

**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
*Department of Connecticut*

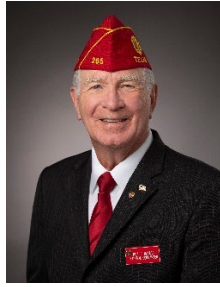


**103<sup>rd</sup>**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
**CONVENTION**

**The Trumbull Marriott**  
**Hotel**

**Trumbull, Connecticut**

**JULY 8, 9, 10, 2022**



**Paul E. Dillard (TX)**  
**National Commander**

To my fellow Legionnaires in Connecticut,

Earlier this year, I had the honor of visiting the Department of Illinois and participating in the annual American Legion Pilgrimage to the tomb of President Abraham Lincoln. I reflected on the promise that Lincoln made during his second inaugural address: “To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and for his orphan...” In many ways, caring for veterans and their families describes the mission of The American Legion.

I believe that we have no greater calling than to create an environment where fewer widows, widowers and orphans are made. We can certainly help this effort by preventing veterans from taking their own lives.

Buddy checks will not prevent every veteran suicide, but each life that is saved is an accomplishment like no other. The American Legion should be a community sanctuary for every veteran in crisis and all who have experienced the horrors of war.

We also need to support those who served our nation, along with their families in need. My chosen program for this year is our Veterans & Children Foundation, an outstanding American Legion charity which provides temporary financial assistance to families and training for our service officers.

America needs and deserves a strong American Legion. Our strength comes from our membership. A department convention is the perfect opportunity to discuss ideas pertaining to growth and renewal. Through my department visits, I have witnessed the energy and enthusiasm that exists at many of our American Legion posts. Let’s spread that spirit throughout the entire organization. As I announced during the NEC meetings last fall, any department that achieves 103 percent of its membership goal and 90-percent retention for 2022 will receive \$18.50 for every member over that 103 percent. For purposes of this incentive program, we will continue to receive transmittals from 2022 until October 1. But it’s important to send those 2022 transmittals as soon as you can to your department so they can be sent to national headquarters.

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

No Veteran Left Behind,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul E. Dillard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul E. Dillard  
National Commander

**GREETINGS FROM  
THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**



**Jeffrey A DeClerck (Post 91)  
Department Commander**

My Fellow Legionnaires,

I can't help but reflect upon the incredible experience it has been to serve the Department of Connecticut for the past year. We have made great progress in setting the stage for the future of OUR great organization. The conversation has begun Department wide to recognize our younger members as they represent our next generation of Legionnaires and leaders.

It has been an honor for me to follow Past Department Commander Dennis Beauregard who led us through two full years of stressful times as we dealt with the initial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Through his leadership, we were able to come out on the other side of the shutdowns and restrictions, still meeting all our goals as we fulfilled the objectives of our Four Pillars. Posts have reopened, programs have returned, and we are able to resume our lives as we find a "new normal" in our day-to-day activities.

As I stated at our 2021 Convention following my election, I want to thank the entire membership for affording me the opportunity to serve you as Department Commander. I commend every member for all your efforts, ensuring the future of the Department of Connecticut and The American Legion.

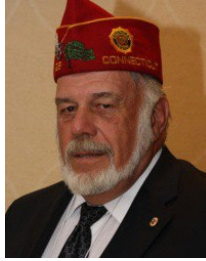
I look forward to our successful future as we welcome the new leadership.

For God and Country,

*Jeffrey A DeClerck*

Jeffrey A DeClerck  
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

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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 DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Connecticut American Legion Department Convention. Thank you very much for participating in the very important business of our great organization. We are excited to be able to continue the tradition of our Annual Convention in the new format adopted in 2021. Please enjoy the hospitality of the Trumbull Marriott. Your Convention Committee with your Department Adjutant and Department Treasurer have worked diligently planning and preparing this event.

Best Wishes,

*Everett G Shepard III*

American Legion  
Department Convention Director

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Officer	Name
Department Commander	Jeffrey DeClerck
Dept. Sr. Vice Commander	Richard Linnon
Vice Commander (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Timothy McLeod
Vice Commander (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Bruce Carlson
Vice Commander (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Nick Cabral
Vice Commander (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Vacant
Vice Commander (5 <sup>th</sup> )	Paul Spedalieri
Vice Commander (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Vacant
Vice Commander (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Calvin Bunnell
Adjutant	Harry R Hansen
Treasurer	Chuck Berry
Asst. Treasurer	Rodger Anderson
Judge Advocate	Brett Connolly
Chaplain	Dana Murphy
Historian	Joseph Haney
Service Officer	K Robert Lewis
Asst. Service Officer	Mary N Harris
National Executive Committeeman	D. Joseph Jackson
Alt. Nat'l Exec. Committeeman	Robert Murray
Imd. Past Commander	Dennis Beauregard
Sgt. at Arms	Mike Mitchell
Asst Sgt at Arms	Thomas Moore
Asst Sgt at Arms	Dennis Lisee

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN</b>		
Kenneth Lewis	1st	William Gibbs
Thomas Honyotski	2nd	Phil Brown
Rich Olsen	3rd	Mike Kellett
Arthur Lapierre	4th	Ronald Coderre
Jim Robertson	5th	Sandra Spedalieri
Barbara Lamontagne	6th	Vacant
Mary Hamlin	7th	Robert Washington

# 102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

## 103rd DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF  
CONNECTICUT

**Friday, July 8, 2022**

2:00 P.M.

**OPENING SESSION**

Salon ABCD

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Dana Murphy (Post 83)  
Department Chaplin

**PRESENTATION – POST AWARDS**

Tom Honyotski (Post 17)  
Director Awards Committee

5:30 P.M.

Department Commanders Dinner

7:30 P.M.

Hospitality Room – Rich Linnon & Tom Moore

# 102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

## Saturday, July 9, 2022

9:00 A.M.    **OPENING SESSION**

Salon ABCD

Jeffrey DeClerck (Post 91) Department Commander

**INVOCATION:**

Dana Murphy (Post 83)  
Department Chaplin

**CALL TO CONVENTION:**

Harry Hansen Jr., PDC (Post 165)  
Department Adjutant

Jeffrey DeClerck (Post 91) Department Commander

Everett Shepard (Post 111) Convention Director

Paul Giannotta  
Trumbull Marriott Hotel

<p><b>PRESENTATION</b> <b>DEPARTMENT HALL OF FAME AWARDS</b></p>
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Frazier Brinley  
Director Hall of Fame Committee

<p><b>PRESENTATION</b> <b>SPECIAL DEPARTMENT AWARDS</b></p>
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Tom Honyotski (Post 17)  
Director Awards Committee



**Introduction of Guest Speakers**

Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Senator  
Themis Klarides, Candidate for U.S. Senate  
Leora Levy, Candidate for U.S. Senate  
Peter Lumaj, Candidate for U.S. Senate

Bob Stefanowski, Candidate for Governor

**Special Guest Speaker**

Daniel J. Seehafer  
Candidate for National Commander

**APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION  
COMMITTEES**

**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

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## **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

## **RECESS: LUNCH**

**CALL TO ORDER:**  
Department Commander

Jeffrey DeClerck (Post 91)

<p><b>INTRODUCTION OF PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS</b></p>
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Wayne Morgan, 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:

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENT  
COMMANDER  
Jeffrey DeClerck**

**ELECTION OF 2022-2023  
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

**ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

**DOOR PRIZE DRAWING:**

**ATTENDANCE PRIZES:**

**BENEDICTION:**

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**RETIRING OF COLORS:**

Department Color Guard

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Sine Dei*

**NOTE:**

**The Department Executive  
Committee will meet Sunday  
July 10, 2022, 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.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT**

**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
2019-21	Dennis P. Beauregard .....	Southington

\*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 9, 2022**

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 9, 2022**

1:00 PM	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 RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
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
2019	DONALD PERRAULT
2020	NO AWARD
2021	NO AWARD



*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.*