

*The American Legion  
Department of Connecticut*



*49th Annual  
Mid-Winter Conference*

*January 26-27, 2024*

*Trumbull Marriott  
180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, CT*

*Thomas Moore  
Department Commander*

*Everett Shepard III  
Director*

*Harry R Hansen Jr  
Adjutant*

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## Directory of Activity in the Foyer

1. Registration Table & Door Prize Ticket Sales
2. Department Awards Package Distribution
3. Be The One Information Table
4. Auxiliary Raffle Table
5. SAL Raffle Table
6. Team Jim 2024 - 2025 Table

# Summary of Events

## **Friday, January 26<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	Salon D
6:00 PM	Auxiliary D.E.C Meeting	Merritt Room
8:00 PM	Legion D.E.C Meeting	Salon D

## **Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - Registration (8:00 – 8:45 AM) Foyer**

9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies	Salon D
10:15 AM	Breakout Sessions	See Main Program
12:00 PM	Lunch Break	Lunch Buffet Available
1:00 PM	SSMF Training	Salon G
2:00 PM	Breakout Sessions	See Main Program
2:30 PM	Service Officers Training	Salon G
6:00 PM	Fundraiser Social Hour (Jim LaCoursiere)	Foyer
6:30 PM	Fundraiser Dinner Buffet w/Live Band (The Coconuts)	Ballroom A-B-C-D

**The American Legion, Department of Connecticut 49th Annual &  
American Legion Auxiliary 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Conference**

**Friday, January 26, 2024**

5:30 – 7:30 PM	Registration	Foyer
6:00 PM	Past Department Commander's Club Dinner	Augusta
6:00 PM	State of CT Liquor Commission – <b>Jennifer Sturgeon</b>	Salon D
6:00 PM	Auxiliary Department Executive Committee Meeting	Merritt Room
8:00 PM	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Salon D

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**

8:00 – 8:45 AM	Registration	Foyer
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies	Salon D
	Presentation of Colors	<b>Department Color Guard</b>
	Invocation – <b>Tom Honyotski</b> , Dept. Chaplain	
	Pledge of Allegiance	
	Welcome Remarks:	
	<b>Everett Shepard III</b> , Chairman Mid-Winter Conference	
	<b>Jeanne Berry</b> , Auxiliary Chairman Mid-Winter Conference	
	<b>Rich Pacino</b> , Trumbull Marriott	
	<b>Jennifer McLeod</b> , Auxiliary President	
	<b>Tom Moore</b> , Department Commander	
9:30 AM	Guest Speaker – Bill Roy, National Vice Commander	
9:45 AM	<b>Break</b>	
10:00 AM	<b>Break Out Sessions Begin</b>	
10:00 AM	Basic Elements of How to Run a Meeting – How to make motion And how they affect a meeting – Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure	Providence/Mt Pelier Room
10:00 AM	My Legion Training	Salon E/F
10:00 AM	All Things Membership	Boston/Concord/Hartford
10:00 AM	Legislative Alerts & How They Can Help Membership	Salon A,B,C

10:00 AM

Auxiliary - CPR Training Taught by Yale University

Merritt Room A

10:00 AM

Auxiliary – Fundraising – Do I Need A permit For That??

Merritt Room B

**12:00 – 1:45 PM**

**LUNCH BREAK**

***American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary  
Breakout Sessions***

1:00 PM

SSMF Training

Salon G

1:00 PM

Auxiliary – ALA MIS (Online Membership Processing)/Membership

Merritt Room A

2:00 PM

Your Post Family – A Pillar in Your Community

Providence/Mt Pelier Room

2:00 PM

My Legion Training

Salon E/F

2:00 PM

All Things Membership

Boston/Concord/Hartford

2:00 PM

Legislative Alerts & How They Can Help Membership

Salon A,B,C

2:00 PM

Auxiliary – Leadership

Merritt Room A

2:30 PM

Auxiliary – VA Cares

Merritt Room A

2:30 PM

Service Officer Training

Salon G

3:00 PM

Auxiliary – Public Relations/Branding

Merritt Room A

4:00 PM

Introduction of Candidates for Department Office

Salon D

4:00 PM

Door Prize Drawing - ***President Jenn McLeod***

4:15 PM

Door Prize Drawing - ***Commander Tom Moore  
& Treasurer Chuck Berry***

**6:00 PM**

**Fundraising Dinner Social**

**Foyer**

**6:30 PM**

**Fundraiser Dinner Buffet**

Ballroom ABCD

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**  
**Sons of The American Legion Agenda**

10:00 AM

Four Pillar Training

Salon G

11:00 AM

D.E.C. Meeting

Salon G

**12:00 – 1:45**

**LUNCH BREAK**

2:00 PM

My Legion Training

Salon E,F

2:00 PM

Your Post Family – A Pillar in Your Community

Providence/Mt. Pelier Room

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**  
**The American Legion Riders Agenda**

1:00 PM

Legion Riders Meeting

Augusta Room

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



### **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 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.

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**MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
EVALUATION FORM**

**January – 2024**

To better serve you we would appreciate your feedback on this conference.

**LOCATION/HOTEL:**

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

**CONFERENCE:**

1. Was the program interesting?
2. Did the format work? If not, what would you change?
3. Was total time allotted adequate? Would you want a longer session?
4. Was time allotted to programs enough? Too short? Too long?
5. Was the content what you were looking for, if not what would you like to see?
6. More handouts? OR Fewer handouts?
7. Would you encourage other Post leaders to attend? If not, why?

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

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

**More or Fewer Legion programs covered?**



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**MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
EVALUATION FORM**

**-TURN OVER-**

**What topics would you like to see covered that were not?**

**What topics should be dropped?**

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

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire!