



THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 12th 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.

COVID-19 – PREVENTIVE MEASURE

“The American Legion Department of Maine encourages maximizing recommended safety protocols in order to minimize the potential for exposure. We are encouraging calm and thoughtful interactions both at District and Post level and our colleagues. Please also know that this is a constantly evolving situation and that we will do our best to provide you with updated information as quickly as possible.

Per Governor Mills and the Maine CDC we want to address Social distancing – which means avoiding larger group gatherings (100 persons or more) and maintaining a distance of approximately six feet from others when possible. As new information becomes available and as circumstances change, we will explore additional options to enhance social

distancing, including limiting on-site meetings; encouraging Legionnaires to access conference calling or meeting decisions being made via email interaction.

As the Maine CDC reminds us:

Wash your hands often with soap and water or, if soap and water are not readily available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick, and stay at home if you are sick.

Avoid visiting older people or those with chronic health conditions in person to protect their health and safety. Find other ways to show them that you love them.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw that tissue in the trash.

Wipe down the things you touch often — door knobs, phone screens, home and workplace equipment — with disinfecting wipes.

Taking these simple important steps will protect you, your Legion family, your neighbors, and your co-workers.

Things we are stressing:

If you are not comfortable attending a meeting, communicate that with your Post or District officers and consider other means of communication.

Buddy Check, Social isolation is a concern at times like this, Legionnaires are resourceful in our ability to support each other. Call your members, ensure they have needs covered, get their groceries if they don't feel well, check on their well-being.”

Department Headquarters - The American Legion State Headquarters is requesting that you please call and email as much as possible to conduct Legion business during this time.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

District 2 – Cumberland: Apr. 7, Gray Post 86, 5 p.m. PC & PP dinner; nomination of Officers.

District 3 – Androscoggin: Mar. 15, Sabattus Post 135, 2 p.m.

District 3 – Androscoggin: Apr. 19, Lewiston Post 22, 2 p.m.

District 5 – Oxford: Mar. 18, Norway Post 82, 7 p.m. Election of Officers, refreshments after.

District 5 – Oxford: Apr. 15, Rumford Post 24, 7 p.m. Installation of Officers, light supper 6 p.m.

District 6 – Knox: Mar. 14, Thomaston Post 37, 10 a.m. (Cancelled per District 6 Cmdr Ray Lewis)

District 8 – Sagadahoc: Mar. 22, Topsham Post 202, 1 p.m.

District 8 – Sagadahoc: Apr. 26, Phippsburg Post 216, 1 p.m.

District 9 – Kennebec: Apr. 8, Richmond Post 132, Nomination of Officers, 7 p.m.

District 11 – Waldo: Mar. 15, Stockton Springs Post 157, 2 p.m.

District 11 – Waldo: Apr. 19, Unity Post 50, 2 p.m.

District 12 – Hancock: Apr. 14, Ellsworth Post 63, dinner 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. mtg.

District 13 – Penobscot: Apr. 5, Bangor Post 12, 2 p.m. Refreshments served.

District 14 – Piscataquis: Mar. 21, Brownville Jct. Post 92, lunch noon, 1 p.m. meeting.

District 14 – Piscataquis: Apr. 18, Dover-Foxcroft Post 29, lunch noon, 1 p.m. mtg.

District 17 – N. Aroostook: Apr. 5, Stockholm Post 136, dinner 1 p.m., 2 p.m. mtg. Nominations.

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

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Q: Which soldier from Maine, commanded the Union troops at the Confederate surrender ceremony, at the end of the Civil War?

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

HONOR FLIGHTS

All National Honor Flights are cancelled through April 30 due to Corona virus. Tentative new date May 1 to 3 but to be re-evaluated.

Follow this link for more information.

<https://www.honorflightmaine.org/>



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.

BOSTON MARATHON POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY, SEPT. 14, 2020

DONATIONS

Peter Johnson-\$100; Ronda Lecompte-\$25; Sherree Paradis-\$100; Julie Dussinger-\$100; Peter Jabaut-\$100 Denise Tepler-\$50; David Tanguay-\$500; Joanne Ottman-\$50; Russell Jabaut-\$100; Joseph Yarmala-\$100; Nicolas Hamlin-\$1,000; Nancy Laffin-\$30; Jonathan Robertson-\$20; Tracy Grieves-\$40; Paul L’Heureux-\$500; Patricia Thurston-\$100; Jason Hall-\$50, Penobscot County District 13-\$48

JANUARY 2020 MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT

A report from American Legion National Headquarters. Click here to view report:

https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/membership-impact-report/Jan_IMPACT_Report_2020.pdf

IMPORTANT - TOGUS CAMPUS LIMITED ACCESS - EFFECTIVE 8PM, MON., MAR. 9, 2020

As a preventative measure, beginning tomorrow when you arrive to work, you are to enter through the **front of 205, or behind the chapel (235)**. You can expect to have your temperature checked and that this procedure will remain in effect as long as deemed necessary.

Please be advised that the Togus campus will be moving to limited access effective 8pm, March 9,

2020, as a means to limit the potential impact of COVID-19.

Controlled entryways for the Togus campus will be the circular driveway in the **front of B205** for employees and Veterans, the front entrance to B200 for Veterans and family members, and **behind B235** (near chapel) for employees.

The front sliding doors to Building 248 will be disabled. The PIV controlled external door to the front of 248 will be disabled, however you can exit from that door.

Very important: After 8pm, March 9, 2020, the Togus Police Department will issue fines of \$500 to employees that allow building access to others through entrances other than those identified for limited access. What that means for us, is that you **can** exit 248 by the front door using the push bar, however you should not be opening the front door and allowing individuals to enter the building. The side door on the first floor is for emergency egress purposes only and should never be used to allow entrance. If you exit the building for any reason, walk, etc, you will need to enter through one of the two approved limited access locations as noted above.

Any additional information regarding the Togus campus preventative measures will be shared as soon as it is made available. Please see your Supervisor for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Chris Smith, Staff Assistant
Togus VA Regional Office
207-626-4788 x4520



MILITARY TRIVIA:

Answer to Military Trivia: Joshua Chamberlain.

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!

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB DUES

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

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| Post 20 | Brunswick |
| Post 24 | Rumford |
| Post 40 | Winthrop |
| Post 41 | Milo |
| Post 49 | Van Buren |
| Post 50 | Unity |
| Post 58 | Buckfield |
| Post 59 | Pembroke |
| Post 94 | Greenville |
| Post 181 | Litchfield |
| Post 132 | Richmond |
| Post 147 | Madawaska |
| Post 148 | Windham |
| Post 153 | Auburn |
| Post 197 | Westbrook |
| Post 216 | Phippsburg |

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.

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".

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*

MAINE LEGION COLLEGE CLASS FOR 2020

We are currently working on the next Maine Legion College Classes for the 2020 year. As in the past, you have to make a commitment but we know that you will gain much from these classes and from other Legionnaires from all over the State of Maine.

This is the schedule we will follow:
Classes start at 8:30 a.m. each day

Phase 1: May 16 & 17

Phase 2: July 18 & 19

Phase 3: Sept.19 & 20

To attend these classes, you must first go online at: www.legion.org/alei and complete the Basic Training Course. After completion, please forward a copy of the Certificate to us at State HQ. You may scan the document and send it by email to paul@mainelegion.org along with your **Name, Post No., and Cell Phone No.** From that point, you will be included in the class starting on May 16 and we will communicate by email with any information we need to pass on.

ATTENTION 2019 LEGION COLLEGE GRADUATES

The shirts that were ordered for the 2019 class have arrived at Department H.Q. Please stop by or make arrangements with the Dept. Adjutant (Paul) for a delivery.

SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Please help raise funds for Maine Special Olympics. Donations can be made by visiting www.mainelegion.org and click on the Donate button or mail check to The American Legion, Dept. of Maine earmarked Special Olympics in the memo field. Mail check to The American Legion, Dept. of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow ME 04901. For more information, please contact Special Olympics Chairman Jesse Pierce at 207-336-3601.



LEGION BASEBALL

Team registration is open at www.baseball.legion.org for the 2020 season.

April 1 is deadline to register your team. Please do so sooner than later. No cost to register. When insurance & fees are due, May 1, it should be less than \$500. Failed to get your application by April 1 will result in NOT having a team this season. We need to know what we have for teams by April 1 for determining the Zones and scheduling.

Spring meeting dates are: Senior League- Mar. 29, 10 a.m. at American Legion State H.Q. Junior League - Apr. 5, 10 a.m. at State H.Q. These meetings are mandatory for each team to have representation by someone affiliated with the team.

Regular season will start Tues., June 16, and last 5 weekends. Schools participating in the State tournament will have to make up missed games ASAP after June 20. 18 game schedule. Games will be Tues., Thurs, & Sat. (2). We are looking into having a showcase tournament on the weekend of July 11, possibly 2 venues. Let me know of any interest. NO games on July 4.

State Tourney will be July 25-29 at Husson University in Bangor. New England Regional will be Aug. 5-9 in Shrewsbury, MA.

Any questions, concerns or suggestions, please be in touch.

Rod Stevens, Rod@aerialsurveyandphoto.com
207-634-2006 (w) or 207-431-0731 (c).



THE MAINE LEGIONNAIRE FEB. 2020 ISSUE

Please check out our Maine Legionnaire newspaper for the February 2020 issue available on-line at http://www.mainelegion.org/media/TML/TMLFEB2020_PGS1-36_new.pdf



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

DONATIONS

National Commanders Campaign

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| 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

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| Richmond Post 132 (tuition) | 1 Boy |
| Hampden Post 213 (tuition) | 1 Boy |
| Madison Squadron (donation) | \$ 25 |
| Phippsburg Post 216 | \$ 50 |

Maine Blind Camp

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| Skowhegan Post 16 | \$ 50 |
| Rumford Post 24 | \$ 50 |
| Locke Mills Post 68 | \$100 |
| Monson Post 116 | \$100 |
| Stockholm Post 136 | \$ 25 |
| Clifton Thompson Post 117 | \$ 20 |

POST/LEGION EVENTS

All events will be posted on Department’s website by visiting www.mainelegion.org or by pressing the POST EVENTS image below. All events will also be uploaded every two weeks and must be forwarded to Department HQ via email at legionme@mainelegion.org.



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>

