



THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 72nd 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.

Please Take Notice!!! 2023 Renewals

If you received your 2023 renewal notice in the mail, you may have noticed it said, "Member Since 2022". Please note that this information may not be accurate; however, your membership card will reflect the correct number of continuous years. If it does not, please contact this office at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2.

Attention: 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.*

JOB OPENING AMERICAN LEGION ASSISTANT DEPT. SERVICE OFFICER

Part-time position, 28 hours (4-day work week)
Term of Office. [CLICK HERE](#) for a full job description and qualifications or go to:

http://www.mainelegion.org/media/misc/Job_Description

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

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE FALL CONFERENCE

Auxiliary Conference

Sat., Oct. 1, 2022 - Millinocket Post 80

Legion Conference

Sat., Oct. 1, 2022 - Millinocket Elks Lodge

Dept. Exec. Committee Meeting

Sun., Oct. 2, 2022 - Millinocket Post 80

For more information go to:

<http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/news-events/fall-conference.php>

Print 2023 Membership Cards in MyLegion

American Legion post and squadron group leadership can print a current membership card for Legion and Sons of The American Legion members.

To start:

1. Go to your My Account page in www.mylegion.org.
2. Enter My Groups to access Group Profile.
3. Click on "View Members."
4. Search the member and click on their name from the list to view Member Profile.
5. Click "Membership Cards" and click on the link to view and print card image.

ANNUAL REPORTS

👉 FROM THE FOLLOWING POSTS 👈

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Annual Post Data Reports: 27, 31, 51, 55, 61, 66, 105, 121, 126, 130, 152, 157, 161, 164, 173, 187, 188, 195, 201, 204, 208, 213

Notif. of Post/Squadron Comdrs. & Adj. Reports: 15, 27, 29, 31, 32, 51, 55, 57, 63, 66, 82, 87, 110, 111, 119, 121, 126, 130, 152, 157, 161, 164, 173, 180, 183, 187, 188, 195, 201, 202, 204, 208, 213

District & Post Officers Reports: 8, 12, 27, 29, 32, 51, 55, 57, 66, 87, 121, 126, 130, 152, 161, 163, 164, 173, 183, 187, 188, 195, 201, 202, 204, 208 • Districts: 4, 10, 11

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MADE EASY ONLINE



The American Legion
JUL 06, 2022

American Legion membership for 2022-2023 is underway. And membership renewal in The American Legion can easily, and safely, be done through your www.mylegion.org account or on www.legion.org.

When your membership becomes eligible for renewal, a “Renew Now” button appears at the top right-hand page of your MyLegion.org account. Click on “Renew Now” and the amount due is displayed in “My Order Balance.”

Select “Pay Now” or “Renew Now” to proceed. American Legion members can renew online with a credit card.

You can save your credit card on file for auto renewal. Credit cards will be charged by the second week of July annually for the Legion’s membership year, which runs July 1-June 30.

To Set Up Membership Auto Renewal in Your MyLegion Account:

1. Click Membership Details under MEMBERSHIP tab on the left-hand page.
2. Click the box “I want to auto renew my membership and authorize that my credit card be charged prior to the start of membership each year” under your current membership status.
3. Enter your credit card information and hit “Add new card.”
4. Select “Save” to save your future renewal.

To add or edit credit card information, click “Manage My Saved Credit Cards.”

RENEW ON LEGION.ORG

Members also can go to www.legion.org/renew and click “Renew Now” to safely and conveniently pay their dues. Once a member enters the information requested, he or she can set the account for automatic annual renewal, as well as select the option to receive email renewal notices instead of notices through the mail. If the membership is current, he or she may still choose to sign up for automatic annual renewal and/or to receive renewal notices by email only. Automatic renewal can also be set up by calling the toll-free American Legion customer service line at (800) 433-3318.

MYLEGION ACCOUNT

Don’t have a MyLegion.org account? Sign up now to manage your American Legion membership profile and benefits. To register, visit www.mylegion.org. It is important to know that all MyLegion.org accounts are registered with the email on your membership record that National Headquarters has on file.

See Pages 5-7 for Frequently Asked Questions.

2023 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

In June 1923, the Americanism Commission called the first National Flag Conference in Washington, D.C., where more than 60 patriotic, fraternal, civic and military organizations gathered to create a standard set of guidelines relating to the flag – the U.S. Flag Code. The 2023 American Legion membership card celebrates the 100th anniversary of the first Flag Code drafted, which Congress adopted in 1942.



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!

Attention Legion College Student!!!

Legion College enhances knowledge and appreciation of The American Legion, classes teach the core values and contributions of the organization, its Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and other programs. Maine Legion College prepares Legionnaires for leadership positions in posts, districts, committees, and departments through education, development, and motivation. The curriculum challenges student leaders to think critically and creatively about issues confronting the Legion.

Phase III of American Legion College starts on September 24th at 9AM.

To reserve your spot contact:
Jason@mainelegion.org

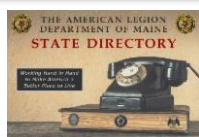
MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORTS

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>.



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



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

*Stay Connected with
Your Fellow Legionnaires!*



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.

AMERICAN LEGION

103rd National Convention

Milwaukee, WI

August 26 - September 1, 2022

For more information, please visit:

[Convention Resources](#)

Or go to: www.mainelegion.org/pages/news-events/national-convention.php

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club have increased to \$5.00 per member. See Page 9 for an application.

Warrant Templates - All Positions

Available on-line at: MaineLegion.org

or go to:

<http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php>



MILITARY TRIVIA

Q: After the [Battle of Kapyong on the Korean Peninsula in 1951](#), what unit & country was awarded the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation for Valor & Aid to American Forces, an award that is rarely given to foreign military units?



~ 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.



Tips to Increase the Your Cell-Phone's Battery Charge

- **Reduce your screen brightness and overall screen time.** Your Android or iPhone uses more battery while the screen is on, especially if your brightness is pretty high. Reducing the brightness will conserve more battery power.
- **Use airplane mode when you don't need a steady internet connection.** If you're somewhere that mobile data and phone coverage is weak or nonexistent, turn on airplane mode until you get back to better service. You won't be able to use mobile data or phone service in airplane mode, but you can still use Wi-Fi.
- **Turn off vibrations.** If possible, put your phone on silent or just use the audible ringer. Vibrations use more power than tone.
- **Use the camera sparingly.** If you know it will be a while before your phone's next charge, avoid using the camera, especially the flash function. Flash photography can drain your battery quickly.
- **Keep your phone calls short.** Sometimes, the dying battery is just an excuse to get off the phone, but if you really need to conserve the battery, limit your talk time.
- **Keep the battery cool.** Your battery will last longest if used near room temperature. Avoid leaving your phone in a hot car, direct sunlight, even your pocket, where your body heat will raise its temperature. In addition, check the battery while it's charging. If it seems excessively hot, your charger may be malfunctioning.
- **Charge your battery correctly.** Use the correct charger to avoid improper charging. When using a car charger, do not charge the battery when the inside temperature of your car is hot.

For more tips [CLICK HERE](#) or go to:

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Your-Cell-Phone-Battery-Last-Longer#:~:text=How%20to%20Make%20your%20Cell%20Phone%20Battery%20Last,coverage%20is%20weak%20or%20nonexistent%2C%20...%20See%20More.>

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed

District 1 – York: Sept. 17
Kennebunk Post 74, Noon

District 3 – Androscoggin: Sept. 20
Lisbon Post 158, 2:00PM

District 5 – Oxford: Sept. 22
Oxford Post 112, 7PM
Refreshments after

District 6 – Knox: Sept 18
Thomaston Post 37, 1PM

District 9 – Kennebec: Sept. 14
Oakland Post 51, 7PM

District 10 – Somerset: Sept. 21
Skowhegan Post 16, 6:30PM

District 11 – Waldo: Sept 20
Palermo Post 163, 2PM

District 12 – Hancock: Sept. 13
Stonington Post 102
Dinner at 6:00PM, Meeting at 7:30PM

District 13 – Penobscot: Sept. 4
Lincoln Post 77, Bangor Armory, 2PM

District 14 – Piscataquis: Sept. 17
Guilford Post 119, 12pm Lunch
w/Business Mtg at 1PM

District 17 – No. Aroostook: Sept. 11
Stockholm Post 136, 1PM Meal

“If you can't experience the humanity of people who don't look like you, you're not civilized enough to be an officer of the peace.”

~ Ann Medlock

“No man can win every battle, but no man should fall without a struggle.”

~ Peter Parker

MILITARY TRIVIA

A: The award was presented by the US Ambassador to Canada, in Calgary, Alberta, to the [2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry](#), five years after the war, because the Canadian Government didn't know if they could accept it.



MEMBERSHIP

FREQUENTLY

QUESTIONS

ASKED

Eligibility Questions

Are you eligible? Here are a few frequently asked questions regarding American Legion eligibility. For any other eligibility questions, feel free to contact us at membership@legion.org or 317-630-1321.

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.

I'm currently on active duty. Am I eligible? Yes, you are a veteran. All current active duty military are eligible for membership.

I didn't retire from the military, but was on active duty during one of the qualifying time periods. Am I eligible? Yes, you are a veteran. As long as you have served at least one day of federal active duty during any qualifying period, you are eligible for membership.

I served during one of the qualifying periods, but was never in a combat zone. Am I eligible? Yes, you are a veteran. Location of active duty service is not a consideration for membership.

I'm currently in the National Guard/Reserve. My unit was activated under Title 10 orders during a qualifying time period. Am I eligible? Yes, you are a veteran. Title 10 orders are issued by the Secretary of Defense and therefore are federal orders.

My National Guard unit was activated for crowd control under Title 32 orders during one of the qualifying periods. Am I eligible? No. Title 32 orders are issued under a governor's authority, whereas Title 10 orders are issued from the Secretary of Defense.

I'm currently a cadet at one of the U.S. Military Academies. Am I eligible? Yes, you are a veteran. The American Legion has considered service in the military academies as eligible for membership since WWI.

Can I be an honorary or social member of The American Legion? No. Per National Constitution and By-laws, no form or class of membership is authorized except regular active or paid up for life.

I served my entire military career in the National Guard/Reserves, and only have a DD214 from my Active Duty for Training that I was in during one of the qualifying dates. Am I eligible? Yes, you are a veteran. In the mid-60s all basic training and occupational training schools were considered federal active duty service.

I served active duty as a SPAR, WAC, WASP, or WAVES during the one of the qualifying periods. Am I eligible? Yes, you are a veteran. Even though women served separately than men, their service is equal.

I served with allied military forces during one of the qualifying periods. Am I eligible? Yes, you are a veteran, only if you were a U.S. citizen at the time of entry.

I served with the Civil Air Patrol/Civilian Technical Corps/USPHS as a civilian during two qualifying periods. Am I eligible? No. Eligible members must have federal military service during a qualifying period and received an honorable discharge or discharge under honorable conditions.

I enlisted and went to basic training, but received an uncharacterized discharge due to a medical condition. Am I eligible? Yes, you are a veteran. Uncharacterized discharges for medical discharges are assumed to be under honorable conditions unless specifically stated otherwise. There are other categories of uncharacterized discharges and before they are determined eligible for membership the discharge should be sent to National for determination and a record will be maintained at National on final determination.

I'm eligible for The American Legion, but do not have a copy of my DD214 to show as proof of eligibility. How can I get one? You can go to archives.gov/veterans to request another copy of your discharge papers. A copy of orders putting you on federal active duty can be used as proof of eligibility as well.

Membership Questions

How much are the annual membership dues? Each of our local Posts determines its own dues rate. However, new members who join through National Headquarters are offered a special introductory dues rate, and are automatically placed in the Department (State) Headquarters Post in the state in which they reside. (This is considered a "holding" Post; there are no meetings or activities.) The amount a member pays to renew his/her membership each year after joining depends on the Post where their membership is held. Each Post determines its Legion programs and social functions, as well as the amount of annual dues, so it varies from Post to Post; however, \$40.00 annually is the approximate national dues average. Visit www.legion.org/posts to find the annual dues rate for Posts in your area.

Where can I find my member ID number? Once you join The American Legion, you're assigned a permanent 9-digit Member ID number that will remain yours as long as you're a member. (If you ever transfer to another post, always make sure to provide your original Member ID Number.) You'll find the ID number on your membership card and it's also the first 9 digits shown above your name on our magazine labels. (It always starts with a 1 or 2.)

If you are unable to locate your membership card please call Customer Service at (800) 433-3318 to obtain your member ID and a replacement card.

Can I submit an address change online? Yes, you can change most of your record information, including your address, at MyLegion.org. National can also take your address change over the phone at (800) 433-3318. Normal business hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Eastern time). Members who are moving to a foreign address should submit their address changes via email to cs@legion.org and include their name, Member ID number, current address and new address. You can also set-up a MyLegion.org account and manage your membership information, such as updating your address, print a membership card, access member-only discounts, renew your membership, manage subscriptions to The American Legion Magazine, Dispatch and American Legion e-newsletters, and much more. MyLegion.org is a free and secure website for American Legion and Sons of The American Legion members. Join at MyLegion.org.

I submitted an address change a month ago but my latest issue of the magazine went to the old address.

What happened? Although address changes are immediate when your record is updated, the preparation for mailing each issue of the magazine actually begins about 6 weeks in advance of the mailing. This is simply because of the time it takes to prepare a mailing so large. The United States Postal Service (USPS) will forward your magazines until the address change catches up with the magazine production providing you notified them of your move.

I belong to a local post and renewed my membership online. When will I get my membership card?

National Headquarters usually updates the records within 24 to 48 hours to reflect the dues payment. Your Department Headquarters is also notified and your post Adjutant receives notification through the post officer's version of the myLegion.org website. Your pre-printed annual membership card is at your post and it should be forwarded to you after they review the notification of your renewal. If you don't receive it in a timely manner, contact your post Adjutant for assistance.

I received a membership invitation in the mail and it says I can also join online at a special website shown on the application. If I join online, will I still get my membership card and the free gift mentioned in the letter? Yes, you'll get your membership card and any free gifts mentioned in the letter, as long as you apply from that special website. You should receive your new member packet, including your membership card and free gift, approximately 4-6 weeks after you submit your application online.

However, if you decide to mail your application, it would take about 4-6 weeks after we receive your application at National Headquarters. (Applies only to new members who join through National.)

Why not include Direct Mailing Solicitation (DMS) in membership and all award calculations?

Emphasis on our award system is to reward volunteers who do the work. Direct Mailing Solicitation (DMS) is merely a tool to increase membership or replace attrition. DMS members are procured by national and then offered to departments immediately via mylegion.org to be placed in traditional posts. However, these members do count towards the department's delegate strength for the National Convention and towards the department's membership goal.

If I join online or submit a membership application to National Headquarters, will I belong to a local Post?

When you first join The American Legion, through National Headquarters, your membership will be assigned to the department (state) Headquarters (HQ) post in your state of residence. The HQ posts are basically administrative posts only and there are no meetings or activities, although you're entitled to the same membership benefits, and can visit the local posts as a guest. You can choose to remain in the HQ Post but it is recommend that you visit posts in your area and if you find one you like, you're free to transfer. It's a great way to get involved with your local community.

How do I transfer my membership to another Post?

The transfer process is simple. Visit the post you're interested in joining and speak with an officer. You'll need to provide your 9-digit member ID and should also be prepared to show a copy of your DD214 (or similar) to verify your eligibility. After acceptance of your membership, the post will submit the necessary paperwork to notify the department (State) and National Headquarters of your transfer.

Why doesn't my membership card reflect the total number of years I've been a member?

The annual card reflects your continuous years of membership. If you miss a year of paying dues, your continuous years start over. However, if you think there's a mistake, contact your Post Adjutant and if it's confirmed there is an error, they can submit a request to correct your record.

How much does it cost to rent a post for a special event, like a birthday or reception?

You'll need to contact the post you're interested in renting. Each post runs its own business affairs, including whether or not the facilities can be rented, and National Headquarters isn't involved in any way. If you're looking for a Legion post in your area, please visit Legion.org/posts to use the post locator.

When does my membership expire? Your membership actually expires on Dec. 31 of the paid year shown on your card. It can be a little confusing because your annual dues are supposed to be paid by Jan. 1 each year so National starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1. The goal is to have everyone renewed for the New Year by Jan. 1, when it begins. If dues are not paid by Jan. 1 of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. Feb. 1, the member is suspended, June 30, the member is dropped from the membership rolls.

I paid my dues a while ago so why did I get another renewal notice? Renewal notices are mailed from National Headquarters based on the information in our records at the time the notices are printed. Although you may have paid your dues, the National portion of your dues may not have reached our offices yet. When you pay your dues to the Post, they process your payment and keep a portion for the Post; the balance is sent to your Department Headquarters with your membership card; and finally, the Department deducts its portion of your dues and then forwards the remaining balance and your membership card to National. Once National receives your dues and card they are usually processed within 48 hours. On the renewal notice, you'll see there is an "AS OF" date which is when the notice was printed. If you paid your dues sometime around that date, your dues and the renewal probably just crossed in the mail, and you shouldn't receive another one for that membership year. However, if you paid well in advance of that "as of" date, then you should contact your post adjutant to verify the status of your renewal payment.

MEMBERSHIP REVITALIZATION TIPS

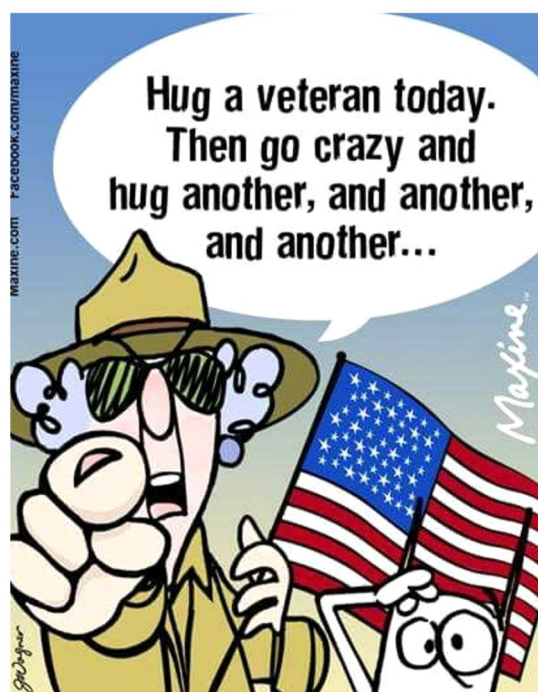


The American Legion
AUG 08, 2022

American Legion post and district revitalization efforts provide an opportunity for members currently residing in a department headquarters post to transfer into a post in or near their community. It's also an opportunity to sign up new members and check on fellow veterans.

Revitalization efforts can be held at a post or community space where post, district and department leadership are in attendance. Last month, National Membership Workshop attendees heard best practices for conducting a post and district revitalization from Department of Idaho Adjutant Abe Abrahamson. Among them:

- Have an American Legion service officer available to help answer veteran benefits questions or file a claim.
- Provide a free lunch. Feature this free lunch on the back of the postcards that national staff mails out prior to the revitalization that invite veterans to renew, join and learn more about The American Legion. "How many people in your community don't know what you do?" Abrahamson asked workshop attendees. "How many veterans don't know what you do? How many veterans don't know who we are? Why is this? Because we don't do a good job telling everybody how great we are. Your post needs to add free lunch (to the back of the postcards) and 'Please bring your family and come down and see us.' Invite them down to meet you. Give them a reason to come. Make it family inviting."
- Create packets of take-home materials for potential new members who attend the revitalization. The packets can include a post or department newsletter, membership application and brochures on American Legion programs.
- Go online to 411.com if there isn't a phone number on the membership roster provided during the revitalization. A phone number will often come up after typing in a name and home address.
- Identify one phone number to leave behind for members to call back if a voicemail must be left.
- Make a list of headquarters post members, who couldn't be reached, to call before each post meeting.
- Gather as much information as possible when filling out the Member Data Form to transfer a headquarters member into a post home – email address, branch of service, home address.
- Engage the transferred members – send a post newsletter, have the post commander make a welcome phone call, and invite the member to the post for a meeting or dinner. "Your job from the day they transferred is to build value in your post," Abrahamson said. "Because if you haven't built value in those months (before the renewal notice comes) they are not going to renew."



- Conduct an initiation ceremony with the transferred members. “Just because they are DMS members, you can still bring them down to the post and do an initiation ceremony. I believe that’s important,” Abrahamson said, adding as they stand before post leadership and members with their right hand raised, “what are they doing? They are making a commitment to your organization. They are making a commitment to your post.”
- Recognize all volunteers who helped with the revitalization effort. Abrahamson recommends presenting the certificates of recognition during a department convention or mid-winter conference. “Recognize your people in front of people. It does you no good to mail a certificate to somebody’s house.”

Past National Commander Marty Conatser told Membership Workshop attendees in his remarks that membership is like a sales job, and Abrahamson reflected on that. “To do your sales job, you have to know what you’re selling,” Abrahamson said. “You don’t show up at a car dealership and say, ‘Hey, tell me about this car’ and the salesman goes ‘Yep, it has four wheels.’ He’s going to tell you every single thing about that car so that you fall in love with it and buy it. The Legion is no different. You can explain to them everything about it that’s great, but if you don’t know the information how can you sell it? Build the value.”

Seeing the value in The American Legion is the reason for joining, Membership and Post Activities Committee Chairman Jay Bowen said. “The reason you joined, the reason you stay a member of The American Legion, is probably different than why I’m doing it. But that’s OK. I see the value in The American Legion. You obviously see the value in The American Legion. We have got to make our veterans, our Legionnaires, our members believe and understand that there is a value in their membership. And we have to continue to push that.”



MEMBERSHIP IDEAS

- Department of Arizona Membership Director Steven Sperl has a QR code on the back of his American Legion business card that takes potential members to the department’s online membership application where veterans can sign up and pay dues. Sperl also puts the QR code on every membership article he writes that’s featured on the Department of Arizona’s website, Facebook page and Twitter account. “We need to embrace it and we need to use it,” he shared with Membership Workshop attendees during his presentation on membership recruitment.
- The business card of Department of Utah Commander Doug Case has his Post 11’s address, monthly meeting day and time, American Legion national website and website information to access military records/DD-214. “I give these out to every veteran I see,” Case said during the membership recruitment session.

When David Harris of Illinois attended post meetings in his district as district commander, he arrived an hour early to knock on the doors of two expired members for that post – 19 of the 22 posts in his district achieved 100% membership and Harris was a Race to the Top winner, Conatser said. “It’s easy on the phone, it’s easy in a letter, it’s not so easy when you’re standing on the front porch to say no (to joining or renewing).”

IMPORTANT DATES IN MILITARY HISTORY

September

- [9/1 New Dawn Began \(2010\)](#)
- [9/2 Japan Formally Surrendered \(1945\)](#)
- [9/3 American Revolution Ended \(1783\)](#)
- [9/10 Women’s Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron Founded \(1942\)](#)
- [US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated \(1962\)](#)
- [9/11 Patriot’s Day/National Day of Service and Remembrance](#)
- [9/14 Ladies Auxiliary VFW Organized \(1914\)](#)
- [9/15 POW/MIA Recognition Day](#)
- [9/17 U.S. Constitution Approved \(1787\)](#)
- [9/18 US Air Force Established \(1947\)](#)
- [9/24 Gold Star Mother’s Day](#)
- [9/29 VFW Day/VFW Established \(1899\)](#)

DONATIONS

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Betsy Ann Ross House

ALR Chapter 40, Winthrop.....	\$500.00
ALR Chapter 80, Millinocket.....	\$100.00
ALR Chapter 135, Sabattus.....	\$100.00
ALR Chapter 100, Dixfield.....	\$200.00

Boys State

Victoria & Lawrence Adams.....	\$50.00
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Homeless Veterans Fund

ALR Chapter 29, Dover-Foxcroft.....	\$100.00
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Legacy Fund

ALR Chapter 42, Damarascotta.....	\$300.00
ALR Chapter 135, Sabattus.....	\$100.00
ALR Chapter 80, Millinocket.....	\$100.00
ALR Chapter 100, Dixfield.....	\$200.00
ALR Chapter 40, Winthrop.....	\$500.00

2022 Commanders Project – Thurston “Operation Reboot Outdoors”

Westbrook Squadron No. 197.....	\$130.00
Buckfield Post 58	\$500.00



**DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

It is with great pride and pleasure that we the membership of Post # _____ submit the names of all our living Past Commanders for membership to the Past Commanders Club. Along with the names, we have enclosed the annual dues of \$5.00 per member with the understanding that this will continue to provide two (2) \$500.00 scholarships. The recipient must be the son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of a member of The American Legion.

Membership in the Past Commanders Club goes from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Post Adjutant

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The American Legion, Dept. of Maine
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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)*****



You Don't Want To Miss This Exciting Challenge!

100 Miles for Hope is in full swing, and there's still plenty of time for you to join this great cause! It's easy to get started. Here's how:

HOW TO REGISTER

You can get a free 100 Miles for Hope T-shirt with your \$30 registration fee. Just visit [Emblem Sales](#), select your size and add it to your cart.



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Participants are encouraged to complete at least 100 miles before Sept. 5. Activities include walking, running, swimming, cycling, riding a motorcycle or even driving a racecar!



HOW TO HELP THE VETERANS & CHILDREN FOUNDATION



The Veterans & Children Foundation funds the training and education of 3,000 accredited American Legion service officers and provides grants for military families in financial distress — and when you start a fundraiser, 100% of the donations you receive directly support the VCF.

This year's 100 Miles for Hope promises to be an exciting and rewarding event. Don't miss out! Join thousands of other veterans as we support our brothers and sisters while also improving our own health and well-being.

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