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THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 71st 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.

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

Post Data Reports: 27, 31, 47, 51, 53, 55, 61, 66, 105, 121, 126, 130, 141, 152, 157, 161, 164, 173, 187, 188, 195, 201, 204, 208, 213

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District & Post Officers Reports: 8, 12, 27, 29, 31, 32, 47, 51, 55, 57, 66, 87, 121, 126, 130, 141, 152, 161, 163, 164, 173, 183, 187, 188, 195, 201, 202, 204, 208 • Districts: 4, 10, 11

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE FALL CONFERENCE

Auxiliary Conference
Sat., Oct. 1, 2022 - Millinocket Post 80

Legion Conference
Sat., Oct. 1, 2022 - Millinocket Elks Lodge

Dept. Exec. Committee Meeting
Sun., Oct. 2, 2022 - Millinocket Post 80

For more information go to:

<http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/news-events/fall-conference.php>

Maine American Legion Baseball



On behalf of the American Legion, Department of Maine, thank you to all the coaches, parents, players, supporters, Posts, businesses, and family for making the year a success. There were some strong teams represented all season long. Bessey Motors was a force with fierce bats and some sheer talent. Congratulations again to the Riverdogs who overcame some great odds, the bats and fielding came alive when needed. *Well done!*

The Northeast Regional Tournament schedule is below, starting August 3rd in Massachusetts. Make the state proud Riverdogs!!! Fire up those bats, do some smart base running, and be a defensive force. Maine will be cheering you on!!!

NE Regional Senior Tournament Schedule

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 8.

Pension Poaching: Learn to Spot Scammers and Who You Can Trust for Support

Published On July 18th, 2022



If you currently receive a VA pension or are thinking about applying for one, learn how to spot and avoid poachers!

What are VA pension programs?

VA provides two different pension programs for Veterans and their dependents. [Veterans Pension](#) is a tax-free monthly benefit available for wartime Veterans who meet certain age or disability requirements, and have income and net worth within certain limits. [Survivors Pension](#) is available to qualifying surviving spouses and unmarried dependent children of wartime Veterans who meet certain income and net worth limits. Additionally, Veterans and survivors who need help with daily activities (such as bathing, dressing and eating), or are housebound, may be eligible for additional pension adjustments with [VA Aid and Attendance](#) or [Housebound benefits](#).

What to avoid and who to trust?

Pension poachers will often try to earn your trust by claiming to be advocates who can help you gain more VA benefits than you already receive. By doing so, these scammers collect money through fees or by siphoning off your benefit payments. Following the advice of scammers puts your pension in jeopardy. You could also end up disqualified from other VA benefits or owe money back if it's determined you're ineligible for payments.

Veterans, survivors and their advocates should never pay for assistance when applying for VA benefits. [Accredited Veteran Service Organization \(VSO\) representatives](#) provide free advice and help complete and file applications. These certified professionals are well-trained to support you and your family. In addition to working with only accredited representatives, be sure to avoid cold calls, phishing emails and other poaching pitches, such as:

- Requests to move money into different accounts or reallocate investments to qualify for a VA pension payment.
- Requests for money to file your claim or for application forms,
- Promises of "guaranteed eligibility" for a particular VA benefit or a lump-sum payment upon approval.
- Requests for personal information, including credit card or other billing information, and offers to send benefits to a caregiver's account.

VA benefits can only go to an eligible Veteran or survivor, not to a caregiver's account. While some attorneys may charge you a fee for representation in appealing or requesting an additional review of a VA decision, they cannot charge you for services provided on initially applying for benefits.

If a potential scammer approaches you, please report them to the VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) by calling 800-488-8244. You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.consumercomplaints.fcc.gov.



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!

JOB OPENING

AMERICAN LEGION ASSISTANT DEPT. SERVICE OFFICER

Part-time position, 28 hours (4-day work week)

Term of Office. [CLICK HERE](#) for a full job description and qualifications or go to:

http://www.mainelegion.org/media/misc/Job_Description

Resumes can be sent to Department Headquarters,
5 Verti Drive, Winslow, 04901
no later than Friday, August 12th, 2022



103rd National Convention

Milwaukee, WI

August 26 - September 1, 2022

For more information, please visit:

[Convention Resources](#)

Or go to: www.mainelegion.org/pages/news-events/national-convention.php



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.

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! ~

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club have increased to \$5.00 per member. See Page 5 for an application.

Warrant Templates - All Positions

Available on-line at: MaineLegion.org

or go to:

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

MILITARY TRIVIA

Q: Following the Revolutionary War, where was America's first battle fought, on foreign soil?



~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

Attention Legion College Student!!!

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.

Phase III of American Legion College starts on September 24th at 9AM.

To reserve your spot contact:

Jason@mainelegion.org

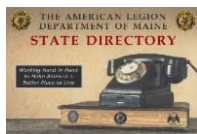
MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORTS

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>.



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



[Click Here for the State Directory!](#)

Stay Connected with Your Fellow Legionnaires!

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.



How to Stop Spam Emails

Step 1: Manage your spam filters: Most email services have built-in features to protect against spam. You can “train” this filter by manually marking any spam that makes it through. In Gmail, for example, when you open a message that you consider spam, you can open the drop-down menu next to the reply bottom in the upper-right corner, then click Report spam. This will move the email in question to your spam folder, and, more importantly, sends data to Gmail so that its machine learning programs can more accurately detect spam.

Step 2: Unsubscribe from commercial emails

Under U.S. law, commercial emails must include “a clear and conspicuous explanation of how the recipient can opt out of getting email from [the sender] in the future.” Many such emails will feature an “unsubscribe” button.

Step 3: Keep email address out of spammer's hands:

Maintain a separate email address for commercial purposes (such as when a business or restaurant offers to email your receipt rather than print it). It will likely be impossible to prevent every spam message from reaching you, but following the tips above should help stanch the flow.

Step 4: Opt for some spam-blocking software: If you're looking for free spam-filtering software, you can utilize applications such as Spamhilarator (Windows) or SpamSieve (MacOS), both of which can connect to your email client and may offer tools that email clients don't, thus giving you a higher detection rate.

Step 5: Hide your email address whenever possible:

Try not to publish your email address or post on any forums or comment sections if they show them as part of the process. Or, set up a secondary email that you use for purposes like this — one that becomes your de facto spam inbox.

For more information [CLICK HERE](https://www.komando.com/tech-tips/spam-blocking-tricks/765109/) or go to:
<https://www.komando.com/tech-tips/spam-blocking-tricks/765109/>

“Heroism doesn't always happen in a burst of glory. Sometimes small triumphs and large hearts change the course of history.

~ Mary Roach

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed

District 5

Oxford: Aug. 16

Rumford Post 24, 7M

District 1 – York: Sept. 17

Kennebunk Post 74, Noon

District 3 – Androscoggin: Sept. 20

Lisbon Post 158, 2:00PM

District 5 – Oxford: Sept. 22

Oxford Post 112, 7PM Refreshments after

District 6 – Knox: Sept 18

Thomaston Post 37, 1PM

District 9 – Kennebec: Sept. 14

Oakland Post 51, 7PM

District 10 – Somerset: Sept. 21

Skowhegan Post 16, 6:30PM

District 11 – Waldo: Sept 20

Palermo Post 163, 2PM

District 12 – Hancock: Sept. 13

Stonington Post 102

Dinner at 6:00PM, Meeting at 7:30PM

District 13 – Penobscot: Sept. 4

Lincoln Post 77, Bangor Armory, 2PM

District 14 – Piscataquis: Sept. 17

Guilford Post 119, 12pm Lunch w/Business Mtg at 1PM

District 17 – No. Aroostook: Sept. 11

Stockholm Post 136, 1PM Meal

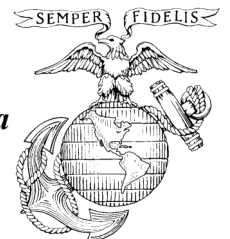
MILITARY TRIVIA

A: The Battle of Derna at Derna, Cyrenaica, (North Africa), (Barbary Coast Pirates) was the decisive victory in April–May 1805 of a mercenary army recruited and led by United States Marines under the command of U.S. Army Lieutenant William Eaton, diplomatic Consul to Tripoli, and U.S. Marine Corps First Lieutenant Presley Neville O'Bannon. The Marines especially may remember this war, because they sing about it at every major Marine event!!!

The Marine's Hymn

(1st verse)

*“From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
On the land as on the sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
of United States Marine.”*





**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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Use back side if additional space is required.

SUBMIT TO:

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

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
PAST COMMANDERS CLUB**

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

***** Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club have increased to \$5.00/member)*****



You Don't Want To Miss This Exciting Challenge!

100 Miles for Hope is in full swing, and there's still plenty of time for you to join this great cause! It's easy to get started. Here's how:

HOW TO REGISTER

You can get a free 100 Miles for Hope T-shirt with your \$30 registration fee. Just visit [Emblem Sales](#), select your size and add it to your cart.



[REGISTER NOW](#)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Participants are encouraged to complete at least 100 miles before Sept. 5. Activities include walking, running, swimming, cycling, riding a motorcycle or even driving a racecar!



HOW TO HELP THE VETERANS & CHILDREN FOUNDATION



The Veterans & Children Foundation funds the training and education of 3,000 accredited American Legion service officers and provides grants for military families in financial distress — and when you start a fundraiser, 100% of the donations you receive directly support the VCF.

This year's 100 Miles for Hope promises to be an exciting and rewarding event. Don't miss out! Join thousands of other veterans as we support our brothers and sisters while also improving our own health and well-being.

REGISTER NOW



The American Legion
700 N. Pennsylvania St. P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

[View Online](#)



2022
American Legion Baseball
Northeast Regional Tournament



Stadium – Fitton Field
Host – Shrewsbury Post 397
Local Chairperson – Frank Vaccaro
(frankvac23@yahoo.com)

| <u>Game</u> | <u>Date/Pairings</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------|---|--------------|
| | Wednesday - August 3 | |
| Game 1 | NH Champ vs. NY Champ | 9:30 a.m. |
| Game 2 | ME Champ vs. RI Champ | Doubleheader |
| Game 3 | VT Champ vs. MA Champ | 4:30 p.m. |
| Game 4 | CT Champ vs. Host Team | Doubleheader |
| | Thursday - August 4 | |
| Game 5 | Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Game 6 | Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 4 | Doubleheader |
| Game 7 | Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Game 8 | Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4 | Doubleheader |
| | Friday - August 5 | |
| Game 9 | Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Game 10 | Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 8 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Game 11 | Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 | Doubleheader |
| | Saturday - August 6 | |
| Game 12 | Winner Game 9 vs. Loser Game 11 (See Note 1 below) | 10:00 a.m. |
| Game 13 | Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11 (See Note 1 below) | 1:00 p.m. |
| | Sunday - August 7 | |
| Game 14 | Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13 (See Note 2 below) | 1:00 p.m. |
| Game 15 | (If necessary) Fifteen games will be needed if Winner Game 11 loses Game 13 or Winner Game 12 wins Game 14 | 5:00 p.m. |

www.baseball.legion.org

Note 1: Pairings for Game 12 & 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary. (Tournament Director has further instructions).

Note 2: If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 automatically draws the Bye for Game 14.