



THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Winners of the Summer Sweepstakes Raffle drawn at The State Convention in Brewer on June 11^h:

- Dennis Daniels, Westbrook Post 197..... \$1,500
- Manuel DaSilva, Winslow Post 178..... 500
- Robert Houle, Houlton Post 5..... 300
- Brice Harris, Falmouth Post 2..... 200

Congratulations!

ANNUAL REPORTS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY FROM THE FOLLOWING POSTS

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Welcome to the 68th 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 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.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTER AND PUFL MEMBERS

To All Post Adjutants!

If you did not pick up your 2023 membership cards at State Convention, you should receive them in the mail shortly if you haven't already. The cards were mailed with a membership register for printed cards only. **Please note, as per National Headquarters, the Membership Register report will not include PUFL members until after the July PUFL extract run.** The report is based on the membership card printing process and lists members for whom a card was (or will be) printed.

Please call Department HQ at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 if you have any questions.

p.s. for those Posts who received their membership cards via postal service, the Adjutant's packet containing informational material will be available for **pickup only** at Department HQ Monday-Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm.

~ Thank you! ~



The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will be closed on July 4th and 5th in observance of Independence Day. Please take a moment to give thanks to those veterans who fought and are still fighting for our freedom.



**103rd National Convention
Milwaukee, WI
August 26 - September 1, 2022**

**2022 National Convention
Reservation/Registration/
Banquet Form**

For more information, please visit
Convention Resources

Find a printable Registration Form on Page 7

VICTORY FOR OUR VETERANS!

Greetings to Maine Legionnaires,

Not long ago, we alerted you to The American Legion's campaign to pass our generation's most comprehensive veterans' health legislation and called on your help to pass it. You responded, and I am proud to share the results of your American Legion advocacy.

After months of negotiation and advocacy, the Senate voted 84-14 to pass the *Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022*. This legislation will comprehensively upgrade the presumptive process for veterans exposed to toxins and provide care for millions of veterans. To quote our National Commander Paul E. Dillard:

"The American Legion is grateful for the service of millions of veterans who were exposed to burn pits, atomic radiation, Agent Orange and other environmental poisons. Thanks to the U.S. Congress, these men and women will be able to receive the care and benefits they have earned. The PACT Act is a historic bipartisan achievement. The American Legion thanks not only those who voted for this legislation but the thousands of Legionnaires and advocates who worked to make this happen. We look forward to President Biden signing the Honoring Our PACT Act into law."

You are a part of today's victory. You contributed to the over 18,900 messages Legionnaires sent to Congress demanding action on toxic exposure, making this an issue our lawmakers could no longer ignore. Thank you for joining me on this campaign, and I ask that you keep your eye out for future "ALERT" messages from the Legion. See you in our future battles!

Respectfully,

Lawrence Montreuil, Director,
National Legislative Division
The American Legion National Headquarters

**2022 Digital Convention
Yearbook Now Available Online!**



**Check it
Out Today!!!**

Call HQ at
873-3229 to
purchase
yours. **Limited
quantities
available!**

**The Department of Maine is Announcing
the Dates for Maine Legion College 2022**

Legion College enhances knowledge and appreciation of The American Legion, classes teach the core values and contributions of the organization, its Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and other programs. Maine Legion College prepares Legionnaires for leadership positions in posts, districts, committees, and departments through education, development, and motivation. The curriculum challenges student leaders to think critically and creatively about issues confronting the Legion.



The 3-weekend commitment is open to Legion members, and if space permits we include Riders, Sons, and Auxiliary members.

**Phase 2: July 23-24
Phase 3: September 24-25**

To reserve your spot email:
jason@mainelegion.org

Call Now – Space is Limited



Click [HERE](http://www.legion.org/benefits) for More Information or go to:
www.legion.org/benefits

Background

- The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans service organization with more than 1.8 million members in more than 12,000 posts across the country and has its National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- The American Legion's mission is to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by their devotion to mutual helpfulness.
- Throughout its more than 100-year history, members of The American Legion have tackled the most important issues and challenges facing our nation's veterans with each generation focused on solving the challenges faced before the ones that preceded them.
- The American Legion is racing to the future. New Era. New Look. Same Mission.
 - ◆ **New Era.** As the military changes, so does The American Legion. Today's service members and veterans come from diverse communities, have had different experiences, and enjoy wide-ranging interests.
 - ◆ **New Look.** New logo is embodiment of where The Legion has been, where it is now and most importantly, where it is racing to in the future.
 - ◆ **Same Mission.** Continue to address the toughest challenges facing our nation's veterans and their families.
- Today, the #1 issue facing those who served is veteran suicide.
 - ◆ According to the [National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report](#).
 - ◆ 17 veterans still die by suicide each day, or more than 6,000 each year.
 - ◆ Rate of suicide for veterans is more than 50% higher than that of non-veteran adults.
- The American Legion is activating a national platform to end veteran suicide.
- The **Be the One** campaign will:
 - ◆ Destigmatize asking for mental health support, creating opportunity for those with mental health issues to speak freely and get the support they need.
 - ◆ Provide peer-to-peer support and resources in local communities.
 - ◆ Deploy FDA-approved therapeutics for veterans to identify issues and find resources for support.

What To Know

1. The stigma associated with mental health issues is a barrier to veterans seeking assistance. They fear loss of their job, think they can handle their situation themselves, or don't think others can understand their situation.
2. Family members may be the first to recognize the signs that their veteran needs help, but they may lack the knowledge of how to approach the situation.
3. There are several innovative programs either funded by the government or private non-governmental organizations that help veterans in crisis, but they often lack funding or broad-based visibility.
4. Veteran service organizations, like The American Legion, provide a well-established peer support network that is ready, willing, and able to help in local communities.
5. The Legion is also willing to explore partnerships with other like-minded organizations where the opportunity exists to amplify and/or complements one another's strengths.

Messages

Public

The American Legion needs your help in ending veteran suicide.

Be the One to:

- **Ask** veterans in your life how they are doing.
- **Listen** when a veteran needs to talk.
- **Reach out** when a veteran is struggling.

Pledge to **Be the One** at betheone.org by signing up for email updates.

Veteran

Be the One to:

- Talk with others about how you are feeling.
- Ask for help when you know you need it.
- Know there are millions of people ready to help you.
- Remember your family and friend's care.

If you are a veteran in crisis:

- Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1
- <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>
- Know there are millions of people ready to help you.

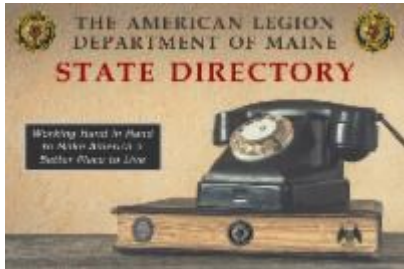
MILITARY TRIVIA

Q: What military installation is one of the least well known & yet one of the most famous in the entire world?

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118



[Click here to see the Latest Post Events!](#)



Stay Connected With Your Fellow Legionnaires!
[Click Here](#) for the State Directory.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

District 6 – Knox: June 26
Thomaston Post 37, 1PM

District 1 – York: Aug. 23
Sanford Post 19, 2:00PM

District 5 – Oxford: Aug. 19
Locke Mills Post 68, 7:00PM

District 9 – Kennebec: Aug. 2
Hallowell Post 6 – 7PM



EVENTS

DIRIGO STATE

June 19-24, 2022

Thomas College, Waterville

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Aug. 26 - Sept. 1, 2022

Milwaukee, WI

Happening NOW!!!



COMPUTER 101 is a resource for those who wish to learn basic skills with the powerful technology of today's world. Increased proficiency with computers is good both personally and professionally.

6 Basic Computer Tricks to Make Life Easier

At this point, most of the general public should know how to use a computer in the most basic of situations. Turn it on. Open up the internet. Write a document. Print something. If you expect to be somewhat successful or, at the very least, considered a normal functioning human being, computer know-how is simply a must. If you're adamant about sticking to the basics and you don't feel the need to make 'geek' your second language, then here are a few tricks to make you more efficient in the land of computers. And even if you do consider yourself to be above the basics or somewhat of a computer aficionado, some of these tips might be new and rather useful for you.

CTRL + BKSP

If you need to delete one whole word, hold down CTRL and Backspace simultaneously. To delete multiple words, hold down the CTRL button and continue to tap on the Backspace button until you've deleted everything that needs to go away.

CTRL + W

When you have multiple internet sites open at once, you can close one at a time by holding down CTRL and W. This action will cause the tab you are currently on to close and will send you back to the next open tab – no magnifying glass and little 'X' button required.

CTRL + L

Again, if you're not willing to reach for your mouse, this trick is incredibly useful. Hold down CTRL and L to highlight the address bar. You can immediately begin typing to go to a new website.

Windows + D

If you need all programs minimized – including the program you're currently on – then hit Windows and D. This will bring you back to the desktop. Hit CTRL D to go back to it.

CTRL + T

When you're on the internet and you need to open up a new tab, hold down CTRL and T. This trick will get you there quicker.

Windows + L

This is a great tip for anyone, anywhere to use. Whenever you leave your computer, hit WINDOWS and L to lock it. Hopefully, you have some sort of pass-code protecting your device...if not, *shame on you!*

~ Excerpt from arrc.com

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>.



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MILITARY TRIVIA

A: Located in New York Harbor, Fort Wood was built as one of the key defense positions for the war of 1812, but is more well known as the base for the Statue of Liberty. Very soon, the 11-pointed star shaped Fort will be refurbished with granite stone from Orland, Maine.



Warrant Templates



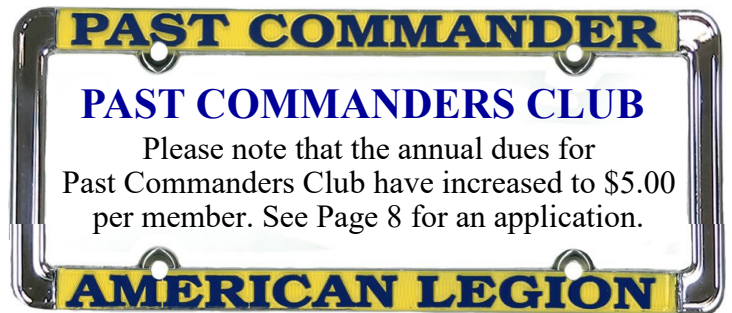
All Positions



Available on-line at

[MaineLegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) or go to:

<http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php>

PAST COMMANDER

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club have increased to \$5.00 per member. See Page 8 for an application.

AMERICAN LEGION



"With great power, comes great responsibility."

~ Spiderman

"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude."

~ Cynthia Ozick

DONATIONS

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
 DEPARTMENT OF MAINE**

Maine Blind Camp Fund

Brian Knowlton, Post 119 \$100.00
 Buckfield Post 58 \$50.00



2022
103RD NATIONAL CONVENTION
MILWAUKEE, WI
AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

HOUSING: The Department of Maine's hotel will be the **Hilton Milwaukee City Center**, 509 W. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53203. The hotel room rate is \$144.00, plus a tax rate of 15.5% per room/night (subject to change) for one King or two Queens; Additional Occupant in Room per Day – Flat rate; Rollaway Rate per Day – \$25.00; Parking Rate per Day – \$5.00 (self only).

103rd National Convention Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Find it on the map by visiting <https://www.legion.org/convention/resources>

FLIGHTS: Everyone is responsible for their own flight reservations.

REGISTRATION: Hilton Milwaukee City Center – Room Wright Ballroom C
Friday, August 26 from 10 am -12 pm and 1 pm - 3 pm

DEPARTMENT CAUCUS INFORMATION: Hilton Milwaukee City Center – Room Wright Ballroom C - Sunday, August 28 from 10 am – 3 pm

NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRTS: AUXILIARY

CONVENTION INFORMATION: For Convention resources and information, please visit www.legion.org/convention/resources

Download the National Convention Mobile App with the most up-to-date schedule, floor agenda, and more: www.legion.org/mobileapps

2022 National Convention Reservation/Registration/Banquet Form

Milwaukee, WI – August 26 – Sept. 1, 2022

Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 509 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203

The American Legion, Department of Maine

5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

I will arrive on _____ and depart on _____

I will require a room for _____ people – 1 King _____ or 2 Queens _____ \$144.00 plus tax rate of 15.5% per room/night (subject to change); Additional Occupant in Room per Day – Flat rate; Rollaway Rate per Day – \$25.00; Parking Rate per Day – \$5.00 (self only)

Names: _____

Phone: _____

Credit card Number for one night's room deposit _____

Type: _____ Exp. date: _____

Enclosed please find the following registration fee(s) payable to The American Legion:

American Legion Delegates, Alternates, or guests (\$25 each): \$ _____

I would like to reserve _____ tickets to the National Commander's Dinner at \$53 each, Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____, made **payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine. Limited tickets are available.** Please call Department Headquarters at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2.

ALL INFORMATION & PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY THE JULY 22 DEADLINE.

Name

Address



DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
THE AMERICAN LEGION

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

It is with great pride and pleasure that we the membership of Post # _____ submit the names of all our living Past Commanders for membership to the Past Commanders Club. Along with the names, we have enclosed the annual dues of \$5.00 per member with the understanding that this will continue to provide two (2) \$500.00 scholarships. The recipient must be the son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of a member of The American Legion.

Membership in the Past Commanders Club goes from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Post Adjutant

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SUBMIT TO:

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Past Commanders Club form is also available in fillable format by visiting www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php

This form may be filled out on-line at: www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php

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