



THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 13th 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.

Update: [Janet Mills ordered many nonessential Maine businesses to close to fight coronavirus](#)

Click the above link to listen to Maine CDC, Janet Mills Coronavirus Press Conference

Gov. Janet Mills ramped up Maine's coronavirus fight on Tuesday, March 24 ordering public-facing businesses that are nonessential to close just after midnight while allowing grocery stores, pharmacies and other businesses deemed essential to remain open.

As new information becomes available and as circumstances change, we will explore additional options to enhance social distancing, including; encouraging Legionnaires to access conference calling or meeting decisions being made via email interaction.

As the Maine CDC reminds us: 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 open but only to phone calls and emails. Rachael had reduced staff to only one to two days per week and has scheduled them to work on different days. There is plenty of cleaning supplies on hand and each employee is to thoroughly clean and disinfect their workstation before and after the end of each workday.

Election of Officers: If your Post or District was scheduled to have a meeting for the purpose of election of officers and was cancelled due to the COVID-19, Posts and Districts are to continue with the current officers until the election of new officers takes place. Further information to follow after consulting with the State Judge Advocate.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

Due to COVID-19 ALL District Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

- VA Maine Fisher House Dedication Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting for April 3. For VA Maine operational updates, please visit our website: <https://www.maine.va.gov> or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VAMaine/>
- The National Oratorical Finals scheduled to be in Indianapolis near the end of April have been cancelled.
- The Spring Meetings have been canceled.
- The Junior Shooting Sports competition scheduled for July has been cancelled.
- Boys Nation, also scheduled for July, has been cancelled.
- 2020 American Legion National Oratorical Finals

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.

**** Most American Legion Post Adjutants have received a packet of expired members to possibly renew their membership. Please use these in conjunction of the Buddy Check Program to help increase membership at your Post and the Department of Maine. ****

How do I organize a Buddy Check?

1. **Gather up a team** if possible to call or personally visit members and former members of The American Legion. If each member in a team of 10 contacts just 10 Legionnaires or former Legionnaires, 100 veterans can be reached in one sitting.
2. If you don't have a list of members and former members at your fingertips, **visit myLegion.org and download the names of current members and those who have let their memberships expire.**
3. Save the file of members and those whose memberships have expired onto a spreadsheet or copy and paste into a Word file to distribute among your team members. **Print several copies of the lists.**
4. **Divide up the call list among your team members.** Some may have personal connections

with the member or the former member and should make that particular buddy check.

5. **Start making connections** – either from a quiet place inside the post or from your home – to see how the members and former members are doing, ask if they need anything and invite them to any event or activity planned to help celebrate the Legion’s birthday or Veterans Day.

6. Make sure you **thank the member or former member** in the beginning and at the end of your call.

7. If the member or former member wishes to renew, be sure to **have your post’s payment procedure at your fingertips**, the address to send a check or offer to stop by in person to pick it up (another opportunity to connect).

8. **Leave contact information** in case the member or former member can’t take the call or needs anything in the future.

Sample Scripts

Using scripts makes it easy for your team to make buddy checks on members and former members. Use these scripts, modify them or draft your own before reaching out. Remember, the most important part of the call is to see if the veteran and family are OK, if the Legion can help and to invite them to celebrate any planned centennial events or activities.

[DOWNLOAD SAMPLE SCRIPTS WORKSHEET](#)

Answers to FAQs

When you speak to an expired member or a veteran eligible for membership, they may ask the question: “What does the Legion do?” You can be prepared with quick answers that apply at the national, department and local level using this worksheet:

[DOWNLOAD FAQs WORKSHEET](#)

Reports

To assist you in your efforts, expired members lists can be easily retrieved from the **Report Server** on myLegion.org

Step 1:

Select “Reports/Labels” on the left-hand menu.

Step 2:

Posts - Open Post Reports folder, click on Revitalization folder to see: Un_Renewed Letters, Un_Renewed_Labels, and Un_Renewed Roster
Districts – Open District Reports folder to see un_Renewed Roster listing
Counties – Open County Reports folder to see un_Renewed Roster listing

https://www.legion.org/membership/buddycheck?utm_source=delivra&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=031920_ALOU&utm_id=39261980

FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

[Agricultural Resource Development Division](#)

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

TEFAP- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost. USDA provides 100% American-grown USDA Foods to the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, & Forestry (DACF) to provide the food to local agencies that they have selected, mostly food pantries and soup kitchens, which in turn distribute the food directly serve the public. DACF currently collaborates with over 250 participating organizations to combat food insecurity in Maine.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/tefap/index.shtml>



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](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/foundation/fundraising-events.php) 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, Sherman Lahaie Jr.-\$100; John Perrino-\$100

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:

Post 20 - Brunswick	Post 24 - Rumford
Post 34 - Tenants Harbor	Post 40 - Winthrop
Post 41- Milo	Post 49 - Van Buren
Post 50 - Unity	Post 58 - Buckfield
Post 59 - Pembroke	Post 72 - So. Paris
Post 94 - Greenville	Post 181 - Litchfield
Post 132 - Richmond	Post 147 - Madawaska
Post 148 - Windham	Post 153 - Auburn
Post 197 - Westbrook	Post 216 - Phippsburg

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. Please send all funds to 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 Srvice,

*Don Allisot
Chairman, Committee to Elect Dickie Huntley*

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.



SUPPORT VETERANS IN THE STATE OF MAINE BY PROMOTING 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. A fillable form is also available for printing by clicking on the Convention Yearbook Sponsorship Request Form-Fillable.

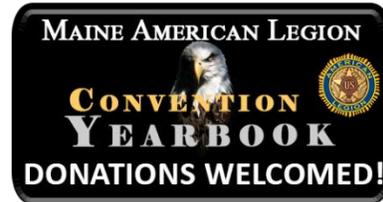
**ATTENTION
ALL LEGIONNAIRES!!!**

Please **HELP** spread the word in promoting the Yearbook Program in support of Maine Veterans especially during this time of crisis to local businesses in and around your area. The Department of Maine is requesting all the support it can get to help make this program a success this year.

DONATIONS WELCOMED!!!

No time to create an ad! We also welcome individual and business donations!

Please consider donating today to make a difference in support of our Maine Veterans by clicking on the DONATIONS CONVENTION YEARBOOK BUTTON below.



*****All contributions will be listed in our Annual State Convention Yearbook which will be made available online at www.mainelegion.org.*****

Donations may also be made by check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine, earmarked "Yearbook Program". Mail to: The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME. 04901-0727.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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 call and make arrangements with the Dept. Adjutant (Paul) for a delivery.

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
Amedeo Lauria, Special Projects Coord.	\$100
Jason Hall, Dept. Judge Advocate	\$100

Boys State

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

Maine Blind Camp

Peter Johnson, Greenville Post 94	\$100
Skowhegan Post 16	\$ 50
Rumford Post 24	\$ 50
Unity Post 50	\$100
Locke Mills Post 68	\$100
Corinna Post 73	\$100

Monson Post 116	\$100
Stockholm Post 136	\$ 25
Stockholm Unit 136	\$50
Clifton Thompson Post 117	\$ 20
District 11, Waldo County	\$100

Grave Flag Program

Judith Johnson	\$100
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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>

