



FRED BATES MORSE POST 91

PO Box 291, East Bridgewater, MA 02333

<https://www.alpost91eb.org/>

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Commander: *Paul Connell*
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 Chaplain: *Lorraine Widner*
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Sergeant at Arms: *Paul Damon*
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 Executive Committee Members:
George Barris, Albert Fortier, Charles Gilbert,
Donald Irving, Patrick Lynch, Peter McPhail,
DeeDee Rogers, Dale Samuels & Jon Tripp, Sr

Fall 2022

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Hello Legionnaires,

It is September and it is time to get ready for the Veterans Day Parade. West Bridgewater will be hosting the Veterans Day Parade this year. They are also celebrating their bicentennial year as a town. Let's make this one of the best attended Veterans parades yet.

We also need to start reaching out to high school students that are interested in the American Legion Oratorical. This year it will be a combined competition locally. District 10 will be joined by District 8 & 9. The time of the Oratorical will be announced in the next few weeks as they formalize what post it will be at.

This Tuesday's meeting will be the Installation of Officers meeting. We welcome all to come. Thank you to all the members that said yes to their current positions. If you do plan on attending just email the post address, alpost91eb@gmail.com. This way we can order enough food.

We have one position that is vacant and that is historian. If you are interested in taking photos and creating a year end book please let us know. Details of what a Historian does is below.

Historian - Update the yearly history book for Post 91 on a monthly basis. If you are one that loves to take photographs you can document with photos of events Post 91 gets involved in or reach out to people that have taken photos. You can enter the book into the Department EOY Contest.

Check out our Legion web page, <https://alpost91eb.org>. We will try to update it with recent information.

Please look at the other attachments that I sent. If you have any interest in being a Committee chair let us know by the September meeting. Some of these Chairs will be filled by specific officers as part of their duties.

Thank you, I look forward to another great year,

Paul Connell
Commander

MEMBERSHIP:

Post 91 met the September 14th goal of 50% with a membership rate of 55.56%. Let's keep up the great work at getting our FY 23 memberships renewed. The October goal is 55%. It is great we met that but let's work at blowing that number away.

If you know someone who isn't a member, ask them if they would like to join the largest Veterans Organization. This year's motto is "Make It Personal". Let potential members know what the legion does for them and their family. The Legion needs new members to continue these programs.

If you want to renew your membership you can do that online at the link below.

<https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership>

25 CLUB FUNDRAISER:

Thank You for the members that have supported this fundraiser. This is our only fundraiser at this time. If we want to continue to support the many programs that East Bridgewater Post 91 does, we ask you to consider purchasing one or more of the available numbers below. For more details please look at the 25 Club Brochure on page 9. You have until October to purchase one.

1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, 36, 37, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49, 50, 54, 56, 57, 59, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 98, 99, 100

GIRLS & BOYS STATE:

Start promoting this wonderful program now for students that are entering their Junior year of high school. If you know of someone that would like to attend please reach out to us.

<https://www.massgirlsstate.org/> & <https://www.maboysstate.org/>

SON OF AMERICAN LEGION, AUXILIARY & LEGION RIDERS:

Presently East Bridgewater Post 91 does not have any of these but if there is interest please reach out to us. We can always start a charter.

POST MEETING REMINDER:

Post 91 meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the East Bridgewater Town Hall: Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16, & Jun 20.

We would love to see you. The September meeting will be the installation of officers. We will be providing food for this occasion.

We do a 50/50 as well as having at least one door prize. Remember you can only win our door prizes and raffle if you attend our meetings.

VETERAN SERVICES:

Ask our Legion's Veteran Service Officer, Richard Sweeney, about the Legionnaire Insurance Trust at the next meeting.

<https://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/departmtofficers>

The Chapter 115 Benefits Program is a Massachusetts state initiative that provides financial aid for food, and shelter/housing to veterans and their dependents who have limited incomes and reside in Massachusetts. The program is overseen by the Massachusetts Department Veterans' Services (DVS), which runs the program in partnership with local Veterans' Service Officers (VSOs).

What types of Chapter 115 Benefits are available?

Cash Assistance: You can get a monthly cash payment. Whether you can get this cash payment depends on your living situation, income and assets. For example, if you are a single applicant living alone, you might qualify for between \$1 and \$1436 each month.

Medical Expense Reimbursements: If you qualify for Chapter 115 benefits you can be reimbursed (in full or in part) for your medical insurance premiums.

EAST BRIDGEWATER

The EB VSO has two new things coming up that he'll be working on in the near future, banners for veterans(past & present) & becoming a Purple Heart town. If there is interest in any member to sponsor a veterans banner please reach out to the EB VSO..

As for becoming a Purple Heart town please let us know if you are a recipient of a Purple Heart. If you know of a past resident that would be helpful so we note all our recipients.

There are seats on the East Bridgewater Patriotic Activities Committee. Anyone can join so if you know of an individual that would like to be on this committee please send a letter to the Town requesting to be part of this wonderful group of people.

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Veterans' Service Officer
175 Central St.
East Bridgewater, Ma. 02333
(508)378-1603
(508)378-1660 (Fax)
cbuckley@eastbridgewaterma.gov

WEST BRIDGEWATER

The West Bridgewater Veterans Office Hours are 9:00AM - 2:00PM Mondays and Tuesdays. At this time the office is closed to the public, but you may call 508-436-7211 for inquiries/interviews.

Walter Thayer, Veterans Agent
Gloria Hopkins, Assistant Veterans Agent

https://www.westbridgewaterma.org/residents/veterans_agent/index.php

Dates to Remember 2022-2023

Start Date	End Date	Time	Event	Location
9/18/2022		10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	District 10 Council Meeting	Post 112 - 1027 Washington St, Abington, MA 02351
9/20/2022		7:00 PM	Monthly Business Meeting Installation of Officers	Town Hall - 175 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333
9/24/2022		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Veterans Expo	Brockton VA Campus 980 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA
10/18/2022		7:00 PM	Monthly Business Meeting	Town Hall - 175 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333
11/5/2022		Step Off 12 Noon	Boston Veteran Day Parade	Boston Public Library → Boston Common Boston, MA
11/11/2022		11:00 AM	Tri-Town Veterans Day Parade West Bridgewater 200th Anniversary	West Bridgewater, MA
11/15/2022		7:00 PM	Monthly Business Meeting	Town Hall - 175 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333
11/20/2022		10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	District 10 Council Meeting	Duxbury Post 223 - 5 West St.
12/3/2022		TBA	2022 East Bridgewater Christmas on the Common & Parade	EBJSHS - 149 Plymouth Street, East Bridgewater, MA
12/21/2022		7:00 PM	Monthly Business Meeting	Town Hall - 175 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333
1/15/2023		10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	District 10 Council Meeting - Followed by District 9/10 Oratorical	Post 188 - 20 Main St. Sandwich, MA 02563
1/17/2023		7:00 PM	Monthly Business Meeting	Town Hall - 175 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333
2/4/2023	02/5/2023	10:00 AM	2023 Standish Sportsman Show	1 Burr Ln, East Bridgewater, MA 02333
2/21/2023		7:00 PM	Monthly Business Meeting	Town Hall - 175 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333
3/19/2023		10:00 AM	District 10 Council Meeting	Post 22 - 33 Legion Parkway Whitman, MA 02382
3/21/2023		7:00 PM	Monthly Business Meeting	Town Hall - 175 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333
4/18/2023		7:00 PM	Monthly Business Meeting	Town Hall - 175 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333
5/16/2023		7:00 PM	Monthly Business Meeting	Town Hall - 175 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Start Date	End Date	Time	Event	Location
05/21/2023		10:00 AM	District 10 Council Meeting/Caucus	Post 40 - 199 Federal Furnace Road Plymouth, MA 02360
05/27/2023		9:00 AM	Grave Decoration	Central Cemetery - 170 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333
5/29/2023		10:00 AM	Memorial Day Ceremony	East Bridgewater Town Common
6/8/2023		2:00 PM	Membership DEC to Follow	Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel 181 Boston Post Rd W, Marlborough
6/8/2023			Department Family Get-Together	Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel 181 Boston Post Rd W, Marlborough
6/9/2023	6/11/2023	9:AM	Department Convention	Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel 181 Boston Post Rd W, Marlborough
06/11/2023			Pre-National Convention Caucus	Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel 181 Boston Post Rd W, Marlborough
6/11/2023		6:00 PM	Flag Day Retirement Ceremony	East Bridgewater Town Common
6/11/2023	6/18/2023	TBA	East Bridgewater 200th Anniversary	
6/17/2023	6/23/2034		Boy/Girl State	Stone Hill College
6/20/2023		7:00 PM	Monthly Business Meeting	Town Hall - 175 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333
8/25/2023			2023 National Convention	Charlotte, North Carolina
August	TBA	TBA	Student Trooper Program	State Policy Academy 340 West Brookfield Road New Braintree, MA 01531

Veteran & Legion Links:

www.alpost91eb.org - East Bridgewater Post 91

www.legion.org - The American Legion - National Site

<https://www.alaforveterans.org> - The American Legion Auxiliary

<https://www.legion.org/sons> - Sons of the American Legion

www.masslegion.org - The American Legion - Department of Massachusetts

<https://www.eastbridgewaterma.org/veterans-services> - East Bridgewater Veterans Service

https://www.westbridgewaterma.org/residents/veterans_agent/index.php - West Bridgewater Veterans Services

<https://www.bridgewaterma.org/195/Veteran-Services> - Bridgewater Veterans Services

<https://ebpack28.webs.com> - East Bridgewater Pack 28 - Chartered Pack

<https://www.va.gov/> - US Department of Veterans Affairs

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXVII/Chapter115> - General Law - Chapter 115

<https://thelit.com> - The Legionnaire Insurance Trust

EDITOR'S NOTE: The next newsletter will hopefully be after our August business meeting to give everyone an idea of what we plan to do this up and coming year. If you have any information that you think the members should know let me know. If you would like this emailed to you please send an email to alpost91eb@gmail.com.

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Do you have an article or news announcement to share with the rest of the American Legion Post 91? If so, please follow these basic guidelines for submissions.

- Submit your text in Microsoft Word format (.doc) or as a text file (.txt or .rtf). Save your file as the same name as the article, so we can easily keep track of it. Be sure to make it clear who the author is, whether it's you or if you are just forwarding it to us.
- Include photos and/or artwork for articles separately (NOT embedded in the article) as high resolution (300 dpi, or better) JPEGs. Please name these files accordingly so we can track them along with your article. Let us know in your email of any corresponding captions, and/or name of the photographer if necessary.
- Spell check everything! Especially people's names, web addresses, etc. You can help us greatly here by simply running your spell check function in your word processing program.
- E-mail everything directly to us atssaac.inc@gmail.com by September 20th. This way we have plenty of time to work with you in case we need to clarify anything.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (7/19) (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE) DATE _____

NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE _____

CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

SERVICE / BRANCH _____ DATE OF ENTRY _____

DATE OF DISCHARGE _____ TYPE OF DISCHARGE _____

SERVICE (SERIAL) NUMBER _____ SSAN _____

BLOOD TYPE _____ RH _____ CAN YOU DONATE? _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

LEGION SPONSOR'S NAME _____ DATE OF CONTACT _____

NEW OR RETURNING? _____ TRANSFER FROM _____ EMAIL: _____

PREV. MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____ CONTINUOUS LEGION YEARS _____

I DO NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF ANY GROUP OPPOSED TO OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT. I CERTIFY THAT I DID NOT REFUSE ON CONSCIENTIOUS, POLITICAL OR ANY OTHER GROUNDS TO SUBJECT MYSELF TO MILITARY DISCIPLINE OR UNQUALIFIED SERVICE WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I HAVE SERVED AT LEAST ONE DAY OF ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY SINCE DECEMBER 7, 1941 AND WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED OR AM STILL SERVING HONORABLY.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ WITNESS _____

(A DD214 FORM OR OTHER OFFICIAL DISCHARGE PAPER MUST BE EXAMINED BY THE COMMANDER, A VICE COMMANDER, THE ADJUTANT, FINANCE OFFICER OR POST MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN BEFORE THE APPLICANT CAN BE CONSIDERED. IN ANY CASE, A LEGIBLE FILE COPY IS REQUIRED FOR OUR RECORDS)

PAPERS EXAMINED BY (SIGNATURE) _____ DATE _____

APPLICATION READ, CONSIDERED AND VOTED UPON AT THE EXEC. COMM. MEETING OF _____

AND AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON _____ VOTE OUTCOME: _____

SIGNATURE OF POST COMMANDER/VICE COMDR/ADJT/PC _____, ATTEST

(THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR POST USE ONLY)

YEAR _____ DUES PAID \$ _____

CHK.NO./DATED _____/_____

RECEIVED BY _____

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION + \$35 CHECK TO ADDRESS ON TOP LINE – ANY QUESTION EMAIL ALPOST91EB@GMAIL.COM

25 Club

Cost: \$25

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8 \$50 Drawings

1 Drawing at meetings in
October - May

100

3 Drawings in June

Numbered Chips
1-100

Drawn number goes back
into drum before next pull

1 \$100

1 \$200

1 \$300

Drawings at the end of
Monthly Meeting

Can WIN multiple times

To take part in this Post 91 fundraising event please contact:

Email: alpost91eb@gmail.com

Phone: 781-956-6116