

Due to covid the January meetin in 2022 was cancelled
Feb meeting was memorial . No business conducted



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March 4, 2022

FELLOW POST #204 VETERANS:

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 10th, at 3:00 PM** in the Victor Borg Room of the Heritage Village Meeting House.

Since Commander Michael Carelli is currently out of town, I will be conducting the meeting.

Topics for Discussion:

- Current events in Ukraine and the Legion's position on the war
- The proposed Saint Michael's Veteran Entrepreneurial Institute and veteran's service center at the old Southbury Training School

Please feel free to invite guests. We will be observing the new, relaxed COVID protocols recently announced by the Village. Masks are optional for fully vaccinated attendees.

Finance Officer, Joe Abruzzi will be in attendance to collect dues, if you've not yet renewed your 2022 Legion membership.

I look forward to seeing you all!

Jim Sugden

Adjutant,
Heritage Village Memorial Post #202

J. A.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 204

AGENDA FOR MARCH 10TH 2022 MEETING

1. Sgt at Arms

Take attendance, secure the door, make sure that all present, have signed-in

2. J SUGDEN: Rap of gavel, please be seated. CMDR Mike Carelli is vacationing and has asked me to conduct this meeting. I now declare this meeting of American Legion Heritage Village Memorial POST 204, now in session. **3 RAPS OF GAVEL PLEASE STAND TO ATTENTION, COLOR GUARD PLEASE ATTEND TO THE COLORS (members of Color Guard forward) ATTENTION TO THE COLORS, HAND SALUTE Please say with me the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

3. JSUGEN: Uncover... **ALL MEMBERS PLEASE REMAIN STANDING WITH YOUR CAP IN YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART THROUGH THE PRAYER AND POW/MIA CEREMONY.**

4. CHAPLAIN, JOE HUMESTON: Today, we remember the important days of our military in March,

- a. The Iraq War began in 2003
- b. The Kosovo Campaign began in 1999
- c. The Somolia Campaign ended in 1995
- d. March 29th is National Vietnam War Veteran's Day

God of Mercy, we ask thy blessings and comfort for those of our comrades who are suffering mental and physical disabilities. Cheer them and bring them to the blessings of health and happiness. Encourage and protect all military service members who serve now, especially those who are deployed throughout the world in these difficult days. And finally, bless our nation's leaders and give them the wisdom and courage to lead us safely through these perilous times. --- AMEN

5. Sgt at Arms, bring the POW/MIA cover to the front of the room.

THE EMPTY CHAIR IS HERE BEFORE YOU. THIS IS A REMINDER FOR ALL OF US TO SPARE NO EFFORT TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS FOR CAPTIVITY AND A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THOSE STILL MISSING.

THAT NUMBER NOW STANDS AT APPROXIMATELY 80,000 AND INCLUDES AMERICANS HELD BY THE TALIBAN IN AFGHANISTAN.

6. JSUGDEN: I now declare this meeting of HV Memorial Post 204 open.

Post officers are: Commander, Mike Carelli

Sr Vice Cmdr, Glenn Christy

Adjutant, Jim Sugden

Finance Officer, Joe Abruzzi

Sgt. At Arms, Peter Murray, acting SAA, John Seidel

Chaplain, Joe Humeston

Service Officer, Kathleen Kelleher

Past Cmdr, Rocco Alessandro

7. JSUGDEN: Review of previous meeting/memorial service for Terry Johanesen

MUSTARD Seed Fund

8. JSUGDEN: Finance Officer's report, J ABRUZZI

9. JSUGDEN: Membership report 78.5% - any members not paid please pay

10. Sick Call???? Any additions to the list?

11. Boys and Girls State sponsorship - sharing with Post 147 and with Auxiliary State Police Youth Week - \$125 fee - all in favor?

12. American Legion position on UKRAINE.

13. KEN KORSU, St Michael's Veteran's Entrepreneurial Center.

14. NEW BUSINESS?

15. JHUMESTON: CLOSING PRAYER - PLEASE STAND -

"Let us pray... God of people and nations, we pause at the close of this meeting to acknowledge again your sovereignty over our lives and country. We remember our fellow citizens and comrades now departed this life. AMEN

16. SGT. at ARMS: Please retire the POW/MIA cover.

17. JSUGDEN: Until we meet again, let us remember our obligation to our country. Let service to our community, state and nation be ever a main objective of the American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the HONOR of OUR COUNTRY, that NOTHING shall swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

18.3 RAPS OF THE GAVEL: ATTENTION TO THE COLORS!

COLOR GUARD: THE COLORS ARE READY TO BE RETIRED, HAND SALUTE!

19. JSUGDEN: I now declare this meeting of the HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST 204 of the AMERICAN LEGION, ADJOURNED



AMERICAN LEGION CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE YOUTH WEEK



2022 ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Legion Department of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police, announce their joint sponsorship of the 18th Annual State Police Youth Week. The program, a law enforcement practicum for high school students completing their JUNIOR YEAR in 2022 at an accredited high school in the state of Connecticut, will be held at the State Police Training Academy in Meriden, CT, from Sunday, August 7th, to Saturday, August 13th, 2022.

The program offers insight into the training, duties and expectations of Law Enforcement Officers. The program provides realistic experience, patterned after recruit training at the Connecticut State Police Academy, and affords individuals considering a law enforcement career the opportunity to gain knowledge of the professional life of a police officer.

Cadets will participate in a variety of mentally and physically demanding instructional sessions, including patrol techniques, the Connecticut Penal and Motor Vehicle Codes, criminal and accident investigation, firearms safety and training, water safety training, team-building and confidence training, defensive driving techniques, and other law enforcement skill training. Cadets will experience the daily activities of recruit training, including 5:15 reveille, physical conditioning, inspection of quarters, and participation in assigned details.

Selected Cadets will be required to stay overnight in a dormitory type environment, there are no exceptions. If your son or daughter is unable to stay overnight, they will not be considered. If your son or daughter has a driver license or learner permit, please provide that information on the application. It not required, but it may allow them to drive at the Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC).

***COMPLETED APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING PERSONAL STATEMENTS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE \$125.00 FEE,
MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2022.***

***DUE TO STRICT LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (24 STUDENTS),
LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.***

***SELECTION DATE THIS YEAR WILL BE MAY 15, 2022. IF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING BY MAY 25TH
PLEASE CONTACT THE AMERICAN LEGION AT THE PHONE NUMBER BELOW***

For further information contact your Guidance Counselor, School Resource Officer, local Post of the American Legion, or the American Legion Department Treasurer, 864 Wethersfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06114. Telephone 860.296.0719.

It is DESPP's policy to foster a diverse and fair environment, and to offer programs and services in a manner that is consistent with state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination and harassment based on a person's protected class.



AMERICAN LEGION CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE YOUTH WEEK



2022 APPLICATION (REPRODUCIBLE)

Name _____

Address _____
Street/Road City/Town State Zip Code

Age ____ Gender ____ Birth Date _____ Grade Completed 2020 ____ G.P.A. ____

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Name(s) _____

Home Telephone _____ Parent Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____ Student Cell Phone _____

Shirt Size _____ (S, M, L, XL) Pant Size _____ (Waist X Inseam)

High School _____ Telephone _____

School Address _____
Street City/Town State Zip Code

Driver's License/Learner's Permit Number _____ State ____ (If you have one)

Financial Sponsor (or organization) _____ Telephone _____ Post No. ____

Financial Sponsor Address _____

I voluntarily apply to attend the Connecticut American Legion State Police Youth Week at the Connecticut State Police Academy at Meriden, CT, **Sunday, August 7th to Saturday, August 13th, 2022**. I understand that I must have completed Junior Year (11th grade) at an accredited Connecticut high school by the date on which the program begins. I must not have already left or graduated from high school. I understand that the program is physically and mentally challenging, requiring that I be physically fit and in good academic standing. I agree that, if selected, I will provide a Waiver and Indemnification Agreement, Consent to Medical Treatment and a Medical Certification of Fitness.

**** YOUTH WEEK CADETS WILL BE REQUIRED TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN A DORMITORY TYPE ENVIRONMENT, NO EXCEPTIONS ****

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Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TOGETHER WITH:

- A **ONE-PAGE PERSONAL STATEMENT**, typed, stating your reasons for applying to participate in the program and what you hope to achieve,
- AND**
- A **RECOMMENDATION** from a public official such as a; Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Law Enforcement Officer or Fire Department Official.

Submit Application Packet to:
THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
 864 WETHERSFIELD AVE., HARTFORD, CT 06114

**COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET
 AND \$125.00 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE
 MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2022.**

**ATTACH
 RECENT
 PHOTOGRAPH
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Saint Michael's

Veteran Entrepreneurial Institute

Southbury, Connecticut

This is an exploratory project fact sheet to determine feasibility and gain support to establish Saint Michael's Veteran Entrepreneurial Institute.

SITE: Southbury Training School is a large residential facility in the towns of Southbury and Roxbury, Connecticut. It was built in the 1930s as a large state-funded and state-operated residential and habilitative facility for adults with intellectual disabilities. It consists of 125 buildings situated on a campus of 1,600 acres. It independently operates its own power, heat, sewage treatment, water, laundry, fire, ambulance, public safety, building maintenance, transportation and dietary services. It is run by the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services. The facility is listed as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southbury_Training_School

MISSION: Provide Veteran entrepreneurs with education, training, facilities and resources to launch and grow their businesses. Provide long-term and transitional Veteran employment/apprenticeship opportunities in support of operations. Provide services and work opportunities for homeless Veterans.

SUPPORTING TASKS:

1. Established a non-profit entity to acquire the facility and conduct fund raising activities
2. Preserve the historic and rural character of the site
3. Coordinate with the State of Connecticut on continued support for the remaining residents of Southbury Training School and a smooth transition of facilities and equipment
4. Coordinate with the Veterans Administration and Small Business Administration to explore support on many levels
5. Create a National Center of Excellence for Veteran entrepreneurship
6. Extend existing Veteran programs to be offered on-site/on-line
7. Establish a network/portal for on-line Veteran educational programs
8. Seek accreditation for programs through partnership with existing institutions
9. Provide education, training, mentorship and resources to on-site Veteran business development programs: building maintenance, grounds maintenance, remodeling/construction, art, music, radio and television broadcast, publishing, marketing, agriculture, fire, police, emergency medical services, medical, dental, hazardous material abatement, hospitality, winery/brewery/distillery, and more
10. Provide long-term and transitional employment/apprenticeship opportunities for Veterans in support of operations
11. Establish a venture capital fund to provide funding for Veteran businesses from start-up to expansion
12. Provide food, shelter, services and work programs for homeless Veterans
13. Establish a National network of work programs/sites for homeless Veterans

CONTACT: for more information, to pledge your support, to volunteer or to donate

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Heritage Village Memorial Post #204

Minutes of Meeting – 3:00 pm, April 14th 2022

Officers in Attendance: Post Cmdr. Mike Carelli, Adjutant Jim Sugden, Chaplin, Joe Humeston, Service Officer, Kathleen Kelleher, Sgt. at Arms John Seidel

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Cmdr. Mike Carelli. The Colors were presented and open ceremonies, including the POW/MIA ceremony were observed. Chaplin Humeston provided a prayer.

Chaplain Humeston reviewed the important days of American military history:

- April 1, 1945 – US Forces land on Okinawa
- April 6, 1917 – US enters WW1
- April 9, 1865 – Gen. Lee surrenders at Appomattox
- April 9, 1942 – US Surrender on Bataan
- April 25, 1998 – US declares war on Spain

Pledge of Allegiance recited by the members. Post 204 Singers lead the assembled members in singing God Bless America

Minutes of the last meeting on 3/10/2022, not available at this time.

National Day of Prayer: May 5th has been designated as a National Day of Prayer for Veterans. An observance will take place at Veterans Park in Southbury on that day at 12:00 pm and at 6:00 pm.

Remembrance of Dom Narducci: Cmdr. Carelli thanked the Honor Guard and Members who attended the memorial for comrade Dom Narducci.

R. U. OK? : This new service is being introduced in Southbury. Seniors may sign-up to be called daily to check in on them. 3 missed calls will result in a visit from Southbury or police or HV Security.

Flag Folding and Presentation: A refolding of the burial flag of US Navy Lt. Cmdr Humberto Omar Guetierrez-Penas was performed by Jim Sugden and John Seidel. The flag was returned to its commemorative box and re-presented to his widow, Ann Johansmeyer. As part of the ceremony, Jim Sugden recounted the meaning of each of the 13 folds of a burial flag.

VA Medical Services: Cmdr. Carelli polled our members as to their experiences with VA medical care. The impression were generally favorable.

Upcoming Election of Officers: Cmdr. Carelli reminded members that the Post is still seeking volunteers to fill officer slots for the coming year. He announced that he will be retiring .

Closing Ceremonies: Chaplain Joe Humeston read a closing prayer. The POW/MIA Cover and the Colors were saluted and retired.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm. Members were urged to meet at the 1850 House for Fellowship and Refreshment.

Respectfully Submitted

James Sugden
Adjutant, Post 204

Heritage Village Memorial Post #204

Minutes of Meeting - May 12, 2022

Officers in Attendance: Cmdr, Mike Carelli, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Glenn Christy, Adjutant Jim Sugden, Chaplain Joe Humeston, Finance Officer Joe Abruzzi, Service Officer Kathleen Kelleher, Sgt. at Arms John Seidel, Past Cmdr Rocco Alessandro

Call to Order: Cmdr Carelli called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm, 15:00 hrs. The Colors were presented and opening ceremonies, including the POW/MIA ceremony were observed. Chaplain Humeston provided an opening prayer. He noted important days in May in our country's military history. May 7th, 1945 Surrender of German Forces. May 10th, 1942, last US Forces in the Pacific surrender to the Japanese. May 11, 1969, Battle of Dong Ap Bia (Hamburger Hill) begins. May 20, 1969 Battle of Hamburger Hill ends.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by members and guests. Post 204 Singers sign GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Minutes of April 14th Meeting were read by the Adjutant. Minutes were approved without correction.

Finance Officer's Report: FO Joe Abruzzi provided an updated financial report. Current balances: \$2,972 in checking and \$3,716 in savings.

New Business: Cmdr provided a reminder of the Memorial Day Parade details. Rides are being provided for those that require them. Individual cars (convertibles) will be provided instead of a bus. Riders will report to the Adjutant of Post 147, marchers will form up with the Post 204 Adjutant.

Election of Officers: The Cmdr read the slate of nominations for officer posts. A request was made that any additional nomination from the floor be made at that time. No were forth coming. A vote was taken via show of hands and the slate of nominations was elected unanimously. The officers for the 2022-2023 year, beginning 6/9/2022, will be:

- Commander, Jim Sugden
- Sr. Vice Commander, Glenn Christy
- Adjutant, Joe Abruzzi
- Finance Officer, Joe Humeston
- Chaplain, Bernie Dzinski
- Service Officer, Kathleen Kelleher
- Sgt. at Arms, John Seidel

June Meeting: District Commander/Adjutant Bruce Carlson will attend our June meeting and swear in our new officers. The Ladies Auxiliary will provide refreshments. (ice cream)

Discussion of the Coming Year: Ideas were solicited by the incoming Cmdr. for projects that our Post might undertake in the coming year. A more detailed discussion of VA benefit was suggested. This discussion will continue in the coming months.

Adjournment: The Chaplain provide a closing prayer. The Colors were retired. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm (16:20 hrs.) and members departed to the 1850 House for refreshments.