



Veterans Voice Newsletter  
Post 44 of the American Legion  
Bantam, Connecticut 06759



## 2024 Newsletter

**Message from Commander Henry Osowiecki**  
To all Veterans — “Thank You for Your Service”  
To Vietnam Veterans — “Welcome Home”

2023 was a busy year for us, in addition to our monthly “veteran of the month” service, we hosted Bantam’s Memorial Day ceremony, SAR’s “Let Freedom Ring” on the fourth of July, the memorial service for the victims of 1983 Beirut Bombing in October, and in December, DAR’s Wreaths Across America and the honoring of a Bantam resident who was present at the Boston Tea Party in 1773 with the Bantam Historical Society.

Members of Post 44 joined Post 27 for Memorial Day Services, Flag disposal in June and Veterans’ Day Services. Two members of Post 44 are active on a Final Honors Squad at funerals for veterans; two Post 44 members provided a color guard at the American Indian Institute’s annual honoring of Native American veterans. Veterans from Post 44 placed flags at veterans graves in Bantam and

Milton cemeteries prior to Memorial Day.



We continue to deliver Dunkin’ coffee and donut gift cards to veterans at the Berkshire Rehabilitation Center in Sandisfield, Massachusetts for Veterans Day and Christmas.

Members are still working on our mission of cleaning the headstones of veterans and spouses in local cemeteries with a concentration on Revolutionary War veterans in preparation for our country’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026.

Second-Vice Commander, John Lilley, delivers food to shut-in veterans around the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Food and grocery store gift cards were also hand-delivered.





### American Legion Post 44 Officers:

Commander: Henry Osowiecki  
1st Vice Commander: John Cox  
2nd Vice Commander: John Lilley  
Finance Officer: Wayne Wilson  
Adjutant: David T. Wilson  
Post Service Officer: Steve Ardussi  
Post Chaplain: Barbara Lamontagne  
Sergeant at Arms: Linda Sue Searles  
Judge Advocate: Albert Peressinotto  
Post Historian: Arthur Schmidt



## IMPORTANT

Please call home-bound veterans to ask if they are in need of anything, spend a few minutes chatting and offer your concerns for their well-being. You can also pass along names and contact information to Post 44 Chaplain, Barbara Lamontagne. Barbara will check in with them occasionally to make sure they are all right and have the necessities and services they require. Barbara's at: 203-757-9305



Check out our Facebook page for current activities

Facebook search:  
American Legion Post 44 Bantam, Connecticut

### **Veterans Honored During 2023**

**January:** Horace Hubbard, Army, Civil War

**February:** Albert P. Douglas, Army, World War Two

**March:** Seth Potter, Army, World War Two

**April:** Andrew Spring, Union Army, Civil War

**May:** Donald Lake, Army, World War Two

**June:** George H. Lester, Army Air Corps, World War Two

**July:** David Weik, Air Force, 1961-67

**August:** Robert P. Frick, Coast Guard, World War Two

**September:** Frank W. Pennington, Army, Cuban Missile Crisis

**October:** Alfred Ciano, Connecticut Guard/Army, World War Two

**November:** Leonard V. Moskaitis, Army, World War Two

**December:** Michael Jackson, Army, Revolutionary War

