



# AMERICAN LEGION

## DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

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## MAY 2025 Bulletin

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## Department Commander

*Joseph Zickmund*



Vermont Legionnaires,

What a year! Thank you for the confidence you've shown by selecting me as your Department Commander. I have done my best to represent you and to lead the DEC as they work so hard on your behalf. I want to thank all of you for the invitations and gracious hospitality as I've traveled the state. My only regret is that I couldn't visit every Post during my year as your Commander.

I've made many new acquaintances, some of which I am sure will be lifelong friends. With your help we have raised money for, and awareness of, our Children and Youth programs. They are very vital for the well-being and education of our youth and for the future of our organization and country. I greatly appreciate that support and hope that together we can continue to make this a priority. We also worked together to raise money for Paws and Boots so they can continue their mission of training service dogs with at-risk veterans. There is nothing we do that is more important than caring for our veterans and I thank you for your contributions that help fund the continuation of this important and vital program.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the officers, committee chairs and members and, of course, Melodie for their hard work, dedication, and support as we navigated issues in our service to you. There are many who work in unison to ensure the Department runs well and best serves the members of Vermont. It is my hope that the kindness and respect shown to me will be given to your next Department Commander.

During my time, I have forged some great relationships with folks at the National level. Because of their encouragement, I have set focus on representing you there. I am running for the National Executive Committee and hope that I can count on your vote in June. I vow to do my very best to represent the great state of Vermont and the veterans who call it home.

For God, Country, and the American Veteran,

Joe Zickmund  
Commander, Dept. of VT

## **Senior Vice Commander – William Brothers**

Hello Everyone!

Here we go, almost time for our Convention and to say goodbye to our Department Commander. I would like to let him know that he had a great year and we appreciate the job he has done and to let him know we support his next journey whatever he decides to do, thank you Commander Joe for the year you have had and good luck on your next journey.



I want to thank everyone for the great job on membership this year and let's try get to the next level and hit our 100 percent. I have had a great year working with you all on membership and visiting the Posts throughout the State. We had a great visit from our National Commander and the Leading Candidate for the up-and-coming year. We hosted them both and they both had a wonderful time visiting Vermont.

I am eager and looking forward to working with the Membership Chair – Fred Wilson this coming year and we are going to be in attendance once again at Addison County Field Days this year. Following Addison, we will be off to Rutland State Fair as well. I hope to see more of you at these events. I also want to let you all know if you need any help, you can reach out to me, and I will assist you in what you need.

I want to say thank you to all of our District and Country Commanders for the great job this year and look forward to working with you all in the coming year again. I also want to thank PDC Mark Cloutier, PDP Corrinna Colson and PDC Cathy Tester for all your support this year. Also, Department Adjutant Brian and especially Melodie, thank you for what you do every day for all of us.

I am hoping to see a lot of you at our Convention in June and I look forward to working towards our goals in the coming year. We are working on trying to get more training for the AL Riders this year and possibly holding a Legion College within our State, this will help anyone who wants to improve their leadership skills to move forward in Department.

I am looking forward to Boys State and especially the returning Law Cadet Program. Thank you, June Kelly, for all of your time and energy bringing this program back to Vermont this year.

In closing I look forward to being your Commander this upcoming year, and I want to say thank you to all who have contributed to Legion programs, your Post and its activities this year. See you at the Convention!

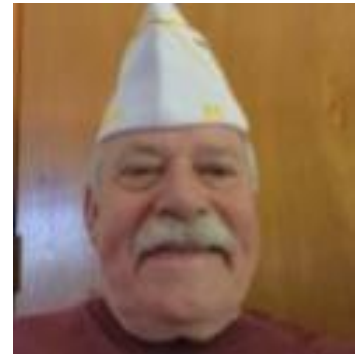
For God and Country,

Bill Brothers, Sr. Vice Commander

### **Southern Area Commander – Fred Wilson**

Hello Legionnaires,

Commander Zickmund, the Fourth and Fifth District of the Southern Area are so grateful to be part of the Department of Vermont American Legion under your guidance, incredible leadership, and support. Your ability to delegate responsibilities and empower us to take ownership of our decisions is greatly appreciated. Your energy and passion are contagious, and they inspire us all to perform our best. All of us, Thank you!



Mark your calendars for the testimonial dinners for Vermont Department Commander Joe Zickmund on Saturday June 7th at Harry N. Cutting Post 59, 16 Stowe Street, Waterbury, American Legion Auxiliary Department of Vermont President John Tester on Saturday, May 31st 1PM at Post 27, Wilson Road, Middlebury and Detachment Commander Brian Massey on Saturday May 10th at Post 3, 21 Main Street, Montpelier.

Department of Vermont Convention Golf Tournament Thursday June 19th starting at 8AM SHARP!!!! 4 players per team at \$100 each. The American Legion Family 2025 Convention from 19th - 21st of June 2025 at the Hampton Inn by Hilton Colchester, 42 Lower Mountain View Drive, Colchester, Vermont. Vermont Convention Banquet Friday, June 20th, 2025, starting at 530PM. Tickets are \$40 each at the convention site. Come join us! Summer starts June 20th, 2025. Dottie Brothers Memorial Fundraiser bring all your handmade items, and they will be auctioned or raffled off at the banquet.

Do not forget all the Commander's Projects: American Legion Baseball, Vermont Eagle and Boy Scouts of America, Green Mountain Boy State, and Vermont Oratorical contests. As well as Vermont Paws and Boots.

BE THE ONE!!!!!!

For immediate help in dealing with a suicidal crisis, please call 988 and Press 1,

chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat/>) or text 838255.

Fred E. Wilson Jr.

Southern Area Commander  
[2fredwilson@gmail.com](mailto:2fredwilson@gmail.com)  
9177630354.

## **Dept. Adjutant – Brian Markwell**

**STATE CONVENTION:** Hampton Inn by Hilton, Colchester, VT. June 20, 21 June 2025. Rooms will be \$189.00 plus tax. Attached in the Bulletin is the rooming information.

**HOSPITALITY ROOMS:** As we know, during our Convention there are one or two Hospitality Rooms available for comradeship and friendship. This year (*Fair Haven Post 49 - Leading Candidate for Dept. Commander – Bill Brothers Post home*) and Department will take the time, effort, and expense to have Hospitality Rooms. They do so for a reason. They welcome folks to come in, have some food and beverage, and share conversation with the host Post. When we visit a Hospitality Room, share your experiences, break bread and enjoy the evening. The host hospitality rooms will not tolerate, nor should they, the removal of excess beverages and food from the room, nor will they tolerate overconsumption of alcohol and belligerent behavior. The Department does not condone such actions.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:** Please find enclosed the following:

**CALL TO THE CONVENTION**  
**CANDIDATE'S FOR OFFICE 2024 – 2025**  
**CONVENTION SCHEDULE**  
**BANQUET INFO**  
**HOTEL INFO**  
**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FLYER**  
**ETC.**

We will again have the "Cavalcade of Youth" on Saturday morning. We will Honor the State Oratorical Winner, (*she will be giving her winning Oration – Don't miss it!!*) Eagle Scout of the Year, 1st and 2nd Place Scholarship winners and the Children & Youth Poster contest winners. It will be an interesting and busy two days, and we welcome everyone to the State Convention.

In closing I would like to thank the membership for their support this past year. To the Leadership, kudos, for a job well-done! I thank the staff, your DSO – Larry Thompson and your Executive Administrator - Melodie Ashford-McGrath. We have completed a busy and informative year under the Leadership of our Commander – Joseph Zickmund, I am sure that he will enjoy the status of “Past Department Commander”.

**CONVENTION MISC:** Your guide to this year’s events can be found in the enclosed Convention Schedule. Credentials, Added Strength Votes, etc., have been mailed previously to your Post home. The Department will have a Hospitality Room and Fair Haven Post 49 as well. Kindly treat them with respect and enjoy your stay.

**FUNDRAISERS:** The Department Sweepstakes will be drawn on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. For those who have tickets, please send them to the Department ASAP. Thank you in advance for your continued support. Department Golf Tournament! The Department, again, is asking for your support in Sponsoring a Golf Hole; \$100.00 donation, with the proceeds offsetting the Convention expenses.

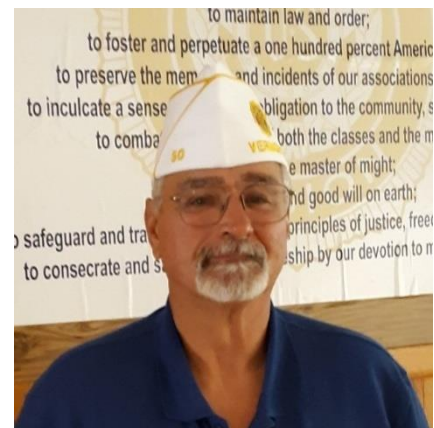
Respectfully,  
Brian D. Markwell, Dept. Adjutant

### **Dept. Chaplain – Stephen Frost**

Greetings, Legion Family!

How fitting, that this month, we celebrated Mother’s Day, and we hosted elections of our Posts leadership.

I find inspiration in Proverbs 1:8-9.... *“Pay close attention, my child, to your father’s wise words and never forget your mother’s instructions. For their insight will bring you success, adorning you with grace-filled thoughts and giving you reins to guide your decisions”.*



In the twilight of Post elections, and the dawning of Department elections and National Representative choices, I feel that Proverbs 1:8-9 guides our thoughts toward unifying our family and our choices, to elect those who will guide our near-term future, with long-term impacts.

Additionally, it informs us to accept the outcome of elections, with grace, and allows us the opportunity to listen and learn from those chosen by us, to lead our Legion Family in our vitally important mission. In ANY electoral process, there will be descent and



disappointment. Regardless, Proverbs 31:31, (referring to Mothers), and, well related to how we should view and support our leadership, UNANIMOUSLY, states, *"Honor her for all her hands have done, and let her works be praised at the city gate"*.

Let us be prayerful of the success of our leadership, in guiding our collective American Legion missions. Remember, ALWAYS, that God is in, and through each of us, and inspires us to serve, honorably, in His Holy Name, for the benefit of our Veterans, POWs and MIAs, our children and youth, and our communities, writ large.

God Bless and keep you, WELL, and I hope to greet ALL of you, at the June Convention!

### **Dept. Historian – Carl King**

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires

As we come to the end of our year, I wish to thank everyone for your service and those in leadership thank you for helping to build me up not only to be a better person, but a better Legionnaire. I also cannot leave out our Executive Administrator - Melodie, for she is the foundation of operations and a wealth of knowledge, information and logistics. She helps make everything make sense!



It has been a great honor and pleasure to serve as Your Department of Vermont HISTORIAN under the 2024-25 Command of Joseph Zickmund. He has provided a model of leadership that I can incorporate in conjunction with my own, to be a more valuable Legionnaire and leader. His insights and guidance are priceless. Thank You Commander!

We will soon have a change of command. I was asked by Sr. Vice Commander Bill Brothers to be his HISTORIAN. I was honored and accepted his appointment.

Thank You to all those who supported and guided me along this journey. For it was Y'all that carried me through tough times. You never left a man behind. I SALUTE!

Brian Markwell, PDC Mark Cloutier, Bob Pearl, Roy (Buzz) McKinnon, Steven Frost, Dave Cobb. And many more...

I am looking forward to another year and more opportunities to see, experience, and meet Legionnaires all across our great state. To be a part of something bigger than me, but needs and wants me, is an awesome, and profound experience.

Until next time, Legionnaires!

Carl P. King

Department of Vermont

Historian

### **3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander – Christopher Wood**

Hello from the District Three communities of Washington, Orange, and Lamoille counties. We are days away from the unofficial start to summer and graduations, weddings, and summer convention will keep many of us very busy.

Testimonials are happening, children and youth activities are reaching their peak, and that 100% membership target date is here. I am looking forward to the warmer weather and the opportunities to enjoy more outdoor activities.



June will bring in the second annual Legion Riders Legacy Ride along with the ride-in to the Convention. Summer is also the time for changes in leadership at all levels of the organization. Please take the time to mentor the new members of our Posts and encourage them to take on new roles within the organization. Who is going to be the next Commander at your Post? Are they ready to do the job?

Armed Forces Day is May 14th, and this is the day our posts are trying to be at 100% of quota. Posts will be scrambling to get in those last few renewals before the deadline while our members are wondering what the big deal is. It is only May! Norwich Post 1819 has kept Washington County in the lead for District 3 with 113% of their quota as of last week. Mt Mansfield Post 35 in Lamoille County with 97% has inched ahead of Chelsea Post 61 pushing Orange County out of second place and into third with 96% of their quota.

This makes representation of each County in the District for the top three spots. Northfield Post 63 has roared up the rankings to create a three-way tie with Barre Post 10 and Norwich University Post 1819 for 15 new members each. The new members for Posts in District Three have increased by six people from the last newsletter for a new grand total of 57. Thank you for all you do!

Christopher Wood, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. Commander



## **4<sup>th</sup> District Commander – William Charron**

The Fourth District wants to thank Commander Zickmund on a tremendous year as Department Commander.

Our District is striving to meet our membership goals. We are fortunate that our Posts are holding many events. I can attest to the meals our Posts are offering to the community.

We look forward to the upcoming Department Convention bringing all of us together.

God bless us all.

Bill Charron  
Fourth District Commander



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

Greetings from District 5:

I was happy to see that our District is over 90% in total membership and Post 11 Bridgewater and Post 43 Rochester have both hit 100%. Let's keep wrapping up the year! A lot can be done in 6 weeks.

Several of our posts have been installed. For those of you who haven't been installed yet, any of your Commanders, County, District, or Southern Area and above are happy to be involved in this meaningful ceremony. It is always great to see the Posts moving into the next year of service.

I want to encourage everyone to consider coming to the Convention and participating in the business of the organization. A certain number of Posts are necessary for a quorum and seeing the effect our organization has in service to Veterans might awaken an interest stepping into a chairmanship or other position.

I hope to see you there.

For God and Country.  
Lew Graham, Jr.  
District Commander



## **Orleans County Commander – Carl King**

Greetings Legionnaires.

We up here in The Northeast Kingdom also known as " GOD'S Country " are excited to see that summer is soon to be here. And with that comes the end of our Legion year.

We have had many successful events and community-oriented meals and bingos, etc. Our POSTS have done wonders!

We are looking forward to gaining more membership and doing more legion activities and community involved events as well.

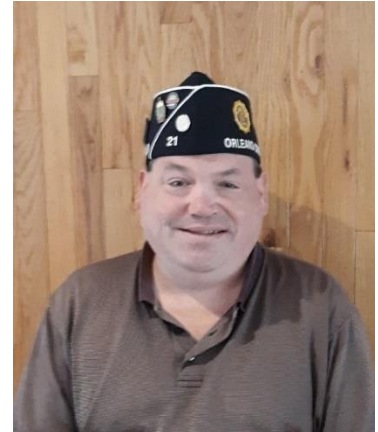
We are in hopes (*A Convention Bid was sent to the Committee*) that our 2026 Convention hosted may come to Post 28 Jay Peak (North Troy). It will provide a great opportunity to see the north of the State and will help stimulate membership and our economy up here.

There are a lot of opportunities this year to do greater, bigger, better than last!

I, and  
Post 76 Barton  
Post 23 Orleans  
Post 21 Newport  
Post 28 Jay Peak (North Troy)  
wish You all well, and best wishes!!!

Thank You

Carl P. King  
Post 21 Commander  
Orleans County Commander



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

Legionnaires,

Post 59 in Waterbury will be hosting a Community Pinewood Derby on Saturday, 24 May from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event is open to everyone...e.g., children, adults, boys, girls, Legion members, non-Legion members, etc. If you would like to participate and need an assembly kit, please let me know. You can also enter a car you built in the past

as long as the car meets Scouting criteria such as no heavier than five ounces. The registration fee is \$10.00, payable on the day of the event. Currently, we have over 30 participants signed up. Prizes will be awarded for the fastest and best-looking cars. Come to Post 59 and join the fun.

The Vermont House recently passed H.51 that included a provision to exclude military retirement income and military survivor benefit income for most Vermont military retirees. According to the amendment:

- If the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer is less than or equal to \$125,000.00, all federally taxable U.S. military retirement income and survivor benefit income shall be excluded.
- If the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer is greater than \$125,000.00 but less than \$175,000.00, the percentage of federally taxable U.S. military retirement income and survivor benefit income to be excluded shall be proportional to the amount of the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income over \$125,000.00.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. If passed as is by the Senate, "the act shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2025, and apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025."



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

Gagnon, Harold ...01  
Muldoon, Patrick ...01  
Johnson, Sr., Ivan ...01  
Hathaway, Robert ...01  
Meunier, Roger ...01  
Leahy, David ...01  
Bracey, Edward ...01  
Rice, Gary ...01  
Foti, Robert ...03  
Hatch, Paul ...12  
West, Jr., Ronald ...12  
Rice, Rodney ...13  
Thomas, Jr., Theo ...13  
Anthony, Alan ...14  
Booska, Michael ...14  
Thiess, Thomas ...14  
Gallant, James ...14  
Ehler, Alden ...19  
Rogers, Steven ...20  
Hinton, Russell ...21  
Raftery, Joan ...23  
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Lafountain, Allen ...27  
Malzac, Ernest ...27  
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Kenney, Jr., Douglas ...58  
Tetley, Robert ...58  
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Collins, Earle ...60  
Bromley, Jr., Chester ...60  
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## **CALL TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

**THE 107<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION, THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT IS  
HEREBY CALLED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL  
CONVENTION COMMITTEE AND WILL BE HELD IN COLCHESTER, VERMONT AT THE HAMPTON  
INN BY HILTON ON JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

## **PURPOSE**

1. To receive the reports of Department Officers and Chairmen of Standing Department Committees.
2. To act upon any resolution and/or amendment to the Department Constitution and By-Laws, as presented.
3. To elect, by vote, the following Department Officers for the ensuing year:

- COMMANDER (1)
- SENIOR VICE COMMANDER (1)
- NORTHERN AREA VICE COMMANDER (1)
- SOUTHERN AREA VICE COMMANDER (1)
- DISTRICT COMMANDERS (5)
- COUNTY COMMANDERS (12)
- FINANCE OFFICER (1)
- NEC (1)
- Alt. NEC (1)

4. To select the site of the 2026/2027 Department Convention and 2026/2027 Mid-Winter Conference.
5. To elect the Delegates and Alternates to the 2025 National Convention. (Department Commander elect, immediate Past Department Commander and Incoming Department Adjutant shall, by virtue of their offices, shall be delegates to the National Convention. National Executive Committeeman, by virtue of his/her office, shall be a delegate to the National Convention.) (Section III, Article VII, National Constitution & By-Laws.)
6. To transact such other business as may be legally brought before the Convention.

## **REPRESENTATION**

Shall be by Posts in accordance with Department Constitution & By-Laws, Article V, Page 9.

**ARTICLE V – Section 3.** A Department Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates chosen annually by each Post, each of which shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each twenty-five memberships or major fraction thereof, paid to the Department Finance Officer, 45 days prior to the date of the opening of the Department Convention. Delegate strength to be based on membership on file at Department Headquarters 45 days prior to the opening date of Department Convention. Membership received following the 45-day period at Headquarters Office shall not be used in determining Post delegate strength. In addition, each Post shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate at large. All Past Department Commanders and current Department Officers and current elected National Officers, while in good standing in their respective Posts, shall be delegates to the Department Convention with vote, to be exercised with their respective Posts, such votes thereof, shall be in addition to the number of delegates allowed said Posts as provided in this section.

**Section 4.** Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. Alternates shall have all the privileges of delegates and shall vote only in the absence of the delegate. No voting by proxy shall be allowed.

**Section 5.** The Posts shall elect all delegates and alternates not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the Department Convention.

**Section 6.** A quorum shall exist at the Department Convention when (40%) of the Chartered Posts within the Department are present. When the Credentials Committee Chairman reports a Quorum, as set forth in the Bylaws of this Constitution, the Convention may transact any business before it.

**Section 7.** The Department Convention Committee, i.e., Resolutions, Credentials, Distinguished Guests, and/or any other Committee that may be deemed necessary to conduct a Department Convention, shall be appointed by the Department Commander, not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the opening date of the Department Convention. Only accredited delegates to the Department Convention shall be eligible for appointment to any Convention Committee. The Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall constitute the Constitution and By-Laws Committee at the Department Convention.

## **CREDENTIALS**

Attention of all Posts is called to the resolution relating to delegates and alternates passed by the 1936 Department Convention, reading as follows:

**RESOLVED,** that it is the sense of this Convention that delegates and alternates presenting themselves to the Committee on Credentials for seating shall, in addition to complying with present regulations, be required to present to the Committee on Credentials their Membership Card, or having failed to bring such card, shall furnish to the Committee other evidence sufficient to satisfy such Committee, that they are members in good standing of the Post they propose to represent;



**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is a sense of this Convention that all persons entering the Convention Hall at or for any of the business sessions of the Department Convention, shall be required to show their Membership Cards before being allowed to enter.

**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL DELEGATES ARE INSTRUCTED TO HAVE THEIR LEGION MEMBERSHIP CARD, FOR THE CURRENT YEAR (2024), WITH THEM AT CONVENTION.**

**THEIR LEGION MEMBERSHIP CARD MUST BE SHOWN ON SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025. NAME CONFIRMATION FROM DELEGATE SHEET WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE SO THAT HE/SHE MAY BE SEATED IN THE VOTING SECTION OF THE CONVENTION.**

## **DISTRICT MEETING**

District Commanders may call a meeting of the delegates and alternates from their respective districts, at such time and place as will not conflict with the Convention Program.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Posts having resolutions to present to the Convention are required to send one (1) typewritten copy of each resolution to the Department Adjutant, Department Headquarters, P O Box 396, Montpelier VT 05601-0396, two (2) weeks PRIOR to the opening date of the Department Convention.

## **AMENDMENTS – DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE XIV, Section 1 (PAGE 20).** The Department Constitution may be amended at any Department Convention by a two-thirds vote of the total delegates thereat; provided that the proposed amendments shall have been sent to all Posts and members of the Department Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of a regularly called Department Convention.

**Section 2.** That no proposed amendment shall be submitted through the Department Adjutant to the several Posts, as provided in Section 1 of this article, unless said proposed amendment shall have been first submitted by a Post, the Department Executive Committee, or by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of The American Legion, Department of Vermont, Inc.

**Section 3.** Any provisions of this Constitution shall be automatically amended to conform to any amendment adopted by The American Legion, at its National Convention, to the National Constitution of The American Legion, when said amendment affects that Department or its internal organization.

**Section 4.** Any amendment to this Constitution shall be effective at the close of the Department Convention, at which the same is adopted.

# 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 ROY MCKINNON	91 47
SO. AREA COMMANDER	WILLIAM CHARRON	50
1 <sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER	VICTOR STONE	91
2 <sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER	CARL KING	21
3 <sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER	CHRISTOPHER WOOD	59
4 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER	MARK LOSEBY JOE BUMP	50 13
5 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER	PAUL KENDALL LEWIS GRAHAM	26 36
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		
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

# 2025 Convention



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## DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT



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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

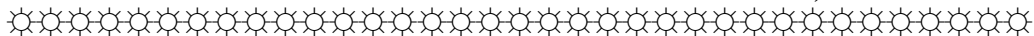
**Entertainment to Follow: C.A.T. DJ Services**

**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)

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 9<sup>th</sup>

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: \_\_\_\_\_



**“SPONSOR A HOLE”  
WILLISTON COUNTRY CLUB  
2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT**

PROUDLY SPONSORS  
THIS HOLE

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

You may want to sponsor a hole in Memoria or thank you to a special Veteran, Auxiliary member or Son’s of the American Legion. Whatever the case may be, we would appreciate your participation. The Legion Riders may want to get involved also. Kindly submit \$100.00 to Department of Vermont, earmarked for Golf, NLT June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. All proceeds will go to Veterans Programs. Alter the above block to suit your needs. You can also call Melodie at HQ’s, tell her what you want on your placard and pay by credit card over the phone.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

*Brian*

Brian Markwell, Dept. Adjutant





# **American Legion Riders Department of Vermont**

**Department Commander's  
"RIDE INTO CONVENTION"**

**Friday June 20, 2025**

**Join Department Commander Joseph  
Zickmund and the Legion riders in a ride to  
kick off this years Department Convention.  
Depart Hampton Inn at 10:30 Ride to Post 91.**

**Kickstands up 11:00. Brief ride back to  
Hampton Inn for Noon**



**Any donations collected will be handed to the Department Commander  
upon arrival at Hampton Inn**

# 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.*

<i>Pot Roast</i> _____	<i>Chicken</i> _____	<i>Amount Enclosed:</i> _____
<i>Name:</i> _____ <i>Phone #</i> _____		

*Serving Those who Served All*



# 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



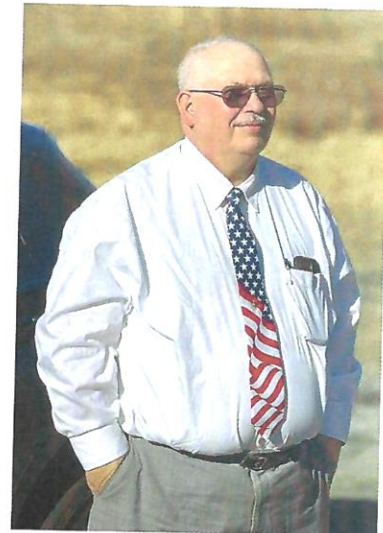
Items need to be completed and submitted before June 14. They will be displayed and then either live auctioned, silent auctioned or raffled on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Convention Banquet. Each of our Department Leader's projects will receive 30% and a 10% memorial donation in Dottie's name will be made to The Dementia Society.

**Charith - [cez913@gmail.com](mailto:cez913@gmail.com) Cathy - [ctester2663@gmail.com](mailto:ctester2663@gmail.com)**

**AMERICAN  
LEGION  
AUXILIARY**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

*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](mailto: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





# American Legion Riders Department of Vermont

## **"2025 LEGACY RIDE"**

Saturday, June 29th

**Arrive at Lucky's Trailer Sales  
at 11:00 AM for registration.**

**KSU at 11:30 AM**

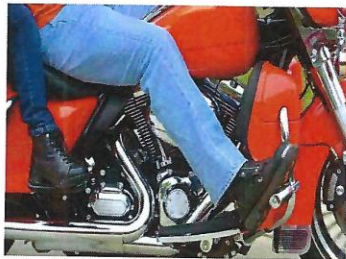
BBQ to Follow at Legion Post 10 (320 No. Main St., Barre)

**\$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**

Routes coming Soon



# **Convention Schedule**

## **Thursday, June 19**

8:00 am - Golf Tournament - Williston Country Club  
4:00 pm – Resolutions Committee Meeting  
4:30 pm - Past Dept Commander's Meeting/ Chateauguay Room  
6:00 pm - Past Department Commander's/ President's Dinner - The Light House Restaurant

## **Friday, June 20**

8:15 am – Finance Committee  
9:00 am - Dept. Executive Committee  
12:00 pm - Legion Riders Arrival  
12:30 pm - Opening Session  
**Call to Order:** Commander Zickmund  
**Presentation of Colors:** Colchester Post 91  
**Invocation:** Chaplain S. Frost  
**POW/MIA:** Area Commanders  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Richard Baptie, Sgt at Arms  
**Welcome:** Commander J. Zickmund  
**Resolutions:** Title Only PDC Clark. Ferris  
**Constitution and Bylaws:** Keith Arlund, J.A.  
**NEC Report:** PDC, NEC Tom Scanlon  
**Internal Affairs:** PDC Clark Ferris  
**Dept. Adjutant:** Brian Markwell  
**Dept. Finance:** Dennis Minoli, F.O.  
**Green Mtn. Boys State:** Dave Cobb  
**Dept. Convention:** PDC, Alt NEC Catherine Tester  
**Athletic Report:** Scott Stevens, Dir. ALB  
**Americanism/Children and Youth:** PDC Barb Bushaw & Sr. Vice Bill Brothers  
**Eagle Scouts:** PDC Ron Larose  
**Law & Order:** June Kelly, CH  
**Legislative:** PDC Richard Farmer  
**NEC Report –** PDC, NEC Tom Scanlon

**Oratorical:** Karlene Devine, CH

**Membership Awards:** Sr. Vice Bill Brothers

**Children and Youth & Americanism Awards Presentation:** PDC Barb Bushaw & Sr. Vice Bill Brothers

**Salute to Colors and Recess**

**Following closing - District & County Commander UPDATED Training:** PDC C. Ferris, Dept. Adjutant Markwell – McDonough Room

**Legion Riders Meeting** – Dave Hendee, Dir. (Library Room)

**BANQUET- Hotel Ballroom**

**Guest Speaker: Senator Peter Welch**

**Entertainment: C.A.T DJ Services**

**Social 5:30 PM - Dinner 6:15 PM**

## **Saturday, June 21**

**8:30 am** - Convention Reconvenes

**Salute to the Colors:** Regional Honor Guard

**POW/MIA:** Area Commanders

**Invocation:** Stephen Frost

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Richard Baptie, Sgt At Arms

**Preamble to the Constitution:** All

**Commander Remarks:** Commander Joseph Zickmund

**Memorial:** Stephen Frost/PDC Richard Farmer

**Final Report of Rules:** Keith Arlund, J.A.

**Reading of the Call to Convention:** Adjutant Brian Markwell

**Credentials Report:** Dennis Minoli, F.O.

**Cavalcade of Youth Awards:** PDC Barb Bushaw & Sr. Vice Bill Brothers

**Oratorical Presentation:** Oratorical 2025 Winner Hadley Butler

**Law Officer of the Year:** June Kelly, CH

**Resolutions Report:** PDC Clark Ferris

**Legislative Report:** PDC Richard Farmer

**Finance Report:** Dennis Minoli, F.O.

**Dept. Service Officer Report** - Lawrence Thompson, DSO

**Warriors @ 45 North** – Jon Worrall, Dir.

**Veteran's Place, Inc.** – Bonnie Allen, Dir.

**Vermont Veteran's Home** – D. Krawczyk

**Commanders Project to Podium** –

**Department Awards:** Adj. Brian Markwell

**Selection of 2026 & 2027 Convention/Midwinter Sites:** PDC, Alt NEC Catherine Tester

## **ELECTIONS**

(Before Noon) Department Commander

**Elections:** Senior Vice Commander, Area Commanders,  
Finance Officer, NEC & Alt NEC - Installations by J.A. Keith Arlund

**DISTRICT CAUCUS** - 15 minutes: Elect delegates to National Convention District &  
County Commanders - Installations By: J. A. Keith Arlund

**Benediction:** S. Frost

**Retirement of Colors:** Regional Honor Guard

**Adjournment** - DEC to Follow