

Post Excellence Award

To qualify for the Post Excellence Award, a post is required to achieve excellence in four areas: membership, submission of the Consolidated Post Report (CPR), attaining a 90 percent renewal rate and community activity.

The purposes of this award is membership growth, exposure of American Legion values to the youth of the community, and increased visibility of the American Legion Family through service projects. A post achieving this qualification will have had numerous post members involved in planning and achieving these goals. Many posts are most likely already active in these areas and will qualify without extra effort. Others, however, will need to increase their efforts in one or more areas to qualify for the award.

The standard to be achieved in each area is as follows:

- **Membership.** Posts must attain at least 103 percent of their membership goal. At least one post officer attends district meetings.
- **Consolidated Post Report.** CPRs must be submitted by July 1. The American Legion's federal charter requires the submission of an annual report to Congress on activities for the year. MyLegion.org has made it simple for a post to submit its CPR in a timely manner.
- **90% Renewal Rate:** The post must renew at least 90 percent of their members that were on the 2023 roster.
- **Community activity.** The post must conduct an event that connects the local community with The American Legion post. The objective is to open your doors, welcome the community in, and educate them on what The American Legion is all about and how the post is an asset to the community. Posts do not need to have a physical building to accomplish this. This activity can be held in a park, a community center, or anywhere the post can welcome and interact with the local community.

The district commander responsible for the post will certify a post as having achieved the four specified criteria. The district commander will submit a list of posts meeting the criteria to department headquarters. That list should include the post name, phone number, address and commander's name. If possible, accompany the last criteria with copies of press releases submitted to the local media about the projects to show that the projects were not only accomplished but that an attempt was made to enhance the image of The American Legion through local media. The copy submitted should include a date and time stamp showing receipt by the media outlet.

The district commander is to submit a letter along with the above required information (see attached form) with any additional pages and supporting documentation to:

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

The department adjutant will then transmit information as posts qualify to: The American Legion National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1055, Attn: Membership.



THE AMERICAN LEGION POST EXCELLENCE AWARD

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

POST INFORMATION & CERTIFICATION:

Post #: _____

Post Name: _____

Post Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Post Phone: _____

Post Commander Name: _____

Phone: _____

Post Commander Signature: _____

District #: _____

District Commander Name: _____

District Commander Signature: _____

(Department Headquarters will obtain if necessary)

MEMBERSHIP:

Post attained at least 103 percent of their membership goal: Yes

At least one Post Officer attended District Meetings: Yes
