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# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER

**THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER**  
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Welcome to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Edition of The Leadership Ledger. It includes Post, Department and National 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 6 – Knox:** Oct. 23

Camden Post 30, 9 AM

**District 14 – Piscataquis:** Oct. 23

**CANCELLED**

Milo Post 41, 12PM Lunch w/Business Mtg. at 1 PM

*Note: If you haven't submitted your district meetings for 21-22, please do so as soon as possible!*

## DONATIONS

### AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

#### Homeless Veterans

Legion Riders Chapter 19 Sanford	\$ 500.00
Legion Riders Chapter 40 Winthrop	\$ 500.00

#### Legacy Fund

Legion Riders Chapter 19 Sanford	\$ 1500.00
Legion Riders Chapter 40 Winthrop	\$ 500.00

## LEGION MOURNS PASSING OF COLIN POWELL

American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard expressed condolences today concerning the passing of former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Powell was recognized by The American Legion in 1993, with the organization's highest award, the Distinguished Service Medal. As chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Powell addressed delegates at the 72nd National Convention of The American Legion in 1990.

"While our values have nurtured us, our power has protected us," Powell told The American Legion. "Purpose and power, it's an unbeatable combination, one that fascism could not destroy, one that communism could not defeat, one that has always been ready to meet aggression."

Dillard added today that Powell's leadership will be missed. "Colin Powell was not only a general, but a statesman and leader in every sense. He was a groundbreaker in so many ways," Dillard said. "Not only was he the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, but he was also America's National Security Advisor as the Cold War ended. He served with distinction in Republican and Democratic administrations. We extend our condolences to his family and many friends. America is better because of his service."

~ The American Legion  
OCT 18, 2021

## VETERANS DAY 2021

In observance of Veterans Day, American Legion State Headquarters will be closed all day on **Thursday, November 11th**. Please plan accordingly.

**Applebees Restaurant** is celebrating Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11th, by serving free meals to Veterans! Simply show your American Legion ID (or other military ID) and enjoy!

**Hannaford Supermarkets** will once again offer all veterans, active military, reserve and service members a 10% discount on all purchases. Simply identify as a veteran and you're eligible!

## SHARE HOW YOU'RE COMMEMORATING VETERANS DAY



*The  
American  
Legion  
Oct 21, 2021*

With Veterans Day less than one month away, many American Legion posts are well into planning for various ceremonies and events. Once again, The American Legion National Media & Communication Division is looking for potential coverage opportunities.

If your post, district or department is hosting, sponsoring or participating in a Veterans Day event, please share it with us. Email [sbrooks@legion.org](mailto:sbrooks@legion.org) with details that include the time, date, location and what the event will entail. We'll be looking for events to cover in person; other events may be featured in an advance Veterans Day story and follow-up after the events have concluded.

Posts, districts and departments also are encouraged to share stories and photos of their Veterans Day events on [Legiontown](https://www.legiontown.com). And remember that if you are conducting an event and in need of a speech, we have one available for [download](#) by visiting [www.legion.org/publications](http://www.legion.org/publications). The speech is not meant to be recited verbatim; members are greatly encouraged to amend them to taste and audience.

## WOMEN VETERANS EVENT GUIDELINES

If you're thinking about putting together a Women Veterans Event sponsored by the American Legion, Department of Maine, please click on the above link to help you. For more information, please contact Department HQ at 207-873-3229.

Guidelines are also available to download by visiting: [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) under Forms/Applications.



## NATIONAL COMMANDERS CAMPAIGN

To Our Fellow Legionnaires:

As you may be aware, each year we request donations to be given to the leading candidate for the position of National Commander of The American Legion. The individuals do a lot of traveling and have expenses which they may need assistance in covering.

We are asking you to consider donating to this great cause so that the Department of Maine can support the leading candidate, Vincent James Troiola in their quest for election to the high position of National Commander.

Each department donates to this cause and we are not the only one to do so. The many departments also supported our own Tony Jordan when he was campaigning for National Commander and it is only right that we, the Department of Maine, do so also.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Please send them to the Department of Maine Headquarters at 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901 and earmark in the "Memo" position of your check or money order "National Commander Donation."

The donations will be given to the lead candidate, Mr. Troiola, at the soonest possible time.

Thank you and let's make this one a great one!

Lloyd Woods  
National Executive

Anthony G. "Tony" Jordan  
Past National Command

## MAINE LEGION COLLEGE CLASS FOR 2021



Maine Legion College Classes for the 2021 year have been cancelled. For more information contact American Legion State Headquarters at 207.873-3229.

## HONOR FLIGHT MAINE FLIGHT TRIPS - October



For more information [CLICK HERE](https://www.legion.org/benefits) or visit:  
<https://www.legion.org/benefits>



## The American Legion, Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

Thomas College  
180 West River Rd.  
Waterville, Maine 04901

**February 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

(Snow date: February 19, 2022)

The American Legion, Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest will once again be held at Thomas College in Waterville on February 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Snow Date: February 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

The main purpose of The American Legion Oratorical Contest "A Constitutional Speech Contest" is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Young orators will have the opportunity to earn some of the most generous scholarships. At the Post and District level, scholarships offered range from \$50 - \$100, and at the State level \$50 - \$1500. At the National level, each department (state) winner who is certified and participates in the National Oratorical Contest's 1<sup>st</sup> round receives \$2,000 scholarship. Each first round winner who advances to and participates in the second round, but does not advance to the final round, will receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship to pursue education beyond high school. The overall national contest winner gets an \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. The members of the Oratorical Committee will be working with both Area and District Commanders to prepare Posts and Districts for their local contests. We hope to have all Post contests completed by Mid-December 2021 and all District contests completed by the end of January 2022.

The 2022 **National Finals is April 22-24** in Indianapolis, at the Wyndham Indianapolis West. Quarterfinal and semifinal contests are scheduled for Saturday, April 23, with the finals scheduled for Sunday, April 24. **Certification of Department winners is due to National by March 14, 2022.**

For additional questions and/or information pertaining to the Oratorical Contest in Maine, please contact Oratorical Co-Chairman Dale Midgley at 207-590-3532 | e-mail: [midgleyd@earthlink.net](mailto:midgleyd@earthlink.net) or

Oratorical Co-Chairman Maureen Malley at [maureenmalley.66@gmail.com](mailto:maureenmalley.66@gmail.com). More information can be obtained by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org), your local American Legion Post, or The American Legion, Department of Maine Headquarters at 207-873-3229. Please check out the State and Local Oratorical Contests by visiting National's website at [www.legion.org/oratorical](http://www.legion.org/oratorical).

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## LETTER FROM THE ORATORICAL CO-CHAIRMAN DALE MIDGLEY

If you have never attended the High School Oratorical Finals, you are missing the opportunity to see some of the very Brightest and Talented High School Students in the State of Maine!

Did you know that: The Original proposed Bill of Rights contained 12 Rights not 10?

Did you know that: James Madison, author of the Bill of Rights, used the Magna Carta (1215),

English Bill of Rights (1689) and the Virginia Declaration of Rights (1776) in writing the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Did you know that: The Constitution was finally ratified by all 14 States in January 1791, the last being Vermont.

Did you know that: A proposed Bill of Rights Amendment submitted in 1789 was not officially ratified until 1992 and became the 26th Amendment?

I didn't know any of these things, plus a whole lot more, until I attended our Post Oratorical Contest, the District Oratorical Contest and the State Oratorical Contest.

The students who research and present their Prepared Speech and Assigned Topics will amaze you by how much time and effort they have spent rehearsing and polishing their presentations.

I hope to see you at the Oratorical Finals, for I am sure, I will learn even more about the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights again this year at the Post, District and State Finals.

For More Information [Click Here](#)

or go to

[www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/oratorical.php](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/oratorical.php)

*For the Oratorical Committee,*

*Dale Midgley*

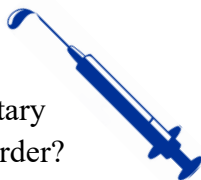
**Department of Maine HS Oratorical  
Scholarship Application**

**Department of Maine Oratorical Brochure  
2022 Oratorical Rules Brochure  
Oratorical Promotional Brochure - National**



## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**Q:** Where was the first mass military inoculation initiated & under who's order?



## ATTENTION: ALL SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP!

To all Squadrons: Paid Membership dues are way down, embarrassingly way down !! As Past Detachment Commander, I am urging you all to start sending your dues into Headquarters to our newly elected Adjutant, Russ Taylor. Send all dues to Sons of the American Legion 5 Verti Drive, Suite B, Winslow Me 04901. We are here to help support the Veterans programs and your Membership dues allow us to continue that mission. Let's show our pride in belonging to this organization and collect those dues and get them into the mail asap. We need to come together in this time of need and continue to show our support. If you need help you can reach out!

I remain, always willing to support,

Past Detachment Commander

Ron Marr

1779 Hotel Rd Auburn, Me 04210, 207-701-9676



## MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORTS

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on:

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

provide a summary of membership, participation and volunteerism making an impact in the lives of veterans, families and communities. American Legion Posts can share the many ways Legionnaires are making a difference in their communities by [submitting consolidated post reports online](#). To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit:

<https://www.legion.org/bythenumbers> or

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



## 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 their difficult and troubling times.

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.

## SPECIAL DISCOUNTS & PERKS FOR VETERANS

### Free National Park Passes

[VA pension benefits](#) | [10% off at Outback](#)

[Veterans get free entrance to national parks, refuges and other public lands](#)

Veterans, Gold Star Families, current Military and their dependents have free access to approximately 2,000 public locations spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, which host activities to fit any lifestyle, from serene to high octane, including hiking, fishing, paddling, biking, hunting, stargazing, camping and much more.

For more perks [Click Here](#) or go to:

[Veteran discounts available year round - VAntage Point](#)

## ENHANCED PENSION BENEFITS HELP ELIGIBLE WARTIME VETERANS, SURVIVING SPOUSES INCREASE INCOME

If you are a wartime Veteran who meets certain requirements, or you are a surviving spouse, then you may be eligible for VA's pension benefits. [VA's Aid and Attendance and Housebound benefits](#), or enhanced pension, can boost your pension payments. If you need help with daily activities, or if you are housebound, you may qualify for an increased monthly pension.

## RENEW NOW! DON'T WAIT!

Department, District, County, and Post Leaders,

First and foremost, I want to thank you for your support of our veterans, their families and our youth. You have taken on a serious responsibility to lead, guide, and direct our organization to ensure we are able to work our programs under the four pillars that make our communities better.

It has been said many times that “Membership is the lifeblood of The American Legion!” This statement is as true today as it was more than 100 years ago when our forefathers met in Paris and the largest and greatest veterans service organization was born. I am asking you to take an active leadership role and engage your members and show them the value of being a member of this great organization. National Commander Paul Dillard has challenged all of us to attain at least a 90% retention rate.

Please reach out to your members and ask if they have renewed their membership for 2022? If so, thank them for their continued support. If not, ask them why not? Let them know we need their commitment to continue supporting our veterans and our programs now!

Share this with them. Here are a few of the advantages to renewing their membership now:

- No more renewal notices will be sent reminding them to renew. The money saved by not sending renewal notices can be used to help a veteran in need and continue to support our great programs.
- Their membership is NOT cut short by renewing now. Their membership will still be active through the end of December 2022, even by renewing today.
- Their magazine subscription will not lapse.
- Continued eligibility for the National Emergency Fund.

There are several other advantages to renewing now and you are encouraged to add to the above list, but I think you get the message. Now, here are the disadvantages to renewing now:

- **NONE!**

Please reach out to your members and encourage them to send in their renewal right away. Let them know it is VERY easy to renew. They can send their renewal notice to their post with a check, money order, or cash, or they can go online at [legion.org](http://legion.org) and click on the “**Renew**” button at the top right side of the page and follow the directions. Let them know

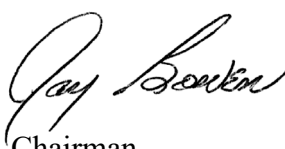
that if they can't find their renewal notice or membership number, we can help. Encourage them to contact you at the post or department level and you can look it up for them. Remind them they can mail in their renewal without the notice. All they need to do is send their dues with their full name and membership ID number.

Make it simple and easy for our members to renew. Now the rest is up to you. Please help us continue our work so we can ensure there is “No Veteran Left Behind!” Ask your members to renew now and let's show National Commander Paul Dillard we are going to reach our Retention goal of 90% before Veterans Day!

Thanks in advance for your support and work to reach and exceed the 90% renewal challenge.

For God and Country,

Jay Bowen



Chairman  
Membership and Post Activities Committee  
The American Legion

**Renew now**



## IMPORTANT DATES IN MILITARY

### NOVEMBER

- [11/10 US Marine Corps Established](#)
- [11/11 Veteran's Day/WWI Armistice Signed \(1918\)](#)
- [11/21 Grenada Campaign Ended \(1983\)](#)
- [11/23 USCG Women Reserve \(SPAR's\) Established \(1942\)](#)



**IRVING**  
**Irving Oil**  
**Savings**

## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**A.** In 1777, 90% of the Continental Army Regulars' deaths were caused by disease & not enemy action, so George Washington, after writing to Dr. William Shippen Jr., learned that there was a vaccine which would prevent the spread of the most infectious "Variola" variety of the smallpox disease, the biggest killer of all.

He immediately ordered that all Continental Regulars, passing through Philadelphia, be vaccinated & with the resulting increase in the number of available troops, he defeated the British, who were suffering from the same disease.

The most memorable statement out of this entire process was that stated by General Washington: "we should have more to dread from it (the disease), than from the Sword of the Enemy."



## COMPUTER 101

**Computer 101** is a resource which aims 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 outcome across all fronts, both personally and professionally.

### Translate

Use Word's "**Translate**" feature to read and write in foreign languages. To translate text to another language, all you have to do is select the text, right-click, and tap "Translate" in Word. The Translator panel will show the text, then you can select the language you want to translate it to.

You can then place the translated text into the document with "Insert."

Word won't write your Spanish essay for you, but it can help with on-the-fly translations.

### Add Filler Placeholder Text Anywhere

Let's say that you want to check how a font looks, or how to format certain pages, but don't have any writing to test with. This is where **Lorem Ipsum** comes in.

Lorem Ipsum is filler text — nonsense words and sentences that are structured exactly like actual words and sentences. If you just need text as a placeholder, Lorem Ipsum is perfect for the job.

Click the spot on the page where you want the filler text and type **=Lorem()** then hit Enter:

By default, it'll give you five paragraphs of text. You can type a number in the parentheses to specify how many paragraphs you want.

Once the Lorem Ipsum appears, you can edit, format, and move it like any other text. Filler text is a great way to keep working on a document if you need to format text that doesn't exist yet.

**Use Smart Search** to look up words and topics without leaving Word. Word offers a way to look up information that won't require you to navigate the winding, endless roads of Bing or Google.

All you have to do to use the smart search feature is highlight the word or phrase you want to look up, right-click it and select "Search." A sidebar will appear giving you the top search results.

Also known as "Smart Lookup," this can save you from switching back-and-forth between apps.

~ Emma Witman/Business Insider



## LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST

### QUICK REMINDER ABOUT ID RESOLVE:

Protects your financial reputation with 24/7/365 identity theft resolution services.

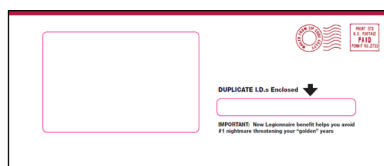
This Eliminates the frustration and worries that come with being the victim of identity theft. ID Resolve helps get your money back, repair your credit, and clean up the mess left behind.

Our U.S.-based team of resolution specialists knows who to call and which steps to take first when you fall victim to identity theft.

Product may not be available in all states and may not mail all your members. If you want a more detailed description of this product, visit [www.TheLIT.com/IDResolve](http://www.TheLIT.com/IDResolve).



Here's what it will look like to most people who receive it.





## TEN THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE NAVY

The U.S. Navy celebrates its birthday on Oct. 13. In 1775, a naval force was established by the Continental Congress to aid in the conflict with the British.

**Here are some things you might not know about the Navy.**

1. Five cities claim the right to be considered the Navy's birthplace: Beverly, Mass.; Marblehead, Mass.; Philadelphia; Whitehall, N.Y.; and Providence, Rhode Island. The Navy takes no position on its place of origin.
2. All submariners are volunteers who have passed rigorous psychological and physical tests.
3. Navy ships named for individuals are christened by "the eldest living female descendent" of that individual.
4. Humphrey Bogart, Bob Barker and MC Hammer all served in the Navy.
5. Bill the Goat has been the Naval Academy mascot since the early 1900s. Legend has it that a Navy ship once had a goat for a pet, and on the way home to port the goat died. Two ensigns were entrusted to have the goat stuffed, but got distracted by a Naval Academy football game. One of the ensigns allegedly dressed up in the goat skin and pranced around at halftime. The crowd loved it and Navy won the game.
6. The first version of the Navy was dissolved following the Revolutionary War, but it was reconstituted to deal with piracy.
7. During World War II, the Navy produced six future presidents: Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Bush Sr. And before the war, there had been no naval veterans in the White House.
8. Cadets and midshipmen played the first Army-Navy football game Nov. 29, 1890, on "The Plain" at West Point. Navy had been playing organized football since 1879 and defeated the newly established Army team 24-0.
9. The Blue Angels – the Navy's flight exhibition team – was established in 1946 by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Chester Nimitz to raise the public's interest in naval aviation and boost Navy morale.
10. The Navy Marine Mammal Program trains bottlenose dolphins and California sea lions to detect, locate, mark and recover objects in harbors, coastal areas, and at depth in the open sea.

[~ The American Legion](#)



### SHOP "AMAZONSMILE" & GIVE WHILE YOU SHOP!

Support the American Legion Department of Maine Foundation when you shop on AmazonSmile. It's the same as shopping on Amazon with the extra bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the price of eligible purchases.

How to shop AmazonSmile:

1. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. If you already have an Amazon account, there is no need to create another one.
2. In the search box, type American Legion Department of Maine Foundation and start shopping. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the American Legion Department of Maine Foundation.
3. Add a bookmark for [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). You must log in through the AmazonSmile portal each time you shop in order for our Foundation to receive the donation, so remember to add a bookmark to make it easier to return and start shopping on AmazonSmile.

The funds go directly to the "American Legion Department of Maine Foundation to help Maine Veterans in need and support Legion programs in Maine!"

Please help us get the word out to your friends and family!

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[www.legion.org/benefits](http://www.legion.org/benefits)

### The Maine Legionnaire

**~ Printing Delay! ~**

The August issue of The Maine Legionnaire has been delayed and will be printed in November due to various reasons including, but not limited to; [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org), staffing issues and an overabundance of photos and articles.

***"Live for something rather than die for nothing."***

***~ General George S. Patton***