

# 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

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

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

[30 Days Prior to State Convention - 2023](#)

[2023 State Convention Agenda](#)

[Membership Appreciation Banquet](#)

**For more information please visit:**

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

or see pages 7-9

Welcome to the 91<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org).

### 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 July 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 target date arrives!!!

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

### 104th National Convention

Charlotte, NC

August 25 - August 31, 2023



[2023 National Convention Reservation/  
Registration/Banquet Form](#)

For more information, please visit:

[Convention Resources](#)

Find a printable Registration Form on Page 16-17.

For any questions or concerns,  
please contact [convention@legion.org](mailto:convention@legion.org).

### 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](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.ph). *It's fast and easy!!!*

- ♦ **SWEEPSTAKES DELAY:** The American Legion, Dept. of Maine has delayed it's summer sweepstakes drawing originally due to take place on **Sat., June 10th** 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 5th**. Please get your tickets in before the July 5th 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 15th**.
- ♦ **Memorial Day:** State Headquarters will be closed on **May 29th** 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 **July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>** in observance of the holiday.

***Please Plan Accordingly!***

PLEASE NOTE



**Important Information!!**

# MEMORIAL DAY AND THE COST OF FREEDOM

By Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola  
National Commander

MAY 24, 2023



Dear American Legion Family and friends,

A commonly used phrase in The American Legion is "every day is Veterans Day." We prove this through our programs and service to our communities. But for Gold Star families and the battle buddies of the fallen, every day is Memorial Day.

When American servicemembers are seriously wounded, often their last words are some variations of "tell my wife I love her," "tell my kids I'm proud of them," or "take care of my family." The parents of fallen heroes live every mother's and father's nightmare, burying their child.

Marine Corps veteran Rosanna Powers understands the meaning of sacrifice. She lost her brother, Lance Cpl. Caleb Powers, as he served in Iraq on Aug. 17, 2004. The very next day, her fiancé, Marine Sgt. Richard Lord, also made the supreme sacrifice there.

"We can debate the war's legacy and what it means for the future of American foreign policy. But remember who stands ready to protect our freedom to have those debates and remember those who died to keep that freedom safe," Rosanna wrote in a Fox News commentary. "It's up to us to honor them, in our own way, by trying to make the country they died for a better place."

When politicians debate the cost of veterans benefits, we should remember the price already paid by fallen servicemembers and their families. This is the true cost of war.

There is also the cost paid by some who served outside the officially recognized war zones. More than 1,600 Americans have lost their lives fighting in covert operations and cold war battles that have occurred since the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Danger is inherent with all military service. This spring, nine young soldiers with the 101st Airborne Division lost their lives when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed near Fort Campbell, Ky. They trained in defense of our freedom.

While Memorial Day is a time of remembrance, we can also celebrate the lives of the more than one million men and women who loved this country enough to die for it. For that, we should always be grateful.

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

## 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.

★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

## ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY, WHO WILL YOU BE REMEMBERING?

The American Legion  
MAY 23, 2023

Memorial Day is a special yet solemn day as it reminds veterans and civilians alike of the immense price we pay for freedom. As Americans, we owe a debt of gratitude for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Throughout the nation this weekend, American Legion Family members will be reflecting on the sacrifice of loved ones and honoring their memory with gratitude.

The American Legion wants to honor those who you will be remembering this Memorial Day. Visit our [Legiontown web page](#) and select the Memorial Day category to share a story, photo or even upload a video about whom you will be thinking about and honoring on this sacred day.

# LEGION'S BE THE ONE RACE CAR WINS POLE FOR THE INDIANAPOLIS 500



To: All Legion Leadership  
From: Daniel S. Wheeler, National Adjutant

You may recall part of our decision to invest in INDYCAR marketing was to amplify our message on one of the biggest stages in sports. The Indy 500 is one of the largest sporting events in the world with hundreds of thousands in attendance and approximately 4 million watching on national television. I'm proud to share that The American Legion race car, driven by Alex Palou, will start in the **pole position** for the 107<sup>th</sup> Running of the Indianapolis 500!

How appropriate - the **Be the One** car will lead the field to start the race this Memorial Day weekend.

Alex earned the top spot yesterday with a record qualifying four-lap average of 234.217 miles per hour. Qualifying was live on NBC, and The American Legion received a significant amount of national media coverage. One of the more fitting comments of the broadcast came from Chip Ganassi's interview after Alex earned the pole. Chip simply said, "That was a victory for every veteran across the United States today."

[\(Watch the clip of here\)](#)

[\(Click here to read the full story on Legion.org\)](#)

We have dominated the month of May at the Speedway. The American Legion car won the Indianapolis Grand Prix a week ago. We "won" qualifying yesterday. Here's hoping Alex can sweep it all with a win in the Greatest Spectacle in Racing. I hope you will tune in Sunday, May 28 on NBC. Coverage starts at 11am ET. Green flag is scheduled for 12:45pm ET.

Thank you again for your support of this unique marketing platform. The American Legion brand is receiving an immense amount of national exposure. More importantly, we are helping veterans by reaching millions of people with our **Be The One** message. Priceless!

## 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 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](http://www.mainelegion.org)

or contact Jason Hall at 207-873-3229 ext. 7

e-mail: [DirigoStateME@gmail.com](mailto:DirigoStateME@gmail.com)

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

## EMAIL SCAMS

### ATTENTION LEGION MEMBERS!!!

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

**THESE ARE SCAMS!**

If you receive an e-mail that reads:

Subject: Do you have time to chat.

Do you have some time to chat, Kindly re-confirm your cell.

**Kirk Thurston**  
Commander  
209 265-1338

Or

from: [americanlegionofmontana13@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegionofmontana13@gmail.com)

Hello, Are you less busy at the moment? I got a request for you to manage discreetly. I will be going into a meeting shortly, please no calls so kindly respond back via email.

Kirk Thurston,  
Commander .

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

Kirk's e-mail address is: [fuzzyt3@roadrunner.com](mailto:fuzzyt3@roadrunner.com)

**These are scams!**

**Repeat: THESE ARE SCAMS!!!**

## MILITARY TRIVIA

Q. What were the 2 largest strategic failures of the Vietnam war?



~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield,  
Mars Hill Post 118

## 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 RECOGNIZE AND AVOID PHISHING SCAMS

Scammers use email or text messages to trick you into giving them your personal and financial information. But there are several ways to protect yourself.

**How To Recognize Phishing.** Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. You might get an unexpected email or text message that looks like it's from a company you know or trust, like a bank or a credit card or utility company. Or maybe it's from an online payment website or app. The message could be from a scammer, who might:

- say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts — *they haven't*
- claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information — *there isn't*
- say you need to confirm some personal or financial information — *you don't*
- include an invoice you don't recognize — *it's fake*
- want you to click on a link to make a payment — *but the link has malware*
- say you're eligible to register for a government refund — *it's a scam*
- offer a coupon for free stuff — *it's not real*

Here are signs that an email is a scam, even though it looks like it comes from a company you know – and even uses the company's logo in the header:

- The email has a generic greeting.
- The email says your account is on hold because of a billing problem.
- The email invites you to click on a link to update your payment details.

While real companies might communicate with you by email, legitimate companies won't email or text with a link to update your payment information. Phishing emails can often have real consequences for people who give scammers their information, including identity theft. And they might harm the reputation of the companies they're spoofing.

#### Four Ways To Protect Yourself From Phishing

1. **Protect your computer by using security software.** Set the software to update automatically so it will deal with any new security threats.
2. **Protect your cell phone by setting software to update automatically.** These updates could give you critical protection against security threats.
3. **Protect your accounts by using multi-factor authentication.** Some accounts offer extra security by

requiring two or more credentials to log in to your account. This is called multi-factor authentication. The extra credentials you need to log in to your account fall into three categories:

- something you know — like a passcode, a PIN, or the answer to a security question.
- something you have — like a one-time verification passcode you get by text, email, or from an authenticator app; or a security key
- something you are — like a scan of your fingerprint, your retina, or your face

Multi-factor authentication makes it harder for scammers to log in to your accounts if they do get your username and password.

4. **Protect your data by backing it up.** Back up the data on your computer to an external hard drive or in the cloud. Back up the data on your phone, too.

**What To Do if You Suspect a Phishing Attack.** If you get an email or a text message that asks you to click on a link or open an attachment, answer this question:

- Do I have an account with the company or know the person who contacted me?

If the answer is "No," it could be a phishing scam. Go back and review the advice in How to recognize phishing and look for signs of a phishing scam. If you see them, report the message and then delete it. If the answer is "Yes," contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real — not the information in the email. Attachments and links might install harmful malware.

**What To Do if You Responded to a Phishing Email.** If you think a scammer has your information, like your Social Security, credit card, or bank account number, go to IdentityTheft.gov. There you'll see the specific steps to take based on the information that you lost.

If you think you clicked on a link or opened an attachment that downloaded harmful software, update your computer's security software. Then run a scan and remove anything it identifies as a problem.

**How To Report Phishing.** If you got a phishing email or text message, report it. The information you give helps fight scammers.

If you got a phishing email, forward it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at: [reportphishing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphishing@apwg.org).

If you got a phishing text message, forward it to SPAM (7726). Report the phishing attempt to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov).



~ Federal Trade Commission—Consumer Advice



There's a **NEW** weblink for  
Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
Association: <https://mevetscemetery.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](http://www.mainelegion.org/media/misc/Job_Description)

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

**JOB OPENING**

## 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.

## Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants

District Meeting Calendar  
Form now available online!

[Click Here](#) or visit:  
[www.mainelegion.org](http://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](http://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.

## ATTENTION ADJUTANTS & COMMANDERS

Post forms (Annual Post Data Report, Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders & Adjutants Form) were mailed on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://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 Myegion.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!*



## POST/DISTRICT FORMS

[CLICK HERE](#)

To see which forms your post still needs to submit.

## QUICKLY & EASILY RENEW ONLINE TODAY!

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

[www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)



## MILITARY TRIVIA

**A.** It was the first war in which the US failed to meet its objectives & it was also the first time America failed to welcome its veterans back as heroes.



Vietnam Veterans Memorial

## PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. See Page 16 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](#)



## 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.*

# DONATIONS

## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

### National Commanders Campaign

District 1, York.....	\$50.00
District 2, Cumberland.....	\$200.00
District 3, Androscoggin.....	\$50.00
District 5, Oxford.....	\$50.00
District 6, Knox.....	\$20.00
District 8, Sagadahoc.....	\$50.00
District 9, Kennebec.....	\$50.00
District 13, Penobscot.....	\$100.00
District 14, Piscataquis.....	\$50.00
District 15, Washington.....	\$100.00
District 17, N. Aroostock.....	\$50.00
Maureen Malley, Post 6.....	\$25.00
Paul Blackstone, Post 25.....	\$50.00
Farmington Post 28.....	\$50.00
Tenants Harbor Post 34.....	\$50.00
John Neel, Post 97.....	\$100.00
Oxford Post 112.....	\$50.00
David Tanguay, Post 148.....	\$100.00
James Veilleux, Post 158.....	\$50.00
Matthew Jabaut, Post 202.....	\$100.00

## DONATIONS (cont.)

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

Joseph Donahue, Post 20.....	\$25.00
Ron Marr, Squadron 1.....	\$50.00
Bridgton Post 67.....	\$100.00
Phippsburg Post 216.....	\$50.00

### Homeless Veterans

ALR Sanford, Chapter 19.....	\$1,500.00
ALR Oakland Chapter 51.....	\$500.00

### Maine Veterans Homes (Machias)

Phippsburg Post 216.....	\$50.00
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### Operation Military Kids

Phippsburg Post 216.....	\$50.00
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### Oratorical

Phippsburg Post 216.....	\$50.00
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### VAVS

Phippsburg Post 216.....	\$50.00
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### VetAid

Phippsburg Post 216.....	\$50.00
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### Maine Blind Camp

Phippsburg Post 216.....	\$25.00
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### Beals House

Phippsburg Post 216.....	\$50.00
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### Legacy Fund

ALR Sanford, Chapter 19.....	\$500.00
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### Dirigo State

Camp Chamberlain, Maine Nat'l Guard Joint Force HQ.....	\$4,000.00
Damariscotta Post 42.....	\$800.00
Damariscotta Unit 42.....	\$400.00
Phippsburg Post 216.....	\$50.00

### ALR Flag Program

ALR Oakland Chapter 51.....	\$100.00
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# Thank you!!!

*“All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors — in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver.”*

~ [Fred Rogers](#)



# 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](mailto: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](http://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.

<b>MEMBER/GUEST REGISTRATION FORM</b>					
<b>\$10.00/person</b>					
	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MEMBER (✓)	GUEST (✓)	POST NO.
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please mail Member/Guest Registration Form and check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine earmarked "Member/Guest Registration" to: <b>The American Legion,                      Department of Maine 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727 by June 1.</b>					
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 104<sup>th</sup> 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	
1.		1.	
2.		2.	
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9.		9.	
10.		10.	

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_





## 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



**The American Legion Riders Post**  
**#42**

# Bike Show

June 24<sup>th</sup> from 11am-4pm!

**All proceeds go to the Riders Legacy**  
**Scholarship Fund**

Food! Cornhole! Music! Inside/outside seating!  
Cash Bar! Motorcycles!



This event is **CASH**  
**ONLY!**

We do have an ATM in  
the Post!

Questions?

Contact: Kassidi Gilbert

Email:

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- Pete & Matt

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**2023**

**104th NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**CHARLOTTE, NC**

**AUGUST 25 – AUGUST 31, 2023**

**HOUSING:** The Department of Maine’s hotel will be **The Westin Charlotte**, 601 South College Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. The hotel room rate is \$159.00, plus a tax rate of 15.25% per room/night (subject to change) for one King bed or two Double beds; Additional Occupant in Room per Day – \$20.00 (Triple/Quad); Rollaway Rate per Day – \$15.00; Parking Rate per Day – \$20.00 Self / \$30.00 Valet.

***104<sup>th</sup> National Convention Location: Charlotte, NC***

Find it on the map by visiting <https://www.legion.org/convention/resources>

**FLIGHTS:** Everyone is responsible for their own flight reservations.

**REGISTRATION: The Westin Charlotte – Harris Room**

Friday, August 25 from 10 am -12 pm and 2 pm - 4 pm

**DEPARTMENT CAUCUS INFORMATION: The Westin Charlotte – Harris Room**

Saturday, August 26 from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Sunday, August 27 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRTS: AUXILIARY**

**CONVENTION INFORMATION: For Convention resources and information, please visit [www.legion.org/convention/resources](http://www.legion.org/convention/resources)**

Download the National Convention Mobile App with the most up-to-date schedule, floor agenda, and more: [www.legion.org/mobileapps](http://www.legion.org/mobileapps)

# 2023 National Convention Reservation/Registration/Banquet Form

Charlotte, NC – August 25 – August 31, 2023  
The Westin Charlotte, 601 South College Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

## The American Legion, Department of Maine

5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

I will arrive on \_\_\_\_\_ and depart on \_\_\_\_\_

I will require a room for \_\_\_\_\_ people – 1 King \_\_\_\_\_ or 2 Doubles \_\_\_\_\_ \$159.00 plus tax rate of 15.25% per room/night (subject to change); Additional Occupant in Room per Day – \$20.00 (Triple/Quad); Rollaway Rate per Day – \$15.00; Parking Rate per Day – \$20.00 Self / \$30.00 Valet

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card Number for one night's room deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed please find the following registration fee(s) payable to The American Legion:**

American Legion Delegates, Alternates, or guests (\$25 each): \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to the National Commander's Dinner at \$60 each,

Check enclosed in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, made payable to **The American Legion, Department of Maine.**

**ALL INFORMATION & PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY THE JULY 21 DEADLINE.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

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**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](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php)

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