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Welcome to the 130th 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

# Congratulations! 2025 Winter Conference Sweepstakes Winners

Winter Śweepstakes Raffle Drawn at The Annual Winter Conference in Brewer, ME on January 11, 2025

Robert L Dewitt, Millinocket Post 80	. \$1,500
Donald Lizotte, Brunswick Post 20	500
John Brungardt, Camden Post 30	300
James C Hutchinson, Mechanic Falls Post 150	200

# **Pacific Palisades Fires**

As fire rips through the Pacific Palisades neighborhood, and in its aftermath, Ronald Reagan – Palisades Post 283 stand with our community during these challenging times. Post 283 is prepared to provide support



is prepared to provide support, resources, and up-to-date information for those impacted by the devastating Palisades Fire.

The Department of Maine is committed to helping our sisters and brothers financially by collecting funds from concerned Maine Legion Family members and redirecting to Ronald Reagan – Palisades Post 283. We are in this together. Anything helps. Please consider raising funds for our friends in California.

**Click Here or See Page 10** 

for More Information and Donation Instructions



#### February 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Thomas College, 180 West River Rd. Waterville

\*\*All contestants should plan to arrive between 8 and 8:30 am\*\*

Snow Date: February 15, 2025

#### **Attention District Commanders & Adjutants:**

Please submit Oratorical Scholarship Application of the winner representing your District to Department HQ no later than Jan. 24, 2025.

Any questions contact Maureen Malley 207-557-3109 or Dept. HQ 207-873-3229.

For More Information Please Visit:

www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/oratorical.php

## 2025-2026 Officer Candidates

The following individuals have announced their candidacy and intent to seek election to the Department office indicated at the upcoming Annual Convention in June at Jeff's Catering and Event Center in Brewer:

#### **National Executive Committeeman (NEC)**

Lloyd Woods, Madawaska Post 147

#### **National Executive Committeeman Alternate (NECA)**

Kirk Thurston, Rumford Post 24 Alfred McKay, Damariscotta Post 42

#### **Department Commander**

Leroy McKenzie, Madawaska Post 147

#### **1st Vice Commander**

Joseph Michaud, Madawaska Post 147

#### 2nd Vice Commander

Ryan Coffin, Damariscotta Post 42

#### Sgt.-At-Arms

Danielle "Dani" Begert, Lewiston Post 22

#### **Americanism Officer**

Liam Nedredd, Etna-Carmel Post 107

#### Historian

Lou Marin, Rumford Post 24



## **Upcoming Holiday**

American Legion State Headquarters will be <u>closed</u> on <u>Monday, Jan. 20</u> in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!



# COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2024-25

Department Commander
Tricia Thurston asks that each
Post and Legionnaire support her goal!

## **Mission Working Dogs**

Their MISSION: To improve the lives of their community members who are living with a disability by providing them with properly trained service dogs to help them live more independently despite a physical disability and by providing therapy dogs which will bring mental well-being to the people of Maine such as those in nursing homes, hospitals, and schools.

**Their VISION:** At Mission Working Dogs, we train purpose-bred dogs to aid individuals with disabilities so that the handler can live a life to the fullest and more independently.

Their GOAL: Service dogs can assist those with physical disabilities such as mobility impairments by fetching dropped items, opening doors, and turning on and off lights. They can also help individuals with PTSD by learning to recognize an increase in anxiety, carrying medications, and providing deep pressure therapy to calm or redirect the handler. Dogs working as facility dogs are often trained to recognize a patient's affected side in the case of a stroke and to approach on the side the patient is able to pet with or throw the ball. Patients are able to work on fine motor movements in petting or caring for the dog as well as gross motor skills playing fetch with a dog that's able to bring the ball exactly to where the patient needs, such as on a side table or directly into their hand, rather than on the ground or trying to play tug with it inappropriately.

**Their PLAN:** Service dogs are generally trained for approximately two years and undergo a wide range of assessments on their physical health, temperament, and tasks or skills to make sure they can properly support their handler throughout life.

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: Commander's Project 2024-2025

If you would like to donate with a Debit or Credit Card, please call

207-873-3229 or visit: <u>www.mainelegion.</u> org and click on the DONATE button.



# Email Scam Alert! \*\*Attention Legion Members\*\*



Commander Thurston is <u>not</u> sending out emails requesting your time or for you to purchase gift cards! Please do not respond and do not use the email they are using. Past Commanders are still being scammed as well. Some people are using the emails that they've received from the scammers thinking they are actually sending out emails to these Commanders.

Please check the emails when you are sending out legitimate emails trying to reach past Commanders or when sending group emails that include past Commanders.

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

Deadline for Submission May 9, 2025

DONATE \$25
Receive NEW
Challenge Coin &
Name in
Yearbook

DONATE \$50
Receive NEW
Challenge Coin,
Lobster Lapel Pin
& Name in Yearbook

DONATE \$100 Receive NEW Challenge Coin, Lobster Lapel Pin, Name in Yearbook, & 2025 Convention Yearbook







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



Show your support to Veterans in the state of Maine! 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 2025 Maine American Legion Yearbook made available in print and online in digital format by visiting www.mainelegion.org.

Donate \$25 and receive our newest Maine American Legion Challenge Coin, \$50 and receive our new challenge coin and lobster lapel pin, or donate \$100 and receive our new challenge coin, lobster lapel pin, and a 2025 Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook. 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 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.

# Be The One Challenge Coin & Lobster Lapel Pin Order Form

Order forms are **now available** for your Post to utilize, giving members multiple ways to order! Simply print and provide the forms at your Post.

See Page 9 for Order Form





#### Commander's Project "Mission Working Dogs"

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David & Linda Tanguay (Post 148 Fundraiser)	\$1,000
Windham Unit 148 (Post 148 Fundraiser)	
Windham Post 148 (Post 148 Fundraiser)	\$500
Oxford District 5	
Various People @ Winter Conference	\$371
Amedeo & Susan Lauria	\$200
Yvonne Johnson (Post 148 Fundraiser)	\$100
John Facella (Post 148 Fundraiser)	\$100
John Wilson (Post 148 Fundraiser)	\$100
Tom Theriault (Post 148 Fundraiser)	\$100
Chuck Hennessey (Post 148 Fundraiser)	\$100
Various People (Hat Sales)	\$100
Scarborough Post 76 (Hat Sales)	\$75
Morris Wright (Post 148 Fundraiser)	\$50
Terrance Clark (Post 148 Fundraiser)	\$40
Other/Misc. (Post 148 Fundraiser)	\$90
Gary Blodgett	\$58
David Brackett (Post 148 Fundraiser)	\$20
Fredrick Anderson	\$20
2025 Annual Convention Yearbook	
Robert Sorg	\$50
Edward Perry	
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Greg A Couture	
Debra C Couture	
Leroy McKenzie	
Joseph Michaud	\$75
Julie Flynn	
Richard Flynn	\$75
Wiscasset Post 54	\$75
Jeff Sukeforth	\$50

# Thank you!

# District Meetings Be Connected · Be Heard · Be Informed

**JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025** 

District 3 - Androscoggin: Jan. 20, Mechanic Falls Post 150, 6:30PM

District 5 - Oxford: Jan. 21, South Paris Post 72, 7PM Oratorical Contest, Refreshments After

District 2 - Cumberland: Feb. 9, Portland Post 17, 2PM Lunch at 1PM. Nomination of Officers

District 3 - Androscoggin: Feb. 17, Lisbon Post 158, 6:30PM

District 5 - Oxford: Feb. 19, Buckfield Post 58, 7PM 2025 Nominating Committee

> District 9 - Kennebec: Feb. 12, Augusta Maine Veterans Home, 6PM

District 14 - Piscataguis: Feb. 15, Dover Post 29, 12PM lunch, 1PM Meeting

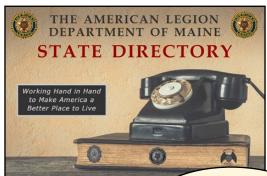
District 16 - So. Aroostook: Feb. 1, Houlton Post 47, 12PM, Four Chaplains + Nominations for District Officers

District 17 - N. Aroostook: Feb. 2, Van Buren Post 49, 12PM Meal, Meeting. at 1PM, Four Chaplains

# **Stay Connected with Your Fellow Legionnaires!**



#### **CLICK HERE TO SEE THE LATEST POST EVENTS**



**CLICK HERE FOR THE** STATE DIRECTORY

Call Dept. HQ at 873-3229 or email: legionme@mainelegion.org to get the password!

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE DIRECTORY!

The State Directory has been posted on the Department Website in the past however it is now password-protected. Please call Dept. HQ

at: 873-3229 or e-mail legionme@mainelegion.org to get the password, or if you have any questions or concerns.

#### 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!



Click Here to Listen to the Tango Alpha Lima Podcast: https://tangoalphalima.fireside.fm



Q. What was the most feared military unit during the Vietnam War?

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118



If your Post is below the per capita dues rate of \$41 then your Post is considered upside-down, and your members will not be able to pay their dues online.

# **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 AMERICAN LEGION 2025** MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SCHEDULE

#### **Cutoff Dates**

May 15, 2024 September 11, 2024 October 16, 2024 December 11, 2024 February 12, 2025 April 9, 2025

#### **Renewal Mail Dates**

July 1-8, 2024 October 5-11, 2024 November 9-15, 2024 January 4-10, 2025 March 1-7, 2025 May 3-9, 2025

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





# **Squadron Forms/ LEGION Applications**

**Print a SAL Membership Application Squadron Officers Form** Consolidated Squadron Report - fillable <u>Annual Squadron Data Report - fillable</u> Click Here for the Latest Membership Report

#### **District Awards**

American Legion Jacket: Awarded to District Commanders who reach 100% by Dec. 31, 2024.

American Legion Ball Cap: Awarded to District Commanders who reach 100% by March 12, 2025.

**NEW** 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 24, 2025).

NEW 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 24, 2025).

For more Information Click Here and find: 2024-25 Membership Goals & Awards Manual

# Membership MPACT 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

## **Donate to the National Commander's** Campaign (Dan K. Wiley)

Donations for the 2025-26 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. Thank you! See the Letter on Page 7 for More Information.



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.

#### **QUICKLY & EASILY** RENEW ONLINE TODAY

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



www.legion.org/renew

# Legion Baseball Registration Open for 2025 Season



Teams may begin online registration for the 2025 season.

Registration for the 2025 American Legion Baseball season is open at baseball.legion.org

Teams registered after May 15 may be subject to a department late fee through the final deadline of June 1. Please note that each American Legion department may set an earlier deadline for registration.

To learn more about your specific department's state fees and deadlines, **contact your department chairmen**.



#### 2025 Training Dates:

February 15 | April 19 | August 16 October 18 | December 20

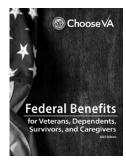
Where: Dept. of Maine Training Room 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901

For more details on the Be The One campaign visit: betheone.org

To reserve your spot or for questions, email: betheonedeptme@gmail.com

## 2025 VA Benefits Guide

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' "2025 VA Federal Benefits Guide for Veterans, Dependents, Survivors, and Caregivers" now is available for download. The guide contains a comprehensive listing of VA programs, including phone numbers and websites for easy reference.



Click Here to Download the Guide

or access the booklet on the VA's website: www.va.gov

#### BINGO Game For Sale at Milo Post 41

The BINGO game we have for sale is in working order. It needs to be cleaned. The large number board has had most of the bulbs recently replaced. We are starting at \$500 but will consider any reasonable offer. I have contact info for a supplier who can clean it and a member from Greenville may be available to help set it up if needed. Please contact Milo Post 41 (207) 943-9135 or email <a href="milolegionpost41@gmail.com">milolegionpost41@gmail.com</a> for more information.

**Click Here to See Photos** 



# The American Legion Legacy Scholarship

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized. The 2025-26 tuition is capped at \$28,937.09 which is the maximum amount the VA will pay out per academic year. <a href="https://www.va.gov/education/benefit-rates/post-9-11-gi-bill-rates/#how-much-of-the-full-benefit-rates/post-9-11-gi-bill-rates/#how-much-of-the-full-benefit-rates/post-9-11-gi-bill-rates/#how-much-of-the-full-benefit-rates/post-9-11-gi-bill-rates/#how-much-of-the-full-benefit-rates/post-9-11-gi-bill-rates/#how-much-of-the-full-benefit-rates/#how-much-of-the-full-

The application deadline is NO LATER THAN Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

View Scholarship Information
Scholarship Application

# **Scholarship Opportunity for 2025 Boys State, Girls State Participants**

The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is available for high school juniors who participate in the current session of either program and are a direct descendant (or legally adopted child) of a U.S. veteran.

**Deadline:** Scholarship applicants must complete and submit their online application prior to 11:59 p.m. (local time) of Day 1 of their respective American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program.

**Click Here to Learn More & Apply** 

## Flag at Half-Staff

The United States flags should be flown at half-staff effective immediately until sunset on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in honor of the life and legacy of President Jimmy Carter, who passed away on Dec. 29, 2024 in Plains, Georgia.

**Click Here** to view flag display FAQs.

## **American Legion Cribbage Boards**

Get your American Legion Cribbage Board in time for the holidays!

#### Purchase yours today at:

The American Legion Department of Maine Headquarters, 5 Verti Drive Winslow, ME 04901-0727

\$30/each - Pickup Only Proceeds Support Warren Post 218 Members





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# **Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT)**



Click Here to watch a short video about No Cost Legioncare

## **TECHNOLOGY 101**



a resource for those who wish to learn basic skills with the powerful technology of today's world. Increased proficiency with computers and cell phones et al is good both personally and professionally.

# How to Organize Your Files in 4 Simple, Foolproof Steps

If you learn how to organize your computer files, you can organize anything in your life. It's not difficult and doesn't take much time. The trick is figuring out a system that works for your brain. In other words, the system has to line up with the way that you think about your files. If you've never found such a system, it's worth trying the simple one that I outline below.

The Method: How to Organize Your Files

#### Step 1: Make Folders

The key to cleaning up your files is to put everything somewhere.

The easiest way is to organize by time, and specifically by year. So, make yourself a few folders called 2025, 2024, 2023, and so on. Those folders will hold files that you created, worked on, or finished during those years. Don't think about it too hard. And don't start putting files into those folders just yet because you need a few more.

I have one folder for every year going back to 2006. Then, I have one called 2005–OLDER, meaning it has files from 2005 and earlier. That last folder lets me shove files into it that are so old it's not worth my time to sort them any further. You might choose a different starting year, like 2020–OLDER, depending on the point in time when it no longer makes sense for you to organize such files.

You need at least one more folder: \_INBOX. The is where you put any working files that don't fit into a year folder. "Working files" are those you actively use. It doesn't make sense to archive them.

The underscore in \_INBOX makes it stay at the top of the list when you sort your folders alphabetically.

You might have one or two more folders depending on how you think about your files (a Music folder, for example), but the ones I describe above are really all you need.

#### Step 2: Sweep Your Files Into Folders

Without thinking too much about it, bulk-move your files into the appropriate folders.

If you're really swimming in a mess of files, open File Explorer in Windows or Finder in Mac and sort everything by date. Then, select all the ones with the same year and move them into the matching year folder. Simple as that.

Remember, everything is still searchable. All you're doing is sorting and organizing your files at the highest level so that if the search ever fails you, or you need to look through all your files from a certain time period, you can do that easily and quickly.

# Step 3 (Optional): Make Subfolders Starting in the Current Year Folder

This next step is optional. Make a few subfolders in the current year folder to further sort the files you have.

Start the name of each subfolder with the year in question, and then add a short description. An example is: 2024 Photos.

One subfolder I have is 2024 TAXES; this is where I put my

tax paperwork. It's the only subfolder I have that looks like it's out of place because it lives inside the 2025 main folder. This is because I work on my 2024 taxes in the year 2025. It took me a few years to iron out the logic on that one and stick to the plan, but it works for me.

You really don't have to make any subfolders, but it's helpful if you have hundreds or thousands of files and want to get a better handle on them.

#### Step 4: Back It Up

Save your folders anywhere you want, but do yourself a huge favor by backing them up.

I recommend choosing a cloud storage and syncing service and backing up all your files there. That way, you not only have copies of your files, but also access to them at any time.

Maintaining Your Folder Structures

When I said don't think too hard about setting up your folder or deciding where files go, I meant it. Likewise, I mean it when I say don't put a lot of work into maintaining your folders.

The idea is for this system to be so simple that it requires little to no brainwork. You should be able to throw a file into a folder without much thought. That's really all it takes. There's no big clean-up job once a year. Instead, think about maintaining your system the same way you maintain your hygiene. You brush your teeth twice a day without much thought, after all. It becomes routine.

#### What's the Point?

What's the point of it all? Why bother organizing your files into folders ever? You might be among those who simply feel better when there is some sense of order, and feeling good can help you be efficient with your time. When you aren't facing a jumble of files on your desktop, there's less distraction.

Another reason is for those days when you need to find something quickly, usually while you're under stress. It only creates more stress if you can't find what you need. But the stress goes away faster when you know exactly where to look.

Continue reading the full article here: <a href="https://www.pcmag.com/explainers/how-to-organize-your-files-in-4-simple-foolproof-steps">https://www.pcmag.com/explainers/how-to-organize-your-files-in-4-simple-foolproof-steps</a>

By Jill Duffy December 30, 2024

# **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.

Next Session: Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. ET

**Click Here to Watch Previously Recorded Sessions** 

## MILITARY TRIVIA

**A.** The 101st Airborne earned the reputation of being the most feared division. The Screaming Eagles earned the nickname the "Nomads of Vietnam."

Learn More: <a href="https://archivesfoundation.org/newsletter/the-screaming-eagles/">https://archivesfoundation.org/newsletter/the-screaming-eagles/</a>



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Website: mainelegion.org

December 5, 2024

#### To Our Fellow Legionnaires:

As you may be aware, each year we request donations to give to the leading candidate for the position of National Commander of The American Legion. The individuals do a lot of traveling and have expenses that they may need assistance in covering.

Each department donates to this cause, and we are not the only ones to do so. The many departments also supported our own Tony Jordan when he was campaigning for National Commander and it is only right that we, the Department of Maine, do so also.

This year, I am asking those who are listed in the National book and have received appointments or reappointments to any of the National Committees or Commissions to donate at least \$75.00 to help defray the cost of seeking that position. Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated. If you are capable of and inclined to do so you may donate a larger amount.

This year, the leading candidate is Dan Wiley of Kansas for the year 2025-2026. He is presently scheduled to attend our Department Convention in June 2025.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Please send them to the Department of Maine Headquarters at 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901, and earmark your check or money order to the "National Commander's Campaign"

Thank you and let us make this one a great one.

Lloyd Woods

Syd Velock

National Executive Committeeman

Anthony G. "Tony" Jordan Past National Commander

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# Life's Too Long Not to Belong

**LEGION** 

Research shows that being active and enjoying time with friends is good for your health.

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and click on the Challenge Coin & Lobster Lapel Pin order form image to pay by card.



# PAY BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

Fill out and return the order form below along with your check or money order. Please include \$5 for shipping and handling.

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# **ORDER FORM** (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER) BE THE ONE CHALLENGE COIN & LOBSTER LAPEL PIN

#### **Return This Form and Payment To:**

The American Legion Department of Maine 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

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# **Pacific Palisades Fires**

As fire rips through the Pacific Palisades neighborhood, and in its aftermath, RONALD REAGAN – PALISADES POST 283 stand with our community during these challenging times. Post 283 is prepared to provide support, resources, and up-to-date information for those impacted by the devastating Palisades Fire.

The Post building, including its properties occupied by the U.S. Post Office and CVS, currently appear to have thankfully sustained no significant damage in the fire. Post 283's doors, as well as CVS and the post office, will remain closed until further notice. Post 283 leadership is ascertaining when opening the building will be appropriate and are following the guidelines set by city officials and law enforcement.

Most of our members of Post 283, who lived in the Palisades, lost everything, including their homes.

Post 283 is committed to supporting the Pacific Palisades community in the aftermath of the devastating Palisades Fire. As one of the few remaining public buildings in the area, our facilities will serve as a hub for relief efforts, offering 24-hour access to utilities, meeting space, and communications for residents, first responders, and relief organizations. This vital work ensures immediate recovery support and long-term rebuilding for those affected.

The Department of Maine is committed to helping our sisters and brothers financially by collecting funds from concerned Maine Legion Family members and redirecting to Ronald Reagan – Palisades Post 283.

There are two ways your Post, Unit, Squadron or public can donate to Palisades:

1. Send a donation to:

The American Legion Department of Maine

Attn: PALISADES FIRES

5 Verti Drive

Winslow, ME 04901-0727

2. Visit: <a href="https://www.mainelegion.org/">https://www.mainelegion.org/</a>, tap on DONATE and contribute through PAYPAL, or a debit/credit card. Mark in the note section "Ronald Reagan – Palisades Post 283"

We are in this together. Anything helps. Please consider raising funds for our friends in California.

# Battle of the Bulge Remembrance 2025



Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 11:00 am Balsam Valley Amphitheater, Columbia Falls, Maine

## Event Hosted by:



\*Service performer by:



Narraguagus Post No. 8, American Legion PO Box 81 Cherryfield, ME 04622 <a href="http://www.cherryfieldlegion.org/">http://www.cherryfieldlegion.org/</a> Jon Gay Commander 598-7545