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THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 70th 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.

JOB OPENING

AMERICAN LEGION ASSISTANT DEPT. SERVICE OFFICER

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description and qualifications or go to:
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Job_Description

~ Thank you! ~

Celebration of Life

Steven Spaulding

Commander, Skowhegan Post 16 Sunday, July 31st at noon, Skowhegan Post 16 217 Waterville Road, Skowhegan, Maine

For further information <u>Click Here</u> or go to: https://www.centralmaine.com/2022/07/20/obituarysteven-steve-l-spaulding/







State Senior Baseball Tournament

John Winkin Baseball Complex Husson University

Bangor, Maine, July 23-27, 2022

CLICK HERE for the
2022 State Senior Baseball Tournament Schedule
or visit: www.mainelegion.org

Northeast Regional Senior Tournament Shrewsbury, MA Aug. 3-7, 2022



World Series Tournament Shelby, NC Aug.11-16, 2022

Show your support – come to the games, wear your hat, tell your friends!

Complete schedule on page 6.

Please Take Notice!!!

2023 Renewals

If you received your 2023 renewal notice in the mail, you may have noticed it said, "Member Since 2022". Please note that this information may not be accurate; however, your membership card will reflect the correct number of continuous years. If it does not, please contact this office at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2.

ANNUAL REPORTS

FROM THE FOLLOWING POSTS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

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SUPREME VICTORY FOR VETERANS

By Paul E. Dillard, National Commander

JUL 13, 2022

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a victory not just for veterans but for our entire nation. The Court ruled in Torres v. Texas that a former state trooper had the right to sue his state after it refused to re-hire him following a military deployment.

Le Roy Torres was an officer with the Texas Department of Public Safety until he was called to active duty in 2007. While in Iraq, he was exposed to burn pits and returned home suffering from constrictive bronchitis. Though his respiratory condition prevented him from working again as a state trooper, the agency refused to offer an accommodation and place him in an alternative position.

Normally, sovereign immunity protects states from paying damages to its citizens. However, then-Justice Stephen Breyer, pointed out the responsibility that all states have in supporting the efforts of our military.

"In joining together to form a Union, the States agreed to sacrifice their sovereign immunity for the good of the common defense," Breyer wrote in his 5 -4 majority opinion.

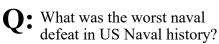
The American Legion applauds this ruling. At our 2017 national convention in Reno, Nev., delegates passed Resolution No. 85, which calls for the strengthening of employment and reemployment rights for National Guard members and reservists returning from deployment.

A legal adviser to The American Legion offered this wise summary of the ruling in an email to our staff. "The opinion reinforces deference to Congress in deciding how to create the strongest national defense and emphasizes that if the nation is conquered, nothing else matters."

This case is just another example of how a policy that benefits a veteran also benefits our country.

Paul E. Dillard National Commander The American Legion

MILITARY TRIVIA





~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118



Kirk Thurston

Department of Maine Commander's Project

Operation Reboot Outdoors



Support the American Legion Commander's Project!

Please send and make all donations payable to: American Legion Dept of Maine

5 Verti Drive - Winslow, Maine 04901.

Remember to earmark for Commanders Project O.R.O.

Operation ReBoot Outdoors invites you to join in their Mission to provide outdoor recreational therapy to Veterans, service members, and law enforcement personnel who struggle with trauma from war or traumatic events serving our nation and our communities. Operation ReBoot Outdoors shows these heroes they can find purpose after service through the outdoors as well as empowerment in camaraderie. We hope you will be the one to join our Mission to stop the high percentage of suicides that plague our families, community, and country.

We hope that you will "*Be the One*" to reach out to a veteran and to support Operation Reboot Outdoors!

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 9. For any questions or concerns, please contact **convention@legion.org**.

Attention Legion College Student!!!

egion 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.



≡AMERICAN If you missed Phase II of American Legion College in 2019-2021....now is your chance to continue.



Contact:

Jason@mainelegion.org to reserve your spot.

Classes are this weekend for Phase II, starting at 9 am.

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 summary of membership, participation 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.



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

NATO 'AIR SHIELDING' TO **BOLSTER MISSILE DEFENSES** ALONG ALLIANCE'S EASTERN **EDGES**

By: Jennifer H. Svan Stars and Stripes

JUL 14, 2022

NATO will add missile defense assets along the alliance's eastern borders to guard against any potential threats that arise from Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, U.S. Air Force and NATO officials said Wednesday.

The strategy is called "air shielding," an expression coined during last month's meeting of NATO leaders in Madrid, said German Brig. Gen. Christoph Pliet, deputy chief of staff operations at NATO Allied Air Command headquarters at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

The idea is to "deter and shield against any possible Russian aggression," Pliet said, going beyond what NATO already has employed on the eastern flank since the Feb. 24 invasion.

Additional assets will be deployed for four to six months at a time, shoring up an area from Turkey to the Baltic states, Pliet said, while speaking with reporters alongside Maj. Gen. Joel L. Carey, U.S. Air Forces in Europe — Air Forces Africa director of operations, strategic deterrence and nuclear integration.

NATO partners will add "both air and ground-based air defense assets and the supporting enablers" needed for rotational forces, Carey said. Officials didn't go into details on the number of additional troops that would rotate east.

Earlier this month, Air Force F-35s, deployed from the U.S. to Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, were sent on to Amari Air Base in Estonia. Beyond traditional air policing patrols, they'll be able to "react on very short notice" from multiple locations, Pliet said.

Some ground-based air defense systems have been deployed as well, Pliet said, though he did not disclose where.

There's no indication Russia intends to attack NATO territory anytime soon, Pliet said. But the stepped-up use of missiles, drones and combat aircraft near the borders of NATO countries increases the chances of a miscalculation, or loss of guidance or control, NATO has said.

"We are currently in a shield," Pliet said. If a miscalculation occurs, "we want to intercept, interrogate" and escort the aircraft out of NATO airspace.

He said the war in Ukraine has "brought back the sense of unity to the alliance and helps us elevate to a new level, helps us to challenge any threats that we might see in NATO."

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TECHNOLOGY 101

is 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 is good both personally and professionally.



iPhone Vs. Smartphone

Technically, there's absolutely no difference between an iPhone and a smartphone. Any handheld device with a touchscreen interface capable of performing most of the functions of a computer and a running operating system is considered a smartphone. A few years back, no one in the world thought people needed cellphones until they woke up to witness one of the most revolutionary technological advances in the history of mankind. No one would have thought such small device would become a sensation. Some would say smartphones emerged from so-called cellphones when cellphone manufacturers started putting sophisticated programs and web-browsing features into their handsets. The question hangs on how you define a smartphone.

Summary of iPhone Vs. Smartphone

A smartphone is just a mobile phone with calling, SMS service, web browsing capability, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, document editing and sharing, and all the features you'd expect from your personal computer. iPhone is no different. However, iPhone isn't just any smartphone; it's Apple - one of the world's most valuable companies. The iPhone changed the world around us in no time, and over time, became one of the first choices of smartphone, but it's an expensive choice to make.

To read more **Click Here** or go to:

Difference Between iPhone and Smartphone | Difference Between http://www.differencebetween.net/ technology/difference-between-iphone-andsmartphone/#ixzz7Z2lWlGHH





Latest Post Events!



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GAMING EVENT TO TAKE PLACE DURING NATIONAL CONVENTION

The American Legion JUL 13, 2022

Since last December, The American Legion and Regiment Gaming - the largest military gaming community in the nation - have collaborated on multiple online and in-person events. That relationship will be back on display during the 2022 American Legion National Convention in August. Regiment Gaming will have a designated area set up with gaming stations in the Wisconsin Center. The exact location and hours of operation will be provided once they're available; Paradox Customs is donating all of the PCs and related equipment for the stations.

Chris Earl, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and the founder/CEO of Regiment Gaming, said he was contacted by American Legion Membership Engagement Coordinator Doug Chace about staging the event in Milwaukee. Earl said setting up the stations is an opportunity to "show Legionnaires the power of video games. We're going to set up eight gaming stations ... and it will be a combination of free play - people come over, test out the games, have fun and we'll also have a 2v2 Call of Duty tournament."

Gamers will be able to sign up for the tournament at the venue. Check back for more specifics as the convention draws closer.

"I think this is a great opportunity," Earl said. "There are millions of military gamers out there. This should definitely drive some younger (veterans) who attend the national convention."

Last December, The American Legion and Regiment Gaming hosted an online video gaming tournament between veterans and pro-gamers that was viewed by more than 25,000 people. The following February, the two entities again partnered, this time bringing in Department of Minnesota Service Officer Jeremy Wolfsteller for an online Department of Veterans Affairs assistance workshop that provided information on various benefits available to veterans, as well as how to get them or reapply if previously denied.

Regiment and the Legion again collaborated last May, this time for a Halo Local Area Network (LAN) team tournament that included a Legionfunded \$10,000 prize purse.

"This is definitely going to be unique from events we've done in the past," Earl said. "Typically, the average age of our competitors is 23. I'm really, really super excited."

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! ~

IMPORTANT DATES IN MILITARY HISTORY

August

- 8/4 US Coast Guard Established (1790)
- 8/5 Women Air force Service Pilots Est. (1943)
- 8/7 Purple Heard Medal Established (1782)
- <u>8/7 Vietnam War Began (1964)</u>
- 8/9 Battle of Guadalcanal at Savo Island
- 8/10 Spirit of '45 Day (2nd Sunday of the month)
- 8/14 End of War with Japan announced (1945)
- 8/14 National Navajo Code Talkers Day
- 8/16 National Airborne Day
- 8/19 National Aviation Day
- <u>8/26 Women's Equality Day, Women Win the Vote (1920)</u>
- 8/31 Iraqi Freedom Ended (2010)

2023 Membership Polos

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DISTRICT MEETINGS Be Connected · Be Heard · Be Informed

District 5 – Oxford Aug. 19, 7PM Locke Mills Post 68 District 9 – Kennebec Aug. 2, 7PM Hallowell Post 6

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club have increased to \$5.00 per member. See Page 15 for an application.

Warrant Templates - All Positions Available on-line at: MaineLegion.org or go to:

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

"To command is to serve, nothing more and nothing less."

~ Andre Malraux

"Which will hod a greater rule over you? Your fear or your curiosity?

~ Wonder Woman



Click <u>HERE</u> for more Information or go to: www.legion.org/benefits

MILITARY TRIVIA

A: On August 9, 1942, ships of the Japanese Imperial Navy surrounded the Island & began the first major Battle of Guadalcanal. Within 1 hour, the Japanese had caused major damage to or sunk many ships, including the USS Chicago, the HMAS Canberra, the USS Astoria, the USS Vincennes & the USS Quincy. They used the "Long Lance"



Japanese heavy cruiser Kinugasa at Battle of Savo Island

torpedo, the first torpedo ever to have a gyroscope guidance system & since it weighed over 6000lbs., only one was needed to cut a destroyer in half.

American Legion State Baseball Tournament Schedule

July 23, 2022 - July 27, 2022

Sat., July 23	Game#1*	N #2 vs S #3	9:00AM
	Game#2*	S#2vsN #3	12:00PM
	Game#3*	S#1 vsN#4	3:00PM
	Game#4*	N #1 vs S #4	6:00PM
Sun., July 24	Game#5	LG1 vs LG2	9:00AM
	Game#6	LG3 vs LG4	12:00PM
	Game#7	WG1 vs WG2	3:00PM
	Game#8	WG3 vs WG4	6:00PM
Mon., July 25	Game#9	WG6 vs LG7	1:00PM
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	Game#11	WG7 vs WG8	7:00PM
Tues., July 26	Game#12	WG9 or 10 vs LG11^	4:00PM
16.65., 06.17 20	Game#13	WG9 or 10 vs WG11^	7:00PM
Wed., July 27	Game#14	WG12 vs WG13#	4:00PM
	Game#15	WG14 vs LG14	30 minutes after
			previous game
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Note *: Home Team is the higher seed

Note ^: Games 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents unless

absolutely necessary.

FINAL

NOTE: If 3 teams remain after G13, the WG11 will receive a bye in G14.



POST SEASON PLAY 2022

Senior Legion State Tournament July 23 - 27, 2022

John Winkin Baseball Complex Husson University, Bangor, Maine

Northeast Regional Tournament August 3 - 7, 2022 Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

> World Series Tournament August 11 - 16, 2022 Shelby, North Carolina



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

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

<u>HOUSING</u>: 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.

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

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

NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRTS: AUXILIARY

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

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

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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

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(Use this form only if personalizing multiple shirts)

Right chest lettering \$10 per shirt. Up to 4 lines of White lettering.

Orders for Personalization will begin shipping in mid-July. (After June 23, allow 4 weeks for delivery.)

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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.

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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