

# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER

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Welcome to the 155th 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](http://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](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org)



The annual Mid-Winter Conference of the American Legion, Department of Maine, will be held at Jeff's Catering & Event Center, 15 Little Field Way, Brewer, ME 04412 on Jan. 10, 2026. The Conference will be hosted by Commander Leroy McKenzie and 2nd Vice Commander Ryan Coffin.

**Special Rate for Legion Family for Hotel Reservations:** Holiday Inn: 404 Odlin Rd, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: 207-947-0101

**Room Rate:** \$129 + sales tax, Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffee/Tea Maker, Elevators, Restaurant, Lounge, Indoor pool.

[Click Here to Reserve Your Room](#) or scan the QR code, right, with your phone.

Please state "American Legion" when calling for reservations. Hotel Reservations are to be made by each individual, as the Department HQ will not be coordinating reservations for this conference. **Deadline:** Jan. 4, 2026.

**Legion/SAL Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person.** Includes unlimited coffee & tea (Regular and Decaf), water all day, and juice, breakfast pastries, and fresh fruits in the morning. *For Auxiliary members, please see the Auxiliary State HQ for registration fee.*

**Mid-Winter Conference Lunch Buffet:** \$10 per person (to be paid to Jeff's Catering by noon.)

To pay by debit/credit card, [click here](#) or visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org), and select **WINTER CONFERENCE** listed in the **NEWS & EVENTS** dropdown menu or scan the QR code, right, with your phone.

For questions, please call Department of Maine HQ at 207-873-3229 or email [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org)



## High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

Thomas College  
180 West River Rd.  
Waterville, ME 04901

**February 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

**\*\*All contestants should plan to arrive between 8 & 8:30 a.m.\*\***  
Snow Date: February 21, 2026

All pertinent information regarding the HS Oratorical Scholarship Program has been submitted [via email](#) and **USPS Mail** to all schools and post adjutants & commanders. Applications must be received at the Post level by Dec. 6. At the District level, applications for the **WINNER ONLY** representing your District should be submitted to Department HQ by Jan. 24 for the State Competition to be held Feb. 14.

[Click Here to View/Download Oratorical Application. Brochures. Flyers, etc.](#)

## District Meetings

*Be Connected · Be Heard · Be Informed*

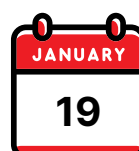
**JANUARY 2026**

**District 1 – York: Jan. 10**, Kennebunkport Post 159, 12:00 p.m., Roster of nominations to be circulated

**District 3 – Androscoggin: Jan. 19**, Mechanic Falls Post 150, 6:30 p.m., Oratorical

**District 5 – Oxford: Jan. 21**, South Paris Post 72, 6:00 p.m., District Oratorical Contest

**District 6 – Knox: Jan. 18**, Tenants Harbor Post 34, 1:00 p.m., Buddy Checks, Post Accomplishments, CPR



**Holiday Schedule:** The Department Office will be closed Monday, Jan. 19 for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Please plan accordingly.

# ★ DONATIONS ★

## The American Legion Department of Maine

### Commander's Project

District 9 - Kennebec County.....\$200

### Homeless Vets

David M Campbell.....\$100

### General Fund

Robert Riley.....\$50

Richard B ODonnell Jr.....\$15

*Thank You!*

## Need to Talk to Someone? Seeking Local Services & Resources? 211 Can Help



With hundreds of hotlines and helplines and thousands of programs offering all types of services to help people lead healthy, independent lives, it can be overwhelming to try and find the right phone number or service for you. You are not

alone. Every day, thousands of people across Maine turn to 211.

211 is a free, confidential information and referral service that connects people of all ages across Maine to local services. 211 Maine is based in Maine and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our Specialists are trained and friendly; they know we all need help sometimes.

You can reach 211 via phone, text, or email to talk to someone or by searching our online database to find local services.

211 is known as the resource where people go when they don't know where else to go.

### Non-Emergency Services, Family Resources, Health & Financial Assistance

Whether it's financial assistance, domestic violence, addiction treatment, health care, mental health, or heating and utilities assistance, we will talk to you to find out what you need and walk you through all the options to find the right service or program for you.

Since 2006, 211 Maine has been a statewide service. 211 Maine began as part of the national 211 movement designed to centralize and streamline access to health and human service information and resources with an easy-to-remember universal number and website for non-emergency help.

### More Than a Hotline: Help, Information, Privacy

211 Maine is a collaborative effort of the United Ways of Maine, the State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services, and The Opportunity Alliance as the Contact Center Partner.

Together, we ensure people in Maine have access to the information they need to stay safe and healthy.

211 Maine is completely confidential.

**Dial 211 or 1-866-811-5695 (If calling from Maine; 711 Video Relay accessible) Or dial 1-877-463-6207 (If calling from out-of-state)**

**Text your zip code to 898-211**

Standard msg & data rates may apply. Text STOP to opt-out. For end user privacy and terms and conditions of texting with 898211, go to [www.preventionpaytext.com/policies/](http://www.preventionpaytext.com/policies/)

## Legion Baseball Registration

### Now Open!

Register for the 2026 American Legion Baseball season here starting Jan. 1. 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](http://www.baseballmaine.com/team-registration)

Register online: [www.legion.org/baseball](http://www.legion.org/baseball)

View/Download Legion Baseball Forms:

[www.baseballmaine.com/important-legion-baseball-forms](http://www.baseballmaine.com/important-legion-baseball-forms)



**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 will be mailed to posts and high schools shortly. 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](mailto:jason@mainelegion.org)

## Sweepstakes Raffle Reminder!

Raffle tickets for the Winter Sweepstakes drawing have been mailed.

Please contact Department HQ at 207-873-3229 for assistance. The drawing will be held on January 10. Thank you!







## COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2025-26

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

### EMBER'S PAWS OF HOPE

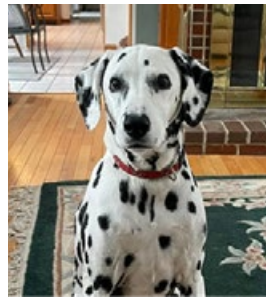


#### EMBER'S PAWS OF HOPE:

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. EPOH 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](http://www.mainelegion.org) and click on the DONATE button.

## Show Your Support to Maine Veterans by Donating Today & Make Your Name Part of American Legion History

*Deadline for Submission May 15, 2026*

<b>DONATE \$25</b>	<b>DONATE \$50</b>	<b>DONATE \$100</b>
Receive Challenge Coin & Name in Yearbook	Receive Challenge Coin, Lobster Lapel Pin & Name in Yearbook	Receive Challenge Coin, Lobster Lapel Pin, Name in Yearbook, & 2026 Convention Yearbook



Maine American Legion BE THE ONE Challenge Coin, left, and Maine American Legion Lobster Lapel Pin, right.



Become a sponsor today by donating to the Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Program and make your name part of The American Legion history! Your name will be listed in our 2026 Maine American Legion Yearbook made available in print and online in digital format by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org).

To donate with Debit/Credit Card, click the button below, or simply scan the QR code with your phone. You may also visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://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](mailto:rachael@mainelegion.org).



**Q. Why was a military Fort built at Rouses's Point on Lake Champlain in 1816 and then named Fort Blunder?**

*Congratulations*  
to the Following Posts for  
Reaching 100% Membership!

## District 1: Kennebunkport Post 159

## District 9: Augusta Post 205

## District 10: Athens Post 192

## District 12: Blue Hill Post 85

## District 13: Newport Post 105

### District 13: East Corinth Post 115

### District 13: East Millinocket Post 13

## District 14: Brownville Junction Post 92

\*As of 1/8/26

**\*\*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](mailto:rachael@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 Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. [Click Here](#) or visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://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!***



**PAST  
COMMANDERS  
CLUB**

**See Page 7 for PCC Form**



**SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN  
LEGION**

## Squadron Forms/ Applications

[Print a SAL Membership Application](#)

## Squadron Officers Form

## Consolidated Squadron Report - fillable

## Annual Squadron Data Report - fillable

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

## 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](http://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](http://www.legion.org/about/reports/membership-impact). To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit: [www.legion.org/about/reports/membership-impact](http://www.legion.org/about/reports/membership-impact) or [www.legion.org/about/reports/membership-impact](http://www.legion.org/about/reports/membership-impact)

**★ Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants**

## District Meeting Calendar Forms Available Online!

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

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## 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.



## Legion Family Membership Criteria

**[Click Here](#) or see Page 14 for eligibility criteria for American Legion Family Membership.**

**For more information about membership, visit [www.mainelegion.org/pages/membership.php](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/membership.php)**

# How to Use MyLegion.org

## Help With Account Registration

### BEFORE YOU REGISTER PLEASE READ

Register using the email on your membership record. Registering with a different email will not include membership details or officer/committee activity.

**Do not register with a post, squadron, county, or district account. All MyLegion accounts are individual member accounts. Access to post and squadron membership management and online membership processing, reports and rosters are provided to members that hold an Adjutant or Commander position.**

**Do not share e-mails.** Only one email can be registered. The same email on multiple records will allow only one registration. Other accounts with the same email will not be allowed to register.

To update or verify the email on your membership record contact your department headquarters.

### Register a New Account

Go to [myLegion.org](https://mylegion.org) and select "Register"

Enter email in the [Register window](#) and click "Next". Register with the email address on your membership record. Registering with an email other than the one on your membership number will not include membership details or officer/committee activity.

Mobile No (Optional) – no functions at this time. Future enhancement.

Two-Factor Authentication –not recommended unless you wish to add extra security each time you log in. Setting two-factor authentication requires the password and a security code emailed with each log in.

Enter your Last Name, First Name and check consents and click "Next". [View](#)

Create your password in the [welcome window](#). - The email entered must be verified. The email is verified one of two ways.

Enter the OTP [sent to your email](#) and click "Finish Registration". This is sent after step 2.

Do not enter OTP and click "Finish Registration". [An email will be sent](#) with a link to confirm and returns to the login page.

Click My Account from your myLegion home page view your membership information. Officers registering for post and squadron access will find that information on the My Account window.

## Mylegion.org Membership Processing/Group Permission Instructions

### ASSIGN GROUP PERMISSION

Home > My Views>Assign Group Permissions

1. Log into MyLegion and go to My Account.
2. Select group from MyGroups menu to access Group Profile
3. Go to "View Members"
4. Search the member to assign permission and click on their name to open member profile.
5. From the member's profile, select "Assign Group Permissions" from left MY VIEWS panel.
6. Select "Edit" in Management Settings

Check permissions to grant and "Save" Online Group Manager. This is the minimum permission requirement. It provides access view members and a quick link to member email addresses. Selecting this option only results in view only access and records cannot be updated. It also provides access to online membership tools in View Members — Global Member Search –Group Attributes - Reports/Labels – and Officer Materials.

Edit Individual Profile. Check Edit Individual Profile to grant authority edit member information.

Edit Group Profile. Adds the My View menu while in Group Profile.

Register or order for a group. Allows member to process online membership. Add, transfer, and add new members.

Identify Group Manager. ADJUTANTSANDCOMMANDERS ONLY

To keep reading and learn more visit: <https://mylegion.org/personifyebusiness/Resources/Help/Help-Registration>

## 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](#)

## 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](https://www.legion.org/renew)





## MILITARY TRIVIA

A. "Fort Blunder" is the popular nickname for Fort Montgomery, an unfinished U.S. Fort near Rouses Point, NY, built after the War of 1812 to defend against British Canada, but construction halted when a surveying error revealed it was mistakenly built north of the border, on Canadian soil. The unfinished fort became a national embarrassment, with materials scavenged by locals, and the site became a historical curiosity symbolizing a major blunder, later replaced by a smaller Fort Montgomery built correctly further south after border negotiations.

### The Maine Legionnaire

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



### Submission Deadlines

**February 2026 Issue**  
Deadline: January 23, 2026

**May 2026 Issue**  
Deadline: April 17, 2026

## Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) No Cost LegionCare

Your valued status as a member of the Legion Family makes you eligible for LegionCare.



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

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



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

## Make a Donation to The American Legion Department of Maine

Help support Maine veterans with a donation to The American Legion Department of Maine.

To donate by cash or check, please mail your donation to: The American Legion Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727.



To donate by card, visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) and click the "Donate" button or scan the QR code, left, with your phone.

If you need assistance, please call our office at 207-873-3229 and we'll be happy to help you.



Shop Legion apparel, flags, accessories, and more at Flag & Emblem.

Wear Your Legion Pride



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.





## 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.

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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 Family USA 250 Challenge

The American Legion Family is honoring the nation's 250th birthday with a commitment to embracing physical activity, supporting mental health and serving its communities. The USA 250 Challenge encourages American Legion Family members, other veterans and all Americans to participate, and even raise additional money to support our disabled veterans and families in need through The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation.

American Legion National Commander James LaCoursiere launched the USA 250 Challenge on July 3, 2025. The year-long initiative offers three categories — fitness, mental wellness and community service — in order to engage more American Legion Family members and others to participate.

Participants may engage in one, two or all three activities as an individual or as part of a team like an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron and/or an American Legion Riders chapter.

For a \$30 registration fee, participants will receive their choice of a USA 250 Challenge tech shirt. The proceeds will go to the Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF).

Click here to [REGISTER](#)

Since its inception in 1925 as the American Legion Endowment Fund, the foundation has assisted millions of veterans, their families and children in need. In 2019, the American Legion Endowment Fund began doing business as the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation to more clearly state who benefits from tax-deductible donations to the separate non-profit 501c3 element of the nation's largest veterans organization.



# The USA 250 Challenge – What Can I do? \*

## AMERICANISM

### Promoting patriotism, civic education, and national pride

- Host a 250-minute patriotic concert
- Plant 250 flags around town
- Distribute 250 American flags to local homes
- Paint a community mural with 250 symbols
- Host 250 minutes of civic education
- Light 250 candles in a remembrance ceremony
- Display 250 historical photos
- Launch a 250-follower challenge on social media
- Have a 250-question trivia night
- Display 250 stars with names of fallen heroes
- Share 250 reasons to love America online
- Conduct a 250-minute POW/MIA vigil
- Post 250 American facts leading to July 4
- Host 250 flag-folding demonstrations
- Invite 250 youth for a flag retirement ceremony
- Decorate 250 gravestones for Memorial Day
- Visit 250 senior veterans
- Display 250 coins from history
- Play 250 seconds of taps each evening
- Host a 250-step honor march
- Display 250 state flags from history
- Present 250 flag etiquette cards
- Lead 250 youth in a unity pledge
- Conduct a 250-vote mock election
- Share 250 quotes from the Founders
- Post 250 patriotic memes
- Offer 250 military discounts

## VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

### Supporting veterans, caregivers, and their well-being

- Organize a 250-veteran parade
- Hold a 250-donor blood drive
- Collect 250 care packages for deployed troops
- Sponsor 250 free meals for veterans
- Collect 250 hygiene kits for homeless vets
- Offer 250-minute veteran oral history marathon
- Deliver 250 thank-you cards to veterans
- Create 250 buddy check calls
- Share 250 stories from NM veterans
- Deliver 250 thank-you gifts to first responders
- Gather 250 military patches for a display
- Showcase 250 photos of Legionnaires in action
- Host a 250-military unit reunion
- Offer 250 free rides to VA appointments
- Promote 250 veteran businesses
- Recognize 250 women veterans
- Display 250 dog tags to honor service
- Record 250-second veteran stories
- Fund 250 hours of therapy support
- Celebrate 250 birthdays of youth & vets

- Record 250 intergenerational interviews
- Gift 250 lap quilts
- Highlight 250 women in uniform

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Engaging youth and supporting families

- Host a 250-kid youth sports day
- Assemble 250 blessing bags for shelters
- Donate 250 books to a school or library
- Have 250 rocks painted by schoolkids
- Create a 250-penny drive for youth programs
- Host a patriotic coloring contest with 250 entries
- Run a 250-student essay contest
- Host a 250-youth scavenger hunt
- Print 250 coloring sheets
- Offer 250 youth flag pins
- Invite 250 youth to a flag retirement
- Run a 250-word essay contest
- Create 250 sidewalk chalk tributes
- Lead 250-second youth civics lessons
- Build 250 Lego flags
- Plant 250 sunflowers at schools
- Present 250 student flags
- Lead 250-step PE challenges
- Create 250 paper chains of patriotism
- Encourage 250 students to write to vets
- Host a 250-student Constitution Day
- Offer 250 student leadership awards
- Host a 250-point spelling bee
- Display 250 posters from students
- Build a 250-block community puzzle
- Launch a 250-mile classroom walkathon
- Share 250 student veteran tributes
- Craft 250 star pins
- Run a 250-youth citizenship workshop
- Invite 250 parents to Post open house
- Create 250 student art cards
- Sponsor 250 youth meals
- Host a 250-family carnival
- Sponsor 250 scouts
- Offer 250 music lessons or instruments
- Deliver 250 educational posters
- Organize a 250-item backpack drive
- Offer \$250 in school supplies per school
- Post 250 "Know Your Rights" cards
- Fund 250-mile trip for students
- Coordinate 250 volunteer youth hours
- Share 250 reasons to serve
- Host a 250-person youth talent show
- Donate 250 flags to classrooms
- Display 250 crayons for freedom wall
- Offer 250 student merit badges
- Build 250 classroom kits
- Invite 250 homeschoolers to Legion event

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

### **Readiness, response, and safety**

- Host 250 minutes of service challenge
- Organize 250 hours of community service
- Deliver 250 thank-you gifts to first responders
- Conduct 250 hours of VSO outreach
- Host 250-minute open house tours
- Display 250 military rank insignias
- Promote 250 veteran businesses
- Send 250 cards to deployed NM troops
- Offer 250 free rides to VA appointments

### **Post and District-level celebrations, fundraisers, and membership drives**

- Host a 250-person BBQ
- Perform 250 random acts of kindness
- Serve 250 hot dogs at a picnic
- Display 250 Legion memories on a wall
- Create a 250-member goal
- Print 250 custom 250th t-shirts
- Give away 250 souvenir cups
- Host a 250-slice pie bake-off
- Sell 250 raffle tickets
- Host 250 minutes of karaoke
- Create a 250-themed bingo night
- Decorate with 250 red, white & blue balloons
- Make a 250-bead necklace craft night
- Host a 250-follower photo contest
- Create a 250-brick fundraiser for a memorial
- Install a 250-light display
- Display 250 flags along your building
- Organize a 250-minute dance
- Make a 250-word patriotic poem board
- Host a 250-minute movie marathon
- Give away 250 bracelets
- Have a 250-point trivia game
- Prepare 250 cupcakes
- Post 250 names of members on a wall
- Launch a 250-follower campaign
- Decorate with 250 streamers
- Host a 250-guest open house
- Display 250 Legion patches
- Create a 250-names legacy wall
- Host 250-minute dominoes tournament
- Serve 250 servings of chili or stew
- Sell 250 commemorative coins
- Paint a mural with 250 brush strokes per student
- Host a 250-dollar silent auction
- Award 250 service pins
- Collect 250 old Post newsletters
- Share 250 veteran quotes
- Decorate your post with 250 stars
- Set a goal for 250 volunteer hours

## **Preserving heritage and promoting The American Legion legacy**

- Fundraise \$250
- Plan a 250-mile motorcycle tour
- Conduct 250-mile Freedom Ride
- Host a District 250 Night of Honor
- Send 250 letters to schools
- Print 250 commemorative calendars
- Compile 250 Legion essays in a booklet
- Print 250 memory books
- Host a 250-minute podcast
- Record 250 family military legacies
- Launch a 250-second history shorts
- Share 250-second videos from Posts
- Host a 250-light tribute event
- Create a Department of Maine 250 Honor Roll
- Sell 250 branded lapel pins
- Offer 250 legacy bricks
- Display 250 family service photos
- Make a 250-honor coin display
- Launch a "250 Strong" Legion campaign
- Partner for 250 business flags
- Hang 250 ribbons of remembrance
- Collect 250 letters from alumni
- Add 250 names to a memorial plaque
- Print 250 posters for statewide use
- Launch a 250 seconds of unity challenge
- Send 250 email tributes
- Issue 250th anniversary medals
- Design 250-badge scout patch
- Compile 250 Post newsletters
- Host a 250-mile American history tour
- Make a 250-Year Timeline Wall
- Conduct 250-minute strategic planning
- Distribute 250 "How to Join" kits
- Give out 250 "I Served" stickers
- Celebrate 250 Legion birthdays
- Hold a 250-minute livestream
- Send 250 thank-you texts to volunteers
- Create 250-minute legacy video
- Sponsor 250 wreaths for holidays
- Design 250 patches for riders
- Mail 250 invitations to alumni

\*Ideas compiled by Department of New Mexico and  
National American Legion

# VETERAN HEATING OIL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Working Together to Keep Veterans Warm.**

## How does it work?

- Veterans apply for support
- The Cole Foundation covers the cost of 100 gallons of heating oil, per veteran, per season.
- Daigle Oil Company delivers the heating oil

## Who is eligible?

Veterans who:

- Reside in Aroostook County
- Demonstrate financial need
- Provide proof of veteran status

## How to apply

Visit us online to learn more and complete the application.

- Visit [colemuseum.org/veteran-heating-assistance-program-arostook-county/](http://colemuseum.org/veteran-heating-assistance-program-arostook-county/)

**Scan Here!**



**\*If you need assistance completing the application, please call the Maine Veterans Project at (207) 262-6061 or the Cole Museum at (207) 990-3600 #2**

## Galen Cole Family Foundation

**NO COST TO VETERANS – JUST THE WARMTH AND ASSISTANCE THEY NEED.**

**Serving Aroostook County Veterans**  
Supported by the following partnership:







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UNION



# LOCAL S6 VETERAN'S COMMITTEE ICE FISHING DERBY

**COCHNEWAGON LAKE**  
**MONMOUTH, ME**

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2026**

**5:00AM - 3:00PM**

**Pre-register or register  
day of event.**

**To pre-register, call Local  
S6 Union Hall at:  
207-442-2063**



**ENTRY \$15**

**INCLUDES ENTRY INTO DOOR PRIZE DRAWING!**

## **DERBY PRIZE CATEGORIES:**

- Game Fish
- Non - Game Fish

## **PRIZES PER CATEGORY:**

**1st Place : \$100**

**2nd Place : \$50**

**3rd Place : \$25**

**All proceeds go to Boothbay  
Veterans Emergency  
Temporary Shelters (V.E.T.S.)**







## LOCAL S/6, INDUSTRIAL UNION of MARINE & SHIPBUILDING WORKERS OF AMERICA / I.A.M.A.W.

722 Washington Street, Bath, Maine 04530 207-443-5566 207-442-9750 (fax)



Hello, we are representatives from IAM Local S6 in Bath, Maine. We are a labor union that represents over 4200 Shipbuilders at General Dynamics Bath Iron Works. We are seeking donations to assist with the acquisition of giveaway prizes at our upcoming Local S6 Veteran's Committee Ice Fishing Derby at Cochnewagon Lake in Monmouth, ME on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

This event was coordinated to benefit Boothbay V.E.T.S. (Veterans Emergency Temporary Shelters) who manufactures temporary housing structures for homeless veterans in the state Maine. Their invaluable contribution to our community ensures the safety of the men and women who served our country who need our help the most.

We are grateful for any contribution you may be willing to provide, whether it be a prize to raffle off or a monetary donation. We will hold prize drawings throughout the event, with donor's names announced as each prize is drawn. We also have multiple tiers of sponsorships for monetary donations:

### **Big Catch Sponsor - \$1000 +**

Banner spot, promoted on social media, radio spot, two derby tickets, promotional booth space

### **Flag Sponsor - \$500**

Banner spot, promoted on social media, two derby tickets

### **Hook Sponsor - \$250**

Banner spot, promoted on social media

### **Bait Sponsor - \$100**

Promoted on social media

A donation to our event could bring considerable name recognition to you or your business with our growing membership. Strong communities are built through collaboration and generosity. Whether you are able to donate or not, we hope to work with you in the future to support the people of our great state. Thank you for your time and have a great day.

Please don't hesitate to reach out.

LS6secretary@gmail.com

207-751-5935



# LEGION FAMILY MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

## American Legion

You must have served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and have an honorable discharge or be currently serving honorably. This includes all U.S. military members who have served during a qualifying period, such as World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, or current campaigns. The LEGION Act of 2019 expanded eligibility to include anyone who served since December 7, 1941, not just during designated war eras.

Eligible military branches:

- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marine Corps
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Merchant Marine (eligible only from December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946)
- National Guard/Reserves (all basic training and occupational training schools were considered federal active-duty service)

Eligibility for membership is open to individuals who have served at least one day of federal active duty since December 7, 1941, and were honorably discharged or are still serving honorably.

## Sons of The American Legion

All male descendants adopted sons, and stepsons *of members of The American Legion*, and such male descendants of veterans *who died in service* during the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941, to date, who served honorably, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

## American Legion Auxiliary

Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the:

- (1) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion; and
- (2) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who served in either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;
- (3) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and
- (4) to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion. \*

\* A woman who is eligible for American Legion membership is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary regardless of whether or not she is a member of The American Legion. However, eligibility of her female relatives (sister, mother, direct descendants) and/or spouse depends upon her membership in The American Legion.





American Legion Post 24 to honor  
Vietnam Era Veterans at the

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vietnam Era Veterans Luncheon**  
**184 Congress St. Rumford**

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

Schedule of events 10:30am-2:00pm

Refreshments, haircuts, lunch and relaxing while visiting with  
other Vietnam Era Veterans who have served.

**Lunch approx. 12:30pm**

Please share with all Vietnam Era Veterans  
Free raffles and more!

Please contact Tricia Thurston at 207-357-3289 to RSVP.

You do not need to be a Legion member to attend.

This event is planned for all Vietnam Era Veterans  
and is at no charge to them.

Please plan to stay for group pictures.