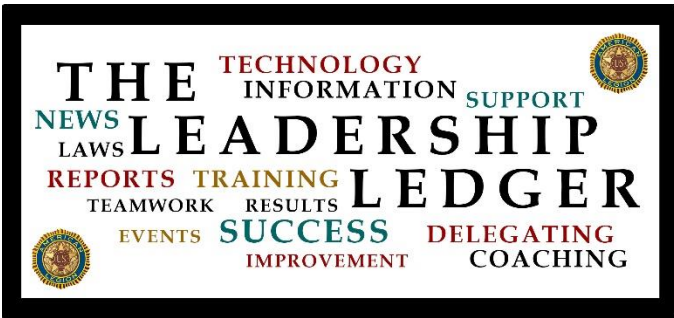
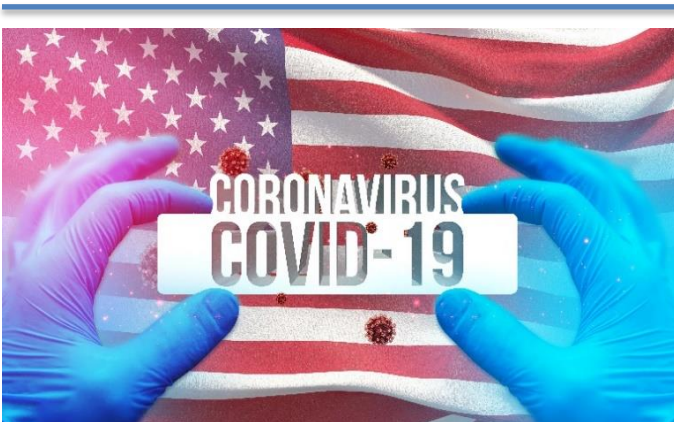




# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org).



## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – INFORMATION

*Including Cancellations & Rescheduled Events*

**DEPARTMENT HQ:** The American Legion, Department of Maine Headquarters Office will be closed during this time, but some of our staff will be

working remotely until further notice or when it is safe to reopen. Voicemail messages relating to Department, Post or District should be left by calling 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 and messages relating to Veterans Assistance should be left by calling 207-754-6044. All emails should be sent to [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org). The Service Office will also be checking their phone messages and emails during this time; to leave a message, please call 207-623-5726 or email [carl.curtis2@va.gov](mailto:carl.curtis2@va.gov).

All Posts are encouraged to process their membership utilizing the MyLegion.org website. However, for those Posts that do not use MyLegion.org, please continue to process membership manually and mail to Department Headquarters where staff will process as soon as they can.

### **Annual State Convention—Cancelled.**

Pursuant to the recommendations made by our National organization and approval by our Department Executive Committee, all department elected and appointed officers will continue to serve in their current positions until the close of the next Department Convention scheduled to be held at Jeff's Catering and Event Center in Brewer June 11-13, 2021. If anyone wishes to resign, please submit a written resignation to Department Commander Matthew Jabaut [mdjabaut@gmail.com](mailto:mdjabaut@gmail.com) and Department Adjutant Paul L'Heureux at [paul@mainelegion.org](mailto:paul@mainelegion.org). Elected and appointed officers for Posts and Districts are encouraged to follow this recommendation as well. If Posts or Districts decide to hold elections, it must be after you are able to hold meetings again.

The Sweepstakes drawing is scheduled as planned and will be held June 13 with a location to be determined

Donations and ad space submissions to the State Convention Yearbook in support of our Maine Veterans has been extended to July 1. A digital copy will be made available by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) and a limited number of copies will be printed. Please visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/news-events/state-convention/convention-yearbook.php> for more information.

**Dirigo Boys & Girls State—Cancelled.**  
**Department Testimonial—Cancelled.**  
**Maine Legion Baseball – Cancelled.**  
**American Legion Baseball (Regional Tournaments and Legion World Series) – Cancelled.**  
**Maine Legion College—**Department is currently accepting applications for Maine Legion College with cutoff date of July 1st and starting class on July 18th.

**Scholarships and Awards—**Deadline for submitting applications for scholarships and awards has been extended to July 1, 2020. Awards will be presented during our Fall Conference on September 19 at Jeff's Catering & Event Center in Brewer.

**F**or a complete listing of up-to-date information, cancellations and rescheduled events, please visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) or click the following link: [\*\*CORONAVIRUS \(COVID-19\) – INFORMATION Including Cancellations & Rescheduled Events\*\*](#)

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## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**Q:** We are now all familiar with “Stealth” aircraft, their uses, abilities & shape, but where did this idea come from?

*Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118*

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

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



All events will be posted on Department’s website by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) or by pressing the POST EVENTS image. All events will also be uploaded bi-weekly and must be forwarded to Department HQ via email at [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org).

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## ARE YOU READY TO OPEN YOUR POST HOME?

The Department of Maine currently has two Posts open at this time. If you are considering opening your Post, please contact Department HQ at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 or 207-754-6044 to follow guidelines and Maine State laws to properly open. The guidelines made to open earlier may differ from the guidelines for June 1st and July 1st.

## 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>

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## STATE OF MAINE GAMING LICENSES

To all posts that have some type of gaming licenses that obviously you have not been able to use at this time, please make contact with the **Gaming Control Unit, 207-626-3900**, where you purchased them and ask that the license be move forward starting in July when we ALL should be allowed to open our posts. So if you purchased them by the month, then it would be moved to July. If you purchased 2 months at a time it would be July & August etc. You must make contact and ask for this to happen.

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## VA NATIONAL CEMETERIES TO COMMEMORATE MEMORIAL DAY

VA's National Cemetery Administration has announced it will commemorate Memorial Day this year with solemn wreath-laying ceremonies.

Each VA national cemetery will conduct a brief wreath-laying ceremony, accompanied by a moment of silence and the playing of "Taps". Ceremonies **will not** be open to the public.

Placement of U.S. Flags by groups at gravesites will not take place. But all VA national cemeteries will be open from dawn to dusk over Memorial Day Weekend.

VA is also launching a new way for the public to pay tribute to veterans at the Veterans Legacy Memorial website.

Please see the attached VA news release for more details.

## MAINE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETARY

**Grave Flag Program.** Because of COVID-19, this year **will not** be gathering to place the grave flags. Flags will be on the graves for Memorial Day 2020 to honor & remember our HERO's.

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## HOLIDAY REMINDER

The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

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## REPORT/FORM SUBMISSIONS

### ATTENTION POST/DISTRICT ADJUTANTS & COMMANDERS! Keep Your Post/District Information Up-to-Date

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to check and see if the following forms/reports have been received at Department HQ:

- Annual Post Data Report (deadline = April 15)
  - CPR (deadline for online = July 1 | Mail = May 29)
  - Notification of Post/Squadron Cmdrs. & Adj. Form, (deadline = July 1)
  - Post Officer's Form (deadline = July 1)
  - District Officers Form (deadline = July 1)
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## CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS

**T**o All Post Commanders & Adjutants:

The Department has only received 29 Post Consolidated Reports as of May 15 and we are at the 37<sup>th</sup> position Nationwide. We are asking you to make every effort to complete them using mylegion.org, or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php> under forms/applications and click on Consolidated Post Report 2020-20 Fillable or Non-fillable and forward them to State Headquarters. If you need any assistance, please contact the office at 873-3229 or call Kirk Thurston, Vice Commander in charge of this task at Home: 207-369-0831 or cell: 207-357-3287.

Please note: All Posts submitting CPR's that are blank will NOT be marked as received at National HQ.

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## BUDDY CHECKS MAKING A DIFFERENCE DURING PANDEMIC

Please click on the following link [Buddy Checks Making a Difference During Pandemic](#) which includes [Your guide to starting and making Buddy Checks](#) and [Toolkit can help posts conduct Buddy Checks during the pandemic](#)

## DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICE

**F**ollow DSO Newsletter link below. Key theme is the office is open to assist veterans by phone or e-mail.

[Maine Legion Department Service Officer Newsletter](#)

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## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**A**nswer to Military Trivia: In 1910, Hugo Junkers patented the "flying wing" design, which was improved by Walter & Reimar Horten at Goring's order in 1943 with a jet engine, capable of

carrying 1000kg bomb, travel 1000km at 1000km/hr, but as the war ended, Gen. Patton seized the V3 prototype to keep it out of Russian hands & it ended up in the Smithsonian. Northrop Grumman took it from there & the rest is history.

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## Make Your Post More Efficient Call Efficiency Maine Today!

**1-866-376-2463**

<https://www.energymaine.com/>

**T**o All American Legion Posts:

During these challenging times, many of our Posts are taking the time to make Post repairs, remodeling, and conducting overall evaluations of Post operations. One of the key upgrades available at this time is to make your Post energy efficient. As I gathered information from those Posts that have made an effort with the purchase of this equipment, and used their own talented members to install this equipment the savings has become very obvious. These are a few examples: new hot water heaters, new boilers, new heat pumps, upgraded lighting systems and even new appliances. The savings in purchasing this type of equipment can be 30% of the project cost up to \$1000 in some areas. Remember, YOU MUST CALL BECAUSE EACH PROJECT IS DIFFERENT.

My next challenge to you is that we currently have NO Posts with solar panels on all those roofs. The incentives to do such a project are apparently out there for someone to set the new direction for energy efficiency.

With all the talent at each Post, it is time that we work together to move our organization forward and set the example for our future leaders. If you are an officer at the Post level, please take the initiative as other Post officers have done, and research what is available by contacting Efficiency Maine. Even if you are not a Post officer, and you have knowledge how the program works, please reach out to your Post to assist them to make it more efficient. Together you

can make a big difference at every Post and your community as well.

Contact Efficiency Maine at: 1-866-376-2463



## FIGHTING TO THE FINISH LINE, FOR THE FOUNDATION

Still plenty of time to Join Team Caroline!

Boston Marathon has been moved to September 14 from April due to coronavirus

Please [click here](#), or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/foundation/fundraising-events.php> to place your contribution today to a cause that means so much!

### DONATIONS-FOUNDATION

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, Lloyd Woods-\$50

### 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 19 – Sanford
- Post 20 - Brunswick
- Post 24 - Rumford
- Post 34 - Tenants Harbor
- Post 35 – So. Portland
- 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 155 – Naples
- Post 197 – Westbrook
- Post 216 - Phippsburg

### DONATIONS

#### Maine Blind Camp

Sanford Post 19	\$100
Buckfield Post 58	\$ 50

### 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: July 18 & 19

Phase 2: TBD

Phase 3: TBD

To attend these classes, you must first go online at: [www.legion.org/alei](http://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](mailto: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 July 18 and we will communicate by email with any information we need to pass on.

If you are currently looking for something different to do during these challenging times, this would be a great opportunity to learn more about the American Legion at all levels. It would be an excellent course to take if you are currently or considering to be an officer at the Post or District level. This would be a great learning experience while you are currently at home wanting something different to do.

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## UPDATE - HONOR FLIGHTS

All National Honor Flights are cancelled through August due to Corona virus. Tentative new dates:

Sept. 25 – 27

Oct. 30 – Nov. 1

Follow this link for more information.

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

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## CHALLENGING TIMES DURING COVID-19

What is your Post doing during these challenging times? Please forward unique stories to Department HQ for publication in the Maine Legionnaire newspaper as well as a possible story for National Headquarters.

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## LEGION MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES:

**Due to covid-19 and the struggles we have all been facing, the remaining target dates have changed to the following: 100% - JUNE 17, 2020 DELEGATE STRENGTH – JULY 24, 2020 The 6<sup>th</sup> and final renewal notice will still be extracted as scheduled so please continue to send in the membership dues that you have received.**

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## PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Information about the application process is posted on REEMPLOYME website:

<https://www.maine.gov/unemployment/>

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Lloyd Woods, National Executive Committeeman, was involved in an automobile accident. Please send words of “speedy recovery” to P.O. Box 126, Stockholm. ME 04783.



Subscribe (or unsubscribe) by clicking the above image or by visiting:

<https://form.jotform.com/RachaelJ/maine-al-email-subscription-form>

## Attention Post Adjutants!

**THE DEPARTMENT OF MAINE  
IS STILL COLLECTING DUES  
FOR THE 2020 MEMBERSHIP  
YEAR!**

Please try to get all expired members to pay up their dues for the 2020 membership year before the 2021 Membership Year begins.

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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>

