

THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 115th Edition of The Leadership Ledger. It includes Post, Department and National reports, leadership training events, upcoming conferences/conventions as well as rules and regulations pertaining to local, state and national laws. The Ledger is available by visiting the Department's website at mainelegion.org 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 DEPARTMENT OF MAINE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

June 7-8, 2024

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

[NEW!!! Electronic Form Submission
& Payment Now Available!](#)

*Note: Please remember to email the form to
Department if paying online.*

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

[30 Days Prior to State Convention - 2024](#)

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

Attention Post Adjutants

Posts that received a Post Balance Report in the mail last week, please note that the report is **as of May 15, 2024**, not March 15, 2024. Thank you, and sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

~ Rachael Currie, Office Mgr/
Membership Administrator



The American Legion Department Testimonial



Join us on Saturday, May 25th as we
honor our 2023-2024 Leadership.

TAL Department Commander Al McKay
ALA President, Pat Grant
SAL Commander, Steve Doyle

Where: American Legion, Smith-Tobey Post 21,
200 Congress Street, Bath
Time: 4pm social hour, dinner at 5, followed by karaoke.
Menu: Family BBQ - 2 burgers or 2 hotdogs with
potato and macaroni salads, and dessert for
\$10 per person.

PLEASE NOTE



Important Information!!

- ◆ **SWEEPSTAKES DELAY:** The American Legion, Dept. of Maine has delayed it's summer sweepstakes drawing originally due to take place on **Sat., June 8th** at the Annual State Convention in Brewer, due to mailing issues. The sweepstakes drawing will take place at the American Legion State Headquarters in Winslow on **Wed., July 10th**. Please get your tickets in before the July 3rd drawing. 1 Ticket \$5, 3 for \$10, 6 for 15, and 12 for \$25.
- ◆ **Leadership Ledger:** Due to the State Convention, the next publication date will be **June 13th**.
- ◆ **Memorial Day:** State Headquarters will be closed on **May 27th** in honor of Memorial Day.
- ◆ **Juneteenth:** State Headquarters will be closed on **June 19th** in honor of Juneteenth.
- ◆ **Independence Day:** State Headquarters will be closed on Thurs., **July 4th** in observance of the holiday.

Please Plan Accordingly!

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

Click on the Donate button. Make sure to type: "Commander's Project" in the Note section.

Thank You!!!



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.

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



Q. It is believed Maj. Gen. John A. Logan designated May 30 as Memorial Day for what reason?

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield
Mars Hill Post 118

BE THE ONE

TRAINING - 2024

2024 Training Dates

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.



2024

105th National Convention New Orleans, LA

August 23 – August 29, 2024

This year's National Convention will be held in New Orleans, LA Aug. 23 - Aug. 29, 2024. The hotel assigned for members from the Department of Maine will be Hyatt Place New Orleans Convention Center, 881 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70130. If you are thinking about going to National Convention, please fill out the registration form below, or email jason@mainelegion.org. For more information, please visit www.legion.org/convention/resources.

[2024 National Convention Reservation/Registration/Banquet Form](#)



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



*"A hot dog at the game beats
roast beef at the Ritz."*

~ Humphrey Bogart



Multi-Year Membership is now Available.
Save Today!

Lock in your current dues rate simply by selecting [Multi-Year Membership.](#)

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. See **Page 8** for an application. If you have not yet paid your Past Commanders Club dues, *please do so today!*

NATIONAL POPPY DAY IS FRIDAY

THE AMERICAN LEGION
MAY 21, 2024



The Friday before Memorial Day is National Poppy Day. The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

On Sept. 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of the American Legion Family, led largely by the American Legion Auxiliary, to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion.

American Legion Family members will be distributing the symbolic flower on National Poppy Day, which falls on May 24 this year, and everyone is encouraged to wear a red poppy to honor military sacrifices. [Watch a message](#) from American Legion National Commander Daniel Seehafer and Auxiliary President Lisa Williamson about the importance of wearing a red poppy to remember the fallen.

Resources are available for local use and education about National Poppy Day. Visit legion-aux.org/National-Poppy-Day for:

- A history of Poppy Day
- A Poppy Shop to purchase pins and supplies for posts, units, squadrons and chapters
- Videos, including stirring recitations of “In Flanders Fields” and “We Shall Keep the Faith”
- Poppy Day banners, posters, media templates and sample press releases to raise awareness and increase participation in your community.
- Link to make online poppy donations to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families.

Warrant Templates
All Post/District Officer Positions
Available on-line at:

[MaineLegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org)

or go to:

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

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>

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



POST/DISTRICT FORMS

CLICK HERE

[To see which forms your post still needs to submit.](#)

ATTENTION COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS!

By now you should have received all four **Annual Post Forms**. Thanks again for getting the Post Data reports in on time! Please fill out the remaining forms as per the directions and mail the forms back to Dept. HQ **as soon as possible**.



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

Thank you!

[MyLegion.org](https://www.mylegion.org) is a One-Stop-Shop for Managing Your American Legion Membership!

What are the eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion?

Thanks to the LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act), Congress expanded the current eligibility period to cover Dec. 7, 1941, to the present, and includes the current war campaigns. Previously, there were seven declared war periods. Now there are two, the current war period dating back to World War II and another war era covering World War I. No other restrictions to American Legion membership changed

For more information contact Dept. HQ at 873-3229. The American Legion State Headquarters 5 Verti Dr., Winslow 04901.

Print 2024 Membership Cards in [MyLegion](https://www.mylegion.org)

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.

VA TO GRANT 1 MILLIONTH BENEFIT CLAIM FOR VETERANS AND THEIR SURVIVORS UNDER THE PACT ACT

THE AMERICAN LEGION
MAY 21, 2024

Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs expects to grant its 1 millionth PACT Act-related disability compensation claims to veterans and survivors since President Biden signed the bill into law on Aug. 10, 2022. The grant rate for these claims is 75% – a sharp increase from pre-PACT levels – and VA has delivered more than \$5.7 billion in earned benefits to those veterans and survivors.

The PACT Act expanded VA health care and benefits to millions of veterans, including adding “presumptive” service connection for hundreds of conditions linked to burn pits, agent orange, and other hazards while serving our country. Presumptions such as these lower the burden of proof required to receive disability benefits, helping veterans get the benefits they deserve as quickly as possible. The average service connection rate for veterans with these granted claims is 70%, meaning that they receive more than \$20,000 in earned benefits payments from VA each year.

“Thanks to the PACT Act, VA is delivering more benefits to more veterans than ever before,” said Under Secretary for Benefits Joshua Jacobs. “We encourage all toxic-exposed veterans and their survivors to apply today for care and benefits at [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT). When you apply, we will stop at nothing to get you the benefits you’ve earned.”

Through the PACT Act, VA has been able to help millions of veterans get the health care and benefits they deserve. Key impacts include:

- **More veterans are enrolling in health care:** More than 400,000 veterans have enrolled in VA health care over the past year, a 30% increase year-over-year. This is critical because veterans who come to VA are proven to have [better or equal health outcomes](#), [higher satisfaction scores](#), and [trust VA outpatient care at 91.8%](#).
- **More than 5.4 million veterans have been screened by VA for toxic exposures:** These screenings are a critical step to detecting, understanding, and treating potentially life-threatening health conditions. Of the 5.4 million veterans who have received the screening, 44% reported at least one potential exposure.
- **Veterans are applying for benefits at all-time record rates:** Thanks to the largest outreach campaign in VA history, veterans and survivors submitted 2,433,729 claims applications in 2023 – an all-time record and 39% more than in 2022. Veterans and survivors are on pace to break this record again in 2024.
- **Veterans exposed to toxins and other environmental hazards are now eligible for VA health care:** In March, as directed by President Biden, VA [announced](#) that all veterans who meet eligibility requirements and were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving in the military — at home or abroad — had become eligible to enroll directly in VA health care. This expansion eliminated the phased-in approach called for by the PACT Act — meaning that millions of veterans are becoming eligible for VA health care up to eight years earlier than written into law.

The 1 million granted PACT Act-related claims are claims from more than 888,000 veterans and survivors that included a PACT Act condition where at least one condition from the claim was granted, regardless of whether the granted condition is one of the PACT-specific conditions noted above. In total, VA has received 1.65 million PACT Act-related claims and completed more than 1.32 million since August 2022. More information and data on the impact of the PACT Act can be found in VA’s biweekly [PACT Act Dashboard](#).

VA is currently processing veteran benefits claims at the [fastest rate in history](#), delivering more benefits, more quickly, to more veterans than ever before. As a result of this record pace, veteran claims pending over 125 days – known as the backlog – has decreased by more than 100,000 claims since December. Moving forward, VA will continue to aggressively reach out to veterans to encourage them to come to VA. VA encourages all veterans, family members, caregivers, and survivors to [learn more about VA](#) and apply for their world-class [health care](#) and [earned benefits](#) today.

“Only the dead have seen the end of war.”

~ [George Santayana, Philosopher](#)

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.



Scammers are tricking Android users into installing a fake antivirus app that's actually malware — how to stay safe

A new [Android malware](#) campaign is using [social engineering](#) and several other tricks to dupe unsuspecting users into installing malware capable of draining their bank accounts.

As reported by [BleepingComputer](#), this particular campaign only affects users of the [best Android phones](#) in Finland at the moment. However, it's still a great example of the types of tactics and means hackers use to trick people into installing [malicious apps](#).

According to Finland's Transport and Communications Agency ([Traficom](#)), this attack begins with a text message that instructs the recipient to call a phone number. When they do, they are then instructed by a scammer on the other end to install a McAfee app for protection.

While you should never install any app someone coerces you to over the phone, the initial text messages in this campaign appeared to come from either banks or payment service providers using [spoofing technology](#).

Here's everything you need to know about this new malware campaign and how you can avoid falling victim to it and others like it.



Sideloaded Malware

Instead of coming from the [Google Play Store](#) or another official app store, this fake McAfee app arrives as an Android APK file which needs to be [sideloaded](#) onto a victim's phone. This is a major red flag and a clear giveaway that this is a scam as no bank or financial service provider would ever ask its customers to sideload an app.

Still though, many Finnish users have fallen for this scam with Traficom reporting that one victim lost over \$100,000. In fact, this scam has gotten so bad that the financial service provider OP Financial Group published a separate alert on its website warning its customers about text messages impersonating banks or national authorities.

While the Finnish authorities didn't name the malware strain being used in this campaign, BleepingComputer noticed that it resembled a recent [Vultur banking trojan](#) campaign from the beginning of this year.

This new Vultur variant uses a combination of [smishing](#) (phishing over SMS) and [phone call attacks](#) to convince potential victims to download a fake McAfee Security app. Sound familiar? It should as this is almost the exact same attack scenario used in this new campaign.

For those who may have accidentally installed this malicious app posing as McAfee, you should call your bank immediately to enable protection measures and restore your compromised Android phone to its factory settings. You will lose your apps and other data but doing so will wipe the malware from your phone.

How to Stay Safe From Android Malware

Android malware has the potential to completely upend your life if you're not careful. This is why you want to be extremely cautious when installing any new app onto your smartphone.

Besides not sideloading apps, you also want to check the ratings and reviews of any app you download from the Google Play Store or other official Android app stores like the Samsung Galaxy Store or Amazon Appstore for that matter. Since reviews and ratings can be faked, I always recommend that you also look for video reviews so that you can see the app in question in action before installing it.

When you do install a new app, pay careful attention to the permissions it requests. Malicious apps spreading malware often request access to [unnecessary permissions](#) as a means to gain access over your phone. For instance, a simple utility app like a calculator doesn't need access to your photos or the ability to see your contacts. As for which permissions are an immediate red flag, [Accessibility Services](#) is a permission that's often abused by malicious apps as it gives the hackers behind them near total control of your phone.

As it comes pre-installed on most Android phones, you also want to make sure that [Google Play Protect](#) is enabled as it scans all of your existing apps and any new ones you download for malware. For extra protection though, you might also want to consider installing one of the [best Android antivirus apps](#) as they often come with additional security features like a [VPN](#) or [password manager](#).

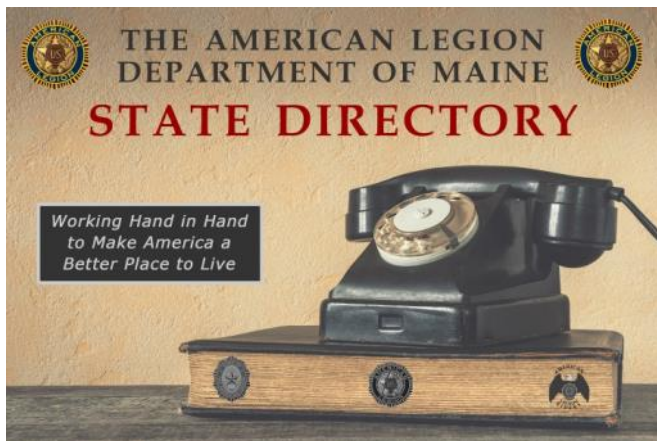
Scammers and hackers are going to keep coming up with clever new ways to infect users with malware as companies like Google and law enforcement agencies grow wise to their tricks. As such, it's up to you to be careful online and not let your emotions get the best of you when dealing with text messages or other communications sent from unknown senders or even people posing as someone they're not.

~ Tom's Guide

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.

“The price to pay for having a social media profile is not to struggle to create an identity but to accept to lose it forever.”

~ Mokokoma Mokhonoana

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

Tips & Suggestions

Gravemarker Flags Count



Does your Post need stick flags to put out for Memorial Day? Stick flags *do* earn Flag Rewards credit for your Post!

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



For the **Flag & Emblem Catalog**

DONATIONS

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Blind Camp

District 16, So. Aroostook County.....\$50.00

Commander's Project

John Neel, Post 97..... \$200.00

Dirigo State

Rumford Post 24..... \$1,375.00

National Commander's Campaign

Deb Couture, Post 181.....\$100.00

Carl Curtis, Post 213.....\$100.00

Jason Hall, Post 86..... \$100.00

Matt Jabaut, Post 202..... \$100.00

Thank you!!!

MILITARY TRIVIA

A. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan designated May 30 as Memorial Day because flowers would be in bloom across the country.





**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.

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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 *****

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
- ✓ Sponsorships available



TRIBUTEWALL@AUGUSTAELKS.ORG



<https://www.facebook.com/events/1125170752173336>



TRIBUTEWALL@AUGUSTAELKS.ORG



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**



DON'T MISS THE BOAT!!
EIGHTH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY
FREE CRUISE FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Monday, May 27, 2024

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Rain or Shine

The Naples Lions Club invites you and your family to a one and a half hour Memorial Day cruise on the Songo River Queen II on Monday of Memorial Day weekend from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (rain or shine) to honor and pay tribute for your time served in the United States military. Veterans or Active Duty Service men or women and their immediate family board for **free**. Please inquire, in advance, if additional guests are desired.

Please bring an ID or documentation to show active or prior military involvement. Boarding begins one hour before departure. We hope you will come and enjoy a leisurely cruise along beautiful Long Lake. Complimentary snacks will be served.

A snack bar and cash cocktail bar are also available on board.

Advance reservations are highly recommended. Secure your seat(s) as follows:

- Search on the web for “Naples Maine Lions Club” and click on Vet Cruise tab.
- In person or call the Naples Public Library (207-693-6841)
- In person or call the Naples American Legion Post #155 (207-693-6285)
- For more information or to make a reservation call: Lion Fran Keen at 207-693-9123 or Lion Dave Gerrish, Event Coordinator, at 207-693-6854 / email: atozdave@yahoo.com.



In honor of our Military, printing donated by Minuteman Press Denmark

4th Annual Chapter 14 MEMORIAL RIDE

Saturday, JUNE 1, 2024

Rain Date: 6/2/24

**This year we ride to honor fallen riders from
Chapter 40 American Legion Riders**

- **Carl G Smith**
- **John G Brennan**

\$20 Per Rider \$10/passenger

Registrations: 9:00am @Post 14– Fairfield

Safety Brief: 9:45

Kickstands UP: 10:00am

- Prize chances at stops. ENTRY FEE GETS YOU IN THE FUN!! (must show wristband)
 - Fun will include: "Pick-a-Card", "Dice Roll", "The Lucky Band"
 - Additional "bands" will be available for purchase
- Ch.40 Legion Riders will have food available when we reach Post 40 in Winthrop
 - \$10 per plate
- 50/50 Raffle
- **PLEASE FUEL UP** before the Ride; length of ride is about 100 mi.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a memorial ride with the intention to keep alive the memory of fallen Legion Rider's in our local area. Each Rider honored volunteered their time as Legion Riders to assist in raising money for local Veteran's efforts. We want to keep that volunteering spirit alive and use this annual ride event to honor them and donate to chosen charities that have a meaning for each of OUR fallen Riders individually.

Ch14 currently donates in remembrance of: Stan Johnson and Dennis Day

All proceeds from this event will be used for donations to an organization in honor of each Ch14 fallen rider