

# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



## 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)*

[Maine HS Oratorical Scholarship Application](#)

[Department of Maine Oratorical Brochure](#)

[2024 Oratorical Rules Brochure](#)

[Oratorical Promotional Brochure - National](#)

**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

**[Oratorical Packets Mailed to All Posts 10/4/23!!](#)**

**Help Support the Maine American Legion  
Oratorical Scholarship Program  
by Donating Today!**

**To Donate By Debit or Credit Card:**

Visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) and click on the [DONATE](#) button, or simply scan the QR Code with your phone. Select the Oratorical Contest listed under the "Use This Donation For" dropdown menu and select Donate with Debit or Credit Card.



**By Check:** Please make checks payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine, earmarked "Oratorical Program". Mail to:

The American Legion, Department of Maine  
5 Verti Drive,  
Winslow, ME 04901-0727

***Thank you in advance for your support!***

Welcome to the 100<sup>th</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)



## DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT CLINIC AT TOGUS

September 30th, October 7th  
and 14th from 7am to 1pm.  
Stay tuned for when and if  
there will be a Covid clinic.

*For more information call 877-222-8387*

## ATTENTION ALL POSTS!

### Employee Retention Credit (ERC)

If you haven't yet applied for **ERC**, the deadline is **April 2024** to get a refund. In order to apply, your Post must have one or more W2 employees during the years 2020 and 2021. Ron Witham is an independent consultant and he will help file your claim. He has helped over 90 entities, including American Legions, for a total of nearly \$13 million to date. He can be reached by phone at: 207-314-2767. His e-mail is: [rwitham.mps@gmail.com](mailto:rwitham.mps@gmail.com).

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Monday, October 9, 2023

*State Headquarters will be closed in observance  
of the holiday. Please plan accordingly.*



National Commander's Visit  
**Daniel J. Seehafer**  
 will visit the  
**Department of Maine**  
**November 3 - 5, 2023**

## A CALL TO SUPPORT OUR BATTLE BUDDIES



The American Legion  
 OCT 4, 2023

Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,  
 We all remember our Battle Buddies.

We served our nation together. Learned how to be good servicemembers together. Helped each other through trying times. We were always there for each other, no matter what.

While our active duty service has concluded, our commitment to fellow veterans has not. That's the driving force behind [The American Legion's Buddy Check program](#), which began in 2019.

In that time, we have witnessed countless successes.

Legionnaires have re-engaged with long-lost friends. A simple phone call has brightened an older veteran's day. And American Legion Family members have provided support in numerous ways to veterans who needed assistance but were too proud to ask.

This month, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is conducting the [first National Buddy Check Week](#), Oct. 16-20. We are honored to be partnering with VA in a kickoff webinar on Oct. 16 to highlight the importance of making connections this week. ([Join the webinar here.](#))

I'm asking all American Legion members to participate in National Buddy Check Week. To help you get started, National Headquarters has updated the Buddy Check resource kit ([available here](#)).

You can reconnect with a fellow veteran who you haven't seen or talked with in a while.

Call up someone you served with and reminisce about the good times. It's good for the soul.

Reach out to an older veteran in your community and ask there's anything you can do for them. Maybe it's picking up groceries, doing a little yardwork or just talking. It all matters.

There are many ways to participate. But what is most important is that we all rally and make the connection with a buddy.

Simply put, they would do it for us.

~ National Commander, Daniel J. Seehafer

### National Commander Seehafer's Itinerary

**Daniel J. Seehafer** was elected National Commander of The American Legion at the 104th National Convention at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, N.C., on Thursday, August 31. He is continuing the theme of "Be the One," to prevent veteran suicide. To learn more about Daniel J. Seehafer, [click here](#) or visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

#### About National Commander Seehafer's Pin Incentive Program and Form

#### About National Commander Seehafer's Honor Ribbon Program and Form

#### About National Commander Seehafer's 103 Percent Membership Pin Incentive Program and Form



### NATIONAL COMMANDER'S PIN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

American Legion National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer will award his national commander "Be the One" dog tag to any Legionnaire who obtains two new members into The American Legion. One to replace you and one for growth.

### 100% AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY RIBBON

American Legion National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer will award his 100% American Legion Family Ribbon to any American Legion Family that achieves 100 percent membership by the 2024 100% membership target date. For this award, the Legion Family is defined as a post and/or any combination of an Auxiliary unit or Sons squadron. Each must achieve 100% membership to qualify for the award.

### 103 PERCENT MEMBERSHIP AWARD

American Legion National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer will award his "Be the One" dog tag to any post commander, district commander, county commander, division commander, department commander or membership chairman who achieves 103% of their assigned membership goal for 2024.

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*"It's not the answer that enlightens,  
 but the question."*

~ [Eugene Ionesco](#)

# COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2023

Department Commander Al McKay asks that each Post and Legionnaire support his goal.



The American Legion, Department of Maine has a long history with the Maine Veterans' Cemeteries across the State. 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](http://www.mainelegion.org)

and click on the Donate button.

Make sure to type: "Commander's Project"

in the Note section.

*Thank You!*



# SHARE YOUR VETERANS DAY PLANS WITH US

The American Legion

OCT. 2, 2023



**Veterans Day, Nov. 11**, is the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918, and today a holiday to honor all veterans. American Legion posts, districts and departments observe Veterans Day by participating in or hosting parades, luncheons, ceremonies and more.

With Veterans Day a little more than one month away, many American Legion posts are well into planning for various ceremonies and events. Once again, The American Legion National Media & Communications Division is looking for potential coverage opportunities.

If your post, district or department is hosting, sponsoring or participating in a Veterans Day event, please share it with us. Email [sbrooks@legion.org](mailto:sbrooks@legion.org) with details that include the time, date, location and what the event will entail. We'll be looking for events to cover in person; other events may be featured in an advance Veterans Day story and follow-up after the events have concluded.

Posts, districts and departments also are encouraged to share stories and photos of their Veterans Day events on [Legiontown](#).

National Headquarters staff also has prepared a guideline Veterans Day speech available for download [here](#). It is only a guide; posts are encouraged to tailor it to their respective ceremony or event.



## SEPTEMBER IMPACT: SHUTDOWN AVERTED

Just hours before an American Legion-opposed U.S. government shutdown would have adversely affected members of the U.S. Armed Forces, VA and other federal services, Congress voted to give it at least another 45 days. The Sept. 30 measure came after American Legion National Commander Daniel Seehafer called on elected officials to find a solution that won't disrupt services for veterans or national security.

## MILITARY TRIVIA

**Q.** Why was the first atomic bomb, dropped in Hiroshima, named "Fat Man"?

~ 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.



### If You Hear This 4-Word Phrase When You Pick Up the Phone, Hang Up Immediately

Story by Brooke Nelson

If you've been getting more robocalls lately, you are not alone. [Phone call scams](#) have increased a whopping 118% in the past year, according to First Orion, and millions of Americans have fallen victim to phone scammers looking to steal their money and identities.

Hopefully, you've already learned not to answer calls from [these area codes](#) and know [how to tell if the "iPhone virus warning" is a scam](#). But now there's another common phone scam trick to watch out for. Experts are warning about a robocall that starts with the simple four-word phrase "Can you hear me?" in hopes of recording your response and using it to commit fraud.

Keeping these [iPhone privacy settings](#) up to date can boost your [smartphone security and privacy](#), but they might not protect you in this case. Luckily, we've got the scoop from experts on why this phone scam is so dangerous, what you should do if you respond and how to avoid falling victim in the future.

#### Why This Phone Scam is So Dangerous

In general, all phone scams "are designed to do two things: gain information about you that can be used to impersonate you [through] identity theft, and get you to give money to the scammer," says Adam Gordon, an instructor at ITProTV, which provides professional IT training.

In this particular phone scam, a recorded voice will ask, "Can you hear me?" when a victim answers the call. The phrase is designed to trick the victim into responding "yes," while the person or computer on the other end is recording. From there, the scammer can use the recording to access important online accounts, make purchases and commit fraud like identity theft. All they have to do is play the recording of your voice saying "yes" when asked to authorize a log-in or agree to a major purchase.

"This phone scam is particularly frightening [because] they simply rely on the human behavior of answering a quick question," says Matthew Shirley, director of offensive cybersecurity operations at Fortalice, a cybersecurity services company.

By getting right to the point, the scammer catches victims off guard and forces them to act fast before they have the chance to think rationally. Scams on [Uber](#) and [Facebook Marketplace](#) also rely on this strategy, so it's important stay vigilant across the board.

#### The Danger of Chatbots and AI

This phone scam also reveals the sneaky potential of new chatbots and [artificial intelligence \(AI\)](#) technology to imitate human speech. These days, "AI chatbots are so advanced that they give the 'human touch,' being able to masquerade as a human successfully in many cases, and can be indistinguishable from a human in situations like a phone call," Gordon says.

Unfortunately, scammers are now using this new technology to fool victims into believing they are speaking with a real person on the phone. In a new version of the "Can you hear me?" phone scam, the call begins with a human-like voice saying "Sorry, I'm having issues with my headset."

This tactic makes people think that a real person is on the other line. It also "gives a little room for interpretation of pacing," like odd delays, which would ordinarily tip off the victims that they might be dealing with a phone scam, Shirley says.

#### What Your Voice Saying "Yes" Can Unlock

With the recording of the victim's affirmation, scammers can access sensitive information, authorize payments or sign up for services that the victim doesn't want. "Just think about what someone with a recording of you saying 'yes' can attempt to access, unlock, change or authorize in today's remote-centric and faceless world," Gordon says. If the scammer is asked to agree to a purchase or service, for example, they will simply play the recording of your voice saying "yes."

That's why it is so important to protect your online accounts by creating [strong, unique passwords](#) and using [two-factor authentication](#) when you can.



At the end of the day, it's much easier to protect yourself from scammers than it is to recover a hacked Facebook account or hacked Instagram account.

~ [Readers Digest](#)

## PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

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

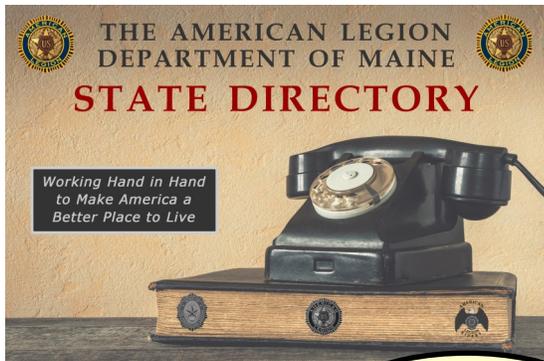
## ATTENTION LEGION COLLEGE STUDENTS 2023!

Phase III of Maine Legion College scheduled for October 21-22 has been postponed until November 18-19. *Sorry for the inconvenience!*

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

## 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](#)

### [2023 Digital Convention Yearbook Now Available Online!](#)

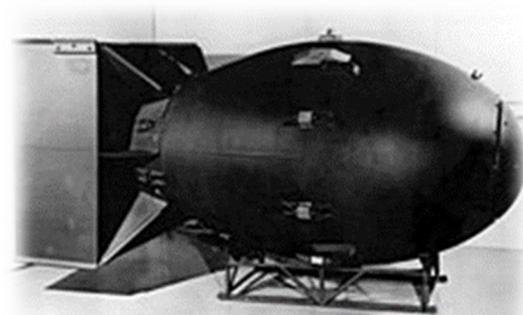
Lots of New Information Including Hyperlinked Business Ads to Websites, Photos, Legion Programs & More!

[Check it Out Today!](#)



## MILITARY TRIVIA

**A.** Quite literally because of its shape being small & round. During a lecture in 1943, physicist Robert Serber used the word “bomb” and because the Manhattan Project was so secret, Project Director Robert Oppenheimer immediately sent an assistant to tell Serber NOT to use the “bomb” word, but to use “gadget” instead, because “gadget” was commonly used to describe many weapons being designed at that time. “Fat Man”, dropped on Nagasaki, was named “gun gadget” while “Little Boy”, dropped on Hiroshima, was named the “implosion gadget”, and ultimately called the “Trinity Device”, but they both served their purpose to bring the war to an abrupt end.



## 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



## MEMBERSHIP **IMPACT** REPORTS

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on: <https://www.legion.org/membership/impact> provide a summary of membership, participation and volunteerism making an impact in the lives of veterans, families and communities. American Legion Posts can share the many ways Legionnaires are making a difference in their communities by [submitting consolidated post reports online](#). To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit:

<https://www.legion.org/bythenumbers> or  
<https://www.legion.org/membership/impact>



## Attention: 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.*

## 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.

## 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)



## DISTRICT MEETINGS

*Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed*

**District 2 – Cumberland: Oct. 22**  
Windham Post 148, 2PM  
Americanism Briefings Legion  
1 PM luncheon, 2 PM Meeting

**District 5 – Oxford: Oct. 17**  
Buckfield Post 58, 7:00PM  
Refreshments (Pumpkin Pie?) after.

**District 12 – Hancock: Oct. 10**  
Bar Harbor Post 25  
Dinner at 6:00PM, Meeting at 7:00PM

**District 14 – Piscataquis: Oct. 21**  
Milo Post 41, 12 Noon Lunch  
w/Business Meeting at 1PM

**District 15 – Washington: Oct. 8**  
Pembroke Post 59, 2PM



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.

# DONATIONS

## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

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

Machias Post 9..... \$50.00



# FLAG REWARDS

## Tips & Suggestions

### Official Visits Pay Off!

Consider making an official, personal visit to local businesses to **gain their sponsorship**. Set an appointment if necessary. Wear your Legion uniform cap as an official representative of your Post.

## Success Stories

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

### Over \$3,000 earned

1. Douds, IA Post 494

### Over \$900 earned

2. Enfield, CT Post 154

### Over \$600 earned

3. Bay City, MI Post 18

4. Bloomington, IN Post 18

### Over \$500 earned

5. Newburgh, IN Post 44

6. Lily Dale, NY Post 1280

7. Muscatine, IA Post 27

8. Fort Gibson, OK Post 20

### Over \$400 earned

9. Jonesville, MI Post 195

10. Watford City, ND Post 29

11. Loveland, CO Post 15

12. Easley, SC Post 52

### Over \$300 earned

13. Southington, CT Post 72

14. Harrisville, RI Post 88

15. Newton, IA Post 111

16. Brownsburg, IN Post 331

17. Georgetown, IL Post 203

18. Rapid City, SD Post 962

19. Roxboro, NC Post 138

20. Bogalusa, LA Post 24

21. Fort Ripley, MN Post 46

### Over \$200 earned

22. Solon, IA Post 460

23. Seymour, IN Post 89

24. Medusa, NY Post 291

25. Dunkirk, NY Post 62

26. Peyton, CO Post 2008

27. Junction City, OH Post 376

28. Columbus, MS Post 69

29. Siloam Springs, AR Post 29

30. Hingham, MA Post 120

31. Newfane, NY Post 873

32. Oconomowoc, WI Post 91

33. Archbold, OH Post 311

34. Madawaska, ME Post 147

35. Corning, NY Post 746

36. Versailles, IN Post 173

37. Wathena, KS Post 161

38. Zelienople, PA Post 474

39. St. Clairsville, OH Post 159

40. Chamberlain, SD Post 3

41. Sioux City, IA Post 697

42. Cicero, NY Post 787

43. Scottsburg, IN Post 234

44. Wartburg, TN Post 149

45. Pinckneyville, IL Post 2504

46. Hudson, MI Post 180

47. Middlebury, VT Post 27

### Over \$150 earned

48. Warsaw, NY Post 532

49. Greenville, PA Post 140

50. Sioux Falls, SD Post 15

51. Zeeland, MI Post 33

52. Lithopolis, OH Post 677

53. Caledonia, MI Post 305

54. Carroll, IA Post 7

55. Little Valley, NY Post 531

56. Union City, MI Post 196

57. Croswell, MI Post 255

58. Fairmont, MN Post 36

59. South Hill, VA Post 79

60. Roosevelt, UT Post 64

61. Putnam, CT Post 13

62. Three Oaks, MI Post 204

63. Washington, IA Post 29

64. Oneida, NY Post 169

65. Lakekiowa, TX Post 265

66. Cascade, IA Post 528

67. Brunswick, ME Post 20

68. De Smet, SD Post 138

69. Wisconsin Dells, WI Post 187

70. Geneseo, NY Post 271

71. Athens, WI Post 4

72. Auburn, NY Post 1324

73. Goose Creek, SC Post 166

74. Mason, MI Post 148

75. Petersburg, VA Post 2

76. Boulder Junction, WI Post 451

77. Des Plaines, IL Post 36

78. Herndon, NH Post 5

79. Ocheyedan, IA Post 326

80. Watertown, WI Post 189

81. Galva, IL Post 45

82. Colorado Spgs, CO Post 209

83. Lake Linden, MI Post 90

84. Grayling, MI Post 106

85. Croton-On-Hudson, NY Post 505

86. Honeoye, NY Post 1278

87. Vinalhaven, ME Post 18

88. Bettsville, OH Post 733

89. N. Tonawanda, NY Post 1451

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



# 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).



**MAINE  
CONNECTIVITY  
AUTHORITY**



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





## SUPPORTING DIGITAL EQUITY (DE)

Supporting the development or employment of better Internet in a community goes hand in hand with Digital Equity (DE) and is one of its key elements. The Blue Hill Peninsula area group referenced as The PUB has a new domain name - [www.pubfiber.org](http://www.pubfiber.org). Our **Mission Statement** (since forming in 2018) states: *“The Peninsula Utility for Broadband (PUB) advocates for fast, flexible, affordable and reliable internet to incentivize business, support schools, advance the quality of healthcare, connect homes and facilitate long term education and socialization of our rural communities.”*

Fidium Fiber became a reality for everyone who wants it in our area in March 2023, and our efforts will continue to ensure everyone knows just that, and why getting fiber makes sense over any other Internet service medium (Cable, Satellite, DSL, Hotspot...). Because of the Fidium Fiber price structure, it’s also critically important to improve the awareness and use of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), raise the awareness of technology (i.e., Internet use and tools) through training opportunities, and the general benefits that access to the Internet brings for Education, Health Care, Connectivity with others and the other valuable benefits (i.e., Streaming and Phone) which are money saving and effective tools for everyone with good Internet access. Fiber is the gold standard and is used by every service – from satellites to cell phones. Fidium Fiber is the provider that brings it to your house! Not sure if you want to use it, you can try it for a month for free. For those that qualify, use your ACP benefit with any participating provider (your choice).

Do you have Fidium Fiber to your home? Do it! Can’t afford the monthly access, or is there some other reason? Fiber based Internet access is symmetrical, futureproof, and available with no installation cost, and for those qualified, you **can** afford the monthly access because it’s also free! Consider that if someone is on SNAP, Medicaid, or other benefit program - you can be qualified for the program. More than that (as an example) if you are a family of four making under \$60,000 you can qualify for a \$30/mo. discount at any service level but at the \$30/mo. for 50/50Mbps, it’s free with the ACP discount. We want to keep the ACP program going and have you qualify - we can help. It really does matter, and we want you to use it, so we don’t lose those funds! Remember too that no Internet Service Provider (ISP) can prequalify you and it is your family not your address that gets qualified.

Moving forward in Maine, we know that reaching out to food pantries, churches, and schools is vital in presenting a common well thought out voice, using tools such as those the Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) has developed, and the resources the Maine based National Digital Equity Center (NDEC) provides to help educate - often for free. Reaching out to Veterans groups (local/state and national) and other national and local organizations with local ties and related interests will be happening on a larger scale in the entire state and specifically here.

Where do you go with questions and answers? The PUB site [www.pubfiber.org](http://www.pubfiber.org) can enable a local connection or a link to a resource for help and may provide answers to questions already addressed on the site. The Fidium Fiber website provides many more answers and proactively addresses many questions you may have on their fiber service at [www.fidiumfiber.com](http://www.fidiumfiber.com). Calling, emailing, or texting local resources can address many more – or point you in the right direction.

Butler Smythe  
Blue Hill, ME  
207-374-3838

Email: [thbsmythe@gmail.com](mailto:thbsmythe@gmail.com)

Websites: [www.manorhousestudio.com](http://www.manorhousestudio.com) and [www.pubfiber.org](http://www.pubfiber.org)

# FALL FUN RIDE

## POST 14 FAIRFIELD

### American Legion Riders

Saturday, OCTOBER 7, 2023

Registrations: 9:00-9:30am

Kickstands UP: 10:00am

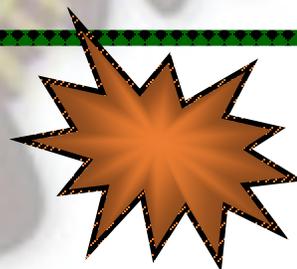
\$20.00 Per Bike

- ◆ Ride will go scenic route to Farmington & return to Post 14
- ◆ Lunch provided by VIKING CHEESE TACO by BOBO (truck)
- ◆ 1 stop planned for both directions
- ◆ Raffles and other fun games at each stop with opportunities to win prizes with the Grand Prize Raffle upon return

NEED More INFO?? Call 877-1674

PLEEEEEEEEEEEZ BRING PLENTY of

CASH



TO SUPPORT SOME LOCAL VETERANS!!!!!!



ALL PROCEEDS TO BE PUT IN OUR VETERANS' XMAS GIFTS FUND FOR LOCAL RETIREMENT HOME(S)



**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.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

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Sept. 19th, 2023 | Season 4 | 1 hr 24 mins  
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**MAINE BUREAU OF VETERANS' SERVICES / VET CENTER**  
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