DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT COMMANDER

Ronald LaRose

My Fellow Legionnaires,

The Annual Mid-Winter Conference has been held and I am very pleased the way Friday’s meetings went, Friday night banquet and Saturday’s Conference. Lots of positive feedback from many attendees. I am sure there were some negative issues, but the positives outweighed the negatives. Kudos to Keith, Melodie and Cathy for their major contributions to the success of this weekend.

Our membership is doing well but let us not lose sight of our individual Post’s goals. If your Post is at 100%, great. If your Post is not at 100%, your members need to get out in your communities to conduct face to face interviews with potential members. If you take care of your Post’s goal, Department’s goal will fall into place.

The first weekend of February I started my road trips around the state to informally visit Legion Posts. On this particular weekend, I visited Newport, North Troy, Richford, Enosburg, St Albans, Colchester, Fair Haven, Poultny, West Rutland, and Brandon. In most cases, there was an officer of the Post present. I was given a tour of the facility, asked about problems they were having and engaged various members in conversation. These visits were very satisfying to me. There will be some Posts I will visit during their monthly Post meetings, but this is not possible for all Posts because of conflicts. In the future, I could be stopping by your Post to visit with whoever is present. Don’t be alarmed if you are the Commander and you did not meet me. The Posts I have already visited I was welcomed by those present and enjoyed my time there.

Major events that are coming up are the next DEC meeting on April 26 at Post 3 in Montpelier and leadership training on May 16 at Post 31 in Rutland with the Northeast Region Vice Commander conducting some of the training. Hope to see as many as possible at these two events.

So far this winter, Mother Nature has been very kind to us. I hope it continues. I love global warming!

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For God and Country,

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PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;
To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
To make right the master of might; To promote peace and goodwill on earth;
To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation,
under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all
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USS Vermont Commissioning Events Announced!
Get your FREE Tickets NOW before they’re gone!

Thursday Afternoon, April 16
USS VERMONT (SSN 792) Crew & Vermonters Picnic
Vermonters and Committee members share an afternoon to celebrate the commissioning with the sailors and their families. All Vermonters welcome. Attendees MUST RSVP at: ssm9950@yahoo.com or 802-456-8870

Saturday, April 18 at 10am
USS Vermont Commissioning Ceremony — Tickets Required
Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, CT

REQUEST TICKETS NOW at ussvermont.org

Also, visit the Submarine Force Museum,
Home of the Nautilus, following the ceremony.

Contact: Debra Martin, chair, USS VERMONT Commissioning Committee 802-249-0487, capvid1124@aol.com; Or Bill Mattoon, Public Affairs committee member; 802-885-3886, cmattoon@vermontel.net
Hello Legionnaires,

As Sr. Vice I am also the membership chair and I want to say **THANK YOU** – each legionnaire who brought a new member in, spoke to a member about renewing; adjutants and post membership chairs who processed members and the list goes on. **THANK YOU!** The Department of Vermont has met all of the Membership goals set by National so far this membership year. The next three goals are not going to be easy to achieve, but if we work together and contact our members who have not renewed, over 1,300, YES 1,300 we can make this happen. **90 percent by March 11.**

**A shout out to Norwich Post 1819 for achieving 102.63 membership – OUTSTANDING job!**

If you need help pulling a 2019 membership list, contact Melodie at department and she will be happy to run a report for you.

Our 4th District Membership engagement in January was very successful. We transferred 11 members from the Direct Mail Solicitation (DMS) and 7 from Post 100 and brought back 8 expired members as well as signed up a new member. Thank you to Crippen Fellows Post 50 and Paul LaFountain Post 69 for hosting the event and the following members for participating; Christina Moore, PDC Royal E. Sheeley, Ted Parisi, Dept. Commander Ronald LaRose, James Brown, PDC David Woodward, Mark Cloutier, Mark Loseby, Sandra Loseby, William Ferman, Corrinna E. Colson, Gerald Woodard and Thomas Scanlon.

Our next membership engagement will be in District 1 at Colchester Post 91 on Saturday, March 14 from 9am – 3pm. Bring your love of the American Legion, your cell phone and charger and your willingness to make some phone calls. Even if you can spare an hour or two we would love for you to join us.

Also, mark your calendars for District 3 on Saturday, April 4 at Barre Post 10 from 9am to 3pm. There are many upcoming events – scholarship applications are due, Boys State and Law Cadet applications are being distributed, state oratorical contest on March 7 at the Capital Plaza in Montpelier, Leadership Training with National Vice Commander MacDonald on May 16 and Leading Candidate for National Commander Paul Dillard will visit us on June 5-7. Phew, it is going to be a busy Spring and I hope to see many of you at these events.

For God and Country,

Catherine M. Tester
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Northern Area Commander

Tom Scanlon

Midwinter Conference has come and gone and it was a joy to meet old friends and make a few new ones. It was great seeing Bill Messacar from our northernmost post, CN01 Montreal. All and all it was a good event and I hope we all take something home of value from it.

Now we are into February…..February has been declared as Americanism Month, keeping in mind that Americanism is one of the Four Pillars of the American Legion. But what is Americanism? To steal a quote from American Legion Magazine; “True Americanism is an ideology that is continually nurtured within one’s soul through individual daily actions, thoughts and beliefs in what their responsibilities are to be, blessed to live in one nation, under God with liberty and justice for all.”

We often equate Americanism to Citizenship and that is not a bad thing in that it embodies those individual daily actions mentioned above in defining Americanism. Citizenship, one of the Six Pillars of Character, is about doing ones share to make your home, school, community and the greater world better; it is about cooperating; getting involved in community affairs; staying informed and voting; being a good neighbor, obeying the laws and rules; respecting authority; protecting the environment; and volunteering.

This is a time also to reflect upon, get involved in, support, promote, and talk about the wonderful Americanism Programs of the American Legion. Letting everyone in your community know what we do is critically important, particularly in that it promotes participation and is a great sales pitch for membership. The following are some the Americanism Programs and Initiatives we should be talking about and promoting:

Boys State/Nation…..Oratorical…..Law Cadet Program…..Legion Baseball

Eagle Scout of the Year…..Flag Education…..Legacy Scholarship Fund

Post & Department Scholarships…..School Medal Awards…..Boy Scouts

So now it is up to you. Go spread the word. Don’t make excuses, No one believes them anyway. You always have time to do what is important. As Abraham Lincoln once stated, “You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.”

For God, Country & Community

Tom Scanlon

VERMONT SSN792 CALENDAR

The VERMONT (SSN 792) Commissioning Committee is issuing a 15-month calendar covering October 2019 to December 2020 to honor the upcoming Commissioning of the Submarine VERMONT (SSN 792); all Naval Ships that have carried Vermont namesakes and the men and women that have sailed on those vessels. The calendar pictures the first ships to carry the name “VERMONT” as well as numerous other ship pictures and noted Vermont individuals. The cost of this 15-month calendar is $10.00 each plus shipping. Please contact Bill Mattoon at e-mail: cmattoon@vermontel.net to make arrangements of individual calendar orders or group Post orders.
Our Mid-Winter Conference gave us an opportunity to assess the status of the Department of Vermont and its programs at the midterm of the 2019-2020 Legion Yr. For those posts that did not attend the Mid-Winter Meeting, of interest are the youth programs that are scheduled for the spring and summer of 2020.

I encourage the District and County Commanders of the Southern area to remind their posts of the rapidly approaching Oratorical Contest which will be conducted at the department level on 7 March 2020 at the Capitol in Montpelier. Southern Area District Commanders should consider allocating District Funds to award the contestants from their respective Districts. It appears that there are currently candidates from the 4th and 5th Districts. Another program in need of support is the Law Cadet Program. Law Cadet Chairman, Northern Area Cdr. Tom Scanlon, has teamed with the Department of New Hampshire program to provide an opportunity for Vermont youth to attend their program. Cost of the Program will be $250 this year and local posts are encouraged to talk with their local Law Enforcement Agencies about the value of this program in recruiting future Law Enforcement personnel.

Boys State Chairman, Dave Cobb, encourages posts that do not have Boy’s State candidates from a local high school to consider sponsoring a Boys State Scholarship for those posts where there may be more boys desiring to attend than there are local posts to support them. The fee for Boys state has been increased to $300.00 per candidate.

Spring is also the time for Birthday Dinners and Posts will be inviting Department Officers to attend. There may be situations where events will occur on the same date and it will be necessary to arrange your schedules to ensure attendance by a Department Officer at these events, please ensure that you communicate with each other on these events.

For God and Country,

PDC Royal E. Sheeley
Southern Area Commander

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

Hope everyone is well. With Mid-Winter over, we are halfway through the year. Now is the time for a major push for our membership. Please, if you have members not paid you can use mylegion.org to write personalized letters to send out to each member not paid. If you need help to do this please, let me know. I am happy to help.

At Mid Winter we were reminded of the change in the Preamble "The Great Wars" has been changed
to "All Wars" please make note of this and update any material you must reflect the change.

If you have Facebook, please make sure you join the department Facebook book as we will be using this to post some Americanism programs in the future. If you have events at your post, please let me know and I am happy to post on the Department website as well as pictures from the events. It is always nice to see what other posts are doing.

We had a membership drive for the 4th District in January. We had several people making phone calls at Post 50 in Rutland County and others making calls at Post 69 in Bennington County. We had great success with calling expired members and Post 100 members. I would like to thank all those involved.

We need all posts to make plans on who they are going to send to convention in June. We need someone from all posts to be involved in these meetings. This is where you get important information for your posts also pick up new year membership cards, etc., so please make plans to attend even if just for the Saturday meetings.

If you have a Fundraising idea that is working great for your Post and would like to share to help other Posts, please let me know. I will put them in future newsletters.

God Bless our Troops

Christina Moore
4th District commander

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

Keith Arlund

I would like to thank all the members who participated in the Mid-Winter Conference at the Double-Tree. As I noted, a total of 32 posts were in attendance and I commend you for being present. As a reminder the Department needs to have at least 35 posts present at the Department Convention in June in order to conduct our business and the election of officers for the next year. The department met the 80% membership target date of January 15th and will likely meet the 85% target date on February 15th. Thank you all for your membership efforts and for the district revitalization campaigns initiated by Senior Vice Commander Tester.

If you have any comments or issues related to the Mid-Winter Conference, please let me or Melodie know. As you know we will be conducting the annual convention at the same venue and planning is underway. The staff for Mid-Winter was thorough, flexible and professional in their work for us. They are looking forward to our return in June.

Respectfully,

Keith O. Arlund
Department Adjutant
DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

Ken Coonradt

Howdy Legionnaires,

Holy Moly we had a great Mid-Winter Conference. Was impressed with Commander LaRose's leadership and professionalism at the podium. Obviously, this was not his first rodeo. The presentations were informational and interesting. Y'all done good! My thanks to Terry Armstrong for his tribute to our late comrade Hillard who is now at peace in the arms of his Maker.

Here is my message; let's be grateful for the one and only True God who created us and gave our forefathers the wisdom and courage to establish a constitution and bill of rights which was and is designed for equality and justice for all; let us be grateful and remember those men and woman who have donned uniforms to protect our freedoms. Especially we're grateful for those who made the supreme sacrifice. And, let's remember the Unknowns who gave their all and can't even be identified. There are so many things we must be grateful for. Now and then we should think about all our blessings and thank God for them.

Regarding the American Flag, there is no comma or hyphen after the words "one nation and ' under God', it is one phrase "One nation under God'. Please, let's do it right.

Say a prayer for our troops. God bless.

For God and Country,

Chaplain Ken

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Milt Willis, Jr.

Please review the following report that I presented at the Mid-Winter Conference, it pertains to the approximate activities of this office since July 1, 2019 to January 22, 2020. Please let me know here in the office, if you or anyone has any questions or concerns with the report---thank you.

DSO Office update from July 1, 2019 to January 22, 2020

New claims - 1,646 (to include VT, NH, FLA, MA, CT, NJ, NY, PA, WA, MN)
Hearings (to include Board of Veterans Appeals video conference and local DRO hearings) - 18
Telephone calls – 3,217
Milt’s emails – 3,349
Alaina emails – 3,812
Walk-ins – 1,080

This does include additional time for continued VA training required to comply with Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS) access for accredited representatives.

Please be aware that the office is open 8:00 am till 4:00 pm 5 days per week. I am here from 7:45 am till 1:00-1:30 4 days per week.

Thank You for allowing me to be your DSO.

Milton Willis, Jr
Welcome fellow Legionnaires. Midwinter conference has come and gone, and I must say that it was a great one. I was glad to see those of you that could make it. However, we still need to see more posts attend.

We had some great speakers, Former Governor Jim Douglas, The Veteran’s Place in Northfield, The Vermont veterans Home, Sharon Russell from the Rutland open Door Mission which is a shelter for homeless veterans. I have had the honor of visiting all three of these places and I strongly recommend a visit to anyone if they haven’t already.

The second district is looking great for membership. Thanks to all Adjutants/Membership chairs for getting those memberships in. Don’t forget that you can now enter memberships online at mylegion.org. If you haven’t used the membership online membership tool please let me know and I will be glad to help you out. It is quite simple and saves time and work. If anyone needs help making calls, please feel free to reach out to me. Stay warm and enjoy the rest of the winter.

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

Mark Cloutier
Department of Vermont
2nd District Commander

For God and Country

We have recently finished Mid-Winter Conference. Commander LaRose and staff ran a very smooth conference with no hitches or glitches. Job well done.

The month of February is the time for oratorical contests. Fifth District will be holding the district’s contest at Chester Post 67. No date has been set, but will be soon.

A reminder to all Posts. Complete and send in your Consolidated Report. The Adjutant and Past Finance Officer should be helpful in filling out the report. This information is crucial if we have to testify in Montpelier.

We can not forget membership. Take the list of non-renewals and contact each one. A phone call is good, but face-to-face is better.

You may have heard that I am going to be out of commission for a while. I am having a hip replacement on the 17th of February. As soon as I can resume my duties, I will. In the meantime; if problems arise, contact your Country Commander or Southern Area Commander.

For God and Country,

5th District Commander
Dick Farmer, PDC
ADDISON COUNTY COMMANDER

Alan M. Smith

Congratulations to Department on a very informative Mid-Winter Conference. All Addison County Posts were represented, way to go. The various breakout sessions on Friday were well attended and very informative.

The hard work begins now, obtaining that last 20 percent of membership to meet quota. I’ve sent an advertisement; that I will put in the local paper or papers to each of the Post Commanders for their review and suggestions.

Addison County will have a booth at Addison County Field Days in August; contact Committee Chair Karlene Devine at Post 14 or myself if you are interested in working the booth. We will have more information as it draws closer to August.

The Tele Communications room at Post 19 will be completed soon; opening ceremonies are scheduled for February 10 at 2pm. This room will allow veterans to communicate with their healthcare providers at the V.A. Hospital in White River and will save going to the hospital in some incidences. In the future, links will be added to allow veterans to obtain their DD-214, sign up for healthcare and a host of other veteran’s needs. A future step will also involve equipment that can read blood pressure, pulse rate, check sugar levels and send the results to the hospital. This is among the first of these centers to be completed in the country.

Thank you goes to Waitsfield TeleCom for sponsoring this project.

Alan M. Smith
Addison County Commander

DISTRICT ONE COMMANDER

Elwyn Flynn

Hello Legionnaires,

I missed you at the Mid-Winter Conference. There were a lot of articles of information about how the Legion works. My Legion.com class told about all the information you will need about the Legion Forms and Rules. There were also good speakers at the meeting on Saturday and a nice banquet on Friday.

Now we must look ahead to the conference in June. In order to achieve a quorum for a meeting we need one Legionnaire from each post in attendance. Each post in District One is to send a member to the spring conference in June.

It is time for elections of post officers. I will be available to install your officers.

1st District Commander,
Elwyn Flynn
Happy midwinter from Washington County. Thanks to everyone that made it to the midwinter conference, and we can all now see the light at the end of the tunnel with spring on the way. It also means that it is time to work our way through oratorical contests, get paperwork together for scholarships, and prepare our consolidated post reports. We do a lot for our communities, and now is the time to brag about it. Also, don’t forget to get to your local post and enjoy the many dinners, celebrations, and parties along with everyone in the Legion Family.

Speaking of the Legion Family, I would like to take a second to recognize our own SAL Squadron 59 in Waterbury for putting together a recognition for the World War II Veterans that we were able to get information on from Waterbury, Barre, and Colchester. This was an awesome ceremony and well deserved for the greatest generation. Winter is THE time for music, as many Washington County posts are advertising live music through the month of February. Don’t forget your sweetheart on Valentine’s Day, and I hope to see many of you out at our posts as the month goes along.

Chris Wood

Attention Posts

We would like to have a section of the bulletin for posts to include their events. We will break the events down into three categories:

- Events that happen weekly, monthly or yearly, i.e. breakfasts, Friday night dinners, bingo, etc.
- One off fundraising events, comedy shows, impersonators, etc.
- Legion Family functions, i.e. Past Commanders event, Legion birthday celebration, etc.

Please send the following information: Post name and Post number, district, name of event, when (monthly, first Sunday or specific date), cost, location, and contact information.

Please send this information by the first of the month to be included in the monthly bulletin. If your events occur monthly, there is no need to submit each month.

Information should be sent to Catherine Tester at ctester@aol.com.

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mylegion.org
Department Oratorical Final

I have attended 2 local contests so far. We are in for an education about the U.S. Constitution this year. Three of the 4 students are underclass men and women. Please come and support their efforts. These are the future leaders of this country.

When: Sat. Mar. 7 Contest begins at 10:30 AM
Contest personnel arrive 9:30 AM

Where: Pavilion Auditorium, 109 State St., Montpelier
Access through Gov. Davis Avenue entrance

What: High School Constitutional Speech Contest
District 1, 3, 4, 5 represented

Who: Open to the public. Bring friends, family, students, teachers

What Else: Any bags or backpacks will be subject to inspection by the Security personnel at the lobby kiosk.

ADA Compliant: The Pavilion Auditorium is ADA compliant. The Auditorium is located in the basement of the building; there is an elevator from the first floor to the basement. Security staff at the kiosk located in the first floor Lobby will be able to direct anyone to the elevator.

How Can You Help? I need 2 Keurig coffee makers. Gallon jugs of water—if several people bring one jug, we will be good. Please e-mail me and let me know what you are bringing. kdevine@gmavt.net

So you can study ahead of time for the Assigned Topics, the following are the selections for 2020:

- **Amendment XII** – Electoral College
- **Amendment XXIV** – Citizens right to vote shall not be denied by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay poll tax or other tax.
- **Amendment XXVII** – No law, varying the compensation for the services of Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.
- **Amendment XX** – terms of President and Vice President. When Congress shall assemble. Articles of Presidential succession.

We have District contests to complete before Mar. 7th. If one is being hosted at your post, please attend, support the efforts of the student.

Consider being the Oratorical Chair for your post or District next year. *Post Commanders*—appoint or vote an Oratorical Chair at your post elections this year. When needing to find a sponsoring post, I call the one at the top of the “Oratorical chain”. If there is no Oratorical chair, the top will be you. At your District caucus, elect a District Oratorical Chair. If you have the misfortune of not having any competing students, you can always participate in other contests and get the experience in your court.

For God and Country,
Kарlene DeVine
Department Oratorical Program Chairwoman
Hi Legionaries,

I would like to thank those who came to our meetings that were held on Friday at Mid-Winter Conference, great job done by all.

We will be doing our Children and Youth, Bullying contest with our 5th Grade Students. We had a great response this past year.

Let’s not forget that April is Children and Youth month. Maybe you could do a event during this month. This is also Easter this month, April 12th. How about having an egg hunt? Maybe you could have our young people write an Easter card for our Veterans on active duty within your Post. Have a Happy Easter and be safe.

I also want to say March is coming up soon and many Posts will have Birthday events in several of our Posts.

God Bless America,

PDC Barbara Bushaw
Children and Youth Chairman

Get information about the American Legion

The American Legion Dispatch is a national leadership publication that disseminates in print and by e-mail stories and information from posts that can be replicated across the country. Unique programs, membership initiatives, organizational articles and stories of community service are welcome in the Dispatch and can be submitted by e-mail at dispatch@legion.org or by contacting Editor Cameren Richardson at crichardson@legion.org, or by mailing to American Legion Dispatch, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN, 46206.

There is also the Membership/Training newsletter created by the Internal Affairs and Membership Division. To subscribe to the newsletter please visit legion.org/membership.
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Please, don’t forget to renew your membership.

The easiest way is to renew is on-line at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew). All you need is your member ID# and a credit card. If you don’t know your member ID #, contact department; I’m glad to help. Simply renewing your membership shows and provides a significant level of support for the Post.
Membership Renewal Schedule

During each membership year, National Headquarters sends renewal notices in July, October, January, March and May. Sometimes, at a department’s request, a special notice may be mailed in February to boost a department’s renewals.

The accompanying list is the 2020 membership year renewal schedule for transmitting dues to arrive at National Headquarters by the established dates. This schedule will be followed to remove the names of paid members prior to a specific mailing. Using the renewal schedule, National Headquarters extracts unpaid member records, then prints and mails the renewal notices.

2020 RENEWAL NOTICE SCHEDULE

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To ensure members do not receive additional renewal notices, mail transmittals to your department two to three weeks prior to the cutoff date or pay your members’ dues directly to National Headquarters through your post myLegion.org portal.

Why is the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) so important that every post should submit one?

When the National Commander testifies before Congress, the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) data is used to provide numerical data of what the collective American Legion is doing. Leadership at all levels of the organization need to impress upon our posts that they need to report what they are accomplishing in their community. The CPR is important to the business of The American Legion. As of March 14, 2019

The Federal Charter requires the National Organization to report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The CPR is essential in collecting the data to compile this report to Congress.

Every post is most likely doing something in the community. It is important that the post leadership report what they are doing and at what level they are assisting. The post or department may fill out a CPR to just submit a report, but the level of participation is what is essential. This is made easier by using the CPR form on myLegion.org. It has the capability to keep a running total and save the data until the next event. The magnitude of our numbers from just 68% (which is yearly average at National level) of our posts reporting has a major impact on Congress.
Department of Vermont Convention 2020

The 2020 Convention was voted on and will be held at the DoubleTree in Burlington, Vermont.

Annual Convention - June 19 - 20, 2020

Female Veterans, looking for support?

Call the Women Veterans Hotline.

1-855-VA-WOMEN (829-6636)
## ENDORSEMENTS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

**YEAR: 2020 - 2021**

The Legionnaires listed below have been endorsed for the following offices:

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Greetings Riders,

Please be advised that the Winter Meeting of The American Legion Riders will be held on Saturday, 29 February 2020 at Hardwick Post 7 at 15 N. Main St., Hardwick at 10:00 AM.

This is our election meeting to determine your Department ALR officers for the coming year. All Chapters should try to have at least one of their members attend to represent them in these elections.

Anyone wishing to run for an office is certainly encouraged to do so. Nominations will be accepted from the floor and you can even nominate yourself! Come make your voice heard and meet and socialize with your fellow Riders from around the State of Vermont.

I hope to see you all there!

Wishing for an early start to the riding season,

Lou Furry
Director

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SONS MEMBERSHIP GOES ONLINE

A message from Ken A. George, Member Engagement Coordinator

Recently national released the ability for adjutants to file online their membership transmittals on mysal.org. This was a long-time request that has finally has been fulfilled. However, I have reviewed the usage report, and I am disappointed to see that less than 10% of squadrons have not opted to use the online transmittal process. If you are not using the new platform, here are some advantages to using the mysal.org online transmittal process.

1. Once you set up your account and after your first transaction, renewals and new members get posted to your roster within 5 business days.
2. You can download real-time reporting of your SAL roster.
3. The system will not let you post a payment twice and will also advise you if a member missed renewing from previous years.
4. No postage everything is online. If you did send via USPS, your transmittal could take up to 6 weeks to post members to your roster.
5. No middle man you send your transmittal straight to national for processing and national sends a check to your detachment for their share of the per capita.
6. No excuses for missing target dates and reason to blame anyone for sitting on transmittals. Give you the ability to own your membership process.

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I used online transmittals when I was a post adjutant. It was a serious game-changer in processing membership at the post level. The first time you use this feature, it will take up to 15 days to post your transmittal. It takes a little longer because essential links must be established and tested. Once completed, all your transmittals will post within 5 business days and no longer than 7 days (holidays, weekends, etc.). I used to send my transmittals on Monday, and it was posted by Friday (easy, peazy). Another feature to mysal.org as an adjutant is you can complete your Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR) online and hit send. No longer do you have to send your CSR via USPS or print out and scan the report. When you hit send, it goes directly to national for processing, again taking out the middle man.

More and more reports and publications are going to be posted online only and available for print at the local level. The faster the squadrons can adapt, the easier this transition will be and will also ensure no one is left behind. I am asking everyone in this email to help everyone and make this process easier. I would like to see online transmittals increase to over 20% by the end of March and increase each quarter. By the Fall 2020 meeting, we should be over 60% of squadrons using online transmittals on mysal.org. I have included the usage report and the documents on how you can set up your mysal.org account. You will have to request access as a squadron adjutant. You will not be able to use your personal mysal.org login and the individual member at this time cannot renew online. However, that will be coming soon.

If you need anything further, please feel free to contact Ken A. George, Member Engagement Coordinator, National SAL & ALR Liaison, Phone 317.630.1376 Fax 317.655.1509.

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**Department of Vermont Legion Family Newsletters**

In an effort to spread the amazing events and things our Legion Family does, we are sharing the Detachment of Vermont, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Department of Vermont newsletters. We hope you enjoy reading about our Legion Family.


Auxiliary Department of Vermont [https://www.vtalauxiliary.org/](https://www.vtalauxiliary.org/)

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WE SALUTE YOU
American Legion Basic Training Course

The training program is available to expand your knowledge of the nation's largest veterans’ service organization and it is available online and at your pace. As a leader in your county and district it is important to have as much knowledge at your fingertips as possible. The Course is arranged into five (5) major topic areas and one (1) concluding section. Each section will present information about the topic via text, images and video.

History & Organization - Learn why and how The American Legion came into existence after World War I.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation - The foremost pillar of American Legion service, learn the ways in which the organization is dedicated to compassionate care, timely delivery of benefits, career development and other areas of advocacy for those who have served in uniform.

National Security - Outlined here is The American Legion’s position on a strong, well-equipped and effectively deployed U.S. military, including a decent quality of life for those now in uniform and retirees of the Armed Forces.

Americanism - This pillar of American Legion service is filled with respect for the nation that those in the military swore with their lives to defend, from proper treatment of the U.S. flag to voter education to youth programs that make life-changing differences.

Children & Youth - The American Legion’s long-held position that “every child deserves a square deal” is explained here, to include such programs and efforts as the Child Welfare Foundation, the Family Support Network, Temporary Financial Assistance and other initiatives that aim to help children and youth follow their dreams, no matter their circumstances.

Course Conclusion - See how all the pieces of American Legion service and advocacy fit together to best serve our nation and learn where other committees and commissions play vital roles.

Final Exam - Take an online test to see how well you understand the nation’s largest veteran’s service organization.

Access the course at https://www.legion.org/alei

Congratulations to the following individuals from the State of Vermont who have completed the Basic Training Course since it began in 2017: Lewis Graham, Ronald LaRose, David Perron, Mike Rouelle, Raymond St John, Catherine Tester and Fred Wilson. There are 14 legionnaires who have started the course but have finished it.
BOYS STATE CHAIRMAN

Dave Cobb

Green Mountain Boys’ State

February Newsletter

Thanks to all Legionnaires and Sons who attended the Mid-Winter Conference, and for your comments and wise counsel. Some very important steps were made to position Boys’ State in a great spot for the upcoming year!

1. **After six years at $275, the Delegate Fee was increased to $300.** This will go a long way to helping us fill the difference between the actual cost of attendance – just over $350 per delegate – and the other fundraising we do to support the program.

2. Boys’ State received permission to review **funding models** for delegates from schools who do not have a Legion Post in their supporting area. This is particularly challenging in the greater Burlington area. We simply cannot expect Post 91 – Colchester to support delegates from all these schools – all among the largest in the State. Consider that these high schools – Burlington, South Burlington, Essex, Mount Mansfield, Champlain Valley, Colchester, Milton, Winooski, Fairfax, and Rice Memorial. We are examining ways to raise around $6,000 to support all Vermont schools with no local Post to work with. Stay tuned for more information this spring.

3. The Boys’ State Committee approved a **policy on inclusion of transgender students.** This aligns Boys’ State with Vermont Agency of Education by-laws and Vermont State requirements on program inclusion. We thank the Vermont Principals’ Association and Assistant Executive Director Bob Johnson for their work on crafting a policy that frames the rights and expectations to participate in our programs. The policy will be available soon on the Vermont Department web site.

4. **Post support:** I’d like to thank Ray St. John of Post 3 in Montpelier for sharing his Post’s actions to raise money for Boys’ State. Ray solicits ten or twelve local clubs and businesses for funding. A letter is sent, and followed up with a phone call and or an e-mail. Post 3 successfully raises sufficient funds to support delegates from three schools in their locale. Feel free to contact Ray or myself for additional information. Way to go, Post 3!!

5. **Dates:** **Sunday, June 21 at noon to Friday, June 26 – noon dismissal.**

   Location: Northern Vermont University – Lyndon, Lyndonville, VT

   **Legion Recognition Night:** **Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 PM in the Twilight Theater on campus.**

   Thursday – Come and view our delegates at the State House in Montpelier – 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

6. **Materials**
   a. All materials for Posts and schools will be mailed by the end of February. Post information will be addressed to the Post Adjutant and/or Commander.

   b. All materials and forms will be available on the Department web site at VTlegion.org.

   c. We have developed a Boys’ State Handbook containing all information and forms for your use.

   *(Continued on page 25)*
MyLegion Statistics for Legion and SONS

Justin McKay – SQL/Web Report Developer

This data is reflecting 2020 membership year, since 1 JULY 2019:

55 DEPARTMENTS
12,618 TOTAL ACTIVE POSTS
3,487 POSTS USING MYLEGION MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING (ECHECK)
9,131 POSTS NOT USING ECHECK
377,611 CARDS SUBMITTED BY POSTS VIA ECHECK

55 DETACHMENTS
6,167 TOTAL ACTIVE SQUADRONS
597 SQUADS USING ECHECK
5,570 SQUADS NOT USING ECHECK
22,831 SAL CARDS SUBMITTED BY POST/SQUAD VIA ECHECK

Three Departments NOT using feature: Colorado, Virginia, Mexico.

There are approximately 15 departments that have not yet requested/authorized this feature for SAL, but are using it for LGN.

This will also be available on the Department web site. This document will not be hard mailed due to its cost and size.

d. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with questions or concerns.

7. Staffing: We are looking for a few good people to join our staff! I’m looking for counselors who have experience working with students or Social Media – Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn.

8. Remember our mission: We teach Government, not Politics. The difference is always in front of us in today’s political climate.

We are looking forward to working with you to locate and enroll our delegates for 2020. If you would like me to do a presentation to your Post or Squadron or work with your committee, please contact me and I’ll set it up. Remember – Boys’ State is a program of the American Legion - OUR Program. Let’s get out there and make it happen. Thank you, and think spring!

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Veterans Find Resilience through Performing Shakespeare

Excerpts from the online article, to read the full article visit vermonthumanities.org

“When you find your experiences are reflected in Shakespeare, it feels like being seen,” says Norwich University Assistant Professor of Theatre Jeffry Casey. “And to be seen across 400 years is a really profound experience.” Vermont Humanities recently gave a $3,000 grant to Norwich University to support the “Trauma, Veterans, and Shakespeare” project, which will explore how literature and theater can help veterans find resilience in the face of trauma. The project features three weeks of programs beginning in March and will include several public performances of a one-man show by military veteran Stephan Wolfert.

“Veterans coming back from combat can feel very connected to their unit, but disconnected from civilians, including their friends and family,” says Casey. “The sharing of the monologues and having them performed creates a necessary distance, even as it creates a sense of community within the experience.”

February is Americanism Month

Excerpts from legion.org

The American Legion has recognized the month of February as Americanism Month since 1960 when Resolution No. 163 was passed during the National Convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

“We established observance of an Americanism Month that calls upon each of us to pause and reflect on what it means to be an American, and to rededicate ourselves to taking action that will uphold a 100 percent Americanism,” said Richard Anderson, chairman of The American Legion's Americanism Commission. “In 1981, then-National Commander Michael Kogutek said, ‘There is no organization whose name is more closely linked in the minds of citizens with genuine Americanism than is The American Legion.”

The Preamble to The American Legion Constitution states, “To foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism.” Therefore, Anderson encourages the Legion Family "to reflect on what it means to be an American and our responsibility for fostering Americanism. Americanism should cultivate youth development, educational development, citizenship, community service, religious emphasis, and pride in our nation and the great symbol of our nation, Old Glory.”

A few of the many American Legion programs that fall under the Americanism pillar include Legion Baseball, Oratorical Contest, Boys State and Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, Scouting and flag education. “Through our community involvement we can foster a culture of growth for serving our nation’s veterans and their families, for nurturing children and youth everywhere, for our organization and its programs, and for Americanism,” Anderson said.

Please share on www.legiontown.org how your post, unit or squadron promotes or supports Americanism Month.
As American Legion members, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. As a way to reach out to members and former members who may need help, the National Executive Committee passed Resolution 18 during Spring Meetings in May 2019. The resolution calls for Buddy Checks to be conducted Legion-wide on the weeks of The American Legion’s birthday, March 15, and Veterans Day. However, American Legion posts are encouraged to perform this vital function whenever it makes the most sense in their communities.

The idea is to reconnect with veterans who may need assistance but don't know where to go or who to ask. These contacts may be made by a personal visit, phone or email, or a combination. The important part is to reach out to veterans in your community to let them know you care and can provide whatever assistance they may need. It's what we do for our battle buddies.

**Commander’s project 2019-2020**

My commander’s project involves two targets: Green Mountain Council Mount Norris Boy Scout camp and the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington.

As most of you know, I have been very involved in scouting for many years and I wanted to give back to Green Mountain Council what it has given the youth of Vermont. I hope to raise $5,000 for new tents for one camp site at Mount Norris.

For the Vermont Veterans Home, they are in the early stages of designing and constructing a veterans mobility trail around their campus to be used by the residents and their families. Initial estimates are around $100,000. I am asking for donations toward this project with no specific goal in mind. Whatever amount we raise will be used as seed money for this project.

I thank all legionnaires and posts for their consideration towards my commander’s project.

Ron LaRose
Department Commander
For the month of January, the commander has attended or visited the following:

January

Department Headquarters 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29
Met with the Adjutant General in Burlington 1/21
Attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Burlington 1/24/25
Visited Barre Post 10 & Lyndon Post 30 1/30

23rd
Operation Desert Storm 1991
Iwo Jima Flag Raised 1945

28th
End Operation Storm 1991

Again, I am asking again all that the Post Historians to PLEASE try to go on-line to the American Legion Centennial Celebration website, (Centennial.legion.org) and do a legacy of their Post Home. And I would like to see more Posts do a Yearbook for their Post to let the Members know what you have done this year.

If you have done a book and would like to have it judged, please send or bring it to Headquarters for judging before September 15th.

I enjoyed seeing a lot of you at the Mid-Winter Conference this year and it was also nice to see Past Governor Jim Douglas again.

I will be attending the Eagle Scouts Luncheon at the Capital Plaza on February 14th and hop to get to the Oratorical contest in Barre & Waterbury also.
MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Our 4th District Membership event was very successful and several posts in the District benefited with transfers from Post 100 and Direct Mail Solicitation (DMS). Thank you to everyone who helped with this effort.

There will be a membership engagement event in District 1 at Colchester Post 91 on Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For this to be SUCCESSFUL WE NEED YOU! We will provide you the lists, snacks, coffee and lunch. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm for The American Legion, your cell phone and charger.

LETS DO THIS TOGETHER AND HELP DISTRICT 1 and the Department of Vermont achieve their membership goal. For information on how you can help at the District 1 revitalization, call Senior Vice Commander Cathy Tester at 802-989-3755.

And… Mark you calendars for District 3 membership engagement event on April 4 at Barre Post 10.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Norwich Post 1819 for achieving 102.63 percent at 78 members.

Membership MATTERS

8th Annual VETERANS SUMMIT
Northern Vermont University

MARCH 7, 2020 | 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
UVM Davis Center | Burlington, VT
“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."
Foundation for Rural Service Launches ‘Virtual Living Room®’ to Help Vermont Veterans Access Telehealth Services

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) today announced the opening of its latest “Virtual Living Room®,” a space where veterans can use the robust broadband connections provided by local telecommunications providers to access VA telehealth services. CoBank, one of the largest private providers of credit to the U.S. rural economy, is the grant program’s exclusive sponsor.

Thanks to an innovative partnership between FRS, CoBank, the White River Junction VA Healthcare System, American Legion Post 19, and Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom, veteran patients will be able to use the Virtual Living Room®, a comfortable, private space housed within the American Legion facility in Bristol, Vt., to participate in telehealth appointments with their VA healthcare provider. Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT) provided the Virtual Living Room® with a high-speed Internet connection capable of serving up to one gigabit per second, the speed necessary to do things like stream video content. WCVT is a member of NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association, the premier association representing nearly 850 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America.

“The Foundation for Rural Service is so pleased to be able to offer veterans in Vermont another option when it comes to their health care,” said FRS Executive Director Pam Becker. “Getting access to health care providers can be a challenge in rural communities, and the challenge is even greater for our country’s veterans, as the nearest VA facility is often several hours away. The Virtual Living Room® provides a viable second option for rural Veterans by making telehealth care available in a comfortable, private setting for free. We could not be more thrilled to bring this opportunity to veterans in and around Bristol.”

According to Eric Haskin, President/CEO of WCVT, “We are very proud to be working with our community partners to support our local Veterans here in Vermont. I served in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation (CV-64) and understand firsthand the challenges our veterans face. This is one way we can give back to our local communities and support our veterans by leveraging our gigabit fiber-optic network to help expand access to the VA’s ever-expanding telehealth initiatives.”

Excerpted from an on-line article. To view the entire article go to: https://www.ntca.org/ruraliscool/newsroom/press-releases/2020/10/foundation-rural-service-launches-virtual-living-roomr
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  Doors open at 4:00pm
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Post 7, Hardwick, VT

Weekly bingo every Monday night
  Doors open at 6:00pm
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  Auxiliary kitchen open selling hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken fingers, French fries, onion rings, soda, water, etc.

Post 50, Castleton, VT

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  Doors open at 5:00pm
  Games start at 7:00pm.
  $1,000 Grand Prize (before/on the magic #)
  Auxiliary kitchen selling hot dogs, salads, main dishes, soups, weekly specials, soda, water, etc.

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Weekly bingo every Thursday night
  Doors open at 4:00pm
  Games start at 7:00pm.
  $1,000 Grand Prize (under 53 numbers)
  Regular Games pay $80, under 60 people we pay $70
  Food stand until 7:00pm. Great food!