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THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 30th 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.

HOLIDAY REMINDER

The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and will remain closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



DISTRICT MEETINGS

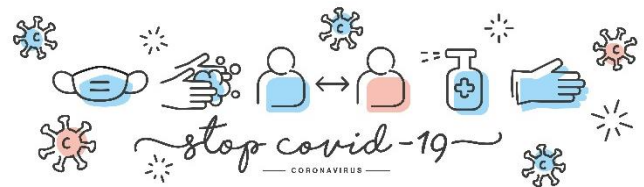
Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

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

District 2 – Cumberland: Dec. 13, Naples Post 155, 2 p.m. (Holiday Meeting)

District 12 – Hancock: Dec. 8, Northeast Harbor Post 103, (at Seal Harbor Fire Station) dinner 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. mtg.

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



Effectively 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.

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

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) –

INFORMATION- 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](#)

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 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 and check out the **Digital Version** of the Maine American Legion 2020 Convention Yearbook!



MILITARY TRIVIA:

Q: Why did the British Navy “impress” American sailors & soldiers into the English Navy?

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

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>

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

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).

- 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



COMING SOON!
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. 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. We would love to hear your thoughts.

HOW DEPARTMENTS & POSTS COMPLY WITH RESOLUTION 35, FALL 2020

The American Legion National Organization ("The American Legion") is the owner, protector and the organization that may grant the use of the names, emblems, trademarks and copyrights ("Tradenames") of The American Legion. As owner and protector of the Tradenames, The American Legion utilizes a number of different protective insurance coverages. As owner, protector and grantor of the Tradenames, The American Legion, like all owners of trademarks or copyrights, is allowed to place restrictions upon the use of its Tradenames, including similar insurance requirements, reviewing Tradename usage prior to use, etc.

Resolution No. 35 (passed at the 2020 Fall Meetings of The American Legion National Executive Committee) places restrictions on the use of the Tradenames - namely that, if any organization would like to use the Tradenames of The American Legion and the Tradename-using organization has a situation whereby there is a need for liability insurance protection, then the Tradename-using organization will specify that The American Legion (and, if needed, the respective Department of The American Legion) is held harmless and named as an additional insured on any and all insurance liability policies.

In other words, any organization using the Tradenames of The American Legion, and needing liability insurance coverage, is required to specify that The American Legion (and, if needed, the respective Department of The American Legion) is held harmless and named as an additional insured on any and all insurance liability policies. This Tradename protection is a standard business practice and not viewed as a control of the insurance-purchasing organization.

This requirement brings up two areas for clarification: (1) what is liability insurance? and (2) what is an additional insured?

First, liability insurance is an insurance product that provides an insured party with protection against claims resulting from injuries and damage to other people or property. Liability insurance policies protect both the insured and third parties who may be injured as a result of the policyholder's unintentional negligence and therefore the liability insurance covers legal costs and payouts for which an insured party is responsible, if the insured party is found legally liable. Liability insurance policies pay these damaged parties and not the policyholders.

The different types of liability insurance include directors and officers insurance (D&O); commercial liability; general liability insurance; dram shop liability; special events insurance; employment practices liability (EPL); and criminal acts insurance.

Second, an "additional insured" is a type of insurance status associated with liability insurance policies that provides coverage to another group that is not initially named in the liability policy. With an additional insured endorsement, the additional insured is then protected under the named insurer's liability policy.

Therefore the Tradename-using group may obtain this additional insured endorsement coverage for The American Legion, and the respective Department of The American Legion as needed, by simply calling their insurance agent and requesting the addition of The American Legion, and the respective Department of The American Legion as needed, to their liability insurance coverage(s) as an additional insured endorsement. The majority of insurance agencies do not charge for this endorsement; therefore, if presented with an additional charge one should inquire why such additional fee.

Enforcement of this Tradename business requirement is also covered in Resolution No. 35. The American Legion's national adjutant, or designee, has been given authority to independently investigate, confirm and determine that organizations using the Tradenames are also naming The American Legion, and respected Department of The American Legion as needed, as additional insured on their respective liability insurance policies. Once a national adjutant's designee is determined and authorized, this designee's information will be made public.

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>.



Sons of The American Legion

Comrades,

Veterans Day has gone by and I hope everyone had a good day. Holidays are fast approaching with Thanksgiving next week. While many of us will not have our entire Family present, remember to say a prayer for our Veterans and the elderly. Prayers for all the loved one lost this year and for continuing good health for everyone else.

We are all dealing with the stress of quarantine and the uncertainty this Covid-19 Virus has brought into our lives. Be well, be safe !

Now to business at hand !! The Squadron's who have big fat zeros in the Membership reports...you need to get your members in hand and get those dues sent into Detachment Headquarters ! Detachment has a target date every month we need to meet for National SAL. Please do your part in supporting our Veterans Programs by getting all dues sent in to the office as soon as they come in. Every single one counts and even one can make a difference. December 7 is the next target date to be at 45%.. We need 362 Members to pay their dues to make this target. We can do this ! SAL, 5 Verti Drive, Suite B Winslow, ME 04901.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and great days ahead. Stay safe !

Always willing to serve,
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2021 SAL Membership Report as of 11/13/2020

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. 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.

BUDDY CHECK WEEK

As 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>

The American Legion
--www.legion.org/buddycheck

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.

MILITARY TRIVIA:

A: : Especially in the period prior to the War of 1812, conditions in the British Navy were deplorable, causing a high desertion rate. In order to continue as a Navy & lacking volunteers, the English Navy often seized their own citizens and impressed them into their Navy. When their need grew for more men, the English began grabbing American men when the English Navy visited the Ports of "their Colony". Following the War of 1812, Impressment of American sailors dwindled as Britain did not want another war.

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.

Computer Tricks You Should Know Tricks for Typing - Here are a few tips that will save you lots of time when typing documents

- Move the cursor quicker to the beginning of the previous word by pressing CTRL+Left Arrow, instead of doing it manually.
- To get the cursor to the beginning of the next word, use CTRL+Right Arrow.
- Recover a deleted item with ALT+Backspace.
- Delete an entire word by pressing CTRL + Backspace.
- Select a word you want to highlight quickly, without dragging the mouse, by double-clicking on it.
- Highlight a whole paragraph by triple-clicking on it.
- Make superscript and sub text by pressing CTRL + = for sub, and CTRL + Shift for superscript.
- Paste in plain text and not what was originally formatted, after copying, by pressing CTRL + Shift + V.

Tricks on the Keyboard

- Close all your windows quickly if you're in a hurry by pushing the Windows button + D, and they will all shut immediately.
- Rename your highlighted files quickly by pressing F2.
- Close the program running with ALT + F4.
- To minimize all windows only, press Windows + D.
- Re-open your last closed tab with Shift + CTRL + T on most browsers.
- Instead of moving the cursor to the X in the corner, press CTRL + W to close the current window.
- Take a screen shot with ALT + Print Screen.

<https://www.intivix.com/20-computer-tricks-know/>



FIGHTING TO THE FINISH LINE, FOR THE FOUNDATION

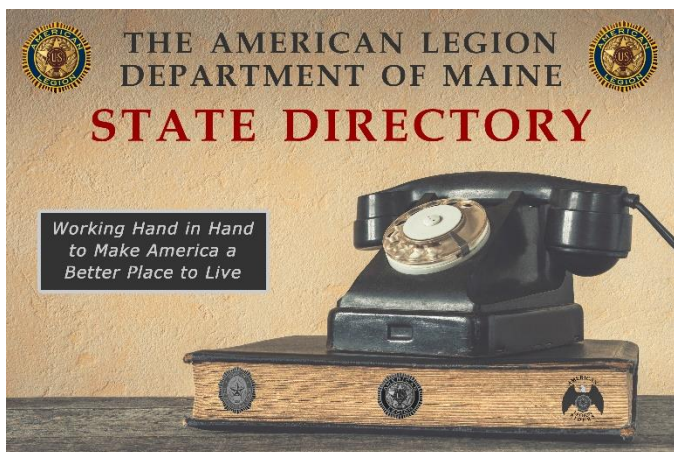


MARATHON DONATIONS

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; Caroline Yarmala - \$300; Paul Rumino - \$50

STATE DIRECTORY

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



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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. 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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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE TODAY!

VISIT <http://www.mainelegion.org> OR
VISIT WWW.LEGION.ORG/RENEW

Remember that Membership is the key and number one resource The American Legion, Department of Maine depends on so we may continue to provide services to our Veterans, their families, and surrounding communities in the State of Maine. Please remember to pay your dues each year, so we can continue to provide these services for another 100 years!