

# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER

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Welcome to the 149th 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)

## District Meetings

*Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed*

**NOVEMBER 2025**

**District 3 – Androscoggin: Nov. 17,** Turner Post 111,  
6:30 p.m.

**District 5 – Oxford: Nov. 19,** Bethel Post 81, 6:00 p.m.,  
Refreshments After

**District 6 – Knox: Nov. 16,** Camden Post 30, 1:00 p.m.,  
Guest Speaker

**District 13– Penobscot: Nov. 9,** Corinna Post 73,  
2:00 p.m., Lunch at 1:00 p.m.

**District 14– Piscataquis: Nov. 15,** Monson Post 116,  
12:00 p.m.

**District 17 – Aroostook: Nov. 9,** Fort Kent Post 133,  
Meal at 12:00 p.m. & Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

## Auto-Renew Notice:

If you auto-renewed your 2026 membership after January 1, 2025, please note that your 2026 membership will auto-renew in December 2025 or January 2026.

For more information, please call Department HQ at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2. Thank you.

## National Commander's Official Visit to The Department of Maine Oct. 30 - Nov. 4, 2025

### Friday, October 31:

- American Legion Post 93-Bucksport, 9 am
- Frank D. Hazeltine Post 43-Belfast, 11 am

### Saturday, November 1:

- Bangor 9 am Coles Transportation Museum
- Dow-Lougee Post 115-Corinth, 11:30 am light lunch \*
- Tedd-Lait Post 75 - Old Town, 5 pm Evening meal \*

### Sunday, November 2:

- West Penobscot Post 107-Carmel, 9:30 am
- Barrows-Skidgell Post 105-Newport, 12 noon Lunch \*
- Poulliot-Seavey Post 53- Dexter, 2:30 pm
- Corinna Post 73- Corinna, 5 pm Evening meal \*

### Monday, November 3:

- Chadbourne-Merrill Post 29-Dover Foxcroft, 12:35 pm light lunch \*
- Joseph P. Chiasson Post 41- Milo, 2:15 pm

[Download the Itinerary](#)

\*If you plan on attending a lunch or meal, contact Department Adjutant Hall no later than 10/24 at: [jason@mainelegion.org](mailto:jason@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 and 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.](#)





## COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2025-26

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

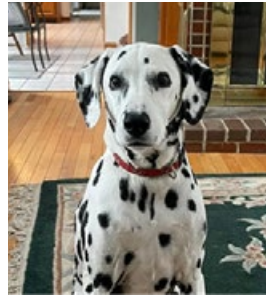
### EMBER'S PAWS OF HOPE



**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<br>Challenge Coin &<br>Name in<br>Yearbook | Receive<br>Challenge Coin,<br>Lobster Lapel Pin<br>& Name in<br>Yearbook | Receive<br>Challenge Coin, Lobster<br>Lapel Pin, Name in<br>Yearbook, & 2026<br>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. What was the average age of the US Servicemen in Vietnam & what was the average age of a KIA soldier?**

# ★ DONATIONS ★

## The American Legion Department of Maine

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

Name.....\$0

VA&R

James Nelson.....\$50

*Thank You!*

## Maine American Legion College

**CANCELED**

~~Oct. 24, 9:00 a.m. Oct. 26, 3:00 p.m.~~

**Next Training: April 2026**



## Veterans Day: Nov. 11

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, is the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918, and today a holiday to honor all veterans.

American Legion posts, districts and departments observe Veterans Day by participating in or hosting parades, luncheons, ceremonies and more.

[Veterans Day FAQs](#)

## Received Your 2025 Labels But Haven't Donated Yet?

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 2025 Distinguished Donor Lapel Pin

**Donate \$100-149** and receive a 2025 Distinguished Donor Lapel Pin, AND the Challenge Coin

**Donate \$150 or more** and receive a 2025 Distinguished Donor Lapel Pin, a Challenge Coin, AND a Lobster Lapel Pin!

**Distinguished Donor Pins for 2022, 23, & 24 are Also Available Upon Request at \$50 Each or 3 for \$100.**

**Limited Supply Available!**

## Marine Corps Birthday: Nov. 10

Nov. 10 is the birthday of the Marine Corps, first formed as the Continental Marines in 1775 during the Revolutionary War. Homecoming 250 Marine Corps Events planned Nov. 7-11 in and around Philadelphia and Camden, N.J.

[Click Here to Learn More & Attend or Visit \[www.homecoming250.org\]\(http://www.homecoming250.org\)](#)

## Buddy Check Week: Nov. 10

Resolution No. 18 calls for American Legion Buddy Checks to be conducted Legion-wide on the weeks of The American Legion's birthday, March 15, and Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

[Click Here for Resources & More Info](#)



**Celebrate the nation's semi-quincentennial by taking part in The American Legion's USA 250 Challenge**

[Click Here to Register](#)

**ABOUT THE 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.

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 or See Pgs. 11-13 to View the Flyer for Ideas on How to Participate](#)



**NEW USA 250 Challenge tech shirts for registered participants. Participants who register for The American Legion's USA 250 Challenge will receive a new tech shirt!**

## 2026 Membership Renewal Schedule

| Cutoff Dates       | Renewal Mail Dates  |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| May 14, 2025       | July 1-8, 2025      |
| September 10, 2025 | October 4-10, 2025  |
| October 15, 2025   | November 8-14, 2025 |
| December 10, 2025  | January 3-9, 2026   |
| February 11, 2026  | March 1-8, 2026     |
| April 8, 2026      | May 2-8, 2026       |

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.

## 2025-2026 National Membership Target Dates

|                        |                                      |      |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|
| Early Bird/NEF Kickoff | September 10, 2025                   | 50%  |
| Fall Meetings          | October 15, 2025                     | 55%  |
| Veterans Day           | November 13, 2025                    | 65%  |
| Pearl Harbor Day       | December 10, 2025                    | 75%  |
| Mid-Winter             | January 14, 2026                     | 80%  |
| President's Day        | February 11, 2026                    | 85%  |
| Legion Birthday        | March 11, 2026                       | 90%  |
| Children & Youth       | April 8, 2026                        | 95%  |
| Armed Forces Day       | May 13, 2026                         | 100% |
| Delegate Strength      | 30 Days Prior to National Convention |      |

Target dates fall on the second Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday on that day or at the beginning of that week. The October Target Date is moved a week to allow departments to participate in Fall Meetings without affecting membership processing for that week. Since Veterans Day falls on a Monday, the November target date will be on a Thursday.



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**Squadron Forms/  
Applications**

**Read the SAL Newsletter - October 2025**

[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 December 31, 2025**.

**American Legion Ball Cap:** Awarded to District Commanders who reach **100% by March 11, 2026**.

**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**

## 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** ★

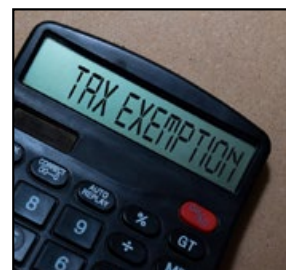
**District Meeting  
Calendar Forms  
Available Online!**

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



## 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.



## **\*\*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](mailto:rachael@mainelegion.org)  
to set up an appointment.  
Training lessons last between 1-2 hours.

## **The Maine Legionnaire** [Click Here](#) to read the latest issue



### **Submission Deadlines**

**November 2025 Issue**  
Deadline: October 17, 2025

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

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

## **Honor Flight Maine**

All Maine Veterans interested  
in going on a trip should go  
to [HonorFlightMaine.org](http://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.



## **MILITARY TRIVIA**

**A.** The average age of a U.S. serviceman in the Vietnam War was around 21–22 years old, with the average age of a killed-in-action (KIA) soldier being 23. While the belief that the average was 19 persists, likely due to the large number of young draftees and casualties under 21, the actual average was higher.



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through a crisis  
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you or a Veteran loved one needs support.



## **PAST COMMANDERS CLUB**



### **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!*

[See Page 9 for PCC Form](#)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

National Wreaths  
Across America Day  
**December 13**



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the camera on your phone or visit:  
[www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)



## Non-profit Q&A: 501(c)(3) vs 501(c)(19)

### What is the difference between a 501(c)(3) and a 501(c)(19)?

The difference between 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) organizations lies in their purpose, membership requirements, and permitted activities. 501(c)(3) organizations are exclusively for religious, charitable, or educational purposes, while 501(c)(19) is a specialized category for veterans' organizations.

### Comparison of 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19):

| Feature             | 501(c)(3)<br>(Charitable Organizations)                                                                                                                    | 501(c)(19)<br>(Veterans' Organizations)                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Primary purpose     | Organizations operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purposes.                                               | Posts or organizations of past or present members of the United States Armed Forces.                                                                                      |
| Membership          | Open to the general public, with no specific military service requirements.                                                                                | At least 75% of members must be past or present members of the U.S. armed forces. In addition, 97.5% of total members must be either veterans, cadets, or their families. |
| Political activity  | Strictly limited: May engage in an insignificant amount of lobbying but are prohibited from any political campaign activity, such as endorsing candidates. | Permitted: Can engage in lobbying and limited political activities, which are generally forbidden for 501(c)(3)s.                                                         |
| Member benefits     | Prohibited from using net earnings to benefit any private individual or shareholder.                                                                       | Allowed to provide life, sick, accident, or health insurance benefits to members and their dependents.                                                                    |
| Social activities   | Must be insignificant to the organization's overall purpose to avoid unrelated business income tax.                                                        | Permitted to offer social and recreational activities for members, such as a bar, restaurant, or legal gambling.                                                          |
| Donor deductibility | Contributions are generally tax-deductible to the donor.                                                                                                   | Contributions are tax-deductible to the donor, provided the organization meets specific IRS rules, such as having 90% war veteran membership.                             |
| Geographic scope    | May conduct activities and be organized in foreign countries under certain circumstances.                                                                  | Must be organized in the U.S. or its possessions.                                                                                                                         |

## 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:** Oct. 28, 2025 at 7 p.m. Eastern  
Post Officer Roles and Responsibilities

[Click Here to Register and Watch Previously Recorded Sessions](#)

# BE THE ONE

### NEXT TRAINING DATE:

**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](http://betheone.org)

**To reserve your spot or for questions, email:**

[betheonedeptme@gmail.com](mailto:betheonedeptme@gmail.com)

## 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.**

### Upcoming Training Dates:

- Tuesday, October 28 **CANCELED**
- Saturday, November 15

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

  
TANGO ALPHA LIMA PODCAST

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

## Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) No Cost LegionCare

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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](#).



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## Connecting homeless & at-risk veterans to:

Housing resources, benefits, healthcare services, employment & training opportunities, personal care items, winter clothing, haircuts, food, & other community resources!

**OCT. 8**

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**TRI COUNTY CAREER CENTER  
45 OAK STREET, BANGOR**

**OCT. 15**

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK  
2-20 MAIN STREET, LEWISTON**

**OCT. 29**

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**HANNAFORD  
295 FOREST AVENUE, PORTLAND**

**NOV. 5**

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**MILL PARK  
2-32 ME-104, AUGUSTA**

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## 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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#### SUBMIT TO:

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



# 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~~ **CANCELED**

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](mailto:Jason@Mainelegion.org)



## 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



# **Waterville Veterans Day Parade & Ceremony**

**November 11, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.**

All veterans and community members are invited to participate.

Lineup begins at 10:00 a.m. at ***The Head of Falls***, Waterville, ME.

**Parade Route:** *Front St to Appleton St to Main St to Castonguay Square*

Free lunch at Winslow VFW for Veterans & Guest

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HANUKKAH!



### Suggested Items

- Shampoo
- Combs
- Body Wash
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Puzzle Books
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Note Pads
- Pens/Pencils
- Socks
- Playing Cards



## 5th Annual Christmas Stockings & Hanukkah Dreidels for Veterans

American Legion Post #126 Vassalboro needs your help to fill 250 Christmas Stockings and Hanukkah Dreidels for Veterans at Togus.

You can thank a veteran by donating personal care products to go in the Christmas Stockings.

Items can be dropped off at 860 Main St. Vassalboro and Connected Credit Union at 12 Monument St. Winslow by Friday, December 5, 2025.

### For more info contact:

Tom Richards, Commander or Jim Kilbride, Adjutant  
PO Box 112 North Vassalboro, ME 04962  
207-616-3148

Meets 4th Monday of the Month:  
5:00 pm at St. Bridget Center