 Welcome to the 3rd Edition of The Leadership Ledger. It includes Post, Dept. and Nat’l reports, leadership training events, upcoming conferences/conventions as well as rules and regulations pertaining to local, state and national laws. The Ledger is available by visiting the Department’s website at www.mainelegion.org under “News & Events” or on the home page. If you have any information to be published in The Leadership Ledger, please forward to Department HQ via email at legionme@mainelegion.org. The Leadership Ledger originally was due to be published on a monthly basis. However, due to sending out timely information, it will now be published the 1st and 3rd week of each month. Please submit information accordingly. The Ledger will no longer include events such as bingo, suppers, dances, dart/pool leagues, etc. However, all these events will be posted instead on the Department’s website at www.mainelegion.org under “Post Events” located under the News & Events menu or by pressing POST EVENTS image below. All events will also be uploaded on the 1st and 3rd week of each month and forwarded to Department HQ via email at legionme@mainelegion.org.

HOLIDAY REMINDER
The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will be closed Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 27 and will remain closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

DISTRICT MEETINGS
Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed
District 6 – Knox: Nov. 23, Thomaston Post 37, 10 am
District 7 – Lincoln: Nov. 18, Wiscasset Post 54, 6:30 pm
District 8 – Sagadahoc: Nov. 24, Harpswell Post 171, 1 pm, annual workshop
District 9 – Kennebec: Nov. 13, Gardiner Post 4, social 7 pm, mtg. 6 pm
District 10 – Somerset: Nov. 18, Madison Post 39, 5 pm
District 11 – Waldo: Nov. 17, Palermo Post 163, 2 pm
District 12 – Hancock: Nov. 12, 370 Bucks Mill Rd. Rod and Gun Club, 6:30 pm dinner, 7:30 pm
District 14 – Piscataquis: Nov. 16, Monson Post 116, lunch noon, mtg. 1 pm
District 17 – N. Aroostook: Nov. 17, Frenchville Post 145, refreshments 1 pm, mtg. 2 pm

DISTRICT 1, 3, and 4, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DISTRICT CALENDARS ASAP. THANKS
THE WOMEN’S FEDERAL LUNCHEON

The Women’s Federal Luncheon was scheduled for November 7 has been RESCHEDULED to November 20 from 12-1 pm at the Togus Theater. Lunch is $10. RSVP and prepay for lunch. POC: Jenny.Kingsbury2@va.gov.

MILITARY TRIVIA:
Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118
On September 2, 1945, Gen. Douglas McArthur accepted the surrender of the Empire of Japan on board a US warship. What was the name of the ship?

IMPORTANT OF THE LEGION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION
By Bridgton Post 67 Commander Donald Mulcahy

I got back last night after three days at National Headquarters Conference in Indianapolis. As many of you know or don’t know, I am on the Americanism Committee for the Department of Maine. At this conference, we gathered from all over the world. Yes, the world. The American Legion circles the globe. The topics were based on law enforcement as a program of The Legion. The emphasis was for The American Legion to work with local and state police and the school systems to support junior police programs. Also, sponsoring students to attend a one week program at the State Police Academy, to provide a meeting place, and to support a youth law enforcement program in our Community.

We have a critical shortage of law enforcement officers nationwide. These programs will introduce our youth to a career in the law enforcement field. We need these young students to be given the opportunity to see firsthand the career opportunities in this field as well as the essential community service it provides.

Boy’s State and Girls State Programs were also topics. The importance of these program to our youth is immeasurable. As you talk to students who have gone through these programs, you see their faces light up as they tell you about all they did and learned. They come away with a knowledge of how government works. They learn how to write a bill, sponsor a bill, and move it through the legislature. Hopefully, get it signed by the governor. In short, they learn how government functions; they learn how legislation is crafted and passed into law; they learn the very basics of how America works.

Our Posts, our Districts, our States, and our Communities need to support these programs. These students today are our replacement in the very near future. Let’s inspire them and guide them in the right direction.

You all too often hear, “the kids today”. Well, let me put my take on that. What have you done to teach them? What have you supported and inspired them with? Have you taught your children the Pledge of Allegiance? Have you taught your children and grandchildren to place their hand over their heart when the flag goes by? When the grammar school is having a concert, have you ever gone to support the students? Not exactly the greatest concert in the world to you, but to that child, it’s the biggest event they personally have ever been part of. Think about that. Inspire them to go forward to seek the knowledge to carry this County into the future.

The older I get, the more I see what will be one of “those kids today” building houses, the doctor in the emergency room, or coming home from his/her third deployment to some god forsaken hell hole. These kids today! For God and Country.

PIT (POINT-IN-TIME) COUNT PLAN

In a continued effort to end Maine homelessness, a planning committee met on October 2 to discuss the annual PIT (Point-in-Time) count to be held on the night of January 28, 2020. HUD (US Department of Housing and Urban Development) uses the information collected from this important count to provide and sustain resources within our communities to fight homelessness through its Continuum of Care Program.
“The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.”

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/

Anyone interested in joining this state wide endeavor within their community can conveniently teleconference the next meeting or come personally to Tri-County Mental Services @ 1155 Lisbon Street, Lewiston on Wednesday, November 6 at 9 am POC jdwitt@tcmhs.org cell (207) 576-0376

I AM NOT INVISIBLE:
Nov. 14, VA Maine-Togus Campus, Bldg. 210 – Theatre, 10 am – 2 pm. Come for a portrait session and to meet other women Veterans. Portraits will be displayed at VA locations and on social media. Light refreshments served. Pre-registration is not required but is appreciated. Contact LaRhonda Harris, Women Veterans Program Manager with questions. (207) 623-8411 ext. 4017 or Larhonda.harris@va.gov

7TH ANNUAL WOMEN VETERAN’S LUNCHEON
Rumford Post 24 & The American Legion, Department of Maine, Women Veteran’s Advisory Committee to Honor Women Veterans at the 7th Annual Women Veteran’s Luncheon, 184 Congress St., Rumford, Saturday, November 16, 9:30 -12:30 pm. Refreshments and opportunities for a Paint and Take, Reiki, and visiting with other women who have served. Lunch is at 12:30 pm, guest speakers will follow lunch. Please share with all women veterans.

RSVP by November 14; for more information, contact Tricia Thurston, (207) 357-3289. You do NOT need to be a Legion member to attend. Free Giveaways!! The event is planned for all Women Veterans and is at no charge to them.

MAIN STREET BRIDGE DEDICATION CEREMONY IN CORINNA
Corinna Post 73 is honored to announce the upcoming Main Street Bridge Dedication Ceremony in honor of PFC Paul Earl Sudsbury. Mr. Sudsbury, a Marine, was killed on August 10, 1966. He was attached to the First Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, serving in Vietnam. He was 21 and had been in the Marines for only a year.

The Corinna Legion is making plans for the Dedication Ceremony. Any friends, relatives, fellow Marines, classmates, etc. are asked to contact the Legion to become involved in the planning process. The plans are:
Date: Monday, November 11 - Veteran’s Day
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am (Approx. 1 hour Dedication Ceremony)
Place: Gazebo area in downtown Corinna
Free Spaghetti Dinner: Legion Hall on Maple St., Corinna following Ceremony
Invitation: The Public is encouraged to attend this historic event. Please dress properly for this outdoor event.
Please contact the following Legionnaires for more details: Adjutant Ken Kealiher at (207) 951-4041 or Commander Vic Buckland at (207) 341-3342.

Second Vice Commander Kirk Thurston, Americanism Officer Al McKay and Sergeant-At-Arms Patricia Thurston will be attending.
Hello Comrades,

By Detachment Commander Ron Marr

Although some Squadrons have been on target for Membership Dues (and we Thank You), It is time to start banging the drums! Squadron Commanders, it is time to step up into your positions and start going after the Membership Dues, get them to your Adjutant, and in return, get them to Detachment Adjutant Scott Morton at Headquarters. Thank you again for everyone who has paid and to the others, we will appreciate it when you do!

Veterans Day is almost here. What are some things you are doing at your Post to recognize our Veterans? Remember to shake a hand and say a Thank you for without Veterans we could be living in a very different world.

Next Detachment Executive Committee meeting is 11/17 at 10 a.m. at Headquarters. 5 Verti Drive, Winslow. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Please keep Bruce Pierce in your thoughts during his illness. Cards can be sent to 32 Gammon Ave, Auburn, ME 04210. Always willing to Serve

Please if any squadron has an event going on, let us know. I would love to send it throughout the state and help get the publicity out. As always, it can be sent to the detachment email: saldetachmentofme@gmail.com.

My-SAL.org site offers access to membership. Sons of The American Legion Squadron adjutants can now access membership information, reports and electronic membership tools online. www.mySAL.org. National Headquarters developed the website to mimic myLegion.org which assists post, district and county officers with their membership needs. Download an authorization form at www.mySAL.org to start the process of creating a squadron account.

Always remember to mail all membership & correspondence to: Detachment of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Suite B, Winslow, ME 04901-0727.

We need a few good men. We still need a Detachment Chaplain and Sergeant-At-Arms and Commanders for Districts 1, 3, 4, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17. You have learned leadership in your squadrons. Use it in your District & Detachment.

Veterans Day Flag Raising Ceremony

The University of Maine at Fort Kent Student Veterans Association presents Veterans Day Flag Raising Ceremony Nov. 9, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Location: University of Maine at Fort Kent, Flag Pavilion outside of Old Model School. Join us at Crossings for a Veterans Day meal. Speakers to include Department Commander Matthew Jabaut, Congressman Jared Golden, and Representative John DeVeau. This event will be worth every minute of your time!!!

Best Wishes to the Legion Family,

Paul L’Heureux
Department Adjutant

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