

Hayes-Velhage Post 96

The American Legion

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Newsletter

★ Summer-Fall 2015 ★

Wednesday, Apr. 23, '15 – 7:00 p.m.	Police Officer of the Year
Wednesday, May 13, '15 - 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Post Meeting Election of Officers
Saturday, May 23, '15 - 9:00 a.m.	Placement of Flags at Fairview Cemetery
Monday, May 25, '15 – 10:00 a.m.	Memorial Day Parade
Saturday, June 6, '15 – 10: a.m.	Celebrate West Hartford
Sunday, June 7, '15 - Noon	Celebrate West Hartford
Wednesday, June 10, '15 – 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Post Meeting
Sunday, June 14, '15 – 9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast for Legion Baseball
Wednesday, Sept. 9, '15 – 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Post Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 14, '15 – 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Post Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 11, '15 – 11:00 a.m.	Veterans Day
Wednesday, Nov. 11, '15 – 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Post Meeting

Commander's Message

My Fellow Legionnaires,

As my 2 year Commandership will be expiring as of June 30th, it has indeed been my pleasure to serve all Legionnaires and especially the Executive

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(Commander's Message Continued)

Board, the Board of Trustees, and the Finance Committee who are the members that guide the activities and responsibilities of running Post 96 – “Thank You” all. Your advice, ideas, and suggestions have helped to direct this organization of Post 96 to function as best as possible. To the Chairman who led these committees, I salute you for a job well done.

I wish Moe Fradette, the incoming 2015-2016 Commander a very successful term as the helm of

Post 96 still has work to do to finish up my term. We have Policeman of the Year Ceremony, Memorial Day Parade, Americanism Awards, Boys and Girls State nominees, Celebrate West Hartford, and the Pancake Breakfast for the Post 96 American Legion Baseball Teams.

“Good Luck” to the new Post 96 2015-2016 team.

Ken Hungerford
Commander

American Legion Baseball

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Our Post has been a participant in American Legion Baseball for over 65 years and we look forward to another successful season. The Senior Division will soon begin under the direction of head coach Elliot Lane and assistant coaches Sean McCann and Rick Sanford. They will start on Sunday June 7th at Avon Old Farms for a non zone game. On Sunday June 14th, after the annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast at the Post 96 Legion Hall, the Senior Division will be playing a double header starting at 5 PM at Memorial Field in Simsbury. The Senior Legions first Zone 7 game will be played Wednesday, June 10th at Riverfront Field in Glastonbury at 5:45 PM. This year the Junior Division will be coached by Dennis Hannigan and the new Prep Division by Rich Sanford. The

schedule for all Divisions will be posted on our web site at <http://www.post96.org/>.

Let's Support Our Teams!

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:

Mark Gallagher 🖐️ Frank Gallagher 🖐️ Peter Negrola 🖐️ Jim Ellis 🖐️ Charles Jones 🖐️ Jim Dyber 🖐️ Gerald Massa 🖐️ Ted Jednorowicz 🖐️ Mort Dunn 🖐️ Barry Leghorn 🖐️ Gary Espelin 🖐️ Jack Berquist 🖐️ George D'Addario 🖐️ Costance Collins-Cain 🖐️ Rocky & Cyndee Goodwin 🖐️ Brad Collins 🖐️ Mark Hennessey 🖐️ Richard Hennessey 🖐️ Herman Anderson 🖐️ Jean & John Carr 🖐️ Stan Sliva 🖐️ Les Newman 🖐️ Paul Noel 🖐️ Marty Cunningham 🖐️ Bob Martin 🖐️ Henry Mahier 🖐️ Wesley Garrison 🖐️ Fred Ferace 🖐️ Michael Golas 🖐️ Roger Reynolds 🖐️ Bob Gulliksen 🖐️ Bud Jacobs 🖐️ John McCormick 🖐️ Winslow “Sam” Runde 🖐️ Alan Demers 🖐️ Philip Kelly 🖐️ John Cashman 🖐️ Andrew Cudo 🖐️ Bob & Gerri Pizzella 🖐️ Robert Paulson 🖐️ Bob O'Leary 🖐️ Willard Censak 🖐️ Ted Calabrese 🖐️ Cliff Thomas 🖐️ Robert Battistini 🖐️ Holger Gadegard 🖐️ Bob Berglund 🖐️ Ken Hungerford 🖐️ John J. Jennings 🖐️ Doug Hodlin 🖐️ Raymond Goulet 🖐️ Bill Gilmour 🖐️ Vincent Marandola 🖐️ Howard Reuben 🖐️ Patrick Haley 🖐️ Norm Duquette 🖐️ Bill Reardon 🖐️ Tom Lynch 🖐️ Russell Pound 🖐️ Harry Davidson 🖐️ Joe Glowacki 🖐️ Rocco & Carol DiTaranto 🖐️ Richard Foster 🖐️ Moe Fradette 🖐️ Joseph S. Stafford 🖐️ Billy Wilson 🖐️ Fred Moffatt 🖐️ John Gagliardi 🖐️ John Small 🖐️ Ed Mascolo 🖐️ David Clay 🖐️ Pete Stevens 🖐️ William French 🖐️ Dwight Davies 🖐️ Daniel J. Hyland 🖐️ Robert E. Hyland 🖐️ Claudio Pane 🖐️ Robert

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Brian Bannister 🖐️ Edward Benson 🖐️ Stephen
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🖐️ William J. Cannon 🖐️ Robert McKone 🖐️
Michael Scanlan 🖐️ Bill McCarthy 🖐️

*Thank you for supporting American Legion
baseball.*

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American Legion Baseball Pancake Breakfast

“To Raise Funds For Legion Baseball In West
Hartford”

Where: Post 96, 45 Raymond Road,
West Hartford
When: Fathers’ Day, Sunday, June 14th
Time: 9:00 am to 12 noon
Price: Adults \$10
Children under 12 - \$5

When dads are asked: “What do you want for
Father’s Day?” We hope many will respond:
“Breakfast at the Legion!”

American Legion Auxiliary

(Jeanne Berry, Contributor)

Your American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 96 has
been busy. Programs are in progress and we have a
huge event, “Celebrate West Hartford”, on June 6th
& 7th. Our last two meetings for this year are April
& May on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00
pm. June 1st 6:30pm will be orientation for Boys
and Girls State attendees and their parents. With the
summer season, comes baseball season. Go out and
watch The American Legion Post 96 baseball team.
Don’t miss out on the fun, plan to attend all the
events.

During the summer you can continue to save pull
tabs from cans, box top points, and Campbell Soup
labels. A big Thank You to Mark Gallagher who is
the current leader in donating pull tabs. Bag them
and give to the bartender. Keep track of bags and
approx. value when donating clothes, shoes, or
household items. Give list to bartender by May 5,
2015.

Membership cards for 2015 are available at each
meeting. You can make check of \$25.00 payable to
ALA Unit #96, give to the bartender or mail to
Jeanne Berry 110 Castle Road Bristol, CT 06010-
5301. Your dues help the Auxiliary’s voice be heard
in Congress when issues arise. Applications are
available at the post bar.

The American Legion Auxiliary is offering female
American Legion Legionnaires their first year of
ALA membership at no cost. Applications are at the
post bar.

The Preamble of the American Legion Auxiliary
very clearly states part of our mission is:
*“To participate in and contribute to the
accomplishment of the aims and purposes of the
American Legion.”*

Visit www.alaforveterans.org for more info or
contact President Jeanne at 203-715-2336
jeanneberry@comcast.net. God Bless America!

Jeanne Berry
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Welcome To Our New Members

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

Ronald Buxton * Frank Haran * Craig Lytle * Carl
Palassotto * Powell Schunder * Ryan Shea * Jeff
Skurkis * Todd Wilson

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. Beginning May 24th thru September 6, the Post will be closed on Sundays. The Post will also be closed on July 4th and Labor Day.

	Bar	Kitchen
Sunday	Noon to 6 pm	Closed
Mon.-Tues	4 pm to 11 pm	5 pm to 8 pm
Wed. – Fri.	11:30 am to 11pm	11:30 am to 2 pm 5 pm to 8 pm
Saturday	4 pm to 11 pm	5 pm to 8 pm

The Post provides up to 3 hours of free parking in the Isham Street Garage. Bring your parking ticket with you for validation.



We love Post 96! Come join us!

American Legion Continuous Membership

Three members of Hayes-Velhage Post 96 have been recently recognized for membership milestones:

- Robert Martin – 50 Years
- Leonard Gregory – 60 Years
- Robert Elsner – 70 Years

Hayes-Velhage Post 96 thanks you for your many years of support.

Celebrate West Hartford



Hayes-Velhage Post 96 will again have a booth at the 2015 Celebrate West Hartford to be held June 6th and 7th at the West Hartford Town Green area. "This is a perfect opportunity for our post to inform the public of our Post activities and commitment to our community." said Post Commander 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 25th at 10:00 a.m. The Post Color Guard will be marching and Post members are encouraged to join the Color Guard. This year we are asking our members to bring members of their family to join us in the parade. We want the public to know that Post 96 serves all Veterans and their families. Assembly will be on Farmington Avenue. Mark your calendar and plan to join us on May 25th. Come visit the Post after the Parade and bring the family.

HELP WANTED

The Post is in need of professional services to fulfill specific requirements of our Constitution and Bylaws. If you are a Certified Public Accountant and can assist please contact Moe Fradette at mfradette@comcast.net.



I want you to give me 10!!

The most critical element to the success of our Post is the full support of every member. We are launching a new campaign called "Give Me 10" and our asking for your support. What we are asking for is your commitment to give your Post 10 hours over the next year. It's very simple. Come to a meeting, stop by and have a meal or drink, attend an Auxiliary function, march in the Memorial Day parade, serve on the Board, volunteer for a committee. It's easy, fun, and rewarding.

Flags at Fairview Cemetery



The tradition of placing flags on the graves of veterans at Fairview Cemetery continues. On Saturday, May 23rd 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.

Report of the Nominating Committee

At the April 8, 2015 monthly meeting of Hayes-Velhage Post 96, the following candidates were submitted by the Nominating Committee to serve as officers for 2015-2016. The elections will be held at the May 13, 2015 monthly meeting.

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| Commander | Moe Fradette |
| Sr. Vice Commander | Rocky Goodwin |
| Jr. Vice Commander | Jeff Cole |
| Finance Officer | Ken Hungerford |
| Judge Advocate | Bob Hyland |
| Chaplain | Barry Leghorn |
| Executive Committee | Ray Jean |
| Executive Committee | Chris Conlin |

Board of Trustees

- Dave Lutz
- Blake Leonard
- Phil Kelly
- John Parenti
- Powell Schunder
- John Pappalardo

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| Member of Finance Committee | Tom Desmond |
| Member of Finance Committee | Mike Seder |
| Member of Finance Committee | Bill Tacey |

Members of the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee are elected to a two-year term of office. (Greg Stevens has one year remaining on his term of office.) Please plan to attend the Monthly Meeting on May 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to cast your vote for 2015-2016 Post 96 officers.

West Hartford Freedom Run



On July 5th the West Hartford Freedom Run will start its inaugural year. West Hartford Freedom Run was started by several Juniors from Conard High School. Connor Swanton, whose two uncles served in Afghanistan and Iraq, developed the idea after watching a commercial for the Wounded Warrior Project. Connor wanted to give back to those who sacrificed their lives to protect this nation. Connor brought together several of his classmates to help him in this endeavor. The members of the West Hartford Freedom Run team are Nate Richam, Tyler Carson, Zach Boehm, Brian McCauley, Zacharie Mega and Julie McKenna.

The Run will start at 10am from the parking lot of Town Hall and will finish at Town Hall. All money raised will go directly to the Wounded Warrior Project. The West Hartford Freedom Run is looking for runners, volunteers and donations. Please visit our website www.westhartfordfreedomrun.com.

Hayes-Velhage Post 96 wants to wish these young men and women success on the inaugural West Hartford Freedom Run. For further details regarding the Freedom Run please visit their website www.westhartfordfreedomrun.com.

Thank you to the Smiths

Post members Shannon and Dan Smith will be transferring to the Washington, D.C. area this summer to assume new positions in their careers.

Shannon will be the Team Leader for CG-86 Office of Internal Controls of the Coast Guard. The Office of Internal Controls is charged with implementing and maintaining the Coast Guard's management control program to assess and report on financial,

efficiency and effectiveness of operations, and compliance with laws and regulations.

Dan will be with the American Legion's National Office serving as Assistant Director - National Commission for Economics and Veterans Employment Outreach Coordinator.

We wish the Smiths safe travels and continued success in their new assignments.

Sean M. Connolly New Commissioner of Veterans Affairs

Commissioner Sean Connolly began his service with the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs on March 16, 2015. He is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, currently serving with the 655th Regional Support Group headquartered at Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts.

He is a member of American Legion, Post 95 in Hebron, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8776 in Hebron, the 101st Airborne Division Association.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He is also entitled to wear the Air Assault Badge and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge.

Commissioner Connolly also previously served on active duty for over seven years as an Army Judge Advocate in a variety of positions, most recently as a Trial Attorney with the Contract and Fiscal Law Division of the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, litigating government contract disputes, defending bid protests, and advising on procurement fraud actions. He also previously served as Assistant Legal Advisor and Executive Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Office of the Appointing Authority for Military Commissions.

In accordance with Article 10 of the Constitution and Bylaws of Hayes-Velhage Post 96, written notification is hereby provided regarding the proposed change to the Constitution and Bylaws submitted at the April 8, 2015 Hayes-Velhage Post 96. The proposed amendment will be voted on at the May 13, 2015 monthly meeting.



HAYES-VELHAGE POST 96 ★ 45 RAYMOND ROAD ★ WEST HARTFORD, CT 06107-2211 ★ (860) 233-9029

April 6, 2015

Dear Fellow Post 96 Legionnaires:

Re: Amendment of Post Constitution and Bylaws

As a result of recent changes in the membership of The Post Finance Committee, the prior Chairman of that Committee and the Executive Committee have recommended to me an Amendment of Post Constitution and Bylaws be considered relative to the structure of that Committee to insure the Committee operates in a more efficient and effective manner.

At present, Article 4, Section 3 (Finance Committee) of the Bylaws indicates "The Finance Committee shall be comprised of three members elected to a two year term of office." It has been recommended to me to expand the number of Finance Committee members when the duties and responsibilities of the Committee require additional personnel be added to accomplish the Committee's Mission.

To accomplish this, I am recommending Article 4, Section 3 of the Bylaws be amended to read "The Finance Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of three members who are elected to a two year term and up to two additional members appointed by the Commander when deemed necessary for a total of five members for the Committee." The remainder of Section 3 not amended herein remains as originally written.

It is my intention to submit and read this proposed amendment at the regularly scheduled Post meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. A vote on this proposed change will be taken at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Post on May 13, 2015, at which the members are invited to present any questions or comments regarding the amendment. I also recommend that this amendment become effective immediately if approved by the membership.

Kenneth Hungerford
Commander

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Frank Gallagher and Bill Reardon recognized as
Honorary Post Commanders

Hayes-Velhage Post 96 recently recognized Frank Gallagher and Bill Reardon for their many years of service to the Post. Post Commander Hungerford stated, "Frank and Bill have given countless hours to Post 96 and we are honored to recognize their years of service with the title of "Honorary Post Commander."

