



THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 73rd 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.

NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE SHARES MUST-READ AMERICAN LEGION MATERIALS

During the June virtual Training Tuesday session, American Legion National Judge Advocate Mark Seavey discussed legal issues regarding the Legion's Constitution and By-Laws, trials and Form 990. Throughout the training, Seavey reiterated the importance for Legionnaires to read the 2022 Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies (download at www.legion.org/publications under Internal Affairs), as well as their department/post Constitution and By-laws.

"Departments should put their Constitution and By-laws online," Seavey said during the training. "This allows members to understand what's going on, what say they have, (and it will) cut down on questions that we (national) don't have any ability to control."

He also reminded listeners that the Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies provides a step-by-step guide on the practice and procedure in the expulsion or suspension of a member in The American Legion. "If you have a question about a trial, read this (manual) first," Seavey said, adding that there must be 15 days between the time you served the person with their charges and the time that the next regularly scheduled meeting for that post is. "It has to be 15 days; don't

come to me with 14."

With the Form 990, "If you do not file Form 990 in a three-year window, the IRS can revoke your tax-exempt status," Seavey said. "That means for the previous three years anything that went through your post, you will now have to pay taxes on. I have seen IRS bills come due to a post for over \$200,000."

If a post needs to contact the IRS regarding this form, please email legal@legion.org.

Listen to the recorded session at www.legion.org/training/training-tuesdays.

Digital Dispatch
August 8, 2022

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>

Meal information and reservations form can be found on Page 5 or go to:

[https://mainelegion.org/media/Fall Conference/2022 Fall Conference Meal Reservations.pdf](https://mainelegion.org/media/Fall%20Conference/2022%20Fall%20Conference%20Meal%20Reservations.pdf)

ANNUAL REPORTS

☞ FROM THE FOLLOWING POSTS ☞

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Annual Post Data Reports: 27, 31, 51, 61, 66, 105, 111, 121, 126, 130, 157, 161, 164, 173, 187, 195, 201, 204, 208

Notif. of Post/Squadron Cmdrs. & Adj. Reports: 15, 27, 29, 31, 32, 51, 55, 57, 63, 66, 82, 87, 110, 111, 119, 121, 126, 130, 157, 161, 164, 173, 180, 183, 187, 195, 201, 202, 204, 208

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

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS IN THE AMERICAN LEGION

By Paul E. Dillard
National Commander

AUG 08, 2022



Membership in The American Legion is our voice on Capitol Hill when we fight for legislation that provides the best care and benefits for our veterans as seen with the passing of the PACT Act; it's our voice in addressing and preventing veteran suicide through the Legion's Be The One campaign; and it's our voice in creating future leaders through our programs like Boys State and Boys Nation, American Legion Baseball, oratorical and shooting sports. I visited the young men and women at Boys Nation in Washington, D.C., and the Junior 3-Position Air Rifle Championship in Colorado. You see how our programs change them; they mold their life. As members of The American Legion, we are creating future leaders.

Membership matters. And to grow this great organization, it takes us going to where the veterans are for recruiting efforts.

For example, members of the Marketing Committee at Post 90 in Cape Coral, Fla., recruited 27 new members into the post for 2022. The committee staffed a booth at trade shows and festivals in Cape Coral to recruit new members, and attended Cape Coral Bike Night to promote the Legion Riders program. "This tactic has earned the Marketing Committee a substantial list of leads and evidence that trade shows turned out to be a vital step toward attracting veterans to our post and our programs," said Post 90 Public Relations Officer Ted Clark.

Membership strength will ensure no veteran is left behind. I am proud that I awarded my "No Veteran Left Behind" membership excellence pin to 1,366 Legionnaires who obtained three new members into The American Legion for 2022. As we embark on 2023 membership year, I urge you to keep the membership matters momentum going for us to see growth.

We are Veterans Strengthening America.



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.



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!

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.

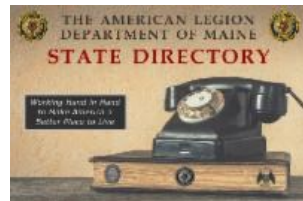
Phase III of American Legion College starts on September 24th at 9AM.

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](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>.



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.

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

or go to:

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

Q: MILITARY TRIVIA

Since it's actual founding in 1915, what was the greatest Maritime (water) rescue operation that the US US Coast ever initiated and managed, which involved moving over 500,000 people from an island? ~

Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

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.



6 Great Uses for Old Android Phones/Tablets

There's so much that your Android device is capable of and you just haven't realized it yet. So, with a little bit of effort, you can help your old Android device break free from the depths of your cupboard.

1. Alarm clock. You don't need to have the latest and greatest Android tablet or smartphone to use it as an alarm clock.

2. MP3 Player. Your old Android smartphone or tablet is perfect for such situations. You can also store your favourite videos for mobile viewing without taking a hit in the battery life department.

3. Baby monitor/Security monitor. If you've got an IP camera then you can use your old Android smartphone or tablet as a monitor. You can even hook your tablet up on the wall to be used as an LCD monitor for a fixed position in your living room.

4. Cookbook. You can buy cooking books and tutorials from the Play Store or just use Youtube to watch tutorials. Those cooking sessions can get messy, so using your old Android phone or tablet as a digital cookbook would be incredibly convenient. With your old Android phone or tablet by your side, all of those incredible dishes that you saw on TV and thought were impossible to make, can now become a reality.

5. Digital photo frame. There are hundreds of Wi-Fi connected digital photo frames to choose from, but why spend money on something you already have. An Android tablet coupled with a dock would be perfect to show a slideshow of your favorite pictures on your tablet.

6. E-Reader. Now instead of taking a battery hit on your smartphone while you're reading your favorite novel, you can use your old smartphone or tablet as an E-Reader. What's even better is that if you have an old Samsung Galaxy S, Samsung Galaxy S2 or any other smartphone with an OLED display, you can switch to the night theme and enjoy incredible battery life thanks to the low energy consumption of OLED displays when showing predominantly black screens.

For more tips [CLICK HERE](https://www.androidauthority.com/10-great-uses-old-android-phones-tablets-247254/) or go to:
<https://www.androidauthority.com/10-great-uses-old-android-phones-tablets-247254/>

~ Android Authority

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed

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 16 – So. Aroostook: Sept. 11
Location/Time TBD

District 17 – No. Aroostook: Sept. 11
Stockholm Post 136, 1PM Meal

*Stay Connected with
Your Fellow Legionnaires!*

[Click Here](#)
to view all District Meetings!

*“If you can’t experience the humanity of people
who don’t look like you, you’re not civilized
enough to be an officer of the peace.”*

~ Ann Medlock

*“No man can win every battle,
but no man should fall without a struggle.”*

~ Peter Parker

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

Attention: Post Commanders & Adjutants

If you are currently processing your dues on MyLegion.org, you will no longer have to submit the 2-part card to HQ. *All other Posts mailing dues to HQ will still have to submit the 2-part card along with \$31.00 per member.*

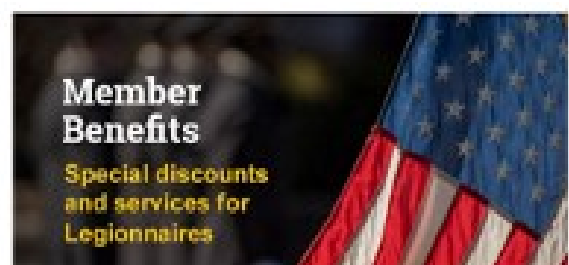
Print 2023 Membership Cards in MyLegion

American Legion post and squadron group leadership can print a current membership card for Legion and Sons of The American Legion members. **To start:**

1. Go to your My Account page in www.mylegion.org.
2. Enter My Groups to access Group Profile.
3. Click on “View Members.”
4. Search the member and click on their name from the list to view Member Profile.
5. Click “Membership Cards” and click on the link to view and print card image.

A: MILITARY TRIVIA

After tragedy struck, the US Coast Guard initiated and then in cooperation with other agencies, operated & managed the removal of over 500,000 people from Manhattan Island to surrounding safe locations, as well as bringing in necessary supplies for the First Responders on the Island. You can guess the date.





2022 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY FALL CONFERENCE

MEAL RESERVATIONS

SATURDAY LUNCH:

Chowder and finger rolls

SATURDAY EVENING:

DINNER: Baked ham, mashed potato, carrots, baked beans and dessert.

NAME: _____

LUNCH \$8 per person _____ (# of meals)

DINNER \$15 per person _____ (# of meals)

ALL MEALS MUST BE PRE-PAID

Make check payable to: ALA Unit 80 and mail to:

**Donna Pelkey
2 Fern St., Apt. 40
Millinocket, Maine 04462**



DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 20, 2022



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](#)



**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**

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