



Massachusetts e-Legionnaire



Commander's Corner

My year of service as your Department Commander is now on the downside of the journey. But that does not mean I'm a "Lame Duck". Much remains to be accomplished in the remaining months, I will need your support and your hard work to make these things happen!

First and foremost we have reached that point in time when each of us must make the extra effort not only to renew our membership but also that of your friends and neighbors. Posts must step up and talk to those that have not renewed and find out if a problem exists and then try to rectify it. If the member is a long time member and is having financial difficulty, then in the spirit of "mutual helpfulness" assist the member by paying the per capita for the person. It would be unfortunate to lose a long time member because of a few dollars. If the Post can't afford it, then ask a member to "adopt" the older member and not only pay the per capita for that individual, but become his or her buddy and pick them up and bring them to a Post meeting. Please remember **"MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY"**.

We are in mid season and many of the Department Committees are gearing up for the programs and events. The Boy Scouts are making plans for their annual Camporee at Camp Collier in June; please make an effort to visit during that weekend. The American Legion has been associated with the Boy Scouts of America since our founding and we should sponsor local packs & troops in our Posts.

The Americanism Committee is looking for nominees for both the American and Foreign born Citizen awards, watch for information about the requirements for these awards coming to the Posts shortly.

The Legion Baseball committee is well into its work setting up for the coming Baseball season. Be sure to put attending one of the hundreds of games that will be played on your calendar, you will see some great baseball played and you will show your support for the young men, coaches, umpires, volunteers and Baseball Committee for all their hard work.

Boys State is truly one of the best programs that the Legion offers to the High School students in Massachusetts. The quality of these young men, who participate in this week long program, make

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Learn, join and give on new Legion app



A new American Legion mobile app offers several reasons to join the nation's largest veterans service organization, along with a direct route to join, renew, donate or find a local post from any smartphone or electronic tablet. The app is now available through iTunes and the Google Play Store.

The American Legion app is the fourth in a series of mobile platforms developed by National Media & Communications Division, which also produced The American Legion Claims Coach app for veterans filing benefits claims, as well as annual apps to promote and provide information about the national convention.

The new app, introduced to market last week, includes the following channels:

"About Us"

- Our Mission: The Legion's role in advocacy, troop support, youth programs and Americanism is stated in simple terms.
- How We Help: A brief explanation of the ways in which The American Legion fulfills its mission to assist veterans, military personnel, families and communities.
- Member Benefits: A listing of membership benefits, from discounts on hotels and prescription drugs to a one-year subscription to *The American Legion Magazine*.
- Find a Post: Search either by ZIP code or by simply allowing your phone to find your current location. American Legion post addresses, maps and directions are presented, as well as phone numbers and websites.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION



Dear Legion Family Members and Friends,

By now you are familiar with the vast benefits of being a member of The American Legion. Today, I am not reminding you about the importance and value of membership. You already know that. Instead, I am here to encourage you to consider joining the [Paid Up For Life program](#) so you will always be a proud Legionnaire, along with me and the other 200,000 members who are paid up for life.

Why join the Paid Up For Life program?

First off, once you do, you will no longer receive annual renewal notices or be subject to any possible future dues increases. You will also receive a lifetime subscription to *The American Legion Magazine*.

To join the program, just head to the online enrollment page at www.legion.org/join/pufl. From there you can enroll in the program and pay in full or select 12 monthly installments. Once you identify yourself using your member ID number you will be shown your personalized Paid Up For Life offer and can see why PUFL is an affordable choice. You will also be able to print out a copy of your offer to mail in if you prefer.

Each PUFL member receives a permanent plastic card, as well as an annual paper card to verify continuing membership in The American Legion. The annual card is mailed in July of each year.

Thank you for considering joining the Paid Up For Life program. If you have questions, please contact customer service at 800-433-3318.



Dan Dellinger
National Commander
The American Legion

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Dellinger". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dan Dellinger
National Commander

JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION
VETERANS SERVING VETERANS



THE AMERICAN LEGION

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

My fundraising program: NEF



Dan Dellinger
National Commander

What will 50 cents get you these days? Maybe a small cup of coffee, perhaps a gumball for a grandchild or a stamp. Fifty cents, however, will go a long way toward helping members of The American Legion Family or posts that are struck by natural disasters such as tornadoes, hurricanes, flood strikes or wildfires.

During my national commander's acceptance speech last month in Houston for the 95th National Convention, I set a \$1 million fundraising goal for the Legion's National Emergency Fund (NEF) program. It's a lofty goal, but it comes down to just 50 cents per member.

We don't know when or where the next disaster will occur, nor do we know how severe it will be. We do know that Legionnaires, posts and family members will need assistance as they recover from a tragedy. NEF donations help Legion Family members pay bills, such as temporary housing, food and clothes, while they wait for insurance money to kick in. NEF has also helped posts refurbish or rebuild after a disaster.

In the past year, the NEF program has granted nearly \$750,000 in assistance for qualified veterans. Money has gone to victims of Superstorm Sandy in New York and New Jersey, as well as those recovering from tornadoes in Moore, Okla., and flooding in Marseilles, Ill.

Posts are encouraged to take an active role in raising funds for NEF and there are many easy ways to drive donations, such as a motorcycle rally, a fish fry or a golf outing. Posts should also consider partnering with an Auxiliary unit, Sons squadron or Riders chapter in order to receive greater participation and to promote the event more effectively.

And remember, as you hold fundraisers or ask for contributions, be sure to let prospective donors know that 100 percent of donations go toward grants for Legionnaires, posts and family members who are dealing with the after-effects of an emergency situation. All marketing and promotional costs are paid by National Headquarters.

Final touches are being put on a new series of NEF brochures that are aimed at assisting department and post leaders on best practices before, during and after an emergency. When the brochures are completed, review the documents and identify NEF coordinators who can familiarize themselves with what can be done ahead of time and how to respond during a disaster in your community. Part of those efforts include distributing the checks to those in need. Their payout is our organization's payoff for a successful fundraising campaign.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing generosity.

**SEE NEXT PAGE TO SEE WHAT ONE
DEPT. OF MASS. AMERICAN LEGION POST HAS DONE.
WILL YOUR POST BE NEXT?**



FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

NEF goal: \$1 million

The American Legion's National Emergency Fund (NEF) program is National Commander Dan Dellinger's primary fundraiser program this year.

A natural disaster can strike at any time, devastating the lives of men and women who honorably served their country. While we can't prevent a natural disaster, the Legion does provide relief to veterans and their families affected by devastation.

Since 1989, NEF has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to posts, Legionnaires and their families. The program helps with out-of-pocket expenses, including but not limited to, food, temporary housing and clothing. All donations made to NEF go directly toward the program.

To donate:

www.legion.org/net

Stoneham MA Post 115 has met the challenge of 50 cents a member with a check for \$65.00 and is also a 100% plus Post.

"Still Serving America"

Yours in Comradeship,

William J Chisholm
Department Commander

Leslie J McKittrick, Jr., PDC
Department Adjutant

MEMBERSHIP TEAM PAGE (Continued)

Join: The app provides easy access to The American Legion's online membership application platform and the ability join or renew using a credit card.

"Donate"

- The app offers easy access to The American Legion Charities mobile giving page and the ability to make fast, secure, tax-deductible donations.

"Follow Us"

- There is no faster, easier way to access American Legion Facebook and Twitter pages than through the new app. Under "Follow Us," you can keep up with the latest news and information and jump into the social media conversation.

"Images"

- A variety of photos and videos housed on the organization's YouTube channel flow into the app.

"Renew"

- Anyone with a current membership number can easily renew with a credit or debit card.

"Contact Us"

- All three American Legion National Headquarters locations – Indianapolis, the Geiger Operations Center and 1608 K Street in Washington – are listed and mapped with contact phone numbers and website links.

Commander's Corner (Continued)

you feel that the future will be in capable hands. They are truly an inspiration to those who work in this program and those of us who have an opportunity to visit them during the week. More of us need to show up and let them know we support them.

These are only a few of the things that your American Legion does each and every day. You should be proud of this and never let an opportunity to promote the American Legion to family, friends and strangers.

Finally, please remember those LEGION Family members who have suffered catastrophic loss due to natural disasters. My National Emergency Fund Raffle is underway. Make a \$10.00 donation and enter the drawing to win a two night stay at Mohegan Sun. See the flyer in this copy of the E-Legionnaire for details.

For God and Country

Billy Chisholm

Firefighter Exam

Civil Service has announced the next firefighters exam. The written exam will be on April 26th, 2014. There will be an additional \$50 fee for applications received after March 17th and no applications will be accepted after March 31st.

To apply online please visit www.mass.gov/civilservice

All applications must be submitted online. There are NO paper applications available. Applicants that are eligible for the waiver will need to follow up on their online application with supporting documentations. We will host drop in help sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon until 4 pm for anyone that needs assistance or access to a computer.

Applicants will apply for both the written and the ELPAT at the same time. Follow-up instructions will then be e-mailed with instructions to self schedule the ELPAT.

Please feel free to forward this info to anyone that may be interested in becoming a Boston Firefighter. The recruiting team can be reached at [617-343-3024](tel:617-343-3024).

We will host a series of Open Houses, drop in office hours and information sessions. A full calender is available on our website at www.cityofboston.gov/fire

Editorial

By PDC John Lenotte

There have been a lot of news stories about the computer security problems at Target and other stores. Have you heard much about the computer problems with the Veterans Administration? A software glitch allowed users to access one another's private information. The government wants veterans to file online but now there is a very real fear about security and identity theft. We put our faith in the government to keep our information and country secure. They need to do a better job!

Military retirees and active duty troops are concerned the pension cuts will be only the beginning of benefits erosion. There are a lot of efficiencies that can be made in the Defense Department, perhaps in the procurement arena. Balancing the budget on the backs of our veterans and active duty troops is not the way to go. As mentioned before, it just sends the wrong message.

Another area of concern is the level of unemployment among veterans. Government statistics show that 588 thousand veterans are unemployed. This number is expected to rise as personnel cuts begin in all the branches of military service. We must look to provide employment for our returning warriors. There is a push for companies to reach out to veterans and get them into the civilian workforce. If you are an employer, I urge you to hire a veteran. They have a work ethic that is not always found in the general population.

I recently came across some interesting information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. There were approximately 21,250,000 veterans alive this last December. Down 26,000 from the month before. The veteran population is shrinking. The United States has lost over two-thirds of its veterans in the last fifty years. Not surprising given the large numbers that served during World War 2 and Korea. It also means that there are fewer veterans serving as elected officials at all levels. There is not always an appreciation of the sacrifices that are necessary to protect our freedoms.

In the elections held last November there was a low number of voters who turned out. As an example, the turnout in Haverhill was less than twenty-five per cent. This coming November will be another election where we will be voting for state and national officials. It is an important election. No matter which party you favor it is important to vote. I will continue this message from now until November. Too many complain about both parties but do not vote. Way too many have paid the ultimate sacrifice and here we are, taking it all for granted. Pay attention, plan to vote.

John Lenotte, Commander, Wilbur M. Comeau Post 4, , Haverhill MA; Past Commander, Department of Massachusetts, The American Legion; contact: JohnLDistrict8@verizon.net

Tell Congress to Vote YES on In-State Tuition

(January 31, 2014) This Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, many Americans will watch Super Bowl XLVIII, the largest sporting event in the United States. The National Football League takes pride in its relationship with the military. In past years it has featured Air Force flyovers, military color guards during half-time, and live video footage from an undisclosed Middle East location where service members watched the game via satellite. In 2009, General Petraeus, architect of the Iraq 'surge' strategy did the coin toss before kick-off.

Then on Monday, Members of Congress return to Washington with an opportunity to show their support as well. That evening, the House of Representatives will vote on important legislation for veterans, **H.R. 357**, the *GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act*. With lawmakers scrambling to show their support for military veterans in light of their "fumbling the ball" by the recent passage of the December budget deal that included a \$6 billion cut to veterans benefits, they need a win and this legislation offers them an opportunity to get back in the game with veterans. For student-veterans who attend public higher-education institutions the post 9/11 GI Bill only pays in-state tuition and eligible fees. Veterans who settle in states other than their state of residence upon separating from the service are initially charged "out-of-state" tuition, which means they must pay the difference between the resident and non-resident charges.

H.R. 357 would expand education opportunities for veterans by allowing them to attend the state-run higher-education institution of their choice at the in-state tuition rate. It would do this by requiring public schools to charge in-state tuition rates to all veterans in order for the school to be eligible to receive G.I. Bill education payments.

Daniel M. Dellinger, national commander of The American Legion, expressed support for this legislation saying:

"It is only right, proper and fitting that student veterans be afforded the in-state tuition rate at institutions of higher learning, regardless of their official residency status. These men and women seeking to better themselves educationally have given great service to our entire nation and should, therefore, be considered honorary citizens of all states."

So let your U.S. representative know you expect them to vote "YES" on **H.R. 357** and encourage states to offer in-state tuition rates for college-bound veterans.

Legion strongly opposes threat to military commissaries

WASHINGTON (Jan. 24, 2014) – The leader of the nation’s largest veterans service organization says he is incensed by a threat to the survival of military commissaries – the U.S. military’s grocery stores. The Department of Defense reportedly is discussing a \$1 billion cut over the next three years to the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) budget. As a consequence, all but a handful of servicemembers’ and military retirees’ grocery stores could be closed.

“This is yet another undeserved blow to our men and women in service – and their families – in the name of ‘necessary cutbacks’ to reduce an ungainly national deficit,” said Daniel M. Dellinger, national commander of the 2.4-million member American Legion. “Like the trimming of expenses to be made by reducing military retirees’ pensions, this is an inexcusable way of attempting to fix a fault by penalizing the blameless.”

The DeCA currently operates nearly 250 stores worldwide with a \$1.4 billion annual budget. With the proposed budget cut to \$400 million annually by fiscal 2017, all but 24 stores would close. Those remaining would be overseas and in rural areas stateside.

“Commissaries are extremely important to young military families who are just trying to make ends meet,” Dellinger said. “By using commissaries, financially challenged military families can save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared with commercial supermarkets.

“This important benefit helps compensate for the significant difference between military pay and comparable civilian salaries. In addition to improving the quality of life for the troops and their families, commissary privileges help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve our country.”

The American Legion leader’s comments echo the points made in a resolution adopted by Legion leadership in 2012, which stated, “The value of commissaries in the quality of life equation for junior enlisted families and military retirees and others is indisputable. Military commissary usage has ranked second only to medical health care in the non-pay compensation package... Any effort to reduce or dismantle the integrity of the military commissary system would be seen as a serious breach of faith with a benefit system that currently serves as a mainstay for the active and reserve components, military retirees and military survivors, military personnel involuntarily discharged or released from active duty, and 100 percent service connected disabled veterans and others.”

Dellinger encouraged DoD to reconsider the proposal, saying, “The costs in both fiscal and human terms would be far higher than the temporary savings realized. It’s a bad idea, plain and simple.”

Veteran Employment Options

I hope that 2014 has started well for you, and that the veterans you serve are finding employment opportunities.

Our monthly newsletter, VetTen, we send to military veterans and their spouses seeking careers at RecruitMilitary.com was recently released. This newsletter highlights 10 careers and services that provide veterans with employment options.

Please take a moment to review the newsletter now through the link below, and I'd really appreciate it if you'd forward the message to those you serve.

<http://rmvets.com/vetten14>

As always, we greatly appreciate your assistance in sharing career information with the veterans and military families you work with.

Best regards,

Steve Balczo | Director, Military Outreach
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Office: 513-677-7040 | Email: sbacz@recruitmilitary.com

Connect & join the conversation: [Blog](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

Also be sure to review the link below to all the other services available to help you connect the veterans you serve with jobs - [Veteran Career Services](#).



Join us Tuesday, February 11, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. as we bring employers with available jobs to the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor for Hiring Our Heroes – Plymouth, MA. At this free hiring event, employers across all sectors will be on-site to interview and recruit veteran job seekers, active duty military, members of the National Guard and reserve components, and military spouses.

This employment event is being conducted by U.S. Chamber of Commerce; local Chambers of Commerce; the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment & Training Service (DOL VETS); Massachusetts Committee, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; The American Legion; NBC News, and other local partners.

An employment workshop aimed at helping veterans and transitioning service members leverage their military experience to achieve civilian career goals will begin at 9:00 a.m.

February 11, 2014

Hiring fair: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Workshop begins at 9:00 a.m.

Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor

180 Water Street

Plymouth, MA

Department of Massachusetts Scholarships By Chairman Milton K. Lashus

The American Legion Department of Massachusetts may grant ten \$1,000.00 and ten \$500.00 scholarships to be used towards the expenses of education of the child/grandchild, whose parent or grandparent is a **current** member in good standing of an American Legion Post within the Department of Massachusetts.

Applications shall be filed on or before **April 1**, with the Department Adjutant, The American Legion, Room 546-2, State House, Boston, MA 02133.

The scholarship shall be for the next school year only and limited to incoming freshmen. The scholarship committee will make its' selection prior to June 1st.

Scholarship payments shall be made directly to the recipient of the scholarship in two equal payments. Payments shall be made at the beginning of each semester and will be withheld if the students fails to remaining good standing. In event of termination during the school year payments must be returned to Department of Massachusetts, The American Legion.

The \$1,000.00 Scholarships shall be known as:

1. Frank R. Kelley Scholarship
2. Robert (Sam) Murphy Scholarship
3. H.P. Redden Scholarship
4. Mayer/Murphy/Nee Scholarship
5. Joseph H. Ellinwood (Nursing Only) Scholarship
6. Grace Fuller Olson Scholarship
7. Past Department Commanders Scholarship
8. Daniel J. Doherty Scholarship PNC
9. John P. "Jake" Comer Scholarship PNC
10. Paul A. Moran Scholarship PNC

Contact your local Post for application or contact The American Legion Department of Massachusetts at (617) 727-2966 or email masslegion@verizon.net



Post 124 Bulletin Board Sons of the American Legion



Application for Sons of the American Legion Charter for Post 124 Initiated
Pictured left to right: Don Voudren, Bill Cervonayco, PC Mike Misterka, PC Ed Johnson, PC Todd Gannon, PC Bobby Callahan. Seated Massachusetts Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander William J. Murphy III & Post 124 Commander Gene H. Theroux
January 11, 2014



Pittsfield American Legion Post 68 member and Salem State University (SSU) alumnus Mike Gormalley assists in displaying the DOD 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration flag with Ted Serozynsky, SSU Veterans' Benefits Coordinator and Sam Ohannesian, SSU Director of Veterans' Affairs. The flag, designating SSU as an official DOD Anniversary Partner, will be officially displayed at the May 7 event recognizing Vietnam Veterans

who are alumnus

From Around the State



Larry Larochelle, left, a veteran from Winchendon now living at the Beacon Hospice in Fitchburg, shakes hands with his friend, Fran Murphy (a member of Winchendon American Legion Post 193), after seeing him for the first time in 20 years at the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center in Winchendon for a reception after he received a tour of his hometown.

Pentagon Supports Cuts just not now!

Pentagon leaders support dramatic changes in military retirement. Just not now. And not for existing retirees, And maybe not the plan Congress has already passed. In testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee on January 28th defense official pushed for a repeal of the military retirements changes passed by congress last month as part of a comprehensive budget deal. They called the move unexpected and unfair, saying that any large change in military compensation should not include current troops and retirees, who have been promised specific benefits and retirement payouts already, But Christine Fox, acting deputy secretary of defense also noted that changes to compensation such as troops pay, health care benefits and retirement payouts will be needed soon, to keep personnel costs from overwhelming the rest of the military budget. We cannot afford to sustain the rate of growth in military compensation that we've experienced over the last decade," she said. "We must find ways to slow it down if we are going to maintain our current force.

Officials want to wait until later this year when military compensation and retirement modernization commission will issue its report before making changes. But she stopped short of demanding repeal of the retirement change - 1% reduction in COLA for working retirees.

Congress has already passed one large correction, restoring the COLA cuts for most medically retired veterans. SASC Chairman Carl Levin argued a repeal is needed "because the change targets a single group - Military Retirees - to help address the budget problems of the federal government as a whole." Veterans groups (including the American Legion) have offered similar complaints, and say the move breaks promises made to troops who have made many sacrifices on behalf of their country.

The Senate is expected to take up a measure this week repealing the retirement change, as part of a veterans legislative package dealing with dozens of benefits and health care changes. But the measure faces an uncertain future in the house. Stay tuned for updates on COLA and other military benefits over the upcoming months.

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January, 2014

Winter Sweepstakes 2014 Winners

Placed	Amt Won	Name	City	Post
1st	\$3,000	Francis A Mathews	Arlington	39
2nd	\$2,000	Thomas L Hewitt	Franklin	75
3rd	\$1,000	Peter M Ventura	Tyngsboro	247
4th	\$500	Robert O Wiita	Ashburnham	142
5th	\$500	Raymond E West	Westfield	124
6th	\$500	Matthew P Zabik	Chicopee	452
7th	\$500	Walter Wnuk	Adams	462

Drawing held January 18, 2014 @ Orange Post 172, Orange MA

“Still Serving America”

Yours in Comradeship,

Leslie J McKittrick, Jr., PDC
Department Adjutant



**You are cordially
invited to attend the**

*Appreciation Day
For Department SR. Vice Commander
Charles (Charlie) Towers*

***Leading Candidate for
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
2014/2015***

SATURDAY APRIL 19TH 2014 AT DEDHAM POST #18

155 EASTERN AVE. DEDHAM, MA 02026

TICKETS ARE \$30.00 EACH

COCKTAILS 1PM, FAMILY STYLE DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 2PM.

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 9TH 2014 TO TREASURER FRED WHITE

104 EDWARDS STREET, QUINCY MA 02169

617-773-8337

LESS TALK MORE ACTION



AMERICAN LEGION
Charles C Kennedy Post 275
41 Robbins Road
Chicopee MA 01020
Telephone: (413) 592-1126

The committee to elect Department Senior Vice commander, Louis "Lou" Brault is pleased to host an Appreciation Day on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at The Charles C. Kennedy Post 275 at 41 Robbins Road, Chicopee, MA 01020

An "Afternoon at the Races" is planned for everyone's enjoyment and the dress is casual. A social hour will be held at 1:00 p.m. and a buffet will start at 2:00 p.m. Horse racing betting will also start at 1:00 p.m. with the first Race Post Time of 1:30 p.m. There will be a total of ten (10) races with a schedule end time of 4:00 p.m.

A \$30.00 admission price will include Free Admission into the Race Track, Free Buffet and \$10.00 in play money to wager on your favorite horse to win cash payoffs.

Enclosed are two admission tickets at \$30.00 per person. There will be a 50/50 Raffle and several Gift Baskets for you to take your chance(s) on. Play money may not be used on Gift Basket Raffle.

Please make checks payable to Charles C. Kennedy Post 275 please earmark for "Brault Fund". Please mail check(s) to William (Bill) Kmelius % Charles C. Kennedy Post 275, 41 Robbins Road, Chicopee, MA 01020

Please find enclosed an Advanced Betting Sheet for the Races in case you cannot make the function but would like to bet on your favorite number or horse name.

Committee Members

Mark Avis
 Joyce Avis
 Bob Baranowski
 Carolyn Baranowski
 Rosemary Brault
 Jake Comer

Steve Jimmo
 Donna Kmelius
 Bill Kmelius
 Bob Krieger
 Sally Nay
 Paul Morin

Drew Pajak
 Jodie Pajak
 Bonnie Sladeski
 Brian Tidlund



APPRECIATION DAY
Kenny Starks



Candidate for Re-election for Department Vice Commander
"Preparing for the Future"

March 15, 2014

Jamaica Plains Post 76
 280 South Street
 Jamaica Plains, MA 02130
(Additional parking across the street)

Donation \$25.00 per person, Tables \$250.00

Please make checks payable to Kenneth Starks Campaign and return to:

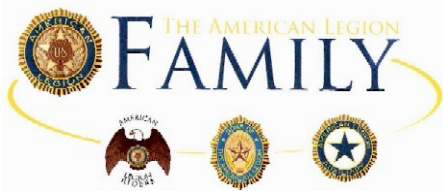
Charlene Starks
 13 St, John Ave,
 Norwood, MA 02062

DEPARTMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/8	5:00 PM	Ham & Bean Dinner	Mattapoissett Post 280
2/8	7:00 PM	District 3 Beach Party (All Welcome)	Chicopee Post 275
2/11	10:00 AM	Hiring our Hero's Job Fair	Radisson Hotel, Plymouth, MA
2/22	1:00 PM	District 7 Meeting	W Roxbury VAMC
2/26	7:00 PM	District 6 Meeting	Foxboro Post 93
2/27	7:00 PM	District 9 Meeting	Easton Post 7
3/1	11:00 AM	Department Membership Meeting	Fairview Post 438
3/1	5:00 PM	District 3 Commander's Banquet	Chicopee Post 275
3/2	12:00 PM	Appreciation Day - DVC Brault	Chicopee Post 275
3/6	6:30 PM	District 1 Meeting	Dalton Post 155
3/9	2:00 PM	District 5 Meeting	Malden Post 69
3/15	9:30 AM	District 4 Meeting	Leominster Post 151
3/15	11:00 AM	AL Family Bowling Tournament	Union Lanes, Holbrook, MA
3/15	3:00 PM	Appreciation Day - DVC Starks	Jamaica Plain Post 76
3/16	10:00 AM	District 10 Meeting	Whitman Post 22
3/16	1:30 PM	District 3 Meeting	Wilbraham Post 286
3/16	2:00 PM	District 2 Meeting	Belchertown Post 237
3/16	2:00 PM	District 8 Meeting	Rockport Post 98
4/11	7:00 PM	Children's Hospital Meat Raffle	Whitman Squadron 22

2014 Membership Standings *as of 1/31/14* Remember 85% Membership Cutoff is February 11th lets get those card in.

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	1812	1683	92.88%
2	FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE	1776	1631	91.84%
3	HAMPDEN	3295	2982	90.50%
4	WORCESTER	6538	5851	89.49%
5	MIDDLESEX	6151	5522	89.77%
6	NORFOLK	3666	3214	87.67%
7	SUFFOLK	1836	1562	85.08%
8	ESSEX	3303	3031	91.77%
9	BRISTOL	2608	2324	89.11%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE	4389	4113	93.71%
297	CAPITOL HILL	41	87	212.20%
462	HEADQUARTERS	5892	4092	69.45%
	TOTAL 319 POSTS	41307	36092	87.38%



4th Annual “ Partnership for Kids” Bowling Tournament

Union Street Lanes, 2125 Union Street, Holbrook, MA 02343

March 15, 2013 - 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Proceeds to Benefit the “Partnership for Kids”

Boston Children’s Hospital
Baystate Children’s Hospital
UMAS Memorial Children’s Medical Center

Limited to 32 Teams - First Come First Served on Team sign-ups
Five Person Teams, \$20.00 Per Person/ \$100.00 Per Team

Collation at Union Street Lanes

Send Payment and Registration Forms to:

Clifford A. Smith, 32A Cottage Street, Mansfield, MA 02048

Please make checks payable to: The Detachment of Mass S.A.L.

2014 Sons of the American Legion Membership Standings *as of 1/31/14*

	District	Goal	Current	% of Goal
1	BERKSHIRE	269	177	65.80%
2	FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE	301	144	47.84%
3	HAMPDEN	237	149	62.87%
4	WORCESTER	945	664	70.26%
5	MIDDLESEX	1417	873	61.61%
6	NORFOLK	867	547	63.09%
7	SUFFOLK	109	61	55.96%
8	ESSEX	404	296	73.27%
9	BRISTOL	284	222	78.17%
10	PLY/BARN/NAN/ DUKE	741	482	65.05%
	TOTAL	5574	3615	64.85%

Mohegan Sun Getaway Raffle Valued up to \$1,000

To Benefit



Two night stay (mid week) for two. Dinner
for 2 at Tuscany Restaurant. Dinner for 2 at
Bar Americain and two breakfast for 2 at
Season's Buffet

Donation

\$10.00 per ticket

Drawing at

National Commander's Banquet

April 12, 2014

National Emergency Fund Raffle

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Hiring Our Heroes – Plymouth, MA
Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor
180 Water Street
Plymouth, MA 02360
February 11, 2014

HIRING FAIR: 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP: 9:00 A.M.

This hiring event is being conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and local chambers of commerce; the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment & Training Service (DOL VETS); Massachusetts Committee, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); the U.S. Army Reserve, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; The American Legion; NBC News; and other local partners.

<p>EMPLOYERS</p> <p>Must register for FREE at HOH.Greatjob.net</p>	<p>JOB SEEKERS</p> <p><i>Veterans, Active Duty Military, Members Of Guard And Reserve Components, Military Spouses</i></p> <p>Register for FREE at HOH.Greatjob.net</p> <p><i>Walk-ins always welcome</i></p>
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 **A workshop for veterans and other military job seekers that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 9:00 a.m. To register for the GE Employment Workshop, visit hohworks.eventbrite.com/**

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For registration questions, please contact hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or call 202-463-5807.



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Small Business Administration:
Entrepreneurship

February 26-27, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This intense two-day workshop is designed for those seriously interested in starting their own business. Participants will learn about the fundamentals of small business ownership and the SBA tools and resources available to them. Open to all active duty, Veterans, military retirees and family members.

*For additional information or to register,
please call the Fleet and Family Support Center at (401) 841-2283.*



District 3

BEACH PARTY Fundraiser

\$5.00 Cover

Beach Attire welcome
(JAG impersonation Contest)

When: February 8th at 7pm

Where: Charles C Kennedy Post 275

45 Robbins Rd, Chicopee, MA



Come out and break
up the winter blues

Featured music by
The Beach Boys,
Jimmy Buffett
And more



Amazing raffle prizes

Games



\$ 2.00 Cheeseburgers in Paradise
\$ 1.00 Hot Dogs



REMEMBRANCE RUN

Saturday, MAY 24, 2014

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

DALTON AMERICAN LEGION, POST 155

ROUTE 9, Dalton, MA

REGISTRATION starts @10AM

CEREMONY @11AM

This ceremony is dedicated to the remembrance of all the "KIA" of Western Massachusetts since 9/11. Everyone is invited to show their respect and appreciate the sacrifice of these amazing individuals and their amazing families!

There will be a motorcycle ride immediately after the Ceremony if you wish to ride.

Sponsored by the: Dalton American Legion Riders Post #155

Contact the web page: www.massalr.com for more information.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDE TO CONVENTION

Join the

Detachment of Massachusetts

June 5, 2014 as they escort:

National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion

Joseph Gladden

across Massachusetts to support

The Legacy Fund

The ride will leave from Dalton with stops at
Easthampton - Palmer - Oxford - Sharon and ending
at convention in Plymouth – Stop times to be announced

Legacy Fund donations will be accepted at each stop

Riders are welcome to join or leave the ride at any stop

More information to follow or contact:

Marvin Nay -traincrazy57@comcast.net or cell at 413-330-2217

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COHASSET FIELD OF HONOR TO RETURN FOR EIGHTH YEAR

WHAT

Once again The Sons of the American Legion, Squad-ron 118 of Cohasset, will post hundreds of United States Flags in a poignant display honoring local veterans. The Field of Honor recognizes the veterans who have so valiantly served our country to protect and preserve our freedom.

WHEN

For the eighth straight year, the flags will fly from the lawn facing the Veterans Memorial which itself will be encircled by the flags of the 50 states. Residents of Cohasset and the surrounding area will experience this inspiring display of flags from May 17 to June 1 as the Stars and Stripes flutter proudly atop eight-foot poles set in ordered lines. This touching memorial is free to the public. The Healing Field dedication will be at 1 pm. on Saturday, May 24.



HOW TO TAKE PART

\$30 individual flags may be sponsored in memory of family or friends honored. Checks should be made payable to the Sons of the American Legion with a note on the memo line of the check indicating Field of Honor. Sponsored flags can be retained as mementos of this year's Field of Honor which can be then be displayed from home or business.

FOR MORE

To find more information or to sponsor a flag online, visit www.healingfield.org/cohasset14. For details on becoming an event sponsor or to obtain applications for field flags, please contact the American Legion Post at telephone 781-383-9657 or stop by at the Post at 98 Summer St., anytime weekdays after 3 p.m., on Saturdays after 10 a.m. or on Sundays after 12 p.m.

All proceeds will go to veterans programs of the Sons of the American Legion of Cohasset. (*Cohasset Mariner*)

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS FREEDOM RIDE 2014

HELP SUPPORT LOCAL VETERANS AND THE POW/MIA MOVEMENT!!



August 3, 2014



Begins @ DALTON AMERICAN LEGION on
North St. (Rt. 9) in Dalton MA

Registration 9-11 am/ride leaves following registration

Breakfast by Ladies Auxiliary available 9 -11 am
Food, drink, games and entertainment to follow
Truckload Raffle Drawing!!!

All Motorcycles Welcome!

For more details

www.MASSALR.COM



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