

THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY DIRIGO STATE PROGRAM

Colby College

4000 Mayflower Drive, Waterville, ME

June 18-22, 2023

Registration: Sunday, June 18 at noon

Graduation: Thursday, June 22 at 3:00 pm

Cost per student is \$400

[2023 DIRIGO STATE APPLICATION
PACKET- FILLABLE](#)

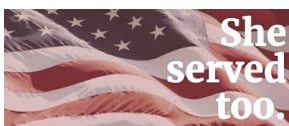
[DIRIGO STATE POSTER](#)

For more information please visit:

www.mainelegion.org

or contact Jason Hall at 207-873-3229 ext. 7
e-mail: DirigoStateME@gmail.com

Applications are also available in [Forms/Applications](#)



**American Legion Dept. of Maine
Women Veteran's Advisory Committee
and American Legion Post 20 to
Honor Women Veterans at the
2nd Annual Women Veteran's Luncheon
1 Columbus Drive Brunswick, Maine**

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Schedule of events: 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Refreshments, resources, and visiting
with other women who have served.

Lunch 12:30pm

Group Photos will follow lunch.

Guest Speakers will speak following lunch.

Please share with all women veterans.

R.S.V.P. by March 22. For more information
contact Joe at 207-721-1172 or 207-607-9735.

You do NOT need to be a Legion member to attend.

Free Giveaways!!

The event is planned for all
Women Veterans and is at no charge to them

ANNUAL POST DATA REPORTS **NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!**

Reports are needed **ASAP** from the following posts:

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214, 216, CN09

Reports Are Due By April 15th!

**Happy 104th Birthday,
AMERICAN LEGION!!!**



LETS PROMOTE THE VALUE OF MILITARY SERVICE

The American Legion
by Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola,
National Commander

MAR 15, 2023



Dear American Legion Family members and friends,
As U.S. military veterans, we know the value of service. Unfortunately, too many young people today do not. Worse yet, they are getting crossed signals from their peers, and even some adults.

Recruitment numbers are alarmingly down across the branches of service. Army Maj. Gen. Johnny Davis told The American Legion's Veterans Employment & Education Commission last August that a variety of reasons can be blamed. One that stands out to me is a term we are hearing often today – “propensity to serve.”

That means young people simply are not aware of enough good reasons to take the oath. And at a time when industry, academia and government are all in competition for the best and brightest – a “war for talent,” it has been called – we need to work harder to promote those good reasons.

At the Washington Conference in late February, Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Stephen Lightfoot asked Legionnaires to “provide that spark” to future generations and encourage them to start their journeys with military service. The benefits cannot be overstated – tuition assistance, industry-specific training for those about to discharge through such programs as DoD SkillBridge, GI Bill education, VA Home Loans, high-quality health care and superior insurance and banking through USAA, The American Legion's preferred provider of financial services, to name just a few.

Beyond those tangible advantages, we must also recognize the power and meaning of discipline unattainable in any other sector of society, along with lifelong camaraderie, the opportunity to see the world, help others in need and to protect those we love from enemies both foreign and domestic.

How can we help?

More than 6,200 American Legion posts conducted Veterans in the Classroom sessions last year. More than 33,000 young people participate annually in American Legion-sponsored Scouting units. Hundreds of Junior ROTC programs are backed by local Legion support. Schools have career events, and we must encourage them to welcome recruiters. More casually, consider the neighborhood barbecue, community picnic or church event as an opportunity to share with young people the value of military service.

Wherever we make contact with young people deciding their future paths, let's commit to serve as ambassadors of the nation we swore with our lives to protect and defend. Let's answer the call Brig. Gen. Lightfoot made for us at the Washington Conference: “I need you to go on the offensive and share your service story. National service is powerful. We need to get the word out and share, at the local level, the power of service.”

As I continue traveling our great nation this year, I want to hear how my fellow Legionnaires are answering that call and converting “propensity to serve” into a reason to join, rather than the alternate.

Thank you for helping us strengthen America every day.

To fulfill this and all of The American Legion's missions, it is vital to stay up to date on membership. If you have not already done so, I strongly urge you to renew now – as we celebrate the organization's 104th year of service to community, state and nation.

Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola
National Commander

Kirk Thurston

Department of Maine Commander's Project



Operation Reboot Outdoors

Support the American Legion Commander's Project!

Please send and make all donations payable to:
American Legion Dept of Maine
5 Verti Drive - Winslow, Maine 04901.

Remember to earmark for Commanders Project O.R.O.

Operation ReBoot Outdoors invites you to join in their Mission to provide outdoor recreational therapy to Veterans, service members, and law enforcement personnel who struggle with trauma from war or traumatic events serving our nation and our communities. Operation ReBoot Outdoors shows these heroes they can find purpose after service through the outdoors as well as empowerment in camaraderie. We hope you will be the one to join our Mission to stop the high percentage of suicides that plague our families, community, and country.

We hope that you will **“Be the One”** to reach out to a veteran and to support Operation Reboot Outdoors!

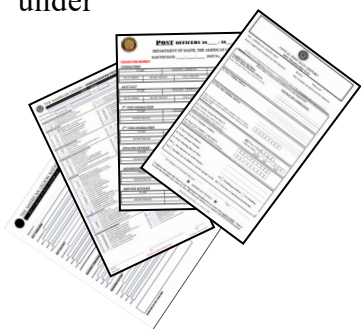
ATTENTION ADJUTANTS & COMMANDERS

Please be on the lookout for Forms that were mailed from Headquarters on March 1st, 2023. The forms include the following: Annual Post Data Report, Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders & Adjutants Form, Consolidated Post Report (CPR), and Post Officers Form. Please read the instructions carefully on all 4 forms and fill them out accordingly. Deadline requirements and submission information will be included.

Please note that the **Annual Post Data Report** will need to be filled out as soon as possible and mailed back to Department HQ no later than **April 15. THIS IS THE ONLY FORM NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE.** All other forms can be obtained by visiting www.mainelegion.org under

Forms/Applications, and the CPR is now available as well in mylegion.org.

For more information please call
Department HQ
207-873-3229.



Thank you for your prompt reply!

EMAIL SCAM

ATTENTION LEGION MEMBERS

Once again, someone is trying to scam members using an e-mail address with State Cmdr. Kirk Thurston's name.

THIS IS A SCAM!

Kirk's e-mail address is: fuzzvt3@roadrunner.com

Please disregard and delete any other e-mail address with his name in it.

This is a scam!

Repeat: THIS IS A SCAM!!!

"There are so many scams on the internet nowadays. Send me \$19.95 and I will tell you how to avoid them."

~ Anonymous

MILITARY TRIVIA

Q. What Army base, in Montana, was mistakenly named for two different Presidents and what was unusual about the base?

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

INCOMING NATIONAL COMMANDER



FEB 13, 2023

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 donations in support of the campaign to the individual as soon as we possibly can after receipt. Sometimes we have presented the check to the individual at the Fall Meetings or the Spring Meetings or even at the National Convention.

Generally, individuals who have been selected to receive an official call into the Washington Conference are the first ones to donate to the campaign. We wish to present the donations as soon as we possibly can.

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 will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Woods, National Executive Committeeman
Anthony "Tony" Jordan. Past National Commander

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY DEPARTMENT TESTIMONIAL



Saturday, May 20, 2023

**Napoleon-Ouellette Post 24
184 Congress St., Rumford, ME 04276**

[Click here](#) for more information
or turn to page 11.

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](#). To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit:

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

The United Nations, whose membership comprises almost all the States in the world, is founded on the principle of the equal worth of every human being.

~ Kofi Annan

Maine Legion College Class 2023



The Department of Maine invites you to take part in the Maine Legion College. The curriculum is spaced out over 3 separate weekends with Phase I scheduled for April 15th and 16th at Department of Maine headquarters.

Those interested in attending must complete American Legion Basic Training prior to April 15-16. Visit: <https://www.legion.org/alei>

For more information [CLICK HERE](#) or
e-mail Jason Hall: Jason@MaineLegion.org

AMERICAN LEGION **ASSISTANT DEPT. SERVICE OFFICER**

Part-time position, 28 hours (4-day work week)
Term of Office. [CLICK HERE](#) for a full job description and qualifications or go to:

http://www.mainelegion.org/media/misc/Job_Description

Resumes can be sent to
Department Headquarters,
5 Verti Drive, Winslow, 04901

**JOB
OPENING**

**AMERICAN
LEGION**

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Post Service Officer Training

Date: March 25th, 2023

Time: 10 am to 2pm

**Location: American Legion HQ,
5 Verti Drive, Winslow**

Limited space, to enroll please

Email: jason@mainelegion.org

Let's Get The Word Out to Our Veterans!



In honor of the New Year,
ask a Veteran to **JOIN**
Maine American Legion!



Have them Scan the QR Code with the camera on
their phone or visit: www.mainelegion.org

Print 2023 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.

QUICKLY & EASILY RENEW ONLINE TODAY!

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

www.legion.org/renew



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 is good both personally and professionally.



How to Take a Great Selfie: 5 Selfie Tips for Mastering the Art

We all take selfies. We take solo selfies after workouts and couple selfies while kissing. We take selfies with dogs and selfies while driving (more on selfie safety in a bit). And we take big group selfies with friends. You probably shot a selfie recently. Maybe earlier today. Before you strike another Blue Steel pose, take a minute to up your game and perfect your selfie skills. Here are 5 selfie tips for better digital self-portraits.

1. Face a light: Lighting is 80% of the selfie game. Find the light. You need the light. You're looking for diffused natural light. It's not around? Face the best light source. Get out of the bathroom and face a window. But beware of strong side lighting. Those shadows completely change your look.

2. Reach far with a straight arm: There's a distortion issue with closeup photos. When the camera is up close, things in the middle of the picture look bigger. That's your nose. This is one of the reasons selfies don't make good profile pictures. This also explains an increase in demand for nose jobs. According to a 2017 poll, 55% of facial plastic surgeons reported seeing patients who wanted surgery to help them look better in selfies, up from 13% the year before. So hold that arm out straight. If the pic is a selfie headshot, you're not reaching far enough. Your entire upper body should be in the shot.

3. Hold the camera high: Red-eye reduction is in the camera, but chin reduction is in the angle. Raising your arm will help feature your face, not your neck. Rise your arm. Get out a protractor and make sure it's 26 degrees. A low angle makes the viewer look up at you, putting you in the position of dominance. A high angle makes the viewer look down, making you look friendlier, cuter and thinner.

4. Squinch your eyes: It's a tip from pro photographers. Narrow your eyes a bit and you'll look more confident, a little mischievous, dangerous. It makes a huge difference. And if you really want to create eye contact, look away from yourself in the screen and look at the actual camera lens. It's that tiny dot in the corner of the phone.

5. The magic of group selfies: Selfies are best with friends. Selfies are better than traditional group photos. Stand on the right, so you can reach the shutter button easily. Take at least two because someone blinked. Delete the bad ones immediately. When a polite passerby asks if they can take that picture for you, tell them NO! Then invite them to be in your group selfie. There's always room for one more. It's possible to take mega-group selfies of 30+ people. Just stand on a chair. Cheers!

Seriously. Selfie accidents are no joke. Injuries are common enough that selfie sticks are banned in some theme parks. It's tempting to take a selfie for social media interaction as well, but don't get too wrapped up in the latest internet challenge that can result in death or lawsuits. Keep it safe and don't make that selfie the last picture you ever take.

~ Orbit Media



Post Commanders & Adjutants

If you are currently processing your dues on MyLegion.org, you will no longer have to submit the 2-part card to HQ. All other Posts mailing dues to HQ will still have to submit the 2-part card along with \$31.00 per member.

Attention: Post Adjutants

The Membership Target Date to reach 95% is fast approaching and we still have a ways to go! Please **PROCESS** your membership at the Post level or **SUBMIT** to Department Headquarters before the April 19th 2023 target date arrives!!!

CLICK HERE for the Latest Membership Report!

MILITARY TRIVIA

A. In 1892 the base was named "Fort Harrison", after the sitting President, however, it was learned in 1906, that a "Fort Benjamin Harrison" already existed in Indianapolis, Indiana, so the name was changed to "Fort William Henry Harrison". It was set up as the training facility for the first ever, joint US-Canada "First Special Service Force" in 1942. This Infantry Brigade unit was much better known by it's other title:

"The Devil's Brigade".



Stay Connected with Your Fellow Legionnaires!



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



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

SONS OF THE 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 SAL Membership Report](#)



Show Your Support to Maine Veterans in the New Year & Make Your Name Part of American Legion History!



Donate \$100 or more & Receive a **FREE** 2023 Yearbook & Centennial Coin!

CLICK HERE TO DONATE TODAY!

Deadline for Submission, May 6, 2023

Click the 2022 Yearbook above to check it out!

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 2023 Maine American Legion Yearbook made available in print and online at www.mainelegion.org. Donate \$100 or more and receive a FREE yearbook as well as one of our most popular centennial coins. Click the above link to donate today, or send a check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine earmarked "Yearbook Program." 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.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. See Page 7 for an application.

Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants

District Meeting Calendar
Form now available online!

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



DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed

District 14 – Piscataquis: Mar. 18

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

[Click Here](#) to view all District Meetings!

Warrant Templates - All Positions

Available on-line at: MaineLegion.org

or go to: <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.ph>



DONATIONS

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

National Commander's Campaign

Anthony "Tony" Jordan, Wiscasset Post 54.....	\$125.00
<i>(Incorrectly listed as Dept. of Maine Foundation in 3/2/23 issue)</i>	
Kirk & Patricia Thurston, Rumford Post 24.....	\$200.00
Paul L'Heureux, Auburn Post 153	\$150.00
Leroy McKenzie, Eagle Lake Post 176.....	\$100.00
Gene Connolly, Portland Post 17.....	\$100.00

2022-23 Commanders Project – Thurston "Operation Reboot Outdoors"

Machias Post 9.....	\$50.00
George Maxsimic, Brewer Post 98.....	\$100.00

2022-23 Commanders Project – Thurston "Operation Reboot Outdoors"

The Penalty Box/Ryan Coffin Charity, Damariscotta...	\$998.00
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Thank you!



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:

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
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)***

MAINE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

April 8th 2023

POST 51 OAKLAND, ME

TELEPHONE TO POST 207-465-2446

10 AM POST 51 WILL BE OPEN FOR EARLY ARRIVALS

12 noon MEAL (DONATIONS)

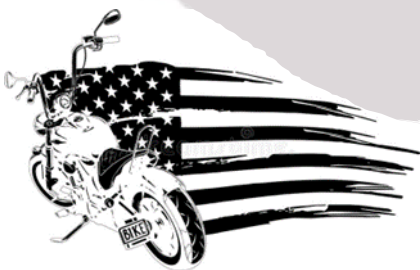
2 PM MEETING

**7PM BAND BETWEEN THE LINES WILL BE PLAYING
(donation for the Band, no cover charge)**

Chapter 51 will have T-Shirt Sale \$25 no matter the size!!! If you would like to order a specific size please contact Lynn Woodard at 207-314-9272 email draddoow@yahoo.com

If you have any questions please contact Chapter 51 Director Lynn Woodard at the above information, or Bridget Ellis State Secretary 207-357-4133 or bridgetdaigle2010@gmail.com

**!!!PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR 2023 LEGION
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP CARD OR YOU WILL NOT
BE ALLOWED IN TO THE MEETING!!!**



Driving Directions to Post 51 Oakland, ME

Coming from the North

Take I-95 from Houlton South

Take exit 127 ME-11/ME-137 towards Waterville/Oakland

0.3 mile turn right onto ME -11 S/ME-137 W/Kennedy Memorial Drive

1/7 mile Slight left onto Main Street

0.4 mile Church Street will be on the left.

North from Kittery, ME

Take ME-101 S

Sharp left towards ME-101S

Turn right towards ME-101 S

Turn left onto ME -101 S

Turn right onto US -1

Keep right at the fork, follow signs for I95 N/Portland/Augusta

Merge onto I-95 N (Toll Road)

Keep right at the fork to continue on I-295 N, follow signs for S Portland/Downtown Portland (Toll Road)

Merge onto I-95 (Toll Road)

Take exit 124 for Trafton Road towards Waterville

Turn left on Trafton Road

Turn right onto Middle Road

Go straight onto Church Street

Post 51 will be on the right.

Coming from the West

Route 2 Dixfield

Take Main Street/U.S. 2 E

Turn right onto ME-156 E/Depot Street

Turn left to stay on ME 156 E

Turn right to stay on ME -156 E

Turn left onto ME-156 E/ME-41 N

Turn right onto ME-156 E

Turn right onto U.S. Rte 2 E

Turn right onto ME -27 S

Turn left onto ME 225 E

Turn right onto ME-137 E/ME-8 S

Slight left onto ME-137 E

Turn right onto Oak Street

Turn right onto Church Street

Post 51 will be on the Left

If you need directions from your home/post please contact Bridget Ellis State Secretary
Bridgetdaigle2010@gmail.com

The American Legion Family Department Testimonial



Join us on Saturday, May 20, 2023 as we honor our 2022—2023 leaders.

The American Legion Department Commander Kirk Thurston

American Legion Auxiliary Department President Debra Rumery

Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Mike Hustus

Location: Napoleon-Ouellette Post 24, 184 Congress St., Rumford, Maine

Post doors open at 2 p.m.

Time: 4 p.m. social; 5 p.m. dinner, followed by ceremony and possible entertainment

Menu: **Choice 1:** Maple, bacon wrapped pork loin **Choice 2:** Shrimp stuffed Haddock

Both include green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll and dessert. Either meal can be requested gluten-free.

Cost: \$25 per person

Mail reservations to: American Legion Post 24, Attn: Tricia Thurston, 184 Congress St., Rumford, ME 04276 by **May 5, 2023**. Make Checks payable to American Legion Post 24 and indicate on the check your meal choice when making reservation.

Local Hotels:

Best Western—(207) 507-4061

Blue Iris—(207) 364-4495

Hotel Rumford—(207) 364-3621