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STATE OF MAINE
BICENTENNIAL PARADE
AUGUST 21, 2021
AUBURN-LEWISTON

[American Legion Family Parade Application](#)
[Parade Participant Information](#)

The American Legion, Department of Maine, has already registered to be part of the Maine State Parade on August 21, 2021. The Department would like to have a large contingent of Legionnaires participate in the parade. Currently, we have one POW/MIA float that will be part of the parade and several Posts that have expressed interest in marching. We would like all Posts to part of this great event. It was postponed several times due to COVID-19, but it is definitely happening on August 21, 2021. Please show your support and show the State of Maine our numbers by signing up your Post to participate.

Click on: [American Legion Family Parade Application](#) to download. Parade information is also available by visiting: www.mainelegion.org under NEWS & EVENTS.

You may also contact Dept. 2nd Vice Commander Al McKay at 380-1582 or e-mail him at: boppam@yahoo.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>.

Welcome to the 47th 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 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.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

District 5 – Oxford: Aug. 17
Locke Mills Post 68, 7:00PM

NOTE: Cookout canceled due to Covid19.

District 6 – Knox: Sept 25
St. George Post 34, 9AM

District 14 – Piscataquis: Sept. 18
Guilford Post 119, Noon Lunch w/Bus. Mtg @ 1PM

District 17 – No. Aroostook: Sept. 12
Stockholm Post 136, 1PM

Note: If you haven't submitted your district meetings for 21-22, please do so as soon as possible!





NEW MYLEGION.ORG INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION FOR

EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS E-FILE - E-POSTCARD

What is the electronic filing requirement for small tax-exempt organizations?

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file returns may be required to submit an annual electronic notice, Form 990-N, *Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ*. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006. Organizations that fail to meet their annual filing requirement for three consecutive years are subject to losing their tax-exempt status.

Small tax-exempt organizations, whose gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less, are not required to file Form 990, *Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax*, or Form 990-EZ, *Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax*. These small tax-exempt organizations are required to file electronically the e-Postcard, Form 990-N, with the IRS annually. Exceptions to this requirement include organizations that are included in a group return, private foundations required to file Form 990-PF, and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. In addition, this filing requirement does not apply to churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of churches.

See **e-Postcard (Form 990-N)**

for more information about this requirement.

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MILITARY TRIVIA:

Q: What was very unusual about the 4 “IOWA Class” fast battleships, used to quickly cross the oceans in WWII, to engage the enemy in it’s own backyard? (USS Iowa, USS New Jersey, USS Missouri & USS Wisconsin)?



MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING, GROUP PERMISSIONS & MORE!

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. To learn more, please click on the image or title above for information and instructions or the Video Presentation / PowerPoint links below.

[Video Presentation](#) / [PowerPoint](#) / [Q&A](#)

PUFL CARD MAILING

This message is just to let you know that our annual **PUFL card mailing** for your American Legion membership will occur later this month due to testing needs with our new computer system. Since this is a new process, we want to ensure that the **PUFL cards** and mailing requirements meet expectations. Normally, we’d have the cards in the mail by the end of June so we just wanted you to know that your 2022 card is simply delayed...and not lost.

Thanks very much for your membership and support of The American Legion!

Angela L. King

IT/Deputy Director, Member Support Services

MAINE LEGION COLLEGE CLASS FOR 2021

We are 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.

Classes will be scheduled starting in September. Dates have currently been changed due to other events and conflicts.

Classes start at 8:30am each day:

Phase 1: Sept. 18 & 19

To attend these classes, you must first go online at: 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 along with your Name, Post No., and Cell Phone No.

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.



For more information [CLICK HERE](http://www.legion.org/benefits) or visit: <https://www.legion.org/benefits>



The American Legion Department of Maine Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) charity organization is now up and running! Please [click here](#) or the FOUNDATION tab above to learn more.

AmazonSmile donates to the American Legion Department of Maine Foundation. Shop AmazonSmile and make a difference today.



NATIONAL COMMANDERS CAMPAIGN

To Our Fellow Legionnaires:

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

We are asking you to consider donating to this great cause so that the Department of Maine can support the leading candidate, Vincent James Troiola in their quest for election to the high position of National Commander.

Each department donates to this cause and we are not the only one 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.

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

The donations will be given to the lead candidate, Mr. Troiola, at the soonest possible time.

Thank you and let's make this one a great one!

Lloyd Woods
National Executive
Committeeman

Anthony G. "Tony" Jordan
Past National Command



LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST

WHAT'S MAILING THIS MONTH?



Emergency Assistance Plus (EA+) on August 18th.

Quick reminder about EA+:

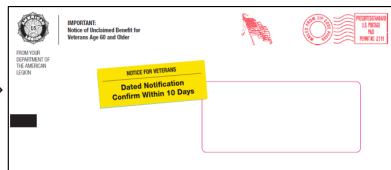
If you're traveling away from home and experience a medical emergency, EA+ steps in to provide essential support services that can help you during your emergency. Services include:

- **Medical Evacuation** to get you to a more appropriate hospital.
- **Transportation Home** after hospitalization.
- **Nurse Escort** to help you travel if deemed medically necessary.
- **Return of Vehicle** if it is stranded due to your emergency.
- **And More!**

Product may not be available in all states and may not mail to all your members. If you want a more detailed description of this product, visit

www.TheLIT.com/Emergency-Assistance-Plus

Here's what it will look like to most people who receive it.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ The next mailing is Accidental Death (AD) in September.
- ▶ We will be in attendance at the National Convention in August.
- ▶ LIT Fall Trust Directors meeting is scheduled for September 14th in Williamsburg, VA

**AND AS ALWAYS,
DON'T FORGET:**



For Veterans:



How are you doing? The opportunity to talk over personal challenges in a free, confidential, and non-judgmental setting is now available for anyone who served for any length of time.

A veteran who is a trained Peer Support Specialist is now available for a Monday group from 4p-5p at the Lakes Region Recovery Center in Bridgton. 207-803-8707

AMERICAN LEGION CUTTING BOARDS - \$30/each

Purchase yours today at:



The American Legion,
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Contact HQ @ 207.873.3299

MILITARY TRIVIA:

- A: They were the only battleships fitted with a nuclear weapon, the W-19 artillery shell, equivalent in yield to the bomb dropped on Hiroshima.



SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The American Legion, Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest will once again be held at Thomas College in Waterville on February 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Snow Date: February 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

The main purpose of The American Legion Oratorical Contest "A Constitutional Speech Contest" is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Young orators will have the opportunity to earn some of the most generous scholarships. At the Post and District level, scholarships offered range from \$50 - \$100, and at the State level \$50 - \$1500. At the National level, each department (state) winner who is certified and participates in the National Oratorical Contest's 1st round receives \$2,000 scholarship. Each first round winner who advances to and participates in the second round, but does not advance to the final round, will receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship to pursue education beyond high school. The overall national contest winner gets an \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. The members of the Oratorical Committee will be working with both Area and District Commanders to prepare Posts and Districts for their local contests. We hope to have all Post contests completed by Mid-December 2021 and all District contests completed by the end of January 2022.

The 2022 **National Finals is April 22-24** in Indianapolis, at the Wyndham Indianapolis West. Quarterfinal and semifinal contests are scheduled for Saturday, April 23, with the finals scheduled for Sunday, April 24. **Certification of Department winners is due to National by March 14, 2022.**

For additional questions and/or information pertaining to the Oratorical Contest in Maine, please contact Oratorical Co-Chairman Dale Midgley at 207-590-3532 | e-mail: midgleyd@earthlink.net or Oratorical Co-Chairman Maureen Malley at maureenmalley.66@gmail.com. More information can be obtained by visiting www.mainelegion.org, your local American Legion Post, or The American Legion, Department of Maine Headquarters at 207-873-3229. Please check out the State and Local Oratorical Contests by visiting National's website at www.legion.org/oratorical.

LETTER FROM THE ORATORICAL CO-CHAIRMAN DALE MIDGLEY

If you have never attended the High School Oratorical Finals, you are missing the opportunity to see some of the very Brightest and Talented High School Students in the State of Maine!

Did you know that: The Original proposed Bill of Rights contained 12 Rights not 10?

Did you know that: James Madison, author of the Bill of Rights, used the Magna Carta (1215),

English Bill of Rights (1689) and the Virginia Declaration of Rights (1776) in writing the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Did you know that: The Constitution was finally ratified by all 14 States in January 1791, the last being Vermont.

Did you know that: A proposed Bill of Rights Amendment submitted in 1789 was not officially ratified until 1992 and became the 26th Amendment?

I didn't know any of these things, plus a whole lot more, until I attended our Post Oratorical Contest, the District Oratorical Contest and the State Oratorical Contest.

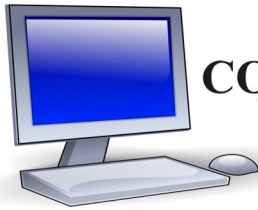
The students who research and present their Prepared Speech and Assigned Topics will amaze you by how much time and effort they have spent rehearsing and polishing their presentations.

I hope to see you at the Oratorical Finals, for I am sure, I will learn even more about the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights again this year at the Post, District and State Finals.

*For the Oratorical Committee,
Dale Midgley*



For more information [CLICK HERE](https://www.legion.org/benefits) or visit:
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COMPUTER 101

Computer 101 is a resource which aims 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.

Top 10 Tips and Tricks For Using Microsoft Word

Copy, Paste and Cut with Keyboard Shortcuts

Ask anyone who knows these shortcuts, Ctrl + C to copy, Ctrl + V to paste, and Ctrl + X to cut and they will vouch for their basic timesaving nature.

Rapidly Zoom In or Out

Use the Window > Zoom (newer versions, Format > Zoom), or search for the "100%" tab with a slider at the bottom right of the document to zoom in or out.

Delete Entire Words at a Time

Hold down Backspace to remove words or entire sentences, press Ctrl+Backspace with the cursor set after a word you want to remove a word at a time.

Smart Lookup

Right-click on a word, you'll see "Lookup" or "Search", with a magnifying glass. Click on it and you'll get a definition of the word.

Remove Unwanted Formatting

Press Ctrl + Space or click the Clear All Formatting button. In newer versions, an eraser on the Home tab) to remove formatting from highlighted text.

Use Multiple clicks to Select Text

Double-click over a word to select it or triple-click to select an entire sentence or paragraph.

Rapidly Insert Links into a Document

Like the copy/paste/cut directions, taking in the keyboard shortcut for adding web links to a document, Ctrl + K will spare loads of time and rapidly become one of the keenest tools in your pack.

Select the Default Font you Want

Choose your default font for all new documents by clicking Format > Font, select the properties you want, and after that click Default.

Find Words or Text

Click Ctrl + F or click on Search in Document menu to find words or text in a document.

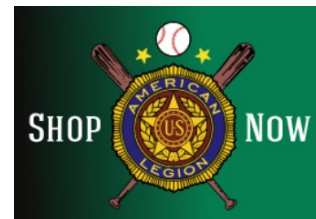
IMPORTANT MILITARY DATES

August

- [8/4 US Coast Guard Established \(1790\)](#)
- [8/5 Women Air force Service Pilots Established \(1943\)](#)
- [8/7 Purple Heart Medal Established \(1782\)](#)
- [8/7 Vietnam War Began \(1964\)](#)
- [8/13-15 Spirit of '45 Day](#)
- [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](#)
- [8/26 Women's Equality Day, Women Win the Vote \(1920\)](#)
- [8/31 Iraqi Freedom Ended \(2010\)](#)

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"Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in, except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force. Never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy."

~ Winston Churchill

"The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten."

~ Calvin Coolidge

"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office."

~ Dwight Eisenhower