

# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER

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Welcome to the 164th 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)

## 2026 Annual Convention Yearbook Now Available!



The 2026 Annual Convention Yearbook is now available online. You may also purchase a copy for \$20 at the Annual State Convention on June 12-13. Supplies are limited!

[Check it out today!](#)

## Sweepstakes Reminder!

Sweepstakes tickets have been mailed out. Please return your entries before the drawing on June 13th. If you need assistance, feel free to call the Department Headquarters at 207-873-3229.

**New Offer! 24 Tickets for \$40**

Increase your chances of winning by donating \$40 or more, and we'll fill out an additional 12 tickets for you at Department HQ.



**PLEASE NOTE:** The next Leadership Ledger will be sent June 25 due to State Convention preparations.

## 107<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention

June 12-13, 2026

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

### [Electronic Form Submission & Payment Link](#)

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

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

Your name should only appear on one form.

**Fee/person is \$10**

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

### [Tentative Agenda](#)

### [Membership Appreciation Banquet Flyer](#)

(Banquet Flyer Also on Pg. 9)

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

### [30 Days Prior to State Convention - 2026](#)

### [Entitlement to Delegates and Alternates](#)

[More Information on State Convention](#)

## 107<sup>th</sup> National Convention

Louisville, Kentucky

August 28 – September 3, 2026

If you are thinking about going to National Convention, please let The American Legion, Department of Maine know by calling 207-873-3229 or email [jason@mainelegion.org](mailto:jason@mainelegion.org).

### [2026 National Convention Reservation/Registration/Banquet Form](#)

Find a printable Registration Form on [Pages 15-16](#)

For more information, please visit [www.legion.org/convention/resources](http://www.legion.org/convention/resources) or [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) under NEWS/EVENTS.

## Legion Baseball



[Full Registration is Open for the 2026 American Legion Baseball Season](#)

For more information please visit: [baseballmaine.com](http://baseballmaine.com)  
Register online at: [legion.org/baseball](http://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.

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

**2026 Senior Legion State Championship:** July 24-30, Mansfield Stadium, Bangor

**2026 Junior Legion State Championship:** July 30/Aug 1 - Aug. 4/5, Mansfield Stadium, Bangor

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

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

**World Series Tournament:** Aug. 13-18, Shelby, North Carolina

For more information, please contact:



Scott Bishop, Chairman  
Phone: 207-745-0555



Email: [chairman@mainelegionbaseball.org](mailto:chairman@mainelegionbaseball.org)

## PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please remember to submit your Past Commander's Club dues to cover the James V. Day Scholarship!

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 12 for PCC Form](#)

## District Meetings

*Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed*

**JUNE 2026**

**- NO SCHEDULED DISTRICT MEETINGS  
FOR JUNE AT THIS TIME -**



## 2026 Honor Flight Maine Dates:

*Flights are all charter flights on Allegiant:*

- **May 29-31** Bangor International Airport
- **Sept 18-20** Portland Jetport
- **Oct 16-18** Bangor International Airport



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
**DIRIGO STATE**

Colby College

4000 Mayflower Drive, Waterville, ME 04901

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

**Registration: Sunday, June 21 at Noon**

**Graduation: Friday, June 26 at 3:00 pm**

**Cost per student is \$400**

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

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

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

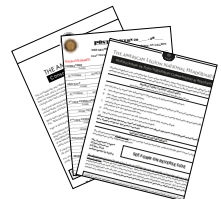
**Volunteers Needed!** If you're interested in volunteering for Dirigo State, please [Click Here](#).

## Attention Adjutants & Commanders:

Please fill out the Annual Post Data Report form accordingly and **mail it back to Dept. HQ as soon as possible, arriving no later than April 9th**, or scan & e-mail it to: [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org).



The Consolidated Post Report (CPR), Post Officers Form, Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders & Adjutants Form, and instructions relating to submission information and deadline requirements were also mailed. Please return these completed documents to Dept. HQ before the deadline indicated.



For more information, please call Department HQ at 207-873-3229. Thank you for your prompt reply!

[Click Here](#) to View the Status of Your Post/District Report and Form Submissions

# ★ ★ DONATIONS ★ ★

## The American Legion Department of Maine

### Commander's Project – Ember's Paws of Hope

Stockholm Post 136.....	\$300
Androscoggin District 3.....	\$200
Camden Post 30.....	\$200
Robert C Kramp.....	\$100
Larry & Mary Duquette.....	\$25

#### General Fund

David C King.....	\$100
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*Thank You!*

## Received Your 2026 Labels and Would Like to Make a Donation?

Label donations can be made online by [Clicking Here](#), scanning the QR code with your phone, or by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) and clicking on the "Donate" button. **Please be sure to notate "Labels" in the notes so we can identify your donation.**



To pay by check, mail to: The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

**Label Donations over \$50 receive special donor gift(s) as our thanks to you:**

**Donate \$50-99** and receive a 2026 Distinguished Donor Lapel Pin

**Donate \$100-149** and receive a 2026 Distinguished Donor Lapel Pin and Lobster Lapel Pin.

**Donate \$150 or more** and receive a 2026 Distinguished Donor Lapel Pin, a Lobster Lapel Pin, and the NEW American Legion 250th Anniversary Challenge Coin.

**Distinguished Donor Pins for 2022, 23, 24, & 25 are also available upon request at \$50 each or 3 for \$100.**

**Limited Supply Available!**

## For Sale Exclusively to American Legion Posts in Maine:

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

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



## MAINE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY OF STATE ANNUAL REPORT FILINGS

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](#).

## ANNUAL ELECTRONIC FILING REQUIREMENT FOR SMALL EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS - IRS FORM 990-N (E-POSTCARD)

**Who may file Form 990-N to satisfy their annual reporting requirement?**

In general, exempt organizations have an annual reporting requirement, although there are **exceptions**.

Most small tax-exempt organizations that have an annual reporting requirement can satisfy the requirements by submitting Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Form 990-N is submitted electronically, there are no paper forms.

### Submitting Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

[Submit Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\) here](#)

To access the Form 990-N Electronic Filing system:

Sign in/create an account with [Login.gov](#) or [ID.me](#): The IRS requires a [Login.gov](#) or an [ID.me](#) account to submit Form 990-N. Form 990-N filers should use the same email address associated with their IRS account.

Review the [IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System \(e-Postcard\) User Guide PDF](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to submit electronic Form 990-N (e-Postcard). Most common problems can be avoided by following the User Guide.

[Click Here to View IRS Form 990-N FAQs - How to File](#)

## LEGION POSTS: FILE IRS FORM 990

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

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

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

**Download the IRS Form 990 at:**

[www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f990.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f990.pdf)

**Or the IRS Form 990EZ at:**

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



**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.**



## COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2025-26

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

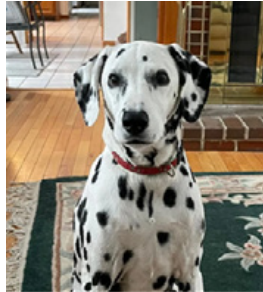
### EMBER'S PAWS OF HOPE



#### EMBER'S PAWS OF HOPE:

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

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



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

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

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

Donations can be made to The American Legion Dept. of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727. Please place in the memo line of the check: *Ember's Paws of Hope or Commander's Project 2025-2026*

If you would like to donate with a Debit or Credit Card, please call 207-873-3229 or visit: [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) and click on the DONATE button.

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

Get Your Limited Edition Coin Today, While Supplies Last!

Coins can be purchased online by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org), by scanning the QR code with your phone, or by check/money order in the amount of \$20/coin + \$7 shipping & handling. Make check



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

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

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

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



**NEW! 250th  
Anniversary Coin**  
(front & back)

## 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.



**Q: When was the Secret Service Act signed into law & why, plus what**

**MILITARY TRIVIA**

**other momentous event occurred only hours after the signing?**

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

## Posts Who Have Achieved 103% Membership or More:

Apply for the National Commander's 103% Membership Goal 2026 Membership Excellence Incentive Pin!

[Click here to download the application.](#)

**Deadline for Submission:** June 30 (or until supplies are exhausted)

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

District 1: Biddeford Post 26, Kezar Falls Post 123,

Kennebunkport Post 159

District 2: Peaks Island Post 142

District 3: Auburn Post 31

District 4: Kingfield Post 61, Phillips Post 64

District 5: Dixfield Post 100

District 7: Damariscotta Post 42

District 8: Bath Post 21

District 9: Oakland Post 51, Clinton Post 186

& Augusta Post 205

District 10: Pittsfield Post 32, Athens Post 192

District 12: Blue Hill Post 85

District 13: E. Millinocket Post 13, Old Town Post 75, Brewer

Post 98, E. Corinth Post 115, Newport Post 105, Etna-Carmel

Post 107 & Hampden Post 213

District 14: Brownville Junction Post 92, Dexter Post 53 &

Guilford Post 119

District 17: Fort Kent Post 133, Stockholm Post 136

*\*As of 6/4/26*

## Goal to Grow Achievement Award

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



The Goal to Grow Achievement Award is granted to all Posts that reach their 100% Membership Goal at least 30 days prior to the National Convention. For the 2026 membership year, this deadline is **July 29, 2026**. This award will be presented at the upcoming annual state convention. Ensure your Post stands out!

## District Awards

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Warrant Templates All Post/District Officer Positions

Available online at: [mainelegion.org](http://mainelegion.org)  
or go to: [www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php)

It's fast *and* easy!



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

## AMERICAN LEGION BASIC TRAINING

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

Already taken the old course? The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

#### Course Structure

The Course is arranged into 5 major topic areas and 1 concluding section. Each section will present information about the topic via text, images and video.

#### Evaluation

At the end of each topic area there is a quiz that will help gauge your understanding of the material.

When you've completed each section quiz, you'll be able to take the final exam. The exam will take roughly ~30 minutes to complete.

### TOPICS

#### History & Organization

Learn why and how The American Legion came into existence after World War I.

#### Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

The foremost pillar of American Legion service, learn the ways in which the organization is dedicated to compassionate care, timely delivery of benefits, career development and other areas of advocacy for those who have served in uniform.

#### National Security

Outlined here is The American Legion's position on a strong, well-equipped and effectively deployed U.S. military, including a decent quality of life for those now in uniform and retirees of the Armed Forces.

#### Americanism

This pillar of American Legion service is filled with respect for the nation that those in the military swore with their lives to defend, from proper treatment of the U.S. flag to voter education to youth programs that make life-changing differences.

#### Children & Youth

The American Legion's long-held position that "every child deserves a square deal" is explained here, to include such programs and efforts as the Child Welfare Foundation, the Family Support Network, Temporary Financial Assistance and other initiatives that aim to help children and youth follow their dreams, no matter their circumstances.

#### Course Conclusion

See how all the pieces of American Legion service and advocacy fit together to best serve our nation and learn where other committees and commissions play vital roles.

#### Final Exam

Take an online test to see how well you understand the nation's largest veterans service organization.

**Register Here:** <https://register.legion.org/alei>

## MyLegion.org Step-by-Step Instructions for:

[Account Registration, Membership Processing, Group Permissions & More](#)

.....  
[MyLegion Video Training Series](#)

### Training Tuesdays

The last Tuesday of each month American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Each session will be recorded and made available for later viewing.

[Click Here to Register and](#)

[Watch Previously Recorded Sessions](#)

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

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

If you are interested in learning how to use the site, please call The American Legion, Department of Maine Headquarters at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 or email [rachael@mainelegion.org](mailto:rachael@mainelegion.org) to set up an appointment. Training lessons last between 1-2 hours.

### New Resource: Women Veterans Luncheon Checklist Guidelines

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

### House Passes Half-Dozen Veteran-Friendly Bills

Legislation would increase benefits for some disabled veterans, streamline the ability to make healthcare appointments, expand Fisher House eligibility and more.

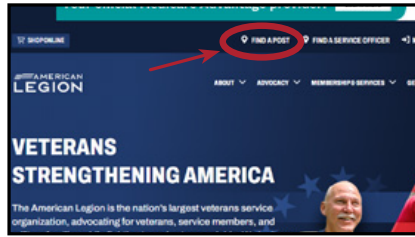
The House passed six veteran-friendly bills, including five that The American Legion supported via testimony, during the week of May 18. A summary of the bills endorsed by the Legion and previous statements:

**Read More Here:** <https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/legislative/2026/may/house-passes-half-dozen-veteran-friendly-bills>

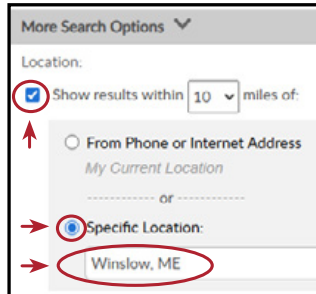
## How To Locate a Legion Post's Contact Information

Post addresses can be found by visiting [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and clicking on FIND A POST.

1. Visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)
2. Select FIND A POST located at the top of the website to the left of the JOIN, RENEW, and DONATE buttons.

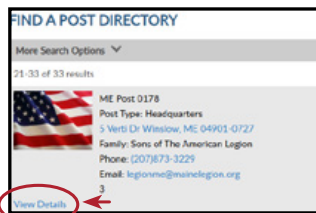


3. Check off Show results under More Search Options
4. Click on Specific Location and type the city, state, or zip code.
5. Scroll down and hit GO
6. Select View Details to obtain information about the Post, including contact information, post meeting information, dues amount, etc.



Direct Link: <https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Find-a-Post>

FIND A POST can also be obtained by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) and selecting the POST LOCATOR button.



## The Maine Legionnaire

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

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



## MILITARY TRIVIA

**A:** The agency was created as a bureau in the Treasury Department to suppress rampant counterfeiting, not for presidential protection. President Abraham Lincoln signed the legislation creating the United States Secret Service on April 14, 1865, just hours before he was assassinated at Ford's Theatre. The Secret Service did not assume full-time responsibility for protecting the president until 1902, following the assassination of President William McKinley.



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.



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

## Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) No Cost LegionCare



### Important Notice: Maintain Your Membership or Lose Coverage!

If you previously enrolled in the \$5,000 Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) No-Cost-To-You Accident Insurance Protection and missed paying your membership dues at any time, you will need to re-enroll! It is essential to maintain your membership to continue receiving the \$5,000 No-Cost-To-You insurance. Don't risk losing your coverage!

**Great news! Members can now take advantage of a \$3,000 No-Cost Accident Insurance Protection offer. This offer is available by mail only and must be renewed annually.**

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



Did you know Wellcare Medicare Advantage plans provide more coverage for the health needs that matter most to veterans? Visit [www.thelit.com](http://www.thelit.com) to learn more.

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

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.





## WOMEN VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mission: To ensure women veterans are providing the Department of Maine with their concerns, recommendations, and are being properly considered as equal veterans. To mentor women veterans seeking camaraderie and resources.



Calling all Posts, Auxiliary Units and Sons Squadrons, we need your help. Please scan the QR Code to contact the WVAC Committee on Facebook or send an email to [wvacmaine@gmail.com](mailto:wvacmaine@gmail.com) for information and guidance on planning a gathering for women veterans.



**Women Veteran's Advisory Committee  
Dept. Of Maine American Legion  
Facebook Group Link:**



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/8292938890734210>



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

★ DEPARTMENT OF MAINE ★

## MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION BANQUET

★ *Friday, June 12, 2026* ★

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION WEEKEND



**Jeffs Catering and Events Center**  
*Brewer, Maine*



**COST**

**\$30**  
per person

*Open to the  
entire Legion Family.*

★ *“Make New Friends but Keep the Old,  
One is Silver and the Other Gold.”* ★

Join us as we celebrate our members  
and the entire Legion Family—  
and bring back this long-missed tradition!

### ★ EVENT DETAILS ★



**5:30 PM** Happy Hour  
*(Cash Bar)*



**6:30 PM** Buffet Dinner  
& Program

A short, uplifting program will follow dinner,  
featuring:

- ★ Appreciation awards
- ★ Recognition of our *unsung heroes*
- ★ Celebration of behind-the-scenes volunteers



### ATTIRE

*Business Casual  
or Dress Up—  
your choice!*



**REGISTER BY  
JUNE 3**

*(Must be received at  
Department Headquarters)*



MAIL TO:  
American Legion Auxiliary - Dept. of Maine  
5 Verti Drive, Suite B  
Winslow, ME 04901



ALSO EMAIL YOUR REGISTRATION TO:  
[mainealahq@gmail.com](mailto:mainealahq@gmail.com)



**HOSTED BY**  
Department Vice President  
*Stella Trahan*

★ *Don't Miss It!* ★

Reconnect. Celebrate. Honor those who make it all happen.

**WE'RE BRINGING THIS SPECIAL NIGHT BACK—AND YOU'RE INVITED.**

# 14th Annual Maine Military and Community Network Conference

## Beyond the Uniform: Rediscovering Identity, Purpose, and Belonging

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Augusta Civic Center

**Keynote:** The Struggle Well Program: Turning Struggle into Strength – Richard Golden

### Conference Topics:

- Military Culture 101
- Suicide Postvention as Prevention
- Resources in Arts and Health for Veterans, Military and Family
- Combating Social Isolation

Throughout the day, participants will have ample opportunities for networking, gathering valuable information, and sharing fellowship with fellow veterans and community members.

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To Register!



Register now to build a stronger support network for our veterans and service members. We look forward to seeing you there!

General Attendee \$60

Military Personnel or Veteran \$30

Sponsorship and tabling opportunities available. Contact us to learn more about sponsorship levels and exhibitor registration.



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# VETERANS & COMMUNITY CONNECTION EXPO

Saturday, June 6, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

586 Wiscasset Road  
Boothbay, ME



## WELCOME TO ALL VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, & THEIR FAMILIES

- Connect with federal, state, and community partners regarding available benefits & resources.
- Music, food, giveaways, and entertainment for the whole family!
- Over 30 organizations!



Event co-hosted by:



Maine Bureau of  
Veterans' Services

VA



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs



**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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**SUBMIT TO:**

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

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

# THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



## JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

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

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

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

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

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

FMI-email [Jason@mainelegion.org](mailto:Jason@mainelegion.org)





The Camden Yacht Club would like to honor our Veterans by hosting a day sail on Penobscot Bay.

**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2026

**Time:** Meet at 10:30

**Location:** Camden Yacht Club

(68 Bay View St, Camden)

If you are interested, please email [camdenyachtclub@outlook.com](mailto:camdenyachtclub@outlook.com),  
by July 1<sup>st</sup>.



**2026**  
**107<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**Louisville, KY**  
**August 28 – September 3, 2026**

**HOUSING:** The Department of Maine's hotel will be the **The Brown Hotel**, 335 West Broadway St., Louisville, KY 40202.

**RATE SCHEDULE:** King Rate (one bed) - \$140.00 or Two-Bedded Rate – 140.00; Tax Rate – 17.66% per room/night (subject to change); Additional Occupant in Room per Day – \$20.00/person; Rollaway Rate per Day – \$25.00; Parking Rate per Day – Self-Parking – \$32.00 or Valet-Parking \$39.00

*107<sup>th</sup> National Convention Location:* Louisville, KY  
Find it on the map by visiting <https://www.legion.org/convention/resources>

**FLIGHTS:** Everyone is responsible for their flight reservations.

**REGISTRATION:** See Jason

**DEPARTMENT CAUCUS INFORMATION:** Sunday, Aug. 30, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Location TBD.

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** For Convention resources and information, please visit [www.legion.org/convention/resources](http://www.legion.org/convention/resources)

Download the National Convention Mobile App with the most up-to-date schedule, floor agenda, and more: [www.legion.org/mobileapps](http://www.legion.org/mobileapps)

**2026 National Convention Reservation/Registration/Banquet Form**

Louisville, KY – August 28 – September 3, 2026

The Brown Hotel

335 West Broadway St., Louisville, KY 40202

**The American Legion, Department of Maine**

5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

I will arrive on \_\_\_\_\_ and depart on \_\_\_\_\_

I will require a room for \_\_\_\_\_ people – 1 King \_\_\_\_\_ or 2 Bed \_\_\_\_\_ \$140.00 plus tax rate of 17.66% + (subject to change); Additional Occupant in Room per Day – \$20.00/person; Rollaway Rate per Day – \$25.00; Parking Rate per Day – Self-Parking – \$32.00 or Valet-Parking \$39.00

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card Number for one night's room deposit \_\_\_\_\_

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**Enclosed please find the following registration fee(s) payable to The American Legion:**

American Legion Delegates, Alternates, or guests (\$35 each): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to the National Commander's Dinner at \$75 each, Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, made **payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine.**

**ALL INFORMATION & PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY JULY 17 DEADLINE**

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