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THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 104th 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 Dept. HQ via email at: <u>legionme@mainelegion.org</u>

POST SERVICE OFFICER • TRAINING

There are Still Spots Available!!! Training Starts This Saturday!!!

• WHEN • December 2, 10 am-2pm (rescheduled)

• WHERE •

The American Legion Training Room 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901

• RSVP •

Reserve your spot by emailing: jason@mainelegion.org

Department Service Officer Carl Curtis will be hosting Post Service Officer training to any Legionnaire interested in gaining knowledge (you don't have to be a PSO). Space is limited, reserve your spot today.

"Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard."

~ President John F. Kennedy

Show Your Support to Maine Veterans TODAY & Make Your Name Part of American Legion History

Donate \$100 or More and Receive Yearbook and Centennial Coin!

Deadline for Submission May 10, 2024



Become a sponsor today by donating to the Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook Program and make your name part of The American Legion history! Your name will be listed in our 2024 Maine American Legion Yearbook made available in print and online in digital format by visiting www.mainelegion.org.

Donate \$100 or more and receive a Maine American Legion Convention Yearbook as well as one of our most popular centennial coins to add to your collection. To donate with Debit/Credit Card, simply scan the QR code below with your phone or visit www.mainelegion.org and click on the Maine American Legion



Convention Yearbook Donations Welcomed button to donate today. If donating by check, please make payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine earmarked "Yearbook Program" and mail to: **The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727.** For more information, please call HQ at 873-3229 Ext.2 or email: <u>rachel@mainelegion.org</u>





Hotel Reservation and Registration: To pay by debit/ credit card, click on the Pay Registration Fee button below. Select the quantity "number registering" and proceed to checkout by selecting Paypal Check Out or Check Out and Pay with Debit or Credit Card.

Note: If you are paying online, you will be required to cover the cost of the fees associated with this online transaction. *See Page 10 for a printable copy*



We Oppose the **PLUS ACT** Because We Stand for Veterans

Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,



Let me say this in the clearest terms possible: Veterans should feel safe and confident when filing for claims, knowing that no matter who they choose for representation, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has reviewed, approved and accredited that party.

That is why The American Legion opposes the PLUS (Preserving Lawful Utilization of Services for Veterans) Act. If enacted, the PLUS Act would transition our system of securing benefits for disabled veterans to an unregulated profit-driven industry.

Currently, there are unaccredited third parties that present themselves to veterans as legitimate claims service companies to assist veterans in obtaining their earned benefits. The PLUS Act aims to legalize these companies by allowing automatic accreditation after 90 days regardless of whether VA has completed its verification process. The VA-accreditation program exists to ensure that veterans and their family members receive appropriate representation on their VA benefits claims. The American Legion wants to hold bad actors accountable, not give them a free pass to prey on veterans.

Our team is working hard to protect all veterans from the PLUS Act. In September 2023, The American Legion sent a letter of opposition to the congressional representatives sponsoring the Plus Act and I personally voiced our opposition during my congressional visits just last month.

However, there is legislation that would help veterans elude the clutches of bad actors. In an effort to protect our nation's veterans, The American Legion supports the Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding (GUARD) VA Benefits Act. The legislation would reinstate criminal penalties for unaccredited claim representatives who charge unauthorized fees while assisting veterans with filing a claim for VA disability compensation benefits.

The American Legion continues to muster support to protect all veterans and their families from claims sharks. Join us in <u>telling Congress to support the GUARD Act</u>.

National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer NOV 27, 2023

"Life is not a solo act. It's a huge collaboration, and we all need to assemble around us the people who care about us and support us in times of strife." ~ Tim Gunn

COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2023

Department Commander Al McKay asks that each Post and Legionnaire support his goal!



The American Legion, Department of Maine has a long history with the Maine Veterans' Cemeteries across the State. A chapel that had stood at the Maine Veterans Cemetery in Augusta since the burial space at Togus was closed, fell into disrepair and was torn down years ago. The committal building that replaced it is heavily utilized and in need of some massive structural renovations. The committal building is an essential tool needed to conduct an interment Service for our fallen comrades. If you would like to support Commander McKay's project in renovating this necessary building, please mail checks to:

The American Legion Department of Maine Attn: Committal Building

5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

If you would like to donate with a Debit or Credit Card, please call 207-873-3229 or visit:

www.mainelegion.org

and click on the Donate button. Make sure to type: "**Commander's Project**" in the Note section.

Thank You!!!

HOST A HOIDAY BLOOD DRIVE



The American Legion, NOV 29, 2023

The American Legion's annual Holiday Blood Donor Drive is currently underway and runs through Dec. 31. American Legion Family members are encouraged to give blood and host blood drives as part of the American Legion Blood Donor Program – an organizational effort that has existed since 1946 to help a lifesaving cause. Learn more at <u>legion.org/</u> <u>security/blood</u> and <u>redcrossblood.org</u>

In 2022, American Legion posts had 59,835 donors donate 100,786 pints of blood.

The American Legion Blood Donor Program recognizes departments in two areas for blood donation efforts: post participation and individual Legionnaire participation. Post participation awards are given to departments with the highest number of participating posts. Individual participation awards are given to departments with the highest percentage of individuals giving blood to the program.



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

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

February 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. **All contestants should plan to arrive between 8 and 8:30 a.m.** (Snow Date: February 17, 2024)

Maine HS Oratorical Scholarship Application

Department of Maine Oratorical Brochure

2024 Oratorical Rules Brochure

Oratorical Promotional Brochure - National

See Oratorical Briefing on Page 8

Help Support the Maine American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Program by Donating Today!

To Donate By Debit or Credit Card: Visit <u>www.mainelegion.org</u> and click on the <u>DONATE</u> button, or simply scan the QR Code with your phone. Select the Oratorical Contest listed under the "Use This Donation For" dropdown menu and select Donate with Debit or Credit Card.

By Check: Please make checks payable to: The American Legion,

Department of Maine



Write "Oratorical Program" on the check

and Mail to: 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

Thank you in advance for your support!

A Message from Kim Shriver, Program Manager, Youth Activities, The American Legion

Greetings,

Please help me spread the word and get the link out to those interested in volunteering for the National Oratorical Contest. Our volunteers are essential in the success of the weekend each year and the 2024 National Finals will be no different.

As you may already know, the Oratorical Finals will be held at the beautiful Hillsdale College Campus in Hillsdale, Michigan on May 17-19. Hillsdale college is offering dorm rooms at no charge until they fill up. While we know at this time it is a little hard to plan for next May, we would encourage those who are considering being available for the 2024 American Legion National Oratorical Contest weekend (May 17-19, 2024) to go ahead and take a few moments to fill out the volunteer form at https://www.legion.org/ oratorical/volunteer . Please note the second paragraph on that page that you will not only have to complete a background check, but also the abuse awareness training that will be sent to you after you complete the information for your background check. You will be provided with the link and information after the 1st of the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

We wish you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season that is coming in the next few weeks and look forward to your participation in the 2024 National Oratorical Finals.

Have a great day! Kim

KIM SHRIVER | Program Manager, Youth Activities 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 kshriver@legion.org | w: www.legion.org 317-630-1204



Let's Get Word Out to Our Veterans!

In honor of the soon-to-start Christmas Season ask a Veteran to **JOIN**



The Maine American Legion!

Have them Scan the QR Code with the camera on their phone or visit: www.mainelegion.org



MILITARY TRIVIA

Q. At the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**, the Old Guard Soldier who marches 21 steps in front of the Tomb, always carries his rifle on the shoulder near the crowd....why?

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118



VA EXCEEDS GOAL **OF PERMANENTLY HOUSING HOMELESS VETERANS TWO** MONTHS EARLY



The American Legion NOV 29, 2023``

oday, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) **I** announced that it has permanently housed 38,847 homeless veterans through October of 2023 — surpassing the calendar year goal to house 38,000 Veterans two months early.

Through October, VA has also engaged with 34,498 unsheltered veterans to connect them with the housing and resources they need, exceeding the Department's calendar year goal by 123%; ensured that 96.2% of veterans housed have remained in housing, exceeding the department's calendar year goal by 1.2%; and ensured that 93.1% of the veterans who returned to homelessness have been rehoused or are on a pathway to rehousing, exceeding the Department's calendar year goal by 3.1%.

Ending veteran homelessness is a top priority of VA. In 2022 alone, VA housed more than 40,000 formerly homeless veterans, prevented more than 17,700 veterans and their families from falling into homelessness, and helped nearly 191,700 additional veteran families who were experiencing financial difficulties to retain their homes or avoid foreclosure. Thanks in part to these efforts, the number of veterans experiencing homelessness has fallen by 11% since early 2020 and by more than 55% since 2010.

VA's efforts to combat veteran homelessness are grounded in reaching out to homeless veterans, understanding their unique needs, and addressing them. These efforts are built on the evidencebased "Housing First" approach, which prioritizes getting a veteran into housing, then providing them with the wraparound support they need to stay housed, including health care, job training, legal and education assistance, and more. This initiative is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's broader efforts to reduce homelessness.

VA has also made progress in combating veteran homelessness in the Greater Los Angeles area, providing 1,464 homeless Veterans with permanent housing thus far this year — which is the most of any city in America and on pace to exceed VA's calendar year goal for 2023. Last year, VA provided 1,301 permanent housing placements to formerly homeless Veterans in LA, the most of any city in America.

VA staff and its community partners nationwide help veterans find permanent housing such as apartments or houses to rent or own, often with subsidies to help make the housing affordable. In some cases, VA staff and partners help Veterans end their homelessness by reuniting them with family and friends.

For more information about VA's comprehensive efforts to end Veteran homelessness, visit VA.gov/ homeless.

If you are a veteran who is experiencing homelessness or at risk for homelessness, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838). Visit the VA Homeless **Programs website** to learn about housing initiatives and other programs for veterans exiting homelessness.



2024 Training Dates January 27th May 25th September 28th

March 30th July 27th November 30th

Training Location

Department of Maine Training Room 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901.

For more details on the **Be The One** campaign visit: betheone.org

American Legion Be the One Campaign

To Reserve Your Spot Email: jason@mainelegion.org

Today, the #1 issue facing those who served is veteran suicide. According to the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. 17 veterans still die by suicide each day, or more than 6,000 each year. The rate of suicide for veterans is more than 50% higher than that of non-veteran adults.

The American Legion is activating a national platform to end veteran suicide. The Be the One campaign will: Destignatize asking for mental health support, creating opportunities for those with mental health issues to speak freely and get the support they need; Provide peer-to-peer support and resources in local communities; Deploy FDAapproved therapeutics for veterans to identify issues and find resources for support.

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 et al is good both personally and professionally.



Google will <u>delete millions of inactive</u> <u>Gmail accounts</u> next month as part of a major security update.

Updating Our Inactive Account Policies

People want the products and services they use online to be safe and secure. Which is why we have invested in technology and tools to protect our users from security threats, like spam, phishing scams and account hijacking.

Even with these protections, if an account hasn't been used for an extended period of time, it is more likely to be compromised. This is because forgotten or unattended accounts often rely on old or re-used passwords that may have been compromised, haven't had two factor authentication set up, and receive fewer <u>security checks</u> by the user. Our internal analysis shows abandoned accounts are at least 10x less likely than active accounts to have 2-step-verification set up. Meaning, these accounts are often vulnerable, and once an account is compromised, it can be used for anything from identity theft to a vector for unwanted or even malicious content, like spam.

To reduce this risk, we are updating our inactivity policy for Google Accounts to 2 years across our products. Starting later this year, if a Google Account has not been used or signed into for at least 2 years, we may delete the account and its contents – including content within Google Workspace (Gmail, Docs, Drive, Meet, Calendar) and Google Photos.

The policy only applies to personal Google Accounts, and will not affect accounts for organizations like schools or businesses. This update aligns our policy with industry standards around retention and account deletion and also limits the amount of time Google retains your unused personal information.

We are going to roll this out slowly and carefully, with plenty of notice:

- While the policy takes effect today, it will not immediately impact users with an inactive account the earliest we will begin deleting accounts is December 2023.
- We will take a phased approach, starting with accounts that were created and never used again.

Before deleting an account, we will send multiple notifications over the months leading up to deletion, to both the account email address and the recovery email (if one has been provided).

How to Keep Your Account Active

The simplest way to keep a Google Account active is to sign-in at least once every 2 years. If you have signed into your Google Account or any of our services recently, your account is considered active and will not be deleted. Activity might include these types of actions you take when you <u>sign in</u> or while you're signed in to your Google Account:

- Reading or sending an email
- Using Google Drive
- Watching a YouTube video
- Downloading an app on the Google Play Store
- Using Google Search

Using Sign in with Google to sign in to a third-party app or service

If you have an existing **subscription** set up through your Google Account, for example to Google One, a news publication or an app, we also consider this account activity and your account will not be impacted. Additionally, we do not have plans to delete accounts with YouTube videos at this time.

As <u>previously announced</u>, you will need to specifically sign in to Google Photos every 2 years to be considered active which will ensure your photos and other content are not deleted. Similarly, we will send multiple notifications before we take any action.

Creating a Backup Plan for Your Account and Its Content

We encourage users to provide a recovery email at sign-up. It's important to make sure this recovery email in your <u>account settings</u> is up-to-date.

We also offer a variety of free tools to help manage your account and provide options to backup your data.

You can download and export your data to other platforms through our <u>Takeout</u> feature, which has been available for over a decade. Similarly, <u>Inactive</u> <u>Account Manager</u> allows users to decide what happens to their account and data when it becomes inactive for a period of up to 18 months. Options users can select at enrollment include:

- Sending specific files to trusted contacts of their choosing
- Applying a Gmail autoresponder, and

Deleting Their Account Entirely

Today's update helps us continue our advancements in account security, and helps reinforce our commitment to keep your private information private. For more information on this policy, please see our <u>Help</u> <u>Center.</u> \sim <u>Google</u>

Stay Connected with Your Fellow Legionnaires!



Click here to see the Latest Post Events





The State Directory has been posted on the Department Website however it is now password-protected. Please call Dept. HQ at: 873-3229 or e-mail <u>legion-me@mainelegion.org</u> to get the password, or if you have any questions or concerns.

ATTENTION ALL POSTS!

Employee Retention Credit (ERC)

I f you haven't yet applied for ERC, the deadline is <u>April 2024</u> to get a refund. In order to apply, your Post must have one or more W2 employees during the years 2020 and 2021. Ron Witham is an independent consultant and he will help file your claim. He has helped over 90 entities, including American Legions, for a total of nearly \$13 million to date. He can be reached by phone at: 207-314-2767. His e-mail is: <u>rwitham.mps@gmail.com</u>.

Warrant Templates All Post/District Officer Positions Available on-line at: MaineLegion.org

or go to: http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/ formsapplications.ph. *It's fast <u>and</u> easy!!!*

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Squadron Forms/Applications

Print a SAL Membership Application Squadron Officers Form Consolidated Squadron Report - fillable Annual Squadron Data Report - fillable

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. See Page 10 for an application.

QUICKLY & EASILY RENEW ONLINE TODAY!

Simply Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone or visit: www.legion.org/renew



IMPORTANT EVENTS IN MILITARY HISTORY December

- >12/1 Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday
- >12/7 Pearl Harbor Day
- >12/13 National Guard Birthday
- >12/16 National Wreaths Across America
- >12/28 Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Asst.

MILITARY TRIVIA

A. The Old Guard Soldier carries his rifle on the outside shoulder to protect the Unknown Soldier who is buried in the Tomb.....weapon, guard, Tomb.

Click on the link below to watch Country singer Trace Adkins perform "Arlington".



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJO7lJIxG10



<u>MyLegion.org</u> is a One-Stop-Shop for Managing Your American Legion Membership!

BEFORE YOU REGISTER PLEASE READ!

Register using the email on your membership record. Registering with a different email will not include membership details or officer/committee activity.

Do not register with a post, squadron, county, or district account. All MyLegion accounts are individual member accounts. Access to post and squadron membership management and online membership processing, reports and rosters are provided to members that hold an Adjutant or Commander position.

Do not share e-mails. Only one email can be registered. The same email on multiple records will allow only one registration. Other accounts with the same email will not be allowed to register.

To update or verify the email on your membership record contact your department headquarters.

Print 2024 Membership Cards in MyLegion

A merican 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.

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.

POST/DISTRICT FORMS



To see which forms your post still needs to submit.

MEMBERSHIP

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on: <u>https://www.legion.org/membership/impact</u> 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 <u>submitting consolidated post reports online</u>. To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit:

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

Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants

District Meeting Calendar Form now available online!

<u>Click Here</u> or visit: www.mainelegion.org under Forms/Application



DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected · Be Heard · Be Informed

District 2 – Cumberland: Dec. 10 South Portland Post 35, 12PM *Maine Military Museum Legion and ALA. Tours at Noon, Luncheon at 1 PM meeting at 2PM

District 5 – Oxford: Dec. 19 Locke Mills Post 68, 7PM, District Christmas Party

> District 9 – Kennebec: Dec. 13 Litchfield Post 181, 6PM

District 12 – Hancock: Dec. 12 NE Harbor Post 103, Dinner at 6PM, Meeting at 7PM

DONATIONS The American Legion Department of Maine

2023-24 Commanders Project – McKay District 12, Hancock County......\$35.00

General Fund

Nancy Gaudet In memory of her WWI Vet Grandfather..... \$500.00

Thank You!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

3rd Annual Christmas Stockings for Veterans

American Legion Post #126 Vassalboro needs your help to fill 200 Christmas Stockings for Veterans at Togus.

You can thank a veteran by donating personal care products to go in the Christmas stockings.

Items can be dropped off at 860 Main Street, Vassalboro.

For More Info Contact:

Tom Richards, Commander or Jim Kilbride, Adjutant PO Box 112 North Vassalboro, ME 04962 207-616-3148 **Meets 4th Monday of the Month** 5:00pm at St. Bridget

Suggested Items:

- Shampoo
- Combs
- Body Wash
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Shaving Cream
 Pens/Pencils
- Socks
- Razors

- Toothbrushes
- Note Pads
- Puzzle Books
- Playing Cards



Fall Conference 2023 Oratorical Briefing

IMPORTANT DATES AND LOCATIONS: The following are fixed dates, the District and Post need to fix their contest dates so these dates are met. There are **NO** exceptions.

- 1. National has changed their contest dates to May 17-19, 2024. National has changed the location to Hillsdale College, 33 E College St, Hillsdale, MI 49242.
- 2. Department of Maine Certified winner is due to National by 5 pm on April 1, 2024 (Responsible, Department).
- 3. Department of Maine's contest is February 10, 2024, with a snow date of February 17, 2024. Location: Thomas College, 180 W River Rd, Waterville, ME 04901. <u>Time</u>: Candidates are asked to be in place by 8:00am, NLT 8:30am, there are briefings they need paperwork and they need time to settle in and be prepared.
- 4. Department Must receive your District winner NLT January 26, 2024.
- 5. Contestant applications are due to the Post NLT December 1, 2023. No exceptions.
- 6. Posts must coordinate with your District in order for you to meet the Districts level of competition. Even if there is only one contestant you must give the candidate the opportunity to practice at multiple levels.

SPEECHS: Oration is 8-10 minutes of their choice of the US Constitution. The Four Assigned Topics are 3-5 minutes. Candidates must be prepared for all four topics. Anything less than the minimum or over the maximum time creates a time penalty.

<u>AWARDS</u>: Posts and Districts set their own value to the winner/s. Department has their awards and certificates. National is a little different. There are approximately nine groups competing. The Winner/s cash awards are not given to the candidates. When the candidate choices the college/university they are attending the college/university is given the amount they have won.

<u>PLEASE</u>: Go to the Leadership Ledger and print a copy of all the documents listed. Read and review with your team. Write down any questions you may have and call me.

VOLUNTEERS: Positions available are: Judges, tabulators, room monitors, ushers and door guards.

CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION: Maureen Malley 207-557-3109 Maureenmalley.66@gmail.com



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.

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

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Annual Mid-Winter Conference

January 13th, 2024 Jeff's Catering & Event Center 15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME 04412

The annual Mid-Winter Conference of the American Legion, Department of Maine, will be held at **Jeff's Catering & Event Center, 15 Little Field Way, Brewer, ME 04412 on January 13th, 2024**. The Conference will be hosted by Commander Alfred McKay and 2nd Vice Commander Leroy McKenzie.

Special Rate for Legion Family for Hotel Reservations:

Holiday Inn: 404 Odlin Rd, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: 207-947-0101 Room Rate: \$104 + sales tax, Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffee/Tea Maker, Elevators, Restaurant, Lounge, Indoor pool.

Bangor Grand Hotel: 357 Odlin Rd, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: 207-947-6961 Room Rate: \$89 + sales tax – Refrigerator, WIFI, Restaurant, Lounge, Indoor pool *Please state "American Legion" when calling for reservations*.

Hotel Reservations are to be made by each individual, as the Department HQ will not be coordinating reservations for this conference. Deadline: January 5, 2024.

Mid-Winter Conference Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person.

Includes unlimited coffee & tea (Regular and Decaf), water all day, and juice, breakfast pastries, and fresh fruits in the morning. *This is for the American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Guests that are attending.*

Mid-Winter Conference Lunch Buffet- \$10 per person (to be paid to Jeff's Catering by noon.)

<u>Please mail registration fee to:</u> The American Legion Department of Maine 5 Verti Drive Winslow, ME 04901 (Notate "MWC" in memo field)

To pay by debit/credit card visit <u>www.mainelegion.org</u>, and select WINTER CONFERENCE listed in the NEWS & EVENTS dropdown menu.

Any Questions Call Department HQ at 873-3229 or email legionme@mainelegion.org