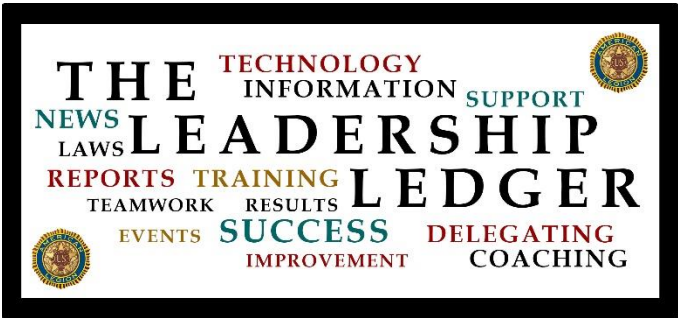




THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 31st 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.

ATTENTION ALL! Cancellation Notice!

Maine American Legion Oratorical Contest at Thomas College in Waterville Feb. 13, 2021 has been cancelled. Thomas College has postponed all facility rentals through May 31, 2021 due to Covid-19.

Mid-Winter Conference at Jeff's Catering in Brewer Jan. 16, 2021 has also been cancelled. However, the sweepstakes drawing will still take place at State HQ.

Any questions or concerns, please call State HQ at 207-873-3229.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

District 2 – Cumberland: Dec. 13, Naples Post 155, 2 p.m. (Holiday Meeting) **CANCELLED**
District 12 – Hancock: Dec. 8, Northeast Harbor Post 103, (at Seal Harbor Fire Station) dinner 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. mtg.



NOVEMBER 2020 ISSUE Now Available in Digital and PDF format!

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The American Legion, Department of Maine currently publishes 4 Legionnaire newspapers per year. All 4 issues will continue to be available online at www.mainelegion.org, 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.

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY TAKE NOTICE!

TRICARE

5 facts you need to know about changes to TRICARE Select fees

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.

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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: There are hundreds of dogs in service to the US Army, what is their rank?

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

1) What is happening?

Hundreds of thousands of military retirees will be required to pay an enrollment fee for TRICARE Select beginning Jan. 1. This change was mandated by Congress in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. Retirees who are in TRICARE Select will no longer be enrolled if they don't set up a payment plan by this date.

2) Who is affected by this change?

The change impacts Group A retired beneficiaries. These beneficiaries are those whose initial enlistment or appointment or that of their uniformed services sponsor began before Jan. 1, 2018.

3) How much can these retirees expect to pay?

Enrollment fees for Group A retired beneficiaries are \$12.50 per month or \$150 annually for an individual plan and \$25 per month or \$300 annually for a family plan. The catastrophic cap will increase from \$3,000 to \$3,500.

4) Who can I contact for questions?

Reach out to your regional TRICARE contractor.

5) What do I need to do to make sure I remain covered under TRICARE Select?

For more information on this change and how to set up your payment plan, visit <https://www.tricare.mil/Plans/Enroll/Select/EnrollmentFees>.

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<https://www.legion.org/news/251228/5-facts-you-need-know-about-changes-tricare-select-fees>

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.



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](https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/Mission%20Blue%20PAP%20Application_1.pdf)



Sons of The American Legion

Comrades,

The Covid-19 numbers keep going up dailey. I hope everyone is doing their part by being safe, following the guidelines. Remember , what you do may save someone's life, Wear the masks, keep your distance and wash your hands.

Christmas and New Years will be here before you know it but we all need to do our jobs and get the Membership Dues into Detachment !! Membership should be our first concern. It enables us to support our Veterans, their programs and Military Children. Some Squadrons still have big fat zero's...Six months into Membership that is unacceptable. We can't do our jobs if you don't do yours. Please, send in dues as soon as you receive them. We may make the difference in helping a Veteran to have a warm meal or a place to stay. Holidays are coming, we give what we can to help others and our Veterans and Community.

Always willing to serve,
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[2021 SAL Membership Report as of 12/02/2020](#)

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



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 Basics

What is a computer?

A **computer** is an electronic device that manipulates information, or data. It has the ability to **store, retrieve, and process** data. You may already know that you can use a computer to **type documents, send email, play games, and browse the Web**. You can also use it to edit or create **spreadsheets, presentations, and even videos**

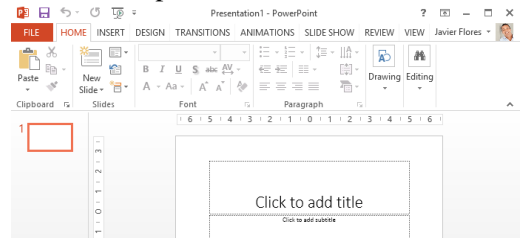
Hardware vs. software

Before we talk about different types of computers, let's talk about two things all computers have in common: **hardware** and **software**.

- **Hardware** is any part of your computer that has a **physical structure**, such as the keyboard or mouse. It also includes all of the computer's internal parts, which you can see in the image here.



- **Software** is any **set of instructions** that tells the hardware **what to do and how to do it**. Examples of software include web browsers, games, and word processors. Below, you can see an image of Microsoft PowerPoint, which is used to create presentations.



Everything you do on your computer will rely on both hardware and software. For example, right now you may be viewing this lesson in a **web browser** (software) and using your **mouse** (hardware) to click from page to page. As you learn about different types of computers, ask yourself about the differences in their hardware. As you progress through this tutorial, you'll see that different types of computers also often use different types of software.

What are the different types of computers?

When most people hear the word **computer**, they think of a **personal computer** such as a **desktop** or **laptop**. However, computers come in many shapes and sizes, and they perform many different functions in our daily lives. When you withdraw cash from an ATM, scan groceries at the store, or use a calculator, you're using a type of computer.

Desktop computers

Many people use **desktop computers** at work, home, and school. Desktop computers are designed to be placed on a desk, and they're typically made up of a few different parts, including the **computer case, monitor, keyboard, and mouse**.



Laptop computers

The second type of computer you may be familiar with is a **laptop computer**, commonly called a laptop. Laptops are battery-powered computers that are **more portable** than desktops, allowing you to use them almost anywhere.



Tablet computers

Tablet computers—or **tablets**—are handheld computers that are even more portable than laptops. Instead of a keyboard and mouse, tablets use a **touch-sensitive screen** for typing and navigation. The **iPad** is an example of a tablet.



Servers



A **server** is a computer that serves up information to other computers on a network. For example, whenever you use the Internet, you're looking at something that's stored on a server.

Many businesses also use local **file servers** to store and share files internally.

Other types of computers

Many of today's electronics are basically **specialized computers**, though we don't always think of them that way. Here are a few common examples.

- **Smartphones:** Many cell phones can do a lot of things computers can do, including browsing the Internet and playing games. They are often called **smartphones**.
- **Wearables:** Wearable technology is a general term for a group of devices—including **fitness trackers** and **smartwatches**—that are designed to be worn throughout the day. These devices are often called **wearables** for short.
- **Game consoles:** A **game console** is a specialized type of computer that is used for playing **video games** on your TV.
- **TVs:** Many TVs now include **applications**—or **apps**—that let you access various types of online content. For example, you can stream video from the Internet directly onto your TV.

PCs and Macs

Personal computers come in two main styles: **PC** and **Mac**. Both are fully functional, but they have a different look and feel, and many people prefer one or the other.

PCs



This type of computer began with the original **IBM PC** that was introduced in 1981. Other companies began creating similar computers, which were called **IBM PC Compatible** (often shortened to **PC**). Today, this is the most common type of personal computer, and it typically includes the **Microsoft Windows** operating system.

Macs



The **Macintosh** computer was introduced in 1984, and it was the first widely sold personal computer with a graphical user interface, or **GUI** (pronounced **goeey**). All Macs are made by one company (**Apple**), and they almost always use the **Mac OS X** operating system.

<https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/computerbasics/what-is-a-computer/1/>

Learn Basic Parts of a Computer in the next edition of The Leadership Ledger.



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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!

MILITARY TRIVIA:

A: All service dogs are ranked as NCOs.

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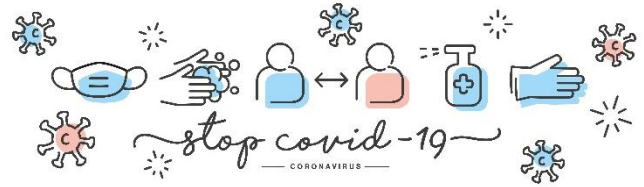
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DUE TO INCREASED CORONAVIRUS CASES IN MAINE, DEPT. HQ RECOMMENDS CALLING OR EMAILING BEFORE VISITING



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](#)

