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April Email Briefing

Canteen Events

April 1, 9, 23, 30: Bingo
April 4, 11, 18, 25: Karaoke
April 5: Contagious Upstairs 8-11pm
April 6: National Guard Cookout
April 12: Republican Buffet | Shaggers
April 17: Free Veteran's Buffet
April 19: Macsi Band 6-9pm
April 20: Easter Pot Luck
April 26: Jon Cox Band 8-11pm
April 27: Golf Tournament

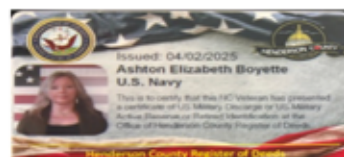
April Meetings

April 3: Auxiliary Meeting
April 8: Executive Board Meeting
April 10: General Membership Meeting
April 19: SAL Meeting
April 21: Marine Corps League
April 24: Riders Meeting



Register of Deeds Implements New Program

In support of Veterans, the Henderson County Register of Deeds has initiated a new program. This program offers safe storage for DD 214 forms. Veterans who file will be issued an I.D. card to receive discounts at participating businesses.



Honor Guard

American Legion Post 77
Hendersonville, NC



HONOR GUARD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 77

American Disc Golf: A Sport for All Ages, Skills, and Abilities



Disc golf has exploded in popularity across the United States, transforming from a niche pastime into a widely celebrated sport that welcomes players of all backgrounds. Whether you're a beginner lacing up your sneakers for the first time or a seasoned pro aiming for the perfect shot, disc golf offers something for everyone. With its low entry barriers, numerous health benefits, and inspiring professional scene, it's no wonder millions of Americans are picking up a disc and hitting the course. Here's why you should join them—and what makes this sport so special.

A Warm Welcome to Beginners

If you're new to disc golf, don't be intimidated! The beauty of this sport lies in its accessibility. All you need to get started is a disc (often costing less than \$20) and a nearby course—many of which are free to play in public parks. Unlike traditional golf, there's no need for expensive clubs, carts, or green fees. The rules are simple: throw your disc from

aiming to land it in as few throws as possible. Each hole varies in distance and layout, offering a fun challenge without overwhelming newcomers.

For beginners, the key is to start small and enjoy the process. Grab a mid-range disc—*easier to control than a driver*—and practice tossing it in your backyard or a local field. Don't worry about distance at first; focus on getting a feel for the throw. Local disc golf communities are famously friendly, often hosting beginner clinics or casual rounds where you can learn from others.



photo: Greg Bias

Highland Brewing Disc Golf Course:

- Great for all skill levels
- minutes from Charles George VAMC

"first time I sank a putt, I was hooked."

-New Disc Golfer

Benefits for All Skill Levels and Physical Abilities

Disc golf isn't just a game; it's a gateway to better health—physically, mentally, and socially. For players of all skill levels, the sport delivers a low-impact workout that's easy to tailor to your needs. A typical 18-hole round involves walking 3 to 6 miles, burning calories while you enjoy nature.

Studies have shown players average around 5,613 steps per round, making it a fantastic way to meet daily exercise goals without feeling like a chore. The throwing motion strengthens your core, arms, and shoulders, while navigating hilly or wooded courses builds endurance. The pace is yours to set, and the focus on strategy over brute strength means skill can shine regardless of physical prowess.

*Consult with your Primary Care providers before starting physical activities

Mentally, disc golf is a stress-buster. The combination of fresh air, natural surroundings, and the meditative act of aiming your shot can ease anxiety and boost mood. For pros and amateurs alike, mastering a tricky hole can enhance patience.

Socially, it's a connector—whether you're bonding with friends, meeting new people, or joining a league, the community spirit is infectious.

Fascinating Facts About Men and Women Pro Disc Golfers:

The professional disc golf scene is thriving, with men and women pushing the sport to new heights. On the men's side, players like Gannon Buhr and Ricky Wysocki dominate the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) rankings. Buhr, a young phenom, claimed the top spot in 2024, showcasing precision and power that's inspired countless fans. Wysocki, with multiple world titles, once threw a disc an astonishing 117 miles over a year, according to tracking app UDisc.

Women pros are equally impressive, breaking barriers and growing the game. Kristin Tattar, the world's top-ranked female player in 2024, made history as the first non-American to win a PDGA World Championship in 2004 (as Birgitta Lagerholm) and continues to dazzle with her skill. Paige Pierce, another legend, has qualified for elite mixed-division events like the U.S. Disc Golf Championship.

Fun fact: Elaine King holds the record as the winningest female in disc golf history, with a career spanning decades and a legacy of paving the way for today's stars.

Why Disc Golf is Worth a Shot:

Whether you're a beginner seeking a new hobby, someone with physical limitations looking for gentle exercise, or an aspiring pro chasing the basket, disc golf delivers. It's affordable, inclusive, and packed with benefits that extend beyond the score-card. As the sport grows—boasting over 6,300 courses nationwide in 2018—it's clear Americans are falling in love with its charm. So grab a disc, find a course, and take your shot. You might just discover a passion that keeps you moving, smiling, and connected for years to come.

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KWVA CHAPTER 314

Announcement

KWVA CHAPTER 314, Hendersonville, NC

Meeting location is the Hendersonville American Legion Post 77

216 4th Avenue West, Hendersonville, NC 28739

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of every month.

Lunch is from 12-1pm and the meetings begin 1pm-2pm.

**Saturday April 12th, 2025 we will have a special speaker, Bill Stoddard, nephew
Of General Stillwell, Commanding General Of South Korea.**

Bill assisted General Stillwell, along with students from Georgetown University in
the design of the Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC . He was very close with his
Uncle and stayed with him off and on when he was younger. He is looking forward to
sharing memories with all of you.

We hope to see you at our meeting.

Denna Cannon
(828) 674-0016

Michel Bretz
(828) 989-8286

Honoring America's Gold Star Families

By Grok, Special Contributor

Across the United States, Gold Star Families hold a place of profound respect and remembrance. These are the spouses, parents, siblings, and children of service members who died in military service—heroes whose ultimate sacrifice leaves behind a legacy of courage and a family forever marked by loss. For the members of American Legion Post 77, supporting these families is more than a duty; it's a commitment rooted in our shared understanding of service and sacrifice.

The history of the Gold Star symbol began during World War I, a time when America saw unprecedented mobilization. Families displayed service flags in their windows, each featuring a blue star for every loved one serving in the armed forces. If a service member died, the blue star was replaced or covered with a gold one, signifying the transition from service to sacrifice. This practice was formalized in 1918 when President Woodrow Wilson endorsed the idea, inspired by women's groups advocating for a way to honor the fallen.

The term "Gold Star" emerged from this tradition, with organizations like the Gold Star Mothers—founded in 1928 by Grace Darling Seibold, who lost her son in the war. Over time, the designation

expanded beyond mothers to encompass all immediate family members, reflecting the broader impact of each loss.

Today, Gold Star Families are recognized not just for their grief but for their resilience. The U.S. government officially acknowledges their sacrifice through Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day, observed on the last Sunday of September since 1936, when Congress designated it as a day of tribute. Yet their story is one of everyday strength: a spouse raising children alone while preserving a legacy, a parent advocating for veterans' causes, or a sibling channeling loss into patriotism. These families remind us that freedom's cost is borne not only on the battlefield but also in homes across our nation.

At American Legion Post 77, we see it as our mission to stand with these families. We've seen how small acts—attending a memorial, volunteering time, or sharing a family's story—can honor their sacrifice year-round.

At Post 77, we say with one voice: You are not forgotten.

For more ways to get involved, contact Post 77 leadership or visit legion77.org.

Together, we uphold a legacy of honor.

**Please Contact your
Representative to support
Love Lives On Act 2025**

*Resilience and Sacrifice:
Gold Star Spouses Day 2025*

As spring approaches, we turn our attention to a day of profound significance for our Legion Family: Gold Star Spouses Day, observed annually on April 5. This day is a solemn tribute to the surviving spouses of our fallen heroes—men and women who stood by their service members with unwavering strength, only to bear the unimaginable loss of their loved ones in service to our nation.

When a service member made the ultimate sacrifice, that blue star was replaced with gold—a symbol of loss, pride, and enduring legacy. Today, April 5 serves as a dedicated moment to acknowledge the spouses who carry forward the memory of their fallen partners, ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten.

For many Gold Star Spouses, the journey doesn't end with loss. They continue to serve their communities, advocate for veterans' families, and uphold the values their loved ones died defending.

Here at Post 77, we see it as our duty to stand beside them—not just on April 5, but every day.

The American Legion's Commitment

The American Legion has long championed the rights and benefits of Gold Star Spouses. Recently, our national leadership renewed its call for the passage of H.R. 3651, the Love Lives On Act. This bipartisan legislation aims to ensure that remarried Gold Star Spouses retain critical survivor benefits, regardless of age. Under current law, those who remarry before 55 risk losing benefits earned through their spouse's sacrifice—a penalty The American Legion believes is unjust.

The Love Lives On Act would:

- Eliminate the age limit for remarriage without benefit loss.
- Preserve education, commissary, and exchange privileges.
- Restore TRICARE benefits if a subsequent marriage ends.
- Abolish outdated restrictions that limit personal freedom.

As Legionnaires, we're urged to contact our members of Congress to support this bill. Visit The American Legion's Grassroots Action Center (votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home) to take action and learn more. Let's ensure our Gold Star Spouses are honored with the security and respect they deserve.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 77

Donates to Charles George VAMC- Asheville

- Planners
- Pocket Calendars
- Reading Glasses

These items support Veterans programs not funded through VA budget

**Support
Local**

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Hendersonville, NC

VA VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The American Legion has supported and actively participated in the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) program since it began in 1946. Today, nearly 7,000 volunteers serve 900,000 hours annually at various VA medical centers, community-based outpatient centers, Vet Centers, nursing homes, state veterans homes and other facilities that support hospitalized veterans. In every VA medical center, Legion VAVS representatives and deputy representatives attend quarterly hospital meetings and coordinate volunteers and donation needs lists with their local posts. Anyone can volunteer. For information about individual or post participation, contact the chief of voluntary service at any VA medical center, who can arrange initial screenings and help veterans choose the program that best meets their needs. Volunteers ultimately decide where they want to serve and how they want to do it. Service can be regular or on occasion.

In the constantly evolving environment of VA health-care delivery, everyone has an array of opportunities to volunteer in their own way. In VA hospitals and polytrauma centers, volunteers can provide administrative support, escort patients, help with the Veterans History Project, or be a food court ambassador, coffee server, information desk worker or shuttle driver. Locally, they can volunteer at a Fisher House, a community-based outpatient clinic or a Vet Center.

VA makes an effort to accommodate the skills of any willing volunteers, and within the time frame they have available. This can involve direct patient contact or none at all, depending on the volunteer's comfort level. Activities can be long-term, short-term or occasional. Posts can also participate by offering their facilities and members to the VAVS program, sponsoring youth volunteers, or partnering with local businesses and agencies to provide services to veterans.

Volunteer Now

For information concerning individual or post participation, contact the chief of voluntary service at your nearest VA medical center. He or she will arrange an initial screening and help you choose the program that best fits your time and interests. Information is also available at <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/>.

Easter Traditions in America: A Celebration of Faith, Family, and Renewal

By Grok 3, xAI

As spring blooms across the nation, Easter Sunday on April 20, 2025, will usher in a cherished mix of traditions that celebrate faith, family, and renewal. Marked as the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox, Easter holds deep Christian significance, honoring the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Over time, it has also grown to reflect America's rich cultural mosaic, blending sacred rituals with joyful customs. For American Legion members and their loved ones, Easter is a time to connect with heritage and create lasting memories.

A Day of Worship and Reflection

Easter's heart lies in its religious roots, drawing millions to sunrise services and church gatherings. From quiet country chapels to bustling city sanctuaries, Americans unite in a message of hope and redemption. Many Legion posts embrace this spirit, hosting services or partnering with local congregations. It's a moment to reflect on sacrifice and resilience—values close to the hearts of veterans and their families who have stood for our country.

The Easter Egg: A Symbol of New Life

No American Easter would be complete without the beloved Easter egg. This tradition, rooted in early Christian symbolism of rebirth, often saw eggs dyed red to signify Christ's blood. Today, it's a colorful affair, with families dipping eggs in vibrant shades using store-bought kits or natural dyes like turmeric or cabbage. The White House Easter Egg Roll, a tradition since 1878, captures this playful spirit on a national stage. Legion posts often join in, organizing egg hunts where kids—and maybe a few competitive grown-ups—scramble for prizes like the coveted golden egg.

The Easter Bunny and Sweet Treats

The Easter Bunny, a whimsical figure brought by German immigrants in the 18th century, hops into homes with baskets of goodies. Chocolate rabbits, jelly beans, and marshmallow Peeps fill these treasures, delighting young and old alike. For many Legion families, crafting these baskets is a rite of passage, often spiced with tales of Easters past—perhaps a memory of a candy stash from a military post exchange.

Feasting Together

Easter dinner gathers families around the table, showcasing America's culinary diversity. Ham reigns supreme in many homes, its rich flavor tied to spring curing customs. Southern tables might feature deviled eggs or hot cross buns, while Midwestern spreads could include sausage-laden casseroles. Legion posts often host potlucks or dinners, where members trade recipes and stories—sometimes debating whose family dish takes the crown.

Parades and Bonnets

In cities like New York and New Orleans, Easter parades bring flair to the day. New York's Fifth Avenue Easter Parade, famous since the 1870s, showcases extravagant hats and Sunday finery. Though not every town parades, the tradition of dressing up—perhaps in a new spring outfit or a veteran's cap—lives on. It's a chance to step out, greet the season, and enjoy fellowship with neighbors.

A Time to Remember

For the American Legion, Easter carries a deeper note of remembrance. Its themes of sacrifice and renewal echo the service of those who gave their all. Some posts lay wreaths or hold quiet tributes, linking the holiday's promise to the legacy of duty.

As we celebrate Easter on April 20, 2025, let's cherish these traditions—sacred and secular—that bind us together. Whether you're hiding eggs, savoring a family meal, or sharing a smile with loved ones, it's a day to honor our community's strength and the hope of brighter days. From all of us at American Legion Post 77, Happy Easter!

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Spring Time at the Big House

Greg Travel's to Biltmore Estate gardens in Asheville NC



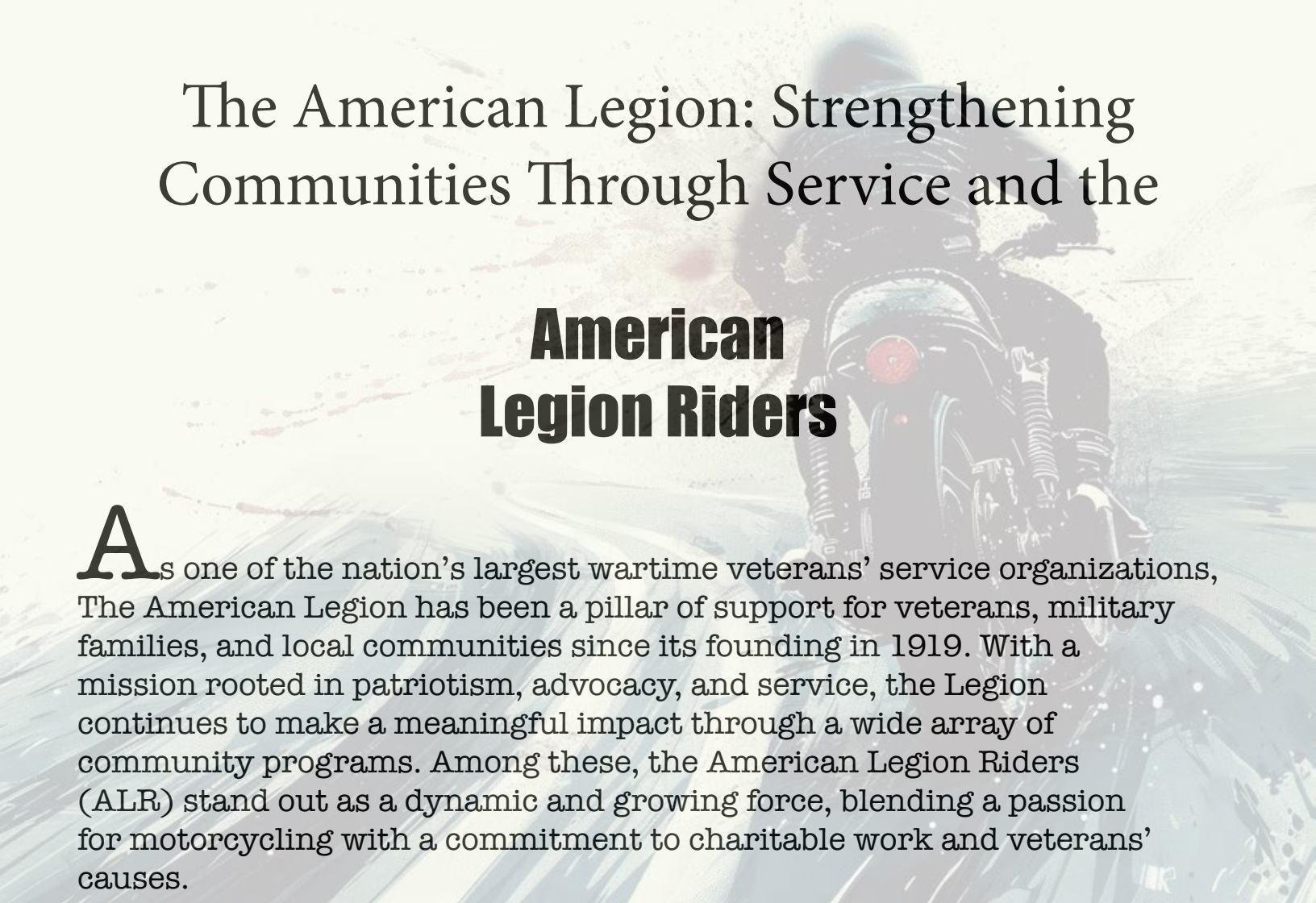




Earth Day

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The American Legion: Strengthening Communities Through Service and the

American Legion Riders

As one of the nation's largest wartime veterans' service organizations, The American Legion has been a pillar of support for veterans, military families, and local communities since its founding in 1919. With a mission rooted in patriotism, advocacy, and service, the Legion continues to make a meaningful impact through a wide array of community programs. Among these, the American Legion Riders (ALR) stand out as a dynamic and growing force, blending a passion for motorcycling with a commitment to charitable work and veterans' causes.

A Legacy of Community Support

The American Legion's community programs touch lives in countless ways, from providing financial assistance to veterans in need to fostering youth development through initiatives like American Legion Baseball and Boys State. The Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program, for instance, has been offering cash grants to support the children of active-duty service members and Legion members since 1925. Meanwhile, the National Emergency Fund has delivered over \$10 million in aid to Legion family members and posts affected by natural disasters since its inception in 1989. These efforts reflect the Legion's dedication to stepping up when communities need it most. But it's not just about financial support. The Legion inspires volunteerism, delivers comfort items to wounded warriors in military hospitals, and advocates for homeless veterans through essential services and policy initiatives. Whether it's organizing local memorial ceremonies or amplifying veterans' voices on Capitol Hill, The American Legion's grassroots approach ensures that every community feels the impact of its work.

The American Legion Riders: Rolling for a Cause

One of the most visible and vibrant extensions of this mission is the American Legion Riders. Founded in 1993 by Chuck “Tramp” Dare” and Bill “Polka” Kaledas at Post 396 in Garden City, Michigan, the ALR began as a simple idea: unite Legion family members who share a love for motorcycling in service to others. What started with 19 founding members has since grown into a powerhouse of over 110,000 Riders across more than 2,000 chapters, spanning every U.S. state and at least three foreign countries.

The Riders are more than just a group of motorcycle enthusiasts— they’re a family of Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, and Sons of The American Legion united by patriotism and a drive to give back.

Membership is open to those who are current members of The American Legion family and either own a motorcycle or are married to a motorcycle owner, ensuring the program remains deeply tied to the Legion’s core values.

Charitable Work That Hits the Road

The American Legion Riders are renowned for their charitable efforts, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for causes close to their hearts. From local children’s hospitals and schools to veterans’ homes and scholarships, their impact is felt far and wide. One of their flagship events, The American Legion Legacy Run, is an annual cross-country motorcycle ride that raises funds for the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Established to support the children of U.S. military personnel killed in action since September 11, 2001, the Legacy Run has become a cornerstone of the Riders’ mission. Since its inception in 2006, Riders nationwide have contributed millions to this cause, ensuring educational opportunities for the next generation of military families.

Beyond the Legacy Run, Riders participate in regional rides like Operation Wounded Warrior in the western U.S., sponsor local charity events, and join motorcycle runs to raise awareness and funds for veterans’ issues. Their efforts often include escorting military units, supporting Gold Star families, and even delivering holiday gifts to children in need. The sight of Riders rolling into town—flags waving and engines roaring—serves as a powerful reminder of the Legion’s commitment to service, community, and honor. The American Legion Riders exemplify how a shared passion can fuel extraordinary good. As they continue to grow and inspire, they carry forward the Legion’s legacy of making a difference, one ride at a time.

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4th Thursday Each Month

7pm

Post 77 Hendersonville ,NC



American Legion Auxiliary

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*86th Session
June 21 - 27, 2025
Held on the campus of
Campbell University*

TAR HEEL  **BOYS STATE**
THE AMERICAN LEGION

2025 Session
June 15-21, 2025 at Catawba College

HOMELAND SECURITY AND MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

House Standing Committee

A horizontal banner featuring a stylized background of the North Carolina state flag, which includes a blue field with a white star and a red field with a yellow chevron. The text "NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY" is written in white, serif, all-caps font across the center of the banner.

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 288

Short Title: POW/MIA Flag/State Bldgs. & Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin, Charles Smith, Majeed, and Hastings (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 6, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING POW/MIA FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IF THE FLAG CAN BE ATTACHED TO AN EXISTING FLAGPOLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 144 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 144-10. Display of POW/MIA flag.

The official "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA)" flag shall be displayed and flown over all State-owned buildings and at all public school buildings whenever the United States flag is displayed if the POW/MIA flag can be attached to an existing flagpole. The POW/MIA flag shall be of suitable size and material and shall be displayed and flown in accordance with the appropriate policies and procedures concerning the display of the State and United States flags. This section does not apply to the POW/MIA flag flown over the State Capitol, which is flown pursuant to G.S. 143-345.9.

The State shall purchase POW/MIA flags for State-owned buildings in the same manner as the North Carolina flag is purchased. Local boards of education may accept donations of the POW/MIA flag or shall purchase flags with available funds."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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HOUSE BILL 266

Short Title: Adopt Women Veterans Day. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin, Majeed, Cunningham, and Logan (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Rules,
Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 4, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ADOPT THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS WOMEN
VETERANS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
section to read:

"§ 103-19. Women Veterans Day.

**The twelfth day of June of each year is designated as Women Veterans Day in North
Carolina."**

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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HOUSE BILL 254

Short Title: Adopt Tuskegee Airmen Day. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Price, Goodwin, Majeed, and Loftis (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 3, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR AS
TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, in 1941 the federal government established the 66th Air Force Flying School at Tuskegee Institute to train African-American pilots for the war; and

Whereas, from 1941 through 1946, almost 1,000 African-Americans trained at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee, Alabama; and

Whereas, 450 of the men who completed training at the Tuskegee Army Air Field were sent overseas for combat duty; and

Whereas, pilots trained at Tuskegee Institute were known as "Tuskegee Airmen," although this phrase also later included navigators, bombardiers, instructors, and maintenance and support staff; and

Whereas, the 99th Fighter Squadron, the first class trained at Tuskegee Institute, was sent to North Africa in the spring of 1943 for combat duty and in 1944, they were joined by other African-American squadrons to form the 332nd Fighter Squadron, which flew missions over Sicily, the Mediterranean, and North Africa; and

Whereas, the Tuskegee Airmen compiled an outstanding record, which included completing more than 1,500 missions, destroying 260 enemy aircraft, sinking an enemy destroyer, and demolishing other enemy installation areas; and

Whereas, the Tuskegee Airmen achieved an exceptional record for escorting bomber crews and earned the respect of their fellow bomber crews and their military leaders; and

Whereas, on March 27, 2007, President George W. Bush awarded the Tuskegee Airmen the Congressional Gold, the highest medal awarded by the United States Congress; and

Whereas, it is fitting that the State of North Carolina designate the fourth Thursday of March, of each year, to honor and perpetuate the legacy of the men and women who participated in the Tuskegee Experience from January 1941 through July 1949; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 103-19. Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day.

The fourth Thursday of March is designated as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day in North Carolina."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 384

Short Title: NCNG Tax Deduction for Fed. Pay. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Loftis, Schietzelt, Gable, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 13, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW ENLISTED MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL
3 GUARD WITH A RANK OF E-1 THROUGH E-5 WHO RESIDE IN NORTH CAROLINA
4 TO DEDUCT THEIR FEDERAL BASIC PAY FROM THE INCOME TAX.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-153.5(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
7 "(17) The total amount of federal basic pay under Title 37 of the United States Code
8 received by an enlisted member of the Army National Guard or the Air
9 National Guard who holds the rank of E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, or E-5 and who
10 resides in North Carolina."
11 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1,
12 2025.



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HOUSE BILL 299

Short Title: Increase Disabled Veteran Prop Tax Benefit. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin, Winslow, Pike, and Carson Smith (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 6, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 105-277.1C(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Classification. – A permanent residence owned and occupied by a qualifying owner is designated a special class of property under Article V, Section 2(2) of the North Carolina Constitution and is taxable in accordance with this section. The first ~~forty-five~~ fifty-four thousand dollars ~~(\$45,000)~~ (\$54,000) of appraised value of the residence is excluded from taxation. A qualifying owner who receives an exclusion under this section may not receive other property tax relief."

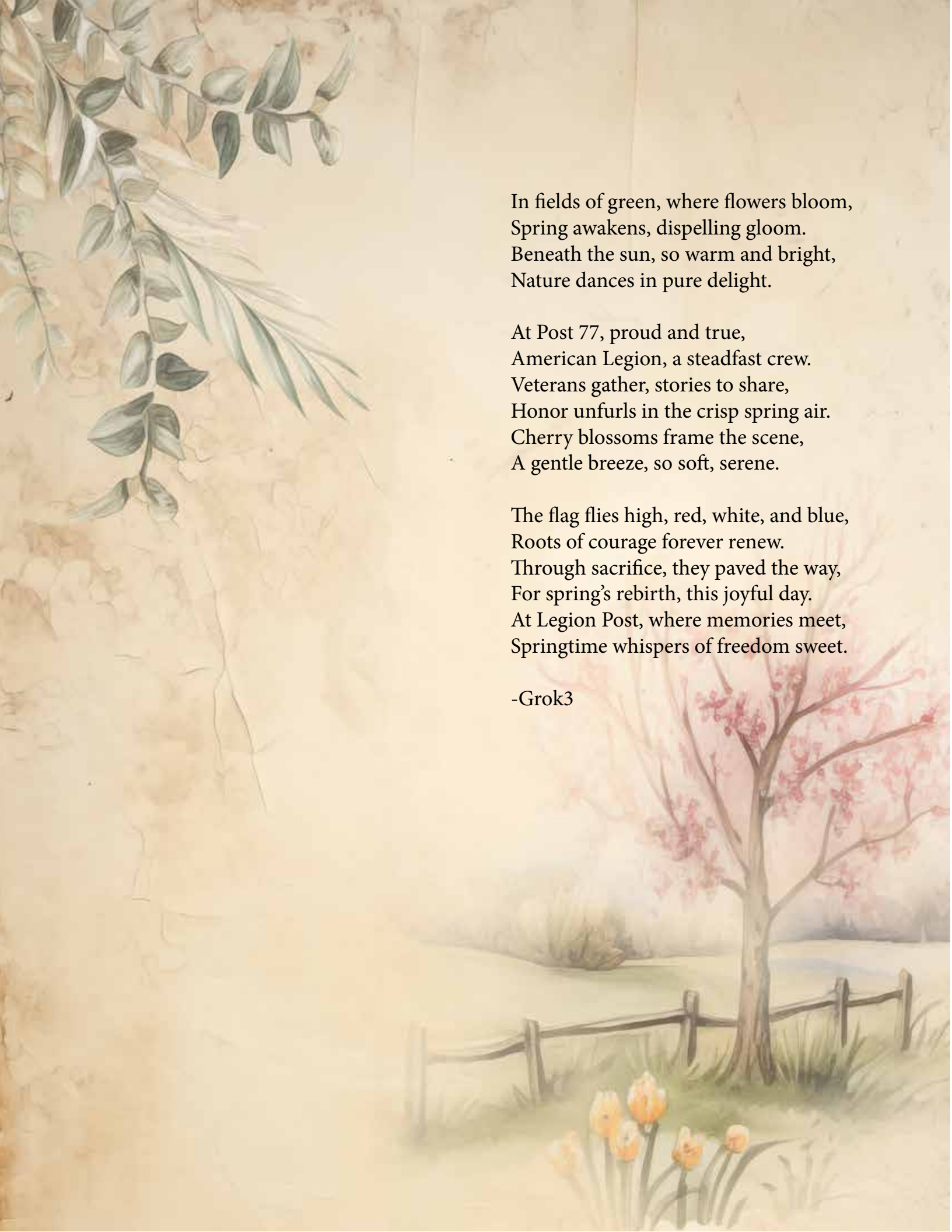
SECTION 2. This act is effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.



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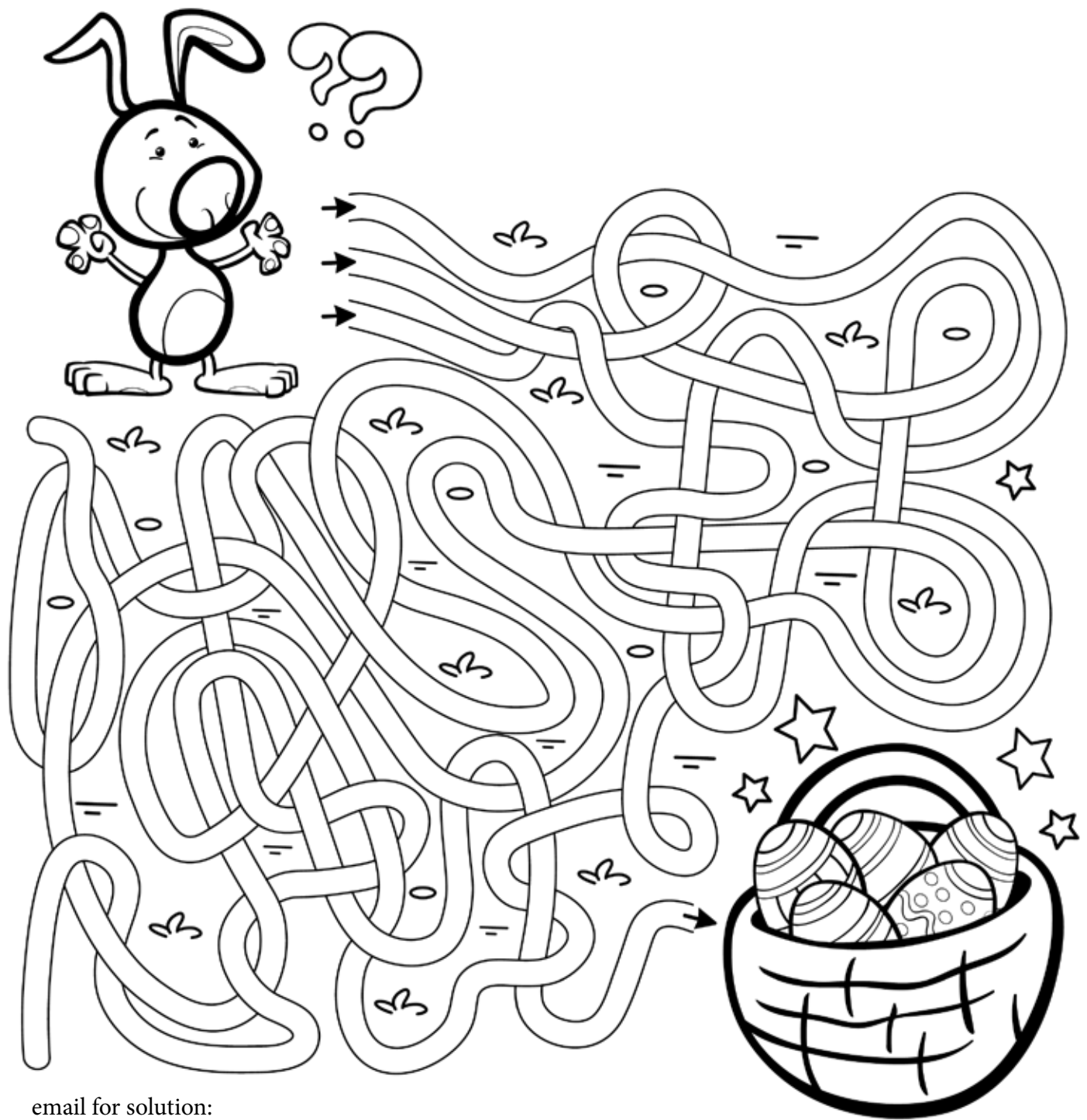


In fields of green, where flowers bloom,
Spring awakens, dispelling gloom.
Beneath the sun, so warm and bright,
Nature dances in pure delight.

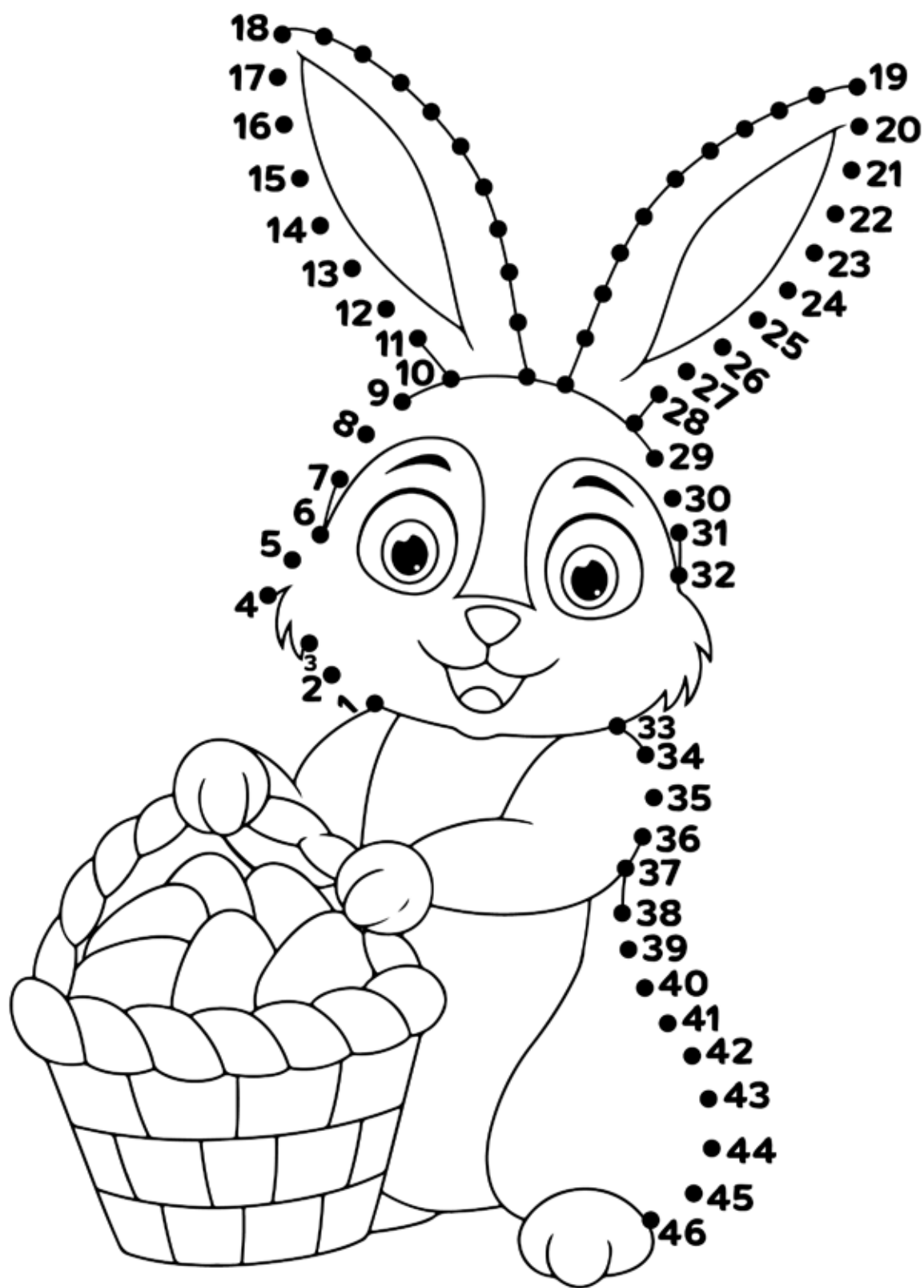
At Post 77, proud and true,
American Legion, a steadfast crew.
Veterans gather, stories to share,
Honor unfurls in the crisp spring air.
Cherry blossoms frame the scene,
A gentle breeze, so soft, serene.

The flag flies high, red, white, and blue,
Roots of courage forever renew.
Through sacrifice, they paved the way,
For spring's rebirth, this joyful day.
At Legion Post, where memories meet,
Springtime whispers of freedom sweet.

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