



THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 27th 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 2 – Cumberland (Post 148) | Windham

Post 148: Oct. 11 | 2 p.m. – Bylaw Review

District 5 – Oxford (Post 58): Oct. 20 | West Paris

Post 151 | 7 p.m.

District 14 – Piscataquis (Post 41): Oct. 17 | Milo

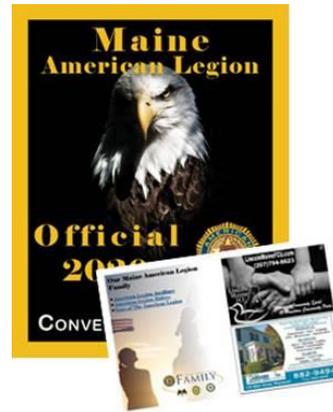
Post 41 | 12 p.m. – Lunch | 1 p.m. Business Meeting.

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

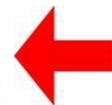
STATE DIRECTORY

Please see body of email for state directory or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/directory.php>.

Digital Convention Yearbook Now Available Online!



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

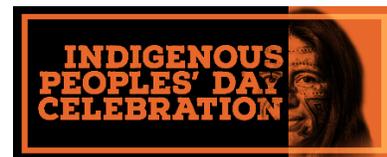


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This year, only a limited amount of printed yearbooks are available for purchase at \$20 each. To purchase one, please call 207-873-3229 Ext. 2.

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.

HOLIDAY REMINDER



The

Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will be closed on Monday, October 12 and will remain closed until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 13 for the October 12 Holiday. Please take a moment to give recognition to the indigenous people who lived on and cultivated this land for generations.

SUBMITTING CONTENT TO THE MAINE LEGIONNAIRE

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, or rachael@mainelegion.org, or mail to The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727.

Deadline for next issue: October 23, 2020

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. For more information, visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/oratorical.php>.

MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT

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



Maine Military Funeral Honors Program - Stipend Update for VSO's

“Dear Veteran Service Organization,

This letter is provided to update your Veteran Service Organization (VSO's) on the stipend pay for funeral services rendered in support of, and requested by the Maine Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program (MFH) ... The \$50 stipend is authorized for members of a VSO group that [are] currently certified in accordance with the Authorized Provider Partnership Program (AP3), and a Certified Contract Rep. with the US Government, and maintain a valid cage code with the MFH; however, it is not an entitlement. This payment is subject to the availability of funds. Payment process is as follows:

1. VSO is currently certified with AP3.
2. VSO is a certified Contract Rep. with the US Gov.
3. VSO has a cage code.
4. VSO is formally requested via MFH Request Memo to provide [required honors based on eligibility].
5. MFH verifies support via After Action Report (AAR).
6. MFH submits payment request for stipend within 30 days of receiving AAR.
7. Copy of Standard Form 1034, Public Voucher of Purchase and Services other than Personal will be forwarded [to you] for your records.

Organizations should not rely on this stipend as income, payment may or may not be made this year or future years, based on current law. The MFH will continue to offer training and certification for VSO volunteers through the AP3. ... Your organization is very important to us. Your continual and unwavering support has greatly enhanced the final honors provided to our fallen Veterans.”

Adam C. Buckley
Maine Military Funeral Honors Program
State Coordinator

For more information, visit
<https://www.funeralhonors.org/>.



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.

[The Virtual Wall – Virtual Vietnam Veterans Memorial Available Online](#)



From the comfort of your own home, you may now view the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Fully modeled after the actual wall in

Washington DC, the online version features bios, photos, service information, medals, and more.

If you want to check it out, visit <http://www.virtualwall.org/index.html>.

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Q: Almost 200 years ago, Congress authorized the use of the rank title “Commodore”, for senior naval officers in charge of fleets or squadrons. Today, only one US military organization actually uses the title in their operations. What is that organization?

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

[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, Androscoggin County District 3 - \$200, Susan Hall - \$20, Steve Simard - \$50, Committee to Elect Jared Golden - \$1,000, Auburn Post 153 - \$200, Topsham Post 202 - \$550, Sabattus Post 135 - \$130, Michelle L’Heureux - \$100, Charles Ault - \$250, Franklin McKenzie - \$100, Kirk Bunty - \$100, Anonymous - \$750

[FIGHTING TO THE FINISH LINE, FOR THE FOUNDATION](#)



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.



LEGIONTOWN, USA; A Place for Members of the American Legion to Share, Learn, and Connect

Every member of the American Legion has a story. They're all different, but all are powerful and special in their own right. [Legiontown](#) is a platform that was developed at the national level and it is a place where all of those stories can be shared. There are several categories ranging from the Oratorical, to Baseball, to Boys State, and so many more, that ask members of the Legion to tell us their stories.

Not only can you share your own story but [Legiontown](#) also allows you to connect with others from across the world by reading their stories as well. [One particularly heartwarming story](#) was from back in February, just before the COVID-19 pandemic reshaped our society. It was about a Post based overseas that purchased over \$300 worth of goods to improve the quality of life of 15 active-duty service members during their quarantine process at Camp Humphreys in South Korea. Visit <http://www.legiontown.org> to learn more.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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*

World Health Organization
http://bit.ly/WHO_COVID19_AL

Center for Disease Control
http://bit.ly/CDC_COVID19_AL

MaineGeneral Health
http://bit.ly/MGH_COVID19_AL



VETERAN'S EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(VEFAP)

Do you know of a veteran in your community in need of assistance? Someone who during these challenging times just needs a little help to keep them going? Maybe a veteran that is homeless? Or worst of all, a homeless veteran with children? If so, we want to remind you that The American Legion, Department of Maine can assist you to help these veterans during difficult times. You can call us at 207-873-3229, Ext. 3 or visit our website: <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/resources/va-resources.php>. We will contact you as soon as possible and we hope to enable you to help veterans in need.

GARY SINISE FDN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Gary Sinise Foundation offers financial assistance for military service members, veterans, first responders, and their families affected by COVID-19. The Gary Sinise Foundation's First Responder Outreach grants are also 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).

For more information, please visit <https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/contact/>.



Transitional Training for Women Veterans Offered by VA

“The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is offering virtual training for women service members transitioning from active duty to reserve components or who are making the transition into civilian life. Women's Health Transition Training is designed to complement the existing Transition Assistance Program by providing servicewomen training and information on women-centric issues, such as VA's whole-health approach to women's health care, services available to women veterans and how to enroll in VA health care. Ultimately, the goal of the program is to encourage more women to see that there is a place for them in the VA health-care system by educating them on the services that VA has to offer.”

The multi-phase training is led by a woman who is also a veteran and will encompass many different areas of learning and opportunity for women that have served our country.

If this is something you wish to learn more about or participate in, please visit the quoted article: <https://www.legion.org/veteranshealthcare/250475/va-offering-transition-training-specially-tailored-women-veterans> and the program registration: <https://www.va.gov/womenvet/whtt/>

MILITARY TRIVIA:

A: The [US Coast Guard Auxiliary](#).



COMPUTER 101

Computer 101 is a resource aiming to help those who

wish to learn basic skills with the powerful technology of today's world. Increased proficiency with computers and the Internet has positive outcomes across all fronts, both personally and professionally.

5 Basic Tips for Increasing Aptitude with Computers and the Internet

1. Positive & Open-Minded

You have learned many new skills in your lifetime and this will be no different. Take it slow and utilize others who are more experienced. Soon enough, you will master the powerful tool that is the internet!

<https://www.educause.edu/research-and-publications/books/educating-net-generation/using-technology-learning-tool-not-just-cool-new-thing>

2. Google

Your primary platform for obtaining useful information, finding the websites you need, and navigating the internet is Google. When in doubt, Google it! (Enter: www.google.com and type into the search bar). Google also has one of the top web browsers in the world in Google Chrome, which can be downloaded [here](#) for free.

<https://www.google.com/chrome/>

3. Bookmarking

Every browser has a built-in bookmarking system. When you find a particularly useful web page or online resource, bookmark it to save it. It can then be easily accessed at any time. Not sure how to bookmark? Google: “[how to bookmark a webpage](#)”.

<http://bit.ly/google-how-to-bookmark-a-webpage>

4. Sourcing

Whether it is a news article, online shopping, downloadable content, or a whole host of other things, sourcing information on the internet is absolutely vital. Always air on the side of caution and search for reviews on the web if you are not sure about a certain product, service, or application. Never give out personal, financial, or other sensitive information unless you know it is a trusted, [reputable source](#).

<https://paperpile.com/g/find-credible-sources/>

5. Passwords

If you get in the habit of keeping your passwords on file, whether in writing, in the notes of your cell phone, or both, you will never forget them again. Of course, you want to ensure that your reference is kept safe and secure so that nobody goes into your personal accounts. An even greater means of security is something called two-factor authentication, which requires not only a password, but a mobile device that is also linked to the account. Any chance you get, set your accounts up this way for [maximum protection](#).

<https://www.consumerreports.org/digital-security/tips-for-better-passwords/>