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The more you show simple common sense, the more you can claim wisdom.

HOLIDAY REMINDER

The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will be closed on Monday, January 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING POSTS FOR REACHING 100%

Lewiston Post 210



Mid-Winter Conference January 19, 2019

Spectacular Event Center, Bangor

Showcase Our Programs

Mid-Winter Conference is still scheduled for Saturday as the weather is favorable. The DEC for both Legion and Auxiliary on Sunday has been canceled due to a predicted storm. Meetings will be re-scheduled for a later date.

Saturday: 0830

Opening Ceremony: DC Paradis

National Anthem: Houlton Post 47 - Jack Dean Mitchell

Welcome/Intro of Guests: PNC Jordan

Update on POW/MIA Memorial/Monument with pictures: NECA Kluj

100th Anniversary Presentation – Don Hands – Centennial Books will be available for review and ordering \$35.00 each

Legislative Committee: Matt Jabaut

Maine National Guard – Adjutant General Farnham or designee – MENG Review

Stuart Kallgren – Monument & Headstone Maintenance

DSO/ADSO: Carl Curtis/Maureen Malley

Americanism: Al McKay

Women Vets: Tricia Thurston

Finance Report: Tommy Adkins

Legion Riders: 100th anniversary updates/plans/POW-MIA bench – Don Mulcahy

Education/Training Updates: Maine Legion College – 2 classes graduated; what is next – New Class 3 dates – Matt Jabaut/Jason Hall/Kelly Ela

SAL: Scott Morton/Bruce Pierce

Boys State/Boys Nation: [Cony High School Student Caleb Richardson](#)-Boys Nation (also Eagle Scout) and Boys State Director Shawn Babine and Deputy Director Steve Moran

Laws & Rules Relating Beano or Bingo and Games of Chance: Milton Champion, Executive Director, Gambling Control Unit, Department of Public Safety and State Inspector James Gass

LUNCH – Sign Up – Price, Time, etc.

NEC Update: NEC Woods

Paul E. Dillard, Candidate for National Commander 2020-21

Blind Camp: Brian Knowlton

Brunswick Post #20: Jr. Shooting and Archery Event with [students/parents](#) (small set-up separate room) – Joe Donahue, Ed Stanhope

Legion College: 2018 attendee

Baseball: David Gray, Dennis Damon

Jerry DeWitt: Homeless Veteran Count – January 2019

Greg Marra: Sculpting Our Heroes

Boy Scouts: Peter Duston/Bill Benson

Law and Order: Kirk Thurston

Oratorical: Don Chase

Constitution and By-Laws: Jason Hall

Navy Operational Support Center: US Navy - Overview of Units and Deployments – Commanding Officer LCDR Carl Netzler

Foundation: Deo Lauria/ Tommy Adkins

Deeds/By-Laws: Paul L'Heureux

Membership Awards: Matt Jabaut/Debra Couture

Candidate Announcements

Sweepstakes Drawing & Announcements

Closing

Evening – Begins at 1630. Social Hour: 1630-1730; Dinner: 1730-1830;

1830: [Lee Humiston](#) and the Maine Military Museum – Lee to speak/also video/power points of the museum.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR TRENTON POST 207

The special meeting for Trenton Post 207 has been canceled due to the weather and will be re-scheduled in the near future.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 3 – Androscoggin: Jan. 20, Mechanic Falls Post 150, 2 p.m.

District 6 – Knox: Jan. 26, Rockland Post 1, 11 a.m.

District 11 – Waldo: Jan. 20, Belfast Post 43, 2 p.m.

February meetings

District 1 – York: Feb. 10, Berwick Post 79, 2 p.m.

District 10 – Somerset: Feb. 11, Madison Post 39, 5 p.m. social, 6 p.m. mtg. First nomination of District officers.

District 2 – Cumberland: Feb. 17, Portland Post 161, 2 p.m. Speaker on Americanism.

District 3 – Androscoggin: Feb. 17, Lisbon Post 158, 2 p.m.

District 5 – Oxford: Feb. 19, Dixfield Post 100, 6 p.m. light supper, 7 p.m. mtg. and nominations.

District 9 – Kennebec: Feb. 13, Maine Veterans Home, 310 Cony Rd., 7 p.m.

District 14 – Piscataquis: Feb. 16, Dexter Post 53, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. mtg.

District 16 – S. Aroostook: Feb. 3, Caribou Post 15, 1 p.m. Meal is at discretion of post.

Four Chaplains with District 17.

District 17 – N. Aroostook: Feb. 3, Caribou Post 15, 1 p.m. meal, 2 p.m. mtg. Four Chaplains with District 16.

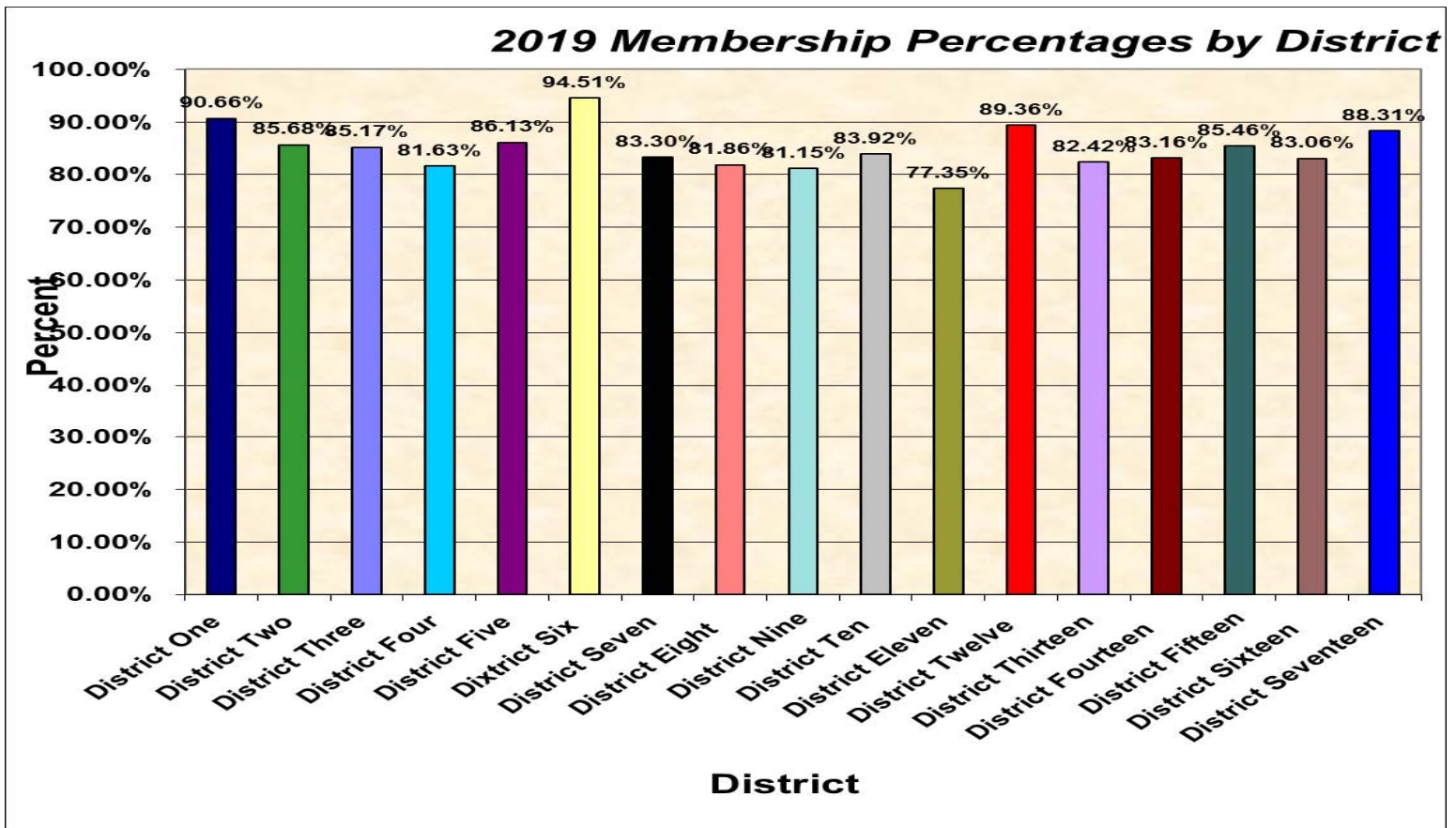
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All Post Finance Officers & Commanders:

We have received phone calls about an email sent to a Finance Officer of a post requesting the latest account information from that Post Commander. Also, we received an e-mail here at Headquarters.

PLEASE do not respond to such an email without first contacting your Commander. Please advise if you have also received such an email.

MEMBERSHIP





There will be a future dedication where all Riders in the State of Maine will be invited to witness this event and to view the new Legion Riders sign.

DONATIONS FOR THE BLACK MARBLE BENCH TO DATE

ALR Auburn Chapter 153	\$300 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
Megan McGillicuddy, Dixfield Post 100	\$25 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
On behalf of Robert Zuke,	\$25 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
ALR Kennebunkport Chapter 159	
Westbrook Post 62	\$200 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
ALR Naples Chapter 155	\$1,000 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
Jane E. Tannehill	\$10 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
Gray Post 86	\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
ALR Dixfield Chapter 100	\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
Corinna Post 73	\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
Kenneth and Marsha Poirier, Post 79	\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
N. New Portland Post 173	\$25 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
Wayne Brown	\$20 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
Robert and Mary Lou Lee, Post 41	\$50 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project

EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR

The Maine American Legion annually provides a \$500 scholarship to an Eagle Scout who is selected "Eagle Scout of the Year". The Scout of the Year is recognized during the Legion's Annual State Convention. The state winner is automatically sent in for national competition.

The national winner is eligible to receive a \$10,000 scholarship and three second-place scholarship awards are given in the amount of \$2,500 each.

The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships immediately upon graduation from a state accredited high school (public, parochial, military, private or home school) and must utilize the total award within four (4) years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty.

The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student providing it is state accredited, above the high school level, and within the continental limits of the United States, except in the case where the student may be from a possession of the United States, in which case he can select a school in that possession or in the continental United States.

Eligibility requirements specify that a nominee must:

1. Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion Post or Auxiliary Unit; OR be a registered, active member of a duly chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team or Venturing Crew and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or Auxiliary member;
2. Have received the Eagle Scout Award;
3. Be an active member of this religious institution and have received the appropriate BOY SCOUT religious emblem;
4. Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and the community;
5. Have reached his 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection;
6. Submit, along with the application, at least four letters of recommendation and testimony, one each from their religious institution, school, community, and scouting leaders.

To receive an Eagle Scout of the Year application form, contact The American Legion Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive Winslow, Maine 04901-0727 Tel: (207) 873-3229 or visit www.mainelegion.org. Completed application, with all necessary documentation are due March 1.

MILITARY TRIVIA

In the late 1950's and early 1960's, the Mau Mau were terrorists in what country?

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

To all who will be attending the Winter Conference, we need your help. The American Legion Auxiliary is \$7,000 ahead in donations for the special wheel chair projects for Togus. We are really looking bad. This was a Legion family Project and The Legion membership is not looking good. If you can bring a small donation and make a presentation to the State Commander during the Conference that would be very helpful to the Legion's "morale". Please help make this project a success story for our Veterans in Togus

Beano-Bingo and Games of Chance Warning!

If your post has any of the above mentioned programs you should pay attention to this notice. On January 19th at the Winter Conference to be held in Bangor, we will have The Executive Director and the Inspector from the State of Maine to review and answer questions on the NEW State Laws which took effect at the end of 2018. We will also have the copies of the Handbook that you may acquire at the meeting. Remember that we all have an obligation to keep our Posts and members informed to all current laws to avoid any penalties or fines levied so our fundraising can keep us focused on all our Legion programs. Please passed the word around and make every attempt to attend.

Monuments and Headstone Care Designing Monuments and Cost

Also during the Conference we will have 2 speakers in attendance, one to explain what can be designed locally and cost factors on specially designed monuments. The other speakers will review procedures for the proper care of monuments and headstones in cemeteries. This is a great opportunity to understand the procedure from design to maintenance by people who do this work as a trade and have dedicated their life to do it.

RECURRING EVENTS

Rockland Post 1:

Bingo Night: Every Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Potluck Supper: Every Friday, doors open at 6 p.m.

Augusta Post 2:

Friday Night Karaoke: Fridays, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Night Dance: Saturdays, 7 p.m., \$7, live bands.

Gardiner Post 4:

Open Jukebox: Every Wednesday, 5 – 8 p.m.

Pool Tournament: Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Open Juke Box: every Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m.

3 Card Challenge: Fridays, 6 p.m.

Cribbage Tournament: Sundays, 1 p.m.

Livermore Falls Post 10:

Suppers: Third Saturday each month, 4:30 – 6 p.m. \$7 adults, \$4 students under 12. For local delivery please call 897-5676. Join us for a great meal and bring your friends with you for a fun gathering.

Caribou Post 15:

Texas Hold-Em: First and third Saturday

Line Dancing: Every Friday evening.

Sanford Post 19:

Meat Raffles: Every Saturday beginning Oct. 6 thru May 4. Games begin at 1 p.m. Packages include lobster, steak, chicken, 50/50, progressive, winner take all.

Brunswick Post 20:

Veterans Free Coffee And Donuts: Wednesday mornings, 8 – 11 a.m.

Bath Post 21

Texas Hold-em Tournament: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, \$35 buy in. Game starts at 6 p.m. Registration open at 5 p.m. Food and drinks available. FMI call 319-4684 or 522-6127

Camden Post 30

Veterans Coffee and Chat: 1st & 3rd Monday of every month, FMI call Jeff Sukeforth 691-2270.

Winthrop Post 40:

Pool League Tournament: Mondays, 7-10 p.m., \$8 buy-in. Members and guests can sign-up.

Cribbage Tournament: Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Food available at the bar. Members and guests can sign-up. \$5 – buy in.

Free Pool: Saturdays, members and guests can sign up.

Texas Hold-Em Poker: Every Sunday, 2 p.m. \$55 Buy-in. Dinner served at 3 p.m. \$7

Texas Hold-Em Poker: First Sunday of month, 2 p.m. \$100 Buy-in.

Milo Post 41:

Bean Supper: Second Saturday of the month, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Damariscotta Post 42:

Texas Hold-em Tournament: every second Sunday and last Sunday of the month. \$35 Buy-in. Food and drinks are available.

York Post 56:

Fish And Chips: Every Friday night, 5 - 8 p.m. \$10 for haddock filet, fries, tartar sauce and coleslaw. Onion rings are \$2 extra; sweet potato fries are \$1 extra. Haddock nuggets, fries, tartar sauce, and coleslaw are \$9. Chicken tenders available for \$7.50.

Hamburgers And Fries: Every Wednesday (beginning Oct. 5) serving burgers from 5 – 7 p.m. \$5. At this time there are no additions or substitutions.

Locke Mills Post 68

Bingo: Every Friday night. Doors open at 4 p.m., games begin at 6 p.m. Meals & refreshments available.

Corinna Post 73

Bingo: Every Saturday night, doors open at 4 p.m., we start calling at 6 p.m. Refreshments served.

Music Jam: First and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 4 p.m. and playing starts around 5:30 p.m. Bring an instrument and play or sing or both, or just listen, refreshments served. If able we ask for a \$5 donation, we give \$25 door prize and we have a 50-50 raffle all proceeds to help Veterans.

Kennebunk Post 74

Pool/Cribbage: Every Wednesday, 2 – 4 p.m. in the Legion Hall

Norway Post 82:

Coffee Hour: Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. Everything is free. Coffee, many different types of donuts, coffee cake, muffins. Any veteran is invited to come by and enjoy the company of other veterans.

Greenville Post 94:

Bingo: Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Coffee: Monday thru Friday, 8:30 – 11 a.m.

Dixfield Post 100:

Nickel Bingo: Every Monday & Friday night. Games start at 6 – 9 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m.

Jamboree: Every Saturday starting January 12th, doors open at 4:30 p.m., supper 5-6 p.m., dancing/ music 6-9 p.m.

Newport Post 105:

Coffee and Homemade Muffins: Monday mornings 7 – 11 a.m. \$1 Come read the paper, watch the news or just chat. Members & guests welcome.

Guilford Post 119:

Bingo: 1st and 3rd Sunday of month. Early Bird at 1:30 p.m., Bingo at 2 p.m. Held at Guilford Masonic Hall, 34 Hudson Ave.

Richmond Post 132:

Reg. Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Bingo: Saturdays, 6 p.m.

Texas Hold-Em: 3rd Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Sabattus Post 135:

Dart Tournament: Every other Monday starting Sept. 19.

Cribbage Tournament: Tuesday, Sabattus Post 135.

Fridays Nights DJ: Come dance the night away with our new DJ.

Windham Post 148:

Texas Hold-Em Poker: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Windham Veterans Association & Post 148 at Dena's Restaurant, next to Windham Post Office - Jct. Rtes. 115 & 302. \$60 buy in.

Vet Drop-in Coffee: Every Wednesday, 9 -11 a.m. at the Windham Veterans Center. Free coffee and donuts. Post is also collecting non-perishable food weekly on Wednesdays for the Portland VETCEN Homeless vet program.

Waldoboro Post 149:

Bingo: Every Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

Naples Post 155:**Eagle Lake Post 176:**

Wings Night: Fridays, 5 – 9 p.m.

Topsham Post 202:

3 Card Challenge: Every Sunday, 3 p.m.

Open Dart Night: Every Monday, 6 p.m.

Post Dinner: Every Friday, 6 p.m.

CURRENT EVENTS

Chili Cook Off: Jan. 11, Augusta Post 2, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Entries for the contest are \$10. Prizes are 1st place \$50, 2nd place \$25. Members and guests at the door \$6. Come out for a good time and food.

New Year Double Elimination 2 Man Corn Hole Tournament: Jan. 19, Kennebunkport Post 159, 102 Main St./Rt. 9. Registration 10 a.m., kick-off at noon. \$20 per team. All proceeds go to The American Legion. There will be a cash kitchen, raffles and prizes for winners. Members and guests are welcome. BYOB.

Veterans No Boundaries Adaptive Sport Camp: Jan. 24 – 28, Sunday River Resort, Newry Maine. Open to military veterans and active duty personnel with disabilities. Family members and caregivers welcome. The many benefits of attending include opportunities to: Learn new sports and skills, gain self-confidence, meet new friends, reconnect with family members in a stress-free environment and create shared memories.

Benefit Dance for Candy Everett: Jan. 26, Winthrop Post 40, 5 p.m. – 11 p.m. The Maxtones & Calypso Soldiers. Dessert / Silent Auction. Donations accepted. Help/Call/Dessert & Items Donations, Call American Legion 377-8258

Women Veterans Book Group: Feb. 1 – Mar. 8, University of Maine at Augusta, Katz Library, Room 206. Registration is free, snacks and readings provided. Call or email Amy Line to register: 621-3215/amy.line@maine.edu. For women veterans/former service members of all eras. Readings include fiction, nonfiction and poetry from a variety of perspectives.

Texas Hold'em: Feb. 2, Locke Mills Post 68, 595 Gore Rd. Doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at 1 p.m. \$ 50 buy-in, 50/50, pull tabs, meals & beverages available. BYOB.

Veterans Town Hall: Feb. 13, Rumford Post 24, 5 p.m. Topics: Community care, VA Maine HCS updates, Suicide prevention and more.

2019 Veterans Creative Arts Competition at VA Maine Healthcare System: Feb. 27, VA Theater - Building 210, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. FMI: Call Liz at 207-623-8411 ext. 5371 or Courtney at 207-623-8411 ext. 4589

Answer to Military Trivia: Kenya



Gentlemen:

2019 Membership Report for 11 January 2019: We have 1,490 members for 56.89% membership. Our January goal is 60% (1,571 members). We need 81 more members to make it! We are currently 43th in the nation and 8th in the eastern region. Maine is moving up. Come on guys! It's time to renew! Keep those memberships coming! If there is a problem, call the adjutant at 754-4019. We're here to help. Those 2018 cards expired at midnight, New Year's Eve.

Guys! Maine is on the move in membership!

#	State	'17Mbrsp	'18Renew	'18New	'18Ttl	%Mbrsp
38	Maine	2,543	1,366	146	1,453	57.14%
#	State	'18Mbrsp	'19 Renew	'19 New	'19 Ttl	%Mbrsp
43	Maine	2,619	1,419	135	1,490	56.89%

That's 37 members more than this time last year. This week's 205 transmittal was a big step in the right direction but we need to keep up that momentum. Renew, recruit, reinstate and transmit often.

Squadrons lead the way: The following squadrons have already made the 60% target. They are; Sq. #56 York, Sq. #57 Old Orchard, Sq. #17 Portland, Sq. #86 Gray, Sq. #155 Naples, Sq. #153 Auburn, Sq. #158 Lisbon, Sq. #28 Farmington, Sq. #24 Rumford, Sq. #1 Rockland, Sq. #42 Damariscotta, Sq. #21 Bath, Sq. #51 Oakland, Sq. #39 Madison, Sq. #99 Bingham, Sq. #3 Calais, Sq. #9 Machias, Sq. #15 Caribou & Sq. #178 Headquarters! That's nineteen squadrons making our January 10th target date. Great work gentlemen. Nicely done!

Mid-Winter Conference 2019 will be held Saturday, 19 January at Spectacular Events Center, Bangor. We will open at 9:00 AM. This one should be fun and informative as we have a special guest to give us some training and inspiration. Don't forget the bowling tournament Saturday afternoon to benefit CWF. What do you say? Get a team together.

100% Membership Squadron (2019): Sq. #94 Greenville, Sq. #205 Augusta and Sq. #59 Pembroke. The first three members of the 100% Club. Who's going to be next?

My-SAL.org site offers access to membership. Sons of The American Legion squadron adjutants can now access membership information, reports and electronic membership tools online. www.mySAL.org National Headquarters developed the website to mimic myLegion.org, which assists post, district and county officers with their membership needs. Download an authorization form at www.mySAL.org to start the process of creating a squadron account.

Adjutant's desk: Went up on Thursday to headquarters & found 3-2018 & 205-2019 memberships from seventeen squadrons to process. Thank you for your hard work in membership and *keep them coming, guys!* Remember, membership is *everyone's* business.

Squadrons at Zero Membership: The following squadrons have no membership in for 2019: Sq. #159 Kennebunkport, Sq. #142 Peaks Island, Sq. #31 Auburn, Sq. #100 Dixfield, Sq. #112 Oxford, Sq. #151 West Paris, Sq. #2 Augusta, Sq. #132 Richmond, Sq. #16 Skowhegan, Sq. #25 Bar Harbor, Sq. #75 Old Town & Sq. #29 Dover-Foxcroft. That's twelve squadrons with no membership. As of January first, that's a problem.

Always remember to mail all membership & correspondence to: *Detachment of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Suite B, Winslow,*

Where in the state is Commander Scott? He will be at Spectacular Events in Bangor for Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, January 19th along with the whole Maine Legion family. Come on up & see us.

The following is excerpted from the S. A. L. National Constitution & By-Laws. With many members not yet renewed, our judge advocate thought it time to remind us of the policies in place.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP AND ARREARS IN DUES Section 1. Applications for Squadron membership shall be verified by the designated officials of the sponsoring Post of The American Legion having jurisdiction over the Squadron. Section 2. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February first, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February first, he shall be suspended from all privileges.

If he is still under such suspension on June thirtieth of such year, his membership in the Sons of The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Squadron and payment of current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Squadrons, Detachments, and the National Organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service.

Have a great week.

Bruce Pierce, Adjutant

In need of a January Thaw? How about the CWF Bowling Tournament

Well folks, we are a few days away from the 2nd CWF Bowling Tournament at the Sports Arena in Bangor, Maine. Here is where not only do we get together for friendly competition and a chance to take home the first place trophy and bragging rights for a year but raise some money for the Child Welfare Foundation. The Child Welfare Foundation was created by the American Legion to benefit children projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children. Each year grants are given to entities that help U.S. children. These grants are made possible through fund raising and donations. So on January 19th at 3 p.m.

at the Sports Arena, why not come out have some fun and be a part of a wonderful fund-raising event to support the CWF.

It's not too late to be a part of an afternoon of bowling. **Sign-up will go until noon on Saturday, January 19th.** We are looking for teams of 4 members. Teams can be made up of players of your choosing. Is there a Post, Squadron or Auxiliary looking to sponsor a team? Cost of Tournament is \$160. That includes shoes and three games. The best team score after three games will be declared the winner and a first and second place trophy giving to the winners. We hope to see you there and take part in knocking off last year's champions.

What to do for the day leading up to the bowling tournament? How about coming to the Spectacular Events Center in Bangor, Maine for the Mid-Winter Conference of the Department of Maine American Legion Family. Meetings, training and guest speakers will be on hand to make a full day of events. Cap the evening off with a Banquet at the Spectacular Events Center at the end of the conference on Saturday.

For more information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Service,
Richard "Dickie" Huntley, NEC Detachment of Maine



Special Olympics: Legion Family, we need your help. Our goal is to raise \$7,500. There are 40 Maine athletes going to the National Games and hundreds competing in the state Summer & Winter games. They need our support. Donations may be sent to Detachment of Maine. Please put Special Olympics in the memo line.

Special Olympics, Maine. Be a fan!

Al Morton, Bruce Pierce, Paul Turek & Ron Marr Special Olympics Committee, SAL.

CWF, a call to action: One of our detachment goals is to raise \$1.00 per member. Our current 2018 membership is 2,600+ members so our 2018-2019 goal is over \$2,600. Our challenge to each squadron is to donate a dollar per member minimum or \$100 if your squadron is under 100 members. Make checks payable to Detachment of Maine and put "CWF" in the memo.

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux
Department Adjutant



WELCOME HOME LUNCHEON



FOR OUR VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

Saturday, February 16, 2019

at the Rumford American Legion Post 24
184 Congress St. Rumford, Maine

The day begins with free haircuts
from 10am to 12pm
(local professionals have donated their time)

Resource tables will be available

Morning coffee and snacks

Lunch will be served at 12:30

Free giveaways

You do NOT have to be an
American Legion member to attend.
Free to all Vietnam ERA Veterans throughout the
state of Maine and surrounding states.

Please RSVP to Tricia at 357-3289



REQUEST TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS FROM RENEWAL NOTICE MAILINGS

DATE: _____

MEMO TO: Department Headquarters of _____

FROM: _____ Post # _____
Signature of Post Adjutant

The following member(s) should not receive renewal notices through National’s Direct Renewal Program. Exclusion will continue until National is notified otherwise by the Post/Department.

1) Please “X” if member has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership by Post (See “Notes” below)

Member’s Name _____ Member ID # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

2) Please “X” if member has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership by Post (See “Notes” below)

Member’s Name _____ Member ID # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

3) Please “X” if member has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership by Post (See “Notes” below)

Member’s Name _____ Member ID # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

NOTES:

This form is used to report members who should no longer receive renewal notices due to special or unusual circumstances; their records will be “C-coded” and the annual membership register will reflect a “C” in the Exchange Flag column. (Example: A member who is in a care facility and has requested the notices to be discontinued.) This form is also used to report members who have been awarded an **Honorary Life** membership by their Post; an “H” will appear in the “Type” column of the member’s record on the annual membership register. This form shouldn’t be used for any other purpose.

Do not use this form to report deceased members; please submit a Member Data Form.

Do not request “C-codes” for PUFL members, Honorary Life members or Department Life members since their “Type” codes (P, H and L) automatically exclude them from all renewal notice mailings.

Once a member’s record is coded to be excluded from direct renewal mailings, it will continue to reflect that code until National receives an authorized request to allow renewal notices to resume.



2019 POST INCENTIVE PROGRAM

ATTENTION!!!

POST COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS!



Please see below a letter from National Commander Brett Reistad encouraging all Posts to take part in a new incentive program that will earn the Post \$5 for every expired 2014, 2015 and 2016 member that renews at your Post for 2019. This incentive program starts now and ends on May 8. Please read carefully instructions (see below) on how to obtain the expired member list using myLegion.org.

If your Post is currently not signed up to use myLegion.org, and would like a copy of the expired member list either mailed or emailed, please call Department Headquarters at 207-873-3229 to obtain a copy. If your Post is interested in signing up to myLegion.org, please follow instructions below or call Department Headquarters for assistance.



Thank you for all of your hard work. I truly appreciate everything you do for this great organization. With dedicated leaders such as yourself, we can truly make a difference in our membership. Together we can accomplish our goal, but we must work together.

Let me tell you about a new incentive that starts now and ends with the 100% target date on May 8, 2019. Your post will receive five dollars for every expired 2014, 2015 or 2016 member that renews at your post for 2019.

After this incentive ends on May 8th a check will be disbursed to your department and they will send it to each post individually. As you can see, this is a great opportunity to earn some money for your programs while growing membership in your post and department. It is truly a win-win situation for your post and The American Legion.

The expired members can be found by signing into myLegion and choosing "Reports/Labels" on the left-menu.

1. Open (double-click) the "Post Reports" folder.
2. Open the "Revitalization" folder.
3. There you will find three reports where you can select expired members for letters, labels and rosters ("Unrenewed_Letters", "Unrenewed_Labels", "Unrenewed_Roster")

If your post does not have access to myLegion, go to www.mylegion.org and click on "Authorization Form" at the bottom of the page and complete the registration process. If you need assistance you can call 1.800.433.3318 or send an email to mylegion@legion.org.

Once you and your membership team have contacted expired members and are ready to renew them back into your post, there are a few things to keep in mind. To receive credit for renewing a 2014, 2015 or 2016 Legionnaire, they must renew in your post and you have to use their current membership ID number. The ID number will be on the expired listing downloaded through myLegion or provided by your department. If the expired Legionnaire was not a member of your post, please transfer them into your post and then process their dues payment. I encourage you to not only go after past post members, but also DMS and headquarters post members.

Again, thank you for everything that you do for The American Legion. Let's proudly "celebrate our legacy" as we work to reach 100% in membership during our 100th anniversary. Thank you for being a member of Team 100.

Brett Reistad
National Commander



**The American Legion, Department of Maine
2019 Mid-Winter Conference
Spectacular Event Center, Bangor
January 19, 2019**

The annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of Maine will be held at the **Spectacular Event Center, 395 Griffin Rd, Bangor, ME 04401 on January 19, 2019**. The conference will be hosted by Commander Scott Paradis and 2nd Vice Commander Debra Couture.

Special Rates for Legion Family for Hotel Reservations:

Holiday Inn: 404 Odlin Rd. Bangor, Maine 04401. Phone 207-947-0101

Room Rate: \$89.00 + sales tax. Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffee/Tea Maker, Elevator(s), Restaurant, & Lounge.

Quality Inn: 250 Odlin Rd. Bangor, Maine 04401. Phone 207-942-8272

Room Rate: \$88.00 + sales tax. Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffee/Tea Maker.

Fairfield Inn: 300 Odlin RD., Bangor, Maine 04401. Phone 207-990-0001

Room Rate: \$89.00 + tax. Refrigerator, Coffee maker, Iron & Ironing Board, Hot Breakfast included. Microwave in lobby area

Please state "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 11, 2019.

Mid-Winter Conference Registration Fee only: \$10.00/person which includes unlimited coffee/tea and muffins all day. (Please choose this option if you will be attending the **conference only** and not the banquet). **This is for American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Guests that are attending.**

Mid-Winter Conference Banquet Cost only: \$30.00 (Please choose this option if you will be attending the **banquet only**).

Mid-Winter Conference Registration Fee & Banquet Cost: \$40.00/person

Please note that boxed lunches will be available to purchase for \$10 at the Spectacular Event Center. There will be a sign-up sheet in the a.m. with the lunch of your choice:

Boxed Lunch: Turkey & Provolone on Artisan Bread – Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle

Boxed Lunch: Ham & Provolone on Artisan Bread – Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle

Boxed Lunch: Veggie & Provolone on Artisan Bread – Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle

Chips

Cookie (Individually Wrapped)

Bottled Beverage – Assorted Pepsi Products

Gluten Free Salad needs to be made for a special customer – no onion, no peppers, and low sodium

Please note: The banquet will follow immediately after the conference.

This year, we will be offering special guest speaker Lee Humiston from the Maine Military Museum.

Social Hour: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Meal: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Amazon Smile Fundraising Program

Dear Fellow Directors and Friends of the American Legion Department of Maine:

We are up and running!

American Legion Department of Maine Foundation can now accept contributions from Amazon through the “Amazon Smile” program as an IRS 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization.

It does not cost anything to sign up! When you make purchases on “Amazon Smile” (.05%) of every dollar you spend will be sent to the AL Department of Maine Foundation.

Here is how to sign up!

If you already have an Amazon Account, there no need to create another one.

You just log in at this link: <http://smile.amazon.com>

Here is a screen capture of the log in screen to sign in, then designate our Foundation as the charity, and start shopping.

(You must log in through the Amazon Smile portal each time you shop for our Foundation to receive the donation, do not go in through the regular Amazon portal when you shop.)



The screenshot shows the Amazon Smile sign-in interface. At the top, it says "You shop. Amazon gives." followed by a brief explanation of the program. Below this, there are fields for "Email (phone for mobile accounts)" and "Password". A "Sign in" button is prominently displayed. There is also a checkbox for "Keep me signed in." and a link for "Forgot your password?". At the bottom, there is a link for "New to Amazon?" and a "Create your Amazon account" button.

When you are asked to designate your Charity, type in: [American Legion Department of Maine Foundation](#)

You will see this confirmation on your account.

Here is what Amazon will email you when you are signed up successfully.

“Thanks for visiting smile.amazon.com! Per your request, we have successfully changed the AmazonSmile charity you are supporting to American Legion Department of Maine Foundation.

You have changed your charity to American Legion Department of Maine Foundation.

Generate donations for charity by placing orders here, at smile.amazon.com. [Shop now](#)

We will reach out to American Legion Department of Maine Foundation to ensure it is ready to accept donations from Amazon. [Learn more](#)

Remember, if you want Amazon to donate to American Legion Department of Maine Foundation, you need to start each shopping session at the URL <http://smile.amazon.com>, and we will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.
Visit Your AmazonSmile Impact to see donation information and learn more about your charity.
AmazonSmile: You shop. Amazon gives. “

The funds come directly to “American Legion Department of Maine Foundation!”

Please help us get the word out through the Maine Legionnaire Newspaper, Facebook, Twitter and email to your friends and family.

Most of all, use it during the upcoming Christmas shopping season and throughout the year.

Can you imagine if only half of Maine’s 16,000+ Legionnaires, in addition friends of the American Legion sign up, the increased revenue we could receive to help Maine veterans in need and support our Legion programs through this program could be amazing!

We must get the word out quickly! Feel free to forward to, please friends and family in Maine; as well all around the country!

Email the undersigned if you have any questions on how this works.

For God and Country!
Deo, Special Projects Co-Coordinator