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Greetings Detachment,

Hope everyone had a great Halloween and is adjusting well to the time change. Fall is a fun time of the year and that fun can spill into your Squadrons & Posts. If you did not this year, consider having a Trunk Or Treat for the kids in your community next year. It is a great way to open the doors & grounds of your facility to educate the folks in your area about what the American Legion is and what it does for our Veterans near and far. Another activity to consider for some adult fun is a Halloween dance. They can engage the members of the Post and a Costume Contest is a great way to encourage laughs and camaraderie among the membership.

As always, membership renewal is very important this time of year. Keep pushing members in the Post or Canteen to renew if they have not yet. Meet with your Squadron Adjutant and compile a list of those members who have yet to renew. Phone calls or written correspondence work to remind folks that their dues are soon due.

Veterans Day is coming up on Wednesday November 11, 2026. What began as an acknowledgement of the Armistice that ended World World I, Veterans Day is now a celebration of all our Veterans who have served in the Armed Forces. If your Post does not have a celebration lined up, there is time for your Squadron to take the reins and put together a small luncheon or ceremony to honor the Veterans of your Post.

The next Detachment Executive Committee meeting will be held at the State Headquarters in Winslow, Maine at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday November 15, 2026. I will report in next month's newsletter about the going ons of that meeting.

Thank you all for your continued efforts and support at the Squadron levels. The Detachment is strong and it is a reflection of the health of the Squadrons. If you have any needs or questions reach out to your District Commander or any Officer of the Detachment, we are here to assist and continue the growth & strength of your Squadron.

R. Stephen Amergian Jr.

Commander

Detachment of Maine

Membership Status:

As of November 1, 2026
We are #24 out of 55 Detachments for 2026 Memberships
2026 is at 2827 Members
2026 percent of year end goal is 99.79
2026 percent for retention is 84.72%

We are #54 out of 55 Detachments for 2027 Memberships
2027 is at 467 Members
2027 percent of year end goal is 16.44%
2027 percent for retention is 12.87%



Target Date:

November 12, 2026
45% of 2027's Membership

Squadron Planning

November

2 Invasion of Kuwait 1990
4 US Coast Guard Birthday
7 Purple Heart Birthday
10 Marine Corps Birthday
11 Veterans Day
12 SAL Membership target of 45%
16 American Education Week

December

7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
9 SAL Membership target of 55%
12 Army-Navy Football Game
12 Wreaths Across America Day
20 Space Force Birthday
25 Christmas
31 New Years Eve

January

1 New Years Day
9 American Legion Mid-Winter Conference
18 Martin Luther King Day

Let us know about your Squadron's upcoming events so we can fill this space.

Send in pictures and details of your Squadron's events.



BE THE ONE

For more details on the Be The One campaign visit: betheone.org
To reserve your spot or for questions, email: dw_americanlegion17 me@zohomail.com

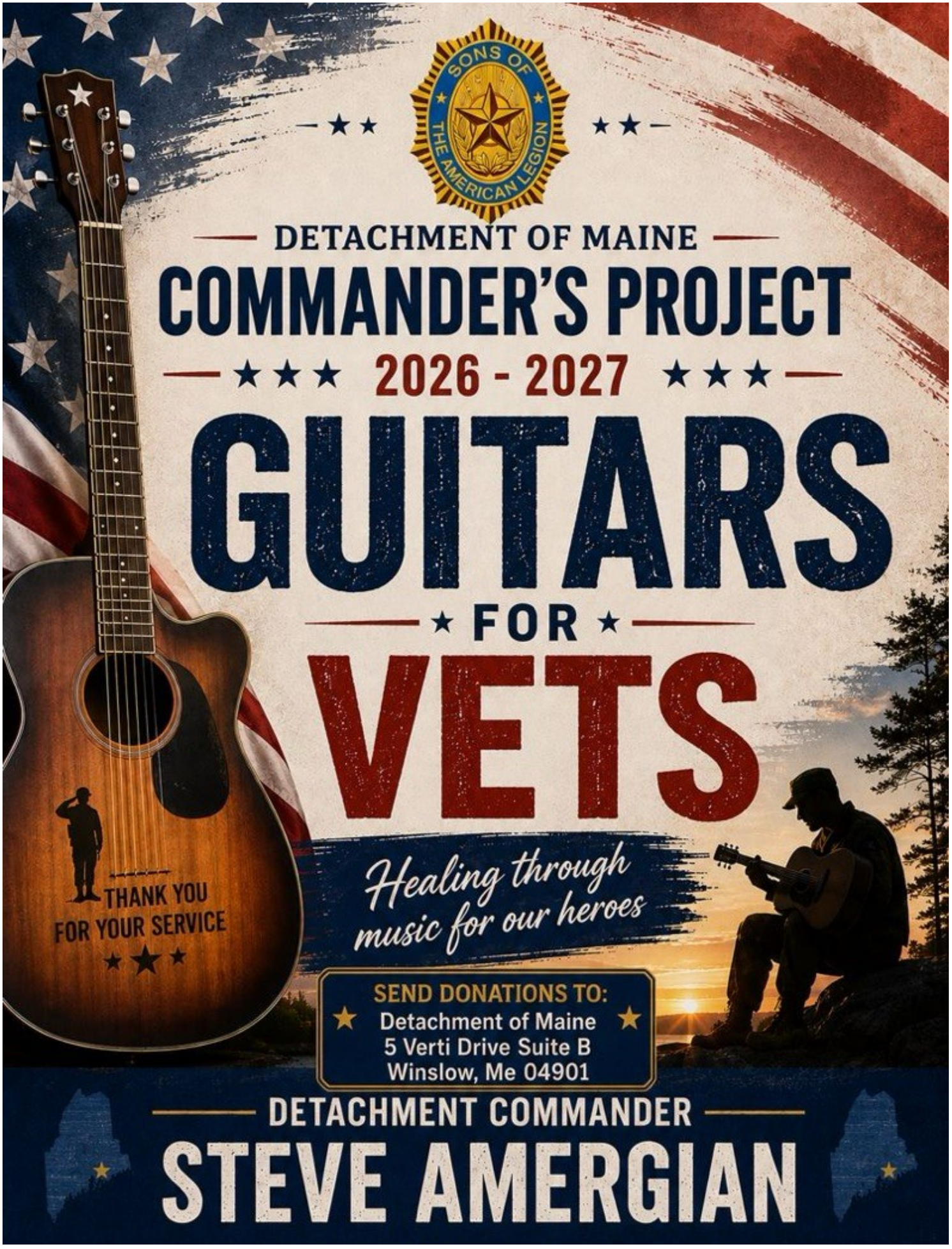
Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT)
No Cost LegionCare

Your valued status as a member of the Legion
Family makes you eligible for LegionCare.



Current members only are entitled to the $5,000 No-Cost-To-You Accident Insurance Protection. If your membership was expired at any point, you will have to sign up again to receive coverage.




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DETACHMENT OF MAINE
COMMANDER'S PROJECT
2026 - 2027
GUITARS
FOR
VETS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
Healing through music for our heroes
SEND DONATIONS TO:
Detachment of Maine
5 Verti Drive Suite B
Winslow, Me 04901
DETACHMENT COMMANDER
STEVE AMERGIAN

DEPARTMENT of MAINE

COMMANDER MICHAUD ANNOUNCES

2026-2027 PROJECT

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF MAINE - CAMP TALL PINES.

"We are focused on raising funds to maintain the American Legion Cabin at Camp Tall Pines, support a new generation of campers, and highlight the importance of supporting the athletes of Special Olympics of Maine", Michaud announced.
The American Legion's Fourth Pillar is Children and Youth.
This Pillar is specifically dedicated to promoting the well-being of young people. Under this umbrella, The American Legion serves as a proud supporter and generous sponsor of the Special Olympics through volunteer efforts, fundraising events (such as the Lobster Dip), and financial contributions.
Special Olympics of Maine was deeded property on Lower Range Pond in 1993. They created Camp Tall Pines, 5 ½ acres of beauty to offer year-round vacationing experiences to persons with intellectual disabilities. It is a traditional summer camp complete with cabins and waterfront activities. In fact, one of the cabins was provided by the Legion Family.
SOME OF THE PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF MAINE:
•19 Olympic style individual and team sports
•Unified Sports
•Special Olympics College Club
•Young Athletes Program
•Law Enforcement Torch Run
•Lobster Dip
•Golf Competitions
•Camp Tall Pines
Commander Michaud asks that all donations be made to "Department of Maine" with "Special Olympics" put in the memo line. An announcement will be made of the total contribution at the 2027 State Convention.
You can also visit: MaineLegion.org, click "donate", and choose from the drop down menu "Commanders Project', to make a personal donation.
Your financial support will fund year-round sports training, health screening, and leadership programs for people with intellectual disabilities.
Contributions to the Commander's Project will cover vital expenses like equipment, transportation, uniforms, and ensure no one is left on the sidelines.
Contributions to Special Olympics of Maine will also help fund The American Legion cabin at Camp Tall Pines and ensure our name proudly continues to support Maine children and adults with intellectual disabilities.
Commander Michaud asks your Post, Squadron, Unit, or Chapter to support this worthy endeavour.


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DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
PRESIDENT'S PROJECT
2026-2027
REMEMBER
HONOR
TEACH
WREATHS
across
AMERICA
BOOTHBAY
VETS
VETERANS EMERGENCY
VETS
TEMPORARY SHELTER
HONORING OUR NATION'S HEROES
Remember. Honor. Teach.
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
STELLA TRAHAN

National Executive Committee Monthly Update

Over the past month, I have participated in several National Zoom and Microsoft Teams meetings. Each meeting has been informative and productive, providing opportunities to exchange ideas, share perspectives, and work together toward the continued growth and success of the Sons of The American Legion.

Much of our committee work has focused on reviewing existing policies, discussing areas for improvement, and moving forward with action items. These discussions are an important part of ensuring that our organization continues to grow while remaining true to our mission of supporting veterans, their families, and our communities.

One exciting development is that the 100th Anniversary Committee has officially transitioned from an Ad-Hoc Committee to a standing committee. This is an important step as we begin looking ahead to celebrating a century of service, dedication, and accomplishments of the Sons of The American Legion.

Serving on the National Executive Committee continues to be a rewarding experience. It provides an opportunity to represent the Detachment of Maine, contribute to discussions at the national level, and bring valuable information back to our membership.

As we move forward, I encourage everyone to remain involved, share ideas, and continue the great work being done throughout our squadrons. Every effort, large or small, strengthens our organization and helps build a lasting legacy of service.

For God and Country,

George Rice
National Executive Committeeman
Detachment of Maine
Sons of The American Legion

Saturday Night DINNER

NOVEMBER 7

Hosted by

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

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DINNER SERVED 4:30 - 6:00

- Teriyaki Beef Tips
- Twice Baked Potatoes
- Glazed Carrots
- Individual Caramel Apple Cheesecake

$15.00 *per meal*



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200 CONGRESS AVE, BATH, ME

Somerset Elementary School

Would like to Honor

Veterans!

"You have our Respect"

Veteran's Assembly

Tuesday

November 10, 2026

Coffee and Muffins at 7:30 AM

Assembly will begin at 8:15 AM

All area veterans are welcome and encouraged to join us for this event.

Please RSVP by calling the school at 938-4770.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE®

HEADS UP!

VETERANS DAY FREE MEAL VOUCHER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

For veterans and active-duty military personnel.



THE FREE MEAL INCLUDES:

- Choice of 10 entrées, including a 6 oz. sirloin steak
- TWO made-from-scratch sides
- Nonalcoholic beverage

PICK UP YOUR VOUCHER ON NOVEMBER 11

Reported hours: 11 AM to 2 PM

BRING PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE

Examples may include military ID, VA card or discharge papers.

ENJOY YOUR MEAL ON A FUTURE VISIT

Vouchers are reportedly valid through May 31, 2027!

VETERANS & ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL

Participating locations. See your local Texas Roadhouse for details.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

THE FRUGAL FOODIE


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DETACHMENT OF MAINE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
NOVEMBER 12, 2026
MAINE TARGET:
45%
Renew Today. Serve Tomorrow.
Keep the Pine Tree State Strong!


THE NEW CREATURES
FRIDAY NOV 13TH
6:00PM - 8:30PM
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 197
WESTBROOK, ME
Members & Guests Welcome!
Non-members pay $5 cover charge and sign the Guestbook on entry.
No one under 21 allowed after 6PM.

AMERICAN LEGION

POST 86 GRAY, MAINE

EARLY BIRD DINNER

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2026

4:30P.M. - 6:00P.M.

PAY YOUR 2027 DUES ON OR BEFORE VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2026 AND COME ENJOY A DELICIOUS, COMPLIMENTARY DINNER WITH YOUR LEGION FAMILY.
GUESTS MAY ATTEND FOR $25 PER MEAL
CHOICE OF PRIME RIB OR CHICKEN CORDON BLEU W/ SIDES

REVELRY IN THE CANTEEN AFTERWARD

TO RESERVE YOUR MEAL YOU MUST SIGN UP IN CANTEEN OR CONTACT JEFF SMALL 207.274.0079

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Service ★ Community ★ Veterans

Buddy Check

"ABC-EASY AS 1, 2, 3"

1 **Always**

Recruit **1 NEW** Legion member

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2 **Buddy**

Recruit **1 NEW** member & renew **1** member
(2 members total)

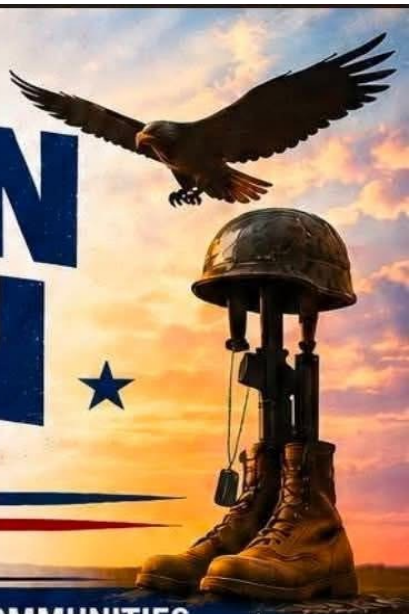
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

3 **Check**

Recruit **3 NEW** members each; Legion, AUX & SONS
(9 total)

More Members... STRONGER TOGETHER!

JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION *Family*



TOGETHER, WE SUPPORT VETERANS, STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND HONOR THE SACRIFICES OF THOSE WHO SERVED.

AMERICAN LEGION



WHAT WE DO

- Advocate for veterans
- Support active duty military and families
- Provide assistance to veterans in need
- Promote Americanism in our communities
- Honor our fallen heroes and their families

WHO CAN JOIN?

Honorable discharged veteran and anyone presently serving in the military.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



WHAT WE DO

- Support veterans, military, and their families
- Volunteer in our community
- Promote patriotism and Americanism
- Honor our fallen heroes and support their families
- Fundraise to support local and national programs

WHO CAN JOIN?

Spouses, mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters, and granddaughters (including adopted) of veterans who are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



WHAT WE DO

- Support veterans and their families
- Participate in community service
- Promote patriotism and honor our heritage
- Support youth programs and scholarships

WHO CAN JOIN?

Sons, stepsons, grandsons, and adopted sons of members of The American Legion, or sons of veterans who are eligible for membership.

ONE NATION.
ONE MISSION.
ONE FAMILY.

JOIN TODAY!

Be Part of Something

BIGGER THAN YOURSELF!



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FOUR PILLARS OF SERVICE



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

- ADVOCATING FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS
- CLAIMS ASSISTANCE
- ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE
- SUPPORTING WOUNDED WARRIORS



NATIONAL SECURITY

- STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE
- SUPPORT FOR MILITARY FAMILIES
- POW/MIA RECOVERY
- BORDER SECURITY



AMERICANISM

- PROMOTING PATRIOTISM
- YOUTH PROGRAMS (e.g., Boys State, Oratorical Contest)
- FLAG RESPECT

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & VOTING



CHILDREN & YOUTH

- SUPPORTING YOUTH WELFARE
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS
- CAMP FIRE USA & SCOUTING

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY


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BULLET POINTS
Show Up!
Serve Boldly!
IDEAS ★ INSPIRATION ★ ACTION
EVERY MEMBER MATTERS
SAME MISSION ★ A STRONGER TEAM ★ A BRIGHTER FUTURE
★ ★ ★
#1
SHOW UP! SERVE BOLDLY!
Be a member, not just a name on a roster. Find ways to contribute. If you see a need, step forward. Many hands make light work!
#2
MAKE YOUR PASSION GREATER THAN YOUR FEAR OF FAILURE.
Don't let the fear of failing keep you from making a difference. Try something new, learn from it, and keep moving forward. Your comfort zone is the danger zone!
#3
RETENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS.
Recruiting opens the door. What happens next is just as important. Make members feel welcome, give them ways to participate, check in on members, and listen when they have ideas or concerns. Each One — Teach One!
#4
DECEMBER 31ST IS THE DEADLINE— NOT A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!
Renew early so you don't forget. Let's finish this year strong and keep our momentum going. Every member matters, and your continued support helps our mission move forward.
Let's make this a year of teamwork, service, and renewed commitment!

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

MEMBER MENTORING PROGRAM

Welcome • Educate • Engage • Lead

Every new member deserves a connection.
Every experienced member can be a mentor.

OUR PURPOSE

Welcome, educate, and engage new SAL members by helping them understand our mission, structure, programs, and traditions while encouraging lifelong involvement and leadership.

THE ROLE OF A MENTOR

A mentor is an experienced SAL member who provides guidance, information, encouragement, and support.

A Mentor Will:

- Personally welcome the new member.
- Introduce them to officers, committee chairs, and fellow members.
- Explain the Squadron's history, mission, and activities.
- Explain the relationship between the SAL, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion Riders.
- Encourage participation in veterans support, community service, and youth programs.
- Stay connected throughout the first six months.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen member retention and participation.
- Foster personal growth and leadership within the organization.
- Build continuity and preserve the traditions and values of the SAL.

Pride • Heritage • Service

IMMEDIATE SQUADRON ACTION PLAN FOR NEW MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

FIRST 7 DAYS – INITIAL INVOLVEMENT

- ☐ Issue personalized welcome from Commander, Adjutant, or Membership Officer.
- ☐ Provide New Member Orientation Packet immediately.
- ☐ Assign a trained mentor within 72 hours.
- ☐ Add new member to all Squadron communication channels.
- ☐ Invite them to the first event: fundraising dinner, ceremony, community service, etc.

FIRST 30 DAYS – ORIENTATION & CONNECTION

- ☐ Conduct formal Orientation Briefing.
- ☐ Explain mission, structure, programs, and opportunities.
- ☐ Introduce new member at the next Squadron meeting.
- ☐ Complete the New Member Intake Form with the member.
- ☐ Help them join a Squadron committee or project.
- ☐ Mentor attends event or meeting alongside new member.

SUGGESTED MENTOR QUALIFICATIONS

A mentor should have:

- ✓ Minimum one year of active SAL membership.
- ✓ Demonstrated understanding of SAL programs and values.
- ✓ Willingness to dedicate time and attention to new members.
- ✓ Positive communication skills and enthusiasm for the organization.

RECOMMENDED NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION PACKET

Consider including:

- Welcome Letter from the Squadron Commander
- SAL Membership Card & explanation
- Brochure: "Why We Belong"
- Detachment and Squadron Contact List
- Calendar of Events and meeting schedule
- Volunteer Opportunities form
- Squadron Handbook

EVALUATION & RECOGNITION

Each squadron should review the success of the mentoring program annually. Recognition may include:

- Mentor of the Year
- Member of the Year
- Detachment recognition
- Highlights in newsletters

RESOURCES

SAL National Headquarters https://www.legion.org/sons	**American Legion Basic Training** https://register.legion.org/alei	**American Legion Publications** https://www.legion.org/publications	**Training Tuesday** www.legion.org/information-center/training/training-tuesdays

DON'T JUST ADD A MEMBER —
BUILD A MEMBER.
Comect them. Involve them. Mentor them. Keep them.

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Pride ★ Heritage ★ Service

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The American Legion Post 24 Family, And The
American Legion Department of Maine
Women Veteran's Advisory Committee to honor
Women Veterans at the

13th Annual Women Veterans Luncheon

184 Congress St Rumford, Maine

Saturday, November 14, 2026

9:30am to 2:30pm

Schedule of events 9:30-12:30pm

Refreshments, resources, Reiki, chair massages and a variety of activities to enjoy while visiting with other women veterans who have served.

Lunch served at approximately 12:30pm

Please share with other Women Veterans

Call Tricia at 207-357-3289 to RSVP

Fun surprises, raffles and more.

You do not need to be a Legion member to attend. This event is planned for all **women** veterans and is at no charge to them.

Please plan to stay for group photos.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

November 01, 2026
SAL National membership stands at **125,428** members.
This is **30.54%** of the yearly goal of **410,666** members

Membership = A B C easy as 1 2 3!
Always Buddy Check

Continue to renew, recruit and help us make more history by reaching 105% for 2027.

Let's get it DONE!

With over 400,000 members, the Sons of The American Legion proudly carry more than 400,000 unique stories — each one rooted in honor, service, and the veterans whose sacrifice made our membership possible.

At The American Legion National Headquarters, we want to share those stories.

Tell us why you joined.
Tell us what makes your squadron stand out.
Tell us what makes YOU proud to be a Son.

Your story matters. Your service matters. And together, we show the nation what it means to "Honor Their Service."

Drop your story below and help us highlight the incredible work happening across the SAL.

Lisbon Post #158



ALDEN M GAYTON
AMERICAN LEGION
★ POST 31 ★

426 WASHINGTON ST N
AUBURN, MAINE

NFL FOOTBALL
SUNDAYS







GOOD FOOD
COLD DRINKS
GREAT GAMES

OPEN FROM
12:30 PM - 7 PM

426 WASHINGTON ST N
AUBURN, MAINE

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DID YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN RENEW YOUR **2027 MEMBERSHIP ONLINE!**

IT'S QUICK AND EASY!

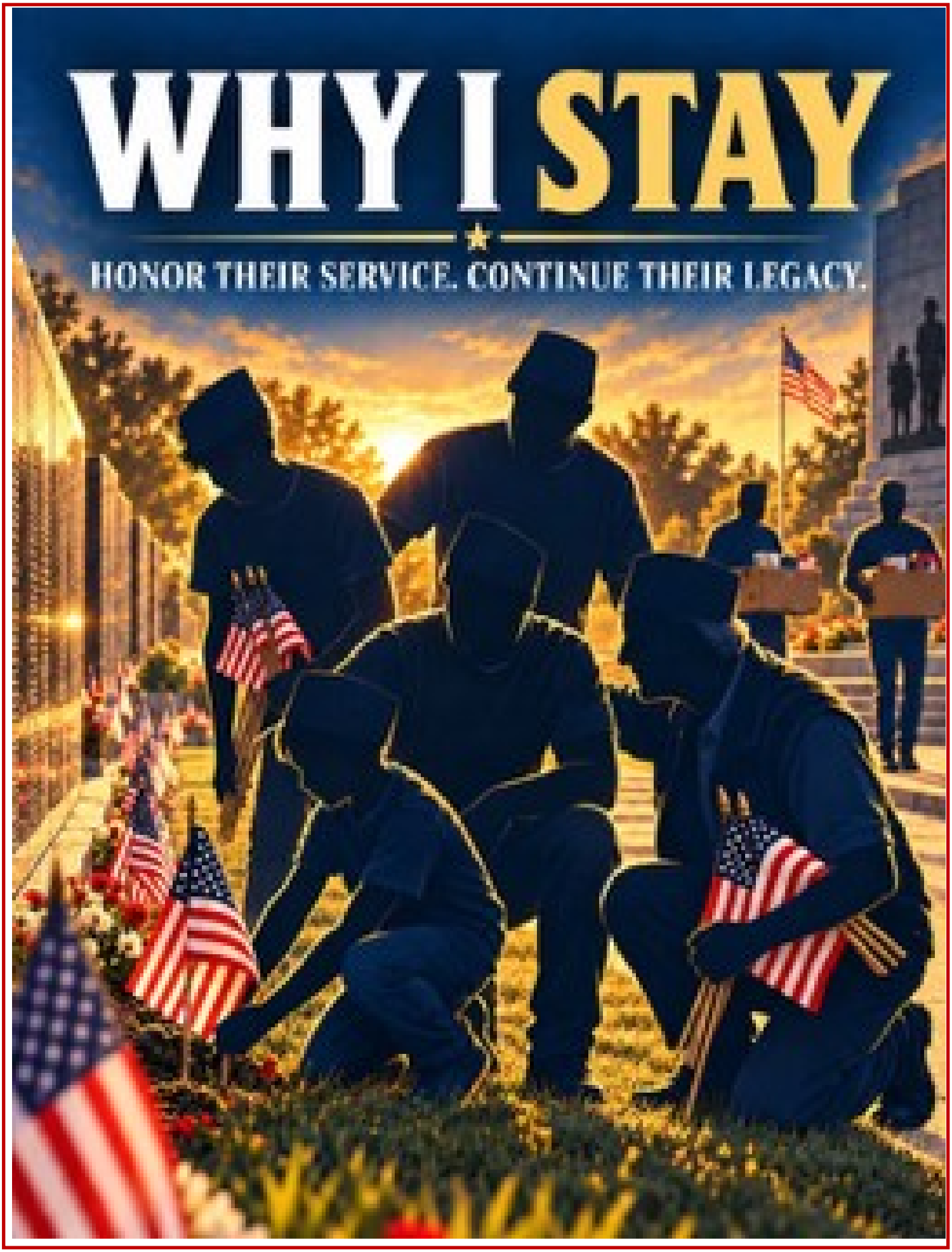
legion.org/sal-renew

- RENEW WITH A **CREDIT CARD**
- USE YOUR **LAST NAME AND MEMBERSHIP ID**
- UPDATE YOUR **CONTACT INFORMATION**

DEC 31

2026 MEMBERSHIP CARDS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31ST, 2026.

★ DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT EXPIRES – RENEW TODAY! ★


WHY I STAY
HONOR THEIR SERVICE. CONTINUE THEIR LEGACY.

WHAT IF YOUR SQUADRON DISAPPEARED TOMORROW?

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WOULD A VETERAN LOSE A HELPING HAND?



WOULD A YOUNG PERSON MISS AN OPPORTUNITY?



WOULD A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER NO LONGER HAPPEN?



WOULD A LOCAL ORGANIZATION LOSE A DEPENDABLE PARTNER?



Think about the difference your squadron makes throughout the year. Sometimes it's a major event. Other times, it's a quiet act of service that makes some days a little better.

MEMBERSHIP AND SQUADRON ACTIVITIES KEEP THAT IMPACT ALIVE.

WHAT'S ONE THING YOUR COMMUNITY CAN COUNT ON YOUR SQUADRON FOR?

SHARE IT IN THE COMMENTS!

We can put it in a newsletter.
We can post it on Facebook.
We can announce it at a meeting.

But sometimes the most effective way to get a member involved is much simpler:

Ask them personally.

“Can you give us a hand Saturday?”

“Would you like to be part of this project?”

“We could really use your help.”

A personal invitation can make all the difference. It shows members that they are valued, that their talents and time matter, and that there is a place for them in the work we do.

Not every member knows where they fit, and not everyone is going to volunteer on their own. Some may be waiting for an invitation, unsure how to get started, or simply unaware of the many ways they can help. Sometimes all it takes is another member making that personal connection, explaining the opportunity, and encouraging them to take that first step.

So don’t stop with making an announcement. Follow up with a phone call, a text, or a conversation after the meeting. Invite someone to join you at an event, introduce them to the team, and help them find a role that matches their interests and abilities. A personal invitation can turn a name on the roster into an active participant—and an active participant into a committed member.

And once someone gets involved, they begin to see firsthand what the Sons of The American Legion is accomplishing for our veterans, our communities, our youth, and the entire American Legion Family. They experience the fellowship, the purpose, and the satisfaction that come from serving alongside others.

Communication gets the word out.
A personal invitation gets people involved.
Meaningful participation gives them a reason to come back.
A welcoming experience gives them a reason to stay.

Membership is everyone’s responsibility.


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LEGION
Sometimes all it takes
is being asked.
JOIN • SERVE • SUPPORT • CONTINUE THE LEGACY

CLICK ON LINKS

SAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SAL MEMBER DATA FORM

CSR FORM

SAL SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP 10/29/2026

DETACHMENT OF MAINE FACEBOOK PAGE

If your Squadron has held elections for the upcoming year, please fill out the forms including emails for all your officers to ensure they get recognition and receive updates from Detachment.

SQUADRON OFFICER AND DIRECTORY FORM

LEGION LEDGER 10/29/2026

THE MAINE LEGIONNAIRE

HIGH IMPORTANCE
2027
AMERICAN LEGION
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 9, 2027
Jeff's Catering & Event Center
15 Littlefield Way
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'Til Next Time
Thank you for your continued membership and dedication to The Maine American Legion Family.