

THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 96th 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

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>

POST/DISTRICT FORMS

[CLICK HERE](#)

To see which forms your post still needs to submit.

FALL CONFERENCE

Westbrook Community Center
426 Bridge St., Westbrook, ME 04092
September 23, 2023

Attn: Legion Members

The Department Executive Committee meeting will be held at the Westbrook Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 23 at approx. 3:00 pm

Auxiliary DEC will be held on Sunday as noted on the form (See page 9)

Fall Conference Agenda Coming Soon

[Fall Conference Meal & Hotel Reservations](#)

Hotel: Fireside Inn & Suites, 81 Riverside St., Portland (207-774-5601)

The hotel is just off Westbrook Exit 48. (The American Legion rate is \$175.00 per night).



WHO'S GOING TO THE AMERICAN LEGION WORLD SERIES?

2023 Legion Baseball Regionals: Sunday Roundup

By Richard Walker
AUG 07, 2023

Seven of the eight teams for the 96th American Legion World Series were determined on Sunday and the final spot will be claimed after a suspended game is resumed at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning.

Defending champion Troy, Ala. leads the field that includes all-time leading ALWS participant Brooklawn, N.J.; Post 72 will be making its 17th appearance in the event and first since 2015.

Florence, S.C.; Lincoln, Neb.; and League City, Texas, have made previous ALWS appearances while there are two first-time participants in **Ellsworth, Maine** and Cheyenne, Wyo. – the first team ever from Wyoming to reach the ALWS.

The final spot will be claimed from the Great Lakes Regional as Midland, Mich., led Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1-0 in the fourth inning of their rain-delayed contest. A Midland victory would force a "winner-take-all" Game 15 of the regional while a Cedar Rapids victory would give it the region championship, as the Iowa team has yet to lose in the double-elimination tournament.

[Click Here](#) for the region-by-region roundup of results.

VOTE FOR BE THE ONE TO APPEAR AT SXSWBY

Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola,
National Commander

AUG 09, 2023

Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

The American Legion has an incredible opportunity to bring our [Be the One initiative](#) to a significant new audience to increase awareness and forge solutions.

VOTE FOR BE THE ONE

We have submitted a proposal to South by Southwest, a popular event known as SXSW that began in 1987, that merges tech companies, entertainers, educators and other professionals. SXSW, which is attended by 300,000 people annually, is held in March in Austin, Texas. It features sessions, music and comedy showcases, film screenings, exhibitions, professional development, and networking opportunities.

SXSW prides itself on not just entertainment, but providing a forum where unexpected discoveries happen when diverse topics and people come together. To achieve our goal of Be the One — to reduce veteran suicide — we’ll need the support, wisdom and influence of the greater community.

That’s where SXSW comes in. And getting into SXSW is where you come in.

Going on right now is a Community Voting period that lasts until Aug. 20. Don’t delay, help support Be the One by participating in the Community Voting now. First, [create an account here](#) and then you may proceed to [voting at this page](#). (If you run into any issues, [here’s an explainer](#) with more information, including the two-step process to create an account to vote.)

SXSW will select its lineup of sessions, based on Community Voting (30%), feedback from Panel-Picker evaluators (40%) and SXSW staff (40%). The selected lineup will be announced this fall.

The American Legion is committed to reducing veteran suicide. The SXSW presents an opportunity to leverage our mission with others who can expand our focus, thereby saving the lives of more veterans. That’s why it’s critical for you to express your support by participating in the Community Voting — [please vote here](#) by Aug. 20.

Thank you for what you do every day on behalf of our nation’s veterans, servicemembers, their families and the communities in which they live.

National Commander
Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola



COMMANDER’S PROJECT 2023

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The American Legion, Department of Maine has a long history with the Maine Veterans’ Cemeteries across the State. In 1960, The American Legion learned of a plan for joint State-Federal cemeteries, by State Convention in 1962 (in Old Orchard Beach), a resolution was passed attested by Department Adjutant Nathaniel Cobb. The resolution was to establish a Legion committee at the Maine Veterans Cemetery in Augusta since the burial space at Togus was closed. The Committee was tasked with finding land, deciding on building designs, placing flag poles, deciding on marker types, and working on getting legislation passed to support this massive project.

Fast forward to 2023- A chapel that had stood at the well-established cemetery 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.

Commander McKay states “This is a very much-needed building to provide a dignified space for our veterans, their spouses, and their families. The building renovations will allow protection from the elements year-round and ensure The American Legion, continuing with their Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery history, remains a frontrunner in honoring all veterans who enter Post Everlasting”.

If you would like to support Commander McKay’s project in renovating this necessary building, mail checks to:

The American Legion Department of Maine

Attn: Committal Building

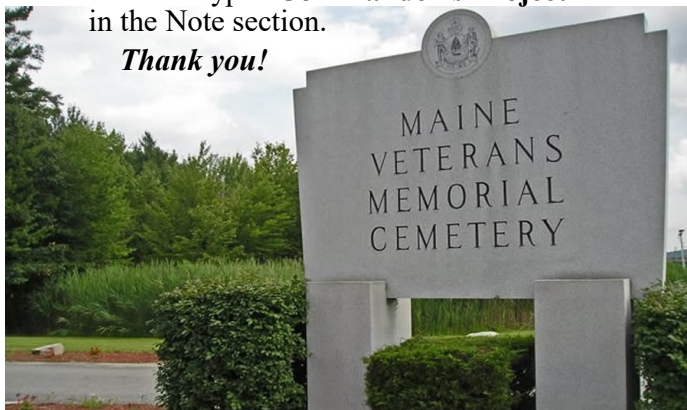
5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

If you would like to donate with a Debit or Credit Card, please call 207-873-3229 or visit:

www.mainelegion.org and click on the Donate button.

Make sure to type “**Commander’s Project**” in the Note section.

Thank you!





The American Legion, Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

**Thomas College
180 West River Rd.
Waterville, Maine 04901**

February 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

****All contestants should plan to arrive
between 8 and 8:30 a.m.****

Snow Date: February 17, 2024

[CLICK HERE](#) for assigned topics

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[2023 American Legion  
National Oratorical Finals  
1st Place Prepared Oration](#)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers are needed to help with the program (judges, tabulators room monitors, etc.).

Those who are interested, please call  
Department Headquarters at 207-873-3229

## A LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO POW/MIAs OF THE VIETNAM WAR

The American Legion

AUG 01, 2023



For over 45 years, this week's [special guest on The American Legion Tango Alpha Lima podcast](#) has been helping to ensure a full accounting and identification for all American POW/MIAs of the Vietnam War. The issue is personal to Ann Mills-Griffiths, chairman of the Board for the [National League of POW/MIA Families](#).

On Sept. 21, 1966, Mills-Griffiths' brother was listed as MIA. The Navy F4B on which Cmdr. James B. Mills served on disappeared over North Vietnam. He was on his second tour, assigned to Fighter Squadron 21, USS Coral Sea.

"When you talk about honoring and remembering people, the ultimate honor and ability to remember is to do our best and honor our commitment to those who served our country and do our best to bring them home if they're captured or missing," said Mills-Griffiths, a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 364 in Virginia.

The National League of POW/MIA Families was founded in 1970 with a mission "for the return of all

POWs, the fullest possible accounting for the MIAs, and the recovery and identification of the remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War." Mills-Griffiths' father was the executive director of the National League of POW/MIA Families in 1974 for one year until he was diagnosed with Leukemia. After that, she "took over the reins for my family, and it ended up being a lifelong commitment for me."

Through her commitment, Mills-Griffiths represents POW/MIA families through direct contacts with United States and foreign leaders. She has met with senior officials in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, as well as with Thai, Russian, Chinese and other diplomats and senior officials in an effort to expedite answers and accounting for POW/MIAs.

"Anything like that that you can do to show your support for our military, for those who serve our nation, I think is extremely important to do," Mills-Griffiths said.

The National League of POW/MIA Families works alongside veteran service organizations like The American Legion to support its mission. "Today, those who do the accounting for the Vietnam War has expanded because of our efforts, including the Legion and all of our VSO (veteran service organization) colleagues," she said, adding that it's important for Legion members to continue supporting legislation and advocating for the accounting of America's POW/MIAs and to fly the POW/MIA flag as a reminder to all of the service and sacrifice of military men and women.

At 82 years young, Mills-Griffiths said, "I have to write a book. When you've been alive and been involved for this many years on an issue that is still very much ongoing and impacts our military and those serving today, you can't just walk out and leave it." The title of her book will be "In Search of a Brother."

In 2018, her brother's remains were recovered and brought home. "He did come back. I never thought it would happen," Mills-Griffiths said. Listen to the podcast to hear how his accounting for is "really a miracle story."

Co-hosts Jeff Daly and Ashley Gutermuth also riff on:

- A North Carolina woman who has helped 1,000 homeless veterans by using her outfitted Jeep to provide mobile showers, laundry services and meals.
- VA facing a growing number of claims as a PACT Act deadline approaches.

Eight simple habits that could add decades onto your life. Check out this week's episode, which is among nearly 190 Tango Alpha Lima podcasts available [in both audio and video formats here](#). You can also download episodes on iTunes, Google Play or other major podcast-hosting sites. The video version is available at [the Legion's YouTube channel](#).

### **MILITARY TRIVIA**

**Q.** Which Major General, from the Revolutionary War, has 2 well known Forts named after him, including one very "close to home"?

~ 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.



**YES... EVEN MORE ...!**

### SUMMER VACATION COMPUTER JOKES SURE TO MAKE YOU GROAN (because we all need \*many\* laughs...)

- ◆ My boss calls me “The computer”. Not because of my calculation skills but because I go to sleep when left unattended for 15 minutes.
- ◆ If Apple made a car, would it have Windows?
- ◆ Debugging is like being the detective in a crime movie where you're also the murderer.
- ◆ A pigeon and a tropical bird were playing on the computer. The pigeon lost. Toucan play that game.
- ◆ Set your WIFI password to 2444666668888888. When someone asks for it, tell them it's 12345678.
- ◆ I changed my password to “incorrect”. So, whenever I forget what it is the computer will say “Your password is incorrect”.
- ◆ Why do computers wear glasses? To improve their web-sight.
- ◆ How does a computer get drunk? It takes screen-shots.
- ◆ What do you call a computer mouse that swears a lot? A cursor.
- ◆ Why was the computer so angry? Because it had a chip on its shoulder.
- ◆ Why can't an IT guy keep a girlfriend? He turns them all off and on again.
- ◆ What do you call a computer superhero? A Screen Saver
- ◆ Why did the computer sneeze? It had a virus.
- ◆ Where do computers go to dance? The disk-O.
- ◆ What chemical is released in your brain when you see something funny on the computer? Dopameme.
- ◆ What is similar to windows but can instantly detect the cause of most common computer-problems? A mirror.



## 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](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org) to get the Password!!

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE DIRECTORY!

The State Directory has been posted on the Department Website however it is now password-protected. Please call Dept. HQ at: 873-3229 or e-mail [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org) to get the password, or if you have any questions or concerns.



**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!!!**



## 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)



## Print 2024 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.

## 2023 Digital Convention Yearbook Now Available Online!

Lots of New Information Including Hyperlinked Business Ads to Websites, Photos, Legion Programs & More!

Check it Out Today!



No Veteran should go through a crisis alone. Save the new Veterans Crisis Line number—Dial 988 then Press 1—in your phone in case you or a Veteran loved one needs support.

*Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.*

~ [Mark Twain](#)

*The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.*

~ [Oscar Wilde](#)

## PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

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



There's a NEW weblink for Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery Association: <https://mevetscemetery.org/>

## 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](#)

## MILITARY TRIVIA

**A. [Major General Henry Knox](#)** was America's First Secretary of War and our famous [Fort Knox](#) at the mouth of the Penobscot River Narrows, was named for him as well as the more well known one in [Kentucky](#). General Knox moved to Maine in his retirement and died in Thomaston in 1806. Our Fort Knox was built to protect the Maine woods from the British who wanted the logs for ship building. It was also used for training troops, including the famous 20th Maine Infantry Regiment, a volunteer [regiment](#) of the [United States Army \(Union Army\)](#) during the [American Civil War](#) (1861–1865).





“How about if I just follow you on Twitter instead?”

# BE THE ONE

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

*Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed*

**District 5 – Oxford:** August 15  
Buckfield Post 58

Vets Home BBQ at 5:00PM (subject to cancelation)  
West Paris Post 151 7:00PM  
(if Vets Home BBQ is canceled)



## Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants

District Meeting Calendar Form now available online!

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



# FLAG REWARDS

## Tips & Suggestions

**Get Organized & Talk It Over**

## Flag Rewards Committee TO DO LIST

- Put together a **Flag Rewards** Committee at your Post.
- Designate a Flag Officer to lead the committee. Include the **Auxiliary & Sons** on the committee.
- Decide on a plan to gain **sponsors**.
- Discuss how your Flag Rewards credit will be used.

### Open Communication is Key!

### Success Stories

**Congratulations!** The following Maine Posts have earned big credit in 2023 to spend at Emblem Sales in 2024:

**Over \$150 earned**

- ★ Madawaska, ME Post 147
- ★ Brunswick, ME Post 20
- ★ Vinalhaven, ME Post 18

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

# DONATIONS

## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

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

8th District, Sagadahoc.....\$50.00

*Thank you!!!*

*“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else.”*

~ [Charles Dickens](#)



## National Agent Orange Awareness Day is August 10

Agent Orange exposure and VA disability compensation If a Veteran has a health condition caused by exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange during their service, they may be eligible for VA disability compensation. Compensation provides tax-free monthly payments. Keep reading to find out if they may be eligible.

### Is the Veteran eligible for VA disability compensation based on Agent Orange exposure?

The Veteran may be eligible for VA disability compensation based on Agent Orange exposure if he/she meets both of these requirements. Both of these must be true:

- ◆ They have a health condition that's caused by exposure to Agent Orange, and
- ◆ They served in a location that exposed them to Agent Orange

**Note:** If the Veteran gets a disability rating, they may also be eligible for VA health care and other benefits.

**Locations:** We assume Veterans who served in certain locations were exposed to Agent Orange. We refer to this as presumptive exposure. Vietnam, Blue Water Navy/12-Nautical Miles, Thailand, Royal Thai Base, Laos, Cambodia at Mimot or Krek; Kampong Cham Province, Guam, American Samoa, or the territorial waters thereof, Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll.

**Presumptive Conditions:** We consider a condition presumptive when it's established by law or regulation. If a Veteran has been diagnosed with one of these conditions, they don't need to prove that it started during—or got worse because of their military service. AL amyloidosis; chloracne or other acneform disease consistent with chlor-acne; bladder cancer; type 2 diabetes (also known as type II diabetes mellitus or adult-onset diabetes); Hodgkin's disease; hypothyroidism; ischemic heart disease; all chronic B-cell leukemias (including but not limited to, hairy-cell leukemia and chronic lymphocytic leukemia); multiple myeloma; non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Parkinson's disease; parkinsonism; early-onset peripheral neuropathy; porphyria cutanea tarda (PCT); prostate cancer; respiratory cancers; hypertension; monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS); and soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma). PCT, chloracne, and early-onset peripheral neuropathy.

**How can a you file a claim?** Veterans must complete [VA Form 21-526EZ](#) to apply for benefits, or [VA Form 21-0995](#) if previously denied or submit an Intent to File (ITF), on [VA Form 21-0966](#). "Veterans may file claims for free online at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov), or work with one of the five Veterans "Service Organizations for free that are located on the Togus campus (American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Maine Veterans' Services, Paralyzed Veterans of American and Veterans of Foreign Wars). Veterans may also schedule a free in-person or virtual appointment to meet directly with a Togus representative using a self-service portal at <https://vets.force.com/VAVERA/s>. If Mainers have questions about benefits or are having challenges with the self-service tool, please call 207-621-6938.

**If a Veteran was previously denied a claim, what can they do?** VA will contact Veterans when a presumption of service connection is established or changed. However, Veterans previously denied a toxic-exposure related claim are encouraged to file a supplemental claim. Once a supplemental claim is received, VA will review the claim under the new law.



## Togus in Your Neighborhood

If you or your organization is hosting an event and you want Togus to participate, please contact Christina Smith at [vavbatog.engage@va.gov](mailto:vavbatog.engage@va.gov).

Look for a Togus Representative at one of the following locations:

- ◆ **August 15, 2023:** Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club, 156 Western Ave. Boothbay Harbor, ME Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm Open to members of the Boothbay Yacht Club
- ◆ **August 16, 2023:** House in the Woods, Coffee with Vets honoring the memory of 102 year old Veteran Lester Delano, Lee, ME Time: 8am to 11am Open to the Public
- ◆ **August 17, 2023:** Maine Hire-A-Vet Campaign 2023, Augusta Civic Center Time: 10:30am to 3:00pm Public Hiring Event and Resource Fair.
- ◆ **August 26, 2023:** Bowman Fly-in and Resource Fair, 40 River Rd, Livermore Falls, ME Time: All Day Event Open to the Public
- ◆ **August 27, 2023:** 4 Directions Intertribal Pow Wow 2023, Mountain View Campground, 200 Mountain View Dr, Dixfield, ME Time : All Day Event Open to the Public
- ◆ **August 31, 2023:** 716 Candles, Boothbay Commons Rt 27, Boothbay, ME Time: 1:00pm to 5pm



### Kick-Off Event & Career Fair

August 17, 2023 | 10:30am-3pm | Augusta Civic Center

Open to **ALL** Job Seekers

Maine's Hire-A-Vet Campaign 2023 will also be at the following locations:

- ◆ **September 21, 2023:** Eastern Maine Community College, Bangor, ME Time: 10:30am to 3pm
- ◆ **October 19, 2023:** The Point, 345 Clarks Pond Parkway, South Portland, ME Time: 10:30 to 3pm
- ◆ **November 9, 2023:** Auburn Mall, 550 Center St., Auburn, ME Time: 10:30am to 3p

### Helpful Websites

- ◆ Access the latest information on the PACT Act: [www.va.gov/PACT](http://www.va.gov/PACT)
- ◆ View the impact of this legislation: [VA PACT Act Performance Dashboard](#)
- ◆ Access the Togus Regional Office website: [www.benefits.va.gov/togus](http://www.benefits.va.gov/togus)
- ◆ Refer Veterans to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) or the [VA: Health and Benefits App](#) for self-service options

### Claims Clinics

To schedule an appointment at one of the Claims Clinics near you, please call 207-621-6938.

- ◆ **August 3, 2023:** Rumford VA Clinic, Rumford, ME Time: 10am to 2pm
- ◆ **August 8, 2023:** Portland VA Clinic, Portland, ME Time: 10am to 2pm
- ◆ **August 11, 2023:** Caribou Vet Center, Caribou, ME Time: 8:00am to 11:30am
- ◆ **August 15, 2023:** Bangor VA Clinic, Bangor, ME Time: 10am to 2:30pm
- ◆ **August 22, 2023:** Portland VA Clinic, Portland, ME Time: 10am to 2pm
- ◆ **August 24, 2023:** Sanford Vet Center, Springvale, ME Time: 10am to 1pm
- ◆ **August 25, 2023:** Mid-Coast Veterans Council (MCVC), Brunswick, ME Time: 9:30 to 2:30pm



# American Legion Family Fall Conference

**Saturday, September 23th**

All meetings will be at Westbrook Community Center (WCC)

**Luncheon at WCC- \$10.00 per person**

Corn Chowder  
Assorted Sandwiches and Wraps to include: Turkey Club, Chicken Caesar, Chicken Salad, Egg Salad, Tuna Salad  
*\*sandwiches can be made gluten-free*

Homemade Potato Chips  
Assorted Cookies to include: Snickerdoodle, Chocolate chip and Oatmeal Cream Pie  
*\*gluten-free chocolate tart*

**Reception and Dinner at Post 197- \$25.00 per person**

Cocktail Reception prior to dinner:  
White Cheese Fountain \*GF with assorted Veggies, Bread and Pretzels  
Antipasto Skewers  
Shrimp Cocktail \*GF

Plated Dinner (Choice\*):  
Tossed Salad, Rolls & Butter  
\*Cheese Stuffed Glazed Meatloaf \*GF  
\*Bacon Wrapped Stuffed Pork Tenderloin  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable  
\*Creamy Broccoli Alfredo Pasta \*GF with Garlic Bread

Dessert will include a Chocolate Fountain \*GF with Assorted Fruit and Treats: Pumpkin Whoopie Pies and Apple Pie Cheesecake

**Sunday, September 24th**

All DEC meetings will be at Westbrook Community Center (WCC)

More exciting information, agenda, and times will be provided soon via facebook and chatter - stay tuned!

*Lodging*

**Fireside Inn and Suites**

81 Riverside Street  
Portland, Maine  
207.774.5601

American Legion Family Rate - \$175.00 per night, plus 9% lodging tax



To book online!



Mail In and Submit Payment  
by **September 15th**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Post/ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch  Yes  No # of People \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner  Yes  No # of People \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a Gluten-Free option?  Yes # of people \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner: Circle Choice**

Meatloaf      Pork Tenderloin

Broccoli Alfredo Pasta

Lunch - \$10.00 per person  
Dinner - \$25.00 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed  
Make checks payable to ALA Unit 197

Mail to: ALA Unit 197 Attn: Cathy Clements - 300 Conant Street, Westbrook ME 04092

Questions? Email Cathy Clements at [caticlem02@icloud.com](mailto:caticlem02@icloud.com)

# You could lower your internet bill by \$30 a month!

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) offers eligible Maine families up to \$30 a month off their internet bill.

## Who qualifies for the Affordable Connectivity Program?

Eligibility is based on income. For example, a family of four making less than \$55,500 is eligible.

Mainers who participate in any of the following programs automatically qualify:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Special Supplemental Nutrition
  - Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Most federal and state housing assistance programs
  - Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year

Fill out the application at [getacp.org/Maine](https://www.getacp.org/Maine) to find out if you qualify.

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**238,710 Maine households could lower their internet bills by \$30 a month!**

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Learn more or apply today at [www.getacp.org/Maine](https://www.getacp.org/Maine).



Use the QR Code to get  
\$30 off your internet:





**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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Post Adjutant

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

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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\*\*\***