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Welcome to the 138th 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

106th Annual State Convention

June 6-7, 2025

Jeff's Catering & Event Center
15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, Maine 04412

[Electronic Form Submission & Payment Link](#)

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

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

Your name should only appear on one form.

Fee/person is \$10.

Entitlement to Delegates & Alternates will be available
30 days prior to State Convention

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

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

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. [Click Here](#) or visit www.mainelegion.org under Forms/Application to download an application. **If you haven't paid your Past Commanders Club dues yet, please do so today!**

[See Page 8 for PCC Form](#)

Maine American Legion Baseball



Teams may begin online registration for the 2025 season.

[Full Registration is Open for the 2025 American Legion Baseball Season](#)

For more information please visit:
baseballmaine.com

Register online at: legion.org/baseball

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.

Maine Senior State Championship:

July 26 - 30/31, Mansfield Stadium, Bangor

Maine Junior State Championship:

July 31 - Aug. 4/5, Mansfield Stadium, Bangor

Northeast Senior Regional Tournament:



Aug. 6-10, Manchester, NH

Northeast Junior Regional Championship:

Aug. 9 - 11*(Approx. dates) TBD, MA

SR World Series: Aug. 14 - 19, Shelby, NC

For more information, please contact:

 Scott Bishop, Chairman 
Phone: 207-745-0555

Email: chairman@mainelegionbaseball.org

Attention Legion Posts!



MAINE

Department of the Secretary of State
Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions

An annual report is required to be filed every year in order to maintain a good standing status. **The legal filing deadline is June 1st.**

Annual Reports for the following entities can be filed online at [Annual Reports Online](#).

- Business Corporations
- Nonprofit Corporations
- Limited Partnerships
- Limited Liability Companies
- Limited Liability Partnerships

If you prefer to file your annual report on paper you can create your own preprinted report by selecting this link: [Paper Annual Reports](#).



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: 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 9, 2025

DONATE \$25 Receive NEW Challenge Coin & Name in Yearbook	DONATE \$50 Receive NEW Challenge Coin, Lobster Lapel Pin & Name in Year- book	DONATE \$100 Receive NEW Challenge Coin, Lobster Lapel Pin, Name in Yearbook, & 2025 Convention Yearbook
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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.

Did You Know You Can Pay Your Labels Donation Online?

Donations for 2025 Labels can be made on our website 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.**

Thank you!



★ ★ DONATIONS ★ ★

The American Legion Department of Maine

Commander's Project "Mission Working Dogs"

Stockholm Post 136.....\$2,500
 Sherree L Paradis.....\$250

Maine Blind Camp

Winthrop Post 40.....\$100

Homeless Vets

ALR Chapter 19 - Sanford.....\$1,000

Sisters in Arms Center

ALR Chapter 19 - Sanford.....\$1,000

Dirigo State Program Donation

Portland Rotary Club (in the name of Liv Therrien).....\$100

Thank You!



Colby College

4000 Mayflower Drive, Waterville 04901

Sunday, June 15, 2025 - Friday, June 20, 2025

Registration: Sunday, June 15 at noon

Graduation: Friday, June 20 at 3:00 pm

Cost per student is \$400

[2025 Dirigo State Application Packet - Fillable](#)

[2025 Dirigo State Poster](#)

For more information, please contact: Dirigo State Director, Matthew Leclair 207-693-7389 | dirigostateme@gmail.com or Dept. Adjutant, Jason Hall 207-522-5471 | jason@mainelegion.org

District Meetings

Be Connected · Be Heard · Be Informed

MAY 2025

District 2 – Cumberland: May 18, Yarmouth Post 91, 2PM
 Lunch at 1PM, Post Everlasting, Swear in Officers

District 5 – Oxford: May 21, West Paris Post 151, 7PM,
 Supper at 6pm

District 9 – Kennebec: May 14, Clinton Post 186, 6PM

District 12 – Hancock: May 13, Ellsworth Post 63, Dinner
 at 6PM, Meeting at 7PM

District 14 – Piscataquis: May 17, Greenville Post 94
 12PM Lunch, 1PM Meeting

District 17 - N. Arrostook: May 11, Madawaska Post 147,
 12pm Meal, 1PM Meeting, Elections

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 mailed to Posts. Please return to Dept. HQ as soon as possible.

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](#)

Dues Reminder

Please pay your 2025 membership dues ASAP to ensure continuous years are reflected for new 2026 cards. [Click Here](#) or Scan the QR Code with your phone to renew online.



TANGO ALPHA LIMA PODCAST

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



Your Guide to Welcoming New Members

The American Legion's new member welcome toolkit features best practices and resources to actively connect with and engage new members.

[Click Here to View the Toolkit](#)

The toolkit also is available for download and print at legion.org/publications under Membership.



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.



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.

THE AMERICAN LEGION 2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SCHEDULE

Cutoff Dates
April 9, 2025

Renewal Mail Dates
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 be hand-keyed (new members and renewals that can't be scanned) will take longer to process. Please transmit as early and as often as possible in advance of the Target Dates to help avoid delays in processing.



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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](#)

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 **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 Form Available Online!

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



Warrant Templates All Post/District Officer Positions

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

It's fast and easy!

Q. Who was the youngest Union Army soldier to ever be promoted to an NCO rank & beyond?



~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

****Attention District Commanders and Post 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.



Honor Flight Maine will be hosting three charter flights in 2025:

Flight #1 from Bangor International Airport will be April 25-27th.

Flight #2 from Portland International Jetport will be June 27-29th.

Flight #3 from Portland International Jetport will be September 5-7th.

Flight #4 from Bangor International Airport will be October 10-12th.

All Maine Veterans interested in going on a trip should go to HonorFlightMaine.org to apply. The site also contains applications for those wishing to be Guardian for a Veteran and for Volunteers. Honor Flight Maine is an all volunteer organization.

**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](#)

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.](#)

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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Wellcare Delivers the Coverage You Need and More



Wellcare is honored and excited to be the exclusive Medicare Advantage partner to The American Legion. Wellcare Medicare Advantage plans work alongside your VA coverage to give you more of the things you

both want and deserve. More access. More benefits. More support. With clear answers to every question you may ask, and a willingness to help in any way we can. It's more of everything you need with no extra costs.

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.

For straight answers and help evaluating your coverage options, call 877-880-8196 (TTY: 711) 8 a.m.-8 p.m., 7 days a week, scan the QR code or [click here](#).



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.

Standard Operating Procedures From The Post Adjutant's Guide & MyLegion.org Instructions

Transmitting Per Capita Membership Dues Payments

The department headquarters has specific guidelines on how dues are to be transmitted. Although there is a perforation between the left and center sections of the card, do not separate these two sections. Both sections are sent intact to the department.

On a regular basis (at least weekly), send to the department all completed cards for which dues have been received, including renewals, new and transferred members. Send the payment along with the cards to the department. If cards for deceased, unknown or duplicate members are being sent (all three parts) to the department with member per capita payments, keep these cards separate from those including payment.

Write or stamp the date the dues were transmitted in the column headed "Date Transmitted" on the membership register. If returning cards for deceased, unknown or duplicate members, note the date returned on the membership records.

Posts in all departments are able to transmit per capita membership dues payments directly to National Headquarters online through MyLegion.org using electronic checks. Using this option will reduce the process from three to four weeks to a few days, essentially eliminating the possibility of members receiving dues renewal notices once the post submits the renewal.

Submitting a transmittal through the online process system takes nine calendar days to process. Once it is accepted, it has advantages to the member, the post, the department and National Headquarters.

1. The member is added to the National Target Date membership reports.
2. The member is immediately available for departments to add to their membership reports.
3. The members are immediately excluded from any renewal notices (direct mail and email).
4. It prevents members from renewing online (duplicate payments).
5. The average turnaround time for paper transmittals sent to the department (up to National Headquarters) is four or more weeks.
6. The post saves money by not having to pay shipping costs for a paper transmittal to the department.
7. The department does not have to process the post transmittal (open package, out sort and count documents, deposit checks, etc.)

Accessing Manuals, Brochures, and Speeches on MyLegion.org

Brochures

Home > My Views > Group Profile > Officer Manuals

1. From your My Account page, enter My Groups to access Group Profile
2. Go to "Brochures" from the left MY VIEWS menu
3. Click on the brochure title to open as a PDF. Save or print

Officer Manuals

Home > My Views > Group Profile > Officer Manuals

1. From your My Account page, enter My Groups to access Group Profile
2. Go to "Officer Manuals" from the left MY VIEWS menu
3. Click on the manual title to open as PDF. Save or print

Speeches

Home > My Views > Group Profile > Suggested Speeches

1. From your MyAccount page, enter My Groups to access Group Profile
2. Go to "Brochures" from the left MY VIEWS menu
Click on the speech title to open as a PDF. Save or print

Post Service Officer Training

Presented by Department Service Officer Carl Curtis



Join us for training, free of charge, to learn more about the benefits afforded to veterans and dependents and to learn how to serve as valuable resources to veterans in your community.

Training Dates:

- Tuesday, April 29
- Saturday, September 20
- Tuesday, October 28
- Saturday, November 15

[Click Here For More Info & View Training Flyer on Page 10](#)

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 Watch Previously Recorded Sessions](#)

BE THE ONE 2025 TRAINING

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

MILITARY TRIVIA

A. John Lincoln Clem, aka "Johnny Shiloh", was permitted to tag along (becoming a mascot) with the Michigan 22nd at age 9 in 1861, and allowed to enlist at age 11 as the Drummer Boy. Following the Battle of Chickamauga, in which his bravery was officially noted with his specially sized rifle, he was promoted to Sgt. He remained in the Army and retired at the age of 64 in 1915 at the rank of Brigadier General and after being on the official retirement list, was promoted to Major General. He was the last surviving continually serving veteran of the Civil War upon his retirement.



The American Legion

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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
National Executive Committeeman

Anthony G. "Tony" Jordan
Past National Commander



**DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

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

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

Post Adjutant

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Use back side if additional space is required.

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 Joint Testimonial



Saturday, May 10, 2025

5:00pm Social Hour | 6:00pm Dinner

Program to follow - Cash Bar Available

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APPETIZERS: Cheese & Cracker Platter, Vegetable Platter with Dip

BUFFET DINNER: BBQ Chicken, BBQ Pulled Pork, Homemade Potato Salad,
Homemade Coleslaw, Homemade Baked Beans and Cake

\$30.00 per person

Alden M. Gayton American Legion Post 31

426 Washington Street N | Auburn, ME



American Legion Department Commander -

Patricia "Tricia" Thurston

American Legion Auxiliary President - Stasi Brule

Sons of American Legion Commander - Steve Doyle

Deadline for reservations: April 25, 2025

Checks payable to American Legion Post 31 | Mail to: 426 Washington Street N, Auburn, ME 04210

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

GUEST NAME: _____

OF MEALS: _____



Post Service Officer Training

Presented by Department Service Officer- Carl Curtis

Department Service Officer Carl Curtis has announced four training dates for Post Service Officer training.

A Post Service Officer (PSO) is a very important volunteer position in your post. They are often the first Legionnaire your post members or dependents turn to for help with veteran benefit issues. The PSO's primary duty is to serve as a link between the veteran or dependent and an accredited Veteran Service Officers (VSO) in the Department of Maine.

Join us for training, free of charge, to learn more about the benefits afforded to veterans and dependents and to learn how to serve as valuable resources to veterans in your community.

Tuesday, 29 April

Saturday, 20 September

Tuesday, 28 October

Saturday, 15 November

All training will be at the training center at
Department Headquarters (5 Verti Drive, Winslow) with a 10 am start.

Email the Department Adjutant to reserve your seat: Jason@Mainelegion.org

SKOWHEGAN FAIRGROUNDS

Veterans and Community Connection Expo 33 Constitutional Ave., Skowhegan, Maine

- Access VA mental health resources.
- Concerns about your toxic exposure while in service?
- Find out what resources you are eligible for.
- Interested in using your VA education benefits?
- Learn about VA burial options.
- Need help finding a career?
- Need help submitting a VA disability claim?
- Ready to enroll in VA health care?
- Want to check the status of your disability claim?
- Want to connect with resources available in your community?

**REGISTER
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THE
QR CODE**



MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS, AND GIVE AWAYS!

May 31st - 10AM to 2PM

American Legion, American Red Cross, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Gold Stars for Veterans, Health Affiliates of Maine, Honor Flight of Maine, HOPE, Jeeps4Vets, Maine CDC, Maine Department of Labor, Maine Paws for Veterans, Maine Veterans' in Need, Maine Veterans' Home, Martin's Point Healthcare, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services, Military Womens' Memorial, Music of Military, PineTree Legal, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Quilts of Valor, Travis Mills Foundation, Vet Center, Veterans Readiness and Employment, Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wellness Mobile, Wreaths Across America, and many more!

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



Maine Bureau of
Veterans' Services