

The American Legion

The American Legion, commonly known as the Legion, is a nonprofit organization of U.S. war veterans headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is made up of state, U.S. territory, and overseas departments, and these are in turn made up of local posts. The organization was formed on March 15, 1919, in Paris, France, by a thousand officers and men of the American Expeditionary Forces (A. E. F.), and it was chartered on September 16, 1919, by the United States Congress.

Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion

For God and Country, We associate ourselves together For the following purposes:

To uphold and defend The Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate A one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in an all wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation To the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and good will on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to Posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness





Harrison Post 282

Our Post would not exist if not for the dedication of our Post Members who continue to support Veterans programs, community projects and recognition of the great work of our local Police and Fire departments do for the community. Our organization also supports important projects like the Legion Boys State program working with the local High Schools to identify and support candidates to participate. Through our Post Service Officer, we are a pipeline for all local Veterans who seek help with state, federal and local outreach programs. We also support local educational programs and community events. As a Post we serve residents of both Harrison and East Newark.

Meetings are held at the Harrison/East Newark Elks, 406 Harrison Ave., Harrison NJ at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of every month, September to June.

Interested in Joining ? If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving – you are eligible for membership in The American Legion! Contact us at richreit522@gmail.com If qualified we hope to hear from you soon !

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