



THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 10th 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.



HOLIDAY REMINDER

The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will be closed Monday, February 17 in observance of President's Day.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

- District 2 – Cumberland:** Feb. 16, Westbrook Post 197, 2 p.m.
- District 3 – Androscoggin:** Feb. 16, Lisbon Post 158, 2 p.m.
- District 3 – Androscoggin:** Mar. 15, Sabattus Post 135, 2 p.m.
- District 5 – Oxford:** Feb. 18, Dixfield Post 100, 7 p.m. Nominations. Light supper 6 p.m.
- District 5 – Oxford:** Mar. 18, Norway Post 82, 7 p.m. Election of Officers, refreshments after.
- District 6 – Knox:** Mar. 14, Location TBD, 10 a.m.
- District 7 – Lincoln:** Mar. 5, Waldoboro Post 149, 6:30 p.m.
- District 8 – Sagadahoc:** Mar. 22, Topsham Post 202, 1 p.m.
- District 9 – Kennebec:** Mar. 11, Waterville Post 5, 7 p.m.
- District 11 – Waldo:** Mar. 15, Stockton Springs Post 157, 2 p.m.
- District 12 – Hancock:** Mar. 10, Blue Hill Post 85, dinner 6:30 p.m.; meeting 7:30 p.m.
- District 13 – Penobscot:** Mar. 1, Hermon Post 200, meet at Hermon Rescue Squad Bldg, 262 Billings Rd., 2 p.m., Refreshments served.
- District 14 – Piscataquis:** Feb. 15, Dexter Post 53, lunch noon, 1 p.m. mtg.
- District 14 – Piscataquis:** Mar. 21, Brownville Jct. Post 92, lunch noon, 1 p.m. meeting.
- District 16 – S. Aroostook:** Mar. 7, Presque Isle Post 88, 1 p.m., meal is at discretion of the post.

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

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Q: Who saved Aroostook County from becoming part of Great Britain (Canada)?

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

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!



FIGHTING TO THE FINISH LINE, FOR THE FOUNDATION

TEAM FUNDRAISER

Matthew Jabaut and Caroline Yarmala are organizing this fundraiser on behalf of American Legion Department of Maine Foundation. Donations are 100% tax deductible.

Please join **Team Caroline** as she fights to the **finish line** of the Boston Marathon to benefit the American Legion Department of Maine Foundation by **clicking here** or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/foundation/fundraising-events.php> to place your contribution today to a cause that means so much!

MARATHON- Why I

Run:

I run to feel the **Music**
I run to feel the fresh **Air**
I run to forget the **Rage**
I run to forget the **Anxiety**
I run to embrace the **Time**
I run to embrace the **Honor**
I run to remember the **Oath**
I run to remember the **Need**

I run this **MARATHON** for the future of the Maine American Legion
~ Caroline Yarmala



A unique opportunity and the bonds of family and friends give way to a hope for the future.

If you would prefer to donate by check, please make payable to **American Legion Department of Maine Foundation** earmarked "marathon run" and mail to American Legion Department of Maine Foundation, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901.

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.

VETERAN'S APPRECIATION WEEKEND

Maine Nordiques Hockey on Feb. 21 & 22, 7 p.m. and Feb. 23, 2 p.m. hosts the entire weekend at Androscoggin Bank Colisee, 190 Birch St., Lewiston. All Veterans & Active Duty Personnel will be granted free admission.

Special Night: Sat., Feb. 22, all proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will be donated to the American Legion Department of Maine. Please see attached for more information.

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Answer to Military Trivia:

In 1838, President Franklin Pierce sent General Winfield Scott (later of the Mexican War fame), to Augusta, then on to Fort Kent with Cpt. Robert Anderson, (later, the commander of Fort Sumter when it was attacked by the confederates), to settle the northern boundary "problem". General Scott happened to know Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Harvey from the war of 1812, who represented Britain in the dispute & together, they settled the border line without a shot being fired in anger. In fact, the only injuries suffered were by 2 British soldiers mauled by a black bear.



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 American Legion
Dept. of Maine Foundation**

HONOR FLIGHTS

Upcoming dates:

Flight 1 - April 24-26

Flight 2 - May 29-31

Flights - June, Sept. and Oct. - Dates to be Determined.

THE DETACHMENT COMMITTEE TO ELECT RICHARD L. HUNTLEY NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER

Eastern Region of the Sons of The American Legion

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to introduce to you our newest Candidate for high office of the Sons of The American Legion National Vice Commander. He has served as Squadron Commander, District Commander, many of Detachment offices including Detachment Commander. Currently he serves as our National Executive Committeeman, our own Richard “ Dickie” Huntley.

I am recalling my own campaign for National Vice Commander and can tell you that it requires quite a bit of funds to pursue this high office in the Sons of The American Legion. It took \$10,000.00 to successfully achieve that goal. It remains the going rate and obviously he won’t be able to do this alone and will need some help from the entire Department Maine American Legion Family.

I am asking that all squadrons send a donation to Dickie or if your Squadron can run a fundraiser or raffle on his behalf. If all Squadrons, or even perhaps Units or even Posts could assist in any way it would be greatly appreciated. You will see some fundraisers being advertised from our committee from time to time and would appreciate your involvement in that. The committee has a Finance Officer which all funds should be sent to him or Dickie. Jim’s address is Jim Hughes, 27 Tufton St., Brunswick, ME. 04011 or Richard Huntley at 38 Whale Cove Rd., Machiasport, ME 04655.

As a matter of fact, we have T- Shirts available. Attached you will see them front and back. They are available in Forest Green and Navy Blue and cost \$20.00 apiece. Get every color.



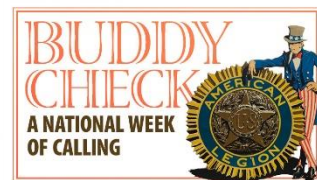
I think in the future there will be polo shirts in those colors but are not available yet.

I am very pleased to be able to give you this news and hope for your support for this candidate. It is not often that we, in the State of Maine, have the opportunity to assist one of our own to aspire to this lofty goal. I am positive that he will perform well and with our support he should represent this Detachment in an admirable way. If you should have a fundraising event or would like a visit from Dickie or myself, feel free to contact him or me Don Allisot, P O Box 438, Woolwich, ME. 04579, Phone (207) 751-2109.

*Yours in Service,
Don Allisot*

Chairman, Committee to Elect Dickie Huntley

BUDDY CHECK: WELLNESS CHECK-INS WITH VETERANS



As American Legion members, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans.

As a way to reach out to members and former members who may need help, the National Executive Committee passed Resolution 18 during Spring Meetings in May 2019. The resolution calls for Buddy Checks to be conducted Legion-wide on the weeks of The American Legion’s birthday, March 15, and Veterans Day. However, American Legion posts are encouraged to perform this vital function whenever it makes the most sense in their communities.

The idea is to reconnect with veterans who may need assistance but don't know where to go or who to ask. These contacts may be made by a personal visit, phone or email, or a combination. The important part is to reach out to veterans in your community to let them know you care and can provide whatever assistance they may need. It's what we do for our battle buddies.

For more information, follow this link on how to organize a Buddy Check, Sample Scripts, and FAQ’s.
<https://www.legion.org/membership/buddycheck>.

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



PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS WITH MAINE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion, Department of Maine will be taking a new direction this year to improve our Annual State Convention Yearbook. Various changes will take place including the format of the publication as well as a digital copy which will be made available online at www.mainelegion.org. To submit your sponsorship ad and payment, click on the above image of the Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Sponsorship Request Form.

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 May Issue: April 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

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB DUES

Thank you to the following posts who sent in their dues to sponsor James V. Day Scholarship:

Post 24	Rumford
Post 58	Buckfield
Post 59	Pembroke
Post 132	Richmond
Post 147	Madawaska
Post 148	Windham
Post 153	Auburn
Post 197	Westbrook

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS AFFILIATION

Please discontinue any use of the Junior Shooting Sports Affiliation form with the return address of the National Headquarters. This form was in previous years used for the National Tournament and the 2019–2020 season was the last time that it was accepted for registration for the National Tournament.

Affiliation for the National Tournament will be a yearly requirement and starting with the 2020–2021 National Tournament the only affiliation form that will be accepted will be the form that will be downloaded as part of the registration process.

However, understand that department were using the affiliation form for their use as well. There is now an Affiliation Form at the following link that you and your department can use. Section at the bottom is fillable so that you can put a return address in.

It also has the capability for e-signatures if you wish to want that capability.

https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/Junior_Shooting_Sports_Affiliate_Form.pdf

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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
Anthony “Tony” Jordan, Past Nat’l Cmdr.	\$125
Randy Kluj, Past Dept. Commander	\$125
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	\$190

Boys State

Richmond Post 132 (tuition) 1 Boy



ELECTION NIGHT POSITION

A great way to earn money AND be involved in the Electoral process!

Position: VOTE REPORTER for the Maine Election

Locations: Multiple towns/cities across Maine

Duties: Call in county vote results as they are released throughout the night. In preparation, a brief rehearsal call must be completed before the Election.

Date: Tuesday, March 3

Time: 7:30 pm until final vote results are released

Pay: \$85 for the evening

Contact: If you are interested or have any questions, please email Rebecca Lan at rlan@edisonresearch.com. Please include name, home town, and phone number in any emails.

Vote Reporters must be responsible, punctual and polite, with own transportation. No previous experience necessary. PAID PROMPTLY after the election.

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>

