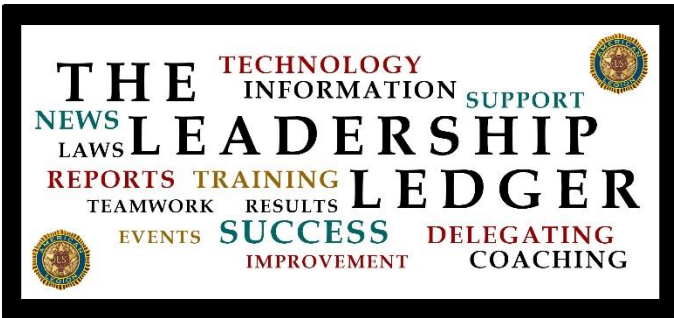




# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



## The Maine Legionnaire Ties for 1<sup>st</sup> Place Nationwide with the Department of California in the TALMA 2020 Contest

Dear Paul & Rachael,  
 I am pleased to congratulate you on winning first place (tie) in the 2020 contest of The American Legion Media Alliance. Judges selected your entry in the **Publication - Department** category. We are working on getting your awards designed, created and shipped to you.

Overall, we received nearly 100 entries in this year's contest. We had planned for the Media and Communications Commission to judge them at Spring Meetings, National Convention or Fall Meetings. Since we did not have the ability for the commission to judge the entries, I directed members of the National Headquarters staff to serve as judges for this year. They sifted through 91 entries in five categories. The winners they selected were approved by the three-member TALMA task force and by the full commission at the virtual commission meeting last week.

The full list of winners [can be found here](https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/TALMA_2020_Winners.pdf) or by visiting: [https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/TALMA\\_2020\\_Winners.pdf](https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/TALMA_2020_Winners.pdf)

Thank you again for your participation and the great things you do to support The American Legion Family. Soon we will announce some exciting enhancements to the 2021 contest, after we learned a few things during this year's judging. I look forward to reviewing all the great work by you and other TALMA members in the months to come.

Sincerely,  
 Walter Ivie  
 Chairman, Media and Communications Commission

Welcome to the 28<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 12 – Hancock:** Nov. 10, Bucksport Post 93, dinner 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. mtg.

**District 14 – Piscataquis:** Nov. 21, Monson Post 116, lunch noon, 1 p.m. mtg.

**District 17 – N. Aroostook:** Nov. 1, St. Francis Post 180, dinner 1 p.m., 2 p.m. mtg.

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>.

## Enjoy the 2020 Convention Digital Digital Convention Yearbook Now Available Online!



**L**ots of New Information Including Hyperlinked Business Ads To Websites, Legion Programs & More!

**Click Here to View**

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](http://www.mainelegion.org).



### [The Revitalization of Bridgton Post 67](#)

Click the title to watch the video about how Bridgton Post 67 has been recently revamped.

You can also visit the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cXkayG0huIEvcUKPLWUAP0uwXqFytxin/view>

### **MILITARY TRIVIA:**

**Q:** What famous Field Marshall once said: "Airplanes are interesting toys, but of no military value". ?

*Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118*

## 2021 NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

It was announced on October 14<sup>th</sup> that the 2021 National Oratorical Contest scheduled from April 9-11 in Indianapolis will be live and in-person. After the 2020 rendition was cancelled due to the risk of COVID-19 back in April, the Americanism Committee discussed the feasibility of future events during a pandemic. Ultimately, it was decided that the Oratorical can be held as long as conditions are improving and the event can be conducted safely for all who attend. Summarizing the Committee's reasons for keeping a traditional structure for the event goes as follows:

1. The nature of the event is best suited for an in-person setting and the Americanism Committee is confident in the reputation of the American Legion.
2. For the kids who attend and compete, it is a once in a lifetime experience where they are honored and celebrated. It is a unique bonding and learning experience.

The article concluded with a quote to reassure American Legion affiliates who wish to participate in the event of the Committee's dedication to keeping people safe:

"The decision to hold a traditional in-person National Oratorical Contest in 2021 was not made lightly during these unusually complex times. The Americanism Commission wishes each post, district and department a successful oratorical season."

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.legion.org/oratorical/250742/american-legion-announces-plans-2021-national-oratorical-contest>

## 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, please visit our website: <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/oratorical.php>.



## INTRODUCING TRAINING TUESDAYS



## Virtual Boots to Business November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

**When:** Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**Register:** [HERE](#) and select "Online Portsmouth, NS, ME"

Boots to Business is a two-step training program developed to introduce Veterans and transitioning service members to business ownership. This 2-day workshop helps ensure that every participant has access to a standardized entrepreneurship training track and the small business resources in their local communities. Any veteran, spouse and/or dependent children over 18 are welcome to participate!

After completing the 2-day Boots to Business session, participants will have the tools and knowledge they need to identify a business opportunity, draft a business plan, connect with local small business resources, and launch their small business.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Card at 207-751-7379 or email: [william.card@sba.gov](mailto:william.card@sba.gov)

## MyLegion Overview for Post Adjutants

“One of the eight presentations during last month’s National Membership Workshop was on post adjutant’s access of materials through [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org). MyLegion provides post adjutants the ability to create membership listings, view members renewing online, search for members who have expired or are members of the department headquarters post, and chat with other officers discussing veterans issues and sharing membership ideas.”

Access the presentation at:  
[www.legion.org/training/membership](http://www.legion.org/training/membership).

## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**A:** Marshall Ferdinand Foch, 1911, while teaching at a senior French Military Academy, before he became overall Allied Forces Commander in 1918.

Beginning in October, American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Please join us to learn more about these two topics.

October 27, 2020 – 7 PM EDT

### TOPICS:

#### Changes & Updates to Online Membership Processing

Focuses on basic overview of the new myLegion platform with an emphasis on the first log in authentication requirements, what the home page looks like, and how to view, edit and process renewals, adding new members, and transferring existing members.

Presenter: Libby Vickers, Product Support Specialist, IT Division

#### Buddy Check

Focus on the 5 W’s (Who, What, When, Where, and Why) of the program and discuss the relevance, importance and strategic objectives of taking care of our fellow veterans.

Presenter: Ron Neff (IN), Member Engagement Coordinator, Internal Affairs & Membership Division



## American Legion Cutting Boards - \$30

### Make check out to:

The American Legion,  
Department of Maine

### Earmark “Cutting Boards” and mail to:

The American Legion,  
Department of Maine  
5 Verti Drive,  
Winslow, Maine 04901



Proceeds Support Warren Post 218 Members



## Sons of the American Legion, Membership Update

“This article is to inform you all of the new dues structure of The Sons of The American Legion as of July 2020. There has been an increase in our national dues, the increase is \$5.00 which makes your contribution to Detachment a total of \$15.00. Whatever you charge in your squadrons you will send \$15.00 per member to the Detachment. This increase is long overdue as it has been set at \$2.00 for 40 years that I know of. As a matter of fact, The American Legion has generously subsidized us for those many years, so it is time. The good news is that most of our Squadrons are informed of the change and are submitting the proper amount of funds. I would be remiss if I didn’t mention where to send it:

The Detachment of Maine SAL  
5 Verti Drive, **Suite. B**, Winslow, Maine 04901.

During this COVID-19 Pandemic, there are a lot of members that have questioned whether or not to renew your membership. Obviously, membership is of key importance to the entire American Legion Family. I can tell you that we are still trying to better our communities, state and nation. We are doing this with programs and donations that we have in place for in many cases a lot of years. The American Legion Family needs your support to continue providing for these important programs.

Recently my Squadron donated funds to support a youth soccer team, Detachment still has the goal to raise \$1.00 per member for CWF, which in turn is a National program to assist the youth in our country from coast to coast. It is all of our responsibility to get those membership goals. We must work to keep the entire organization moving forward growing and prosperous because you and I know that there are people that need our help and it is difficult to turn anyone in need away.”

Yours in Service,

Don Allisot  
NEC The Detachment of Maine  
Sons of The American Legion

## 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, PO Box 438, Woolwich, ME. 04579, Phone (207) 751-2109.”

*Yours in Service,  
Don Allisot  
Chairman, Committee to Elect Dickie Huntley*

## What is a Fisher House?

No, it's nothing like a Fishing House on the frozen Lake.

In fact, it's a home away from. When a veteran is hospitalized, their family can call and make reservations for FREE to stay at the newly built Fisher House right at VA Medical Center Togus Campus, Maine.

You say, how does one qualify to stay at the Fisher House?

### Families or Caregivers

- 1 – Involved in the “episodic care” of the Veteran.
- 2 – Must be capable of self-care.
- 3 – Reside 50-miles from Togus.

### Veterans

- 1 – Receiving “episodic care” here at Togus.
- 2 – Accompanied by a family member or caregiver capable of self-care.
- 3 – Reside 50-miles from Togus.

*“Episodic Care” is confirmed through medical consults. Exceptions to the 50-mile rule, while rare, may be granted at the discretion of the Fisher House Manager.*

Here's a quick peek of the entry way and one of the sixteen bedrooms:



For more information, please contact:

**Manager:**

Patrick Crowley

[Patrick.crowley@va.gov](mailto:Patrick.crowley@va.gov)

(207) 623-8411

Also look online at all that The Fisher House has to offer:

<https://fisherhouse.org/programs/houses/house-locations/maine-va-maine-healthcare-system/>

## 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](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 next issue: October 23, 2020



**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.

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.

## COMPUTER 101



**C**omputer 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.

## What Are Links & Hyperlinks?

**Links** and **Hyperlinks** are tools used to help us navigate the vast, interconnected web of information that is the Internet. They are different but still tied together. While a hyperlink is completely dependent on a link to function, a link works on it's own.

**LINK:** a series of characters that can be input with a keyboard which will bring you to a certain web page on the internet.



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

**HYPERLINK:** a link that has been programmed to a certain piece of text or photo that when clicked, will bring you to a specific webpage.



Examples: [Google](#) 

In **The Leadership Ledger**, you will see many links listed that will guide you to helpful places on the Internet. You will also see hyperlinks, which act as in-body citations for information. Using your mouse or trackpad to click a hyperlink will function the same as manually typing the link into your web browser and searching.

## AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE DONATIONS

Post 119 - \$200 for Beals House



## AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION DONATIONS

Grover Ouellette - \$50 for Endowment Fund, Nicareece Hunter - \$50 for VA&R

## FIGHTING TO THE FINISH LINE, FOR THE FOUNDATION



## MARATHON DONATIONS

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, Ron Sailor - \$500, Deb & Greg Couture - \$200, District 9 - \$100, Anonymous - \$750