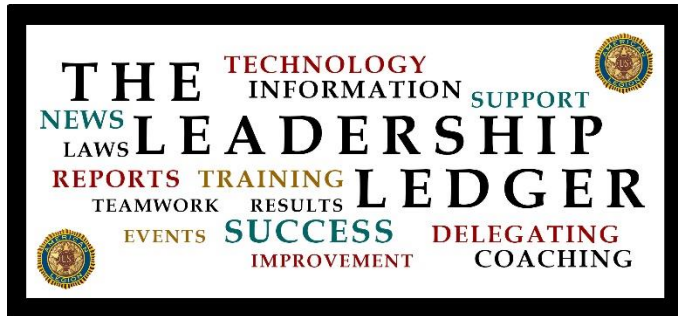




THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 21st 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.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – INFORMATION

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

2020 Membership Year

Department Headquarters is still collecting dues for the 2020 membership year. Please continue to get as many expired members who have not yet paid their 2020 dues to pay them. This report is not available through myLegion.org as of July 1, 2020. In a few weeks, Department HQ will contact National HQ for

an updated 2020 Membership Report. Unfortunately, it is currently not available.

2021 Membership - "Goal to Grow"

The 2021 membership goal for each Post listed on the membership report posted on myLegion.org for the 2021 membership year will be zero until a "Goal to Grow" number is determined for each Post. These goals will be based on July 29, 2020 and therefore, won't occur on the report until sometime in August.

VETERAN'S EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEFAP)

Atttn: American Legion Posts in Maine. Do you know of a veteran in your community in need of assistance? Maybe someone who during these challenging times just needs a little help to keep them going? Worst of all how about that homeless veteran? How about the homeless veteran with children? If you do, we want to remind you all that The American Legion, Department of Maine can assist you to help these veterans during rough times. All you need to do is call Department at 207-660-9324 or 207-873-3229, Ext. 3 and we will be in contact as soon as possible or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/resources/va-resources.php>. Remember that this program can assist you to help others.

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Q: When your Drill Sergeant began your "military language" lessons, do you remember the meaning of these 3 expressions: "crumb catcher" & "oxygen thief" & "voluntold"??

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

District 5 – Oxford (Post 112): August 18, Maine Veterans Home South Paris, 477 High St., Cookout 5:00 p.m. | Veterans at Home served first | Volunteer Help Appreciated

District meetings are slowly being rescheduled. If this is the case with your District, please provide dates, times, etc. of upcoming meetings.

**We have yet to receive the 2020-2021 District Officer's Form from:
Districts 1, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 16**



All events are posted on Department's website at www.mainelegion.org or click on the POST EVENTS image. If you have an upcoming event you want to share, please email to Department HQ via at legionme@mainelegion.org.

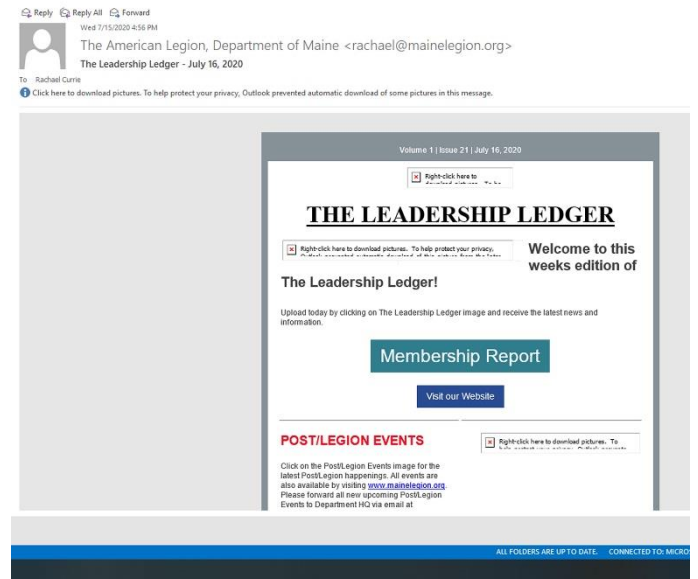


**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR CHANGES
IN THE NEXT LEADERSHIP LEDGER**

The body of the email for the next Leadership Ledger will have different look to it. In order to reduce spam, and make it more user friendly, Department Headquarters will be using a program called Constant Contacts. The next time you receive the Leadership Ledger, **please make sure to click**

where it says “click here to download pictures” to open up the entire email. Please see before and after images below.

Before



After



MILITARY TRIVIA:

Answer to Military Trivia: “crumb catcher = mouth” // “oxygen thief = someone who talks too much” // “voluntold = forcibly volunteered for an assignment” (yup, we ALL remember that last one).

CONGRESSMAN GOLDEN (ME-02) PUSHES SBA TO SUPPORT STRUGGLING VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Many VFWs, American Legion Halls, and other VSOs are reeling as bingo nights, facility rentals, and karaoke are cancelled due to COVID-19. Relying on volunteers rather than employees, many VSOs can only receive \$1,000 from disaster relief program

WASHINGTON — Congressman Jared Golden (ME-02) called on the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make changes to the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advance grant program to allow Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) and other volunteer-dependent non-profits to apply for additional economic assistance. Many VSOs have been cut off from their main sources of revenue since the pandemic began and are now struggling to pay bills, perform maintenance, and keep their posts operational.

Current rules allow nonprofits to receive up to \$10,000 in advance grant funding depending on the number of employees. However, VSOs, which are largely run by volunteers, rarely qualify for more than \$1,000 under the current SBA rules. For many VSOs, a \$1,000 advance grant pales in comparison to the revenue losses they are experiencing. For example, in Caribou, the American Legion hall has lost \$20,000 of revenue so far this year.

“Local posts of these VSOs provide critical services for our communities’ veterans, including personal assistance, donated goods, disaster relief, volunteerism, networking, advocacy and much more,” Golden wrote. **“Staffed largely by volunteers, these posts generate revenue streams from activities that necessitate in-person involvement such as bingo, social functions and facility rentals. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has made such events extremely difficult.”**

During several of the tele-town halls Golden has held to hear from Mainers since the pandemic began, the

congressman heard from members of several American Legion Halls in the state about the challenges their organizations were facing. In his letter, Golden highlights the experiences of the Caribou and Fort Fairfield Legion halls, both of which have seen revenues plummet since March but have very little access to EIDL funds.

“Situations like the ones in Fort Fairfield and Caribou illustrate the need for the SBA to amend its per-employee regulatory policy to help VSO local posts,” continued Golden. **“I urge you to change the policy so that VSOs with one or fewer employees can have their per-employee EIDL advance grant limit waived up to \$5,000. This will ensure that these groups survive the pandemic and continue to provide the critical services that our veterans—now, more than ever—need and deserve.”**

Both small businesses and nonprofits can currently receive EIDL advance grants of up to \$10,000. Congressman Golden worked with the Maine delegation to help protect Maine nonprofits from burdensome Department of Labor rules, and recently unveiled the *Reviving the Economy Sustainably Towards a Recovery in Twenty-twenty* (RESTART) Act, to provide more flexible financial support for small businesses during the coronavirus pandemic.

You can read the letter [here](#).

Office of Congressman Jared Golden (ME-02)

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)



BY THE NUMBERS: THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

In May, The American Legion awarded more than **\$667,000 to 35 recipients** of The American Legion Legacy Scholarship. The Legacy Fund – which has become a focus of The American Legion Riders – provides financial assistance to college students whose parents are U.S. service members who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, or whose parents are post-9/11 veterans with a combined Department of Veterans Affairs disability rating of 50 percent or greater.

But the full impact of the program is better told by the recently completed American Legion Legacy Scholarship Annual Report for 2019. The report is available to download [here](#).

The report details the amount of scholarships awarded in 2019 (57) and the dollar total (\$1,122,624). The report also notes the amount raised by the 2019 American Legion Legacy Run, which brought in \$1,028,643. The American Legion Family, spearheaded by the Legion Riders, have helped the American Legion Legacy Run bring in more than \$1 million in five of the previous six annual rides.

Since The American Legion Legacy Scholarship's first grant in 2004, 401 military children of the fallen and disabled have received over \$3.6 million in aid. The scholarship is needs-based and is designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized. Each scholarship provides up to \$20,000 in aid for

undergraduate or post-graduate college. Recipients may reapply for additional annual awards up to six times.

Read [testimonials](#) from American Legion Legacy Scholarship recipients and how thanks to the scholarship they are able to achieve their dreams of going to the college of their choice, pursue their studies without having to get a job or have the opportunity to study abroad.

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June 30, 2020



FIGHTING TO THE FINISH LINE, FOR THE FOUNDATION

Still Plenty of Time to Join Team Caroline!

A Virtual Race to Take Place in September 2020
Due to the Cancellation of the Boston Marathon

Please [click here](#), or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/foundation/fundraisin-g-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

DONATIONS

National Commanders Campaign

Lloyd Woods, NEC \$110

Maine Blind Camp

Phippsburg Post 216 \$ 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 authorize 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 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 207 – Trenton | Post 216 – Phippsburg |

MAINE LEGION COLLEGE CLASS FOR 2020

| Date | Time | Location |
|--------------|-----------|------------|
| July 18 & 19 | 8:30 a.m. | Dept. H.Q. |

Physical distancing set up & Wearing Masks are encouraged (if possible). During these times, we are

not certain that we have an updated list of those who are currently attending. Please review the list of names to make sure you have already signed up. If I have omitted your name or more information is needed, please email immediately at paul@mainelegion.org along with your **Name, Post No., and Cell Phone No.** so I can prepare for the class. We currently still have 2 openings if anyone would like to attend. Just remember that you have to complete the on-line course at www.legion.org/alei and send us a copy of the certificate or bring it to the class. Legion cap, dress comfortable (Legion/Aux shirt if you have one). Meals will be provided.

Currently signed up are the following: Destiny Poole, Clayton Brown II, Eugene Connolly, Melissa Theriault, Debra Rumery, Thomas Healy, Oscar Gerry, Leroy McKenzie, Nancy Gillespie, and Bill Hobson.



YOUR PARTNER FOR SEATING SOLUTIONS

POW/MIA chair for Post for cost of shipping and conducting a ceremony. Contact Sheryl Rothstein, Executive Asst., Hussey Seating, (207) 676-0282 or (207) 676-9270, email: srothstein@husseyseating.com, 38 Dyer St., No. Berwick 03906.



COMPUTER SOFTWARE TIPS 101

Computer Software Tips 101 is a new section that will appear in the Leadership Ledger to help those learn basic computer skills.

3 SIMPLE TIPS FOR USING EMAIL (Part 1 of 2)

We all use email, but, sometimes we use it too much or use it inappropriately. To get the most out of email we need to use it carefully and judiciously. These are 10 tips to get the most out of emailing.

1. Use different email accounts for different purposes.

It is good to have separate email accounts for separate purposes. For example, you may have one for business and one for social activities. This means you can check the personal email in the evening without having to think / worry about business. If you see an important message from your boss it could ruin your weekend or evening. At the end of the day you want to be able to get away from work. Don't allow email to make you a slave to work. Some people feel it is inconvenient to check 2 different email accounts. But the relative inconvenience is easily outweighed by the benefits.

2. Email is not always the best Form of contact.

If you have a really important issue or you are upset with someone, emailing is often not the best answer. If necessary speak to the person directly, rather than through an email.

3. Don't say anything you wouldn't say in person.

This advice has certainly been given before. But, it is always worth reminding ourselves about the importance of being polite and avoiding unnecessary rudeness. We will regret it later. Email makes it easier to use harsh words because it is impersonal. We need to be very careful.



Who We Are: We're excited to announce our partnership with the Legionnaire Insurance Trust, joining the ranks of those dedicated to assisting the

men and women who answered the call to serve our country.

As a valued member of your American Legion Department, you have access to a variety of services and discounts. The goal is simple—to help you and your fellow Legionnaire when you need it most.

Because of the current challenges we now face, it's even MORE important that you feel safe living at home. Our passion is helping you live a healthy, active, and safe life at home. That is why we've created a place where you can find home medical equipment products that make a direct, positive difference.

PLUS, we deliver your orders right to your door, so there is no need to leave your home!

What We Offer: Whether you worry about slippery bathroom floors, getting in and out of a vehicle, or managing pain that never seems to go away, we have you covered.

How You Benefit: Being a member your American Legion Department means you receive a unique discount on many of the home products and services we offer.

Follow these simple steps to take advantage of this offer:

****[Click Here to Set up Your Account](#)**

****Use the special access code LIT-37993 (this gives you access to your discount--DON'T SKIP THIS STEP)**

****Once your account is setup, find the items you need and add them to your cart.**

****Check out and wait for your items to be delivered right to your door!**

The Healthy Living at Home Team

FROM THE DEPT. ADJUTANT

We are starting to receive many calls about holding meetings at the Post & District Level. If you use common sense with face masks, if applicable, and social distancing (6ft), it can be done safely. Most of the Legion halls have the room to make this happen but please keep in mind that it is not a requirement to attend if you feel that you should not. There are

currently many Posts holding meetings and some of the Districts are currently planning to start in the next few days following July 4.

The other question that many of you have called us on is how to survive financially during these times. What we have seen by many Posts that have reported to us, is that they have been successful in having takeout meals also known as curbside pickup within your community. If done properly, it limits the number of people in the building, and also requires less work keeping all areas sanitized. You prep the food and have all the containers ready, setup a table at the entrance with a mask & gloves and take the orders. Some of the Posts have taken it to a next level by using local advertisement as well as E-mails, Facebook and Twitter and doing pre sales in the process. We currently have 3 Posts with sales of 100/150 meals in 2 hours and even one Post that sold out a Lobster meal with 240 meals served. Note: some of these Posts are coming up with these ideas from the younger members that have recently joined.

So please be careful and start to think a little differently during these challenging times. If you should need more information, please contact the office at (207) 873-3229 or my cell (207) 754-6044.



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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>

