



The American Legion Department of Maine

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Weekly Update

May 14, 2015

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The foundation of every organization is the attitude of the people within it.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Posts for reaching 100%

Gardiner Post 4, Winthrop Post 40, Kingfield Post 61, Mechanic Falls Post 150

Military Trivia

What did WASP stand for in the Army?

Weekly Legislative Up-Date

May 15, 2015 Veterans and Legal Affairs Work Session 10:00 AM Room 437 State House

LD 1280 – Act to provide income tax relief by expanding gaming opportunities.

LD 1335 – Act to amend the election laws

May 19, 2015 Taxation Work Session 1:00 PM Room 127 State House

LD 365 – Act to provide a tax reduction for modifications to make a home accessible for a person with a disability.

Grave Flag Program

Please note the date and time of this year's Grave Flag Program at the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Once again it is on the Saturday, May 23, before Memorial Day, 2015 at 9 a.m. Maine Veterans Memorial Cemeteries Civic Center Drive & Mount Vernon Rd. off US Route 95 Augusta, Maine. From the South I 95 take exit 112B or from the North I 95 take exit 112. Turn right on Route 27 toward Belgrade. At the MVMC sign turn right on Blue Star Highway. We will gather at the top of the hill near the flag pole at 9 a.m. for a prayer, introductions and instructions. Questions, contact Don Simoneau at 897-4139 or the American Legion State Headquarters at 873-3229.

As always we will start at the Civic Center Drive Cemetery, and end at the Mount Vernon Drive Cemetery! And as always we are accepting donations for the Grave Flags, as each year we are flagging many more Hero's who have left us for Eternal Rest! Donations are needed for flags, as we lose 750+ veterans each year that are buried in the MVMC system. Please make checks payable to The American Legion, in note section "Grave Flag Program" and mail donations to P.O. Box 900, Waterville, ME 04903-0900.

The look of 14 thousand American flags waving on these Veterans graves will live in your heart forever.

Thank You So Much!! For God & Country

Donald Simoneau

2016 Membership Cards

2016 membership cards and post rosters are now available at Department HQ for those interested in picking them up. Otherwise, we will have them at the State Convention in Bangor for you.

Voluntary Service Togus

VA Voluntary Service Wish list: Volunteers needed, for a complete list of volunteer programs call 621-4886 or email jonathan.barczyk@va.gov

VA2K: May 20, Togus Gazebo, 11 am -1 pm, Annual VA2K walk and roll to benefit homeless veterans and promote health and wellness, BBQ (cash only), music, dunk tank, ice cream; for a list of recommended donations please contact Maggie Fitzgerald 207-623-8411 ext 5408 or ext 4949.

Community Living Center BBQ: Fridays from May to August, Volunteers are needed for the Community Living Center BBQ's in transporting veterans, cooking hotdogs, decorating tables, clean up, food preparation, no help is to little, contact Dr Susan Maataoui at Susan.Maataoui@va.gov.

Post Delegates and Alternates

When filling out the Post Delegates and Alternates Form, please enter name as entered on Membership Card, no nicknames please.

From the Adjutant's Desk

Please submit your Post and District Officers forms in order to arrive at Department prior to but not later than 1 July. Mail to: THE AMERICAN LEGION, P.O. Box 900, Waterville, ME 04903-0900 or e-mail to: legonme@mainelegion.org, Form is available on WWW.mainelegion.org

A PLEA FOR HELP

Our office is receiving more calls for assistance to send Boy's to our Boy's State program. Many Post are receiving calls as well, because of a sudden change in direction these schools are starting to recognize that this is a great program and are urging the boys to attend. What we and the Boy's State Committee are asking is for any donations that any post or individuals could make that would help in making this a banner year for the American Legion in Maine. Please make every effort to send in any amount to HQ earmark BOY'S STATE DONATION. Let's make it happen !!!

Beals House

Looking for a live in housekeeper for the Beals House at Togus! Can be a man, woman or couple. All living expenses are paid and you receive a weekly salary as well. One week paid vacation after the first year. If you would like more information please call President Kenda Simmons at 242-3192

District Meetings

District 14 – Piscataquis: May 16, Greenville Post 94, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7:30 p.m. mtg.

District 2 – Cumberland: May 17, Westbrook Post 197, 12 noon. Memorial service & election of officers. Light lunch at 12 noon, mtg to follow. All members are urged to attend including Post 60, 67 and 152.

District 3 – Androscoggin: May 17, Sabattus Post 135, 2 pm, Installation of officers

District 11 – Waldo: May 17, Unity Post 50, 2 p.m., Installation of Officers, all Veterans and Family welcome.

District 15 – Washington: May 17, Woodland Post 23, 2 p.m. (**cancelled**)

District 5 – Oxford: May 19, West Paris Post 151, 7 p.m., Tentative Ham Dinner 6 pm.

Current Events

Friday Night Concert: May 15, Auburn Post 153, 7-10 pm, no cover charge, public welcome.

Dinner and Music: May 16, Auburn Post 153, 5:30 pm Pork Dinner for nominal fee, 7-10 pm concert, no cover charge, public is welcome.

Picnic Table Yard Sale: May 16, Richmond Post 132, 8 am-2 pm, 7 am setup, \$15 tables or \$25 for 2 tables. FMI call 737-4201.

Sat Dance: May 16, Gardiner Post 4, 7-11 pm, Karaoke with Lena Bragg, \$3 donation.

Connecting Veterans: May 18, Cancer Community Center, S. Portland, 3-4:30 pm, Veterans and their loved ones touched by cancer come together to share stories and make connections. For more information call 774-2200 or visit www.CancerCommunityCenter.org

Veterans Hill 2015: May 22-29, Livermore Falls Post 10, 12x18 flags will be placed by Post 10 in your name for a \$5 donation, FMI call Jocelyn Mosher-Collins 897-4739 or email jmoshercollins@yahoo.com.

Lewiston Memorial Day Parade: May 23, Lewiston Post 22, 9:30 am, Legion Auxiliary Veterans Council unveiling of new stone and bench at Veterans Memorial Park. Organizations are invited to Parade and public asked to attend. Free flags while supplies last. FMI call 576-0376.

Public Breakfast: May 23, Buckfield Post 58, 7-9 am, all the usual breakfast items, 50/50 drawing, adults \$6, children under 12 \$3, money will be used to fund representative to Boys State in June. FMI call 336-2385.

Gardiner Memorial Day Parade: May 25, Gardiner Post 4, 10 am, Parade will form behind Armory on Brunswick Ave. at 9, step off at 10 and march down Brunswick Ave. to Gardiner Common. Ceremony with speakers and bands at Common and a light lunch at Gardiner Post 4.

Calais Memorial Day Parade: May 25, Calais Post 3, 10 am, Parade will form at Washington St., Post Office parking lot at 9:30, step off at 10, and march down North St to Main, left down to bridge. The Canadian Legion will meet the parade halfway on the Ferry Point Bridge. Service on the bridge, and march down to Calais Park for Memorial Day Ceremony.

Windham Memorial Day Parade: May 25, Windham Post 148, 9:15 am, Parade will form at 8:45 at the Windham Town Hall on School Rd, and step off at 9:15 and head to Windham High School. Memorial service will start at 10 at Windham High School, Veteran's Memorial. Open House at Windham Veterans Center, 12-2 pm, Picnic Lunch. 1 pm, awards presentation by Gov LePage to veterans in memory of Vietnam War 50th Commemorative Anniversary.

Memorial Day POW/MIA Ceremony: May 25, Augusta Post 2, 9:30 am, convoy from Augusta Post 2 to local cemeteries and monuments for Wreath laying and Flag placement, Ceremony and pot luck lunch and dancing to follow, Past National Commander Tony Jordan guest speaker.

Honoring Veteran: May 26, State House, Robert Coles, WWII veteran from Machias will be honored.

Donations

Tommy and Christine Adkins
Hancock County District 12
Brunswick Post 20
Waldo County District 11
Randall and Janet Kluj
Lincoln County District 7

\$100 – National Cmdr Campaign
\$275 – Boys State
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\$75 – Maine Blind Camp
\$100 – National Cmdr Campaign
\$50 – Memorial Day Flags

Sick Call

James Siegars, Past District 7 Commander, Past Lincoln County Commander and Past Wiscasset Post 54 Commander, is at Mid Coast Hospital with heart health problems. Cards may be sent to 320 Bath Rd, Wiscasset, ME 04578.

Funeral Services

Thomas H Naragon, Lisbon Post 158, Past Department Assistant Adjutant and Chairman of the Finance Committee . Visiting hours are 6-8 pm, May 18. Funeral service at 10 am, May 19, at the Crosman Funeral Home, located at 40 Main St, Lisbon Falls with burial at 12 pm, at the New Augusta Veterans Cemetery

Answer to military trivia question: Women Air Force Service Pilots.

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux
Department Adjutant



**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 of our living Past Commanders for membership to the Past Commanders Club. Along with the names, we have enclosed the annual dues of \$2.00 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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AL Dept. of Maine
Paul L'Heureux
P.O. Box 900
Waterville, ME 04903

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

REPORT OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Mail To: Honorary Life Membership Notification
 The American Legion Magazine
 PO Box 1055
 Indianapolis, IN 46206

I hereby report the following Honorary Life Membership award(s) for publication in *The American Legion Magazine*. This report is submitted according to the following guidelines:

- Each Honorary Life Membership listed below was awarded by our Post at absolutely no cost to the member. In each instance, the Post has made provisions to pay the member's entire Department and National dues for the remainder of his or her life (unless the member chooses to transfer to another Post).
- Due to severe space limitations, *The American Legion Magazine* cannot publish the names of the members who have purchased their own Life Membership under the provision of National's Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) program or from a Life Membership program administered by a Department; no such member's name is listed below. Only lifetime memberships purchased by the Post and awarded to the member will be published.
- Reports of Honorary Life Memberships are accepted for publication only when certified by signature below of the current Post Commander, Adjutant or Finance Officer.

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Name of Post _____ Post # _____

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Member's Name	Year Awarded	Mbsp Card ID # (Required)
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I hereby certify that I have read the criteria regarding publication of Honorary Life Members and that the member(s) listed above is/are fully qualified.

Signature

Date

Office Held (Post Commander, Adjutant or Finance Officer)

(Reproduce this form as needed)