

THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 87th 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 Department HQ via email at: legionme@mainelegion.org.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed

District 2 – Cumberland: Apr. 11
Gray Post 86, 5PM

District 3 – Androscoggin: Apr. 16
Lewiston Post 22, 2PM

District 9 – Kennebec: April 12
Richmond Post 132, 7PM

District 12 – Hancock: Apr. 13
Blue Hill Post 85, Dinner at 6:30PM, Meeting at 7:30PM

District 13 – Penobscot: Apr. 2
Corinna Post 73, 2PM

District 14 – Piscataquis: Apr. 15
Dexter Post 53, 12 Noon Lunch, w/Business Meeting at 1PM

District 17 – No. Aroostook: Apr. 16
St. Francis Post 180, 1pm Meal, Nominations

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

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

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](#)

ANNUAL POST DATA REPORTS

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!

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

1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 45, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 74, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 84, 96, 87, 90, 91, 93, 94, 96, 99, 102, 105, 107, 110, 111, 112, 115, 126, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 138, 139, 141, 148, 149, 150, 151, 153, 155, 158, 159, 163, 164, 171, 172, 179, 180, 181, 187, 188, 195, 197, 200, 201, 202, 204, 205, 208, 213, 214, CN09

Reports Are Due By April 15th!

Stay Connected with Your Fellow Legionnaires!
Important Information About the State Directory!

Due to illicit use by scammers, the State Directory will **not** be posted on the Department Website until further notice. Instead, the State Directory will go out bi-weekly in the Leadership Ledger. Please call HQ at 873-3229 if you have any questions.



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



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

\$16 BILLION FOR DISABLED VETERANS

By Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola
National Commander

MAR 29, 2023



Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,
I am so proud of our American Legion service officers. They tirelessly assist veterans with their benefits claims, often guiding them through a complicated maze just to receive the compensation earned through their service.

Consider this: In fiscal year 2022 alone, veterans and other claimants represented by The American Legion received more than **\$16 BILLION** in VA benefits compensation. In the same fiscal year, the Legion's Board of Veterans' Appeals Unit represented more than 17,000 appellants – helping them to secure more than **\$66 MILLION** in retroactive VA claims benefits.

It's worth noting that our 3,000 accredited service officers provide this expertise at no cost to the veteran, whether they are a Legionnaire or not. Some organizations charge for this service but do not get better results.

There are countless success stories that we've heard – and many more that we have not. Veterans have received major adjustments in their disability ratings, significant increases in benefits and – perhaps best of all – the reassurance that someone cares enough to help them.

At this time, The American Legion has identified implementing what's outlined in the PACT Act as [one of our key legislative priorities](#). We want to ensure that necessary oversight and proper funding are in place so that VA can fulfill its obligation. That means helping up to 3.5 million veterans affected by toxic contamination. VA has increased staffing to process the influx of new claims, adding nearly 1,900 newly authorized PACT Act positions to handle millions of new disability claims.

Already, more than 300,000 PACT Act claims have been filed since President Biden signed the law last August.

That is great news for our veterans who deserve coverage for their illnesses, injuries and ailments linked to toxic exposure. However, it also means that our service officers will face a significant increase in caseloads.

Let's support our service officers the best we can. I have no doubt that they will continue to serve our brothers and sisters with their gold standard of service that has already brought much needed assistance to millions of other veterans.

And, thank you for what you do to improve the lives of our fellow veterans, servicemembers and their families.

Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola, National Commander
The American Legion

Kirk Thurston

Department of Maine Commander's Project

 AMERICAN
LEGION



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

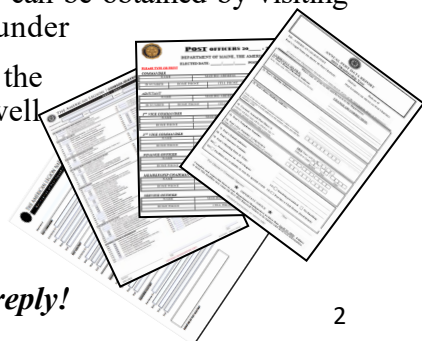
Please be on the lookout for Forms that were mailed from Headquarters on March 1st, 2023. The forms include the following: Annual Post Data Report, [Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders & Adjutants Form, Consolidated Post Report (CPR), and Post Officers Form. Please read the instructions carefully 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 Dept HQ @ 207-873-3229.

Thanks for your prompt reply!



SPECIALY ADAPTED HOMES FOR VETERANS TO BE BUILT IN YORK COUNTY, MAINE



Seacoast Land Acquisitions and Home Innovations are planning to build a number of Specially Adapted Homes (SAH) for severely injured Veterans from all conflicts who live in Maine and qualify according to Veterans Administration guidelines.

The single-family homes will be built in a small subdivision and will include a community center where Veterans and their families can gather for special events and socialization.

All applicants for SAH will have to apply to the Veterans Administration to determine their eligibility. In addition, special SAH grants are available to eligible Veterans to assist in the purchase of these homes. AVA approved lender will be able to provide additional financing for the purchase of these homes, if needed.

All Veterans, who are interested, are urged to email Dale Midgley at midgleyd@earthlink.net to request information and an application for the Specially Adapted Housing. You can also call the Downing Real Estate Agency at 207-985-3328 or email: info@downingagency.com, attention Dale Midgley.

Sincerely,

Dale Midgley
US Army Veteran, Captain
Medical Service Corps
Cell phone# 207-590-3532



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!!!

LEGION TESTIFYING THREE TIMES THIS WEEK ON CAPITOL HILL



The American Legion
MAR 27, 2023

The American Legion will be testifying this week on a variety of bills pending before Congress. They include:

- American Legion Legislative Director Lawrence Montreuil will testify before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs to discuss legislation regarding disability benefits, survivor benefits and outreach. This will also include H.R. 1139, the "Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding (GUARD) VA Benefits Act," which would reinstate penalties for people charging veterans unauthorized fees relating to claims for benefits. The hearing begins at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday.
- American Legion Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Director Tiffany Ellett will testify before the HVAC Subcommittee on Health on a series of bills related to veterans health care. Those include H.R. 808, the Veterans Patient Advocacy Act. The availability of patient advocates is a priority of The American Legion and will continue to be a focal point when speaking with veterans about their representation as a VA patient. The hearing begins at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.
- Matthew Brennan, a policy analyst in the Legion's Veterans Employment and Education Division, will testify on a series of bills during a House Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Subcommittee hearing. Among the bills is one that would ensure that veterans who receive VA educational financial assistance would not be held liable if their college shuts down due to fraud. The hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

Warrant Templates - All Positions

Available on-line at: MaineLegion.org

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

MILITARY TRIVIA

Q. What US submarine, during the Vietnam war, was used in a daring attempt to extract escaped POWs from the Hanoi Hilton?

~ 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](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>

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**

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.



Why Is It So Important for Me to Update the Operating System?

Your computer keeps nagging you to restart. An annoying screen pops up to alert you that the system upgrade is complete. But to make sure you're safe, you need to shut off then start up your computer. Why all the hassle? Why should you have to close all your apps just to update the operating system? A company survey found that 80% of data breaches could have been prevented by updating the OS. Over half use legacy systems that have no current support. As a result, malware and ransomware attacks increase, causing huge financial losses.

What Is an Operating System?

The operating system is the main software that lets you browse the web, type with your keyboard, or draft a document. Microsoft Windows is the most recognizable OS and has 77% of the global desktop market share. And if you use an Apple computer, the OS is called macOS. Both operating systems go back decades and every so often Microsoft and Apple release new versions.

The latest version of Microsoft's OS is Windows 10. Apple users have macOS 10.15, also known as Catalina. And the tech giants want you on the latest platform if possible. Why? Because it's easier to patch or upgrade newer versions than old, obsolete ones.

What Are Operating System Upgrades?

An upgrade or patch fixes issues in your current operating system and keeps things current. You might have heard of service packs, security updates, and driver patches. These are examples of OS system upgrades that are necessary to maintain your computer's stability.

Some Upgrades are Tagged as Critical.

As you can imagine, a delay in downloading and installing them could leave your computer open to a digital attack. Some fix problems with your printer or peripherals. By dismissing the update, your devices may stop working correctly.

So why do people hate the system update process and tend to ignore the warnings?

Dangers of Ignoring Updates

If you're a Windows 10 user you already know the reason why updating the OS can be a nuisance. Some patches or service packs require you to restart. The OS schedules this to happen when you're not using the computer, like late at night. Sounds ideal. Except it forces the computer to shut down, closing all your windows and apps in the process. Any unsaved work gets lost and your web browsing sessions need to start again.

But it needs to be done. And here are four essential reasons why all computer users should allow system upgrades.

1. Fix Security Holes
2. Improve System Stability
3. Get Latest Features
4. Access Future Technology

~ blog.greenwichtime

Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants

District Meeting Calendar Form now available online!

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



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.

MILITARY TRIVIA

A. In June, 1972, during [Operation Thunderhead](#), the USS Grayback was dispatched from Subic Bay, with Seal Team One aboard, to meet the escapees at the mouth of the Red River, Gulf of Tonkin & get them back to the sub. However, weather, stronger currents and poor communication (aka SNAFU) resulted in 2 failed attempts and the mission was scrapped.

**QUICKLY & EASILY
RENEW ONLINE
TODAY!**



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

www.legion.org/renew



**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.

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 11 for an application.



Albert Henry Woolson was the last known surviving member of the Union Army who served in the American Civil War; he was also the last surviving Civil War veteran on either side whose status is undisputed. At least three men who outlived Woolson claimed to be Confederate veterans, but one has been debunked and the other two are unverified. He died in 1956 at the age of 106. ~ Wikipedia

DONATIONS

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE**

National Commanders Campaign

Joseph & Marion Donahue, Post 20.....\$50.00

**2022-23 Commanders Project – Thurston
“Operation Reboot Outdoors”**

Col. (Ret.) Peter B. Johnson,
Greenville Post 94..... \$500.00

Maine Blind Camp

- South Portland Post 35..... \$25.00
- Presque Isle Post 88..... \$100.00
- Pembroke Post 59..... \$200.00
- Guilford Post 119..... \$200.00
- Gray Auxiliary Unit 86.....\$100.00
- Wiscasset Post 54..... \$250.00
- Buckfield Post 58..... \$300.00
- Hampden Post 213..... \$100.00
- Machias Post..... \$250.00
- District 14 Piscataquis..... \$100.00
- George Blaney, in memory of Eldon Blaney... \$100.00

Dirigo State

Hampden Post 213, \$300.00

Beals House

District 14 Piscataquis.....\$100.00
Guilford Post 119..... \$200.00

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE FOUNDATION**

Matthew LeClair c/o Wells Fargo..... \$500.00



MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES IN APRIL



Gold Star Spouses (April 5th): “Gold Star Families” or “Gold Star Spouses” are terms that traditionally refer to the surviving loved ones of military members who have been killed in the line of duty and/or in combat. Gold Star Spouses Day was created to honor these loved ones who have sacrificed so much.

The Gold Star tradition began in World War I. During that time families with someone serving in the military flew flags with blue stars representing each family member currently serving. When a member was killed in the war, the star was changed to gold to let the community know the sacrifice that family had made. This tradition has evolved to include wearing a Gold Star lapel pin that is awarded by the military to the surviving family members.

The designation of Gold Star Spouses day in 2010 not only recognizes the sacrifices made by these military spouses. It is also a day of remembrance, a memorial for the fallen, and appreciation for those who might be in danger of being overlooked for their service and sacrifice for our country. Many military installations will hold their own events to acknowledge Gold Star Spouses Day. You should also check out the many different ways this day is honored and recognized on social media.

National Former POW Recognition Day (April 9th) April 9th is designated as National Former POW Recognition Day. While this day might not be as well-known as National POW/MIA Recognition Day, it is every bit as important. The focus of this day is the word “former”. One well known former POW is the late Senator John McCain. His memory and the memory of the others who returned home from POW camps is on the minds of those who acknowledge this day. There are many troops who are still unaccounted for whose sacrifice and memory should be honored today as well.

National Former POW Recognition Day was originally designated in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan. Its conception was to honor the surrender of between 60 and 80,000 US and Filipino service members to the Japanese army at the Bataan Peninsula, Philippines on April 9, 1942.

More commonly known as the **Bataan Death March**, April 9, 1942, is the day the Japanese army began to force-march the American and Filipino POWs the 65 miles from Mariveles in the Bataan Peninsula to the train station at San Fernando. It is estimated that during this time over 20,000 men died. The POWs were beaten, robbed, starved, tortured, denied medical care, and executed by the Japanese forces.

While the original intent for this day was to recognize those men from that march in 1942, over the decades the recognition has expanded greatly to include all former POWs.

Air Force Reserve Birthday (April 14th) The Air Force Reserve was created on April 14, 1948, shortly after the Air Force was established as a separate branch of the military. The Air Force Reserve has approximately 450 aircraft. Their focus, however, is much more than solely air missions. Their mission also includes security, medical, civil engineering, space-force type operations, among other things.

Reservists of all branches play an important role in the DOD’s strategy for manpower, military flexibility, and global reach. Since 9/11 the Air Force Reserve has played a major role in the air combat patrol missions in American airspace. Currently, there are more than 70,000 Americans serving the Air Force Reserve worldwide.

Army Reserve Birthday (April 23rd) Each year on April 23rd the Army Reserve celebrates its inception as well as its contributions to two World Wars, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, and countless other missions.

The Army Reserve provides combat support, peace-keeping, and civil support. Army Reservists today rotate between active duty mobilizations and monthly training. The Army Reserve Command believes that the need for these reserve troops is more critical now than it has been before. In a world of persistent threats and terrorism, the Army Reserve continues to play an important role in nation-building, humanitarian outreach, national defense, and combat missions.

National Military Brats Day (April 30th) April is the Month of the Military Child, so it seems fitting that the last day of the month would be set aside to celebrate Military Brats. The term “military brat” is a long-standing phrase used to describe the children of military members. While it can be used in a derogatory way, over the decades it has mostly become a way to self-identify as a military family member.

According to some, Military Brats, Inc created Military Brats Day in 2016. It has been celebrated on April 30th ever since its inception. The idea behind its inception was to set aside a day to acknowledge and thank these children – past and present – for the service and sacrifice they’ve made. There are even movements to try to get lawmakers to put it on the calendar as a national holiday.

Why not take the opportunity to acknowledge a military brat in your life?

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)

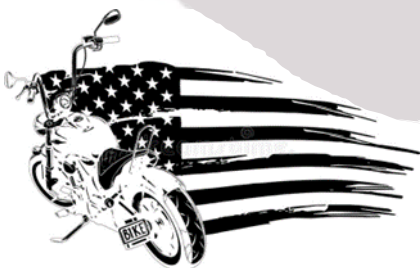
2 PM MEETING

**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



**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 *****