

THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER

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Welcome to the 171st Edition of The Leadership Ledger. It includes post, department and national reports, leadership training events, upcoming conferences/conventions as well as rules and regulations pertaining to local, state and national laws. The Ledger is available by visiting the Department's website at mainelegion.org under "News & Events" or on the home page. If you have any information to be published in The Leadership Ledger, please forward to Dept. HQ via email at: legionme@mainelegion.org



National Commander Jay Bowen Scheduled to Visit Dept. of Maine

Oct. 24-28, 2026
Aroostook County

[View Tentative Itinerary](#)

Army-Navy Game Individual Recruitment Award

Win tickets to the 2026 Army-Navy game!

The top 3 recruiters or an accumulation from a post in The American Legion will each receive:

- Two (2) tickets - to the Army-Navy game
- Saturday, December 12, 2026, at 3:00 pm est
- Metlife Stadium, East Rutherford, New Jersey

TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ARE NOT INCLUDED.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOV. 13, 2026

Eligibility Criteria:

- Recruit a minimum of ten (10) new 2026 or 2027 members.
- Only members recruited during the period of July 1, 2026 through November 11, 2026, will be considered for this incentive. Paid transfers do not count.
- New Auxiliary members and SAL members do not count towards this incentive.
- Submit the certification form along with a list of new members, including: full name, ID number, Department, and Post.

[View Full Award Details & Application](#)



Upcoming Holiday: The Department Office will be closed Monday, Oct. 12 for Indigenous Peoples Day. Please plan accordingly.

ATTENTION!

Sweepstakes Drawing Rescheduled

OCTOBER
21

The Fall Sweepstakes Drawing Deadline Has Been Extended Due to Mailing Delays.

Please mail tickets before the Oct. 21 deadline OR donate online and we'll fill out the tickets for you based on your donation amount!

Donate Online Today!

In the notes please type "Fall Tickets"

**1st Place: \$1,500 | 2nd Place: \$500
3rd Place: \$300 | 4th Place: \$200**

Donate \$5 for 1 ticket, \$10 for 3 tickets, \$15 for 6 tickets, or \$25 for all 12 tickets. **Want even MORE chances to win? Donate \$40, and we'll double your entries with an additional 12 tickets! Donate \$75 or more, and we'll QUADRUPLE your entries for a total of 48 tickets!** We will fill out extra tickets for you here at Dept. HQ.

The sweepstakes drawing will take place at The American Legion State Headquarters in Winslow on **Wednesday, October 21st.**

For questions or assistance, please call Dept. HQ at 207-873-3229.

Thank you for your support!



COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2026-27

Department Commander

**Joseph "Joe" Michaud asks that each
Post and Legionnaire support his goal!**



**Special Olympics
Maine**

CAMP TALL PINES

Department Commander Joseph Michaud asks for your help in fully supporting Special Olympics of Maine and Camp Tall Pines.

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.

The Commander's Project is 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.

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

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.

Donations can be made to The American Legion Dept. of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727. Please place in the memo line of the check: Special Olympics of Maine or Commander's Project 2026-2027

If you would like to donate with a Debit or Credit Card, please call 207-873-3229 or visit: www.mainelegion.org and click on the DONATE button and select "Commander's Project" from the dropdown.

[View the Commander's Project Brochure](#)



District Meetings

Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed

OCTOBER 2026

District 2 – Cumberland: Oct. 18, Maine Military Museum, South Portland, 1:00 p.m. Lunch, 2:00 p.m. Meeting.

District 3 – Androscoggin: Oct. 19, Auburn Post 31, 6:30 p.m.

District 9 – Kennebec: Oct. 14, Winthrop Post 40, 7:00 p.m.
Cmdr. Robert Dawson, Jr. and Adj. Doug Thomas

District 14 – Piscataquis: Oct. 17, Milo Post 41, 12:00 p.m.
Lunch, 1:00 p.m. Meeting

District 17 – Aroostook: Oct. 11, Frenchville Post 145,
12:00 p.m. Meeting

High School Oratorical Scholarship Program



Thomas College, 180 West River Rd.
Waterville, ME 04901

February 13, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

****All contestants should plan to arrive between 8 and 8:30 a.m.****

Snow Date: February 20, 2027

All pertinent information regarding the HS Oratorical Scholarship Program has been submitted via [email](#) and USPS Mail to schools, post adjutants, and commanders.

Applications must be received by your local American Legion Post by Dec. 5, 2026.

Attention District Officer(s): Please submit a copy of the Oratorical Scholarship Application of the "Winner Only" representing your District to Department HQ by Jan. 25, 2027.

[Department of Maine HS Oratorical Scholarship Application](#)

[Department of Maine Oratorical Brochure](#)

[2027 Oratorical Official Rules](#)

[One Sheet Oratorical Program Flyer](#)

[Oratorical Promotional Brochure - National](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Volunteers are needed to help with the program (judges, tabulators, room monitors, etc.). If interested, please call Dept. HQ at 207-873-3229

Donate to the Maine American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Program Today!

To Donate with Debit or Credit Card visit www.mainelegion.org and click on the DONATE button, or scan the QR Code with your phone. Select the Oratorical Contest listed under the "Use this donation for" dropdown menu and select Donate with Debit or Credit Card.

Donations may also be made by check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine, earmarked "Oratorical Program." Mail to The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727.



★ ★ DONATIONS ★ ★

The American Legion Department of Maine

Commander's Project:

Special Olympics/Camp Tall Pines

Brewer Post 98.....	\$250
Madawaska Unit 147 (Lobster Dip).....	\$100
Rollande Sirois (Lobster Dip).....	\$100
Jack Carmichael.....	\$100
Ellen Murphy.....	\$40
Wade Hill.....	\$40

Thank You!

****Attention District Commanders and Post Commanders & Adjutants****

MyLegion.org training lessons are available at State Headquarters and now also available virtually via Microsoft Teams for your convenience!

If you are interested in learning how to use the site, please call The American Legion, Department of Maine Headquarters at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 or email rahael@mainelegion.org to set up an appointment. Training lessons last between 1-2 hours.

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past



**PAST
COMMANDERS
CLUB**

Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member.

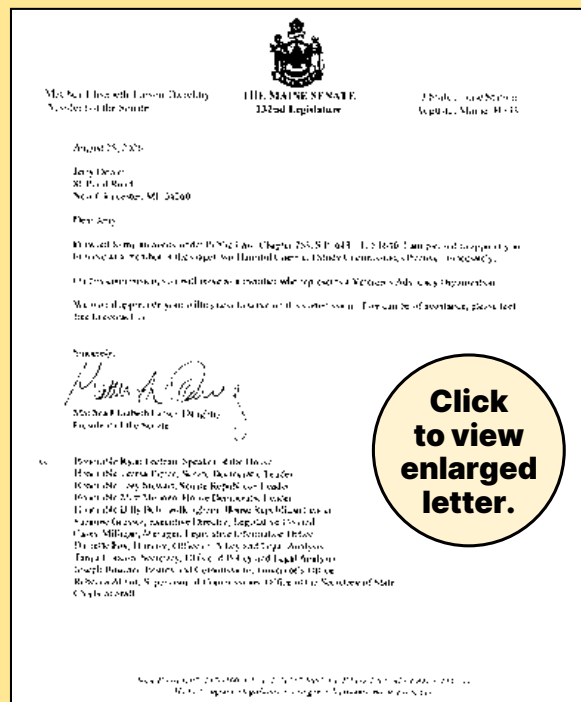
[Click Here](#) or visit www.mainelegion.org under Forms/Application to download an application. **If you haven't paid your Past Commanders Club dues yet, please do so today!**

[See Page 11 for PCC Form](#)

The Maine Legionnaire

[Click Here](#)
to read the August issue

**Upcoming Submission
Deadline - November
Issue: Oct. 16**



**Click
to view
enlarged
letter.**

ATTENTION! Any Veteran who has served in Gagetown and has any direct knowledge of any medical issues relating to that service, please contact Jerry DeWitt 207-576-0376 or jdewitt.tcmhs@gmail.com for immediate response.

Support Maine Veterans With a Coin and/or Pin Purchase

While Supplies Last!



Maine "Be The One" Challenge Coin (front & back)



Lobster Lapel Pin

250th Anniversary Challenge Coins: \$20

Maine Be The One Challenge Coins: \$10

Lobster Lapel Pins: \$10

Coins and pins can be purchased online by visiting www.mainelegion.org, by scanning the QR code with your phone, or by check/money order. Make check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine and mail to 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727.



Please include \$7 shipping and handling. Coins and pins are also available for free pickup.

All proceeds go towards helping veterans in the state of Maine, their families, and various programs in The American Legion, Department of Maine.

For questions, please call the Department at 207-873-3229.

2026-2027 National Membership Target Dates

Early Bird/NEF Kickoff	September 10, 2026	50%
Fall Meetings	October 14, 2026	55%
Veterans Day	November 12, 2026	65%
Pearl Harbor Day	December 9, 2026	75%
Mid-Winter	January 13, 2027	80%
Presidents Day	February 10, 2027	85%
Legion Birthday	March 10, 2027	90%
Children & Youth	April 14, 2027	95%
Armed Forces Day	May 12, 2027	100%
Delegate Strength	30 Days Prior to National Convention	

2027 Membership Renewal Schedule

Cutoff Dates	Renewal Mail Dates
May 13, 2026	July 1-8, 2026
September 9, 2026	October 3-9, 2026
October 14, 2026	November 7-13, 2026
December 9, 2026	January 2-8, 2027
February 10, 2026	March 2-9, 2027
April 14, 2027	May 1-7, 2027

Transmittals not received by the cutoff date may not prevent a subsequent renewal notice from being delivered at or around the renewal date. Please note, renewals transmitted and received by the cutoff (which is also a National Target Date) will be updated prior to printing renewal notices, assuming they can be successfully scanned. Membership that must be hand-keyed (new members and renewals that can't be scanned) will take longer to process. Please transmit as early and as often as possible in advance of the Target Dates to help avoid delays in processing.



Member Discounts

American Legion members benefit not only from the Magazine, camaraderie, advocacy, and a wealth of support services, but also receive national discounts just for being a member!

[View Discount Brochure](#)



SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION

**Squadron Forms/
Applications**

Read the SAL Newsletter - Sept. 2026

[Print a SAL Membership Application](#)

[Squadron Officers Form](#)

[Consolidated Squadron Report - fillable](#)

[Annual Squadron Data Report - fillable](#)

[Click Here for the Latest Membership Report](#)

Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants

District Meeting Calendar Forms Available Online!

[Click Here](#) or visit:
www.mainelegion.org
under Forms/Application

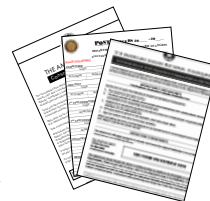
View 2027 Membership Goals & Awards Manual

Commanders & Adjutants: Post/District Reports and Forms

If your Post has not done so already, **please fill out the Annual Post Data Report form and mail it back to Dept. HQ ASAP**, or scan & e-mail it to: legionme@mainelegion.org.

The Consolidated Post Report (CPR), Post Officers Form, Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders & Adjutants Form, and instructions relating to submission information and deadline requirements were also mailed. Please return these completed documents to Dept. HQ before the deadline indicated.

For more information, please call Department HQ at 207-873-3229. Thank you for your prompt reply!



[Click Here](#) to View the Status of Your Post/District Report and Form Submissions

**Warrant
Templates**
All Post/District
Officer Positions

Available online at
mainelegion.org:
www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php
It's fast and easy!

Membership **IMPACT** Reports

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on: www.legion.org/about/reports/membership-impact provide a summary of membership, participation and volunteerism making an impact in the lives of veterans, families and communities. American Legion Posts can share the many ways Legionnaires are making a difference in their communities by [submitting consolidated post reports online](#). To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit: www.legion.org/about/reports or www.legion.org/about/reports/membership-impact

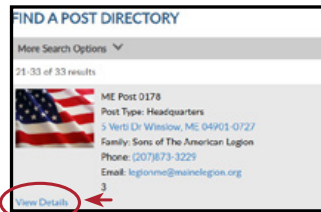
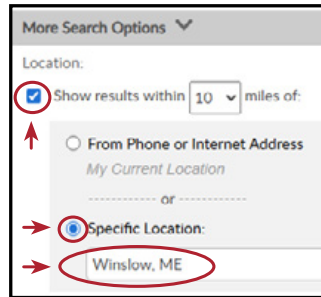
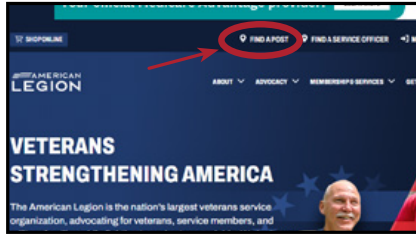
How To Locate a Legion Post's Contact Information

Post addresses can be found by visiting www.legion.org and clicking on FIND A POST.

Direct Link:
<https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Find-a-Post>

FIND A POST can also be obtained by visiting www.mainelegion.org and selecting the POST LOCATOR button.

1. Visit www.legion.org
2. Select FIND A POST located at the top of the website to the left of the JOIN, RENEW, and DONATE buttons.
3. Check off Show results under More Search Options
4. Click on Specific Location and type the city, state, or zip code.
5. Scroll down and hit GO
6. Select View Details to obtain information about the Post, including contact information, post meeting information, dues amount, etc.



Q: We all think of "D-Day" as only occurring on June 6, 1944, when the Allies began to retake Europe from Hitler, however, this was not the first time this term was invoked. When was it first used?

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

MILITARY TRIVIA



2027 Membership Open!

QUICKLY & EASILY RENEW ONLINE TODAY!

Simply Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone or visit:
www.legion.org/renew



Helpful Resource:

Women Veterans Luncheon Checklist Guidelines

Click Here or visit: www.mainelegion.org under [Forms/Application](#)

Women's Veterans Luncheons

Saturday, Oct. 3

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.,

Tedd-Lait Post 75, 20 Water St, Old Town

All women veterans welcome! Light lunch, giveaways, hair trims available, mini manicures, guest speakers, resources tables. To RSVP text 207 447 7518 or email Feero828@gmail.com

[View Event Flyer](#)

Saturday, Nov. 14

9:30 a.m., American Legion Post 24,
 184 Congress St. Rumford

Refreshments, resources, and a variety of activities to enjoy while listening to other women veterans who have served. Lunch served at approx. 12:30 p.m. Please share with other women veterans. You do not need to be a Legion member to attend. This event is planned for all women veterans and is at no charge to them. Call Tricia to RSVP: 207-357-3289

[View Event Flyer](#)

Received Your 2026 Labels and Would Like to Make a Donation?

Label donations can be made online by [Clicking Here](#), scanning the QR code with your phone, or by visiting www.mainelegion.org and clicking on the "Donate" button. **Please be sure to notate "Labels" in the notes so we can identify your donation.**



To pay by check, mail to: The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

Label Donations over \$50 receive special donor gift(s) as our thanks to you:

Donate \$50-99 and receive a 2026 Distinguished Donor Lapel Pin

Donate \$100-149 and receive a 2026 Distinguished Donor Lapel Pin and Lobster Lapel Pin.

Donate \$150 or more and receive a 2026 Distinguished Donor Lapel Pin, a Lobster Lapel Pin, and the NEW American Legion 250th Anniversary Challenge Coin.

Distinguished Donor Pins for 2022, 23, 24, & 25 are also available upon request at \$50 each or 3 for \$100.

Limited Supply Available!

PROCESSING MEMBERSHIP [MyLegion.org](https://mylegion.org) Training

View Transmittal History

Home > Membership > Transmittal History

1. From your My Account page, enter My Groups to access Group Profile
2. Go to "Transmittal History" from the left MY VIEWS menu.
3. Table displays with summary of transmittal history.
 - i. Select Transmittal Number to view members in the transmittal.

Transmittal Payment Information – How do I enter?

Payment information is entered when finalizing the transmittal. When finalizing, click Pay Now and the banking account window will open to enter your bank account and routing number. If you receive an error while entering payment information, please confirm the routing and account information with your financial institution for ACH payments.

How to Find Routing Number on a Check

- Look in the lower left-hand corner of the check where routing numbers are located.
- Look for an icon on the check. The icon is a character is from the BankerScriber MICR font.
- Identify the first nine numbers. All routing numbers are nine numbers.

How do you identify a Routing Number on a Check?

- The easiest place to find your bank's routing number is to look at your paper checks. The check will typically have the 9-digit routing number down on the bottom left of the check. It will be in a sequence of three numbers printed in MICR (magnetic ink character recognition) form.

How many numbers are in a bank account number?

- The account number works in conjunction with the routing number. While the routing number identifies the name of the financial institution, the account number-usually between eight and 12 digits -identifies your individual account.
- **How long is a standard bank account number?**
- The most common length for bank account numbers is 9, 12, or 10 digits. Although they range from 4 to 17 digits long. I have a large database of valid numbers and there's no pattern that I can see to the "account number."

Transmittal Payment Information – How do I update?

- Bank information can be updated when finalizing the transmittal. The Transmittal Payment window has a link to Update Account Information.

[Click Here for More MyLegion.Org Training](#)

Legion FAQs

Q: My National Guard unit was activated for crowd control under Title 32 orders during one of the qualifying periods. Am I eligible?

A: No, you are not eligible for membership. Title 32 orders are issued under a governor's authority, whereas Title 10 orders are issued by the Secretary of Defense.

Post Service Officer Trainings

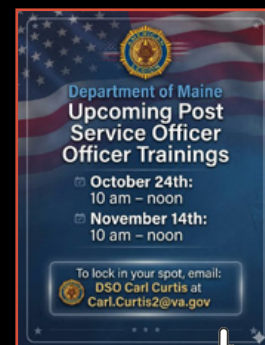
October 24:

10:00 a.m. - Noon

November 14:

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Contact Dept. Service Officer
Carl Curtis to reserve your spot:
Carl.Curtis2@va.gov



[Click to view larger flyer](#)

MyLegion.org Step-by-Step Instructions for:

[Account Registration, Membership
Processing, Group Permissions & More](#)

[MyLegion Video Training Series](#)

Training Tuesdays

The last Tuesday of each month American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Each session will be recorded and made available for later viewing.

[Click Here to Register and](#)

[Watch Previously Recorded Sessions](#)

The American Legion offers a variety of training programs, events designed to educate and prepare members and leaders throughout the organization.

[Check out training opportunities here.](#)

Is Your Post Utilizing Its' Sales Tax Exemption?

All Legion Posts in the state of Maine qualify for Sales Tax Exemption. If your Post currently does not have a Certificate for Sales Tax Exemption, please call Dept. Headquarters for assistance at 207-873-3229 so we can send you a packet containing detailed instructions on how to obtain this status.



The Old American Legion Post

By Eliot Post 188 Historian (and Past Post Commander & Historian of York Post 56) Donald G. Hands

Part Four: The Four Pillars (Continued)

Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Vision Statement

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

Purposes

In fulfillment of our Mission, the American Legion Auxiliary adheres to the following purposes:

- To support and advocate for veterans, active military and their families
- To support the initiatives and programs of The American Legion
- To foster patriotism and responsible citizenship
- To award scholarships and promote quality education and literacy
- To provide educational and leadership opportunities that uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy and encourage good citizenship and patriotism in government
- To increase our capacity to deliver our Mission by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities within our communities
- To empower our membership to achieve personal fulfillment through Service Not Self

Values

Our statement of values is predicated on the founding purposes:

- Commitment to the four founding principles: Justice, Freedom, Democracy, Loyalty
- Service to God, our country, its veterans and their families
- Tradition of patriotism and citizenship
- Personal integrity and family values
- Respect for the uniqueness of individual members
- Truthful open communication in dealing with the public and our members
- Adherence to the adopted policies and rules

"Then, there is a group called the Sons of the American Legion."

The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within The American Legion. The S.A.L. is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion. Together, members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion make up what is known as The Legion Family. All three organizations place high importance

on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

Sons have always assisted Legionnaires with Legion Family programs. Our Family boasts a combined total membership of nearly 4.2 million members. This year, Sons attained an all-time high national membership of over 365,000. The largest Detachment, Pennsylvania, has over 61,000 members. Trophies and awards are given to Detachments and Squadrons for the largest membership and the largest increase in membership. Just as each Legion post determines the extent of its service to the community, state and nation, each S.A.L. squadron is permitted flexibility in planning programs and activities to meet its own needs. The S.A.L. has study programs recommended for younger members. One such program, called "The Ten Ideals," teaches the elements of patriotism, health, knowledge, training, honor, faith, helpfulness, courtesy, reverence and comradeship. If a member completes the Ten Ideals program, he is eligible to continue with another program called the "Five-Point Program of Service." This program covers patriotism, citizenship, discipline, leadership and legionism.

Sons focus on much more than just membership. At all levels, Sons support The American Legion in promoting a wide variety of programs. Sons assist their posts in other activities such as Veterans programs, Veterans Administration home and hospital volunteerism, Children Youth projects and fundraising. Since 1988, The Sons have raised more than \$6.9 million for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Members have volunteered over 1.3 million hours to date in Veterans Hospitals throughout the country and raised over \$2,500,000 that has gone directly to VA hospitals and VA homes for a variety of items including TVs, radios, medical equipment and clothing for the patients.

"The newest group is The American Legion Riders".

The National Executive Committee officially adopted The American Legion Riders (ALR) as a national program with Resolution 35 (October 2007) and Resolution 32 (May 2011).

- Members must hold membership in and be in good standing with The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion.

- Members must be legally registered motorcycle owners or be the legally registered owner's spouse within the state of registration.

- All operators must be properly licensed and insured per state laws.

- All members must obey motor-vehicle laws in the state in which they are operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger.

American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veteran's homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships.

Continue Reading Part Four in the next Leadership Ledger



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Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) No Cost LegionCare



Important Notice: Maintain Your Membership or Lose Coverage!

If you previously enrolled in the \$5,000 Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) No-Cost-To-You Accident Insurance Protection and missed paying your membership dues at any time, you will need to re-enroll! It is essential to maintain your membership to continue receiving the \$5,000 No-Cost-To-You insurance. Don't risk losing your coverage!

Great news! Members can now take advantage of a \$3,000 No-Cost Accident Insurance Protection offer. This offer is available by mail only and must be renewed annually.

[Click Here To Learn More and Sign Up](#)



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MILITARY TRIVIA

A: So far as the U.S. Army can determine, the first use of D for Day & H for Hour, was in Field Order No. 8, of the First Army, A.E.F., issued on Sept. 7, 1918, which read: "The First Army will attack at H-Hour on D-Day with the object of forcing the evacuation of the St. Mihiel salient."






Learn more about the Medicare Advantage plan benefits available to you.




THE OFFICIAL MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PROVIDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Endorsed by your American Legion Department

Did you know Wellcare Medicare Advantage plans provide more coverage for the health needs that matter most to veterans? Visit www.thelit.com to learn more.

If you have Medicare and Medicaid, limited income, recently lost employer coverage, are turning 65, or you've just moved, you may be eligible for one of many qualifying events that allow you to enroll now.

2026 Honor Flight Maine Dates:

Flights are all charter flights on Allegiant:

- Sept 18-20
Portland Jetport
- Oct 16-18
Bangor International Airport





MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR[®]



**Help us find
Operation
Homefront's next
award recipients!**



For more information,
scan the QR code or visit
operationhomefront.org/mcoy

WHAT

Operation Homefront's Military Child of the Year Awards celebrate and recognize the tremendous achievements of outstanding military children.

WHO

Each year, hundreds of military teens (ages 13–18) are nominated by a parent, teacher, mentor or guardian. Candidates for the Military Child of the Year Awards demonstrate resilience, strength of character, and the ability to thrive in the face of the challenges of military life.

WHEN

The Awards Gala will be held in Washington, D.C. in April 2027 during the Month of the Military Child.

RECIPIENTS

Military Child of the Year Award recipients receive a \$10,000 cash award, a laptop, and are flown with a parent or guardian for a 3-night stay in Washington, D.C.

**Nominations accepted
September 2 to
December 1, 2026**



WOMEN VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mission: To ensure women veterans are providing the Department of Maine with their concerns, recommendations, and are being properly considered as equal veterans. To mentor women veterans seeking camaraderie and resources.



Calling all Posts, Auxiliary Units and Sons Squadrons, we need your help. Please scan the QR Code to contact the WVAC Committee on Facebook or send an email to wvacmaine@gmail.com for information and guidance on planning a gathering for women veterans.



Women Veteran's Advisory Committee
Dept. Of Maine American Legion
Facebook Group Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/8292938890734210>





DEPARTMENT OF MAINE THE AMERICAN LEGION

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

It is with great pride and pleasure that we the membership of Post # _____ submit the names of all our living Past Commanders for membership to the Past Commanders Club. Along with the names, we have enclosed the annual dues of **\$5.00** per member with the understanding that this will continue to provide two (2) \$500.00 scholarships. The recipient must be the son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of a member of The American Legion.

Membership in the Past Commanders Club goes from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Post Adjutant

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

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The American Legion, Dept. of Maine
5 Verti Drive
Winslow, Maine 04901-0727

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ARMY-NAVY GAME INDIVIDUAL RECRUITMENT AWARD



WIN TICKETS TO THE 2026 ARMY-NAVY GAME!

THE TOP 3 RECRUITERS OR AN ACCUMULATION FROM A POST IN THE AMERICAN LEGION WILL EACH RECEIVE:

- **TWO (2) TICKETS - TO THE ARMY-NAVY GAME**
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026, AT 3:00 PM EST**
- **METLIFE STADIUM, EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY**

⚠ *TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ARE NOT INCLUDED.*

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- **RECRUIT A MINIMUM OF TEN (10) NEW 2026 OR 2027 MEMBERS.**
- **ONLY MEMBERS RECRUITED DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2026, WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS INCENTIVE. PAID TRANSFERS DO NOT COUNT.**
- **NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS AND SAL MEMBERS DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS THIS INCENTIVE.**
- **SUBMIT THE CERTIFICATION FORM ALONG WITH A LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, INCLUDING:**
 - **FULL NAME**
 - **ID NUMBER**
 - **DEPARTMENT**
 - **POST**

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION. NEW MEMBERS NEED TO BE VERIFIED IN THE NATIONAL DATABASE BY THE DEADLINE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS INCENTIVE.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 13, 2026

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026.

**STEP UP  RECRUIT  WIN
WHO WILL REPRESENT YOUR DEPARTMENT AT THE METLIFE STADIUM?**



ARMY-NAVY GAME TICKET INCENTIVE
INDIVIDUAL RECRUITMENT AWARD
CERTIFICATION FORM



SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 13, 2026

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

Date: _____

Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

MINIMUM TEN (10) NEW 2026 OR 2027 MEMBERS: (RECRUITED 7/1/26 – 11/11/2026 - ONLY)

(Include full name, ID number, department, post)

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