



# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 29<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).

## HOLIDAY REMINDER

The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will be closed Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.



**HAPPY VETERANS DAY!**

# Thank You

*for serving our country and  
protecting our freedoms!*

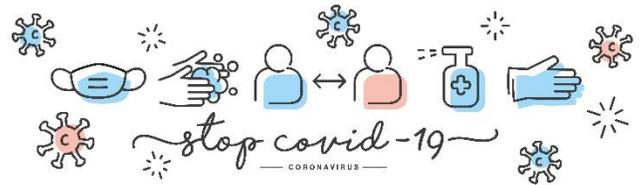
## DISTRICT MEETINGS

*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 5 – Oxford:** Nov. 17, Bethel Post 81, 7 p.m., refreshments after mtg.

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



## DUE TO INCREASED CORONAVIRUS CASES IN MAINE, DEPT. HQ RECOMMENDS CALLING OR EMAILING BEFORE VISITING

**E**ffectively Immediately! The American Legion, Department of Maine is urging all those planning to visit State HQ to call or email before visiting due to the recent spike in coronavirus cases around the state. An appointment will be made if the matter cannot be resolved over the phone or through email.

Office hours are Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm with some of our staff working remotely during the week and on Friday. Voicemail messages relating to Department, Post or District should be left by calling 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 and messages relating to Veterans Assistance should be left by calling 207-754-6044 or 207-660-9324. All emails should be sent to [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org).

If you are scheduled to visit HQ, please remember to bring your mask and follow social distancing guidelines upon entering.

## 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](#)

# AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY TAKE NOTICE!

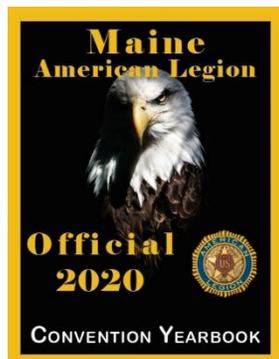
## Maine American Legion welcomes all of you to be part of the Official 2021 Annual Convention Yearbook

Showcase your Post, District, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter by sponsoring ad space in the 2021 Annual Convention Yearbook. Individual donations are also welcomed and appreciated with all individual and business names listed in the "Business & Individual Donors" page of the yearbook.

To donate or sponsor ad space in the 2021 Convention Yearbook in support of Maine Veterans, please [click here](#) to download a copy of the Convention Yearbook Sponsorship Request Form and follow specifications & submission instructions. You may also visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) and click on the image of Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Request Form.

For questions or assistance in submitting your ad, please call Department HQ at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2.

Click on the image below or visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) and check out the **Digital Version** of the Maine American Legion 2020 Convention Yearbook!



## NOVEMBER ISSUE TO GO DIGITAL ONLY! (Cost Savings to Department)

**Reminder:** The November Issue of The Maine Legionnaire newspaper will be published in a few weeks and made available online by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org). You will be notified via email which will include the link to the digital only publication.

The American Legion, Department of Maine currently publishes 4 Legionnaire newspapers per year. All 4 issues will continue to be available online, but only 3 issues will be mailed out annually via USPS (DEC approval, April 11, 2020) contributing to a cost savings of approx.. \$7K-\$8K/year. Publications for the Feb, May, and Aug. issues will continue to be mailed out to our members and made available online.

The American Legion, Department of Maine welcomes any feedback you may have regarding this change. Please email them to [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org). We would love to hear your thoughts.

## MISSION BLUE POST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

At the 2020 Fall National Executive Committee Meeting, Resolution #36, Subject: Mission Blue Post Assistance Program was approved. Posts impacted by a government's public health restrictions implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic may apply for a grant up to \$1,000. Posts must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- A post must have a current consolidated post report on file.
- A post must have filed an IRS 990 within the prescribed due date.
- A post must have filed all other required forms and reports as prescribed by the departments.
- A post must have actively participated in one or more The American Legion(s) within the last 18 months.
- A post must have a financial need.
- A post must provide a certificate of insurance naming The American National Headquarters as an additional insured (copy of insurance declaration will be attached to application).

## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**Q:** Who was the only Commander in Chief/President of the United States, to have also served in the Government of the Confederacy?

*Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118*

**COMING SOON!**

## 2021 HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST



• A post must provide documentation indicating that the post is properly incorporated. The funds from this grant program shall be used exclusively for the following: Current and past due mortgage principal and interest or Current and past due real estate rents or Current and past due insurance premiums or Current and past due utilities.

The American Legion posts receiving this grant are required to submit a true and accurate report outlining how the funds were used, signed by the post finance officer, and certified by the post commander or post adjutant within six-months of receipt of the grant funds or no later than February 22, 2022. Whichever comes first.

To access instructions and application [Click Here](#) or visit

[https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/Mission\\_Blue\\_PAP\\_Application\\_1.pdf](https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/Mission_Blue_PAP_Application_1.pdf)

### 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>

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

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

**LEARN**

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

## MY LEGION 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).



### 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



### 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.

### STATE DIRECTORY

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

## 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.

## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**A:** John Tyler from 1841 to 1845, as the longest serving President to ascend from the vice-Presidency, but in 1861, sided with the Confederacy & was elected to the Confederate House of Representatives.

## BUDDY CHECK WEEK

**A**s American Legion members, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans.

During Buddy Check week, our goal is to reconnect with veterans who may need assistance but don't know where to go or who to ask.

It's what we do for our battle buddies.

To obtain Tools For Buddy Check Teams

[Click here](#) or visit

<https://www.legion.org/buddycheck/tools>

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## 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