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Always keep moving toward what you enjoy. That is what gives your life meaning.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING POSTS FOR REACHING
100%**

Ellsworth Post 63 Kennebunk Post 74 Peaks Island Post 142

WARNING: WARNING: WARNING: WARNING: WARNING:

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.**

SERVICE OFFICE

Information came from the Bureau of Veteran's Services (MEVET@mevet.lmhostediq.com). I'm sure we have some artist in the group that might be interested.

What: 2019 Veterans Creative Arts Competition at VA Maine Healthcare System

Where: VA Theater - Building 210

When: February 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For More Information: Call Liz at 207-623-8411 ext. 5371 or Courtney at 207-623-8411 ext. 4589

Maureen



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

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	\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 – York: Jan. 13, Sanford Post 19, 2 p.m. Oratorical contest, snow date 1/20.

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

District 5 – Oxford: Jan. 15, S. Paris Post 72, 7 p.m. Refreshments after.

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

District 7 – Lincoln: Jan. 14, Boothbay Harbor Post 36, 6 p.m.

District 9 – Kennebec: Jan. 9, South China Post 179, 7 p.m.

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

District 12 – Hancock: Jan. 9, will be holding the District Oratorical program at Stonington High School at 3 p.m. Members will meet at the high school at 2:30 p.m. District 12 will not be holding any District meeting for January and February. The 12th District is in need of a 1st Vice Commander. Any Member interested please contact the Commander Albert R. Scott 667-7665 or at scottypolly11@gmail.com.

MILITARY TRIVIA

The title of whose book translates as “my struggle”?

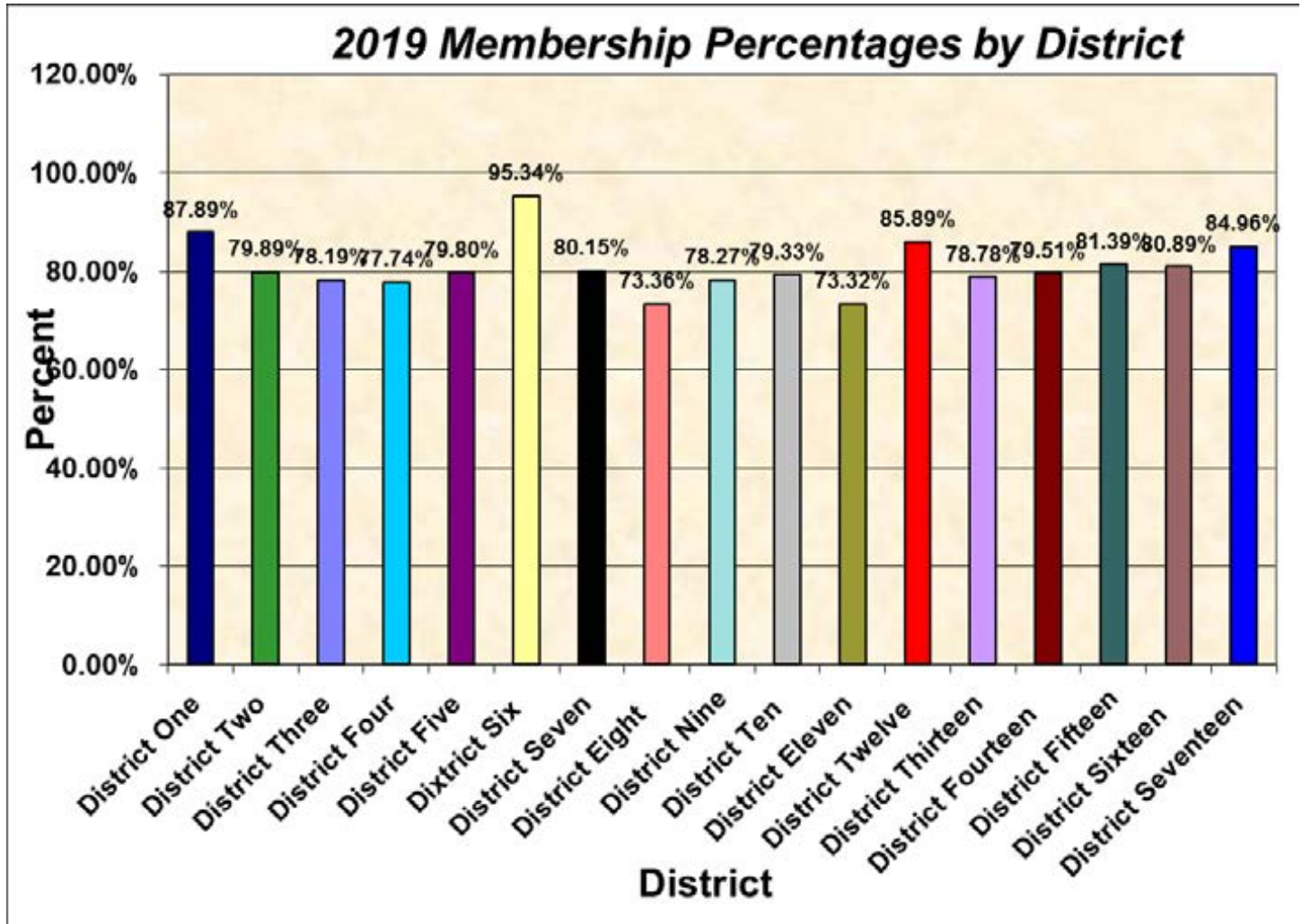
FROM THE ADJUTANT’S DESK

We have been notified that a current Legion Post has some Scout Troop items that they are willing to give to another troop. If you are interested please contact the Department Adjutant at: 873-3229 or cell: 754-6044

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

MEMBERSHIP



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, \$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.

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.

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

Veterans Night At Maine Mariners Hockey Portland: Jan. 4, tickets \$13 center ice, section ©. Order tickets on line, mention you are a veteran. FMI, please contact Jerry DeWitt at jdewitt@tcmhs.org. I have some tickets, if you call now 576-0376.

DONATIONS

Rumford Post 24	\$100 – Commander’s project
Waugh’s Mountain View Electric, Inc.	\$100 – Commander’s project
Jeffrey Gurney	\$50 – Commander’s project
Derrick Waugh	\$268 – Commander’s project
Derrick Waugh	\$102 – Commander’s project

Answer to Military Trivia: Adolf Hitler

Comment from last week’s Military Trivia: I just read the the Military Trivia question in the December 19th edition of the "Smile", which asked: What was Eva Braun famous for? and answered: Being the mistress of Adolf Hitler...

Actually, he made an honest woman of her by marrying her after he made out his Last Will and Testament. They then celebrated; reportedly she took poison, and he shot himself in the head. Talk about "Living Happily Ever after."

Harry



Gentlemen:

2019 Membership Report for 27 December 2018: We have 1,211 members for 47.23% membership. Our January goal is 60% (1,538 members). We need 327 more members to make it. Our next target date is 10 January and we have 13 more days to make it. We are currently 49th in the nation and 10th in the eastern region.

Come on guys! It's time to renew and it's time to transmit those memberships! If there is a problem, call the adjutant at 754-4019. We're here to help. Those 2018 cards expire at midnight, New Year's Eve.

Guys! We are not so far behind on membership for 2019 as we were.

#	State	'17Mbrsp	'18Renew	'18New	'18Ttl	%Mbrsp
46	Maine	2,540	1,154	132	1,241	48.86%
#	State	'18Mbrsp	'19 Renew	'19 New	'19 Ttl	%Mbrsp
49	Maine	2,564	1,141	115	1,211	47.23%

That's 30 members less than this time last year. This week's 117 transmittal was a big step in the right direction but we need to keep up that momentum. Renew, recruit, reinstate and transmit often.

In related news, Squadron #1, Rockland recruited seven from the same family in one shot! A big SAL welcome to the Wolfertz boys.

Squadrons lead the way: The following squadrons have already made the 60% target. They are; Sq. #57 Old Orchard, Sq. #155 Naples, Sq. #150 Mechanic Falls, Sq. #153 Auburn, Sq. #28 Farmington, Sq. #1 Rockland, Sq. #51 Oakland, Sq. #99 Bingham, Sq. #3 Calais, Sq. #15 Caribou & Sq. #49 Van Buren! That's eleven squadrons making our January 10th target date. Great work gentlemen.

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. The poster is attached in PDF for easy download. 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 6-2018 & 117-2019 memberships from nine 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. #16 Skowhegan, Sq. #43 Belfast, 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, ME 04901-0727.*

Have a great week.

Bruce Pierce, Adjutant

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

While we are just entering the winter season the cold and snow has not been paying much attention to that. So how about coming out on Saturday, January 19th at 2 p.m. at the sports arena in Hermon ME for our 2nd Annual CWF Bowling Tournament. We are still looking for more teams to sign up. Are you looking for a break from the American Legion family Mid-Winter Conference being held at the Spectacular Events Center in Bangor? We need teams of 4 however you want to stack them up, sign up right until noon on January 19th. So mix, match up those teams with Post, Auxiliary, Sons or go on your own. \$160 fee for tournament best team score after 3 games is declared the winner. Trophies for 1st and 2nd place. What better way to beat that January thaw than a FUN filled day with the Maine American Legion Family. Start the day learning what's been happening and what's going to happen in respective meetings and training's. Let's get together at the Sports arena at 2 p.m. for some competitive FUN and raise some money for CWF (Child Welfare Foundation). Look for special guests, 50/50 raffles and more. Who knows, maybe a new team can knock off the defending champions from Bath Squadron #21. The FUN doesn't stop here. Finish the evening off with the American Legion Family Banquet at the Spectacular Events Center and share in some wonderful companionship. For more information, don't hesitate to contact me and also watch for more updates as the date gets closer.

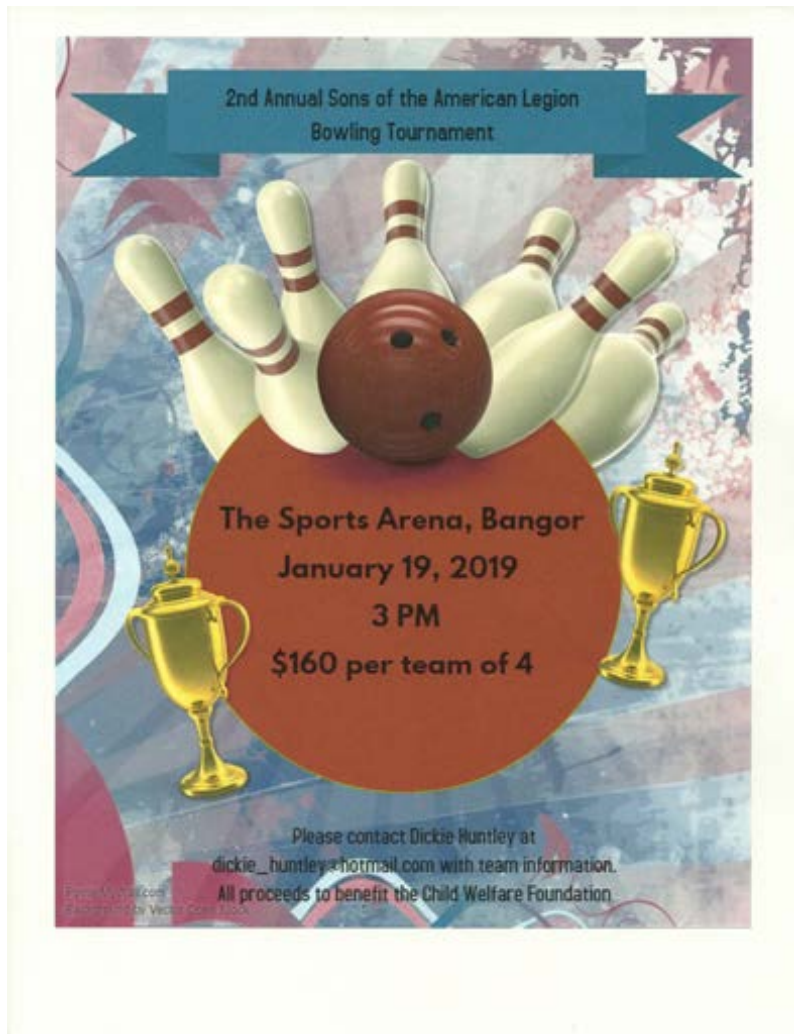
Yours in Service,
Richard "Dickie" Huntley, NEC Detachment of Maine

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

Veterans No Boundaries Adaptive Sport Camp!



*Join us, January 24-28, 2019
Sunday River Resort • Newry, Maine*

*Open to military veterans and active duty personnel with
disabilities. * Family members & caregivers welcome.*



The many benefits
of attending
Veterans No Boundaries
include opportunities to:

- Learn new sports and skills
- Gain self-confidence
- Meet new friends
- Reconnect with family members in a stress-free environment
- Create shared memories



**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 a special guest speaker Sheila Tukey who will talk about her experience as a nurse in Vietnam.

Social Hour: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Meal: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Mid-Winter Conference Reservations

January 19, 2019 – Spectacular Event Center, Bangor

Registration Fee/Banquet Cost: \$40.00/person

Banquet Cost Only: \$30.00/person - Registration Fee Only: \$10.00/person

Name	Phone No.	Registration & Banquet \$40.00/person (✓)	Banquet Only \$30.00/person (✓)	Registration Only \$10.00/person (✓)
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TOTAL # REGISTRATION & BANQUET TICKETS: _____

TOTAL # BANQUET TICKETS ONLY: _____

TOTAL # REGISTRATION TICKETS ONLY: _____

\$ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____.

Please make check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine

& mail check & reservation form to:

The American Legion, Department of Maine

5 Verti Drive

Winslow, Maine 04901-0727

Deadline for reservation is January 11, 2019

*****After this date the cost for the Banquet will be \$40.00*****

You must register for the conference or pay when entering the facility.

Banquet Menu Includes:

APPETIZERS

Crackers & House Specialty Cheese Spread
Veggies & Dip

DINNER BANQUET BUFFET

Freshly Baked Dinner Rolls
Caesar Salad and Tossed Salad
Mixed Vegetables – Carrots & Peas
Roasted Red Potatoes
Meat Lasagna
Parmesan & Encrusted Chicken – **Gluten Free**
Baked Panko Encrusted Haddock w/ Lemon Dill Sauce Assorted Cheesecakes

October 31, 2018

MEMORANDUM TO: DIRECTORS AND FRIENDS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MAINE FOUNDATION

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” Five cents (.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 page. At the top, it says "You shop. Amazon gives." followed by a brief explanation of the program. Below this is a section for logging in, which includes a text input field for "Email (phone for mobile accounts)", a "Password" field with a "Forgot your password?" link, a yellow "Sign in" button, and a checkbox for "Keep me signed in. Details". At the bottom, there is a link for "New to Amazon?" and a button for "Create your Amazon account".

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