

THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER

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Welcome to the 161st 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



TESTIMONIAL DINNER

HONORING OUR 2025-2026 DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

American Legion Department Commander
Leroy McKenzie

American Legion Auxiliary President
Linda Jack

Sons of The American Legion Commander
Steve Doyle

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Oakland American Legion Post 51

Social Hour: 4:30-5:30 PM | Dinner: 5:30-6:30 PM

Program: 6:30-7:30 PM

Entertainment: 8 PM The Roy Hudson Band

All-American Dinner to Honor America's Birthday

Hot Dogs, Burger, BBW Chicken, Salads, Chips,
Corn Bread, Beans, and Dessert

\$25.00 per person

(Advance ticket sales only)

RSVP deadline: Sunday, April 26th

Mail checks to: American Legion Post 51,

Attn: Testimonial, PO Box 94, Oakland, ME 0496

[Click Here For More Info & Event Flyer on Page 9](#)

LEGION POSTS: FILE IRS FORM 990

This form must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your organization's accounting period.

Reminder to all American Legion posts: File IRS Form 990

Federal tax regulations require every American Legion post to file IRS Form 990. This must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your organization's accounting period. For example, if your calendar year ends Dec. 31, the form is due May 15.

The American Legion is tax-exempt under Section 501 (c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended. Every post needs to obtain an Employer Identification Number from the government to be listed as a tax-exempt charter of the Legion.

Download the IRS Form 990 at:

www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f990.pdf

Or the IRS Form 990EZ at:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f990ez.pdf>

ANNUAL STATE FILINGS

American Legion Posts must file annual reports with their respective State Corporation Commission (or Secretary of State) to maintain their legal incorporation status, protect members from liability, and retain their good standing. These state filings, often in addition to IRS Form 990 filings, keep the non-profit organization compliant.

File Corporate Annual Reports Online by visiting: <https://www.maine.gov/portal/business/corporate.html>

District Meetings

Be Connected · Be Heard · Be Informed

APRIL 2026

District 3 – Androscoggin: Apr. 20, Turner Post 111,
6:30PM Elections

District 5 – Oxford: Apr. 15, Rumford Post 24, 6PM District 5
Installation – Supper

District 7 – Lincoln: Apr. 21, Damariscotta Post 42, 6PM,
District 7 Nominations and elections of officers

District 14 – Piscataquis: Apr. 18, Dexter Post 53, 12PM,
Election of Officers



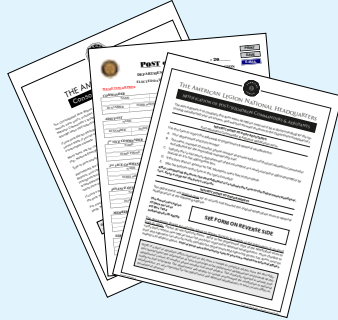
Upcoming Holiday: The Department Office will be **closed Monday, April 20** for Patriots Day. Please plan accordingly.

Attention Adjutants & Commanders:

The Annual Post Data Report forms have been mailed to posts. Please fill out the form accordingly and **mail it back to Dept. HQ as soon as possible, arriving no later than April 9th**, 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 be on the lookout for these documents and return 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

Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with Maine American Legion!

Get Your Limited Edition Coin Today, While Supplies Last!

Coins can be purchased online by visiting www.mainelegion.org, by scanning the QR code with your phone,



or by check/money order in the amount of \$20/coin + \$7 shipping & handling. Make check payable to The American Legion,

Department of Maine and mail to 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727.

Coins are also available for free pickup at \$20 each.

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

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



NEW! 250th Anniversary Coin
(front & back)

107th Annual State Convention

June 12-13, 2026

Jeff's Catering & Event Center

15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, Maine 04412

[Electronic Form Submission & Payment Link](#)

Note: Please remember to email the form to Department if paying online.

[Download Member/Guest Registration Form & Elected Post Delegate/Alternate Form](#)

Your name should only appear on one form.

Fee/person is \$10

All elected delegates and alternates are to fill out the Post Delegate and Alternate form. If you are not a Delegate/Alternate, please fill out the Member/Guest Registration form.

[Click Here for Hotel Registration at Holiday Inn, Bangor](#)

[Entitlement to Delegates and Alternates](#)

[Click Here for More Information on State Convention](#)



Donate to the National Commander's Campaign

Donations for the 2026-27 National Commander's Campaign are greatly appreciated! Scan the QR code with your phone or [Click Here](#) to make a donation.

On the donation page, please choose "Other" from the "Use this donation for"

dropdown menu and notate "National Commander's Campaign" under the notes.



[See the Letter on Page 10 for More Information.](#)

Renew Your Legion Membership Online Today!

Online renewal is fast, convenient, and safe!



Simply Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone or visit:

www.legion.org/renew

★ DONATIONS ★

The American Legion Department of Maine

Commander's Project – Ember's Paws of Hope

Locke Mills Post 68.....\$150

National Commander's Campaign - Bowen

Locke Mills Post 68.....\$150

Blind Camp

Richmond Post 132.....\$300

Bethel Post 81.....\$200

Norway Post 82.....\$100

Hermon Post 200.....\$100

Unity Post 50.....\$100

Skowhegan Post 16.....\$50

Madawaska Unit 147.....\$50

Maine Legion Baseball

Bangor Post 12.....\$300

VA&R

James Nelson.....\$50

Thank You!

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!



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
DIRIGO STATE

Colby College

4000 Mayflower Drive, Waterville, ME 04901

Sunday, June 21 2026 - Friday, June 26, 2026

Registration: Sunday, June 21 at Noon

Graduation: Friday, June 26 at 3:00 pm

Cost per student is \$400

Packets have been mailed and emailed to posts and high schools. The forms that need completion and mailed to The American Legion, Department of Maine along with a check in the amount of \$400/student are: [Dirigo State Application](#), [Parental Consent](#), [Medical Authorization](#), and [Performing Arts \(if participating.\)](#)

Checks should be made payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine and mailed to The American Legion, Department of Maine, Attn: Dirigo State, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

For more information, please contact 873-3229 Ext. 1 or 522-5471. Email: jason@mainelegion.org

Volunteers Needed! If you're interested in volunteering for Dirigo State, please [Click Here](#).

Legion Baseball Registration

[Register for the 2026 American Legion Baseball season here.](#)

More than 3,400 teams and nearly 55,000 youth participate in the program yearly from all 50 states and Canada.



For more information please visit:

www.baseballmaine.com/team-registration

Register Online: www.legion.org/baseball

View/Download Legion Baseball Forms:

www.baseballmaine.com/important-legion-baseball-forms

2026 Honor Flight Maine Dates:

Flights are all charter flights on Allegiant:

• April 10-12 Portland Jetport

• May 29-31 Bangor International Airport

• Sept 18-20 Portland Jetport

• Oct 16-18 Bangor International Airport





Honor Maine Veterans - Donate in Memory of a Veteran Today!

Deadline for Submission May 15, 2026

DONATE \$25 Receive a Be The One Challenge Coin & Name in Yearbook	DONATE \$50 Receive a Be The One Challenge Coin, Lobster Lapel Pin & Name in Yearbook	DONATE \$100 Receive a Be The One Challenge Coin, Lobster Lapel Pin, Name in Yearbook, & 2026 Convention Yearbook
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DONATE \$150 or More - NEW!
Receive all of the above, PLUS our newest, limited edition American Legion challenge coin in celebration of America's 250th birthday!



Honor a veteran's legacy by sponsoring the Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Program. When you make a donation in memory of a veteran, both your name and your honoree's name will be proudly featured in our 2026 Maine American Legion Yearbook, available in print and online at www.mainelegion.org. Please provide the name and town

of the veteran honoree in the notes section at checkout.

To donate with Debit/Credit Card, Paypal, or Venmo click the button below, or simply scan the QR code with your phone. You may also visit www.mainelegion.org and click on the Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Donations Welcomed button. If donating by check, please make payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine earmarked "Yearbook Program" and mail to: The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727.

For more information, please call 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 or email rachael@mainelegion.org.



COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2025-26

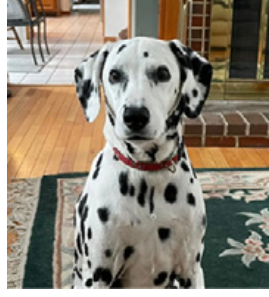
Department Commander
Leroy McKenzie asks that each Post and Legionnaire support his goal!

EMBER'S PAWS OF HOPE



EMBER'S PAWS OF HOPE:

A nonprofit organization dedicated to providing emotional and mental support to veterans and first responders through the use of future certified therapy dog(s). Members of our team have a diverse



background which include being trained in critical incident stress management and peer support, and we visit fire stations, police stations, hospitals, and veterans facilities to offer comfort and companionship to those who serve our communities.

THE ANGEL: Ember was 9 weeks old when she moved in with Tim Nickels, the goal was to have Ember become a therapy dog. It was discovered that Ember was too attached to Tim but no one knew that would save him later on. Anytime Tim was having a hard day or a bad shift Ember would sit with Tim. Tim was diagnosed with PTSD in 2020, Ember wouldn't leave his side. Ember knew something was up. Tim became suicidal and made attempts to end his life. Ember stopped him at least three times. When the days were dark, Ember wouldn't let him leave without her.

THE PROJECT: National American Legion asks Departments to partner with local organizations to support BE THE ONE. Commander McKenzie has chosen to partner with Ember's Paws of Hope (EPOH), an organization committed to provide, comfort, support, and emotional healing to veterans and first responders through the unconditional love and companionship of therapy dog. EPwOH is dedicated to enhancing the wellbeing of those who serve our communities and country, offering a source of solace in times of stress, trauma and hardship.

THE PLAN: We are asking all American Legion Posts and/or members to financially contribute to Ember's Paws of Hope. This new 501-c-3 needs funding to provide more trained therapy dogs and make more appearances to provide physical, emotional and social well-being to others in need.

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: *Ember's Paws of Hope or Commander's Project 2025-2026*

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.

Congratulations to the Following Posts for Reaching 100% Membership!

- District 1: Kennebunkport Post 159
- District 2: Peaks Island Post 142
- District 4: Kingfield Post 61
- District 5: Dixfield Post 100
- District 7: Damariscotta Post 42
- District 9: Oakland Post 51, Augusta Post 205 & Clinton Post 186
- District 10: Athens Post 192
- District 12: Blue Hill Post 85
- District 13: Brewer Post 98, E. Corinth Post 115, E. Millinocket Post 13 & Newport Post 105
- District 14: Brownville Junction Post 92, Dexter Post 53 & Guilford Post 119
- District 17: Fort Kent Post 133, Stockholm Post 136

*As of 4/15/26

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past 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](#)



**PAST
COMMANDERS
CLUB**

Warrant Templates All Post/District Officer Positions

Available online at: mainelegion.org
 or go to: www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php

It's fast *and* easy!



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LEGION

**Squadron Forms/
Applications**

Read the SAL Newsletter - April 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](#)

District Awards

American Legion Ball Cap: Awarded to District Commanders who reach **100% by March 11, 2026.**

Highest District Overall Membership Percentage (1st Place - \$500 | 2nd Place - \$250):

Awarded to District Commanders who reach the highest overall membership percentage 30 days prior to National Convention (**July 29, 2026**).

Highest District Overall Membership Renewal Percentage (1st Place - \$500 | 2nd Place - \$250):

Awarded to District Commanders who reach the highest overall membership renewal rate 30 days prior to National Convention (**July 29, 2026**).

All District Incentive Awards must be verified by the District Adjutant.

**For more Information [Click Here](#) and find:
2025-26 Membership Goals & Awards Manual**

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

★ Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants

**District Meeting
Calendar Forms
Available Online!**

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



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.



Maine American Legion Scholarships

Scholarship applications are available for the Department of Maine Children and Youth Scholarships, the Daniel E. Lambert Memorial Scholarship, and the James V. Day Scholarship.



Deadline: May 1

Any post, individual or school who would like to receive a copy may obtain one by visiting www.mainelegion.org under [FORMS/APPLICATIONS](#) or by contacting us via email at legionme@mainelegion.org or by phone at 207-873-3229.

Remember to Submit Award Nominations!

Award applications are available at www.mainelegion.org under [FORMS/APPLICATIONS](#) for Public Service, Membership, Post Excellence, Americanism, Children & Youth, History, Humanitarian, Individual Recognition, and more. **Members are encouraged to view available awards and submit nominations when applicable.**

[Download Award Forms/Applications](#)

[View Award Deadlines](#)

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY!

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

THOMASTON, MAINE

JULY 4TH PARADE

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

SEE [PAGE 13](#) FOR DETAILS

MILITARY TRIVIA

Q: What is the number one Air Force in the world?

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

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Your membership discount perks, all in one place! View your digital Discount Providers brochure to view savings for Legionnaires only.

[View the Discount Providers Brochure.](#)

Member Discount Categories:

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- Be The One Supporters

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Call (888) 766-0594 or [visit online](#) and use code LEGION10.

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Veterans Crisis Line
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

No Veteran should go through a crisis alone. Save the new Veterans Crisis Line number—Dial 988 then Press 1—in your phone in case you or a Veteran loved one needs support.

VetRide: Helping our veterans receive the care that they deserve.

We are here to help

If you are a Veteran, the Veterans Transportation Service (VTS) is here to ensure that you have the ability to make it to all your VA health care appointments. From Veterans living in remote and rural areas to those who are visually impaired, elderly, or immobilized due to disability or disease - VTS understands all of the considerations that are necessary to make transportation problems a distant memory.

Automatic Enrollment Experience: Veterans who are eligible for VA health care benefits and have an appointment authorized by VA are automatically eligible for transportation through the VTS program.

Continuous Feedback Loop: We are always looking to improve our service. Feedback for rides is always encouraged so that we can always deliver the best ride possible!

Enhanced Ride Visibility: The VetRide Self-Service Portal can be used to request a ride to an appointment, which allows you to track the current location of your driver along with your estimated pickup time.

On-Time, Reliable Service: A prompt dispatch of your driver ensures that you are never late to a medical appointment.

How VetRide Works

Safe: Safety is our top priority. We will ensure that you arrive at your destination securely and smoothly.

Convenient: Passengers using this service can request rides at any time, anywhere.

Efficient: A request for a ride can be made with an intuitive process that will get you on your way in minutes.

Create an account to manage your appointments for VetRide in one place — any time, from anywhere.

To create an account or learn more, visit: <https://www.vetride.va.gov/app/home>

Download the VetRide Passenger App

With the VetRide Passenger App, you can request an appointment or check your trips using your smartphone.



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](#)

Post Service Officer Training (Digital Training) Saturday, May 16 @ 10:00 a.m.

[See Flyer on Pg. 12](#)

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

[MyLegion.org](#) training lessons are available at State Headquarters.

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 rachael@mainelegion.org to set up an appointment. Training lessons last between 1-2 hours.

The Maine Legionnaire [Click Here](#) to read the latest issue



*Upcoming
Submission
Deadline:*

May 2026 Issue
Deadline: April 17, 2026

MILITARY TRIVIA

A: U.S. air strength is larger than the combined forces of Russia, China, India, South Korea, and Japan. It includes 5,737 helicopters, 1,854 fighters, and 3,722 support aircraft.

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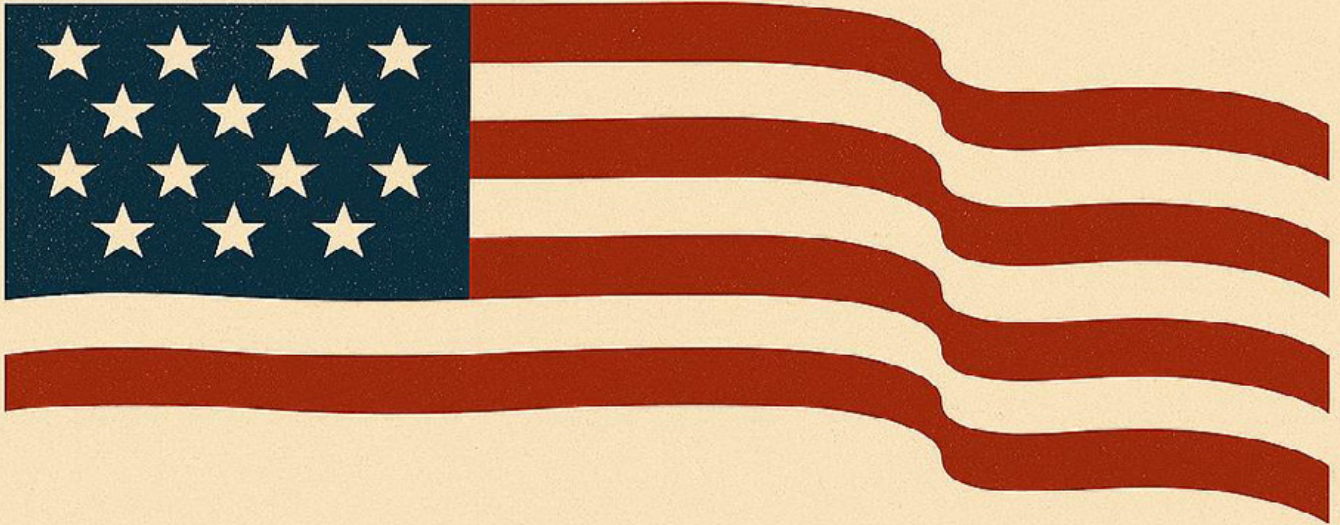
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TESTIMONIAL DINNER

HONORING OUR 2025-2026 DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LEROY MCKENZIE
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LINDA JACK * DETACHMENT COMMANDER STEVE DOYLE

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

OAKLAND AMERICAN LEGION POST 51

SOCIAL HOUR: 4:30-5:30 PM * DINNER: 5:30-6:30 PM

PROGRAM: 6:30-7:30 PM

ENTERTAINMENT: 8 PM THE ROY HUDSON BAND

**ALL-AMERICAN DINNER TO HONOR AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY
HOT DOGS, BURGER, BBQ CHICKEN, SALADS, CHIPS, CORN BREAD, BEANS,
AND DESSERT**

TICKETS \$25 PER PERSON

(ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY) RSVP DEADLINE IS SUNDAY APRIL 26TH

**MAIL CHECKS TO: AMERICAN LEGION POST 51, ATTENTION: TESTIMONIAL,
PO BOX 94, OAKLAND, ME 04963**



The American Legion

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FAX: (207) 872-0501

E-mail: legionme@mainelegion.org

Website: mainelegion.org

January 21, 2026

To Our Fellow Legionnaires:

Each year, the Department of Maine supports the incoming National Commander with a donation to their campaign seeking such position. Our own Tony Jordan, when seeking the position of National Commander received financial support from the various departments of The American Legion for his campaign and it is only appropriate that we do the same for anyone seeking that position.

As a part of the process of supporting the individuals seeking the National Commander position, we like to present the donations of individuals who have submitted support of the campaign to the individual as soon as we possibly can after receipt. Sometimes, we have presented the check to the individual at the Fall Meetings or the Spring Meetings or at our Department Convention.

Individuals who have been selected to receive an official call or are listed as members in the National Commission/Committee book are asked and encouraged to donate to support the campaign. Donations from posts, districts or legionnaires in general are encouraged as well.

Please make the check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine and note in the "Memo" section "National Commander's Campaign".

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Woods
National Executive Committeeman

Anthony G. "Tony" Jordan
Past National Commander



**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

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SUBMIT TO:

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

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
PAST COMMANDERS CLUB**



AMERICAN LEGION POST SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING



EQUIPPING PSOS TO SERVE VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES



UNDERSTANDING THE PSO ROLE

Connect veterans to accredited Service Officers.



IDENTIFYING BASIC VETERAN NEEDS

Disability Claims, Pensions, Education.



NAVIGATING RESOURCES

Connecting with DSOs, VA information.



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WHEN:
Saturday, May 16th, 10 AM



LOCATION:
Online



REGISTRATION: Carl.Curtis2@va.gov

Empowering those who serve.



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

10:00 AM: Meet at the parade staging area at the town cemetery on Dwight Street.

11:00 AM: **Parade Kick-Off**

NOON: Head to WILLIAMS-BRAZIER American Legion Post 37 (10 Wendell Street-Thomaston)

2:00 PM: Afterparty at WINSLOW-HOLBROOK-MERRITT American Legion Post 1-Rockland (335 Limerock)

**OPEN INVITE TO LEGIONNAIRES, AUXILIARY AND SONS
LET'S HONOR OUR NATION TOGETHER!**

FMI-email Jason@mainelegion.org





Event Press Release

Press release date: January 18, 2026

Event dates: February 1, 2026 – May 25, 2026

American Legion Post 93
P.O. Box 223
Bucksport, ME 04416

Physical location: 58 Elm Street, Bucksport, ME 04416
Commander: Vincent Christinziano
Email: amleg93post93@gmail.com
(207) 467-0143

Matching Gift Challenge for Bucksport area local Veterans

A private, anonymous, foundation will match every dollar donated to American Legion Post 93 in Bucksport, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000, for donations received between February 1 and Memorial Day 2026. Proceeds benefit critically needed improvements to the Legion's building and continued efforts to support local veterans (membership not required).

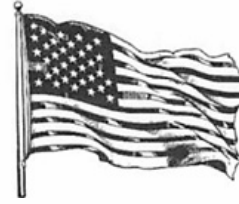
When the \$10,000 match is used up, it's gone.

That's the whole story.

Be the one! Better together!



Eliot-Kittery Memorial Post 188



The men and women who served during the Vietnam Conflict were drafted and enlisted into a war with no clear outcome. They were ordered to fight a looming shadow of an enemy, often unsure of just why they were there. Unlike battles of the past that fought for freedom, democracy, and alongside our global allies for *the good*, the cause in the Vietnam Conflict often remained unclear to many, if not most soldiers.

Many soldiers were ashamed of what they were ordered to do. They were spit on by civilians of other countries, and even worse, by their fellow Americans when they returned home. They were haunted by what they saw and what they experienced. And while there were many who never made it home physically, there were many who never made it home in spirit.

It is time that these soldiers were honored for their sacrifices. For that purpose, the Eliot-Kittery Memorial Post 188 is spearheading an initiative to raise funds and resources to install in the center of Eliot a permanent Vietnam memorial commemorating all who served during the Vietnam War. Hopefully in doing so, peace through a sense of solidarity will be sown and shared with our soldiers who for so long have deserved it.

Please consider donating to the Eliot-Kittery Memorial Post 188 in support of our memorial project. The dedication of the Memorial is planned for July 4, 2026.

Thank you for your support,

Dana Norton

455 Main St., Eliot ME 03903
(207)439-3299

Honoring Courage, Faith, and Sacrifice: A Memorial Day Tribute



Lewiston-Auburn Veterans Council Memorial Day Honoring the Four Chaplains

Lt. George L. Fox



Lt. John P. Washington



Lt. Clark V. Poling



Lt. Alexander D. Goode



Sat., May 23 at 10 AM
Veteran's Park, 2 Main St., Lewiston

Ceremony to add names to Stone No. 35

Francis Albert, Navy	Joseph Levasseur, Army	Christopher Rainville, Marines
Ralph Hodgkins Jr., Army	Donald McCannell, Army	Anthony Roberts, Army
Renee LeGrange, Army	Michael Myrick, Navy	David Spencer, Navy

Gold Star Mothers Joyce Richmond and Bethel Shields will lay a wreath in honor of the fallen

Cannon salute provided by Paul St. Clair of Auburn-Lewiston American Legion Post 22 and the L-A Veterans Council, along with Paul Farley, representing C Battery, 6th Battalion, 80th Artillery, U.S. Army, Korea.