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Newsletter

★ Summer-Fall 2014 ★

Wednesday, April 23, '14 – 7:00 p.m.	Police Officer of the Year
Thursday, May 1, '14 – 7:00 p.m.	Firefighter of the Year
Wednesday, May 14, '14 – 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Post Meeting
Saturday, May 24, '14 – 8:30 a.m.	Flag Placement at Fairview Cemetery
Monday, May 26, '14 – 10:00 a.m.	Memorial Day Parade
Saturday, June 7, '14 – 10:30 a.m.	Celebrate West Hartford
Sunday, June 8, '14 – 11:30 a.m.	Celebrate West Hartford
Wednesday, June 11, '14 – 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Post Meeting
Sunday, June 15, '14 - 9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast for Legion Baseball
Wednesday, Sept. 10, '14 – 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Post Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 8, '14 – 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Post Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 11, '14 – 11:00 a.m.	Veterans Day
Wednesday, Nov. 12, '14 – 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Post Meeting

Commander's Message

It is so pleasing to walk into the Post 96 facility with no smell of smoke in the bar area. I have noted that some of our members who have stayed away from our Post have now come in for lunch or dinner. It is wonderful to see them, however, there is still a good number of members who have not yet made up their minds. "Come on Down Comrades!" You won't believe what a difference this change has made. Also, I am so happy that the majority of the regular smokers are still participating and accepting the non-smoking decision. So Comrades, join us, after all, our bar has the best prices in town and our food prices, for the most part, are below the Blue Back Square restaurants.

★ THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ★

★ A Strong National Security ★ Taking Care of Veterans ★ Mentoring Youth ★ Promoting Patriotism and Honor ★

(Commander's Message Continued)

Kim Fallon, our General Manager, along with the bartenders and chefs are doing a fabulous job. Your Post has been very active thru the winter months despite the snow storms we experienced in January, February, and March. Here is a brief synopsis of our activities:

1. Cuvee's, our renter, has signed up for another 7 year lease.
2. 5 members of the Post attended the Department of Connecticut American Legion Mid-Winter Conference held January 23-26. Attending were Chuck Berry, Chris Conlin, Jeff Cole, Kim Fallon and myself.
3. Kim Fallon's Surf and Turf Dinner on February 7th was a huge success.
4. The Executive Committee voted to increase regular member's dues for the year 2015 by \$10 to \$40 per year. The Executive Committee also voted to increase the Sons of the American Legion dues by \$5.
5. On Saturday, March 15th, a luncheon after the Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade was very profitable.
6. St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, a special dinner and sandwich menu was well received and profitable for the Post.
7. Prime Rib Dinner special scheduled for March 29th unfortunately only attracted 5 members.
8. A special meeting held on March 27th involving all committees and Board of Trustees resulted in an action to develop a five year plan for the Post.
9. Future Activities:
 - a. April 23rd – Police Officer of the Year Award
 - b. May 1st – Fireman of the Year Award
 - c. Americanism Awards – May and June at Town High Schools and Middle Schools
 - d. Boys State for High School Juniors will be held the last week of June.
 - e. Our Post will participate in Celebrate West Hartford June 7th and 8th. We are in need of volunteers to take a two hour shift at the Post's booth. Meetings will be held April 19th and April 26th at the Post.

Comradely yours,
Ken Hungerford
Post Commander

Welcome To Our New Members

A special welcome to those who have recently joined our Post:

Steven Abate * John Arnett * Gabriel Botero *
James Brewer * James Cotter * Robert Giuffria *
Eric Greenberg * Jeff Janaro * Robert Jeffreys *
Rolf Knoll * William Krukas * Brian Lindberg *
Mitchell Llorens * Robert Mitchell * Ketil Osland *
Raymond Philippon * Peter Pacanski * Robert
Pichette * Gerard Pierson * Nathan Potter *
Michael Scioscio * Daniel Smith * Shannon Smith
* Constance Sullivan * Shelly Walter

American Legion Baseball

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A new season for American Legion Baseball begins soon under the direction of head coach Elliot Lane and assistant coach Sean McCann. Our Post has been a participant in American Legion Baseball for over 65 years and we look forward to another successful season for both the Senior and Junior divisions.

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING AMERICAN
LEGION BASEBALL!

We tip our legion cap and salute the following members and friends of our Legion family for their thoughtful donations to the Post 96 Baseball program:

Scott Anderson * Gary Andrews * Brian Bannister * Chuck Berry * Brendan Boyle * Philip Brink * Mark Byrnett * Constance Collins Cain * Ted Calabrese * Richard Camargo * William Canora * Jean and John Carr * Paula Casey * John Cashman * Tom Chrosniak * David Clay * Brad Collins * Chris Conlin * Andrew Cudo * George D'Addario * Harry Davidson * Dwight Davies * Alan Demers * Tom Desmond * Rocco and Carol DiTaranto * Mort Dunn * Norm Duquette * Jim Ellis * Robert Elsner * Gary Espelin * Larry Fagan, Sr. * Fred Ferace * Moe Fradette * William French * Esia and Ed Friedman * Frank Gallagher * Mark Gallagher * Holgar Gadegard * Wesley Garrison * Robert Gefeller * Donald Gillette * Bill Gilmour * L. A. Gloekler * Natalie and Ray Gmeindl * Mike Golas * Bob Gulliksen * Marty Guyer * Mark Hennessey * Richard Hennessey * Ken Hungerford * Dan Hyland * Bob Hyland * John J. Jennings * John C. Johnson * Charles Jones * Philip Kelly * Barry Leghorn * Steve Lishnak * Joseph Long * Mitchell Llorens * Joanne and David Lutz * Tom Lynch * John Midney * Vincent Marandola * Robert Martin * The McCarthy Family * John McCormick * Robert McKone * Fred Moffett * Art Nardi * Peter Negrola * Paul Noel * Bill "Red" Noonan * Bob O'Leary * Henry Otte * Bob Ouellette * Claudio Pane * Rus Pound * Mark Proft * Bill Reardon * Howard Reuben * Roger Reynolds * Winslow "Sam" Runde * Michael Scanlan * Stan Sliva * John Small * Joe Stafford * Dan Suppin * Cliff Thomas * Bill Tully * Michael Tuohey * Bill Wilson * West Hartford Youth Baseball League.

American Legion Auxiliary

(Jeanne Berry, Contributor)

The American Legion Auxiliary has several programs for veterans, their families and our communities. The "Poppy" program is probably everyone's favorite. Proceeds from the funds are used to create a "Christmas Shop" in the Rocky Hill & West Haven VA Hospital for veterans. They choose gifts for their family at no charge and they are gift wrapped for them. We donate to the "Project of the Month" for extra necessities veterans may need. Added to the Poppy program this year is sending packages of goodies to active military. Our donation containers located at the Post bar. Take a Poppy. Each is handmade by a veteran that gave you your freedom.

Another favorite program is the Boys State and Girls State Programs. If interested in seeing if public service is for them, high school students who are in their Junior year and a family member of a veteran can apply. Links are below. The annual orientation for the boys & girls attending this year will be at the Post on **June 3rd 6:30 pm**. R.S.V.P.

* For Boys State applications and detailed information – www.ctboysstate.tripod.com

* For Girls State applications and detailed information – www.alags.org

The last unit meeting of this year will be on Friday **May 9th 5:30 pm** followed by "Movie Night" featuring: An Officer & A Gentleman. Tickets will be available later this month at the bar. Bring your friends and have some fun.

The Legion & Auxiliary will be working together on an upcoming fun event. "Celebrate West Hartford" is **June 7th & 8th** on the town green. If you would like to help in the booth on either or both days, please sign the time sheet on the Post bulletin board. The last committee meeting is **April 26th 10:00 am** at the Post. You are welcomed to bring your ideas and expertise. Since the Grand Opening of the new Post 96 home, the auxiliary has grown with the following new

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Members: Susan Barry * Theresa Bokan * Robin Browne * Bernadette Capella * Paula Casey * Kimberly Fallon * Geraldine Ficarra * Kimberly Glover-Polo * Denise Hall * Rita Kirby * Denise Ruddy * Mary Jane Sullivan * Susan Tynan * Julie Williams * Sharon Wilson * Martha Woodworth Whitehead. We also have 3 transfers from Department 200. Auxiliary applications are at the Post bar. Annual dues are \$25.00.

With several holidays coming soon, be safe and enjoy!

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DD 214 and Email Address

If you have not submitted a copy of your DD 214 or equivalent to the Post, we ask that you forward a copy as soon as possible. Also, if you have an email address and are not receiving notices from the Post please send an email message with your name to mfradette@comcast.net so you can be added to the distribution list.

Celebrate West Hartford

Hayes-Velhage Post 96 will have a booth at the 2014 Celebrate West Hartford to be held June 7th and 8th at the West Hartford Town Green area.. “This a perfect opportunity for our post to inform the public of our Post activities and commitment to the community.” said Post Commander Ken Hungerford

Volunteers are needed both days to man the booth. Contact the Post to volunteer your time.

Memorial Day Parade

The West Hartford Memorial Day Parade is scheduled to step off Monday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m. The Post Color

Guard will be marching and Post members are encouraged to join the Color Guard. Assembly will be on Farmington Avenue and members are asked to wear the “uniform of the day” (blazer, shirt and tie, dress slacks and Legion cap).

Flags at Fairview Cemetery



Jean Paul Berard

The tradition of placing flags on the graves of veterans at Fairview Cemetery will continue. For 33 years the late Jean Paul Berard and his wife Marion organized the placing of flags at Fairview Cemetery each Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. His family will continue the tradition on Saturday, May 24th. Volunteers are asked to assemble at Fairview Cemetery at 8:30 a.m. A Memorial Day Ceremony will follow at St. Peter Claver Parish Center, 47 Pleasant Street, after flags have been placed.

Scam Alert

Veterans should be aware of a marketing scam targeting callers trying to reach the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center or GI Bill Call Center. A marketing company has established two fraudulent numbers that differ from the two official VA call center numbers by one digit. If the fraudulent number is dialed by mistake, the answering party will offer a gift card and try to obtain personal and financial information, including credit card information from the caller. The answering party may even transfer the caller to the VA after the caller's information is obtained. The numbers to be avoided are: 800-872-1000 (the National Call Center number is 800-827-1000) and 888-442-4511 (the VA GI Bill Call Center is 888-442-4551).

(Scam Alert continued)

A member of Post 96 has also reported receiving calls from cell phones with a caller ID which indicates Washington DC, soliciting money for veterans. He has checked out the numbers and they are not a valid organization. They appear to be scam artists looking for donations over the phone. Any donations should be done by mail and obviously to a valid veteran's organization. One of the caller ID's was 202-779-9332.

Come Visit The Post

Kim Fallon, our General Manager, would like to extend an invitation to all members to visit the Post for some outstanding food and drink.

	Bar	Kitchen
Sunday	Noon to 6 pm	Closed
Monday – Friday	11:30 am to 11:00 pm	11:30 am to 2:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday	4:00 pm to 11:00 pm	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Post will be closed Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day.

Veterans can now have their status recognized on drivers' licenses, state issued ID cards

The DMV and AAA offices on January 2, 2013 began issuing drivers' licenses and ID cards that include the symbol of an American Flag to identify a veteran status.

For inclusion on a drivers' or state issued ID card, veterans must submit an application at least 30 days prior to visiting a DMV or AAA office. A completed application and proof of honorable discharge, such as a DD-214, must be submitted to the state Department of Veterans' Affairs (CT DVA). The CT DVA will verify the veteran's military status and electronically notify DMV of the request prior to the driver's license or ID card being issued. The application can be downloaded online at www.ct.gov/ctva under the "Application for

Veteran's Flag" link. The flag symbol will be added to veteran's license or ID card at no additional cost at renewal time or when it is first issued.

2014 Report of the Nominating Committee

At the April 9, 2014 monthly meeting of Hayes-Velhage Post 96, the following candidates were submitted by the Nominating Committee to serve as officers for 2014-2015.. The elections will be held at the May 14, 2014 monthly meeting.

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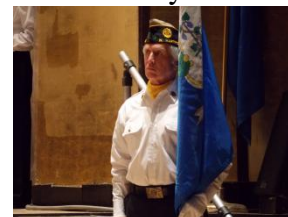
Board of Trustees

Chris Conlin
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Dan Smith
Bill Reardon
Rocky Goodwin
Dave Albert

Views from the Post



Christmas Dinner at Hayes-Velhage Post 96



InterMid Middle School Concert at Bushnell

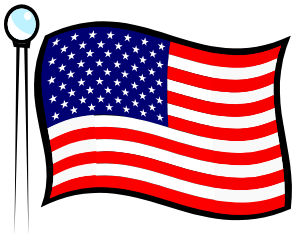


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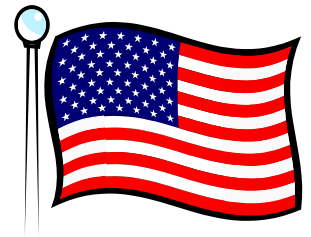
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60 Years**



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Michael Guglielmo * James Lehmann
George Motuzick * Robert Walsh**