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Commander's Corner



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Why It's Crucial for American Legion Members to Engage with Politicians

The American Legion has long been a pillar of advocacy for veterans, service members, and their families. While the organization tirelessly serves communities through programs, events, and support initiatives, one of its most impactful roles lies in influencing public policy. For this reason, it is essential that American Legion members actively engage with politicians at all levels of government. Here's why this advocacy is so important:

Shaping Policies That Affect Veterans

Elected officials wield the power to create and modify laws and policies that directly impact veterans. From healthcare services through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to education benefits under the GI Bill, these decisions affect the lives of millions of veterans and their families. By engaging with politicians, Legion members can ensure these policies reflect the needs and priorities of the veteran community.

For example, advocacy campaigns led by organizations like the Legion have successfully influenced legislation on issues such as improving VA healthcare access, funding mental health programs, and protecting retirement benefits. Without consistent communication from veterans themselves, lawmakers might overlook critical issues or misunderstand their urgency.

Educating Lawmakers About Veteran Issues

Not all politicians have served in the military or have firsthand knowledge of the challenges veterans face. American Legion members play

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TO ASK VETERANS
IN YOUR LIFE
HOW THEY ARE DOING

TO LISTEN WHEN
A VETERAN
NEEDS TO TALK

TO REACH OUT
WHEN A VETERAN
IS STRUGGLING



a key role in bridging this gap by educating lawmakers on issues such as transitioning to civilian life, combating veteran homelessness, and providing adequate mental health support. Personal stories and real-life experiences shared during town halls, letters, or face-to-face meetings can humanize policy discussions, leading to more informed decision-making.

Strength in Numbers: The Power of Collective Advocacy

The American Legion boasts a membership of nearly two million individuals nationwide. This network represents a significant voting bloc that politicians cannot afford to ignore. When Legion members reach out as a united front, their voices carry weight, signaling to lawmakers that veterans' issues are a priority for their constituents. Collective advocacy amplifies individual concerns, making them harder for politicians to dismiss.

Protecting the Legacy of Service

Engaging with politicians also ensures that the sacrifices of veterans are honored and preserved for future generations. Legislative advocacy can lead to the establishment of memorials, recognition of military service through national holidays, and funding for veteran-focused educational initiatives. By working with lawmakers, Legion members can protect the legacy of service and ensure that veterans' contributions to society are never forgotten.

Influencing Local, State, and Federal Policy

While federal laws often take the spotlight, state and local governments also play a crucial role in shaping veterans' experiences. State-level initiatives can impact issues like property tax exemptions for veterans, state-funded mental health programs, and local veteran employment opportunities. American Legion members engaging with politicians at all levels can ensure that veteran-focused policies are implemented and enforced comprehensively.

Strengthening Democracy

Advocating for veterans' rights and needs through political engagement not only supports the veteran community but also strengthens democracy. Active civic participation by American Legion members sets an example for the broader community, encouraging others to get involved in the political process. It reinforces the principle that democracy works best when citizens are informed, engaged, and persistent in advocating for their values.

How Members Can Take Action

- **Build Relationships:** Attend town hall meetings, participate in local events, and engage with elected officials to establish open lines of communication.
- **Educate Politicians:** Share personal stories and provide data to help lawmakers understand the impact of their decisions.
- **Participate in Advocacy Campaigns:** Join national initiatives like the American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts to coordinate efforts and amplify your voice.
- **Vote:** Encourage voter registration and participation among members to ensure that the veteran community's concerns are represented at the ballot box.

Conclusion

The American Legion's mission includes advocating for veterans' interests and ensuring their sacrifices are recognized by society. Engaging with politicians is one of the most effective ways to achieve this goal. By educating lawmakers, shaping policy, and strengthening democracy,

Legion members can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of veterans, their families, and the communities they call home.

Through persistent advocacy, the American Legion ensures that the voices of those who served are not only heard but respected and acted upon.

Commander's Corner - Presenting the Veteran of the Game



Presenting the Veterans of the Game at the Springfield Thunderbirds our Department Commander Nelson Blake and Department Vice-Commander Ryan Howe

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The month of December started out with a bang for our Legion Family. The Bedford VA Gift Shop was just getting over and those at the Veterans Homes in Chelsea and Holyoke, and the VA facilities at Northampton, Jamaica Plains, and Roxbury were off and running. I was unable to participate in them as we spent 10 days taking care of the Veterans at the Veterans Home in Chelsea. We were very thankful to the leadership at the Veterans Home in Chelsea for allowing us to have the space and time to accomplish this undertaking. I was, however, able to participate in the Brocton VA Gift Shop as it was held after the one in Chelsea. Full reports for those events will be given at our DEC Meeting in January by our VA & MVS Representatives, so we will be sharing a more rounded report on them in next month's Newsletter.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our Legion Family for all the assistance they provided to us at all of these Gift Shops. Their help and donations are truly appreciated and invaluable. Because of all of you, we were able to make the holidays so much brighter for our hospitalized Veterans and their families. Thus, my wish for the New Year is for us keep up the awesome **"Family"** relationship I saw and experienced during these times.

We were also able to take care of the Veterans living in several Veterans Homes in the Department. Two that I am aware of are the Bellingham Home in downtown Chelsea and The Habitat Plus Home in Lynn. PDC Sandra Davis brought me 15 backpacks loaded with gifts for the Women Veterans at the Chelsea Home which were donated by the members of the 20/4, which is the Honor Society of Women Legionnaires. They have been doing this for many years.

When PDC Tony Dias made a trip to Chelsea to drop off donations, we were able to join the Veterans and their families that day for lunch and entertainment. I was pleased to be able to show him around. Tony was so happy to see that our long-term-care Veterans had such a special new home.

I do know that leading up to the Holidays, many of our members were involved in their communities helping at Food Drives, donating to Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army and participating in Wreaths Across America.

I do hope that all of you were able to have a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy Holiday. Wishing you a Healthy, Happy New Year. We look forward to continuing our Mission with all of you and to **"Be the One."**

Thank you for always letting your Auxiliary share our events in your Newsletter. It is truly appreciated.

DP Donna Blattenberger



The American Legion Department of Massachusetts

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Good Day Legionnaires,

As we head into the long cold days of winter a reminder about the two informational sessions coming up in February. National Organization is coming to Boston! Why in the middle of February? Who knows? It is good information, everyone is encourage to attend. National Regional Information Conference February 1, 2025 at the Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor, 101 Harborside Drive, Boston MA 02128. The link [National Regional Information Conference](#) for registration. The second informational session is sponsored by District 3 (all are welcomed to include all Districts, SAL, AUX, and Riders) to be held at the Chicopee Elks Lodge 421 Granby Rd, Chicopee, MA 01013 on February 8-9, 2025. Please register by sending an email to deptadjutant@masslegion.org.

National Commander's Visit and Banquet coming April 4-5. All are welcomed to greet our National Commander James A. LaCoursiere Jr. at his Luncheon on April 5, 2025. Packets will be sent to all Post's if not already with information regarding tickets, ads, and boosters. Hope to see you all there.

Finally, as we head into winter please conduct buddy checks on our fellow veterans. Winter can be a tough time of year. Let's continue to Be The One who warm up the hearts of our fellow veterans and friends during this winter season.

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*



Department Executive Committee Meeting

January 11, 2025

Cherry Vally Post 443

167 Main Street

Cherry Valley, MA (Leicester)

Finance—10:00 AM

Membership—11:00 AM

DEC—1:00 PM



District 3 Presents Mid-Winter Conference

February 8-9, 2025 10 am to 5 pm

Chicopee Elks Lodge
421 Granby Rd
Chicopee, MA 01013

Lunch & Beverages Provided
RSVP BY 02/01/2025 to
deptadjutant@masslegion.org

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

Post Commander & Post Adjutant training including, all forms, IRS 990's, State Non Profit Annual Report, Membership, Fundraising, and much more!!!! Attendance Raffle



As of 12/27/2024 the department is knocking on the door of 75%. Membership Goal of 80% is just 2 weeks away, January 15th. With the holidays in the rear view mirror, we need to get on our renewals. Department retention rate is hovering right around the 75th percentile also. We have a couple of Posts with 100% Membership goal, but only 80% or so retention, let's close that back door. Kudos to D7 for leading the pack with Posts that have attained 100% Membership Goal.

And speaking of retention rate! **REMEMBER**, the retention contest has a crucial deadline looming. A Post must achieve a 95% retention rate to remain eligible to remain in the running for a \$500.00 retention prize. Get 100% by New Years Eve - earn an additional 5 pts.

5 of 9 Districts made it to the 75% goal, but we are short of the 80% by a fairly wide margin.. Let's look under every stone and carpet for renewals and new members. Why harp on membership continuously? We are a member based organization, and members drive the programs and the votes. And the votes drive Congress to back veteran programs

Still having a hard time with MyLegion.org? Please let us know, we can help, I mean it! Short story: Sat with a Post Commander to help with MyLegion.org. Went through the REGISTRATION portal, they send back a OTP (one time password). Go to his e-mail, only to find out his e-mail had been disabled and corrupt for 12.5 months. No wonder he couldn't get an OTP and could not register with MyLegion.

Can't say this enough: Got your permissions to work membership on MyLegion.org? If not, let us know, we can help. Before you call, make sure the Post Commander and Adjutant form is current. 29% have not submitted this form.

462 Post: This is our "cloud" of members, most know what it is and how it works. I will be sending this list out, want to get on an exclusive e-mail list, send me a note. Prepared as an Excel spreadsheet, it will be distributed to your District Membership Team (DMT).

Membership Sources: Everywhere. Headed to a veteran centric event, bring along a couple of "Why Belong" brochures, spread the good word of The American Legion.

CPR:

New Form is ready for your review, go to MyLegion.org and download a copy today!!

Things to REMEMBER!

See you at the DEC in Cherry Valley.

Holding on to Memberships, bring them to the DEC.

Scott M. Conner,

Sr. Vice Commander, Membership Chair

scottscpo@Gmail.com

Greetings ,American Legion Family . I hope this edition finds all of you and your loved ones in good health and spirits this holiday season .

With the new year upon us, I once again want to focus on our 50-50 online Department raffle. As mentioned previously, this is our only winter fundraiser having replaced the sweepstakes of previous years. Please consider participating as not only do you have a chance to win cash but your participation helps fund The Department and our programs. The winner will be drawn at the January Department Executive Committee Meeting, so you have only about two weeks to enter.

Thank you in advance and thanks to all who have already entered.

Mike Davis PNEC- Marketing Chairman

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Department of Massachusetts



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Ladies Fast Pitch



Oratorical



Scouting



Boys State



American Legion Baseball

Defending the Constitution: Establishment Clause Lawsuits and Americanism

As a cornerstone of Americanism, the American Legion has long championed the principles of patriotism, citizenship, and community service. A vital aspect of this mission involves protecting the Constitution, particularly the Establishment Clause. This provision, enshrined in the First Amendment, ensures the separation of church and state.

Understanding the Establishment Clause

The Establishment Clause prohibits the government from establishing an official religion or favoring one faith over another. This fundamental principle safeguards individual freedom of conscience and promotes a neutral, inclusive environment for citizens of all faiths.

Establishment Clause Lawsuits: A Growing Concern

In recent years, Establishment Clause lawsuits have surged, testing the boundaries of church-state separation. These cases often involve:

Government-endorsed religious displays Challenges to public displays of religious symbols, such as crosses or nativity scenes. School prayer and religious instruction Disputes over prayer in public schools, religious instruction, and the teaching of creationism.

Government funding of religious institutions Lawsuits concerning government funding for faith-based organizations, schools, or social services.

The American Legion's Role in Defending the Establishment Clause

As a stalwart defender of the Constitution, the American Legion has been involved in various Establishment Clause cases. The organization's efforts aim to:

Uphold the Constitution Protect the Establishment Clause and ensure the separation of church and state.

Promote patriotism and citizenship Educate citizens about the importance of church-state separation and its role in preserving American democracy.

Support veterans and their families Ensure that veterans' rights and freedoms, including religious liberty, are safeguarded.

Conclusion

The American Legion remains committed to defending the Establishment Clause, recognizing its essential role in preserving the separation of church and state. By promoting patriotism, citizenship, and community service, the Legion works tirelessly to uphold the Constitution and protect the freedoms it guarantees.

For our Devotion to mutual Helpfulness

Bob Jerdan DVC 24-25

Americanism Chairman 24-25

Candidate for Department SR Vice Commander 25-26



Bring Legion Softball to your Community in 2025!!

After a successful inaugural season with 4 teams , we are liking to double in 2026—and we need your help!

Why start a Legion Softball Team

- Affordable: A typical season costs \$2,000–\$3,000, and nearly all teams last year raised enough funds to make it free or very low-cost for players through sponsorships and community support.

- Accessible: Open to high school girls (grades 8-12, ages 13-19) who want to stay on the field after the school season ends. It’s a perfect fit for players who can’t commit to expensive travel softball or want to add more games to their

summer schedule.

- Flexible: Teams have the freedom to create their own schedules! Last season, coaches worked directly with the league and other teams to set up games that fit their availability. Games can be played on weekdays or weekends, allowing teams to work around summer commitments. Each team plays 10-12 games between late June and July.

- Community-Centered: Build partnerships between your local American Legion Post, recreational leagues, and families while supporting young female athletes.

Learn More:

 Massachusetts Legion Softball Website - <https://masslegion.org/programs/legion-softball>

 Google Form: Receive More Info - <https://forms.gle/2RVyn1FHEBRuMd6J9>

 Read About Our First Season in this news article - <https://www.telegram.com/.../american-legion.../74514245007/>

[#MassachusettsLegionSoftball](#) [#MassachusettsSoftball](#) [#AmericanLegionSports](#) [#GirlsFastpitch](#)

Eagle Scout of the Year
Scouting Committee,
Department of Massachusetts



*Given recent changes in the Scouting program, now known as **Scouting America**, as well as the confusion between eligibility requirements for the **TAL Eagle Scout of the Year** versus the eligibility for the **TAL Department Camporee**, please follow these guidelines as listed on *The American Legion National site*, and *The Dept of Massachusetts*:*

Applications must be received by 17MAR25

– via e-mail to: oc1776@gmail.com, Scouting Chair, OC OConnor

Eligibility Requirements:

<https://www.legion.org/get-involved/scholarships/american-legion-eagle-scout-of-the-year-scholarship>

THE NOMINEE MUST:

- Be either a registered active member of a Boy Scouts of America unit that is **CHARTERED** to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron. A Scouting unit that is solely “sponsored” to attend the annual Department of Massachusetts, American Legion Camporee does not qualify for this CHARTERING status.

OR

- Be a registered active member of any chartered Boy Scouts of America unit and have a parent or grandparent possessing up-to-date membership in The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary, and in the case of a recently deceased member, their membership for the year immediately prior to the current year may be used.

AND

- Received the Eagle Scout Award.
- Received a Scouts BSA or Venturer Religious Emblem.
- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and community.
- Have reached their 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- Applied through the department (state) in which their Scout unit is chartered.
- Provide documentation of current BSA membership. (Membership must be valid for the year in which you are applying.)

*** **ALL Americanism Programs of TAL** – promote to those units to find well suited/ interested youth participants – Scouting: the best damn Youth Leadership Development Program out there – invest in our country’s future !
(see the next page for chartered units by town)

Scouting Committee Intel - a great resource for expanding TAL Americanism Programs

This is a list of Massachusetts Posts who have a CHARTERED status of either Scouts, Cub Scouts, or Venture Crew - listed by town.

Typically, a youth in Scouting participates for 8-10 years, has a very healthy respect for country, citizenship, flag etiquette, team work, leadership development, and the RED, WHITE, and BLUE !!!

*** Our Americanism programs will be very well received by these Scouts and their leaders - promote and invest in our future.....

Dept Massachusetts Posts with Scouting CHARTERS

American Legion Post 112 - Abington	Abington
Ashburnham-American Legion Post #142	Ashburnham
Ashby-American Legion Post # 361	Ashby
American Legion Post 77	Ashland
Athol-American Legion Post #102	Athol
Barre-American Legion Post #2	Barre
Anthony Hunt Hamilton A.L. Post 221	Bedford
Berkley Post 121 American Legion	Berkley
Charlton - American Legion Post 391	Charlton
Duxbury Post #223 American Legion	Duxbury
American Legion Post 91 - East Bridgewater	E. Bridgewater
American Legion Post 224	Easthampton
Sturbridge - Champeau-Vilandre American Legion	Fiskdale
American Legion Lawrence W Foster	Foxborough
Gardner-American Legion Post #129	Gardner
Gardner-American Legion Post #129	Gardner
American Legion Post 266	Granby
American Legion Post 271	Hadley
Leominster-American Legion Post # 151	Leominster
American Legion Post of Manchester Post 113	Manchester
American Legion Post 132	Marlborough
American Legion Beckwith Post 110	Medfield
American Legion Post 367 - Medway	Medway
American Legion Post 355 - Roger L Wood	Mendon

TAL National Report - (latest report)

Simeon L Nickerson Post 64 America Legion	Middleboro
American Legion Post #227	Middleton
American Legion Post 208 Millis	Millis
American Legion, Post 143, Pembroke	Pembroke
American Legion Post 40	Plymouth
American Legion Post 405 Lt Chester A Barse	Raynham
American Legion Post 302	Rehoboth
American Legion Post 61	Revere
American Legion Post 98	Rockport
American Legion Post 311	Seekonk
American Legion Post 340	Sheffield
Shrewsbury - American Legion Ray Stone Post #238	Shrewsbury
American Legion Post 338	Southwick
Spencer - Gaudette-Kirk Post 138-American Legion	Spencer
Sterling-American Legion Post 189	Sterling
American Legion Post 303	Swansea
Ware - Earl A Howe American Legion Post #123	Ware
James L Melvin Post #379	West Boyford
American Legion Post 124	Westfield
American Legion Post 437	Westford
American Legion Post 136	Wilmington
Winchendon-American Legion Post # 193	Winchendon
Woburn Post 101	Woburn



The American Legion's support for Boy Scouts of America began at the Legion's first national convention in 1919.

Today, Legion posts sponsor more than 2,500 Scouting units across the country. This is natural for Legionnaires, who bring their service-learned skills and experiences as veterans to help build character and positive traits in our country's youth. Few other post activities generate more goodwill

from the community.

The American Legion annually honors the Eagle Scout of the Year at the national convention. The winner of the competition receives a \$10,000 scholarship, and the three runners-up are each awarded \$2,500 scholarships.

For further information contact your [Department Adjutant](#).



BOYS STATE COMMITTEE
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
RM 546-2 STATE HOUSE BOSTON MA 02133
617-727-2966

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

The 2025 Boys State Program will be held at Stonehill College, North Easton, from **Saturday, June 14, 2025 to Friday, June 20, 2025**. This year, the cost of sponsoring each boy will be **\$400.00** for the regular tuition, or **\$375.00** for those who pay for students by the **“EARLY BIRD”** registration date of **APRIL 15, 2025**, after the cost is **\$400.00**. **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 (page 2) indicating your Post Chairman, as all future correspondence will be mailed directly to them.** All checks for the 2025 Boys State Session must be in the hands of chairman by **May 20, 2025**. 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, 2025 interest application, including video, photographs, program books, and program descriptions. Students and parents should be directed to this resource for information and announcements.

Beginning in January 2025, 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 2025 Boys Stater

- 1. Detailed instructions will be provided in the application packets that are sent to the Post if by regular mail.**
- 2. Or emailed to the address provided on page 2**



DISTRICT	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE #
1	George Oleen	gao1964@gmail.com	413-229-6670
1	Dale Alden	aldewndale@hotmail.com	413-229-8163
3	Ryan Howe	Shawn.r.howe.yf@gmail.com	413-875-5923
4	Lisa McPhee	Lredsox1964@aol.com	978-230-6208
5	Nelson Blake	captblake82@gmail.com	978-726-8272
6	Dick Hynes	dickhynes.dbassociates@gmail.com	508-735-5509
6	Wendy Eng (CONS)	48 Payne St Quincy MA	617-584-0078
7	Matt Seto	mmseto@gmail.com	781-789-7347
8	Bruce Heisey	bbheisey@hotmail.com	978-526-4880
9	Richard Mangels	richmangels@gmail.com	774-301-0164
10	Francis MacDonald	fmacdonald53@comcast.net	508-477-0955
Chairman	Mark Avis	avis14@comcast.net	413-535-9234

TEAR OFF SHEET TO RECEIVE YOUR BOYS STATE APPLICATION

Send this form to:

Mark Avis
14 Shaw St
Palmer MA 01069

POST _____ DISTRICT _____

NUMBER OF BOYS _____ CHECK AMOUNT _____

Sponsors Name _____

Post Chairman _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Zip code _____

High School _____

High School Contact _____

Please send the **APPLICATION** for Boys State via **email to this address**:

Email: _____

Over the past year, there have been many changes to the American Legion History contest – changes that are outlined in Resolution Number 20, Authorization for Conducting Department History Contest and Post History Showcase (<https://archive.legion.org/node/15154>). Moving forward in 2025, departments will be able to submit:

- 1 one-year digital Department history for contest (these entries will be judged and showcased on the online exhibit)
- 1 one-year hard-copy Post history for showcase (these entries will be showcased at National Convention)
- 1 one-year digital Post history for showcase (these entries will be showcased on the online exhibit)

The complete guidelines for the 2025 contest can be found at: <https://legionhistoryshowcase.omeka.net/exhibits/show/2025entries/2025-contest-and-showcase-info>.

As leaders and members of NADHAL, I would encourage you to become familiar with these guidelines and help mentor other historians throughout The American Legion, particularly those who are just starting out in the role. Although we would like all departments to submit their work to the contest, the most important goal is for them to start recording their histories for the benefit of future generations. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the organization, and I want to wish you all a happy holiday season and a positive new year!

Jennifer Laux, The American Legion National Historian 2024-2025

Calendar of Events

August 1, 2025 – Department history books (digital) must be submitted for judging.

August 8, 2025—Post submissions (digital and hardcopy) must be submitted for the national showcase.

August 23, 2025, History Book with NADHAL meeting to follow at National Convention in Tampa, Florida. Times to be determined.



Many of you have been receiving E-mails claiming to be from officers of the Department including the Commander. Scammers use email or text messages to trick you into giving them your personal and financial information. But there are several ways to protect yourself.

How To Recognize Phishing

Scammers use email or text messages to try to steal your passwords, account numbers, or Social Security numbers. If they get that information, they could get access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Or they could sell your information to other scammers. Scammers launch thousands of phishing attacks like these every day — and they're often successful.

Scammers often update their tactics to keep up with the latest news or trends, but here are some common tactics used in phishing emails or text messages:

Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. You might get an unexpected email or text message that looks like it's from a company you know or trust, like a bank or a credit card or utility company. Or maybe it's from an online payment website or app. The message could be from a scammer, who might:

- say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts — they haven't
- Impersonate someone you know, like a family member, friend, or coworker. — it's fake
- claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information — there isn't
- say you need to confirm some personal or financial information — you don't
- include an invoice you don't recognize — it's fake
- want you to click on a link to make a payment — but the link has malware
- say you're eligible to register for a government refund — it's a scam
- offer a coupon for free stuff — it's not real
- claim they are busy and need you to buy something for them — it's not real

Here's a real-world example of a phishing email I received:

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Sandra Davis presidentplace@sapo.pt Sep 6, 2023, 7:03 PM (15 hours ago)

to me

,Hello Andrew

I presently have limited phone access because I'm not in the office. Will you be able to take care of our Operating (networking activities, website hosting) and program services expenses? which is due, on our behalf?

Let me know if you can pay for it through Zelle/Venmo/Paypal, so I can send you the vendor's payment information for any of the payment options most suitable for you and I will have your reimbursement will be processed in the morning

Best regards

Sandra Davis

COMMANDER

Sent from my Phone.

Imagine you saw this in your inbox. At first glance, this email looks real, but it's not. Scammers who send emails like this one are hoping you won't notice it's a fake.

Here are signs that this email is a scam, even though it looks like it comes from a company you know — and even uses the Departments information and Officer titles:

The email has a generic greeting, (she has never called me Andrew)

The return email is not the email the person uses. (presidentplace@sapo.pt)

The email Says communication by phone is not available. (This is done so you will not check)

The email invites you to click on a link or asks for a payment be made of any kind.

While real companies might communicate with you by email, legitimate companies won't email or text with a link to update your payment information. None of the Officers will email you asking for gift cards or any other items. Phishing emails can often have real consequences for people who give scammers their information, including identity theft. And they might harm the reputation of the companies they're spoofing.

Hope this helps all of you in understanding and helping others know what to look for.

Drew Pajak

Department Vice Commander
Retired Law Enforcement Officer

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Massachusetts
Children and Youth Program Annual Mini Golf Tournament**



March 30, 2025
Team Registration
\$20.00 per player

Name of Team: _____

Minimum players per team is 4 with a maximum of 5

Team Members:

Name, address, and phone of contact member and team members:

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____

Please make all checks payable to ALA Department of Massachusetts and include Mini Golf Tournament in the memo.

Please send checks to Lisa Gauthier, 139A Elm Street, Winchendon, MA 01475. Deadline for all registrations is March 20, 2025.

For further information, please contact Lisa Gauthier at lisagauthier1959@yahoo.com or at (978)-350-7755



**DETACHMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**The American Legion Family of Massachusetts
“Partnership for the Kids”**

Dear Partners:

The American Legion Family of Massachusetts, in conjunction with Boston Children’s Hospital, Baystate Children’s Hospital and UMass Memorial Healthcare is proud to continue supporting a program called:

“Partnership for the Kids”

The “Partnership for the Kids” program provides an opportunity for Post, Units, Squadrons, Rider Chapters, Individuals or Private Business to support our local Children’s Hospitals and receive the recognition they deserve. Through the “Partnership for the Kids” we have created “American Legion Family Dream Makers”. A Dream Maker is a Post, Unit, Squadron, Rider Chapter, Individual or Private Business that contributes \$250.00 or more to one of our Children’s Hospitals listed above. A mountable certificate will be issued to those who attain the “Dream Maker” status. However, donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. A \$10.00 donation can give a Million Dollars’ worth of hope to the Children in these hospitals.

Every year, Children’s Hospitals treat millions of children for every disease and injury imaginable. Since the beginning of this program, the American Legion Family in Massachusetts has contributed \$178,956.00 dollars to the Children’s Hospitals here in Massachusetts to ensure that the best care is available whenever children need it. One hundred percent of the funds raised stay at the hospital you wish to contribute. Last year at the 13th Annual American Legion Family “Partnership for Kids Bowling Tournament the total raised was \$11,741.00. This tournament has raised over \$94,000 for the three hospitals here in Massachusetts. We hope the 14th Annual American Legion Family “Partnership for Kids” Bowling Tournament being held on April 26, 2025 will be equally successful.

Local Posts, Units, Squadrons and Riders can work directly with their local Children’s Hospital. The contact information is listed below:

Boston Children’s Hospital	Baystate Children’s Hospital	Office of Philanthropy
Boston’s Children’s Hospital	Baystate Health Foundation	UMass Memorial Healthcare
401 Park Dr., Suite 602	280 Chestnut Street, 6 th Floor	365 Plantation St, Biotech One
Boston, MA 02215	Springfield, MA 01199	Worcester, MA 01605
ATTN: Erin McCarthy	ATTN: Maria Gorecki	ATTN: Liz Parker-Gagne

A Massachusetts American Legion Family donation form has been created which allows us to track the donations by each Post, Unit, Squadron, Rider Chapter, individual and private business. All donations will be made directly to the hospital of your choice. This will allow them to put your donation to work as soon as it arrives.

Please join us in helping our children at these hospitals and become a

Massachusetts American Legion Family Dream Maker



Department of Massachusetts The American Legion Family

Post, Unit, Squadron, Riders Number: _____

Post, Unit, Squadron, Riders, Individual, Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Post, Unit, Squadron, Riders, Individual, Business Address:

City: _____, State: _____, Zip Code: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____
Make checks payable to the
Children's Hospital of your choice.

Please circle the organization the donation is from:

POST UNIT SQUADRON RIDERS INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS

Baystate Children's Hospital

Baystate Health Foundation
280 Chestnut Street, 6th Floor
Springfield, MA 01199
ATTN: **Maria Gorecki**

Boston Children's Hospital

Boston Children's Hospital
401 Park Drive, Suite 602
Boston, MA 02215
ATTN: **Lauren Cellucci**

UMass Memorial Healthcare

Office of Philanthropy
UMass Memorial health Care
365 Plantation Street, Biotech One RM 301
ATTN: **Liz Parker-Gague**





The American Legion Family

14th ANNUAL “PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS” BOWLING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th, 2025
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

WEBSTER TIMBER LANES
460 Bedford St., Abington, MA 02351

**Proceeds to benefit Boston Children’s Hospital, Bay State Children’s Hospital
and UMass Memorial Children’s Medical Center**

Limited to 22 teams – First come, first served for team sign-ups
Five Person Teams
\$25 per person / \$125 per team / \$10 for non-bowlers

50/50 Raffles | Food provided during tournament

Send payment & registration forms to:
Clifford A. Smith
53 Messenger St. Apt C, Plainville, MA 02762

Make checks payable to: Detachment of Mass SAL

*Confirmation of entry forms will be sent upon receipt of completed registration
Must be paid in full to secure registration*

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“PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS”
BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025
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 NO. _____

UNIT NO. _____

SQUADRON NO. _____

RIDER CHAPTER NO. _____

BOWLER NO.1 _____

BOWLER NO.2 _____

BOWLER NO.3 _____

BOWLER NO.4 _____

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 Mass SAL

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





Veterans Employment and Education Awards PDC Larry Connors

The first American Legion Veterans Employment & Education Commission award was established in 1947, and recognized individuals across the country who had established outstanding records in the employment and retention of workers with disabilities. Since that time, categories have been added to the award program. The Veterans Employment & Education Commission is striving to award all possible pending awards. We implore all departments to submit nominations for the awards with the hope that we receive all 400+ possible nominations. Each department is encouraged to participate in this program.

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1. Employer of Veterans Award—Small
2. Employer of Veterans Award—Medium
3. Employer of Veterans Award—Large
4. Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons Award
5. Employer of Older Workers Award
6. Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach Award
7. Employment Service Award a. Disabled Veterans Outreach Personnel (DVOP)
8. Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER)
9. Employment Service Local Office

The deadline for submission to the Veterans Employment & Education Commission in Washington, D.C., is January 15. It is important that the Department winners are submitted by this time to ensure that they are considered for the national award to be delivered at the annual National Convention.

Please submit written correspondence AND/ OR an electronic scanned copy in the form of an e-mail to the Washington, D.C. National Headquarters office. Please title your e-mail and letter: '[Title] Awards-[your state name]'

All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form and the narrative must not be longer than two pages. Supporting documents may be submitted but must not exceed ten pages. Nominations from posts, or sources outside The American Legion, must be sent to Department headquarters. The Department then selects one nominee as its winner and sends the nomination form for the winning employer to the Veterans Employment & Education Commission. That nomination form must be signed by either the Department Adjutant or Department Employment Chairman. Selection of the national winners will be made by the Veterans Employment & Education Commission during the annual Washington Conference. The national winners will receive a stipend for travel expenses and are presented award plaques at the National Convention.

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Grass Roots Information

Interested in what the Legion is advocating for in Congress on ***The Veteran's Role in Supporting the Military?*** Check out [our information paper](#) in the [Legislative Toolkit](#). This is a great starting point for a conversation with your elected officials!

As part of our ongoing Grassroots efforts, LegDiv staff is available to provide **Grassroots Training** tailored to the hosting Department's needs. If you are interested in hosting a Grassroots training event, please contact grassroots@legion.org or ejohnson@legion.org.



Voter Voice

The American Legion's Legislative Division uses VoterVoice as its grassroots advocacy platform for connecting American Legion members and advocates with their members of Congress. VoterVoice allows The American Legion to contact every member of Congress on large, national campaigns as well as target specific members on key committees that pertain to The American Legion's legislative priorities.

In 2023, The American Legion conducted action alert campaigns that resulted in nearly 48,000 emails sent to Congress by Legionnaires and advocates.

Contact your congressional representatives

You can contact your representative through our campaigns located on our Legislative Action Center, votervoicenet.com/AmericanLegion/home. Be sure to share The American Legion's legislative priorities using the Legislative Agenda when you contact their office. While you are there be sure to sign up for our legislative alerts so you can stay up to date on all of The American Legion's legislative campaigns.



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Washington Conference

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

March 2-5, 2025 – The American Legion's 65th Annual Washington Conference will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel. This conference provides an opportunity for Legionnaires to meet with their respective lawmakers and hear from members of Congress and VA leadership. The National Commander will also address attendees on legislative priorities during the National Commander's Rally. More details, such as agendas and schedules, will be updated [here](#).

With the beginning of a New Year, most of us make a pledge to do something positive. Here are 2 suggestions for all Legion members.

Basic Training:

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

Already taken the old course? The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

The course is arranged into 5 major topic areas and 1 concluding section. Each section will present information about the topic via text, images and video.

At the end of each topic area there is a quiz that will help gauge your understanding of the material. When you've completed each section quiz, you'll be able to take the final exam. The exam will take roughly ~30 minutes to complete.

Having taken the written course back in 2004 and the current course 2 years ago, I can say that is very current. Also, I found it easier to do it online. I encourage all to take the course and learn more about YOUR American Legion.

Although the election cycle is done for now, the legislative cycle begins again in January. This is where you and I continue to be involved. Our Congressional representatives in both the House and Senate need to hear from you AND I on how we want them to vote. The best way is by email and the easiest way is to follow the process outlined next.

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Register for Action Alerts today at <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/Register>

You can find relevant legislation and the Legion's stance on them in the [legislation section of VoterVoice!](#) Personally, I have been using this method for some time now. Once you sign up, it just takes one minute of time to send an email to my Congressional Representative and US Senators. Will you join me in reaching out to have our voices heard?

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

John Lenotte, Alternate National Executive Committeeman Department of MA;
Past Commander, Post 4 Haverhill MA; Past Commander District 8 Essex County and Past Commander, Department of MA. Member American Legion National Media and Communications Commission. Member, American Institute of Parliamentarians. Local Board Member, Selective Service System. I may be reached at jplenotte@gmail.com

The Wilbur M. Comeau Post 4, Haverhill, family members organized and fundraised over the past 6 months for the Sr Vice Commanders charity of choice. This time around, Senior Vice Commander Toby Lynch decided the Haverhill Fire Department would be the recipient of this donation. On the 21st of November Toby Lynch, Dave DiCeglie (Post Treasurer), Haverhill Fire Chief Robert O'Brien and Lt. Brian Ray appeared before the Haverhill Mayor and City Council to request permission and approval for the Fire Department to accept the donation. The funds will be dedicated to the fire departments S.A.F.E. program, which offers fire safety education and life-saving advice to children and elderly residents. The donation will help Lt. Ray in extending the reach of his program, teaching more Haverhill children about fire safety. On Saturday morning, December 7th, (*chosen to honor and respect community service for Pearl Harbor Day*), the \$10,000 check was presented at the Water Street Fire Station Headquarters.



Haverhill Mayor Melinda Barrett (center), Fire Chief Robert O'Brien (left) and Fire Lt. Brian Ray (right) shown accepting a \$10,000.00 donation from Post 4 / District 8 Commander Chris Manning, Sr. Vice Commander Toby Lynch and the Wilbur M. Comeau Post 4 Family members, representing the Post, the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 4, the Auxiliary Unit 4 and the American Legion Riders Chapter 4.

**POST COMMANDERS:
ORDER BIG, SAVE BIG!**

YOUR POST IS ALREADY PURCHASING COFFEE

HEAVILY DISCOUNTED 5LB BULK BAGS

Why not switch to premium coffee at a competitive price and support your fellow veterans? Every subscription helps fund The American Legion's Be The One initiative to help end veteran suicide.

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JOIN OTHER POST COMMANDERS WHO'VE MADE THE SWITCH.

Use code LEGION for 15% off and free shipping!



Who has a golfer in their family? Lisa Johnson is selling these for \$5 each. They have these 2 logos, one on each side. Proceeds go to "CWF" The Child Wellness Foundation. Hurry before they're gone!



Around the Department— Christmas Gift Shops



Chelsea Soldiers Home



Bedford VAMC



Northampton-Leads VAMC



Brockton VAMC





Around the Department— North Adams Post 125



North Adams American Legion Post 125 recently hosted a distinguished evening. Dennis St Pierre was the recipient of the American Patriots Award, which was presented by the Honorable John Barrett, State Representative, the Honorable Mayor Jennifer Macksey, Mayor of North Adams, and renowned TV personality Wayne Soares of "The Mess Hall" and "Silent Dignity".

Tommy Lussier received a Letter of Citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives, presented by the Honorable John Barrett, State Representative. These prestigious awards were bestowed upon the recipients prior to the North Adams American Legion Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony. The event was well-attended, with over 100 family, friends, and guests, making it a truly unforgettable night!!!





Around the Department— Morrisette Post 294



Annual Healing Tree Lighting



Around the Department— Cherry Valley Squadron 443



Gene Theroux, Mark McCue with Ava Askren

Congratulations to Ava Askren who was the recipient of the inaugural Detachment of Massachusetts American Legion Lady's Softball Fastpitch Scholarship.

Ava played for Cherry Valley 443 who also won the Department Championship. Ava attends Boston University as a Pre-Med student.

American Legion Department of Massachusetts Adjutant Lisa McPhee and Grace Connor presented the Department Championship plaque to Cherry Valley 443 Assistant Coach Louis "Butch" Gryzb and Head Coach Jessica Recko.

Detachment of Massachusetts National Executive Committee-man Mark McCue and alternate NEC Gene Theroux presented the scholarship certificate and a the one-thousand-dollar scholarship check.

Congratulations to all the participants and teams from the 2024 American Legion Department of Massachusetts Ladies' Fastpitch inaugural season.



Around the Department— Westfield Post 124



The American Legion Post 124 Riders represented by our Director, Isidro Aguinaga and Vice Director, Joe Gorneault along with members of the Westfield Fire Department presented a check for \$1470 to the Shriners Children's Hospital today. This was from the Ride which sponsored by both the Riders and Fire Department!

Great job to all!

This is your Legion Riders at work!

American Legion Post 124

#ShrinersChildrens



Around the Department— Westfield Post 124



Two members of American Legion Post 124 took part in a ceremony conducted by JB Hunt Trucking Company terminal in Westfield on December 10th. The Company is providing transpiration in support of Wreath Across American.

Post Adjutant Steve White and District Three Commander Cindy Lacoste.

Start Date	End Date	Time	Event	Location
1/11/2025		10:00 AM	Finance	Cherry Valley Post 443 167 Main St Cherry Valley MA (Leicester)
		11:00 AM	Membership	
		1:00 PM	DEC Meeting	
2/1/2025			American Legion Auxiliary Mission Training National Junior Meeting The American Legion Information Conference The Sons of the American Legion Meeting	Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor 101 Harborside Drive Boston, MA 02128

AMERICAN LEGION 2025 Membership Standing as of December 26, 2024 80% Goal 1/15/2025

Department Membership Standings 2025 Membership Year

District 4 Worcester 77.12%

District 7: Suffolk 77.06%

District 1: Berkshire 76.82%



	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	1195	918	76.82%
3	HAMPDEN/FRANKLIN/HAMPSHIRE	3422	2602	76.04%
4	WORCESTER	4432	3418	77.12%
5	MIDDLESEX	3623	2705	74.66%
6	NORFOLK	2319	1738	74.95%
7	SUFFOLK	1142	880	77.06%
8	ESSEX	2442	1807	74.00%
9	BRISTOL	2496	1835	73.52%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	3573	2609	73.02%
297	CAPITOL HILL	423	376	88.89%
462	HEADQUARTERS	1509	619	41.02%
	National Quota	26,756	19,507	73.40%

Fundraiser!

Dr. Coral May Grout Leadership run for
National ALA President 2026-2027



*American
Legion
Family pins
\$25 ea*

See any committee member or contact
978-729-6773

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	190	170	89.5%
	HAMPDEN/FRANKLIN			
3	HAMPSHIRE	670	395	59.0%
4	WORCESTER	1037	581	56.0%
5	MIDDLESEX	940	548	58.3%
6	NORFOLK	337	192	57.0%
7	SUFFOLK	103	47	45.6%
8	ESSEX	612	430	70.3%
9	BRISTOL	268	187	69.8%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	765	553	72.3%
462	HEADQUARTERS	184	73	39.7%
	National Quota	5,106	3,176	62.2%

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NEXT MEETING JANUARY 21ST

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

DECEMBER 2024 **NEXT TARGET DATE-DECEMBER 11TH-45%**

MEMBER BENEFITS **No Cost LegionCare**

\$1,000 ACCIDENTAL DEATH PROTECTION FOR ALL COVERED ACCIDENTS

LEGIONCARE NO COST TO YOU ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE PROTECTION.

AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGION FAMILY, YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO \$5,000.00 IN NO COST TO YOU COVERAGE.

BUT YOUR CONFIRMATION IS REQUIRED FOR ACTIVATION. \$5,000.00 ACCIDENTAL DEATH PROTECTION MEMBER-ONLY BENEFIT

<https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare/>

BUDDY CHECK PROGRAM

A TOOLKIT TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

REACH OUT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS A PHONE CALL. WE CONSIDER IT OUR MOST SACRED RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER AND OUR VETERANS. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BUDDY CHECKS, VISIT THE LINK BELOW.

LEGION.ORG/BUDDYCHECK

DON'T LET THE GRINCH STEAL YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

2024 MEMBERSHIP CARDS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2024

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INDIVIDUAL RECRUITMENT AWARD

MEMBERS CAN EARN THEIR INDIVIDUAL RECRUITMENT AWARD PIN FOR 2025 BY RECRUITING FIVE NEW MEMBERS INTO THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION!

[LEGION.ORG/SONS \(PUBLICATIONS & FORMS\)](https://LEGION.ORG/SONS (PUBLICATIONS & FORMS))

2025 S.A.L. Membership Standing as of December 26, 2024

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	228	140	61.40%
3	HAMPDEN/FRANKLIN / HAMPSHIRE	748	446	59.62%
4	WORCESTER	983	591	60.12%
5	MIDDLESEX	1256	594	47.29%
6	NORFOLK	835	422	50.54%
7	SUFFOLK	196	105	53.57%
8	ESSEX	442	201	45.48%
9	BRISTOL	280	153	54.64%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	790	405	51.27%
	National Goal	5758	3057	53.09%



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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

Coffee Hour

Last Friday of the Month

09:00 - 12:00

 **Free**

American Legion North Adams

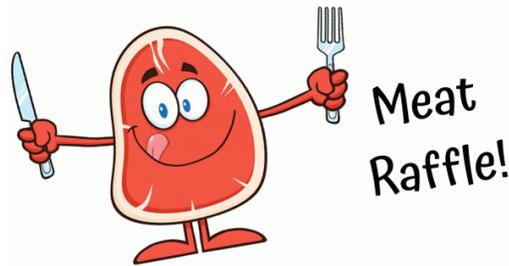
American Legion North Adams Post 125

FUNday !!!

4th Sunday of the Month

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





Post 189 Hiram O Taylor Annual Meat Raffle

Location: Eight Point Sportsman's Club

147 Beaman Rd

Sterling, MA 01564

Date: January 12, 2025 at 1:00 PM





SIMEON L. NICKERSON
AMERICAN LEGION POST 64
8 THATCHERS ROW, P.O. BOX 135
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MA 02346
Legion64@yahoo.com

Four Chaplains Service

February 2, 2025

At First Baptist Church

111 Plymouth St. and Route 18/28

No. Middleborough,

Service begins at 3:00pm





American Legion Post 340 Lasagna Dinner



**Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025
4:30 - 6:30**

\$15.00 Donation per Dinner
Eat in or Take Out

To Benefit:

**American Legion Boys & Girls State
Program and other Post activities**

**619 Sheffield Plain Road
Sheffield, MA 01257**

To pre-order contact Jack O'Donnell:

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Do you have an article or news announcement to share with the rest of the Department of Massachusetts? If so, please follow these basic guide-lines for submissions.

- Submit your text in Microsoft Word format (.doc) or as a text file (.txt or .rtf). Save your file as the same name as the article, so we can easily keep track of it. Be sure to make it clear who the author is, whether it's you or if you are just forwarding it to us. • **WE LOVE ARTICLES WITH PHOTOS**, or any other kind of images! Include photos and/or artwork for articles *separately* (NOT embed-ded in the article) as high resolution (300 dpi, or better) JPGs. Please name these files accordingly so we can track them along with your article. Let us know in your e-mail of any corresponding captions, and/or name of the photographer if necessary.

- Spell check everything! Especially people's names, web addresses, etc. You can help us greatly here by simply running your spell check function in your word processing program.

- **E-mail everything directly to us at fmacdonald53@comcast.net no later than the 25th of every month for it to appear in the very next issue.** This way we have plenty of time to work with in case we need to clarify anything with you.



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