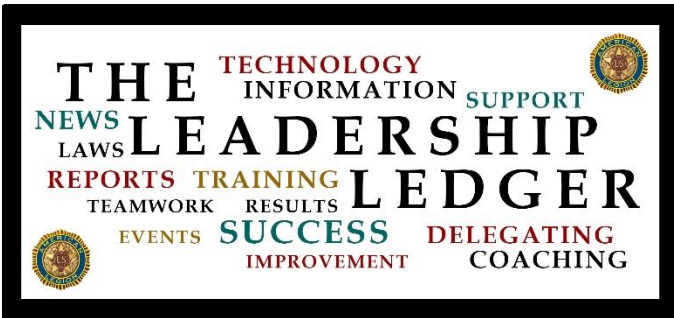




# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 26<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).

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

*Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed*

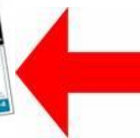
- District 2 – Cumberland (Post 148)** | Windham Post 148: Oct. 11 | 2 p.m. – Bylaw Review
- District 5 – Oxford (Post 58):** Oct. 20 | Buckfield Post 58 | 7 p.m.
- District 14 – Piscataquis (Post 41):** Oct. 17 | Milo Post 41 | 12 p.m. – Lunch | 1 p.m. Business Meeting.
- District 17 - No. Aroostook (Post 133):** Oct. 4 | Fort Kent Post 133 | Sun., 1 p.m.-Dinner, 2 p.m. Meeting

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

## DIGITAL CONVENTION YEARBOOK NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!



Lots of New Information Including Hyperlinked Business Ads, Photos, Legion Programs & More!



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**Click the Maine American Legion Yearbook image.**

Help Promote Maine American Legion's 2021 Annual Convention Yearbook! Ask local businesses if they would like to promote their business in support of Maine Veterans by purchasing ad space in our 2021 Annual Convention Yearbook! Have them call 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 or visit us here on the web at [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org).



## AUGUST 2020 ISSUE OF THE MAINE LEGIONNAIRE

Please check out our Maine Legionnaire newspaper for the August 2020 issue available by clicking on the image or on-line at [http://www.mainelegion.org/media/TML/TMLAUGUST2020\\_PGS1-28\\_new.pdf](http://www.mainelegion.org/media/TML/TMLAUGUST2020_PGS1-28_new.pdf)

## THE MAINE LEGIONNAIRE SUBMISSIONS

Please be reminded that only those articles and/or pictures which are sent in proper form will be considered for publication in The Maine Legionnaire. As we continue to receive an overabundance of photos for publishing, we must have guidelines to follow. In order to publish any photo(s) received, effective immediately, the submitter must include the following: Who are the individuals in the photo (left to right), what the photo is about, and when and where the event took place. If the above mentioned is not provided, the photo will be returned to the submitter for clarification and submission of the required information.

Anyone interested in submitting an article and/or a photo, please send via email to [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org) or [rachael@mainelegion.org](mailto:rachael@mainelegion.org) or mail to The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727.

Deadline for May Issue: October 23, 2020

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## 2021 HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST



The American Legion, Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest will once again be held at Thomas College in Waterville on Feb. 13, 2021 at 9 a.m. Snow Date: Feb. 20, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Follow this link for complete [DETAILS & FORMS](#).

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## MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT

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



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 76 HONORS 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDERS

This year I wanted to highlight the great work that Scarborough's Libby-Mitchell Post 76 of the American Legion does for our community. Almost every month during the past year, Commander Phil Ceaser, Dave Dolloff, and several of their other officers and members invited all 1<sup>st</sup> responders, Public Works employees, and bus drivers down to their facility on Manson Libby Rd., for breakfast or a BBQ luncheon. Each month, I would remind Phil that our generation is supposed to be thanking his generation for their service to our country, not the other way around. The answer was always the same, the members of the Libby-Mitchell Post appreciate and want to recognize the town's first responders and other public servants for their service to our community. These are some of the most selfless individuals I've had the pleasure of knowing. Throughout the year they put on dinners and other fund raising events to support Honor Flight Maine and other important causes. For decades, they have organized and lead the Town's Memorial Day Parade preceded by solemn individual ceremonies at each of the town's cemeteries and the Dunstan monument. Thank you to the members and leadership of Libby-Mitchell Post 76 for your service to our country, and for your thoughtful recognition of our town's public servants. You represent the best of our community!



## D.A.V. WIFE'S EQUINE THERAPY PROGRAM

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will be doing an article on Wife's Equine Therapy program for PTSD Veterans on Friday, Sept. 25 at 1:00 p.m., 186 Garland Line Road, Garland, ME. We are currently looking for a few Legionnaires to represent the Department at this event. Please notify HQ at 207-873-3229 if you will be attending.



**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!**

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.

**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).



**FIGHTING TO THE**  
**FINISH LINE, FOR THE**  
**FOUNDATION**



**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 Connolly-\$50, Franklin McKenzie-\$1,000, Kirk Thurston-\$100, Nancy Gillespie-\$200, Maureen Malley-\$40, Kirt Bunty-\$100, Debra Couture-\$200, District 3 (Androscoggin County)-\$200, Susan Hall-\$20, Steve Simard-\$50, Committee to Elect Jared Golden-\$1,000, Auburn Post 153-\$200

## 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](http://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](mailto:www.legionme@mainelegion.org).

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## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**Q:** What was the name of the group of US Airmen, who went to Canada in 1939-40 to join the Royal Canadian Air Force and how many were there?

*Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118*

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## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – INFORMATION

**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](#)



**THE  
DETACHMENT  
COMMITTEE  
TO ELECT**

**RICHARD L. HUNTLEY NATIONAL  
VICE COMMANDER**

**E**astern 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*

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## PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

**I**f 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!

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## PAST COMMANDERS CLUB DUES

**T**hank 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 157 – Stockton Springs	Post 197 – Westbrook
Post 205 – Augusta	Post 207 – Trenton
Post 216 – Phippsburg	

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## VETERAN'S EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEFAP)

**A**ttn: 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.

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## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**A**nswer to Military Trivia: The Clayton Knight Committee opened it's first "secret" recruiting office as an 'advisory unit' (because of the Neutrality Act), at the Waldorf Astoria in NY in the spring of 1949, quickly followed by offices in many other cities. It's real purpose was to recruit trained airmen to come to Canada & enter the RCAF for the war effort. By Dec. 8, 1941, over 6000 airmen had been recruited into the Canadian air service & in the following year, approx. 1700 had returned to the US Service under a re-enrollment program.

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## GARY SINISE FDN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**G**ary Sinise Foundation offers financial assistance for military service members, veterans, first responders and their families affected by COVID-19.

With continued spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) across the nation, the Gary Sinise Foundation's First Responder Outreach grants are available to first responders in need of personal protective equipment and gear when answering coronavirus-related service calls. The Foundation is also offering financial assistance should they become personally affected.

**“First responders can apply for a First Responder Grant for purchasing personal protective equipment and essential gear that guards against the transmission of the disease.”**

Additionally, any military service members, veterans, first responders, and their families affected by COVID-19 can apply for financial assistance through an initiative of the Foundation's Relief and Resiliency program, called H.O.P.E. (heal, overcome, persevere, and excel).

<https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/contact/>

## HELP WANTED - BETSY ANN ROSS HOUSE OF HOPE

Mr. Charles McGillicuddy (retired) has offered to repair the roof on a small addition of the Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope. This is a homeless shelter for female veterans and their children located in the Augusta area. The American Legion family has been a strong supporter and we hope that some our post in the area will make this happen again. The roof area is 900 sq. feet which has a small pitch involved. He has acquired the material needed and also has a dump trailer for the old singles. He thinks that with 6 to 8 people that it should be completed in 1 day. He is looking to do this project around the first 2 weekends of October with weather permitting.

Please try to gather a few members from your Post, Auxiliary, Sons and Legion Riders and make it happen. Contact info: Charles McGillicuddy | email: [vosemcgill@msn.com](mailto:vosemcgill@msn.com) | Ph: 207-215-4092.



### 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.

**Passwords!  
They don't  
have 2 be  
difficult 2  
remember**

### How to Create Secure Passwords You Can Actually Remember

How many total passwords do you think you have? Five? Ten? Thirty? Now think: How many of the *same* passwords do you use for entirely *different* accounts?

Though it is easier to remember, using the same password for all of your accounts makes it incredibly easy for hackers to get into your accounts. And if that one password is too simple, it's even easier for other people to access your accounts. You can do better --

and we're here to help. Below are some tips for toughening up your password security.

**DO Have Different Passwords for Every Account**  
A Microsoft research study found that, for the majority of people, their "growing herd of password accounts is maintained using a small collection of passwords. For a user with 30 password accounts, the problem becomes not remembering 30 distinct passwords, but rather remembering which of 5 or 6 passwords was used. This appears to be done using a combination of memory, pieces of paper, trial and error, and password resets."

### **DON'T Settle for Default Passwords**

Default passwords are the ones vendors send you when you open your account or reset your password. Usually, these passwords are sent to your email address for you to reset -- meaning your archived emails are a jackpot of passwords.

To find these rogue passwords, search your email account for emails containing the word "password" and delete all the results. Search for "login" and "username," too.

### **DO Take Extra Measures to Protect Your Most Important Passwords**

This includes your bank, investment accounts, and personal and work emails. Make these passwords the longest and most complex of all your passwords. Until we can do DNA scans to authenticate every account we have, multiple, long, complex passwords are the best we can do. Hopefully, by following these tips, you'll build more secure passwords -- and remember them, too.

## 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>

