

# Massachusetts e-Legionnaire



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## Commander's Corner



We didn't make the 90% goal on membership that was due on March 13, 2019. So, we didn't win *the big 12 completion in category IV*. We along with all other departments in *Category IV* didn't make their goal's either. We all estimated that we would be much better than we turned out to be. Although we had great expectations for the 93% goal, we couldn't even make the 90% goal.

There are five Districts who haven't made the 90% goal as of this date. Congratulations to the 5 Districts who

made the 90% or better goal. For us to make the 100% goal on membership, all Districts must make the 100% goal. Some of the smaller Districts can be carried by other Districts. But the larger Districts must Make the 100% goal just to give us a fair chance of making the 100% goal.

The good news is that there are a lot of contact information on the DMS list that just came out a few weeks ago. Using that list all posts should be able to increase their membership numbers.

I keep telling you we must stop the slide in membership and turn that around, to a positive number. In 2000 the total membership in the Department of Massachusetts was 64,516 with a renewal rate of 92,57%. For 2018 the membership was 32,518 with a membership re-

newal rate of 88%.

The number of posts who made the 100% goal on membership are to numerous to list, suffice to say Congratulations to the 62 posts that have already reached 100% goal on membership I expected a much higher number, but know we all are working at more than 100% effort. With the new incentives maybe, it will be enough to put us over the top on membership and put a little money in the post coffers.

Last year 2017-2018 no Post applied for the "DEPARTMENT – POST EXCELLENCE AWARD" There were at least 49 posts who made the criteria of at least succeeding the 2017-2018 membership goal. If you want to be refreshed in the criteria for this award.

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## Post Excellence Award



To qualify for American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad's Post Excellence Award, a post is required to achieve excellence in four areas: membership, submission of the Consolidated Post Report (CPR), sharing of post history, and community activity. The award is a banner, as seen in the above photo.

The purposes of this award are membership growth, exposure of American Legion values to the youth of the community, and increased visibility of the American Legion Family through service projects. A post achieving this qualification will have had

numerous post members involved in planning and achieving these goals. Many posts are most likely already active in these areas and will qualify without extra effort. Others, however, will need to increase their efforts in one or more areas to qualify for the award.

The following are the standards that must be achieved in each area to receive the Post Excellence Award:

**Membership.** Post membership must be at least one member greater than the previous year. At least one post officer attends district meetings.

**Consolidated Post Report.** CPRs must be submitted by July 1. The American Legion's federal charter requires the submission of an annual report to Congress on activities for the year. MyLegion.org has made it simple for a post to submit its CPR in a timely manner or click here to [download a CPR](#).

**Sharing of post history.** The American Legion's Centennial web page ([www.centennial.legion.org](http://www.centennial.legion.org)) allows posts to convey their legacy by sharing historical photos, videos and print material.

**Community activity.** The post must conduct an event that connects the local community with The American Legion post. The objective is to open your doors, welcome the community in, and educate them on what The American Legion is all about and how the post is an asset to the community. Posts do not need to have a physical building to accomplish this. This activity can be held in a park, a community center, or anywhere the post can welcome and interact with the local community.

The district commander responsible for the post will certify a post as having achieved the four specified criteria. The district commander will submit a list of posts meeting the criteria to department headquarters. That list should include the post name, phone number, address and commander's name. If possible, accompany the last two criteria with copies of press releases submitted to the local media about the projects to show that the projects were not only accomplished but that an attempt was made to enhance the image of The American Legion through local media. The copy submitted should include a date and time stamp showing receipt by the media outlet.

The department adjutant will transmit information as posts qualify to:

The American Legion National Headquarters  
Attn: Membership  
P.O. Box 1055  
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1055

PASSING OF PAST DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER  
DOROTHY M. DICKSON

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of PDC Dorothy M. Dickson 1983-1984.



Church service will be as follows:

May 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM St Helen's Church 383 Washington St. Norwell, MA 02061

Burial to follow the services at Bourne National Cemetery.

## Membership—DSVC Jodi Pajak

Hello Team Massachusetts, Well we're three quarters of the way through the membership year and it's time to assess where we are. We hit the ground running in September and October and kept the ball rolling clear up to March 13<sup>th</sup> where fell short by only 123 members in scoring the 90% cut off. We still have a lot of work to do, but I believe we can exceed our membership goals. How is that possible you ask? It's possible if we do a 90-day membership blitz and we implement the "Buddy Check" A national week of calling around the Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday as a way to reach out to members and former members who may need help. Perhaps they have been waiting for a personal call or visit to renew or rejoin. You can download your packets at <https://www.legion.org/membership/buddycheck>

In order to catch up and obtain our next goal of 95% by April 10<sup>th</sup> we need to play catch up. That means that for the next 15 days we recruit, retain and renew members like our very lives depended on it, because our legion life does. It is also important to remember that we don't just want to meet our goals but exceed them. That being said, the tools we have are getting better all the time, in addition to being able to send transmittals electronically through mylegion.org, we can now process revitalization transfers and post 462 transfers. The major advantage to this is that, we'll be able to process them much quicker than National, and we'll be able to see the fruits of our labor sooner.

I would be remiss in my duties if I didn't talk about the renewal rate in the department. Did you know that approximately 20% of members do not renew every year? Therefore; we must emphasize Retention, Retention, Retention and not just for new members, but our loyal post members that renew every year now, but could be lost next year. Communicate with your members both old and new and be sure to listen to their response. The easiest way to do this is simply ask questions and listen.

Finally consider asking someone in the post with similar interest and or background to mentor your new members. Mentoring is used in business all the time and that's because it works to keep valuable employees.

Try to attend the revitalizations that are coming up in your area and make things happen. Once your revitalization is well underway, start planning to get some of the 2014-16 expired members and make some money! We've got the tools so all we need is you! Keep on working when the lights go out and there's no one around. Willingness to keep working when the lights are out, is a characteristic of both a leader and a winner. We all have a winner inside us, so commit to our common goal to exceed our membership goals for 2018-19. That's its Team Massachusetts Believe and Achieve - Doubt and go Without Keep looking for the Gold.



## Benefits of the membership transmittal processing feature

The American Legion's online transmittal processing feature through MyLegion.org allows posts to process their membership in batches and pay for membership online through e-checks. This electronic payment method eliminates the need for post officers to send the national/department portion of the three-part membership cards and paper checks to department headquarters.

Since July 2018, about 190,000 members have been processed through this feature.

A few key benefits to using the online transmittal processing feature include:

- Membership counts are added to the National Target Date membership report.
- Membership counts are immediately added to the MyLegion Post/District Membership reports and available for departments to add to their membership reports.
- Members are immediately suppressed from any renewal notices, such as direct mail and email.
- Once post officers submit payment it prevents members from renewing online or duplicating payments.
- Posts save money by not having to pay shipping costs for a paper transmittal to department.

If your Post is not using MyLegion—You need to sign up Today!

## TIPS TO IMPROVE RECRUITING EFFORTS

If you think the woman or man is a Veteran, ask them if they served in the military, rather than if you are a Veteran. Many young men and women currently serving think you must be retired to be a veteran. If indeed they have served, ask them if they belong to any Service organizations, if yes, thank them and give them your card, contact information and explain they should check us out as well.

The following are five recruiting tips to help you meet our membership goals:

Always be ready with a two or three minute "elevator pitch" on the importance and benefits of Legion membership.

Download the Legion app at [www.legion.org/mobileapps](http://www.legion.org/mobileapps) You'll be ready to sign up members on the spot

If your district has invested in door hangers [www.legion.org/membership/tools](http://www.legion.org/membership/tools) get some and modify with your post information. You're now ready to reach out to potential members even if you're not face-to-face.

Keep a few membership applications on hand.

Have a supply of "Why You Should Belong", "This Is The American Legion" and "How We Help" brochures for informational/ recruitment events.

DSVC Jodie Pajak

## Commander's Corner (Continued)

There are 5 criteria you must achieve in order to submit your application for the Dept. Post Excellence Award, your post must increase one more member than your membership goal as set by National. Second; You must submit a Consolidated post Report on time. Third; Submit a post roster on time. Fourth; Aid to active troops, veterans and their families. Fifth; Post must attend the Department Convention in June 2019.

Not to lose sight of the fact that on April 15, 2019 the APDR, Annual Post Data Report is due. Last year we had a miserable percentage on this and the other mandatory reports. You may not be able to make 100% on membership's, but any excuse of not turning in a "APDR", before the due date April 15, 2019, IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

Speaking about the Consolidated Post Report, you should be collecting information to put in your post's "CPR". District Commanders, there is no reason all the posts in your District shouldn't turn in a "CPR". If you know of a post who hasn't turned in a report then you should contact the post Personally or by phone and make out a report for that post, with the information that has been given to you. there are myriad of items that can be reported.

At the National Convention, Departments who reach 100% in the Consolidated Post Report will be recognized, on stage. Departments who reach 90% and 95% will be recognized on the floor. It would be nice if the Department of Massachusetts was recognized on stage.

Just a word about the South Boston, St Patrick Day Parade. Because it is our 100 anniversaries, they made us the Honoree Grand Marshall and we were the second unit of the parade. There were many Legionnaires invoiced in the parade.

The Waltham band and trolley, an old fire engine from Brookline Post, and several cars in the parade. Maybe next year we can increase our presence. I know a good time was had by all, marchers and certainly the crowd were in fine *spirits*.



# Meet the Candidates



James W. "Bill" Oxford, Candidate for National Commander 2019-2020.

Bill was born in Lenoir NC, to a large family of nine. His father and mother both worked to support the family, so he learned at an early age to be independent and self-sufficient.

Bill met his wife, Frances, in 1966. They recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. They have a son, Charles and a daughter, Jackie. They have four grandsons.

Bill served as the Department Commander for the Department of North Carolina 2010-2011. He has served as chairman of the National Legislative Commission and the Veterans Employment and Education Commission. Additionally he has served on the Foreign Relations Commission, Americanism Commission, Baseball Subcommittee and Citizen Flag Alliance.

Bill's American Legion activities at all levels show he has the experience!  
Support Bill Oxford for National Commander 2019-2020

## "TEAM TEXAS" Presents



**Paul E. Dillard**

For National Commander  
2020 - 2021



## "No Veteran Left Behind"

Paul E. Dillard, for National Commander 2020-2021

Paul was born in Whitesboro TX. He graduated from Whitesboro HS in 1965.

After graduation Paul joined the US Navy. After returning from the US Navy he attended Grayson County Junior College and East Texas State University.

He and his wife, Donna, have been married for over 35 years and have two sons William and Jonathan. They have 2 grandsons

Paul served as the Department Commander for the Department of Texas 2007-2009. He served as a National Vice Commander 2013-2014. He was the ANEC, Chairman of the National Legislative Commission, the Foreign relations Committee and the Veterans Employment and Education Commission.. Additionally he served on the Insurance Committee, Distinguished Guest Committee, Children and Youth Committee, and the Media and Communications Council.

Paul's American Legion activities at all levels shows he has the experience!  
Support Paul Dillard for National Commander 2020-2021.

## From Your Service Officer– Veteran and family care at Home Base

Home Base, a veteran's care facility located in Charlestown has been working to heal the invisible wounds suffered by Post-9/11 veterans, regardless of discharge status, for over ten years.

Their programs include outpatient clinic, intensive clinical sessions, TBI services, and Military sexual abuse counseling and treatment. The experienced Home Base clinicians are part of the Mass General Hospital, and use proven behavioral therapies along with complementary alternative medicine to heal these unseen injuries. As part of this treatment, family members are an integral part of this process by offering them support and education.

All these services are provided at no cost to the veteran and his/her family, but as Home Base is a private, philanthropically driven organization, fundraising is the key to its success and future. The Red Sox Foundation, and the Warrior Care Network thankfully, have been substantial partners. Together, along with the Mass Dept. of American Legion, and community fundraising, thousands of veterans have successfully been given the attention and care they deserve. If you or a loved one could benefit from this program, or would like to volunteer at Home Base, call 617-724-5202.

As the Boston Marathon is near, some nurse-practitioners at Mass General have formed a team to raise funds for Home Base by competing as charity runners. Amanda Scott, a native of Marlboro, Mass. is one of those runners, and the following is a link to her fundraising page:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/home-base-boston-2019/amandascott18>

Semper Fi

Mike Whalen

## LEGION 100TH ANNIVERSARY COINS NOW ON SALE



The American Legion's Centennial Coins are now on sale. Visit [www.legion.org/coin](http://www.legion.org/coin) for purchases, pricing details and more information.

There are many factors that go into the price of the coins, of which there are three different variations. Do note, however, that the introductory prices will increase to the regular prices starting at 3 p.m. EDT on April 15.

In addition to being a suitable collector's item, the special coins have a deeper meaning.

Proceeds from each sale will contribute to The American Legion's legacy of supporting veterans, service-members, their families and their communities throughout our nation. The funding will support programs that aid veterans in need, mentor children and so much more.

"What an incredibly special way to celebrate our first 100 years of service to communities, states and nation," American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad said. "These coins help tell the origins of our incredible organization while also helping to fulfill the needs of veterans, their families and others who we serve every day with pride and purpose."

Al White award for December 2018 was awarded to Post 124 Legion Family for their children's Christmas party.

Al White award for January 2019 was awarded to Post 224 Legion Family for their Chili Cook-off to support the 4 chaplain's service at Leeds VA

We are still accepting nominations for the February and March Al White Awards.

It is time to start preparing your submissions for the Community Service and Post Activity report which is due by April 30, 2019. It is a good time of year to put this submission together as this report will also help you to prepare your consolidated reports that are due soon. You can find the full activity report and requirement's on the state website under programs then community service.

### **ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AND POST ACTIVITY REPORT AND CLAUDIUS G. PENDILL TROPHY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

#### **ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AND POST ACTIVITY REPORT:**

Each Post is expected to have an Annual Community Service and Post Activities Report submitted for the "Record" and will cover March 1 through February 28 of the following year.

The report form gives the Post an easy way to record all the work done within the community by its members.

This form may also assist when reporting the Consolidated Post Reports (CPR)

#### **Facts about the Claudius G. Pendill Trophy:**

In order to be eligible for the Claudius G. Pendill Trophy the Community Service report **MUST** be submitted with supporting evidence of the activities.

This should include a brief description of the event and any newspaper clippings or pictures. **ONE PAGE PER EVENT IS SUFFICIENT.** No minutes to meetings accepted.

Each page will be numbered and that number placed in the Index page number on the Annual Community Service and Post Activity Report.

The book will follow the index numbers with the report as your cover pages and all index pages to follow. The Index numbers should start in area 1 and be sequentially numbered regardless of the order in which the events were held during the year.

## Community Service

### First Place Winner

Posts may receive the Pendill Trophy more than once.

The winning Post receives the Pendill Trophy with their name on it to be displayed at their post for one year.

The first place banner is also displayed at the post for one year.

The post will also receive a permanent plaque for display

### Second Place Winner

Will receive the second place Howard E. Schreiber banner for display for one year.

The post will also receive a permanent plaque for display.

### Third Place Winner

Will receive "The Community Service Committee Award Plaque"

All other entrants receive a citation.

### **Submission due by: May 1, 2019**

Chairman

Community Service Committee

### **MAIL ALL ENTRIES TO:**

Sally Nay

Community service Committee

93 Grochmal Ave TR 30

Indian Orchard, MA 01151

Or Via e-mail to: [nay@spinesports.com](mailto:nay@spinesports.com)

## Historian

Hello fellow legionaries as the month of April is here it means that we are every closer to the Department Convention. This is where I have the wonderful duty of judging, what hopefully is a large number of post history books. I am also hoping that we might send a book from the department, on the post level, to the National Judging. Also let's remember that if you have a picture that you would like in the Department History Book for this year to email them to me, with all the info of who is in the pictures where and what the event is.

Yours in service,

Nelson Blake

Department Historian

## Editorial—John Lenotte, PDC

Hard to believe that we are now in April. The official Legion birthday has come and gone. We will however continue to celebrate. I know that many posts will be hosting events in the coming months.

This is a good time to remember some of the major accomplishments of The American Legion in the last 100 years. Examples include: drafting the GI Bill and although many thought it too costly, The American Legion and Jewish War Veterans fought to get it passed through Congress and signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Working to get what we now know as the Department of Veterans Affairs. Past National Historian Eben Putnam of MA helped to get the National Archives established. The American Legion became the single largest donor to the Vietnam Wall, giving \$1 million. Legion research and advocacy made PTSD a recognized diagnosis in 1980, and teamed up with Columbia University to prove Agent Orange was affecting veterans and their families.

Since 9/11, the Legion has been advocating for the following: Acceptance of all effective treatments of PTSD; Career fairs, business workshops and education forums for veterans and their families; Demanding a well-funded VA system and the recently passed Forever GI Bill, known as the Harry Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act. For anyone who does not know, PNC Harry Colmery wrote the original GI Bill. A little known fact about the original bill is that for the first time in history, US veterans were allowed to challenge their type of discharge. And the list goes on!

As I have and will remind all for most of this year, what is your post doing to remind its members about not only what The American Legion has done, but what is continues to do for our nation. What is your post doing to get the word out to the local community? What are you doing as an individual to spread the word to fellow veterans, including asking them to join?

Let us not forget that this includes all parts of the Legion family – Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders. Together we are stronger and make it all happen

The American Legion has made lives better for millions of Americans. This is not only our legacy, this is our torch to pass on to the next generation.

May God Bless our troops and their families who protect us and keep us free.

John Lenotte, Past Commander American Legion Post 4 Haverhill MA, Past Commander District 8/Essex County, MA, Past Commander, Department of MA. I may be reached by email at [JPLEnotte@gmail.com](mailto:JPLEnotte@gmail.com)

## Legislation—PNEC Frank MacDonald, National Legislative Commission

For years members have urged The American Legion to expand its dates of eligibility. At the Fall 2018 meeting of the National Executive Committee the Legion took the first step in doing just that when they passed Resolution 1. This resolution calls upon Congress to declare that the United States of America has been continuously engaged in a state of war from December 7, 1941 to such date in the future as the United States government may determine that there has been an end to armed hostilities; and, that the United States Congress direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to qualify as “war-time veteran” all military service personnel who served honorably under federal government Title 10 orders for at least one day during said period. These actions by the US Congress are the first steps in opening our dates.

On February 14, 2019, Senators Kyrsten Sinema, D-AZ and Thom Tillis, R-NC introduced Senate Bill S:504 the Legion Act. To get this bill out of committee and onto the floor for a vote will take an effort on our part. We need to get co-sponsors to move this bill along. Take a minute to go onto [congress.gov](http://congress.gov) and read the bill then contact our senators and ask them to sign on as co-sponsors.

On March 8, 2019 the House of Representatives introduced a companion bill Let Everyone get involved in Opportunities for National Service Act. HR 1641 also known as the Legion Act. This is also a bipartisan effort introduced by Congressman Lou Correa, D-Calif., and Ben Cline, R-Va., with Rep. Gil Cisneros, D-Calif., an original co-sponsor. We need to get co-sponsors to move this bill along. Take a minute to go onto [congress.gov](http://congress.gov) and read the bill then contact your Representative and ask them to sign on as co-sponsors.

The LEGION Act was a focus of American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad’s Feb. 27 testimony before a joint hearing of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans’ Affairs. He called on Congress to take action amending the charter, thereby giving tens of thousands of veterans access to American Legion benefits and programs they are not currently eligible for.

“Our charter and membership eligibility have mirrored the eras officially recognized by the U.S. government to include the wars and conflicts such as Korea, Vietnam and the Global War on Terror,” Reistad testified. “However, these recognized periods fail to take into account the hostilities that occur between official war eras, in which nearly 1,600 U.S. military personnel were killed or wounded in places like Cuba, Iran and El Salvador.”

Because The American Legion’s membership periods are congressionally chartered, the organization is prevented from expanding membership eligibility without an act of Congress. The act expands membership eligibility to honorably discharged veterans that have served on federal orders in unrecognized times of war since World War II.

These Bills will sit in committee forever if we do not act. Contact Senators Warren and Markey and your local Representative today and implore them to sign on as co-sponsors.

# South Boston Saint Paddy's Day Parade



PNEC Jim Flattes, DVC Tony Dias, D7 C Neysa Wright & PDC Ken Starks



Department Commander Fred White and S.A.L. Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge

# Natick Post 107 Centennial Celebration



Front Row Left to Right: PDC Ken Starks, PNEC Jim Flattes, Sandra Means, Back Row: Stephanie Lane, D7SVC Carla Nelson, D7C Neysa Wright

# Charter Presentation Middleton Post 227



National Executive Committeeman Louis Brault presents the Charter to Middleton Post 227 Legion Riders Chapter President Charles Allen and members of the Riders Chapter

# American Legion Centennial Celebration at the Ludlow Country Club



American Legion Post 266, Granby MA, along with VFW Post 3236, Ludlow, MA and Western Mass Combat Wounded Veterans Chapter 875, hosted a 100th Anniversary Celebration of the American Legion on March 23, 2019 at the Ludlow Country Club. Thank you Department Commander Fred White for attending our event. It was a great night celebrating The American Legion with fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL and friends."



# John F. Kennedy Library Foundation

You and your colleagues are cordially invited to this special event to honor President Kennedy's commitment to military service and the special role veterans play in our society on April 16th at 10:00 am. We are also inviting all veterans to tour the Museum exhibits for free throughout April 16th. Please see below for a formal invitation with further information.

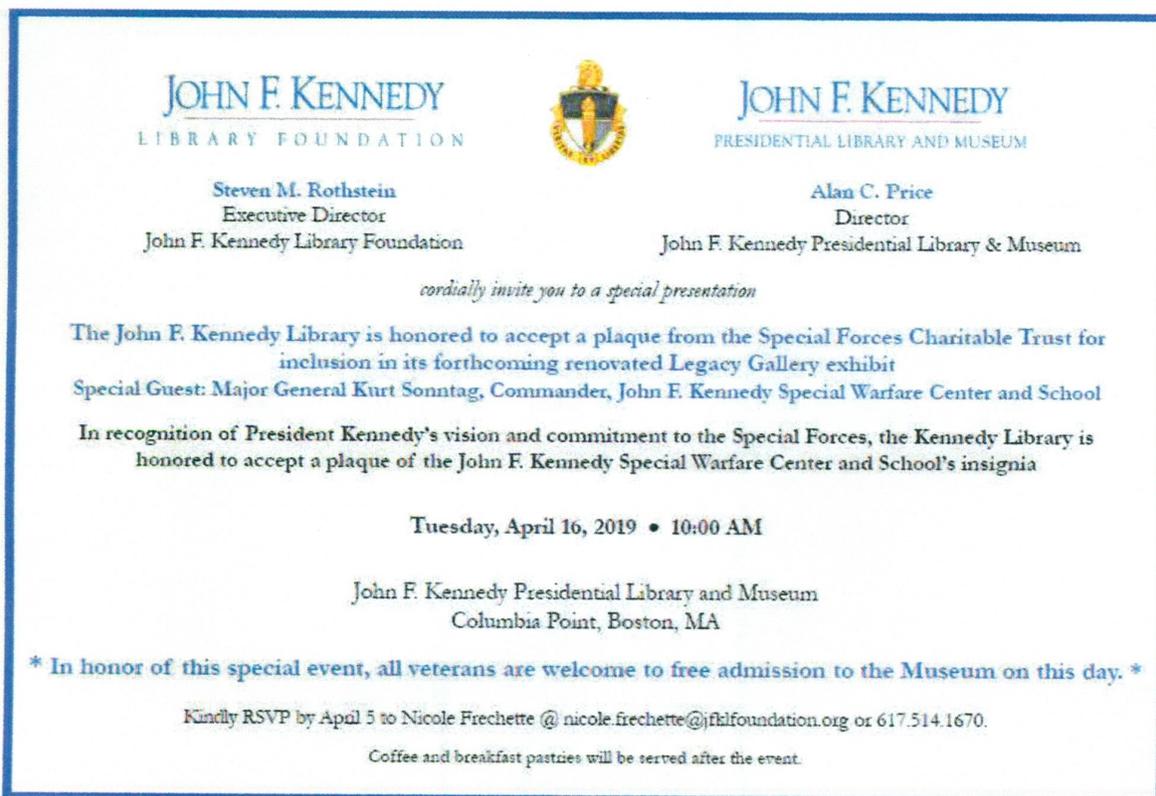
Nearly twenty years after his own military service in World War II, President Kennedy prepared the nation to meet a different kind of military challenge, "...new in its intensity, ancient in its origin..." He ordered that the nation's Special Forces and unconventional warfare units be increased. The ranks of the "Green Berets," the US Army's Special Forces, were greatly expanded, and the Navy SEALs were commissioned. In recognition of President Kennedy's vision and commitment to the Special Forces, the Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg was named in his memory. The Library is pleased and honored to accept a plaque of the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School's insignia for inclusion in the display of our new Legacy Gallery that will be opening later this spring.

Please free to share this with others that might be interested in joining us.

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## Boys State Committee

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Department of Massachusetts  
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BOSTON, MA 02133

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

The 2019 Boys State Program will be held at Stonehill College, North Easton, from Saturday, June 15, 2019 to Friday, June 21, 2019. This year, the cost of sponsoring each boy will be ~~\$375.00~~ for the regular tuition, or ~~\$350.00~~ for those who pay for students by the "early bird" registration date of April 6, 2019 after the cost is \$375.00. 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 indicating your Post Chairman, as all future correspondence will be mailed directly to them. All checks for the 2019 Boys State Session must be in the hands of chairman by May 20, 2019. 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.maboyestate.org/>) contains a wealth of information, including video, photographs, program books, and program descriptions. Students and parents should be directed to this resource for information and announcements.

Beginning in January 2019, 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 2019 Boy Stater, detailed instructions will be provided in the application packets that are sent to the Post.

Contact your District Chairmen regarding transportation.

District	Name	Address	EMAIL ADDRESS	Telephone
01	Dale Alden	PO Box 193 Ashley Falls, MA 01222	aldedale@hotmail.com	413-229-8163
01	George OLeen	997 Foley Rd Sheffield, MA 01257	Gao1964@gmail.com	413-229-6670
02	Leo Barber	53 Union St Apt 3 Athol, MA 01331	Debbie_barber2002@yahoo.com	413-336-1273
03	Defto Barabani Jr	155 Langevin St Chicopee, MA 01020	353vet3012@gmail.com	413-532-3135
04	Lisa McPhee	157 Water St Clinton, MA 01510	Lredsox1964@aol.com	978-230-6209
05	Leslie J McKittrick Jr	70 Water St Woburn, MA 01801	whitleymckittrick@gmail.com	781-367-7986
06	Elmon Hendrickson	111 Westbourne Ter Brookline, MA 02446	Mhenn5057@gmail.com	617-953-3915
06	Wendy Eng (Consultant)	48 Payne St Quincy, MA 02169	Quincy MA 02169	617-584-0078
07	Michael Davis	451 Union Ave Framingham, MA 017	chickendaveus@yahoo.com	617-335-0241
08	Ronald Genest	9 Vineyard St Danvers, MA 01923	drmudder@hotmail.com	978-360-8278
09	Robert Hicks	1 Daniel Dr N.Easton, MA 02356	Rhicks1@comcast.net	508-238-4418
10	David Sillars	6 Crows Nest Dr Buzzard Bay, MA 02532	Sillyman505@comcast.net	508-264-3545

### TEAR - OFF SHEET

POST \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF BOYS \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s) Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

High School Contact (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please send the application via email to this address: \_\_\_\_\_

SEND TO: MARK A. AVIS, 14 SHAW STREET PALMER MA 01069





## **LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicants will be assessed based on previous year(s) accomplishments)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

POST NAME & NO: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTINUOUS YEARS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITIONS HELD IN LEGION: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT EXEMPLIFIES THIS PERSON AS A LEGIONNAIRE: (use additional sheets as needed)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

IS THE PERSON A LEADER IN WHAT HE/ SHE DOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DOES LEGIONNAIRE INTEND TO ASPIRE TO HIGHER POSITIONS WITHIN THE AMERICAN LEGION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS PERSON WELL RESPECTED IN HIS/ HER POST AND COMMUNITY: \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU AS A CITIZEN LEADER RECOMMEND THIS PERSON FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE AMERICAN LEGION (explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This form must be submitted to: THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD, RM 546-2 STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MA 02133 no later than  
MAY 1, 2019.

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Complete with attached recommendations. Do Not submit more than eight (8) pages of additional  
documentation.

## Legionnaire of the Year (Cont'd)

### **RULES AND DEADLINES**

#### **FOR DEPARTMENT BLUE CAP / LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR**

**OBJECTIVE:** THE DEPARTMENT "BLUE CAP" OF THE YEAR is designed to recognize a Legionnaire who exemplifies the goals and objectives set forth by The American Legion. Nominees **MUST** be a "Blue Cap"

**ELEGIBILITY:** for this award requires that the candidate cannot be in an elected position authorized to wear a half white or a white cap; nor at the time of the award, have been elected (though not yet installed) to any such position. (Therefore, to prevent embarrassment, it shall be incumbent upon the recommending Post to report the ineligibility of the individual prior to the Department Convention.) This is the only restriction.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURE:** Any post, District or County may recommend any qualified member. Submissions should include the attached form and supporting documents as necessary for the committee to judge the qualifications, character and dedication of the nominee.

**Supporting documents MUST be included:** They may include letters from civic groups, churches, other veteran organization; testimonials from fellow veterans, news clippings, etc.

**DEADLINES:** Blue Cap/Legionnaire Committee Chairman must receive submissions no later than May 1, 2019.

**FINAL SELECTION OF** one Department of Massachusetts BLUE CAP/LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR will be determined by the Legionnaire of the year Committee no later than May 25, 2019. There will be no honorable mentions.

**WINNERS** will be honored at the Massachusetts American Legion State Convention, where the winner will receive a plaque and a legion cap.



# National Commander's Testimonial



**The American Legion  
Department of Massachusetts, Inc.  
RM 546 – 2 State House  
Boston, MA 02133-1044  
(617) 727-2966  
Email: deptadjutant@masslegion.org**

## **NATIONAL COMMANDER BRETT P REISTAD TESTIMONIAL**

January 23, 2019

Dear Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders,

Our National Commander Brett P Reistad Testimonial will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA 01752.

A social will be held at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM

Ticket donations are \$40.00 per person and may be purchased from your District Ticket Chairperson. Please make checks payable to "American Legion Department of MA" and mark "Tickets Only". Tables will be set for 10.

All room reservations must be made directly through the:

- Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel at (508) 460-0700
- The room rate per night is \$129.00 plus 11.7% tax = **\$144.09**
- The American Legion code is **American Legion**
- The cutoff date for reservation is **March 23, 2019**

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

Yours in comradeship:

**Co-Chairman:** John P "Jake" Comer, PNC  
Paul A Morin, PNC  
**Vice Chairman:** Louis E Brault Jr, NEC  
Jamer E Brehio, ANEC  
**Ticket Chairman:** James Army, PDC  
**Ad Book Chairman:** Milton Lashus, DADJ  
  
**Members:** Mark Avis, PNVC  
10 District Chairman

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District Ticket Chairman on other side

# Department Convention

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.  
2019 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HOUSING FORM  
HOTEL 1620 AT PLYMOUTH HARBOR  
180 WATER ST  
PLYMOUTH MA 02360

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL OUT ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM**

Post Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City / Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing room with: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKNG (\$250.00 CLEANING FEE WILL BE CHARGED)**

Check in time is after **3:00 PM**

Check out time **11:00 AM**

**Three night minimum stay required.**

**Room rate: \$139.63 per night (tax included)**

Wed. (optional)	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	Sun. (optional)
June 5	<b>June 6</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>June 8</b>	June 9
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Check off Room Type & Dates**

1 King: \_\_\_\_\_ or 2 Double: \_\_\_\_\_

**No Show's** will be charged one night and remainder of reservation will be cancelled  
**CREDIT CARDS ONLY "NO CHECKS"**

Credit Card Type \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_

CC Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION  
RM 546-2 STATE HOUSE  
BOSTON, MA 02133**

**ROOM RATES ON REVERSE SIDE**



## NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL OUT ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City / Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Check off Room Type:    1 King: \_\_\_\_\_    or    2 Double: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing room with: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>Departure</u>
<u>Date:</u> _____	<u>Time:</u> _____ AM or PM	<u>Date:</u> _____

Credit Card Type \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_

CC Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBERS OF REGISTRATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE IS \$25.00 PER PERSON. CHECK ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO TAL DEPT OF MA**  
REGISTRATION FEE COVERS NATIONAL CONVENTION PACKET AND BADGE TO ENTER CONVENTION HALL. **NO REFUND OF REGISTRATION FEE AFTER JULY 15, 2019**

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET:    TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019  
FAB FOUR (BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND) AS THE BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT  
**\$50.00 PER TICKET - CHECK ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO TAL DEPT OF MA**

NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NO REFUND OF BANQUET TICKETS AFTER JULY 15, 2019**  
**ONLY 40 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE - 10 TO A TABLE - FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**

*ROOM RATES ON REVERSE SIDE*



## **APPRECIATION DINNER**

# **SALLY NAY**

## **CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION TO DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER**

**Sunday – April 7, 2019**

**American Legion Post 338  
46 Powder Mill Road, Southwick, MA**

**Social hour noon -1 pm**

**Buffet style dinner at 1 pm**

**\$30 per person**

**RSVP by March 29, 2019**

**Make checks payable to: Sally Nay**

**Mail to: 93 Grochmal Ave TR 30**

**Indian Orchard, MA 01151**

### **Committee Members**

#### **Honorary Chairman**

**John P. "Jake" Comer PNC  
Paul A. Morin PNC  
Auxiliary NEC Deb Barber  
Auxiliary Dist 3  
Jenn Hamre  
American Legion  
Riders 338**

#### **Mark Avls PNVC**

**American Legion Post 130  
American Legion Post 224  
American legion Post 338  
SAL Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge  
SAL Detachment Vice Commander  
Gene Theroux**

#### **PNH**

**James Fratolillo  
Nelson Blake  
James Blake  
Tom Pltonlak  
Auxiliary Unit 338**





**The American Legion Family**

**You are cordially invited to  
Vice Commander Anthony Dias’  
Appreciation Dinner  
Candidate for the high office of  
Department Senior Vice Commander**

**Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Social Hour — 1:00 p.m.**

**Buffet-Style Dinner — 2:00 p.m.**

**Tickets — \$35 per person**

**Come in and enjoy the fun!**

**There will be a large raffle**

Make checks payable to

**Anthony Dias**

**26 Velvet Ave Westport, MA 02790**

Honorary Chairman

John P. “Jake” Comer PNC

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Auxiliary NEC Deb Barber

American Legion Riders 414

Incoming Auxiliary District 4 Director

Beth Hallene

Committee Member

Adjutant Don Silva

PNEC James Flattes Sr.

Past Department Commander

Kenneth Starks

District 9 Steve Sousa

Swansea Post 303  
73 Ocean Grove Ave  
Swansea, MA 02777



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
*Centennial celebration*

**The American Legion Department of Massachusetts  
Centennial Convention Parade**

**Sunday June 9, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

**Parade Questionnaire**

**Name**

**Post**

**Address**

**Phone**

**Email**

**Number of Marchers**

**Will you be having a Color Guard Yes No**

**Will you be having a float Yes No**

**Will Legion Riders be participating Yes No**

**Return Questionnaire to:**

**The American Legion Department of Massachusetts**

**Room 546-2 State House**

**Boston, MA 02133**

**Or**

**Email: [mapost230@gmail.com](mailto:mapost230@gmail.com)**

PLEASE NOTE: You DO NOT have to be a delegate to march. Parade is a Centennial Parade and is open to all American Legion Post, Units, Squadrons and Riders, Other marching units are welcome and encouraged, please contact Frank MacDonald at the above email with details on other marching units. There is limited parking at the end of the parade route any motor vehicles will have to return to Hotel 1620 at end of the parade

## Auxiliary President



Hello Legionnaires,

The best part of being Department President is getting to attend events with the Legion and learning more about the things that the Legion does. I was invited to attend the FFA (Future Farmers of America) conference and banquet down in Sturbridge in March. Thank you to William Kmelius for inviting me. I had the opportunity to judge along with William and Jodi Pajek some incredible presentations from six different counties with the theme of agriculture in Massachusetts. What work and knowledge these students displayed! I also attended the banquet and was very impressed by the number of attendees (over 400). These students displayed great commitment to our state and their community. They are dedicated to hard work, innovation, fellowship and support of each other! I had never heard of this organization and had no idea that the Legion presented trophies and a scholarship to these future leaders!!

The next event I had the honor of attending was the St. Patrick's day parade in South Boston. I had never attended and had no idea what to expect. We had a great representation of the Legion family and the crowds were amazing!! During the parade so many shouted thank you to our veterans, chanted USA, came up and shook hands or posed with our Veterans! Many along the route saluted our Veterans as well. My words could never describe the feelings I had thinking back to when I was a child and seeing a parade route packed with people that understood the respect and support our Veterans deserved. I felt a little uncomfortable waving to people because I am not a Veteran but then I thought I was waving for others that were not there (my father, my Uncle Herman, Stuart and Milton) I accepted thanks for their service as well as my husband's. Thank you to Bob Lewis and Commander Fred White for allowing me the opportunity to participate.

Thank you Legionnaires for all that you continue to do for Veterans and our Communities. I will never forget your service and am here along with all of my members when ever you need us. God Bless You All

Katina



Massachusetts 100 Year Minuteman Pins  
are available for \$5.00 Each

See PNEC Frank MacDonald

## Department Calendar of Events

4/7/2019	12:00 PM	DVC Sally Nay Appreciation Day	Southwick Post 338
4/13/2019	9:00 AM	Finance Committee Meeting	Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
4/13/2019	10:00 AM	Membership & DEC	Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
4/13/2019	5:00 PM	National Commanders Banquet	Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
4/14/2019	2:00 PM	District 8 Meeting	Saugus Post 10
4/18/2019	6:30 PM	District 1 Meeting	Dalton Post 155
4/20/2019	5:00 PM	District 2 Joint Testimonial	Grandy Post 266
4/24/2019	7:00 PM	District 6 Meeting	Dedham Post 18
4/25/2019		District 9 Meeting	North Attleboro Post 49
4/27/2019	10:00 AM	Combined Committee Meetings	Sutton Post 414
4/27/2019	2:00 PM	DVC Tony Dias Appreciation Day	Swansea Post 303
4/28/2019	1:00 PM	District 4 Joint Testimonial	Baldwinville Post 373

## 2019 Membership Standing *as of March 28, 2019 , Next Target is 95% by 4/10/2019*

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	1369	1287	94.01%
2	FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE	1358	1264	93.08%
3	HAMPDEN	2955	2685	90.86%
4	WORCESTER	5197	4740	91.21%
5	MIDDLESEX	4684	4203	89.73%
6	NORFOLK	2786	2566	92.10%
7	SUFFOLK	1349	1213	89.92%
8	ESSEX	2933	2661	90.73%
9	BRISTOL	2386	2422	101.51%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	4094	3884	94.87%
297	CAPITOL HILL	277	299	107.94
462	HEADQUARTERS	2802	2548	90.94%
	DMS Transfers		328	
	National Quota	33011	30100	91.18%



# POSTS

## District 1

North Adams 125  
Sheffield Post 340  
New Marlboro 350

## District 2

Ashfield Post 245  
South Hadley Post 260  
Cummington Post 304  
Hatfield Post 344

## District 3

Agawam Post 185  
Willimansett 393  
Blandford 356  
Chicopee Center Post 452

## District 4

Millbury Post 9  
Clinton Post 50  
Lancaster Post 96  
Sturbridge 109  
Spencer Post 138  
Westboro Post 163  
Sterling 189  
West Brookfield Post 244  
Gilbertville Post 246  
Paxton 306  
Rutland 310  
Mendon Post 355  
Baldwinville Post 373  
East Brookfield Post 386  
Victor J. Quaranta Post 397  
Boylston Post 398  
Millville 411  
Petersham Post 415

## District 5

Natick Post 107  
Ayer Post 139  
Hopkinton 202  
Littleton Post 249  
Billerica Post 268  
Burlington Post 273  
Ashby Post 361  
East Chelmsford Post 366

## District 6

Brookline Post 11  
Franklin Post 75  
Weymouth Post 79  
Quincy 95  
Walpole Post 104  
Dover Post 209  
Norfolk 335  
Medway Post 367

## District 7

William E. Carter Post 16  
John F. Kennedy Post 17  
Jamaica Plain Post 76  
Oliver Ames Jr. Post 117  
Chinatown Post 328  
McDonough Post 368  
LTJG W. M. Penny Post 399

## District 8

Ipswich Post 80  
Hamilton 194  
Georgetown Post 211  
Groveland Post 248  
Topsfield Post 255  
Salisbury Post 309

## District 9

New Bedford Post 1  
Easton Post 7  
North Attleboro Post 49  
Mansfield Post 198  
Norton Post 222  
Somerset Post 228  
Rehoboth Post 302  
South Dartmouth Post 307  
Freetown Post 425  
Fall River Post 464  
Taunton Post 500

## District 10

Marshfield Post 88  
Kingston Post 108  
Carver Post 164  
Edgartown Post 186  
Bridgewater Post 203  
Duxbury Post 223  
Hanson Post 226  
26th Yankee Div. (Bourne) Post  
230  
Kingston Post 387  
Dennis Post 488

## SAL national commander encourages membership in new PSAs



**From:** Detachment Commander Ernest E. Laberge

**To:** All Squadrons and Posts

**Re:** Support Americanism

Every year the American Legion hosts many youth related events across Massachusetts. As many of you know there are several upcoming events that are only a few months away like Boys & Girls State and The Junior Law Enforcement Training Program just to name a few. These programs help our youth to realize their potential for future career choices as well as giving them a better understanding of US history and the interictal workings of today's society.

With the Legion Family's help many of our children receive sponsorship to attend these programs but there is always room for more growth. Please reach out to your members and your community and see if there are children who are interested in attending any of the Legions sponsored programs. It's our responsibility as Legion Family Members to spread the word and to get this information out into our communities so that more people are aware of the great opportunities that the American Legion Family provides for the children all across this great nation.

You can find a lot of this information by going to the Detachment of Massachusetts Sons of The American Legion website which is [www.salmass.org](http://www.salmass.org) or by going to the Department of Massachusetts American Legion website which is [www.masslegion.org](http://www.masslegion.org)

I look forward to seeing and working with many of you at an American Legion Family event this year.

Working together we can make a difference in the lives of our Veterans, Their Families and our Communities.

*Ernie Laberge* S.A.L. Detachment of Massachusetts Commander

### 2019 Sons of the American Legion Membership Standings as of March 28, 2019

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	189	187	98.94%
2	FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE	270	226	83.70%
3	HAMPDEN	447	359	80.31%
4	WORCESTER	1091	815	74.70%
5	MIDDLESEX	1281	1115	87.04%
6	NORFOLK	791	648	81.92%
7	SUFFOLK	110	95	86.36%
8	ESSEX	443	377	85.10%
9	BRISTOL	223	219	98.21%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	679	560	82.47%
	TOTAL	5524	4601	83.29%

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- ➔ Ticket sales support The American Legion's Centennial Celebration.
- ➔ To purchase raffle tickets contact: Jerry 774-200-3202 or Scott 774-239-6162 or Dennis 774-200-1224
- ➔ Drawing will be held at the Centennial Celebration on June 15, 2019. You don't need to be present to win.



*Be a part of the history. Be a part of the celebration.*

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

June 15, 2019 | Spencer, MA



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
*Centennial celebration*

**Together We Can Make This Grand!**  
**Be A Part Of This Historical Milestone!**

**When:**

**June 15, 2019**

**Where:**

**Spencer, Mass**

Put a float in the Parade! Put up a vendor booth and earn \$\$\$ for your Post!  
Family Fun Day Planned! Live Music and Entertainment planned!  
Event is open to the General Public ....show the communities your Legion pride!

**Let's make it Grand and Memorable for All!**

**Planning stages now! Join us! Call for meeting dates:  
Jerry 774-200-3202 or Scott 774-239-6162**



*Save The Date!*  *August 31st 2019*



The American Legion Family of District 9 “Bristol” is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Legion organization with several events that will include the entire community in a demonstration of the legacy and vision of the national and local outposts alike.

The events will include:

40's Big Band Theme!  
Served Dinner  
Special Guest Speakers  
Dancing  
Raffles,  
and much more!

**Join us under the big tent  
at Somerset's Waterfront Park  
“The Bluffs”**

More information will be forth coming!



Community Bag Program

475 East Main St  
Westfield MA

**DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL  
STOP BY BIG Y FOR YOUR GROCERIES.**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 124  
WILL RECEIVE \$1.00 FOR EVERY REUSABLE BAG THAT IS SOLD**

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VETERANS**



# Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

**Saturday April 13th**

8AM-11AM

\$5.00 per person (children under 5 eat free)

**Pictures with the Easter Bunny only  
\$3.00**

**Granby American Legion  
74 Pleasant St. Granby, MA**

# American Legion Riders Chapter 414



## MEAT RAFFLE

May 19, 2019

Raffle Ticket

Time: 2:00 PM

50/50

Dudley Gendron Post 414  
156 Boston Road  
Sutton Ma, 01590



Multiple Tables!!

# American Legion - Post One

## COUNTRY HOEDOWN

**SAT. APRIL 27, 2019**

**1PM TO 5PM**

**VFW POIRIER POST**

*corner of Appleton St. & Ashley Blvd.*



**Tickets \$15/person**

*Music By*

**South County Line**

***Music, Snacks, Raffles & Fun !!!***



**contact Pete Wilde @ 978-866-9499**

**email [petewilde58@gmail.com](mailto:petewilde58@gmail.com)**

***Fundraiser to help with Veterans' & Youth Programs***

*please bring a non perishable item for the  
Bristol County Veteran's Food Bank*



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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 by 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. We hope you enjoy this issue, and hope you continue to help us grow The Massachusetts e-Legionnaire!



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