

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Connecticut

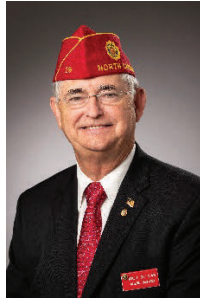


102nd
DEPARTMENT
CONVENTION

The Trumbull Marriott
Hotel

Trumbull, Connecticut

JULY 9, 10, 11, 2021



James W. "Bill" Oxford (NC)
National Commander

To my fellow Legionnaires in Connecticut,

A year ago, posts and departments of The American Legion did what our military does during times of crisis. You mobilized. You collected food for those in need, donated personal protective equipment to health-care workers, gave blood and checked on our buddies.

You obeyed the guidance of local officials but made clear that "shutdown" did not mean "shutout." You engaged with your communities, albeit in a socially distant and sometimes virtual way. You raised money for our outstanding programs and, perhaps most important, sent an optimistic message to America that we will get through this challenging time.

That is the spirit of the American veteran. It is the spirit of The American Legion Family. We will overcome. We will adapt. No matter the odds.

We need to take this spirit into the post-pandemic era. I cannot predict with scientific precision when the novel coronavirus will leave but we do know that society will one day embrace the openness that we may have previously taken for granted.

We will once again enjoy seeing many of our American Legion Family members gathered at large celebrations, in-person, outside the confines of a computer monitor. In the meantime, we will continue to adapt and advocate for the needs of veterans, military family members and the youth of this great country.

I thank you for your service to America and our American Legion. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable department convention.

Building a Foundation for the Future,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. 'Bill' Oxford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James W. "Bill" Oxford
National Commander

**GREETINGS FROM
THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**



**Dennis Beauregard (Post 72)
Department Commander**

Legion Family,

It's been two long years since we have been together, and I look forward to seeing everyone again. We don't know what the future will be, so let's make this convention a memorable one. Let's take care of business and enjoy each other's company while we can.

The Legion and Auxiliary have both moved to new headquarters. We have been communicating and staying in contact with each other by way of teleconferencing, either over the phone or computer, which has helped us to continue with our mission. We are doing what we can with what we have and continue to be more creative in our approach to accomplishing our goals.

I would like to thank Lydia for being President during my time as Commander. She has done many things behind the scenes that have gone unrecognized. She has proven to be a great leader for the Auxiliary and both the Department and Auxiliary will miss her guidance.

The past two years have been a challenge for all of us., however, I believe we will look back at what we did accomplish.

Farewell to all and God Bless America,

Dennis Beauregard

Dennis Beauregard
Commander American Legion
Department of Connecticut

**GREETINGS FROM
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN**



**D. Joseph Jackson (Post 28)
National Executive Committeeman**

Commander Dennis, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Guests, I am honored to bring you greetings from our National Commander Bill Oxford. My thanks for your efforts on behalf of The American Legion these past months. May you have a productive convention as you look to a change in leadership and look to new horizons.

To The Sons of The American Legion and The Legion Riders, your contributions to the efforts of this Department are appreciated. It takes the teamwork of the entire Legion Family to ensure that our work for Veterans continues. I have seen new members working side by side with those with many years in our organization. It is vital that this continues.

My Sincere thanks for the courtesies extended me during my travels throughout the state.

Yours in comradeship,

D. Joseph Jackson
National Executive Committeeman

**GREETING FROM THE
AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT**

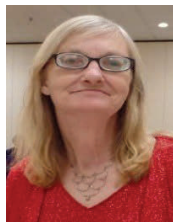


To Commander Dennis and all legionnaires, I am immensely proud, and it has been my honor and privilege to serve alongside you these past two years. For what we could do, we had fun. I offer my deepest gratitude to all that helped me this year with the new office. I hope that you have a productive and successful convention.

For God and Country

Lydia DeGumbia
Dept. of Connecticut
American Legion Auxiliary President

**GREETINGS FROM THE
ALT. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN**



Dear delegates, alternates, and guests,

On behalf of our National President, Nicole Clapp, I wish Commander Dennis, President Lydia, and Commander Rich a successful and exciting convention. May you celebrate the year of working our mission of helping veterans and military families with success stories and renewed friendships. As we begin our 100th Anniversary celebration, let us always remember why we do what we do, who we are, and be honored and proud to do it. Let us start there to grow our “seeds” for the future.

Debra Knickerbocker
National Executive Committeewoman

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GREETING FROM THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER



It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Connecticut Commander. We have accomplished so much this year and I would like to thank every Squadron for their prompt response to all my requests that I have asked for. Thanks for your quick response on sending your transmittals to the Department, let's all continue doing your great programs in the Communities that you represent and let us continue to grow our American Legion Family.

Thank You all again.

Richard J Kilby

Richard J Kilby Detachment Commander
Sons of the American Legion Department of Connecticut

GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION DIRECTORS

Welcome to the 2021 American Legion and American Auxiliary Department Convention. I read a memo from the VA Secretary that put my thoughts into prospective. Our shared experiences and individual differences make us better together as an American Legion Family. Our diversity is our strength. Invest time and effort in your health and wellness. You are worth it. As we reflect on year 2020, we've seen incredible sacrifices people had to make, yet we remained resilient in the face of adversity. We've overcome obstacles yet encouraged others to be strong. As our veterans and soldiers have fought for us, we continue to honor, provide, and fight for them. You are the foundation of the legion. Your dedication and service are to be commended. This convention is to celebrate you. Both convention committees have worked to make your convention enjoyable and memorable. I'm happy to assist you with any issue. I thank you for being here today.

Best Wishes,

Everett G Shepard III
American Legion
Department Convention Director

Jeanne A. Berry
ALA Department Convention Chairman
203-715-2336

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Officer	Name
Department Commander	Dennis Beauregard
Dept. Sr. Vice Commander	Jeffrey DeClerck
Vice Commander (1 st)	William Gibbs
Vice Commander (2 nd)	Phil Brown
Vice Commander (3 rd)	Nick Cabral
Vice Commander (4 th)	Ronald Coderre
Vice Commander (5 th)	Paul Spedalieri
Vice Commander (6 th)	Mary Harris
Vice Commander (7 th)	Calvin Bunnell
Adjutant	Harry R Hansen
Treasurer	Chuck Berry
Asst. Treasurer	Rodger Anderson
Judge Advocate	Brett Connolly
Chaplain	Dana Murphy
Historian	Jackie Evonsion
Service Officer	K Robert Lewis
Asst. Service Officer	Dominique Fryar
National Executive Committeeman	D. Joseph Jackson
Alt. Nat'l Exec. Committeeman	Robert Murray
Imd. Past Commander	Thomas Flowers
Sgt. at Arms	Steve Fahy
Asst Sgt at Arms	Arthur Lapierre

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN		
Richard Linnon	1st	Joseph Haney
Tobie Nelson	2nd	Michael Heise
Rich Olsen	3rd	Mike Kellett
Perry Caldwell	4th	Arthur Lapierre
Sandra Spedalieri	5th	Dennis Lisee
George Castle	6th	Barbara Lamontagne
William White	7th	Eileen Richard

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DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Friday, July 9, 2021

6:30 P.M. Department Commanders Dinner

Saturday, July 10, 2021

9:00 A.M. **OPENING SESSION**
Salon ABCD

CALL TO ORDER: Dennis Beauregard (Post 72)
Department Commander

INVOCATION: Dana Murphy (Post 83)
Department Chaplin

CALL TO CONVENTION: Harry Hansen Jr., PDC (Post 165)
Department Adjutant

ADDRESS OF WELCOME Dennis Beauregard (Post 72)
Department Commander

Everett Shepard (Post 111)
Convention Director

Jeanne Berry (Unit 96)
Auxiliary Convention Chairman

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APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Dana Murphy (Post 83)
Department Chaplin

PRESENTATION – DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Tom Honyotski (Post 17)
Director Awards Committee

REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

Rules Committee:

Credentials Committee:

Constitution & By-laws Committee

Resolutions Committee:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER:

Charles R. Berry (Post 96)
Department Treasurer

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR, Soldier', Sailors' and Marines Fund:

Charles R. Berry
Administrator

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REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER

K. Robert Lewis (Post 128)
Department Service Officer

RECESS: LUNCH

2:00 P.M. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Dennis Beauregard (Post 72)
Department Commander

<p>INTRODUCTION OF PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS</p>
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Mary-Ann Bergeron, President
Past Department Commanders Club

FINAL REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

Rules Committee:

Credentials Committee:

Constitution & By-laws Committee

Resolutions Committee

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RATIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDERS'

RATIFICATION OF DEPT. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

RATIFICATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REMARKS BY CANDIDATES for DEPARTMENT OFFICES

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENT
COMMANDER**
Dennis Beauregard

**ELECTION OF 2021-2022
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

**ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING:

ATTENDANCE PRIZES:

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BENEDICTION:

RETIRING OF COLORS:

Department Color Guard

ADJOURNMENT: *Sine Dei*

NOTE:

**The Department Executive
Committee will meet Sunday
July 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM**

**PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL COMMANDER**
Arthur J. Connell (1954)

NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDERS

Philo C. Calhoun (1919)
Thomas J. Bannigan (1921)*
Eugene P. Armstrong (1925)
Edward L. White (1929)
Raymond F. Gates (1936)
Arthur J. Connell (1943)
Edward J. Kelly (1949)
Edward H. Lynch, Jr. (1965)
John N. Roberto (1974)
Neale V. Cabral (1988)
Erwin "Gus" Williams (1998)
James A. LaCoursiere (2009)
Paul I. Spedaliere (2018)

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Fr. Robert G. Keating (1962)

NATIONAL HISTORIAN

W. Frazier Brinley (2005)

*Completed term of John G. Emery who became National
Commander upon death of Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr.

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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

*1919-19	Alfred N. Phillips, Jr.....	Darien
*1919-20	Philo C. Calhoun.....	Bridgeport
*1920-21	John F. Pickett.....	Middletown
*1921-22	Clarence W. Seymour.....	Hartford
*1922-23	Edward L. Kelly.....	Bridgeport
*1923-24	Eugene P. Armstrong**.....	Waterbury
*1924-25	Edward L. White.....	New Haven
*1925-26	Harry C. Jackson.....	New Britain
*1926-27	Kenneth F. Cramer.....	Wethersfield
*1927-28	Earle F. Richards.....	West Haven
*1928-29	Paige A. Seaton.....	Torrington
*1929-30	Wilford S. Alexander.....	Meriden
*1930-31	Edward L. Newmarker.....	Rockville
*1931-32	James E. Breslin.....	Hartford
*1932-33	Joseph A. Treadwell.....	Danbury
*1933-34	Sydney A. Finer.....	Clinton
*1934-35	Arthur L. Baldwin.....	Milford
*1935-36	Morgan B. Haven.....	New London
*1936-37	William J. Miller.....	Wethersfield
*1937-38	James A. Weir.....	Stamford
*1938-39	William C. Kruser.....	Torrington
*1939-40	Bernard J. Ackerman.....	Rockville
*1940-41	John R. Feegel.....	Meriden
*1941-42	Arthur J. Connell.....	Middletown
*1942-43	Edward J. Kelly.....	Taftville
*1943-44	Louis J. Blaschik.....	West Hartford
*1944-45	Herbert L. Emanuelson.....	Orange
*1945-46	Joseph G. Leonard.....	Stamford
*1946-47	Louis J. Chevallier.....	Glastonbury
*1947-48	Arthur E. Daly.....	West Haven
*1948-49	Arthur J. Kelley.....	Thomaston
*1949-50	Howard I. Jacobs.....	Willimantic
*1950-51	John P. Griffin.....	East Hartford
*1951-52	John W. Clarke.....	Norwich
*1952-53	Sydney P. Simons.....	Bridgeport
*1953-54	James H. Steinson.....	Westbrook
*1954-55	George D. Baron.....	Westville
*1955-56	LeRoy B. Butler.....	Willimantic
*1956-57	John F. Spain.....	Southington
*1957-58	C. Russell Day.....	Norwalk
*1958-59	Charles J. Majewski.....	Thomaston
*1959-60	Edward H. Lynch, Jr.....	Waterbury
*1960-61	Arthur G. St. John.....	Jewett City
*1961-62	Earle S. Crooks.....	Cromwell
*1962-63	Louis E. Molinaro.....	No. Grosvenordale
*1963-64	Francis G. Garris.....	Wethersfield
*1964-65	Hugh C. Graham.....	West Haven
*1965-66	John N. Roberto.....	Norwalk
*1966-67	Henry S. Bialoglowy.....	Litchfield
*1967-68	Neale V. Cabral.....	Quaker Hill
*1968-69	Richard J. Heath.....	West Hartford
*1969-70	Morris L. Robin.....	Waterbury
*1970-71	John R. Silvay.....	West Hartford
*1971-72	Chet D. Hirsch.....	Stafford Springs
*1972-73	Milton E. Moritz.....	Deep River
*1973-74	William Mager.....	Norwalk
*1974-75	Joseph F. Mardu.....	Cheshire
*1975-76	Lionel F. Dugas.....	Bristol
*1976-77	Leo M. Hindsley.....	Baltic
*1977-78	Henry Mayer.....	Woodstock
*1978-79	Joseph W. Tarrant, Jr.....	Bethel
*1979-80	John S. Babes.....	Torrington
*1980-81	William J. Lucas.....	Hamden
*1981-82	Eugene W. Freeman.....	Manchester
1982-83	Richard W. Anderson.....	Cromwell
*1983-84	Frank D'Angelo.....	Shelton

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

(Continued)

*1984-85	Elliott N. Morris	Branford
*1985-86	George R. White, Jr.	Norwich
*1986-87	William J. Rich	Southington
1987-88	Raymond R. Bigelow	Willimantic
1988-89	D. Joseph Jackson	Winsted
*1989-90	Charles E. Haas	Norwich
*1990-91	E. Guy Miller	Stratford
*1991-92	William J. Pomfret	Middletown
*1992-93	William H. Jordan	Willimantic
1993-94	Erwin L. Williams	Derby
*1994-95	Lewis E. Waller	Stratford
1995-96	K. Robert Lewis	Niantic
1996-97	H. David Smith	Middletown
*1997-98	Richard Wm. Anderson	Bristol
*1998-99	Elliot Meccico	Norwalk
1999-2000	Everett G. Shepard, III	Woodstock
2002-01	W. Frazier Brinley	Clinton
*2001-02	Edward F. Barry	East Haddam
2002-03	Boyd Saxton	Sandy Hook
*2003-04	Lawrence F. Duffany	Thomaston
2004-05	Jean C. Lafontaine	N.Grosvenordale
*2005-06	Edward J. Carney, Jr	Guilford
2006-07	James A. LaCoursiere	Old Lyme
2007-08	Andrew Barylski, Jr	Putnam
*2008-09	Harvey E. Daggett	Ashford
2009-10	Charles R. Morrissey	North Haven
2010-11	Daniel C. Thurston	Harwinton
2011-12	Mary-Ann Roczynski	East Hartford
2012-13	Wayne A. Morgan	West Haven
2013-14	Robert S. Murray	Milford
2014-15	Harry R. Hansen Jr	Wolcott
2015-16	Paul I. Spedaliere	Lebanon
2016-17	Louie C. Robinson	Hartford
2017-18	Edward A. DeGumbia	Plantsville
2018-19	Thomas C. Flowers	Milford

*Deceased

**Resigned January 3 of term 1924-25

HONORARY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

*Frank S. Butterworth	New Haven
*Anson T. McCook	Hartford
*Clarence C. Scarborough	West Hartford
*James B. Moody	West Hartford
*William J. Malone	Bristol
*Henry S. Dorsey	New London
*Edward A. Stillman	Hartford
*Rev. Henry R. Cassidy	Norwalk

*Deceased



CONVENTION PROGRAM

SONS of THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT CONVENTION

Saturday, July 10, 2021

9:00 AM	Opening with T.A.L
11:00 AM	S.A.L. Elections
12:00	Lunch
1:00 PM	Post-Convention D.E.C.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Saturday, July 10, 2021

10:00 AM	Legion Riders Meeting
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**RECIPIENTS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM AWARD**

*1956 JUSTICE RAYMOND E. BALDWIN
*1957 SENATOR WILLIAM A. PURTELL
*1958 MAYOR RICHARD C. LEE
*1959 HON. MILDRED N. ALLEN
*1960 REV. ROBERT G. KEATING
*1961 DONALD H. POTTER
*1962 WILLIAM J. CLANCY
*1963 SENATOR THOMAS J. DODD
*1964 JOHN R. REITEMEYER
*1965 GOVERNOR JOHN N. DEMPSEY
*1966 JUSTICE JOHN H. KING
1967 FRANCIS J. SWEENEY
*1968 FRANCIS E. MINER
*1969 HON. FRANCES BURKE REDICK
*1970 MATTHEW MORIARTY
1971 ANDY ROBUSTELLI
*1972 CHARLES T. McQUEENEY
1973 CONGRESSMAN ROBERT H. STEELE
*1974 MRS. LILLIAM B. YERRINGTON
*1975 GOVERNOR ELLA T. GRASSO
*1976 JUDGE ROBERT M. ROBBINS
*1977 WILLIAM M. SAVITT
1978 NO AWARD
*1979 JAMES PEDACE
*1980 DR. WILLIAM L. TAYLOR
1981 FRANK W. SCHADE
1982 NO AWARD
1983 JOHN T. DOWNEY, ESQ.
*1984 DANIEL J. O'CONNOR, ESQ.
*1985 GOVERNOR WILLIAM A. O'NEILL
1986 NO AWARD
1987 LAWRENCE D. McHugh
1988 NO AWARD
1989 CONGRESSMAN JOHN G. ROWLAND
*1990 BERNIE FIELDS
1991 RICHARD L. TRAYNER, JR.
1992 WILLIAM T. O'BRIEN
1993 NO AWARD
1994 DR. DAVID G. CARTER
1995 NO AWARD
1996 JAMES CALHOUN
1997 JOHN A. QUINN
1998 NO AWARD
1999 NO AWARD
2000 NO AWARD
2001 NO AWARD
2002 NO AWARD
2003 CONGRESSMAN ROB SIMMONS
2004 ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARDBLUMENTHAL
2005 STATE SENATOR LEN FASANO
2006 STATE REPRESENTATIVE TEDGRAZIANI
2007 CATHERINE RICCIO
2008 CHRISTOPHER D. COUTU
2009 ANDI GRANT
2010 ALFRED MEADOWS
2011 MICHAEL S. MASTRONI
2012 KATHY GRANFIELD
2013 REVERAND THOMAS BERBERICH
2014 LT. GOVERNOR NANCY WYMAN
2015 LEESA PHILIPPON
2016 SENATOR CARLO LEONE
2017 THEODORE C. SWEENEY
2018 WILLIAM J. MADARAS & SHALINI S. MADARAS



*Preamble of the Constitution of
The American Legion*

For God and Country,
We associate ourselves together
For the following purposes:

*To uphold and defend
The Constitution of the United States of America;
To maintain law and order;
To foster and perpetuate
A one hundred percent Americanism;
To preserve the memories and incidents
Of our associations in All Wars;
To inculcate a sense of individual obligation
To the community, state and nation;
To combat the autocracy
Of both the classes and the masses;
To make right the master of might;
To promote peace and good-will on earth;
To safeguard and transmit to Posterity
The principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy;
To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship
By our devotion to mutual helpfulness.*