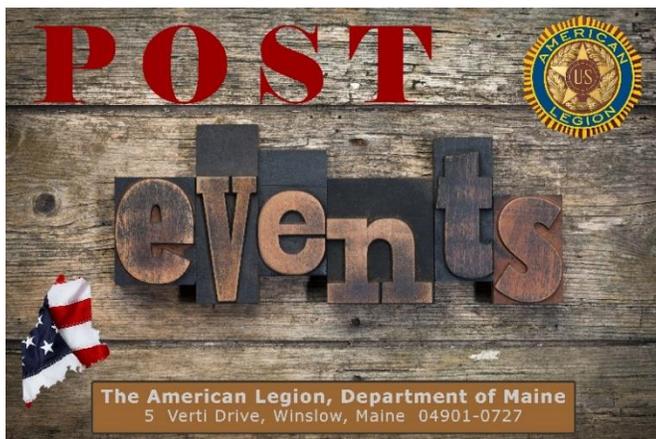




THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 8th 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. All events will be posted on Department's website by visiting www.mainelegion.org or by pressing the POST EVENTS image. All events will also be uploaded on the 1st and 3rd week of each month and must be forwarded to Department HQ via email at legionme@mainelegion.org.



DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

District 2 – Cumberland: Feb. 16, Westbrook Post 197, 2 p.m.

District 3 – Androscoggin: Jan. 19, Mechanic Falls Post 150, 2 p.m.

District 3 – Androscoggin: Feb. 16, Lisbon Post 158, 2 p.m.

District 5 – Oxford: Jan. 21, South Paris Post 72, 7 p.m. Oratorical contest, refreshments after.

District 5 – Oxford: Feb. 18, Dixfield Post 100, 7 p.m. Nominations. Light supper 6 p.m.

District 9 – Kennebec: Feb. 12, Augusta Post 205, 7 p.m.

District 11 – Waldo: Jan. 19, Belfast Post 43, 2 p.m.

District 12 – Hancock: Feb. 11, Trenton Post 207, (TBA)

District 14 – Piscataquis: Feb. 15, Dexter Post 53, lunch noon, 1 p.m. mtg.

District 15 – Washington: Feb. 9, Machias Post 9, 2 p.m.

District 16 – S. Aroostook: Feb. 9, Van Buren Post 49, meal 1 p.m., 2 p.m. meeting. Four Chaplains Service with District 17.

District 17 – N. Aroostook: Feb. 9, Van Buren Post 49, meal 1 p.m., 2 p.m. meeting. Four Chaplains Service with District 16.

DISTRICT 1, 4 & 10 PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DISTRICT CALENDARS ASAP. THANKS

MILITARY TRIVIA:

What was the original name & use of Portsmouth Naval Prison?

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

2020 MID WINTER CONFERENCE

The annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held Jan. 18-19, 2020 at Jeff's Catering & Event Center, 15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME 04412.

The conference will be hosted by Commander Matthew Jabaut and 2nd Vice Commander Kirk Thurston.

Hotel Reservations can be made at the following:
Holiday Inn: 404 Odlin Rd. Bangor, Maine 04401. Phone: 207-947-0101 Website: www.holidayinn.com, Room Rate: \$93.00 (includes breakfast). Quality Inn: 250 Odlin Rd., Bangor, Maine 04401. Phone: 207-942-8272, Room Rate: \$89.00. Fairfield Inn: 300 Odlin Rd. Bangor, Maine 04401. Phone: 207-990-0001, Room Rate: \$89.00. Please state "Legion" when calling for reservations. Please see attached agenda and hotel information or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/news-events/winter-conference.php>

DIRECTIONS TO JEFF'S CATERING & EVENTCENTER

From 95 North or South, take Exit 182-A onto 395 East. Travel to Exit #5 (Parkway South) and turn left at end of exit. Go 1/10 of a mile over railroad tracks, and take the very next right into the East West Industrial Park (Robertson Blvd) and Jeff's Catering is about 200 yards on the left.

From Ellsworth take 395 West. Travel to Exit #5 (Parkway South) and turn left at end of exit. Go 1/10 of a mile over railroad tracks and take the very next right into the East West Industrial Park (Robertson Blvd) and Jeff's Catering is about 200 yards on the left.

The Brewer Police and Fire Departments are located at 151 Parkway South, Brewer, ME 04412

DISTRICT ORATORICAL WINNERS FOR THE 2020 DEPARTMENT OF MAINE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Attention District Commanders!

All District winners for the Department of Maine Oratorical Contest are due at Department Headquarters by January 31, 2020. Please use attached Oratorical Application or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/media/Oratorical/2020-Oratorical%20Application.pdf>.

The American Legion, Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest will be held at Thomas College in Waterville on Feb. 8, 2020 at 9 a.m. Snow Date: Feb. 10, 2020 at 9 a.m.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO STAY FOR THE MEAL AFTER THE CONTEST, PLEASE CALL 207-873-3229 OR E-MAIL DEPT. HQ, rachael@mainelegion.org.

LETTER FROM ORATORICAL CHAIRMAN

District Commanders,

I wish to thank all the District Commanders who have sent in their Oratorical District contest date, place and time. If you have not sent in your District Information, please do so by Jan. 31. Send the information to rachael@mainelegion.org and to midgleyd@earthlink.net as soon as possible. If you have any questions, just give me or any member of the Oratorical Committee a call.

We will be needing some volunteers to assist at the State Oratorical Finals on Feb. 8. If you would like to assist, please indicate your interest to Rachael or to me.

Best Regards for a Great New Year!!

*Dale Midgley, Oratorical Chairman
The American Legion Dept. of Maine
207-590-3532*

AMERICAN LEGION UNIFORM CAP ORDERS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!



The Department of Maine will no longer be placing orders for American Legion District caps and above. To place an order for a uniform cap, please visit www.emblem.legion.org, choose American Legion, and Caps (Uniform) located under Apparel and follow the steps 1-7. If you have any questions about ordering your uniform cap, please call (888) 453-4466 before you place your order and an Emblem Department Representative will be happy to assist you. Additional help is also available by choosing the link "Help ordering uniform caps".

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

If you are a Past Post Commander of The American Legion, Department of Maine and have not yet paid your annual dues to the Past Commander Club in support of the James V. Day Scholarship, please do so as soon as possible by filling out the attached form or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplication.s.php> and click on the Past Commanders Club (Fillable) form. Mail form along with \$2.00 per member to The American Legion, Past Commanders Club, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727. It is because of you, and the members and officers of your Post that The American Legion, Department of Maine can authorized 2 students to receive a \$500 scholarship each year. Thank you for your support!

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Answer to Military Trivia:

Originally called "Camp Long" and first built at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, it was

built to house Spanish prisoners from the Spanish-American war in 1898, but was rebuilt on Pierce Island, NH, in 1908 for naval prisoners (& was modeled after Alcatraz), at one time holding over 3,000 convicts.

LEGION LUGE

Join us for the 1st ever "Legion Luge" sponsored by Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Maine on Sat., Feb. 15, 2020, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. at Camden Snow Bowl, Camden Maine. Teams will be participating in races down the Toboggan Chute onto Hosmer Pond.

REGISTRATION: Please see the Legion Luge attached for more information and registration form to register your team or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/foundation/fundraising-events.php>. Please fill out the form and return by February 5, 2020. Mail to Headquarters, Suite B, and earmark your check "Legion Luge". Cost is \$25.00 per person with all proceeds going to The Maine American Legion Foundation.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tradewinds Motor Inn, Park St., Rockland. Room rates are \$105.40, including tax. Suites are \$130.90. All include continental breakfast (with great options). To book online go to Tradewindsmaine.com, select BOOK NOW, go to rate options, type in group code ALFTOB, from there room options are available. Block rates are good until February 5, don't miss the discounted rates!

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER: Rockland Post 1 welcomes everyone to join them for dinner with karaoke following in the canteen. Menu will be a choice of homemade meatball subs, loaded steak and cheese subs, or a veggie wrap with french-fries and coleslaw for \$10.00. (Gluten free rolls available). You may pay at the door for dinner, but please RSVP to debra.ann.marr@gmail.com or call 701-9676, if you will be attending dinner on Friday night.

**All proceeds to benefit the Dept. of Maine
American Legion Foundation**

THE MAINE LEGIONNAIRE SUBMISSIONS

Please be reminded that only those articles and/or pictures which are sent in proper form will be considered for publication in The Maine Legionnaire. As we continue to receive an overabundance of photos for publishing, we must have guidelines to follow. In order to publish any photo(s) received, effective immediately, the submitter must include the following: Who are the individuals in the photo (left to right), what the photo is about, and when and where the event took place. If the above mentioned is not provided, the photo will be returned to the submitter for clarification and submission of the required information.

Anyone interested in submitting an article and/or a photo, please send via email to legionme@mainelegion.org or rachael@mainelegion.org or mail to The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727.

Deadline for February Issue: Jan. 24, 2020

2020 NATIONAL COMMANDER'S CAMPAIGN

As you may be aware, each year we request donations to be given to the leading candidate for the position of National Commander of The American Legion. This year's leading candidate is Mr. Paul Dillard from the Department of Texas. He, like all of his predecessors is faced with a large financial challenge to get to this most prestigious office and will do a lot of travelling and have expenses which he may need assistance in covering.

Each department donates to the cause and we are not the only one to do so. The many departments also supported our own Tony Jordan when he was campaigning for National Commander and it is only right that we, The American Legion, Department of Maine do so also.

Please consider donating to this great cause so that the Department of Maine can support Paul's quest for election to the high position of National Commander. Please send donations to The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow ME 04901 and earmarked in the "Memo" portion of your check or money order "National Commander's Campaign". The donations will be given to Mr. Dillard prior to his visiting our department at the soonest possible time.

Thank you and let's make this one a great one!

Lloyd Woods
Nat'l Exec Committeeman

Anthony "Tony" Jordan
Past Nat'l Commander

DONATIONS

National Commanders Campaign

Debra Couture, Dept. 1 st Vice Commander	\$125
Gregory Couture, Dept. Finance Officer &	\$125
Joseph Donahue, District 8 Commander	\$100
Peter Johnson, Past Dept. Commander	\$200
Paul L'Heureux, Dept. Adjutant	\$125
Scott Paradis, Past Dept. Commander	\$100
Kirk Thurston, Dept. 2 nd Vice Commander &	
Patricia Thurston, Dept. Sgt-At-Arms	\$200
Lloyd Woods, NEC	\$150

eBENEFITS

What is eBenefits

Enrolling in eBenefits is easy. Just visit www.eBenefits.va.gov for more information.

How to get an eBenefits Account

If you don't already have an eBenefits account, you can register on the [DS Logon Registration page](#). Instead of using your APO address for registering on eBenefits, use your last recorded United States address.

For dependents of Veterans without a social security number, you must do the following:

Contact the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) at 1-800-538-9552.

- Provide your dependent's Foreign ID number.
- Obtain a generated social security number provided by DMDC.
- Use the generated social security number for registration in eBenefits.
- You can visit the eBenefits help page for assistance with registering for an account for you can call 1-800-372-7437.

*VA Oconus Connection
Dec. 2019*

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVBA/bulletins/25b38f9>

\$5 TRANSFER & RENEWAL INCENTIVE

This is a reminder about the \$5 incentive for transferring 2019 DMS members and renewing them at a local post for the 2020 membership year. To qualify, the payment has to be made to renew after the transfer into the local post. This incentive will be paid to the department instead of the post. This incentive ends on June 1, 2020. Thank you and good luck. Still Serving America!

*Matthew E. Herndon
Deputy Director, Internal Affairs & Membership
Phone: 317-630-1406 Fax: 317-630-1413*

THANK YOU LETTERS ARE CRITICAL

All Posts accepting donations on behalf of The American Legion, Dirigo Boys State are responsible for sending a thank you letter or note to businesses or individuals who donated. Donors who receive prompt, heartfelt thank you letters are far more likely to continue to give in support of The American Legion programs. Attached is a sample letter.

FLAG REWARDS

Tips & Suggestions

Your 2020 Flag Rewards credit will be available no later than Feb. 1. You will receive an email when your Flag Rewards earned in 2019 are ready to spend.

Success Stories

Congratulations! The following Posts have earned big credit in 2019 to spend at Emblem Sales in 2020:

Over \$300 earned: Fayette, ME Post 10

Over \$150 earned: Madawaska, ME Post 147

Remember: Your Post earns 10¢ for each \$1 spent on American flags by your Post or sponsors!



5745 Lee Rd.

Indianapolis, IN 46216

(888) 453-4466

Questions or comments? emblem@legion.org

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) so important that every post should submit one?

When the National Commander testifies before Congress, the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) data is used to provide numerical data of what the collective American Legion is doing. Leadership at all levels of the organization need to impress upon our posts that they need to report what they are accomplishing in their community. The CPR is important to the business of The American Legion. The Federal Charter requires the National Organization to report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The CPR is essential in collecting the data to compile this report to Congress.

Every post is most likely doing something in the community. It is important that the post leadership report what they are doing and at what level they are assisting. The post or department may fill out a CPR to just submit a report but the level of participation is what is essential. This is made easier by using the CPR form on mylegion.org. It has the capability to keep a running total and save the data until the next event. The magnitude of our numbers from just 68% (which is yearly average at National level) of our posts reporting has a major impact on Congress.

A department headquarters may also report program accomplishments on the department HQ post's CPR. For instance, if the department sponsors four young men to Boy's State, or department staff members donate blood during a blood drive, those activities should also be reported on the departments HQ CPR.

How can we get stories into *The American Legion Magazine*?

The American Legion Magazine is the nation's largest and best-read publication for veterans and their families. With a monthly readership of over 2 million, the magazine receives hundreds of submissions per month and can only publish a small fraction of them, balanced within an editorial calendar that addresses major issues facing our nation and the world. Submissions can be sent by e-mail to magazine@legion.org or by mail to *American Legion Magazine*, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Submissions cannot be returned, so the Magazine strongly urges members not to send original photos or documents.

In order to provide local posts and members a forum to share their stories, The American Legion Media & Communications Division has developed and maintains the [Legiontown USA](http://LegiontownUSA) web site for members and posts to share their stories, photos and other materials. Many of those submissions are positioned on the Honor & Remembrance platform at legion.org/honor which appears online.

Often, a story and photo from a local post is best-suited in a local, district or department publication. In order to reach national print media, the story and/or photo must relate directly to a national issue, value, resolution or initiative. Those who submit articles are encouraged to include a query letter that expresses the

National issue, value, resolution or initiative that matches the submission.

Are there any other American Legion periodicals?

The American Legion Dispatch is a national leadership publication that disseminates in print and by e-mail stories and information from posts that can be replicated across the country. Unique programs, membership initiatives, organizational articles and stories of community service are welcome in the Dispatch and can be submitted by e-mail at dispatch@legion.org or by contacting Editor Cameran Richardson at crichardson@legion.org, or by mailing to American Legion Dispatch, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN, 46206.

There is also the Membership/Training newsletter created by the Internal Affairs and Membership Division. To subscribe to the newsletter please visit legion.org/newsletters.

<https://www.legion.org/dispatch/faq>

STATE DIRECTORY

The image below contains the link to The American Legion, Department of Maine State Directory. To follow the link just click on the image or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/directory.php>

