



American Legion
Department of Vermont
Monthly Bulletin

April 2022

"For God and Country"



DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT COMMANDER

Catherine M. Jester

- Middlebury Post 27 – at 229 members, 100.66% (Quota 227)
- Bradford Post 20 – at 38 members, 100% (Quota 38)
- Cecil A Davis Post 17 – at 17 members 100% (Quota 17)
- Martin-Fales Post 43 – at 18 members 100% (Quota 18)

It is that time of year for elections and installations. As required by the action of the 13th National Convention of The American Legion, the service records of elected officers at Post, County, and District levels must be reviewed and certified to ensure their eligibility for Legion membership and service in an official capacity. The Department of Vermont does this with the completion of the Installation Form. Installation forms can be found at vtlegion.org or contact your District Commander or Department. Posts should be working with their District Commander to schedule your posts installations today. Al-

so, Post Officers are required to submit a DD214 to Department to verify eligibility.

It is hard to believe that it has been 10 months since I was elected as Department Commander. Annual Convention is around the corner and here are a few reasons you should attend Annual Convention

- ◆ Make a difference - Bringing back the information, contacts and energy to your post will have a profound impact on your mission. Make a difference at your post by attending State Convention!
- ◆ Meet new friends and reconnect with old friends
- ◆ Vote for leadership
- ◆ Each post has a voice in the voting process through their delegates. Every vote matters, so show up to vote! No delegate present, no vote listed for your post.
- ◆ Have your voice heard

The 2022 Department Convention is going to be held at the Double-

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Legionnaires,

So far this year we have recruited 231 new legion members and are at little over 8,500 members. The sad part is we have 1,084 legionnaires that were members last year but have not yet paid their membership for 2022. Review your *mylegion* reports and connect with your delinquent members. Members, check your legion membership card. If it is 2021 you are one of the 1,084 unpaid members.

Congratulations to the posts that have achieved 100 percent membership!

- Mc Bride Harwood Post 44 – at 26 members, 130 % (Quota 20)
- Creller-Landon Inc Post 60 – at 85 members, 102.41 % (Quota 83)



PAUL E. DILLARD

NATIONAL COMMANDER

AMERICAN LEGION



Our commitment to children and youth remains strong

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

April is a time when many of us look forward to annual American Legion youth programs. Among the highlights are the National Oratorical Finals in Indianapolis, April 23-24. Following close behind are summer programs like American Legion Baseball, Junior Shooting Sports, Boys State and Boys Nation, and others that help create the leaders of tomorrow.

The oratorical finals will feature 49 American Legion department oratorical youth winners who will speak on the U.S. Constitution and compete for over \$203,000 in scholarships. For the past 84 years, The American Legion has supported today's young people as we observe April as Children & Youth Month. Throughout this month, American Legion Family members show their local communities our commitment to young people by hosting youth activities, promoting the many American Legion youth programs, or by becoming involved in programs and organizations that support young people. For even more ideas, check out The

American Legion's [April Is Children & Youth Month brochure](#).

But, as you know, Children & Youth is one of the Four Pillars from which The American Legion was built. Our founders envisioned a veterans service organization that would prioritize mentoring youths in numerous ways.

I believe they would be proud of the work we do to improve the lives of youths in our communities. And that dedication can be found not just in April, but every single day on the calendar.

Here are some ways that American Legion Family members can fulfill their commitment to the youth in their communities:

- [Register for the third annual 100 Miles for Hope](#), which runs through Sept. 5. Proceeds from registrations and donations go directly to The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, which supports our Temporary Financial Assistance program that ensures children of active-duty military servicemembers and Legionnaires are taken care of during an unexpected family financial crisis. As part of 100 Miles for Hope, you can also create fitness opportunities for youths [like this post in Virginia did last year](#).

- Host an arts and craft day, community picnic with relay races

and face painting, organize a nature hike, or help plant a community garden.

- Reach out to the local schools to see if you can teach flag etiquette, share what the flag means and why we recite the Pledge of Allegiance to youth in the classroom.

- Organize a community dinner at the post to raise funds for the Child Welfare Foundation. The CWF has provided more than \$19 million in grants since 1954 to non-profits that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of the children and youth of this country.

It's through The American Legion that youth can learn patriotism, respect for the American flag and experience what it means to serve their communities. The American Legion is where families go to feel a sense of community and give back to those that gave us our freedom. It's another way that we are ...

Veterans Strengthening America.

For God and Country,

Paul E. Dillard

National Commander

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National Commander of The American Legion

Tree by Hilton in South Burlington. For reservations, call (802) 865-5500.

Thank you to all of the hospitality shown to me over the course of the last two months. I have enjoyed attending numerous birthday celebrations, visiting posts membership meetings and other events.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For God and Country,
 Catherine M. Tester
 Department Commander



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SUICIDE

If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal thoughts, please call the crisis line at 1-800-273-8255, press 1 for veterans. You could also text at **838255**.



Commander Tester's Motto for the year:

*"Have a goal for tomorrow,
 A plan for today,
 And remember the lessons of yesterday."*

Come Celebrate!



JOIN US FOR A TESTIMONIAL BBQ DINNER, AND DANCE
CELEBRATING DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CATHERINE TESTER

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Let's celebrate!

JOIN US FOR A FUN AND ENTERTAINING EVENING!

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Crippen Fellows Post 50

cordially invites you to attend a BBQ Dinner & Dance celebrating

Commander Catherine Tester
as Department Commander 2021/2022

Saturday, May 21, 2022 • 4:15 p.m.

American Legion Crippen Fellows Post 50
378 Route 4A, Castleton

Appetizers/no-host bar 4:15 p.m. • Opening ceremonies & dinner 5:00 p.m.

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Menu

Tossed salad, corn bread, BBQ chicken breasts, sliced beef brisket,
potato salad, baked beans, and dessert.

Dance to the 60's cover band The Throwbacks starting at 7:00 p.m.
\$25 per person dinner/dance • \$10 per person dance only

Checks can be mailed to:
Castleton American Legion Post 50, P.O. Box 355, Bomoseen, VT 05732

RSVP by May 15

802-468-8962 • post50vt@gmail.com



Ready or not, some

day it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days.

All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten will pass to someone else.

It won't matter where you came from, or what rank, status, or battles you fought in.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear.

So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire.

Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter?

How will the value of your days be measured?

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Tom Scanlon

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built.

Not what you got, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but rather your significance.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character. What will matter is every act of integrity, courage and compassion that you displayed.

What will matter is that you brought honor to your branch of service, while inspiring others by your example.

What will matter is that you bore criticism with dignity, and faced danger without hesitation, to right wrongs, while upholding our Constitution.

What will matter is that your service with honor, provided safety and security.

What will matter is not how many people you knew, but, by how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter are not your memories, but rather, in those memories of ones whose lives you touched, loved, and protected.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered, but by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

(Adapted for military veterans and The American Legion, by Tom Scanlon, Department of Vermont, with permission of the author, Michael Josephson)

Veterans Inquiring About Assistance

Vermont Residents

Please contact Rhonda at the Department of Vermont Veterans Affairs at 802-828-3379 or for additional information visit their website at: <https://veterans.vermont.gov/office-veterans-affairs/office-veterans-affairs-staff>

New Hampshire Residents

Please contact The Department of New Hampshire American Legion Service Officer, Michael Hartt at 603-222-5786 or for additional information visit their website at: <https://legionnh.org/page/content/services/department-service-officer>

If you have general questions, please contact The American Legion Department headquarters at 802-233-7131 or email at alvthq@talofvt.com during regular business hours



NORTHERN AREA COMMANDER

Mark Cloutier

Welcome fellow Legionnaires.

Spring is finally upon us and up here in the NEK that also brings Mud Season, and it has been a rough one this year. Need to invest in a mouth guard just to come up the road so you don't shatter your teeth. With all the potholes and the deep ruts, it makes it rough.

Hard to believe that there is only 3 months until Summer Convention and with that means a new slate of officers. I'm sure you all have seen endorsements that have been in the bulletin, but I would just like to mention that I will be

running for SR Vice at convention and appreciate all the support that you can give me.

Now is the time that posts should be having their post officer Nominations, Elections and then Installations. It is important that posts hold Officer Installations. Please remember to have your District Commanders do you installations and if your District Commander isn't available, your County Commanders can take care of installations. If they aren't available, please let me know and I will be happy to install your officers.

It is also time to submit your Post Consolidated Reports. The easiest way to complete these in by doing them on mylegion.org. They are now available to fill out and submit. Every post should have re-

ceived the paper form along with your children and youth forms. It is very important that these are filled out and turned in. I know that we have been in the middle of a pandemic but there should still be some information to put on you reports.

Be safe and stay healthy!

I can be reached at **802-371-8097**, by email post7adj@gmail.com, or just shoot me a message on Facebook.

Mark Cloutier

Northern Area Commander, Department of Vermont
For God and Country

Save The Date Department Annual Convention

Mark your calendars and begin planning to attend The American Legion Department of Vermont's 103rd Convention, **June 23 - 25, 2022**. The Double Tree by Hilton in South Burlington has been selected as the site location.

The cost of rooms will be \$179.99 plus tax and Banquet on Friday evening will be \$35 per person. More information on when you can reserve your room and banquet tickets will be forthcoming in the March Bulletin





DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

Brian Markwell

What Is a Person's Legacy?

By Mary Gormandy White

Communication Expert

Accomplishments

The things a person accomplishes throughout life form the basis of the individual's legacy. A person's legacy of accomplishments isn't just about winning awards and coming out ahead. It includes all kinds of accomplishments, such as successfully overcoming adversity, [raising resilient children](#), excelling as a [leader](#), creating [inventions](#) or innovations, and much more. The things a person does and achieves throughout a lifetime form a powerful legacy that others will remember about them.

Impact on Others

The influence an individual has on others is also an important aspect of legacy. People who set positive examples for others through their actions and words can leave a powerful legacy of good deeds and appropriate behavior. Parents and grandparents greatly impact their children, helping to mold their beliefs about [family values](#) and love from an early age that will impact them and future generations. Those who exhibit bravery leave a legacy of selflessness and courage. Everyone impacts and influences other people in some way, including friends, acquaintance, coworkers, neighbors. People can also leave an impact on the larger community, such as

through [serving on a nonprofit organization's advisory board](#).

Doing Good Deeds

The good works that a person does throughout life can establish a legacy of kindness, generosity, and social responsibility. From helping others who are less fortunate or in a vulnerable population, those who do good works throughout their lives establish a positive legacy that helps make life better for others. From [volunteering](#) to acts of kindness to charitable organizations or individuals in need, there are countless ways that good deeds leave a mark on the world

Sharing Resources

Speaking of good deeds, the resources a person shares also impact the individual's legacy. People who generously share their time, talent, or expertise are creating a positive legacy of sharing resources for the good of others and the greater good.

Legacy Isn't Always Positive

Keep in mind that a person's legacy isn't always positive. An individual who behaves in unethical ways to get ahead without concern for others will leave behind a very different legacy than an individual who lives a good life characterized by high moral standards and concern for others. People are well-served to remember that everything they do in life works together to create the overall mark they'll leave on the world. When making choices be-

tween right and wrong, a person who chooses to do what is right is forming a positive legacy while those who make decisions that are unethical or otherwise wrong are laying the groundwork for a negative legacy.

The above edited article was found online, and I thought as a volunteer organization, was very applicable to our many volunteers and their efforts to support our Legion family. Because of all the great work our volunteers are doing, I'm sure many people will leave behind a very favorable legacy.

This is the time of the year, if your post hasn't done so already, to check the status of those members for whom the post pays their memberships. If you use a cutoff age like 80, make sure you have checked those who may have advanced into this window. Or past post commanders or other individuals in your post who now fall into this category who might have been overlooked. One or two members per post across the entire state can make a big difference. That last 100 may be easier to make than anyone could have ever expected. Keep up the good work in making those goals throughout the year.

For God and Country

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Markwell
Dept Adjutant



DISTRICT THREE COMMANDER

Joe Zickmund

Happy Spring! This is the time of year that we start seeing more activity in our neighborhoods, communities, towns, and of course - our post homes. What a great opportunity to make a difference and to be of service. With the longer and warmer days, there surely will be an event coming up that supports your Post. When seeking volunteers, let's remember to reach out to the membership, not just the few members who regularly visit the social quarters but the whole membership. I bet if they knew there was a need, they would gladly help. There is no greater way to bolster membership renewals than to include and engage your mem-

bers. Sure, a passive sign-up sheet is easy, but is it what's best for our members? Is it the best way to encourage our members to play a part? Is it what's best for the sustainability and growth of our American Legion? Something to think about.

Many District 3 Posts will have Post Officer elections over the next few months – please let me know when you schedule your installation and I will do my very best to be there. An opportunity for me to be of service to you.

My best,

Joe Zickmund



ADDISON COUNTY COMMANDER

Alan M. Smith

Congratulations Middlebury Post 27 for meeting and exceeding their quota. Now is the time for the other two posts to give that final push to try to meet quota.

In contacting unpaid members I often get the response, the Legion doesn't do anything for me so why should I join? I have found that listing all of the benefits available to them does not convince them most of the time. I have found that telling them that by joining the Legion you are helping your fellow veterans just as you did when you were serving gets a better response.

Now is the time to start compiling the information you need for your Consolidated Post Reports, if you need help give me a call.

We plan on having a booth at Addison County Field Days, if you are interested in helping contact me or Karlene Devine.

Thanks to Post 27 for the hospitality and the meal at your Birthday dinner. (Well Done)

If any members of Vergennes Post 14 are interested in becoming an officer contact your Post Adjutant for more information.



DISTRICT FIVE COMMANDER

Lew Graham

Greetings to District 5 Legionnaires,
I am happy to be back from the wilds of Florida, but the below zero weather is a bit to come back to. It is great to see District 5 is still working hard on membership. There are only a few percentage points between us and the District leader, about sixty-five members for us. Keep up the good work.
Spring is coming, Let's get out and plan some Memorial Day events or join up with our Auxiliary and Sons and Riders members and hand out poppies at a local Tractor Supply or grocery store. Seeing us together really gets the word out that the Legion Family is here to help our veterans. There have been many Vermont soldiers who have returned from deployment just since January who may not even know that we are there for them and their families.
This is a TED talk worth listening to. Really listening to. It is seven years old, but it may be even more true than it was then.

https://www.ted.com/talks/sebastian_junger_our_lonely_society_makes_it_hard_to_come_home_from_war Maybe we can take something from it and find a way to build post events that can bring the whole Legion Family to focus on ways that really make a difference, that help veterans have a world they can really come home to. Please, think about it.

On a lighter note, check with your Auxiliary. Many have just had or are coming up to their 100th birthday. We can't do without them! Surely there's something to do to recognize their legacy of support and let them know they are appreciated.

For God and Country
Lew Graham
District 5 Commander



CALEDONIA COUNTY COMMANDER

David W. Perron

June is around the corner start thinking and planning for Convention.

Membership starts with you!!!!!! Let's make are Post stronger and healthy. Everyone's job!!!!!!

Keep up the good work with all actives throughout all Post.

Please let me know if I can do anything to help with anything you folks need.

COUNTY COMMANDERS- let's get out there and finish up the evaluations and please let me know your status.

Membership, Membership WE CAN DO THIS.

Thank you all for serving.

Contact #'s Home-525-3895 Cell 272-2793

Perrondavid323@yahoo.com

David W Perron

Caledonia Country Commander

Consolidated Reports (CPR)

The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) was established in 1975 in order to assist departments in the documentation of the various activities a specific post has done during the twelve-month reporting period, June 1 through May 31. The CPR may be the most beneficial document the post will complete. The post's information, combined with that of other posts, is used when the National Commander and others testify on Capitol Hill as mandated by our federal charter. Each post has a story to tell and when we speak collectively our strength is magnified.. Consolidated Post Reports show the many

ways Legionnaires are making differences in their communities and beyond. **Has your Post filled out their consolidated report?** American Legion posts around the world gave millions of hours, raised millions of dollars and influenced millions of lives in 2017 and 2018. In addition to traditional paper reporting, posts can fill out and submit their forms online through myLegion.org, the members-only area of the national website.



Post Commander
Laura Flint

NICE EVENT

By Victor Stone
Department Historian

On Sunday March 20th Middlebury Post #27 celebrated their 103rd year as an American Legion Post with a birthday party banquet. Laura Flint, Post Commander, hosted the event and presented a number of awards: Citizen of the Year (Corry Pratt), Fire Fighter of the Year (Dusty Huestis) and Post #27 Volunteers of the Year (Bill and Anne Boutwell). Distinguished American Legion guests included Dept. Commander Cathy Tester, Sr. Vice Commander Tom Scanlon and NECman and PDC Ron LaRose. After a delicious meal, Commander Tester gave a short address congratulating Post #27 for their long and faithful service to the Community and to the American Legion in Vermont. In all, a good time was had by all.

Neither here nor there:

Lake Bomoseen is the largest body of water lying wholly in Vermont

In 1942 Vermont still had 1000 miles of marked bridle trails for moving about the State

80 years ago there were 3,851 members of the American Legion in Vermont

The 1942 VT AL Annual Convention was held in Rutland on July 24-26



BOYS STATE CHAIRMAN

Dave Cobb

April, 2022

Fellow Legionnaires:

Arrangements are well underway for Boys' State 2022! There's a great deal of logistics that go into organizing and running the program. We'd like to thank those who take an active role in making this American Legion program a special and worthwhile experience for the delegates.

The local Legion Posts: through your support, delegates learn about Boys' State, Legion family programs, and receive the financial support that makes it all possible. Thank you for returning calls and e-mails when we contact you looking for support and ideas.

Vermont public and private high schools – Administrators and counselors provide information and nominate their students for participation. We are fortunate to have partners who promote our American Legion Family programs.

Vermont's legislature and state officials: A special note is the involvement of the members of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of government. Members take an active role in the planning and implementation of the program. Many legislators volunteer as speakers and resources for the delegates when Boys' State is in session. Their participation is invaluable to the reality and relevance of the program.

The staff at Northern Vermont University – Lyndon: The staff at NVU works with the delegates and staff to provide a great location, and clean, safe facilities for meetings and recreation events.

The Staff: Without our volunteer staff, there is no Boys' State. The staff provides guidance, support, and encouragement while they work with the delegates to make the week a special one.

Finally – The American Legion - Department of Vermont staff: Thank you for everything that is done through the Department

HQ. Going beyond helping with mailings and printing, the office is the glue that helps me hold everything together.

Stay tuned for more information about Legion Recognition Night on Wednesday, June 22nd. We should be OK to return to hosting in-person with our band concert and delegate inauguration.

When you receive this newsletter message, we will be in the final stages of recruiting delegates for 2022. May 15 is the deadline for applications to be forwarded to me. Thank you for all your support – for what you have done and will do in the future. Together, Everyone Achieves More. Thanks for being part of the Team.

For God and Country,

Dave Cobb

Director, GMBS

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

2022 STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

DOUBLETREE by HILTON, Williston Rd., SO. BURLINGTON VT

Friday, June 24, 2022
COCKTAILS – 6:00 P.M.
DINNER – 6:30 P.M.



Tuscan Chicken or Sliced Roast Beef with Herb Demi

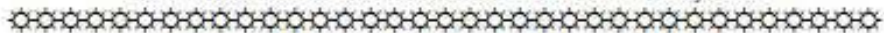
The above will be served with Fresh Tossed Garden Salad (Rolls and Butter,
Roasted Red Potatoes, Penne Pasta with Red Sauce, Seasonal Roasted Vegetables,
Chef's Choice Dessert Table – Coffee, Tea and Lemonade
\$35.00 per person – All Inclusive

Make Checks Payable to American Legion Department of Vermont and

SEND CHECKS TO:

Dept. HQ, P.O. Box 396, Montpelier, VT 05601-0396

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS: June 10, 2022



PLEASE RESERVE: # _____ Banquet Tickets

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NAME: _____ Post/Squadron/Unit: _____

(Circle Legion Sons of the American Legion Auxiliary)

**The American Legion – Department of Vermont
103rd State Convention**

Hello there!

We're glad you can join us for your 2022 State Convention.

We have rooms reserved at DoubleTree by Hilton Burlington Vermont for June 23, 2022 through June 26, 2022. Booking is simple, go to <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-mv-event/americanlegionsummer2022/> or call us at 1-802-865-6600

We're looking forward to seeing you in June!



Book Your Room

Event dates: June 23, 2022 - June 26, 2022

Book by: May 29, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton Burlington Vermont

Address: 870 Williston Road, South Burlington, VT 05403USA

Rooms & Rates

- 2 Double Beds - \$179.00
- 1 King Bed - \$179.00

DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER

The American Legion Department of Vermont is seeking applications from candidates interested in this part-time salaried position located at the VA Hospital in White River Junction, VT.

The DSO, who is an employee of the Vermont American Legion, is responsible for keeping a complete file of all laws and VA Regulations pertaining to veterans' benefits and a current file of all veterans for whom the office holds Power of Attorney, and a complete set of applications for benefits received from clients.

The DSO will advise and assist veterans or their dependents presenting claims for disability, compensation, death, insurance, pensions, State and local laws, evaluates and determines validity of claims by reviewing legislation, regulations and precedents and by studying veterans medical reports and service briefs, and will assemble pertinent evidence. The DSO will request hearings before proper government boards and orally presents briefs and reviews board decisions to decide whether an appeal is warranted.

The DSO serves as the Department Child Welfare Director, administers child welfare and rehabilitation funds according to the needs of deserving veterans and their families within the total amount authorized by the Department Finance Committee.

The DSO maintains and makes distribution of grants from the Vermont Legion Family Assistance Fund.

Assists and trains post service officers with current activities and legislation. Participates in post and civil functions such as panel discussions and speeches to inform the public with of services rendered, rights and benefits of veterans and dependents. Supervises and controls the operation of the Department Service office.

The Department of Vermont is an equal opportunity employer and is looking for a critical thinker who is service-minded, trustworthy, and ethical. Will hire for ability and character, and will train for skills. Certification is required upon completion of training.

Interested American Legion members, or veterans who are eligible for membership in the American Legion, should submit a letter of interest, resume and other credentials to: The Department Adjutant, P.O. Box 396, Montpelier, VT 05601-0396. A background check is required for this position.

103rd National Convention



THE 103RD NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN - AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2022. SAVE THE DATE! TO CHECK OUT WHAT IS ALREADY PLANNED GO TO WWW.LEGION.ORG/CONVENTION/RESOURCES. NOMINATIONS FOR ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION HAPPEN AT THE JUNE CONVENTION.





**“SPONSOR A HOLE”
CEDAR KNOLLS COUNTRY CLUB
2022 ANNUAL CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT**

PROUDLY SPONSORS
THIS HOLE

Your Department of Vermont is again sponsoring the Annual Golf Tournament this year, to be held at Cedar Knolls Country Club, Hinesburg, VT. We are asking, as a fund-raiser, to have all the Post’s sponsor a hole; whether it be the American Legion Family, Post and Auxiliary, Post and Sons, or whatever mixture you would like.

You may want to sponsor a hole in Memoria or thank you to a special Veteran. Whatever the case may be, we would appreciate your participation. The Legion Riders may want to get involved also. Kindly submit \$100.00 to Department of Vermont, earmarked for Golf, NLT May 31, 2022.

All proceeds will go to Veterans Programs. Alter the above block to suit your needs. You can also call Melodie at HQ’s, tell her what you want on your placard and pay by credit card over the phone.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Brian Markwell, Dept. Adjutant



THE DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT PRESENTS
THE AMERICAN LEGION ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
JUNE 23, 2022, SHOTGUN START 8:00 A.M.
GET YOUR TEAM ORGANIZED AND REGISTERED EARLY
CEDAR KNOLL GOLF CLUB
\$80.00 PER PERSON/4 PERSON TEAMS/\$320.00 PER TEAM

PLAYER 1 _____ AL/AUX/SAL/RIDER _____ POST _____
PLAYER 2 _____ AL/AUX/SAL/RIDER _____ POST _____
PLAYER 3 _____ AL/AUX/SAL/RIDER _____ POST _____
PLAYER 4 _____ AL/AUX/SAL/RIDER _____ POST _____

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AND CHECK TO DON TETREULT,
70 SOUTHVIEW DRIVE, NO. BENNINGTON, VT 05257 PRIOR TO
JUNE 16, 2022 (CUTOFF DATE)
BARBEQUE AT THE END OF THE ROUND

Vermont Delegation Meets the National Commander

On Thursday June 7, The Department of New York, 3rd & 4th District, invited a delegation from Vermont to a banquet held for National Commander, Paul Dillard, who was visiting their state. It was a fantastic evening with delicious, food, meeting the National Commander, and great comradery with our Brothers and Sisters from New York.



L-R: Dist. 4 Sgt-at-Arms Richard Baptie, PDC Dave Woodard, Sr. Vice Comm. Tom Scanlon, Dept. Commander Catherine Tester, National Commander Paul Dillard, Dept. Sgt-at-Arms Silas Loomis, Dept Adjutant Brian Markwell, Post 36 Commander Fred Wilson, SONS Rep. Bruce Paquin. Not pictured; Auxiliary Dept. Sgt-at-Arms John Tester.



U.S. Marines (including Dept. Commander Tester), in attendance at the banquet met a fellow Marine who was injured in the Iraq/Afghanistan conflict. He was a special guest at the dinner.



Commander Tester presenting Nat. Commander Dillard with some Vermont goodies.

Commander Tester presenting a fellow Marine her Commander's pin.



L-R: Richard Baptie, Catherine Tester, Brian Markwell, PDC Dave Woodard.



L-R: Sr. Vice Commander Tom Scanlon, Dept. Commander Catherine Tester, Nat. Commander Paul Dillard, Auxiliary Dept. Sgt-at-Arms John Tester.

National Commander Paul Dillard addressing the banquet attendees



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White River Jct., Vermont

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Benefits

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**ENDORSEMENTS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
YEAR: 2022 - 2023**

The Legionnaires listed below have been endorsed for the following offices

OFFICE OF:	LEGIONNAIRE	SPONSORING POST
DEPT. COMMANDER	THOMAS SCANLON	27
SR. VICE COMMANDER	MARK CLOUTIER	07
NO. AREA COMMANDER	LOU FURRY	07
SO. AREA COMMANDER	WILLIAM FERMAN LEWIS GRAHAM	49 36
1 ST DISTRICT COMMANDER	JESSICA PATENAUDE	91
2 ND DISTRICT COMMANDER	DAVID PERRON	30
3 RD DISTRICT COMMANDER	JOE ZICKMUND	10
4 TH DISTRICT COMMANDER	WILLIAM BROTHERS	49
5 TH DISTRICT COMMANDER		
ADDISON COUNTY COMMANDER		
BENNINGTON COUNTY COMMANDER		
CHITTENDEN COUNTY COMMANDER	RICHARD WEST	91
CALEDONIA COUNTY COMMANDER	ANGELA MARSHALL	58
ESSEX COUNTY COMMANDER		
FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMANDER		
LAMOILLE COUNTY COMMANDER		
ORANGE COUNTY COMMANDER		
ORLEANS COUNTY COMMANDER		
RUTLAND COUNTY COMMANDER		
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMANDER		
WINDHAM COUNTY COMMANDER		
WINDSOR COUNTY COMMANDER		
DEPT. FINANCE OFFICER		
NECman		
ALT. NECman		

POST EVERLASTING

THETFORD, JAMES G	03
COOK, LAWRENCE H	05
CARR, HORACE J	11
GUETTI, LAWRENCE	13
HURLEY, JR NORMAN E	13
KING, JAMES D	13
PEAT, JR WILLIAM	13
TOFTNESS, WILLIAM	13
MAYS, ROBERT W	13
SLATE, SR ARTHUR	15
ROYER, PHILLIP	23
GILFILLAN, RAYMOND N	23
JILLSON, JR ERNEST E	24
KELLEY, PAUL	25
PERRY, EVANS J	25
VESPER, WILLIAM T	51
PRIOR, ARNOLD K	51
WELSH, JR RALPH B	69
LORIMER, BRUCE E	76
DAVIS, FRED	80
FERGUSON, ALFRED R	88
PRATT, II ANSON N	90
BUSHEY, WILLARD	91
BRUNELLE, ROBERT	91
SWAN, ROBERT K	91
ALLARD, PAUL E	91
BURNS, ALFRED B	100



“Whereas, we humbly bow to the will of Devine Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts the memory of distinguished service to our country and outstanding contributions to American Legion comradeship. The American Legion does mourn the passing of these comrades. “



Department
Commander
Catherine M. Tester

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S PROJECT

*Preserving a piece of the
Veterans Home history*

Project: To build a permanent structure to house the original chapel bell at the Vermont Veterans Home.

Goal: To raise \$15,000.00 for this project.

History: The Vermont Veterans Home came into being in 1884. In 1890, a chapel was built entirely with donations from the Grand Army of the Republic. The bell for the chapel was donated by Major A. B. Valentine, a prominent businessman in Bennington at this time.

During the period 1967 - 1976, several renovations and building projects were completed and the original chapel was taken down. A new chapel was built along with a large community room. The Chapel Bell was kept but not built into the new chapel. Instead, it was affixed to a 4' high wooden post structure and parked outside the chapel building. Over the years, the Bell had rusted badly and was in poor condition.



In 2016, the Bennington Rotary Club arranged for the Bell to be refurbished. The metal pitting was repaired, and the Bell proper was repaired and resurfaced. However, it still resides atop the 4' wooden posts and is now placed at the memorial area on the Home grounds. This method of display leaves the Bell open to the elements and more evidence of metal pitting and deterioration of the Bell proper is occurring.

The Plan: The project entails the Bell being removed from the wooden posts and placed in a permanent structure that would protect it from the elements and place it on display with a plaque giving the history of the Chapel Bell.

The structure will be placed in the grassy area just in front of the main entrance of the Veterans Home and resemble the original architecture of the Veterans Home. The Bell would be hung inside the structure rather than set on a base.

A stamped concrete walkway would lead to the Bell display with a wrought iron fence around the structure.

Local contractors have already been contacted and have signed on for the project.



How to

Donate: This project is being funded 100 percent by donations to the Commander's Project. Donations are gladly accepted from individuals, Posts, Squadrons, Units, business's or departments.

Donations can be made to the Chapel Bell Project in two ways:

1. Mail your donation to the Department of Vermont at P.O. Box 396, Montpelier, VT, 05601. Make the check out to the "Department of Vermont". Please put *Commander's Project* in the memo line.
2. You can present your check in person to Department Commander Tester at any event that she is attending.

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Vermont President
Francisca Massey

Vermont Paws & Boots



“President’s Project – Vermont Paws & Boots”

Vermont Paws & Boots Mission Statement: “Vermont Paws & Boots assists disabled Veterans and First Responders by teaming them with rescue dogs and creating a bond allowing each to thrive again”

\$10.00 per ticket – Many chances to Win! All Proceeds will go to Vermont Paws & Boots



1st Prize – Vermont Teddy Bear Co. - Cuddle Puppy (*T-Shirt with Aux Emblem included)



2nd Prize – Doggie Gift Basket with Gift Certificates

**3rd Prize – Handmade Full Size
Patriotic Blanket**



And Several More Surprises to Be Drawn!!!

**To Purchase Tickets: Send Payment to ALA HQ – “President’s Project” – PO Box 192,
Montpelier VT 05601**

Drawing will be held at Department Convention June 2022

SON's Commanders Project

Pathways Vermont Supportive Services for Veteran Families

2021 FACT SHEET



The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program is a national initiative funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs to address homelessness among veterans in the United States.

The SSVF program is housed in Vermont Veteran Services at the University of Vermont, with case management and housing services provided by Pathways Vermont. The program helps very-low income veteran households who are homeless or imminently at risk of homelessness gain and retain stable housing.

Services provided include needs assessment, intensive housing case management, assistance accessing VA benefits and financial assistance.

PROGRAM SERVICES

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families program provides short-term supportive services to participants to help them obtain and/or retain stable housing in 90 days. The program uses a Rapid Rehousing approach, meaning the program's priority is to support participants in developing a permanent housing option.

Intensive case management is the primary service provided. In certain cases, case management may be augmented by temporary financial assistance. This assistance is used to help with expenses related to securing housing, for example rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits and other related expenses. It should be noted that financial assistance is limited in amount and cannot be guaranteed.

FY22 FUNDING

In 2014 Pathways Vermont was awarded a subcontract from SSVF at UVM to provide case management and housing services for a Supportive Services for Veteran Families grant awarded by the Department of Veteran Affairs. The SSVF program operates in all 14 counties in Vermont and 6 counties in the eastern Adirondacks. We have to raise \$15,000 to cover expenses that the grant does not cover.

Source of funds	Amount
SSVF at UVM Department of Veterans Affairs Grant	548,000
Fundraising	15,000

FAST FACTS*:

248

Vermont Veteran Families Housed

138

Vermont Veterans Supported to Positive Outcome

224

Instances of Homelessness Prevented (through temporary financial assistance)

183

Children Served

*Through March 2021

