

The American Legion, Department of Connecticut

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Mid-Winter Conference



January 27-28-29, 2017  
Trumbull Marriott Hotel, Trumbull, CT

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180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, CT

Louie C. Robinson

Department Commander

*Robert Coffey*  
Director

*Harry R. "Butch" Hansen Jr.*  
Adjutant

# Summary of Events

*Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - Registration (5:30 – 7:30 PM)    Foyer*

6:00 PM	Past Department Commander's Club Dinner	Augusta Room
6:00 PM	Liquor Commission speaker & Lottery speaker	Merritt Room
8:00 PM	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Merritt Room

**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> - Registration (8:00 – 9:00 AM)    Foyer**

9:00 AM	Opening & General Session	Merritt Room
12:00 PM	Lunch Break	on own
12:15 PM	National Security Committee meeting	Montpelier/Providence
1:00 PM	Breakout Sessions	
	American Legion General Session	Merritt Room
	American Legion Auxiliary	Salon E-F-G
	S.S. & M Fund	Montpelier/Providence
	Sons of The American Legion	Boston/Concord/Hartford
2:00 PM	Service Officers	Montpelier/Providence
4:00 PM	Forty et Eight Cheminot	Merritt Room
6:00 PM	Cash Bar Social	Foyer
6:45 PM	Hall of Fame Dinner Buffet	Ballroom A-B-C-D
	Legion Hall of Fame Induction	
	- Immediately following dinner	

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM	Memorial Service	Salon D
10:00 AM	Officers Roundtable	Salon D
	American Legion	
	American Legion Auxiliary	
	Sons of The American Legion	



Directory of Activity in the Foyer

1. Registration Table & Door Prize Ticket Sales
2. Department Awards Package Distribution
3. American Legion Centennial - Frazier Brinley
4. ALA Department of Connecticut
5. ALA Department of Connecticut
6. Veterans Base Camp

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5:30 – 7:30 PM	Registration	Foyer
6:00 PM	State of CT Liquor Commission - <b>Stan Burke</b> Connecticut Lottery Corporation ( <b>KENO</b> ) – <b>Sol Ramsey</b>	Merritt
8:00 PM	Department Executive Committee meeting	Merritt

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration	Foyer
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies	Merritt

Presentation of Colors **Department Color Guard**

Invocation – **Dana Murphy**, Dept. Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem by: Jackie Williams

Welcome Remarks:

**Bob Coffey & Jeanne Berry**, Chairmen

Mid-Winter Conference

**Rich Pacino**, Trumbull Marriott

**Richard Lurette**, Detachment Commander

Sons of The American Legion, Connecticut

**Marge Sunbury**, President

American legion Auxilliary

**Louie Robinson**, Commander

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9:15 AM	Special Guests / Exhibitors Remarks & Presentations:
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**Frazier Brinley** – American Legion Centennial

**James Condron** – Guest Speaker (ALS)

**Ray Moore** – Guest Speaker (Veterans Base Camp)

**Dr. Kara Gagnon** – Guest Speaker (Brave Minds.Org)

**Nate Taylor** – Veterans Assembled Electronics

**Sean Sparks**, National HQ Staff – Membership

**James Troiola (NY)** – National Vice-Commander

**Saturday, January 28, 2017 (contd.)**

**12:00 NOON**

**LUNCH Break**

1:00 PM

**Breakout Sessions:**

*American Legion Auxiliary*

Salon EFG

*SSM Fund Reps / Service Officers*

Montpelier/Providence

*Sons of The American Legion*

Boston/Concord/Hartford

1:00 PM

***American Legion General Session***

Merritt

1:00 PM

Program Updates: Awards; Baseball; Boys State; Scouting; C&Y; Oratorical

***Dennis Beauregard – Leadership & Learning***

3:30 PM

Introduction of Candidates for Department Office

3:40 PM

Door Prize Drawing - ***Commander Lou Robinson  
& Treasurer Chuck Berry***

4:00 PM

***Forty & Eight Cheminot*** (after close of General session)

Merritt  
Room

**6:00 PM**

**Cash Bar Social**

Foyer

**6:45 PM**

**Hall of Fame Dinner Buffet -**

Ballroom ABCD

**7:45 PM**

**Connecticut American Legion**

**Hall of Fame 2017 Inductions – 12<sup>th</sup> Class**

E. GUY MILLER (\*)

Post 187

WALLINGFORD

VICTOR W. YANOSY

Post 176

MONROE

RICHARD J. OLSON

Post 12

NORWALK

RAYMOND K. WILLIAMS

Post 21

DANIELSON

EVERETT G. SHEPARD, III

Post 111

WOODSTOCK

JOYCE M. HARRIS

Post 205

GALES FERRY

ARTHUR W. MELYSCHER

Post 43

WINSTED

D. JOSEPH JACKSON

Post 28

NEW HARTFORD

\*deceased

## All Inductees in The Department of Connecticut American Legion Hall of Fame

<b>2007</b>	Wally Bassett*	Post 76	North Haven
	Frank S. Butterworth*	Post 47	New Haven
	Arthur J. Connell*	Post 75	Middletown
	Joseph Mardu**	Post 1	Waterbury
	Donald McCarthy	Post 132	New Haven (Fire Department)
	Francis Mullins**	Post 2	Bristol
	Alfred N. Phillips, Jr*	Post 3	Stamford
	William Pomfret**	Post 75	Middletown
	Robert M. Robbins*	Post 67	North Grosvenordale
	Arthur St. John**	Post 44	Bantam (& Post 15)
<b>2008</b>	Grady Allen**	Post 28	New Hartford
	Richard F. Bergeron*	Post 56	Glastonbury
	Howard Davis**	Post 115	Noank
	James C. Hall	Post 182	Granby
	Alphonse Sabetta	Post 16	Shelton
	Richard Snow*	Post 52	Coventry Mansfield
<b>2009</b>	Donald G. Beckwith**	Post 71	West Haven
	Henry S. Bialoglowy*	Post 27	Litchfield
	Neale V. Cabral*	Post 112	Montville
	Dr. James F. Gilhuly*	Post 2	Bristol
	Armur E. Houle**	Post 67	North Grosvenordale
	Franklin E. Johnson, Sr**	Post 17	Naugatuck
	John N. Roberto*	Post 12	Norwalk
Erwin L. "Gus" Williams	Post 24	Derby	
<b>2010</b>	James L. Bement, SR	Post 137	Harwinton
	Hugh C. Graham*	Post 119	New Haven (NH Railroad)
	Chet D. Hirsch*	Post 26	Stafford Springs
	Joseph A. Minto**	Post 167	Bridgeport
	Joseph W. Tarrant, JR*	Post 100	Bethel
	Arthur C. Winschel	Post 61	Deep River
	Frank J. Yasensky*	Post 187	Wallingford
<b>2011</b>	Edward V. Sabotka	Post 36	Windsor Locks
	Donald J. Jewell	Post 127	Orange
	Royal R. Benedict	Post 12	Norwalk
	Leroy B. Butler*	Post 19	Willimantic
	Richard P. Hebert	Post 104	Taftville
	Anthony Bosko (& John* & Frank*)	Post 146	Bethlehem
	Kenneth E. Going	Post 105	Cromwell (& Post 184)
<b>2012</b>	Richard J. Hennessey	Post 96	West Hartford
	Rev. Robert G. Keating*	Post 45	Meriden
	Thomas Lopez**	Post 177	Bridgeport
	Henry Mayer*	Post 111	Woodstock
	Fredrick C. Treat	Post 9	New London
	George F. Collier*	Post 195	Oakville
	George S. Allard	Post 113	Old Saybrook
W. Frazier Brinley	Post 103	Westbrook	

<b>2013</b>	Richard William Anderson*	Post 2	Bristol
	Geraldine Hinman*	Post 88	Hamden
	Elliott N. Morris*	Post 83	Branford
	Frank D'angelo*	Post 16	Shelton
	Lewis E. Waller*	Post 140	Bridgeport
	Charles E. Haas**	Post 4	Norwich
	Charles J. Majewski*	Post 22	Thomaston
Earle S. Crooks*	Post 105	Cromwell	
<b>2014</b>	David Greenleaf	Post 2	Bristol
	David L. Farr	Post 36	Windsor Locks
	William J. Lucas*	Post 162	New Haven
	William Gulya*	Post 60	Danbury
	Richard Grant*	Post 95	Hebron
	Walter Tallman**	Post 54	Colchester
	Carl Johnson*	Post 20	Terryville
Richard W. Anderson	Post 105	Cromwell	
<b>2015</b>	Stephen Fahy	Post 2	Bristol
	Adam Raczkowski*	Post 72	Southington
	Eugene P. Armstrong*	Post 1	Waterbury
	Angelo DellaCamera	Post 71	West haven
	Joseph Myjak**	Post 162	New Haven
	Gilbert Sheffield*	Post 9	New London
	Thomas Byers*	Post 22	Thomaston
Miguel Escalera	Post 66	Clinton	
<b>2016</b>	Roger H. Anderson	Post 133	South Windsor
	Clarence Scarborough*	Post 96	West Hartford
	Fred McCarthy	Post 88	Hamden
	George E. Ducanic	Post 3	Stamford
	Ted C. Graziani	Post 62	Ellington
	Alvin L. Butters	Post 104	Taftville
	Donald R. Groman	Post 28	New Hartford
Martin Hills*	Post 113	Old Saybrook	
<b>2017</b>	E. Guy Miller*	Post 187	Wallingford
	Victor W. Yanosy	Post 176	Monroe
	Richard J. Olson	Post 12	Norwalk
	Raymond K. Williams	Post 21	Danielson
	Everett G. Shepard III	Post 111	Woodstock
	Joyce M. Harris	Post 205	Gales Ferry
D. Joseph Jackson	Post 28	New Hartford	

\* Deceased at time of induction

\*\*Deceased after induction



**Saturday, January 29, 2017**  
**American Legion Auxiliary Agenda**

**Ballroom EFG**

11-11:15            **Auxiliary Welcome**

11:15-12:15

**VA&R**

- A     Golden Age Games Winner
- B     Creative Arts Winner
- Giant Steps

12:15-1:15p      Lunch Break

1:15-1:30  
1:30-4:00

**Strategic Planning**  
**Breakout Sessions**

**C     Running a unit meeting 101**

- Responsibilities of the unit officers
- I'm a chairman now what?
- Working a program and reporting
- Parliamentary Procedure

**D     Membership**

- Preparing a transmittal
- Hosting an open house
- Attracting and retaining new members

**E     Junior's**

- Involving Jr's in Auxiliary Programs
- Patch Program even without an active unit
- Department Junior meetings

**F     National Security**

- Rita O'Donnell Military Support National Guard

**G     Poppy**

- How to assemble
- Miss Poppy
- Poster Contest
- Things to do with left over Poppies

**H     Children and Youth**

4-4:15            Wrap up session and closing

All afternoon times are subject to "to follow".

*Marge Sunbury*  
Department President

**Sunday, January 30, 2017**

9:30 AM

Memorial Service

Salon D

***Dana Murphy***

Department Chaplain  
The American Legion

10:00 AM

**Open Forum - Officers Round Table**

Salon D

AL Department Officers  
ALA Department Officers  
SAL Detachment Officers

*All questions answered – Anything goes.*

**Please Remember to Complete and Turn in your  
Evaluation Page.**

**Thank you for attending.  
Please drive safely!**

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**MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
EVALUATION FORM**

**January – 2017**

In order to better serve you we would appreciate your feedback on this conference.

**LOCATION/HOTEL:**

1. Was location convenient?
2. Did room set-up work?
3. Was parking adequate?
4. Was hotel staff accommodating?
5. COMMENTS:

**CONFERENCE:**

1. Was program interesting?
2. Did speakers' interest you?
3. Did the format work? If no, what would you change?
4. Was total time allotted adequate? Would you want a longer session?
5. Was time allotted to programs enough? Too short? Too long?
6. Would you like more or less content?
7. More handouts? OR Fewer handouts?
8. Will you encourage other Post leaders to attend?
9. Will you advise new Legionnaires to attend?

**IMPORTANT: (Comments please – use reverse side as necessary)**

**How can we improve? Type of speakers? Type of presentations?**

**More or Fewer Legion programs covered?**

**What topics should be covered that were not?**

**What topics should be dropped?**

Optional - Name & Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire!



### **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 the Great 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.