



The American Legion Department Of Massachusetts

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Legionnaires,

Simple request from your adjutant and membership coordinator regarding Department Banquets, Testimonials, and Parties that have booster sheets, ads, and tickets please, please make out the checks separately. Each goes into a different accounts. It is difficult to keep track accurately if the office has to divide your checks.

Chain of command, we are all past military and understand the concept. If your Post has an issue your first line in your chain of command is your District Commander. Any and all complaints received by the Department or the National Organization are sent right back to the District Commanders. Efficiency is a beautiful thing. Let us all be more efficient and use the structure already in place to handle issues. Problems get solved quicker that way. If a person makes a complaint it must be submitted in **WRITING** and **SIGNED!** Or it goes in the Adjutant's filing system.

Forms, forms, forms, forms, forms, forms, forms, forms, yes forms. We still have Posts that have not turned in their forms. Posts will be precluded from Department awards if Post forms are not turned in. I hate to see a Post that deserves an award not receive one because they have not turned in a form.

There seems to be confusion regarding Calendar Year and Membership Year. Calendar year is January 1st to December 31st. Legion Membership Year is July 1st to June 30th. Why is this important? See below.

Article 7 Section 4 states in The Department Constitution and By-Laws, "Election of all Post Officers shall be held before July 1st, and the Post Commander, as the Post shall prescribe, shall appoint such other officers before July 1st, and the Department Adjutant shall be notified, of all officers on or before July 15th." All Posts that have elections after July 1st are in violation of our Department Constitution & By-Laws. Why this is important? **FORMS** and **COMMUNICATION.** Department & District Officers cannot plan their visits to our Posts if they don't know when Posts meets. Department cannot contact a Post with questions or issues such as correct addresses for PUFL checks and if we don't know have the most current information. Which is found on what? **THE FORMS.**



Elections are different than installations. A Post may elect a new officer and not install them until later. Once an officer is elected his or her term begins.

Posts need to make every attempt to send a representative to their respected District meetings. This is where the information concerning the Legion is shared. We cannot share it if you are not there. Posts call constantly saying "I didn't know that". Did you go to your District Meeting?

Another good source of information can be found on E-Legionnaire found on our website At www.masslegion.org

There is a new Legion App. Legion+. Can be found in the App Store please put in Legion and spell the word Plus. This app now has an electronic membership card. Members will be able to renew and recruit via QR code. Plenty of good information with plans to expand to include the CPR report.

Holiday season is fast approaching and I wanted to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Please remember all those who are struggling this year due to natural disaster, mental health, and homelessness. If possible a random act of kindness during this holiday season goes a long way.

Okay your Adjutant is done with agitating.

For God and Country,

Lisa A. McPhee
Department Adjutant
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***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***