

# The Alaska

October, November, December 2024

# Legionnaire

Alaska Department of the American Legion



At the 105th National Convention in New Orleans, LA. Daniel Rawson accepted the American Legion Fire Fighter of the year award presented by National Commander, Dan Seehafer. Daniel has been a USAF fire fighter for 17 years. Daniel and his wife, Sandra, are stationed at Eielson AFB, Alaska.



National Commander Dan Seehafer and Western Regional District NVC, Randy Edward present Alaska Department Commander, Michael Hayward with 100% CPR award.



The American Legion Auxiliary's prestigious Public Spirit Award recognizes outstanding individuals and organizations for contributions that positively impact military, and their families. Every year, we celebrate those who make a difference through a creative body of work or even a single generous act. Previous recipients have included U.S. Presidents and government officials, as well as regular citizens who saw a need and acted. Lisa Williamson, 2023-2024 ALA national president chose Wreaths Across America to be the recipient of this year's Public Spirit Award.





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**THE AMERICAN LEGION**



**DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS  
2024 - 2025**

- Commander..... Pam Cawley
- 1st Vice Commander..... Joe Sullivan
- 2nd Vice Commander .....Charlene Martin
- Adjutant..... Sharon Cherrette
- Service Officer..... Phil Templin
- Sergeant-at-Arms..... James Scott
- Chaplain.....Dan Kassner
- Historian .....Chuck Russell
- Judge Advocate..... Ken Jacobus

**Department Executive Committeeman:**

- Don Maupin
- Sam El-Arami
- Robert Fullerton

**National Executive Committeeman**

- NEC.....Jim Pisa
- Alt NEC.....Michael Hayward

**2024 - 2025 Department of Alaska Officers**



**Commander**  
Pam Cawley  
Jack Henry Post 1  
8 year member



**Sgt-At-Arms**  
James Scott  
North Pole Post 30  
52 year member

**National Executive  
Committee**  
Jim Pisa  
Susitna Valley Post 35  
51 year member



**1st Vice Commander**  
Jeremiah Sullivan  
Joe Craig Post 3  
7 year member



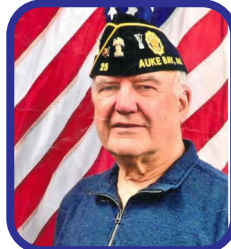
**Judge Advocate**  
Ken Jacobus  
Spenard Post 28  
21 year member



**Alt. National Executive  
Committee**  
Michael Hayward  
Spenard Post 28  
14 year member



**2nd Vice Commander**  
Charlene Martin  
Jack Henry Post 1  
16 year member



**Chaplain**  
Dan Kassner  
Auke Bay Post 25  
19 year member



**Adjutant/Finance  
Officer**  
Sharon Cherrette  
Muldoon Post 29  
31 year member



**Historian**  
Charles Russell  
Peters Creek  
Post 33  
7 year member



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA OFFICERS  
2024 -2025**

- Commander - Bill Bolling - Joe Craig Post 3
- 1st Vice Commander - Austin Diaz - George Plumley Post 20
- 2nd Vice Commander - Kenneth Michener - George Plumley Post 20
- Finance Officer - Kevin Collier - Jack Henry Post 1
- Chaplain - Aubrey Hendrix - CR Huber Post 57
- Historian - Leon Fleming - Susitna Valley Post 35
- Sgt-at-Arms - Kevin Robinson - Peters Creek Post 33

- NEC - Dale Toenies - CR Huber Post 57
- Alt NEC - John Whitlock - Muldoon Post 29
- Executive Committeeman -  
Mike Estrada - Susitna Valley Post 35  
Loren Estrada - Susitna Valley Post 35  
Danny Cole - Chappie James Post 34

**2024 - 2025 Alaska Legion Riders**

- Director - Bobby Dunno - Seward Chapter 5
- Asst. Director - Larry Block - Palmer Chapter 15
- Secretary - Deb Davis - Joe Craig Chapter 3
- Treasurer - Diana Estrada - Susitna Valley Chapter 35
- Sgt-at-Arms/Road Captain - Bill Hintz - Susitna Valley Chapter 35
- Chaplain - Larry Gentry - Seward Chapter 5

- Webmaster - Lisa Williamson - Con Miller Chapter 30
- Historian - Andrea Huyck - General Buckner Chapter 16
- Membership - Vacant

# From the desk of Adjutant Sharon

Congratulations to the newly elected **National Officers** (James) Jim LaCoursiere, Jr from CT, (Patricia) Trish Ward from KS, and (Joseph) Joe Navarette (PNP Rita's son) from NM.

**Department Fall Training Conference Saturday, 26 October 2024.** Spenard Unit 28, 7001 Brayton Drive, Anchorage is the host for the event this year. Opening ceremonies are at 9 am. The conference is FREE. Meals are provided at a price. Registration Form was emailed to the posts and units 8-9 September. **Boys State meeting Sunday, 27 October.**

**Oratorical** contest – get the word out to the high schools and home schooled students. Department's competition is held the end of February/beginning of March. The rules and required topics are on the Legion's website at [Oratorical Contest | The American Legion](#).

National "**Training Tuesdays**" held the **last Tuesday of each month 3 PM Alaska Time**; sessions are recorded and placed on the website [www.legion.org/training/training-tuesdays](http://www.legion.org/training/training-tuesdays). **Legion publications** are available on-line at [www.legion.org/publications](http://www.legion.org/publications).

**Reminder - post MUST send a cheque to Department for \$45 for each member no matter what year(s) the dues cover if Department is updating your members.**

**First Friday of each month is suicide awareness day** under "**Be the One**" – changing lives to save a life; [www.legion.org/betheone](http://www.legion.org/betheone).

**National Convention 2026 – Louisville, Kentucky 28 August – 3 September 2026** (this is not a misprint; 2025 was submitted in 2024 with room projections). **Provide name, projected arrival and departure dates to [adjutant@alaska-legion.org](mailto:adjutant@alaska-legion.org) by Department Convention 24-26 April 2025** (National works a year in advance; projected hotel accommodation information is sent to National Headquarters staff by 30 April for the following year 2025 is submitted for 2026).

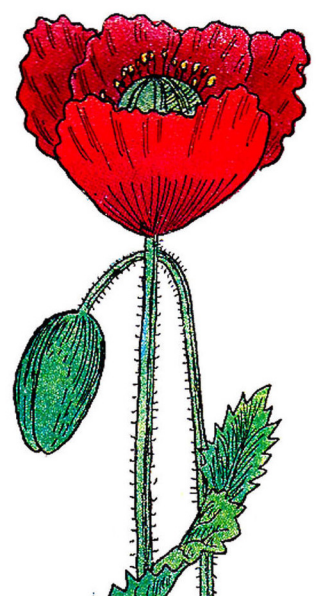
Have a spooktacular Halloween, remember our veterans and our active duty members on 11 November, Thanksgiving 23 November, Pearl Harbor Day 7 December, and Christmas 25 December.

Send photos of your Legion Family events to Department – [Kelly@legion.org](mailto:Kelly@legion.org) for the "Post News". This is separate from the Legionnaire paper. **Everything is sent via email.**

Keep your account current and update your information under <https://myLegion.org>; you can even print your membership card from your account.

With the PFD, why not purchase a Paid up for Life (PUFL) membership? Dues rate will be at the 2024 rate until December, then changes to your post's dues rate for 2025. All posts increased their rates to match National's \$5 increase for the 2025 membership year. You can find out the rate by logging into your myLegion account and click on the Paid Up For Life link. It will show you the rate.

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## From the Dog House, NEC Jim

Summer is over, American Legion Baseball had another great season under its belt. Congratulations to all our teams for another year of Legion baseball. Congratulations to Service Post 28 and Eagle River for showing our strong presence in the tournaments you competed in. Eagle River won the NWCART tournament, becoming the first Alaska team to do so. The Alaska State fair is over, fishing is winding down and hunting is continually active. Hope everybody had a great summer despite the all the rain.

School is back in session, so let us be careful driving and watch out for the kids not only in the school zones but everywhere else as they walk to school. Now is the time to start getting into the schools to promote The American Legion programs and Scholarships. Boys and Girls State, Oratorical, shooting sports and the scholarships that the Department of Alaska offer to our students. Contact the elementary schools and offer Flag Etiquette and how to fold the flag to our younger students. Veterans Days is fast approaching, tell them about your military experience with Veterans in the Classroom. Let us not forget our Private schools, Homeschooled, Charter school students. Let us get the word out.

Membership, YES, it is that time of the year to renew for the 2025 year. Many Posts have had dues increase, if you are not sure what your Post dues are stop by the post. The fastest and easiest way to renew is going online at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org), going to your home post and renew in person or mailing them the old fashion way through the USPS. Remember your membership in The American Legion is important, not only to the organization but to the Veterans that we fight for daily when we go and testify to Congress.

And finally, "**LETS GET OUT AND VOTE.**" This will be one of the most important Voting years in your lifetime. No matter how you vote or who you vote for, you need to get out and vote. We have the Presidential election, Federal, State and Local elections. If you do not Vote, you really have nothing to complain about when the newly elected officials start implementing their new policies. IF your Friends and Neighbors need a ride to the voting booth, offer them a ride. If you want to vote early, request your early voting ballot. Remember "**LETS GET OUT AND VOTE.**" This is why we all served, to have the freedom to vote and choose our leaders.





# THANK YOU LISA!



**WOW! What a ride!**

*By Lisa Williamson, ALA Past National President – 2023-2024*

And I thank everyone of you for the opportunity and incredible support! YOU epitomize “Legion Family”!

This was a year where “Legion Family” was so much more than simply a term; it was a world filled with love, trust, respect, understanding, and a lot of laughter.

The American Legion National Commander Daniel Seehafer, Sons of The American Legion National Commander Don “JR” Hall, Jr., and I were proud to work alongside each other throughout this year as a FAMILY...as we represented the family!

Speaking for them, rest assured we are most proud of ‘Be The One’ – our mission to prevent veteran and military suicide. ‘Be The One’ resonates with our members. At every event we attended, there was at least one member who shared their personal story about a family member’s, friend’s, battle buddy’s, or even their own suicide ideations. Some happy endings, and some not.

And it filtered down to the Departments and local levels. Throughout my travels, I have seen TAL Families working together to support our veterans, our military, and their families. For the good of our Family organization. For the betterment of our country!

I realize I have been very fortunate. This organization, this mission, and its members mean so much to me. I am proud to be a member of our Legion Family.

I am reminded of an exhibit I saw in Grand Rapids at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum: “President Ford brought to the political arena no demons, no hidden agenda, no hit list or acts of vengeance.....once there, he stayed true to form, never believing that he was suddenly wiser and infallible because he drank his morning coffee from a cup with a presidential seal.” I can only hope that I too am remembered as “Just Lisa”, who brought all of those qualities to our National organization.

I have said it before, and I’ll continue to say it, I am first and foremost a UNIT member. Although I’ve had the wonderful opportunity to be YOUR National President, once this administrative year is complete, I will return to my Unit and my Department. There, I’ll roll up my sleeves for one thing only – not for the glory – to be the best advocate for the military and veteran community that I can.

Know that I will always be here for our National organization - as a mentor to provide advice and guidance. I’m just a call, email, or text away. It is important that we give tomorrow’s leaders the opportunity to grow, to develop, to succeed, and yes, even to fail. That’s how we move forward.

The ALA needs to and must evolve. As an organization, we must be forward thinking. We talk about involving new and younger members; this simply cannot be done with stagnant thoughts and doing things like we did 30 years ago. Our world has changed post-COVID, and we must continue to evolve and not live in the past.

However, one thing remains the same – it is all about the Mission - to support our MilVet community. Remember, we are the auxiliary of The American Legion. It’s right there in our Preamble: “to participate in and contribute to the aims and accomplishments of The American Legion”.

At the end of the day, it’s all too easy to lose sight of the most important element of all in our organization: the people. Our veterans. Our members. Us. You and me, as individuals with hearts, minds, and feelings. And passion. Yes, passion for our Mission.

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## From the desk of Commander Pam

Summer has come and gone – taking with it longer days, baseball games, and The American Legion National Convention. Members from our Department (along with members from other Departments in The American Legion Family) attended National Convention and shared ideas and camaraderie. Those members came together to learn and perform the work of the legion on a global scale. The National Convention starts with committee meetings and trainings on the weekend before the 3-day session, culminating with the election of the National Commander. The committee meetings are where resolutions from all Departments come to be vetted by National Staff. They determine if the resolutions are ready to be approved, received and recorded (which means they are similar enough to a current resolution approved in the past), or referred to the standing committee to be further reviewed. The delegates from our Department were assigned to attend different meetings. This ensures our vote is properly heard. Many of our Alaska delegation also attended the training. The training included: Membership processing on mylegion.org, Be the One, How to run a meeting, and many more. During the main session of the convention, awards were given to our American Legion Youth Champions. These include the top prize winners from Oratorical, Boys State, Eagle Scout of the Year, American Legion Baseball World Series Team Captain, and Junior Shooting Sports. Other awards were presented to the Spirit of Service Award – for the Military Member of each Branch of service that exemplifies the best in us, the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and the Firefighter of the Year. These winners were presented their award on the convention stage. Alaska’s own Daniel Rawson, nominated by Con Miller Post 30 in North Pole, was the recipient of the National Firefighter of the Year award. Congratulations Daniel!

We had many speakers this year but the one that impressed me the most was Lieutenant General Russell Honore, U.S. Army (Retired), Former Commander for Joint Task Force Katrina. His speech is worth watching. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzcNG6xFomc>

Every year the Department Commander has a project and a platform that they work diligently towards during their year. My project is to help raise funds in support of Joseph T. Craig Post 3 in Ketchikan for their rebuild efforts after their devastating arson fire which occurred on September 10, 2023. I have seen over the past few years how our Posts, Units, Squadrons, and Chapters have come together repeatedly to support each other as needed - whether it was the landslide in Haines, the flooding in Glennallen, or the fire in Ketchikan. My platform this year is communication and mentorship. The more we come together and share ideas, the more we learn and grow. It is important that we share our successes as well as our failures. The lessons learned by one post might help another. The Fall Conference is being held on October 25-26 at Spennard Post 28 in Anchorage. It will be a great time to connect with other legionnaires across our Department. There will be training sessions on several subjects, to include social media, budgets for posts, membership – outside the box, mylegion.org, and LIT Insurance. We will also have a “round robin” session where each post represented can speak about what is happening at their posts. I look forward to the sharing of ideas. I believe this will help us further the mission of our great organization.

At Department Convention last April, I expressed my desire to visit as many posts as possible this year. I have been to several posts this summer for official and unofficial visits. I was invited to the Interior Alaska Veterans Picnic in Fairbanks in August. This was a joint effort by three American Legion posts (#11, 30, & 57) & two VFW posts. I had a wonderful time talking to all who attended. I was even interviewed for the Fairbanks local news along with Post 57 Commander Chris Bedel and Interior Alaska Legionnaire Amanda Jones. I received donations of \$1,815 for Post 3 during this event. \$1,000 alone came from Squadron 57, showing once again that the whole Legion Family supports each other. My “Commander First Fridays” meet and greet events have been extremely fun. I have gotten to talk with the members of each post, along with raising funds for my Commanders project. From July through September, I visited posts 28, 34, & 33 in this endeavor with a total raised of \$775.00! In September I was invited to visit Lynn Canal Post 12 in Haines. I had an amazing time there seeing the post and fellowshiping with the members of their legion family. I was excited to travel there, as I had not been to Haines before. Commander Pardee and his members made me feel welcomed. While on my way to Haines, I was able to visit Auke Bay Post 25 in Juneau for their general membership meeting. I enjoy seeing different posts during their meetings. Each post is unique with traditions of their own. I am thankful for the chance to spend time with them. I look forward to more visits in the coming months. Happy Fall!





# Happenings at your Post

**Jack Henry Post 1**  
Full bar menu 4pm - 8pm Mon - Sat.  
Steak Night Every Friday

**Seward Post 5**  
Taco Tuesday  
Friday Night Steaks  
Food Served every night

**Henry "Gene" Burton Sr. Memorial Post 13**  
Every Thursday night - rotating cook crews 5pm - 7pm  
For the menu please visit  
<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionSitkaPost13>

**Matanuska Valley Post 15**  
Prime Rib/Steak Night - Friday with full bar menu  
Burgers & Fries Baskets - Saturday with full bar menu  
Karaoke Friday and Saturday nights @ 7pm  
Dance Lessons Saturday 6pm - 7pm  
Darts/ a Pool table & 100ft of lake front with boat launch and fishing dock with fish stocked from Lake Meir

**General Buckner Post 16 Family**  
1st Friday of the month family dinner 5pm -7pm  
2nd Friday is burger Night 5pm - 7pm  
3rd Friday Steak Night 5pm - 7pm  
4th Friday is burger Night 5pm - 7pm

**George H. Plumley Memorial Post 20**  
Every Friday is Steak Night 6:00pm-8:00pm with an added Special Dish  
Every Sunday Breakfast Menu Dishes 10:00am -1:00pm  
Every Friday Aux Unit 20 Sponsors  
The Friday Night Raffle 12:00pm - 8:00pm

**Spenard Post 28**  
Monday, Karaoke 7 pm  
Tuesday, Tacos 3 - 8pm; Open Mic 6:30pm  
Thursday, Pizza 4pm- 8pm; Trivia 7pm (2nd, 4th Thurs)  
Friday, Steak Night 6pm - 8pm - Karaoke 9pm  
Saturday, Karaoke 9pm  
Sunday, Brunch 11:30am-2pm, Poker 3pm

**Muldoon Post 29**  
Queen of Hearts Thursday  
Food Served every night

**Peters Creek Post 33**  
Thursday Taco Nite - 4:30pm - 8:30pm

**Susitna Valley Post 35**  
Open Daily @1:00pm  
Daily lunch specials - eat in or take out 1pm to 5  
Wednesday: Taco Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Texas Hold'em 7:00pm - ?  
Fridays: Steak Night 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Pool Tournament Sundays @ 1:00pm  
SAL Turkey Shoot Sunday @ 1pm

**C.R. Huber Post 57**  
Meetings 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00pm  
Sunday Breakfast 10-2  
Thursday Burger Night 5:30-9:00 PM

# POST EVERLASTING

**POST 1**  
Lance Hankins - Vietnam  
Keith McGranahan - Vietnam

**POST 3**  
John Galea - Korea  
Clinton Clinton - Vietnam  
Alvin White - Korea

**POST 4**  
Heman Hunter - Korea  
Larry Keeler - Korea

**POST 5**  
Steven Blume - Vietnam  
Eugene Taylor - Vietnam

**POST 13**  
Vaughn Blankenship

**POST 15**  
David Buirge - Vietnam  
William Gartrell - Vietnam  
Max Hodsdon - Vietnam

**POST 20**  
Don Eide - Vietnam

**POST 28**  
Clarence Venhuizen - Vietnam

**POST 29**  
Alvin Cleveland - Vietnam

**POST 33**  
Wayne McLaren - Vietnam

**POST 34**  
Theodore Flack - Persian Gulf

**POST 35**  
Andrew Loyer - Vietnam

**POST 57**  
Roland Tapper - Korea  
Karl Jones, Sr. - SAL  
Victor Nicholas - SAL

**POST 77**  
Thomas Blake - Vietnam  
Wallace Amaktoolik - Vietnam





**ALASKA LEGIONNAIRE**  
**ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE**  
**DEPARTMENT NO LATER**  
**THEN December 20, 2024.**

**Jack Henry Post 1**  
 Meets 1st Wednesday @ 7pm  
**Commander Charlen Martin**  
 Adjutant  
 Michael Downs  
 907-272-5242  
 P.O. Box 91285  
 Anchorage, AK 99509

**Lynn Canal Post 12**  
**Commander Terry Pardee**  
 Adjutant  
 Ralph Strong  
 Service Officer  
 Gary Roth  
 907-766-2530  
 www.lynncanalpost12.org  
 amerlegion@aptalaska.net

**Nimilchik Post 18**  
**Nimilchik Unit 18**  
**Commander Gary Jackinsky**  
 Adjutant  
**Chris Hendricks**  
**President Christine Calabrese**  
 Secretary  
 Catherine Lake  
 Treasurer  
 Jackie Fisher  
 Mile 136.5 Sterling Hwy  
 Phone: 907-567-3918

**Jack Henry Unit 1**  
**President Jeanne Ostnes**  
 1st Vice  
 Robyn Downs  
 2nd Vice  
 Annette Gwaltney-Jones  
 Secretary  
 Erin Lamothe  
 1st Thursday @ 7pm  
 840 W Fireweed Lane  
 Anchorage, AK 99503

**Matanuska Valley Post 15**  
**Commander Ryan Link**  
 Adjutant  
 Darian Miller  
 Service Officer  
 Bill Kennedy, Jr.  
 Meets 1st & 3rd Mon @ 6pm  
 1550 Mystic Cir  
 Palmer, AK 99646  
 907-745-4440  
 www.facebook.com/aklegion15

**George H. Plumley Memorial Post 20**  
**Commander Richard Homan**  
 Adjutant  
 Paul Desjardin  
 Service Officer  
 Antonio Sandoval  
 Phone: 907-283-3222  
 902 Cook St.  
 Kenai, AK

**Spenard Post 28**  
**Commander Henry Pagan**  
 Adjutant  
 Michael Bloom  
 Service Officer  
 Kirk Waldhaus  
 7001 Brayton Drive  
 Anchorage, AK 99507  
 907-344-3841

**Peters Creek Post 33**  
**Commander Alison Humphrey**  
 Adjutant  
 Sharon Hook-Forte  
 Service Officer  
 Charles Russell  
 21426 Old Glenn Hwy  
 907-688-2354

**Susitna Valley Post 35**  
**Commander Matt Larson**  
 Adjutant  
 Jim Pisa  
 Service Officer  
 Richard Stevenson  
 Monthly Meetings  
 Legion & Aux  
 1st & 3rd Tues @ 7pm  
 ALR - 1st Sat 6pm  
 SAL - 1st & 3rd Mon @ 7:30pm  
 4180 W Tweed Ct  
 907-376-3500

**Joseph T, Craig Post 3**  
 Every Monday @ 7pm  
 Potluck every 3rd Saturday  
**Commander Hunter Davis**  
 Adjutant  
 Robert Fultz  
 Service Officer  
 Hunter Davis  
 907-225-2021  
 P.O. Box 5121  
 Ketchikan, AK 99901

**General Buckner Post 16**  
**Commander Craig Teigen**  
 Adjutant  
 Adam Greenwald  
 SAL Commander  
 Chip Dugan  
 All meetings - 6pm  
 SAL - 2nd Monday  
 Legion - 3rd Wednesday  
 Aux - 3rd Thursday

**Aurora Borealis Post 21**  
**All Female Post Commander Phyllis Cunningham**  
 Adjutant  
 Ayanna Santiago  
 Service Officer  
 Elexzandria Carr  
 Meets 3rd Saturday @ 2pm  
 Sept - May  
 Sponsors Dimond Baseball Team

**Muldoon Post 29**  
**Commander Bill Chisum**  
 1st Vice  
 Sidney Reynolds  
 Adjutant  
 Sharon Cherrette  
 Meets 3rd Tuesday @ 7pm  
 1467 Muldoon Rd  
 907-338-3550  
 Fax: 907-338-0756  
 muldoon29@gci.net

**Chappie James Post 34**  
**Commander LV Lewis**  
 Adjutant  
 James Lintz  
 E-Board 1st Tuesday 7pm  
 General 2nd Tuesday 7pm

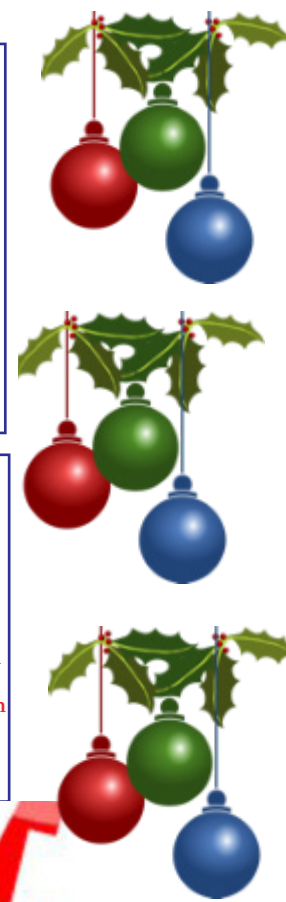
**C. Russell Huber Post 57**  
**Commander Chris Bedel**  
 Adjutant  
 Michael Kuca  
 Service Officer  
 Linda Boisseau  
 Meet 3rd Wednesday @ 7pm

**Seward Post 5**  
 2nd Tuesday @ 7pm  
**Commander Clare Sullivan**  
 Adjutant  
 Mike Calhoun  
 Service Officer  
 David Walker  
 Taco Tuesday - 4pm  
 Steak Night Friday - 4pm  
 P.O. Box 306  
 Seward, AK 99664

**Robert G. Blair Post 17**  
**Commander Robert Cloke**  
 Adjutant  
 Maurice Burum  
 Service Officer  
 Robert Lachowsky  
 318 Center Ave.  
 Kodiak, AK 99615  
 Office:907-486-3258

**Gladys M Heintz Memorial Post 27**  
**Commander Terry Keizer**  
 Adjutant  
 Ray Craig  
 Meets 1st Wednesday @ 7pm  
 Mile 187 Glenn Hwy

**Con Miller Post 30**  
**Commander John Zook**  
 Adjutant  
 Julie Doll  
 Canteen Manager  
 Harry Schuster  
 3614 Old Richardson Hwy  
 P.O. Box 56615  
 North Pole, AK 99705



**2024 - 2025 National Membership Target Dates**

Early Bird/NEF Kickoff	September 11, 2024	50%
Fall Meetings	October 16, 2024	55%
Veterans Day	November 14, 2024	65%
Pearl Harbor Day	December 11, 2024	75%
Mid-Winter	January 15, 2025	80%
President's Day	February 12, 2025	85%
Legion Birthday	March 12, 2025	90%
Children & Youth	April 9, 2025	95%
Armed Forces Day	May 14, 2025	100%
Delegate Strength	30 Days Prior to National Convention	

Target dates fall on the second Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday on that day or at the beginning of that week.

Since Veterans Day falls on a Monday, the November target date will be on a Thursday.

To maximize the December renewal notice, the January target date will be on the third Wednesday of the month.

**October Events (Nat'l Disability/Employment Awareness Month)**

- 10/3/2024 ROSH HASHANAH
- 10/12/2024 YOM KIPPER
- 10/13/2024 US Navy Birthday
- 10/14/2024 Columbus Day (Dept. Closed)
- 10/27/2024 Navy Day
- 10/31/2024 HALLOWEEN

**November Events (Membership Retention Month)**

- 11/3/2024 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- 11/5/2024 ELECTION DAY
- 11/10/2024 Auxiliary Birthday
- 11/10/2024 US Marine Corps Birthday
- 11/11/2024 VETERANS DAY (Dept. Closed)
- 11/28/2024 THANKSGIVING (Dept. closed 11/28 & 11/29)

**December Events**

- 12/7/2024 Pearl Harbor Day
- 12/15/2024 Bill of Rights Day
- 12/25/2024 CHRISTMAS (Dept. closed 12/25 - 1/2/2025)
- 12/26/2024 HANUKKAH

**2024 - 2025 Sons of the American Legion Membership Target Dates**

September 11, 2024	10%
October 16, 2024	25%
November 14, 2024	35%
December 11, 2024	45%
January 15, 2025	60%
February 12, 2025	75%
March 12, 2025	80%
April 9, 2025	90%
May 14, 2025	100%
**July 22, 2025	105%

Delegate Strength Target Date

**VETERANS SERVICE HOURS**

**Phil Templin - 907-257-4802**  
**Tracy Mumme - 907-257-4802**  
 Located in the Anchorage VA Clinic  
 Call 907-257-4802 to make an appointment

**Marcus Persson - 907-538-6847**  
 Located in the Fairbanks Vet Center

**Cody Golant - 907-741-9997**  
 43299 Kalifornsky Beach Rd  
 Ste 4  
 Soldotna, AK