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Welcome to the 166th 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

Award Deadline Reminders:

Goal to Grow Achievement Award

Although the new membership year begins on July 1, please continue collecting dues for the 2026 membership year to help achieve your 100% Goal to Grow Award!

The Goal to Grow Achievement Award is granted to all posts that reach their 100% Membership Goal at least 30 days prior to the National Convention.

For the 2026 membership year, this deadline is Aug. 3, 2026. This award will be presented at the upcoming annual state convention. Ensure your post stands out!



District Awards

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 (**Aug. 3, 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 (**Aug. 3, 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**

2027 Membership Now Open!
If you have not paid your 2026 dues yet, please do so today to avoid a gap in your continuous years.

**QUICKLY & EASILY
RENEW ONLINE TODAY!**

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

www.legion.org/renew



Maine American Legion Baseball

[Maine American Legion Baseball Website](#)

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE 2026 JUNIOR & SENIOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

Senior State Championship Tournament:

Monday July 27th: Games at 1:00, 4:00, 7:30

Tuesday July 28th: Games at 5:00, 7:30

Wednesday July 29th: Games at 5:00 and 7:30 (if necessary)



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Tuesday August 4th: Game 7:00 (if necessary)

Northeast Regional Senior Tournament: Worcester, MA, Aug. 5-9

Northeast Regional Junior Tournament: Aug. 7-10 (Approx), Manchester, NH, Gill Stadium

World Series Tournament: Aug.13-18, Shelby, NC

[Read the letter from George Maxsimic on Pg. 8](#)

For more information, please contact:



Scott Bishop, Chairman
Phone: 207-745-0555



Email: chairman@mainelegionbaseball.org



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.

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





2026 AMERICAN LEGION FALL CONFERENCE

★ ★ ★

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

	POST 20 BRUNSWICK LEGIONNAIRES	9:15 START
	POST 21 BATH AUXILIARY	9:00 START
	POST 202 TOPSHAM SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION	9:00 START

 There will be coffee, donuts, fruit available at each location.

 There will be an optional bag lunch prepared to be delivered to each location.

ACCOMMODATION

 Rodeway Inn 287 Bath Road Brunswick, ME 04011 207-261-1223	• 2 Full Beds kitchenette \$150.00 plus tax • 2 Queen Beds with kitchen \$199.00 plus tax • Breakfast included
 Wiscasset Woods Lodge 596 Bath Road Route 1 Wiscasset 207-882-7137	• Cottage \$245.00 plus tax • Room \$195.00 Plus tax Both have microwave. Mini fridge Breakfast not included
 Best Western Plus 71 Gurnet Road Brunswick, ME 04011 207-725-5251	• Room \$134.00 plus tax • Breakfast included

★ These are all under The American Legion as a group rate. ★

THERE IS LIMITED AVAILABILITY AT EACH LOCATION.

107th National Convention

Louisville, Kentucky

August 28 – September 3, 2026

For more information, please visit www.legion.org/convention/resources or www.mainelegion.org under NEWS/EVENTS.

For questions, contact Department at 207-873-3229 or email jason@mainelegion.org.



District Meetings

Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed

AUG 2026

District 9 – Kennebec: Aug. 12, Hallowell Post 6, 6:00 p.m.,
Adj. Gerald Stuart

★ ★ DONATIONS ★ ★

The American Legion Department of Maine

Dirigo State Donations

Maureen Malley.....\$250

Maine Legion Baseball

John Hinkley.....\$10

Thank You!

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

Get Your Limited Edition Coin Today, While Supplies Last!

Coin 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 m

, ME 04901-0727.

Coin 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)

View the 2026 Annual Convention Yearbook!



The 2026 Annual Convention Yearbook is now available online. You may also purchase a copy at Department Headquarters, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow. Supplies are limited!

[Check it out today!](#)



[See Flyer on Pg. 14 for Details](#)

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!

ATTENTION POST ADJUTANTS & COMMANDERS



2027 Membership Cards that were not picked up at State Convention or Department HQ prior to June 23rd have been mailed to posts. Please call Dept. HQ at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 if you have any questions.

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	

Detachment Commander's Project

Greetings American Legion Family Members,
For those who do not know me, my name is Steve Amergian and I am a proud 14-year member of Squadron 86 in Gray, Maine. My grandfather answered the call to duty in 1942 and served in the Army until shortly after the conclusion of WW2. He was a proud veteran, husband, father & businessman until his passing. He served on the civic level as a member of the Portland City Council, Interim Mayor of Portland and Cumberland County Commissioner. As a Mason and member of Post 17 in Portland he devoted his free time to helping others and from his example I began my journey with Squadron 86. During my time with the Squadron, I have held the position of Assistant Adjutant, First Vice Commander and Commander. Past Commander Doyle approached me a few years ago and told me of his plans for The Detachment and asked if I would fill the role of First Vice Commander. Until last Saturday, I held that position and worked to learn & grow under his leadership. The Detachment is in a very strong position, and it is an honor to be at the helm.

My Commander's Project for the upcoming year is [Guitars For Vets](#). This project provides lessons and instruction on the skills needed to begin playing guitar. Upon completion of the course the graduation present is the guitar the veteran has been learning on for the previous weeks. Each guitar costs roughly \$350 and, as ambitious as it sounds, I would like to raise \$17,500 in funds to provide 50 guitars for the program in the next 52 weeks. Any and all help in achieving this goal will be greatly appreciated at all levels! Thank you for taking the time to read this and learn about me as I continue to learn about all of you and this great organization that brings us all together. Thank you all.

R. Stephen Amergian Jr.
Detachment Of Maine Commander



SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION

**Squadron Forms/
Applications**

Read the SAL Newsletter - June 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](#)

Congratulations

to the Following Posts for Reaching 100% Membership!

**District 1: Biddeford Post 26, Kezar Falls Post 123,
Kennebunkport Post 159**

District 2: Peaks Island Post 142

District 3: Auburn Post 31

**District 4: Kingfield Post 61, Phillips Post 64,
Rangeley Post 120**

District 5: Dixfield Post 100

District 7: Damariscotta Post 42

District 8: Bath Post 21

**District 9: Oakland Post 51, Clinton Post 186
& Augusta Post 205**

District 10: Pittsfield Post 32, Athens Post 192

District 12: Blue Hill Post 85

**District 13: E. Millinocket Post 13, Old Town Post 75, Brewer
Post 98, Newport Post 105, Etna-Carmel Post 107, E. Corinth
Post 115, & Hampden Post 213**

**District 14: Dexter Post 53, Brownville Junction Post 92, &
Guilford Post 119**

District 17: Fort Kent Post 133, Stockholm Post 136

**As of 7/20/26*

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

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

Available online at
[mainelegion.org:](http://mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php)
[www.mainelegion.org/pages/
formsapplications.php](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php)
It's fast *and* easy!

Attention Adjutants & Commanders:

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

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member.



**PAST
COMMANDERS
CLUB**

[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 15 for PCC Form](#)

For Sale Exclusively to American Legion Posts in Maine:

A 12 ft Shuffle Board by Champion, Richland Hills, Texas. Top of the line, used very little, comes with bowling game set up. Retails for over \$4,500. **Selling to any post at \$2,500.**

Your pick up in Scarborough. Contact John T. (Jake) Carr, Historian, Scarborough Post 76 at 207-233-1676 or email lumberjake2@msn.com



number—Dial 988 then Press 1—in your phone in case you or a Veteran loved one needs support.

No Veteran should go through a crisis alone. Save the new Veterans Crisis Line

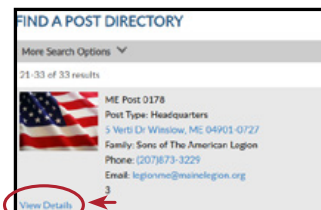
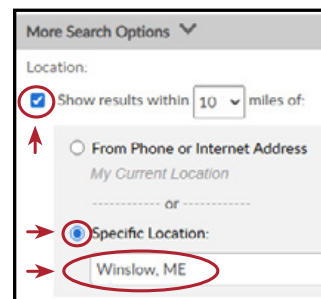
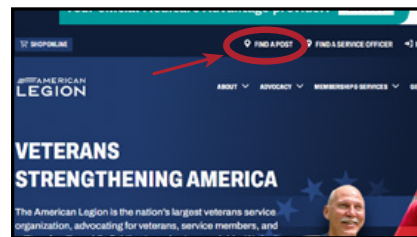
How To Locate a Legion Post's Contact Information

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

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.

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.



Enter Now for a Chance to Win a Weekend to Remember

- Two premium tickets to the game, Dec. 12 just outside New York City.
- Roundtrip airfare for two, ground transportation and a three-night hotel stay
- \$500 in custom game merch, plus \$500 spending money.



Enter to win at: www.armynavy.usaaevents.com

Q: In our National Anthem are the words, "the Rocket's Red Glare." What is the source of those famous words?

**MILITARY
TRIVIA**

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

MEMBER INFO & MANAGEMENT

MyLegion.org Training

Member management in a group is available to posts, squadrons, departments and detachments. District and County access does not include edit and cannot manage membership information. To request edit for a district or county, contact your department headquarters.

Address - Add

Home > My Views > Group Profile > Members > Member Profile > Addresses

1. From your My Account page, enter My Groups to access Group Profile
2. Click "View Members" from left menu "View Members"
3. Search the member and click on their name from the list to view Member Profile
4. Click "Addresses"
5. Click "Add Address"
6. Enter address "Save"

Address - Delete

Home > My Views > Group Profile > Members > Member Profile > Addresses

1. From your My Account page, enter My Groups to access Group Profile
2. Click "View Members" from left menu "View Members"
3. Search the member and click on their name from the list to view Member Profile
4. Click "Addresses"
5. Select "Delete"
6. You will be asked to confirm. Select "Delete"

Address - Edit

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2. Click "View Members" from left menu "View Members"
3. Search the member and click on their name from the list to view Member Profile
4. Click "Addresses"
5. Select "Edit"
6. "Save"

Address - Main

The main address is the address listed as your primary contact address. Unless specified, the main address is used all mail correspondence.

For more MyLegion.org training, visit:

<https://mylegion.org/personifybusiness/Resources/Help>

Legion FAQs

Q: Why doesn't my membership card reflect the total number of years I've been a member?

A: The annual card reflects your continuous years of membership. If you miss a year of paying dues, your continuous years start over. However, if you think there's a mistake, contact your post adjutant. If confirmed, they can submit a request to correct your record.

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](#)

****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.

New Resource: Women Veterans Luncheon Checklist Guidelines

[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.



The Old American Legion Post

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

(Part One – What is The American Legion and its Preamble)

(A teenager learns about The American Legion and asks important questions.)

In class today, we talked about our family history or “genealogy” as our teacher called it. The teacher said that our ancestors influenced who we are today because of something called DNA—which was a word too big for me to say.

He further said something like, “We are the way we are today for two reasons. It is because of our nature, or physically inherited traits from our parents and ancestors. It’s also because of the way we were nurtured, or the way we were brought up by our parents, and the things we learned by living.”

That made me really curious about my family history. So, I asked my dad, and he sat me down in the kitchen and brought out some old picture books. The pictures were so old—some of them were in black and white and faded. There were different sized pictures. I really liked old cars in the pictures.

I recognized some of the pictures of my aunts and uncles and I laughed at how young everybody used to look. When it came to my grandfather, there was a picture of him as an older man. I asked my father about it. He said that was my grandfather and great grandfather. I noticed they were in uniform, like they were in the army or something, so I asked about that. My father told me that his dad was in the Navy and my great grandfather, he thinks, retired from the Army.

He surprised me by saying; “The uniform was The American Legion uniform”.

“American Legion, what’s that?” I asked.

“Well, it’s a veteran’s group. Veterans got together after the war to help other veterans. It was a social club too. Some posts had bars, sponsored sports and dinners, and the veterans

would go there to socialize. I know they had business meetings too.”

“Wait a minute,” my dad said, and he disappeared into his bedroom. He brought out a card with a pin on it. The pin was gold and blue, kind of round with pointy parts, had a star in it, and it said, “American Legion” on the top and bottom. Oh, yes, and the U. S. was big in the middle.

On the card was printed The American Legion preamble:

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER

FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

“What does all that mean?”

My dad thought for a minute and said, “Well, tell you what; I know someone you can talk to about it. He was an old friend of your grandfather, and he still lives in town. I’ll will give him a call.”

Read Part Two in the next Leadership Ledger.

A DAY TO SUPPORT IKE HUBBARD

FUNDRAISER & LOBSTER FEED

OUR FRIEND AND LONG-TIME SUPPORTER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RECENTLY LOST HIS BUSINESS, EQUIPMENT, AND FUTURE CONTRACTS TO A FIRE.

NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO SUPPORT IKE

LOBSTER FEED – AUGUST 15TH

PARTY STARTS AT 3 PM – MEAL SERVED AROUND 5 PM



\$25 FOR ONE LOBSTER WITH SIDES

\$40 FOR TWO LOBSTERS WITH SIDES



SCAN TO DONATE
(CHOOSE OTHER AND
IN NOTES TYPE IKE)



**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO IKE
DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME**

**RSVP BY PHONE OR EMAIL
NO LATER THAN AUGUST 10TH
255-8665 / AGGIEMOOMOO@GMAIL.COM**

Machias Post 9, 42 Court St., Machias.

Department, District, Sons, Auxiliary, and Rider Leaders,

The 2026 American Legion Baseball season will soon be entering post-season play and I hope you've had the opportunity to attend a game and be part of this great American Legion tradition and important Americanism program.

Volunteers from the Legion Family are needed to attend tournament games and participate in pre-game ceremonies including the American Legion Baseball Code of Sportsmanship, the National Anthem, and meeting the teams. It's an easy duty that only requires walking onto the field for five minutes, then watching some great baseball. The players and coaches truly appreciate our attendance and support.



State championship tournaments will be held at Mansfield Stadium on 13th Street in Bangor again this year. Arrive thirty minutes prior to game time and go to The American Legion tent just beyond the gate. Wear your cap and other Legion family attire. Participating members get into games free and will receive a commemorative 2026 Maine Legion baseball cap pin for their help.

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Please share with your posts, units, squadrons, and detachments encouraging members to attend games and support their closest team. For staffing purposes, it would be helpful, but not required, to know which games your members were planning to attend, so shoot me an email if you have that information.

As a reminder, teams have significant operating expenses, so it's never too late to make a donation to a team or the Department baseball program. If you're interested in contributing, I can put you in touch with team managers.

Reach out with any questions and many thanks to all for your support of American Legion Baseball!

Very respectfully,

George Maximic

Dept of Maine Baseball Committee Member

gmaxsimic2@gmail.com

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The Maine Legionnaire

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

Upcoming Submission Deadline -
August Issue: **July 17**



2026 Honor Flight Maine Dates:

Flights are all charter flights on Allegiant:

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



MILITARY TRIVIA

A: The phrase "rockets' red glare" comes from the poem "Defense of Fort McHenry," which was written by lawyer and amateur poet Francis Scott Key on September 14, 1814. Key was referencing actual Congreve rockets—a highly innovative and terrifying incendiary weapon used by the British military. These early, iron-cased rockets left bright, fiery red trails as they streaked across the dark night sky, inspiring the famous line.



USAA is proud to be the Preferred provider of Insurance and Financial Services to The American Legion. Please visit usaa.com/legion or call 877-699-2654.

Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) No Cost LegionCare



LEGION FAMILY:
IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FOR LEGIONCARE

UP TO \$5,000.00

NO-COST-TO-YOU ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROTECTION

For Online Activation Visit: TheLIT.com/LegionCare2

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](#)



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.

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

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OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Endorsed by your American Legion Department



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 ★ — AMERICAN LEGION FALL CONFERENCE

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026



POST 20 BRUNSWICK LEGIONNAIRES

9:15 START



POST 21 BATH AUXILIARY

9:00 START



**POST 202 TOPSHAM
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

9:00 START



There will be coffee, donuts, fruit available
at each location.



There will be an optional bag
lunch prepared to be delivered
to each location.

ACCOMMODATION



Rodeway Inn
287 Bath Road
Brunswick, ME 04011
207-261-1223

- 2 Full Beds kitchenette \$150.00 plus tax
- 2 Queen Beds with kitchen \$199.00 plus tax
- Breakfast included



Wiscasset Woods Lodge
596 Bath Road
Route 1 Wiscasset
207-882-7137

- Cottage \$245.00 plus tax
- Room \$195.00 Plus tax
- Both have microwave. Mini fridge
- Breakfast not included



Best Western Plus
71 Gurnet Road
Brunswick, ME 04011
207-725-5251

- Room \$134.00 plus tax
- Breakfast included

★ These are all under The American Legion as a group rate.
THERE IS LIMITED AVAILABILITY AT EACH LOCATION. ★

VETERANS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION EXPO


DURING THE
**TOUGH
MOUNTAIN**
— CHALLENGE —

» **CONNECT. SUPPORT. EMPOWER.** «

Join us for a day of resources,
connections, and support for
Veterans, families, and the community.



**SATURDAY,
JULY 25TH**



10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



FREE EVENT



**FOOD TRUCKS
ON-SITE!**

*FOOD AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE (NOT FREE)*

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ✓ Connect with VA representatives
- ✓ Get assistance with benefits & claims
- ✓ Learn about available programs and services
- ✓ Ask questions and get one-on-one support



Enjoy the energy of the
**Tough Mountain
Challenge** while
you're there!

★ ★ ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDING: ★ ★

- Augusta Elks Lodge
- Brenda Pennells
- Disabled Veterans of America (DAV)
- Health Affiliates of Maine
- Maine State Bureau of Motor Vehicles
- Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services
- Maine Career Center/MDOL

- Maine Irreverent Warriors
- Maine Veterans in Need
- Martins Point
- Memorial Muster
- Military Officers Association of America
- Northern Star Lodge
- Quilts of Valor

- University of Maine-Augusta
- University of Maine-Farmington
- University of Southern Maine
- Veterans Benefits Administration
- Vet Center
- Veterans Forward/Easter Seals of Maine
- Veterans Health Administration
- Veterans No Boundaries
- Wellness Mobile

and many more!



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

*Whether you're a Veteran, family member, or supporter—
stop by and say hello!*



LOCATION: WHITE CAP LODGE, SUNDAY RIVER RESORT
15 SUNDAY RIVER ROAD, NEWRY, ME 04261



WOMEN'S COFFEE SOCIAL

AUGUST 17TH at 1130 AM



WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION POST#17, 23 DEERING STREET PORTLAND, ME 04101

WHEN: EVERY 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1130 AM

Coffee and snacks will be provided. This is an opportunity for woman veterans to come together socialize with other women veterans. Wives of military members and veterans are welcome too!

vets4vetsresourcecommissary.com

FACILITOR: SARAH BOOTE 573-842-9100

ALR Summer Rally 2026

August 14th, 15th, 16th 2026

Chapter 4 Gardiner - 46 Griffin Street, Gardiner, ME 04345

Friday Night: Meet and Greet- (Downstairs/Outside) 4:00pm

Cornhole, Horseshoes, Bowling and Pool Tables

D.J. w/Karaoke at 6:30pm Pizza Night!

Saturday: Doors Open (Upstairs) - 8:00am Registration

Big Breakfast hosted by: Chapter 21 Bath 8:30-10:30am

Riders Ride ~ KSU at 11:00am

Cornhole, Horseshoes, Bowling and Pool Tables

Light Lunch/Snacks 12:30pm

*******ALR Meeting 2:00pm*******

Dinner (By Donation) Hosted by Unit 4 Auxiliary 5:00-6:30pm

BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato/Pasta Salads, Breads & Desserts

Band TBA 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Sunday: Continental Breakfast 8am-10am

Pre-order Tee-Shirts \$22 - Patches & Koozies available for purchase!



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.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

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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**



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>

