

THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 109th 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 www.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



The American Legion Family Dirigo State Program

Colby College

4000 Mayflower Drive, Waterville 04901
Sunday, June 16, 2024 - Friday, June 21, 2024

Registration: Sunday, June 16 at noon
Graduation: Friday, June 21 at 3:00 pm

Cost per student is \$400

[2024 DIRIGO STATE APPLICATION PACKET- FILLABLE](#)
[DIRIGO STATE POSTER](#)

Completed forms (Dirigo State Application, Parental Consent, Medical Authorization, and Performing Arts if participating) should be mailed to The American Legion, Department of Maine along with a check in the amount of \$400/student. Checks should be made payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine and mailed to The American Legion, Dept. of Maine Attn: Dirigo State, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727. FMI contact 873-3229 Ext. 1, or email: jason@mainelegion.org

ANNUAL WASHINGTON CONFERENCE TAKING PLACE FEB. 25-27

The American Legion
FEB 21, 2024



Legionnaires from across the nation and abroad will head to Washington, D.C., this weekend to hear from American Legion leadership, subject matter experts and U.S. government officials during the organization's **2024 Washington Conference**, which will take place Feb. 25-27.

The conference will kick off Feb. 25 when the Legion's **TBI/PTSD/Suicide Prevention Committee** meets. The following day, various American Legion commissions and committees will meet, hearing from staff from the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, and other organizations and agencies.

Also, on Feb. 26 during the Commander's Call, conference attendees will receive briefings from members of Congress, VA staff, the military and Legion leadership. The Commander's Call begins at 3 p.m. ET and can be streamed here.

During the conference, American Legion Family members will head to Capitol Hill to meet with their representatives and senators, sharing the Legion's legislative agenda and other issues of importance to the Legion this year for Congress.

View a complete Washington Conference schedule, along with other information, [here](#).

ATTENTION ADJUTANTS & COMMANDERS

The Annual Post Data Report forms have been mailed. Please fill out the form accordingly, making sure your Post Dues rate reflects **\$41 or more**. Mail the form back to Dept. HQ **as soon as possible** but **no later than April 15th**, or e-mail: legionme@mainelegion.org.

Note: In the next couple of weeks, please expect to receive the Consolidated Post Report (CPR), Post Officers Form and Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders & Adjutants Form, including instructions relating to submission information and Deadline requirements.

For more information please call Department HQ @ 873-3229. **Thank you for your prompt reply!**

MULTIYEAR MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO 2025 RENEWALS



The American Legion
JAN 22, 2024

If you renewed for the 2024 American Legion membership year prior to the new multiyear membership rollout on Dec. 4, you can now take advantage of a three-year membership starting with the 2025 membership year.

Visit legion.org/renew for the multiyear membership of 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Legionnaires still needing to renew for 2024 or veterans joining the organization for the first time can also lock-in a three-year membership (2024, 2025 and 2026) by visiting legion.org/renew or legion.org/join.

Here is what you need to know about the three-year membership:

- Multiyear membership sign-up is only available on the national American Legion website (legion.org/renew and legion.org/join). Current or potential members cannot renew or join for a three-year membership at the post level or through MyLegion.org.

- Payment for the three-year membership will be upfront.
- There is not a discounted rate with the three-year membership.
- Membership cards will still be sent annually by Legion posts.
- Those who sign up for a multiyear membership will not receive a renewal notice during the time they have signed up for the multiyear membership.

Please note that the multiyear membership will work just like PUFL. Whatever rate the member renews at is what the post/department/national will receive for the duration of that timeframe. For example, if a member renews today (before national per-capita \$5 dues increase come July 1, 2024), National will receive \$18.50 for the next three years. For example, if a department's per capita is currently \$10 and is going to be raised to \$15 on July 1, 2024, then the department will receive the \$10 for the next three years. Once the member renews after the three-year renewal is up, the renewal rate will adjust to the rate at that time.

A multiyear membership was approved by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion during the organization's Spring Meetings last May. Resolution 1: Purchase of Multiple Years of Membership approves "a five-year pilot program offering the purchase of three consecutive 12-month member terms at the then current dues rate."

NATIONAL COMMANDER CAMPAIGN DONATIONS



January 13, 2024

Dear Legion Members,

Each year, the Department of Maine supports the incoming National Commander with a donation to their campaign seeking such position. Our own Tony Jordan, when seeking the position of National Commander received financial support from the various departments of The American Legion for his campaign and it is only appropriate that we do the same for anyone seeking that position.

As a part of the process of supporting the individuals seeking the National Commander position, we like to present the donations of individuals who have submitted support of the campaign to the individual as soon as we possibly can after receipt. Sometime we have presented the check to the individual at the Fall Meetings or the Spring Meetings or at our Department Convention. Generally, individuals who have been selected to receive an official call in to the Washington Conference are ones of the first to donate to the campaign. We wish to present the donations as soon as we possibly can.

Individuals who have been selected to receive an official call or are listed as members in the National Commission/Committee book are asked and encouraged to donate to support the campaign. Donations from posts are encouraged as well.

Please make the check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine and note in the "Memo" section "National Commander's Campaign".

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Woods
Nat'l Exec. Comm

Anthony "Tony" Jordan
Past National Commander

For God and Country



*Stand down, young warrior.
Your mission is complete.*

COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2023-24

Department Commander Al McKay asks that each Post and Legionnaire support his goal!



The American Legion, Department of Maine has a long history with the Maine Veterans' Cemeteries across the State. A chapel that had stood at the Maine Veterans Cemetery in Augusta since the burial space at Togus was closed, fell into disrepair and was torn down years ago. The committal building that replaced it is heavily utilized and in need of some massive structural renovations. The committal building is an essential tool needed to conduct an interment Service for our fallen comrades. If you would like to support Commander McKay's project in renovating this necessary building, please mail checks to:

The American Legion Department of Maine
Attn: Committal Building
5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

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.

Make sure to type: "Commander's Project" in the Note section.

Thank You!!!

Show Your Support to Maine Veterans TODAY & Make Your Name Part of American Legion History

Donate \$100 or More and Receive
Yearbook and Centennial Coin!

Deadline for Submission May 10, 2024



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 2024 Maine American Legion Yearbook made available in print and online in digital format by visiting: www.mainelegion.org.

To donate with Debit/Credit Card, scan this QR code with your phone or visit www.mainelegion.org and click on the Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Donations Welcomed button to donate today. 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 info, please call HQ at 873-3229 Ext.2 or email: rachel@mainelegion.org.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

*A Message from the Detachment of Maine
Sons of The American Legion*

Word of the Month: Membership. The total number of members belonging to an organization.

Please help our memberships grow by recruiting, renewing, and retaining members.

George Rice

The Detachment of Maine Adjutant
E-mail jbgtrice@gmail.com
Cell 207-841-9148

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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](#)



**Volunteers
Needed for 2024
State Tournaments
Mansfield Stadium
Bangor, ME**

Senior League State Championships, July 27 – 30/31
Junior League State Championships, August 3 – 6
Junior Regional Championships, August 9-11
(CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT)



**The 100th Anniversary of
American Legion Baseball**

The 100th Anniversary of American Legion Baseball will be recognized during the 2025 season. Every Post in the state is invited to do something special and now is the time to brainstorm any ideas!

For more information contact American Legion
State Adjutant Jason Hall at:
207-873-3229 | 207- 522-5471 or
via e-mail at jason@mainelegion.org

"There's no crying in baseball!"

~ Jimmy Dugan, A League of Their Own

BE THE ONE

TRAINING - 2024

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2024 Training Dates

January 27th March 30th May 25th
July 27th Sept. 28th Nov. 30th

Training Location

Department of Maine Training Room
5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901.

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

American Legion Be the One Campaign

To Reserve Your Spot Email:
jason@mainelegion.org

Today, the #1 issue facing those who served is veteran suicide. According to the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, 17 veterans still die by suicide each day, or more than 6,000 each year. The rate of suicide for veterans is more than 50% higher than that of non-veteran adults.

The American Legion is activating a national platform to end veteran suicide. The **Be the One** campaign will: Destigmatize asking for mental health support, creating opportunities for those with mental health issues to speak freely and get the support they need; Provide peer-to-peer support and resources in local communities; Deploy FDA-approved therapeutics for veterans to identify issues and find resources for support.

Former Navy Nurse Inspired to **BE THE ONE**

The American Legion
FEB 8, 2024



After joining Simon-Gosney American Legion Post 219 in Alexandria, Ky., around a year ago, Vyneta Barnett came across information on The American Legion's **Be the One** suicide prevention program. That's when her background kicked in.

A former nurse who spent more than 24 years in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserve – including deploying during Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield – before working at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, she wanted to learn more and also spread the word about Be the One.

"I happened to be on the computer and saw something called Be the One," Barnett said. "Being a former nurse, I said, 'Oh, that's for me.' I'm a nurse, and I know suicide."

Wanting to get the program started at Post 219, she reached out to her former employer and learned about the VA S.A.V.E. Training that is offered both online and in-person. She set up a training session at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3205, where the post meets. The session was well attended and brought the training not only to Legion members, but to their families.

"We had several wives attend with their husbands," Barnett said. "It was a really good program and a really positive experience."

During The American Legion's 2023 Fall Meetings, the organization's National Executive Committee passed Resolution No. 9, which strongly encourages American Legion posts to host VA **S.A.V.E.** training classes and to invite local community, government agencies, not-for-profits and businesses to participate in the training.

S.A.V.E. Training focuses on four key facets:

- S** - Signs of suicidal thinking should be recognized.
- A** - Ask the most important question of all, "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"
- V** - Validate the veteran's experience.
- E** - Encourage treatment and expedite getting help.

Barnett said she wanted to bring the training to Post 219, "because veterans love other veterans. Being a veteran myself and knowing the problems we're going through with mental health – the suicide rate is certainly high not just among veterans, but with civilians and teenagers – it's just something we needed to do."

Post 219 Adjutant Angela Murphy called Barnett, "a wonderful person, and (I) am so proud of her work on this. We are already making plans for training this year and including local media."

Barnett said her next goal is to bring Be the One and the S.A.V.E. Training to other posts in Kentucky. "I don't know what happened," she said. "I just saw those three words – Be the One – and said, 'That's me.' I've been working on this, and I know how important it is.

"A lot of veterans, including from Vietnam, are still suffering, and I think we're going to have a lot more (post-9/11) veterans suffering. I really think the interest is there (to address veteran suicide). We just need to get more started in the community and with other posts in the area."

American Legion posts interested in hosting a VA S.A.V.E. training class can facilitate it through their local VA Medical Center's suicide-prevention team. A post can locate contact information for their local suicide prevention team through the Veterans Crisis Line Resource using this link. Once on the website, enter a ZIP code and press search. Then select the box next to Suicide Prevention Coordinators and press search again. Once completed, you will be provided with the closest suicide prevention coordinator and their contact information.

MyLegion Q&A

MyLegion.org is a One-Stop-Shop for Managing Your American Legion Membership!

General Questions

How much are the annual membership dues?

Each of our local Posts determines its own dues rate. However, new members who join through National Headquarters are offered a special introductory dues rate, and are automatically placed in the Department (State) Headquarters Post in the state in which they reside. (This is considered a “holding” Post; there are no meetings or activities.) The amount a member pays to renew his/her membership each year after joining depends on the Post where their membership is held. Each Post determines its Legion programs and social functions, as well as the amount of annual dues, so it varies from Post to Post; however, \$40.00 annually is the approximate national dues average. Visit the post locator to find the annual dues rate for Posts in your area.

Where can I find my member ID number?

Once you join The American Legion, you’re assigned a permanent 9-digit Member ID number that will remain yours as long as you’re a member. (If you ever transfer to another post, always make sure to provide your original Member ID Number.) You’ll find the ID number on your membership card and it’s also the first 9 digits shown above your name on our magazine labels. (It always starts with a 1 or 2.)

If you are unable to locate your membership card please call Customer Service: by calling (800) 433-3318 to obtain your member ID and a replacement card.

Contact us:

Customer Service: (800) 433-3318 | Fax: 317-860-3001

E-mail: mylegion@legion.org

The American Legion National Headquarters
5745 Lee Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216

Print 2024 Membership Cards in **MyLegion**

American Legion post and squadron group leadership can print a current membership card for Legion and Sons of The American Legion members.

To start:

1. Go to your My Account page in www.mylegion.org.
2. Enter My Groups to access Group Profile.
3. Click on “View Members.”
4. Search the member and click on their name from the list to view Member Profile.
5. Click “Membership Cards” and click on the link to view and print card image.

MEMBERSHIP **IMPACT** REPORTS

The American Legion’s success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on: <https://www.legion.org/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](https://www.legion.org/membership/impact). To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit:

<https://www.legion.org/bythenumbers> or
<https://www.legion.org/membership/impact>

Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants

District Meeting Calendar
Form now available online!

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



QUICKLY & EASILY RENEW ONLINE TODAY!

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

www.legion.org/renew



Warrant Templates

All Post/District Officer Positions

Available on-line at: MaineLegion.org

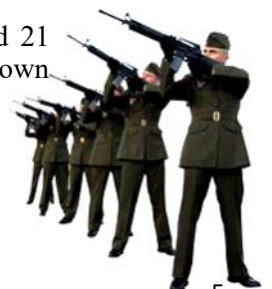
or go to:

<http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.ph>. *It's fast and easy!!!*



Q. Why are there 21 gun salutes and 21 steps in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier’s guard march?

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield
Mars Hill Post 118



**CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP
AND INTERNATIONAL
AMITY AWARDS**



These awards shall be given to individuals in recognition of outstanding service in the field of veterans affairs and for service and contributions made in the development of international goodwill and comradeship between the United States, the ally and between their veterans organization and The American Legion.

Nominations may be made by any member of The American Legion is good standing filed with the National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee under such rules and regulations as shall be approved for such award. Nominations are limited to one (1) per post.

Nomination forms may be found on pages 12 & 13 of this Ledger.

For more information [click here](#) or go to:
<https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/publications>

**NAT'L VETERANS
EMPLOYMENT
& EDUCATION AWARDS**



The National Veterans Employment & Education Commission annually presents several awards at The American Legion's national convention to honor employers who hire veterans, disabled veterans and older workers. Those who help veterans find employment are also recognized.

The awards include:

- Employer of the Year - Small Business, Mid-Sized Business and Large Business
- Employer of the Disabled Award
- Employer of Older Workers Award
- Local Veterans Employment Representative of the Year
- Outstanding Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist of the Year
- Outstanding Employment Service Office of the Year
- Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach Award

Nomination forms for each award are available through American Legion department headquarters or [by clicking here](#). All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form with no more than two pages of narrative, along with supporting documents. Departments will send reminders to all posts about nominations.

For more information:

(202) 263-5771 | ecruz@legion.org

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed

MARCH 2024

District 5 – Oxford: Mar. 20

Norway Post 82, 7:00PM
District 5 Election

District 7 – Lincoln: Mar. 13

Waldoboro Post 149, 6:00PM
Nominations and Vote for
2024/25 District Officers

District 9 – Kennebec: Mar. 13

Gardiner Post 4, 7:00PM

District 13 – Penobscot: Mar. 3

Bangor Post 12, 1PM

District 14 – Piscataquis: Mar. 16

Brownville Jct. Post 92, 12 Noon Lunch
w/Business Meeting at 1PM

District 16 – S. Aroostook: Mar. 2

Mars Hill Post 118 – 12PM
Meal + nominations

DONATIONS

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE**

Be The One Program

Topsham Post 202..... \$640.00

Commanders Project

Leroy McKenzie, Post 147..... \$100.00

Beals House

Sanford Post 119.....\$100.00

District 14, Piscataquis..... \$100.00

Blind Camp

Wiscasset Post 54..... \$250.00

Sanford Post 119.....\$100.00

District 14, Piscataquis..... \$100.00

Presque Isle Post 88.....\$100.00

Westbrook Post 62.....\$50.00

Lock-Mills Unit 68..... \$50.00

Augusta Squadron 2..... \$50.00

Bar Mills Post 130.....\$15.00

National Commander's Campaign

Anthony Jordan, Wiscasset Post 54.....\$125.00

District 17, Aroostook..... \$100.00

Oratorical Program

Nicholas Thibodeau..... \$25.00

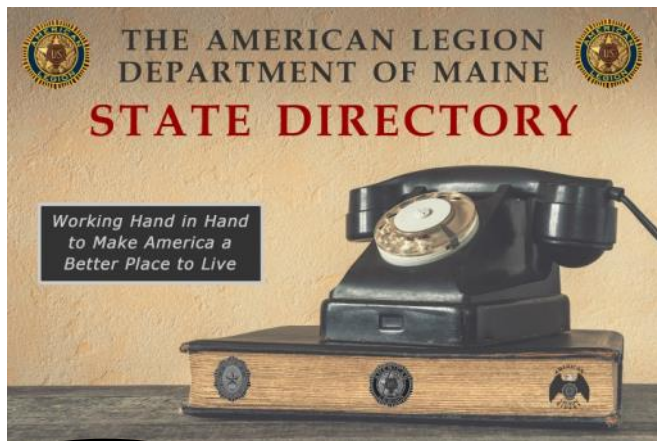


Thank you!

Stay Connected with Your Fellow Legionnaires!



[Click here to see the Latest Post Events](#)



[Click Here for the State Directory!](#)

Call Dept. HQ at 873-3229 or e-mail: legionme@mainelegion.org to get the Password!!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE DIRECTORY!

The State Directory has been posted on the Department Website in the past however it is now password-protected. Please call Dept. HQ at: 873-3229 or e-mail legionme@mainelegion.org to get the password, or if you have any questions or concerns.

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. See Page 16 for an application.

American Legion School Awards

Reward your outstanding high school seniors with these time-honored awards



Medal with Ribbon



Medallion



School Award Certificate



Honorable Mention Certificate



Medallion Lapel Pin



Medal with Certificate



AMERICAN LEGION **FLAG & EMBLEM**
SERVING VETERANS. SERVING AMERICA.

American Legion Flag & Emblem
5745 Lee Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46216
(888) 453-4466
emblem@legion.org

MILITARY TRIVIA

A. Because greater quantities of gunpowder could be stored on dry land, forts could fire three rounds for every one fired at sea - hence the number 21. With the improvement of naval gunpowder, honors rendered at sea increased to 21, as well. The 21-gun salute eventually became the international standard & the 21 guard steps are the honorable reflection of that number as the highest form of Military Honor.



TECHNOLOGY 101

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



How to Tell if an Image is AI Generated

AI photos are getting better, but there are still ways to tell if you're looking at the real thing — most of the time. To tell if an image is AI generated, look for anomalies in the image, like mismatched earrings and warped facial features. Always check image descriptions and captions for text and hashtags that mention AI software. If all else fails, you can use GAN detection tools and reverse image lookups.

It's getting harder all the time to tell if an image has been digitally manipulated, let alone AI-generated, but there are a few methods you can still use to see if that photo of the pope in a Balenciaga puffer is real (it's not).

Check the Photo Caption/Description and Comments

Oftentimes people playing with AI and posting the results to social media like Instagram will straight up tell you the image isn't real. Read the caption for clues if it's not immediately obvious the image is fake. Usually, it'll say something like, "This image was generated by feeding my photos into AI," or "This image isn't real. It was made with Midjourney." They'll also include hashtags like #aiaart, #mjv5, #midjourney, (for [Midjourney version 5](#)), and so on. Sometimes people will post the detailed prompts they typed into the program in another slide.

The comments can also be a clue. The original poster might tell you the image is machine-made there, or if the poster doesn't fess up to using AI, keen-eyed commenters will notice and call it out.

Some accounts are devoted to just AI images, even listing the detailed prompts they typed into the program to create the images they share. The account [originalaiartgallery](#) on Instagram, for example, shares hyper-realistic and/or bizarre images created with AI, many of them with the latest version of Midjourney. Some look like photographs --- it'd be hard to tell they weren't real if they came across your Explore page without browsing the hashtags.

Look for Weirdness

Though rapidly improving, AI generated images can still come out looking borderline nightmarish. At the very least many attempts at photorealism by AI "suffer from the [uncanny valley effect](#). Look for anything in the photo that seems out of place, like:

- Strange-looking hands and teeth

- Warped/asymmetrical faces
- Mismatched accessories like earrings
- Garbled text in the background
- Smudged watermarks from photos used to train the program
- Unnaturally smooth textures
- Items like eyeglasses might also blend into the skin of an AI generated subject, so be on the lookout for that as well.
- Objects and people in the background of AI images are especially prone to weirdness. In [originalaiartgallery's](#) (objectively amazing) [series of AI photos of the pope baptizing a crowd with a squirt gun](#), you can see that several of the people's faces in the background look strange. The water in some shots also appears to be coming from nowhere.

Try Using a GAN Detector

AI image generators use Generative Adversarial Networks, or GANs. There are a few apps and plugins designed to try and detect fake images that you can use as an extra layer of security when attempting to authenticate an image. For example, there's a [Chrome plugin](#) that will check if a profile picture is GAN generated when you right-click on the photo.

Results from these programs are hit-and-miss, so it's best to use GAN detectors alongside other methods and not rely on them completely. When I ran an image generated by Midjourney V5 thru [Maybe's AI Art Detector](#), for example, the detector erroneously marked it as human. As with [AI image generators](#), this technology will continue to improve, so don't discount it completely either.

Run an Image or Web Search

If you aren't sure of what you're seeing, there's always the old [Google image search](#). These days you can just right click an image to search it with Google and it'll return visually similar images.

You can also use the "find image source" button at the top of the image search sidebar to try and discern where the image came from. If it can't find any results, that could be a sign the image you're seeing isn't of a real person.

If the image is used in a news story that could be a disinformation piece, look for other reporting on the same event. If no other outlets are reporting on it, especially if the event in question is incredibly sensational, it could be fake.

~ How to Geek





Vietnam-Era Veterans Breakfast

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, Augusta Civic Center

Hosted by the Travis Mills Foundation



Who: Vietnam-Era Veterans and one guest.

What: FREE full-service breakfast, program and ceremonies

When: 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Where: Augusta Civic Center, 78 Community Drive

RSVP Below or Scan Code



<https://give.classy.org/vietnameraveteransbreakfast>

US Army SSG (Ret.) Travis Mills is an ardent supporter of our Vietnam Era Veterans. SSG Mills and the Travis Mills Foundation Team are honored to hold this event as a way to say 'Thank You' and 'Welcome Home' to those who served during the Vietnam War.



**The American Legion
International Amity Award
NOMINATION FORM – PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY**

Nominee's Full Name _____

Address _____

Nominee is a veteran (in the accepted meaning of the term) of the military forces of _____, and served during _____, during which time that nation
(Country Name) (Name of War)
was allied with the United States of America. The nominee is a member of _____, an authentic veterans organization of said nation.
(Name of veterans organization)

The award is recommend in recognition of outstanding service in the field of veterans affairs and for service and contributions made in the development of international goodwill and comradeship between his/her organization and The American Legion as is evidenced by the following:

(Additional supporting documentation may be attached to this form...the more the better)

NOMINATIONS ARE LIMITED TO ONE PER POST.

The member of The American Legion submitting the nomination completes the following section:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Name: | Department: | Post #: | Member ID #: |
| | | | |
| Street Address: | City: | State: | Zip Code: |
| | | | |
| Submitting Member's Signature | | Date Submitted | |
| | | | |

Mail Completed Nomination(s) to:
The American Legion
Attn: Internal Affairs Commission
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
Fax: (317) 630-1413
E-mail: ia@legion.org

DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY



**The American Legion
Canadian Friendship Award
NOMINATION FORM – PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY**

Nominee's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Nominee is a member of _____, an authentic veterans organization in Canada.
[Name of Veterans Organization/Branch or Chapter #]

Nominee is a veteran of the armed Forces of Canada and served during _____, at which time Canada was allied with the United States of America. [Name of War]

Nominee holds, or has held, the following offices in _____
[Name of Veterans Organization]

[Additional information may be attached to this form]

This nomination for the Canadian Friendship Award is recommended in recognition of outstanding service in the field of veterans affairs and for service and contributions made in the development and preservation of goodwill and comradeship between the veterans organization of the nominee and The American Legion, as evidenced by the following:

[Additional supporting documentation may be attached to this form...the more the better]

**THE RECEIPT OF THIS AWARD IS LIMITED TO ONE PER BRANCH AND
NOMINATIONS ARE LIMITED TO ONE PER POST.**

The member of The American Legion submitting the nomination completes the following section:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Name: | Department: | Post #: | Member ID #: |
| Street Address: | City | State | Zip Code |
| Submitting Member's Signature | | Date Submitted | |

Mail completed nomination form to:

**The American Legion
Attn: Internal Affairs Commission
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
Fax: (317) 630-1413
E-mail: ia@legion.org**

ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL



THE GOLDSTARS TRIBUTE WALL (TM) MAY 25 - MAY 27, 2024



The Augusta Elks Lodge #964 is honored to be hosting The GoldStars Tribute Wall this memorial day weekend. Join us for opening ceremonies Saturday May 25th at 10am to pay tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq wars.

For more information on the Tribute Wall visit:

<https://www.tributewall.org/>

- ✓ Free to the public
- ✓ Available to view all weekend
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P.O BOX 2206
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Care of: Tribute Wall Donation
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Questions? Email tributewall@augustaelks.org

Sponsorship Packages

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**Please send in your high resolution logo and ad to
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I hope this letter finds you well. As Memorial Day approaches, we at Augusta Elks Lodge are embarking on a special initiative to honor and pay tribute to our fallen heroes – the GoldStars Tribute Wall. This poignant memorial serves as a powerful reminder of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country during the Iraq, Afghanistan, and Gulf Wars.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find information on sponsorship level opportunities and a donation form. Your contribution, whether big or small, will directly contribute to the success of this initiative and help us honor the fallen soldiers who bravely served during the Iraq, Afghanistan, and Gulf Wars.

To facilitate your generous donation, please fill out the enclosed donation form and return it along with your contribution at your earliest convenience, to help us in our mission to bring the GoldStars Tribute Wall to Maine. If you choose to become a sponsor, kindly send in your high-resolution logo to tributewall@augustaelks.org by May 3, 2024 . Your logo will be prominently displayed, showcasing your commitment to honoring our servicemen and servicewomen.

If you have any questions about your donation, the sponsorship levels, or want more information about a specific part of the event, please email tributewall@augustaelks.org. Your generosity will not only help bring a heartfelt tribute to Maine but will also demonstrate our collective appreciation for the sacrifices made by our heroes.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our mission. Together, let us make this Memorial Day a time of remembrance, gratitude, and unity in honoring those who gave everything for our freedom.

**With heartfelt thanks,
James Orr
Tribute Wall Committee Chair**



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

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PAST COMMANDERS CLUB**

This form may be filled out on-line at: www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php

***** Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club have increased to \$5.00/member)*****