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Commander's Corner



Flowers are blooming, birds are singing, trees are budding and snow shovels can finally be put away for the season. Spring in New England has finally arrived! At the end of May, many Local Posts and Communities will be celebrating Memorial Day. This year while participating in events surrounding Memorial Day, take a minute to look around. Are there new faces in the crowd? Take the time to connect with unfamiliar people in your community. Is there a familiar face missing? Someone you haven't heard from in a while or talked to? Hmm... Maybe it's time for a friendly phone call or a knock on the door (Buddy Check re-

sources available at <https://www.legion.org/buddycheck>). When reaching out, be sure to ask if they are OK and be prepared to help if they say they are not doing well. Actively lend a hand if help is needed. Reminder: National Poppy Day is on the Friday before Memorial Day (5/24), wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

Wednesday, May 1st, is the next American Legion Be the One day. On the first day of every month, Legion Family members are encouraged to wear Be the One gear to show our commitment to reducing the stigma around mental health issues among veterans and servicemembers. Start a conversation about what Be the One is and how to save the life of a veteran. Be sure to check out the latest Tango Alpha Lima-Be The One podcast

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featuring retired Navy SEAL, Jason Redman, talking about overcoming the military mindset of toughness to end the stigma of asking for mental health assistance and the importance of seeking out the multiple treatment options to find the best fit.

à https://www.legion.org/legiontv/FLIEg8BvcEH4ZVkk6f9s_Z6Q/sXfBPTxhb7s. The mental health struggle is real and can have very dire consequences. It is up to us to help. **Be the One to Make it Personal!** Be the one to ask a veteran how they are doing. Be the one to listen when a veteran needs to talk. Be the one to reach out when a veteran is struggling. It is up to us to have the courage to be the ones to stop veteran suicide. The life you save may be the next great leader of the free world, the veteran next door or your own. Visit BetheOne.org for more information and find out how you can help.



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DUES INCREASE

Starting July 1, 2024

Department per capita - The American Legion - \$35.00

National portion - \$23.50

Department portion - \$11.50

Detachment per capita - Son of American Legion - \$12.00

National portion - \$5.00

Detachment portion - \$7.00

Hello Massachusetts American Legion Family! As this legion year is starting to wrap up let us not forget that membership never stops. We may have missed the latest goal of 95% but that doesn't mean we stop bringing members in to this wonderful organization that we are all a part of. Even if we do not hit 100% it doesn't mean we stop. We keep pressing along like the little engine that could, no matter what life puts in front of us. I know I have said it a lot this year in my articles but it is a line that sticks with me no matter what “Do your Job” and membership is all our jobs. As is helping the veterans and the families of veterans we are here to serve all that come to us, no matter how small or how big the issues are.

On a different note i would like to thank Districts 4 and Districts 7 for reaching the goals of 95% lets all find out their secrets to membership and make next year a even better year.

I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your Department Senior Vice Commander and I would like to thank PNC Jake Comer and PNC Paul Moran for trusting me to serve this wonderful department and its over 25,000 members.

Yours in service

Nelson Izaak Blake

DSVC / Membership Chai

Department Membership Standings 2024 Membership Year

District 4: Worcester 97.42%

District 7: Suffolk 97.03%

District 1: Franklin/Hampshire 94.27%



DUES INCREASE CHART STARTING JULY 1, 2024

# Cards	Per Capita	# Cards	Per Capita	# Cards	Per Capita	#Cards	Per Capita
1	\$35.00	41	\$1,435.00	81	\$2,835.00	121	\$4,235.00
2	\$70.00	42	\$1,470.00	82	\$2,870.00	122	\$4,270.00
3	\$105.00	43	\$1,505.00	83	\$2,905.00	123	\$4,305.00
4	\$140.00	44	\$1,540.00	84	\$2,940.00	124	\$4,340.00
5	\$175.00	45	\$1,575.00	85	\$2,975.00	125	\$4,375.00
6	\$210.00	46	\$1,610.00	86	\$3,010.00	126	\$4,410.00
7	\$245.00	47	\$1,645.00	87	\$3,045.00	127	\$4,445.00
8	\$280.00	48	\$1,680.00	88	\$3,080.00	128	\$4,480.00
9	\$315.00	49	\$1,715.00	89	\$3,115.00	129	\$4,515.00
10	\$350.00	50	\$1,750.00	90	\$3,150.00	130	\$4,550.00
11	\$385.00	51	\$1,785.00	91	\$3,185.00	131	\$4,585.00
12	\$420.00	52	\$1,820.00	92	\$3,220.00	132	\$4,620.00
13	\$455.00	53	\$1,855.00	93	\$3,255.00	133	\$4,655.00
14	\$490.00	54	\$1,890.00	94	\$3,290.00	134	\$4,690.00
15	\$525.00	55	\$1,925.00	95	\$3,325.00	135	\$4,725.00
16	\$560.00	56	\$1,960.00	96	\$3,360.00	136	\$4,760.00
17	\$595.00	57	\$1,995.00	97	\$3,395.00	137	\$4,795.00
18	\$630.00	58	\$2,030.00	98	\$3,430.00	138	\$4,830.00
19	\$665.00	59	\$2,065.00	99	\$3,465.00	139	\$4,865.00
20	\$700.00	60	\$2,100.00	100	\$3,500.00	140	\$4,900.00
21	\$735.00	61	\$2,135.00	101	\$3,535.00	141	\$4,935.00
22	\$770.00	62	\$2,170.00	102	\$3,570.00	142	\$4,970.00
23	\$805.00	63	\$2,205.00	103	\$3,605.00	143	\$5,005.00
24	\$840.00	64	\$2,240.00	104	\$3,640.00	144	\$5,040.00
25	\$875.00	65	\$2,275.00	105	\$3,675.00	145	\$5,075.00
26	\$910.00	66	\$2,310.00	106	\$3,710.00	146	\$5,110.00
27	\$945.00	67	\$2,345.00	107	\$3,745.00	147	\$5,145.00
28	\$980.00	68	\$2,380.00	108	\$3,780.00	148	\$5,180.00
29	\$1,015.00	69	\$2,415.00	109	\$3,815.00	149	\$5,215.00
30	\$1,050.00	70	\$2,450.00	110	\$3,850.00	150	\$5,250.00
31	\$1,085.00	71	\$2,485.00	111	\$3,885.00	151	\$5,285.00
32	\$1,120.00	72	\$2,520.00	112	\$3,920.00	152	\$5,320.00
33	\$1,155.00	73	\$2,555.00	113	\$3,955.00	153	\$5,355.00
34	\$1,190.00	74	\$2,590.00	114	\$3,990.00	154	\$5,390.00
35	\$1,225.00	75	\$2,625.00	115	\$4,025.00	155	\$5,425.00
36	\$1,260.00	76	\$2,660.00	116	\$4,060.00	156	\$5,460.00
37	\$1,295.00	77	\$2,695.00	117	\$4,095.00	157	\$5,495.00
38	\$1,330.00	78	\$2,730.00	118	\$4,130.00	158	\$5,530.00
39	\$1,365.00	79	\$2,765.00	119	\$4,165.00	159	\$5,565.00
40	\$1,400.00	80	\$2,800.00	120	\$4,200.00	160	\$5,600.00



Greetings,

I want to thank all of you all for all the hard work this year so far. Together we made great strides in membership, Legion Programs, and our communities. Nothing is achieved alone, Thank you! The year is not done let's continue our efforts in membership, completing forms, and programs. You are the backbone of our organization.

I wanted to extend a thank you to Dalton, Morrissette, and Northborough Posts in hosting events for our National Commander Daniel Seehafer. Your Posts displayed the best of the Department of Massachusetts.

Convention, Convention, Convention!!!! I hope to see all of you there in June at the Best Western Royal Plaza in Marlborough. We are going to focus on training, book signings, and new merchandise. Please come get some training, eat some burgers at the Marlborough Post on Friday, and come see Emblem Sales and see the unleashing of the Department of Massachusetts Legion Store.

My door is always open, do not hesitate to call or email me.

Lisa A. McPhee

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Department Adjutant

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OFFICIAL CALL TO THE CONVENTION

In conformity with Article XI, Section 1a of the Constitution and By Laws, the Department Executive Committee voted to hold the 105th Convention of The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts Inc. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8-9, 2024 at Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA. Where all business sessions will be held. Convention will be called to order at 9:00 AM on Friday, June 7, 2024.

PURPOSE

- To elect Department Officers for the ensuing year.
- To amend the Department Constitution.
- To elect delegates and alternate delegates to the (One Hundred and Fifth) 105th National Convention of The American Legion to be held in New Orleans, LA Aug 23-29, 2024
- To conduct such other business as may properly come before the Convention in conformity with the provisions of the National and Department Constitutions of The American Legion.

REPRESENTATION

The convention shall be composed of delegates from all Posts. Each Post shall be entitled to one delegate and one additional delegate for each one hundred members or major faction thereof. Each Post shall be entitled to alternate delegates in a number not to exceed the number of authorized delegates.

Upon payment of registration fee to the Department of five dollars (\$5.00) for each qualified delegate authorized herein and in Article XI, Section 3, credentials shall be issued by the Department to each such delegate. All registration fees must be turned over to the Convention Committee with the approval of the Department Executive Committee. If not paid **10 days prior (May 27, 2024)** to the opening of Convention (**on June 7, 2024**), Article XI, Section 2, #1, fees will be doubled and the Department will invoice said Post for delegate fees.

ALL Posts are required pay the delegation fee whether or not the Post is attending Department Convention.

For the purpose hereof, members are those, whose dues are paid at Department Headquarters thirty (30) days prior to any convention.

The delegates and alternate delegates to a Department Convention shall be elected by each post from membership of said Post, by a plurality vote of those present at meeting called for that purpose, unless otherwise provided by the by-laws of the Post Article XI, Section 2b.

Paid up membership shall be determined as of May 7, 2024; Article XI Section 3d. (formula chart is on the enclosed sheet). This is also explained under Article XI, Section 2c.

All elected Department Officers shall be additional delegates to the Convention, their votes to be credited to the Posts of Which they respective members. The District Alternates shall be, by virtue of their office, Alternate Delegates of the Convention. In the absence of the District Delegate, the District Alternate Delegate shall be the representative of the District Delegate in all matters that vote to be credited to the Post in which the District Alternate Delegate is a member. (Article XI, Section 2.)

All Posts which have been extended official recognition prior to **May 27, 2024** and which are in good standing are entitled to representation.

All Past Department Commanders, while in good standing in their respective Posts, shall have the privilege of the floor at all conventions as Delegates with vote (except those with vote because present members of the Department Executive Committee). Their vote to be credited to the Post in which said Past Commander is a member.

DELEGATES

Only Paid-up members of the Post are entitled to act as Delegates and Alternates. A member shall be a paid-up member when twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) in payment of National and Department per capita tax for the current year has been received at Department Headquarters.

CREDENTIALS

The Committee on Credentials shall be appointed in advance of the Convention by the Department Commander.

Upon Payment of registration fee to the Department of five dollars (\$5.00) for each qualified delegate authorized herein, credentials shall be issued by the Department to each such delegate. All registration fees must be turned over to the Convention Committee with the approval of the Department Executive Committee. If not paid at the time of registration (**by May 27, 2024**), **fees will be doubled, and the Department will invoice said Post for delegate fees.**

ALL CREDENTIALS WILL BE ISSUED AT THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AT THE DELEGATES RESPECTIVE DISTRICT REGISTRATION DESK. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of four (4) delegates from each District to be nominated by the District Executive Committeeman and appointed by the Department Commander. This committee shall sit at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA.

Thursday	June 6		3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Friday	June 7	8:30 AM to Recess of Convention	
Saturday	June 8	10:00 AM to Recess of Convention	5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Individual delegates will report to the Committee on Credentials.

Authenticated credentials will act as a pass to Convention Assembly. The Credentials Committee will examine all credentials received by it and will at the proper time announce to Convention the total number of delegates to be seated and the total number of delegates registered. All contests concerning the seating of delegates will be referred to the Credentials Committee and be decided by it, subject to the approval of the Convention.

COMMITTEES

The Committee on Resolutions, Constitutional Amendments and Elections and such other committees as may be determined to be necessary by the Convention to facilitate business shall be composed of those appointed by the Department Commander on the recommendation of the District Executive Committeeman, each District to recommend two to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, two to the Election Committee and two to the Committee on Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions must be submitted and received by the Department Adjutant, in proper form, **prior to 4:00 PM, Sunday, April 27, 2024** (40 days prior to convention). Resolution must be endorsed either by an individual Legionnaire, a Post, a District, the Department Executive Committee or The Department Commander. Only resolutions that are germane to the principles and policies for which The American Legion is organized will be considered by the Standing Resolutions Committee, provided it is in conformity with the Department Constitution and By Laws.

DISTRICTS

In conformity with the Department Constitution, for purpose of business of the Department, Massachusetts will be divided in to ten (10) Districts. (Article IX, Section 1.)

RULES

The Rules of the Convention shall be determined by the body. For the convenience of the Convention, the Following rules are recommended:

1. The author of any motion or resolution shall be allowed five minutes for presentation and each subsequent speaker shall be allowed not more than three minutes, and in addition to said presentation not more than three speeches will be permitted on either side of the motion or resolution.
2. No Delegate shall be allowed to speak more than once on any subject unless by unanimous consent of the Convention.
3. The Australian ballot system shall be used as is provided by the Constitution in the election of Department Officers and Delegates-at-Large to National Convention. (The term Australian ballot should be construed to include the use of voting machines, Article XI Section 8.) On the other subjects, a vote may be taken by voice vote or standing vote, at the discretion of the presiding officer.

NOMINATIONS

4. Nominations of candidates for Department Office will take place on Friday, June 7, 2024 (approx. time) 12:30 PM, unless otherwise designated by the Convention.

NOMINATING SPEECHES

5. Nominating speeches for the Office of Department Commander shall be limited to three minutes and seconding speeches to two minutes, unless otherwise designated by the Convention.

All candidates for other Department Offices and Delegates-At-Large and Alternate Delegates-At-Large to the National Convention shall be nominated in the regular manner.

ELECTIONS

The election of Department Officers will be held on Saturday June 8, 2024 at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough MA. The polls will open promptly at 5:00 PM and close at 6:30 PM Alternates will be permitted to vote in the absence of delegates at 6:00 PM.

HADICAPPED DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

6. Handicapped delegates and alternates, so desiring, will be allowed to go to the head of the line during appropriate voting hours, thereby allowing them to cast their votes with a minimum of waiting time (Resolution 1971 Department Convention).

FIREWORKS

7. The use of fireworks is prohibited (Resolution 1966 Department Convention)

OTHER

8. All subject matter not covered by these rules shall be governed by Robert's Rule of Order Revised.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be revised, altered, amended or repealed at any convention of the Department by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Proposed amendments to the Constitution **MUST** be submitted in proper form, and received by the Department Adjutant prior to April 27, 2024, forty (40) days before the Convention. All proposed Constitutional changes will be mailed to all Posts and Department Executive Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

BUSINESS SESSIONS

BEST WESTERN ROYAL PLAZA HOTEL

ELECTIONS

BEST WESTERN ROYAL PLAZA HOTEL

Miscellaneous instructions covering matter involving time and place changes and other subject matter arising between the issue of the call and the closing of convention will be issued from time to time. **NOTICE:** All details contained in this Call to Convention are subject to change and/or modification by Convention delegates assembled.

Attest:

Lisa McPhee



Department Adjutant

Sandra Davis



Department Commander

What does 100% Americanism mean? One side demanded what many called "100% Americanism" or the complete abandonment of Old World languages, traditions, and loyalties. In contrast, progressive reformers, and eventually military leaders, encouraged the adoption of American values while still respecting Old World traditions and culture.

What is another term for Americanism?

Synonyms: patriotism, nationalism, provincialism, isolationism, flag waving, chauvinism, jingoism, America for Americans, America first, US-centrism, Americocentrism. Sense: Anything thought of as characteristic of the United States.

The Americanism Commission

The American Legion's Americanism Commission is home to numerous programs that provide and foster healthy, wholesome and educational opportunities for young people, including:

American Legion Baseball, Boys Nation and Boys State, The National High School Oratorical Competition Junior Law Cadet, American Legion Junior Shooting Sports

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund (for children of servicemembers who have died on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001), Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship, The Samsung American Legion Scholarship

The "Need a Lift?" college financial aid guide, Flag education, School Medal Awards

Legion Connects Youth to Community, State and Nation

Youth activity programs of The American Legion are designed to stimulate physical, mental and moral growth; cultivate strong character and wholesome ideals with appreciation for our heritage of freedom; and develop a devotion to civic responsibility. Among the Legion's programs for youth are:

High School Oratorical

Students participating in The American Legion's High School Oratorical Scholarship Program gain a deeper knowledge of constitutional principles as they prepare and deliver orations based on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with emphasis upon a citizen's duties and obligations to government. Alumni of this Legion program include television news anchor Lou Dobbs and talk-show host Alan Keyes, a former presidential candidate who was the Legion's national oratorical champion and - in the same year - president of the Legion's Boys Nation.

Junior Law Cadet

American Legion Junior Law Cadet is a participative law enforcement vocational learning program that exposes high school students to realistic and demanding training, patterned after authentic recruit training.

Boys State and Boys Nation

Thousands of young men learn the function and powers of government through American Legion Boys State, as they set up and operate their own "governments," fashioned after municipal, county and state structures. Boys State alumni include state legislators, governors, members of Congress, a former vice president and president of the United States, and an associate justice currently sitting on the U.S. Supreme Court. An extension of the Boys State experience is The American Legion Boys Nation.

Two outstanding delegates from each Boys State program are selected to represent their state at American Legion Boys Nation, where the young men establish a Boys Nation Senate based upon rules of the U.S. Senate.

Several departments of The American Legion also sponsor County Government Days. For 68 years, the Legion in Nebraska has sponsored such a day across the state, helping high school juniors observe firsthand the workings of local government. Approximately 5,000 students from more than 60 counties participate each year. A partnership with the U.S. Army National Guard in Nebraska helps the Legion cover costs. The American Legion in Kansas sponsors a County Government Day program similar to Boys State, except the government students in each participating high school file for office, campaign and vote in a primary and general election within their school. Students have the opportunity to visit their local courthouse and spend a day learning about duties and responsibilities of county officials. Speakers are heard, and a mock trial is usually observed. The program enjoys cooperation from school and county officials.

The Samsung American Legion Scholarship

After researching dozens of veterans organizations, Samsung Group, a worldwide leader in electronics, chose The American Legion in 1995 to administer an endowed scholarship fund of \$5 million. The endowment was established to show appreciation to U.S. veterans who came to the aid of South Korea during its struggle against Communist forces in the Korean War. The scholarship is for undergraduate study only and may be used for tuition, books, fees, and room and board.

Seven to 10 students are chosen each year for the \$20,000 scholarships, which are awarded to direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans.

Junior Shooting Sports

The American Legion's Junior Shooting Sports Program provides gun safety and marksmanship training for young people. It is recognized as one of the premier programs in the country, with one of its alumni - Launi Meili - becoming the 1992 Olympic Gold Medalist in Women's Shooting.

American Legion Baseball

Each year, nearly 90,000 athletes participate in American Legion Baseball, the nation's oldest and most-respected amateur baseball program. Legion posts sponsor teams in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, giving young men wholesome, healthy activity and lessons in sportsmanship, loyalty, respect for rules and fair play.

Many of the greatest names in the sport spent their teen-age summers in American Legion Baseball uniforms. Hall of Famers such as Dave Winfield, Rollie Fingers, Reggie Jackson and Yogi Berra still speak of the influence Legion ball has had on their lives and careers. To date, 59 major league players and one umpire who played Legion ball have been inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Berra, the legendary New York Yankees catcher, also served as a gunner's mate in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Although Berra played on teams with Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford, Roger Maris and other legendary players, he said, "The most fun I ever had playing baseball was when I played American Legion Baseball."

For God and Country,

Robert Jerdan DVC 2023-2024

Candidate for Reelection DVC

Department of Massachusetts

Greetings American Legion family. I hope this edition of this publication finds you all in good health and spirits as the summer season approaches.

The marketing committee has decided to move forward with a department online 50-50 raffle fundraiser. This is in the very early stages and more information will be made available as we progress with our efforts on this.

Our sponsorship of the veterans based cooking show " The Mess Hall" hosted by comedian and old friend of The American Legion Wayne Soares has started. Wayne has done a show at the Chicopee Center Post and we look forward to reporting on more in the future.

Our partnership with The Springfield Thunderbirds of The American Hockey League and the "Veteran of the Game" program continues to provide valuable exposure and to increase our brand awareness at all home games via the playing of Legion PSAs on the scoreboard as well as the presentation of our "challenge accepted" coin. The department has hosted 17 information at the games. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to work these tables as you have done a great job getting the word out on our organization and what we do for the community, state and nation and veterans.

The committee is also looking into another lead on The New England Freejacks Rugby Team based in Quincy. The season has just started so we may have missed out on anything for this current season but perhaps next year is a possibility.

Our next fundraiser will be the sweepstakes drawn at department convention. Tickets should be in the mail soon. Please consider returning yours with a donation as not only do you support the department and our programs but you have a chance to win anywhere from \$500 to \$3,000.

As always if you have any leads on marketing please bring them to the attention of the committee.

Mike Davis
Marketing Chairman





Malcom "Mac" Mahoney
Boys State Alumni

Malcom "Mac" Mahoney is one of our many success stories from Massachusetts Boys State. I asked Mac to write some of his experiences from being a member of the Sons of The American Legion. I wanted to profile him as one of our success stories.

Mac is the youngest President of the Dartmouth Political Union: [Team — The Dartmouth Political Union \(thedpu.org\)](http://thedpu.org)

Mac represents the Northeast Region as the representative to the Century Commission (Centcom).

What he has achieved and the opportunities that became available to him is just astounding.

Congratulations to the Massachusetts Boys State team for impacting a young citizen's life.

Below is Mac's story:

During my Junior year of high school, I came across the documentary *Boys State*, saying I was intrigued was an understatement. Luckily, I was approached by my guidance counselor, Mr. Bresnehan, a few weeks later. The conversation went a little something like this, "Hey Mac, have you ever heard of Boys State?" I responded, "Yes, actually I just saw this documentary about it—," Mr. Bresnehan energetically responded, "You're going." My experience at Boys State by itself was excellent; I made many friends, learned about the challenges and joys of running a government, and had a lot of fun doing various extra-curricular activities. However, my week at Boys State in tandem with my being selected as the Northeast recipient of the National Samsung Scholarship, was truly one of the best experiences I have had in my life.

Following Boys State and the Samsung Scholarship, I was convinced to enter the Oratorical Contest after meeting Commander Theroux at a grave cleaning event on Veterans Day. This interaction with Commander Theroux has proved to be one of the most impactful in my life. I was lucky enough to win the statewide competition, which catapulted me to Indianapolis for the final competition, something I will never forget. While I did not advance very far into the final rounds of the competition, I met some truly remarkable people and learned some very important lessons.

These lessons, from Oratorical and Boys State, have had a monumental impact on my journey as a student and individual. After graduating high school, I enrolled at Dartmouth College, where I am currently a Sophomore. At Dartmouth, I study Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, allowing me to explore my passions for political economy, governmental analysis, and ethical reasoning.

I also have the privilege and honor to serve as the youngest-ever President of the Dartmouth Political Union (DPU). The DPU is a non-partisan, student-run, political organization that promotes open discourse by hosting a wide variety of speakers and challenging preconceptions.

The DPU has weekly meetings where students can discuss a variety of issues ranging from the role of transgender athletes in sports to universal basic income. Additionally, we have hosted expert speakers on issues like the Israel & Palestine conflict, sex and gender, and socialism and capitalism. Notable past speakers include Representative Liz Cheney, former CIA Director John Deutch, Black Panther Bobby Seale, and Linguist Noam Chomsky.

Apart from the DPU, I am also involved with the Catholic Student Center and the Conservative Students of Dartmouth and conduct research for the Political Economy Project. This past winter, I conducted research on the impact of Artificial intelligence on the labor market.

All of these experiences have helped me professionally, and I have been very fortunate to receive excellent opportunities. This past summer, I interned at an economic policy think tank in Washington, D.C. where I conducted regulatory policy research. Last fall, I was able to intern remotely for the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), the preeminent free speech organization in the country. Currently, I am on a Dartmouth program in Washington, D.C. where I work in the day at a Republican strategy and lobbying firm and take classes at night.

I owe many of my successes to the lessons I learned from my interactions with SAL and American Legion programs. I continue to stay as involved as I can by representing the Northeast on CENTCOM. Our goal is to develop strategies to increase membership and retainment rates over the years to come.

I am extremely grateful for all of the opportunities and support SAL has given me over the past three years, and I hope to continue to defend the values our organization advocates for in everything I do.



Boy's Nation participants recite the Pledge of Allegiance



Fifty-two high school students won their respective American Legion department oratorical contest to advance to the American Legion National Oratorical Contest in Hillsdale, Mich., May 18-19, where they will speak on the U.S. Constitution and compete for over \$203,000 in scholarships.

The contest will begin Saturday, May 18, on the campus of Hillsdale College, where all 52 competitors will be divided into nine groups for the quarterfinals. The competitors will give a prepared eight- to 10-minute oration on the U.S. Constitution and a three- to five-minute oration on an assigned topic discourse – a phase of the Constitution selected from Articles and Sections – in front of judges and family members. The top 18 will advance to the semifinal round to again present their prepared oration and assigned topics. Following the semifinal round, the top three finalists will advance to the final competition Sunday, May 19.

Each department (state) winner who participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. The 18 semifinalists will receive an additional \$2,000. And the three finalists will compete for first place and a \$25,000 scholarship. Second and third place will earn \$22,500 and \$20,000 respectively.

For the past 26 years, the American Legion National Oratorical Contest has been held in Indianapolis, home to American Legion National Headquarters. But in 2024, the Legion received an opportunity to relocate the 86-year-old program to the historic campus of Hillsdale College in Michigan.

Massachusetts: Michael Borowski, sponsored by Post 92 in North Grafton



Department Commander Sandra Davis, Massachusetts Oratorical 1st Place Michael Borowski who will represent Massachusetts at the Nationals, Erin McDonald and Mason Alvarez the other contestants and Adjutant Lisa McPhee

A Hitchhikers Guide to the Department

Memorial Day (May 27) - Many Posts have parades and other events on Memorial Day weekend. Be a part of it, March, Ride (in a parade) or support activities at the Post. Part of our tradition is taking the lead on placing flags at Veterans graves (typically the weekend before). Join in, bring a young family member to help and it's a great teaching moment on how to recognize a veterans grave, and what the various markings mean. Remember, it's not about the BBQ, it's about the Veterans that gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Take a bit of time for our departed comrades.

Department Convention (June 6-9) - Held in Marlboro, at the Best Western Plaza. Starting with a get together on Thursday Night (Dinner and Show), various events on Friday: committee reports, award presentations, outing at Marlboro Post 132 with hospitality rooms (at hotel) in the evening. Saturday: a morning of reports and the presentation of the Law and Order Awards (not to miss). Round out the afternoon with some training. GET OUT AND VOTE! Voting for Department Officers will commence at 5 pm. If your a delegate, why not come and vote! Hospitality Rooms are open in the evening. Sunday morning we'll continue a couple of final reports and installation of Department Officers.

So why come to Convention? See your old friends, network with the leadership that is committed to supporting your Post. Get your questions answered. Pick up your new membership cards and guidebooks for the Post. **SEE YOU THERE!!**

Flag Day (June 14) - "Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States which occurred on June 14, 1777 by a resolution adopted by the Second Continental Congress. It also marks the birthday of the U.S. Army which congress authorized as "the American Continental Army" on June 14, 1775."

Having a Flag Retirement event at your Post? Consider taking advantage of a teaching moment. Invite the local youth, via Scouting programs, 4-H, etc. and present some history. The 3rd stripe is for which colony, and why is the 13th stripe so peachy? (Answer: The Bay Colony, formed 1630. Georgia Colony, established 1732). Manually retire Old Glory and explain the process to our youth

The Future and Beyond: June 15 - 21, Boys/Girls State, Stonehill College
 July 4th, and in 2026 we will celebrate the
 semiquincentennial.
 July 27- , Legion Baseball Senior Tournament Fitton Field (Holy Cross) Sub-
mitted: Scott Conner
 Department Vice Commander



Let us know your Memorial Day plans



From Alaska to Florida and Massachusetts to California – and stops in between –American Legion Family members again ensure Memorial Day Weekend was a special in their communities in 2023.

Across the nation, Legion Family members led Memorial Day observances, including traditional ceremonies at the posts, visits to area cemeteries to honor the veterans buried there, conducting parades and staging motorcycle rides.

As American Legion Family members plan for Memorial Day 2024, please keep us in mind. Let us know how you are planning on observing this sacred holiday. Email sbrooks@legion.org with details about your plans. We may feature your efforts in our national media channels.

Also, American Legion posts are encouraged to upload recaps and photos of their Memorial Day celebrations and other community activities to Legiontown.org. Legion Family members also are urged to share a story, photo or even upload a video about whom you will be thinking about and honoring on this sacred day.

And a reminder that an American Legion Memorial Day speech for 2024 is available for American Legion departments, districts and posts to use for Memorial Day events.

[The speech is available here](#) and is not meant to be recited verbatim; members are greatly encouraged to amend it to taste and audience.



Get out the Vote

In 1920, during The American Legion National Convention in Cleveland, the organization went on record urging all American Legion men to become qualified voters. Since then, the organization has passed countless similar resolutions advocating Legionnaires to not only exercise their constitutional responsibility to vote, but to also encourage others to do the same.

Elections are important to our republic. As citizens of this great nation, it is our duty and responsibility to exercise this right of franchise by casting our ballots on Election Day and to encourage others to do so as well. It was on this premise that The American Legion’s “Get Out the Vote” program was initiated shortly after the organization’s inception. Today it is as important as it was in elections past.

The Legion's "Get Out the Vote" program encourages all Americans to register and vote in all elections. In addition, Legionnaires, posts, districts and departments are encouraged to fully involve themselves in the electoral process by serving as poll volunteers, poll workers and by encouraging and assisting others to register and vote.

All Legionnaires are encouraged to renew their commitment for continued service to this country by being politically active as individuals. By working together as an organization we can make a difference by promoting an informed populace, participation in our government, and involvement in its electoral process. We cannot forget that in this country, our government is “of the people, by the people and for the people.” It cannot survive as a democratic republic unless the people participate. That is our task.



American Legion animated stickers available on GIPHY



The American Legion National Headquarters has published a set of animated stickers for the GIPHY app that are available on Apple Store and Google Play. The stickers are a collection of animated versions of landmarks and wordmarks for The American Legion, Legion Riders, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Be the One that can be accessed and used in texts, social media posts, and anyplace where you can access GIPHY stickers.

Stickers can be added to reels and stories on Facebook and Instagram. Once you’ve created a reel or story post and uploaded an image or video, tap the “Stickers” icon (a square with a peeled back corner and a smiley face). Tap the search bar and search “American Legion” to find the entire collection.

Stickers can also be used in Instagram and Facebook private messages and comments on posts. The stickers are also available directly from the website – giphy.com – and can be accessed for text and email via the GIPHY plug-in.



Legislation– VotersVoice

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, votervoice.net/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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Greetings!

It's that time again; we will be ramping up our efforts to raise some money using our 100 Mile Walk fundraiser. As many of you may be aware the national organization ended the One Hundred Miles for Hope initiative. However, I see no better way to raise awareness of The American Legion's BE THE ONE campaign than to continue our ONE hundred mile walk. This year we will be leaving North Adams Friday Night August 2nd and arriving at American Legion Post 306 in Paxton, MA Sunday August 4th. This massive undertaking requires 40 hours of active participation and months of planning. Last time we had an RV (gas & rental fee), snacks & meals, drinks, shirts and raffle prizes that were needed to be paid for. It cost us nearly \$2,000 to hold this event and we were able to raise \$5,000 in total. Our dedicated team lived a barebones lifestyle that weekend to keep our spending at a minimum and averaged 15 miles per walker.

Please consider donating this year by filling out the donation form as all monies raised will be going towards Department Commander Sandra Davis' American Legion charity of the year, the Child Welfare Foundation.

All donations should be made out to American Legion Post 125 (Memo: 100 Mile Walk) and can be sent to:

ATTN: 100 Mile Walk Committee
American Legion Post 125
PO BOX 667
North Adams, MA 01247



Yours in Comradeship,
Mitchell Keil
100 Mile Walk Committee Chair

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Donation Form:

Please mark the area next to the donation you would like to make and add the corresponding names to the bottom

You can also RSVP for the 100 Mile Walk Reception at the Paxton post below

Donation must be in by June 30th to be on Banner/Shirts

I would like to contribute:

_____ \$20 per person and have my/our names added to the shirts the team will be wearing

_____ \$100 and have my name or organization on the banner attached to vehicle that will be with the walkers

Names:

_____ I/We will be in attendance at American Legion Post 306 in Paxton, MA for the reception

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This year's expected route follows Route 8 South through the Berkshires, crosses Skyline Trail to link with Route 20 East, various back roads to meet with Route 67, more back roads to Route 31, then a left turn on 122/Pleasant St to the final post.

Rest Locations:

American Legion Post 155 Dalton, MA

American Legion Post 124 Westfield, MA

American Legion Post 207 West Springfield, MA

American Legion Post 244 West Brookfield, MA

RECEPTION:

American Legion Post 306 Paxton, MA
(885 Pleasant St. Paxton, MA)





STARTS
AT NOON

**WOMEN VETERANS
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, JUNE 15 2024
FREE EVENT | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT
THE BILLERICA TOWN HALL - AUDITORIUM
AT 365 BOSTON RD, BILLERICA, MA 01821

TO REGISTER FOR THIS LUNCHEON VISIT
www.BillericaVeteransServices.com
or call 978 - 671 - 0968

Hosted by Massachusetts Women Veterans Network, VA Bedford Healthcare System,
Lowell Vet Center & Billerica Veterans Services



Women *All Eras*
Veterans *All Branches*
Network *All Gather*

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9:00am to 4:00pm

DoubleTree by Hilton
99 Eardman Way
Leominster, MA



16th ANNUAL WOMEN VETERANS NETWORK CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION



www.mass.gov/veterans

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Veteran-Serving Organizations:** Learn about programs and services including a dedicated room of VA professionals
- **Presenters:** Multiple information sessions
- **Wellness:** Various offerings such as chair massage and therapy dogs

May is finally here. Spring weather. Flowers and trees blooming. Yes, the pollen is out too! It is also a busy month with Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 18th, a few localities will have a celebration. Followed by Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th. Many cities and towns still have a parade and/or a ceremony at a nearby cemetery. Sad to say but nowhere near the number and quality of the parades and programs of years gone by. The sacrifices of World War 2, Korea, Vietnam, 9/11 and the Global War on Terrorism seem to have been forgotten. It is up to all of us – veterans, citizens, parents, grandparents and I will include the general public – to remember that “all gave some, some gave all”. Our nation’s history is being distorted. When there are demonstrations on our soil calling for Death to America, something is very wrong.

We the people need to be diligent and let all of our elected officials at the local, state and national level know that this is unacceptable. And keep reminding them. Many of them are up for re-election this Fall. Their fate is up to us when we go to the ballot box. In the meantime, emails to their offices will let them know how we feel. Will you join me in doing so? And please be an informed voter. Forget the political ads. They are intended to be biased toward the candidate that they are promoting.

Each year at this time I am remembered of a poem, The Dash, by Linda Ellis. Yes, I have had this in most of my May articles but I firmly believe it is worth repeating and reflecting on it. Look it up and I am sure you will be as struck by it as I am. The basic point of the poem is that when we go to a cemetery, we focus on the name and years of birth and death. What is most important is “the dash” in between the dates. How one lived, the contributions that were made to society.

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





Registration live for 2024 Legacy Run



Registration for the 2024 American Legion Legacy Run is now live. Click [here](#) to register as a participant or a supporter.

This year's Legacy Run will kick off in Independence, Mo., on Aug. 18 and travel 1,100 miles through Missouri, Arkansas, and Mississippi, trekking the final leg across Lake Pontchartrain Causeway into the New Orleans area. American Legion Jefferson Post 267 in New Orleans is the final stop.

Along the route, riders will experience the scenery of the American Mid-South, which includes Scenic Hwy 23 (the Pig Trail,) Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, escorting the Vietnam Wall, visiting a veteran's home and veterans cemetery, and a huge surprise that will be kept under wraps until check-in. Prior to and along the route, Riders will raise money for [The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation](#) (VCF), which is in its first year of being the fundraising project of the Legacy Run.

The foundation feeds and houses children of military personnel and veterans facing urgent, unexpected hardships through Temporary Financial Assistance grants. These grants prevent eviction, keep the power on and fulfill basic needs to hold a family together through difficult times.

The VCF also covers rigorous training and accreditation costs for American Legion claims experts who provide free representation for veterans and families applying for disability benefits, survivor assistance, GI Bill opportunities and more.

Last fall, American Legion Riders [National Chairman Mark Clark talked about the importance of the VCF](#), calling it "the foundation of hope. "The American Legion Riders have always embraced doing something for the kids. This foundation does just that."

Those who complete registration to participate in the ride will receive a copy of their medical and release forms in a confirmation email. If you do not see a confirmation email, check your spam folder.

All riders must check in at Post 21 on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Upon check-in, you will receive your check-in packet containing your Legacy Run items and information. Later that day, a mandatory all-riders meeting will occur at 4:30 pm, covering day-to-day riding and safety points. Unless otherwise notified, Riders will be responsible for booking and paying for their own lodging at each overnight stop. Riders are expected to start each day with a full tank of gas at their expense. From kick stands up until the next overnight point is reached, registration fees will cover fuel and a meal, and other charges that occur at scheduled event stops.

Those who want to register to support the Legacy Run will receive a full check-in packet by mail; the same packet riders receive upon check-in. You will receive your packet after the national convention.

For the purpose of personal safety and the safety of others, all riders must register for the Legacy Run for one or multiple days to participate. Non-registered Riders will not be allowed to join in or ride with the main body of the Legacy Run.

For more information, including safety requirements and a hotel list, click [here](#). If you have any questions, you can email legacyrun@legion.org. Registration will close on August 9, 2023.

The 56th Annual Detachment Convention will be held in Marlborough on Friday, June 8, 2024, through Saturday, June 9, 2024. Detachment Commander Jim Blake extends his greetings to all the members of the Detachment of Massachusetts and is looking forward to meeting all the attendees this year. The Call to the Detachment Convention is available [HERE](#)

FROM THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT

There is a lot of information that is attached to this mailing. Please read all the information carefully and present this at your next Squadron meeting. There are specific cut off dates concerning some of the reporting procedures that must be abided by.

There are still rooms available at the Best Western Royal Plaza. You must use the link for reservations: [Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Ctr. | Hotel Rooms](#) with the code American Legion.

The link for the annual Squadron Consolidated Report Forms is available [HERE](#) and an electronic file has been previously sent to everyone on the Detachment E-Mail List. Our goal is to have a report from every Squadron this year. We all know that every Squadron has helped a veteran in your local community and the children in your area. These reports are extremely important to let everyone aware of all the great programs we are involved with. Please just take a few minutes to fill them out and send to the Detachment Adjutant.

We are all working very hard to make the Annual Detachment Convention an informative and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

All the above information will be available on the Detachment Web Site in the 2024 Convention page, available [HERE](#). We look forward to seeing many of you at the Detachment Convention in June.

Yours in Comradeship,

William Murphy

Detachment Adjutant

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Around the Department— National Commander's Visit



Commander Seehafer at the Pulpit of the Old North Church, Boston Massachusetts



The American Legion Department of Massachusetts visits the USS Constitution with



Around the Department— National Commander's Visit



National Commander's Banquet!



Around the Department— National Commander's Reception





Around the Department— Yellow Ribbon Program



Yellow Ribbon-DCU Center-Representing The American Legion Department of Massachusetts



The Last Information Table at the Springfield Thunderbird's Games!!



Around the Department— Post 124 Westfield

By [Amy Porter](#) | [The Westfield News](#) | aporter@thereminder.com



WESTFIELD - The Patriots' Day ceremony at Parker Memorial Park looked back to local patriots in the American Revolution, and also held a moment of silence for those lost at the Boston Marathon on Patriot's Day 11 years ago.

Gene Theroux, past commander of the American Legion Post 124 and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution said Westfield played a significant role in the War for Independence. As a frontier settle-

ment when the war began in 1775, 61 men responded, and five lost their lives. Their names are inscribed on the Revolutionary War monument, which The One of the men who played a key role in the war was Lt. Richard Falley, Jr. of Westfield.

After Madison's talk., Theroux said that on July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Leading up to that observance in March, the General Henry Knox Honor Guard of the Massachusetts Society of the American Revolution will be traveling the course of Major General Henry Knox and his train of artillery, known as the Knox Trail, and will be traveling through Westfield as one of the twenty-six locations.

Theroux then recognized officials and guests at the ceremony. He said Mayor Mike McCabe could not attend as he was running in the Boston Marathon. He thanked Rep. Kelly Pease and councilors Cindy Harris and William Onyski for their presence.



The ceremony ended with Madison laying a wreath at the American Revolutionary War Memorial, the American Legion Post 124 rifle detail followed by the playing of echo Taps by Steve White, and a benediction by Post Chaplain Rich Olechna.

5/5-5/9/2024		Spring Meetings	Indianapolis, IN
5/19/2024	12:00 PM	D10 Get Together	Abington Post 112
5/26/2024	1:00 PM	Memorial Day	National Cemetery Bourne, MA
6/6/2024	2:00 PM	Membership DEC to Follow	Best Western Marlboro, MA
6/7-6/10/2024		Department Convention	Best Western Marlboro, MA
8/23-8/29		National Convention	New Orleans, LA


2024 Membership Standing *as of March 25, 2024—Next Target Date 5/15/24 100%*

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	1236	1164	93.53%
2	FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE	1275	1202	94.27%
3	HAMPDEN	2438	2127	87.24%
4	WORCESTER	4422	4308	97.42%
5	MIDDLESEX	3807	3512	92.25%
6	NORFOLK	2422	2246	92.73%
7	SUFFOLK	1112	1079	97.03%
8	ESSEX	2531	2344	92.61%
9	BRISTOL	2736	2457	89.80%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	3709	3486	93.99
297	CAPITOL HILL	392	405	103.32%
462	HEADQUARTERS	1000	970	97.00%
	National Quota	27,080	25,300	93.43%



2024 Membership Year 100% Posts

Post 2 Barre	Post 76 Jamaica Plain	Post 202 Hopkinton	Post 293 East Longmeadow
Post 4 Haverhill	Post 79 Weymouth	Post 204 West Boylston	Post 294 Morrisette
Post 8 Andover	Post 88 Marshfield	Post 210 Saugus	Post 298 Housatonic
Post 10 Fitchburg	Post 102 Athol	Post 217 Plainville	Post 302 Rehoboth
Post 16 William E. Carter	Post 107 Natick	Post 223 Duxbury	Post 303 Swansea
Post 17 John F. Kennedy/ Walsh	Post 109 Sturbridge	Post 225 Wrentham	Post 306 Paxton
Post 22 Whitman	Post 117 Oliver Ames	Post 226 Hanson	Post 309 Salisbury
Post 24 Canton	Post 121 Berkley	Post 228 Somerset	Post 310 Rutland
Post 25 Holyoke	Post 123 Ware	Post 231 Essex	Post 313 North Chelmsford
Post 30 Lt. Lawrence J. Flaherty	Post 144 Scituate	Post 234 Northboro	Post 327 China Town
Post 31 Southbridge	Post 147 Rockland	Post 241 Monson	Post 335 Norfolk
Post 33 Uxbridge	Post 149 Hanover	Post 244 West Brookfield	Post 341 Main South
Post 40 Plymouth	Post 151 Leominster	Post 247 Tyngsboro	Post 343 Northbridge
Post 41 North Brookfield	Post 159 Westford	Post 249 Littleton	Post 361 Ashby
Post 46 Beverly Farms	Post 162 Belin	Post 253 Chatham	Post 366 East Chelmsford
Post 47 Holliston	Post 163 Westboro	Post 255 Topsfield	Post 373 Baldwinville
Post 50 Clinton	Post 172 Orange	Post 265 Acushnet	Post 388 East Somerville
Post 57 Swampscott	Post 174 Westminster	Post 266 Granby	Post 391 Charlton
Post 61 Revere	Post 175 Longmeadow	Post 280 Mattapoisett	Post 398 Boylston
Post 74 Framingham	Post 185 Agawam	Post 287 Wellfleet	Post 405 Rayham
Post 75 Franklin	Post 191 Sudbury	Post 291 East Lynn	Post 435 Vernon Hill

BE THE ONE

What is your unit/department doing to support the Be the One mission?



#BeTheOne is how we change lives and save lives. Ask veterans in your life how they are doing. Listen when a veteran needs to talk. Reach out when a veteran is struggling. We want to hear from you? What is your unit or department doing to prevent veteran suicide. Comment or email us at PR@ALAforVeterans.org

2024 Membership Standing *as of April 25, 2024*

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	204	186	91.2%
2	FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE	260	254	97.7%
3	HAMPDEN	347	359	103.5%
4	WORCESTER	1039	948	91.2%
5	MIDDLESEX	906	894	98.7%
6	NORFOLK	377	301	79.8%
7	SUFFOLK	110	96	87.3%
8	ESSEX	607	581	95.7%
9	BRISTOL	279	235	84.2%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	802	719	89.7%
462	HEADQUARTERS	583	109	18.7%
	National Quota	5,514	4,682	84.9%



National SALE-newsletter goes monthly

Sons of The American Legion — and other interested subscribers — can now get the national SAL e-newsletter delivered to their inbox on a monthly basis. The e-newsletter had been on a bimonthly schedule since May 2020, when it was introduced to replace the print version of the national SAL newsletter. The e-newsletter includes links to news stories, videos and other information about the SAL. However, in the interest of having a printable version for those interested, the SAL Advisory Committee last fall approved The Millennium, a printable PDF newsletter produced monthly. The Millennium includes meeting dates for the SAL commissions and committees, reports from national vice commanders and commission/committee chairs, historical tidbits and more. The Millennium will be included in a link in each month’s e-newsletter, providing even more content and information for SAL members and other subscribers. To subscribe, go to Legion.org/newsletters and find the Sons of The American Legion “subscribe” button. You will need to sign into MyLegion in order to subscribe. Past editions of both the e-newsletter and the Millennium are available at Legion.org/Sons/Newsletters. That page also includes a link to subscribe.



2024 S.A.L. Membership Standing as of April 25, 2024

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	206	222	107.77%
2	FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE	234	227	97.01%
3	HAMPDEN	392	461	117.60%
4	WORCESTER	948	897	94.62%
5	MIDDLESEX	1224	1134	92.65%
6	NORFOLK	941	670	71.20%
7	SUFFOLK	167	183	109.58%
8	ESSEX	394	391	99.24%
9	BRISTOL	237	242	102.11%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	689	708	102.76%
	National Goal	5432	5134	94.53%



**Detachment of Massachusetts
Sons of The American Legion
Child Welfare Foundation
53 Messenger St., Apt C
Plainville, MA 02762
508-316-0760**

**To: All Squadrons
From: Clifford Smith - C.W.F Chairmen
Re: C.W.F. Fundraiser**

In 1952, Dr. Garland D. Murphy Jr. gave to The American Legion a large contribution that would benefit children. The Legion and Murphy entered into a trust agreement that established the Child Welfare Foundation. CWF accepts funding proposal from nonprofit organizations for projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children. The Sons of The American Legion continues to be a leader in donations to the Foundation. This year we hope to exceed the \$10,000,000.00 plus mark in donations since we began raising funds for this vital program. The National goal of each Detachment is to raise at least \$1.00 per member. Many Squadrons donate to the foundation on their own however in an effort to reach this goal the Detachment is once again sponsoring the Detachment Convention Child Welfare Foundation Raffle.

YOU COULD BE A MULTI- MILLIONAIRE

7 PRIZES TOTAL

The prizes are as follows:

6 – Android 10.4 Tablets with Keyboard

10 - \$10.00 Scratch Tickets.

Raffle to be drawn on June 8, 2024 at the 56th Detachment Convention in Marlboro

Included with this letter is a sheet of 5 tickets. Raffle tickets are a \$5.00 donation per ticket. If every Squadron can sell two sheets of tickets we will surpass our Detachment goal. If you need additional raffle tickets, simply copy the enclosed sheet. Additional copies can be given to your Squadron Members, family, friends, neighbors or co-workers etc.

When buying the raffle tickets please do not forget to return the stubs.

We will also be having a 50/50 drawing. Tickets will available at the Detachment Convention only.

Please send all checks and stubs to:

Clifford Smith, 53 Messenger St., Apt C, Plainville, MA 02762.

Make checks payable to: The Detachment of Mass. SAL. Put on memo line C.W.F Fundraiser.

Please do not send any tickets or checks to the State House in Boston. They will not be counted.

If you have any questions please call 508-316-0760 or e-mail: cliff106@juno.com

This has been very successful over the years. Let's do it again this year.



May 25, 2024

REMEMBRANCE RIDE



Registration: 10 am at the Dalton Legion

Ceremony: 11am

KSU: 12:00 noon

Breakfast by the Legion Auxiliary

Destination Restaurant: **Guest speaker:**

Log House Resturant

Martha Green

Barkhamsted,Ct

Dalton American Legion
258 North St - Dalton MA



Post 98

Saturday morning



Coffee break



Veterans, Aux, and Potential Members

American Legion Hall

32 Beach st

8:00—10:30

Come on down



**The American Legion
Department of Massachusetts, District Ten
Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket Counties**

Annual Get Together

Sunday

May, 19, 2024

12:00 PM

\$25.00

Chicken Bake

Split Chicken, Baked Potato

Corn on the Cob

Salad and Desert

Contact JVC Paul Lemieux

Phone: (508) 330-4767

Email: MSGLemieux@comcast.net

Location

Lewis V. Dorsey Post 112

1027 Washington Street

Abington, MA 02351





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



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