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ROAD MAP TO MYLEGION

Your guide to knowing how to use the membership site and access answers to questions you may have.

By The American Legion

If you are a newly elected adjutant or commander at the post, squadron, county and district level, you now have access to the administrative side of mylegion.org through your individual account. This access occurs as soon as officers are reported and entered into The American Legion national membership database. Reporting of officers is done through the department using the department's officer certification form.

Get started

- Watch the MyLegion Training Series videos at vimeo.com/showcase/8339635 to help navigate and get the most out of the features and tools available at MyLegion.org.
- Visit legion.org/training/training-tuesdays for several PowerPoint

presentations and videos on how to use MyLegion, from account registration to membership processing.

Follow step-by-step instructions

Visit mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Resources/Help for account registration, help with your account and help with My Groups.

If you have a MyLegion.org account, there is nothing more that you will need to do upon your elected officer position. If you have not registered for a MyLegion.org account, register an account with the email on your membership record. To verify the email on your membership record, contact your department headquarters or American Legion

NEWS ALERT

Digital Dispatch to replace printed version

Effective January 2023, The American Legion Dispatch goes to a digital-only format. Read more about this change on page 4.

TALMA training videos online

The American Legion Media Alliance held its Media Training Workshop during the 103rd National Convention in Milwaukee. The workshop presentations were recorded and are now available for viewing and promoting at the post, district and department level. Access the video presentations at youtube.com/americanlegionHQ/videos.

NEF grants help with disaster relief

Eligible Legionnaires, American Legion posts and Sons of The American Legion members impacted by a natural disaster, such as Hurricane Ian and Fiona, can apply for a National Emergency Fund (NEF) grant — up to \$3,000 to Legionnaires and SAL members and up to \$10,000 for Legion posts.

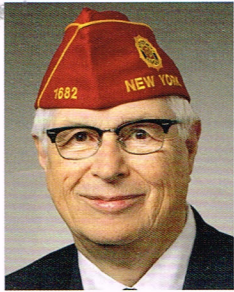
Legion posts that assist with community relief efforts, such as serving as a shelter, providing meals and helping first responders, are also eligible to apply for a grant.

Download an NEF grant application at legion.org/nef.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

CFW grants make a difference



Vincent J. Troiola
National Commander

Dear Legionnaires,
Your generosity has helped award nearly \$20 million in American Legion Child Welfare Foundation grants since 1954 to help youth-serving nonprofit organizations across this nation promote and operate their programs that provide direct care to children in need. Your donations have produced activity programs for kids with cancer, provided lifesaving flights for pediatric patients to faraway medical facilities for treatment,

kept children with autism safe from leaving the house unnoticed, protected neglected and abused children, and more.

Legion Family members recently heard from three 2022 CWF recipients – Mercy Medical Angles, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCAK) and the National Children's Cancer Society. The CWF grant to Mercy Medical Angles provided 7,235 free

trips for children and a caregiver – 5,154 of the trips were for cancer treatment and 494 were for the child of a veteran. And PCAK provided a variety of resources that the CWF grant helped create that are available at legion.org/youth.

Members of the American Legion Family are the prime contributors to the success and growth of CWF. Your support continues projects that improve the quality of life for our nation's children. American Legion posts, Legion Riders chapters, Auxiliary units and Sons of The American Legion squadrons are eligible for the CWF 100% per capita banner for the 2022-23 membership year. To qualify for the banner, a post, unit or squadron must donate at least \$1 per member based upon respective official membership total for the 2022-23 year. Download the CWF 100 percent per capita banner, along with CWF promotional brochures, at legion.org/publications under Children & Youth.

Your donations make a difference. You are helping the betterment of children in this country.

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Expired membership incentive V.E.T.S. pin

To qualify for National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola's V.E.T.S. (veterans, education, teamwork and sponsor) expired membership incentive pin, American Legion members will need to reinstate five expired members into The American Legion for the 2023 membership year who were not a member during the 2022 membership year.

Please make sure that members have been processed before submission of this award. Pins will not be mailed until they are verified on the national database.

Forward the names of Sons of The American Legion members or Auxiliary members to your squadron or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

Download the expired membership incentive pin form at legion.org/commander/vets-pin.



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Membership excellence "Be the One" pin

American Legion National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola will award his national commander "Be the One" membership excellence pin to any Legionnaire who obtains three new members into The American Legion.

A new member is any eligible person joining for the 2023 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2022 membership year. Transfers do not count as new members.

Each member listed must be eligible for membership in The American Legion. Forward names of Sons of The American Legion members or Auxiliary members to your squadron or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

Only one pin will be awarded per individual. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names in the national database and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it.

Download the "Be The One" membership incentive pin form at legion.org/commander/pin.

