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THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER

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Welcome to the 48th 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.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

District 5 – Oxford: Sept. 21

Oxford Post 112, 7PM Refreshments after.

District 6 – Knox: Sept 25

St. George Post 34, 9AM

District 11 – Waldo: Sept 19

Palermo Post 163, 2PM

District 14 – Piscataquis: Sept. 18

Guilford Post 119, 12 Noon Lunch w/Business Meeting at 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!

A SALUTE TO OUR AFGHANISTAN VETERANS

By National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford
AUG 16, 2021

Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,

The Taliban are retaking control of Afghanistan at an alarming rate. It's something generations of veterans have seen. A similar takeover occurred in Iraq. And we all know what happened in Vietnam. As a Vietnam veteran, I deeply empathize with today's veterans who are witnessing this tragic turn of events.

But let me be 100 percent clear — the sacrifice, commitment and work by all of our men and women in uniform these past 20 years was worth it.

They kept our nation safe when many feared another attack.

They brought evil-doers to justice.

They delivered hope to war-torn nations.

Their courage, victories and selfless acts of service will not be washed away by history.

To all the men and women who served and made the world a better, safer and brighter place since the dark day of 9/11, I salute you.

As veterans, we have a unique perspective on what all of this means. The action we are seeing today is troubling on an international scale. But also troubling to veterans, especially those who served with honor since 9/11. They may be left questioning what all of this means. They may have trouble processing this turn of events as related to their service. They may experience feelings of depression.

But we need to let them know that their service matters today and it will matter tomorrow.

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I strongly encourage American Legion Family members to take this time to perform Buddy Checks on Afghanistan, Iraq and other veterans during this time. Reach out to your brothers and sisters in arms, and make sure they are doing OK and ask what they need.

As a refresher, Buddy Checks are wellness check-ins with veterans who may not seek the help they need on their own. To get started on a Buddy Check, please visit: legion.org/membership/buddycheck.

Additionally, you can also recommend that veterans seeking assistance could tap into VA's Vet Centers. Those are counseling centers that provide combat veteran to combat veteran counseling. To learn more, visit vetcenter.va.gov.

Whether you are a Vietnam veteran, or one from the war on terror or another era, I thank you for your service. No matter when you served, your service mattered. And it's what will allow freedom and democracy to continue.

NEW MYLEGION.ORG INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION FOR



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](#)



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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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](https://www.legion.org/membership/impact). To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit:

<https://www.legion.org/bythenumbers> **or**
<https://www.legion.org/membership/impact>.

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



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

DONATIONS

**AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE**

Oratorical Scholarship Program

Albert Springer

\$ 50.00

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.

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

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Q: Arlington National Cemetery is the final resting place for many of our nation's heroes, but is also burial site for those military people of 12 other nations, who were in service to the US at the time of their death. Which foreign nation has the most number of their service personnel buried at Arlington?





The American Legion, Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

**Thomas College
180 West River Rd.
Waterville, Maine 04901**

February 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

(Snow date: February 19, 2022)

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 More Information [Click Here](#)

or go to

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

*For the Oratorical Committee,
Dale Midgley*

**Department of Maine HS Oratorical
Scholarship Application**

**Department of Maine
Oratorical Brochure**

2022 Oratorical Rules Brochure

**Oratorical Promotional
Brochure - National**

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.



LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST

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



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.



For more information [CLICK HERE](#) or go to:
www.legion.org/benefits

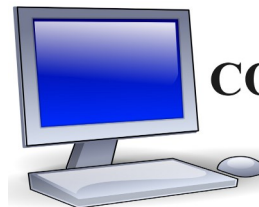


FOR VETERANS:

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.



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.

Microsoft Excel Shortcuts

Close a workbook	Ctrl+W
Open a workbook	Ctrl+O
Go to the Home tab	Alt+H
Save a workbook	Ctrl+S
Copy	Ctrl+C
Paste	Ctrl+V
Undo	Ctrl+Z
Remove cell contents	Delete
Choose a fill color	Alt+H, H
Cut	Ctrl+X
Go to Insert tab	Alt+N
Bold	Ctrl+B
Center align cell contents	Alt+H, A, C
Go to Page Layout tab	Alt+P
Go to Data tab	Alt+A
Go to View tab	Alt+W
Add borders	Alt+H, B
Delete column	Alt+H, D, C
Go to Formula tab	Alt+M
Hide the selected rows	Ctrl+9
Hide the selected columns	Ctrl+0

MILITARY TRIVIA:

A. The United Kingdom, with 32 graves.

FALL CONFERENCE 2021

~ SCHEDULE ~

Friday, September 24th

Entertainment and socializing: Westbrook Post 197, 300 Conant St., Westbrook

Saturday, September 25th

Breakfast: Post 62 and Post 197 - donuts/pastries/coffee, tea, orange juice, water, fresh fruit - FREE

Legion Fall Conference: Westbrook Post 62, 17 Dunn St., Westbrook

Auxiliary Fall Conference: Westbrook Post 197, 300 Conant St., Westbrook

SAL Fall Conference: Westbrook Post 197, 300 Conant St., Westbrook

BBQ DINNER: 6:00 p.m. Westbrook Post 197, 300 Conant St., Westbrook (See below for details.)

Entertainment: 7 – 11 p.m. Westbrook Post 197, 300 Conant St., Westbrook

Sunday, September 26th

Breakfast Post 197: Waffle bar, hazelnut spread, strawberries, apple topping, blueberries, fudge sauce, whipped cream and sausages - FREE

Legion and Auxiliary Department Executive Committee meetings – Westbrook Post 197, time tbd

~ HOTEL LIST ~

Please contact the hotels directly or reserve online. Group rates are not available.

Exit 48 off the Maine Turnpike:

- Super 8 by Wyndham, 208 Larrabee Rd., Westbrook, Maine (207) 209-2480 (No elevator)
- Fireside Inn & Suites, 81 Riverside St., Portland (207) 774-5601
- Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Portland, 155 Riverside St., Portland (207) 774-5861
- Motel 6, 1 Riverside St., Portland (207) 775-0111

There are many more hotels in the Portland area if you go online.

LUNCH AND DINNER MEAL CHOICES FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

(Lunch Available at both Post 62 & Post 197)

_____ Lunch - \$8.00 per person, pre-paid only
_____ GLUTEN FREE

Club sandwiches, assorted wraps, pasta salad, home-made potato chips, cookies/brownies & soda/water

(Dinner will be at Westbrook Post 197)

_____ Dinner - \$15.00 per person, pre-paid only
_____ GLUTEN FREE

BBQ - hamburger sliders, barbecue chicken, pulled pork sliders, potato salad, Cole slaw, mac-n-cheese, cornbread, beans, apple crisp dessert & chocolate whoopie pies and pumpkin whoopie pies, soda/water .

_____ Combo – lunch and dinner, \$20.00 per person, pre-paid only

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Make checks payable to:

**ALA Unit 197**

mail to:

**Stasi Heitman  
American Legion Post 197  
300 Conant St.  
Westbrook, ME 04092**

**DEADLINE FOR MEAL RESERVATIONS:  
SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

## The Maine Legionnaire

**~ Printing Delay! ~**

The August issue of The Maine Legionnaire has been delayed and will be printed in October due to various reasons including, but not limited to: mylegion.org, staffing issues and an over-abundance of photos and articles.

**“The truth is that you always know the right thing to do. The tough part is doing it.”**

*~ General Norman Schwarzkopf  
U.S. Army*



Think about it. What if you ordered a pizza and couldn't hear or understand what the caller was saying? Does everyone mumble when you are talking on the phone? Try Maine Relay, which provides captions during phone calls.

Join us for monthly community presentations via Zoom\*. Debra Bare-Rogers, TRS Advocate at Disability Rights Maine (ORM) will be presenting. Learn about different Maine Relay Services available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech difficulty. Debra will also share about the Telecommunications Equipment Program (TEP).

Join Zoom Meetings online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88354208083?pwd=Z0k1SXhRYjAxMFdsVXM1NkVlcEcvdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 5420 8083

Please email [DRogers@DRME.org](mailto:DRogers@DRME.org) for passcode.

By phone: 646-558-8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 883 5420 8083

Please email [DRogers@DRME.org](mailto:DRogers@DRME.org) for numeric passcode.

### Monthly presentations:

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Thu, Sep. 9, 1-2pm  | What is Maine Relay?                          |
| Thu, Oct. 14, 1-2pm | What are Sprint IP Relay & Sprint Web CapTel? |
| Thu, Nov. 18, 1-2pm | What is Speech-to-Speech Relay?               |
| Thu, Dec. 9, 1-2pm  | What is Relay Conference Captioning?          |

Relay Conference Captioning (RCC) will be scheduled; email for the captioning link. Questions? Need to meet at a different time? Contact Debra Bare-Rogers [DRogers@DRME.org](mailto:DRogers@DRME.org)

Sincerely,

Debra Bare-Rogers, Advocate for  
Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS)  
Disability Rights Maine  
Maine Relay Services <https://www.maine.gov/trs/home>

Disability Rights Maine [drme.org](http://drme.org)  
Disability Rights Maine  
160 Capitol Street, Suite 4, Augusta, ME 04330

## AMERICAN LEGION FREQUENTLY USED TERMS (A-B)

**adjutant:** Do not abbreviate.

**administration:** Lowercase: the president's administration, the Eisenhower administration.

**adviser:** Not advisor.

**attorney general:** Do not abbreviate.

**amendment:** Capitalize when referring to a numbered amendment: the 27th Amendment, the proposed flag amendment, a constitutional amendment.

**American Legion, The:** Always use The American Legion on first reference, capitalizing the "t." May use the Legion on second reference. Do not abbreviate TAL.

**American Legion Auxiliary:** Also referred to as the Legion Auxiliary or the Auxiliary. Do not abbreviate ALA.

**American Legion Baseball:** ALB acceptable on second reference.

**American Legion Extension Institute:** ALEI acceptable on second reference.

**American Legion Family:** Refers to the family of American Legion organizations: The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and the American Legion Riders.

**American Legion Magazine, The:** The American Legion Magazine in all references.

**American Legion National Headquarters:** Do not abbreviate American Legion National HQ. Call American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis to distinguish from The American Legion's Washington, D.C., office.

**American Legion World Series:** ALWS acceptable on second reference.

**Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada-United States:** ANAVICUS on second reference.

**armed forces:** Do not capitalize unless U.S. Armed Forces.

**Article:** Do not abbreviate when referring to a section of a constitution.

**assistant:** Do not abbreviate the word or title.

**blog, blog entry, blog post**

**Board of Veterans Appeals:** BVA acceptable on second reference.

**Boys Nation:** No apostrophe. American Legion Boys Nation preferred.

**Boys State:** No apostrophe. American Legion Boys State preferred, or department-specific name: American Legion Buckeye Boys State, Hoosier Boys State. Participants are Boys Staters.