



# AMERICAN LEGION

## DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

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### April 2026 Bulletin

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District Commanders, and County Commanders

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## Department Commander

*William "Bill" Brothers*

Greetings Legionnaires,

Here we are into April. Hope everyone is doing well and has made it this far with the weather we have been having. The weather has been weird this year, as Mother Nature does not want to give up! But, on the bright side it is going to be getting better and warmer.

Let's not forget, we still have work to do on retention and keep up on our Buddy Checks now that the weather is getting better. Retaining membership is hard this time of year I know, but we as a team need to keep going and ensure that we can reach our target dates. I want to thank everyone for the jobs that they are doing.



I had the privilege of going out to Kansas to our National Commanders Home Coming event. It was a great experience and the hospitality that was shown to me from his home Post and from the Kansas Department officers were outstanding. I also met with fellow Veterans and officers from 16 other States that attended. Kansas was nice but too flat for me, nothing like being back in New England. I truly appreciate the mountains and landscape. When driving in Kansas it's so flat you can see for miles not like here.

While I was traveling, I spoke to Brian and Melodie at HQ's every day to make sure everything was going well while I was out and about and if something needed to be done, she would let me know. I contacted the Southern Area Commander Bill Charron and Sr. Vice Fred Wilson to see if they could do what was needed, so thanks to you both. Thank you to Mark Cloutier as well for helping out and to Melodie for what she does every day.

Remember if you have any upcoming events get them to me so I can potentially attend or post them on the Department Facebook page.

This is a short message, I will be seeing some of you at the DEC on April 12<sup>th</sup>. My year is almost done; time moves so quickly. Thank you all again for what you do for the Good of the American Legion.

For God and Country,

Department Commander - Bill Brothers

## **Senior Vice Commander – Fred Wilson**

Spring is here and summer is approaching fast. April will be a busy month with Post Election and then May with Installations of Officers and then June with Vermont Department Convention.

The Leading Candidate for the American Legion National Commander completed a structured four-day visit across southern and central Vermont, engaging with veterans, American Legion Posts, community partners, and program leaders. The itinerary emphasized Vermont's commitment to veteran care, Americanism programs, and strong Post-to-Post cooperation.



On Thursday, March 19 John “Jay” Bowen arrived in Rutland in the early evening, checked into the Hampton Inn, and joined his welcome team for dinner at the 99 Restaurant before settling in for the night. Friday, March 20 – Bennington & Rutland Region, the day focused on Bennington County and nearby communities. Bowen visited the Vermont Veterans Home, attended a luncheon at Post 13, toured the Sugar Shack in Arlington, and continued to West Rutland Post 87. The evening concluded with dinner at Ballard Hobart Post 36 in Ludlow before returning to Rutland.

Saturday, March 21 – White River Junction & Rutland Events, Jay Bowen attended the Oratorical Program at the White River Junction VA, followed by lunch at Sugar & Spice. Afternoon visits included Dodge House and a meet-and greet at Rutland Post 31. After a brief rest at the hotel, the day wrapped up with dinner at Southside Steakhouse.

Sunday, March 22nd. The visit concluded with an early breakfast and a morning flight out of Rutland. Thanks to our Adjutant Brian Markwell for all of his work and all other Veterans and American Legion Family who made the visit a success.

Commander Bill Brothers, Southern Area Commander Bill Charron, and I participated in awarding 32 (thirty-two) cadets at the Joint Service Award Ceremony at Norwich University for Military and Scholastic Excellence. The 88th Annual High School Oratorical Contest for the American Legion Department of Vermont was a tremendous success. The four candidates were outstanding, and any of the four could have been awarded first place. Karlene DeVine, you do a wonderful job with this program!

USA 250 Challenge: The American Legion is preparing to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday. This challenge is a key part of the commemoration and will run now through July 4, 2026. Get in shape.

I am seeking volunteers for the 2026–2027 term to serve on committees. If you are interested, please let me know.

Our Department Convention will take place June 26th and 27th at the Hampton Inn by Hilton in Colchester again this Summer. With surmounting costs, the Department is currently announcing that the price of the banquet by Friday the 26th has increased. We will be looking at a price of \$50 dollars per person. We are trying, in advance, to secure 75 people to attend and need the support of each one of you that attends Convention. The menu will include two entrees, salad, roasted vegetables, and a vegetarian dish along with Chefs' choice of desserts. Please send in your banquet dollars to the Department now, with a deadline of May 1st so that we can confirm a head count of at least 75 people. Please earmark "Banquet" in your check's memo line.

For God and Country.

Fred E. Wilson, Jr. Senior Vice Commander  
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### **National Executive Committee – PDC, Joseph Zickmund**

Legionnaires,

April is proudly recognized as Children & Youth Month within The American Legion—a time dedicated to reaffirming our commitment to the well-being, mentorship, and development of our nation's young people. From scholarships and youth programs to community engagement and family support, this month reminds us that investing in the next generation is one of the most important missions we carry forward.



But our ability to make a meaningful impact depends on each of us. The strength of our organization has always come from members who step up, take responsibility, and lead by example. Whether it's volunteering at events, supporting youth initiatives, or simply showing up and participating, every effort matters. Now more than ever, we need members willing to be active, engaged, and committed to keeping our programs strong and relevant.

Looking ahead, our Annual Convention in June is a critical opportunity for all members. This is where we elect our officers, shape the direction of our organization, and share valuable information that helps us grow and improve. Your presence is not just encouraged, it's essential. Attending the convention ensures your voice is heard and helps build the leadership and vision needed for the future.

Let's use this month as both a reminder and a call to action: support our youth, strengthen our ranks, and show up ready to lead.

For God, Country, and the American Veteran,  
Joe Zickmund NEC/PDC

### **Department Chaplain – Stephen Frost**

Greetings, fellow Legion Family members!

May April find you well, warm and full of Spring's renewal.

I am heartened by the activities and efforts of numerous Legion Family members, who have done wonderful work in a variety of programs, across the state, since January.

You folks are fired up and performing impressive works. Know that you not only serve our Veterans and communities, but you are in sacred service to God. Let that sink in....

Everything you do on behalf of our Veterans and communities is pleasing to God, and He is always there to support you in your noble efforts. When you tire, if you are in doubt of the best way to succeed in your mission, ask for His Devine Guidance through prayer. He will surely help you succeed.

Please pray for all of our members who are struggling with health issues, that they may be restored and for those who are discouraged, that they find comfort in His Word, and Light. Thank you, ALL, for your faithful service and spirit of service.

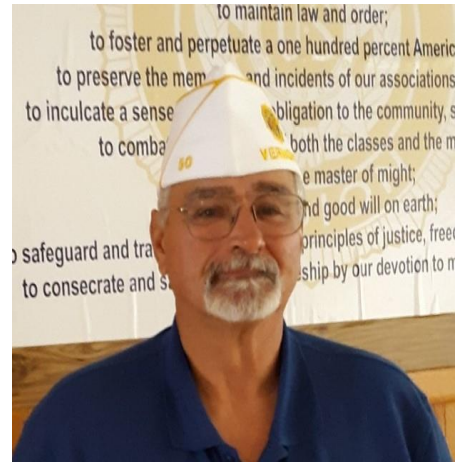
God Bless you and your families. Enjoy your journey forward.

### **Southern Area Commander – William Charron**

Hello fellow Legionnaires,

As we move from winter to spring, it's great to see the white snow finally giving way to green grass. This time of year, it always brings a renewed sense of energy to our communities and to our Legion family.

I'm proud to share that 14 of our American Legion Posts are getting ready for another season of American Legion Baseball. It's



always exciting to see our young athletes take the field, and just as important to see the lessons they learn in teamwork, leadership, and respect along the way.

American Legion Baseball is just one part of our Children & Youth programs, which remain a guiding principle of who we are and what we stand for. Supporting our youth today helps build stronger communities for tomorrow.

I encourage everyone to come out, support our teams, and take pride in the positive impact these programs continue to have across our posts.

“Put the Vermonters Ahead”

Bill Charron

Southern Area Commander

**2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander, Essex Cty. Cmdr. – Scott Leigh**

We are finally in Spring and warmer weather is coming.

Posts are going to be busy with doing Veterans burial ceremonies from this long winter. Also, they will be busy placing flags at the cemeteries honoring all our departed comrades.

Memorial Day is right around the corner. So, let’s make sure we get out in our communities and honor all our fallen comrades who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Please make sure you do your buddy checks and continue to work on your memberships we only survive as an organization by numbers. Pray for all our deployed service members

For God and Country,

District #2 Commander, Essex Cty. Cmdr.

Scott Leigh

**4<sup>th</sup> District Commander – Joe Bump**

Hello and Happy Spring,

Another month has passed. Membership is doing well. Post 39 is over 100%, and the following Posts are well over 90% and closing in on 100%: 13,44,69,90,49 and 55. Thank you for the hard work. Everyone needs to help out with membership, and we will close out well ahead of goal.



March was a busy month for me. I have been traveling and had the opportunity to meet the Leading Candidate Jay Bowen and enjoyed several birthday dinners. Thanks to all for the invitations and hospitality. We enjoyed a great visit at the Veterans Home in Bennington.

Oratorical contests have been completed and kudos to all. I had the honor of attending Post 52's installation of officers and while there they presented 3 quilts of Honor to 3 Legionnaires. It was a great time on a snowy Tuesday morning. Thanks for the hospitality and a great breakfast.

April should prove to be a transitional month with elections and new officers to the Posts. I anticipate several installations and more visits. We should all look forward to the Convention in June. I would like to see all of you at Convention. If you have never attended, you're in for a surprisingly good time to socialize and see the great work being done throughout the District and the Department.

As always, I hope that everyone is happy, healthy and in good spirits. Thanks for the great year I have had so far.

For God and Country,  
Joe Bump,  
District 4 Commander

### **5<sup>th</sup> District Commander – Lewis Graham**

District 5 is happy to report that our membership is doing quite well. The counties have met the March goal of 85% and many posts are well on their way to meeting the 95% goal for June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep up the good work. Please give me a call at 802-279-0441 if I can help with membership or in any other way.



The DEC meeting went well. There was a concern regarding the District 5 Oratorical Contest which needs a District meeting to address it. The last two District meetings have not been well attended. Please email me dates from April 26 through May 10<sup>th</sup> that will work for you so we can accommodate the most members. My email is [vermonter@charter.net](mailto:vermonter@charter.net)

April 30 is National Military Brats Day and National Larry Day. Please honor our military kids and perhaps thank Larry Thompson for his years of service as the Legion's Service Officer. He is planning on retiring in June.

It is never too soon to start thinking about observing National Poppy Day, May 22, 2026 and Buddy Checks are always appreciated, especially close to Memorial Day.

Spring is on its way. Enjoy the warmer weather and opportunities to get together and increase the Gross Domestic Happiness Index.

For God and Country,  
Lew Graham

**Bennington County Commander – Dolores Krawczyk**

Hello to all, Thanks to all that were able to attend the 250th Celebration dinner.

It's been a busy month around the Post. Wednesdays Dinners continue to be a success, and we are fortunate to have a couple of great cooks and other kitchen staff to help with cleanup. For 10 straight weeks 50 plates have been sold out with no indication of slowing down.

There have been several county visitors at Vermont Veterans Home from schools to civic groups. We just can't do enough for Veterans. The Activities Director is never short of fun games and artistic parties to bring smiles to the 91 Veterans that reside at VVH.

24 Veterans and their Guardians will leave VVH at 4:45 am on April 18th to begin their journey to DC on the very impressive and life changing Honor Flight experience. Let us pray for safe travels to all who make this trip with the Veterans.

Are you ready for end of year reports. Every mile you drive, minute you volunteer and money you donate to the American Legion youth programs or Commander's Project translates to the future of our nation. That's truly a good cause. Don't forget to plan your membership drive. Let's roll.

For God and Country  
Dolores Krawczyk  
Bennington County Commander



## **Orleans County Commander – Robert Messier**

April has been the Month of the Military Child since 1986.

Children are sometimes the forgotten segment of the community that may be adversely affected by the deployment of a mother or father, and sometimes both. There are approximately 1.6 million military children. Being a military child can be quite traumatic for the child. And there are other difficulties they must endure such as moving every few years, frequently changing schools and losing contact with friends, and having to adapt to new communities and routines.



We should be as supportive and understanding as possible, and when the child talks, listen to them while trying to be positive. Some of the things they say may be born of imagination or their version of understanding. Let them know they will be okay, let them know their loved one will be okay. Let them know that it is okay to worry. And in the event that something does occur, make sure there is a plan in place for grief counseling, not only for the child, but also the caretaker of the child.

At Newport Post 21 on the 3rd Thursday of the month, it is Karaoke Night starting at 6:30. Come on in, sing a song and show them your talent. You can also try your luck at Bingo on Friday nights. The game starts at 6:30. Doors open at 4. On Sundays, the game begins at 12:30. Doors open at 10:30. On Thursday, April 23, Jimi Jacobs will be entertaining starting at 6:30. On Saturday, April 25, it will be CJ's DJ starting at 7.

At Jay Peak Post 28 in North Troy, take your chances with Texas Hold'em Poker on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10 AM. Or stop in for a refreshing beverage any time. Be nice to the bartenders. They are volunteers that are there to support the club. Their only pay is what they earn in tips, and they are greatly appreciated. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, SAL 28 holds breakfast from 8 AM to 10:30 AM. Just \$10 for adults, children 5 - 12 just \$5, children 4 and under eat free. Contact the Post for questions about upcoming events or hall rental.

I am assuming Orleans Post 23 and Barton Post 76 have events planned for the future. Orleans Post 23 typically does a ceremony by the Orleans Municipal Building on Memorial Day which is coming up next month. Contact those Posts if you have any questions regarding what they have planned.

A scam warning for everyone. If you get a text on your phone regarding notification of "a traffic violation associated with your account," ignore it. Do not click on any link and do not reply to it. I got one recently that gave a realistic looking link for VT DMV, but in the URL had a command added that is normally used to direct you to another site not associated with the domain holder. The first clue it was a scam was the title saying the message was coming from, "Vermont of Vehicles DMV." The number associated with this scam came out of the Philippines so be aware of that. If you know you have no traffic offenses, or if there is any doubt, contact your local DMV office for status clarification. Again, do not reply to the text or click on any link. Simply delete the message and block the number.

Thank you to all of our Legion, SAL and ALA members for your continued support of the American Legion and its programs. You are all amazing

Robert B. Messier  
88 Second St, Apt 202  
Newport, VT 05855  
(802) 487-5118  
Orleans County Commander - Department of Vermont  
K1RBM - American Legion Amateur Radio Club

### **Rutland County Commander – Richard Baptie**

Greetings Legionnaires

Hope you're all doing well and sometime in the near future Spring will arrive.

For those that were unable to make the DEC meeting on 11th you missed a good meeting. A lot of interaction and discussion on various topics.



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Don't forget membership and doing Buddy Checks. A lot of our members live alone and a personal visit or phone call means a lot. Don't forget the Convention in June at Hampton Inn, Colchester. If you're not present, you don't have a say in Legion business. Looking forward to seeing you at the Convention.

For God and Country

Rutland County Commander  
Richard Baptie

### **Washington County Commander – Wayne Goulet**

#### **Uniforms Needed**

Legionnaires,

The Fourth of July, or Independence Day, commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, is fast approaching. Many Vermont American Legion Posts and communities are planning special events to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States as an independent nation.

One of the more unique traditions is the early Independence Day celebration in Waterbury called "Not Quite Independence Day (NQID)". This year, NQID will be celebrated on 27

June, one week before Independence Day. Waterbury American Legion Post 59 is building a float for the NQID parade. The float will highlight the sacrifices made by United States military members. To properly honor these American heroes, Post 59 is looking to borrow actual uniforms or replicas from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, and the First and Second Gulf Wars.

Post 59 members intend to wear these uniforms during the Parade to honor all veteran heroes from all conflicts involving the United States of America. Please send me an email if you have a uniform that you are willing to lend to Post 59. Better yet please let me know if you would like to participate in the parade by wearing this uniform. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Wayne Goulet  
[waynegoulet@gmail.com](mailto:waynegoulet@gmail.com)



## Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Events

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**NVC, PDC Ron LaRose Testimonial May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Flyer/Info in Bulletin**

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**Department Commander Bill Brothers "Roast & Toast"**  
**June 6<sup>th</sup> – Fair Haven Post 49**  
**Flyer in Bulletin**

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**2026 State Convention June 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hampton Inn by Hilton, Colchester VT**  
**Info on Banquet and Hotel in Bulletin**

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**Year End Reports DUE from Committee Chairman! For Convention**  
**Annual Report Booklet**  
**Send to HQ's NLT June 5<sup>th</sup>!**

# **William Brothers**

**2025 - 2026**

## **“Department Commanders Project”**



Special Olympics Vermont serves the entire state of Vermont, providing athletic opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities. We currently serve over 2,000 athletes and offer 13 Olympic-style sports and 9 statewide competitions, including four state-wide Games.

### **WHO WE ARE**

Special Olympics Vermont is a small, highly collaborative organization serving athletes with intellectual disabilities statewide

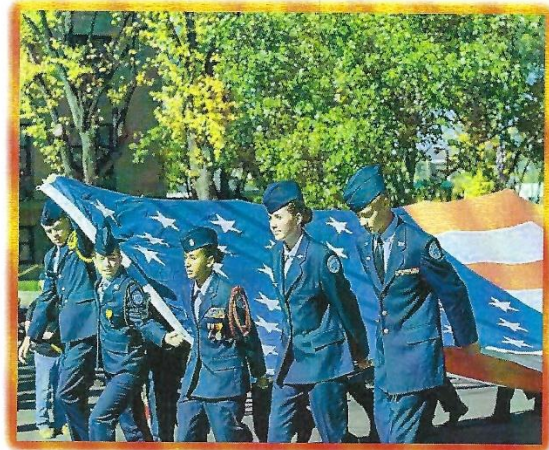
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*Please consider donating to my Commanders Project. Checks may be sent to  
Department Headquarters, P.O. Box 396, Montpelier, VT 05601-0396*

*Please write “Special Olympics” in the memo line*

*Thank you. Bill Brothers, Dept. of Vermont Commander*

American Legion  
Department Commander  
**William Brothers**  
2025 - 2026  
“**Outstanding ROTC**”  
Award



**Award Amount: \$2,000**

Award Qualifications:

- **Outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership ability.**
- **Outstanding qualities of military leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship.**
- **Accomplishments in both military and academic endeavors, and reflects the ideals of patriotism.**
- **A Cadet who has demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25% of his/her academic class.**
- **"For maintaining the highest school academic grades.**

*The Cadet must be selected and recommended by an academic staff person; this information must be sent to the Department for review. Selection will take place with a panel of (5) Past Department Commanders appointed by the Department Commander. The winner will be announced in May and invited to the Department Annual State Convention in June to receive the Award. Information will be sent to ROTC Programs in Vermont only.*

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To support this Project, make checks payable to: Dept. HQ's, PO Box 396, Montpelier, VT 05601-0396  
Memo Line: ROTC Award

*Post Everlasting  
Gone, but Never Forgotten...*

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Ellingwood, Earl ... 03  
McGrath, Jr., Frederick ... 10  
Claypoole, Bruce ... 14  
Wright, Richard ... 14  
Woolery, Kirk W. ...14  
Heath, Milton ... 28

Gibbs, Gordon ... 39  
Weatherston, Harry ... 80  
Cross, Daniel ... 80  
Zucker, Samuel ... 84



**American Legion - Bennington Post 13**

**Is Proud to Host  
National Vice Commander - Past  
Dept. Commander**



**Ron LaRose**

**“Testimonial” (It’s a BBQ!)**



**Master of Ceremonies: NEC, PDC Joseph Zickmund**

**Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**1 PM – Social**

**2 PM – BBQ**

**Menu: Beef Brisket, Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw,**

**Corn on the Cob and Cake**

**\$25 Per person**

Please make checks payable to Bennington Post 13 and mail to: Jim Mathers, Post 13

225 Northside Dr., Bennington VT 05201

Cutoff date: May 11<sup>th</sup> We hope to see many of you!

The Department of Vermont is hoping you can attend NVC, PDC Ron Larose's festivities, we are having a hospitality room at Best Western in Bennington on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 p.m. Bennington Post 13 is directly across the street from the hotel.

Best Western Bennington has graciously agreed to hold 12 rooms until May 8<sup>th</sup>, prior to the event. If you would like to stay overnight either Friday or Saturday, please reach out to them ASAP, I have listed other hotels in the area as well, but please note that there are high school graduations during this time and availability is very limited.

Also, we have a Schedule of Events for May 30<sup>th</sup>. – Department HQ's Montpelier

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#### Hotels in Bennington

**Best Western, 220 Northside Dr., Bennington, VT 05201**  
**802- 442- 6311**  
**POC: Jacky Williamson**

Knotty Pine, 130 Northside Dr., Bennington, VT 05201  
877-504-0465

Hotel Vervana, Trademark Collection by Wyndham  
141 West St., Bennington, VT 05201  
833-372-6793

Hampton Inn Bennington, 51 Hannaford Square, Bennington, VT 05201  
802-440-9862

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#### Schedule of Events

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Hospitality Room – Best Western Bennington 4 P.M.  
*Department will be hosting, come enjoy Hor d'oeuvres, snacks, cold drinks and relax!*

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – SAL Squadron 69 Arlington Breakfast 9 A.M.  
Travel to Arlington Post 69, 54 Legion Rd., Arlington, VT for breakfast - Cost \$10.00  
*There will be carpooling available at Best Western, please arrive by 8:00 a.m.*

10:00 A.M. Visit to Vermont Veterans Home, 325 North Street, Bennington VT  
*Tour Facility and visit with Veterans*

1:00 P.M. - Bennington Post 13, 225 Northside Dr., Bennington VT for Testimonial/BBQ

ENDORSEMENTS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

**YEAR: 2026 - 2027**

The Legionnaires listed below have been endorsed for the following offices

<b>OFFICE OF:</b>	<b>LEGIONNAIRE</b>	<b>SPONSORING POST</b>
DEPT. COMMANDER	FRED WILSON, JR.	36
SR. VICE COMMANDER	WILLIAM CHARRON	50
NO. AREA COMMANDER	ROY MCKINNON CHISTOPHER WOOD	47 59
SO. AREA COMMANDER	JOSEPH BUMP LEWIS GRAHAM RICHARD BAPTIE	13 36 50
1 <sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER		
2 <sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER		
3 <sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER		
4 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER	DOLORES KRAWCZYK	13
5 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER		
ADDISON/CHITTEN. COUNTY COMMANDER		
BENNINGTON COUNTY COMMANDER		
CALEDONIA COUNTY COMMANDER		
ESSEX COUNTY COMMANDER	SCOTT LEIGH	47
FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMANDER	PHIL PEARO	60
LAMOILLE COUNTY COMMANDER		
ORANGE COUNTY COMMANDER		
ORLEANS COUNTY COMMANDER	ROBERT MESSIER	21
RUTLAND COUNTY COMMANDER		
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMANDER		
WINDHAM COUNTY COMMANDER		
WINDSOR COUNTY COMMANDER		
DEPT. FINANCE OFFICER	DENNIS MINOLI	10
NEC		
ALT. NEC		



**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER – William “Bill” Brothers

**“TOAST and ROAST”**

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Fair Haven Post 49**

**72 South Main St., Fair Haven, VT 05743**

**Choice of: Prime Rib or Roasted Turkey, with Mashed Potato,  
Gravy, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls & Dessert**

**\$25.00 per Person \*\*\*\* “Informal Attire”**

Social at 5 P.M. – Dinner at 6 P.M.

“Roast to Follow Dinner” – Master of Ceremonies AltNEC, PDC Mark Cloutier

**Please RSVP By May 25, 2026**

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Make Checks payable to: Fair Haven Post 49

**Mail Checks and Reservations to: Bill Ferman, 72 So. Main St., Fair Haven, VT 05743**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

Post/Unit/S.A.L. Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Tickets will be at the door)

**American Legion Department of Vermont  
Convention Hotel Information  
June 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2026**

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Melodie,

I have attached the booking link for this Summer's American legion Conference.

Reach out whenever you're available to connect further.

*(Copy and Paste to your search bar.)*

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=B TVMVHX&groupCode=CHHAMA&arrivaldate=2026-06-25&departuredate=2026-06-28&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINK DIRECT>

**Cheers,**

**Brandon Mercy**

Group Rooms and Catering Sales  
Manager

**Hampton Inn Colchester by Hilton**

42 Lower Mountain View Drive

Colchester, VT 05446

M: 802.655.6177

O: 802.318.9039

F: 802.654.7718

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT**

**2026 STATE CONVENTION BANQUET**

Hampton Inn Colchester, 42 Lower Mountain View Dr., Colchester VT

**Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**SOCIAL – 5:30 P.M**

**DINNER – 6:15 P.M.**

**Baked Chicken & Roasted Pork Loin &  
Italian Pasta**

**The above will be served with Fresh  
Tossed Garden Salad, Rolls and Butter,  
Roasted Red Potatoes,  
Seasonal Roasted Vegetables,  
Chef's Choice Assorted  
Dessert Table – Coffee & Tea**



**\$50 Per Person**

**Entertainment to Follow: Chuck Lyford - DJ Services**

***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 13, 2026**



**PLEASE RESERVE: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Tickets**

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Squadron/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle Legion Sons of the American Legion Auxiliary)**



## **CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY**

**AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS • MILITARY • VETERANS •  
FAMILIES • SUPPORTERS**



**WALK • RUN • ROLL RELAY  
ALL ATHLETIC LEVELS**



**SUNDAY • JUNE 14 • FLAG DAY**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**



**RELAY REGISTRATION: \$20  
INCLUDING BBQ LUNCH**



**VERMONT STATEHOUSE LAWN  
115 STATE ST.  
MONTPELIER, VT**



**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERSHIP  
AND PRESIDENT & COMMANDERS PROJECTS**

