

The American Legion “Still Serving America”

The American Legion is the nation’s oldest and most respected organization of wartime veterans. The purpose of The American Legion as devised in 1919 was to provide service to our veterans, their families and to their communities, states, and nation.

Today, nearly 15,000 Posts are coordinated and directed by a national headquarters with offices in Indianapolis and Washington, D.C. Local activities are organized into 55 Departments with each state comprising one Department as does Washington, D.C., the Philippines, Puerto Rico, France, and Mexico.

As the originator of the G.I. Bill of Rights, the Legion constantly works with Congress and the Department of Veteran Affairs to ensure veteran benefits are forthcoming. It affords representation to veterans seeking satisfactory resolution of benefit claim determination made by the local VA regional offices or VA medical centers.

The Legion is the nation’s largest blood donor. Also, it provides its members with emergency funds, a discount prescription drug program, guaranteed acceptance life insurance, an American Legion VISA card, hotel and automobile rental discounts, the opportunity to rent a furnished resort condominium for less than a single hotel room, an eye care plan, American Legion Certificates of Deposit and much more.

Eligibility to Join the Post

Eligibility to join the Dewey Lowman Post is the same as the eligibility to join the American Legion proper. The applicant must have had at least one-day’s honorable federal active duty service with the U. S. Armed Forces between:

April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955
February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
August 2, 1990 to present

Current members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join the Dewey Lowman Post, until the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States. Spouses, children, and grandchildren of eligible veterans may join the Auxiliary or Sons of the Legion units.



Dewey Lowman 27-Flag Marching Unit



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Dewey Lowman Overview

“Patriotism, Service, Fraternity”

Dewey Lowman was an American sailor from Arbutus, Maryland. He was on board the USS Cyclops, when she put to sea from Rio de Janeiro on February 16, 1918 during World War I. The Cyclops and her 306 crew and passengers vanished without a trace. In 1979, the Cyclops was located at the bottom of the ocean, in the “Bermuda Triangle” with no visible damage to the hull. The cause of her loss remains unknown.

To honor this local sailor, who gave his life for his country, the Dewey Lowman American Legion Post was chartered in 1934 with 24 members. The Post has grown to approximately 1,700 members. In addition, it has a Ladies Auxiliary Unit of 420 members and a Sons of the Legion Squadron of 250 members.

The current building housing the Post was completed in August 1993 and includes a commercial kitchen, canteen, banquet hall, offices, and a storage room. It has a 250-car parking lot and the Post is open every day of the year except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

A meeting of the Legionnaires takes place on the first and third Tuesday of the month. All veterans, spouses, children, and grandchildren of veterans are welcome to visit our Post and discuss membership with one of our fine officers.

Legionnaire Benefits

The Post holds many types of activities for its membership and guests: Bingo, horse-shoes, dinners, dances, spaghetti specials, breakfasts, buffets, Super Bowl parties, New Year’s parties, bus trips, Children’s Christmas parties, crab feasts, bull and oyster roasts, Halloween parties, Ocean City conventions and more. Our membership enjoys all the usual social activities of any fraternal organization.

Every member of the Post receives a bi-monthly copy of the Post newsletter “Cyclops.” In it, are included a monthly schedule of events, dances, buffet menus, dinners, meetings, celebrations, bingo schedule, special activities, and officer reports.

Members of the Post are eligible to apply for temporary financial relief for losses sustained in a declared natural disaster. Legion Posts provided over \$2 million in emergency aid to veterans last year.

Over \$30 million was spent by the Legion and its affiliated organizations for the benefit of children and youth last year.

Last year our Post American Legion baseball team competed in a league together with 90,000 other boys nationwide. Dewey Lowman also nominates boys and girls to receive a weeklong instruction on citizenship and to experience first-hand how their state and federal government functions.

Dewey Lowman offers high school students the opportunity to vie for scholarships by demonstrating his or her knowledge of the Constitution in public speaking contests on local, state, and national levels. Our Post also offers several scholastic scholarships each year. In addition, Dewey Lowman sponsors a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Young Marines unit. It nominates its candidates for scholarships as Eagle Scout of the Year.

Banquet Hall Rental

Our huge Post banquet hall will hold over 300 persons, but can be separated into two rooms for smaller groups. Each beautifully carpeted room has a dance floor.

The halls are available for rent, either catered or non-catered, to the public. Our experienced staff provides the very best in food, drink, and service. Customers may select from a wealth of available menus.

Almost every type of event may be held in the banquet hall: wedding receptions, birthday parties, anniversary parties, confirmations, bar mitzvahs, school reunions, etc. We have the equipment to accommodate virtually all your needs.

