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Hello Fellow SAL Members,

Foliage is coming into full color and it is a sure sign of the seasonal change. Boats are out, firewood is in as we prepare for the cold months ahead. As we transition from summer to autumn on the calendar, so must we too at the Squadron level.

Autumn is the time of the year to ensure membership renewal. As of the writing of this monthly correspondence every Squadron in the state should be at 25% of dues received & processed. By October 14, 2026 every Squadron in the state should be at 35% of dues received & processed: where does your Squadron stand?

Fall Conference was held on September 26, 2026 at Post 202 in Topsham, Maine. Second Vice Commander Vincent Plummer led the Conference along a focused, streamlined, concise agenda that covered all matters pertaining to the orders of business laid before the Detachment.

It was the Detachment's pleasure to have in attendance a member from Squadron 17 Portland and three members, including the Commander, from Squadron 135 Sabattus in attendance. As always, we were happy to have Past Detachment Commander Dave Raymond to call upon in need of counsel & insight of past Detachment actions as we work to move the Detachment forward.

The Detachment works for the Squadrons of the State. If your Squadron has a question they're unsure of, we're here for you. Push membership, call a fellow member if you haven't seen them.

The leaves are falling and cooler weather is coming but fall is the warmest time of the year at most Post's because we all come back together & begin working again for the betterment of the SAL!

R. Stephen Amergian Jr.
Commander
Detachment of Maine

Membership Status:

As of October 05, 2026

We are #24 out of 55 Detachments for 2026 Memberships

2026 is at 2820 Members

2026 percent of year end goal is 99.54

2026 percent for retention is 88.18%

We are #51 out of 55 Detachments for 2027 Memberships

2027 is at 394 Members

2027 percent of year end goal is 13.87%

2027 percent for retention is 10.48%



Target Date:

October 14, 2026
35% of 2027's
Membership

New year. New leadership. Still one Legion Family.

**Meet the newly elected leaders of The American Legion,
American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion.**

Jay Bowen of the Department of Colorado American Legion

**Dr. Coral May Grout of the Department of Massachusetts
American Legion Auxiliary**

**Thom Skelley of the Detachment of Texas Sons of The
American Legion**

**Together, they're ready to lead, serve and strengthen the
Legion Family.**



Squadron Planning

October

13 US Navy Birthday
14 SAL Membership target of 35%

November

2 Invasion of Kuwait 1990
4 US Coast Guard Birthday
4 Election Day
7 Purple Heart Birthday
10 Marine Corps Birthday
11 Veterans Day
12 SAL Membership target of 45%
16 American Education Week

December

7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
9 SAL Membership target of 55%
12 Army-Navy Football Game
12 Wreaths Across America Day
20 Space Force Birthday

Let us know about your Squadron's upcoming events so we can fill this space.

Send in pictures and details of your Squadron's events.



BE THE ONE

**For more details on
the Be The One
campaign**

visit: betheone.org

**To reserve your spot
or for questions,
email:**

**[dw_americanlegion17
me@zohomail.com](mailto:dw_americanlegion17me@zohomail.com)**

Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT)

No Cost LegionCare

Your valued status as a member of the Legion

Family makes you eligible for LegionCare.



Current members only are entitled to the \$5,000 No-Cost-To-You Accident Insurance Protection. If your membership was expired at any point, you will have to sign up again to receive coverage.





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DETACHMENT OF MAINE

COMMANDER'S PROJECT

— ★ ★ ★ 2026 - 2027 ★ ★ ★ —

GUITARS

★ FOR ★

VETS

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE
★ ★ ★

*Healing through
music for our heroes*

★ SEND DONATIONS TO: ★

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— DETACHMENT COMMANDER —

STEVE AMERGIAN



DEPARTMENT of MAINE

COMMANDER MICHAUD ANNOUNCES

2026-2027 PROJECT

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF MAINE - CAMP TALL PINES.

"We are focused on raising funds to maintain the American Legion Cabin at Camp Tall Pines, support a new generation of campers, and highlight the importance of supporting the athletes of Special Olympics of Maine", Michaud announced.

The American Legion's Fourth Pillar is Children and Youth.

This Pillar is specifically dedicated to promoting the well-being of young people. Under this umbrella, The American Legion serves as a proud supporter and generous sponsor of the Special Olympics through volunteer efforts, fundraising events (such as the Lobster Dip), and financial contributions.

Special Olympics of Maine was deeded property on Lower Range Pond in 1993. They created Camp Tall Pines, 5 ½ acres of beauty to offer year-round vacationing experiences to persons with intellectual disabilities. It is a traditional summer camp complete with cabins and waterfront activities. In fact, one of the cabins was provided by the Legion Family.

SOME OF THE PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF MAINE:

- 19 Olympic style individual and team sports
- Unified Sports
- Special Olympics College Club
- Young Athletes Program
- Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Lobster Dip
- Golf Competitions
- Camp Tall Pines

Commander Michaud asks that all donations be made to "Department of Maine" with "Special Olympics" put in the memo line. An announcement will be made of the total contribution at the 2027 State Convention.

You can also visit: MaineLegion.org, click "donate", and choose from the drop down menu "Commanders Project", to make a personal donation.

Your financial support will fund year-round sports training, health screening, and leadership programs for people with intellectual disabilities.

Contributions to the Commander's Project will cover vital expenses like equipment, transportation, uniforms, and ensure no one is left on the sidelines.

Contributions to Special Olympics of Maine will also help fund The American Legion cabin at Camp Tall Pines and ensure our name proudly continues to support Maine children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Commander Michaud asks your Post, Squadron, Unit, or Chapter to support this worthy endeavour.



AMERICAN LEGION

Auxiliary

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT



2026-2027



REMEMBER

HONOR

TEACH



WREATHS
— across —
AMERICA

BOOTHBAY
VETS



HONORING OUR NATION'S HEROES
Remember. Honor. Teach.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

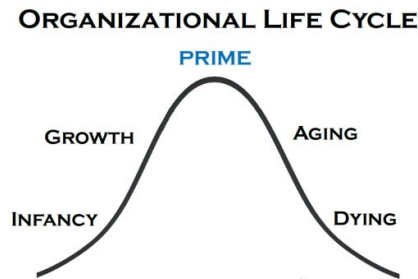
STELLA TRAHAN



The Squadron Rollercoaster

Each squadron is like a living organism with predictable behavior as they grow and develop. You will come across challenges, how well or poorly you manage these challenges, how you transition impacts your Squadron.

We all run into these challenges, whether it's at work, in your squadron, or at another non-profit. Challenges are not inclusive to our organization. You will have changes in leadership (elections) and changes in management style. Leaders that fail to see what is needed and what is not needed can plunge your Squadron into an "aging" phase.



This chart represents typical phases of your Squadron. You may have heard me say it to the Legion, Units, or Squadrons.... each organization is on a rollercoaster ride. You have great years with good leadership, lots of members, lots of fundraising, then you get in a funk, and you have less people helping, less recruiting, and dismal fundraising. The highs and lows of the rollercoaster.

If you had to make a guess, right now, what Phase is your Squadron in? Hold that thought.

Let me do a quick walk through the Organizational Life Cycle:

Infancy:

- This phase begins with a dream, vision, and initial opportunity. Every member shares a vision. These individuals recognize the potential for the organization, get others involved, and the organization begins. Members have a strong commitment and connection to purpose. Although uncertain about the future, the attitudes of those involved are positive and supportive. The young organization requires extensive nurturing and attention.

Growth:

- In this phase the organization values, goals, structure, and actions become more formalized. The vision and mission statement provide an agreement for organizational action. Goals are developed from the vision, mission statements extend the shared dream, and the structure organizes the action. Members have a strong sense of mission and purpose. Lots of excitement.

Early on, the primary focus is focusing on people's needs and getting new people. The later part involves conflicts between decision makers and administrators. This could lead to loss of mutual respect and trust. This could result in a premature jump to the aging phase.

Prime Phase:

- Characterized by high visibility, understanding of the core mission, and continued energy of its members. It knows what it's doing, where it's going, how to get there.

The organization develops members, makes goals, designs plans, follows up on those plans, and meets the set goals. New members quickly find a place to get involved (DIRIGO, Legion Baseball, fundraising, dinners, whatever your Squadron's specialty is). People are positive and lofty goals are achieved. There is momentum, and a willingness to volunteer, there are few who have been adequately trained. *Training must become a major focus.*

The greatest challenge is to remain in this phase. You must retain creativity, manage effectively, and train members for leadership (train your replacement, none of us last forever). You can remain here if you continue to meet the needs of members, veterans, and the community.

Be flexible and change procedures to meet the demands. Moving to the Prime Phase depends on the development of effective policies and procedures. Leadership must learn to delegate authority. This phase may require a crisis to cure arrogance. It is a fine balance at this point to balance managing the Squadron and continuing to take risks.

The Aging Phase:

- This phase you will see a decline in the understanding of and commitment to the intended purpose of the organization. Social activities become more important to the organization than service to individuals and communities (the lounge is your focus).

New members don't show ownership in the organization's purpose (didn't attend conventions, conferences, or training). They assume others to be responsible and there is a decline in volunteerism. To compensate for the decline, they opt to have paid staff. You will start to hear the following: "I remember when...." "We can't do that." "We've tried that and it didn't work. "

Members start questioning themselves, leadership and problems. Then the questioning becomes more intense as groups begin to discuss problems. At this point, either the Squadron redefines itself and is revitalized by its vision, or its rate of decline accelerates. Polarization can develop, characterized by an environment in which members mistakenly view each other as enemies, and conflict is rampant. Sound familiar? (170 Posts, 30 with a lounge, guess where I see this the most?) Expectations for growth are lowered. Members look at past achievements with no future visions. Any change is viewed as suspicious and is met with resistance. Everyone realizes something is wrong but fixing it is a challenge. The challenge for leaders is not just to get a good idea for a new program but rather to revision the purpose and mission to rejuvenate the whole organization. If a leader can effectively accomplish this, they move the organization back to the prime phase.

The Dying Phase:

- You guessed it, total loss of purpose or hope. DYING. Have you witnessed this with your Post, Squadron, Unit?

No one understands the mission; blame is put on those who caused problems rather than solutions. Everyone is frozen and unwilling to take risks. The community loses faith in the organization and programs slowly start end or disappear.

There is no unified vision or mission. Morale declines to all-time low. Good luck finding volunteers. Leadership may be defined as the problem, but not necessarily true.

Few organizations survive, but if they do it is because new leadership is able to revive the organization with a vision and strategy. NOT A LEADER WHO IS A VISIONARY OR AGGRESSIVE.

Survival requires a "rebirth" of your Squadron to effectively reconnect to the Infancy phase of the bell curve. While this can be frustrating for many, it allows for future growth and a return to the prime phase.

On any given day I deal with Posts and Squadrons aging out, forgetting the mission, or no knowledge of who we are. It's a normal part of the cycle.

Five Basic Truths

- **CHALLENGES ARE NORMAL AND DESIRABLE.** Challenges are the natural result of change. If you think your leaders have no challenges, think again.
- **LEADERS DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PREVENT CHALLENGES NOR SLOW THE PACE OF CHANGE.** Instead focus on your ability to define and resolve problems.
- **SOME CHALLENGES LEADERS FACE ARE NORMAL WHILE OTHERS ARE ABNORMAL.** Issues are expected and normal. You will never have time to fix everything, focus on the abnormal ones. Normal challenges organically work out through growth and development.
- **AN ORGANIZATION MOVES FASTER WHEN YOU KNOW THE ROAD AHEAD.** Most issues are common to all organizations. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. Studying the components of all five lifecycle phases and understanding what it takes to transition from one phase to another will save you time. If your team has a collective understanding of expected challenges before they arise, you will attack the challenges, instead of each other.
- **PRIME IS THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH.** All living things inevitably die; your Squadron doesn't have to. Your Squadron isn't great because of high membership, years being Chartered, amount of money in the bank...it is defined by the relationship existing in the organization between flexibility and control. The Prime phase represents when a Squadron has achieved a healthy balance between control and flexibility. A Squadron in the Prime phase owns a vision, understands the mission ahead, and can show how it will get there. In Prime phase, enjoys both growth and effectiveness in the community. Once an organization reaches Prime, leadership must work to sustain this phase.

I'll ask again, what Phase is your Squadron in? Where do you want it to be?

Keep up the great work, gain knowledge to make your Squadron the best it can be.

Jason T. Hall
Department Adjutant



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

FOUR PILLARS OF SERVICE



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

- ADVOCATING FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS
- CLAIMS ASSISTANCE
- ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE
- SUPPORTING WOUNDED WARRIORS



NATIONAL SECURITY

- STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE
- SUPPORT FOR MILITARY FAMILIES
- POW/MIA RECOVERY
- BORDER SECURITY



AMERICANISM

- PROMOTING PATRIOTISM
- YOUTH PROGRAMS
(e.g., Boys State, Oratorical Contest)
- FLAG RESPECT
- CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & VOTING



CHILDREN & YOUTH

- SUPPORTING YOUTH WELFARE
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS
- CAMP FIRE USA & SCOUTING

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION *Family*

★ TOGETHER, WE SUPPORT VETERANS, STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES,
AND HONOR THE SACRIFICES OF THOSE WHO SERVED. ★



AMERICAN LEGION

WHAT WE DO

- ★ Advocate for veterans
- ★ Support active duty military and families
- ★ Provide assistance to veterans in need
- ★ Promote Americanism in our communities
- ★ Honor our fallen heroes and their families

WHO CAN JOIN?

Honorable discharged veteran and anyone presently serving in the military.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

WHAT WE DO

- ★ Support veterans, military, and their families
- ★ Volunteer in our community
- ★ Promote patriotism and Americanism
- ★ Honor our fallen heroes and support their families
- ★ Fundraise to support local and national programs

WHO CAN JOIN?

Spouses, mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters, and granddaughters (including adopted) of veterans who are eligible for membership in The American Legion.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

WHAT WE DO

- ★ Support veterans and their families
- ★ Participate in community service
- ★ Promote patriotism and honor our heritage
- ★ Support youth programs and scholarships

WHO CAN JOIN?

Sons, stepsons, grandsons, and adopted sons of members of The American Legion, or sons of veterans who are eligible for membership.



ONE NATION.
ONE MISSION.
ONE FAMILY.

JOIN TODAY!

Be Part of Something
BIGGER
THAN YOURSELF!



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Service ★ Community ★ Veterans

Buddy Check

“**ABC**-EASY AS 1, 2, 3”

1

Always

Recruit **1 NEW**
Legion member



2

Buddy

Recruit **1 NEW** member &
renew **1** member
(2 members total)



3

Check

Recruit **3 NEW** members each;
Legion, AUX & SONS
(9 total)



More Members...
STRONGER TOGETHER!



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

MEMBER MENTORING PROGRAM

Welcome • Educate • Engage • Lead

*Every new member deserves a connection.
Every experienced member can be a mentor.*



OUR PURPOSE

Welcome, educate, and engage new SAL members by helping them understand our mission, structure, programs, and traditions while encouraging lifelong involvement and leadership.



THE ROLE OF A MENTOR

A mentor is an experienced SAL member who provides guidance, information, encouragement, and support.

A Mentor Will:

- Personally welcome the new member.
- Introduce them to officers, committee chairs, and fellow members.
- Explain the Squadron's history, mission, and activities.
- Explain the relationship between the SAL, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion Riders.
- Encourage participation in veterans support, community service, and youth programs.
- Stay connected throughout the first six months.



OUR OBJECTIVES



Strengthen member retention and participation.



Foster personal growth and leadership within the organization.



Build continuity and preserve the traditions and values of the SAL.

Pride • Heritage • Service



IMMEDIATE SQUADRON ACTION PLAN FOR NEW MEMBER ENGAGEMENT



FIRST 7 DAYS – INITIAL INVOLVEMENT

- ☐ Issue personalized welcome from Commander, Adjutant, or Membership Officer.
- ☐ Provide New Member Orientation Packet immediately.
- ☐ Assign a trained mentor within 72 hours.
- ☐ Add new member to all Squadron communication channels.
- ☐ Invite them to the first event: fundraising dinner, ceremony, community service, etc.



FIRST 30 DAYS – ORIENTATION & CONNECTION

- ☐ Conduct formal Orientation Briefing.
- ☐ Explain mission, structure, programs, and opportunities.
- ☐ Introduce new member at the next Squadron meeting.
- ☐ Complete the New Member Intake Form with the member.
- ☐ Help them join a Squadron committee or project.
- ☐ Mentor attends event or meeting alongside new member.



SUGGESTED MENTOR QUALIFICATIONS

A mentor should have:

- ✓ Minimum one year of active SAL membership.
- ✓ Demonstrated understanding of SAL programs and values.
- ✓ Willingness to dedicate time and attention to new members.
- ✓ Positive communication skills and enthusiasm for the organization.



RECOMMENDED NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION PACKET

Consider including:

- Welcome Letter from the Squadron Commander
- SAL Membership Card & explanation
- Brochure: "Why We Belong"
- Detachment and Squadron Contact List
- Calendar of Events and meeting schedule
- Volunteer Opportunities form
- Squadron Handbook



EVALUATION & RECOGNITION

Each squadron should review the success of the mentoring program annually. Recognition may include:

- Mentor of the Year
- Member of the Year
- Detachment recognition
- Highlights in newsletters



RESOURCES

SAL National Headquarters
<https://www.legion.org/sons>

American Legion Basic Training
<https://register.legion.org/alei>

American Legion Publications
<https://www.legion.org/publications>

Training Tuesday
www.legion.org/information-center/training/training-tuesdays



**DON'T JUST ADD A MEMBER —
BUILD A MEMBER.**
Connect them. Involve them. Mentor them. Keep them.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Pride ★ Heritage ★ Service



DETACHMENT OF MAINE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

MONTHLY GUN RAFFLE

Supporting Our Mission to Serve Veterans, Military Families, and Our Communities

Contact Your DEC Officer for Tickets

Firearm Provided By:

Purchased from Ames True Value Hardware, Wiscasset, Maine

Important Information

- Winner must comply with all federal, state, and local firearm laws.
- Background check required.
- Winner must travel to Wiscasset, Maine, to complete transfer and pick up the firearm.
- Must be legally eligible to possess a firearm.

Every Ticket Helps Support

- ✓ Veterans Programs
- ✓ Youth Activities
- ✓ Americanism Programs
- ✓ Community Service Projects
- ✓ Sons of The American Legion Charitable Efforts

Thank You for Supporting the Detachment of Maine Sons of The American Legion



HONORING THE SERVICE
AND INTERNMENT OF
SGT LUCIUS BIRBECK
(WWII)
Former POW



INTERNMENT SERVICE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
2:00 PM

VA Cemetery
143 Blue Star Ave
AUGUSTA, MAINE

NO IMMEDIATE FAMILY AVAILABLE.
VETERANS AND PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND.

SPONSORED BY:
War Memorial Post 30
American Legion, Camden

FMI Jeff 691-2270

HELP A VETERAN IN NEED.

A local Bath area veteran needs financial assistance upgrading his bathroom to accommodate his physical needs.

\$2,000 is needed to complete the project.

ANY DONATION AMOUNT WILL HELP.



Checks can be mailed to: Detachment Of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901.

Call Steve Doyle for information: 207-443-6782

SONS OF THE



October 05, 2026

SAL National
membership stands at
93,910 members.
This is **22.87%** of the
yearly goal of
410,666 members

Membership = A B C
easy as 1 2 3!
Always Buddy Check

Continue to renew,
recruit and help us make
more history by reaching
105% for 2027.

Let's get it DONE!

With over 400,000
members, the Sons of The
American Legion proudly
carry more than 400,000
unique stories — each one
rooted in honor, service,
and the veterans whose
sacrifice made our
membership possible.

At The American Legion
National Headquarters, we
want to share those
stories.

Tell us why you joined.
Tell us what makes your
squadron stand out.
Tell us what makes YOU
proud to be a Son.

Your story matters. Your
service matters. And
together, we show the
nation what it means to
“Honor Their Service.”

Drop your story below and
help us highlight the
incredible work happening
across the SAL.



Announcement

Your Sons of the American Legion membership card is more than identification — it represents your place in a worldwide brotherhood dedicated to service, patriotism, and honoring our veterans. Your legacy starts now. Don't wait, join the Sons of the American Legion today and be part of something bigger than yourself. As part of the The American Legion family, the largest veterans service organization in the world, you'll honor the past while making a real impact today.

The Power of

YET

I don't know ...YET

This doesn't work ...YET

I don't understand this ...YET

This doesn't make sense ...YET

I'm not good at this ...YET

I can't do this ...YET

I don't get it ...YET

AMERICAN LEGION | FAMILY

AMERICAN LEGION
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

TACO TUESDAY
FROM 2-6 PM

WEDNESDAYS
7 PM

QUEEN OF HEARTS
\$1 PER TICKET

AND

BI-WEEKLY AUXILIARY RAFFLES
\$1 EACH OR 6/\$5

TO BE DRAWN ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON DURING THE

3 CARD CHALLENGE

RAFFLE **RAFFLE**

WESTBROOK POST #197

JC & the ACES

★ ROOTS MUSIC ★

A BLEND OF BLUES, FOLK, SWING,
COUNTRY, RHYTHM & BLUES,
ROCKABILLY & MORE

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

★ FRIDAY ★
OCTOBER 9TH
6 PM – 8:30 PM

Great
MUSIC
Good
★ VIBES! ★

The poster features three men: a man on the left in a black shirt and cap, a man in the center wearing a brown hat and playing a red electric guitar, and a man on the right in a white and black patterned shirt holding a black electric guitar. A vintage microphone stands in the foreground. The background is a dark, textured scene with a windmill and a small house under a warm, glowing light.

AN EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE

TALES OF CEMETERY VETERANS

A SOLEMN VETERANS HONORS EVENT

CORINTHIAN CEMETERY
CORINTH, MAINE

OCTOBER 10 • 5:00 P.M.

FREE ADMISSION

WALK AMONG THE STONES AND HEAR THE STORIES OF LOCAL
VETERANS WHOSE SERVICE SHAPED OUR COMMUNITY.

PLEASE PREPARE FOR WALKING THROUGH THE CEMETERY.
BRING A FLASHLIGHT OR USE YOUR CELL PHONE FLASHLIGHT.

PRESENTED BY

DOW-LOUGEE AMERICAN LEGION POST #115

DOW-LOUGEE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #115

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON #115

CORINTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Made with AI

Sons of The American Legion

DETACHMENT OF MAINE



OCTOBER 14, 2026

MAINE TARGET:

35%



Renew Today. Serve Tomorrow.

Keep the Pine Tree State Strong!

WHY I STAY

HONOR THEIR SERVICE. CONTINUE THEIR LEGACY.



We can put it in a newsletter.
We can post it on Facebook.
We can announce it at a meeting.

But sometimes the most effective way to get a member involved is much simpler:

Ask them personally.

“Can you give us a hand Saturday?”

“Would you like to be part of this project?”

“We could really use your help.”

A personal invitation can make all the difference. It shows members that they are valued, that their talents and time matter, and that there is a place for them in the work we do.

Not every member knows where they fit, and not everyone is going to volunteer on their own. Some may be waiting for an invitation, unsure how to get started, or simply unaware of the many ways they can help. Sometimes all it takes is another member making that personal connection, explaining the opportunity, and encouraging them to take that first step.

So don't stop with making an announcement. Follow up with a phone call, a text, or a conversation after the meeting. Invite someone to join you at an event, introduce them to the team, and help them find a role that matches their interests and abilities. A personal invitation can turn a name on the roster into an active participant—and an active participant into a committed member.

And once someone gets involved, they begin to see firsthand what the Sons of The American Legion is accomplishing for our veterans, our communities, our youth, and the entire American Legion Family. They experience the fellowship, the purpose, and the satisfaction that come from serving alongside others.

Communication gets the word out.
A personal invitation gets people involved.
Meaningful participation gives them a reason to come back.
A welcoming experience gives them a reason to stay.

Membership is everyone's responsibility.



SONS OF
THE AMERICAN
LEGION
★



Sometimes all it takes
is being asked.

JOIN • SERVE • SUPPORT • CONTINUE THE LEGACY

GRAY POST #86



CLICK ON LINKS

[SAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#)

[SAL MEMBER DATA FORM](#)

[CSR FORM](#)

[SAL SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP 10/01/2026](#)

[DETACHMENT OF MAINE FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

If your Squadron has held elections for the upcoming year, please fill out the forms including emails for all your officers to ensure they get recognition and receive updates from Detachment.

[SQUADRON OFFICER AND DIRECTORY FORM](#)

[LEADERSHIP LEDGER 10/01/2026](#)

[THE MAINE LEGIONNAIRE](#)

**HIGH IMPORTANCE
2027
AMERICAN LEGION
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 9, 2027
Jeff's Catering & Event Center
15 Littlefield Way
Brewer, ME 04412**



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'Til Next Time

Thank you for your continued
membership and dedication to
The Maine American Legion Family.