

MOVING FORWARD COMMITTEE

JOHN “JACK” DUNNE, CHAIRMAN

I would like to begin by thanking Department Commander Dan Channel for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve as Chairman of this key committee for this 2025-2026 Legion year. I would also like to thank NEC Gene O’ Grady and ANEC Mike Wilson for their support as the committee successfully transitioned from an ad hoc committee to a permanent subcommittee under Revised Legion. We would also like to thank CIO Steve Fisher for his continued support in promoting our leadership workshops on our social media for the Legion Family statewide to attend and have access to the information provided. As a committee we started this Legion year with the goals of continuing awareness and promotion of the department’s **njamericanlegion.org website** and the **Moving Forward Report** on the website under department documents, to all department and county leadership with the focus on getting this information to the post level statewide where it can have the most positive impact.

On November 1, 2025, the Moving Forward Committee facilitated a third state-of-the-art leadership workshop for our Legion Family in Middlesex County at American Legion John W. Lupo Memorial Post 306. Once again, the workshop was well attended and successful in providing useful and accurate information about policies, procedures and guidelines for our leadership on all levels that will enhance and reinforce leadership skills. We are planning the next workshop in south Jersey for this fall. Again, we send a big “thank you!” to the Legion Family of Post 306 for your support and hospitality. We thank all Legion Family members who took the time to attend and make this workshop informational and interactive.

Our committee would like to thank all our dedicated HQ office staff for continuing to learn, adjust and move forward with new processes and technology that have been adapted and implemented over the last few years - thank you all - we appreciate the great job you all do.

In closing, the Moving Forward Committee is reevaluating our mission statement to continue to meet the needs of our Legion Family. As we reorganize to gear up for another Legion Year, I want to thank all the committee members and advisors for their hard work, dedication, leadership and insights through this past year - you are an outstanding talented team who gets the job done! It has been an honor to serve as Chairman over the last four years. As a committee and a Legion Family let’s continue our commitment together to proactively move our great Department of New Jersey Forward.