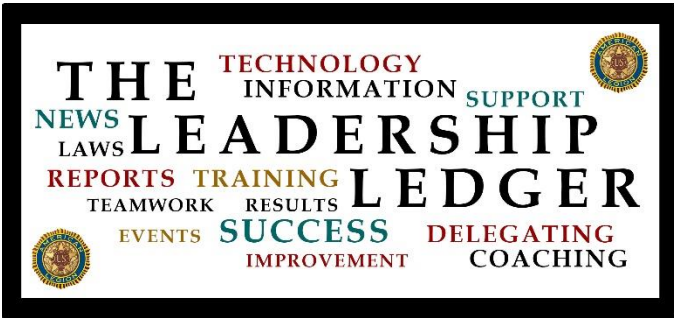




# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org).

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

**District 2 – Cumberland:** Westbrook Post 197: Feb. 14 | 2 p.m.

**District 3 – Androscoggin:** via Zoom | Jan. 10 | 2 p.m. | ID No. 544340592 | p.w. 04330

**District 5 – Oxford:** Feb. 16 | Dixfield Post 100 | 7 p.m. | Nominations. Light supper 6 p.m.

~~**District 12 – Hancock:** Feb. 9 | Trenton Post 207 | TBA – CANCELLED~~

**District 14 – Piscataquis:** Feb. 20 | Dexter Post 53 12 p.m. – Lunch | 1 p.m. Meeting.

~~**District 17 – N. Aroostook:** Feb. 6 | Caribou Post 15, Dinner 1 p.m. 2 p.m. mtg | Four Chaplains Service – CANCELLED~~

**District meetings are slowly being rescheduled. If this is the case with your District, please provide dates, times, etc. of upcoming meetings.**

## ATTENTION ALL!

### Cancellation Notice!

**Maine American Legion Oratorical Contest** at Thomas College in Waterville Feb. 13, 2021 has been cancelled. Thomas College has postponed all facility rentals through May 31, 2021 due to Covid-19.

**Mid-Winter Conference** at Jeff's Catering in Brewer Jan. 16, 2021 has also been cancelled. However, the sweepstakes drawing will still take place at State HQ.

Any questions or concerns, please call State HQ at 207-873-3229.



## NEW MYLEGION COMING IN DECEMBER

In mid-December, a new [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) will be released for American Legion members and officers. This release involves change to access and security. Current administrative officers for myLegion include:

- Post and squadron adjutants
- County commanders
- District commanders

MyLegion users are probably familiar with the current architecture where one online profile exists for access to your personal member information, as well as another one for access to your post

membership and electronic roster, and being able to process membership, print lists/labels, etc.

The new myLegion will be driven by one account profile associated with the email address on the administrative officer's personal membership record. Once logged into the new myLegion, administrative officers will see options to update their personal membership record and work with online post membership tools. Those select officers will also be able to grant authority to others that need access to online rosters and reports.

An email address will be required on the administrative officer's membership record to access the new myLegion, and all existing accounts will need to be registered. The registration process will send a one-time password (OTP) code to your email address. The OTP code will be required to complete the registration process.

To make sure the most up-to-date email address is on file for your personal membership record, visit [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) and choose "Members Click Here." You can also call American Legion customer service at (833) 253-9995 to update your information, or email us at [mylegion@legion.org](mailto:mylegion@legion.org).

For more details about the new myLegion site, visit [legion.org/training](http://legion.org/training) and click on the "Training Tuesdays" tab. Once on the Training Tuesdays page you will see "myLegion 2021" with video presentation/Q&A below. Watch the video session that provides instruction to post adjutants on how to set up log-in credentials and display a preview of the new officer's dashboard and membership tools.

Please continue to visit [legion.org/training](http://legion.org/training) as more training videos will be uploaded for the new myLegion.

*The American Legion  
Nov. 5, 2020*



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IT'S A CELEBRATION**



## NOVEMBER 2020 ISSUE

Now Available in Digital and PDF format!

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The American Legion, Department of Maine currently publishes 4 Legionnaire newspapers per year. All 4 issues will continue to be available online at [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org), but only 3 issues will be mailed out annually via USPS (DEC approval, April 11, 2020) contributing to a cost savings of approx.. \$7K-\$8K/year. Publications for the Feb, May, and Aug. issues will continue to be mailed out to our members and made available online.

The American Legion, Department of Maine welcomes any feedback you may have regarding this change. Please email them to [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org). We would love to hear your thoughts.

## LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST BENEFITS

*Click flyer below to view Legionnaire Benefits or visit  
[http://www.mainelegion.org/media/misc/LIT\\_All\\_Products\\_Flyer\\_\(003\).pdf](http://www.mainelegion.org/media/misc/LIT_All_Products_Flyer_(003).pdf)*

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For Questions Call 1-800-235-6943

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## MILITARY TRIVIA:

Q • What was the very first official Flag, approved by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, called?

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118



## American Legion Baseball registration for 2021 opens Jan. 1

Registration for the 2021 American Legion Baseball season will open Jan. 1.

Register online at [baseball.legion.org](http://baseball.legion.org).

The early deadline for registration is May 15. Teams registered after May 15 will be subject to a \$200 late fee through the final deadline of June 1. Please note that each American Legion department may set an earlier deadline for registration.

Registration fees for senior teams are \$50 for national registration, \$35 for administrative fees and either \$130 for season personal accident insurance or \$200 for year-round insurance coverage. General liability insurance costs are \$120.

Fees for junior teams are \$25 for national registration, \$35 for administrative fees and either \$110 for season personal accident insurance or \$160 for year-round insurance coverage. General liability insurance costs are \$82.

State fees, if applicable, will vary by state.

To learn more about your specific department's state fees and deadlines, contact your department chairmen.

Insurance purchases will be available Feb. 15.

As part of the education and training requirements of Public Law 115-126, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, all coaches, managers and volunteer staff members must

complete the Abuse Awareness course either through Protect Youth Sports or USA Baseball. All coaches, managers and volunteer staff members must also have a completed and passed background check. Click [here](#) to download the American Legion Baseball Risk Management Guidebook.

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<https://www.legion.org/baseball>

## AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY TAKE NOTICE!

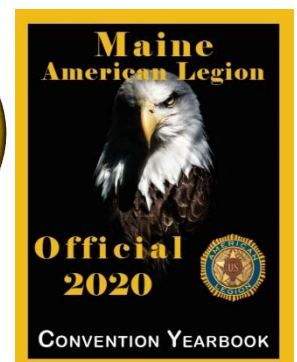
### Maine American Legion welcomes all of you to be part of the Official 2021 Annual Convention Yearbook

Showcase your Post, District, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter by sponsoring ad space in the 2021 Annual Convention Yearbook. Individual donations are also welcomed and appreciated with all individual and business names listed in the "Business & Individual Donors" page of the yearbook.

To donate or sponsor ad space in the 2021 Convention Yearbook in support of Maine Veterans, please [click here](#) to download a copy of the Convention Yearbook Sponsorship Request Form and follow specifications & submission instructions. You may also visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) and click on the image of Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Request Form.

For questions or assistance in submitting your ad, please call Department HQ at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2.

Click on the image below or visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) and check out the **Digital Version** of the Maine American Legion 2020 Convention Yearbook!



## MISSION BLUE POST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

At the 2020 Fall National Executive Committee Meeting, Resolution #36, Subject: Mission Blue Post Assistance Program was approved. Posts impacted by a government's public health restrictions implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic may apply for a grant up to \$1,000. Posts must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- A post must have a current consolidated post report on file.
  - A post must have filed an IRS 990 within the prescribed due date.
  - A post must have filed all other required forms and reports as prescribed by the departments.
  - A post must have actively participated in one or more The American Legion(s) within the last 18 months.
  - A post must have a financial need.
  - A post must provide a certificate of insurance naming The American National Headquarters as an additional insured (copy of insurance declaration will be attached to application).
  - A post must provide documentation indicating that the post is properly incorporated. The funds from this grant program shall be used exclusively for the following: Current and past due mortgage principal and interest or Current and past due real estate rents or Current and past due insurance premiums or Current and past due utilities.
- The American Legion posts receiving this grant are required to submit a true and accurate report outlining how the funds were used, signed by the post finance officer, and certified by the post commander or post adjutant within six-months of receipt of the grant funds or no later than February 22, 2022. Whichever comes first.

To access instructions and application [Click Here](#) or visit

[https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/Mission\\_Blue\\_PAP\\_Application\\_1.pdf](https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/Mission_Blue_PAP_Application_1.pdf)

## VETERAN'S EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEFAP)

Do you know of a veteran in your community in need of assistance? Someone who during these challenging times just needs a little help to keep them going? Maybe a veteran that is homeless? Or worst of all, a homeless veteran with children? If so, we want to remind you that The American Legion, Department of Maine can assist you to help these veterans during their difficult and troubling times.

You can call us at 207-873-3229 Ext. 3 or visit our website: <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/resources/va-resources.php>

We will contact you as soon as possible and we hope to enable you to help veterans in need.

## MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORTS



The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on <https://www.legion.org/membership/impact> provide a summary of membership, participation and volunteerism making an impact in the lives of veterans, families and communities.

American Legion Posts can share the many ways Legionnaires are making a difference in their communities by [submitting consolidated post reports online](#). To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit <https://www.legion.org/bythenumbers>

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## COMPUTER 101

Computer 101 is a resource aiming to help those who wish to learn basic skills with the powerful technology of today's world. Increased proficiency with computers and the Internet has positive outcome across all fronts, both personally and professionally.

### Computer Basics

The basic parts of a desktop computer are the computer case, monitor, keyboard, mouse, and power cord. Each part plays an important role whenever you use a computer.

To learn about the basic parts of a desktop computer,

watch the video:

<https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/computerbasics/buttons-and-ports-on-a-computer/1/>.

### Front of a Computer Case

Take a look at the front and back of your computer case and count the number of buttons, ports, and slots you see. Now look at your monitor and count any you find there. You probably counted at least 10, and maybe a lot more.



Each computer is different, so the buttons, ports, and sockets will vary from computer to computer. However, there are certain ones you can expect to find on most desktop computers. Learning how these ports are used will help whenever you need to connect something to your computer, like a new printer, keyboard, or mouse.

### Back of a Computer Case



The back of a computer case has connection ports that are made to fit specific devices. The placement will vary from computer to computer, and many companies have their own special connectors for specific devices. Some of the ports may be color coded to help you determine which port is used with a particular device.

### Other Types of Ports

There are many other types of ports, such as FireWire, Thunderbolt, and HDMI. If your computer has ports you don't recognize, you should consult your manual for more information.

Now you try it! Practice connecting the cables with the interactive game below.

Peripherals you can use with your computer. The most basic computer setup usually includes the computer case, monitor, keyboard, and mouse, but you can plug many different types of devices into the extra ports on your computer. These devices are called peripherals. Let's take a look at some of the most common ones.

●**Printers:** A printer is used to print documents, photos, and anything else that appears on your screen. There are many types of printers, including inkjet, laser, and photo printers. There are even all-in-one printers, which can also scan and copy documents.



●**Scanners:** A scanner allows you to copy a physical image or document and save it to your computer as a digital (computer-readable) image. Many scanners are included as part of an all-in-one printer, although you can also buy a separate flatbed or handheld scanner.

●**Speakers/headphones:** Speakers and headphones are output devices, which means they send information from the computer to the user—in this case, they allow you to hear sound and music. Depending on the model, they may connect to the audio port or the USB port. Some monitors also have built-in speakers.



●**Microphones:** A microphone is a type of input device, or a device that receives information from a user. You can connect a microphone to record sound or talk with someone else over the Internet. Many laptop computers come with built-in microphones.

●**Web cameras:** A web camera—or webcam—is a type of input device that can record videos and take pictures. It can also transmit video over the Internet in real time, which allows for video chat or video conferencing with someone else. Many webcams also include a microphone for this reason.

●**Game Controllers and Joysticks:** A game controller is used to control computer games. There are many other types of controllers you can use, including joysticks, although you can also use your mouse and keyboard to control most games.



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## Shop “AmazonSmile” & Give While You Shop!

Support the American Legion Department of Maine Foundation when you shop on AmazonSmile. It's the same as shopping on Amazon with the extra bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the price of eligible purchases.

### How to shop AmazonSmile:

1. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. If you already have an Amazon account, there is no need to create another one.
2. In the search box, type American Legion Department of Maine Foundation and start shopping. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible

purchases to the American Legion Department of Maine Foundation.

3. Add a bookmark for [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). You must log in through the AmazonSmile portal each time you shop in order for our Foundation to receive the donation, so remember to add a bookmark to make it easier to return and start shopping on AmazonSmile.

The funds go directly to the "American Legion Department of Maine Foundation to help Maine Veterans in need and support Legion programs in Maine!"

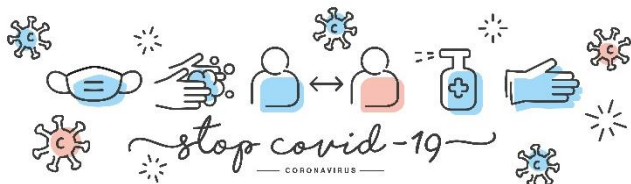
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## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**A.** The Stars & Stripes



**DUE TO INCREASED CORONAVIRUS CASES IN MAINE, DEPT. HQ RECOMMENDS CALLING OR EMAILING BEFORE VISITING**

**Effectively Immediately!** The American Legion, Department of Maine is urging all those planning to visit State HQ to call or email before visiting due to the recent spike in coronavirus cases around the state. An appointment will be made if the matter cannot be resolved over the phone or through email.

Office hours are Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm with some of our staff working remotely during the week and on Friday. Voicemail messages relating to Department, Post or District should be left by calling **207-873-3229 Ext. 2** and messages relating to Veterans Assistance should be left by calling **207-754-6044** or **207-**

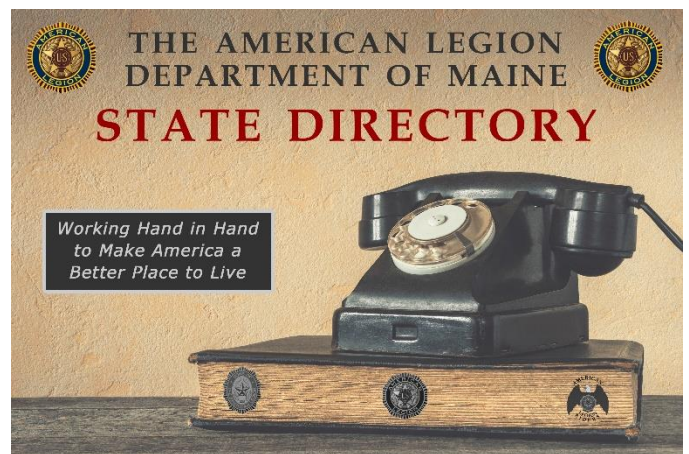
**660-9324.** All emails should be sent to [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org).

If you are scheduled to visit HQ, please remember to bring your mask and follow social distancing guidelines upon entering.

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – INFORMATION- F** or a complete listing of up-to-date information, cancellations and rescheduled events, please visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) or click the following link: [CORONAVIRUS \(COVID-19\) – INFORMATION Including Cancellations & Rescheduled Events](#)

## STATE DIRECTORY

Please see body of email for state directory or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/directory.php>



**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE TODAY!**

VISIT <http://www.mainelegion.org> OR VISIT [WWW.LEGION.ORG/RENEW](http://WWW.LEGION.ORG/RENEW)

Remember that Membership is the key and number one resource The American Legion, Department of Maine depends on so we may continue to provide services to our Veterans, their families, and surrounding communities in the State of Maine. Please remember to pay your dues each year, so we can continue to provide these services for another 100 years!