



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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November-December 2018

OCTOBER'S MEETING IS CHANGED TO TUESDAY OCTOBER 30 @6:30 PM. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PLAN (TRDP): Effective December 31, 2018 TRDP will no longer be an option for dental insurance. If you are currently enrolled in TRDP, then you MUST select another dental insurance during the Open Season period of November 12 – December 10, 2018. You may be eligible for the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). Go to www.tricare.benefeds.com to compare rates of other federal insurance plans. You may also sign-up for updates at the website. You may call 1-877-888-3337 if you do not use a computer. If you do nothing, your TRDP will expire and you will NOT have dental insurance in 2019.

NO COST FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE: Once again, the VA Health Care system has partnered with Walgreen's to make it easy for you to get your NO COST flu shot this season. As an enrolled VA patient you can go to your local Walgreen's Pharmacy. Just bring your VA medical ID card. Your NO COST flu shot is available now. Over 65 is paid for through Medicare. For more information you may call 1-877-771-8537.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: The 2019 membership year is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Please renew immediately so you do not lose your benefits. You can pay your membership on-line at <http://www.legion.org>.

FALL FUNDRAISER: Raffle tickets for our Fall Fundraiser are available September 13- November 12, 2018. You are encouraged to contact Donald Hoginski to purchase your own tickets. Your assistance is needed to help sell tickets in front of area businesses. We begin selling tickets on September 13th. Donald is available at 860-749-2393. The drawing will be on November 12th at 6:30pm at the Post Hall.

HONORING OUR VETERANS: We need volunteers to place flags at area cemeteries. The Girl Scouts will, once again, assist us. We will meet on November 4, 2018 at 1:00 pm at St Bernard's, then St Adelbert's, and Holy Cross. Point of Contact is Lucien Lefevre at 860-463-7168.

HONORING OUR VETERANS: On November 11, 2018 our Post will participate in military honors at Saint Bernard's, Saint Adelbert's, and Holy Cross cemeteries. Volunteers are needed for Color Guard and Firing Party. Meet at the Post hall at 9:45am. Point of contact is Don Uricchio at 860-690-6221.

MARK TWAIN SENIOR RESIDENCE CENTER: The event scheduled for November 9, 2018 is cancelled.

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE: Participants are needed to march/ride in the Town of Enfield Veteran's Day Parade. The parade is on November 11, 2018. Participants may either meet at the Post hall no later than 11:30 am or meet at the Enfield Street School located on Enfield Street no later than 12:30 pm. Transportation is provided from Post #154 to the rally point. A military vehicle is available for veterans who have difficulty walking. Point of contact is Lucien Lefevre at 860-463-7168.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Join us on for good cheer, dancing, and raffle prizes on December 2, 2018 at Grassmere Country Club on Town Farm Road. Social hour is 12:00-1:00 pm. Dinner is at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$25.00. There will be live music.

COOKIES FOR CAMOUFLAGE 2018: Join Enfield Hooah's 9th Annual Cookies for Camouflage drive to support our local heroes away from home for the holiday season. If you know someone who will be spending the holidays outside of the United States this year, please contact Enfield Hooah/Lori Gates by November 15th so they can add them to the distribution list. Help us let those who risk it all feel the love from home this holiday season. Cookies, money for postage and other small items will be collected on November 25th at 11 am – 3 pm at American Legion Post 80. Contact Lori Gates at 860-741-9898 for more information or to add a name to the distribution list.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: December 15, 2018 at St Patrick's Cemetery. The ceremony begins at 12:00pm with the placing of the wreaths on veterans' graves following the ceremony. Volunteers are needed with all aspects of this event.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY: Our Auxiliary is excited to announce that it is now an established fundraising group for WAA. You can "Remember, Honor, Teach" and support our Auxiliary with one purchase. Simply go on-line to www.wreathscrossamerica.org and click on "local fundraising group". To support Unit 154 Auxiliary, use code CT0079P, John Maciolek, Unit 154. Then purchase your wreaths or other products.

Next meeting date is October 28th at 1pm. October's meeting is at the Post hall. For more information you may contact Pamela Townsend at 860-463-2795 or Email at jm154-amlegion@sbcglobal.net Subject: Ladies Auxiliary or visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

MEETINGS: Post meetings are held on the last WEDNESDAY of each month at 6:30 pm. American Legion Auxiliary determines the next meeting date during a meeting. Legion Rider meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Sons of the American Legion are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

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