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THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 74th 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 COMMANDER'S VISIT TO MAINE

Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola will visit the Department of Maine October 19 - 23, 2022.



Click below for:

[National Commander Troiola's Tentative Itinerary](#)

Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola was elected National Commander of The American Legion on Sept. 1, 2022, during the organization's 103rd National Convention in Milwaukee, MN. His theme as national commander is "**V.E.T.S., Veterans, Education, Teamwork and Sponsor.**" To learn more about Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola, [click here](http://www.legion.org) or visit www.legion.org?>7.

[About National Commander Troiola Pin Incentive Program and Form](#)

[About National Commander Troiola Honor Ribbon Program and Form](#)

[About National Commander Troiola's 103 Percent Membership Pin Incentive Program and Form](#)

ATTENTION ADJUTANTS!!!

Checks to cover PUFL memberships were mailed on 9/20/22 to all Posts with PUFL rosters.

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

Conference Agenda may be found on Page 5

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

Meal information can be found on Page 6 or go to:

https://mainelegion.org/media/Fall_Conference/2022_Fall_Conference_Meal_Reservations.pdf

For More information call: 207-731-7317

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, 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, 66, 87, 121, 126, 130, 161, 164, 173, 183, 187, 188, 195, 201, 202, 204, 208 • Districts: 4, 10, 11



The August Edition of The Maine Legionnaire is Now Available!

[Click Here for the Digital Version](#)

[Click Here for a PDF Version](#)

Or visit www.mainelegion.org



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!



For Immediate Release, September 13, 2022
Contact: [Annie Clark/Christopher Knight](#) 202-224-2523

Bipartisan Bill Cutting Administrative Red Tape for Veterans at Colleges and Universities Signed into Law

The law, co-sponsored by Senator Collins, fixes the 85/15 reporting requirement for veterans' GI benefits that was burdening universities and colleges in Maine and across the country. For more information [CLICK HERE](#) or go to:

<https://www.collins.senate.gov/newsroom/bipartisan-bill-cutting-administrative-red-tape-for-veterans-at-colleges-and-universities-signed-into-law>

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:

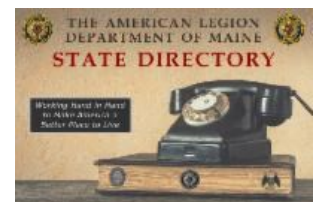
<https://www.legion.org/bythenumbers> or <https://www.legion.org/membership/impact>.



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.



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



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

*Stay Connected with
Your Fellow Legionnaires!*

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

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

MILITARY TRIVIA

Q: The top Naval rank is Admiral, with an assistant ranked as vice-Admiral, however, there is also another well known Naval rank called "rear-Admiral". From where was that rank derived?

~ 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.



What Is Bluetooth?

Bluetooth is a short-range wireless communications standard designed specifically for [replacing wired connections](#) in nearby peripheral devices like [headsets](#), [speakers](#), game controllers, [mice](#), and [keyboards](#). It can also be used to transfer files between devices in the same room.

[How to Pair a Bluetooth Device to Your Computer, Tablet, or Phone](#)

Bluetooth originated as a project to link cell phones to [laptop computers](#) in the mid-1990s. With several low-power radio communications protocols in development at Intel, Ericsson, and Nokia, [someone proposed](#) that they merge into an industry standard. The standard solidified in 1998 as “Bluetooth” and has been managed by the [Bluetooth Special Interest Group](#), a not-for-profit corporation, ever since.

Why Is It Called Bluetooth?

Jim Kardach of Intel named the Bluetooth standard after [Harald “Bluetooth” Gormsson](#), a king of Denmark and Norway in the 10th century AD. Some historians [guess](#) that Gormsson may have acquired his “Bluetooth” nickname from a bad, discolored tooth. In a [2008 editorial for EETimes](#), Kardach states that he chose Bluetooth name because the king was “famous for uniting Scandinavia just as we intended to unite the PC and cellular industries with a short-range wireless link.” Kardach originally intended the name to just be the code name for the project, but it stuck. The name choice extended to the logo for Bluetooth, still in use today, which is a [combination of two runic letters](#) (“H” and “B”) that initialize Harald Bluetooth’s name.

Why Is Bluetooth Needed?

The key reason for all wireless technologies is baked into their name: wireless. Wires – or cables – are cumbersome and sometimes expensive. Cables reduce mobility and make devices less portable. Bluetooth uses radio waves to [remove the need for cables](#) for peripherals and short-range data transfers, and it does so while [sipping power](#), which makes it great for small, battery-powered peripherals and mobile devices.

Wi-Fi vs. Bluetooth: What’s the Difference?

Bluetooth is a common feature on modern tablets, PCs, and smartphones. But there’s another wireless feature that some may confuse with Bluetooth: [Wi-Fi](#). Why are there two different wireless standards – why not just one?

In general, Bluetooth is designed for ad hoc, direct device-to-device connections. It supports lower data transfer speeds, but uses far less power than other wireless technologies (like Wi-Fi) as a result, so it’s great for mobile devices. As a result of the low power usage, it also has a far shorter communications range – usually around 30 feet.

Ultimately, standards live and die by how widely they get adopted. Bluetooth has wide device support for short-range connections so it will likely be the default method for wireless peripherals for some time to come. Happy linking!

~ *How to Geek*

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected • Be Heard • Be Informed

District 5 – Oxford: Sept. 22

Oxford Post 112, 7PM

Refreshments after

District 3 – Androscoggin: Oct. 11

Auburn Post 31, 2PM

District 5 – Oxford: Oct. 20

Post 58, 7PM, Pumpkin Pie after.

District 6 – Knox: Oct. 24

Camden Post 30, 9AM

District 8 – Sagadahoc: Oct. 3

Bath Post 21, 1:00PM

District 9 – Kennebec: Oct. 12

Winthrop Post 40, 7PM

District 12 – Hancock: Oct. 11

Bar Harbor Post 25

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

District 13 – Penobscot: Oct. 2

Bangor Post 12, Bangor Armory, 2PM

District 14 – Piscataquis: Oct. 15

Milo Post 41, 12 Noon Lunch

w/Business Meeting at 1PM

District 15 – Washington: Oct. 9

Pembroke Post 59, 2PM

District 17 – No. Aroostook: Oct. 9

Eagle Lake Post 176, 1PM Meal

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

*Stay Connected with
Your Fellow Legionnaires!*



“On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind. As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind.”

~ Dan Lipinski

“We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude.”

~ Cynthia Ozick

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.

MILITARY TRIVIA

A: In the days of sailing vessels, warships fought in long lines, with orders being passed along by signal flags. Because the ships at the “rear” of the line might have trouble seeing the communications, they got their own Admiral, a “[rear-Admiral](#)”.

IMPORTANT DATES IN MILITARY HISTORY

October

- [10/6 Enduring Freedom Began \(Afghanistan War\) \(2001\)](#)
- [10/7 Afghanistan War Began \(2001\)](#)
- [10/13 US Navy Established \(1775\)](#)
- [10/20 Women’s Army Corps Disestablished \(1978\)](#)
- [10/23 Grenada Campaign Began \(1983\)](#)
- [10/24 United Nations Day](#)
- [10/27 Navy Day](#)

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. See Page 7 for an application.

DONATIONS

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

General Fund

Ernst D. K. Steuss..... \$351.48

2022 Commanders Project – Thurston “Operation Reboot Outdoors”

Raquel Day..... \$20.00
Susan Hatch \$25.00
Darlene McPartlan \$25.00
Ed Perry \$25.00
Robin Bickford \$50.00
Carol Roach \$50.00
William & Valerie Scott..... \$50.00
Tricia Thurston \$50.00
Leroy Mckenzie \$75.00
Debra Tasker Brady \$80.00
Amedeo Lauria \$100.00
Anonymous Donor..... \$100.00
Joanne Gaudet..... \$100.00
Dave Tangway \$100.00
West Paris Auxiliary Unit 151..... \$300.00
Machias Post 9..... \$500.00
Damariscotta Post 42..... \$700.00



Thank you!



AMERICAN LEGION



FALL CONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

Millinocket Elks Lodge

213 Aroostook, Ave., Millinocket, ME 04462

October 1, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony (9 a.m.):

1. Post Colors
2. Prayer
3. POW – MIA
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Preamble
6. Introduction of Guests
7. Opening Remarks from Commander Thurston

Introduction:

1. Membership – 1st Vice Al McKay/2nd Vice Tricia Thurston
2. Finance Reporting – Finance Officer Gene Connolly
3. Great Pond Outdoor Adventure Center/Tyler Lepage Speaker – 1st Vice Al McKay
4. Americanism Programs – Americanism Officer Joe Michaud
5. Oratorical – Chairperson Maureen Malley
6. Women Veterans Advisory Committee – 2nd Vice Tricia Thurston
7. Dirigo State – Judge Advocate Jason Hall
8. Introduction of National Judge Advocate Mark Seavey – NEC Lloyd Woods

Lunch Break

Afternoon Session (1:00 p.m.):

9. Veteran Suicide Awareness and Prevention Auxiliary President Debra Rumery
10. New PACT/Act (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins)
– Dept. Service Officer Carl Curtis
11. Misc. Awards – Commander Thurston
12. Sweepstakes Drawing – State Adjutant Paul L'Heureux

Closing Remarks/Ceremony



**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



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