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THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Winter Conference

January 14, 2023

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

Hotel Reservation and Registration

2023 MWC Agenda

Guest Speaker - Dr. Ruth Moore

Directions to Jeff's Catering & Event Center

See pages 8-10 Or go to:

https://mainelegion.org/pages/news-events/ winter-conference.php

EMAIL SCAM!!!!

ATTENTION LEGION MEMBERS

Once again, someone is trying to scam members using an e-mail address with State Cmdr. Kirk Thurston's name.

THIS IS A SCAM!

Kirk's e-mail address is: fuzzyt3@roadrunner.com

Please disregard and delete any other e-mail address with his name in it.

This is a scam! Repeat: THIS IS A SCAM!!!

Christmas & New Year's Evel

American Legion State Headquarters will close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 22 and reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27th for Christmas, and close on Monday, Jan. 2 for New Year's Day!

Please plan accordingly! West Wife Mark The San Street The San Street

MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

Dec. 14, 2022



Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

The Christmas and New Year holidays bring feelings of joy, hope and renewal across the nation. Families share in their blessings. Friends reunite. Children and adults alike have their wishes come true.

But for some, the season's joy remains out of reach.

The holiday season can be a tough time for those dealing with mental illness. The added stress may compound feelings of despair. They may have lost a significant other and feel isolated. There may be other factors that could lead them to a downward spiral.

The American Legion's **Be the One initiative** calls on everyone — veteran, servicemember and civilian — to take the appropriate action to intervene when a veteran's life may be at risk. As part of those efforts, **the Legion's Buddy Check program** is vital throughout the year but takes on a greater importance during this time.

(For immediate help, dial 988 and press 1 for the Veterans Crisis Line.)

I encourage all American Legion Family members to consider performing at least one "buddy check" during this holiday season. A simple phone call for a wellness check on a veteran who may be alone at this time of the year will brighten their day, reinstill hope and lift them from despair.

You might even say Buddy Checks can go a long way in "making spirits bright.

National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola



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!

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The American Legion, Department of Maine

High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

Thomas College 180 West River Rd., Waterville, ME February 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

All contestants should plan to arrive between 8 and 8:30 a.m.

Snow Date: February 18, 2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help with the program (judges, tabulators room monitors, etc.). Those who are interested are to please call Department Head-quarters at 207-873-3229.

Department of Maine HS
Oratorical Scholarship Application

Department of Maine Oratorical Brochure

2023 Oratorical Rules Brochure

Oratorical Promotional Brochure - National



WHEN TO USE THE LEGION EMBLEM AND BRAND MARK

The American Legion Dec. 05, 2022

When it comes to designing products for American Legion events and programs, National Headquarters has developed a style guide to help you create designs that match our existing brand and brand mark. This guide walks you through color, font and layout specifications among others. It also will walk you through when to use the emblem versus the brand mark. To access the style guide visit legion.org/brand.

The brand mark is to be used in all marketing communications applications (e.g., lifestyle apparel, fundraising, sponsorships, digital media, social media and event annoucements). While the emblem should be reserved for official documents and communications (e.g., press releases, business cards, post signage and official letterhead). The American Legion emblem and other legally protected logos of the American Legion Family is restricted and typically may not be used without permission from National Headquarters.

The use of the emblem by an individual Legionnaire is limited to the wearing of the official insignia and to the possession of authorized jewelry or merchandise bearing the insignia. Posts are confined to using the emblem or reproduction of the emblem on stationery, post publications, notices, posters or place cards, or matters of similar character used in the ordinary routine and conduct of legitimate post business. Departments are similarly limited.

Any other use of the name "The American Legion" or the emblem shall be subject to the approval of the national adjutant at legion.org/emblem/request.

Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants

District Meeting Calendar Form now available online!

Click Here or visit: www.mainelegion.org under Forms/Applications



Attention: Post Adjutants

The <u>Membership Target Date</u> to reach 80% is fast approaching and we still have a ways to go! Please **PROCESS** your membership at the Post level or SUBMIT to Department Headquarters before the January 19th 2023 target date arrives!!!

CLICK HERE for the Latest Membership Report!

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DEADLINES IN JANUARY



Jan. 1: American Legion Legacy Scholarship

Available to children whose parents died while honorably serving on active military duty on or after 9/11, as well as children of post-9/11 veterans with a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher. This is a needs-based scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized. American Legion Legacy Scholarship application for 2023 is online at legion.org/scholarships.

Jan. 15: Veterans Employment and Education Awards

- ◆ National Employer of Veterans Award. This award is offered in three categories: Category I − Employers of more than 200 employees (Large); Category II − Employers of 51-200 employees (Medium); Category III − Employers of 1-50 employees (Small).
- National Employment Service Award. This award is offered in three categories: Local Veteran Employment Representative (LVER) of the Year; Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP) of the Year; Employment Service (ES) Local Office of the Year.
- Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons Award.

 A Legion project or program that improves the quality of life for disabled persons will be considered for this award.
- National Employer of Older Worker Award. The American Legion provides an Employer of Older Worker Award for a company that consistently hires older workers, especially veterans. Selection of the national winners will be made by the Veterans Employment & Education Commission during the annual Washington Conference. The national winners will receive a stipend for travel expenses and are presented award plaques at the National Convention.
- Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach Award.
 Any Legion project or program with a goal of ending homelessness among veterans will be considered for this award.

Nomination forms may be found at <u>legion.org/</u> <u>careers/awards</u>. All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form with no more than two pages of narrative, along with supporting documents.

Selection of the national winners will be made by the Veterans Employment & Education Commission during the annual Washington Conference. The national winners will receive a stipend for travel expenses and are presented award plaques at the 2023 National Convention in Charlotte, NC.

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.



How Technology Has Changed Christmas

Spending time with loved ones, festive decorations and decadent meals still make for a merry holiday season. Yet the internet, smartphones, social media and other innovations are putting high-tech twists on a whole range of Christmas traditions. Read on to discover how technology has changed the holiday season.

High-Tech Holiday Shopping. Holiday shopping is hardly anything new, but due to technology, Christmas shopping has made an incredible transformation. There have always been and continue to be two types of Christmas shoppers: the ones that do it well in advance of the event and the ones that leave it to the last minute. But technology, and more specific improved internet access and the introduction of mobile devices, has crafted a third type of Christmas shopper. Namely, the ones that are looking to buy the gifts online and this at the most competitive price on the market. Buying presents anytime and from anywhere in the world? Check!

Promotion & Advertising. It's not just the transactions themselves that have moved online, technology has also influenced the way Christmas promotions are delivered to customers. Ever since the introduction of the smartphone, a barrage of promotional emails offering discounts and festive products are delivered directly to the pockets of millions of customers, regardless of where they are and what they are doing. Something that was impossible before.

Christmas Gifting. Not only the way we buy gifts has changed, also the gifts given to our loved ones during the holiday season have changed over the past centuries. Traditional gifts have been replaced by smartphones, tablets, wireless headphones, fitness trackers, and many other technological devices.

Picking A Christmas Tree. It's still as much a symbol of Christmas as ever, but nowadays, it's – just as for regular Christmas shopping – the web that helps people choose their Christmas tree, no longer the sales advisor at their favorite plantation.

Christmas Communication. Christmas cards have long been a yearly tradition for most families, yet now that social network sites such as Facebook are becoming the favored way to share news of everything, this tradition is losing value. People can see year-round how the kids are growing or how the family is expending, instead of having to wait until December for the latest family photo. Even if you still send out a Christmas card in the mail, there is another way technology is affecting Christmas celebrations. Nothing beats being home for the holidays, but the current pandemic doesn't allow many families to physically celebrate together. Due to communication technology loved ones can still celebrate together virtually or catch up simultaneously on their favorite Christmas movie.

Christmas Decorations. No longer are the days of plain old boring string lights around the house. With the introduction of smart devices, Christmas trees aren't only becoming much more unique, the devices also let you take control over the timing of your holiday decor. No need to worry any more about unplugging the tree or turning off the outside lights before going to bed. Your smartphone gives back (remote) control.

Ugly Christmas Sweaters. Ugly Christmas sweaters used to be found in the clearance rack of most stores, not anymore! And they have even been taken to the next level with LED lights, music devices sewn in and the possibility of displaying your favorite Christmas animations right on the sweater.

Streaming Your Favorite Christmas Songs & Movies. Your favorite Christmas songs and music are just a click away nowadays. Instead of listening to the same station all day to hear your favorite Christmas song pass by, you can now listen to Mariah Carey on repeat all the time. The same goes for holiday movies thanks to streaming services such as Netflix, Disney + or Amazon Prime.

How Technology Has Changed Christmas | mobco



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.

MILITARY TRIVIA



Q: Since 9/11, how many US Service members have committed suicide?

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected · Be Heard · Be Informed

District 3 – Androscoggin: Jan. 8th Mechanics Falls Post 150, 2PM

District 9 – Kennebec: Jan. 11 Augusta Post 2, 7PM

Click Here to view all District Meetings!

REMINDER: DISPATCH GOES DIGITAL ONLY IN JANUARY

The American Legion DEC 05, 2022

Remember to Sign Up for Dispatch Newsletter!

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And visit legion.org/dispatch any time.

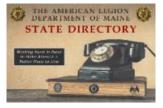
Print 2023 Membership Cards in MyLegion

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.





Click here to see the Latest Post Events!

Click Here for the State Directory!

Stay Connected with Your Fellow Legionnaires!

There may come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning.

~ Louis L'Amour

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- 2. In the search box, type American Legion Department of Maine Foundation and start shopping. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the American Legion Department of Maine Foundation.
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Available on-line at: MaineLegion.org

or go to: http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/ formsapplications.ph

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:

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

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.

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. See Page 11 for an application.

I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month.

~ Harlan Miller

Sharing the holiday with other people, and feeling that you're giving of yourself, gets you past all the commercialism.

~ Caroline Kennedy

MILITARY TRIVIA

A. Approximately 30,000 of our fellow service members have taken their own lives since 9/11... almost 4 times the number who died in combat.

During this holiday season, please reach out to your Legion or other Veteran's organizations and ask how you can help a fellow Veteran and maybe save just one life.

"Be the One" to save one veteran. Click Here to learn how to help a veteran in crisis. End the stigma.



Let's Get Word Out to Our Veterans!



In honor of the Christmas Season, ask a Veteran to **JOIN** Maine American Legion!

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

QUICKLY & EASILY RENEW ONLINE

TODAY!

Simply Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone or visit:

www.legion.org/renew





Click **HERE** for More Information or go to: www.legion.org/benefits

DONATIONS

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

2022 Commanders Project – Thurston "Operation Reboot Outdoors"

Gray Post 86	\$150.00
Rumford Unit 24	\$200.00
Bridgton Post 67	\$100.00
M. Brady & D. Tasker-Brady, Post 67	\$100.00

2022 Commanders Project – Thurston "Operation Reboot Outdoors"

Philip Russomano, Post 40...... \$25.00



4 MAJOR MILITARY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED ON CHRISTMAS



1776: Washington's Famous Crossing of the Delaware. The winter of 1776 didn't start as a good one for Gen. George Washington's Continental Army. They suffered many defeats in the first few months of the American Revolution and had been pushed out of New York and New Jersey into Pennsylvania. For the troops, morale was low.

Washington needed to renew faith in the battle for independence, so he decided to surprise the Hessians — German troops hired by the British — who were stationed in Trenton, New Jersey. He figured that doing so after the enemy's Christmas celebrations would find them groggy and unprepared for a fight, especially as a terrible winter storm was brewing.

So late Christmas night, Washington and his troops hopped in boats and waded across the icy Delaware River to test his theory — and he was right. At dawn on Dec. 26, about 2,400 frozen Continentals pushed into Trenton, and they did indeed surprise the enemy, who surrendered within an hour and a half.

The mission, which became known as the Battle of Trenton, was of huge significance to the Continental Army's cause. Not only did it raise the troops' spirits, but it revived the hope of the colonists, who were beginning to think their battle for independence wasn't feasible.

1864: The First Battle of Fort Fisher. For most of the Civil War, North Carolina's Fort Fisher saw very little combat. But that changed on Christmas 1864, when the Union decided it wanted to capture the last port the Confederates held on the Atlantic Ocean.

It was a debacle for the Union.

First, the Union tried to pack a warship with explosives and blow up the fort's walls — but that didn't work. It just blew up their ship and alerted the Confederates of an imminent attack. So on Christmas Eve, the Union tried again, bombarding the fort with heavy gunfire, most of which fell short or missed its target.

On Christmas morning, Union commanders decided to shell an area north of the fort so troops could land and come ashore. But when they did, more disappointment followed — the fort's heavy artillery was completely unscathed, so that was a no-go, too. It was only then that the Union ordered troops to retreat.

While the first Battle of Fort Fisher was a massive failure for the Union, the second wasn't. In mid-January 1865, Union troops were finally able to capture the fort, effectively cutting the Confederates off from global trade and supplies. The Civil War ended three months later.

1972: Operation Linebacker II in North Vietnam.

A B-52 Stratofortress bomber takes off from a runway. American troops were in the middle of the biggest bombing mission in military history during the Christmas season of 1972. The air campaign, called Operation Linebacker II, has largely been considered the action that ended U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

President Richard Nixon ordered the bombings to begin on Dec. 18 after North Vietnamese delegates walked out on peace talks. Nicknamed the "11 Days of Christmas," the operation consisted of 11 successive days of raids by B-52 Stratofortress bombers flown in from Andersen Air Force Base in Guam.

The only day that both sides got a reprieve was Christmas, when troops were given a 36-hour break to celebrate. During that time, Nixon ordered the North Vietnamese to return to the bargaining table. The North Vietnamese refused, so the bombings continued until Dec. 29, when they agreed to resume peace talks.

In 11 days, Linebacker II dropped 15,000 tons of bombs via 729 U.S. Air Force sorties involving about 12,000 airmen. Defense Department records show the raids destroyed or damaged 1,600 structures, 500 rail targets, 10 airfields and 80% of North Vietnam's electric-generating capacity. Fifteen U.S. B-52s were also destroyed in the process, killing 35 men and leading to the capture of nearly 40 American prisoners of war.

The resumed peace talks that came from the campaign led to the Paris Peace Accords in January 1973. The U.S. ended its involvement in the war soon after, but the last American troops wouldn't leave the country for another two years.

1896: "Stars and Stripes Forever" is Written. While this wasn't exactly a military action, it's definitely a symbol of America's military might.

John Philip Sousa, who grew up during the Civil War, was a talented musician who became a long-time director of the U.S. Marine Band. Known as the "March King," he was a rock star of his time, eventually starting his own band in 1892.

On Christmas Day 1896, while crossing the Atlantic on his way home from a European vacation, Sousa's lasting legacy came to him. He said the notes for "Stars and Stripes Forever" were born out of homesickness and fond memories of his time as the Marine Band's leader.

The iconic song officially became America's national march in 1987.

Have a great holiday season, everybody!

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MID WINTER CONFERENCE

January 14, 2023 Jeff's Catering & Event Center 15 Littlefield Way, Brewer 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 14 th, 2023. The Conference will be hosted by Commander Kirk Thurston and 2nd Vice Commander Trish Thurston.

Special Rate for Legion Family for Hotel Reservations:

Holiday Inn: 404 Odlin Rd, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone 207-947-0101 Room Rate: \$99 + sales tax, Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffee/Tea Maker, Elevators, Restaurant, and Lounge.

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 1, 2023.

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.)

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

Any Questions Call Department HQ at: 873-3229

AMERICAN LEGION

Annual Mid-Winter Conference Agenda

January 14th, 2023 Jeff's Catering & Event Center 15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME 04412

Saturday: 8:30 am

Opening Ceremony: Department Commander Kirk D. Thurston

Welcome to Mid-Winter Conference: Past National Commander Anthony

"Tony" Jordan

NEC Update: NEC Lloyd Woods

Introduction of Americanism Officer (for purpose of introduction of

Americanism programs) - Department 2nd Vice Tricia Thurston

Oratorical: Maureen Malley

American Legion Baseball: Jeff Sukeforth

Dirigo State: DJA Jason Hall

Junior Shooting Program: Dave Watson & Joe Donahue

Law and Order: Ethan McKenny

SAL Detachment of Maine Commander: Mike Hustus

Task Force for The Future: Past Department Commander Scott Paradis

Membership & Buddy Checks: 1st Vice Commander Al McKay

Be The One presentation (bio): Dr. Ruth Moore

Important Paperwork: 2nd Vice Commander Tricia Thurston

Legislative Committee: Matt Jabaut



Annual Mid-Winter Conference Agenda (cont.)

LUNCH

Department Presentations: Department Commander Kirk D. Thurston

Introduction of Guest Speaker Christy Gardner: Department Vice Commander Tricia Thurston

Constitution and Bylaws: Department Judge Advocate Jason T. Hall

VEFAP: Department Adjutant Paul L'Heureux and Maureen Malley

American Legion Riders: Director Mike Lallemand

Women Veteran's Committee: 2nd Vice Commander Tricia Thurston

ALA Department of Maine: President Debra Rumery

VA Updates: Department Service Officer Carl Curtis

Finance Committee: Department Finance Officer Eugene Connelly

National Vice Commander Paul M Kennedy: NEC Lloyd Woods

Candidates for Office: Department Commander Kirk D. Thurston

Winter Sweepstakes Drawings

Closing Comments and Closing Ceremony: Department Commander Kirk D. Thurston

Announcements: Department Adjutant Paul L'Heureux

***Department Executive Committee meeting immediately following the Conference. ***

Department Officers, District Commanders or their replacements are required to attend.

In the absence of the District Commander, from any District, the Vice Commander shall represent at any Executive Committee meeting with voice and vote. (Res. 1 - 1994)



DEPARTMENT OF MAINE THE AMERICAN LEGION

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

It is with great pride and pleasure that we the membership of Post #___ 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.

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