

THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

June 9-10, 2023

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

2023 State Convention Agenda - Coming soon!

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

**YOUR NAME SHOULD ONLY APPEAR ON ONE
FORM. FEE/PERSON IS \$10.**

For more information please visit www.mainelegion.org
or see pages 7-9

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, 8, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 27, 31, 33, 36, 37, 41, 42,
47, 51, 52, 56, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 75, 77, 80, 82, 96,
87, 90, 91, 96, 99, 105, 107, 110, 112, 126, 130, 132,
133, 138, 139, 141, 150, 158, 159, 163, 164, 172, 179,
180, 187, 195, 197, 201, 202, 205, 208, 213, 214,
[CN09](#)

**Reports Are Now Overdue,
Please Submit ASAP!!!!**

Welcome to the 89th 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

MAY 2023

District 2 – Cumberland: May 21
Scarborough Post 76, 2PM

District 3 – Androscoggin:

Discretion of Incoming Commander

District 5 – Oxford: May 15

Norway Post 72, 7pm Annual Election Meeting

District 9 – Kennebec: May 10

Augusta Post 2, 7PM

District 12 – Hancock: May 8

Ellsworth Post 63, dinner at 6:30PM, mtg at 7:30PM

District 13 – Penobscot: May 7

Howland Post 97, 2PM

District 14 – Piscataquis: May 20

Greenville Post 94, 12pm lunch w/bus. meeting at 1PM

District 15 – Washington: May 21

Baileyville Post 23, 2PM

District 17 – No. Aroostook: May 7

Madawaska Post 147, 12pm Meal Elections

Attention: Post Adjutants

The **Membership Target Date** to reach 100% 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 May 17th 2023 target date arrives!!!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Latest Membership Report

VET CENTERS AS A MENTAL HEALTH SOLUTION

By Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola
National Commander

APR 26, 2023



Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,
Are you aware of the critical services provided by Vet Centers?

Eligible veterans and their families receive vital counseling and readjustment services from Vet Centers. Oftentimes, these veterans live in rural areas far from a VA medical facility.

In fact, Vet Centers also have mobile units. These make it possible to offer services even closer to where veterans live as well as dispatching the mobile units to certain areas where the need is the greatest.

Currently there are more than 300 Vet Centers but that number will be increasing this spring, allowing even more veterans and their family members to be served. A recent American Legion [Tango Alpha Lima podcast episode](#) welcomed Army National Guard veteran Mike Fisher who is now the chief readjustment counseling officer for the organization. He covered a lot of ground — similar to Vet Centers — taking about their services, eligibility criteria, expansion and more.

He also sees the value in working with American Legion posts to deliver these services in rural areas.

“We send out staff to provide services in (outlying) communities,” he said. “It could be borrowing space from a local American Legion location where we have a confidential counseling space where we provide services for that community.”

The American Legion is a strong supporter of Vet Centers. Several years ago, we supported the Vet Center Eligibility Expansion Act.

Starting in 2022, [the act expanded eligibility](#) for readjustment counseling and related mental health services through Vet Centers to certain members of the Coast Guard, National Guard and reserves.

While we applaud VA for its strategic growth of Vet Centers, there also is room for more advancements. Notably, as a way to combat the rate of veterans who die by suicide.

That is why The American Legion is calling on Congress to support the funding, implementation and continued expansion of VA and community-based mental health services through Vet Centers.

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

Post forms (Annual Post Data Report, Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders & Adjutants Form) were mailed on March 1st, 2023. **Annual Post Data forms were due by April 15th! THIS IS THE ONLY FORM NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE. Please submit as soon as possible if you have not done so already.** Please read the instructions carefully on all remaining forms and fill them out accordingly. Forms may be obtained online by visiting www.mainelegion.org under Forms/Applications, and the CPR is now available as well in mylegion.org.

Please note that if you are filling out the **Consolidated Post Report** online using MyLegion.org, please leave the **“Batch”** field blank. This field is for internal use only.

For more information please call Dept HQ @ 207-873-3229.



Thank you for your prompt reply!

SPECIALLY 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,

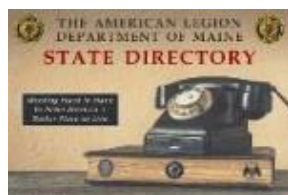
Dale Midgley
US Army Veteran, Captain
Medical Service Corps
Cell phone# 207-590-3532



Stay Connected with Your Fellow Legionnaires!



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



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

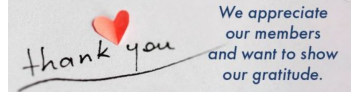
Important Information About the State Directory!

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.



FAQs on 'Thank You Thursday,' New Day for ALOU

The American Legion
APR 26, 2023



This week, The American Legion launches a new initiative to pass along a weekly display of gratitude to its members.

Each week American Legion members will receive a "Thank you Thursday" email that will deliver exclusive offers, great deals and even some free stuff as a way of saying thank you for your membership.

With the new email program slated for Thursdays, the American Legion Online Update (ALOU) will shift to delivery on Friday, starting with the April 28 newsletter.

Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about the change:

Question: How do I receive the "Thank You Thursday" offers?

Answer: Subscribe now by [going to this page](#) to sign up to start receiving your exclusive offers and discounts every Thursday. Please note: If you were previously signed up for Member Discount Benefits you are already subscribed to Thank You Thursday

Question: What's the catch? How much do these Thank You Thursday thingies cost?

Answer: There is no cost to you. They are intended to be a membership perk, our way of saying "thanks" every week for your continued membership.

Question: Does Thank You Thursday replace the American Legion Online Update?

Answer: No, but ALOU is moving to Fridays. Many recipients will receive both Thank You Thursday and the Friday Online Update, and therefore we didn't want to inundate your inbox on Thursdays.

Question: What else is changing with ALOU?

Answer: Based on the popularity of the "top 5" news items in each Online Update Monday Briefing, Friday's Online Update will include a "top 5" stories from the past week that you may have missed. The top 5 story will be included in each Friday edition and will include a recap and link to each story.

MILITARY TRIVIA

Q. What is the only landlocked State in the union to have it's own navy?



~ 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 10.

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>

Warrant Templates - All Positions

Available on-line at: [MaineLegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org)

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

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



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: fuzzyt3@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!!!

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 Stay Safe From Phishing Scams

Phishing scams are one of the easiest ways that hackers can gain access to your personal and financial information. Unlike with [malware](#) or [malicious apps](#), the hackers behind these scams don't have to trick you into installing any software. Instead, they use your emotions against you to trick you into clicking on links or downloading attachments.

For this reason, you don't want to rush when checking your inbox as hackers and other scammers often try to [instill a sense of urgency](#) in their phishing emails. They want you to get upset or stressed so that you'll do what the message says without thinking about it first. This is why you always want to try and keep a level head when dealing with phishing emails.

Likewise, you also want to look out for clear red flags like [misspelled words or poor grammar](#). At the same time, you want to check the sender's email address to make sure that it's correct. Even then though, hackers often impersonate popular brands in their phishing messages by spoofing a company's email address.

Finally, you want to remember that most businesses rarely ask for personal or financial information over email. This is another sign that a message may not be genuine and could in fact be a phishing scam.

To protect your computer from malware and other viruses that could be installed as the result of opening a phishing email, you want to install the [best antivirus software](#) on your PC, the [best Mac antivirus software](#) on your Mac and one of the [best Android antivirus apps](#) on your Android smartphone.

This likely isn't the last time we'll see hackers impersonating Google in their attacks due to just how ubiquitous Google Search has become.

~ Tom's Guide

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.



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.

QUICKLY & EASILY RENEW ONLINE TODAY!



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

www.legion.org/renew



MILITARY TRIVIA

A. In 1930, Nebraska Gov. Charles Bryan took a vacation, and while he was gone, he left Lt. Gov. T.W. Metcalfe in charge of the state. The power went straight to his head, and thus the "[Great Navy of the State of Nebraska](#)" was founded as a way for Metcalfe to appoint his friends as Admirals. The "Great Navy of the State of Nebraska" continues today, with the title of "Admiralship" bestowed upon its citizens by the Governor, which is symbolic only, similar to "Kentucky Colonels" & "Rhode Island Commodores".



FLAG REWARDS

Tips & Suggestions

Be A Full-Service Flag Provider To Your Community

In addition to selling or promoting flags, offer to collect old flags and retire them in a flag retirement ceremony. Make your community think of your Post as its primary resource for buying & retiring flags.

Congratulations to:

**Madawaska, ME Post 147
Brunswick, ME Post 20**

They've earned over \$150 credit in 2023 to spend at Emblem Sales in 2024

Remember: Your Post earns 10¢ for each \$1 spent on American flags by your Post or sponsors!

★ **MEMORIAL DAY** ★
is just around the corner!



Gravemarker Flags

AmericanLegionFlags.com



American Flags by American Legion

SHOP NOW

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FLAG & EMBLEM

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. See Page 11 for an application

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**

DONATIONS

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

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

Auburn Post 153..... \$300.00
Machias Post 9..... \$100.00

Dirigo State

Gray Post 86..... \$800.00

ALR Flag Program

ALR Millinocket Chapter 80..... \$100.00
ALR Madawaska Chapter 147..... \$100.00
ALR Winthrop Chapter 40..... \$100.00
ALR Bath Chapter 21..... \$100.00

Homeless Veterans

David King, Post 158..... \$100.00

Maine Blind Camp

District 12, Hancock County..... \$50.00
St. George Post 34..... \$100.00
Bar Harbor Post 25..... \$25.00
Corinna Post 73..... \$100.00
ALA Greenwood, Unit 68..... \$50.00

Thank you!!!



AMERICAN LEGION

2023 Annual State Convention Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer | June 9-10, 2023

The 2023 Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of Maine will be held at **Jeff's Catering & Event Center, 15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME. 04412.** Department Commander Kirk Thurston will call the Convention to order promptly at noontime, Friday, June 9.

Please see attached Member/Guest Registration and Post Delegate/Alternate Registration forms.

If you are an **elected Delegate/Alternate**, please fill out the **POST DELEGATE/ALTERNATE FORM only, and NOT the MEMBER/GUEST REGISTRATION FORM.** If you **are not** a Delegate/Alternate, please fill out the Member/Guest Registration form.

YOUR NAME SHOULD ONLY APPEAR ON ONE FORM. THE FEE PER PERSON IS \$10.

Please note: *All award recipient family members do not have to register to attend State Convention.*

Electronic Submissions: For those that wish to pay registration online, please follow the steps below. Otherwise, continue to fill out the necessary form(s). Print and mail form(s) along with a check made payable to The American Legion, Department 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727.

1. Fill out the required registration form(s) below.
2. Save & Email the file as an attachment to legionme@mainelegion.org and click on the **PAY REGISTRATION** link to submit payment electronically.
3. From the dropdown menu select the number of people registering. **(Note: If you are paying online, you will be required to cover the cost of the fees associated with this online transaction. I.e., \$10 registration will cost you \$10.81; \$20 – \$21.12; \$30 - \$31.43...\$100 - \$103.60.**
4. Proceed with payment. Please note that you do not need a PayPal account to pay by Venmo, Debit or Credit Card.

For up-to-date information regarding State Convention, please visit www.mainelegion.org and click on **STATE CONVENTION** located under the **NEWS & EVENTS** dropdown menu.

Member/Guest Registration

Please **DO NOT** fill out this form if you are a Delegate, Alternate, or Delegate-At-Large

If you are planning to attend the convention this year, all guests and members are required to pay a registration fee of **\$10**. The registration fee covers both sessions to be held June 9-10. Each member and/or guest will receive a name tag upon arrival.

| MEMBER/GUEST REGISTRATION FORM | | | | | |
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| \$10.00/person | | | | | |
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| Please mail Member/Guest Registration Form and check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine earmarked "Member/Guest Registration" to: The American Legion, Department of Maine 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727 by June 1. | | | | | |
| Those that wish to register online, please follow the instructions listed on page 1. | | | | | |

*Forms are also available by visiting <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php>

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE**

POST DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE 2023 STATE CONVENTION

Following are the elected delegates and alternates for this Post to the 104th Annual State Convention of The Maine American Legion to be held at Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer on June 9-10, 2023. Election of delegates has been in accordance with the Call to State Convention. **All Delegates and Alternates are required to pay a registration fee of \$10. This \$10 fee will also cover both sessions to be held June 9-10. PLEASE DO NOT FILL OUT THE MEMBER/GUEST REGISTRATION FORM IF YOU ARE AN ELECTED DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE.** This form must be electronically submitted if paying online (see instructions above) or mailed to the Department Adjutant's office by June 1, 2023. The 1976 State Convention mandated that all delegates MUST register prior to voting. Evidence of registration will be requested by the credentials committee.

By typing your name below, you are signing this form electronically. You agree that your electronic signature is equivalent to your signature.

Post Adjutant's Signature

Post Commander's Signature

| DELEGATES | | ALTERNATES | |
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DELEGATES-AT-LARGE: (Department Officers, Past Department Commanders, and District Commanders)

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Credentials Committee will meet on June 10, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Registration fee of \$10 for each delegate and alternate MUST be paid either electronically (see instructions above) or by mailing a check payable to **The American Legion, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine, ME 04901-0727** by June 1, 2023. **ALL DELEGATES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED.**

NAME OF POST _____

LOCATION _____ **POST NO.** _____

No. of delegates allowed (Office Use Only) _____



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) 5087-4061

Blue Iris - (207) 364-4496

Hotel Rumford - (207) 364-3621

Mention: "American Legion Special Rates"

Reserve Now – Rooms Are Going Fast!!!



**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)*****



HONORING MAINE'S VETERANS

who served their country so that we may enjoy living in a free country!

The 2023 Honor Flight Schedule is:

April 28-30

May 26-28

September 22-24

October 27-29

The flights return on Sunday morning to a **Welcome Home ceremony**.

This is a great way for the veteran community to honor our fellow brothers and sisters, especially those who paved the way for us. Many organizations are represented at the Homecoming as well as hundreds from our community,

All American Legion members are encouraged to attend this heartwarming event and give our veterans the Welcome Home they deserve and, for many, will be their first.

Rendezvous Jetport 1200, May 28th

Free parking with shuttle buses from the State Office Building, 151 Jetport Blvd,
Portland



**The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of
Maine invites you to join us at the**

2022—2023 Homecoming for

Eastern Division National Vice President

Veronica Gurney

Join us on Saturday, July 15, 2023

Location: Fitzgerald-Cummings American Legion Post 2, 7 Legion Drive, Augusta, Maine

Time: 2 p.m. social with cash bar; 3 p.m. dinner, with program to follow. Entertainment will follow the program.

Menu: Appetizers

Entrees: Maine lobster (OR) Half barbeque chicken

Both entrees will be accompanied by fresh Maine clams, corn on the cob, potato salad, cole slaw, tossed salad and rolls. (Both meals are gluten free.) Dessert will be Maine blueberry or strawberry cobbler. A gluten free option will be offered of ice cream topped with berries.



Cost: \$45 per person

Mail reservations to: Joyce Thurlow, 1 Meadowrue Rd., Augusta, ME 04330 by **July 1, 2023**. Make Checks payable to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 2 and indicate your meal choice of lobster or chicken when making reservation. Also indicate if gluten free dessert is required.

Post 2 will also be open on Friday evening, July 14th, with entertainment as well.

Local Hotels:

Maine Evergreen Hotel, 65 Whitten Rd., Augusta, Maine (207) 622-3776

Senator Inn and Spa, 284 Western Ave., Augusta, Maine (207) 622-5804

Best Western Inn, 110 Community Dr., Augusta, Maine (207) 622-4751

Comfort Inn, 281 Civic Center Dr., Augusta, Maine (207) 261-5014



IMPORTANT DATES IN MILITARY HISTORY

May

- Entire Month of May: National Military Appreciation Month
- 5/1 Silver Star Service Banner Day
(honoring America's wounded, injured and ill service members)
- 5/1 Loyalty Day
(recognizing the American spirit of loyalty)
- 5/2 Women's Overseas Service League Established (1921)
- 5/7 Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces Signed (1945)
- 5/8 V-E Day (1945)
- May 12 Military Spouse Day
- 5/13 Navy Nurse Corps Established (1908)
- May 13-20th Armed Forces Week
- 5/15 Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Established (1942)
- 5/20 Armed Forces Day
- 5/21 American Red Cross Founded (1881)
- 5/22 National Maritime Day
- 5/29 Memorial Day