



THE CONNECTICUT AUXILIARE #1

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“One fish. Two fish. Red fish. Blue fish.
Black fish. Blue fish/ Old fish. New fish.” Dr. Seuss

Welcome to the new Auxiliary year!

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone for their support in electing me as the Department President. It boggles my brain to see all the love and kindness of everyone!

We have gone from being birds to fish, we have changed colors, but the theme remains the same...membership. We closed out the 2016 year in fine standing and thanks go out to all those who helped in any way. I am asking that we do the same for this year...recruit and retain.

Excitement is in the air as we start off our new year with enthusiasm! The Program Action Plans (formerly the Plan of Action) will be coming out at the Program Information Conference on Sat., Sept. 17th. Please make an attempt to be there or send a representative from your Unit to share in the experience. Create excitement within your Unit to get more people to participate. The more members that are engaged the more your Unit will grow and prosper!

Stand Down is being held on the Rocky Hill Campus on Fri., Sept. 23rd. Members and non-members alike have been busily knitting and crocheting all summer long! Don't stop now, our Veterans need us!!

We would like to bring some fun in to our Department so if you have any ideas they would be greatly appreciated and gladly accepted!

Here's to a great fishing season!

Marge Sunbury
Department President
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Congratulations to the following Units who made 102% or more in membership for the 2016 membership year. Units:1,4,14,28,50,60,64,66,68,112,140,177,187 and 209. Way to go. Each of these units received \$150 from National and will be receiving an honor ribbon for their Unit Banners.

Chaplain

With pride and sincere thanks, I begin my position as Department Chaplain. To the delegates at Convention who voted me to this position. I THANK YOU. I will proudly serve as your Chaplain. Together, we can share prayers, devotional thoughts or poems. I will make a collection book of your inputs, if you choose to do so. I look forward to hearing from you for ANY reason at all.

Lorraine Dixon (dixonlorraine@aol.com)
5 Hemlock Road, Prospect, CT 06712



ABOUT PRAYER

When I am liberated by silence, why I am no longer involved in the measurement of life, but in the living of it,
I can discover a form of prayer in which there is effectively no distraction. My whole life becomes a prayer.
The world of silence in which I am immersed contributes to my prayer.

Thomas Merton

THE CARNEY FAMILY AND I ALONG WITH MY SON AND DAUGHTER WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED ED'S WAKE SERVICE, ESPECIALLY JOE JACKSON FOR HIS BEAUTIFUL EULOGY. EVEN THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR SAID HE HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE HONOR BY SO MANY PEOPLE.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO SENT CARDS, PRAYERS, DONATIONS TO POST 48'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN ED'S HONOR, AND LAST FOR ALL THE OFFERS OF HELP AND SUPPORT DURING THIS SAD TIME.

JULIA CARNEY



In Memoriam

Unit 12	Susan Davis	Norwalk	Unit 72	Ann Hartung	Southington
Unit 12	Sandra Bradley	Norwalk	Unit 72	Maryetta Bienkowski	Southington
Unit 15	Delia A Pepin	Jewett City	Unit 83	Elda R Torelli	Branford
Unit 22	Jane Krulicki	Thomaston	Unit 100	Cortni M Gassett	Bethel
Unit 24	Adrea Sturges	Derby	Unit 127	Dorothy Amore	Orange
Unit 36	Jean N Hebebrand	Windsor Locks	Unit 128	Patricia Palmer	Niantic
Unit 36	Dorothy Seif	Windsor Locks	Unit 173	Ruth M Davis	Morris
Unit 45	Virginia Sypek	Meriden	Unit 177	Marjorie Malash	Bridgeport
Unit 45	Patricia Hardy	Meriden	Unit 195	Marjorie Ferry	Oakville
Unit 71	PDP Dolsie Root	West Haven	Unit 195	Helen Stanley	Oakville

MEMBERSHIP

Let's get swimming!



I need to begin by humbly thanking everyone for their vote of confidence in me during the elections at our Department Convention this past July. You have put your faith in me and I hope to live up to that.

For those of you that didn't attend this year's Convention, our membership theme is "Let's get out of the fishbowl, and into the Ocean" and each of our Department Officers are some type of fish.

Over the past few years I have been asking members throughout our Department to answer a simple question relating to Membership – why is it hard to get new members? One of the biggest reasons has been that many of us are shy when it comes to asking someone if they want to join our organization. This helped me bring my theme to fruition. Most of us are comfortable being in our little group, our fishbowl. That is understandable. If we all thought that way, our membership would dwindle and our organization would not be in existence in a few years. We all need to remember that the American Legion Auxiliary depends on membership. We must open our eyes to the

possibility that there are many potential members just outside our comfortable fishbowl of a community, and swim into the ocean.

Speaking of membership, our Unit goals will be distributed during the Program Information Conference in September but I hope that doesn't stop you from asking all of your Unit/District Officers and Chairmen to pay their dues before their first Unit Meetings. The earlier members pay their dues, the easier it will be to work your targets and other programs.

I set out a challenge to every member in our Department of Connecticut. By the end of this membership year, bring at least one new member, if not two or three or more, into the Auxiliary. We have big goals to meet whether it is to help our military and veterans, children & youth, or just raise funds to send young ladies to Girls State, and if we don't bring someone into our organization that we can train to possibly fill our fins in the future, what type of organization will we have?

Should you have any questions or issues, please reach out to me. Let's get swimming!

Laura Santino
Dept. Senior Vice President
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Aug. 28th **Marge Sunbury**
2 Berkley Ct
Southington, CT 06489

Sept. 6th **Georgia Theriault**
270 East Street
Plainville, CT 06062

Sept. 23 **Julia Carney**
260 West Lake Ave
Guilford, CT 06437

Historian

Hello to all historians,

I have been elected as the Dept. Historian for 2016/2017 and I am looking forward to a great year. I have already completed my action plan for the year. It will be handed out at our PIC conference in Sept. I am looking forward to working with all of you. Please make sure your president or secretary gives you the action plan as I will need information from all historians-including your name, phone number and email address. Thank you all and have a safe Labor Day.

Department Historian

Karen Franzese

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Americanism

Dear Members,

Hello! It is an honor to be your Americanism Chairman for the year 2016- 2017. Show your colors America!!! Don't forget to say thank you to our veterans. We have a busy year ahead of us. First it's a privilege, honor, and duty to go out to Vote for our candidates in Nov. Please help give rides to the elderly to the polls.

There will be more information in your Plan of Action. Please watch your dates.

For God & Country

Janet L. Young.

Department Americanism Chairman

Coupons

Greetings Auxiliary ladies,

Welcome to our 2016-2017 Auxiliary year! With the help of all our wonderful members, we are sure to accomplish many great things. The coupon committee could really use your help in reaching our goals. Coupons support our education scholarship funds and the Connecticut Child Welfare Fund. Everything we raise goes to help out right here in our great state of CT. In order to help raise funds, we will be doing a raffle at PIC. We are in need of raffle prizes. We are asking for donations to help us raise lots of money for education. All of your help is greatly appreciated and we thank you in advance, I look forward to seeing you all soon at PIC!!

Jessica Bergeron

Coupons Chairman

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The needs of our Military children are the top priority of this committee. Many children go back to school unprepared because they do not have the proper tools.

We can help by providing these tools. Contact your local elementary school. Ask them to put out a notice that your unit has back to school supplies for children of the military and veterans. The families can contact the school office staff, who will distribute the supplies as requested.

Do your shopping now while sales are being held. Keep this program going year round as students run out of supplies by January and the prices more than double then. Team up with other community groups to grow this project.

Suggested packet:

two gallon zip bag, three ring binder, filler paper, spiral notebook, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, erasers, crayons, markers and rulers.

Take pictures of your members assembling the packets. Include a card with your unit info and contact person.

Alcyne Welton
Children & Youth Chairman

Education

The School year is just around the corner and seniors will be looking for scholarship money to finance the college expenses. The cost of tuition and books has risen over the years and even our own state university has increased the cost for its programs. It may seem early but now is the time to begin contacting the school guidance counselors at the high schools in your area. If there is a school near you where there is no ALA Unit, contact that guidance counselor as well.

Copies of Scholarship Grant forms will be available on the department website and in the auxiliare soon. This is an important program for our youth which requires some contact with schools in the fall and spring and can potentially provide wonderful benefits for the young people in our state.

JoeAnne Jackson
Education Chairman



While building community awareness of the ALA and its mission, ALA members serve as brand advocates through involvement in community activities. The Community Service Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's visibility within our localities through our commitment to community, state and nation. By being visible in our localities, the Community Service Program demonstrates who we are, what we do and why we matter.

Hopefully everyone is reading the Department Auxiliare. My test to everyone is the following; bring one of the items to PIC on September 17th and receive a surprise gift.

- Report of what your Unit has done from May through August
- Report of what your Unit has planned from September to December
- Unit Community Service Chairman's Name, Email or Address & Phone Number
- District Community Service Chairman's Name, Email or Address & Phone Number

See you at the PIC on September 17th!
 Caren Varjas, Chairman varjasc@gmail.com
 Community Service Chairman

Juniors

Join us September 24 at 10:00 am for the Junior Girls Fall Meeting. Doors will open at 9:30 and it will be held at the American Legion Kiltonic Post 72, Southington, 66 Main Street.

Awards will be given for Youngest Junior present, Unit with the greatest percentage of Juniors present, Unit with the greatest number of Juniors present, Unit traveling the farthest, Best President's report from any organized Junior group and best member report from any Junior member.

The girls look forward to seeing the department officers at the meeting. Also all chairmen and senior members are invited to join as well.

Registration is \$1.00 per person and there will be a raffle. Seniors, girl friendly prizes valued at \$5.00 are needed and would be appreciated!

The new officers for 2016-2017 are: President-Felicia Cruz, Jr. Past Megan Lynn Delaney, Senior Vice President-Cassidy Jones, Treasurer-Skylar Donner, Chaplain-Amanda Hopkins, Historian- Chloe Papageorge.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kristin Jones, Junior Activities Chairmen
 caseyj1@aol.com or [203-671-7447](tel:203-671-7447).
 Junior Activities Committee members are:
 Julia Carney and Rhonda Bergeron



Laurel Girls State

Hi Ladies, I am Rebecca Terricciano and I will be serving as the chairman/director for the 2017 ALA Laurel Girls State Program. The commission includes: Sue Larsen, Samantha Blum, Kate Larsen, and Nancy Hansen. Over the next month, the commission will be meeting for the first time and working to continue the tradition of learning and fun ALA members have come to expect from Laurel Girls State. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email: rebecca.michlin@gmail.com or by phone: [860-538-1435](tel:860-538-1435). We're looking forward to a great year!

Rebecca Terricciano
 Girls State Chairman/Director

Public Relations

Hello Ladies,

It is my pleasure to continue as your webmaster and to return and serve as your Public Relations Chairman. Our mission's goals are strong and we need to utilize all our PR tools to get our message out across the state. Please join me at PIC as I have lots of information to share with you so you can release the powerhouse PR lady I know you having hiding inside! It is time for us all to step outside of our comfort zone and work this program. We have a few changes this year and I think it will benefit everyone. In keeping with our ocean theme – we are the dolphins!!! The talking heads of the ocean!



See you soon.

Janice Sentivany
Department of CT Public Relations Chairman

Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation

Welcome to a new year!!!!

Please mark your calendar for coming to CT Creative Arts at the VA on Sept 13th and 14th at the VA in West Haven and see what our Veterans are doing. All members are invited.

Next Sept. 17th is our PIC. Come meet our representative who went to the VA Games and also hear about our 2016-2017 Plans. Also, bring your sheet with your pledges for Bingo games at Rocky Hill and West Haven and Newington Food Gift and Field Trips.

Friday Sept. 23rd is Stand Down and the Auxiliary will have a table with winter hats and scarves. We still need items as I was told about 1,000 to 1,200 Veterans attend. If you want to work at the table please call Raelene Miller at 203-378-4016 or e-mail rae45mil@gmail.com.

Don't forget to come to PIC and hear about what we are doing this year.

Raelene Miller
VA&R Chairman
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rae45mil@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

8/26- 9/1	98 th National Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio
Sept 8	2 nd Dist. Mtg. Post 17 Naugatuck, 7pm Social, 8 pm meeting
Sept 10	Dept. Color Guard Annual Lobster Fest, Post 45 Meriden 2-4pm
Sept 11	4 th Dist. Mtg. Post 52 Coventry, 2pm
Sept 15	5 th Dist. Mtg. Post 128 Niantic, 7pm
Sept 17	PIC (Program Information Conference) Calendar House, Southington
Sept 21	3 rd Dist. Mtg. Post 100 Bethel, 7pm
Sept 22	6 th Dist. Mtg. Post 195 Oakville 6:30pm social, 7pm meeting
Sept 23	Stand Down, Rocky Hill Veterans Home and Hospital Grounds
Sept 24	Juniors Fall Meeting, Post 72 Southington, Doors open 9:30 am, Mtg. to begin 10am
Sept 28	1 st Dist. Mtg. Post 197 Marlborough, 6:30 social, 7:30 Meeting
Sept 30	Phil Haddad Memorial Golf Tournament, Noon, Lyman Orchards Middlefield

Future Events

Oct 2 nd - 5 th	National Commander's Visit to Connecticut
Oct 5 th	National Commander's Dinner, Post 142
Oct 9	4 th Dist. Mtg., Post 101 Somers, K of C 2pm
Oct 12	2 nd Dist. Mtg. TBA
Oct. 13	7 th Dist. Mtg. Post 75 Middletown, 7PM
Oct 19	3 rd Dist. Mtg. Post 176, Monroe, 7pm
Oct 19	5 th Dist. Mtg. Post 104 Taftville, 7pm
Oct 29	Mission Training Hartford, CT
Oct 29	National Juniors Division Meeting, Hartford, CT
Nov 5	Department Testimonial Chowder Pot, Hartford
Nov 10	Veteran's Day Luminary Hosted by Unit 2, Post 2 Bristol
Nov 20	Cookie Pack Unit 45, Meriden
Nov 26-28	Christmas Shops Rocky Hill Veteran's Home and Hospital
Dec 3-5	Christmas Shops West Haven VA
Jan 27-29	Mid-Winter, Trumbull Marriott, Trumbull
March 4	Department Oratorical Contest
March 25	1 st District Testimonial Place TBA

Unit and Post Happenings

Department Color Guard Lobster Fest: Saturday Sept. 10, 2016, Post 45 Meriden, 2-4pm \$25pp. Last day for tickets, 8/27/16. Contact Steve Fahy 860-966-4540

Second annual Veteran's Day Luminary. Hosted by Unit 2 November 10th 6pm at Post 2 Bristol. Luminaire are \$5.00 each. Contact Rosemarie at 860-508-7868 for more information.

Bingo: Wolcott Post 165, Every Friday and Saturday Night, Doors open at 5 games begin at 7pm. Kitchen open, Smoke Free, Plenty of Parking. Proceeds benefit Auxiliary and Legion Programs

Bingo; Norwalk Unit 12, Every Monday night, Doors open 5 Games Begin 7pm, Kitchen Open Smoke Free.

Messages from the Department Office

Department Coverage: 2nd District President Karen L Thompson will be in charge of the Department from August 25th thru Sept 1st while Madam President Marge is in Ohio for the National Convention. If there are any problems please call Karen at 203-233-0956

- **Unit Bonds: Unit Bond Payments are Now Due. All Units must submit payment of \$15.50 to the Department Office. This payment covers your unit for 3 years.**
- **Auxiliare Messages:** All information, messages or announcements that you would like in the Auxiliare must be submitted to the Department Office no later than the 21st of the Month in order for the Auxiliare to be out on time.
- **Sample Letter to Legionnaires:** A sample letter that your unit can use to contact female relatives of the Post's membership is available at the Dept. Office. If you would like an electronic copy that you can customize for your unit contact the department office at ctaladept@gmail.com or call 860-616-2343. Ask your Post for a copy of their Membership Roster.
- **Officer and Chairman Forms for 2017:** The Officers' and Chairman's List needs to be filled out and sent to Dept. asap. This is for both the Units and Districts. It is important to update yearly even if there are no changes. The information that goes out can only make it to the proper place if we have current names and position
- **Mission Training/National Junior's Meeting:** Oct. 29, 2016. This year the National Leadership will be holding the Eastern Division Mission Training and National Junior's Meeting in Hartford. Sign up online at www.alaforveteran.org
- **National Website:** sign up today to the member's only portal on the National website. While you are there sign up for the e-news, keep up on what's happening at the National level, in other departments and units. There is a wealth of information just waiting for you to access.
- **"In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security."**

Department Raffle Winners

1 st Prize	Cooler of Cheer	Partners Café	4 th Prize	Marie Delaney
2 nd Prize	Handmade Quilt	Jessica Bergeron	5 th Prize	Rebecca Fede
3 rd Prize	Thirty One Set	Rosemarie LaBossiere	6 th Prize	Nancy Hansen

2016-2017 Department Officers

President	Margery Sunbury	Unit 72 Southington
Jr Past President/NEC	Georgia Theriault	Unit 33 Plainville
Sr Vice President	Laura Santino	Unit 2 Bristol
Vice President-1st District	Rosemarie LaBossiere	Unit 2 Bristol
Vice President-2nd District	Karen L Thompson	Unit 17 Naugatuck
Vice President-3rd District	Irene Cardillo	Unit 12 Norwalk
Vice President-4th District	Rita Barylski	Unit 13 Putnam
Vice President-5th District	Denise Surprenant	Unit 112 Montville
Vice President-6th District	Sandy Cruz	Unit 195 Oakville
Vice President-7th District	Kathy Hayes	Unit 113 Old Saybrook
Secretary/Treasurer	Nancy Hansen	Unit 165 Wolcott
Chaplain	Lorraine Dixon	Unit 194 Prospect
Historian	Karen Franzese	Unit 74 Fairfield
Sgt at Arms	Samantha Sunbury	Unit 72 Southington
Asst. Sgt at Arms	Lydia DeGumbia	Unit 72 Southington

2016-2017 Honorary Junior Officers

Honorary Jr President	Felicia Cruz	Unit 195 Oakville
Honorary Jr Past President	Megan Lynn Delaney	Unit 88 Hamden
Honorary Jr Sr Vice	Cassidy Jones	Unit 48 Guilford
Treasurer	Skylar Donner	Unit 165 Wolcott
Chaplain	Amanda Hopkins	Unit 48 Guilford
Historian	Chloe Papageorge	Unit 48 Guilford

2016-2017 ALA Laurel Girls State Elected Officials

Governor	Elizabeth Murray	Post 29 Greenwich
Lt Governor	Olivia Nye	Post 79 Madison
Attorney General	Tamara Cheriha	Post 133 South Windsor
Comptroller	Fiorella Contreas	Post 104 Taftville
Secretary of the State	Julia Bentz	Unit 66 Stonington
Treasurer	Sofia Patria	Post 209 Bristol
Girls Nation Senator	Emily DiLauro	Unit 56 Glastonbury
Girls Nation Senator	Madeline Fitzgerald	Commission

2016 Department Memorial Grant Winners

Kayla Stanchfield	Unit 165 Wolcott	Matthew Hallock	Unit 100 Bethel
Cassidy Atkinson	Unit 128 Niantic	Naomi Robert	Unit 46 Goshen
Emily Jewell	Unit 101 Somers	Megan Jewell	Unit 101 Somers
Katherine Grant	Unit 128 Niantic	Kiernan Hook	Unit 100 Bethel
Emma Lewis	Unit 17 Naugatuck	Katelynn Guyla	Unit 60 Danbury

2016 Past President's Parley Grant Winners

Brooke DeGumbia	Unit 72 Southington	Allison Owsianko	Unit 72 Southington
Hannah Fitzgerald	Unit 165 Wolcott	Mark Severino	Unit 48 Guilford
Julia Ann Vitali	Unit 12 Norwalk	Taylor Way	Unit 165 Wolcott
Nicole Dombroski	Unit 156 East Haddam	Sheriden Miller	Unit 46 Goshen
Paige Wache	Unit 72 Southington	Megan Wache	Unit 72 Southington
Morgan Devine	Unit 101 Somers	Mason Ravis	Unit 105 Cromwell
Mackay Ravis	Unit 105 Cromwell	Kyle Smith	Unit 48 Guilford

2016 Delegates and Alternates to National Convention

1st Delegate/ Chairman	Georgia Theriault	1 st Alternate Margery Sunbury
2nd Delegate	Laura Santino	2 nd Alternate Lydia DeGumbia
3rd Delegate	Nancy Hansen	3 rd Alternate Carol Curley
4th Delegate	Barbara Curley	
5th Delegate	Rita Barylski	
6th Delegate	Lisa LaCoursiere	
7th Delegate	Sandra Cruz	
8th Delegate	Ruth Morgan	
9th Delegate NEC	JoeAnne Jackson	
10th Delegate PNP	Janet Jefford	

EMAILING BULLETINS

The Department office is continuing its efforts to send the monthly bulletin via email in the effort to save time, money, and paper. Unit Presidents, Unit Secretaries, District Presidents, and District Secretaries are asked to please make sure that your Unit/District Officers and Chairman's list are filled out and returned to the office asap. Those above who have email can just email the office a message with their name, Unit number, and email address.

If you do not have email or a computer, you can set up a free email account with Yahoo or Gmail at your local library or senior center OR you can designate someone from your unit who has email to receive your copy. It will be sent out as a "blind copy" so no one will see the email address. Of course it will be sent snail mail if no e-mail is available. All members are encouraged to send in their emails and can receive the Auxiliare emailed to them at no cost.

AUXILIARE ORDER BLANK

Department Officers, Past Department Presidents, District Secretaries, Unit Presidents, Unit Secretaries will receive a copy of the Department Bulletin.

Any member who wishes to receive a hard copy of the Bulletin the cost is **\$20.00**. The subscription runs from October 2016 through September 2017 and includes a list of Officers and Chairmen and the Call to Convention. Please send your check with this order blank by October 1, 2016.

Mail to: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of CT.

PO Box 266

Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0266

NAME _____ UNIT# _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

2016-2017 POPPY ORDER FORM

Bring this completed poppy order form to the Program Informational Conference (scheduled for September 17, 2016) or mail it with payment to: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of CT., P.O. Box 266, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0266. Full payment must accompany order for it to be processed.

Post/Unit # _____ District # _____. Poppies are \$120.00 per thousand. Check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for # _____ poppies is enclosed, PAYABLE TO: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of CT. Poppy order is requested no later than **DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2016**

_____.

Contact Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) Cell (_____)

E-Mail address for notification of completed order _____

Orders received after April 1, 2016 will be processed at the discretion of the Poppy Team!

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