

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Connecticut



107th
DEPARTMENT
CONVENTION

The Trumbull Marriott
Hotel

Trumbull, Connecticut

JULY 10, 11, 12, 2026



Dan K Wiley (KS)
National Commander

To my fellow Legionnaires in the Department of Connecticut,

As we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, it is important to reflect on those who have made our freedom possible, the American veteran. Space does not permit to list 250 reasons why I love The American Legion, but it would not be much of a personal challenge for me to create my own register. On top of that list would be our advocacy for those who have served this country.

From the creation of the GI Bill to our current push to abolish the wounded veterans' tax by passing the Major Richard Star Act, The American Legion has always had the backs of America's veterans. Last year, American Legion-accredited service officers, including those from this department, obtained more than \$29.5 billion of benefits for deserving veterans and their families.

The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation provide vital support for military and veteran parents in unexpected financial crises and support for service officers in their tireless efforts to obtain care and due benefits and opportunities of disabled veterans and families.

Even if you can't list 250 reasons to love The American Legion as quickly as I can, you can show your support for this country and our Veterans and Children Foundation by registering for the USA 250 Challenge at www.legion.org. Anyone is welcome to participate, and the challenge can be whatever you decide. It could be walking 250 blocks, running 250 miles, making 250 buddy checks, or performing 250 hours of community service. The possibilities are endless!

In February 2026, the Department of Veterans Affairs released its annual report on veterans' suicide. While it revealed a slight reduction in the rate of veterans taking their own lives, VA still estimates it to be more than 17 per day. I have seen other estimates with much higher numbers. It is more important than ever that we each commit to The American Legion mission of "Be the One" to save one. Sign up for our free online Be the One training at www.betheone.org. If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide, I plead with you to call the 988 emergency crisis line.

I thank you for your service to America and The American Legion Family. We are better together! Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable department convention and I hope to see you at our national gathering this summer in Louisville, Ky.

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan K. Wiley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" being particularly prominent.

Dan K. Wiley
National Commander

**GREETINGS FROM
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**



**Mike Kellett (Post 16)
Department Commander**

Greetings Comrade Legionaries and Welcome to the Department Convention.

We have had an active and fluid year. I thank you all for rising to the challenges that faced us. Our department officers, committee chairs, district officers and blue cap legionaries made it happen. No matter the challenge, you ensured that our programs for God and Country were carried out in a manner consistent with the highest traditions and values of The American Legion.

I myself, have been filled with pride to represent you during our programs making a difference in the state and in our committees. I look forward to continuing our work together as I become a Past Department Commander.

I wish you all a very successful, productive and most of all FUN convention!! Enjoy the camaraderie and share ideas with each other. Together We Can Make it Happen.

Sincerely,

Mike Kellett
Department Commander
2025 - 2026

**GREETINGS FROM
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN**



**Robert Murray (Post 196)
National Executive Committeeman**

Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Fellow Legionnaires and Guests,

I am pleased to bring you the greetings of our National Commander Dan Wiley from the great state of Kansas, who welcomes you to your 107th Department of Connecticut Convention. Over the next two days you will conduct the necessary business to enable the Department of Connecticut to transition smoothly into the 2026-2027 term. You will hear reports from your various committees and commissions, who have been working continuously throughout this past year to help keep the Department going. You will also hear from a variety of guest speakers who will introduce you to topics which we hope you will find interesting. As always, your Department has put in a lot of work to make this weekend productive and enjoyable.

This promises to be a great Convention, and we hope that each one of you will return home equipped with the tools and knowledge you need to carry on the business of the American Legion at your own local Posts. To all of the newly elected officers at every position statewide I wish you great success as you begin this new phase of your journey, and to all Legionnaires everywhere I thank you for your support and membership in the world's largest and most influential veterans' organization.

Thank you all for coming and enjoy your Convention!

Robert S. Murray
National Executive Committeeman

GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT



Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Connecticut!

On behalf of the members of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Connecticut, I am honored to extend warm greetings and best wishes to everyone attending the Department of Connecticut Convention.

Congratulations to Department Commander Mike Kellett on a successful year of leadership and service. His dedication, vision, and commitment to our veterans, service members, and their families have helped strengthen our organization and the communities we serve. It has been a privilege to work alongside him throughout this year, united in our shared mission of honoring those who have worn our nation's uniform.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to all the Legionnaires across Connecticut. Thank you for your steadfast commitment to our veterans and for the many hours you dedicate to supporting them through advocacy, mentorship, community outreach, and fellowship. Whether assisting a veteran in need, welcoming a new member, supporting patriotic programs, or volunteering at events, your efforts make a lasting impact. Your service continues long after military service ends, and our veterans are better served because of your dedication.

As we gather for this convention, let us celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, renew old friendships, and look forward to the opportunities ahead. May we continue to work together in support of The American Legion's Four Pillars—Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth—while remaining focused on our shared commitment to serving those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

May this convention be filled with meaningful discussions, renewed purpose, good health, strength, and inspiration as we continue our important work. Thank you for all you do, and thank you for allowing the American Legion Auxiliary to stand beside you in service to our veterans, military members, and their families.

Wishing you a successful and memorable convention.

Yours in Service,

Kristin Jones
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Connecticut President

GREETINGS FROM PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER



Fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion,

I'm honored to be back home and being able to take part in The American Legion Department of Connecticut's annual convention. As we gather for this year's Department Convention, we are reminded of the strength that comes from unity, service, and shared purpose. This is more than a meeting – it's a celebration of our commitment to veterans, their families, and our communities.

Over the coming days, let us honor our proud traditions while embracing fresh ideas that will carry our mission forward. May our discussions be thoughtful, our decisions be wise, and our fellowship be a reminder that we are part of something greater than ourselves. Together, we can move forward and **Be The One** to strengthen our Department, by our **Loyalty, Unity, and Valor**.

Thank you for your dedication, your service, and your unwavering belief in the values we uphold. Together, we will continue to serve as a beacon of hope, honor, and patriotism.

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. LaCoursiere, Jr.".

James A. LaCoursiere, Jr.
Past National Commander

**GREETINGS FROM
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT**



Dear Delegates,

Thank you for representing the Legion Family at our Department Convention this year. Your commitment to serving veterans, military, and their families is the foundation of our organization. Your participation ensures that our mission will continue.

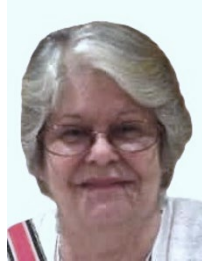
Convention is a special time for us to come together as a Department — to share ideas, elect new officers, celebrate achievements, visit with old friends, and make new ones. It is an opportunity to shape the future of our department, strengthen our programs and continue our mission

May we continue to honor the proud legacy of the Department of Connecticut — a Department known for its continued service, strong leadership, and unwavering devotion to veterans across our great state.

Thank you for all you do in service, not self.

Janet Jefford
Past National President
American Legion Auxiliary

**GREETINGS FROM
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN**



Commander Mike and Legionnaires

Thank you for your courtesies this year and wish you all the members of the Department of Connecticut a very productive and enjoyable convention. This is a time for all of us to gather to celebrate and recognize all the good work that has been done this year and a time to spend with friends new and old. Thank you for all you do for our veterans, military and their families, our youth and our communities. As we end one year of service and begin another, I wish you all great success as we continue our mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Rita M Barylski
National Executive Committeewoman

**GREETING FROM
DETACHMENT COMMANDER**



Greetings from the Detachment Commander of Connecticut, JP Licari

Welcome to the 2026 American Legion Connecticut Family Convention. The past 3 1/2 years as commander for the Sons of The American Legion has been a privilege. Representing Connecticut at many events has been an experience I will never forget, but being able to reach our goals has meant the most to me and I want to personally thank everyone for your help and support of the SAL. I want to personally thank Steve, Rich , Ron who were there to help me for the past 3 1/2 years. I look forward to working with our incoming Detachment Commander Bob Norton next year. Lastly, I would like to thank Post 12 and Commander Rich Olson for their support and help.

Sincerely,
JP Licari
Detachment Commander of Connecticut

GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION DIRECTORS

Congratulations to Commander Mike Kellett and his officers on their successful year of service to the Department. Welcome to the 2026 Annual Connecticut American Legion Department Convention. Thank you very much for participating in the very important business of our great organization. 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. Special thanks to Butch Hansen for his continued management.

Everett Shepard
American Legion
Dept. Convention Director

Commander Mike and all assembled,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 107th Annual Department Convention of the American Legion. The convention committee has planned an interesting, informative weekend. Commander, I wish you a very successful, fun convention. Thank you for serving this year. I appreciate the convention committee you appointed; it was a pleasure working with them.

Best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Karen Thompson
Karen Thompson
American Legion Auxiliary
Department Convention Chairman

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION COMMITTEE THE AMERICAN LEGION

Director.....	Everett Shepard
Adjutant.....	Michael Wright
Treasurer.....	DJ Ginter
Members.....	John Hart, Dawn Applegate William Gibbs, Michael Mitchell

CONVENTION SUB-COMMITTEES

Program.....	Michael Wright
Badges.....	Ella Sullins, Sue Daigle
Budget.....	David "DJ" Ginter
Installation Reception.....	Harry Hasnen
Registration.....	David "DJ" Ginter

Officer	Name
Department Commander	Mike Kellett
Dept. Sr. Vice Commander	Mike Mitchell
Vice Commander (1 st)	Peter Lund
Vice Commander (2 nd)	Bruce Carlson
Vice Commander (3 rd)	David Meade
Vice Commander (4 th)	Johnathon Whetton
Vice Commander (5 th)	Sandra Spedaliere
Vice Commander (6 th)	Sharon Benway
Vice Commander (7 th)	Vincent Bystrek
Adjutant	Michael Wright
Treasurer	
Asst. Treasurer	David Ginter
Judge Advocate	Brett Connolly
Chaplain	Thomas Honyotski
Historian	
Service Officer	K Robert Lewis
Asst. Service Officer	Roberto Rodriguez
National Executive Committeeman	Robert Murray
Alt. Nat'l Exec. Committeeman	Jeff DeClerck
Imd. Past Commander	John DeBisschop III
Sgt. at Arms	John Hart
Asst Sgt at Arms	Dawn Applegate
Asst Sgt at Arms	William Gibbs

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN		
Joseph Haney	1st	Lee Wilson
Vacant	2nd	Dawn Applegate
Rich Olsen	3rd	Paul Niche
John Morin	4th	Marc Ledoux
Dennis Lisee	5th	Vincent Adamski
Jamie Brandt	6th	Barbara LaMontagne
Jack Scherban	7th	Robert Washington

107th DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF
CONNECTICUT**

Friday, July 10, 2026

7:30 A.M. **REGISTRATION** Hotel Foyer

9:00 A.M. **OPENING SESSION** Salon DEFG

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tom Honyotski (Post 17)
Department Chaplin

**APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION
COMMITTEES**

PRESENTATION – POST AWARDS part I

10:00 A.M. **HOW TO PREVENT FRAUD AND SCAMS**
John Wilson
Volunteer State President, AARP

11:30 P.M. **Introduction of Youth Leaders**

Department Oratorical Winner
Bruce Carlson (Post 25) Director

Department Eagle Scout of The Year
Chris Sweetwood (Post 196) Director

American Legion Baseball
Dave Greenleaf (Post 2) Director

Boy's State Governor and Leaders
Dave Greenleaf (Post 2) Director
State Police Youth Week
Steve Pintarich (Post 72) Director

12:00 P.M. **BREAK FOR LUNCH**

1:00 P.M. **CALL TO ORDER**

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

American Legion Auxiliary
Department Officers

Kristin Jones, Department President
Rita Barylski, National Executive Committeewoman
Mary Gulya, Distinguished Guest Chairman
Karen Thompson, Convention Director
Julie Carney, Department Sgt-at-Arms

GUEST SPEAKER

Chris Conner, MD/PhD
Director of Functional Neurosurgery
Asst. Prof, Dept Neurosurgery
University of Connecticut Health

PRESENTATION – POST AWARDS part II

GUEST SPEAKERS / EXHIBITORS

Steve Pintarich (Post 72)**
State Police Youth Week

Todd Kean
Wellcare/Medicare/Medicaid

John Wilson
AARP

PRESENTATION – POST AWARDS part III

GUEST SPEAKERS / EXHIBITORS

Loren Webber**
Red Cross – Armed Forces/Community

PRESENTATION – POST AWARDS part IV

GUEST SPEAKERS / EXHIBITORS

Christine Pittsley
Co-Chair CT Vets 250

BENEDICTION:

7:00 P.M. Hospitality Room – Salon A,B,C

Saturday, July 11, 2026

7:30 A.M. **REGISTRATION**

Foyer

9:00 A.M. **OPENING SESSION**

Salon DEFG

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Kellett (Post 16)
Department Commander

INVOCATION:

Tom Honyotski (Post 17)
Department Chaplin

CALL TO CONVENTION:

Harry R Hansen Jr, PDC (Post 165)
Acting Department Adjutant

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Mike Kellett (Post 16)
Department Commander

Everett Shepard (Post 111)
Convention Director

Summer Schiappacasse
Trumbull Marriott Hotel

REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

Rules Committee:

Credentials Committee:

Constitution & By-laws Committee

Resolutions Committee:

GUEST SPEAKER

Amy Famaglietti
FUN DRIVE PROGRAM
Savers Marketing Coordinator

Jeff DeClerck (Post 91)
VJ Day Parade

PRESENTATION SPECIAL DEPARTMENT AWARDS
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Tom Honyotski (Post 17)
Awards Committee Chairman

District Commander of the Year Award

Law Enforcement Officer of The Year Award

Police Department of the Year Award

Fire Fighter of the Year Award

Fire Department of the Year Award

John LaFontaine Emergency Services Person of the Year Award

Legionnaire of the Year Award

DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM AWARD 2026

Paul Niche (Post 86)
Americanism Chairman

FEATURED SPEAKER

Department of Veterans Affairs

Public Affairs Office

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER:

David “DJ” Ginter (Post 105) Department Assistant Treasurer

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR, Soldier’, Sailors’ and Marines Fund:

David “DJ” Ginter Assistant Administrator

GUEST SPEAKER

Christine Pittsley
Co-Chair CT Vets 250

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER

K. Robert Lewis (Post 128)
Department Service Officer

12:00 P.M. **BREAK FOR LUNCH**

1:30 P.M. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mike Kellett (Post 16)
Department Commander

**INTRODUCTION OF
PAST
DEPARTMENT
COMMANDERS**

Harry Hansen, President
Past Department Commanders Club

FINAL REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

Rules Committee:

Credentials Committee:

Constitution & By-laws Committee

Resolutions Committee

RATIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDERS'

RATIFICATION OF DEPT. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

RATIFICATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENT
COMMANDER
Mike Kellett**

**ELECTION OF 2026-2027
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

**ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING:

ATTENDANCE PRIZES:

BENEDICTION:

RETIRING OF COLORS:

Department Color Guard

ADJOURNMENT: *Sine Dei*

6:00 PM – END OF YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER



CONVENTION PROGRAM
SONS of THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT CONVENTION

Saturday, July 11, 2026

9:00 AM Opening with T.A.L

10:00 AM S.A.L. Elections

11:00 AM Post Convention D.E.C.

12:00 Lunch

**The Department Executive
Committee will meet Sunday
July 12, 2026, at 9:00 AM
Concord/Hartford Room**

**PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL COMMANDER**

Arthur J. Connell (1954)
James A. LaCoursiere (2025)

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 (2019)

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Fr. Robert G. Keating (1962)

NATIONAL HISTORIAN

W. Frazier Brinley (2005)
Edward DeGumbia (2024)

NATIONAL SGT-AT-ARMS

Everett G. Shepard III (2025)

*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. Garriss.....	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
2021-22	Jeffrey DeClerck	Moosup
2022-23	Richard Linnon	Newington
2023-24	Thomas K. Moore	Fairfield
2024-25	John F. DeBisschop III	Naugatuck

*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

**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 TED GRAZIANI
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 DANN POMPA
2021 NO AWARD
2022 LT. GOVERNOR SUSAN BYSIEWICZ

2023 CT STATE TROOPER KYLE KAELEBERER
2024 JEFFREY DEWITT
2025 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.*