leon Goodale Post 56 has 60 members and although the winter weather interfered with meetings on every other Tuesday, the post maintained basketball and bowling teams. The Commander is Martin L. Roser and the Adjutant is Percy H. Williams.

Windsor: Gray Dickenson Post 59 has a very successful bowling team. It has defeated the Independent Five, which has been leading the local bowling league. The team is locally known as “Thompson’s Recruits” has done exceedingly well and much is expected for the future. The Commander is William Evans and the Adjutant Raymond D. Hayes.

Derby: John H. Collins Post 24 has grown in numbers to 200 members. Meetings are held on the second Thursday at the three rooms furnished by the Board of Trade. The Post is planning to have a baseball team and a Memorial Post home. John Voorhees is Commander and Lester Gunn is Adjutant.

Guilford: Darrow Post 48 meets on the first Monday of the month at its new headquarters: Hotel Hallock, opposite the Historic Guilford Green. A basketball game was just held and a dance is planned for May. The Officers are R. Walter Bishop: Commander, Shelton Dudley: Vice Commander, Percy Jacobs: Vice Commander, George F. Sullivan: Adjutant, George D. Sullivan: Assistant Adjutant, Wilbur Hotchkiss: Finance Officer, Fred C. Burdett: Insurance Officer, and other officers: Howard E. Dudley, William Millest, Edward Convay, Dennis Horan and Leslie Norton. The post was named Charles W. Darrow, Guilford’s first man to die in action.

Sound Beach: Sound Beach Post 35 was seriously handicapped by the record snow fall and its members scattered over a wide area. At present, post meetings are held at the Boys Scout building. J.H. Graham is Commander and R.D. Crandall is Adjutant.

Norwalk: Frank C. Godfrey Post 12 will be holding a membership drive in May. John Keogh is Commander and Arthur C. Kelly is Adjutant.

Putnam: Anselm Mayotte Post 13 has had a hard time with attendance with all the snow. The Post Carnival last fall netted $593.87. Edward F. Perry is the Commander and Whitman Danielson is the Adjutant.

Rockville: Stanley Dobosz Post 14 changed its name from the Argonne Post to the present to honor the first Rockville man to die in battle. The post has held many moving picture shows, which has swelled the treasury. The Commander is Walter C. Miller and the Adjutant is Miss Sophie Polinska.
Stonington: James Harvey Post 58 will be holding a membership drive in May to bring its total up to 100%.

The Commander is Fred E. Hyde and the Adjutant is Joseph E. Cushman. The Post meets on the first and third Fridays at the Knights of Columbus.

Colchester: Donald A. Bigelow Post 54 has reached 100% membership. The 1920 Commander is Edward Kelley and the Adjutant is C.T. Bigelow.

Torrington: Torrington Post 38 held a successful memorial exercise at the Alhambra Theatre on Feb. 22, 1920. The Post has a baseball team and has offered to set up a schedule with other posts. It held 2 successful dances and plans to hold a carnival in May. The Commander is Clarence Geer and the Adjutant is Mason Turner.

Clinton: Howard Hilliard Post 66 named in honor of the first local man to be killed in the war. Although chartered on December 31, 1919 the post has achieved nearly 100%. The post meets on the second Friday and a big dance is planned for the future. Sidney A. Finer is the Post Adjutant.

Portland: Ormont Post 69 organized (last) October and has over 100 members. They meet every Tuesday night... The post held a successful fair and has a good band and quartette. Dr. G.B. Chedel is commander and M.N. Jarvis is Adjutant.

Legion Plans Baseball League

Baseball Meeting was held on April 5 at New Haven's Graduates Club to discuss the formation of a baseball league. The chief question raised was whether it would be amateur or professional.

The proposed League will function under the direction of Walter Camp and Frank S. Butterworth...

The Connecticut Legion News, Volume 1, Number 1, April, 1920 pages: 11, 15, 19, 20 and 22.

First Oratorical Contest was held March 30, 1940. Chairman was John J. Feegel, the Department Senior Vice Commander. Winner ?

W. Frazier Brinley
THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 156
THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 156
AND THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 156

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015 AT 10:30 A.M.
FOR THE DEDICATION CEREMONY OF OUR CLUB HALL

IN MEMORY OF EDWARD D. BARRY

THE DEDICATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE AMERICAN LEGION
BARON-SMITH-GOLEC POST 156
33 NEPTUNE AVENUE
MOODUS, CT 06469

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED

WE SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US

ANYONE WISHING TO SHARE MEMORIES OF ED ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY APRIL 12, 2015

edbarrydedication@gmail.com

or leave a message at

(860) 581-3059
(860) 324-3241
KIDS WALK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
“KIDS WALK” - Walkathon
Starting Over – Year Two
APRIL 18, 2015

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

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

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

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

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

District #5 & #7 – Uncasville - Fort Shantok State Park
Contact: Jim LaCoursiere (860-705-4173)

Questions? - Please contact Lou Robinson: 860-525-2479
American Legion Family – Department of Connecticut

Membership Round-Up

(An event for the entire Legion Family)

April 18, 2015

Let’s make April 18th our 100% Target date!

Where: All Walk-a-thon sites

When: Times are in conjunction with Walkathon site

Who: Dept AL Sr Vice Paul, Dept ALA Sr Vice Georgia
Dept SAL Area East CDR Richard Lurette
Will pick-up cards at each location!

This is your opportunity to round-up membership cards within your District and turn them all in at one convenient location. Bring any membership cards that need to be turned in...even if it’s just one.

(Please do not hold cards just for this purpose)

More details to follow
CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

KIDS WALK
DATE: ___________________
TIME: ___________________

SPONSORED BY
THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

Name: ___________________ Phone: ___________________

Address: ___________________

Organization: ___________________ Location: ___________________

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

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

Minimum of $25.00 donation to receive a T-Shirt for Walkers only
SECOND DISTRICT TESTIMONIAL
HONORING

TOM FLOWERS

WHERE: WAVERLY INN
286 MAPLE AVE.
CHESHIRE, CT. 06410

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2015
CASH BAR: 1:00 PM
DINNER: 2:00 TO 5:00 PM

PRICE: $35.00 PER PERSON
BUFFET STYLE DINNER

MAIL RESERVATIONS TO: KAREN THOMPSON
1081 NEW HAVEN RD.
NAUGATUCK, CT. 06770

PLEASE RETURN BOTTOM PORTION

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: ALA 2ND DISTRICT

NAME: ___________________________ ADDRESS: ___________________________

PHONE: __________________ UNIT/POST: ___________ DISTRICT: ___________

NUMBER OF PEOPLE _______ TABLES OF 10 = $350.00

DINNER CHAIRMEN: NANCY HANSEN - 203-228-4006
RON FISCHER - 203-729-2624
3rd DISTRICT TESTIMONIAL 2015
HONORING
DISTRICT COMMANDER DAVID GALLAGHER
And
DISTRICT PRESIDENT ALICE SAXTON

You are cordially invited to the 2015 3rd District Testimonial honoring our distinguished leaders for the American Legion year 2014-2015. This celebratory event will take place:

Sunday, APRIL 26, 2015  1:00 pm until 5:00 pm
At
Roberto’s Restaurante
505 Main Street
Monroe, CT 06468

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

Please make checks payable to: ALA Third District
Deadline for Reservations is April 12th

Send reservations to: Helen Goewey
17 Laurel Lane
Prospect Ct 06712   (203-758-4379)

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $_______ for ___ @ $35 pp
Unit#___________ District #___________

Name:__________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________________________
City/Town_________________________ Zip_________ PH________________________
FOURTH DISTRICT TESTIMONIAL

Honoring

Bill Root
District Commander

Janice Sentivany
District President

Sunday May 3, 2015

James J. Shea Post # 19
339 Bricktop Road
Willimantic, CT 06280

Cash Bar Social 1:00 pm          Testimonial and Dinner 1:30 pm

Tickets: $20.00 per person

Dinner Menu includes Salad, Roast Pork Loin, Baked Potato, Steamed Vegetables, Rolls/Butter, Dessert Brownies, and Coffee & Tea.

Make checks payable to: American Legion, Fourth District
Mail to: Manny Rodrigues, 193 Depot Road Coventry, CT. 06238, Phone: 860-490-3872

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS April 20, 2015

Please return bottom portion.

Fourth District Testimonial on Sunday, May 3, 2015.

Enclosed is a check for $________ for _____ @ $20.00 per person.

Post # _____  NAME: __________________________
Unit# _____  ADDRESS: _________________________
District # ___ TOWN: __________________________
STATE: _______ ZIP: _________________________
PHONE: ________ EMAIL: ____________________
Come Join us on May 9th for the
"American Legion Auxiliary 1st District Dance"
It will be held at Post 2 in Bristol from 6-11pm.
This is a fundraiser for our veteran programs.

A night of finger foods, drinks, music and great company!!
A 50/50 to make the night interesting
Tickets will $15.00.

Please contact Rosemarie LaBossiere
860-508-7868 for tickets and any information.
Testimonial Honoring Detachment Commander

John Wright

Come out to support and give thanks for his commitment and service to the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Connecticut

Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Post 112 Montville
5 pm Social 6 pm Dinner

Tickets: $25 each. Advance Ticket sales only; deadline for tickets May 5, 2015. Make checks payable to: Detachment of Connecticut

Reservation to: Robert Turner (203-268-8745)
42 Blue Hills Rd
Monroe, CT 06468

Check enclosed in the amount of $___________ for #________

NAME: ______________________________________________________________ District #________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________ Post/Unit/Sq. ______

CITY/TOWN: ___________________________ ZIP: ______

PHONE: (______) ______- _______
PASTA DINNER
TO BENEFIT ALICE SAXTON

Sunday May 17, 2015
Dinner Served From 2:00 to 7:00 PM

Place: American Legion Post 2 Bristol
22 Hooker Court Bristol, CT 06010

MENU
Bread and Butter, Salad, Ziti, Meatballs,
Desserts and Hot and Cold Beverages

Donation: $20.00

RAFFLES

For information call: Julie Carney 203-453-2612
Rachel Wache 860-621-0890
Linda March 860-942-7444

RESERVED TICKETS ONLY BY MAY 10, 2015 – NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR
(ALL TICKETS GIVEN OUT AT DOOR UPON ARRIVAL)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: JULIE CARNEY AND MAIL TO HER AT:

260 WEST LAKE AVE
GUILFORD, CT 06437-1308

Amount of Tickets Reserved: ______________

PLEASE LIST NAMES ON BACK OF ORDER FORM FOR MULTIPLE TICKETS
National Commander’s Dinner

May 18, 2015 at 6:00 PM

American Legion Post 16

295 Old Bridgeport Ave, Shelton, CT, 06484

Meet and Greet American Legion

National Commander Mike Helm

Donations will be accepted to the National Commander’s Projects. Called the 4 by 4 Plan with a goal of

$4,000,000.00

Helping Injured Service Members

Disaster Victims

Military Families with Children in Need

And others through The American Legion Family

This dinner is complements of Post 16, so for planning, attendees must respond to Robert.Turner@ctsal.org to let the post know who will be attending.
THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPT. OF CONNECTICUT 2015

PHILLIP HADDAD MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th, 2015
BLACKLEDGE COUNTRY CLUB, HEBRON, CT

SPONSORSHIP FEE - $100.00

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION

2015 AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
PHILLIP HADDAD GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSOR FORM

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

CONTACT PERSON AND TELEPHONE OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS-

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

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

PHILLIP HADDAD MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH, 2015
BLACKLEDGE COUNTRY CLUB, HEBRON, CT
REGISTRATION - $100.00
INCLUDES GREENS FEES, GOLF CART, STEAK DINNER
SHOTGUN START 10:00 AM - SCRAMBLE FORMAT
FREE RAFFLE AND PRIZES!
SPECIAL GUEST: Come and meet National Commander Mike Helm of Nebraska!!
- RETURN BOTTOM PORTION -

PHILLIP HADDAD MEMORIAL AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
2015 GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

FOURSOME
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________
4. __________________________________________

SINGLES ACCEPTED - WE WILL PLACE YOU IN A FOURSOME
FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED
GET YOUR ENTRY IN EARLY!
NO ENTRY ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

REMIT PAYMENT TO:
THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
864 WETHERSFIELD AVENUE, HARTFORD, CT 06114
The American Legion Family
Department of Connecticut
Leadership College 2015
CAMP CONNRI
28 Happy Hill Lane
Ashford, CT 06278
May 29-30, 2015
(Deadline for Registration: May 18, 2015)

A Time to Learn, a Time to Grow

Welcome to the 2015 session of the Department of Connecticut Legion Leadership College!

As we move forward in the Department of Connecticut and with the changes in the National Organization the challenges before us grow. In order to meet these challenges we believe that it is proper and necessary to provide the best training to the members of our Department. The future of our organization depends on your abilities and skills. Our Legion College will offer a fun experience and provide an opportunity to expand your organizational knowledge. Our highly qualified instructors will enable you to become a more effective leader within our organization. They will teach you how to do things right the first time. You will receive a Certificate and CT Legion College Pin. Feel free to speak with any member of our staff and to ask them questions. We are here to serve you. Join us in this learning experience and enjoy the opportunity to network with your Legion Family!

We will be serving Dinner on Friday night, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday. Housing accommodations are MOTEL quality, two-person rooms. Take this opportunity to meet new friends and share experiences. Those who stay Friday night will complete the American Legion Extension Institute Classroom Course at no additional cost (This course is required to become a Department Officer or attend the National Legion College).

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

Friday: Registration 4-9 pm, Dinner 6:00, followed by Welcome & ALEI Course
Reveille Saturday morning at 7:00 am, breakfast 7:30-8:30 am; classes.

Enjoy- Learn and Mentor the Future

Trainers are Connecticut National American Legion College Graduates and other Legion Volunteers are expected to speak on a number of important topics.
American Legion Family Leadership College  
Department of Connecticut  

Camp CONNRI  
28 Happy Hill Lane  
Ashford, CT 06278  
May 29-30, 2015  

REGISTRATION FORM  
Registration FEE $85.00 Fri – Sat / $65 Saturday only  
Please one individual per form only.

Name:________________________________________________________________________  
Unit/Post:____ Dist:____  
/Squad.

Address:______________________________________________________________________

(Home)  
Phone (Home)________________________________________________________________

(Cell) (Work)__________________________________________________________________

E-Mail Address_________________________________________________________________

Dietary restrictions:______________________________________________________________

I Prefer to room with:_________________________ Smoker ____ or Non-smoker____

REGISTRATION FEE $85.00  
Includes 4 meals, Graduation Certificate and Lodging  
If you can’t come for the entire event, you may register for Saturday only for $65  
Meals for Day students: Breakfast [ ] Lunch [ ] Dinner [ ] please check the ones you will be eating.  
Registration fee, via check only, must be submitted with completed form.  
Make checks payable to: American Legion Family College

Mail the completed form and check to:  
Dan Smith, Asst. Treasurer  
864 Wethersfield Ave  
HARTFORD CT 06114

Registration form and fee must be received no later than May 18, 2015.

Questions I would like to have answered:

_________________________________________________________________________  
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CHILI’S IS PROUD TO SUPPORT
American Legion
State Color Guard

Let Chili's do the cooking while we support American Legion at the same time.
With each flyer presented on 04/23/2016 Chili's will donate 10% of the event day sales back to this great organization.

The American Legion Give Back Event is:
April 23, 2016
from 4pm - 9pm
only at
SOUTHINGTON
11 Spring Street
Southington, CT 06489
860-628-5022 - www.chilis.com

We look forward to seeing you at Chili's!

more GIVING BACK happens here
Let Chili's do the cooking while we support American Legion at the same time. With each flyer presented on 04/23/2015, Chili's will donate 10% of the event day sales back to this great organization.

American Legion Give Back Event is:
April 23, 2015
From 4pm to 9pm
at 2929 NE 16th St, Seattle, WA 98125
www.chilis.com

One Back Event Flyer must be presented with each check in order to receive the donation. Checks cannot be split into multiple amounts with our flyer. Offer only valid on the date and location stated above. Donations will not be given as cash made prior to or after the event.
Welcome to The American Legion, Department of Connecticut Boys' State Leadership Program. We are so excited to be offering a new way to apply for this exciting program in 2015. You should access this application at http://www.ctlegion.org or http://ctboysstate.com and TYPE the application prior to printing it. To complete the application, print the TYPED application and have it signed with ORIGINAL signatures. If you do not have access to a computer or you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 860-436-9986 and we will be happy to assist you.

Below is a checklist that will help you submit your application. The Dates of The Boys’ State Leadership Program are Saturday, June 20, 2015 – Thursday, June 25, 2015.

Your application WILL NOT be processed unless all required information is enclosed

Please return your completed application to your Local Post

POSTS please return completed applications to:
The American Legion
Department Headquarters
Attn: Boys State
PO Box 208
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Checklist

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

☐ Medical Waiver Form completed and with 2 Parent Signatures

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

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

☐ Check for $300.00
(provided by sponsoring Post or organization)
The American Legion Department of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police, announce their joint sponsorship of the 16th Annual State Police Youth Week. The program, a law enforcement practicum for high school students completing their JUNIOR YEAR in 2015 at an accredited high school in the state of Connecticut, will be held at the State Police Training Academy in Meriden, CT, from Sunday, July 5th, to Saturday, July 11th, 2015.

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

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

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING PERSONAL STATEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE $125.00 FEE, MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015.**

Due to strict limitations on the number of participants, late or incomplete applications may not be considered.

For further information contact your Guidance Counselor, School Resource Officer, local Post of the American Legion, or the American Legion Department Treasurer, 884 Wethersfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06114. Telephone 860.296.0719.
AMERICAN LEGION
CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE
YOUTH WEEK
2015 APPLICATION (REPRODUCIBLE)

Name ___________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________

Street/Road ___________________________ City/Town ___________________________ State ___________ Zip Code ___________

Age ____ Gender ____ Birth Date ____________ Grade Completed 2015 ____ G.P.A. ______

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Name(s) ___________________________________________

Home Telephone ___________________________ Parent Cell Phone ___________________________

E-mail Address ___________________________ Student Cell Phone ___________________________

Shirt Size ____ (S, M, L, XL) Pant Size ____ (Waist X Inseam) SSN ___________________________

High School ___________________________ School Telephone ___________________________

School Address ___________________________________________

Street ___________________________ City/Town ___________________________ State ___________ Zip Code ___________

Sponsoring Post (or organization) ___________________________ Post No. ______

Sponsor Address ___________________________________________

Street ___________________________ City/Town ___________________________ State ___________ Zip Code ___________

Sponsor Telephone ___________________________ Signature of Applicant ___________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian ___________________________

I voluntarily apply to attend the Connecticut American Legion State Police Youth Week at the Connecticut State Police Academy at Meriden, CT, Sunday, July 5th to Saturday, July 11th, 2015. I understand that I must have completed Junior Year (11th grade) at an accredited Connecticut high school by the date on which the program begins. I must not have already left or graduated from high school. I understand that the program is physically and mentally challenging, requiring that I be physically fit and in good academic standing. I agree that, if selected, I will provide a Waiver and Indemnification Agreement, Consent to Medical Treatment and a Medical Certification of Fitness.

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TOGETHER WITH:

☐ A ONE-PAGE PERSONAL STATEMENT, handwritten or typed, stating your reasons for applying to participate in the program and what you hope to achieve, AND

☐ A RECOMMENDATION from a Teacher, Guidance Counselor, School Resource Officer, or Resident Trooper.

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

COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET AND $125.00 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 5TH 2015.

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### DETACHMENT OF CONNECTICUT
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Will be hosting the

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At MUZZY FIELD, Bristol, Ct.

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All payments and ad copy must be received in advance.

THANK YOU.
American Legion Post 91
66 Prospect Street
Moosup, CT

American Legion Post 91 VJ Day Parade Committee is proud to announce that our 54th Annual VJ Day Parade will be dedicated to “Our Greatest Generation, 70 Years Later” as we pay honor to those who served, fought and sacrificed while serving this country in World War II. The parade will be held on August 9, 2015.

This year will mark the 70th anniversary of VJ Day which also represents the anniversary of the end of World War II. In tribute, we are inviting every surviving World War II veteran throughout the State of Connecticut to participate in this year’s parade where they will be recognized as Parade Grand Marshals.

We are asking every American Legion Post within the Department of Connecticut to identify those survivors in their communities and formally invite them on our behalf. We request the Posts with survivors who wish to participate to provide a vehicle and include their Color Guard (where available) to serve as their escort in the Honors Division of the parade. Please return the entry form below by July 10, 2015.

NAME OF WWII VETERAN AND BRANCH OF SERVICE:

POST/TOWN: ___________________________ COLOR GUARD: YES____ NO____

CONTACT PERSON: ___________________________

PHONE NUMBER: ___________________________

Jeff DeClerck
Commander
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www.EmblemLegion.org/Flag-Rewards.org
Registration

(Only one registration per Post. All fields are required.)

Post # ____________ Street Address ____________________________________________

City __________________ State ______ Zip ______ Phone _________________

Preferred E-mail Address* _________________________________________________

Create a Password* ________________________________________________________ (limit 10 characters)

*IMPORTANT!
Your e-mail address & password will be used to verify your identity for the following:

• Spending points (by phone, mail, fax, or web site).
• Inquiries for your Points balance or Points transactions.
• Ordering Flags for your Post via web site.

In addition, an annual statement of Flag purchases will be sent to your e-mail address by March 1 each year.

Post Adjutant (signature) _________________________________________________

Post Adjutant (printed) _________________________________________________

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April 14 - 2015, 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Rentschler Field Ballroom, East Hartford

Veterans – you’ll have the opportunity to interact one-on-one with employers, social service providers and non-profit organizations. Explore a wide range of possible career opportunities.

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DEPARTMENT OF CT AMERICAN LEGION
FUNDRAISER NIGHT AT THE ROCK CATS!

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015
GAME TIME: 6:35 PM
GATES OPEN: 5:05 PM

AKRON RUBBERDUCKS (CLEVELAND INDIANS) VS
NEW BRITAIN ROCK CATS (COLORADO ROCKIES)

Spend a night at the ballpark with friends
and family, while supporting the Veterans Landing

Military Appreciation Night w/Camo Hat Giveaway
Catch the FUTURE stars of the Major Leagues TODAY!

Deadline for Orders:
Saturday, May 23rd
Parking is an additional fee the day of the game.

DEPARTMENT OF CT AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER NIGHT
SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH
GAME TIME: 6:35 PM GATES OPEN: 5:05 PM

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Children 4 and under are free if sitting on a parent's lap during the game. Please note any handicapped tickets needed.

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Please return your form with cash or check made payable to:
CT Department of American Legion

Please call 860 564-5471 with questions

Community Renewal Team, Inc.
555 Windsor St.
Hartford, CT 06120
Attn: Nancy Shapiro, CT Development Office
American Legion Post 16
5th Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, June 5th 2015
$75.00 per person includes Golf, Carts, Beer, and Steak Dinner

At Highland Golf Club, Wooster St.
Shelton, Ct Shot Gun Start at 8:00
Deadline for sign up: May 27th 2015

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
Prizes will be in accordance with amount of entrees received

18 hole scramble first 64 players

Register your foursome by sending the application below with a check made out to American Legion Post 16 to:

Dick Rosebaum
C/o American Legion Post 16
PO Box 133
Shelton, CT 06484

FOURSOMES NAMES:
1) __________________________
2) __________________________
3) __________________________
4) __________________________
1st Annual
Patriot Golf Tournament

June 12, 2015

“Hunters Golf Club”

688 West Field Rd, Meriden, CT

Featuring Channel 9’s

“Gil Simons & Keith Kountz”

Entry: $125.00 each (8:00 am - Registration / 10:00 am - Shotgun Start)

Includes: Greens fees, Golf Carts, Putting & Driving Green, Gift Bag, Raffle, Longest Drive,
Closest to the Pin, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, 1st & 2nd Place Prizes, Awards Dinner Following
Play

Corporate Sponsor

“The Carabetta Companies”

Golf Players/ print - name, address, phone, e-mail - Singles “WELCOME”

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I cannot play but want to attend the Awards Dinner ($45.00)

Contacts: Ken Benoit (203)443-5610 - Steve Fahy (860) 966-4540
Call for Sponsorship Information; Division - Regiment - Battalion

Payment To: Patriot Golf Tournament”, 52 Carl St, Meriden, CT 06451
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 25, 2015

Requirement of Standardized Claim, Appeal Forms
Simplifies Application Process for Connecticut Veterans

Washington – With the goal of making the application process easier and more efficient for our Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) now requires Veterans seeking disability benefits to use standardized claim and appeal forms. These standardized forms guide Connecticut Veterans to clearly state the symptoms or conditions for which they are seeking benefits and provide the information necessary for the Hartford Regional Office to start processing their claims and appeals.

"Standardized forms will allow the Hartford Regional Office to provide faster and more accurate decisions to our Veterans, their families and survivors," said William Streitberger, Regional Office Director. "Standard forms are essential to better serve Veterans, build more efficiency into VA's processes and bring us in line with other government agencies such as the Social Security Administration."

The easiest and fastest way for a Veteran to submit an application for compensation is online through the eBenefits (www.ebenefits.va.gov) portal. VA encourages Veterans to work with representatives of Veterans Service Organization (VSO), or Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs or county representatives, who can assist with filing electronically or in paper form. Standardized forms are a key component of VA's transformation, which will help achieve the Department's goal to eliminate the backlog by the end of this year.

There are two claim actions that now require standardized forms:

1. Veterans' or Survivors' applications for disability compensation or pension — Specific forms are designed to capture information necessary to identify and support benefit claims.
   - Veterans filing for disability benefits must now use VA Form 21-526EZ, Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits.
   - Wartime Veterans filing for needs-based pension must use VA Form 21-527EZ, Application for Pension.
   - Survivors filing a claim for dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), survivor's pension, and accrued benefits must complete VA Form 21-534EZ, Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits.

2. Notices of Disagreement with any aspect of VA's decision on a disability claim — The standardized Notice of Disagreement form is used when a claimant wishes to initiate an appeal.
   - Veterans disagreeing with a VA compensation decision should use VA Form 21-0958, Notice of Disagreement.
   - Veterans and survivors will not be required to use a standardized notice of disagreement form to initiate appeals of pension or survivors benefit decisions at this time.

VA recognizes that some Veterans may need additional time to gather all of the information and evidence needed to support their claim and therefore established a new intent to file a claim process. Applicants may notify VA of their intent to file a claim in order to establish the earliest possible effective date for benefits if they are determined eligible. An intent to file a claim may be submitted in one of three ways:

1. Electronically via eBenefits or with the support of a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) through the Stakeholder Enterprise Portal.
2. Completing and mailing a paper VA Form 21-0966, Intent to File a Claim for Compensation and/or Pension, or Survivors Pension and/or DIC
3. Over the phone with a VA call center or in person with a public contact representative.

Veterans may appoint a duly authorized representative, such as a VSO, who can notify VA of a claimant's intent to file using any of the methods listed above. VA will provide an individual up to one year from the date they submit their intent to file a claim to complete the required application form. Veterans may wish to use this one-year period to gather evidence necessary to support the claim so that evidence can be submitted along with the application form.

VA's move to standardized claim and appeal forms will make the process easier and more efficient for both VA and the Veterans, and allow VA to establish a quicker, more streamlined benefits delivery system.

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- Interactive Online directory
- Hundreds of organizations and programs
- Over 20 different assistance categories
- Connect directly with Family Program staff
- Contact organizations directly or through CTPP
- Completely anonymous

NOW OPTIMIZED FOR MOBILE BROWSERS!!!

There are countless organizations out there looking to assist Service Members, Veterans, Retirees and their Families. Likewise, there are too many of those who need help but don’t know where to go, who to ask, or even that the assistance they need exists.

CT Purple Pages aims to bridge the gap between these two groups by providing a simple, complete online directory for you to find the organization or program that best suits your needs. If the program you are looking for can’t be found, simply click on the Contact tab to email the Family Program staff and someone will contact you directly and walk you through the process of finding exactly what you need.

For questions, comments or suggestions please contact:

SSG Clint Shivers
360 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06105 Rm 112
Office: (860) 493-2796
Blackberry: (860) 538-5639
Clinton.r.shivers.mil@mail.mil

www.ctpurplepages.org
MEMO TO: All Post Adjutants

MEMO FROM: Jack Querfeld, Director, Internal Affairs Division

SUBJECT: Paid-Up-For-Life Application Processing Change

In January 2014, National Headquarters introduced a new simplified pricing structure for its Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) plan which also included the ability for a member to apply online for lifetime membership. This was done with the intent of simplifying the entire process for the member.

Beginning July 1, 2015, National Headquarters will no longer accept PUFL applications that were previously distributed in bulk to Departments or Posts. This includes any PUFL application reflecting a rate chart with the effective date of October 2009 or earlier.

All PUFL applications must be submitted to National by one of the three methods noted below. We will continue the policy of notifying the Post and Department when a member applies for a lifetime membership; this provides the opportunity for the Post to challenge the application, if necessary.

ONLINE APPLICATION: The member accesses the PUFL page on National’s website at www.legion.org/pufl to obtain a rate quote and/or submit an electronic application. Once the rate quote is received, the member can opt to apply online which will cause their record information to appear for confirmation purposes. Once confirmed and the payment information is completed, the member selects the Submit button to complete the application process. NOTE: If the member doesn’t have internet access, either themselves or through family/friends, this process should be performed by the Post or the Department. A quick link to the PUFL application website has been added to myLegion for Posts and Departments.

PRINTABLE APPLICATION: The member accesses the PUFL page on National’s website at www.legion.org/pufl to obtain a rate quote and/or print an application. Once the rate quote is received, the member can opt to print a paper application to complete and mail to National Headquarters. The application will be pre-filled with the member’s ID Number, Name, Address, Birth Date and the total cost of the PUFL membership. (If any of the member’s information needs to be updated, it can be noted on the application.) The member then simply mails the application and payment to National Headquarters at the address shown on the form. NOTE: If the member doesn’t have internet access, either themselves or through family/friends, the application should be printed by the Post or the Department and forwarded to the member for completion. A quick link to the PUFL application website has been added to myLegion for Posts and Departments.

CALL A CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST: Any member can speak to one of National’s Customer Service Specialists by calling our toll free number at 800-433-3318. They’re happy to answer any questions…print and mail a PUFL application…or even take the application over the phone. However, this should not be considered the primary procedure since all members, Posts, and Departments have the same ability.

NOTE: Beginning July 1, 2015, Paid-Up-For-Life applications submitted to National Headquarters on old forms will not be processed; they will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters for review and handling.
THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name (First) (Initial) (Last) (Phone)
Address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

(Membership Full Former Member) (Email) (Post #) (Date)

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:
☐ WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)
☐ WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
☐ Korea (6/25/50-12/31/53)
☐ Vietnam (2/19/56-12/31/77)
☐ Lebanon/Grenada (6/24/83-7/31/84)
☐ U.S. Navy
☐ U.S. Army
☐ U.S. Air Force
☐ U.S. Marines
☐ U.S. Coast Guard
☐ Panama (12/20/68-1/31/75)
☐ Merchant Mariners (12/7/41-12/31/45 - Only Eligibility)
☐ Gulf War/Desert Storm (6/25/90 until cessation of hostilities)

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

Signed By Applicant Name of Recruiter

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current Department address go to: www.legion.org ALA 11/2011

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date

Detachment of__________ Squadon No__________ Birth Date__________

Name (First) (Initial) (Last) Recruited By (First) (Initial) (Last)

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

Veteran through whom eligibility is established:
☐ Abroad in good standing of Post No.__________ Department of__________
☐ Other__________ Department of__________

CR (c) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from__________ to__________

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL?__________

Where?__________

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

Email Address__________ Transmit $__________ for 20__________ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent)__________ Eligibility certified by__________

Mail completed application to Sons of the American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address go to The American Legion Department/state headquarters, or www.legion.org ALA 11/2011

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (First) (Middle) (Last)
Address
City State Zip
Home Phone Cell Phone

Email Address Unit # and Location

Date of Birth (Required)

Have you been a member before?☐ Yes ☐ No

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:

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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

American Legion Member ID Number

Veteran's American Legion Post Name Post # City State

Veteran Served: (check all that apply)
☐ WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)
☐ WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
☐ Korea (6/25/50-12/31/53)
☐ Vietnam (2/19/56-12/31/77)
☐ Lebanon/Grenada (6/24/83-7/31/84)
☐ Panama (12/20/68-12/31/89)
☐ Gulf War/Desert Storm (6/25/90 today)

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran: (Step relatives are eligible)
☐ Mother ☐ Wife ☐ Daughter ☐ Sister
☐ Grandmother ☐ Granddaughter ☐ Great-Grandmother ☐ Son

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.

Signed By 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:

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date

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Recruiter's Signature__________

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**TOTAL** |   | 3080 | 2653 | 87.6%  |

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

*March online NOT available until after 04/18/2015

OVER PLEASE
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