



THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 6th 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. All events will be posted on Department's website by visiting www.mainelegion.org or by pressing the POST EVENTS image. All events will also be uploaded on the 1st and 3rd week of each month and must be forwarded to Department HQ via email at legionme@mainelegion.org.

HOLIDAY REMINDER

The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday and Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1 for the New Year holiday.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

District 5 – Oxford: Jan. 21, South Paris Post 72, 7 p.m. Oratorical contest, refreshments after.

District 7 – Lincoln: Jan. 6, Boothbay Harbor Post 36, 5:30 p.m.

District 9 – Kennebec: Jan. 8, South China Post 179, 7 p.m.

District 11 – Waldo: Jan. 19, Belfast Post 43, 2 p.m.

DISTRICT 1, 3, and 4, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DISTRICT CALENDARS ASAP. THANKS

THE AMERICAN LEGION TEAMS UP WITH STARS AND STRIPES

Century-old allies renew vow to connect deployed troops with nation's largest veterans service organization.

A relationship that began over a century ago between The American Legion and *Stars and Stripes* is refreshed this year through a new media-sharing agreement.

Members of The American Legion can receive 50 percent discounts on annual subscriptions to the *Stars and Stripes* digital platform of exclusive military news, topics of interest to veterans, special features,



photos and other content, including the daily e-newspaper, job listings and history. American Legion members can subscribe for \$19.99 a year by visiting legion.stripes.com and using the coupon code LEGIONSTRONG when filling out the online form.

The American Legion, in return, will be able to publish stories, social media messages and provide information about programs and services in *Stars and Stripes* throughout the next year in editorial, social media and advertising spaces. *Stars and Stripes* has a daily audience of over of 1 million worldwide.

On March 7, 1919, *Stars and Stripes* announced in its Europe editions plans for a “Liberty League” meeting in Paris among veterans of the American Expeditionary Forces still stationed there after World War I. The meeting, March 15-17 that year, would become known as the Paris Caucus, which created The American Legion. Assigned to cover the gathering for *Stars and Stripes* was Pvt. Harold W. Ross, who would find himself serving on the Legion’s original Committee on Constitution. Ross later worked as an editor for *The American Legion Magazine* before co-founding *The New Yorker* magazine in 1925, where he was editor-in-chief for the rest of his life.

“The American Legion has had a long and historic relationship with *Stars and Stripes* over the years,” American Legion Media & Communications Commission Chairman Walter Ivie said. “This renewed relationship represents a confluence of long-trusted brands that offer much for each other’s media audiences. We look forward to sharing our stories of service with foreign-deployed troops. We also certainly look forward to having the kind of top-quality journalism *Stars and Stripes* has been producing since the Civil War in our digital and social media platforms. *Stars and Stripes* is, and always has been, the gold standard of fair and accurate military coverage.”

Submitted by Nat'l Headquarters Media Relations Deputy Director John Raughter

2020 MID WINTER CONFERENCE

The annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held Jan. 18-19, 2020 at Jeff’s Catering & Event Center, 15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME 04412.

The conference will be hosted by Commander Matthew Jabaut and 2nd Vice Commander Kirk Thurston.

Hotel Reservations can be made at the following:
Holiday Inn: 404 Odlin Rd. Bangor, Maine 04401. Phone: 207-947-0101 Website: www.holidayinn.com, Room Rate: \$93.00 (includes breakfast). Quality Inn: 250 Odlin Rd., Bangor, Maine 04401. Phone: 207-942-8272, Room Rate: \$89.00. Fairfield Inn: 300 Odlin Rd. Bangor, Maine 04401. Phone: 207-990-0001, Room Rate: \$89.00. Please state “Legion” when calling for reservations. Please see [attached](#) agenda, banquet reservations form and hotel information.

DISTRICT ORATORICAL WINNERS FOR THE 2020 DEPARTMENT OF MAINE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Attention District Commanders!

All District winners for the Department of Maine Oratorical Contest are due at Department Headquarters by January 31, 2020.

The American Legion, Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest will be held at Thomas College in Waterville on Feb. 8, 2020 at 9 a.m. Snow Date: Feb. 10, 2020 at 9 a.m.



MILITARY TRIVIA:

What branch of the U.S. military was officially created Nov. 19, 1775, but was disbanded in 1783 (only to be recreated a few years later)?

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

MYLEGION.ORG TOOLS

All Hands,

If you are on myLegion and using the site to track your membership, GREAT! If you have checked in and not returned, please consider coming back to the myLegion and use the great tools open to your Post.

Why use myLegion? I don't have the time to discuss all the possibilities at this moment but will provide some info at the 2nd District meeting.

1. myLegion provides an up to date list of your Post membership as well as a list of current paid, deceased, expired membership etc., easy to access and read. You see what National and Department sees.
2. myLegion provides weekly updates on online paid memberships so you can send them a current membership card and track them.
3. myLegion provides an address tool to make mailing stickers
4. myLegion has a tool to list of lapsed and prospective membership in your area for recruiting purposes.

It also has a member finder ability as well as the opportunity for the Post to set up a message and newsletter board.

I check mylegion daily (or more as Post Adjutant, I'm working on membership). You will see over 1800 checks so far for Post 148. That may be excessive. Each Post Adjutant should be checking at least once or twice a week to see changes in online membership. There are tools available for you to download a listing of your membership that will make it easier for you to check off membership as it comes in either by "stubby pencil" or on your computer. You do have to register with National to get online. After that, it is a GREAT tool. Please consider checking it out. It will make your workload easier.

Submitted by District 2 Adjutant David Tanguay

AMERICAN LEGION UNIFORM CAP ORDERS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

The Department of Maine will no longer be placing orders for American Legion District caps and above. To place an order for a uniform cap, please visit www.emblem.legion.org, choose American Legion, and Caps (Uniform) located under Apparel and follow the steps 1-7. If you have any questions about ordering your uniform cap, please call (888) 453-4466 before you place your order and an Emblem Department Representative will be happy to assist you. Additional help is also available by choosing the link "Help ordering uniform caps"

FLAG REWARDS

Tips & Suggestions-Last Call!

December is your last month to earn Flag Rewards to spend in 2020. Whether for a Christmas gift or a new flag for the New Year, a flag purchased in December will get your Post quick credit to spend in 2020.

Success Stories

Congratulations! The following Posts have earned big credit in 2019 to spend at Emblem Sales in 2020:

Over \$300 earned: Fayette, ME Post 10

Over \$150 earned: Madawaska, ME Post 147

Remember: Your Post earns 10¢ for each \$1 spent on American flags by your Post or sponsors!



American Legion Flag & Emblem

5745 Lee Rd.

Indianapolis, IN 46216

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Questions or comments? emblem@legion.org

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Answer to Military Trivia: The Marines (originally, "The Continental Marines").



Hello Comrades,

An exciting adventure will be coming your way 2/14/2020-2/15/2020! The first ever "Legion Luge". On Sat, Feb. 15, 2020, 10 A.M. to-1 P.M. at The Camden Snowbowl, Camden Maine. Teams will be participating in races down the Toboggan Chute onto Hosmer Pond. More details to follow. This is a Fundraiser for The Legion Foundation. Commander Matt Jabaut will also be gathering up a team for this event. Look for more news next week. Hotel will be The Trade Winds and Winslow-Holbrook-Merritt Post 1 Rockland will serve supper 5-7 pm with Karaoke in the Canteen.

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP!!
This is one hot topic because as of now dues need to be paid by 12/31/2019. Thank you!

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THE MAINE LEGIONNAIRE SUBMISSIONS

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 or rachael@mainelegion.org or mail to The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727.

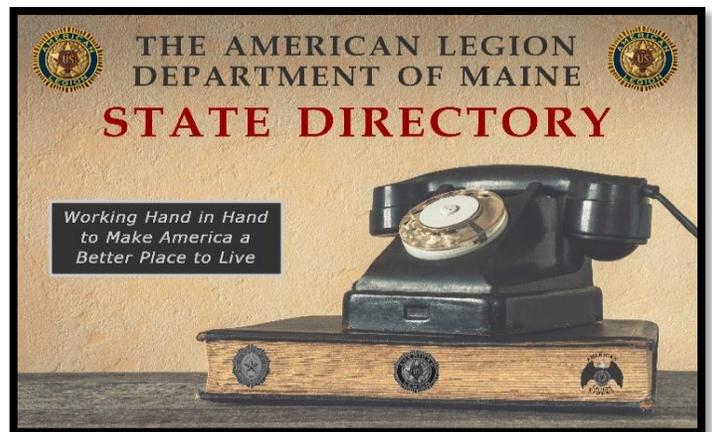
Deadline for February Issue: Jan. 24, 2020

VA MISSION ACT

Your Care Is Our Mission. Urgent Care & Same Day Services. VA now offers urgent care at the VA or participating urgent care clinics closer to home. Follow this link for more information; <https://www.va.gov/communitycare/>

STATE DIRECTORY

The image below contains the link to The American Legion, Department of Maine State Directory. To follow the link just click on the image or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/directory.php>



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR**