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Welcome to the 131th Edition of The Leadership Ledger. It includes Post, Department and National 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 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 Dept. HQ via email at:

legionme@mainelegion.org

2025-2026 Officer Candidates

The following individuals have announced their candidacy and intent to seek election to the Department office indicated at the upcoming Annual Convention in June at Jeff's Catering and Event Center in Brewer:

National Executive Committeeman (NEC)

Lloyd Woods, Madawaska Post 147

National Executive Committeeman Alternate (NECA)

Kirk Thurston, Rumford Post 24
Alfred McKay, Damariscotta Post 42

Department Commander

Leroy McKenzie, Madawaska Post 147

1st Vice Commander

Joseph Michaud, Madawaska Post 147

2nd Vice Commander

Ryan Coffin, Damariscotta Post 42

Sgt.-At-Arms

Danielle "Dani" Begert, Lewiston Post 22

Americanism Officer

Liam Nedredd, Etna-Carmel Post 107

Historian

Lou Marin, Rumford Post 24



Upcoming Holiday

American Legion State Headquarters will be **closed on Monday, Feb. 17** in observance of President's Day. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!



February 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

⚠ VENUE CHANGE ⚠

Due to low participation in the Oratorical Contest, the location of the contest has been moved to:

**The American Legion Dept. of Maine Training Room
5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727**

****All contestants should plan to arrive between 8 and 8:30 am****

Snow Date: February 15, 2025

Any questions contact Maureen Malley 207-557-3109
or Dept. HQ 207-873-3229.

For More Information Please Visit:

www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/oratorical.php

Pacific Palisades Fires

As fire rips through the Pacific Palisades neighborhood, and in its aftermath, Ronald Reagan – Palisades Post 283 stand with our community during these challenging times. Post 283



is prepared to provide support, resources, and up-to-date information for those impacted by the devastating Palisades Fire.

The Department of Maine is committed to helping our sisters and brothers financially by collecting funds from concerned Maine Legion Family members and redirecting to Ronald Reagan – Palisades Post 283. We are in this together. Anything helps. Please consider raising funds for our friends in California.

[Click Here](#) or [See Page 10](#)

for More Information and Donation Instructions

Scholarships Available



Applications are now available for the Department of **Maine Children and Youth Scholarships, the Daniel E. Lambert Memorial Scholarship, and the James V. Day Scholarship.** Any post, individual or school who would like to

receive a copy may obtain one by visiting www.mainelegion.org located under Forms/Applications or by contacting us via email at legionme@mainelegion.org or by phone at 207-873-3229.



COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2024-25

Department Commander
Tricia Thurston asks that each
Post and Legionnaire support her goal!

Mission Working Dogs

Their MISSION: To improve the lives of their community members who are living with a disability by providing them with properly trained service dogs to help them live more independently despite a physical disability and by providing therapy dogs which will bring mental well-being to the people of Maine such as those in nursing homes, hospitals, and schools.

Their VISION: At Mission Working Dogs, we train purpose-bred dogs to aid individuals with disabilities so that the handler can live a life to the fullest and more independently.

Their GOAL: Service dogs can assist those with physical disabilities such as mobility impairments by fetching dropped items, opening doors, and turning on and off lights. They can also help individuals with PTSD by learning to recognize an increase in anxiety, carrying medications, and providing deep pressure therapy to calm or redirect the handler. Dogs working as facility dogs are often trained to recognize a patient's affected side in the case of a stroke and to approach on the side the patient is able to pet with or throw the ball. Patients are able to work on fine motor movements in petting or caring for the dog as well as gross motor skills playing fetch with a dog that's able to bring the ball exactly to where the patient needs, such as on a side table or directly into their hand, rather than on the ground or trying to play tug with it inappropriately.

Their PLAN: Service dogs are generally trained for approximately two years and undergo a wide range of assessments on their physical health, temperament, and tasks or skills to make sure they can properly support their handler throughout life.

Donations can be made to **The American Legion Dept. of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727**



Please place in the memo line of the check: **Commander's Project 2024-2025**

If you would like to donate with a Debit or Credit Card, please call 207-873-3229 or visit: www.mainelegion.org and click on the DONATE button.

Show Your Support to Maine Veterans by Donating Today & Make Your Name Part of American Legion History

Deadline for Submission May 9, 2025

DONATE \$25 Receive NEW Challenge Coin & Name in Yearbook	DONATE \$50 Receive NEW Challenge Coin, Lobster Lapel Pin & Name in Year- book	DONATE \$100 Receive NEW Challenge Coin, Lobster Lapel Pin, Name in Yearbook, & 2025 Convention Yearbook
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NEW! Maine American Legion BE THE ONE Challenge Coin, left, and Maine American Legion Lobster Lapel Pin, right.



Show your support to Veterans in the state of Maine! Become a sponsor today by donating to the Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Program and make your name part of The American Legion history! Your name will be listed in our 2025 Maine American Legion Yearbook made available in print and online in digital format by visiting www.mainelegion.org.

Donate \$25 and receive our newest Maine American Legion Challenge Coin, \$50 and receive our new challenge coin and lobster lapel pin, or donate \$100 and receive our new challenge coin, lobster lapel pin, and a 2025 Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook. To donate with Debit/Credit Card, click the button below, or simply scan the QR code with your phone. You may also visit www.mainelegion.org and click on the Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Donations Welcomed button. If donating by check, please make payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine earmarked "Yearbook Program" and mail to:



The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727.

For more information, please call 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 or email rachael@mainelegion.org.



Email Scam Alert!

****Attention Legion Members****



Commander Thurston is not sending out emails requesting your time or for you to purchase gift cards! Please do not respond and do not use the email they are using. Past Commanders are still being scammed as well. Some people are using the emails that they've received from the scammers thinking they are actually sending out emails to these Commanders.

Please check the emails when you are sending out legitimate emails trying to reach past Commanders or when sending group emails that include past Commanders.

Be The One Challenge Coin & Lobster Lapel Pin Order Form

Order forms are **now available** for your Post to utilize, giving members multiple ways to order! Simply print and provide the forms at your Post.

[See Page 9 for Order Form](#)



★ ★ **DONATIONS** ★ ★
The American Legion Department of Maine

Commander's Project "Mission Working Dogs"

Anonymous (Facebook Donations).....	\$512.72
Lloyd H Woods.....	\$500
George Bernard Maclsaac (Hat Sales).....	\$60

2025 Annual Convention Yearbook

Edward Getty.....	\$50
Joshua Juskewitch.....	\$50

National Commander's Campaign (Dan K. Wiley)

Lloyd H Woods.....	\$250
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General

Alfred H Marin.....	\$10
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Palisades Fire (Palisades Post 283)

Brunswick Post 20.....	\$50
Dennis Pelletier Sr.....	\$50

**American Legion Department of Maine Foundation
National Leadership Fund**

Old Town Post 75 (<i>Jabaut Campaign Spaghetti Dinner</i>)	\$790
Greg & Debra Couture.....	\$500
Old Town Squadron 75.....	\$500
Old Town Post 75.....	\$500
Deborah Tasker-Brady.....	\$100

**American Legion Department of Maine Foundation
General Fund**

Rockland Squadron 1.....	\$300
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Thank You!

District Meetings

Be Connected · Be Heard · Be Informed

FEBRUARY 2025

District 2 – Cumberland: Feb. 9, Portland Post 17, 2PM
Lunch at 1PM. Nomination of Officers

District 3 – Androscoggin: Feb. 17, Lisbon Post 158, 6:30PM

District 5 – Oxford: Feb. 19, Buckfield Post 58, 7PM
2025 Nominating Committee

District 9 – Kennebec: Feb. 12,
Augusta Maine Veterans Home, 6PM

District 14 – Piscataquis: Feb. 15,
Dover Post 29, 12PM lunch, 1PM Meeting

District 16 – So. Aroostook: Feb. 1, Houlton Post 47, Prayer
Followed by Meal at 12PM, Four Chaplains + Nominations for
District Officers

District 17 - N. Aroostook: Feb. 2, Van Buren Post 49, 12PM
Meal, Meeting. at 1PM, Four Chaplains

**Stay Connected with
Your Fellow Legionnaires!**



**CLICK HERE TO SEE THE
LATEST POST EVENTS**



**CLICK HERE FOR THE
STATE DIRECTORY**

Call Dept. HQ at
873-3229 or email:
legionme@mainelegion.org
to get the password!



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
ABOUT THE STATE DIRECTORY!**

The State Directory has been posted on the Department Website in the past however it is now password-protected. Please call Dept. HQ at: 873-3229 or e-mail legionme@mainelegion.org to get the password, or if you have any questions or concerns. For safety reasons, you must provide your name, position, post number, and member ID number to be granted access to the Directory.

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. [Click Here](#) or visit www.mainelegion.org under Forms/Application to download an application. If you haven't paid your Past Commanders Club dues yet, *please do so today!*

BE THE ONE : **2025 Training Dates:**
: February 15 | April 19
: August 16 | October 18
2025 TRAINING : December 20

**Where: Dept. of Maine Training Room
5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901**

**For more details on the Be The One campaign
visit: betheone.org**

**To reserve your spot or for questions, email:
betheonedeptme@gmail.com**

**MILITARY
TRIVIA**

**Q. Who created
"The Order of the
Purple Heart,"
for whom was
it originally**

established, and when was it changed?

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118



Attention Post Leadership!

If your Post is below the per capita dues rate of \$41 then your Post is considered upside-down, and your members will not be able to pay their dues online.

Is Your Post Utilizing Its' Sales Tax Exemption?

All Legion Posts in the state of Maine qualify for Sales Tax Exemption.

If your Post currently does not have a Certificate for Sales Tax Exemption, please call Dept. Headquarters for assistance at 207-873-3229 so we can send you a packet containing detailed instructions on how to obtain this status.



THE AMERICAN LEGION 2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SCHEDULE

Cutoff Dates	Renewal Mail Dates
May 15, 2024	July 1-8, 2024
September 11, 2024	October 5-11, 2024
October 16, 2024	November 9-15, 2024
December 11, 2024	January 4-10, 2025
February 12, 2025	March 1-7, 2025
April 9, 2025	May 3-9, 2025

Transmittals not received by the cutoff date may not prevent a subsequent renewal notice from being delivered at or around the renewal date. Please note, renewals transmitted and received by the cutoff (which is also a National Target Date) will be updated prior to printing renewal notices, assuming they can be successfully scanned. Membership that must be hand-keyed (new members and renewals that can't be scanned) will take longer to process. Please transmit as early and as often as possible in advance of the Target Dates to help avoid delays in processing.



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Squadron Forms/ Applications

[Print a SAL Membership Application](#)

[Squadron Officers Form](#)

[Consolidated Squadron Report - fillable](#)

[Annual Squadron Data Report - fillable](#)

[Click Here for the Latest Membership Report](#)

District Awards

American Legion Jacket: Awarded to District Commanders who reach 100% by Dec. 31, 2024.

American Legion Ball Cap: Awarded to District Commanders who reach 100% by March 12, 2025.

NEW **Highest District Overall Membership Percentage (1st Place - \$500 | 2nd Place - \$250):** Awarded to District Commanders who reach the highest overall membership percentage 30 days prior to National Convention (July 24, 2025).

NEW **Highest District Overall Membership Renewal Percentage (1st Place - \$500 | 2nd Place - \$250):** Awarded to District Commanders who reach the highest overall membership renewal rate 30 days prior to National Convention (July 24, 2025).

For more Information [Click Here](#) and find:
2024-25 Membership Goals & Awards Manual

Membership **IMPACT** Reports

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on: www.legion.org/about/reports/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: www.legion.org/about/reports or www.legion.org/about/reports/membership-impact

Donate to the National Commander's Campaign (Dan K. Wiley)

Donations for the 2025-26 National Commander's Campaign are greatly appreciated! Scan the QR code with your phone or [Click Here](#) to make a donation. On the donation page, please choose "Other" from the "Use this donation for" dropdown menu and notate "National Commander's Campaign" under the notes. Thank you! [See the Letter on Page 7 for More Information.](#)



No Veteran should go through a crisis alone. Save the new Veterans Crisis Line number—Dial 988 then Press 1—in your phone in case you or a Veteran loved one needs support.

QUICKLY & EASILY RENEW ONLINE TODAY!

Simply Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone or visit:

www.legion.org/renew



Legion Baseball Registration Open for 2025 Season



Teams may begin online registration for the 2025 season.

Registration for the 2025 American Legion Baseball season is open at baseball.legion.org

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

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



Honor Flight Maine will be hosting three charter flights in 2025:

Flight #1 from Bangor International Airport will be April 25-27th.

Flight #2 from Portland International Jetport will be June 27-29th.

Flight #3 from Portland International Jetport will be September 5-7th.

Flight #4 from Bangor International Airport will be October 10-12th.

All Maine Veterans interested in going on a trip should go to HonorFlightMaine.org to apply. The site also contains applications for those wishing to be Guardian for a Veteran and for Volunteers. Honor Flight Maine is an all volunteer organization.

American Flags Made in the USA



Purchase an American-made flag from The American Legion and financially support programs that help veterans and military families in need. It's our way of saying "thank you" for your service, and a great way to thank your fellow veterans. **Shop now at AmericanLegionFlags.com.**



The American Legion Legacy Scholarship

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized. The 2025-26 tuition is capped at \$28,937.09 which is the maximum amount the VA will pay out per academic year.

**The application deadline is NO LATER THAN
Wednesday, March 26, 2025.**

[View Scholarship Information](#)

[Scholarship Application](#)

Scholarship Opportunity for 2025 Boys State, Girls State Participants

The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is available for high school juniors who participate in the current session of either program and are a direct descendant (or legally adopted child) of a U.S. veteran.

Deadline: Scholarship applicants must complete and submit their online application prior to 11:59 p.m. (local time) of Day 1 of their respective American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program.

[Click Here to Learn More & Apply](#)

American Legion Cribbage Boards

Get your American Legion Cribbage Board in time for the holidays!

Purchase yours today at:

The American Legion
Department of Maine
Headquarters, 5 Verti Drive
Winslow, ME 04901-0727

\$30/each - Pickup Only
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Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT)



[Click Here](#) to watch a short video about **No Cost Legioncare**



TANGO ALPHA LIMA PODCAST

[Click Here](#) to Listen to the **Tango Alpha Lima Podcast:**
<https://tangoalphalima.fireside.fm>

TECHNOLOGY 101

a resource for those who wish to learn basic skills with the powerful technology of today's world. Increased proficiency with computers and cell phones et al is good both personally and professionally.

How to Add Emergency Info to Your Phone's Lock Screen

This simple tip could save your life: Make your emergency medical information and contact numbers visible on your locked phone.

What would happen if you were out in public and needed urgent care but couldn't communicate with first responders? Do you have an ID on you? Is there any way for them to know your drug allergies? Are you wearing a medical bracelet that indicates any major health issues? How will they call your emergency contacts? Your phone, even when it's locked, could be your lifeline.

There's a way to put emergency information on your phone and make it accessible from the lock screen. It's extremely important to do it, and everyone should know how to find this information in case someone near you has an emergency. We're here to walk you through the process for any phone you have.

How to Add Emergency Info to an iPhone

First, open Medical ID. There are three ways to get there: Long-press the Apple Health app and choose Medical ID.

Open the Health app, tap your profile image, and select Medical ID. If you haven't opened the Health app in a while, it may prompt you to complete a Health Checklist, which will also take you to the Medical ID screen.

Go to Settings > Apps > Health > Medical ID.

From the Medical ID screen, tap Edit. Fill in as much information as you want to provide. If you aren't taking medications and have no known allergies, you should write "None" or "None known" so medical professionals know you didn't simply skip those questions. For Emergency Contact, you can only choose a name and phone number of someone in your Contacts app. So make sure whoever you want to list is in your Contacts.

Under Emergency Access, toggle on Show When Locked and Share During Emergency Call. There's a spot for a profile photo at the very top of the page. Put in a recent picture of your face. It could help emergency responders know they're looking at your information and not someone else's. When you're finished, press Done at the top right.

How to Find Someone's Emergency Info on an iPhone

Now that you have your emergency info set, you need to know how to find it from the lock screen. Go ahead and practice with your own phone. That way, you know how it works if you ever have to help someone else. This is a good skill to teach kids, too.

From the lock screen (when the phone asks for a passcode), tap Emergency in the lower left corner to make a dial pad appear. Tap Medical ID at the bottom left to make the emergency information visible. Scroll down, and you can call anyone listed as an emergency contact by tapping on their phone number.

How to Add Emergency Info on Android

Many Android devices allow you to add emergency contact info via the phone's settings or contacts app. Where it is

depends on which phone and version of Android you have. In all likelihood, it will be something like this:

In Settings, search for "emergency." You'll probably find something called Emergency Information or similar. If you can't find it, try looking under My Info.

In most cases, you get a screen with fields for emergency medical information and contacts. These might include name, blood type, medications, allergies, and so on. Fill them out. For medications and allergies, if you have none, it helps emergency responders if you write "None" or "None known."

Next, look for emergency contacts. It could be below all the fields, in a second tab, or in your contacts app. Whatever the case, anyone you want to name as an emergency contact must be in your contacts app before you can assign them as an emergency contact.

Tip: Many Android devices let you add a custom message to your lock screen. That's a great place to put emergency info, in case people don't know how to access it otherwise. Look in your settings for something called Screen Lock or Lock Screen Message.

How to Find Someone's Emergency Info on Android

If you need to help someone who owns an Android phone, you can pull up their medical information and emergency contacts from the lock screen. Swipe up, then select Emergency > Emergency Information. As long as the phone has emergency information available, you should be able to dial these contacts even with the phone locked. You can also call the local emergency number when you swipe up and select Emergency.

Emergency Info Hack for Any Smartphone

If your phone doesn't have a way to make emergency information accessible when locked, there's a hack that easily gets around it. All you need to do is add all the relevant info into a note-taking app, take a screenshot, and then set it as the wallpaper on your lock screen. Take a look at your lock screen and make sure the information is legible. You might have to adjust it if the clock or other functional information is blocking it.

Continue reading the full article here: <https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/how-to-add-emergency-info-to-your-phones-lock-screen>

By Jill Duffy
Updated January 16, 2025

Training Tuesdays

The last Tuesday of each month American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Each session will be recorded and made available for later viewing.

[Click Here to Watch Previously Recorded Sessions](#)

MILITARY TRIVIA

A. As many of you guessed, President George Washington noted a lack of awards for the 'common soldier,' so in 1782, he created "The Order of the "Purple Heart," commonly known as the "Badge of Military Merit," for enlisted personnel and NCOs only, to recognize their battle wounds. In 1932, Gen. MacArthur changed the name to only "The Purple Heart" and its award range was changed to include all military personnel wounded in action who required medical attention.

Learn More: <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/washington-creates-the-purple-heart>



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December 5, 2024

To Our Fellow Legionnaires:

As you may be aware, each year we request donations to give to the leading candidate for the position of National Commander of The American Legion. The individuals do a lot of traveling and have expenses that they may need assistance in covering.

Each department donates to this cause, and we are not the only ones to do so. The many departments also supported our own Tony Jordan when he was campaigning for National Commander and it is only right that we, the Department of Maine, do so also.

This year, I am asking those who are listed in the National book and have received appointments or reappointments to any of the National Committees or Commissions to donate at least \$75.00 to help defray the cost of seeking that position. Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated. If you are capable of and inclined to do so you may donate a larger amount.

This year, the leading candidate is Dan Wiley of Kansas for the year 2025-2026. He is presently scheduled to attend our Department Convention in June 2025.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Please send them to the Department of Maine Headquarters at **5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901**, and earmark your check or money order to the "National Commander's Campaign"

Thank you and let us make this one a great one.

Lloyd Woods
National Executive Committeeman

Anthony G. "Tony" Jordan
Past National Commander

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Pacific Palisades Fires

As fire rips through the Pacific Palisades neighborhood, and in its aftermath, RONALD REAGAN – PALISADES POST 283 stand with our community during these challenging times. Post 283 is prepared to provide support, resources, and up-to-date information for those impacted by the devastating Palisades Fire.

The Post building, including its properties occupied by the U.S. Post Office and CVS, currently appear to have thankfully sustained no significant damage in the fire. Post 283's doors, as well as CVS and the post office, will remain closed until further notice. Post 283 leadership is ascertaining when opening the building will be appropriate and are following the guidelines set by city officials and law enforcement.

Most of our members of Post 283, who lived in the Palisades, lost everything, including their homes.

Post 283 is committed to supporting the Pacific Palisades community in the aftermath of the devastating Palisades Fire. As one of the few remaining public buildings in the area, our facilities will serve as a hub for relief efforts, offering 24-hour access to utilities, meeting space, and communications for residents, first responders, and relief organizations. This vital work ensures immediate recovery support and long-term rebuilding for those affected.

The Department of Maine is committed to helping our sisters and brothers financially by collecting funds from concerned Maine Legion Family members and redirecting to Ronald Reagan – Palisades Post 283.

There are two ways your Post, Unit, Squadron or public can donate to Palisades:

1. Send a donation to:
The American Legion Department of Maine
Attn: PALISADES FIRES
5 Verti Drive
Winslow, ME 04901-0727
2. Visit: <https://www.mainelegion.org/> , tap on DONATE and contribute through PAYPAL, or a debit/credit card. **Mark in the note section “Ronald Reagan – Palisades Post 283”**

We are in this together. Anything helps. Please consider raising funds for our friends in California.