



THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

District meetings are slowly being rescheduled. If this is the case with your District, please provide dates, times, etc. of upcoming meetings.



and Happy New Year !

Welcome to the 32nd 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.

HOLIDAY REMINDER

The Department Headquarters Office and the Service Office will be closed ½ day Wednesday December 23, Thursday December 24, & Friday December 25 for the Christmas holiday, as well as Thursday December 31 and Friday January 1 for the New Year holiday.

The next Leadership Ledger will be published January 7, 2021.



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.

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Q. By the end of the Civil War, how large a percentage of the Union Army was comprised of the United States Colored Troops & what percentage was their fatalities as compared to the white soldiers?

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118



American Legion Baseball registration for 2021 opens Jan. 1

Registration for the 2021 American Legion Baseball season will open Jan. 1.

Register online at baseball.legion.org.

The early deadline for registration is May 15. Teams registered after May 15 will be subject to a \$200 late fee through the final deadline of June 1. Please note that each American Legion department may set an earlier deadline for registration.

Registration fees for senior teams are \$50 for national registration, \$35 for administrative fees and either \$130 for season personal accident insurance or \$200 for year-round insurance coverage. General liability insurance costs are \$120.

Fees for junior teams are \$25 for national registration, \$35 for administrative fees and either \$110 for season personal accident insurance or \$160 for year-round insurance coverage. General liability insurance costs are \$82.

State fees, if applicable, will vary by state.

To learn more about your specific department's state fees and deadlines, [contact your department chairmen](#).

Insurance purchases will be available Feb. 15.

As part of the education and training requirements of Public Law 115-126, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, all coaches, managers and volunteer staff members must complete the Abuse Awareness course either through Protect Youth Sports or USA Baseball. All coaches, managers and volunteer staff members must also have a completed and passed background check. Click [here](#) to download the American Legion Baseball Risk Management Guidebook.

*The American Legion
Dec 14, 2020*

<https://www.legion.org/baseball>

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY TAKE NOTICE!

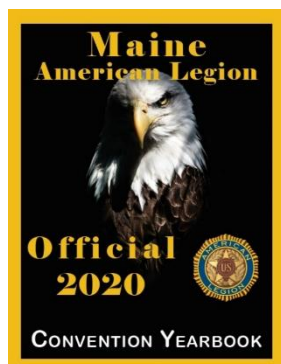
Maine American Legion welcomes all of you to be part of the Official 2021 Annual Convention Yearbook

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!



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



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>



Sons of The American Legion

Comrades,

The Covid-19 numbers keep going up daily. 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 outcome across all fronts, both personally and professionally.

Computer Basics

The basic parts of a desktop computer are the computer case, monitor, keyboard, mouse, and power cord. Each part plays an important role whenever you use a computer.

To learn about the basic parts of a desktop computer, watch the video <https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/computerbasics/buttons-and-ports-on-a-computer/1/>.

Computer case

The **computer case** is the metal and plastic box that **contains the main components** of the computer, including the motherboard, central processing unit (CPU), and power supply. The front of the case usually has an **On/Off button** and one or more **optical drives**. Computer cases come in different shapes and sizes. A **desktop case** lies flat on a desk, and the monitor usually sits on top of it. A **tower case** is tall and sits next to the monitor or on the floor. **All-in-one** computers come with the internal components built into the monitor, which eliminates the need for a separate case.



Monitor

The **monitor** works with a **video card**, located inside the computer case, to display images and text on the screen. Most monitors have **control buttons** that allow you to change your monitor's display settings, and some monitors also have built-in speakers.



Newer monitors usually have **LCD** (liquid crystal display) or **LED** (light-emitting diode) displays. These can be made very thin, and they are often called **flat-panel displays**. Older monitors use **CRT** (cathode ray tube) displays. CRT monitors are much larger and heavier, and they take up more desk space.

Keyboard

The **keyboard** is one of the main ways to communicate with a computer. There are many different types of keyboards, but most are **very similar** and allow you to accomplish the same basic tasks.



Click the buttons in the interactive below to learn about the different parts of the keyboard.

If you want to learn how to type or improve your touch-typing skills, check out our free **Typing Tutorial**.

Mouse

The **mouse** is another important tool for communicating with computers. Commonly known as a **pointing device**, it lets you **point** to objects on the screen, **click** on them, and **move** them.

There are two main mouse types: optical and mechanical.

The **optical** mouse uses an electronic eye to detect movement and is easier to clean.



The **mechanical mouse** uses a rolling ball to detect movement and requires regular cleaning to work properly.

To learn the basics of using a mouse, check out our interactive **Mouse Tutorial**.

Mouse alternatives



There are other devices that can do the same thing as a mouse. Many people find them easier to use, and they also require less desk space than a traditional mouse. The most

common mouse alternatives are below.

Trackball: A trackball has a ball that can rotate freely. Instead of moving the device like a mouse, you can roll the ball with your thumb to move the pointer.

Touchpad: A touchpad—also called a **trackpad**—is a touch-sensitive pad that lets you control the pointer by making a drawing motion with your finger. Touchpads are common on laptop computers.



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



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

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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](https://www.amazon.com/smile). 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!"

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MILITARY TRIVIA:

A. The USCT troops made up approx. 10% of the Union Army in April of 1865, but their death rate was 35% higher than the white troops.

NATIONAL COMMANDER UPDATE

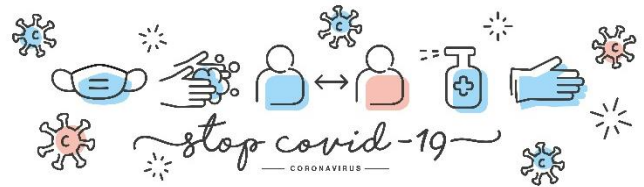
Dear American Legion Family,

Help is on its way! World War II veteran Margaret Klessens, 96, was the first VA patient to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. She received the dose Monday at the Bedford, Mass., VA Health Care System. The Department of Veterans Affairs announced that 37 facilities will this week administer vaccines to frontline health-care workers and veterans in long-term care facilities. The facilities were chosen based on population served and the ability to store the vaccines at extremely cold temperatures. The list of locations is available [here](#).

This is just the first wave. In the coming months, the vaccine will be more widely available. Though a semblance of normalcy will someday return, we must never forget the sacrifices made by those who were determined to help their fellow Americans despite the dangers. The men and women of The

American Legion will always remember our family, friends and neighbors who were taken by this horrible virus.

Bill Oxford, National Commander
<https://www.legion.org/news/248577/national-commander-updates>
December 16, 2020



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- **F**or 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](#)

