**Post Everlasting via VETS’ NEWS will no longer be published in the editions this is from Legion Vice Commander Scott Conner** I know everyone had enjoyed it and many asked for it as we all become friends with everyone across the Department of MA Legion Family! ***

Wear ‘Be the One’ on July 1

The American Legion (National Website)
JUN 22, 2023

July 1 is the next “Be the One Days” – a resolution passed by the National Executive Committee during the American Legion’s Spring Meetings in May that calls on Legion Family members to gear up and bring awareness to the Legion’s Be the One veteran suicide prevention initiative on the first day of every month.

Resolution 13 urges Legion Family members to wear a Be the One item on the first day of every month to show their commitment to reducing the stigma around mental health issues among veterans and servicemembers. The other goal is to start a conversation about what Be the One is and how to save the life of a veteran. Legion posts should also promote Be the One on the first day of every month.

Leading candidate for 2023-2024 Department of Arkansas Commander Patrick "Doc" Phillips and his wife Jammie showed their Be the One Days support on June 1 by taking a photo and sharing it on Legiontown.org.

“Jammie and I are deeply vested in this cause,” Phillips said. “I have seen the effects, at a young age, when a WWII veteran and a close friend of my father’s (also a WWII veteran), took his own life with my father present. I’ve seen the terrible effects of PTSD on veterans who haven’t sought out treatment and
constantly fear that they might become a statistic. Reaching out to veterans through Buddy Checks at least lets them know someone cares and might someday have to ‘Be the One’ for that veteran.”

Support “Be the One Days” and wear your Be the One gear on Saturday, July 1. You can purchase a Be the One shirt or tack through American Legion Emblem Sales.

For American Legion posts, there are many resources available to use to promote Be the One at the resources web page. These resources include Be the One posters, customizable brochures, a banner, wallet cards and more. To help in your promotional efforts, this video is a great tutorial of how a Legionnaire in Arizona used Be the One promotional materials at his post’s successful event.

We want to see your support of Be the One Days. You can share at legiontown.org under the Be the One category.

You can make a donation to Be the One here. You can also mail a check made payable to “American Legion Charities, Note: Be the One.”

Mail to:
American Legion Charities
Be the One
P.O. Box 7077
Indianapolis, IN 46207

House committee OKs bill that boosts disability pay for many medically retired veterans.

By Corey Dickstein/Stars and Stripes
JUN 22, 2023

(National Website)

Some 50,000 medically retired veterans would receive increased service-related payments under a bill advanced Wednesday for a House vote by the chamber’s Armed Services Committee.

The Major Richard Star Act would allow veterans medically retired from the military for combat-related injuries before serving 20 years to receive full retirement pay and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The measure was passed by the House Armed Services Committee by unanimous voice vote just before the committee took up the Fiscal Year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act, the annual bill that sets Congress’ policy and spending priorities for the Pentagon.
Under current law, veterans who are medically retired for service-related injuries before 20 years and received a less than 50% disability rating from the VA are forced to forfeit a portion of their benefits. The Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit advocacy group, estimated those dollar-for-dollar offsets between military retirement pay and VA disability payments could cost a veteran at least “hundreds of dollars” every month.

The Major Richard Star Act would allow all medically retired service members who receive Combat Related Special Compensation — VA benefits for those specifically injured in combat — to collect their full disability benefits and retirement pay.

But lawmakers warned new budget caps passed as part of a debt limit deal enacted this month could keep the bill from being passed. Because of the spending caps imposed by the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, some $8 billion must be removed from spending plans for the Star Act to be approved, said Rep. Adam Smith of Washington, the top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee.

Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Ala., chairman of the committee, said he would work with the other committee members on finding such a spending offset.

Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Fla., said the bill’s advancement was a step closer to rectifying “an injustice that keeps combat disabled veterans from receiving full military benefits.” Bilirakis earlier this year introduced the bill, which he said had 324 co-sponsors.

“The brave men and women who return from serving our country should be able to receive the benefits promised to them,” Bilirakis said. “Military retirement pay and service-connected disability compensation are two completely different benefits. One does not diminish the merits of the other.”

The bill is named for Maj. Richard Star, an Army veteran, father and husband who was medically retired after suffering combat injuries, according to Bilirakis’ office. Star died in 2021 of cancer linked to toxic exposure from burn pits on deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Wounded Warrior Project and other veterans’ organizations have championed the bill for more than two years. The bill also has been introduced in the Senate, where it has 66 co-sponsors. It was not clear Wednesday, however, when or if the bill would be considered by the upper chamber.

Wounded Warrior Project “strongly believes that collecting both benefits should never be considered ‘double dipping,’ and no retiree should be subject to the offset,” according to the organization’s fact sheet on the bill. “For this reason, WWP will continue to support legislation to eliminate the offset for all retirees and considers the Major Richard Star Act one step towards achieving that goal.”

The American Legion supports the Major Richard Star Act and has encouraged its members to contact Congress in support of the legislation.
What we can learn from the different generations

*Posted On: Monday, 12 June 2023*  
(National ALA Website)

**Defining generations by birth year:**
*The Silent Generation: 1928-1945*
*Baby Boomers: 1946-1964*
*Generation X: 1965-1980*
*Millennials: 1981-1996*
*Gen Z: 1997-2010*
*Generation Alpha: 2010-2025*

Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary can be broken down in several different ways: some people joined the organization to support its mission of serving veterans, military, and their families; honoring a servicemember or veteran inspired some to sign up for membership; and others simply like the social aspects of belonging to a unit.

But there’s one thing our members have in common — all of us are from different generations.

The ALA has an advantage, age-wise, in the way our membership eligibility is structured: You can become a member directly from the womb or complete an application as an octogenarian.

Let’s use this built-in ALA member benefit to teach others about the characteristics of each generation, and to appreciate that we’re all different.

Identities of each generation, according to *Indeed* and *Parents*:

**The Silent Generation** is the oldest group, offering mentorship to younger generations. These people value loyalty and make an effort to help others. Their strong work ethic means they might be more serious in nature, preferring more formal environments.

Previously the largest generation, **Baby Boomers** are hardworking individuals who are more likely to value an established hierarchy of responsibility and authority. Many Boomers want to continue working, even though they have the opportunity to retire. People in this generation believe authority comes from experience. Because of this, some Boomers may be more likely to trust an older person vs. younger person’s point of view.

**Generation X**, or Gen Xers as they’re commonly known, are independent and value more relaxed, flexible environments. This group is still actively raising children and therefore strives for
a healthy work-life balance. Responsible for the rise of modern technology, Gen X is very comfortable with computers, smart devices, and learning new tech.

While the previous generation may have jumpstarted the tech boom, Millennials are the first to have grown up in the age of being tech savvy. Millennials seek meaningful projects. Passionate about relaxed environments, Millennials aren’t afraid to challenge authority and status quo. They’re now the largest living adult generation.

Gen Z tends to have a more global mindset. This group grew up on things that relied on technology, making Gen Z more adaptive to change. They want to work in and belong to places that value diversity and social responsibility.

The youngest, Generation Alpha, has always known social media … and screens for that matter. Their technology skills are extremely sharp. Their formative years were shaped by the pandemic, and they hold strong values for family time. This group — the most diverse of any generation — cares about climate change and is passionate about inclusivity.

So, what can we do as American Legion Auxiliary members in our organization of multiple generations? While it’s important not to generalize or stereotype people under the characteristics of their generation, it is good to take the time and study why people may make the decisions they make, or why they say the things they do.

A Boomer, for example, shouldn’t discount or dismiss a younger person’s ideas in a unit meeting just because the member hasn’t been part of the ALA very long. A Millennial shouldn’t immediately use the “OK, Boomer” phrase seen on social media just because the Boomer’s beliefs tend to be more trusting of authority. And Gen Xers, being the middle child of the larger generations, should act as a bridge to build stronger relationships between the generations to support the ALA’s mission outreach activities.

The key takeaways in all of this generation talk — when we take the time to learn more about the people around us, we have a better understanding of who they are, their background, their interests, and goals. What are some ways we can apply that knowledge in our American Legion Auxiliary units, membership, and mission service? Do you have any ideas? Tell us at ALAMagazine@ALAforVeterans.org.
Post 57 Announcement

On Monday July 3rd the Leon E. Abbott Post 57 of the American Legion along with the local DAV, VFW and VFW Auxiliary will be holding a Veterans Fireworks Festival on the front lawn of the Swampscott, MA Town Hall. The festival will proceed the annual Swampscott fireworks display. The festival will include live bands, kids’ entertainment, food trucks and a beer garden. This event will fund veterans’ programs in Swampscott. The program will begin at 4:00 PM.

Congratulations Florence!

Joint Boys/Girls State Convocation

Sunday came to a close with a wonderful joint convocation ceremony for Boys and Girls State. Guests from the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion were in attendance.

Furthermore, the Massachusetts Boys State & Girls State Foundation honored Florence Denicola with the Citizen of the Year Award for extraordinary contributions of an individual to the programs and to the greater good of society.
Remaining Legion Baseball Schedule Taken from Department Website

Kingston Post 387 vs. Fall River Post 464
6/28/2023, 5:35pm
Harold F. Govoni (33a Summer Street)
Kingston, MA

Barnstable Post 206 vs. Kingston Post 387
6/29/2023, 5:35pm
Dennis Yarmouth Hs (210 Station Avenue, South Yarmouth, Ma 02664)
South Yarmouth, MA

Milford vs. Gardner Post 129 North County
6/29/2023, 7:00pm
Fino Field
Milford, MA

Whitman Post 22 vs. Kingston Post 387
6/30/2023, 5:35pm
Whitman-hanson High School
Hanson, MA

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**Americanism Chairman**

I would like to say thank you to the members who came out and gave a vote of confidence to be one of three Department Vice Commanders for the year 2023-2024. One appointment I did receive was to be the Americanism Committee Chairman. Two Awards that I have the honor of giving out are the American Born Citizen Award and Foreign-Born Citizen Award. I would like the District Chairman of the Americanism committee to start looking for citizens who are truly amazing citizens who are deserving of this award. I have the application on file. *(See preceding pages for applications)*

Robert Jerdan  
Department Vice Commander  
Americanism Chairman 23-24
Americanism - American Born Citizenship Award

Applicant: ___________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________ Date: _____________

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)
75 Craig Street
Milton MA 02186

Or electronically to: rjerdan@gmail.com

Application must be submitted to NLT March 31st of submission year.

Submitted by: ____________________________,
Post:__________

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.

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Department President Monique’s Connor Testimonial
Sunday, October 15, 2023

Copy deadline is September 15, 2023

Advertising rates for the Department President’s book
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- MICROSOFT WORD FORMAT

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Do you know an AMERICAN LEGION Post, Auxiliary Unit, SAL Squadron, Riders Chapter or an individual that goes above and beyond what the Mission of the American Legion Family Is? You do.

WHY NOT SPOTLIGHT THEM IN THIS SECTION OF VETS’ NEWS

To put an Entity or Individual in the Spotlight all you need to do is:

1. Write up a small narrative about the person or entity on why you are spotlighting them.
2. Add 2 or 3 pictures of the individual or Entity
3. Email the Narrative and Pictures to Vets’ News at mavetsnewsinfo@gmail.com

I will take care of the rest!
American Legion National Convention Sites and Dates

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Since Columbus Day falls on a Monday, the October target date will be on a Thursday.

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American Legion Auxiliary Job Posting

Department Secretary

Secretary, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Massachusetts

Working closely with the Department President, the Department Executive Committee, and members, the Secretary is the key management leader of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Massachusetts and is responsible for overseeing the administration of the office, execution of policies, and operations management.

Job Description:

Responsible for communicating effectively with the Department Executive Committee (DEC) and providing information under prescribed deadlines to facilitate informed decision-making by the DEC.

Have a strong sense of the mission and purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Keep all records in compliance with appropriate record retention policies.

Responsible for signing all contracts, agreements, and other instruments made and entered into on behalf of the organization.

Work cooperatively with the American Legion Auxiliary members, the National Office of the American Legion Auxiliary, and the American Legion Family (Legion, Sons, Riders.)

Responsible for fiscal management which entails operating within the limits of the approved budget and ensuring maximum resource utilization to safeguard that the organization maintains a positive financial position.

Able to travel to and attend required organizational meetings, and record and distribute the minutes.

Responsible for the care and transportation to meetings of all department property, e.g., Laptop, audio, and visual equipment, etc.

General Duties of the position:

This is a listing of the general routine duties of the position. Other administrative tasks as deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the department may be assigned.

Preparation and distribution of meeting agendas and meeting minutes.

Answer and direct phone calls or take messages and deliver them to appropriate parties.

Respond, write, and distribute electronic correspondence, memos, letters, meeting agendas, and other documents as required.

Attend off-site meetings as required.

Update Member information as necessary.

Create and maintain filing systems, both electronic and physical.

Assist in the preparation of regularly scheduled reports.

Update and maintain office documents including but not limited to contractor and vendor contact, lease documents, and other related documentation.

Order office supplies and research new deals and suppliers.
Department Secretary

Requirements:

Strong written and verbal communication skills.
Outgoing and enthusiastic.
Previous public speaking experience.
Able to communicate effectively with all levels of the Auxiliary in person, via web meetings, by phone, and by email.
Budget management skills.
Previous office management experience.
Basic knowledge of the American Legion Auxiliary’s general operations, mission, and goals (National, Department, District, Unit.)
Experienced answering phones in a friendly and professional manner and preserving confidentiality.
Able to multitask and prioritize work.
Be able to lift and carry 25-30 lbs.

Technical Skills:
Windows Operating System (latest version)
Operate office printer and copier
MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint
Able to use and navigate Facebook – Will be an Administrator for all Department Committee Facebook Groups/Pages
Cloud storage – Google Docs, Microsoft OneDrive

Nice to Have

Ability to update and maintain content for the Department Website.

This is a hybrid position, and the individual is expected to be on-site (2 days/week) in the office located at the State House in Boston.

This salaried position of $30,420 per year is based on a 32.5-hour work week, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm. Attending job-related meetings and sanctioned functions take precedence over office hours.

Must show proof of a valid Driver’s license.
Legion Riders eligible for CWF awards

The American Legion Riders are a strong supporter of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, which provides grants to nonprofits that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children. Since 1955, the CWF has awarded $19 million in grants.

The CWF presents awards annually for significant contributions to the foundation. American Legion Riders are now eligible for several of those awards as a recognition of their great support to CWF.

**U.S. “Udie” Grant Legacy Award**

To qualify: Must be the top department nationally, based on combined total contributions of The American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Riders and Eight & Forty during a contribution year.

**Garland D. Murphy Jr. Award**

To qualify: Must be the most active department in the nation, based on actual contributions received during a contribution year. One department from each organization (The American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Riders, and Eight & Forty) is recognized.

Both the U.S. “Udie” Grant Legacy Award and Garland D. Murphy Jr. Award are presented on stage during The American Legion’s annual national convention.

**“Heritage Circle” Gift Club**

Awarded to departments (American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, Legion Riders, and Eight & Forty) for their cumulative donations made during the contribution year.

- Benefactor (gold): $5,000
- Patron (silver): $2,500
- Sponsor (bronze): $1,000

**“Children First” Gift Club**

Awarded to American Legion posts, Auxiliary units, Sons squadrons, Legion Riders and Eight & Forty salons for their cumulative donations made during the contribution year.

- Guardian (gold): $1,000
- Advocate (silver): $750
- Caretaker (bronze): $500

Drew Pajak, Chairman, Child Welfare Foundation
New
Karaoke Tuesday Nights 6-9pm
2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays
Dalton American Legion

Coffee and Conversation
Coffee with a Vet Open to Public...
No Need to Be Military to Join Us
Monday Mornings 8AM - 10AM...
Upstairs
American Legion Post 373 Baldwinville
Post 98
Saturday morning
Coffee break
Veterans, Aux, and Potential Members
American Legion Hall
32 Beach st
8:00—10:30
Come on down

32 Beach Street, Rockport, MA
MEAT RAFFLE

Open to the all hungry Meat lovers!!!!

- Raffles held the last Saturday of each month -
  - Doors open at noon -
  - Drawings start at 1pm -
Includes 8 Meat Raffles, a 50/50 Raffle & $25 in scratch tickets Raffle!

Prebuys available, must stop in see bartender. - $20.00 - one ticket for each drawing

Hot Dog & Chips available for $3.00 – Ketchup on the house 😊

LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH!!!!!
Winchendon American Legion Riders Chapter 193
Bike Nights
The 3rd Thursday from June to September
From 6 to 9 PM

June 15, 2023
July 20, 2023
August 17, 2023
September 21, 2023

Winchendon Legion Pavilion
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs etc.
Music, 50/50 and Basket Raffles
Bar will be open out in the Pavilion serving Beer and Wine

Vernon Hill American Legion Riders
BIKE and CLASSIC CAR Nights!!
Vernon Hill American Legion Post #435
267 Providence Street
Worcester, Ma
2 Fridays a Month 6:30pm to 9:30pm
윙# 50/50 Raffle 🙋
نى Food for purchase 🍔
パイ Starts JUNE 2nd 🍦

BAND SCHEDULE:
June 2 SUPER CHARGERS
June 16 TONY SOUL PROJECT
July 7 SALTY SISTERS PROJECT
July 21 A NIGHT OF ZEPPELIN
August 4 MYCHAEL DAVID BAND
August 18 CANDY CRIMINAL
September 1 WILD COMBO
September 15 TONY GARCIA BAND
Unevened Groups and Legacy Run

Color Guard/Rescue Contacts Meeting (GWRN)
Friday, Aug 26, 2011
Charlottesville Convention Center, Room 720, Sections C & D, Meeting Level 7:30 a.m.

Board Contact Meeting
Saturday, Aug 27, 2011
Charlottesville Convention Center, Bank, Cabell Level 7:30 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting (GWRN)
Friday, Aug 26, 2011
Charlottesville Convention Center, Bank, Cabell Level 7:30 a.m.

Legends Lifetime Legacy Tour Departure
Thursday, Aug 25, 2011
Historic Market Square, Charlottesville, VA 7:30 p.m.

Breakfasts, Luncheons, Dinners/Banquets, Community Outreach Project

Meetings

Reception Committee (GWRN)
Saturday, Aug 26, 2011
Charlottesville Convention Center, Room 207, Sections A & B, Meeting Level 7:30 a.m.

American Legion General Veterans
Monday, Aug 22, 2011
Historic Market Square, Charlottesville, VA 7:30 a.m.

Colorado State Dinner Reception (GWRN)
Monday, Aug 22, 2011
Charlottesville Convention Center, Bank, Cabell Level 7:30 a.m.

Congress of National Organizations of the Blind (CNOC)
Friday, Aug 26, 2011
Charlottesville Convention Center, Bank, Cabell Level 7:30 a.m.

Annual National Summit Luncheon (NRA)
Wednesday, Aug 24, 2011
Westin Charlottesville, Park Avenue, Sections A & B, 7:30 a.m.

Congress of National Organizations of the Blind (CNOC)
Monday, Aug 22, 2011
Charlottesville Convention Center, Bank, Cabell Level 7:30 a.m.

Department of Statistical Services Luncheon & Breakfast
Monday, Aug 22, 2011
Charlottesville Convention Center, Room 207, Meeting Level 7:30 a.m.

FORMA Banquet
Monday, Aug 22, 2011
Portico Lounge, Renaissance Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Constitutional Amendments Convention Committee (GWRN)
Sunday, Aug 27, 2011
Westin Charlottesville, Park Avenue, Sections A & B, Meeting Level 7:30 a.m.

National Commission on Women
Sunday, Aug 27, 2011
Charlottesville Convention Center, Bank, Cabell Level 7:30 a.m.

Legislative Commission (GWRN)
Saturday, Aug 26, 2011
Charlottesville Convention Center, Room 207, Sections A & B, Meeting Level 7:30 a.m.

National Commandos’ Luncheon (GWRN)
Sunday, Aug 27, 2011
Charlottesville Convention Center, Bank, Cabell Level 7:30 a.m.
**2023 SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE**
Charlotte, North Carolina

**Hours of Operation**
For special assistance or shuttle bus questions, please call 1-866-767-3305

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*Schedule may be affected by traffic & weather conditions. Late departure times are 20 minutes prior to end of service each day.*

**Route 1 RED**

1. Home 2 Suites
   - Board on Brooklyn Village Ave.
2. Hyatt Place
   - Board on Caldwell St.
3. Embassy Suites
   - Board on MLK Jr Blvd.

**Route 2 BLUE**

1. Omni Charlotte
   - Board Curbside on College St.
2. Holiday Inn Express
   - Board Curbside on College St.
3. Marriott City Center
   - Board across St. on Church St.
4. Kimpton Tryon Park
   - Board Curbside on 3rd St.
5. Courtyard by Marriott
   - Board Across St. on 3rd St.

**Route 3 GREEN**

1. Hilton Garden Inn
   - Board Curbside on MLK JR Blvd.
2. Hampton Inn
   - Board Curbside on MLK JR Blvd.
3. Sheraton/ Meridian
   - Board Curbside on McDowell St.

ADA service available during all shuttle hours of operation from all hotels listed above and from official hotels within walking distance to the convention center. Please call 866.767.3305 at least one hour in advance to schedule.
NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING
CHARLOTTE NC
AUG 25 – AUG 31
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL OUT ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________ Phone #: __________________

City / Town: ____________________________ Zip: __________________

Check off Room Type: 1 King: ___________ or 2 Double: ___________

Sharing room with: ___________________________

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

Credit Card Type ________________________ Card #: __________________

CC Expiration Date: ___________ E-mail Address: __________________

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NUMBERS OF REGISTRATIONS
REGISTRATION FEE IS $35.00 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 14, 2023

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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET: TUESDAY AUGUST 29, 2023
BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT
$60.00 PER TICKET – CHECK ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO TAL DEPT OF MA
NUMBER OF TICKETS: __________ x $60.00 = $_____________________
NO REFUND OF BANQUET TICKETS
40 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

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ALL GAME TIMES AND DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
NOTE: POSTPONED TO SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

CHAPTER 118, COHASSET MA

RIDE TO BENEFIT THE LEGACY FUND

The Legacy Fund is a charitable veterans fund used to ensure that there is a higher education for children who had a parent who lost their life while serving for the U.S. military or who have a 50% or higher service connected disability.

___SUNDAY JUNE 25, 2023___

RAIN DATE SUNDAY JULY 23, 2023

WHITMAN VFW, POST 697
95 ESSEX STREET
WHITMAN, MA 02382

REGISTRATION 9:30AM-11:00AM
BLESSING OF THE BIKES
KICKSTANDS UP @ 11:30AM

$20.00 PER RIDER, $10 FOR PASSENGERS, FOUR WHEELS & WALKINS

RIDE: LEISURELY SPEED OVER SECONDARY ROADS.
POST RIDE: BUFFET, RAFFLES, 50/50 AND MUSIC BY DJ ROB

IN ADDITION FOR YOUR PLEASURE COME SEE THE AWESOME CARS

SPONSORS AND VENDORS WELCOME
4th Annual "To Hail and Back" Poker Chip Run

SUNDAY JULY 9, 2023

Dudley Gendron American Legion
156 Boston Road
Sutton Mass 01590

Registration: 9:30 am
Kick stands up: 10:30 am

$20 Per Person

Ride Sponsor
Viking Bags

Proceeds from the ride are used to Benefit
The Garrison Speed Shop Inc.
Helping Vets and first responders. Visit https://garrisonspeedshop.org to learn more about the shop and their mission

Made with PosterMyWall.com
RIDE FOR THE HOLYOKE SOLDIERS HOME
Sponsored by Cherry Valley & Baldwinville ARA

PUBLIC EVENT - ALL RIDERS WELCOME
Saturday, July 15 (rain date July 16th)

Cherry Valley Post 443 - 167 Main Street, Cherry Valley, MA
$20 Rider - $10 Passenger

Registration 9:00 am
Kickstands up @ 11:00 am sharp

Food & Raffles

Proceeds to the Soldiers Home Holyoke, MA
Dalton American Legion
258 North Street
Dalton MA

Grand Outdoor Market

Saturday July 15th
10:00-4:00 PM

Vendors Needed:
$30 a space
$50 for 2 spaces
(can also rent a table and 2 chairs for $10)

Call or Text Neil at
413-822-2752 or

Email:
DaltonAmericanLegion155@gmail.com

Tag Sale Items
Crafts
Direct Sales
Antiques
Farmers Market
Food
Freedom Ride
Dalton American Legion
258 North Street
Dalton, MA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023
Registration 9 -10:30am
KSU 11am

Breakfast by the Auxillary

POST RIDE ACTIVITIES
Food - Drink - Raffle
Live music by the HOT SHOT HILLBILLIES
Vendors ~ Public Welcome
VERNON HILL AMERICAN LEGION
RIDERS CHAPTER 435 PRESENTS:

LEGEND FOR KIDS WITH CANCER

Sunday, August 13, 2023
267 Providence St., Worcester, MA
Registration—9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Kicksands up—11:30 AM

Please bring a new unwrapped LEGO set
or
$20 per person.

Riders and non-riders are welcome to join us after the ride at Vernon Hill American Legion Post
for food, music, raffles, 50/50, all starting at 2:00 pm.

For more information check out our Facebook page by going to
www.facebook.com/VernonHillALR435

Proceeds to Benefit UMass Memorial, Why Me & Sherry’s House
and Notre Dame Healthcare PediPals

Why Me
& Sherry’s House

Children’s Medical Center
UMass Memorial Health
UMass Memorial Medical Center

PEDI PALS
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
CHAPTER 142
ASHBURNHAM, MA
132 Williams Rd.
01430

POKER RUN

Sat. Aug. 26th. 2023 At 1:00 pm

SAVE the DATE

$15 Riders / $15 Passengers
You have to pay to play
Food will be available when return

Sign ups @ KSU @
About 60 miles

Contact:

All Proceeds Benefit Veterans and Community
1st Annual Brenda's Ride

August 27, 2023

Dudley Gendron
American Legion
156 Boston Road
Sutton Ma 01590

Registration: 9:00 AM
Kick Stands Up: 10:30 AM

Last year the Central Mass Legion Riders along with our friends and families all came together to do something great for one of our own. Brenda wanted to do something to pay it forward, and help children this year. Brenda has chosen Operation Camp as the charity for this year's ride. Every year Operation Camp sends children of fallen military members to summer camps, anywhere in the United States. Proceeds from this ride will go towards helping support our Gold Star Families children. Visit https://www.operationcamp.org to learn more about this amazing organization.
**registration form**

$100 per Golfer

**team captain**

**email address**

**player #2**

**player #3**

**player #4**

To register, mail this completed form with payment to:

Spencer American Legion GOLF  
175 Main Street  
Spencer, MA 01562

or reserve via email to Carol at cperron@hlcu.org

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**Come Golf with Us!**

Gaudette-Kirk American Legion  
Post 138  
175 Main Street  
Spencer MA,01562  
Tel: (508) 885-3793

Golf Tournament

1919 2019

Learn More at:  
https://www.spencermaph088.com

Saturday September 9, 2023  
At Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club

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The Spencer American Legion  
Gaudette-Kirk Post 138

As a veterans organization and the only veterans service hall in Spencer, we are 
proud to support our local veterans and the local community. Our building is used 
by several Boy Scout groups as well as the elderly, and other not-for-profit 
groups looking for a safe environment to host activities. For over 100 years, the Post 
and its members have been serving local veterans and the memories of those who 
have passed. As a sponsor of this event you have the opportunity to show your 
support by advertising at one of our)

**the tournament**

Enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, 
breakfast, lunch and dinner

7am - registration  
(with coffee and pastries)

8:30 - Shotgun Start  
(scramble format)

3pm - Dinner and Awards  
(back at Post 138 in Spencer)

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**contact number**

**sponsorship level**

**amount**

Thank You for your support!
Erik’s Ride Shoot and Scoot

We’re back! Join us!
Our aim is to end addiction!
American Legion Riders Post 234 and Goal of Northborough
Will be hosting our Fifth Annual Poker/Shoot Run

September 16, 2023
Registration begins at 8:30 AM, KSU at 9:45

We will ride as 1 group to our first gun range. After all shoot, we will go to our next scheduled location, and after visiting all ranges, finish up at Post 234, Northborough.

*Everyone will take a total of 5 shots*
The 1st club 1 warm up shot and 1 shot on target, 2nd and 3rd Club, 2 shots each for a total of 5 shots for everyone.
The best hand wins. In case of tie, we will add the points up on the card target. Highest points break tie.

Range Officer is final decision maker at each range!
You use your handgun, that is legal in Massachusetts, use of metal sites only (no laser sites).

This is a DRUG and ALCOHOL FREE EVENT during the ride
$$ Rider/Shooter $35.00 • Cookout Only $20.00 — Rain or Shine Event

Join us at Vincent F. Picard Post 234 - 402 W Main Street, Northborough, MA 01532

After the ride — Cookout and raffles, 50/50
And the announcement of our Hot shot winner!

Contact: E.J. Sowden @ 774-249-3113 or John Herstedt @ 508-254-3185
For questions, or email us at ERIKRIDE@YAHOO.COM

Follow us on Facebook American Legion Riders Massachusetts Chapter 234
All proceeds benefit Veterans & Families who need help with funeral costs.
Fundraiser to benefit
American Legion Post 113
Manchester-by-the Sea, MA

September 30, 2023, 1pm-6pm
Rain or Shine

Enjoy an afternoon of Live Music, Food, Raffles
50/50, Fun games and Caricatures
Come one and all to Fund-Fest

Support Post 113
Tickets $20-includes Food
ATM on Premises, Credit Cards Accepted

Sponsored by Post 113 American Legion Riders
with support from our 113 Sons and Auxiliary