



THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



You Can Make a Difference! Show Your Support to Veterans in the State of Maine by Donating Today!

In these challenging times, we ask that you consider a donation to the American Legion Department of Maine Foundation.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions in Maine, an extremely important revenue stream has been greatly curtailed revenue that supports the daily operations of our service office at Togus VA.

Please consider a donation, regardless of size to keep operations running. You can donate online by clicking the DONATE TODAY button below or by visiting <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/foundation.php>. You may also donate by mail. 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, ME 04901-0727.

Please make sure to provide your name and address so that we may send you a tax receipt.



**Thank you in advance
 for your generous
 contribution!**

Welcome to the 24th 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.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

District 5 – Oxford (Post 112): Sept. 15 | Oxford Post 112 | 7 p.m.

District 14 – Piscataquis (Post 119): Sept. 15 | Guilford Post 119 | 12 p.m. – Lunch | 1 p.m. Business Meeting.

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 & 16.

The American Legion, Department of Maine Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization exclusively for charitable purposes including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. All donations to the foundation are tax-deductible under the United States Tax Code and Internal Revenue Service.

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



CAR DONATION FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Owners of unused vehicles can donate them for possible tax credit and benefit Veterans in the state of Maine.

This is a free, convenient service for converting that extra car, truck, or RV into a tax deductible donation. Our affiliate program makes sure your vehicle is properly handled so you get your tax deduction and Veterans in Maine get the benefit of your donation. You can currently donate online by visiting www.v-dac.com, or call 877-999-8322 to make your donation. For more information, contact The American Legion, Department of Maine at 207-873-3229 or via email at

www.legionme@mainelegion.org.



Endorsed By Your
American Legion
Department

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 hoe products and services we offer.

Follow these simple steps to take advantage of this offer:

**Visit <https://lit.hlathome.com/members/> to set up an 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

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Q: What was the use of the first “sonar”?

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

2020 Fall Conference, due to take place September 19, has been cancelled due to COVID-19

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](#)

VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION - DO YOU QUALIFY?

Property Tax Exemptions for Veterans.

Recently, there have been many inquiries about the Veteran Property Tax Exemption offered by the State of Maine. The "Veteran Exemption" is a \$6,000 tax credit that is available to the following veterans:

1. A veteran who served during a recognized war period **and** is 62 years or older;
2. **or**, is receiving 100% disability as a Veteran;
3. **or**, became 100% disabled while serving, is eligible for a \$6,000 exemption.

Maine Revenue Services also has a very helpful flowchart available on their website that can help determine if you are eligible for the "Veteran Exemption". The flowchart can be found [here](#).

If you are eligible, you may apply by completing the following [application](#).

ONLINE BASIC COURSE

Many of our Post & District Officers call Department HQ because someone at a Post or District meeting have wondered what The American Legion does about a certain subject. In the process of calling, they sometimes ask about available courses on line that may help them in understanding The American Legion.

There is one course that has been very helpful for many and that is the “Online Basic Training Course”. It allows you to even stop if you do not have time and get back to the course the next day. Give it a try, you will not regret it. Go to Legion.org | training | and sign up to take the basic training course.

If you should have any questions, please call HQ at 207-873-3229.



**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. The image shown here shows the front and back of the t-shirt. 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

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/formsapplications.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 54 – Wiscasset
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 205 - Augusta
Post 207 – Trenton	Post 216 – Phippsburg

MAINE LEGION COLLEGE CLASS FOR 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept. 26 & 27	8:30 a.m.	Dept. H.Q.

Physical distancing set up & Wearing Masks are encouraged (if possible).

VETERAN'S EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEFAP)

Attn: 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.



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.

Writing Clear Emails: Asking Somebody To Do Something

How many of your emails are asking somebody to do something? And do you spend too much time thinking about exactly what to write and how to structure your email?

Then read on and learn how to save time while writing clear emails. So many of the emails we write are for a handful of simple reasons, and by relying on a model you can avoid wasting time thinking how to start, what to write and how to structure your email. A classic example of a common email is writing to somebody because we want them to do something for us. In this situation the RAP model is great.

RAP stands for:

- Reference – Introduce why you are writing.
- Action – Tell them what you need them to do.
- Polite close – Thank them and say goodbye.

10 helpful phrases to get you started with your first RAP email:

Reference

- With reference to...
- Referring to...
- I am writing to...
- I am writing in response to...
- In response to your inquiry...

Polite Close

- Thank you for your assistance.
- Thank you in advance for your help.
- I look forward to hearing from you soon.

- Please let me know if you have any questions.
- Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Answer to Military Trivia: In 1915, a Canadian inventor, Lewis Nixon, first developed an “active” sonar for detecting icebergs, in order to avoid another Titanic accident. In 1915, Paul Langevin, a French scientist, further developed sonar for military use, in the manner we better understand today and he took this a step further in developing the first ultra sound for pregnant women.



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



TRAINING TO SERVE

As I reviewed the Leadership Ledger, I noticed the article about Caroline running the 26 mile Virtual Race. She has been preparing for this race in Boston since last year only to have it cancelled in April.

Now she will be running it here in Maine and has been training for over a year to support The American Legion Foundation.

So let me get to the bottom line. A young female veteran who also is a Legionnaire happens to join and wants to help our organization by running this event being supported by The American Legion. So how about a little support from each Posts in Maine, \$50 maybe \$100, maybe a member matches the Post and makes that \$50 into \$100. How about the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion? How about the Legion Riders?

LET'S SUPPORT CAROLINE NOW!!

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, Eugene & Ellen Connolloy-\$50, Franklin McKenzie-\$1,000, Kirk Thurston-\$100, Nancy Gillespie-\$200, Maureen Malley-\$40

MAINE VETERANS' CEMETERY SYSTEM

Effective July 1, 2020, the Maine Veterans' Cemetery System updated the way in which it processes all pre-eligibility applications.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) implemented the pre-need eligibility program so veterans, spouses and unmarried dependent adult children may better prepare for burial in a national, state or tribal veterans cemetery prior to the time of need. Planning in advance for a veteran's or loved-one's final resting place can eliminate unnecessary delays and reduce stress on a family at a difficult time.

Submission of a pre-need burial eligibility application does not obligate the veteran or family member to burial in a national, state or tribal veteran's cemetery.

For information regarding the most current internment requirements, pre-eligibility application and information, please visit our [website](#).

HOLIDAY REMINDER

The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will be closed Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.



SEPT. 7, 2020

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>

