As March 15th rapidly approaches, we should all be taking time to reflect and celebrate the Paris Caucus and the visionaries who had the forethought and understood the necessity of an organization like The American Legion.

What was to become of the millions of doughboys who were shell shocked, jobless, confused, wayfaring, and wounded, once they returned to the United States? What was to become of the families of the 53,402 killed in action? Some historians regard 1919 as the worst year of the 20th century, and the country was in chaos.

What began as a vision to care for the orphans, widows, and veterans of WWI has transformed our nation forever. We still fight many of the same battles that over 100 years ago devastated those returning from war. Have we made incredible strides in our efforts to care for those affected by wartime service, absolutely? I will highlight just a few of the accomplishments of The American Legion and its lobbying efforts since 1919.

In 1923, we began drafting the Flag Code; in 1924, created Temporary Financial Assistance; in 1930, led for the creation of the VA; established disaster relief funding; lobbied for the Veterans Preference Hiring Act of 1944 and the Service

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From the first day of military training, veterans are taught to look after one another. Whether it’s promising that we have their “six” or conducting a health and welfare check, our comrades need to know we care about their well-being.

More and more American Legion posts are conducting Buddy Checks for this reason. Membership is our lifeblood, but it is our camaraderie that makes us an organization worth joining.

How can we truly serve veterans if we are unaware of their most urgent needs? How can we call ourselves a family if we don’t provide a welcoming environment? Most of all, how can we pledge to “sanctify our comradeship” at every American Legion meeting while ignoring veterans living in our own neighborhoods?

Few people have the time to personally reach out to all veterans in their communities, but teamwork makes it possible. For instance, if a group of 10 Legionnaires commits to calling or visiting 10 other members or former members, you can reach 100 veterans.

National Headquarters offers some tools to help you succeed. At mylegion.org, you can download the names of current members and those whose memberships may have lapsed.

Turn Buddy Check calls into a post event, and magnify your message by inviting local media. While our primary concern is the well-being of veterans in our communities, an increase in membership usually results. Veterans tend to enjoy the company of other veterans. There is no bad time to conduct a Buddy Check, but I can’t think of a more appropriate way to celebrate The American Legion’s birthday, March 15-17, than by reconnecting with our fellow veterans.

Thanks to the LEGION Act, anybody currently serving or who has served honorably under federal orders since Dec. 7, 1941, is eligible to join our organization. That includes the many reservists and National Guard members who were deployed or went through basic and military occupational training. An estimated 4.2 million veterans are eligible to join The American Legion who were not eligible a year ago. Early indications are that membership is up this year, so let’s keep that momentum by sharing our mission and passion with those who were previously ineligible.

The LEGION Act has also expanded membership opportunities in the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion. The Auxiliary, by the way, is no longer the nation’s largest patriotic women’s organization, but the largest veterans auxiliary of women and men.

Let me say again that membership is not the purpose of the Buddy Check. Through personal contact, though, you may be helping a veteran battling suicidal thoughts, a single parent looking for temporary financial assistance or a transitioning servicemember struggling to obtain VA benefits. Let them know they have a friend in The American Legion and that you are willing to assist them or connect them to someone who can. Be sure to follow up.

To be an effective Buddy Checker, just remember two things: Call because you can, and listen because you want to.

Building a foundation for the future,

James W. “Bill” Oxford
National Commander
Hello Members!

The Auxiliary’s membership team has been hard at work and we are within range of achieving 100% membership for the first time in many years. Our percentage today is 88.18% and we only need 660 renewals and/or new members to hit the goal.

Thank you for what you’ve been doing this year. Your support of the membership program is ensuring that the needs of our veterans, families, and communities will be met for the future. Every member is a participant in our future. So, let’s hit that 100%. Remember, together we can accomplish anything!

Your active involvement is still needed to achieve our goal. Have you personally asked members who have not renewed their membership to do so? If the member is willing, you can drop by and pick up her dues. Are there any spouses in your community who would like to join the Auxiliary? You’ve probably heard this before, but the major reason that many people do not belong is because they have never been asked. So, don’t hesitate to ask a spouse to join. And, of equal importance is the fact that our youth are our future. Junior members want to learn about who we are, what we do and why it matters. Our National President began her Auxiliary career as a Junior member. So did I. Juniors want to help and be involved. Keep them in the loop! Someday, when we are old and gray, we’ll be glad that our Junior can take up the call and continue service to our veterans.

When talking with perspective new members, be sure you know what some of the benefits are. Thousands of dollars in scholarships are given annually, through The American Legion Family. Our Legislative programs make opportunities available to veterans. We’re here for veterans, so be sure you can tell others about Christmas Gift Shop and other opportunities for volunteering at VA Hospitals and Soldiers Homes. Be aware of how much the American Legion Family does for Children and Youth and Americanism. Tell members about Girls State and Girls Nation. Many of our politicians in Washington and within our States were alumni of Girls and Boys State programs. If you have questions, all of your Department officers can provide answers and help.

As we approach April, I’d like to take this opportunity to invite you to several special events on the first Saturday in April. The Department of Massachusetts will hold an “Old Fashioned Tea” as its theme for the Past Presidents Parley in Raynham. The event promises to be fun! On that same evening, the American Legion Family will host a dinner in honor of our National President, National Commander and National Sons of the American Legion Commander. This is the first time we have had the pleasure of having all three of our leaders here together. There will be a delicious dinner at the Best Western Hotel in Marlborough. If you are interested, you need to purchase your tickets within the next few weeks. Contact the Department offices at the State House for more information and tickets.

Hope you have a great St. Patrick’s Day!

Coral May Grout, Department President
men’s Readjustment Act of 1944, now the Harry W. Colmery Veteran’s Assistance Act of 2017; created Family Support for dependents; in 1955, lobbied for a Bill leading to the establishment of the Reserve Forces; led VSOs in PTSD and TBI research; led the fight to recognize the effects of Agent Orange Exposure; established the American Legion Legacy Scholarship and Operation Comfort Warriors program created by one of our very own past national commanders here in Massachusetts.

Our impact has been felt by millions of veterans, their families, and our communities. Do these and so many other accomplishments warrant celebration? Yes, they do, and it is incumbent on us all as Legionnaires, to educate ourselves and our communities on the mission of The American Legion as we go forward into our next 100 years.

So, how is it, that with all of the distractions of 1919, and no technological advantages that we enjoy today, these volunteers were able to create an awareness of The American Legion? Committed, selfless sacrifice. We have all missed birthdays, anniversaries, and the ever important time spent with our love ones in service to a greater cause. We as veterans, understand more than most, that freedom is NOT free.

If we are to preserve for posterity the nation we hope for, it will require our continued and committed, selfless sacrifice. It will require, we are trained. It will require, we train others, to include fellow Legionnaires and the general public. It will require, we concern ourselves with the greater cause that presents itself every day. It will require, we concentrate on what unites us, not what divides us. We MUST say “no” to a declining membership. The success of our lobbying efforts are in direct proportion to our membership numbers. We must say “no” to division. Stand with the Department of Massachusetts as we lead the way toward our next 100 years.

For those who are attending the March Washington Conference I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in comradeship,

Department Commander
Jodie Pajak
Hello my fellow Legionnaire's I would like to report to you today about the success of the revitalization effort in District 10. The American Legion National Headquarters sent out a blast mailing to all veterans in the Headquarters Post (462) and expired members in District 10 informing them that there was going to be a recruiting team calling them on the 21st and 22nd of February.

I'd like to thank Bob Burke and District Ten Commander Richard Cameron and the team who prepared for this day way in advance. The event was advertised on the TV, radio and newspapers in the local area.

In my eyes it was a great success. We had a total of 30 members between the two days working the phones. We transferred a total of 103 members into the post. Additionally, we had two new members for a total of 105 members. We also left messages for 121 Veterans in that area with the intent to move them into a post.

We also had on board three Service offices that were available to help with any claims or outstanding issues with veterans in the area. It was a well-planned revitalization. At this time I would also like to thank Department Adjutant Milton Lashus and Membership Coordinator Judy Hall who transmitted all transfers on the spot. It was a privilege and an honor to work with such professional people.

I Thank all the members for the hard work that they put into this endeavor.

I have a lofty goal of increasing The post membership from 1500 to 2000 numbers and at this time I'd like to report that we have successfully transferred 1021 members.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Department DVC Steve Souza of District 9 who has shined a very important light on membership. and DVC Sally Nay and Committeeewoman at Large Lisa McPhee also thank you to District Four Commander Scott Connor and District Nine Commander Paul Romanalli as well as members of both District 4 and 9 who came down to help, Great Effort!!

Department Senior Vice Commander Anthony Dias
**MyLegion Downloading DMS Lists**

**Instructions to download a list of DMS 2019 Expired**

1. Log into Post MyLegion account
2. Click Reports/Labels link on left hand menu (next page loads)
3. Click Post Reports Folder icon (next page loads)
4. Choose between “Find Members in My Area – By Distance Listing” and “Find Members in My Area – By Zip” Report link (Report page loads)

**Criteria for “Find Members in My Area – By Distance Listing”**

1. Select the Zip Code of your Post or Central Area of search from “Zip” drop down menu; click off the list to load the next selection
2. Enter the number of miles for distance from Post Zip Code in Distance field; click off the list to load the next selection
3. Select “2019” from Last Paid drop down menu; click off the list to load the next selection
4. Select “Dept HQ Post #” from the Last Post drop down menu; click off the list to load the next selection
5. Click View Report Button and the report will display
6. The report can be downloaded by clicking on the disk icon in the header, and selecting the appropriate format desired. Choose Excel for ability to filter results.
7. On the list the members in the incentive will have “Dept HQ Post #” in the “LstPost” column of the report.

**Criteria for “Find Members in My Area – By Zip Listing”**

1. Select appropriate Zip Codes or Select All from Zip Code List drop down menu; click off the list to load the next selection
2. Select “2019” from Last Paid drop down menu; click off the list to load the next selection
3. Select “Dept HQ Post #” from the Available Post drop down menu; click off the list to load the next selection
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On the list the members in the incentive will have “Dept HQ Post #” in the “LstPost” column of the report.
American Legion National Commander James “Bill” Oxford will present the organization’s legislative priorities before members of Congress as part of the 60th Annual Washington Conference in the nation’s capital. Oxford will testify beginning at 10 a.m. ET on March 11. The testimony will be streamed live via the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. The Washington Conference kicks off March 6 with a career planning and hiring event hosted by The American Legion and Hiring Our Heroes. The conference also will include meetings of The American Legion’s Legislative, National Security, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, and Veterans Employment and Education commissions.

The March 10 Commander’s Call will be live-streamed via The American Legion National Headquarters Facebook page and will include addresses from Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie, Rep. Mac Thornberry, Sen. Jerry Moran and Rep. Mark Takano. Following the Commander’s Call, Legionnaires will head to Capitol Hill to meet with their respective members of Congress.


Also during the conference, The American Legion Media & Communications team will be on site at the concourse level to give members of The American Legion Family an opportunity to share their American Legion story. Those who participate will be able to tell why they joined the Legion Family, and share what inspires them and what they are striving to build for the next generation of veterans. A videographer from the Media & Communications team will be on site at the booth for on-camera interviews from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. March 8, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. March 9 and 8 a.m.-noon March 10. Follow coverage of the Washington Conference online here and via social media using the hashtag #Wash-Conf2020.
From Your Service Officer– Blue Water Navy Veterans Act 2019

This new public law became effective on January 1, 2020, and it extends presumptive herbicide exposure to service within the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam. Blue Waters are defined as not more than twelve nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia. Serving aboard a U.S. Navy or Coast Guard ship that passed within twelve miles of those shorelines now mandates eligibility for some service connected benefits. As this change in VA policy is long overdue, it also raises the issue of Agent Orange exposure on RTAF bases and U.S. Army installations in Thailand. Currently, exposure to these herbicides has only been granted to servicemen who had regular duty on the fenced-in perimeters of these military bases. All other personnel on the base are considered as not having any exposure at all. As these perimeters were routinely maintained vegetation free for security, certainly any and all servicemen on these bases would have been at all times, within twelve miles of a chemically treated area. It seems only logical and fair that the airmen and soldiers stationed in Thailand should be granted the same exposure rules and conditions as the naval personnel aboard ships near the coast of Vietnam. This office has already submitted compensation claims citing this inequity, and expects to eventually effect a change in this VA law.

Semper Fi

Mike Whalen

Scholarship

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
AMERICAN LEGION 2020
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications are available on our website www.masslegion.org

Application Deadline is 1 April 2020
Boys State

Boys State Committee

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Massachusetts
617-727-2966

546-2 STATE HOUSE BOSTON, MA 02133

To: All Post Commanders and/or Boys State Chairmen:
From: Mark Avis, Chairman, Massachusetts Boys State

The 2020 Boys State Program will be held at Stonehill College, North Easton, from Saturday, June 13, 2020 to Friday, June 19, 2020. This year, the cost of sponsoring each boy will be $275.00 for the regular tuition, or $350.00 for those who pay for students by the “early bird” registration date of April 6, 2020 after the cost is $375.00. Please make your check payable to “The American Legion” and designate “Boys State” in the lower left corner of the check. Please use the tear-off sheet at the bottom of this notice indicating your Post Chairman, as all future correspondence will be mailed directly to them. All checks for the 2020 Boys State Session must be in the hands of chairman by May 20, 2020. The first 400 applications will be accepted. We encourage you to actively seek outside co-sponsors (e.g. politicians, businesses, or banks) to help pay for these boys to attend.

Boys chosen to attend Boys State must be interviewed by the Post Chairman, and his signature attesting to this must appear on Citizen Applications. Each Post Chairman should explain Boys State in detail to the boys and their parents so that they will know what is expected of them during their stay. The Boys State website (http://www.maboysstate.org) contains a wealth of information, including video, photographs, program books, and program descriptions. Students and parents should be directed to this resource for information and announcements.

Beginning in January 2020, we will have applications available via email or regular mail. Please select the email option on the tear-off sheet if that is how you would like to receive the paperwork. Once we have received payment for your 2020 Boy Stater, detailed instructions will be provided in the application packets that are sent to the Post.

Contact your District Chairman regarding transportation.

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Sponsor(s) Name (if applicable)

Chairman: Telephone

Address: City/Zip Code

High School

High School Contact (if known)

Please send the application via email to this address:

SEND TO: MARK A. AVIS, 14 SHAW STREET PALMER MA 01069

1/22/2020
QUALIFICATIONS:
This program is open to high school students, 15 to 17 years old, in good academic standing. Applicants must be of good moral character and present a well-groomed appearance. Hair must be neatly trimmed (females-arranged) and males must be clean-shaven. This program consists of rigorous training and physical stress in a para-military-type academy setting. The Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Student Trooper Program is open to all, regardless of race, color, religion, gender or nationality.

PERSONAL DATA (Please type or print and sign):

NAME: ___________________________ (Last) ___________________________ (First) ___________________________ (Middle) 

ADDRESS: ___________________________ (Street) ___________________________ (City, State, Zip) 

DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy): ___ / ___ / ______ GENDER: ___________________________ 

Primary Phone: (____) ________________ 

Email Address: ___________________________ 

(Parent’s Or Guardian’s Name, Address and Phone Number) 

(High School Attending) 

(Applicant’s Signature) 

T-SHIRT SIZE (please check appropriate size, adult size): 

Small    Medium    Large    X-large 

Have you ever attended a previous Student Trooper Program? Yes    No 

If yes, what year? 

If you have previously attended the Student Trooper Program, please do not apply again. Students are not allowed to attend the program twice. 

MEDICAL INFORMATION: 
A physical examination is required. A medical form requiring a doctor’s signature will be required upon your acceptance to the program. Additional information will be provided at that time.
Name: ____________________________

Applicant must write a brief statement of why they would like to be accepted into the Student Trooper Program.

Any questions, contact Mrs. Shelley Pratt, at shelley.soltys@pol.state.ma.us

No refunds will be authorized for ”no shows” or for a student leaving the program prior to its conclusion.
RELEASE OF LIABILITY:
The applicant, being given the opportunity to use certain equipment and facilities of the Massachusetts State Police Academy during the American Legion “Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Student Trooper Training Program,” assumes all risks and liability pertaining to any activity pursuant to the program or that may arise during his/her participation in said program and hereby releases from such liability, the American Legion, the Massachusetts State Police, and the staff members performing the training. Persons attending this Program are responsible for any medical bills, including transportation costs, associated with any injuries or illnesses incurred while participating in the training program. In the event of disciplinary action, parents or guardians will be notified and will be responsible for picking up their child, if necessary.

(Signature of Applicant)   (Date)   (Signature of Parent or Guardian)   (Date)

SCHOOL OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION:
I hereby certify that the above named student is in good academic standing, does not have a negative disciplinary record and will be between the ages of 15-17 during the Program. (See dates below)

(Signature of School Official)   (Date)

(Name of School)   (Phone Number)

American Legion Authorizing Post   District

To locate a post near you, go to: www.masslegion.org, then to POST LOCATOR link.

(Post Official’s Authorizing Signature and Address)

(Name and Address of Provider of Sponsorship Fee)

Applications will not be accepted before January 6, 2020. This application, with the sponsoring fee check in the amount of $400.00, must be received before April 10, 2020. Apply early, as space is limited to 80 applicants per week. Candidates for the program will be selected prior to May 1, 2020. Candidates that are accepted into the program will be provided information on the required equipment and the required medical forms. Those candidates that are not accepted into this year’s program will be notified and the sponsoring fee check will be returned.

Make check payable to: American Legion, Department of Massachusetts and mark “Youth Cadet” and student’s last name in the bottom left-hand corner.

Mail APPLICATIONS and CHECKS ONLY to: Mrs. Shelley Pratt, Massachusetts State Police Academy, 340 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree MA 01531 Attn: Student Trooper Program. In the event the applicant is not accepted, the sponsorship fee will be returned to the provider.

DATES: (Please state order of preference, 1 & 2, and type numbers in designated boxes):

July 13 - 17, 2020

July 20 - 24, 2020

If only available for one week, indicate that week only.
American Legion Baseball Registration for 2020 Season

Registration for the 2020 season of American Legion Baseball is open, along with the purchase of insurance. There is an overall decrease of 14 percent in insurance premiums from last season.

Register online at baseball.legion.org.

The early deadline for registration is May 15. Teams registered after May 15 will be subject to a $200 late fee through the final deadline of June 1. Please note that each American Legion department may set an earlier deadline for registration.

Registration fees for senior teams is $50 for national registration, $35 for administrative fees and either $200 for season personal accident or $130 for year-round coverage. General liability costs is $104.

Fees for junior teams is $25 for national registration, $35 for administrative fees and either $160 for season personal accident or $110 for year-round coverage. General liability costs is $71.

State fees, if applicable, will vary by state.

To learn more about your specific department’s state fees and deadlines, contact your department chairmen.

American Legion Baseball Scholarship for 2020 Season

Any team manager or head coach of an American Legion (post-affiliated) team may nominate a player for consideration of this award. The scholarship application, letters of recommendation and certification form must be completed, postmarked and mailed to the department headquarters no later than July 15. Three letters of testimony must be attached to the nomination form. Attach a one-page letter of recommendation from your: (1) Legion coach or team manager (2) American Legion post commander or adjutant (3) Community leader, (i.e. teacher, minister, Scout leader, church leader, principal) Each Department Baseball Committee will select an American Legion player who best meets the qualifications as the American Legion Baseball Scholarship winner. Each department winner will receive a scholarship from The American Legion of $500 or more.
As you are reading this article, delegations from all American Legion Departments are preparing for the annual Washington Conference beginning on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Having attended this event in past years I can attest to how important this is not only for the Legion but for all veterans.

The Washington office of The American Legion has a great staff that works hard all year round for us. They have developed an agenda to present to the 116th Congress. This includes the following topics: Toxic exposures and burn pits (Senate bill 2950); Health care for women veterans (Senate bill 514, House bill 3224); Support for VA’s suicide prevention efforts (Senate bill 785); Reaffirming commitment to our allies (House bill 220); Pay for Coast Guard (Senate bill 21, House bill 367) and Protection for the GI bill (Senate bill 2857, House bill 4625). Other topics are: Help to end veteran homelessness and support for Gold Star families.

The Department delegate will meet with either members of Congress or their Legislative aides to press home these points. And our National Commander, James “Bill” Oxford, will present the agenda to a joint session of the Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committees on March 11. This is all very important.

However, our help, yours and mine is needed. Members of Congress (especially in an election year) pay attention when their offices are contacted by citizens of their District/State. This is where we come in. We need to email or call their offices (snail mail can easily take 2 weeks to get to them because of intense mail screening) and let them know where we stand on these issues. You can find more details on the above issues at this link: https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/publications/13LEG0220-Legislative-Agenda-2020.pdf

I hope that you will join me in reaching out to Congress and show how important we feel this agenda is to The American Legion family and to all veterans.

May God Bless our troops and their families. Bring them home safe.

John Lenotte, Past Commander, Department of MA; Past District 8 Essex County Commander, Past Commander Post 4 Haverhill MA. I may be reached at jplenotte@gmail.com
Dear Legion and Riders,

Our National Commander J W “Bill” Oxford, National President Nicole Clapp and National Commander of the SAL Clint Bolt Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA 01752.

A social will be held at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM.

Ticket donations are $40.00 per person and may be purchased from your District Ticket Chairperson. Please make checks payable to “American Legion Department of MA” and mark “Tickets Only.”

Tables will be set for 10.

All room reservations must be made directly through the:

- Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel at (508) 460-0700
- The room rate per night is $129.00 plus tax
- The American Legion code is American Legion
- The cut-off date for reservations is March 4, 2020

On behalf of the Committee, we thank you for your cooperation.

Yours in comradeship:

Co-Chairman: John P “Jake” Comer, PNC  Vice Chairman: James E Breho, NEC
            Paul A Morin, PNC  Michael Davis, ANEC

Ticket Chairman: Robert Burke, Treas.
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Members: Mark Avis, PNVC
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District Ticket Chairmen
National Commander’s Banquet
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT DOOR

All ticket request and checks go to the District Ticket Chairmen
Deadline for tickets March 20, 2020

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Robert Burke
2505 Fox Run
Middleboro, MA 02346
508-415-8501

MORE ON NEXT PAGE
Legion Family Banquet (Continued)

National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford
National President Nicole Clapp
National Sons Commander Clint Bolt

Saturday April 4, 2020
The Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
181 Boston Post Road West
Marlborough, MA 01752

Copy deadline for Ads & Boosters: March 20, 2020

Advertising rates

Check Ad Desired

$60.00 Full Page_______

$40.00 Half Page_______

$25.00 Quarter Page____

Post #_______ Riders #_______ District #_______

All Ads need to be camera ready before sending to the Department
Pictures will be accepted for full page ads only
Sorry no same as last year Ads

Please email ads to deptsecretary@masslegion.org or mail to:
The American Legion
Rm 546-2 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Make checks Payable to:
“The American Legion Dept. of MA”

Check #_________ Amount $__________

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Legion Family Banquet (Continued)

Banquet Booster Sheet for the National Commander, National President and National Sons Commander

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$1.00 per person  $2.00 per Mr. & Mrs.
Make check to: The American Legion Department of MA
Copy deadline is March 20, 2020

****PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MISS-SPELLINGS****

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Send Checks to: The American Legion
Rm 346-2 State House
Boston, MA 02135
Payable to: The American Legion Dept of MA

Send Booster Sheet to: deptsecretary@masslegion.org
Check #__________
Amount $__________
Let’s *Celebrate* our Eastern Division National Vice President

**Carolyn Baranowski**

Sunday, May 17, 2020 at Storrowton Carriage House, 1305 Memorial Drive (Eastern State Exposition grounds) West Springfield, MA. 01089. Cocktails will be at 12:00 noon and sit down dinner at 1:00 PM. The dinner choices will be chicken francaise or prime rib or baked scrod. Also included will be fruit cup with sherbet, Caesar salad, twice baked potatoes, honey glazed carrots and ice cream puff for desert! Coffee and tea and a cash bar.

Please join us to help celebrate and honor Carolyn as she continues to serve the American Legion Auxiliary.

Donations will be $50.00 per person. Please make checks payable to and mail to Donna Kmelius, 18 Smith Ave., Granby Ma 01033. Please make sure to indicate your dinner choice (include bottom of this notice with payment). Cutoff date is May 1, 2020.

Sincerely,
Chairmen,
Jenifer Hamre – 413-262-7324 jjildh@yahoo.com
Mary Magiera – 413-737-6510 stitcher604@comcast.net
Donna Kmelius – 413-262-1717 donnagk1946@comcast.net

EDNVP Carolyn Baranowski

Meal Choice:
Chicken Francaise _____ Prime Rib ______ Baked Scrod _______
$50.00 per person  Number of Persons_______ Total $ _______
Name: _____________________
Email address for confirmation: ___________________________
District 2 Joint Banquet

FRANKLIN/HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT 2

AMERICAN LEGION

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Dear Post Commanders/Auxiliary Presidents:

A Testimonial Banquet will be held for District 2 Commander Leo Barber and District 2 Director Deb Barber on Saturday April 25th at 1 p.m. at the Orange American Legion Post 172, 40 Daniel Shays Hwy., Orange Ma. 01364.

The Testimonial is to honor Leo and Deb Barber for their many hours of Service they have rendered to the Members of District 2 for the 2019-2020 year.

The Committee hopes for a full house to help show the District’s gratitude for the Leadership these two have shown in promoting and executing all the Legion and Auxiliary Programs.

A Prime Rib dinner will be served at 1 p.m. {there will be no social hour}

Cost of the tickets are $35.00 per person. Enclosed are 2 tickets, if you need more please contact either Marion Roberts at {413} 467-3268 or Ed Bezio at {413} 325-7276

Please make all checks payable to and send to; Doris Hastings, 107 Lathrop St. South Hadley, Ma. 01075

Deadline for Tickets is April 16, 2020

No Tickets will be sold at the door!

DONATIONS for the COMMANDER should be sent to;

Ed Bezio, P.O. Box 54, Orange, Ma. 01364

DONATIONS for the DIRECTOR should be sent to;

Marion Roberts, 2 Circle Dr. Granby, Ma. 01033

COMMITTEE: American Legion—Ed Bezio, Walter White, & Ken Roberts

American Legion Auxiliary—Marion Roberts, Doris Hastings, Janice Bezio, & Marcha Duncan
Dear Legionnaires and Friends,

On Saturday evening, March 14, 2020, The American Legion, Hampden County Council District 3, will host a testimonial banquet to honor District Commander Brian Tidlund and the officers of District 3.

This gala event will be held at Charles C. Kennedy Post 275, 45 Robbins Road, Chicopee, MA.

We honor Brian on this night for his many years of outstanding dedicated service to our great organization. Brian has traveled many miles to help promote the American Legion Programs. Now it is time to show our appreciation for the services that he has rendered to the American Legion.

We ask all of the American Legion Family and Friends to participate in this gala event, to make this a night that Brian and his officers will remember.

A reception will be held at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 PM. Ticket donations are $35.00 per person, and may be purchased from the ticket sales representatives listed below. Make checks payable to Hampden County District 3 and mark it for banquet tickets. Tables will be set for 8.

The cutoff date for reservations is March 9, 2020.

On behalf of the committee, we thank you for your cooperation.

Ticket Sales Representatives

Cindy Lacoste
32 Hilderst Crr
Westfield, MA 01085
413-530-0120

Robert K. Mackay
1130 Northampton St
Holyoke, MA 01040
413-210-9151
APPRECIATION DINNER

SALLY NAY

CANDIDATE FOR

DEPARTMENT Senior VICE COMMANDER

Sunday – March 22, 2020

American Legion Post 338
46 Powder Mill Road, Southwick, MA

Social hour noon -1 pm
Buffet style dinner at 1 pm
$30 per person
RSVP by March 14, 2020

Make checks payable to: Sally Nay
Mail to: 93 Grochmal Ave TR 30
Indian Orchard, MA 01151

Committee Members

Honorary Chairman
John P. "Jake" Comer PNC
Paul A. Morin PNC
Auxiliary Dist 3 Jenn Hamre
American Legion Riders 338

Mark Avis PNVC
American legion Post 338
American Legion Post 224
SAL Detachment Commander Emile Laberge
SAL Detachment Vice Commander Gene Theroux

American Legion Post 130
Nelson Blake
James Blake
Tom Piloniak
Auxiliary Unit 338
Appreciation Day
To Re-Elect
Sandra Kee
To the office of
Department
Vice Commander

Sunday March 29th
Gloucester Post 3
30 Middle St., Gloucester, MA 01930
Social Hour 1-2 PM
Meal Served 2 PM
$30.00 per person
50/50 Raffle~Prize Raffle
Cutoff date~March 24, 2019

Make checks payable to: Sandra Kee
Mail to: Sandra Kee, PO Box 95, Gloucester, MA 01931

***Questions? Contact Sandra Kee: skceisme@hotmail.com or 978-879-8682 ***
**Department of Massachusetts Convention**

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**
**THE AMERICAN LEGION**
**DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.**
**2020 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HOUSING FORM POST**
**HOTEL 1620 AT PLYMOUTH HARBOR**
**180 WATER ST**
**PLYMOUTH MA 02360**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL OUT ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM**

Post Number__________Name:_____________________________________________________________________

Phone #:_______________________ E-mail Address______________________________________________________

Sharing room with: ______________________________________________________________________________

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**ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING** ($250.00 CLEANING FEE WILL BE CHARGED)

Check in time is after **3:00 PM**
Check out time **11:00 AM**

**Three night minimum stay required.**

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**Check off Room Type & Dates**

1 King: ____________________ 2 Double: ____________________ HC King________________

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*No Show’s will be charged one night and remainder of reservation will be cancelled*

**CREDIT CARDS ONLY “NO CHECKS”**

Credit Card Type__________________ Card #________________

CC Expiration Date: ____________ E-mail Address:________________

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**MAIL TO:** THE AMERICAN LEGION

RM 546-2 STATE HOUSE

BOSTON, MA 02133
ROOM RATES

HOTEL 1620 AT PLYMOUTH HARBOR
180 WATER ST
PLYMOUTH MA 02360
ROOM RATE: $139.63 PER NIGHT (TAX INCLUDED)

CREDIT CARD ONLY
3 NIGHTS - $418.89

RETURN ALL RESERVATIONS REQUESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE

NO LATER THEN April 15, 2019

Make copies for each room needed

ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE THROUGH DEPARTMENT DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL

“Still Serving America”

YOURS IN COMRADESHP,

MILTON K LASHUS, PDC
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT
NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
AUG 28 – SEPT 3

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL OUT ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM

Name: ________________________________________________________________________________________

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City / Town: __________________________________________________________ Zip: __________________________ 

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ARRIVAL ARRIVAL DEPARTURE
Date: __________________ Time: __________________ AM or PM Date: __________________

Credit Card Type ___________ Card #__________________________

CC Expiration Date: ______________ E-mail Address: ________________________________ 

NUMBERS OF REGISTRATIONS__________________________

REGISTRATION FEE IS $25.00 PER PERSON. CHECK ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO TAL DEPT OF MA

REGISTRATION FEE COVERS NATIONAL CONVENTION PACKET AND BADGE TO ENTER CONVENTION HALL. NO REFUND OF REGISTRATION FEE AFTER JULY 15, 2020

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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

CRAIG MORGAN, COUNTRY MUSIC ARTIST AND ARMY VETERAN, BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT

$51.00 PER TICKET - CHECK ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO TAL DEPT OF MA

NUMBER OF TICKETS: ___________ x $51.00 = $__________________________

NO REFUND OF BANQUET TICKETS AFTER JULY 15, 2020

ONLY 40 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE - 10 TO A TABLE - FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

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ROOM RATES ON REVERSE SIDE
ROOM RATES

LOUISVILLE MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN
280 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202
502-671-4266

ROOM RATES - KING OR DOUBLE
$133.00 PER NIGHT plus TAX 16.07% (subject to change) = ($22.22)
$155.22 PER NIGHT

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ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT IN ROOM – NO CHARGE (TRIPLE / QUARD)

ROLLAWAY RATE PER DAY – NO CHARGE

PARKING RATE PER DAY - SELF - $17.00 – VALET - $32.00

RETURN ALL RESERVATIONS REQUESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

THE AMERICAN LEGION
RM 546-2 STATE HOUSE
BOSTON MA 02133
BY MAIL OR EMAIL
NO LATER THEN JULY 15, 2020

"Still Serving America"

YOURS IN COMRADESHIP,

MILTON K LASHUS, PDC
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT
deptadjutant@masslegion.org
617-727-2966
102\textsuperscript{nd} National Convention

August 28 – September 3 Louisville, KY

Louisville Marriott Downtown
280 West Jefferson St
Louisville, KY 40202

Headquarters Hotel for the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL The Galt House

Friday, August 28, 2020 – Color Guard Competition at 4:00 PM in Hall
Saturday, August 29, 2020 – Competitive Concert Band Contest and Exhibition Concert Band performance in Hall. Contest will start at 1:00 PM
Sunday, August 30, 2020 – Patriotic Memorial Service Starting at 11:00 AM in Halls
Sunday, August 30, 2020 – National Convention Parade - Starting a Slugger Field Museum on Main Street and proceeding west to the end of the parade at 6\textsuperscript{th} and Main Street.
Monday, August 31, 2020 Massachusetts get-together (dinner)
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 – National Commanders Banquet. Banquet Entertainment will be Craig Morgan, country music artist and Army Veteran. (Cost $51.00)
Wednesday, September 2, 2020 – National Presidents Banquet. (States Dinner)

Check the website often [www.legion.org/convention](http://www.legion.org/convention).
RV Parks Near Louisville

Louisville North Campground
900 Marriott Drive
Clarksville, IN 47129
Phone: 812.282.4474
Email: louisvillenorthcamp@gmail.com
https://louisvillenorthcampground.com
60 Full Hookup Sites; 30/50 AMPS
Distance to Kentucky International Convention Center – 4 miles

KOA
2433 Highway 44E
Shepherdsville, KY 40165
Phone: 502.543.2041
Email: louisvillesouth@koa.net
https://koa.com/campgrounds/louisville-south/
40 Full Hookup Sites; 30/50 AMPS
Distance to Kentucky International Convention Center – 22 miles

*Full Hookup includes: Electric, Water and Sewer
Loulift is a complimentary service and travels downtown circulator routes covering Main & Market Streets, and Downtown to Churchill Downs. They arrive at stops frequently, and all rides are fare-complimentary. LouLift offers a comfortable ride with onboard WiFi and air conditioning for locals and tourists alike. Let LouLift be your safe way to travel, fare free and care free to the following:

**Museum Row**
Home to Louisville's popular museums and family attractions, including the Muhammad Ali Center, Kentucky Science Center, Frazier History Museum, Kentucky Museum of Art & Craft, 21c Museum and Hotel, Louisville Slugger Museum and more.

**Downtown Business District**
The heart of downtown, where you'll find KFC YUM! Center, Actors Theatre of Louisville, The Kentucky Center and Fourth Street Live, to highlight a few.

**Historic Whiskey Row**
The place to go for bourbon connoisseurs. Attractions found in this neighborhood are the Old Forester Distillery, Against the Grain Brewery, Slugger Field, Angel's Envy Distillery and more.

**NULU**
Home of some of the best restaurants, shops and galleries in town. Discover the Hyland Glass Studio/ Gallery, Thomas Edison House, Rabbit Hole Distillery and other unique attractions.

**Old Louisville**
The charming, quaint neighborhood with Victorian architecture and art fairs that boasts attractions like the Old Louisville Walking Tour, Louisville Public Library and The Speed Art Museum, among others.

**Churchill Downs**
Home of the world-famous Kentucky Derby. Be sure to grab a mint julep and stop by the Kentucky Derby Museum right next door.

Click on link below for additional information.

[https://www.ridetarc.org/services/loulift/](https://www.ridetarc.org/services/loulift/)
SCOOTER RENTALS
102ND NATIONAL CONVENTION • LOUISVILLE, KY

Discount Medical Supply
502.713.2009
Scooter Availability Limited
Standard Scooters - $100/week
Heavy Duty Scooters - $150/week
Delivery fee is $50 roundtrip to/from hotel
Advance reservations are required

Gould’s Discount Medical
(502) 491-2000, ext. 34101/34226
Scooter Availability Limited
Standard/Heavy Duty Scooters - $212/week
Delivery fee is $50 roundtrip to/from hotel
Advance Reservations are required
TITO’S HANDMADE VODKA PRESENTS:

The Wayne Soares Veterans Appreciation Tour

It’s a great way to honor and pay tribute to our veterans! Tito’s Handmade Vodka provides complimentary, signature cocktails as well as great gifts (while they last) during a 2-hour reception with host, actor & comic Wayne Soares. Last year, Wayne performed for our U.S troops in Afghanistan and The Persian Gulf and many veterans events around the country. He currently writes a syndicated column titled Veterans Spotlight and will host a new television series (Veterans Spotlight, Special Moments) on a major network this spring. He co-stars with Alec Baldwin in his latest film, a mob comedy “The Curse of Don Scarducci.”

It’s a festive afternoon filled with fun, good cheer and patriotism as we pay tribute to our veterans especially, The Greatest Generation, our WWII Vets.

To book your event today, see the below info:

Email: waynesoares1@gmail.com
Cell: 508-246-4514

*We ask that the host venue provide lights snacks during the reception.
### Department Calendar of Events

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### 2020 Membership Standing as of February 27, 2020

**Target Date 3/11/2020 90%**

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| National Quota          | 32,723 | 28,883 | 88.27% |
A list of posts with associated locations (e.g., New Bedford, Andover, Fitchburg, Brookline, etc.), each numbered from 1 to 458. The list includes a mix of post names with numeric identifiers followed by a location descriptor (e.g., "Post 1 New Bedford"). Each entry is separated by commas, and the list is concluded with a space before the next line, maintaining a consistent format throughout.
THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
10th ANNUAL
"PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS"
BOWLING TOURNAMENT

UNION STREET LANES
215 UNION ST.
HOLBROOK, MA 02343

MARCH 21, 2020
11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE
"PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS"

BOSTON CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL
BAYSTATE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL
UMASS MEMORIAL CHILDREN’S MEDICAL CENTER

LIMITED TO 32 TEAMS
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED ON TEAM SIGN UPS

FIVE PERSON TEAMS
$20.00 PER PERSON / $100.00 PER TEAM

50/50 RAFFLES DURING TOURNAMENT

FOOD PROVIDED DURING TOURNAMENT

$10.00 CHARGE FOR NON-BOWLERS

SEND PAYMENT & REGISTRATION FORMS TO:
CLIFFORD A. SMITH
53 MESSANGER ST., APT C
PLAINVILLE, MA 02762

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
THE DETACHMENT OF MASS S.A.L.

CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY FORMS
WILL BE SENT UPON RECEIPT OF COMPLETED REGISTRATION
MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO SECURE REGISTRATION

SPECIAL 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AWARDS CEREMONY
WHITMAN POST 22 AFTER END OF TOURNAMENT
THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
“PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS”
10th ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

UNION STREET LANES
215 UNION ST.
HOLBROOK, MA 02343

MARCH 21, 2020
11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION FORM
TOURNAMENT OPEN TO ALL
POSTS - UNITS - SQUADRONS - LEGION RIDERS

$20.00 PER PERSON / $100.00 PER TEAM

POST NO. 
UNIT NO. 
SQUADRON NO. 
RIDER CHAPTER NO. 

BOWLER NO.1
BOWLER NO.2
BOWLER NO.3
BOWLER NO.4
BOWLER NO.5

SEND PAYMENT & REGISTRATION FORMS TO:
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL TEAMS MARCH 16, 2020

MORE ON NEXT PAGE
The American Legion Family
“Pin Points for Partnership”

Sponsor’s Name: _____________________________

Sponsor’s Address: ____________________________________________

City: _____________________________ State: _______ Zip: _______ Phone: ______________

AWARD PRESENTED FOR MOST PIN POINTS PLEDGED

**Partnership Pin Points Pledge Sheet**

Make Checks Payable To: Detachment of Massachusetts S.A.L
Please Return Pledge Sheet and Donations To: Clifford Smith, 53 Messenger St., Apt C, Plainville, MA 02762

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The National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, Clint Bolt from Virginia, will be visiting us from April 3, 2020 to April 5, 2020. This is a very special weekend. Commanders Bolt's visit will coincide with a combined banquet of The American Legion National Commander J W. "Bill" Oxford and National President Nicole Clapp. This has never happened before here in Massachusetts and who can predict what a monumental event like this will happen again in the future.

What an experience is available to all the members of the Sons of The American Legion to meet all our National Leaders at one time. What a picture this would be of you for your Post with the Legion Commander, Sons of The American Legion Commander and the National President. This is truly a once in a lifetime possibility.

Attached to this message is the information on the dates and times of the banquet and information on securing a hotel room reservation if you wish to stay over after the banquet. I have been designated as the Ticket Chairman for the Sons of The American Legion so please contact me for any tickets you may want. We are hoping to see a strong presence of S.A.L. Members to show our support to The American Legion Family here in Massachusetts. This is good event to send your Squadron Commander or other Sadiron Officers to represent your respective Squadron.

If you are not able to attend we are encouraging every Squadron to take an AD out for the AD Books that are given out at the Banquet. All sizes of the Ads are very reasonably priced to show your support. Attached to this message is all the information on the Ads

Also attached is a booster sheet. You can pass this around at your Squadron meeting or put it up on the Post bulletin board for other people to contribute. Just a note on the booster sheet. This is a filable form so I would suggest after everyone signs on the form you have someone type the names on a blank form. This will help with spelling of names and make it easier for the printer to read the names when producing the book.

Also attached is a picture of an award we gave out a few years ago for the Squadron who had the most people on their Booster Sheet. We called it the "Booster Seat Sheet" Award. We plan to do this again for the banquet in April. All your members may not be able to attend the banquet but I bet they can afford a dollar toward helping your Squadron possibly win the award and giving a small token of support to this great event.

COMMANDER BOLT'S WEEKEND ITINERARY

FRIDAY APRIL 3RD.

We are hoping the Commander can arrive early Friday morning so we can possibly do the following:

Arrange a tour of the Bedford V.A. Medical Center in the early afternoon. Afterwards we are looking into possibly visiting a few Posts so the Commander can meet some of you face to face and have him hear what you do throughout the year. We are not sure what places we may try to visit but I will be contacting certain places once we confirm the Commanders arrival time in Mass.

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH

We are going to have a Detachment Executive Committee Meeting right at the hotel stating at 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited to attend. This meeting is not just for those involved at the Detachment Level. After the meeting we hope to have a meet and greet about 1:00 PM at one of the local Posts. If you plan to attend the banquet this is a good event to come to so you can get up close and personal with the Commander.

As you can see we are working hard on making this a very special weekend for our National Commander. We are hoping many of you will attend the banquet and many will take out and ad and send in a booster sheet. Let's show the Commander and The American Legion that the Sons of The American Legion here in Massachusetts are supporting our Veterans and the Children in our local communities.

Clifford A. Smith
Detachment Adjutant
Past National Commander
Membership in the Sons of The American Legion grew 1.2 percent in 2019, the largest growth in the organization since 2016.

Sons membership as of Dec. 31 was 375,540, an increase of 4,520 members from 2018. Membership in 2016 grew 1.6 percent, increasing to 367,948 members.

Some of last year’s growth in membership could likely be attributed to passage of the LEGION Act, which President Trump signed into law on July 30. The legislation, which declared that the United States has been at war since Dec. 7, 1941, opened Legion programs and benefits to millions of veterans who previously weren’t eligible because their service fell during undeclared periods of war.

The legislation also extended membership eligibility for the Sons.

At September’s National Children & Youth Conference, SAL Children & Youth Chairman William Clancy said one of the Sons’ goals for 2019-20 is to reach an all-time high in membership: 400,000 members.

### 2020 Sons of the American Legion Membership Standings as of February 27, 2020

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