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"For God and Country"



DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT COMMANDER

Catherine M. Tester

been reacquainted with many dedicated legionnaires. I thank you for what you and your Post does for the Veterans, children, and community. I am asking each Post to complete their Consolidated Report. I know many of our legionnaires do not want the accolades for all the great work they do, however, the consolidated report is here you need to BRAG, add a separate sheet to highlight all the great work. This is your time to show the many ways Legionnaires are making a difference in their communities and beyond.

Mid-Winter is this coming weekend. Come out and meet our National Vice Commander Cory Bates from Rhode Island who will be joining us for Mid-Winter. See the agenda in the bulletin and we hope that you will plan to attend. It is at the Double Tree by Hilton in South Burlington and the Saturday program kicks off with a joint session and presentation of the Four Chaplains Ceremony at 8:30 AM.

This year marks the 79th anniversary

of the sinking of the SS Dorchester (SC-290583) and the legendary acts of selflessness of four Army chaplains who were aboard. Four Chaplains Day, as U.S. Congress has declared, honors the four chaplains who went down with their ship and gave their life jackets to other passengers. Our joint session at Mid-Winter, the Vermont Legion Family will conduct the Four Chaplains Ceremony. Please join us.

We have reached the 80 percent membership ahead of the January 20 goal set by National. Thank you to every post who continues to work membership. We have three posts at or above 100 percent; Congratulations to Crellor-Landon, Inc Alburg at 101.20 percent, McBride Harwood Dorset at 130 percent, Cecil A. Davis Whitingham at 100 percent. Who will be next to reach 100 percent?

Thank you and stay safe.

For God and Country,

Catherine M. Tester

Department Commander

Dear Legionnaires,

Happy New Year,

Hope everyone enjoyed the holiday seasons.

As I look toward the 2nd half of the year, the legion is heading into the busiest time of the year. Boys State Director Dave Cobb and his committee are actively working on an in-person program, Karlene DeVine is busy with the Oratorical contestants and sponsoring posts, Scott Stevens is registering teams and getting ready to say the words "Play Ball" which kicks off the legion baseball season. Despite COVID still consuming a big part of our lives the committees and posts within the State of Vermont marching forward.

In my travels visiting Posts throughout the state, I have met or



PAUL E. DILLARD

NATIONAL COMMANDER

AMERICAN LEGION



More than 76 years have passed since World War II ended where more than 405,000 American military personnel did not survive, and the wounded accounted for more than 670,000 others. Today, fewer than 250,000 veterans of the “greatest generation” remain among us. Of those still living, not all of them receive the VA health-care services they earned through their service. A resolution passed at the 99th American Legion National Convention in Reno, Nev., in 2017 that calls for the unencumbered ability to use VA health-care facilities on the basis of honorable service alone in World War II.

Veterans would be placed automatically into Category 5 among VA’s priority groups and have access to hospital, clinical and long-term care, without means tests or other time-draining restrictions.

Rep. Josh Harder, D-Calif., introduced H.R. 5562, the WWII means test bill. The legislation would exempt World War II veterans from the means test needed to receive VA health-care services. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., has supported these efforts by introducing S.1040, the Senate companion to this bill.

However, as 2021 wound down, the bills had just over a dozen co-sponsors.

As a grateful nation, we must fulfill our promises to the greatest generation to ensure they receive all the benefits they deserve.

Time is literally running out for these veterans. So I am calling upon the American Legion Family to reach out to your congress-

sional delegations and ask them to co-sponsor the bills to do the same for our World War II veterans as the nation did for those who served in earlier war periods, before it is too late.

Contact your representative now.

Go to www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/Campaigns/87483/Respond.

It is critically important that one of these bills is enacted into law as soon as possible.

For God and Country,

Paul E. Dillard,
National Commander



*This is the new
American Legion
Marketing logo*



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DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

Brian Markwell

Hey everyone, make sure your AAA or whatever travel agency you use is ready for a busy year. Starting first thing this month is the Department of Vermont's Mid-Winter conference at the Doubletree in Burlington on January 21-22. Then in June, we're having our annual Department of Vermont convention, the site to be voted on at the DEC meeting after the Mid-Winter conference. Then the National Convention this year is in Milwaukee, WI from 26 August to 1 September at the downtown convention center. Our hotel is directly across the street at the Springhill Suites. Then we're onto the fall conference, location yet to be determined. So if you're in the mood to become a road warrior, check your tire pressure and update

your Garmin maps.

Something to think about if you haven't already is the Legionnaires Insurance Trust (LIT). There will be an informational display at the Mid-Winter conference along with a laptop computer on which you can sign up for your free insurance that will pay up to \$5,000 if you die during any event or travel involving the American Legion. With non-Legion related deaths, you may receive up to \$1,000. And don't worry about getting bombarded with spam emails. I've only received one email from them advertising

additional insurance in the 6 months since I signed up for the free part of the insurance.

New membership and renewals still need a little push. We're al-

ways close at the monthly goal dates. Work on making calls to members to remind them that they are now not currently in good standing with their membership since 1 January 2022. A few extra each month will get and keep us ahead of the curve in these monthly goal dates.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the 21st and or 22nd of this month at our Mid-Winter conference. We have a full schedule of meetings and general sessions plus the DEC meeting. The Regional National Vice Commander Corey Bates will also be in attendance and will be the featured speaker at the Friday dinner or the Saturday general session.

For God and Country

Brian Markwell

Dept. of Vermont Adjutant



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Tom Scanlon

I wish you a very happy New Year! I know that this past year has been full of challenges, and I pray that 2022 brings more certain times for you and your family, as well as for our great organization. So, let's toast to yesterday's achievements as well as to tomorrow's bright future, and hopefully better times will be ahead for all of us.

Please be safe and make the best of these continuing not so normal *times*. Care for your family, friends, neighbors, veterans and build great memories, when and where possible. Please invest *time* and don't spend it; save *time* and don't waste it; and, enjoy the *time* you have while not regretting the *time* that has gone. Spend your *time* living a life that matters.....May 2022 be a Healthier and Happy New Year for all,

and hopefully, with a return to, at least a more normal *time*.

*May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you;
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

~ Irish blessing ~

For God, Country & Community

Tom Scanlon



DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Friday January 21

Saturday January 22

(see agenda page 10 for times)

**Double Tree Hotel
South Burlington**

Commander Tester's Motto for the year:

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

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**.



**Wishing you
A Happy, Safe & Healthy
New Year**



NORTHERN AREA COMMANDER

Mark Cloutier

Welcome fellow Legionnaires.

Can you believe that we are already well into January? That means the Mid-Winter conference is right around the corner. Hope to see many of you there.

Membership in the Northern area is looking great. Please keep up the good work and let's get those memberships in. As of Dec 31, 2021, all 2021 memberships that have not been renewed are now expired. Please post commanders and post adjutants please check your rosters and reach out to those that have not renewed. Give them a call and ask them if there is a specific reason that they haven't renewed. It could be as simple as they just plain forgot. That is an issue that I run into a lot.

I am also the reconnect Chair for the Department of Vermont. I'm sure there have been posts that have done something with our military whether is be attending a send off or helping an member with assistance. A little information on the program.

The Department has been represented at Army and Air National Guard Deployment Ceremonies, wherein each was presented with a Blue Star Banner as well as infor-

mation on Temporary Financial Assistance. In the future individuals from these entities will be deployed once again, and we will be there to support them.

Both the Family Support Network and Temporary Financial Assistance play an integral role in the American Legion Reconnect Program. Through the Family Support Network the American Legion provides a broad range of services to help families cope with the unique challenges of deployment. Temporary Financial Assistance provides for immediate, short-term financial needs, for families of deployed personnel who have minor children at home, upon application for cash grants. Local posts play an integral role in both these programs and providing other services as well. More information can be found at www.legion.org/fsn and <http://www.legion.org/financialassistance>. It would be worth ones while to be familiar with these programs in the event you may get a call for assistance

During any period of deployments many posts will be sending care or comfort packages to individuals or units. This is also an integral part of the Reconnect Program. Anything, or any interaction, with active-duty personnel, even at a NG or Army Reserve facility counts, or hosting a dinner, breakfast or other event counts for

Reconnect and as such is reportable both to the Department and to National Headquarters. If you or your post (American Legion Family), to include the Sons, and Auxiliary, are doing anything in this area give me a call or an email and I will do the reporting though Department to National. I just need the who, what, when and where. I would also need an approximate number of military personnel attending or being sent care items. This is important for the Department's involvement and to facilitate tracking. I can be reached at (802) 371- 8097 or at post7adj@gmail.com. Please put "Reconnect" in the subject box to call my immediate attention to the correspondence. Remember, reconnect efforts are important. You can also get mor information here <https://www.legion.org/membership/reconnect>

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



BENNINGTON COUNTY COMMANDER

Joe Bump

I for one am very happy to see the new year. It was touch and go for a while. As most of you may know, Lisa and I were positive for Covid back in October. Although I have had many, many different diseases throughout my 20 years in the Army, I have never had anything kick me down like Covid. Lisa was in the hospital for almost 3 weeks and I was home in bed for the same time. I had absolutely no energy and could not walk from one room to another in the house without feeling wasted. Lisa had it so bad, she stayed in the hospital bed and was incoherent and on oxygen for the entire time. She talked gibberish and did not understand anyone for a long while. I am happy to say we are recovered enough now to attend mid-winter and maybe get back to normal. I did not believe in the vaccines or even that this was a true virus, I can tell you that I am

now. We are both vaccinated and will finish our regime and boosters over the next couple of months. If you are a non-believer or on the border about the vaccine, I recommend you get it. We had enough shots in the service without any option to say no, this one is up to you.

As I sit here contemplating what to say, I see that membership, as always, is down a little. Post 13 and 29 are in the mid 70%, while Post 69 and 90 are still under 70. We need to assert ourselves in the pursuit of members. Get on the phone and talk with those members who have not yet renewed and show them the benefits of renewal now. As a county, we are at 74.5%. I would love to see us at 80% this month.

The mid-winter conference is just around the corner. By the time you see this in print, it may in fact be over. I am hoping to see at least 1 member from all the posts in the

county in attendance at the conference. There is so much to see and learn while attending a conference and everyone should experience at least one. If you can't make the mid-winter, plan to be at the annual conference in June. I am once again running for your County Commander and would love to have all of your support at the conference.

As always, it is my most humble honor to work for you in my capacity as County Commander. I have enjoyed visiting and will try to get out as spring approaches. As always if I can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out. Happy New Year one and all. Let's make this a great year for the American Legion.

For GOD and Country

Joe Bump
Commander
Bennington County

Veterans Inquiring About Assistance

As of December 30, the American Legion Department of Vermont Service Office has resigned. For veterans seeking assistance, please see below:

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

Department Historian Victor Stone

A Look Back

One of the truly delightful aspects of being the Department Historian is the access one has to the archives at the Department of Vermont Head Quarters. The most informative of the many documents held there are the Year Books that summarize the Legion's activities for the year and document the programs at the yearly annual conventions. Several months ago I shared some information with you from the 1920s. This month I have a few interesting tidbits from the early 1930s.

In 1931 the 13th Annual Convention was held at Barre and there was considerable effort put forth in the Year Book to describe the nature and character of Vermont. I think there was a little bragging going on as well! For instance, at that time Vermont was covered by a network of routes which collected

milk and cream from farms and delivered them to rail road shipping stations where milk trains then transported the products to north-eastern cities. In this era Vermont supplied one half of Boston's daily milk consumption and it was among the top three suppliers to the New York City market.

Some other key and interesting facts were that Vermont:

produced the most maple sugar and syrup than any other State

was the home of the largest privately owned apple orchard in the country

ranked first in the production of marble (Rutland) and in the output of monumental granite (Barre)

was the site of the largest factory in the world for manufacturing scales for weighing

The 1932 Convention (13th) was held at St. Albans. In that Year Book it was noted that Vermont maintained 700 miles of horse trails, including frequent stopping places, which made it possible to cover the entire State on horseback.

The Dept. Historian at that time, Glenn E. Perry, noted that the American Legion was recognized as a "great constructive element in the country, and is recognized today as a great progressive, as well a conservative, force..."

As you can see from these interesting facts, the documentation of history in the American Legion publications allows us to appreciate the nature and complexion of the times and the intertwining of the American Legion's presence within the social fabric of the State of Vermont.



DISTRICT TWO COMMANDER

Lou Furry

Greetings 2nd District Legionnaires,

Unfortunately, due to some personal issues, I haven't been able to accomplish as much as I had hoped to by now. It does look like things are starting to get somewhat back on track now and I hope to be able to start visiting and helping out where I can. As always, feel free to contact me if I can be of any help. My cell phone number is 802-272-0416 and my email address is trollfur@yahoo.com. I hope everyone had very enjoyable holidays and look forward to getting busy and working with all of the 2nd District Posts.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Furry
2nd District Commander



S.A.L. ADVISOR

Bruce Paquin

Happy New Year Legionnaires:

As we enter the New Year, half way through the administrative year. I would like to thank all of the Department Officers and the Department Posts that sponsor the Sons of the American Legion program. Without your commitment and support, the Detachment would not exist let alone achieve all of the great work in which they do for all American Legion programs. Another good example of that support is the Detachment's commitment to the Dodge house for veterans. The Detachment is one of the primary supporters of this worthy Legion program, contributing thousand of dollars, and hundreds of hours in commitment to it. SAL Commander Revell and I attended a WVTK radio-a-thon fund raiser for the Dodge House, organized by American Legion Sr. Vice Commander, Tom Scanlon. This event was held live at Middlebury American Legion Post 27, with the Post matching funds generated. The event was well received by the community and brought in much needed Holiday donations for the program. Thank you to everyone that participated with this event.

Our Detachment revitalization team has completed the process of making Squadron visitation. I do know we have missed some Posts and SAL Squadrons. Please check with your Squadron and make sure

they did receive a visit, or at least a phone call. The Detachment Organization and their Officers are here to offer any assistance and/or guidance in all issues your Squadron may face. If you would like more information on this, or would like to have a visit by us, please don't hesitate to contact me. The most immediate help you can give to your Squadron (and the Legion Family) is to assist them with their membership efforts. We are seeing a slightly better rate than the national average, but we still have a long way to go. As a Detachment, we are on target to hit our 60% goal by the January 20th date. We need to keep membership in our forethoughts to reach our goals. Keep up the good efforts. Over the last half of the year I encourage everyone to Finish Strong! We will prepare to finish the year off by taking care of our members, executing our programs, and building bonds with the community. I do look forward to seeing everyone in Burlington this January at the Mid-Winter Conference. I wish all of the veterans and their families a healthy, happy and safe New Year!

Bruce F. Paquin

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ATTN: VETERANS & ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS

Were you exposed to Burn Pits while deployed?

Sign up for the VA Burn Pit registry today.

★ IS THIS FOR ME?

Veterans and Service members who have deployed to the Southwest Asia theater of operations on or after August 2, 1990 as well as those who have deployed to Afghanistan or Djibouti after September 11, 2001 can use the registry.

★ WHY SIGN UP?

- Document your exposures and health concerns.
- Improve awareness of long-term health for you and all Veterans.
- Learn about follow up care at the VA.
- Satisfaction from helping other Veterans and Service members.

★ VA MEDICAL CENTER, VT



For assistance with enrollment call your local Vermont Veterans Outreach Specialist:

888-607-8773

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White River Junction Healthcare System

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Scan QR Code with your smartphone camera to sign up for the VA Burn Pit registry OR visit:



veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/#page/home

Mid-Winter Agenda

Friday - January 21

9:00am to 3:00pm Registration	<i>Diamond Foyer</i>
10:00am Conference/Convention Committee	
11:00am Americanism PDC	<i>Barbara Bushaw</i>
11:00am Finance Comte.	<i>PDC Dave Woodward</i>
1:00pm to 3:00pm Dept. Membership Revitalization	
2:00pm Oratorical	<i>Karlene DeVine</i>
2:00pm Boys State	<i>Dave Cobb</i>

See Display for Room Information

Conference Banquet

5:30pm Social Hour	<i>Promenade / Emerald Ballroom III</i>
6:15pm Dinner	<i>Promenade / Emerald Ballroom III</i>

Saturday - January 22

7:00am to 8:30am Registration	<i>Diamond Foyer</i>
Joint Meeting - 8:30am	<i>Emerald Ballroom III</i>
◆ Presentation of Colors	<i>Fair Haven Post 49 Color Guard</i>
◆ National Anthem	<i>Andrea Tester</i>
◆ Invocation	<i>Ken Coonradt</i>
◆ Pledge of Allegiance	<i>Anne MacEachern</i>
	<i>Auxiliary Dept. Chaplain</i>
Introduction of Head Table	<i>Catherine M. Tester</i> <i>Department Commander</i>
◆ Four Chaplains Presentation	<i>Ken Coonradt</i> <i>Department Chaplain</i>
Convention Reconvenes - 9:30am	<i>Emerald Ballroom III</i>
◆ Salute to Colors	<i>Fair Haven Post 49 Color Guard</i>
◆ Invocation	<i>Ken Coonradt - Dept. Chaplain</i>
◆ Pledge of Allegiance	<i>Silas Loomis Dept. Sgt-at-Arms</i>
◆ Post Roll Call	<i>Brian Markwell</i> <i>Department Adjutant</i>
◆ Welcoming Remarks	<i>Catherine M. Tester</i>
◆ National Vice Commander	<i>Cory Bates</i>
◆ Vermont Paws & Boots	<i>Michelle LeBlanc</i>
◆ Americanism PDC	<i>Barbara Bushaw</i>
◆ Law Cadet & Training	<i>Tom Scanlon</i>

◆ Children & Youth	<i>Bill Ferman</i>
◆ Oratorical	<i>Karlene Devine</i>
◆ Scouts	<i>PDC Ron LaRose</i>
◆ POW/MIA	<i>PDC Ron Larose</i>
◆ Education & Scholarships	<i>PDC Fred LaTour</i>
◆ Athletics	<i>Leon "Scott" Stevens</i>
◆ Boy's State	<i>Dave Cobb</i>
◆ The Veterans Place	<i>Karen Boyce</i>
◆ VAVS	<i>Ken Coonradt</i>
◆ Vermont Veterans Home	<i>Ken Coonradt</i>
◆ Rehabilitation & Gifts for Yanks	<i>PDC Milt Willis</i>
◆ Historians Report	<i>Victor Stone - Dept. Historian</i>
◆ SAL Advisory	<i>Bruce Paquin</i>
◆ NEC Report	<i>PDC Ron LaRose</i>
◆ Internal Affairs	<i>PDC Royal Sheeley</i>
◆ Convention Committee	<i>Fred Stebbins</i>
◆ Post Evaluations	<i>David Perron</i>
◆ Public Relations	<i>Lloyd Goodrow</i>
◆ Legislative	<i>PDC Richard Farmer</i>
◆ American Legion Riders	<i>Lou Furry</i>
◆ Reconnect Program	<i>Mark Cloutier</i>
◆ Constitution & Bylaws	<i>Rebecca Otey</i>
◆ Finance Officer	<i>PDC David Woodward - Asst. F.O.</i>
◆ Membership	<i>Tom Scanlon</i>
- Memberships to the Podium	- Membership Recognitions
◆ Endorsements for Department Officers	
◆ Donations to the Commanders Project	
- Donations to the Podium	
◆ Sweepstakes Drawing	<i>Catherine Tester</i>
◆ Benediction	<i>Ken Coonradt</i>
◆ Retirement of Colors	<i>Fair Haven Post 49 Color Guard</i>
◆ Adjournment	
	<i>Department Executive Committee Meeting</i>
	<i>Immediately Following Close of the Regular Session</i>



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

POST EVERLASTING

LAJEUNESSE, ROLAND C	10
SHIRLOCK, GEORGE F	10
GARDNER, GARY A	13
SHEPARD, ROBERT	25
THORNTON, BERT C	26
WORDELL, WILLIAM A	37
SHOVER, GEORGE W	42
LOBDELL, SCOTT	50
DODGE, JAMES	50
DAY, JAMES E	67
DAVIS, FRED	80
REYNOLDS, ARLENE M	80
GORDIN, ROBERT	91
CHANDLER, LES	91
ROBERGE, LEONARD	91
STERSON, RALPH	100
CHADSE, DELBERT	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. “

SON's Commanders Project

Pathways Vermont Supportive Services for Veteran Families

2021 FACT SHEET

In partnership with



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

