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JUNE 2026



Post 10 Commander's Report

2025-2026 Legion Officers

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Hello Legion Family,

Before I begin this month's newsletter article, I need to correct an oversight from my May article. Namely, I forgot to mention and thank the judges for our BBQ Competition. So, if you see any of these fine judges, be sure to thank them for taking the time out of their schedules and being there for us: Dept. Cmdr. **Scott Madrea**, Aux. Dept. Pres. **Carol Campbell**, Dept. Adj. **Mark Stein**, Dept. Admin. **Lindon Dixon**, and SAL Det. Vice Cmdr. **Timothy Fincher**. They did an excellent job and we truly appreciate their assistance and commitment to our Post and the Legion. Moving on now. I hope everyone enjoyed the Memorial Day Picnic and our Post's Memorial Day Ceremony. We must never forget those who served and have passed on, especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to their country. So long as we hold them in our hearts and minds, they will never be forgotten.

This month, after the General Membership meeting, we will be swearing in our new officers. Unfortunately, the Riders will not be present as they will be attending the Virginia Legacy Ride. Let's all hope they ride safely and that those sharing the road with them remain watchful.

We are already planning next month's Fourth of July Celebration. I know we are normally closed, but this is a special year—our Country's 250th Anniversary. So we will be making a show of it. Come on out and help us have a fantastic time. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and get things ready, and if the rumors are true, I will be sitting on the platform of a dunk tank. We'll see as we get closer if we can pull that off. So come on out and try your luck hitting the target. Hopefully the weather will be nice and warm.

As always, let me close by saying that in every family, communication is the thread that weaves trust, understanding, and connection together. This is true within our community of Veterans, where challenges are deeply personal and often invisible to the outside world.

Communication provides a lifeline between isolation and healing. A simple conversation, a sincere question about someone's well-being, or just being present and listening—these small gestures can offer profound comfort to those who might otherwise suffer in silence. They remind us that no one faces their struggles alone. Let this serve as a reminder to embrace the power of communication—to **Be the One** who listens, who reaches out, who shows compassion. Every act of connection helps build a stronger, more resilient support network. Together, we can help ensure no Veteran feels left behind.

For God and Country,

Stanley C. Moore, Your Post 10 Commander





Legionnaire Membership Report from 1st Vice Commander

2026 - Renewals.



So far, we have signed up 37 new members and renewed 674. We are currently at 93.1% renewal. As a reminder, 30 June is the deadline to renew 2026 memberships. All unpaid memberships will be removed from the active roster. Renewing online would be the quickest and give us instantaneous verification of your renewal.

Please welcome our new Legionnaire: **Richard Ramos, USA**
Also, please welcome our newest transfer: **John Drombosky, USN**

Now you can renew for up to 3 years online. Go to mylegion.org, click the renew tab and put in your member number and you will be able to extend your membership at the current membership price for 3 years. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

There are several additional ways to renew your American Legion membership:

1. Online at www.mylegion.org. You can use a credit card online and set-up automatic yearly renewal. You can also update your profile information: address and, phone number. I will also send out your new membership card once I am notified by National of your renewal.
2. By mail. If you've received your renewal request from National Headquarters, mail it in the enclosed return envelope to Post 10 at 9950 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110 Attn: Post 10 Membership.
3. In person. Stop by Post 10 and ask the bartender for a membership envelope, fill out the envelope, include your membership number and dues. Current Legion dues are \$50.00. Please provide your address, email and phone number. It's important to be able to contact you.

Your information is stored in a protected database, accessible to only Post officers with the need to know.

If you have an email account, you can receive the newsletter electronically.

Please feel free to email me with any questions/concerns about your membership.

For God and Country,
Ed Filipowski, 1st Vice Commander
all10membership@yahoo.com

**MEETING DAY & TIMES: 3rd Saturday. Executive Meeting starts at 0900;
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting begins at 1100.**

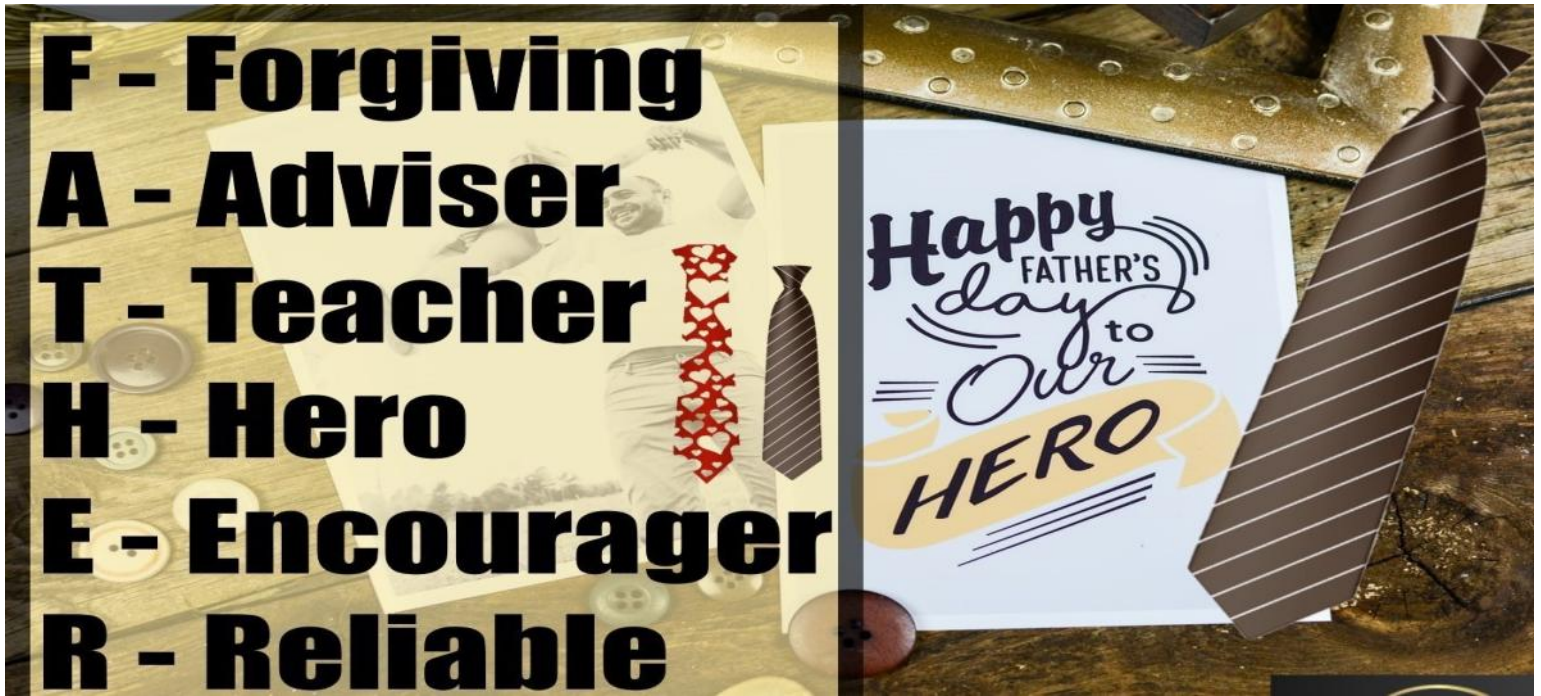
REMINDER: During ceremonies the Social Quarters is CLOSED. Post SQ Rules clearly states "During Post 10 ceremonies the Social Quarters will be closed. Occupants must either attend the Post 10 ceremony or vacate Post 10 property." Take the time and attend the ceremony, you may find it informative, educational, and interesting.

Gunny

Remember Everyone Deployed Fridays (R.E.D.)

R.E.D. was created to show solidarity and support for our deployed service members and veterans. The primary mission is to keep the deployed at the forefront of our hearts and minds until they return home by wearing red on Fridays. The deployed and their families are not nameless, faceless, or forgotten. They are our heroes, and for them, we go R.E.D. on Fridays. Wearing a specific color of shirt or other apparel may seem a trivial act, but it represents something very significant. It translates to mean that as you prepare for the day, you recognize that others are playing an active role to allow you to go about your day with relative peace of mind that you are safe.

Submitted by **George Moschatos**



Father's Day, Sunday, 21 JUNE 2026

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Under the new 2022 PACT Act

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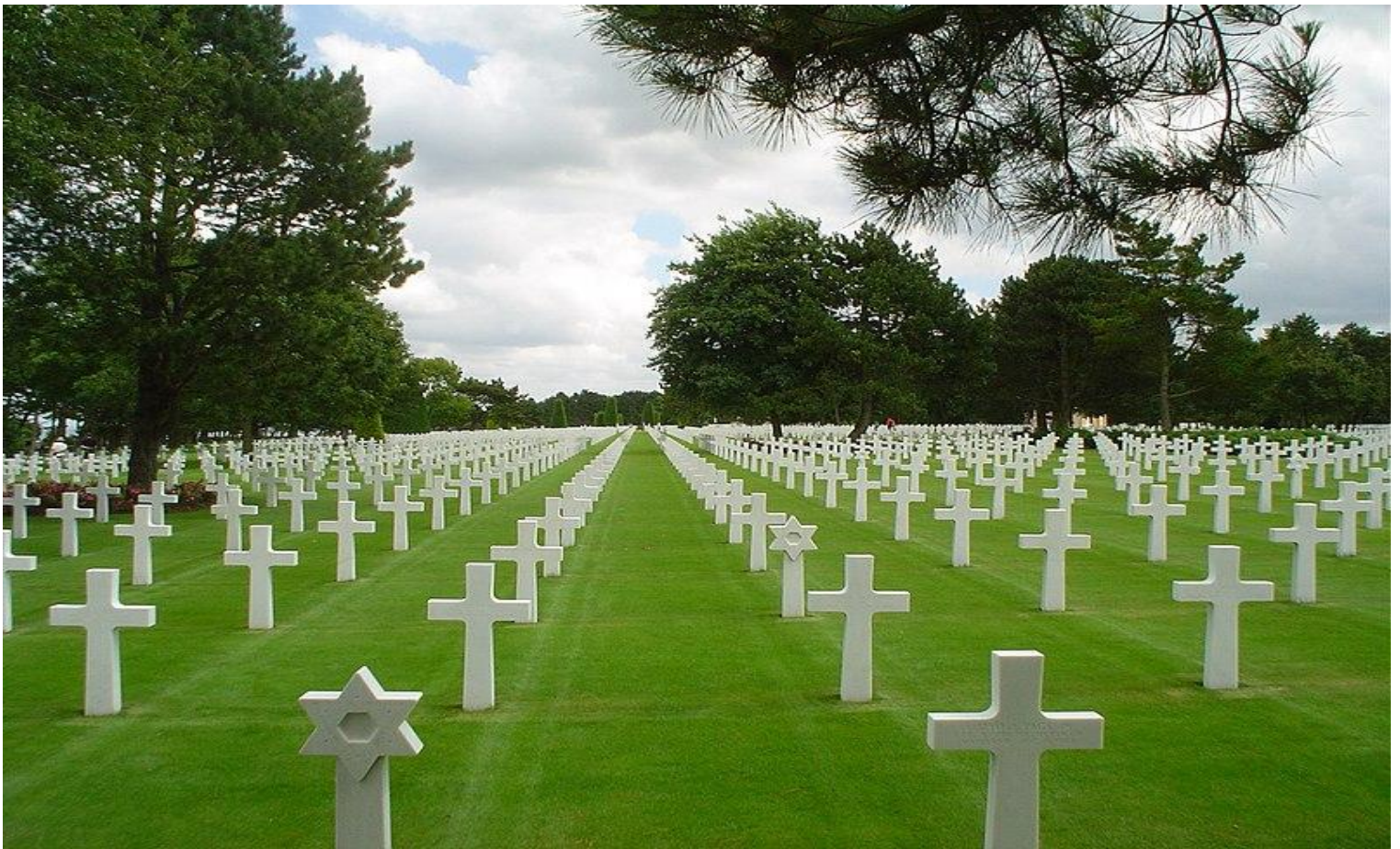
Republic of Vietnam
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Poor is a Nation that has no Heroes.
Shameful is a Nation that has Heroes but forgets them.



*“To Those Who Died,
Honor and Eternal Rest;
To Those Still In Bondage,
Remembrance and Hope;
To Those Who Returned,
Gratitude and Peace.*



SGT-at-ARMS REPORT

May 22, 2026; Manassas Park Memorial Day Flag Ceremony,

I want to thank **Carl Carey** for his support in setting up the military service flag. At the end of the ceremony I played Taps.

This ceremony is usually over in one hour. Next year I would like to have at least six (6) Color Guard members to attend the ceremony. If you have any questions please reach out to me. Thank you.



Pops and Carl Carey



Want to thank **Gunny** for assisting me in retrieving the numerous miniature US flags that were on display for Memorial Day around the Post.

Post 10 Color Guard is a specialized unit of Veterans that present, carry, and protect the US flag and military service flags at ceremonies, parades, funerals, and community events. We promote patriotism and teach the proper way to display and retire unserviceable US flags. With the exception of the Legion cover (hat) we provide the uniform and training.

V/R

Dave "Pops" Fisk, SGT-at-ARMS

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
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**IT IS A VETERANS
SERVICE ORGANIZATION**

The Inspector General's Fraud Watch report highlights the VA Office of Inspector General's (OIG) continued efforts to combat fraud affecting Veterans' health care, benefits, and services, supported by collaboration across federal agencies and with law enforcement partners. The OIG currently has 1,005 ongoing investigations and 61 ongoing audits or reviews.

Some recent highlights:

- A mail-order pharmacy owner was charged for defrauding healthcare programs of **\$33 million**.
- Multiple Veterans were charged or pleaded guilty for falsely claiming legal blindness or unemployment to obtain VA disability benefits. Losses range from **\$141,000 to over \$1.3 million**.
- VA employees and a church pastor were charged with fraudulently obtaining loans related to COVID-19 relief programs.
- The ex-girlfriend of a Veteran was charged for fraudulently redirecting his VA pension benefits into her personal bank account.
- The daughter of a Veteran, who served as a VA-appointed fiduciary, admitted to misusing over **\$49,000** of a Veteran's funds for personal expenses.
- A scuba school owner falsified training records to defraud VA education programs of over **\$900,000**.

[Source: VA OIG Fraud Watch]

Submitted by *Vic Librizzi*

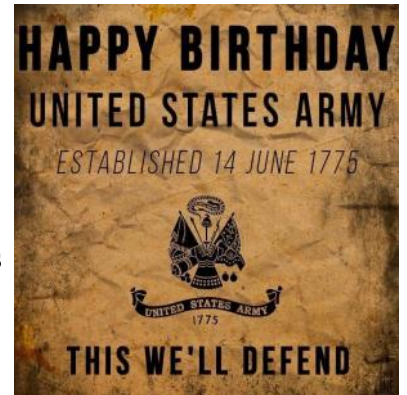
Korean War: The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when some 75,000 soldiers from the North Korean People's Army came across the 38th parallel, the boundary between the Soviet-backed Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the north and the pro-Western Republic of Korea to the south. This invasion was the first military action of the Cold War. By July, American troops had entered the war on South Korea's behalf. It was a war against the forces of international communism. After some early back-and-forth across the 38th parallel, the fighting stalled and casualties mounted. American officials worked to fashion some sort of armistice with the North Koreans. The alternative, they feared, would be a wider war with Russia and China—or even, as some warned, World War III. Finally, in July 1953, the Korean War came to an end. In all, some 5 million soldiers and civilians lost their lives in what many in the U.S. refer to as **"the Forgotten War"** for the lack of attention it received compared to more well-known conflicts like World War I and II. The Korean peninsula is still divided today.



"All right, they're on our left, they're on our right, they're in front of us, they're behind us... they can't get away this time." **LtGen Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller**, addressing his surrounded Marines at the Chosin Reservoir.

Submitted by *Gunny*

HAPPY 251st BIRTHDAY, ARMY! The US Army was founded on 14 June 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year. The 14 June date is when Congress adopted “the American continental army” after reaching a consensus position in The Committee of the Whole. This procedure and the desire for secrecy account for the sparseness of the official entries for the day. Congress undertook to raise 10 companies of riflemen, approved an enlistment for them, and appointed a committee to draft rules and regulations for the government of the army. There was a time when there were never more than 48,000 Continental soldiers. Today, the Army boasts over one million soldiers on duty which includes the Reserves and National Guard members.



Submitted by *George Moschatos*

What will the FTC’s enforcement of the TAKE IT DOWN Act mean for you?

Having someone share an intimate photo or video of you online without your consent can be stressful and overwhelming. These images, including AI-generated deepfakes, can spread quickly and cause real and lasting harm. That’s why Congress passed the TAKE IT DOWN Act—and why the FTC is holding platforms accountable under the law.

The TAKE IT DOWN Act now requires covered platforms—like social media, messaging, and image or video sharing apps and sites—to offer a way for you to request the removal of intimate photos or videos shared online without your consent. But that’s not all. Platforms must remove the intimate photos or videos, and known identical copies, within 48 hours of your request. The law applies to real images, digitally altered images, and deepfakes created with artificial intelligence.

Only platforms can actually remove intimate photos and videos shared without your consent, but it’s the FTC’s job to make sure those platforms are complying with the TAKE IT DOWN Act. But we need your help to keep covered platforms accountable.

If a covered platform violates the TAKE IT DOWN Act, tell the FTC at TakeItDown.ftc.gov.

You can report a platform that doesn’t take down a nonconsensual intimate image (or identical copies) within 48 hours of your request. You can also report a platform if you can’t find their removal request process or if it’s broken.

Submit a report to the FTC if you or your child appear in the intimate image. You also can submit a report on behalf of someone else if they’ve given you permission.

If a covered platform violates the TAKE IT DOWN Act, the FTC wants to know. Every report counts and helps the FTC hold platforms accountable for complying with this important law. If someone shares an intimate image of a minor or an image of you without your consent, that’s a crime. Report the perpetrator to local criminal law enforcement, as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation at tips.fbi.gov or call 1-800-CALL-FBI.

[Source: FTC]

Submitted by *Vic Librizzi*



Everyone is entitled to their own opinion but not their own facts. Below and on the following pages is the legal ruling from National re: Sons Of The American Legion. This did not originate at Post 10 but Post 10 shall adhere to this ruling. If anyone has an issue we suggest you contact American Legion National, Sons of the AL, the IRS, and/or the Virginia Alcohol and Beverage Control. This is out of Post 10 hands. The rumors and innuendos that any officer of Post 10 instigated this legal ruling is FALSE and these malicious lies must cease. Please read the following. Thank you.

Gunny



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November 6, 2025

LEGAL OPINION

Subject: The American Legion, the Sons of The American Legion and the four rules of an American Legion Program

For 50 years, the Sons of The American Legion (SAL) has co-existed at all levels of The American Legion. However, this has also created a perception that SAL members have the same rights and privileges as those in The American Legion, and this misinterpretation of the rules, which has gone largely unchecked or uncorrected in some areas, is starting to cause some very real problems for the organization. Recently, this has grown into a larger concern as we hear reports of Posts being audited and, when asked for their membership rolls, submitting the names of SAL members in addition to those of regular members.

This opinion seeks to clarify for everyone that the Sons of The American Legion is a program, not simply a cheaper alternative that comes with the same rights and privileges as a traditional member. Further, leadership at all levels – Post, District, Department and National – must be knowledgeable on what the rules governing veterans and non-profit organizations are and safeguard the integrity of our organization by ensuring that no person or group jeopardizes our future by operating in a manner not consistent with the laws and regulations set by Congress and the IRS.

BACKGROUND

Shortly after the end of hostilities in World War I in Paris, France, LTC Theodore Roosevelt – the oldest son of the former president – had a conversation with George White, a fellow servicemember and editor of The Oregonian, a Portland newspaper; from this discussion, The American Legion would be born. Roosevelt would suggest the immediate establishment of a new servicemen's organization that would include all AEF members, as well as those soldiers who remained stateside as members of the military during the war. Roosevelt and White advocated this proposal ceaselessly until they found sufficient support at headquarters to move forward with the plan. In September 1919, Congress formally recognized the creation of The American Legion when both Houses of Congress passed our congressional charter and signed it into law.

Congress has deemed it in the national interest to afford congressionally chartered organizations some latitude to raise money and lobby Congress that is not available to many other non-profits. As one non-profit trade publication noted:

Above all, 501(c)(19) organizations offer financial, medical, psychological, and social support to veterans, their families, and the community. Through rehabilitation programs, support networks, and advocacy, these groups enhance veterans' mental health, employment opportunities, and overall well-being. These programs strive to secure a better future for those who have served. However, their impact extends far beyond supporting veterans, as they provide vital assistance to entire communities by mobilizing trained veteran volunteers in fields such as logistics, emergency response, and more during disasters.

At the 1932 National Convention in Portland, OR, The American Legion, while in general session, voted to approve Resolution 28, which established a youth program called "the Sons of the Legion." The Committee on Junior Activities called for "The National Organization of The American Legion to approve, encourage, and foster organizations of sons of members of The American Legion." Resolution 456 adopted at the 14th National Convention, states in the two whereas clauses "In the propagation of an organization for such boys' future around a fine idea, and assist in the bringing out the best type of citizenship," and "[a]n organization of this sort will bring the father closer to his son and make a better Legionnaire of him." The first resolve clause states, "One, that The American Legion officially propagate, recognize, and sponsor an organization to be known as the Sons of The American Legion." Upon the adoption of Resolution 456, it was believed, "Because The American Legion is such a unique organization, with eligibility so highly restricted, it can have no successor. But it can have an heir to whom it can bequeath all its treasured heritage."

THE PROBLEM

We are hearing more and more anecdotal evidence (and indeed some is even being sent to us) that various Departments and Posts are incorrectly interpreting the IRS code regarding the SAL, and, crucially, may be taking actions that could jeopardize The American Legion's non-profit status.

Congress sets the membership eligibility criteria for The American Legion, and the laws that govern it are found in Title 36 of the United States Code, Chapter 217, which deals exclusively with our organization. Eligibility is addressed explicitly in 36 USC 21703, a provision most recently amended with the passage of the Legion Act in 2019, and the Internal Revenue Service has promulgated rules based on what the Congressional intent was in the enactment of those laws. For us, the problem arises because Congress and the IRS have created differing rules for veterans of various conflicts, rules that largely do not apply to the SAL.

The IRS, in its Audit Technique Guide for Veterans Organizations, defines a member of a 501(c)19 with the following characteristics:

1. An individual eligible for membership under the constitution and bylaws of the veterans' organization.
2. May attend and vote at membership meetings.
3. Hold office in the organization.
4. Participate in State or National Conventions.
5. Posts remit membership dues for the individual to the central organization.

FOUR RULES OF A SUBSIDIARY PROGRAM

SAL squadrons, detachments, and the national organization are not stand-alone Veteran Service Organizations; rather, they must co-exist through the adoption and sponsorship from a post and cannot have their own EIN or tax-exempt status. This means that the SAL is under the full autonomy of its sponsoring post. If the post chooses to allow the squadron to use the post's EIN and tax-exempt status, that would be predicated on whether the squadron (program) is in full compliance with the Four Rules of a Program. Moreover, the rights and privileges of a program are not the same as those of a Legionnaire, or member of the American Legion Auxiliary. For example, the post bar, restaurant, canteen, or other social activity is intended for Legion members (veterans) of the post, their bona fide guests, and members of the Auxiliary unit, with the revenue remaining in the tax-exempt category. The IRS defines a bona fide guest as an individual a member invites to participate in an activity and pays for his expenses. If the guest pays for his own recreation or food, he isn't a bona fide guest. Social non-members are not eligible for membership in The American Legion. The members of the SAL squadron would be considered social non-members, and therefore, any sales or revenue generated from social non-members may also be subject to Unrelated Business Income (UBI) Tax by the IRS.

The IRS provides an example in the "Tax Guide for Veteran Organizations" (rev. 4-2018.):

Post A has 1,500 individuals who participate in the club's bar and gaming activities. 1,200 are veteran members who are eligible for membership as described in the post's constitution and bylaws. 300 are social non-members. Social non-members are not eligible for membership.

The veterans' organization satisfies the section 501(c)(19) membership requirements because its members are all past or present members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The social non-members are treated as members of the general public for 501(c)(19) purposes. Income from non-member sources may be subject to the unrelated business income tax.

Interpreted by the IRS, SAL members are considered social non-members when they utilize a post's social activities (if the operations are not already open to the general public and paying UBI tax for the income derived), and may generate taxable income if a Legion post member does not sign in that individual and pay for all food and entertainment for the guest. This includes all social or recreational activities of a Post not related to one of the other exempt purposes of a 501(c)19. In all such activities, an SAL member is not considered a member of the organization; therefore, revenue generated by these non-members may be considered taxable income, unless a Legion post member officially signs the non-member into the post and pays for all their purchases and services or another exception to UBI is claimed (such as volunteer labor exception).

In summary, the SAL program should be viewed as a participatory initiative that fosters the development of youth into patriotic Americans as outlined in the SAL Preamble; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism, preserve the memories of veterans from all wars, to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state

and nation, to safeguard the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, to sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness, and the last phrase; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands, and to assist in carrying on for God and Country, promotes American values and helps them become productive citizens in our society.

The SAL, as a program, is equivalent to an ALR chapter, Boys' and Girls' State, or Oratorical. All of them are Legion programs, but do not entitle participants or members to equal rights and privileges with veterans eligible for a TAL membership or to privileges commensurate with members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Certainly, no post would assume that a member of the Post's American Legion Baseball team would have unfettered access to the post commensurate with what a Legionnaire enjoys, but some Posts then turn a blind eye to members of the Sons of The American Legion, despite the SAL also being a program.

In order to deal with these issues, we have long had rules governing program operations. Attached to this opinion, you will find our latest incarnation of those rules, along with an acknowledgement section to be signed by the program participant or leader as the Post or Department may determine. Together, these four rules governing Leadership, Rules, Reports and Controls apply to all programs of The American Legion, whether they are our exclusively Youth Programs (Oratorical, Boys State, Shooting Sports, etc.) or programs like the SAL or The American Legion Riders. Regardless of what the program is — whether it be an ambulance service, a rodeo, a yacht club, a cruiser club, or some other program — the four rules apply to each of them.

Best regards,



Mark C. Seavey, Esq.
National Judge Advocate, The American Legion

At Post 10 we believe in safety, dignity, and respect for ALL. Your words matter. Your behaviors matter. The safety and well being of our members, guests, and employees matters. There is NO place at the Post for unacceptable behavior such as: Aggression; Use of inappropriate language; Use of racist language and/or behavior; Bullying; Verbal abuse; Threats; Assaults; Property damage. Anyone exhibiting violent and aggressive behavior will be told to leave at once. Failure to obey the ABC manager on duty will result in suspension from the Social Quarters— *immediately*. We ask for your cooperation.

Thank you. Gunny



During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of Normandy, which lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as **D-Day**, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target. By late August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans. The Normandy landings have

been called the beginning of the end of war in Europe.

By dawn on June 6, 1944, thousands of paratroopers and glider troops were already on the ground behind enemy lines, securing bridges and exit roads. The amphibious invasion began at 0630 hours. British and Canadian troops overcame light opposition to capture beaches codenamed Gold, Juno, and Sword, as did American troops on Utah Beach. US forces faced heavy resistance at Omaha Beach where there were over 2,000 American casualties. By day's end, approximately 156,000 Allied troops had successfully stormed Normandy's beaches. The estimate is that more than 4,000 Allied troops were killed. On June 11th the beaches were fully secured and over 326,000 troops, 50,000 plus vehicles and some 100,000 tons of equipment had landed at Normandy.

In the following weeks the Allies fought their way across the Normandy countryside in the face of determined German resistance. The Normandy invasion began to turn the tide against the Nazis. On May 8, 1945, the Allies accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany.

Submitted by *Gunny*



From Past Post 10 Commander *Toni Barber*.

Toni's service dog, *Gunny*, on watch at *Toni's* permanent POW/MIA display.

Thanks for sharing Past Commander *Barber*.

Gunny





Three Servicemen Statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial



"Celer, Silens, Mortalis"



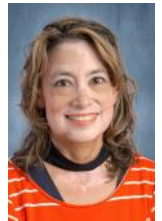
The Vietnam Women's Memorial to honor the women who risked their lives to serve their country. Depicting three women caring for a fallen soldier.



"We few, we Band of Brothers. For he who sheds his blood with me shall be my brother."
– William Shakespeare, "Henry V"

Post 10 Veterans Advocate

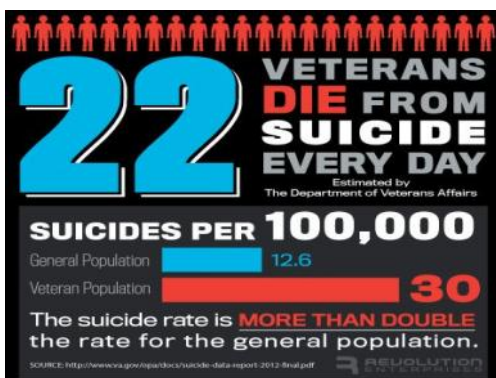
The first day of Summer is just around the corner on June 21, 2026! Father's Day happens to be on the same day on June 21, 2026! I hope all of our Post 10 Veterans have a enjoyable Father's Day with their families! Thank you for your selflessness and dedication to our country and thank you to the families of Veterans for their support and strength. As your Post 10 Veterans Advocate, I will continue to guide and assist veterans in filing service-connected disability claims with the VA. It is a pleasure to be able to assist you with any questions that you may have and will continue to do so in 2026!



The Appointment of Claimant's Representative VA form authorizes The American Legion to assist Veterans and beneficiaries. Additionally, please send your full and complete contact information. You cannot have more than one POA!

I am available to assist Veterans and their families in completing and filing benefit claims. Contact me: ginger.c.harvey@gmail.com for VA claims assistance. Please include all of your contact information so that I can better assist you.

Post 10 Veterans Advocate, *Ginger Harvey*



Have you wondered about the history of Flag Day?

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the War for Independence fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army, a unified colonial fighting force. This led to the creation of the first "American" flag, the Continental Colors.

For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too much like that of the British flag. **George Washington** soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom.

On June 14, 1777, the 2nd Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

In 1916, **President Wilson** marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day. As you celebrate the anniversary of the Stars and Stripes, here are some fast facts about "Old Glory."

- **Bernard Cigrand**, a Wisconsin teacher, originated the idea for an annual flag day in 1885, to be celebrated across the country every June 14. He led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday. **Cigrand**, who later changed careers and practiced dentistry in Illinois, continued to promote his concept and advocate respect for the flag throughout his life.

- It is widely believed that **Betsy Ross**, who assisted the Revolutionary War effort by repairing uniforms and sewing tents, made and helped design the first American flag. However, there is no historical evidence that she contributed to Old Glory's creation. Her grandson **William Canby** held an 1870 press conference to recount the story that the American public learned of Ross' possible role.

And that in a nutshell is the history of Flag Day.

Submitted by **Joe Licari**

Sunday, 14 JUN is Flag Day. Ceremony in Pavilion starting at 1100 (11 AM).

Auxiliary Membership Report

We currently have 205 mail-in renewals, 75 online, and 27 new members for a total of 307 members for 2026. We are at 97% of our 2026 membership goal.



Welcome to our newest members: **Delaney Farmer** and **Elizabeth Haskins**.

There are several ways to renew:

- 1) You may leave your payment of \$35 in a membership envelope, complete the information required on the label, and give it to the bartender on duty at Post 10; or
- 2) Mail your payment of \$35 to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10, 9950 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110 and include your current address, telephone number and email address; or
- 3) Renew online at www.ALForVeterans.org with your member ID on your card. You must log in to pay your dues. If you do not have a username or password, simply click 'Create Account' to get started. Members will receive an emailed receipt as well as a signed, membership card mailed directly from ALA National Headquarters within three weeks. Cards have the authorized signature of an ALA National officer (instead of a unit officer).
- 4) Call ALA National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570 and pay by phone. Members will receive an emailed receipt as well as a signed, membership card mailed directly from ALA National Headquarters within three weeks (same procedure as number 3).

Thank you,
Johnnetta Jetten,
ALA Membership Chair

SONS of the American Legion Squadron 10



May gave the Son's a chance to recharge the batteries after a very successful golf tournament. Months of hard work go into our tournaments and it was a welcome relief to chill and relax a little. Before we know it we'll be back at it getting ready for our Fall tournament. We did have a couple of memorable moments in May. 1st we celebrated the 1-year anniversary of the passing of our Commander and dear friend **Dan Frye**. Can't believe it's been a year already but his memory lives on in all of us. RIP Dan!!! 2nd we had a sendoff party for **Mark Emerman**. **Mark** was our Commander for several years and was always involved in whatever we had going on. He was always very passionate about Squadron 10 and wanted nothing but the best for the Legion. Like all Son's we try to repay those that sacrificed so much for our freedoms!!! Mark headed back to Alabama to be with his fiancée, **Holly**. **Mark** you will be missed but we all wish you nothing but happiness in the next chapter of your life. Roll Tide!!!

Memorial Day's weather wasn't the best but that did not damper our spirit to honor and remember those that made the supreme sacrifice to keep us free. **Period 8** from Benton Middle School entertained us, they are amazing.

Thanks

Tom Ramirez

2nd Vice Commander

Son's of the American Legion



Submitted photos:
Tribute to late Past Commander **Dan Frye**.
<<< **Brandon Garner** making the toast in honor of **Dan**.



Below submitted photos are of the farewell gathering for **Mark Emerman** and **Holly**—next stop Alabama! Best of everything to both of you.



Holly, Molly, Mark

Squadron 10 Commander **Mike Dixon**



On **July 4, 2026**, the US will celebrate its **Semiquincentennial**, marking 250 years since the signing of the **Declaration of Independence**. National and local organizations have launched a year-long series of festivities that will continue through the end of 2026.

Independence Eve Ball Drop (July 3, 2026): The Times Square Ball will drop again on July 3, 2026—the first time ever outside of New Year’s Eve—to anchor the nationwide countdown to the Fourth of July.

Salute to America 250: A White House-led task force is coordinating national programs, including a massive military parade, fireworks, and cultural showcases on the National Mall on July 4, 2026.

Philadelphia from June 19 through July 4 go to july4thphilly.com for events.

Washington, DC go to these three sites for the latest americanhistory.si.edu archives.gov and dc250.us/dc250/events/celebrations.

Boston bso.org/boston-pops-fireworks-spectacular

New York on the morning of July 4th NY about 30 tall ships from around the world led by the USCG barque **Eagle** will sail from the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge past the Statue of Liberty up the Hudson River to the George Washington Bridge. Details at sail4th.org

New Currency: The U.S. Mint is releasing special collectible coins, including dimes, quarters, and half-dollars with 1776–2026 dates and unique "Liberty Over Tyranny" designs. Submitted by *Annette Lewis*

Sail250 Virginia: Norfolk is an official port of Sail250®, a global gathering of tall ships and military ships to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States. For ten days in June 2026, 10,000 officers, cadets, and crews of more than 60 ships from 20 nations will engage with residents and visitors across the Chesapeake Bay region in events and programs symbolic of the bonds of international goodwill.

Submitted by *Mark Kowalewski*

Chaplain’s Report:

Hello to all of the Post 10 family. As I write this article to you it is Memorial Day 2026. This is a day that really symbolizes how all of America really can praise our current, past and future generations of veterans who have served and/or will serve our great country. This upcoming Fourth of July 2026 will mark for us all the 250 years of the existence of the USA. Oh how we have grown from the 13 original colonies with just a few hundred thousand persons to the great presence we are today on the world’s stage with 340 million.



America symbolizes many many things to differing persons throughout the world. Most of this is good and for others we interfere with their steps to attempt to bring conflict or troubles to so many others around the globe. Americans try to bring fairness, justice and freedom wherever we have a presence in the world. We may not be perfect but we try much harder than others to give people...all people a chance to live and thrive in whatever place they call home.

In the United States you, as an individual, can live, thrive and be pretty much succeed at anything your heart desires, that you can dream of and be whatever God wants you to be.

The opportunities that exist here in the US cannot be duplicated anywhere else on earth and that is an exciting thing for all to appreciate and bring life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to their lives.

God bless America!!

If ever you may need help please feel free to contact me at my direct number of 1-703-853-1869.

God Bless you one and all. Please take care of yourselves and your families.

You may reach me at any time at: 1-703-853-1869 or Email: steven.botello@gmail.com

Respectfully, *Steven M. Botello*, Chaplain, Post 10



AUXILIARY UNIT 10 REPORT

No Report Received

Peggy Pignone, ALA Unit 10 President

JUNE LUNCH SPECIALS

Monday thru Friday, 11 AM x 2 PM

JUNE 2026

Check with Post for current information.

MON 01 Fried Chicken.
TUE 02 Liver & Onions.
WED 03 Cheddar & Pepperoni Burger.
THU 04 Country Ham Sliders.
FRI 05 Fish & Chips.
MON 08 Meatloaf.
TUE 09 Linguini w/White Clam Sauce.
WED 10 Soup & Sandwich.
THU 11 Sausage & Peppers & Onions.
FRI 12 Buffalo Chicken Sandwich.
MON 15 Veal Parm.
TUE 16 Honey Balsamic Pork Chop.
WED 17 Taco Salad.
THU 18 Honey Butter Chicken Sliders.
FRI 19 Coconut OR Butterfly Shrimp.
MON 22 BBQ Spare Ribs.
TUE 23 Meatball & Cheese Sub.
WED 24 Soup & Sandwich.
THU 25 Cowboy Casserole.
FRI 26 Brown Sugar & Bacon Cheeseburger.
MON 29 Country Fried Steak.
TUE 30 Bacon Egg Cheeseburger.

**Sides will be listed on the board
in the Social Quarters.**

Menu & Prices Subject to Change.

SATURDAY DINNER SPECIALS

5:30 x 7:30 PM

20 JUNE—Prime Rib

Friday is Seafood Night—5:30 x 7:30 PM

TACO TUESDAYS HAVE RETURNED

4:30 x 7 PM—WHEN? EVERY TUESDAY,

Duh!



June Entertainment

12 JUNE, Friday—Karaoke 8 x 11 PM

**19 JUNE, Friday—'Stealin' the Deal' (country)
8 x 11 PM**

**If you have suggestions for entertainment see
Bonnie.**

NOTICES: When playing the 'electronic game' machines *you must turn in your cash receipts within 48 hours of printing them.* After that they become **null and void**. The Post has 48 hours to pay on winning tickets. For other games you have 30 days or the ticket is void. Anyone who turns in a winning ticket for **ANY** game must show a **VALID/CURRENT** Legion/SON/AUX card to collect their winnings. Thank you for your cooperation.

“Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain and most fools do.”

– Benjamin Franklin

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION: Please remember to submit your articles to me in word document format by COB [1700 hours] on the 25th day of each month. Photos must be 'jpeg' and separate from the body of the article & include identifying info. Please check and double check your spelling and grammar.

Articles should be submitted to gysgt_mc@yahoo.com

Thank you, **Gunny**



Manassas Young Marines Graduation/Promotion/Retirement Ceremony held at Post on Sunday, 17 MAY 2026



More photos at
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/jEqHwirbx33y9ZN>
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Congratulations to newly promoted **Lizbeth Cruz-Vasquez** to **GySgt** and on the retirement of **MSgt Camilo Medina**.

Gunny photos



Robert V. McMaugh Memorial American Legion Post 10 JUNE 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bingo 9:15-12 PM	2 Auxiliary Unit 10 Meeting 7 PM	3 Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	4 Queen of Hearts	5 R.E.D. Seafood 5:30-7:45 PM	6 D-Day (1944)
7	8 Bingo 9:15-12 PM	9 S.A.L. Squadron 10 Meeting 7 PM	10 Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	11 Queen of Hearts	12 R.E.D. Seafood 5:30-7:45 PM Karaoke 8 x 11 PM	13
14 US Army (1775) 1900 ceremony Flag Day cere- mony 11 AM YM 1 x 5 PM	15 Bingo 9:15-12 PM	16 Riders Chapter 10 Meeting 7 PM	17 Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	18 Queen of Hearts	19 R.E.D. Seafood 5:30-7:45 PM 'Stealin' the Deal' Country Band 8 x 11 PM	20 EX Mtg 9 AM GENERAL Mtg 11AM Prime Rib Dinner 5:30 x 7:30 PM
21 Father's Day Summer Begins	22 GI Bill signed into Law (1944) JRL BD Bingo 9:15-12 PM	23	24 Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	25 Korean War Began (1950) Queen of Hearts	26 R.E.D. Seafood 5:30-7:45 PM	27
28	29 Bingo 9:15-12 PM	30 Post 9/11 GI Bill signed into Law (2008)				

See Menu page for lunch and dinner specials.

Calendar subject to change—call Post on 703-369-4900 for current information.

Our website is: www.post10manassas.org



American Legion Riders Chapter 10



Greetings Post 10 Family, May has been a monumental month for our Riders. From taking care of vital chapter business to taking over the streets of D.C. for a solemn cause, our members have been hitting the pavement hard to honor our Veterans and support our community.

Here is a recap of what we have been up to and a look at what is coming around the next turn:

2027 Officer Elections: Your New Leadership Team

- **Director:** *Dave Albrecht*
- **Assistant Director:** *Rick Goodman*
- **Treasurer:** *Carl Carey*
- **Membership:** *Leon Kowalewski*
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** *Bob Ficken*
- **Chaplain:** *Steve Wells*
- **Secretary:** *Currently Open*

Thank you to these individuals for stepping up to lead our Chapter and manage our events for another excellent season! Due to the scheduling conflict with the Legacy Run these officers will be sworn in at the June ALR Chapter meeting.

May Ride Recap: Rolling to Remember: Our prominent milestone this past month was participating in the iconic **Rolling to Remember** event in D.C. We gathered early Sunday morning at **Greg's** house for a heavy dose of coffee and donuts before kicking up our stands. Despite some unpredictable morning weather forecasts, the rain cleared up just in time, allowing us to head straight out to the Pentagon parking lot. Equipped with hydration, snacks, and camp chairs, we patiently waited for the sound of thousands of bikes rumbling and rolling out. We rode proud into the heart of D.C. to honor our nation's POW/MIAs and remind the world that they are never forgotten. It was an incredible demonstration of community and remembrance.

Looking Ahead: The 2026 Legacy Run in Colonial Beach, VA: The road ahead in June brings one of our absolute favorite annual traditions: the **2026 Virginia ALR Legacy Run!** This year, the run will be bringing Riders from across the entire Commonwealth together down in **Colonial Beach, VA.** The Legacy Run is our premier fundraising effort to benefit the *Veterans & Children Foundation.* It gives us a phenomenal opportunity to log some beautiful miles on Virginia byways, network with chapters across the state, and raise crucial dollars for Veterans in need.

Mark your calendars for the weekend of **June 20th.** Pack your gear, tune up your bikes, and get ready to represent Chapter 10 with pride! If you are moved to make a donation to the Legacy Run to benefit VCF please see **Rick Goodman, David Albrecht, Carl Carey** or **Leon Kowalewski.**

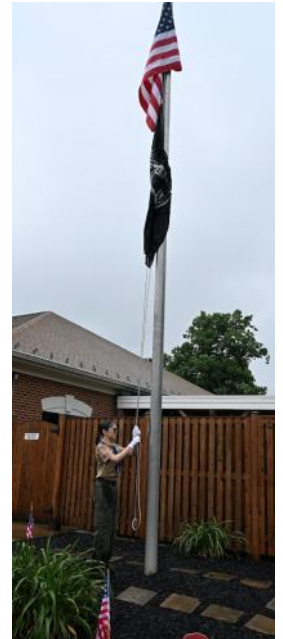
Safety First: The High Mileage Challenge: Now that the riding season is in full swing, don't forget to keep a close eye on your equipment. Check your tire pressure, verify your tread depth, and make sure your safety gear isn't showing signs of UV wear. If you haven't submitted your starting odometer readings and bike photos for the **2026 High Mileage and Safety Award,** get those sent to the Northern Region coordinator as soon as possible!
Ride Safe, Chapter 10 American Legion Riders!

Article by **Rick Goodman**
Submitted photos.

Director, **David Albrecht**—ALR Chapter 10



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY PHOTOS — MONDAY, 25 MAY 2026



Photos by *Gunny*

**It is the soldier, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the soldier, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to demonstrate.**

**It is the soldier,
who salutes the flag,
and whose coffin is draped by the flag,
who allows the protester to burn the flag.**

Father D. Edward O'Brien, USMC



Access a digital membership card, manage membership information, recruit and save a life featured on new mobile app.

for more information go to the Legion website :
<https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/membership/2024/october/download-the-new-legion-membership-app>



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