

# February 2020

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For anyone who missed out on this wonderful news! The Legion Act was passed this summer July 30th, 2019.



## **LEGION Act signed into law**

In a significant legislative victory for The American Legion, President Trump signed a bill July 30 that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941. The American Legion sought the declaration as a way to honor approximately 1,600 U.S. service members who were killed or wounded during previously undeclared periods of war. The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act) also opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

“Recognizing the service of these wartime veterans is the right thing to do and it is long overdue,” National Commander Brett Reistad said. “The families of those who were killed or wounded during these

wartime acts should take pride in knowing that we recognize their sacrifice and service. Moreover, we are proud to welcome any of the six million living veterans from the previously unrecognized periods into our organization and call them 'Legionnaires.'" Now that the legislation has been signed, The American Legion's eligibility criteria immediately changes from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

For the full article:

<https://www.legion.org/members.../246557/legion-act-signed-law>

### **February 10th**

You asked! And we've answered! We've now posted a tentative schedule of all pancake breakfasts for 2020. Check out the Events page for a downloadable PDF!

### **February 19th**



We regret to inform you that this month's pancake breakfast scheduled for Sunday Feb 23rd, has been cancelled. See you next month!