



Welcome to the American Legion Post 12 "Commander's Letter." Thank you for visiting our site.

Where did the fall go? Time for the snow shovels again.

To our newest, returning veterans, "Welcome Home". We look forward to meeting with you and offering any assistance you may need.

### **AMERICAN LEGION NEWS**

The "American Legion Boys' State program" will be held this June. Post 12 will once again sponsor (2) boys from each high school. Please check [ctlegion.org](http://ctlegion.org) for more information.

### **POST 12 AND MEMBER NEWS**

Our Legion Post 12 - U.S. Flag Monthly Veteran-Community Ceremony - program will not be run for the months of January, February, and March due to inclement weather. We are still taking requests for other following months. This program continues to be requested and well attended.

Thank you.

**Veteran of the Month Application**



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Exciting news! The City of Norwalk, already designated as a "Purple Heart City," now has a Purple Heart Monument located in Veterans Park. Stop by and check it out.

[Directions to Veterans Park](#)

[Watch the Monument Unveiling](#)

### VA BENEFIT UPDATES

**Camp Lejeune Water Issue and Scammers:** You have probably heard by now of the disability benefit for those stationed at Camp Lejeune. It is important to know to not go to a non-VA service that will charge you money. Some of the businesses who claim to want to help you are dishonest. With the passing of the PACT Act, benefits have now been expanded to include those who were exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. Be aware! Don't get scammed!

[More About the PACT ACT](#)

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National Commander's "Be the One" program is helping lower the rate of suicides in the military. There is a new hotline number for help: dial 811, then press 1. Go to [legion.org](http://legion.org) for more information. That one call can make a difference!

[Learn More About 'Be the One'](#)

### POST 12 MONTHLY MEMBER MEETINGS

Our Legion Post is continuing to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Our Auxiliary Unit 12 and our "Sons of the American Legion" Squadron 12, are meeting also, but on different nights. Thank you again to the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) members for all their hard work and cooking this past year! Great job! The Post cannot thank the SAL enough for all they do!

Please check out our website and "Upcoming Events".

[View Upcoming Events](#)

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"Weekend at the Post - A Thank You to All our Veterans" will be held on June 9, 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The committee is looking for volunteers to help plan and coordinate this community event.

Legionaries are asked to please check and read the Department of CT monthly bulletin, available to all, located at [www.ctlegion.org](http://www.ctlegion.org). All new members and upcoming officers are also asked to go to the Legion website ([www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)), and our Post website for more information ([www.CTLegionPost12.org](http://www.CTLegionPost12.org)).

**Membership News:** Our 2023 Post membership dues renewals are now looking good, thanks to Jeff DeWitt and his hard work. We do need assistance in contacting our non-renewed members, transferring in new Post 200 and doing "buddy checks". If you have some time, it would be great to help us call or contact our members. With the "Legion Act" having been passed by Congress, all veterans are now eligible to join the American Legion.

The Commander says "Thank you" to all our committees, Chairpersons, members, officers and all others, for all their hard work, as well as our Auxiliary Unit 12 and SAL Squadron 12. A great "team effort"! Thank you.

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In closing, we need to continue doing the work of the American Legion and support our veterans and their families. Please be well and safe. Please remember all our fellow veterans and their families.

Thankyou.

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