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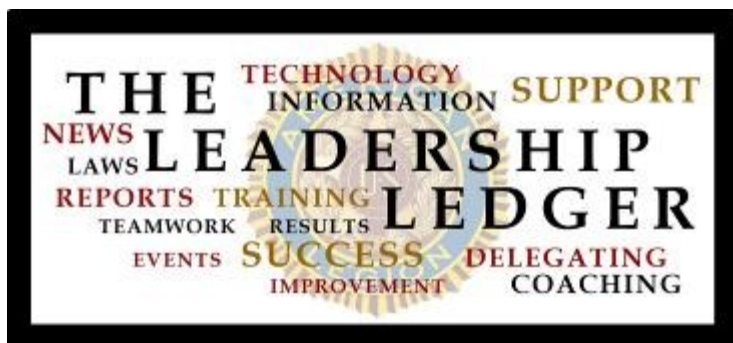
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THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 62nd Edition of The Leadership Ledger. It includes Post, Department and National 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.



**February's Edition of
The Maine Legionnaire is HERE!**
[February 2022 Issue \(Digital Version\)](#)
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[Click here for TML Archives](#)

Or go to:

www.mainelegion.org

JOB OPENING

[Department Finance Officer at
The American Legion, Department of Maine](#)

Click on the link above for the job description or visit: www.mainelegion.org/pages/news-events.php

VETS IN THE VALLEY WINTERFEST

THIS SATURDAY!!!

VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES SKI FREE!

Saturday, Mar. 19th, 10am-5pm

*All Military Veterans & Gold Star Families, regardless of length of service receive free ski lift tickets and free equipment rental. Additionally, immediate family, dependents, receive a free lift ticket and 50% off equipment rentals. Offers valid the day of the event only. Veteran & families must show proof of eligibility.

For those who may not be familiar with this event, it is a day of no or low cost skiing and winter activities for Veterans, military members and their families to enjoy outdoor recreation. This event is hosted by Lost Valley Ski area in Auburn and runs 9 am to 4 pm. Because this is a Veteran event, we also like to have Veteran Resources onsite to provide information on various support services and resources for the military community.

Please call or email with any questions and we look forward to having your organization join us.

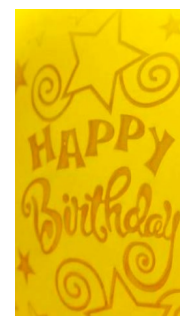
Yours in Service,

Leo

**Leo J. Deon Jr. (CWO, U.S. Coast Guard-Ret)
Local Veterans' Employment Representative
Maine Hire-A-Vet Campaign
2020 Co-Coordinator
Franklin County MMCN Chair**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICAN LEGION!!

This week in March, the nation's largest and most influential veterans service organization turns 103 years young!





2022 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL “REACH OUT & FIND OUT”

Play ball! That’s the refrain we are waiting for as spring and baseball season approaches!

American Legion Baseball will be starting very soon and now is the time for your post to come forward and fulfill their responsibility under the Fourth Pillar – Children and Youth.

Full sponsorship of a Legion Baseball team is a costly endeavor and it is realized a lot of Maine Posts might not be able to fully sponsor a team. However, any post can reach out to their local team and offer support in differing ways. Any financial donation would be greatly appreciated, but, you can also assist them by offering to help with on field preparation work, maybe running a concession stand where proceeds might be split between the team and post or perhaps if your post is so equipped hold a fund raising spaghetti or baked bean dinner as these events are normally well attended for the benefit of youth sporting teams.

If you are not sure if your local community has a team associated with American Legion baseball, no problem, call or email me and I will get you in touch with contacts for the local Legion Team.

This is an opportunity that should not go unfulfilled by Maine American Legion posts. It cannot be easier just; **REACH OUT** locally to your team and **FIND OUT** what your post can do to help. Work to support our Fourth Pillar!

Please contact me if you now support or want to support a Legion Baseball Team, you won’t regret getting involved. To reach me; Cell 691-2270; email jandc79@myfairpoint.net.

Jeff Sukeforth, Maine American Legion Baseball Director
691-2270 | jandc79@myfairpoint.net

For more information [CLICK HERE](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/baseball.php) or go to:
www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/baseball.php

MILITARY TRIVIA

Q: On a missile-carrying submarine, what is the nickname given to the missile room on a sub?



DIRIGO STATE PROGRAM

Thomas College, Waterville
June 19-24, 2022

Cost per Student is \$400

2022 Dirigo State Applications

Now Available!

For more information
please visit:

www.mainelegion.org

or contact Jason Hall at 207-873-3229

E-mail: jason@mainelegion.org



AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY JOINT TESTIMONIAL

FITZGERALD-CUMMINGS POST 2

7 Legion Drive
Augusta, ME 04330

May 7, 2022

Social Hour 3-4 p.m. with appetizers

Dinner: 4:00 p.m.

Program to follow

Cash Bar Available in the Banquet Hall

MENU: Choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Baked Haddock. Both served with mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet peas, garden salad, dinner roll, and a dessert. Gluten Free meal option available (fish).

Deadline for reservations: May 3rd, 2022

\$25.00 per person. Make checks payable to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 2. Please write the number of chicken or fish dinners on check or enclose a note with the check. Write your name on the note.

Gluten Free Option (fish) – Please state “GF” on check or enclose note with your name. All tickets to be picked up at the door.

**Mail to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 2,
Joyce Thurlow, 1 Meadowrue Drive, Augusta,
ME 02330**

For more information [CLICK HERE](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/news-events.php) or go to:

<http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/news-events.php>

COMMANDER'S PROJECT

2021-2022

American Legion Department of Maine Foundation

The American Legion, Department of Maine Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization exclusively for charitable purposes. All donations to the foundation are tax deductible under the United States Tax Code and Internal Revenue Service.

The Mission of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance, promote Americanism, Youth Programs, National Security, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation that will enhance the lives of our veterans, their families, children and communities in the State of Maine today and for future generations.

My goal this year is to raise \$15,000 for the Endowment Fund to help fund American Legion Americanism Programs. Examples include Baseball, Dirigo (Boys) State, and the Oratorical Scholarship program.

America's future lies in our children.

American Legion Baseball, founded in 1925, has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of young athletes regardless of their income levels or social standings.

At Dirigo (Boys) State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Students are elected to various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, and recreational programs. The two representatives elected to represent Maine at Boys Nation in Washington, of federal government.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

All these programs help to train and shape our youth into outstanding citizens. Many will become our future leaders and many may become leaders in the American Legion.

I am asking all of you: Legionnaires, Legion Posts, and Districts to please contribute to this endowment fund. It will help so many for many years to come.

Any amount will help, but some have asked for specific amounts.

This is my hope for suggested donations:

Posts with Canteens: \$250
Posts without Canteens: \$100
Districts: \$200

Individuals: Whatever you believe you can contribute.

To donate online, please [CLICK HERE](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/foundation/donate.php), or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/foundation/donate.php>; click on the "DONATE TODAY" button and choose **Fund 001 AL DOM Foundation – Endowment Fund** and choose Donate with a Debit or Credit Card.

Checks should be made payable to American Legion Department of Maine Foundation and mailed to: American Legion Department of Maine Foundation, 5 Verti Drive Winslow, Maine 04901-0727. Please make sure to provide your name and address so that we may send you a tax receipt.

Thank you all. For God and Country.

Commander Deb Couture



FLAG REWARDS



A free Citation of Appreciation is available for your use on our web site. Give this certificate to anyone who purchases a flag to benefit your Post.

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

American Legion Flag & Emblem
5745 Lee Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46216
(888) 453-4466

[**emblem@legion.org**](mailto:emblem@legion.org)





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PRESS RELEASE

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE CALLS ON THE LEADERSHIP OF MAINE VETERANS' HOMES TO FIX THE CHALLENGES OR TO STEP DOWN

The American Legion Department of Maine considers it irresponsible that The Maine Veterans' Homes considered closing the Machias and Caribou homes.

We, as a veteran's organization, have lost confidence in the CEO of Maine Veterans' Homes based upon these actions and the way they were handled.

The Maine Veterans' Homes system was created by an act of the Legislature in 1977, a system of six homes geographically placed to support an aging veterans population in the state of Maine, it is imperative that Maine keeps these homes viable in our opinion.

The American Legion Department of Maine sincerely appreciates those who have stepped in and offered support of the Machias and Caribou veterans' homes with deeds instead of words. We now ask that all involved move forward and make them viable for future generation of Maine's veterans.

The MVH CEO and board, in our opinion, were put in place is to lead the operation of the homes, keep them open, and keep them viable.

There were three concerns raised by the Maine Veterans' Homes leadership: Funding, staffing, and declining veteran population, which we wish to address.

- **Funding:** Thanks to Governor Janet Mills and Senate President Troy Jackson, it appears we have a start in turning around the funding challenges. Members of the Congressional delegation are standing by as well, according to recent meetings with our Department Legislative Committee.
- **Staffing:** The MVH must be creative in attracting staff. Offer incentives, educational assistance, and/or more competitive wages. This is not a challenge specific to Maine Veterans' Homes; it has been an ongoing result of the COVID pandemic lockdowns and will take a creative approach to resolve.
- **Veteran Population:** We have an aging veteran population in Maine who may need these services in the very near future. A 2020 estimate shows Maine has 109,557 veterans. 50% of these veterans are over 65 years of age (55,214 estimated). Aroostook has an estimated 7,800 veterans and

Washington County has an estimated 3,800 veterans with 50% possibly needing services. The next demographic of veterans appears to be the Vietnam veterans. These veterans were treated poorly during the war, shutting down needed homes is another slap in the face to these veterans. Not to mention an aging 9-11 veteran population.

It took decades, and the support of Maine's Veterans Service Organizations, to open the six homes; which include Caribou and Machias. With their closure we will be facing a need with no options left to help our veterans. When future veterans need help, we will not have decades to get new homes built and operating.

Maine Veteran Homes has a mission of caring for those who served, in our opinion, to run these homes, keep them viable, and operational; we think closure contradicts that mission.

We are asking the Governor, the Legislature, Maine's Congressional delegation in Washington D.C., our brothers and sisters in Maine's Military Service Organizations, and the general public to support The American Legion Department of Maine's call to impress upon the MVH leadership to keep these homes open and viable, or to step down.

All Media Inquiries:
(207)873-3229
Email: LegionME@legion.org

ATTENTION POST-ADJUTANTS & COMMANDERS

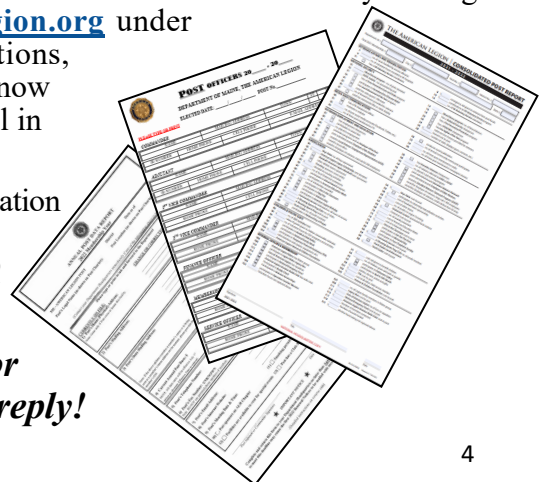
Department Headquarters will be mailing out the Annual Post Data Report, Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders & Adjutants Form, Consolidated Post Report (CPR), and Post Officers Form within the next few days. Please read the instructions carefully on all 4 forms and fill them out accordingly. Deadline requirements and submission information will be included.

Please note that the **Annual Post Data Report** will need to be filled out as soon as possible and mailed back to Department HQ no later than **April 15. THIS IS THE ONLY FORM NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE.** All other forms can be obtained by visiting

www.mainelegion.org under Forms/Applications, and the CPR is now available as well in mylegion.org.

For more information please call
Department HQ
207-873-3229.

***Thank you for
your prompt reply!***





MARCH 26, 2022

Cornhole Tournament

**Windham
Veterans Center
10-6PM**

Help us raise funds for suicide prevention in Maine! All ages and skill levels are welcome! 80 person max, complimentary event t-shirt for each entrant! Entry fee: \$20 single / \$30 team. CASH only day of event (+ raffle and food purchases) **Sign up now!**

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention funds research, spreads education, provides support to those affected by suicide, and advocates for smart public policy. We all have a role to play. Together we can spread awareness, raise money, change the culture, and put a stop this tragic loss of life.

Event Location

35 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Windham, Maine

To Register E-mail

DavidLangway23@yahoo.com
Subject: "CORNHOLE"

Sponsors include:

HUMANA
Jeremy Barnard Red Neck Creations

Warning Signs of Mental Health Need

- Cleaning a souvenir weapon
- Visiting graveyards
- Obsession with news coverage of the war, or the military channel
- Wearing uniform off duty
- Being overprotective of children
- Standing guard of the house, obsessively locking doors and windows
- Stopping or hoarding medication
- Hoarding alcohol
- Defensive speech: "You wouldn't understand"
- Avoiding eye contact

Be Smart About Mental Health

Depression, PTSD, Bipolar, substance use disorder: these and other mental health conditions are serious illnesses, and are serious illnesses that warrant support and treatment. No combat necessary: more than half of military suicides involve soldiers who have never been deployed. If you think you may be depressed, talk to a mental health professional — the sooner you treat the illness, the faster you'll recover. If you are worried about someone, assume you are the only one who will reach out, and encourage them to get treatment.

Suicide Warning Signs

Talk

If a person talks about:

- Killing themselves
- Having no reason to live
- Being a burden to others
- Feeling hopeless
- Feeling trapped
- Unbearable pain

Mood

People who are considering suicide often display one or more of the following moods.

- Depression
- Loss of interest
- Rage
- Anxiety
- Irritability
- Fatigue
- Humiliation
- Agitation

Behavior

Behaviors that may signal risk, especially if related to a painful event, loss, or change.

- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Looking for a way to kill themselves, such as searching online for materials or means
- Withdrawing from activities
- Isolating from family and friends
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Visiting or calling people to say goodbye
- Giving away prized possessions
- Aggression

If a friend tells you they are thinking about killing themselves, take it seriously.

Someone considering suicide is experiencing a life-threatening health crisis and may not believe they can be helped. Work with them to keep them safely away from lethal means like firearms and drugs, and remind them that their suffering is temporary. Stay with them and call the Military & Veteran Crisis Line: **1-800-273-8255**.

Be sure to follow up with them after the crisis to see how they're doing.

If you are having thoughts of suicide, talk to a buddy, family member, health professional or call the Military & Veteran Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 Press 1 for Military and Veterans

Resources

- **Military and Veteran Crisis Line**
1-800-273-TALK (8255) Press 1
Phone or Text 24/7
veteranscrisisline.net
- **Vets 4 Warriors**
855-838-8255
vets4warriors.com
- **Office of Warrior Care Policy**
warriorcare.dodlive.mil
- **Psychological Health Center of Excellence**
pdhealth.mil/resources/call-centers
- **InTransition**
1-800-424-7877
pdhealth.mil/resources/intransition
- **Military One Source**
1-800-342-9647
militaryonesource.mil
- **Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors [TAPS]**
1-800-959-8277
taps.org
- **VA's Caregiver Support Line (CSL)**
1-855-260-3274



Make Your Name Part of The American Legion History

Become a Sponsor Today in Support of Maine Veterans!

Deadline for Submission is May 6, 2022

Become a sponsor of our Maine American Legion Convention yearbook as an **"individual donor"** and help support Veterans in the State of Maine. As a contributor, your name (individual or business) will be listed in our 2022 Maine American Legion yearbook and made available in print and online in digital format on www.mainelegion.org.



Donations may be made by clicking on the **DONATIONS WELCOMED** button located on our Legion website at www.mainelegion.org

and selecting "Donate with Debit or Credit Card", or by check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow.

Show your support to our Veterans in the State of Maine! Become a sponsor today and make your name part of The American Legion History

To purchase ad space, please submit payment along with Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Sponsorship Request Form (see page 10 & 11) or visit www.mainelegion.org.



COMPUTER 101 is a resource for those who wish to learn basic skills with the powerful technology of today's world. Increased proficiency with computers is good both personally and professionally.

7 Laptop Maintenance Tips

1. Tidy up your hard drive by deleting old files
2. Declutter your desktop with a little help from Windows or macOS
3. Clear your browser's cache and cookies
4. Clean your screen and keyboard (with the proper tools, of course!)
5. Clean your ports
6. Check your camera and microphone
7. Update your software and firmware

To read more information [CLICK HERE](https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/smallbusiness/7-laptop-maintenance-steps-you-should-do-regularly-to-keep-yours-happy) or go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/smallbusiness/7-laptop-maintenance-steps-you-should-do-regularly-to-keep-yours-happy>

Just remember – bugs come in through open Windows....

Anyone who is currently an American Legion member or who is eligible for membership may become a PUFL member. Legionnaires can apply for membership online at: www.legion.org/pufl.

PAID UP FOR LIFE

Find an application at the end of this newsletter.

Visit www.mainelegion.org Forms/Applications for more information.

Paid Up for Life Pricing

(For post dues of \$48.00 or less)

| AGE | 18-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70-79 | 80-89 | 90+ |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| FEE | \$1,535 | \$1,399 | \$1,229 | \$1,025 | \$815 | \$599 | \$429 | \$329 |

When paid in full the member will receive a permanent plastic card identifying him/her as a lifetime member. The PUFL member will also continue to receive an annual American Legion membership card mailed directly on or about July 1st of each year.

Lifetime membership can be paid either in one single lump sum or over 12 equal, monthly payments. If a member chooses the Time Pay Plan, payment must be made by credit card only. (Check for online promotions if paying in full.) Once a member fulfills the PUFL membership dues, he/she will be protected from any future dues increases at the post, department or national levels. See pages 12 & 13 for application.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

District 14 – Piscataquis: Mar. 19, Brownville Junction Post 92, 12 Noon Lunch

District 2 – Cumberland: Apr. 12
Gray Post 86, Past Commander Dinner/
Election of Officers, 5PM

District 3 – Androscoggin: Apr. 10
Lewiston Post 22, 2PM

District 5 – Oxford: Apr. 20
Rumford Post 24, light supper at 6PM,
Installation of Officers at 7PM

District 9 – Kennebec: Apr. 13
Richmond Post 132
Nomination of Officers, 7PM

District 12 – Hancock: Apr. 12
Southwest Harbor Post 69, dinner at 6:00PM,
meeting at 7:30pm. Nominations

MILITARY TRIVIA

A: **Sherwood Forest...** The tubes are normally painted green/grey, a combination of the two.



LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST

Bringing you all the latest from
The Legionnaire Insurance Trust

NEW NEW PRODUCT ALERT!

The LIT has partnered with VSP Individual Vision Plans to offer Legionnaires access to vision care benefits. VSP members get personalized care from network doctors who take the time to know your eyes. They can even help detect early signs of diabetes and high blood pressure. So, make sure you're covered.

Visit www.TheLIT.com/individual-vision-plan today to learn more.



We are mailing Accidental Death (AD) on April 20th.

Think of the dangers on our nation's highways alone. Even with all the safety equipment in our vehicles, **highway deaths still occur**. Every day. Every week. Every month. Every year. In fact, the 2017 edition of the National Safety Council's Injury Facts reports that car crashes are the second leading cause of death for all ages.


That's why Your American Legion Department strongly urges all Members to strongly consider adding Accidental Death benefits. With cash benefits up to \$100,000.00 available, this protection can be an important "just in case" financial cushion for your loved ones.

Plus, as a Legionnaire, **you cannot be turned down for coverage**. No health questions are involved.

All benefit amounts reduce by 50% at age 75, regardless of age at enrollment.

Please refer to the "Terms" section for exclusions. Plan underwritten by Securian Life Insurance Company Product may not be available in all states and may not mail all your members. If you want a more detailed description of this product, visit www.TheLIT.com/Accident-Protection.

Brought to you by: The Legionnaire Insurance Trust

 [Facebook](#) Questions? Contact Howard Bender

800-445-3269 | hbender@agia.com



NEW TRAINING VIDEO ON HOW TO PROCESS MEMBERSHIP

[MyLegion Training Part 4 – Processing Membership](#)

or visit <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8339635/video/534508932>

All Training Videos ➤ [MyLegion Training Series](#)

or visit <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8339635>

[New Step-By-Step Instructions & Other Resources to Help with Your MyLegion.org Account/Registration](#)

[Useful Step-By-Step Instructions/Information on Membership Processing, Group Permissions & More!](#)

[A Complete Overview of MyLegion.org \(PDF format\)](#)

[A Complete Overview of MyLegion.org \(PPTX Format\)](#)

Note: The last Tuesday of each month American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Each session will be recorded and made available for later viewing. Please visit [Training Tuesdays](#) for the next scheduled training session.

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> or <https://www.legion.org/membership/impact>.

AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Maine College



The Department of Maine is Announcing the Dates for Maine Legion College 2022

Legion College enhances knowledge and appreciation of The American Legion, classes teach the core values and contributions of the organization, its Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and other programs. Maine Legion College prepares Legionnaires for leadership positions in posts, districts, committees, and departments through education, development, and motivation. The curriculum challenges student leaders to think critically and creatively about issues confronting the Legion.

The 3-weekend commitment is open to Legion members, and if space permits we include Riders, Sons, and Auxiliary members.

Phase 1: April 23-24

Phase 2: July 23-24

Phase 3: September 24-25

To reserve your spot email: jason@mainelegion.org

Call Now – Space is Limited!

BRASS BAND INSTRUMENTS NEEDED



The Greater Seacoast Salvation Army needs brass band instruments to form a band and is looking for donated or inexpensive instruments. Instruments need not be new or perfect - just playable. Legionnaire Donald G. Hands is the point of contact and can be reached at 1-(207)-703-2727 or by email at dghands@comcast.net

DONATIONS

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

General Fund

David C. King..... \$100.00

Past Commanders Scholarship Fund In Memory of Lester Prue, Rumford Post 24

Marie H. Johnson..... \$75.00

KSW Federal Credit Union..... \$40.00

THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE FOUNDATION

2022 Commanders Project – Couture

Robert & Jo Ann De Clercq..... \$100.00

Kennebunk Post 74..... \$100.00

Madawaska Post 147..... \$250.00

Penobscot County Council..... \$200.00

Washington County District 15..... \$200.00

“Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us free.”

~ President Dwight D. Eisenhower

*“It’s not who I am underneath,
but what I do that defines me.”*

~ Batman

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club have increased to \$5.00/member. See Page 9 for an application.

Directory Changes

Page 7: District 1 (York County)

New Commander: Paul Moessner
114 Heron Landing Dr., Wells 04090
(c 351-7152) e-mail: pmoessner@gmail.com
Adjutant: Kimberly Richards
9 Charles Lane, Eliot 03903 (337-0447)
e-mail: karichards17@gmail.com

Page 11: Area 1

Sadly, Curtis Merrill, Area 1 Commander, has passed away so this position is vacant

Page 28: Post 26

New post e-mail address:
AmLegionPost0026@outlook.com

Page 66: Post 80

Finance Officer Cathy McGowan now has an e-mail address:

cathy.mcgowan@yahoo.com



DEPARTMENT OF MAINE THE AMERICAN LEGION

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

It is with great pride and pleasure that we the membership of Post #_____ submit the names of all our living Past Commanders for membership to the Past Commanders Club. Along with the names, we have enclosed the annual dues of \$5.00 per member with the understanding that this will continue to provide two (2) \$500.00 scholarships. The recipient must be the son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of a member of The American Legion.

Membership in the Past Commanders Club goes from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

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SUBMIT TO:

The American Legion, Dept. of Maine
5 Verti Drive
Winslow, Maine 04901-0727

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Past Commanders Club form is also available in fillable format by visiting www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php

This form may be filled out on-line at: www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
APPLICATION FOR PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE MEMBERSHIP**
(Please print clearly)



APPLICANT'S NAME _____ MEMBER ID # _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE () _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ TOTAL PUFL FEE \$ _____
(Mo./Day/Year)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE (check only one): ☐ US Army ☐ US Navy ☐ US Marines ☐ US Air Force ☐ US Coast Guard

WAR ERA: ☐ WWII December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946 ☐ Grenada/Lebanon August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
☐ Korea June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955 ☐ Panama December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990
☐ Vietnam February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 ☐ War on Terrorism August 2, 1990 - Open
☐ Merchant Marines December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946 Only

IMPORTANT NOTICE: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST FURTHER DOCUMENTATION FROM MEMBER TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY AND INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION.

☐ **Full Payment Enclosed** (Deduct \$100.00 from fee noted above.)

☐ **Time Payment Plan** – Requires payment by credit card. Card will be billed monthly, in 12 equal payments. Member's permanent PUFL card will be issued when paid-in-full. (Must review and sign Time Payment Agreement. Not eligible for discount rates.)

PAYMENT IS MADE BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD (do not send cash):

☐ Check or Money Order (Made payable to The American Legion) Check or money order number _____

☐ Charge to MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express.

(Credit Card Number)

(Expiration Date)

Date _____ Signature of card holder required, if different from applicant _____

IF GIFT, PROVIDE GIVER INFORMATION BELOW:

☐ Check here if PUFL is being awarded by Post (Honorary Life)

Name _____ Mbr ID # (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail PUFL card to: ☐ GIVER ☐ PUFL GIFT RECIPIENT

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (required): _____
(Applicant's signature may be omitted only if PUFL is to be given as a gift.)

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Check/M.O. from:

☐ Member National Per Capita _____
☐ Post Dept Per Capita _____
☐ Dept. Post Per Capita _____

Date Received at National: _____

MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION, PUFL SPECIALIST, PO BOX 1954, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206. ALLOW UP TO 6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY OF PERMANENT PUFL MEMBERSHIP CARD.

Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) Agreement

1. The applicant must be in **good standing**.
2. National Headquarters reserves the right to require further information or confirmation of the member's eligibility, which may include a request for the member to provide a copy of his/her DD214 (or similar) or other documentation of age, military service or membership eligibility. The member's Paid-Up-For-Life application will be held pending verification.
3. The member's Post will be notified of the new PUFL membership and will be permitted up to 30 days to challenge the application for acceptance.
4. If payment is being made using a credit card, the full payment will be charged immediately. Payment can be made by MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express.
5. The permanent (plastic) PUFL card will be issued within 4-6 weeks of receipt and approval of the application.
6. No refund of payment(s) will be made if the member chooses to discontinue his/her PUFL membership at any time, once the application is approved and processed; the only exceptions are explained in Item 7. This also pertains to members participating in the Time Payment Plan whose account was closed due to delinquency. These members will not be eligible to participate in the Time Payment Plan in the future but may re-submit an application with full payment at any time. (Any funds previously submitted on the cancelled account will not be credited to the new application.)
7. Should a PUFL member hold membership in a Post whose charter has been canceled and no other Post is available to accept a transfer, then the unused portion of the original fee, if any, will be refunded. The same rule will apply in the event that the member is expelled from membership by action of his Post or Department Headquarters. **Except as stated, no refund of any portion of PUFL membership fees paid to National will be made at any time.**
8. Once the application is processed by National Headquarters, the member will no longer receive renewal notices and his/her subscription to *The American Legion Magazine* will never expire. The member will be automatically renewed each year and his/her annual membership card will be mailed around July 1st to the member's address on record at National Headquarters.

Additional Terms for Time Payment Plan Participants ONLY

1. Current members of The American Legion may use the Time Payment Plan to purchase a Paid-Up-For Life (PUFL) membership through National Headquarters. No Interest or service charge is added.
2. After receipt and approval of the application at National Headquarters, the remaining balance will be divided into 11 equal monthly payments.
 - National Headquarters will bill the credit card account provided by the member each month in the amount of 1/12 of the total Paid-Up-For-Life fee.
 - It is the responsibility of the member to contact the PUFL Specialist at 800-433-3318 to report a new credit card expiration date prior to the expiration of the card information originally provided.
 - If the member wants to change the credit card account used at any time after the application is submitted to National Headquarters, the member must contact the PUFL Specialist at 800-433-3318 to provide the replacement credit card information.
3. The total PUFL membership fee must be paid within 12 months after the application is processed at National and consecutive monthly payments are to be maintained. Delinquent accounts may be closed with or without notice to the member. A delinquency will occur if the member's credit card payment is declined for any reason. Any payments already made will be forfeited; no refunds will be issued if a Time Payment account is closed for any reason.
4. The member can elect to pay more than the minimum each month; much the same as a credit card account, paying in advance, or more than the minimum, simply means the account is paid off earlier. To increase the monthly payment amount billed to the member's credit card, the member must contact the PUFL Specialist at 800-433-3318.
5. The permanent (plastic) PUFL membership card will be issued only after the total PUFL fee is paid-in-full. If annual cards are issued before the fee is paid-in-full, the member will receive an annual card with the notation of "TIME PAY."

Please sign below and make sure that the PUFL application is completed to avoid delay in processing.

I acknowledge and understand the terms of The American Legion Paid-Up-For-Life membership program. My signature below indicates acceptance of the Agreement as stated above.

Signature of Member (Applicant)

Member ID#

Date



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