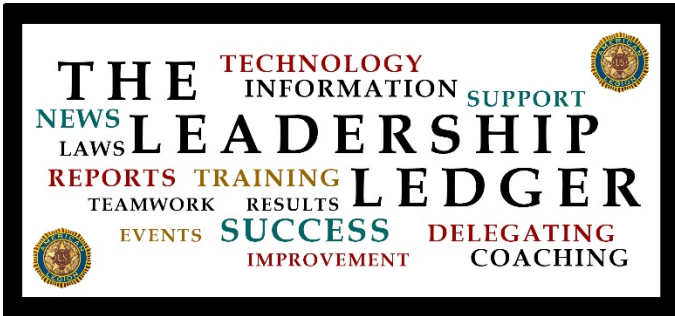




# THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 42<sup>nd</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 DEPT. OF MAINE

### ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

June 11-12, 2021

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

[Click Here for 2021 State Convention Agenda](#)  
 or find a printable agenda at the back of this newsletter

**Delegates/Alternates are Required to  
 Pre-register Prior to Convention**

To register, please visit:

<http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/news-events/state-convention.php> and click on the [Member/Guest Registration Form & Elected Post Delegate/Alternate Form](#)

**Please note: There will be No Ballot Voting. Voting will be conducted from the Convention floor on Saturday morning. Wearing a mask is optional.**

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.**

### 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 8 – Sagadahoc:** June 27<sup>th</sup>, Brunswick Post 20, 1:00 p.m.

**District 13 – Penobscot:** June 13<sup>th</sup>, Etna Carmel Post 106, Carmel Grange Hall, 1 p.m

# 2021 Digital Convention Yearbook Now Available Online!



Available for purchase at the Convention for **\$20.00 each**. Limited quantities available.

**Please RSVP by July 26, 2021**

To RSVP, please contact Deb Couture at 207-582-3897 (please leave a return phone number if leaving a message) or email her at:

[mewomenvets@gmail.com](mailto:mewomenvets@gmail.com)

This event is planned for All Women Veterans and is at no charge to them. You do not have to be a member of the American Legion to attend. Gluten-free food will be available. **Thank you all.**

## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**Q: Question one:** Where did the expression “Give ‘em the whole 9 yards” come from?

**Question two:** Which military school was the first to grant graduation class rings in the US & from what institution was it derived?

*Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118*



### AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MAINE WOMEN VETERAN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Invites All Women Veterans to Attend a

## Women Veteran's Luncheon

Saturday, August 7, 2021

Place: William R. Bold, American Legion Post 181235 Plains Road, Litchfield, Maine

Registration begins at 9:30 AM

Information tables, refreshments, crafts until Noon. **Please note:** We will be following all of Governor Mill's COVID-19 requirements that will be in place on August 7, 2021. A final update of those requirements will be sent on August 3, 2021 to all who have registered.

Lunch 12:00 Noon ~ Guest Speakers 1:00 PM

Our guest speakers are women veterans who own/operate their own businesses or who work with volunteer veteran's organizations. Come and connect with other women who have served.

**Free giveaways!!**

**VA Maine CBOC's** are experiencing phone issues. Until resolved, if Veterans need to contact their Primary Care Team to make / change an appointment, speak with a primary care team member, or relay a message, call toll free 1-877-421-8263, ext 7490

## DONATIONS American Legion Department of Maine

### General Fund

Peter Eckardt, Union Post 110 \$ 25.00  
Dennis Hall, Stockton Springs Post 157 \$ 25.00



## [NEW MY LEGION.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](#)

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

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

## **MAINE LEGION COLLEGE CLASS FOR 2021**

We are currently 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 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.**

## **A. MILITARY TRIVIA:**

**Question One:** The B-17 Super Fortress was first built in 1938 & the .50 cal. machine guns in the aircraft used belt fed ammunition....which was 9 yards long.

**Question Two:** The first class ring worn by its graduates, came from the West Point Military Academy in 1835. Although the Cadets used to design their own rings each year, now, only the center stone can be individualized.

## **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> or <https://www.legion.org/membership/impact>.



## 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!

## 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 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.



## 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](#)

## WARRANT TEMPLATE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE



**ATTENTION  
POST & DISTRICT  
COMMANDERS/  
ADJUTANTS**

Are you Installing Officers at Your Post or District? The Template for Warrant Certificates is available:

1. [HERE](#) or follow this link: <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php>

(FORMS/APPLICATIONS)

- a. Scroll to Award/Nomination Forms
- b. Choose WARRANT TEMPLATE CERTIFICATES
- c. It is a Fillable Form for All Officer Positions

**OR**

2. Call Dept. HQ, 207-873-3229 to have the Fillable Warrants e-mailed to you.



## COMPUTER 101

**C**omputer 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.

- **Re-open Closed Tab:** Sometimes while using the internet, this happened that the tab got closed accidentally. You can bring back the closed tab by using the **Ctrl+Shift+T** and do the work where you were left.
- **Undo Anywhere:** Sometimes you have deleted any important file or have deleted a few words in the doc file, you can use **Ctrl+Z** to recover the file and words. This short cut key works almost everywhere.
- **Closing Current Window or Program:** When you want to close an open window or program you can do so by using **Alt+F4**
- **Closing Single Tab:** While using Chrome and Firefox internet browser if you want to close the current tab you can use **Ctrl+W** on PC to do so.
- **Open CMD Directly:** If you want to use CMD (Command prompt) directly on your PC you can type 'cmd' in the File Explorer address bar and the CMD will open directly.

### Fun Computer Facts:

- For about 20 years (from 1962 to 1977), the computer controlled launch code for the US nuclear missiles was 00000000.
- The word *password* is among the [most used passwords](#).
- Name of the first electronic computer was ENIAC. It was massive as it weighed 27 tons and it was spread over 1800 sq. feet.
- **TYPEWRITER** is the longest dictionary word that can be typed using keys in only one row on your standard querty keyboard.
- **STEWARDESSES** is the longest word that can be typed with only left hand.
- The first computer mouse was made of wood. Computer mouse was invented by [America engineer Doug Engelbart](#).

For more fun facts visit or click: [Computer Facts: History Trivia from the World of Computers \(techwelkin.com\)](#)



**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MAINE**  
**102nd Annual State Convention Program**  
**June 11 - 12, 2021**  
Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer, Maine

**First Session**  
**Friday, June 11, 2021**

Call to Order (12:00 p.m. noon).....	Department Commander, Matthew Jabaut
Opening Ceremonies .....	Department Commander, Matthew Jabaut
Presentation of Colors .....	Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Patricia Thurston
Invocation .....	Department Chaplain, Ethan McKenney
Pledge of Allegiance .....	ALL
Preamble .....	ALL
Report of the Committee on	
Permanent Rules and Organization.....	Department Judge Advocate, Jason Hall
Welcome .....	Past National Commander, Anthony G. Jordan
Post Excellence Awards.....	Department Commander, Matthew Jabaut
History Awards .....	Department Historian, George Robinson, Jr.
Greetings .....	Department President, Virginia "Ginny" Chaput
Greetings .....	SAL Detachment Commander Ronald Marr
Greetings .....	Legion Riders Director Mike Lallemand
Greetings .....	SAL National Vice Commander Gary P. Nelson (NJ)
Legionnaires of the Year Awards.....	Past Department Commander, Scott Paradis
Canadian Friendship Award.....	National Executive Committeeman, Lloyd Woods
Nomination of Department Officers .....	Selected Legionnaires
Announcements .....	Department Adjutant, Paul L'Heureux

**Lunch will be available for purchase on both days from Jeff's Catering.**

**Please note: There will be No Ballot Voting. Voting will be conducted from the Convention floor on Saturday morning.**

**Wearing a mask is optional.**

**Second Session**  
**Saturday, June 12, 2021**

Call to Order (9:00 a.m.) .....	Department Commander, Matthew Jabaut
Presentation of Colors .....	Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Patricia Thurston
Voting.....	Department Commander, Matthew Jabaut
Public Service Awards .....	Law & Order Chairman, Kirk Thurston
Humanitarian & Humanitarian Citizen Awards	Committee Member, Ronald Caron
4 <sup>th</sup> Estate Award.....	Public Relations Chairman, Peter Johnson & Public Relations member, Amedeo Lauria
Keynote Speaker .....	PNC Anthony “Tony” Jordan to introduce Lead Candidate for Nat’l Cmdr. Paul E. Dillard, TX
Legionnaire Insurance Trust.....	LIT Special Consultant, Dyke Shannon
Post Service Officer Awards .....	Dept. Service Officer, Carl Curtis
Americanism Awards & Certificates .....	Dept. Americanism Officer, Alfred McKay & Dept. Commander, Matthew Jabaut
Adjutant of the Year Awards .....	Dept. Cmdr. Matthew Jabaut & Dept. Adjutant Paul L’Heureux
Commander’s Awards.....	Department Commander, Matthew Jabaut
Roger’s Rangers & Tony’s Tigers Awards .....	PNC Anthony “Tony” Jordan, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr. Debra Couture & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Kirk Thurston
Membership Awards .....	Dept. Vice Cmdrs. Debra Couture & Kirk Thurston
Dirigo State Program Update .....	Director, Matthew LeClair
Awards .....	Dept. Commander, Matthew Jabaut
Ceremony Honoring Outgoing Dept. Cmdr.....	Department Adjutant, Paul L’Heureux
Response .....	Department Commander, Matthew Jabaut
<b>Drawing for Sweepstakes Raffle</b>	
Memorial Service – Post Everlasting.....	Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Patricia Thurston & Department Chaplain, Ethan McKenney
Announcements .....	Department Adjutant, Paul L’Heureux
Benediction .....	Department Chaplain, Ethan McKenney
Retirement of Colors .....	Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Patricia Thurston
Adjournment.....	(Sine Die)
Combined Meeting – Legion Family.....	Jeff’s Catering & Event Center, Brewer
<b>2:00 p.m.</b> State Convention Installation for Legion, Auxiliary and SAL Officers.....	Jeff’s Catering & Event Center, Brewer
<b>3:00 p.m.</b> Dept. Executive Committee Meeting	Jeff’s Catering & Event Center, Brewer