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Commander's Corner



All Good News

First I want to congratulate our Sons of the American Legion for obtaining 100% in membership with grand recognition at the National level. Our legion membership is not that far behind with an upward trend as we see our national position has been in the top ten percent with being in fourth place the last time I looked. Fantastic! We are finding an upward trend across the board with membership which also includes our

Auxiliary at 94% or up about 60 members from last year at this time. As I look at the membership I find that many post have just one, two or three members to make that 100%. Post should make a last ditch effort to get those who haven't paid as we are coming into the final month of our membership drive.

As we have been stating from day one, membership is our lifeblood to our organization, let's not let our programs and the many folks who depend on us down, as we move forward, keeping us strong.

Thank you to our Riders as well, for all that you do. Without you, many would be at a loss and I salute you for all your hard work. Keep it up, as the weather is now starting to cooperate with

us for those many events you that you have coming. Good luck!

I also want to thank the committee who worked hard for the National Commander's banquet which was shared with our National Auxiliary President. All had a great time with some additional funds raised for our National Commanders' favorite foundation. Thanks PNC Paul Morin for your help.

Just some housekeeping:

Our Department sent out **Post Data Reports** to each and every post which had to be returned by April 15th. These reports are very important as that information is sent to our

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Commander's Corner (Continued)

national office which keeps all the info on file. Many post have not yet complied. This information deals with meeting dates, addresses, dues structure, who's who in you post, etc. Very important that you get it in, ASAP.

The next item is **Consolidated Post Reports!** We all know we have a responsibility to report our activities to Congress through our Department and National office. It is imperative that we obtain 100% on our CPR's. Past Department Commander Fred White is our committee chairperson if you need any help.

I would also like you all to support the many programs we have upcoming such as Boys State, Student Trooper, Boy Scouts, Legion Baseball with a new addition girls fast pitch softball league (this should be something to keep an eye on) just to mention a few. If not sure, just call our office for information.

Lastly, we have our annual convention coming up on June 23rd to June 26th in Marlborough at the Best Western where we will conduct our business for the year. Information has already been sent to each district and post. Try to attend as I'm such you will agree it would be very informative.

I would like to end by asking our post to continue to work together as family. Many post have Sons (SAL), Auxiliary, Legion Riders and yes our Veteran members as legionaries. We can accomplish so much more working as a TEAM as I am proof of it, as your Commander.

As your Commander I ask you to be safe and continue to have a great year,

Tony Dias



Department Membership Standings 2022 Membership Year

District 9: Bristol 108.30%

District 6: Norfolk 103.67%

District 2: Franklin/Hampshire 103.26%





National Commander—Paul E. Dillard



Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

People of my generation understand the cost of exposure to dangerous substances. Thousands died because of Agent Orange-related illnesses. Instead of bullets, bombs and shrapnel, they endured years of chemotherapy, radiation and oxygen tanks.

Yet, it was The American Legion that proved to be the greatest advocate for those Vietnam veterans.

Right now, the U.S. Senate can distinguish itself as a powerful ally to the current generation of veterans and thousands of others whose exposure to toxic contaminants have gone unrecognized for years, and in some cases, decades.

To its great credit, the House of Representatives passed the Honoring Our PACT Act. Drafted by House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Mark Takano, D-Calif., it is the most comprehensive toxic exposure bill to ever pass Congress.

It will provide health care for more than 3.5 million veterans who were exposed to burn pits and other contaminants during the Gulf War, the War on Terrorism, atomic testing and clean-up operations. Many were exposed to environmental hazards just by being stationed in certain areas over documented times.

The PACT Act also gives overdue recognition to veterans exposed to Agent Orange in Thailand, Cambodia and Laos. The bill will establish presumptions of service connection for 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers linked to burn pits and other hazards.

We hear a lot about cost from Washington these days. But what is a life worth? What do you tell a parent, spouse or a child about fiscal budgets when their loved one is gone?

We have spent trillions rebuilding other countries from the ravages of war. These men and women, however, are also a cost of war and those bills must be paid!

I am also asking you to help spread this message. I don't care if your senators are Republican, Democratic or Independent. *Nobody* should oppose this bill. Please let your senators know that you support the Honoring Our PACT Act and urge them to as well.

Memorial Day is the perfect time to deliver the Honoring Our PACT Act for the president's signature. We know the military is a tight-knit brotherhood and sisterhood. The fallen heroes who we honor on Memorial Day would want us to care for their sick comrades.

For God and Country,

Paul E. Dillard, National Commander



Auxiliary President

American Legion Family,

Memorial Day is a day we honor all those American servicemen and women who have given their lives in defense of our country. It is a day on which we remember and pay tribute to them. We can do no greater honor to the men and women who have served this country and given their lives than to keep alive those ideals for which they died....love of country, duty, honor and the defense of the rights of man. It is up to us and our children to preserve the faith in freedom and faith in ourselves. In keeping that faith, we remember and assure that peace and prosperity, liberty and happiness will be preserved for countless generations.

I want to Thank all those servicemen and women past and present, for their many sacrifices made so that we could live in this free country, the greatest country. Your dedication to our country will never be forgotten. God bless each and everyone of you.

I want to encourage all Units to make one last push for membership. We are so, so close to 100% for our Department. Everyone has done a fantastic job this year getting those members paid, I can't Thank you enough. I know we can reach my goal of 100% with a little more help from all of you. It is not too late to get new members also.

Our Convention is June 24-26 at the Marlboro Best Western. It will be the first time in quite a while that we will be meeting at the same time and place as the American Legion. Which is so appropriate with my theme " American Legion Family Strong"! There will be a Pre Conversation Family Get Together with the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion invited, that is on June 23rd. Going with my American Legion Family Strong theme, we will be a Family strong that night. There is a dinner and an Interactive Comedy Magic Show. For tickets: Legionnaires contact your District ticket Chairman, Auxiliary contact Ann at 671-727-2958. Housing information has gone out, that is to be returned to Milt Lashus, Housing Chairman at the State House. There will also be a lunch offered on Saturday. This is a boxed lunch that is offered to the Legionnaires and Sons of the Legion also. Since there are no breaks for lunch for the Legionnaires, you could leave your meeting to get a boxed lunch to eat while attending your meetings. Please contact Ann Fournier for tickets.

I am encouraging members to attend this year's Convention. I am reaching out to those who have not attended for some time, to please attend Convention. I would love to see everyone, since Covid most people have been staying home. It is time to get out and gather with our American Legion Auxiliary family and friends. We all need that personal contact, it is time to gather and continue the work of our organization in person. I am hoping to see a room full of people this year. Let's come together again, there is still lots of work to be done. Remember why we joined, Our Veterans, Military and their families need us.

In Service not Self,
Cindy Kelley
President,
ALA Dept. of MA



Detachment Commander—Gene Theroux

The Detachment of Massachusetts has obtained 100% Membership

Congratulations to those squadrons who have aggressively worked to reconstitute their membership to pre-COVID levels. Of the 125 squadrons, 74 of them have met or exceeded 100% membership compared to the previous membership year of 2020-2021. Of the ten districts, eight of them have met or exceeded 100% membership. District three (Hampden County) has the highest percentage of renewals from the previous year of 113.87%. As good as the percentage of 113.87% appears, it is short of the 2019-2020 membership by 19 members and would be at 94.62% to the pre-COVID membership year of 2019-2020 and would be shy of meeting a 90% renewal rate. Four of the ten districts have met or exceeded the membership of the pre-COVID level. Congratulations for an awesome job to districts 1, 6, 7, and 9 for meeting and exceeding the membership levels from the 2019-2020 membership year. The Detachment is short 300 members of the 2021-2022 membership goal of exceeding the 2019-2020 membership year total of 5,360 membership. The goal of exceeding 5,360 total membership can be accomplished by using the tools made available to us, such as Buddy Checks and use of The American Legion National Commander's Membership Engagement Initiative. There are still several squadrons who are just a few members shy of meeting 100% or greater membership. It is important to remember that every member is important to us. Membership is the very lifeblood of our organization, and we appreciate each member.

The monthly theme for April is Children & Youth month. Thank You to the Partnership for Kids Bowling Tournament Committee Chairman Bill Sheehan and his team, and especially to those participated or contributed to the Partnership for Kids bowling tournament. A total of \$ 7,500.00 was raised and will be equally distributed the three Massachusetts Children's Hospitals (Baystate Children's Hospital (Springfield), UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center (Worcester), and Boston Children's Hospital. During The American Legion National Commanders visit to Massachusetts, Detachment Commander Gene Theroux presented a check totaling \$ 4,160 to National Commander Paul E. Dillard for The American Legion's charity Veterans and Children Foundation. The Detachment will be donating its annual commitment of \$ 3,000.00 to the Child Welfare Foundation "CWF" during the month of April. Many squadrons participate in the Child Welfare Foundation Banner Program, by donating one dollar per member or greater of the per capita from membership or conduct fundraisers. Those squadrons who participate in the CWF Banner Program receive a banner (streamer) to add to their SAL squadron flag. The 2022 CWF donation goal for the Detachment of Massachusetts is \$ 5,087.00 and the Detachment is \$ 1,576.00 short of the goal. Additional information on CWF is available on the Detachment website, SALMASS.ORG on the Children & Youth committee page.

Congratulations to the Dudley-Gendron Post 414 family of Sutton who held a 75th Anniversary Celebration Banquet on April 24, 2022, at their Post home. The Post is named in honor of two Wilkinsonville residents who were killed-in-action during WW II. United States Army Air Force Staff Sergeant John H. Dudley was a tail gunner on a B-17 flying fortress that was shot down over Sicily on May 10, 1943, with no survivors. Private Henry L. Gendron was a radio operator with the 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion with the 3rd Armored Division who was killed-in-action on December 23, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge. A detailed program was written that highlighted the history of the Post and detailed the numerous contributions of the Sutton Post 414 family of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion, and The American Legion Riders to the community.

The month of May is a very busy time of the year for most of us. Many squadrons will be preparing, preparing for, and participating in Memorial Day Observances. Many members will be participants in "Honor and Remembrance" ceremonies and participating in Flying Flags for Heroes events in local cemeteries by flagging veteran's gravesites. In addition to being Military Appreciation Month, there are some very significant dates, such as May 8th. May 8th is both Victory-Europe Day (1945) and Mother's Day. May 15th is Peace Officers Memorial Day and the beginning of National Law Enforcement Week. Armed Forces Day is May 21, but the members of the Sons of The American Legion recognizes and express a Thank You to veterans and to those who serve. Memorial Day is Monday, May 30th and let each of us reflect, to honor, and to remember those who service, and sacrifice provided us the Freedom and Liberties that we cherish and protect.



JUST ASK

I first want to congratulate the four districts that made 100% District 1, 2, 6 and 9. There are several others that I believe can make the 100% by the May 11, 2022 cut off – districts 3, 5 and 8

The districts that are doing the best appear to be the ones working as a team within their districts. Some have done internal membership meetings calling and transfer members from 462, some have a small team working on areas of their districts and some have a combination of both. District Commanders and SVC may wish to ask the 100% and over 90% districts what they are doing and see if it would work for you.

Some people are sitting back saying we are still in a pandemic and that is true but that does not mean we should be sitting back and not contacting our fellow Veteran's many who are in need a friendly voice at this time.

Some will say we lost too many people that were in charge of membership so others need to figure it out for themselves. Those who know membership and are part of the Department Membership team including all Department Vice-Commanders, District Commanders and Sr. Vice-Commanders should be helping posts to rebuild membership. You don't have to be the one talking to the potential transfers but be the one organizing a membership-drive in your posts in the districts and being there to LEAD BY EXAMPLE so that the posts can be confident in membership activities in the years to come.

Our department currently sits as of April 26, 2022 at 6th place nationally. We are currently at 95.16% needing only 1452 for a 100% year! We have a retention rate of 91.14 %

We know this fluctuates daily but to show the strength of Massachusetts and its commitment to The American Legion we need to continue to push for 100% membership this year. We can do this by focusing on:

Contact those members of your own post (even if you are not in charge of membership) or assisting the person who is to find out why they haven't paid and how your post can help.

Contact potential members on the 462 and 462AD list who haven't paid for 2021 and see about their paying either on-line and then transferring them once paid (National will not transfer until their dues are paid) or asking them to pay directly to the post. When sending in their renewal you will need a transfer form and card from your post.

To assist with next year contact the 462 paid members and send in a transfer form when they pay you next year their membership will count.

Even if we don't make 100% by the May 11, 2022 cut off there is still time to make it by the end of the year. Let's show that Massachusetts can work as a team to make the goal set by the national commander for Massachusetts.

SO LET'S JUST ASK!



From the Service Officer—Military Flag Holders

As the month of May begins, so does the planning and preparation for Memorial Day. Aside from the parades and public ceremonies, is the important task of flagging the cemeteries. Many American Legion Posts, along with other community organizations, do their best to ensure that every veteran gravesite is recognized by a new American Flag , respectfully placed by the gravestone.

Many gravestones have military themed flag holders either attached to the stone or a rod driven into the soil next to the stone. Most likely, these flag holders were put in place by either the veteran’s family , or a local service organization. Flag holders enhance the look of the gravesite, keep the flag in it’s proper place, and prevent the flag from touching the ground.

Depending upon the era, flag holders are made of iron, bronze, aluminum, and plastic, with each commemorating a certain war, branch of service, or organization.

The GAR [Grand Army of the Republic] flag holders from the Civil War , have lodge numbers added to the medallion. These lodge numbers are recorded at the Library of Congress along with the serviceman’s name and home town location.

Many of our cemeteries have large numbers of WWII flag holder markers which depict the Honorable Discharge emblem. This flag holder was designed and intended to bare the likeness of our national symbol- the Bald Eagle. However, many WWII veterans thought it looked more like a duck, and the criticism continued as finding fault with the government’s actions are always en vogue. Many veterans also likened the image to the induction physical examination for a inguinal hernia. That exam we all remember when the doctor asked you to turn your head to the right and cough as he holds on to you. As such, the WWII symbol jokingly became referred to as “The Ruptured Duck”.



Semper Fi

Mike Whalen





The current American Legion year is coming to a close. As is the case every year our marketing and fundraising year will culminate with the drawing of our convention sweepstakes drawn at the close of our upcoming department convention in Marlboro. Sweepstakes tickets have been distributed and all should have been received. Please consider participating with a donation as your contribution not only helps the department fund its great programs but also gives you a chance to win prizes of \$500, \$1000, \$2000 and \$3000. Many thanks in advance to all who participate.

As stated in previous articles the committee continued its partnership with the Springfield Thunderbirds of the American Hockey League this season with the "Veteran of the Game-Challenge Accepted" campaign. A veteran of the game is selected at each home game and presented with an American Legion-Thunderbirds challenge coin as our logo and a short PSA are displayed on the big screen. This campaign provides our organization with great exposure and shows attendees of the game that we are still active and relevant to the community, state and nation. In addition to this the team allowed us to have an American Legion information table at 5 different home games where our members were available with various informational pamphlets as well as to answer questions that anyone may have. Many participated in helping the committee staff these tables for those games and many thanks are due to all who helped.

The committee is exploring options for next season to expand into the Worcester area with a similar partnership with the Worcester Railers of the ECHL.

Lastly, each year the department receives a royalty check from Emblem Sales on purchases made by members residing in Massachusetts. This year I am pleased to report that our royalty check was in the amount of \$2624.32 which helps us further fund our department programs. Thanks to all who purchased from Emblem Sales as our royalty was up over \$700 from last year. Your purchases have made a difference.

Mike Davis NEC

Marketing chairman



NEC Michael Davis, National Commander Paul Dillard and ANEC Jodie Pajak display the jersey of the Springfield Thunderbirds



Congrats to our top-3 finishers in our National Oratorical Contest - 1st place: Emma Noble of Birmingham, AL, recipient of 25K [#scholarship](#) (center); 2nd place: Ashley Tuell of Tennessee, \$22,500 (right); & 3rd-place: Jackson Boone of Kentucky, \$20,000 (left). [#scholarships](#)



Representing Massachusetts is Malcolm Mahoney and Oratorical Chairperson Lisa McPhee



Glad to see Spring is finally here. Plants are blooming and so are my allergies! I continue to be amazed at how fast the days go by.

As I look forward to upcoming events, plans are formulating for Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and soon will be attending the American Legion Department Convention. Depending upon your local community traditions, you may celebrate one or both days. Due to Covid, events were cancelled and are slowly coming back as we all look to live with this virus.

It is difficult to listen to the news and hear updates of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the brave and patriotic citizens who are defending their country. We pray this will end soon.

And just recently we saw an American Hero - Texas National Guard member Bishop Evans give his life trying to rescue migrants crossing the Rio Grande River. Even more sad was that those migrants turned out to have a bad record. We should remember that it is not only migrants from MANY countries looking to enter the U.S., it is gang members, drugs and terrorists. We need border security and immigration reform.

Whichever May event occurs in our local community, hopefully there will be a good turnout of the general public, a resurgence in demonstrations of patriotism. I always look back to after the attacks on 9/11 and the surge in patriotism. Unfortunately there are some who are very vocal and point out the negatives in our history. I would counter that there are more positives than negatives in our history and we continue to strive to be better as a nation. And I believe that we live in the best country on Earth!

I am not opposed to the traditional cookouts and parties. But let us remember what the event/day is all about. Let our flag wave high and remember all the freedoms that we have, thanks to so many that have served. Let us remember that all gave some but some gave all.

Each year at this time I am remembered of a poem, The Dash, by Linda Ellis. 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.

May God Bless the United States of America and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms that we hold so dear. Also remember those currently serving and their families who support them.

John Lenotte, Past Commander, Post 4 Haverhill MA; Past Commander District 8 Essex County and Past Commander, Department of MA. Past Area Commander, SC District 5. Member, American Institute of Parliamentarians. I may be reached at jplenotte@gmail.com



2022 American Legion Baseball Northeast Regional Championship Tournament

Wednesday August 3rd to August 7th, 2022
At Fitton Field at the College of the Holy Cross
1 College Street Worcester MA



Come on down and see some great baseball!



Convention Housing

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
LEGION – AUXILIARY – SONS - RIDERS
2022 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HOUSING FORM
BEST WESTERN ROYAL PLAZA HOTEL
181 BOSTON POST RD W
MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752
JUNE 24TH – JUNE 26TH

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL OUT ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM

Name _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address _____

Sharing room with

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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

Check in time is **4:00 PM**

Check out time **11:00 AM**

THREE NIGHT minimum stay required for LEGION

Room rate: with a FREE BREAKFAST INCLUDED

SINGLE - DOUBLE : \$150.80 per night (tax included 11.7%)

TRIPLE: 161.97 per night (tax included 11.7%)

Quad.: 173.14 per night (tax included 11.7%)

Arrival Date: **06/____/2022**

Departure Date: **06/____/2022**

WEDNESDAY
June 22

THURSDAY
June 23

FRIDAY
June 24

SATURDAY
June 25

Check off Room Type

1 King: _____

2 Double: _____

CREDIT CARDS ONLY “NO CHECKS”

Credit Card Type _____

Card # _____

CC Expiration Date: ____/____

Code _____



Convention Luncheon

A boxed lunch can be ordered for Saturday. The choices are:

1. **Turkey on Baguette** – Swiss Cheese, tomato & lettuce. Potato Chips, Fresh Fruit, cookie, bottled water or soda
2. **Roast Beef on Baguette** – Cheddar Cheese, tomato & lettuce. Potato Chips, Fresh Fruit, cookie, bottled water or soda
3. **New England Cobb Salad**- Romaine Lettuce, hard boiled eggs, dried cranberries, sliced olives, avocado, sliced apples, bleu cheese crumbles Fresh Fruit, cookie, bottled water or soda

Price per meal \$25.00

Meals may be ordered through the American Legion Auxiliary office. Lunches will be ready by 12 Noon to 1 PM

Please fill out the form and send to: The American Legion Auxiliary, Dept of MA, State House Room 546-2 Boston MA 02133

Name: _____

Unit, Post, Squadron _____

_____ . 1 Turkey on Baguette

_____ . 2. Roast Beef on Baguette

_____ . 3 New England Cobb Salad

Check enclosed for _____ meals @ \$25.00



Head Table Guests at the National Commanders Banquet



National Commander Paul Dillard auctions one of his challenge coins while Department Commander Tony Dias looks on!



Calendar

5/14/2022	12:00 PM	District 5 Director's Testimonial	Dracut Post 315
5/15/2022	12:00 PM	District 4 Joint Testimonial	Tuttle Post 279
6/23/2022	2:00 PM	Membership Meeting DEC to Follow	Best Western Royal Plaza Marlboro
6/23/2022		Family Get-Together	Best Western Royal Plaza Marlboro
6/24-6/26		Department Convention	Best Western Royal Plaza Marlboro
6/26		Post Convention DEC and National Convention Caucus National Convention	Best Western Royal Plaza Marlboro



2022 Membership Standing *as of May 5, 2022* **100% Target Date 5/11/2022**

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	1245	1276	102.49%
2	FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE	1258	1299	103.26%
3	HAMPDEN	2499	2497	99.92%
4	WORCESTER	4656	4581	98.39%
5	MIDDLESEX	3986	4009	100.58%
6	NORFOLK	2424	2513	103.67%
7	SUFFOLK	1183	1137	96.11%
8	ESSEX	2562	2583	100.82%
9	BRISTOL	2723	2949	108.30%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	4098	3845	93.83%
297	CAPITOL HILL	370	387	104.59%
462	HEADQUARTERS	2984	1706	57.17%
	National Quota	30022	28,782	95.87%



100% Posts

Post 6 Lynn	Post 59 Milford	Post 109 Sturbridge	Post 161 Southboro
Post 7 Easton	Post 60 Francis G. Kane	Post 110 Medfield	Post 163 Westboro
Post 8 Andover	Post 61 Revere	Post 115 Stoneham	Post 165 Belmont
Post 9 Millbury	Post 62 Reading	Post 117 Oliver Ames Jr.	Post 168 Southampton
Post 10 Fitchburg	Post 72 Wellesley	Post 121 Berkley	Post 169 Randolph
Post 14 Needham	Post 74 Framingham	Post 122 Methuen	Post 173 Upton
Post 16 William E. Carter	Post 75 Franklin	Post 123 Ware	Post 175 Longmeadow
Post 17 John F. Kennedy	Post 76 Jamaica Plain	Post 124 Westfield	Post 186 Edgartown
Post 20 Attleboro	Post 79 Weymouth	Post 125 North Adams	Post 191 Sudbury
Post 23 Salem	Post 80 Ipswich	Post 129 Gardner	Post 192 Norwell
Post 25 Holyoke	Post 81 Greenfield	Post 130 Palmer	Post 194 Hamilton
Post 26 Bunker Hill	Post 86 Braintree	Post 133 Wayland	Post 199 Townsend
Post 28 Northampton	Post 87 Lowell	Post 136 Wilmington	Post 202 Hopkinton
Post 30 Lt. Flaherty	Post 89 Stoughton	Post 137 Holbrook	Post 206 Barnstable
Post 32 Marblehead	Post 90 Melrose	Post 139 Ayer	Post 207 W. Springfield
Post 41 North Brookfield	Post 91 East Bridgewater	Post 141 Newton	Post 211 Georgetown
Post 42 Holden	Post 93 Foxboro	Post 143 Pembroke	Post 212 Chelmsford
Post 45 Medford	Post 95 Quincy	Post 144 Scituate	Post 213 Pepperell
Post 46 Beverly Farms	Post 96 Lancaster	Post 145 Westport	Post 217 Plainville
Post 47 Holliston	Post 100 Hudson	Post 148 Amherst	Post 221 Bedford
Post 49 North Attleboro	Post 101 Woburn	Post 151 Leominster	Post 222 Norton
Post 50 Clinton	Post 104 Walpole	Post 152 Williamstown	Post 223 Duxbury
Post 52 Ludlow	Post 107 Natick	Post 153 Peabody	Post 224 Easthampton
Post 55 Groton	Post 108 Kingston	Post 155 Dalton	Post 225 Wrentham



100% Posts (Continued)

Post 228 Somerset	Post 298 Housatonic	Post 383 Paul J. Saunders
Post 231 Essex	Post 302 Rehoboth	Post 387 Kingston
Post 236 Haydenville	Post 303 Swansea	Post 399 LTGJ W.M. Penny
Post 239 Belchertown	Post 306 Paxton	Post 405 Raynham
Post 241 Monson	Post 307 South Dartmouth	Post 414 Sutton
Post 248 Groveland	Post 311 Seekonk	Post 415 Petersham
Post 249 Littleton	Post 312 South Attleboro	Post 425 Freetown
Post 255 Topsfield	Post 313 North Chelmsford	Post 435 Vernon Hill
Post 260 South Hadley Falls	Post 314 Fall River	Post 440 Nonantum
Post 265 Acushnet	Post 319 Greendale	Post 443 Cherry Valley
Post 266 Granby	Post 331 Beverly	Post 446 Lanesboro
Post 268 Billerica	Post 338 Southwick	Post 447 Somerville
Post 271 Old Hadley	Post 344 Hatfield	Post 452 Chicopee Center
Post 273 Burlington	Post 350 New Marlboro	Post 459 Moby Dick
Post 277 Indian Orchard	Post 356 Blandford	Post 464 Fall River
Post 279 Auburn	Post 366 East Chelmsford	Post 500 Taunton
Post 286 Wilbraham	Post 369 William G. Walsh	
Post 293 East Longmeadow	Post 373 Baldwinville	

As of 4/26/2022



ALA—Eligibility Requirements for Membership



Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the:

(1) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion; and

(2) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who served in either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;

(3) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and

(4) to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.*

* A woman who is eligible for American Legion membership is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary regardless of whether or not she is a member of The American Legion. However, eligibility of her female relatives (sister, mother, direct descendants) and/or spouse depends upon her membership in The American Legion.



Auxiliary Membership *as of 4/29/22*

	No. of Units	Name	2022 Goal	Present Membership	District Percentage	No. Quota Units
1	4	BERKSHIRE	205	198	96.59%	2
2	9	FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE	300	269	89.67%	4
3	12	HAMPDEN	340	335	98.53%	4
4	26	WORCESTER	1041	1030	98.84%	14
5	27	MIDDLESEX	944	864	91.53%	9
6	11	NORFOLK	349	353	101.15%	5
7	7	SUFFOLK	174	132	75.86%	1
8	12	ESSEX	588	550	93.54%	5
9	13	BRISTOL	289	270	93.43%	2
10	13	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	879	818	93.06%	3
462	1	HEADQUARTERS	141	121	85.82%	
		TOTAL	5,250	4,940	94.10%	



S.A.L. National Commander



I'm excited to be headed back to Indianapolis to meet with the NEC as we continue to advance the SAL and its mission to support our veterans.

Something else I'm looking forward to while I'm in Indianapolis: our next Flying Flags for Heroes event. We'll be heading to Crown Hill Cemetery to place flags on the graves of the many veterans laid to rest there. Among them are many past leaders of The American Legion. It's our honor to pay our respects to them. We're approaching 200,000 flags placed nationwide. And please share your events and results at the [Flying Flags for Heroes website](#).

And let me also remind you, the 100 percent membership deadline is coming up, on May 11. Thirty-four detachments had reached the 90 percent membership goal on that target date of April 13; outstanding! But there's still more we can do. Please continue to reach out to bring back former SAL members, and find new members who may not be aware of all the great things the Sons of The American Legion are doing for veterans and their communities.

There is no limit to the amount of good we can do.

We are the Sons of The American Legion. We are #SALSTRONG.

God bless our veterans. God bless our military in harm's way.

And God bless the United States of America.



2021 S.A.L. Membership Standings as of 5/5/2022

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	180	189	105.00%
2	FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE	257	235	91.44%
3	HAMPDEN	310	353	113.87%
4	WORCESTER	920	910	98.91%
5	MIDDLESEX	1130	1151	101.86%
6	NORFOLK	860	910	105.81%
7	SUFFOLK	137	139	101.46%
8	ESSEX	347	367	105.76%
9	BRISTOL	227	251	110.57%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	608	625	102.80%
	Capital Hill	10	11	110.00%
	National Goal	5074	5141	101.32%

Salad
1/2 Roasted Chicken
Baked Potato
Vegetable
Bread & Butter
Cake for Dessert

Good time to get together with some
olde friends and swap some olde stories.

Good Times with new friends

Raffles, Raffles, Raffles,

AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 10 ANNUAL GET TOGETHER

May 15, 2022

1:00 Pm

Edward A. Ribeiro Post 40

199 Federal Furnace Road, Plymouth

Please Contact Bob Burke for tickets

burkerk@comcast.net (508) 415-8501

Remembrance Ride

2022

Saturday, May 28, 2022



Dalton
American Legion
Post 155
258 North St,
Dalton, MA

***Registration:** 10:00 am at the Dalton American Legion

Breakfast availability by "Legion Auxiliary"

Ceremony at 11am

KSU 12:00 noon

Destination Restaurant: Knoxtrail Inn, 1898 E. Otis Rd (Rte 23), Otis. MA
01029



Chapter 221
357 Great Road
Bedford, MA

Saturday, May 7, 2022
Benefits: Give2Those

BATTLE ROAD RUCK & RIDE

Ruck

7 am - Registration
 8 am - Step-Off

Ride

9 am - Registration
 11 am - Kickstands Up

More information to follow



Blessing OF THE Bikes

Vernon Hill
American Legion
Riders Chapter 435
267 Providence St.
Worcester, MA 01607

2nd Annual Blessing of the Bikes, Bike Run & Cookout

The Blessing will be overseen by reverend Johnathan Slavinskas of
St. Bernard Catholic Church, Our Lady of Providence Parish

Saturday May 7, 2022

Registration starting at 9:30 am

Blessing Will Begin promptly at 11:00 am

KSU after Blessing

Cookout at the Post after the ride - all are welcome

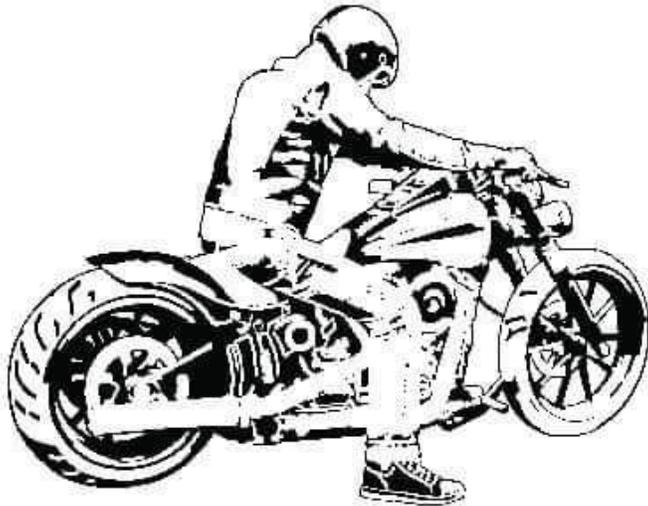
\$20 for riders, \$10 for passengers

All donations will be divided to

Veterans Suicide Prevention &

St. Bernards Catholic church youth programs

ALR Woburn 101 MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE



**A 2003
Harley
Davidson
Sportster
Modified**

Only 250 tickets to be sold at \$100.00 each

Bike to be raffled when all tickets are sold



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PICTURES COMING SOON

**For more info
please call**

**Chris Talalas
1-617-285-2366**

or

**Bruce Gonsalves
1-978-375-4325**

SONS OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION

Steak Dinner!

Saturday, May 14th 3-7 PM

\$15



American Legion Post 58
227 Main St. Oxford
508-987-8784

**You are Cordially
Invited to the
Testimonial Banquet
for
District 5 Director
Sukey Blake**

**Date: Saturday May 14, 2022
Noon-4P.M.**

Social Hour –12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Dinner – 1:00 P.M.

**Place: Leo C. Roth Post #315
574 Broadway Road
Dracut, MA 01826**

**Donation:
\$30.00**

**Questions please call Testimonial Chairs
Sandy Desrosiers (978) 328-2487 or
Sofia Blake 978-735-5398**

**Please mail checks payable to
American Legion Auxiliary District 5**

**c/o Sandy Desrosiers
441 Lakeview Avenue
Lowell, MA 01850**

RSVP by 5/5/22



2022 ALR RIDES AND FUNCTIONS

THURSDAY 6 PM POST 373 BALDWINVILLE CORNHOLE
SATURDAY IS 12:30 POST 279 AUBURN MEAT RAFFLES
2/19 POST 138 SPENCER SPAGHETTI MEATBALL SUPPER
3/12 POST 443 CHERRY VALLEY CORNED BEEF DINNER
3/19 POST 373 BALDWINVILLE CORNED BEEF DINNER
4/23 POST 373 BALDWINVILLE BREWFEST
4/24 SHELDON'S AUBURN AUTISM RIDE
5/14 ALR 373 BALDWINVILLE SPRING BREAKOUT
5/21 ALR 373 BALDWINVILLE POKER RUN
5/21 POST 373 BALDWINVILLE MEAT RAFFLE 6:30 PM
6/4 ALR POST 58 OXFORD VETERANS RIDE
6/5 ALR POST 414 SUTTON POKER RUN CLEAR PATH
6/11 ALR POST 142 ASHBURNHAM BREAKOUT PARTY
7/9 ALR POST 273 BURLINGTON WALK OUT OF DARKNESS RIDE
7/16 ALR 373/443 BALDWINVILLE/CHERRY VALLEY HOLYOKE
FUNDRAISER RIDE
8/20 ALR POST 273 BURLINGTON CRISIS CENTER RIDE
8/27 ALR POST 142 ASHBURNHAM POKER RUN
8/28 ALR POST 435 VERNON HILL WORCESTER LEGO RIDE KIDS
WITH CANCER
9/10 ALR POST 101 WOBURN SERVICE DOG PROJECT RIDE



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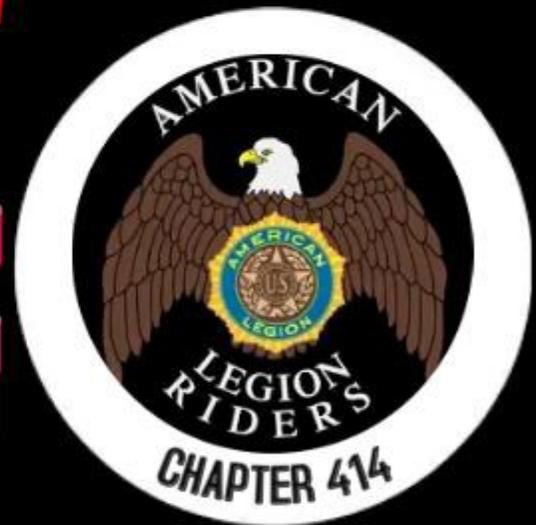


3rd Annual "To Hail and Back" Poker Chip Run



SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2022

**Dudley Gendron American Legion
156 Boston Road
Sutton Mass 01590**



**Registration: TBA
Kick stands up: TBA**

**Proceeds to
Benefit**



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Worcester, MA 01604
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DEADLINE

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Wednesday, June 15th, 2022

QUESTIONS?

Contact Chris Desantis
cdesantis@masisstaffing.com



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AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 373
3 CENTRAL ST BALDWINVILLE MA**

Drawn on 5/21/2022 after the SAL meat

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



CHAPTER 101



SERVICE DOG PROJECT MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Help us support our veterans!

**\$25
for
Riders**



**\$10
for
Passengers**



FOOD-RAFFLES 50/50-MUSIC

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH
REGISTRATION 9:30AM - KSU 11:00AM
AMERICAN LEGION POST 101
194 LEXINGTON STREET, WOBURN, MA**



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
POST 142**



**2ND ANNUAL POKER RUN
SAT. AUG. 27TH**

*****MORE INFO TO COME*****

**132 WILLIAMS RD
ASHBURNHAM, MA 01430**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT. JOHN BOUCHER @ 508-662-4724



PIC-COLLAGE

****SAVE THE DATE****

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

POST 142

2nd Annual Breakout Out Party

SAT. JUNE 11TH

ASHBURNHAM AMERICAN LEGION

132 WILLIAMS RD. 01430

MORE INFO TO COME

50/50 RAFFLE AND CHINESE AUCTION

CASH BAR - HALL WILL BE OPEN ALONG WITH AN OUTDOOR TENT

COME HELP US CELEBRATE THE 2022 RIDING SEASON

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELPING VETERANS

CONTACT: JOHN BOUCHER 508-662-4724

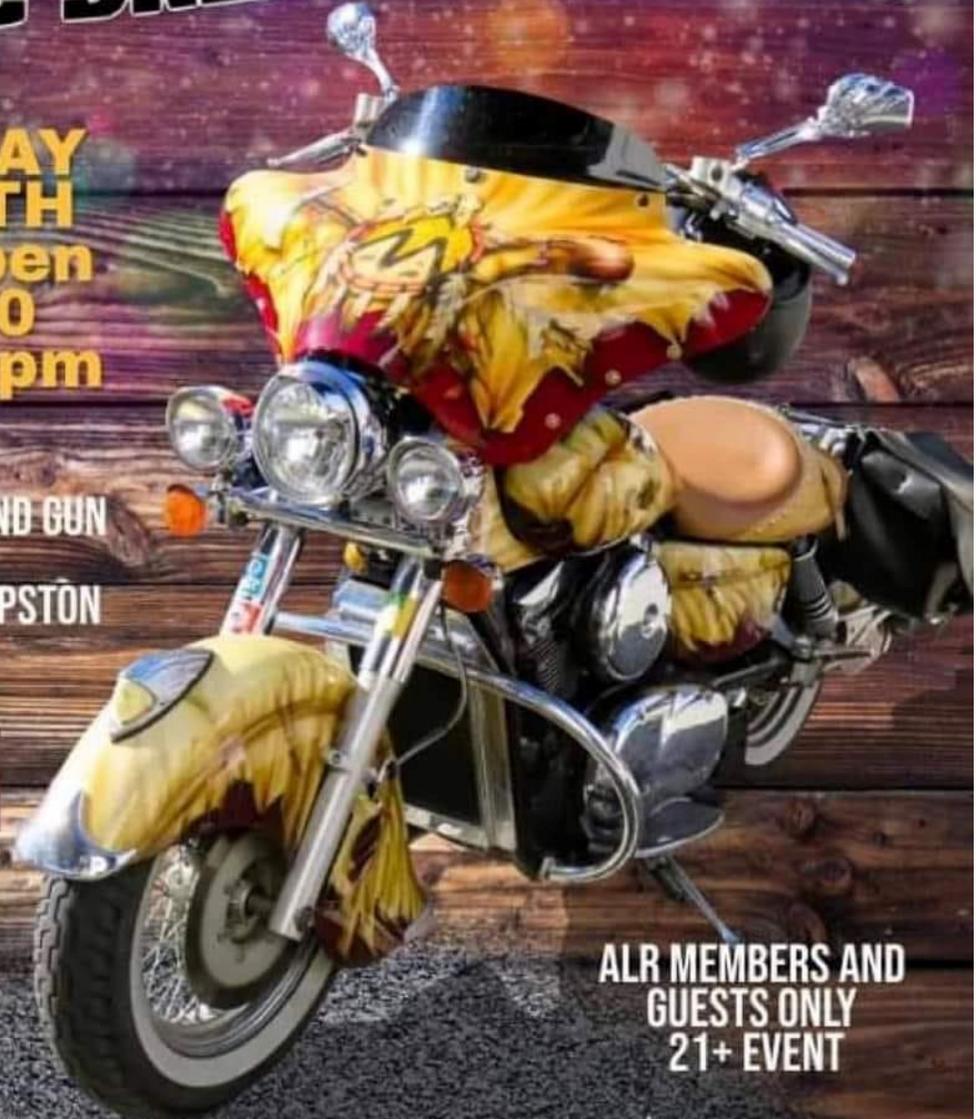


ALR CHAPTER 373 BALDWINVILLE SPRING BREAKOUT 2022

**SATURDAY
MAY 14TH**
Gates open
at 12:00
BBQ at 2pm

ROYALSTON FISH AND GUN
CLUB
49 MAIN RD PHILLIPSTON
MA 01331

ROYALSTON
FISH & GAME CLUB



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Live Music from The Traveling Jones Band from 6-10
Followed by a Bonfire with Free Camping

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ALR CHAPTER 373



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 373
6TH ANNUAL**

POKER RUN

TO BENEFIT LOCAL VETERANS CHARITIES

SATURDAY, MAY 21st

SELF GUIDED RIDE AROUND THE
BEAUTIFUL QUABBIN RESERVOIR

\$20 DONATION PER PERSON

AMERICAN LEGION POST 373

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