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TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION SUPPORT
NEWS LAWS
REPORTS TRAINING
TEAMWORK RESULTS
EVENTS SUCCESS DELEGATING
IMPROVEMENT COACHING

Welcome to the 55th 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 2 – Cumberland: Dec 12
Westbrook Post 197 Holiday Party 2PM

District 5 – Oxford: Dec. 21
Locke Mills Post 68, 7PM
Appoint Nominating Committee,
District Christmas Party

District 12 – Hancock: Dec. 14
Northeast Harbor Post 105, Dinner at 6:30PM,
Meeting at 7:30PM Christmas Party

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

ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE

January 15, 2022
Jeff's Catering & Event Center
15 Littlefield Way, Brewer 04412

[Click here for Hotel Information & Reservations](#)

Or go to:

www.mainelegion.org/media/MWC/2022_MWC_Hotels_and_Registration.pdf

ATTENTION ALL POSTS REGARDING ORATORICAL CONTEST!!!

All Posts that have an Oratorical contest winner going to a District competition, please email them to Dale Midgley at :

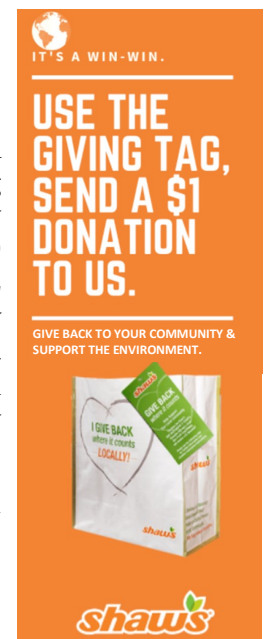
midgleyd@earthlink.net and rachael@mainelegion.org so we know how many candidates prior to the District Competition. See page 3 for more Oratorical information. *Thank you!*



SHAW'S STORES "GIVING TAG PROGRAM"

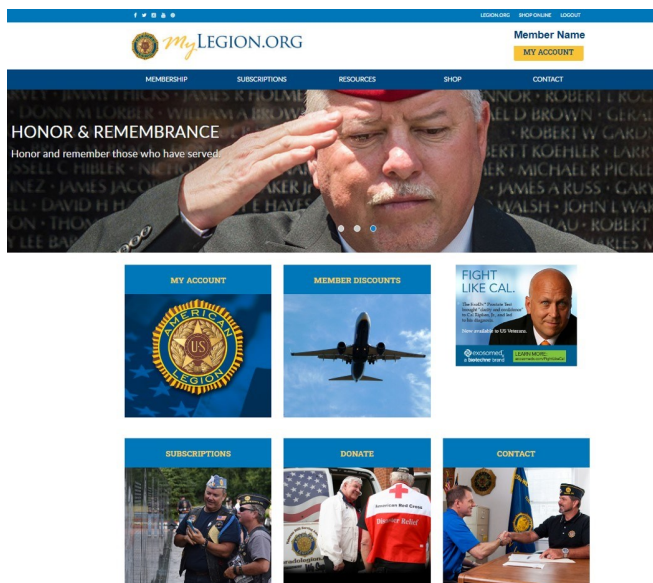
We're excited to share that all Shaw's stores are now offering the Giving Tag Program! Every time a shopper buys the \$2.50 reusable **GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS** Bag at any Shaw's store, they can direct a \$1 donation to The American Legion Department of Maine by using the attached

Giving Tag. Visit your local Shaw's and pick one up today! If you are in the Waterville Area, shop the Shaw's at 251 Kennedy Memorial Drive.



The Department Headquarters Office and the Service Office will be closed ½ day Wednesday December 22, Thursday December 23, & Friday December 24 for the Christmas holiday, as well as Thursday & Friday, December 31 for the New Year holiday! Please plan accordingly.





**New Step-By-Step Instructions
& Other Resources to Help with Your
MyLegion.org Account/Registration**
**Useful Step-By-Step Instructions/Information
on Membership Processing, Group
Permissions & More!**

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 For a Complete Overview of MyLegion.org  
 see below links

**[A Complete Overview of MyLegion.org \(PDF format \)](#)**

**[A Complete Overview of MyLegion.org  
- Powerpoint \(PPTX Format\)](#)**

Note: The last Tuesday of each month American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Each session will be recorded and made available for later viewing. Please visit [Training Tuesdays](#) for the next scheduled training session.

## **WOMEN VETERANS EVENT GUIDELINES**

If you're thinking about putting together a Women Veterans Event sponsored by the American Legion, Department of Maine, please click on the above link to help you. For more information, please contact Department HQ at 207-873-3229.

Guidelines are also available to download by visiting:  
[www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) under Forms/Applications.



## **AMERICAN LEGION HISTORY!**



**Become a Sponsor  
Today in Support  
of Maine Veterans**

***Deadline for  
Submission is  
May 6, 2022***

Become a sponsor of  
our Maine American  
Legion Convention

Yearbook today by purchasing ad space or as an "individual donor" and help support Veterans in the State of Maine. As a contributor, your name (individual or business) will be listed in our 2022 Maine American Legion Yearbook and made available in print and online in digital format by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org).

Show your support to our Veterans in the State of Maine! Become a sponsor today and make your name part of The American Legion history!

Donations may be made by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) or by check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine, earmarked "Yearbook Program". Mail to:

The American Legion, Department of Maine  
 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME. 04901-0727.

For more information, please call:  
**207-873-3229 Ext. 2.**

## **MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORTS**

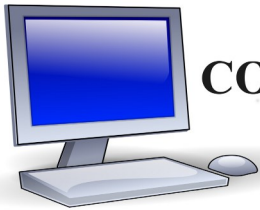
The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on: <https://www.legion.org/membership/impact> provide a summary of membership, participation and volunteerism making an impact in the lives of veterans, families 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>.

## **MILITARY TRIVIA**

**Q:** How was the unknown soldier, buried at Arlington National Cemetery, selected?







## 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.

Adults in the US spend about 4 hours every day connected to the internet, yet complaints and frustrations about web browsing experiences are on the rise. There are a few common themes that occur again and again, including a lack of website compatibility, the threats posed by malicious software and viruses, and concerns about intrusive advertising, disruptive pop-ups, and data privacy.

Fortunately, there are several ways to protect yourself and make your internet experience a safer and more satisfying experience, no matter whether you are browsing on a laptop, tablet or smartphone. Here are some of our top tips:

1. Keep your browser and any plugins updated
2. Use a browser that allows you to take your bookmarks with you between devices
3. Block Pop-ups
4. Use an ad blocker
5. Enable "do not track" in your browser
6. Clear your web browser cache and cookies
7. Turn on private browsing
8. Use a VPN
9. Use a password manager
10. Ensure you have up-to-date antivirus and fire-wall protection

For more information [CLICK HERE](https://www.pandasecurity.com) or go to: <https://www.pandasecurity.com>

## VETERAN'S EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEFAP)

**D**o 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.

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.



## 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)

For More Information [Click Here](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/oratorical.php) or go to [www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/oratorical.php](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/oratorical.php)

**Department of Maine HS Oratorical**

**Scholarship Application**

**Department of Maine Oratorical Brochure**

**2022 Oratorical Rules Brochure**

**Oratorical Promotional Brochure - National**

## VA MAINE IS OFFERING COVID VACCINES AND BOOSTERS TO:

- All Veterans, **their spouses and caregivers**
- VA Healthcare workers
- Individuals who completed their primary vaccine series with Pfizer or Moderna at least 28 days ago and who meet the **immunocompromised criteria** by the CDC.
- Individuals who completed their primary vaccine series with Pfizer at least 6 months ago and meet the CDC criteria for a booster shot. **Learn more about COVID-19 booster shots in VA.**
- Individuals who completed their primary vaccine series with Moderna at least 6 months ago and meet the CDC criteria for a booster shot. **Learn more about COVID-19 booster shots in VA.**
- Individuals who received the Janssen vaccine at least 2 months ago and meet the CDC criteria for a booster shot. **Learn more about COVID-19 booster shots in VA.**

**\*\*Please make sure to bring your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card when arrive for your booster!\*\***

If you're interested in receiving the vaccine at VA Maine, please feel free to visit one of our drive through clinics,

**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!**

For more information about vaccine clinics you may contact us at (207) 623-8411 Ext 4949 or Ext 7490. This website is updated weekly.

## DONATIONS

**AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE**

**Oratorical Scholarship**

Phippsburg Post 216 ..... \$ 50.00

## GET YOUR POST INSURANCE FROM THE EXPERTS



**Lockton Affinity** is the world's largest insurer of fraternal and civic organizations. This expertise will benefit your Post, members and guests through our:

### Custom product offering:

We offer customized coverage options to meet your organization's specific requirements and needs.

### Risk management tools

We provide risk management articles, alcohol server training, and safety tips your Post can implement to help reduce claims.

### Flexible payment options

You can select the payment option that works best for you and your Post.

### Exceptional service

We have an exclusive service team to support you whether you have a simple question or need a full policy review.

After decades of working with Posts like yours, we have seen the difference veterans and fraternal organizations make in a community. We truly appreciate your service and have been honored to serve your insurance needs in the past.

We would love to service your insurance again. Call us at **(800) 669-9944** to see how we can make our coverage work for your Post.



Click on the image above or go to:

<http://emblem.legion.org>

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 18, 2021

### Togus VA Regional Office back to 100% capacity

*VA benefits counseling available across Maine*

**Augusta, Maine** — The Department of Veterans Affairs Togus Regional Office is encouraging the public to take advantage of all opportunities to speak with a Veterans Benefits Administration representative either over the phone, by video or in person.

COVID-19 guidelines are being followed to include wearing masks, sanitizing surfaces and the use of plexi-glass shields. You may reach a local representative at 207-621-6938 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm to discuss benefits such as compensation for service-connected disabilities, pension, aid and attendance and Veteran Readiness and Employment. If the representative is not able to resolve the question or concern over the phone, the representative will offer the following two options:

- **Telebenefit Appointment by Video:** This service reduces your travel costs and time. Video meetings are accessible on any device with a webcam and microphone. There is no need to download specialized software or obtain unique usernames and passwords (Apple iPhone users will need to download the free VA Video Connect application from the App Store). Access to a scheduled session is obtained through a unique link sent directly to you and is valid for that session only.

**In-Person Appointment:** A representative will meet you at a designated checkpoint to escort you into the building located at:

Togus Regional Office  
Public Contact Center  
1 VA Center  
Augusta, Maine 04330

For more information about VA benefits and eligibility or [how to file a claim](#), Veterans and Survivors can visit [VA.gov](http://VA.gov) or call toll-free at 800-827-1000.

John Brinzow, Program Specialist, 207-626-4788  
X5179, [VBATOGROEngage@va.gov](mailto:VBATOGROEngage@va.gov)

***“Women, like men, should try to do the impossible,  
and when they fail,  
their failure should be a challenge to others.”***

~ Amelia Earhart

## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**A:** In October of 1921, Sgt. Edward Younger was stationed in Germany following WWI, when he was ordered to return to Chalons-sur-Marne, France to select a casket, out of the four presented of an unknown of an unknown soldier's remains. After circling the caskets 3 times, he suddenly stopped at one & placed his rose bouquet on one of the coffins. He could not easily explain why he chose that particular one, until he later admitted that a voice said to him: "This is a pal of yours". In 1942, accompanied by Legionnaires, Sgt. Younger was also buried at Arlington, very near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



### IMPORTANT DATES IN MILITARY HISTORY

#### DECEMBER

- [12/1 Civil Air Patrol Established \(1941\)](#)
- [12/5 Somalia Campaign Began \(1992\)](#)
- [12/7 Pearl Harbor Attacked \(1941\)](#)
- [12/8 War Declared on Japan \(1941\)](#)
- [12/11 Germany and Italy Declared War on US \(1941\)](#)
- [12/15 Official End of War in Iraq \(2011\)](#)
- [12/15 Bill of Rights Day \(2011\)](#)
- [12/16 Battle of the Bulge \(1944\)](#)
- [12/20 Panama Campaign Began \(1989\)](#)
- [12/31 Official End of WWII \(1946\)](#)



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

*"A people that values its privileges above  
its principles soon loses both."*

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower



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<https://www.legion.org/benefits>



### PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP

Anyone who is currently an American Legion member or who is eligible for membership may become a PUFL member. Legionnaires can apply for membership online at [www.legion.org/pufl](http://www.legion.org/pufl).

**PAID  
=UP FOR=  
LIFE**

Visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) Forms/Applications for more information.

#### Paid Up for Life Pricing

| AGE | 18-29   | 30-39   | 40-49   | 50-59   | 60-69 | 70-79 | 80-89 | 90+   |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| FEE | \$1,535 | \$1,399 | \$1,229 | \$1,025 | \$815 | \$599 | \$429 | \$329 |

(For post dues of \$48.00 or less)

When paid in full the member will receive a permanent plastic card identifying him/her as a lifetime member. The PUFL member will also continue to receive an annual American Legion membership card mailed directly on or about July 1st of each year.

Lifetime membership can be paid either in one single lump sum or over 12 equal, monthly payments. If a member chooses the Time Pay Plan, payment must be made by credit card only. (Check for online promotions if paying in full.) Once a member fulfills the PUFL membership dues, he/she will be protected from any future dues increases at the post, department or national levels. See next page for application.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**  
**APPLICATION FOR PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE MEMBERSHIP**  
**(Please print clearly)**



APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER ID # \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL PUFL FEE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mo./Day/Year)

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE (check only one): ☐ US Army ☐ US Navy ☐ US Marines ☐ US Air Force ☐ US Coast Guard

WAR ERA: ☐ WWII December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946 ☐ Grenada/Lebanon August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984  
☐ Korea June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955 ☐ Panama December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990  
☐ Vietnam February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 ☐ War on Terrorism August 2, 1990 - Open  
☐ Merchant Marines December 7, 1941 – December 3, 1946 Only

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST FURTHER DOCUMENTATION FROM MEMBER TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY AND INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION.**

☐ **Full Payment Enclosed** *(Deduct \$100.00 from fee noted above.)*

☐ **Time Payment Plan** – Requires payment by credit card. Card will be billed monthly, in 12 equal payments. Member's permanent PUFL card will be issued when paid-in-full. *(Must review and sign Time Payment Agreement. Not eligible for discount rates.)*

**PAYMENT IS MADE BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD** (*do not send cash*):

☐ Check or Money Order (*Made payable to The American Legion*) Check or money order number \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Charge to MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express.

(Credit Card Number)

(Expiration Date)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of card holder required, if different from applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**IF GIFT, PROVIDE GIVER INFORMATION BELOW:**☐ Check here if PUFL is being awarded by Post (Honorary Life)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mbr ID # (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Mailing Address | Phone # |
|-----------------|---------|

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail PUFL card to: ☐ GIVER ☐ PUFL GIFT RECIPIENT

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (required): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's signature may be omitted only if PUFL is to be given as a gift.)

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

**Check/M.O. from:**

|                                 |                     |       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member | National Per Capita | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post   | Dept Per Capita     | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept.  | Post Per Capita     | _____ |

Date Received at National:

**MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION, PUFL SPECIALIST, PO BOX 1954, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206. ALLOW UP TO 6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY OF PERMANENT PUFL MEMBERSHIP CARD.**



## Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) Agreement

1. The applicant must be in **good standing**.
2. National Headquarters reserves the right to require further information or confirmation of the member's eligibility, which may include a request for the member to provide a copy of his/her DD214 (or similar) or other documentation of age, military service or membership eligibility. The member's Paid-Up-For-Life application will be held pending verification.
3. The member's Post will be notified of the new PUFL membership and will be permitted up to 30 days to challenge the application for acceptance.
4. If payment is being made using a credit card, the full payment will be charged immediately. Payment can be made by MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express.
5. The permanent (plastic) PUFL card will be issued within 4-6 weeks of receipt and approval of the application.
6. No refund of payment(s) will be made if the member chooses to discontinue his/her PUFL membership at any time, once the application is approved and processed; the only exceptions are explained in Item 7. This also pertains to members participating in the Time Payment Plan whose account was closed due to delinquency. These members will not be eligible to participate in the Time Payment Plan in the future but may re-submit an application with full payment at any time. (Any funds previously submitted on the cancelled account will not be credited to the new application.)
7. Should a PUFL member hold membership in a Post whose charter has been canceled and no other Post is available to accept a transfer, then the unused portion of the original fee, if any, will be refunded. The same rule will apply in the event that the member is expelled from membership by action of his Post or Department Headquarters. **Except as stated, no refund of any portion of PUFL membership fees paid to National will be made at any time.**
8. Once the application is processed by National Headquarters, the member will no longer receive renewal notices and his/her subscription to *The American Legion Magazine* will never expire. The member will be automatically renewed each year and his/her annual membership card will be mailed around July 1st to the member's address on record at National Headquarters.

## Additional Terms for Time Payment Plan Participants ONLY

1. Current members of The American Legion may use the Time Payment Plan to purchase a Paid-Up-For Life (PUFL) membership through National Headquarters. No Interest or service charge is added.
2. After receipt and approval of the application at National Headquarters, the remaining balance will be divided into 11 equal monthly payments.
  - National Headquarters will bill the credit card account provided by the member each month in the amount of 1/12 of the total Paid-Up-For-Life fee.
  - It is the responsibility of the member to contact the PUFL Specialist at 800-433-3318 to report a new credit card expiration date prior to the expiration of the card information originally provided.
  - If the member wants to change the credit card account used at any time after the application is submitted to National Headquarters, the member must contact the PUFL Specialist at 800-433-3318 to provide the replacement credit card information.
3. The total PUFL membership fee must be paid within 12 months after the application is processed at National and consecutive monthly payments are to be maintained. Delinquent accounts may be closed with or without notice to the member. A delinquency will occur if the member's credit card payment is declined for any reason. Any payments already made will be forfeited; no refunds will be issued if a Time Payment account is closed for any reason.
4. The member can elect to pay more than the minimum each month; much the same as a credit card account, paying in advance, or more than the minimum, simply means the account is paid off earlier. To increase the monthly payment amount billed to the member's credit card, the member must contact the PUFL Specialist at 800-433-3318.
5. The permanent (plastic) PUFL membership card will be issued only after the total PUFL fee is paid-in-full. If annual cards are issued before the fee is paid-in-full, the member will receive an annual card with the notation of "TIME PAY."

*Please sign below and make sure that the PUFL application is completed to avoid delay in processing.*

I acknowledge and understand the terms of The American Legion Paid-Up-For-Life membership program. My signature below indicates acceptance of the Agreement as stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Member (Applicant)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Member ID#*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*