THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Connecticut

99th
DEPARTMENT
CONVENTION

The Trumbull Marriott
Hotel

Trumbull, Connecticut

JULY 6-7-8, 2017
To my fellow Legionnaires and Legion Family members in Connecticut:

My theme this year is "Carry the legacy forward." This is essential as our centennial approaches and we commemorate the great history and accomplishments of our founders and Legion predecessors. And by carrying it forward, we ensure that their accomplishments are a living history that will continue to benefit veterans and their families for generations to come.

But carrying the legacy forward doesn’t mean just focusing on the past. We can create new legacies and carry them forward as well. For instance, we spoke loudly about the need to improve and maintain a strong Department of Veterans Affairs, even while some special interests are advocating for its privatization. We know that is the U.S. government that has the responsibility to send our men and women to war and it is the U.S. government that should be tasked with making our veterans whole again. There are many signs that the decision makers in Washington are listening to our message.

We can make a real difference in the lives of more than half a million veterans if Congress heeds our call and finally modernizes the VA’s archaic appeals process.

We will continue to emphasize The American Legion’s strong support for the men and women who are fighting the Global War on Terrorism. Please visit your local military installations, Reserve centers and Guard armories. Welcome back those who are returning from deployments and remind them that they will always have a home in The American Legion.

We have outstanding programs and I am asking for your support in raising money to provide training for our outstanding corps of service officers and temporary financial assistance for children in need.

Membership growth is essential if we are to successfully continue the great legacy of The American Legion. If each of you would recruit just one new member, The American Legion would magnify its effectiveness and influence to an unprecedented level.

I thank you for your service as military veterans, as Legionnaires and as members of the Legion Family. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable department convention.

For God and Country,

Charles E. Schmidt
National Commander
GREETINGS,

Comrades ... We are on the threshold of our 100th Anniversary. This is our Departments Ninety-Ninth year convention. Congratulations to you All.

First I would like to say “THANK YOU “to The Department of Connecticut American Legion Family for their support in 2016-2017. Thank You to the American Legion membership for electing me to represent you in 2016-2017.

I hope I have fulfilled your faith with my efforts. I tried to represent MY Department at all times and to keep our State moving. I wanted to fulfill the slogans ‘Carry the Legacy Forward’ and make sure “Brand Awareness” was our main objective from day one. Thank You for your support!

As our Convention begins, I wish you a successful Convention. The Beginning of a successful year. Let’s continue to keep “Connecticut on the move”.

It is always hard to say Good bye so I won’t.
May God Bless you, May God Bless The United States of America!

Yours in Comradeship,

Louie C. Robinson
Louie Robinson
Commander American Legion
Department of Connecticut
Commander Lou, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Guests, I am honored to bring you greetings from our National Commander Charles Schmidt. 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

Welcometo Convention!

I would like to say thank you to all the Legionnaires who have supported me this past year. Without your help things would not have been so easy to accomplish. Your support of our programs is paramount to making them the huge success that they are. Working as a Legion Family is the best!!
To Commander Louie, what can I say? Thank you for being such a great commander and putting up with all the photo ops. You have been everywhere!
I wish for all of you a successful and enlightening convention. May you all learn something so that our Family can grow and prosper in the years to come.

For God and Country,

Marge Sunbury
Department President
GREETINGS FROM THE
ALT. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Officers, Delegates and Guests,

I bring you greetings from the National organization and our National President, Mary Davis. It was an enjoyable time in Washington, DC as we spoke to our legislators about important legislation that The American Legion supported for our Veterans. We have learned much on how to keep ourselves safe from intruders in our homes.

It has been a pleasure serving as the Alternate NEC and I wish you all a very rewarding and informative convention.

Marge Sunbury
Alternate NEC

GREETING FROM THE
DETACHMENT COMMANDER

To my American Legion Family,
Welcome to our Annual American Legion Department Convention! I am pleased to announce our Sons of the American Legion National Commander Jeff Frain, will be in attendance this year. We all look forward to keeping up the great traditions of the Sons of the American Legion. It was my Honor to serve as Detachment Commander! Commander Lou Robinson, President Marge Sunbury, and I look forward to welcoming our family to Trumbull!

For God and Country,

Richard Lurette
Rich Lurette
Detachment Commander
Sons of the American Legion
Department of Connecticut
GREETINGS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION DIRECTORS

Thanks so much for attending the 99th American Legion Dept Convention at the Trumbull Marriott. Our Committee is hoping that you enjoy Trumbull as you did the Rocky Hill Marriott. The convention committee spent the best part of a year checking other hotels in the State with the members of the Legion and Auxiliary the main priority. Room rates were the main objective for us all. As you know, this is a big hotel and things can go wrong, if something happens please get in touch with Jeanne Berry or myself so we can work out the problem. Please enjoy yourself and make this a great convention for all.

Bob Coffey
American Legion
Department Convention Director

Delegates, Alternates and Guests Assembled,

Welcome to the 2017 American Legion Department of Connecticut Convention. I wish for all a successful, fun convention. Chairman Bob and his committee have worked hard preparing for this week. Commander Lou and Department Officers – congratulations on your year. Enjoy your convention.

Karen L. Thompson
Karen L. Thompson
American Legion Auxiliary
Department Convention Chairman 2017

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION COMMITTEE
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Director .................................................................Robert Coffey
Adjutant ..............................................................Harry R. Hansen Jr.
Treasurer ..............................................................Chuck Berry
Members .......................Roger Anderson, William Gibbs, Dennis Beauregard
                      Everett Shepard III
Office (Boardroom)............................................... Mary Harris

CONVENTION SUB-COMMITTEES

Program.............................................................Harry R. Hansen Jr.
Badges...............................................................Mary Harris
Budget .............................................................Chuck Berry, Bob Coffey
Installation Reception.........................................Chuck Berry
Registration .......................................................Bob Coffey
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Department Commander .............................. Lou Robinson
Sr. Vice-Commander ...................................................... Edward Degumbia
Vice-Commander (1st) ........................................ Richard Linnon
Vice-Commander (2nd) ........................................... Tobie Nelson
Vice-Commander (3rd) ........................................... Larry Kayfus
Vice-Commander (4th) ............................................ John Hurchala
Vice-Commander (5th) .............................................. Duane Yuhas
Vice-Commander (6th) .............................................. Jackie Evonsion
Vice-Commander (7th) ........................................... James Hayes
Adjutant ............................................................... Harry R Hansen Jr
Treasurer ............................................................... Chuck Berry
Asst. Treasurer .......................................................... Ian Lilly
Judge Advocate .......................................................... Brett Connolly
Chaplain ................................................................. Dana K. Murphy
Historian ............................................................... Robert Warner
Service Officer .......................................................... K. Robert Lewis
Asst. Service Officer .................................................. Thomas P. Wood
National Executive Committeeman ............................. D. Joseph Jackson
Alt. National Executive Committeeman ........................... Wayne A. Morgan
Imd. Past Commander ................................................... Paul I. Spedaliere
Sgt. at Arms .............................................................. William Gibbs
Asst. Sgt. at Arms ........................................................ Dennis Beauregard
Asst. Sgt. at Arms ........................................................ Roger Anderson
Asst. Sgt. at Arms ........................................................ Angelo DellaCamera

EXECUTIVE COMITTEEEMEN

Ken Lewis................................. 1st ......................... Joseph Haney
Tom Flowers.......................... 2nd. ........................................
Richard Olsen.......................... 3rd........................ Thomas Reed
Bill Root........................................ 4th ......................... John Hurchala
Penny Kabish.......................... 5th ............................... Tim Yuhas
Jim Bement.............................. 6th .................. Barbara Lamontagne
......................................................... 7th ......................... Bill Belcher
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)

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.
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. Steinsen ..........................................................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
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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

(Continued)

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. Grovenordale
*2005-06  Edward J. Carney, Jr ....................................................... Guilford
2006-07  James A. LaCoursiere ..................................................... Old Lyme
2007-08  Andrew Baryliski, 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 Rocznisky ...................................................... East Hartford
2012-13  Wayne A. Morgan ........................................................... West Haven
2013-14  Robert S. Murray ............................................................ Orange
2014-15  Harry R. Hansen Jr .......................................................... Wolcott
2015-16  Paul I. Spedaliere ............................................................. Lebanon
*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
99th DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Thursday, July 6, 2017

2:30 P.M.  OPENING SESSION  Salon ABCD

CALL TO ORDER:  Louie C. Robinson (Post 142)
Department Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS:

INVOCATION:  Dana K. Murphy (Post 83)
Department Chaplain

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

ADDRESS OF WELCOME
Louie C. Robinson (Post 142)
Department Commander

Robert F. Coffey (Post 2)
Convention Director

Trumbull Marriott

APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE
Dana K. Murphy (Post 83)
Department Chaplain

PRESENTATION – DEPARTMENT AWARDS
Richard Olson (Post 12)
Director Awards Committee

REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

SALUTE TO COLORS:

RECESS:
Friday, July 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:  Louie C. Robinson (Post 142)  
Department Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS:

INVOCATION:  Dana K. Murphy (Post 83)  
Department Chaplain

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Department Officers  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Margery Sunbury, Department President  
Debra Knickerbocker, Distinguished Guest Chairman  
Mrs. Jeanne Berry, Convention Director

REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

GUEST SPEAKERS / EXHIBITORS

Jeff DeClerck (Post 91)  
VJ Day Parade

Kim Schmidt  
Outreach, Education & Installations

Ted Aub  
CT State Coordinator POW/MIA Families

Lee Giordano  
Bankers Life

David LoPriore  
Warriors for Warriors

Dennis Farrar  
Masonicare Home Health and Hospice

James Duncan  
Hartford Vet Center (Saturday Only)

Kyle Dugas  
CT Vet Construction

Gerry Dierman  
Department Golf Tournament

Shelly Cote  
Mutts Mending Military

David Bawden  
Apollo Energy Management

John Wright (SAL 2), Director  
American Legion Riders

Jim LaCoursiere (Post 112), PDC, Liaison  
Richard Lurette (SAL 104), Det. Commander  
Robert Turner (SAL 16), Det. Adjutant  
Sons of The American Legion

INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH LEADERS:

Department Oratorical Winner - Mary-Ann Roczniski (Post 56), PDC, Director  
Department Eagle Scout of the Year - Manny Rodrigues (Post 52), Director  
American Legion Baseball - David Greenleaf (Post 2), Director  
Boys’ State Governor and Leaders - David Greenleaf (Post 2). Chairman

RECESS:
CALL TO ORDER:
Louie C. Robinson (Post 142)
Department Commander

Legislative Awards:
Pam Staneski (R) House District 119
Joe Aresimowicz (D) House District 30

INTRODUCTION OF PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS
Jim LaCoursiere, President
Past Department Commanders Club

Public Safety Awards
Police Department of the Year
Law Officer of the Year
Fire Department of the Year
Fire Fighter of the Year

SPECIAL GUESTS:
Sean M. Connolly, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Veterans’ Affairs
Marc Younquist
Author of "The 143rd in Iraq"
Jack Monahan
World War I Centennial Commission

REPORT OF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER:
Charles R. Berry (Post 96)
Department Treasurer

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR,
Soldier’, Sailors’ and Marines Fund
Charles R. Berry
Administrator

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER
K. Robert Lewis (Post 128)
Department Service Officer

REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:
RATIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDERS
RATIFICATION OF DEPT. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
RATIFICATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECESS:
Saturday, July 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Louie C. Robinson (Post 142) Department Commander

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS: Department Color Guard

OPENING CEREMONIES: Louie C. Robinson (Post 142) Department Commander

INVOCATION: Dana K. Murphy (Post 83) Department Chaplain

Award
Post Commander of The Year

Award
District Sr. Vice Commander of The Year

Award
District Commander of The Year

Award
Department Legionnaire of The Year

Special Presentation
AMERICANISM
AWARD

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED GUEST:
John Wright, (SAL 209)
National Executive Committeeman

Jeff C. Frain (AZ)
Sons of The American Legion National Commander

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED GUEST:
D. Joseph Jackson (Post 28), PDC
National Executive Committeeman
FEATURED SPEAKER

Brett Reistad (VA)
Candidate for National Commander

FINAL REPORTS OF
CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
Louie C. Robinson

ELECTION OF 2016-2017 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

OBLIGATION OF NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Membership
Tom Flowers (Post 196)
Department Senior Vice Commander

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING:

ATTENDANCE PRIZES:

BENEDICTION:

RETIRING OF COLORS: Department Color Guard

ADJOURNMENT: Sine dei

NOTE:

The Department Executive Committee will meet at the close of Convention upon the call of the Department Commander

5:30 P.M. INSTALLATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
Immediately followed by Dinner Buffet
Salon ABCD
Merritt Room
CONVENTION PROGRAM
SONS of THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT
CONVENTION

Friday, July 7, 2017

4:15 PM Pre-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Memorial Service
Detachment Officers Dinner

Saturday, July 8, 2017

9:00 AM Opening with T.A.L
11:00 AM S.A.L. Breakout
11:15 AM S.A.L. Elections
12:00 Lunch
1:00 PM Post Convention D.E.C.

Schedule will adjust as necessary for TAL Commander and ALA President to address the SAL.

5:00 P.M Newly elected Officers and Chairmen meet with Commander for discussion of next year’s Projects and Responsibilities

5:30 PM Installation of Officers will be combined with the ALA and TAL.
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 MIAIRITY
1971  ANDY ROBUSTELLI
*1972  CHARLES T. McQUEENEEY
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 TED GRAZIANI
2007  CATHERINE RICCO
2008  CHRISTOPHER D. COITU
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
SPECIAL EVENTS

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER’S DINNER
COCKTAILS  6:00 PM
DINNER  6:45 PM
GARDEN PAVILION
(By Invitation Only)

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CONVENTION BANQUET
DINNER  7:00 PM
MERRITT ROOM
(Advance Reservations Required)

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017

YOUTH LUNCH
NOON
MERRITT ROOM
(By Invitation Only)

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER’S LUNCHEON
NOON
CONCORD ROOM

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

INSTALLATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS
INSTALLING OFFICERS
5:30 PM – SALON ABCD

INSTALLATION RECEPTION
DINNER BUFFET
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INSTALLATION
MERRITT ROOM or GARDEN PAVILION
(Advance Reservations Required)
THE 99th NATIONAL CONVENTION
RENO, NEVADA
August 18 – August 24, 2017

THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS HOTEL
Atlantis Casino Resort
3800 South Virginia St.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Peppermill Casino
2707 South Virginia St

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Atlantis Casino Resort
3800 South Virginia St.

-SESSIONS-

Most sessions will be held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center
With some meetings at the Atlantis Casino Resort
3800 South Virginia St

NATIONAL COMMANDER’S BANQUET
Tuesday, August 30, 2016  6:30 – 9:30 P.M.
RSCC, Hall #3, 1st Floor

CONNECTICUT DELEGATION HEADQUARTERS
Grand Sierra Resort and Casion Hotel
2500 East Second Street
Reno, NV 89595

CAUCUS:  SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017, 1:00 PM

-OTHER EVENTS-

ANAVICUS Breakfast:  SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017- 7:00 AM
Atlantis, Paradis Ballroom, second floor

MEMORIAL SERVICE:  SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017 - 11:00 A.M.
RSCC, Hall #4, 1st Floor

PARADE:  SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017 - 4:00 – 6:30 P.M.
Assemble: West Liberty Street
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

COMING EVENTS 2017-2018

-2017-

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP
July 28-29, Indianapolis, IN

DEPT. BASEBALL SR (19 & under) Sectional Tournament
July 15 Home fields of Higher Seeded Teams

DEPT. BASEBALL SR (19 & under) Regional
July 21 Home Fields of Zone Champions

DEPT. BASEBALL SR (19 & under) Super Regional
NORTHERN TOURNAMENT
July 23-26 South Windsor

DEPT. BASEBALL SR (19 & under) Super Regional
SOUTHERN TOURNAMENT
July 23-26 Middletown

DEPARTMENT BASEBALL SENIOR (19 & Under) Championship Series
July 28-29 Middletown

SENIOR LEGION NORTHEAST REGIONAL
August 2-6 Shrewsbury, MA

DEPT. BASEBALL JUNIOR (17 & under) Sectional Tournament
July 17 Home fields of Higher Seeded Teams

DEPT. BASEBALL JR (17 & under)
NORTHERN TOURNAMENT
July TBD Windsor Locks

DEPT. BASEBALL JR (17 & under)
SOUTHERN TOURNAMENT
July TBD Meriden

DEPARTMENT BASEBALL JUNIOR (17 & Under) Championship Series
July 28-29 Meriden

JUNIOR LEGION NORTHEAST REGIONAL
August 2-6

89th LEGION WORLD SERIES
August 10-15 Shelby, NC

99th NATIONAL CONVENTION
Aug 18 – 24 Reno, NV
NATIONAL CHILDREN & YOUTH CONFERENCE  
September 16-18  Indianapolis, IN

NATIONAL AMERICANISM CONFERENCE  
September 16-18  Indianapolis, IN

NATIONAL FALL MEETINGS  
October 10-13  Indianapolis, IN

MIDDLESEX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
VETERANS RECOGNITION BREAKFAST
November 7  Crown Plaza, Cromwell, CT

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January 29-30  42nd Mid-Winter Conference  
Trumbull Marriott

February 25-28  Washington Conference  
Hilton Washington Hotel  
Washington DC

May 7-10  National Spring Meetings  
Indianapolis, IN

June 4  Nathan Hale Day  
State Capitol, Hartford

July 4  Independence Day Celebration  
Hall of Flags State Capitol  
Hosted by The VFW

July 6-8  100th Department Convention  
Trumbull Marriott

August 24-30  100th National Convention  
Minneapolis, MN

October 15-18  National Fall Meetings  
Indianapolis, IN
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.