

**The American Legion, Department of Connecticut
50th Annual Mid-Winter Conference**

Friday, January 31, 2025

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 – <i>Jennifer Sturgeon</i>	Salon D
7:00 PM	Auxiliary Department Executive Committee Meeting	Merritt Room
8:00 PM	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Salon D

Saturday, February 1, 2025

8:00 – 8:45 AM	Registration	Foyer
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies Legion family	Salon D
	Presentation of Colors	<i>Department Color Guard</i>
	Invocation – <i>Tom Honyotski</i> , Dept. Chaplain	
	National Anthem – <i>Erin Maloney</i>	
	Pledge of Allegiance	
	Welcome Remarks:	
	<i>Everett Shepard III</i> , Chairman Mid-Winter Conference	
	<i>Mary Gulya</i> , Auxiliary Chairman Mid-Winter Conference	
	<i>Rich Pacino</i> , Trumbull Marriott	
	<i>Charles Robbins</i> National Vice Commander	
9:30 AM	My Legion Training – <i>Sue Daigle</i> , Membership	Salon E/F
9:30 AM	<u>Post Leadership Basic Development Part 1</u> A well run Post or District – <i>Jeff DeClerck</i> Mentorship – <i>Jeff DeClerck (CT) / Drew Pajak (MA)</i>	Salon D
9:30 AM	<u>Next Generation Strategies Part 1</u> 21 st Century Strategic Plan 2024-2025 – <i>Gene Ormandy (NY) M&PA</i> Closing the Generation Gap - <i>Gene Ormandy (NY) M&PA</i>	Salon A,B,C
9:30 AM	Veteran Suicide Prevention CT Dept. of Veteran Affairs – <i>Nicole Shea (VA)</i>	Montpelier

9:30 AM SAL Training – **Steve Pintarich**, How to complete required forms Salon G

11:00 AM SAL – DEC Meeting Salon G

12:00 – 1:15 PM LUNCH BREAK

1:30 PM My Legion Training - **Sue Daigle**, Membership Salon E/F

1:30 PM Post Leadership Basic Development Part 2 Salon D
Post Membership Recruitment and Retention – **John Whetton / John Barry**
Recruitment of Volunteers - **TBD**
Saluting, Traditions and Ceremonies - **TBD**

1:30 PM Next Generation Strategies Part 2 Salon A,B,C
Buddy Checks – **Mike Kellet**
Looking Outside the Box - **Gene Ormandy (NY) M&PA**

1:30 PM Veteran Suicide Prevention CT Dept. of Veteran Affairs - **Nicole Shea (VA)** Montpelier

1:00 PM SSMF Training – **Mary-Ann Bergeron** Hartford / Concord

2:00 PM Service Officer Training **K. Robert Lewis** Hartford / Concord

4:00 PM Introduction of Candidates for Department Office Salon D

4:15 PM **Commander John DeBisschop** – Remarks

4:20 PM Door Prize Drawing - **Commander John DeBisschop**
& **Assistant Treasurer Roger Anderson**

6:00 PM Hall of Fame Dinner Social Foyer

6:30 PM Hall of Fame Dinner Buffet Ballroom ABCD