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Commander's Corner



Scott M. Conner
Department Commander

Thank you!!

A heartfelt thank you to all whom attended my banquet, to those that worked behind the scenes, to those great legionnaires and Posts that sent well wishes through the ad book. Special shout out to Adam Doud, Department Sgt-at-Arms and his assistants, our Adjutant Lisa who emceed the event. And of course Gracie who kept it all together, organized the set up and decorations, you are the best!! Love you honey! National Vice Commander LaRose commented that "the Department of Massachusetts has set the bar" for this type of event.

BUDDY CHECKS!! I know your doing them, are you

keeping track to reach the 250 milestone? Yes, you can use Buddy Checks as part of the America 250 Challenge.

Let's start gearing up for some of our biggest youth programs: Oratorical, Boys/Girls State, Youth Law Cadet, Scholarship Programs, Eagle Scout of the Year. And you TAL members with daughters, the Legion Auxiliary has some great programs (scholarships, etc.), as well as some events this spring also, such as Girls State, etc.. The SAL is ramping up to have quite a year, Bowling tournament coming soon, reach out to the Son's to get a team in this very worthwhile event.

We hit our goal of 85% for membership, thank you to all that put in the effort to get us there. 90% is next, March 11th. Historically, this is the toughest one, and we are about -600 on the over and under. SrVC Bobby Jerdan is ready to assist, reach out to him. Let us assist with your Pillar Programs ie: Americanism,

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BE THE ONE

Children and Youth, and Community Service. Each District has a chairperson, along with the Department Vice Commanders. Americanism - DVC Chris Manning, Children and Youth - DVC Drew Pajek, Community Service - DVC Ryan Howe.

Can't say this enough. Let us not only be thankful for what we have, but may we remain vigilant to keep our veterans relevance high within our community. The winter is brutal, make sure our greatest assets are not snowed in, or struggling to get to the grocery store or pharmacy. Please **Be the One!** and remember that **Buddy Checks** are one of our best tools to stay connected. by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Get involved. Many District and Department committees have vacancies, and there are many great opportunities to be found. Reach out to your District Commander and find out what's available. Did you know that any Legionnaire can attend a District Meeting, or a Department Meeting. Does everyone at your Post get E-Legionnaire? If not, sign them up, please.

My Commander's Charity is Operation Comfort Warrior. Consider having an event with proceeds to support this incredible program.

NEXT DEC - 21 March - Marlboro

Did you Grass Root today! Ask your Legislator to pay the Coast Guard!!

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As we reflect on Women’s History Month, we are reminded that the story of our nation is incomplete without the story of its women — especially the women who have served in our Armed Forces and those who continue to serve in our communities.

The American Legion Auxiliary was founded in 1919 with a simple but powerful purpose: to support veterans, military families, and our communities. For more than a century, women have carried that mission forward with dedication, compassion, and unwavering patriotism. Here in the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Massachusetts, that legacy is alive and strong.

Women Veterans are now one of the fastest-growing populations within the military community. They are leaders, mentors, caregivers, entrepreneurs, and advocates. Many are eligible to join our organization by their own service, and I encourage every unit to in-

tentionally welcome them — not only as members, but as leaders within our Legion Family.

Women’s History is not only about looking back. It is about recognizing the impact we are making right now. Every scholarship awarded, every veteran supported, every flag placed, every child mentored — these acts of service shape the future.

I ask each of you this month to reach out to a Woman Veteran in your community, share her story, invite her to an Auxiliary meeting or event, continue building welcoming, inclusive units across Massachusetts.

When we honor women’s history, we honor courage, resilience, and service — values that define who we are.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Service Not Self. Together, we will continue to lead with heart, purpose, and pride. For God and Country.

Sofia Elizabeth Blake, Department President

A Powerful Voice on Capitol Hill



The American Legion Auxiliary has been a fiercely strong advocate for veterans, military, and their families since our founding in 1919. Today, we work steadfastly alongside members of The American Legion Family at the local, state, and national levels to fight for those who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms.

The American Legion Annual Washington Conference brings together members of The American Legion Family for critical discussions with lawmakers, informative sessions with members of Congress and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs leadership, and insights on legislative priorities from the national commander.



Detachment
Commander
Jesse Limanek

Greetings Department of Massachusetts American Legion Family, On February 7th, I had the privilege of attending a training semester focusing on the SAFE-T Protocol with C-SSRS (Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale) organized by SAL PNC Brian O’Hearne and hosted by Mission 22. For those of you who have completed the “Be the One” training course offered by the American Legion, it is the same program. Even though I have already completed the “Be the One” training online, I decided to attend the session as a refresher. And I am so glad that I did!

The training was led by Dr. Kelly

Posner, who is the Director of the Columbia Lighthouse Project. She was an absolutely captivating speaker that held the groups’ attention for over the two-hour session. There were many takeaways that stuck with me, but two really stood out: 1) we need to normalize a simple notion – “it is okay if you are not okay”, and 2) do not be afraid to ask – “are you okay”? Remember, risk is fluid. People who contemplate suicide have good days and bad days. If someone at your Post is struggling, are you ready to help?

This session inspired me to do a buddy check. I reached out to one of my Post’s Vietnam Era veterans who I had not seen in several months. In speaking with him, I found out that he had been hit hard financially and was struggling due to the cold winter and the high cost of trying to heat his home. While at no point in our conversation did I feel that there was any level of risk, I did remind him that we in our Post Family take care of own. I then brought the news to the attention of both my Squadron and the Legion. Both

entities rose to the occasion and answered the call. Because of a simple check-in, we were able to provide fuel assistance at a time when it was most critical and elevate the hard choice between heating one’s home or paying the mortgage.

As I have said many times, I never raised my right hand to take an oath to defend the nation, but I did choose to answer the call to serve those who served. Joining the Sons of the American Legion has given me an opportunity to serve side-by-side with the men and women of the American Legion Family. This decision has been one of the most rewarding parts of my life. Why? Simple. Every day, I have a chance to Be the One. How about you?

May God bless the United States of America and continue to guide us as we work on behalf of every man and woman who served this great nation.

Jesse Limanek

Commander for the Detachment of Massachusetts



The American Legion Department Of Massachusetts

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February 23, 2026

Legionnaires,

As I write this article for the E-Legionnaire sitting in my office from home and watching the worst snow-storm since the ice age I wanted to tell you about upcoming events in the Department.

I still have not received Annual Post Data Report Form from National. Once I receive the form, I will make sure to get it out ASAP. If posts are aware of any changes (address, email, phone, dues increase) or have no change, the 2026 form is on the website posts can completed and sent to the Department we will take care of the rest. Remember, even if you have no changes the form must be completed.

We are sending a delegation to Washington D.C. for the annual Conference and will be meeting with many of our legislators advocating for veterans. There is no other Veterans Organization that advocates for veterans better than the American Legion.

The Oratorical Final is set for March 15, 2026, at Clinton High School at 11:30 am and as always looking for volunteers. Timekeepers, Student Escorts, Tabulators, and Judges oh my. We have scheduled 7 students in the final. I hope to have the winner at our Convention in June.

National Commander's Visit is March 20-22, 2026. Tickets for the luncheon are in the hands of the district ticket chairmen. Please reach out to them for tickets. Let's make a great showing of the Department of Massachusetts. Come meet our National Commander Daniel Wiley from Kansas.

Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for March 29th at Cherry Valley Post 443. We will have plenty of topics and the ABCC (liquor license folks to give a presentation) if you have a bar/canteen you may want to attend to get the latest information from ABCC.

Stay warm and safe.

Lisa A. McPhee

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Department Adjutant

Veterans Straightening America Since 1919 and into the Future

*The American Legion was built on and committed to four key pillars that still stand today:
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth*

From the Desk of the Department Senior Vice Commander The March to 90%

As we approach The American Legion's 107th Birthday on March 15, we aren't just celebrating our history—we are securing our future. In the Department of Massachusetts, March is the "pivot point" of our year. It is the month where we transition from steady growth to the final stretch run. Our mission this month is clear: We must hit the 90% Membership Target by the March 11 cutoff.

The Strategy: Why 90% Matters Now

The 90% target isn't just a number on a spreadsheet at National; it is a statement of our Department's strength. When we reach this milestone by mid-March, it allows our Posts to shift their focus from "chasing dues" to "active service" during the spring and summer months. Department SRVC: I am calling on every District and Post Membership Chair to look at your "Unpaid" roster today. Those aren't just

names; they are fellow veterans who have let their connection to the Legion slip. Let's bring them back into the fold before the birthday candles are lit.

Tactical Priorities for March

- The Birthday Buddy Check: Use the week of March 15 (The Legion's Birthday) as the ultimate reason to call. Don't call to "ask for money"—call to wish them a Happy Birthday of the Legion and ask how they are doing. Usually, the renewal follows naturally.
- DMS Transfers: There are thousands of veterans in our Department "holding tank" (Post 462HQ Post). These are veterans who joined online but haven't found a local home. March is the perfect time to reach out and invite them to your Post's birthday dinner. Transferring one DMS member is just as valuable as a new recruit.
- "Be the One" Retention: Retention is the most effective form of recruitment. When we "Be the One" for a struggling veteran, we aren't just saving a membership; we are potentially saving a life. Use this

month to ensure no veteran in your community feels isolated. Our Legacy is Our Strength For 107 years, The American Legion has been the vanguard for veteran rights. From the original GI Bill to the PACT Act, our influence is derived entirely from our membership numbers. If we want to continue to lead in 2026 and beyond, we must remain a "Million Member Plus" powerhouse.

Important Dates to Remember:

- March 11: National Target Date (90%)
- March 15: The American Legion's 107th Birthday
- March 15 –21: Legion Birthday Week (Prime Buddy Check Window)

Let's honor those who gathered in Paris in 1919 by showing the country that the Department of Massachusetts is still leading the way.

For God and Country,

Robert Jerdan (Bobby)
Senior Vice Commander 25-26
Department Of Massachusetts
Candidate for Department
Commander 26-27



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Medal of Honor Day is March 25, 2026. This year in recognition of [National Medal of Honor Day](#), the Medal of Honor Recipients will spend several days participating in community outreach activities and events across the country, including a memorial service at the Medal of Honor Memorial in Indianapolis, IN. The activities will culminate on March 25 with celebrations in Washington, DC, and Charleston, SC. The Recipients continue their mission year-round, inspiring the country by forwarding the message of the Medal. Every day is [Medal of Honor Day](#) for them. By serving, remembering, supporting, and honoring the sacrifice of the Recipients, by sharing the stories and values inherent in them, we understand the responsibility and potential within each one of us to impact the world.



The Medal of Honor left is U.S. Air Force, Middle is U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps' and right is U.S.

The Medal of Honor is the United States' highest award for military valor in action. And while over 150 years have passed since its inception, the meaning behind the Medal has never tarnished. Etched within are the very values that each Recipient displayed in the moments that mattered—bravery, courage, sacrifice, integrity. A deep love of country and a desire to always do what is right. A distinguished award presented only to the deserving, the Medal tells a story of its own.

The Medal of Honor has achieved prominence in American history like few other awards have. It's a symbol for the very values its recipients displayed in the moments that mattered, an honor bestowed upon only the most honorable. But before it garnered such distinction, it started as a simple idea from Iowa Senator James W. Grimes—a bill authorizing the production and distribution of “medals of honor” to be presented to enlisted seamen and marines who “distinguish themselves by gallantry in action and other seamanlike qualities” during the American Civil War.

Since then, the Medal has undergone numerous legislative, design and presentation changes while still retaining what makes it truly special—its status as the United States' highest award for military valor in action.

Recently, on February 4th, in the American Legion Online Update, it

tells of two service members who will be awarded the Medal of Honor. First, President Trump will present the Medal of Honor to retired Navy Capt. Royce Williams for his extraordinary actions when he shot down four Russian MIGs during a 35-minute dogfight in 1952. An American Legion Magazine [story in November 2017](#) first reported Williams’ heroics after he was sworn to secrecy and did not tell anyone for a half century. “Wonderful, as you know I am more than 100 years old, all 100-plus is excited,” Williams told the president during the congratulatory phone call on Feb. 3. “The event that is being celebrated is long ago. I am so pleased. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

U.S. Rep. Nicole Malliotakis · Follow
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We were notified by the White House that Staten Island's hometown hero, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis, has been approved for the Medal of Honor for his extraordinary act of heroism. In 2013, Staff Sergeant Ollis gave his life to save an allied soldier, and his courage, selflessness, and sacrifice represent the very best of our nation. Staff Sergeant Ollis' final act was worthy of the Medal of Honor and after years of advocacy from the American Legion, our elected officials, and the Staten Island community, we are grateful to President Donald Trump for recognizing Staff Sergeant Ollis' extraordinary heroism with our nation's highest military honor.



The second individual is Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis, who stepped in

front of wounded Polish soldier to protect him from a suicide bomber in 2013, was credited with saving several lives in Ghazni, Afghanistan. President Donald Trump approved the recognition, the parents of Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis said in a statement Tuesday “Knowing that Michael’s life, legacy and final act of courage have not been forgotten leaves us with a feeling of overwhelming pride and eternal gratitude,” Robert and Linda Ollis said in the statement. Ollis was serving with the 10th Mountain Division when his outpost in Ghazni came under attack by insurgents. During the battle, the 24-year-old Staten Island native stepped in front of wounded Polish Lt. Karol Cierpika to protect him from a suicide bomber. His actions were credited with saving several other lives. In the years since, Ollis has been posthumously recognized with numerous valor medals, including the Silver Star,

which in 2019 was upgraded to the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest military honor.

His actions also have become part of military lore in Poland, which recognized Ollis with the Polish Army Gold Medal for valor. The dining facility at the U.S. Army’s Camp Kosciuszko in Poznan also bears Ollis’ name. At a 2023 ceremony that christened it the Staff Sgt. Michael Harold Ollis Warrior Grill, Cierpika was on hand.

Did you know that the National Security Division recently had the honor to work on a resolution for Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis? The American Legion is always working on behalf of all veterans and in many ways.

“On behalf of the Chairman of the National Security Commission, I would like to commend the members of the National Security Commission for their outstanding work in drafting, vetting, and approving

the resolution recommending the upgrade of Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis for the Medal of Honor in recognition of his extraordinary actions. This effort reflects the Commission’s unwavering commitment to honoring valor, preserving the legacy of selfless service, and ensuring that acts of conspicuous gallantry receive the recognition they deserve. The diligence, professionalism, and thoughtful deliberation demonstrated throughout this process are a credit to the Commission and to The American Legion. Thank you for your dedication and for upholding the highest standards in advancing resolutions of such profound significance.”

Also, as shown in the post from U.S. Rep. Nicole Malliotakis, she recognizes that the American Legion is a voice that they listen to on the Hill. Keep up the good work.

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WWII, KOREAN, AND VIETNAM VETERANS

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Americanism - American Born Citizenship Award

Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Criteria:

Nominee must be active in a veteran, patriotic, fraternal organization or a group which demonstrates the promotion of patriotism and the American way of life. Examples: American Legion, VFW, DAV, AMVETS or similar fraternal organizations {such as the Elks}.

Narrative:

Please provide a multi-part narrative with proper documentation to include description of activities, proof of activities (pictures/newspaper articles) designed to enrich your community.

Please see page 2 for further guidance.

Submission:

This form, with attachments must be submitted to:

Robert Jerdan (Department Americanism Committee Chairman)

Chris Manning

79 S Main St Apt 2

Haverhill, Ma 01835

Or Electronically to: cjmanning140@gmail.com

Application must be received NLT March 1st of submission year.

Submitted by: _____, **Post:** _____



Americanism—American Born Citizenship Award (Continued)

All Entries will be judged by the Americanism Committee.

This annual award will be presented to the recipient during the Department of Mass Convention.

Department of Massachusetts Americanism - American Born Citizenship Award

Narrative (cont.), please use and attach additional sheets if needed.

Maximum: 50 points

Activity can be demonstrated individually or as a part of an organization or community service group. The activity must demonstrate the promotion of patriotism, patriotic observances, civic instructions in schools, the Americanization of legal immigrants, or providing information on anti-American propaganda.

Maximum 25 points

Activity can be demonstrated individually or as a part of an organization or community service group. Nominee must promote the American way of life and inspire patriotism by activity in programs such as Boys/Girls State, Boys Scouts, the Oratorical Contests, The School Medal Award Program baseball, flag, etiquette, etc.

Maximum 25 points

The Nominee must be performing the activity on a non-paid basis. The activity can include a wide range of volunteerism and does not exclude activity on behalf of veterans, patriotic heredity, fraternal, civic, labor or financial groups, all of which promote the welfare of the American way of life as a whole.



Americanism - Foreign Born Citizenship Award

Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Criteria: Naturalization papers must be viewed and returned, do not copy.

Nominee must be active in a veteran, patriotic, fraternal organization or a group which demonstrates the promotion of patriotism and the American way of life. Examples: American Legion, VFW, DAV, AMVETS or similar fraternal organizations {such as the Elks}.

Narrative:

Please provide a multi-part narrative with proper documentation to include description of activities, proof of activities (pictures/newspaper articles) designed to enrich your community.

Please see page 2 for further guidance.

Submission:

This form, with attachments, must be submitted to:
Robert Jerdan (Department Americanism Committee Chairman)

75 Craig Street

Milton, Massachusetts 02186

Or Electronically to: rjerdan@gmail.com

Application must be received NLT March 1st of submission year.

Submitted by: _____, **Post:** _____

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Department of Massachusetts**Americanism - Foreign Born Citizenship Award**

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Customers can now see their uniform cap come together as they order it.

The American Legion Emblem Sales web site, emblem.legion.org, has relaunched with a number of new features. These include:

- Real-time visual creation of uniform caps, enabling customers to see their cap come together and make sure everything looks right
- Self-serve personalization on apparel, with options to add lettering on the chest and/or sleeve for an additional cost
- Category filters to narrow search results
- A single-page checkout for shipping and payment

Emblem Sales still offers everything the American Legion Family needs, from the most traditional certificates and patches to the latest fleece blankets and water bottles – and everything you need to promote the USA 250 Challenge, Be the One and more.

Oratorical contests have started in the middle of February a few students will put themselves in front of many to showcase their speaking techniques. This is always a great event for them, they are incredible, speaking on topics from our articles of the Constitution. I have attended several of these over the past few years and was utterly amazed by their ease of presenting and ability to do so by memory no notes in hand. The Department continues to support and encourage them to maybe

reach the finals at National.

The National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award. This award recognizes exceptional Eagle Scout service projects benefiting schools, religious institutions and communities. Each council selects a winner, with regional finalists advancing to a national selection. Each Scout is encouraged to present a project for consideration. We wish them well in this endeavor which promotes

leadership and allows them to work with their Parents and Peers to provide a **Team** approach.

Our Department Scouting Camporee is scheduled for June 19th through the 20th at Camp Collier, Garnder Mass. Take some time out of your weekend to attend their many events and Sunday for Award day.



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LEGION**MASSACHUSETTS****Department****Legion College****Saturday****May 16th****9:30 AM****Quinsigamond Post 318****180 Greenwood St, Worcester****Topics include:**

- Leadership & Gaining Momentum
- Team Building & Mentorship
- Eliciting Change & Change Management
- Oddities of Post Operations
(The stuff not in the book)

Lunch & Coffee will be provided

To register contact Department Office
DeptAdjutant@masslegion.com or (617) 727-2966



Mid-Winter Conference

March 29, 2026, 10 am to 3 pm

Post 443 Cherry Valley
167 Main Street
Cherry Valley, MA 01611

Lunch & Beverages Provided
RSVP BY 03/21/2026 to
deptadjutant@masslegion.org

Learn about our programs: Boys State, Oratorical, Scouting, ROTC, Be the One, VCF, CWF, TFA, NEF, JR Law Cadet, Riders, SAL, Softball and Baseball

- Post, District, Department & National Schedules
- Meeting Protocols
- Processing Dues Online (this will be required shortly)
- Recruiting, Fundraising, Conflict Resolution
- Federal & Tax Requirements
- Mass ABCC Presentation on Liquor License Regulations (Keep your Post and Bar out of trouble!)
- Question & Answering Session

There is no registration fee All welcome

Please RSVP to help us to determine packets, food, seating

deptadjutant@masslegion.org

or call 617-727-2966





BOYS STATE COMMITTEE

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617-727-2966

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

Massachusetts Boys State 2026 - Sponsor Form

The 2026 Boys State Program will be held at Stonehill College, North Easton, from Saturday, June 13, 2026 to Friday, June 19, 2026. This year, the cost of sponsoring each boy is **\$400.00 for the regular tuition**, or **\$375.00 for the early bird discount** before **APRIL 1, 2026**.

Regardless of how you choose to pay, you must complete the sponsor form online at **sponsor.maboysstate.org**. There are two payment options, **Debit/Credit Card** or **Check by Mail**, follow the instructions when promoted on the online form. If you are paying via Check by Mail, please also complete the form on page two of this letter and include it with your check.

All payments for the 2026 Boys State Session must be received by May 31, 2026. The first 400 students will be accepted. We encourage you to actively seek outside co-sponsors (e.g. local elected officials, businesses, or banks) to help pay for these boys to attend.

Boys chosen to attend Boys State should be interviewed by the Post. Each Post should explain the Boys State program in detail to the boys and their parents so that they will know what is expected of them through their participation. The Boys State website (**maboysstate.org**) contains a wealth of information, including videos, photographs, program schedule, and program descriptions. Students and parents should be directed to this resource for information and announcements.



Scan QR Code to Complete Sponsor Form

Form Link: sponsor.maboysstate.org

Payment Options: Check by Mail or Debit/Credit Card

Cost: \$400 (\$375 before April 1st)

Please email info@maboysstate.org for issues filling out the form.

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM ON PAGE 2, IF YOU SELECTED CHECK BY MAIL

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MASSACHUSETTS
BOYS STATE**MASSACHUSETTS BOYS STATE 2026****Sponsor Supplement Form (Check by Mail)****DIRECTIONS (Must complete all 4 steps)**

1. Complete the Sponsor Form via sponsor.maboysstate.org
2. Fill out **all the fields below**.
3. Make your check payable to “**The American Legion**” and designate “**Boys State**” in the memo of the check.
4. Mail this form and check to Massachusetts Boys State Chairman, **Mark Avis, 14 Shaw Street, Palmer, MA 01069.**

NUMBER OF BOYS SPONSORED _____ CHECK AMOUNT _____

District # _____

Sponsoring Post # or Organization _____

Post Point of Contact _____

Post POC Phone # _____

Post POC Email _____

All fields above are required***Please mail this page and check to Boys State Chairman*****Mark Avis, 14 Shaw Street, Palmer, MA 01069**

Even though we are in March, the November elections are not that far away. Days slip into weeks and then months. Now is not too early to start looking at those who are seeking political office whether incumbent or new candidates. Time to start looking at incumbents voting records. In this case the past can be a real prediction of the future. For all of those looking to be elected we should consider what their positions are. And be looking at candidates for all levels, local, state and national.

Personally, I find that there is way too much division in the political arena. This applies to both major parties. How do we make change? By voting. The 2024 presidential election had a record 155 million Americans voting. However, this was only 64.9% of eligible voters (source: University of FL Election Lab). I voted. Did you? Did your family members vote?

How do we find out about candidate's positions? I do not rely on the media, finding much of it to be biased. Voting records can be found at some of the following: www.congress.gov; <https://vote-usa.org>; <https://knowyourvotes.com>. These are just a few examples. I will also be looking at individual candidate websites.

I was taught that the right to vote is a duty and a privilege. Given to us by our forefathers 250 years ago. You probably have family and friends who say their vote does not count. The numbers prove that statement to be wrong. Let's get out there and vote this November. And be an EDUCATED voter!

Remember: **BE THE ONE**. Saving lives. Changing lives. One at a time.

John Lenotte, National Executive Committeeman Department of MA; Member, American Institute of Parliamentarians. Local Board Member, Selective Service System.





National Commander Banquet



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NATIONAL COMMANDER Daniel Wiley

February 3, 2026

Dear Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders,

Our National Commander Daniel Wiley Testimonial - Saturday, March 21, 2026

Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
181 Boston Post Road West
Marlborough, MA 01752.

Time: Social Hour: 2:00 PM 3:00 PM Buffet luncheon –

Ticket donations are \$45.00 per person and may be purchased from your District Ticket Chairperson. Please make checks payable to “American Legion Dept. of MA” and mark “Tickets Only”
Tables will be set for 10.

Cutoff date for Banquet Tickets is **March 9, 2026**

Head Table Business Dress (coat & tie for men – and appropriate apparel dress for women)

Audience Business Casual (trousers and collared shirt for men and appropriate apparel dress for women)

On behalf of the Committee, we thank you for your co-operation.

Yours in comradeship:

Co-Chairman: John P “Jake” Comer PNC
Paul A Morin PNC
Vice Chairman: John Lenotte NEC
Sandra Davis ANEC
Ticket Chairman: Lisa McPhee Dept. Adj.
Ad Book Chairman: Louie Brault PNEC
Members: Mark Avis PNVC
Lisa McPhee Dept Adj.
9 District Chairman



AD BOOK

**National Commander's Banquet
Honoring Dan K. Wiley
Saturday - March 21st, 2026**

Copy deadline needs to be received (not postmarked by) in the Department office by February 27, 2026. Please plan for USPS delivery time. Better yet, email it

District # _____

Post # _____ Auxiliary # _____ Squadron # _____ ALR # _____

Check Ad Size Desired (Add \$5.00 for Color Ad) :

7 1/2" x 5" \$60.00 Full Page _____

3 1/2" x 5" \$40.00 Half Page _____

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National Commander Banquet



AD BOOK

National Commander Dan K. Wiley

Booster Sheet **Deadline is February 27, 2026**

District # Post # Unit # Squadron # ALR #

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CELEBRATE & EDUCATE

American Legion Family Youth Programs advance civics and responsible citizenship for our nation's 250th anniversary and beyond.



ORATORICAL CONTEST

The American Legion Oratorical Contest challenges high school students to explore and understand the U.S. Constitution while developing confidence, leadership and communication skills. National contestants compete for more than \$200,000 in scholarships each year.



BOYS STATE/BOYS NATION

American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation are government-education programs that have shaped thousands of careers in public service and leadership since 1935. Boys State offers students entering their senior year a glimpse into how government functions in a democracy. Two delegates from each Boys State program are selected to attend Boys Nation, where they form and operate a mock federal government, visit congressional delegations, military leaders and The White House to enrich their understanding of U.S. leadership.



GIRLS STATE/GIRLS NATION

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and Girls Nation closely mirror American Legion Boys State/Boys Nation, for students entering their senior years of high school seeking understanding about participation in government. Two delegates from each ALA Girls State program are chosen each year to participate in Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. Participants leave with "leadership lessons for life" and an understanding of the fundamentals of U.S. government, rights, privileges, and responsibilities of citizens.



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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST:

The Americanism Essay Contest of the American Legion Auxiliary teaches students the value of patriotism and what it means to be Americans. Students (grades 3 to 12) explore the fundamental rights and freedoms, following a theme.

Current Theme: "Celebrating America's 250th Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for Our Freedom."

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American Legion Auxiliary units sponsor poppy poster contests in local schools across the country for schools and youth groups. Seven classes of contestants are available.



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The American Legion publishes comic and activity books about the U.S. flag, veterans and the founding values of our nation. Many items can be ordered in bulk at discounted prices for classrooms or youth groups.

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The Wall That Heals



September 15-20, 2026 Yarmouth, MA



Ride Escort/Volunteers
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Open 24/7 Rain or Shine

***Tuesday** Sept 15 Escort

***Saturday** Tours -Sunset Taps

***Wed** Sept 16 WALL Setup 8am -
Volunteer Training Highly
recommended 6 PM-1 Hour
Echo Taps

***Sunday** Sept 20, Wall closed
1:45pm Closing Ceremony 2 pm
dismantle "The Wall That Heals"

***Thursday** Sept 17 Opening
Ceremony Time TBD &
Sunset Echo Taps

***Friday** Sept 18 Echo Taps-
Light the Night Ceremony
Agent Orange Awareness



For More Information Contact:

Debi Robinson Chairman (253) 226-1588

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MAY 16, 2026



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Holyoke

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KICKSTANDS UP : NOON

\$20 Per Person In Advance

\$25 Per Person Day of Event

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Club
Fuller St •
Chicopee

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2026 WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

EMPOWERING HER VOICE, HONORING HER SERVICE

Saturday, March 14, 2026
11:00am to 2:30pm
Andover Country Club
60 Canterbury Street
Andover, MA 01810

*Join us for lunch, laughter
and camaraderie! We will
have a guest speaker and
time to network.*



TO REGISTER:
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18th Annual Women Veterans Network Conference

Saturday, May 16, 2026
8:00am to 3:00pm
Four Points by Sheraton Norwood
1125 Boston-Providence Turnpike
Norwood, MA 02062

**EMPOWERING HER VOICE,
HONORING HER SERVICE**

Highlights:

Learn about programs and services directly from veteran-serving organizations, including the VA and EOVS

Attend information sessions and engaging presenters

Experience self-care options from skilled professionals

TO REGISTER:

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
"PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS"
BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

**WEBSTER TIMBER LANES
460 BEDFORD ST., ABINGTON, MA 02351**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026
12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

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

\$25.00 PER PERSON / \$125.00 PER TEAM

POST Number:

UNIT Number:

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RIDER CHAPTER Number:

BOWLER NO.1 _____

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

The Detachment of Mass SAL

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Please Return Pledge Sheet and Donations To: Clifford Smith, 53 Messenger St., Apt C, Plainville, MA 02762

Pledge's Name	Address	City, State, Zip	Phone	Amount Pledged Per Point







Members of the Post 40 Color Guard proudly posted the Colors for District 10's Four Chaplains Service in Middleboro, standing in solemn tribute to the enduring legacy of courage, faith, and selfless service demonstrated by the Four Chaplains during World War II.

The service commemorated the heroic actions of Army Chaplains George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, Clark V. Poling, and John P. Washington, who gave their lives aboard the USAT *Dorchester* in 1943. In the face of tragedy, these chaplains put aside differences of faith and background to comfort others, distribute life jackets, and ultimately sacrifice themselves so others might live.

By participating in this meaningful ceremony, the Post 40 Color Guard paid homage not only to the Four Chaplains, but to the timeless values they represent—unity, compassion, and service above self. Their presence served as a visible reminder that the legacy of the Four Chaplains continues to inspire generations of veterans and community members alike."



Start Date	Time	Event	Location
3/3/2026	7:00 PM	Americanism Committee	ZOOM
3/4/2026	6:00 PM	ROTC Committee	ZOOM
3/5/2026	6:00 PM	Community Service	ZOOM
3/8/2026	2:00 PM	District 5 Meeting	Bedford Post 221
3/14/2026	10:00 AM	District 3 Meeting	Holyoke Post 351
3/15/2026	10:00 AM	District 10 Meeting	Whitman Post 22
3/15/2026	2:00 PM	District 8 Meeting	Rockport Post 98
3/16/2026	7:00 PM	Adjutants Meeting	ZOOM
3/21/2026	11:00 AM	DEC	Best Western Marlboro
3/21/2026	2:0 PM	National Commander	Best Western Marlboro
3/29/2026	10:00 AM	Mid Winter Conference	Cherry Valley Post 443


2026 Membership Standing *as of February 26, 2026*

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	1125	1018	90.49%
3	HAMPDEN/FRANKLIN/HAMPSHIRE	3169	2771	87.44%
4	WORCESTER	4303	3774	87.71%
5	MIDDLESEX	3347	2931	87.57%
6	NORFOLK	2206	1918	86.95%
7	SUFFOLK	1123	990	88.16%
8	ESSEX	2313	2062	89.15%
9	BRISTOL	2260	1715	75.89%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	3404	3069	90.16%
297	CAPITOL HILL	405	484	139.51%
462	HEADQUARTERS	848	565	57.06%
	National Quota	24,503	21,297	86.92%

Next Target Date 3/11/2026 90%

JUNE 13-19 2026.



****Registration is now done through Formstack! Once we receive your name and email from your sponsor, the site will send you the registration form and information automatically.****

If you do not know what it means to have a sponsor, [click here](#) and fill out the form provided. We will reach out as soon as we can with information for you.

You can choose to submit a Bill for consideration to present to the floor. Approximately 5-7 pieces of legislation are chosen to be distributed to Massachusetts Girls State to be considered by the state Congress. You can find more info here: [How to write a Bill](#). This form is optional, but encouraged!

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL US
AT: DIRECTOR.MASSGIRLSSTATE@GMAIL.COM**

2026 Membership Standing *as of February 25, 2026*

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	202	191	94.55%
3	HAMPDEN/FRANKLIN HAMPSHIRE	637	510	80.06%
4	WORCESTER	1064	898	84.40%
5	MIDDLESEX	949	748	78.82%
6	NORFOLK	365	256	70.14%
7	SUFFOLK	95	67	70.53%
8	ESSEX	629	536	85.21%
9	BRISTOL	263	174	66.16%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	754	598	79.31%
462	HEADQUARTERS	149	104	69.80%
	National Quota	5,107	4,082	79.93%

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Special to The Millennium—Russell "Rusty" Myers III, Editor

Sons Across the Nation Spread Cheer to our Veterans and Children over the Holidays

The holiday season is perhaps the most visible time where the Sons of The American Legion showcases its work throughout our communities. Be it a holiday party, a visit from Santa, a trip to a VA or veterans home, or a toy or coat drive, the spirit of giving is evident in the programs our Sons run at the end of each year.

See over the next two pages some of the good deeds our SAL's have done to make the holiday a little more special for our vets, our kids, and our communities:

Illinois: Make A Wish
Santa Claus was spotted bringing Christmas joy at Onarga American Legion Post 551 in Illinois. The Squadron hosts "Pancakes with Santa", where member Steve Sullivan had the honor of being Santa. The event raised \$1,000 which was donated to a local "Make a Wish Child" and family that needed help. - Eugene Gort (IL)

Pennsylvania: Holiday Tour
The PA Legion Family and Detachment Commander Mark Nave made 15 stops on their Holiday Tour. "It has truly been an honor and blessing to visit all the VA's and veterans homes in Pennsylvania ... Seeing the work our Legion Family does through volunteering time, treasure, and talents is inspiring. Its one thing to talk about it, it's another thing to see it in action!!" - Mark Nave (PA)

California: Serving our Serviceman
Squadron 155 hosted a Christmas party at the Area 22 Air Wing and 3d Assault Amphibian Battalion 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton. —John Mejia (CA)

Wisconsin: Caroling for our Vets
The American Legion Family of Post 375 at their holiday community service event ... Christmas Caroling at local nursing homes. 38 Legion Family members participated.

CONGRATULATIONS!
NEW ALL-TIME HIGH MEMBERSHIP!
404,941
FOR 2025
Surpassing the previous record of 397,243 set in 2024!

Editorial: Re-dedicate Ourselves to What We Do Best
SAL 100: Legacy Equals Strength
Illinois: Sons Conduct District and Division Leadership Training
New Jersey: Getting Our Veterans Outside
Victory Gardens: Growing Community
Detachment Spotlight: Puerto Rico
Legion.org: Host a Be The One Event in the New Year

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2026 S.A.L. Membership Standing as of January 30, 2026

	District	Goal	Current	%
1	BERKSHIRE	231	227	98.27%
3	HAMPDEN/FRANKLIN / HAMPSHIRE	772	508	65.80%
4	WORCESTER	1020	806	79.02%
5	MIDDLESEX	1256	958	76.27%
6	NORFOLK	835	815	97.60%
7	SUFFOLK	196	149	76.02%
8	ESSEX	442	335	75.79%
9	BRISTOL	280	185	66.07%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	798	515	64.54%
	National Goal	5830	4498	77.39%

Next Target Date: 3/11/2026 80%




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Post 98
Saturday morning
Coffee break



Veterans, Aux, and Potential Members
 American Legion Hall
 32 Beach st
8:00—10:30
Come on down



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HINGHAM FRIDAY VETERANS' COFFEE
 EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
 9:00AM – 10:30AM
 GRAND ARMY HALL 358 MAIN ST. HINGHAM
 GUEST SPEAKERS FOR EACH EVENT
 COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
 MEETING DATES:
MAY 16TH, JUNE 20TH, JULY 18TH, AUG. 15TH,
SEPT 19TH, OCT. 17TH, NOV. 21ST, DEC. 19TH
 TEMPORARY CONTACT: DAVE IRWIN
 781-910-2377
 FIRST COFFEE IS FRIDAY MAY 16TH



Coffee Hour

Last Friday of the Month

09:00 - 12:00



Free

American Legion North Adams

American Legion North Adams Post 125

FUNday !!!

4th Sunday of the Month

Lunch	Meat Tables	Queen Of Hearts
We will service a simple lunch starting at 12:00pm until sold out or 3pm.	Begins at 3PM 1. Purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win. 2. Win various cuts of meat or other prizes. 3. Tickets are randomly drawn, and winners receive their prizes.	The QOH with begin 15 minutes after the last Table is raffled.





Veterans' Coffee Hour: Third Wednesday of each month
Please come and enjoy coffee, fresh pastries, donuts and fellowship.

American Legion Post 0234
402 West Main St Northborough Ma. 01532

Open to all local area Veterans.

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 113
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026 ★

<p>📍 American Legion Post 113 14 Church Street Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA</p> <p>★★ COST ★★</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rider: \$25 • Passenger: \$10 • Walk-ins: \$10 	<p>🕒 Registration: 9:30 AM 🚪 Kickstands Up: 11:00 AM</p> <p>★ EVENT HIGHLIGHTS ★</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic group motorcycle ride • Food & refreshments • Raffles / 50-50 drawing • Music & camaraderie • Rain or Shine • All bikes welcome!
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Post Events

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(508) 248 - 5111

CONTACT DETAILS

For more information about the golf tournament contact Jennifer at: (508) 499 - 9589 or jbaublitz@homefrontstrongus.org



Golf Tournament

5TH ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT

MAY 1ST, 2026

TO BENEFIT PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

EVENT DETAILS

REGISTRATION	9:00 A.M.
SHOTGUN START	10:00 A.M.
LUNCH	12:00 P.M.
COCKTAIL HOUR	3:00 P.M.
STEAK DINNER & AWARDS	4:00 P.M.

CONTESTS

- Hole-in-One
- Longest Drive, him/her/+65
- Closest to the Pin, him/her/+65
- Top Team (male, female, mixed)

COST PER PLAYER: \$150

IF RECEIVED BEFORE 3/15, THE COST IS \$135 PER PLAYER

Includes:

- Cart fees
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Giftbags

COST TO ATTEND DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY ONLY: \$35

Dinner options include:

- Steak
- Chicken
- Vegetarian pasta



Scan the QR code to register or visit:

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FULL NAME(S) & COMPANY NAME

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

ADDRESS

PACKAGE SELECTION & TOTAL

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Veterans Association of Bristol County theVABC.org

OUTRAGEOUS GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026
SWANSEA COUNTRY CLUB
299 MARKET ST SWANSEA, MA
8:00 AM REGISTRATION
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START
2:00 PM LUNCH

We have packages from individual golfers to corporate sponsors

SPONSORS & GOLFERS SCAN HERE!

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
 DISTRICT 5 VENDOR/PSYCHIC FAIR
 SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026
 12:00pm – 4:00pm**

**AMERICAN LEGION BEDFORD POST 221
 357 GREAT RD Bedford MA**
 Proceeds to benefit Auxiliary Veterans Programs
INTERESTED VENDORS CONTACT
 Sandy Desrosiers@ 978-328-2487
 Mary "Sugar" White@ 857-340-9584

INTERESTED PSYCHIC/MEDIUM CONTACT

Assunta Sullivan @ 508-663-9001

DEADLINE TO REGISTER MARCH 1, 2026



RAFFLE ITEMS, 50/50 RAFFLE, SANDWICHES FOR SALE
FREE COFFEE & TEA

AMERICAN LEGION

Hiram O. Taylor
 Post 189 Sterling

Meat Raffle!

When: March 8, 2026
 Time: 1: 00 PM
 Where: Eight Point Sportsmen Club
 Address: 147 Beaman Rd, Sterling, MA 01564

****Bring your friends, neighbors, relatives you like, and money....!!! All to benefit Post 189*****



Women's Auxiliary Mega Meat Raffle

Sunday March 22 01:00 - 3:00p.m.

At The American Legion
 Vincent F. Picard Post 234
 Northborough



Time for another afternoon of FUN, FRIENDS, MEAT and a great way to support our fundraiser! This event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - EVERYONE WELCOME!!!! Grab your friends and come join us. If you've been before you know how fun it is, if you haven't, you've got to come check it! LOTS OF CHANCES TO WIN! (plus a 50/50 raffle and a door prize)





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