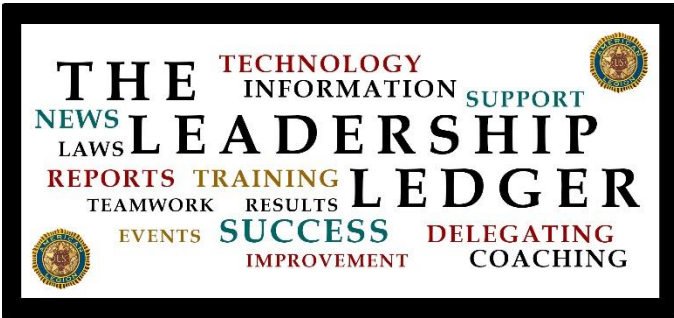




# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



## RATES FOR LEGION FAMILY FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS

**Holiday Inn:** 404 Odlin Rd. Bangor, Maine 04401.  
 Ph: 207-947-0101 || Room Rate: \$111 + sales tax  
 Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffee/Tea Maker,  
 Elevator(s), Limited Lounge ||

Please state "Legion" when calling for reservations  
**Deadline: May 30, 2021**

**Quality Inn:** 250 Odlin Rd. Bangor, Maine 04401.  
 Ph: 207-942-8272 || Room Rate: \$89.00 + sales tax  
 (incl. breakfast); Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffee/  
 Tea Maker, Pool

Please state "Legion" when calling for reservations

**Fairfield Inn:** 300 Odlin Rd. Bangor, Maine  
 04401. Ph: 207-990-0001 || Room Rate: \$149.00-  
 \$169.00 + sales tax. Refrigerator, Coffee/Tea  
 Maker.

Please state "Legion" when calling for reservations.

**DEPARTMENT H.Q. WILL NOT BE MAKING  
 HOTEL RESERVATIONS THIS YEAR.  
 RESERVATIONS ARE TO BE MADE BY EACH  
 INDIVIDUAL**

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

*Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed*

### Upcoming District Meetings

**District 2 – Cumberland:** May 16, Scarborough  
 Post 76, 2 p.m. Election of officers and memorial  
 ceremony.

**District 12 – Hancock:** May 17, Ellsworth Post  
 63, 7 p.m.; elect & install New Officers

**District 14 - Piscataquis:** May 15, Greenville Post  
 94, lunch noon, 1 p.m. mtg

**District 15 – Washington:** May 16, Woodland  
 Post 23, 2 p.m.

**District 17 – N. Aroostook:** May 2, Madawaska  
 Post 147, dinner 1 p.m. mtg. Elections.

Welcome to the 41<sup>st</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).

## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

June 11-13, 2021

Jeff's Catering & Event Center  
 15 Littlefield Way  
 Brewer, Maine 04412

### [Member/Guest Registration Form & Elected Post Delegate/Alternate Form](#)

Please see the Member/Guest Registration and Post Delegate/Alternate Registration form. All elected delegates and alternates are to fill out the Post Delegate and Alternate form. If you are not a Delegate/Alternate, please fill out the Member/Guest Registration form.

**YOUR NAME SHOULD ONLY APPEAR ON  
 ONE FORM. FEE/PERSON IS \$10.**


**No Appointment Needed!**

Available to all who are eligible under the Save Lives Act

VA Maine has two **Walk-in** & one **Drive-up** vaccination clinics available. You can **walk-in** at Togus Medical Center building 200, room C106 on Wed 28th or Thu 29th of April from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm both days.

You can **drive-up** at the Brunswick Satellite clinic on Fri 30th of April from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. All three of these clinics will be administering the Janssen vaccine, a one-shot Vaccine, with no follow up needed.

<https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhy-portal-web/ss20210405-save-lives-act>




## [NEW MY LEGION.ORG](https://www.mylegion.org) [UPDATE](#)

Now that the myLegion site is live, all accounts are now MEMBER accounts. This includes Legion and SAL members. The first requirement to access post and squadron data is to create a myLegion member account using the email address on your membership record. The new myLegion Home page will look like the image above. It provides links to your subscriptions, discounts and resources. MY ACCOUNT provides more information about your own membership. Please click on Video Presentation / PowerPoint to learn more.

[Video Presentation](#) / [PowerPoint](#) / [Q&A](#)

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### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW MYLEGION.ORG MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING & GROUP PERMISSION**

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**Go to  
“New MyLegion.org is live!”  
for more information.**

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### **Please Take Note for 2021 [AWARDS/REPORT](#) [SUBMISSION DEADLINES](#)**

## **SAVE LIVES ACT THRU VA**

VA is now offering COVID-19 vaccines to all Veterans, regardless of their VA healthcare enrollment status, as well as their spouses and caregivers under the Save Lives Act.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines at VA or to sign up to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at a VAMC in your area, [CLICK HERE](#).

Coming up: Walk-In & Drive up Vaccination Clinics. See above for details || All three clinics will be administering the Janssen vaccine, a one-shot vaccine, with no follow-up needed.

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## **COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE**

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. FMI, click on the link above or [HERE](#), to watch an informative video.

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## **MILITARY TRIVIA:**

Q. What states have never had a US battleship named after them?

*Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118*



## WOMEN VETERANS VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

**May 12, 6:00 p.m.** - The Women Veterans Programs of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut invite all New England area women Veterans to participate in a **Virtual** town hall meeting. Join us to discover what VA has to offer. || Share your feedback so we may better understand your needs and ensure timely, equitable, high-quality, comprehensive services in a safe and sensitive environment. || Registration is required to participate. || Attendees may register up until and after meeting start time.

### To register:

<https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/k2/j.php?MTID=t468202430619fa5fa8742264168eb8a5>

## MAINE LEGION COLLEGE CLASS FOR 2021

**W**e are currently working on the next Maine Legion College Classes for the 2021 year. As in the past, you have to make a commitment but we know that you will gain much from these classes and from other Legionnaires from all over the State of Maine. **ONLY 8 MORE SPOTS AVAILABLE.** This is the schedule we will follow:

Classes start at 8:30 a.m. each day

Phase 1: May 22 & 23

Phase 2: July 24 & 25

Phase 3: Sept.18 & 19

To attend these classes, you must first go online at: [www.legion.org/alei](http://www.legion.org/alei) and complete the Basic Training Course. After completion, please forward a copy of the Certificate to us at State HQ. You may scan the document and send it by email to [paul@mainelegion.org](mailto:paul@mainelegion.org) along with your **Name, Post No., and Cell Phone No.**



## MORE WAYS TO HELP DISABLED VETERANS' FAMILIES IN NEED

**T**he American Legion makes it easier for **100 Miles for Hope** participants to ask family members, friends and other supporters to help the V&CF (Veterans & Children Foundation). Click on the image or follow this link:

[https://www.legion.org/donate/endowment\\_fund](https://www.legion.org/donate/endowment_fund)



## THE 2021 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY DIRIGO STATE PROGRAM CANCELLED FOR 2021

**E**ach year brings new and exciting challenges related to the experience that we offer to the delegates, but I think it is fair to say that these past thirteen months have been unlike any other in regard to our preparations and planning.

The cancellation of both Dirigo Boys State and Dirigo Girls State last summer, gave The Legion Family an opportunity to enhance the experience for the delegates of Boys and Girls State youth leadership programs. Based on direct student feedback, .... || Please [click here](#) for more information and cancellation of Dirigo State.



## CANDIDATE DEADLINE: MAY 12

Anyone wishing to run for a Department Office must submit a letter of intent and a copy of his or her discharge papers making them eligible for The American Legion to the Department Adjutant's office on or before May 12, 2021 to be included on the official ballot at convention in June.

If you wish to be included in The Maine Legionnaire, the above information, plus a photo of you must be at Department Headquarters by April 23, 2021. Also be advised that the Department Constitution and By-Laws state: All current and future Department Officers elected at the Annual State Convention will within forty-five (45) days following the conclusion of the annual Department Convention, take the "Basic Training Course" previously named the "American Legion Extension Institute Course" and successfully complete said course.

Please visit <https://www.legion.org/alei> to complete the course. Previous graduates of the course upon providing confirmation would be exempted.

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## 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.

## PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

If you are a Past Post Commander of The American Legion, Department of Maine and have not yet paid your annual dues to the Past Commander Club in support of the James V. Day Scholarship, please do so as soon as possible.

Visit the Maine Legion website <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplication.s.php> and click on the **Past Commanders Club (Fillable)** form under Membership/Post Forms & Manuals. Mail form along with \$2.00 per member to The American Legion, Past Commanders Club, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727.

It is because of you, and the members and officers of your Post that The American Legion, Department of Maine can authorized 2 students to receive a \$500 scholarship each year. Thank you for your support!



## 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_Blue_PAP_Application_1.pdf)

Mission Blue Post Assistance Program Grant App is also available by visiting <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php> under Membership/Post Forms & Manuals. Also made available is the MISSION BLUE CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INS – EXAMPLE which is required when submitting the Mission Blue App.

## AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY TAKE NOTICE!

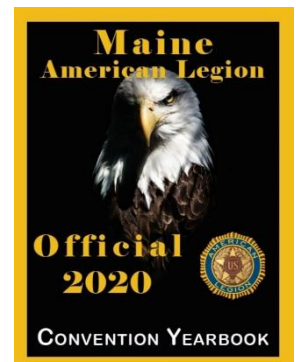
### Maine American Legion welcomes all of you to be part of the Official 2021 Annual Convention Yearbook

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!



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### MILITARY TRIVIA:

**A:** Hawaii & Montana, although Montana came close, when 2 construction contracts were cancelled.



## 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.

## OUT OF OFFICE OR VACATION REPLY VIA EMAIL

### Automatically Reply to Messages in Outlook 2010

In Outlook, click on the File tab; from the available options, select **Automatic Replies**.

Select **Send Automatic Replies**; In the Automatic Replies box, if you would like to automatically schedule when "Out of Office" replies are active, set a date range for your automatic replies.

This will turn off automatic replies at the date and time you enter for the end time. Otherwise, you'll need to turn off automatic replies manually. (Note For Outlook 2007, choose Tools>Out of Office Assistant)

### How Do I Set My Gmail Out Of Office/Automatic Vacation Response?

Here's how to let people know you can't respond right away:

Sign in to Gmail; click the Gear Icon in the upper-right and select Gmail settings along the top of any Gmail page. From the General tab, select Vacation Responder On in the Vacation responder section.

Enter the subject and body of your message in the Subject: and Message: fields.

Click Save Changes. While the vacation responder is enabled, you'll see a banner across the top of any Gmail page, displaying the subject of your vacation response. To stop Gmail from automatically sending the response, click end now within the banner. Or, if you'd like to edit the response, click vacation settings.

## WARRANT TEMPLATE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE



**ATTENTION  
COMMANDERS /  
ADJUTANTS**

Are you Installing Officers at Your Post & Would like the Template for Warrant Certificates Emailed? Call Dept. H.Q. at 207-873-3229



**WISHING ALL MOMS A VERY  
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

**A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take.**



**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 JOINT TESTIMONIAL

**American Legion Department Commander – Matthew Jabaut  
American Legion Auxiliary President – Virginia “Ginny” Chaput  
Sons of American Legion Commander – Ron Marr  
Westbrook Memorial Post 197  
300 Conant Street  
Westbrook ME 04092**

**May 8, 2021**

**Social Hour 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Dinner: 4:30 p.m.**

**Program to follow**

**Cash bar available in banquet hall**

**MENU:** Appetizers, Choice of Pork Loin or Haddock, Vegetable, Potatos, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea.

Gluten Free meal option available. Stuffed haddock stuffing will be gluten free. Gluten free rolls for the gluten free dinners. Gluten free meals will be served with a baked potato. Gluten free dessert.

**Deadline for reservations: May 4, 2021**

**\$25.00 per person.** Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 197. Please write the number of haddock or pork loin dinners on check, or enclose a note with the check. Write your name on the note.

Glue Free Option – Please state “GF” on check or enclose note with your name. All tickets to be picked up at the door.

**Mail to:** American Legion Post 197, 300 Conant Street, Westbrook ME 04092

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Pork Loin \_\_\_\_\_ # of Haddock \_\_\_\_\_

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