

## THREE FIVE NINER NEWS

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## Commander's Corner

As the year winds down it's time to take stock of the year to date and make plans for the year to come.

Our membership numbers are in dire straits and we need to take action now to maintain our viability. Please do your part by renewing your membership promptly and getting your friends and fellow veterans to either reinstate, renew or join our Post. Even if they don't become active, their membership supports their fellow veterans, our programs and helps to protect their earned benefits from their military service.



Commander Jerome L. Goolsby

May each of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a blessed Christmas and may the upcoming New Year be all you hope for.

- - - Jerome L. Goolsby, Commander

## FROM THE ADJUTANT

The Holiday Season will soon be upon us...don't forget membership in the Legion makes a great gift. There is an application in this newsletter for signing up a member.

Please get your dues sent in as soon as possible. Remember, the deadline for being an "Early Bird" is Halloween.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION | NATIONAL SECURITY | AMERICANISM | CHILDREN & YOUTH

**FROM THE 1st VICE COMMANDER'S OFFICE** - Remember during this holiday season that giving the gift of membership is a great way to honor a veteran in your family.

While being an active member is the best outcome, just being a member of the Legion provides benefits for travel, insurance and medical costs. It also gives you a voice in the state and Federal government for protection and enhance of the benefits you've earned through your military service.



**FROM THE S.A.L.** - Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 PM at VFW Post 6760.

When you get your dues notice, please pay your dues as soon as possible in order to support the Squadron and the Legion.

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, COMMANDER



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 **AMERICAN  
LEGION**

**BE THE ONE**

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***AVOID ANY FUTURE DUES INCREASES OR MISSING A PAYMENT***

**GET A PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP TODAY**

**CONTACT THE POST ADJUTANT FOR DETAILS  
OR**

**GO TO <https://www.legion.org/members>  
AND CLICK THE PAID UP FOR LIFE LINK**

## October - December Events

<http://events.ponypost359.org/>

### OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

### DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

- **Oct. 9** — **Columbus Day (Observed)**
- **Oct. 17** — **Regular Meeting, 3:30 PM**
- **Oct. 18** — **S. A. L. Meeting, 6:00 PM**
- **Oct. 27 - 29** — **DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE**  
(Post, S.A.L.)
- **Oct. 31** — **HALLOWEEN**
- **Nov. 5** — **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**
- **Nov. 7** — **ELECTION DAY**
- **Nov. 11** — **VETERANS' DAY**
- **Nov. 21** — **Regular Meeting, 3:30 PM**
- **Nov. 23** — **THANKSGIVING DAY**
- **Dec. 6** — **S.A.L. Meeting, 6:00 PM**
- **Dec. 7** — **PEARL HARBOR DAY**
- **Dec. 10** — **DISTRICT MEETING**  
Post 315, Burlington Junction, 1:30 PM
- **Dec. 19** — **Regular Meeting, 3:30 PM**
- **Dec. 24** — **CHRISTMAS EVE**
- **Dec. 25** — **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- **Dec. 31** — **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**HAPPY**



**HALLOWEEN**



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

*"Justice and humanity forbid the abandoning to want and misery men who have spent their best years in military service of a country or who in that service had contracted infirmities which disqualify them to earn their bread in other modes."* - Alexander Hamilton

## SPECIAL DATES OF **INTEREST** AND **FUN**

OCTOBER 1, 2023 — INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY

OCTOBER 24, 2023 — UNITED NATIONS DAY

OCTOBER 26, 2023— NATIONAL PUMPKIN DAY

OCTOBER 28, 2023 — NATIONAL CHOCOLATE DAY

OCTOBER 29, 2023 — NATIONAL CAT DAY

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 — NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

NOVEMBER 17, 2023 — WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 — NATIONAL CAKE DAY

DECEMBER 15, 2023 — BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

DECEMBER 21, 2023 — WINTER SOLSTICE

### **PRESIDENTS BORN BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND DECEMBER 31 -**

JAMES EARL CARTER (39TH PRESIDENT) - OCTOBER 1, 1924  
 RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES (19TH PRESIDENT) - OCTOBER 4, 1822  
 CHESTER ALAN ARTHUR (21ST PRESIDENT) - OCTOBER 5, 1829  
 DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER (34TH PRESIDENT) - OCTOBER 14, 1890  
 THEODORE ROOSEVELT (26TH PRESIDENT) - OCTOBER 27, 1858  
 JOHN ADAMS (2ND PRESIDENT) - OCTOBER 30, 1735  
 JAMES KNOX POLK (11TH PRESIDENT) - NOVEMBER 2, 1795  
 WARREN GAMALIEL HARDING (29TH PRESIDENT) - NOVEMBER 2, 1865  
 JAMES ABRAHAM GARFIELD (20TH PRESIDENT) - NOVEMBER 19, 1831  
 JOSEPH ROBINETTE BIDEN, JR. (46TH PRESIDENT) - NOVEMBER 20, 1942  
 FRANKLIN PIERCE (14TH PRESIDENT) - NOVEMBER 23, 1804  
 ZACHARY TAYLOR (12TH PRESIDENT) - NOVEMBER 24, 1784  
 MARTIN VAN BUREN (8TH PRESIDENT) - DECEMBER 5, 1782  
 WOODROW WILSON (28TH PRESIDENT) - DECEMBER 28, 1856  
 ANDREW JOHNSON (17TH PRESIDENT) - DECEMBER 29, 1808

### **PRESIDENTS WHO DIED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND DECEMBER 31 -**

FRANKLIN PIERCE (14TH PRESIDENT) - OCTOBER 8, 1869  
 HERBERT CLARK HOOVER (32ND PRESIDENT) - OCTOBER 20, 1964  
 CHESTER ALAN ARTHUR (21ST PRESIDENT) - NOVEMBER 18, 1866  
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY (35TH PRESIDENT) - NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
 GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH (39TH PRESIDENT) - NOVEMBER 30, 2018  
 GEORGE WASHINGTON (1ST PRESIDENT) - DECEMBER 14, 1799  
 HARRY S TRUMAN (34TH PRESIDENT) - DECEMBER 26, 1972  
 GERALD RUDOLPH FORD (38TH PRESIDENT) - DECEMBER 26, 2006



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 Don't Wait Until  
 The Last  
 Minute...  
 ...Renew Your  
 Membership  
 TODAY!  
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## VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

**DO YOUR PART TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES WHEN NATURAL DISASTERS OCCUR BY DONATING TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND (NEF) USE THE FORM BELOW TO MAKE A DONATION TODAY**

**MAIL THE FORM TO:**

**AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND**

**P.O. BOX 1954  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206**

Yes, I'm proud to help my fellow Legionnaires in their time of need.

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

This donation represents contributions from (Please Check)

☐ Post ☐ Unit ☐ Squadron ☒ Individual

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post# and Location POST 359 / MISSOURI

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_



**The National Emergency Fund exists only through your donations.**



## YOUR SUMMARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BENEFITS Reserved for Members

### RETAIL DISCOUNTS



**OFFICE DEPOT/OFFICE MAX** - Members receive significant discounts on over 93,000 items online or in-store with a purchasing card printable online. Next day delivery is free on purchases of \$50 or more for American Legion members.



**LIFESTATION** - Members can receive special discounted rates on a medical alert system and a free extra item.

### ADDED MEDICAL BENEFITS



**DISCOUNTS ON HEARING AIDS** - Members, family, and extended family are eligible for hearing care discounts from Amplifon Hearing Health Care. Benefits include: hearing aid low-price guarantee; convenient locations nationwide; risk-free 60-day trial period; 1-year free follow-up care; free 2-year supply of batteries (160 cells).

### INSURANCE



**LIFE INSURANCE THROUGH MUTUAL OF OMAHA** - Members aged 45-85 are eligible for guaranteed issue whole life policies. (May not be available in all states).



**USAA** - Provides a full range of financial products including: insurance, banking, investments, and financial advice. As an American Legion member, you are eligible to join. There are no membership fees to join USAA, and when you sign up, your eligible family members can join USAA as well.

### AUTO RENTAL, RELOCATION, AND TRAVEL



**AUTO RENTALS** - Members can receive special discounts with ALAMO, NATIONAL, and ENTERPRISE.



**NORTH AMERICAN VAN LINES AND ALLIED VAN LINES** - Preferred savings on interstate (state-to-state) moving and in-transit storage.



**GOV VACATION REWARDS** - Members can get the best discount available on travel including airfare, hotel, car rental, vacation packages, cruises, and more.



**VETERANS HOLIDAYS** - This program offers members the opportunity to rent a furnished condominium for 2-8 people, for an entire week, for less than they would pay for a single hotel room.



**THE AMERICAN LEGION TRAVEL CENTER**  
POWERED BY HOTELPLANNER

American Legion members can save on hotel stays by searching for name brand hotels in their desired area at discounted rates.



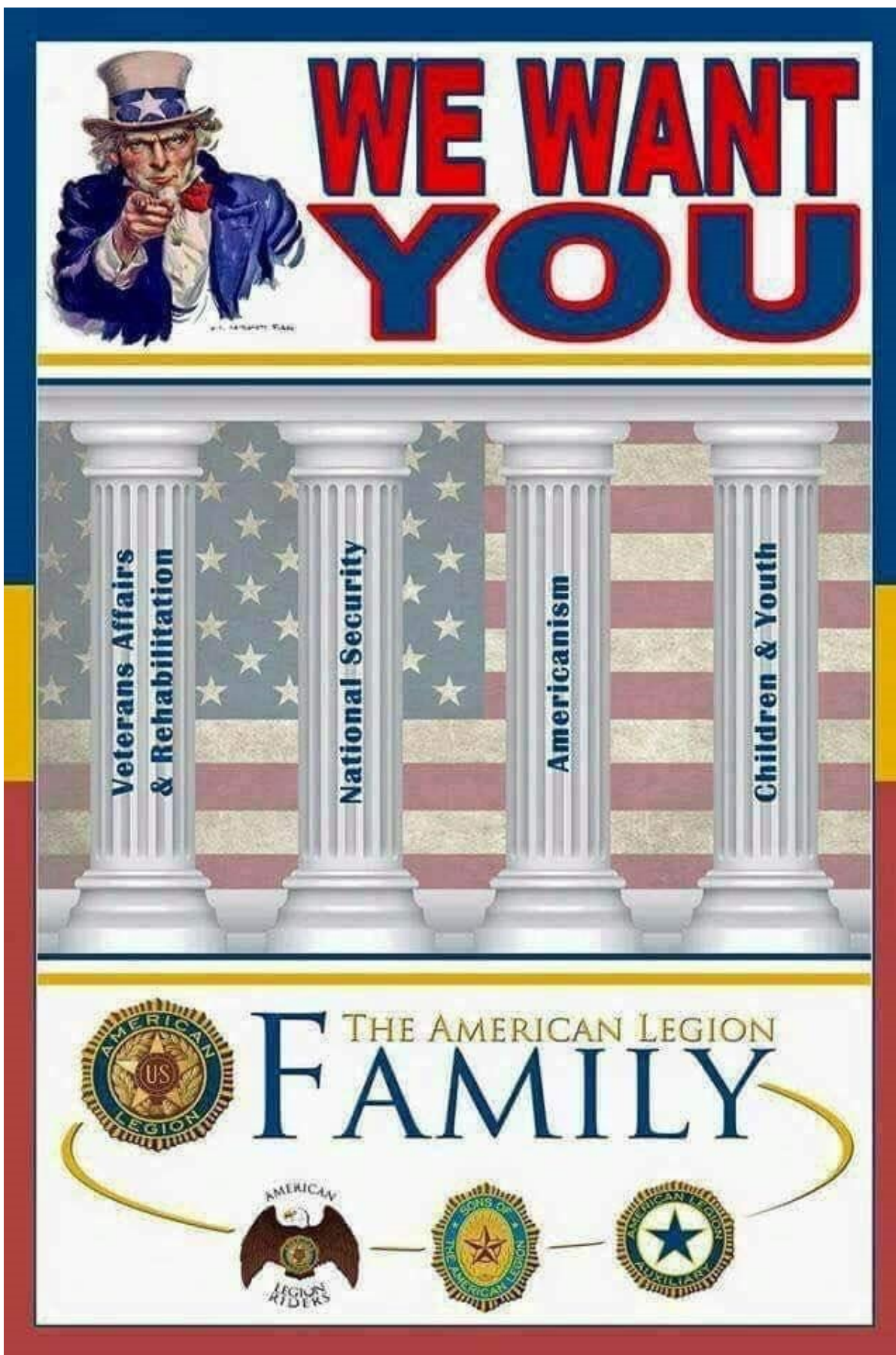
**MOTEL 6** - Members receive a preferred discount at any of the 1,100 pet-friendly Motel 6 locations in the U.S. and Canada.



**WYNDHAM HOTEL GROUP** - Special savings off the best available rate at thousands of participating hotels throughout the world!



NOTE: These discount offers are valid at participating locations and are not valid with any other discounts or special prices. The American Legion does not guarantee any discounts.





## PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE

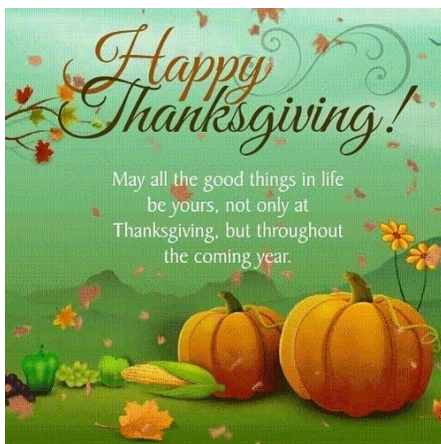
Members who wish to do so can renew their membership online with a credit or debit card.

National Headquarters will send out dues notices that will include a website link (<http://www.legion.org/renew>) where members can pay their dues utiliz-

ing a credit card or debit card. The procedures are explained at the renewal link and members can review them before to see if they wish to utilize the system.

If members do not choose to use the system, they simply mail in their dues as they always have.

This system will also not effect those who are either Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) members or LIFE Members of their Post.



**American Legion Pony Express Post 359 was named in honor of the Pony Express and its riders who were willing to “risk death daily” in order to get the mail across the untamed frontier.**

**Like those brave riders, the Legionnaires of Post 359 at one point in their lives “risked death daily” in the defense of liberty and freedom for the United States of America.**



**SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER FOR OUR POST TODAY!**

**HERE IS A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR YOUR USE.**

**The American Legion Membership Application**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female **\$40.00**  
(Gender) (Dues)

☐ I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

**Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below**

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	

30-009 \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_



**Receipt of Dues**  
(Please Print)

From \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



**SIGN UP A NEW  
AMERICAN LEGION  
FAMILY  
(POST, AUXILIARY, SAL)  
MEMBER TODAY**

***"Ask not what The American Legion can do for you,  
but what you can do as part of The American Legion."***

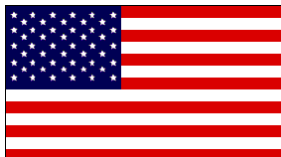
**- - - Past Post Commander Bernard J. Swartz (2012 - 2013)**

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**IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER** JIM LADEROUTE  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** - KEITH JONES, CARL FIRKINS,  
DALE HARKLEROAD, KENNETH BRYSON



#### **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION PONY EXPRESS SQUADRON 359 OFFICERS**

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