



AMERICAN LEGION

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Joseph Zickmund



Vermont Legionnaires,

April is Children and Youth month. I encourage all of you to revisit your programs and make C & Y a priority in your Posts. It is through our family-focused programs and prioritizing our youth that we can have an impactful effect on our future. Not just our future as an American Legion but also on the future of our country.

We have the ability, and the responsibility, to offer Vermont's youth the educational opportunities and life lessons associated with the fair play of sports, the knowledge of our U.S. Constitution and the ability to speak publicly, the excitement of achieving goals as a Scout and the education of the workings of government. We can shape minds, engage younger veterans with school-age children and make a tremendous impact on the communities in which we live.

I would also like to take this opportunity you remind you that I have set my fundraising endeavors on this important pillar of our American Legion. I hope you will consider contributing to these activities so that we never have to turn anyone away because of funding.

For many Posts, April is election month for officers and for setting up committees. There are so many Posts that struggle to fill positions. Please consider stepping up, taking part, and making a difference in your Post and community. We're all busy, we all have full plates, yet some make the time because they see the importance of it. Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children & Youth.

Focusing on supporting veterans, promoting a strong nation, fostering patriotism and caring for the youth. This is who we are, it's what we do, and we need your help.

For God, Country, and the American Veteran,

Joe Zickmund
Commander, Dept. of VT

Senior Vice Commander – William Brothers

Hello Everyone!

Another month gone and I hope April is better.

Vermont had a great visit from our incoming National Commander; it was a good weekend, and we took him to a couple of Legions in the area of Montpelier. We also took him to a sugar house, and they were boiling. He was excited because he had never seen it done before. He ended up buying a few items from his wife's "wish list" she sent with him. Of course, good old Vermont maple syrup being one of the items.



We also took him to the army museum at Camp Johnson and he was very impressed with our little State. The Meet and Greet/Banquet at Post 3 in Montpelier was great and the corn beef and cabbage dinner that Melodie cooked was excellent, thank you Melodie. He also is looking forward to coming back as National Commander to do another visit. We hope to entertain him in the fall.

Membership is at a crawl right now; we need to keep on top of it, get your renewals, make phone calls, check in with your members, Vermont can get it done. I am in hopes we can at least hit 90 or 95%. Thank you all for what you are doing, and process that membership, even if it is only one!

We have our Convention coming up soon and hope to see you all there and see what everyone has been up to over the course of the year. I have a busy month with going to the DEC Meeting, Randolph Vets Cemetery for a flag ceremony; then I am going to Norwich University for the ROTC Awards with our Dept. Commander. Eagle Scout Awards are on the horizon as well, so have a lot going on this month. I am still hoping to get out and see a few Posts this month.

I want to thank Commander Joe and his wife; along with Dept. Adjutant - Brian Markwell, Southern Area Commander – Fred Wilson, Assistant Sgt. At Arms – Jay Matthews, Historian – Carl King, PR Chair – Melvin McKnight, Alt Nec, PDC – Catherine Tester and many others for all they did for the incoming National Commanders visit while he was here.

In closing I want just to thank everyone once again for what you do within your Post homes and for membership.

For God and Country,

Bill Brothers, Sr. Vice Commander

Northern Area Commander – Robert Pearl

Greetings,

Should the American Legion - Department of Vermont sponsor or endorse a Vermont race car?

This question was raised and briefly discussed by 3rd District Cmdr. - Christopher Wood at the Mid-Winter Conference. His best point for doing so is that it would be a great way to advertise the American Legion to the thousands of people who attend the races.

I fully agree that we need to increase a more public awareness of the American Legion. It may also generate interest for younger Veterans to become members.

Again, I agree with Chris' proposal and appreciate his research into investigating what would be needed to make it happen.

An added note. A couple of years ago when then National Commander Jim Troilo was visiting Vermont, he spoke about the American Legion NASCAR, explaining that after all expenses of sponsoring the car was made, the American Legion made over one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in profit to the American Legion.

Very Respectfully,

Robert Pearl

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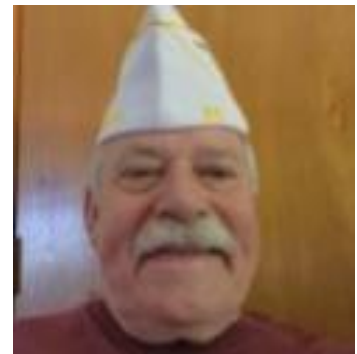
Southern Area Commander – Fred Wilson

Hello Legionnaires,

I had an interesting time touring with the National Leading Candidate Dan K. Wiley of Kansas along with ALT NEC/PDC Cathy Tester, Vermont Department Commander Joe Zickmund, Senior Vice Commander Bill Brothers, Adjutant Brian Markwell, Historian Carl King, Department PR Committee Chair Melvin McKnight, Asst. Sgt. At Arms Jay Matthews and of course POC Melodie Ashford-McGrath.

Not all toured at each stop, but here is the complete itinerary:

Adjutant picked up National Leading Candidate at Burlington airport and to Capital Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, Montpelier on 15 March for check-in and dinner.



Breakfast at the hotel and then a tour of the Camp Johnson Museum in Colchester, then lunch, and following a tour of Cold Hollow Cider Mill, in Waterbury and the Bragg Sugar Shack in East Montpelier and dinner at Sarducci's in Montpelier on 16 March.

Breakfast and then tour of Norwich University Museum, The Veterans Place and lunch in Northfield and a tour of The Vermont State House by the "curator." The meet and greet and then the Leading Candidate Banquet on 17 March.

Department Awards are listed below and are due May 1st, 2025.

PDC Ron Aldrich Medal of Valor for firefighter, EMT and rescue; PDC Rodney Sherman Legionnaire of the Year; PDC's Don Sisco and Milt Willis Service Officer of the Year; Calvin Cole Finance Officer of the Year; Robert Bergeron Adjutant of the Year; and The Maynard – Pietryka Color Guard of the Year.

I know we have some great people, let us prove it and submit for these awards.

April is Children & Youth Month: Scholarships offered by the Department are Samsung, Legacy, baseball, oratorical, eagle scouts, junior shooting and ANAVICUS.

Many scholarships are awarded at the Post level to local young men and women.

Other important dates to remember in April: 1st Eagle Scout of the Year applications and Battle of Okinawa 1945, 6th U S Entry into WW1 1917, 9th 95% Membership Target Date 12th Passover begins, 13th Palm Sunday, 15th Tax Day, 18th Good Friday, 20th Easter, and 26th American Legion Family Day.

Mark your calendars for Vermont Department Commander Joe Zickmund Testimonial Dinner on Saturday June 7th at Harry N. Cutting Post 59, 16 Stowe Street, Waterbury, Vermont. Also, Detachment Commander Brian Massey Testimonial Dinner on Saturday May 10th at Montpelier, Post 3, 21 Main Street, Montpelier.

DEC Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, April 6th, 2025, starting at 12PM at Montpelier Post 3. *Elections* for post *officers* coming up in April, and we need candidates to fill all positions for the 2025–2026 year. Remember you can be effective.

BE THE ONE! At your "buddy" checks start the conversation. You just need to show genuine care and concern. Listen more than you speak, do not dominate the conversation. For immediate help in dealing with a suicidal crisis, contact the Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988 then Press 1.

As some of you may know I am running for Senior Vice Commander for 2025-2026. I have held the following positions in the American Legion: Post 2nd and 1st Vice Commander, Commander, District and County Commander, serving on many committees at the Post, Department and National level and awarded The District Commander of the Year. Member of Ballard-Hobart Post 36 Color Guard and currently serving as your Southern Area Commander.

I am asking for your support and vote for me as your Senior Vice Commander for 2025-2026. Thank you.

Fred E. Wilson Jr.

Southern Area Commander

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9177630354.

Dept. Chaplain – Stephen Frost

Greetings Friends!

I am DELIGHTED to welcome Spring with you, as God's Grand Creation of nature, repairs from a STOUT Vermont Winter.

I hope ALL of you, embraced the humbling grip of a "good" Winter, and that it gave you pause, from the constant grind of life's challenges. A time to reflect, prayerfully, and consider the exciting possibilities of this new season, to continue your good works, and contributions to the American Legion, our Veterans, and the community at large.

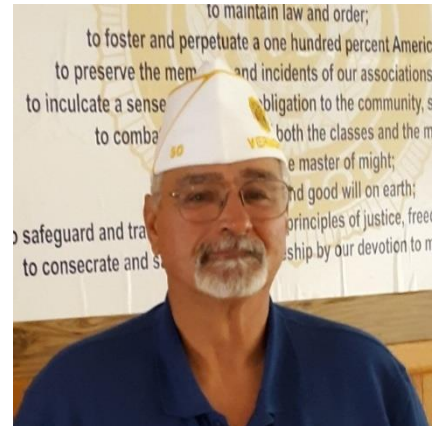
Recently, I was invited to participate in the Vermont Oratorical Competition, at the VA, expertly hosted by Karlene DeVine, Dept. Oratorical Chairperson, and an honorable body of Veterans and Citizens, who contributed to the event, in countless ways. This was my first experience witnessing this event, and I was profoundly impressed with the GENUINE patriotism, knowledge, skill and content of the three high school participants. Trust me, Friends....

Americanism IS alive and well, among our student population. Those three students, honorably espouse the importance of The Constitution, the DUTY to vote, and the principles of patriotism. Each, told me, after the competition, that they would continue to promote these ideals, among their peer group, and, foundationally, as well.

They are grateful for their Veterans and CLEARLY recognize their contribution to the students' ability to speak freely, to assemble, and to share their thoughts and beliefs. To this, I say, "WELL DONE", Veterans. I salute you, and THANK YOU, for keeping our Constitution secure! This truly is, ONE nation, under God.

May God continue to Bless and Keep you well.

Amen



Dept. Historian – Carl King

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires

With spring in the air, and events and gatherings lining up, I am asking everyone to start taking pictures and videos of Your post events and memorable moments, so we all can share and experience them. There are so many opportunities to get these moments captured forever!

Here is where you can send me photos, videos, stories.
Make sure they are relevant to Legion subject matter. NO ILLEGAL OR IMMORAL CONTENT!!! As they will be reported and prosecuted.

carlk394@gmail.com

This will be TEMPORARY
upon establishment of an official site designated for Legion photo sharing.

It's your history Legionnaires. Capture it.

Included in this message are photos from the Leading Candidate for National Commander – Dan Wiley's visit to Vermont. Enjoy!

Carl P. King
Department of Vermont
HISTORIAN





2nd District Commander – Roy McKinnon

First off, I would like thank Melodie for the wonderful St Patrick's Day meal at the Meet and Greet/Banquet for Dan Wiley, National Leading Candidate.

Membership is going well in all Counties and Posts. Keep up the good work and keep membership coming in.

Elections are coming soon and anyone that needs to be installed please contact me. If your Post has an Auxiliary, please try to coordinate both installations for the same day. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

For God and Country
Roy McKinnon
Second District Commander
603-331-5000



3rd District Commander – Christopher Wood

Hello from the District Three communities of Washington, Orange, and Lamoille counties. Spring is in the air, sugar shacks are pumping out sweet treats, and we are deep into the "busy" season. Spring meetings are happening, children and youth activities are ramping up, and that 100% membership target date is fast approaching.

Congratulations to Hadley Butler of Waitsfield for a fine job in the Oratorical contest as she moves on to represent Vermont at the national competition. Youth like this are our future and educating them about our constitution and military connection is a vital endeavor.

It is also time to reach out to our fellow veterans and make sure they have weathered the winter ok. "Be The One" is all about making sure nobody feels alone and without support. I look forward to seeing everyone at a post soon and hold on for the fast ride into summer.

April is Children and Youth month, and the 9th of April is the day our Posts are trying to be at 95% of quota. Any pilot will tell you that the last few feet before the runway is



where they earn their pay. The Posts of District 3 are doing great work! Norwich Post 1819 has kept Washington County in the lead for District 3 with 111% of their quota as of last week. Chelsea Post 61 has held firm keeping Orange County in second place with 96% of their quota. Johnson Post 46 in Lamoille County has held steady at 94% of their quota for third place. This makes representation of each County in the District for the top three spots. The tie between Barre Post 10 and Norwich University Post 1819 for 15 new members remains. The new members for Posts in District Three have increased by three people from the last newsletter for a new grand total of 51.

Thank you for all you do!

Christopher Wood, 3rd Dist. Commander

Essex County Commander – Scott Leigh

Spring is finally here hopefully warm weather is on its way.

A lot is going on in Essex County. Post 80 is doing well and always available for functions. Post #80 Auxiliary is having a raffle for Military Children. Just show up wearing purple and get a raffle ticket to win a chance to get a gift basket full of goodies or a \$50 gift card to the Yellow Deli.



Post 47 in Canaan is having a Cornhole Tournament with all proceeds going to Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., tournament starts at 10 a.m., on April 12th.

Post 41 in Gilman will be joining in welcoming Trish Ward, The National Auxiliary President to Reverend George L. Fox Memorial Chapel. Post 41 on April 19th at 11 a.m. will host a Four Chaplains Ceremony and a swearing in of a new Auxiliary Unit. All are welcome to join us!

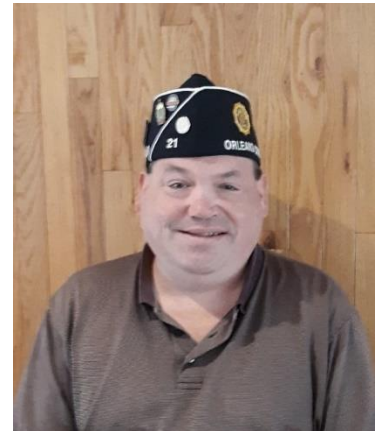
Thanks to all Posts in the County for all their hard work on memberships, keep up the good work. Please pray for all our Servicemen and women in harm's way.

For God and Country
Essex County Commander
Scott Leigh

Orleans County Commander – Carl King

Greetings Legionnaires.

We up here in The Northeast Kingdom have seen a lot of snow, great for skiing! Jay Peak set a record for snow accumulated. But now, spring is upon us and the foliage will start blooming. Bringing sensational and magnificent views and our outdoor recreational season begins. Providing great opportunities to get out and enjoy " GOD'S country ".



While You are out and about on whichever journey you choose, stop in at one of our American Legion Posts.

Post 76 Barton

Post 23 Orleans

Post 21 Newport

Post 28 Jay Peak (North Troy)

We'd love to see You. We have the:

Coldest beer

Warmest atmosphere

Hottest music and fun

Carl P. King, Orleans County Commander

Washington County Commander – Wayne Goulet

Legionnaires,

Vermont bills S.16 and H.43 to exempt military retirement pay from Vermont taxes are in jeopardy of dying in committee. See my email exchanges below with multiple Vermont State Representatives. If you support exempting military retirement from Vermont taxes, please contact [Emilie Kornheiser](mailto:ekornheiser@leg.state.vt.us) at ekornheiser@leg.state.vt.us and [Ann Cummings](mailto:acummings@leg.state.vt.us) at acummings@leg.state.vt.us and request they bring these bills out of committee for a vote.

Wayne Goulet

Washington County Commander

(Email to follow)

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As a military retiree and combat veteran, I am disappointed to learn of your lack of support for the S.16 and H.43, bills that would exempt military retirement income from Vermont state taxes. I ask that the bills proceed from their respective committees and be brought to a vote by the Senate and House. From my perspective and the perspective of many of my fellow Vermont veterans, allowing the bills to "die" in committee is far worse than these bills falling short in a Senate or House vote. I've reached out to my Waterbury representatives (Cc'd on this message) in the email below asking for their support. Unfortunately, neither representative would commit to supporting H:43 without any "strings" attached. Please allow these bills to come out of committee and proceed to a vote. If you truly support the military and value the service of veterans, you would not hesitate to bring these bills to the House and Senate for consideration.

Sincerely,

*Wayne Goulet
Lt Col, retired (United States Air Force)
Waterbury, VT.
802-777-5489*

Oratorical – Karlene DeVine

Department of Vermont American Legion held its 74th High School Constitutional Speech contest concluding with the winner, Hadley Butler taking first place Sat. Mar. 22. Her speech, "Our Duties," challenged the audience to rethink a citizen's duties and responsibility towards military recruiting. Reflecting a rise in patriotism immediately after 9/11, recruiting was at its highest twenty-four years ago. Weighing in with multiple factors, none of the Armed Services are now meeting their recruiting goals.

This American Legion High School Constitutional Speech Contest was developed primarily to instill a better knowledge and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution in high school students. The research and development of preparing for this contest supports development of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly and prepare for the duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship.

Each contestant speaks for 8 to 10 min. in a Prepared Oration on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution and a citizen's duties and responsibilities. The contestants do this without using notes, a microphone, or a podium.

An Assigned Topic, based on one of 4 Amendments, is the subject of a 3 to 5 min. oration addressing a citizen's duties and responsibilities. This is randomly selected 5 minutes before the student is to speak. The 4 Amendments are chosen by National American Legion and published in May.

Sponsored by Montpelier American Legion Post 3, Butler received \$1500 and will represent Vermont at the American Legion National Finals May 16-18 at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI. She will vie for one of the top three prizes, \$25,000, \$22,500 or \$20,000.

Butler is a sophomore at Green Mountain Valley School and lives in Waitsfield with her mother, Sarah Butler. At school, she participates in alpine skiing, student government, theater, soccer, and lacrosse. Participating in this speech contest last year inspired her to attend a military camp for teens last summer. She will attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State this coming summer.

The 2025 Vermont Department contest was held at the Conference Center at the VA Medical Center, White River Jct.

Additional contestants, McKinley Keaffaber, a junior at Mt. Anthony Union High School, took second place for \$750. "The Constitution, What Does It Mean Today?" was Keaffaber's Prepared Oration. He is sponsored by Bennington American Legion Post 13. Keaffaber's

extracurricular activities include varsity golf, the National Honor Society and several other speech and debate competitions. Keaffaber lives with his parents, April Scott and Drew Keaffaber.

Nolan Ross, home schooled and a sophomore at Champlain Valley Union High School (CVUHS) received \$500 for third place. The title of his prepared Oration was "What Are Your Duties and Why You Should Perform Them?" He was sponsored by American Legion Colchester Post 91. Ross has been on the public forum debate team at CVUHS and decided to step out of his comfort zone to participate in the American Legion speech contest. He lives with his parents Gretchen and Steve Ross in Williston.

All orators spoke on Amendment XXVI. Ratified in 1971, it lowered the voting age to 18, ensuring that citizens 18 years and older cannot be denied the right to vote based on age. The Amendment's primary goal was to address the "old enough to fight, old enough to vote" argument when young men were being drafted at 18 for the Vietnam War, but could not vote until they were 21, thus being deprived of the opportunity to have a say in a political decision that impacted their lives.

One perspective suggested lowering the voting age to 17 so youth would have peer, family and community support at the time of voting-before graduating from high

school. Some statistics show that if one does not vote at age 18, there is a strong indication that that individual will not vote again for several years. Another perspective was to put more emphasis on civics in secondary schools.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest is open to high school students, gr. 9 through 12. If interested in participating or coaching orators, contact Karlene DeVine, kdevine@gmavt.net



Department Commander Joseph Zickmund & 1st Place Winner – Hadley Butler



Dept. Cmdr. J. Zickmund & 2nd place Winner:
McKinley Keaffaber



Dept. Cmdr. J. Zickmund & 3rd Place
Winner: Nolan Ross



Karlene Devine, CH Oratorical and Group Photo



Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Events

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Auxiliary National President - Trish Ward Visits Vermont April 15th – 21st!

**Auxiliary National President Trish Ward Banquet
(Flyer attached)**

**Call to Order & Convention Delegate Info!
Coming to Posts April 25th!**

**State Convention June 19th, 20th & 21st Hampton Inn by Hilton,
Colchester VT
(Flyers attached)**

Post Everlasting
Gone, but Never Forgotten...

Hamilton, Richard ...	05
Wood, James ...	05
Chapman, John ...	05
Dion, Norman ...	10
Barker, Raymond ...	49
Nassau, III Charles ...	55
Holsten, Gary ...	55
Perkins, Joyce ...	84
Acebedo, Antonio ...	CN01



Commander's Projects

Joseph Zickmund

2024-2025

Vermont



My projects for the year – raising funds to cover the unmet expenses, and hopefully to expand the reach of the youth programs – Oratorical, Boy Scouts, Boys State and Baseball. Also, I will be supporting and raising funds for Vermont Paws and Boots. An organization that pairs and trains service dogs with at-risk veterans and first responders.



The goals of American Legion Baseball are the development of team discipline, individual character and leadership development qualities in young people. Over ten million teenagers and over half of all major league players have played American Legion Baseball since its inception.



The Department of Vermont as well as the National organization recognized and provides scholarships for the Eagle Scout of the Year on the local and national levels. Additionally, the Department of Vermont also provides an annual banquet to recognize the achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout.



The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. The program presents participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.



American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government.



Vermont Paws & Boots mission is simple and straightforward, to save the lives of veterans and first responders who are struggling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, Military Sexual Trauma and physical disabilities.

Thank you for considering donating to these important and worthwhile programs. If you wish to make a tax deductible donation, please make your check payable to: **THE VERMONT FOUNDATION FOR VETERANS AND CHILDREN** and place in the memo line: **COMMANDERS PROJECT 24**

The mailing address :
Department of Vermont HQ
P.O. Box 396
Montpelier, Vermont 05061

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Joe Zickmund

Testimonial Dinner

*with live music by The WoodSmith Band
featuring our very own District 3 Commander Chris Wood!*

Please join us as we celebrate Joe's year as your Department Commander.

Saturday June 7th Cocktails 5p.m./Dinner 6p.m.

**HARRY N. CUTTING POST 59
16 Stowe Street, Waterbury VT**

\$25 per person Choice of Pot Roast or Chicken Dinner

**Make checks payable to Harry N. Cutting Post 59 and mail to:
American Legion Headquarters P.O. Box 396, Montpelier VT 05601**

*Please include your name, phone number and meal preferences with
payment.*

Pot Roast	_____	Chicken	_____	Amount Enclosed:	_____
Name: _____ Phone # _____					

Serving Those who Served All

ENDORSEMENTS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

YEAR: 2025 - 2026

The Legionnaires listed below have been endorsed for the following offices

OFFICE OF:	LEGIONNAIRE	SPONSORING POST
DEPT. COMMANDER	WILLIAM BROTHERS	49
SR. VICE COMMANDER	FRED WILSON, JR.	36
NO. AREA COMMANDER	ROBERT PEARL	91
SO. AREA COMMANDER	WILLIAM CHARRON	50
1 ST DISTRICT COMMANDER	VICTOR STONE	91
2 ND DISTRICT COMMANDER	ROY MCKINNON	47
3 RD DISTRICT COMMANDER		
4 TH DISTRICT COMMANDER	MARK LOSEBY JOE BUMP	50 13
5 TH DISTRICT COMMANDER	PAUL KENDALL	26
ADDISON/CHITTEN. COUNTY COMMANDER		
BENNINGTON COUNTY COMMANDER	DOLORES KRAWZCYK	13
CALEDONIA COUNTY COMMANDER	JAY MATTHEWS	30
ESSEX COUNTY COMMANDER	SCOTT LEIGH	47
FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMANDER	PHIL PEARO	60
LAMOILLE COUNTY COMMANDER	CHARLES BURNHAM	33
ORANGE COUNTY COMMANDER	LARRY HART	20
ORLEANS COUNTY COMMANDER	CARL KING	21
RUTLAND COUNTY COMMANDER	RICHARD BAPTIE	50
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMANDER	WAYNE GOULET	59
WINDHAM COUNTY COMMANDER	STEVE MARTIN	05
WINDSOR COUNTY COMMANDER	FRED STEBBINS	26
DEPT. FINANCE OFFICER	DENNIS MINOLI	10
NEC	CATHERINE TESTER JOSEPH ZICKMUND	50 59
ALT. NEC	MARK CLOUTIER	07

***Sons of the American Legion
MONTPELER SQUADRON 3***



Detachment Commander
Brian Massey, Jr.
"Testimonial and Roast"

Saturday, May 10, 2025



Montpelier Post 3
21 Main Street
Montpelier, VT

**Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken Breast, Baked Potato/Sour Cream,
String Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Dessert**

\$20.00 per person ***

"Informal Attire"

**Social at 5 P.M – Dinner 6 P.M.
"Roast" to Follow Dinner**

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 30th

Make checks payable to: SAL Squadron 3

Mail Checks & Reservations to: Randall McGrath, 63 Partridge Lane, Danville VT 05828

*****ALL Proceeds go to the Detachment Commander Project – Mount Norris Scout Reservation**

NAME: _____
(Please Print)

Chicken: _____ Prime Rib _____ NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____
(Tickets will be held at the door)

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY 2025 Convention



Hello there!

We're glad you can join us for The AMERICAN LEGION 2025 Convention.

We have a room block reserved at Hampton Inn by Hilton Colchester Vermont for Thursday, June 19th through Saturday, June 21, 2025. Booking your room is simple, just call **802-655-6177**

Ask Registration for: American Legion Convention – Code: AME

We're looking forward to seeing you in June! We hope you enjoy your stay and your group's event!

Book by: May 30, 2025

Hampton Inn by Hilton Colchester Vermont

42 Lower Mountain View Dr, Colchester, VT 05446
1 802-655-6177

Room Rates/King or Double \$189.99+Tax – Breakfast Included, Wi-Fi, Indoor Pool, Exercise Room, pets additional fee...

Nearby: The Light House Restaurant, COSTCO, Starbucks and more...

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

2025 STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

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

Friday, June 20, 2025

SOCIAL – 5:30 P.M

DINNER – 6:15 P.M.



Balsamic Grilled Chicken & Roasted Pork Loin & Pasta Primavera

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

\$40 Per Person

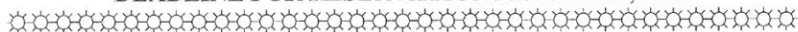
Entertainment to Follow: C.A.T. DJ Services

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, 2025



PLEASE RESERVE: _____ Banquet Tickets

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NAME: _____ Post/Squadron/Unit: _____

(Circle Legion Sons of the American Legion Auxiliary)

Dottie Brothers Memorial Fundraiser

Who



Dottie was an amazing inspiration for the American Legion Family. She used her talents to crochet Flag Afghans, which she donated for raffles or auctions to raise funds in support of Veteran's Programs.

Causes



American Legion - Vermont Leadership Projects

- Department Commander Joe Zickmund - American Legion Children & Youth Programs
- Detachment Commander Brian Massey - The Mt. Norris Scout Reservation
- Department President John Tester - The Rev. George L. Fox Museum

Help



We are asking all members of the American Legion Family to donate your handmade items to this fundraiser. We all have talents, please share yours with us to raise funds for our Leadership Projects. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact Charith Zickmund, Catherine Tester or Francisca Massey.

How



Anything you make would be very much appreciated.

Ideas include (but not limited to):

Crochet or knitting, leatherworking, jewelry, home decor, macramé, food, sewing, paintings, wood working, candles, ceramics, needlework, metal craft, handmade cards, soaps, tatting, weaving, wreathmaking, etc.

When



Items need to be completed and submitted before June 14.

They will be displayed and then either live auctioned, silent auctioned or raffled on June 20th at the American Legion Convention Banquet.

Each of our Department Leader's projects will receive 30% and a 10% memorial donation in Dottie's name will be made to The Dementia Society.

Charith - cez913@gmail.com Cathy - ctester2663@gmail.com

Department of Vermont
Convention Golf Tournament

"The First Order of Business"

Thursday, June 19, 2025 @ 8:00 A.M. (Sharp) Tee Off

Williston Country Club - 424 Golf Course Rd, Williston, VT 05495

\$100 Per Player – Includes Carts, Prizes and BBQ Lunch

All Players **MUST** be Legion Family Members

Fees must be paid by June 9th

Limit 25 Teams

Please make check(s) out to Department of Vermont HQ's and send this completed form to:

**AL Dept. of Vermont, PO Box 396,
Montpelier, VT 05601-0396 – Memo:
Convention Golf**

Your Chairmen are Leon "Scott" Stevens
and Dept. Adjutant – Brian Markwell



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Player #1 _____ Affiliation _____

Player #2 _____ Affiliation _____

Player #3 _____ Affiliation _____

Player #4 _____ Affiliation _____

One Phone Number # Per Team Please: _____

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*Department President
John R. Tester
Testimonial*



**SATURDAY
May 31, 2025
1:00pm**

**Trivia Contest about
President Tester!
Win prizes!**

**Middlebury American Legion Post #27
Wilson Road, Middlebury**

Please RSVP to Cathy Tester—ctester2663@gmail.com or 802-989-3755 (call or text)



**Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken,
salads, ice cream sundaes and more!**

President Tester would graciously accept a \$10.00 donation at the door in support of his President's Project



Invitation

National President Irish Ward Official Banquet

You are cordially invited to the Official Banquet for

National President Irish Ward

Crippen Fellows Unit 50, Castleton

Thursday, April 17, 2025

5:30pm Social Hour

6:15pm Dinner

\$25.00 per person

Checks made payable to Crippen Fellows Post 50

**Please RSVP to Cathy Tester
by Friday, April 11**

802-989-3755

ctester2663@gmail.com

MENU

Hors d'oeuvres

Homemade Soup

Caesar's Salad

Tuscan Chicken

Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy

Vegetables

Dessert

Coffee / Tea / Water

No-Host Bar Open at 5:30pm



American Legion Riders Department of Vermont

“2025 LEGACY RIDE”

Saturday, June 29th

**Arrive at Lucky's Trailer Sales
in Randolph at 11:00 AM for
registration. KSU at 11:30 AM**

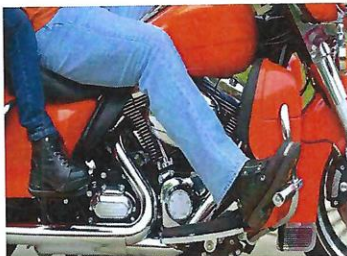
BBQ to Follow at Legion Post 10 (320 No. Main St., Barre)

\$25 Per Rider or Passenger

Vehicles are also welcome \$25 per passenger

Registration includes Legacy Ride Poker Chip and Patch.

\$10 for BBQ Only



All Proceeds go to the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation