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SMILE



The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING POSTS FOR REACHING 100%

Brownville Junction Post 92 Eliot Post 188

ORATORICAL

The American Legion, Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest will once again be held at Thomas College in Waterville on February 9, 2019 at 9 a.m. Snow Date: February 16, 2019 at 9 a.m.

The main purpose of The American Legion Oratorical Contest "A Constitutional Speech Contest" is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

For more information about the Oratorical Contest in Maine, please visit www.mainelegion.org, or contact your local American Legion Post, or The American Legion, Department of Maine Headquarters at 207-873-3229. Please check out the State and Local Oratorical Contests by visiting National's website at www.legion.org/oratorical

The names of all District winners need to be submitted to Headquarters by February 4.

ALL CONTESTANTS SHOULD ARRIVE BETWEEN 7:30 AND 8 A.M.

We need Staff Volunteers to help in several areas this year. Please e-mail Paul at paul@mainelegion.org if you can volunteer for one of the positions listed below.

- 1 Judge
- 2 Time-keepers
- 1 Tabulator
- 4 Escorts
- 2 Ushers
- 1 Room monitor

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 6 – Knox: Feb 2, Rockland Post 1, 11 a.m.

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, Van Buren Post 49, 1 p.m. mtg. Four Chaplains with District 17. Coffee and pastries.

District 17 – N. Aroostook: Feb. 3, Van Buren Post 49, 1 p.m. mtg. Four Chaplains with District 16. Coffee and pastries.

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.

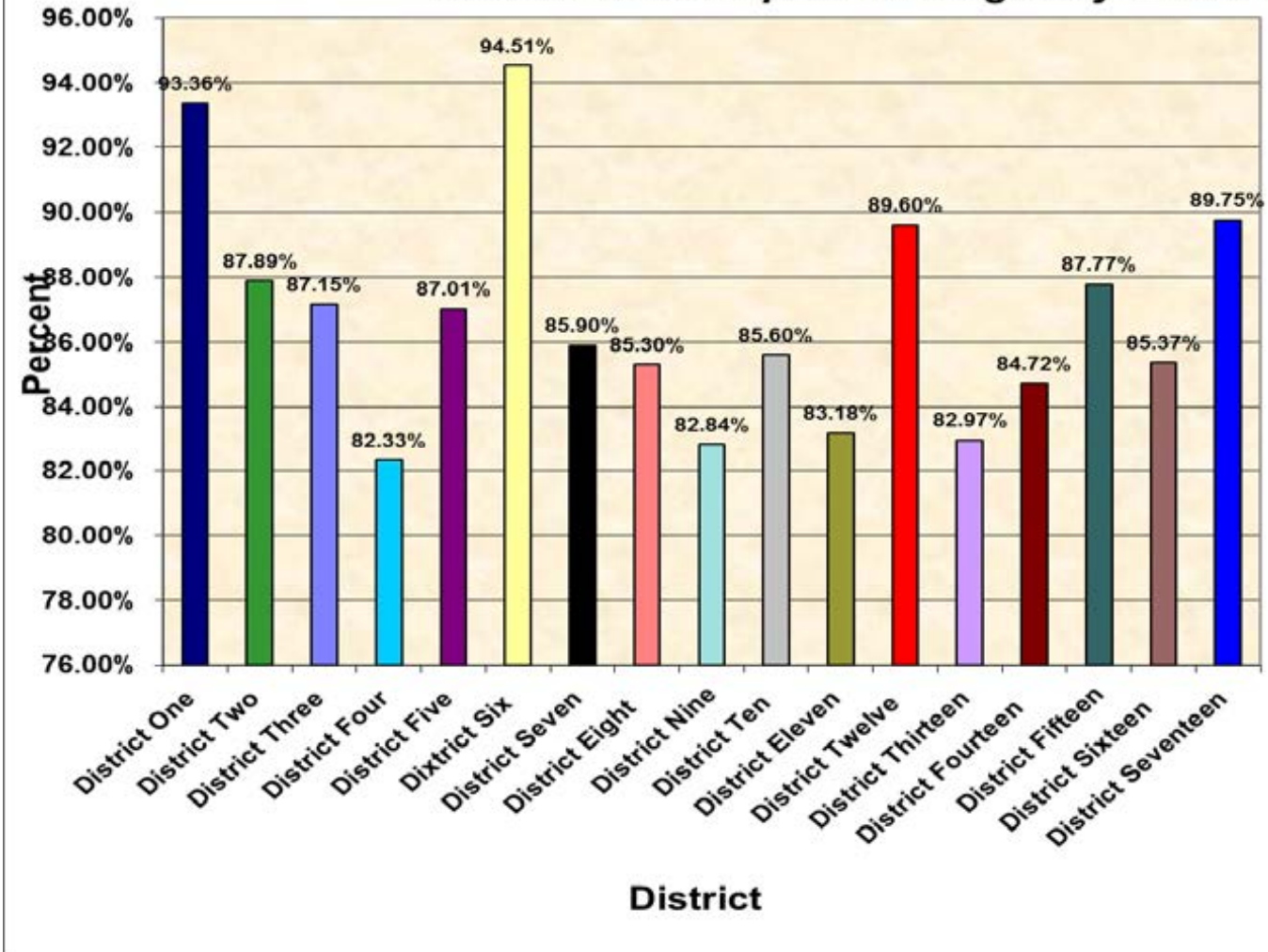
FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

2019 Legion College Class

We are now taking names for the upcoming Legion College Class. The first classes will be held on March 30th & 31st at Department HQ beginning at 8:30. Please contact the office by email or phone if you are interested. You can email me at: paul@mainelegion.org with your name, post# and home/ cell phone # so we may contact you if there are any changes. If you should have any questions please call the office at 873-3229.

All Legion posts: We need your help with membership. We are currently in a race to reach 85% with a chance to compete for a cash amount which would help in the purchase of computer equipment for the Department of Maine. At this time we are currently at 83.89% and need 187 more to reach 85%. I know we can make it by the end of this month. Let's pull together and get those memberships in.

2019 Membership Percentages by District



DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2019 STATE CONVENTION

June 7 – 9, Jeff’s Catering Center, 15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, Exit 5 Off From I 395. (HOTELS USED IN THE PAST LOCATED LESS THAN 2 MILES AWAY). PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

LD158

On Feb. 4 from 10 – 10:30 a.m., State House Hearing Room # ? a hearing will be held on LD 158 "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Beano" which would allow other members to assist. Check with security upon entering the building for the correct room number.



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

MILITARY TRIVIA

Reuben James was the first US warship sunk by what in October 1941?

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:

Dime Bingo: Every Monday and Friday 6 - 9 p.m. Food Available 5 - 6 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:

Bingo: Every Wednesday, Apr. 17 – Sept. 24.

Meatroll: Every other Friday beginning Feb. 1

Fish Fry: Every other Friday beginning Jan. 1.

Breakfast: Each Sunday 8 – 10 a.m. following the Fish Fry.

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

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.

Public Baked Beans and Casserole Supper: Feb. 2, Gray Post 86, 5 - 6 p.m. Hosted by Unit 86, 15 Lewiston Road. Pies will be the featured dessert. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children younger than 12.

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.

4 Chaplains Ceremony: Feb. 3, Gardiner Post 4, 9 a.m. (Breakfast following).

Pre-Super Bowl Party: Feb. 3, Gardiner Post 4, 1 to 5 p.m., Kick –Off Pre-Super Bowl Party 5 p.m. to?

Dance with RIFF-RAFF: Feb. 9, Gardiner Post 4, 7 – 10 p.m.

Four Chaplains Service: Feb. 9, Balsam Valley Chapel, Jonesboro. Wreaths Across America would like to extend this invite. If you have further questions or concerns please let me know. Kelly Hinkle
mailto:khinkle@wreathsassamerica.org

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

Valentine Day Dinner: Feb. 14, Gardiner Post 4, 4:45 p.m.

Bartenders Ice Fishing Derby: Feb. 16, Maranacook Lake, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. In Memory of Lee St. Hilaire & Carlene Steele. Biggest: Togue, Brookie & Salmon, Heaviest Fish for 12 & under. Free Fishing Weekend Door Prizes - Soups Chowder, Chili's, Hotdogs - Cash Prizes. Entry Fee: \$10. Anyone can sign up. Sponsored by Winthrop Post 40.

Valentine's Masquerade Dance: Feb. 16, Winthrop Post 40, 8 p.m. – 12. Calypso Soldiers. \$3 Donation.

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: A submarine in WWII

DONATIONS

Richmond Post 132	\$100 – Maine Blind Camp
NEC Lloyd Woods and Linda	\$150 – National Commander's Campaign
Madison Chapter 39 ALR's	\$500 – Homeless Veteran's
Madison Chapter 39 ALR's	\$500 – Legacy Fund
Madison Chapter 39 ALR's	\$100 – Togus Canteen (coffee & newspapers)
Madison Chapter 39 ALR's	\$50 – Veteran's Creative Arts
Brunswick Post 20	\$100 – Maine Blind Camp

KUDOS

This past Christmas, Santa wore a somewhat non-traditional color in addition to his usual red and white: Home Depot Orange! Members of Berwick's Charles S. Hatch Post #79 lent a hand to Toys for Tots by buying and donating ten boys and girls bikes. The bicycles were purchased from several area Home Depot stores at a black Friday price, with an unexpected additional 10% discount offered in support of this cause. Additionally, one Home Depot Manager elected to provide seven bicycles at half the black Friday price when told the purchase was for Toys for Tots and also pledged their support for Christmas 2019! The end result: ten brand new bicycles that list online for \$80 each were purchased for less than \$450. In addition to making Christmas special for ten lucky boys and girls, the outstanding support and generosity of Home Depot managers and employees, who also assembled all ten bicycles, helped Post #79 to "stretch" their dollars, making this a Christmas to remember for all involved. Home Depot, we salute you!

CONDOLENCES

Corinna Post 73 Commander Ethan Kelley has passed away. Ethan also previously served as Vice Commander and Finance Officer. A celebration of life will be held at noon Sunday, February 24, at the Corinna Legion Post, 47 Maple Street, Corinna, ME. Memorial donations may be made to the Corinna Post #73, P.O. Box 1, Corinna, ME 04928. Those who wish may leave written condolences at www.CrosbyNeal.com. Cards may be sent to his wife Elsie and family at 112 Main St., Detroit ME 04929.



Gentlemen:

2019 Membership Report for 25 January 2019: We have 1,705 members for 65.33% membership. Our January goal of 60% (1,566 members) is met and very close to the target date. Our next Target date is February 8th for 75% (1,958). We'll need 253 more members to make it. We are currently 32nd in the nation and 7th in the eastern region. 29 squadrons made or exceeded 60% of those, four are 100%. Come on guys! It's time to renew

our memberships! If there is a problem, call the adjutant at 754-4019. We're here to help. Right now, there are ten squadrons still at zero on the attached report. I challenge every squadron on that list to get some 2019 membership sent in to S. A. L. headquarters this week. Let's get rid of those zeros on the report. Our renewal rate is currently 44.83%

Guys! Maine is on the move in membership!

1/26/2018: 1,689 for 66.42% membership

1/25/2019: 1,705 for 65.33% Membership.

That's 16 members more than this time last year. This week's 65 transmittal was a help 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. #19 Sanford, Sq. #56 York, Sq. #57 O. O. B., Sq. #17 Portland, Sq. #86 Gray, Sq. #155 Naples, Sq. #161 Portland, Sq. #150 Mechanic Falls, Sq. #158 Lisbon, Sq. #28 Farmington, Sq. #24 Rumford, Sq. #1 Rockland, Sq. #42 Damariscotta, Sq. #21 Bath, Sq. #4 Gardiner, Sq. #40 Winthrop, Sq. #51 Oakland, Sq. #39 Madison, Sq. 99 Bingham, Sq. #75 Old Town, Sq. #3 Calais, Sq. #9 Machias, Sq. #15 Calais, Sq. #49 Van Buren & Sq., #178 Headquarters. That's 25 squadrons making our 60% target date. Great work gentlemen. Remember our next target is February 8th for 75% (1,958 members).

100% Membership Squadron (2019): Sq. 94 Greenville, Sq. 205 Augusta, Sq. #59 Pembroke & Sq. \$153 New Auburn. The first four 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. The form is attached in PDF format.

Adjutant's desk: Went up on Thursday to headquarters & found 65-2019 memberships from eleven 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. #112 Oxford, Sq. #151 West Paris, Sq. #2 Augusta, Sq. #132 Richmond, Sq. #16 Skowhegan, Sq. #25 Bar Harbor & Sq. #29 Dover-Foxcroft. That's 10 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

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux
Department Adjutant

WOOD STOVE HEAT



Ice Shed is configured with a wood burning stove. Instructions for use provide. Please replace any kindling/wood used for your time in the Ice Shed.

Availability: 3rd week in January –
3rd week in March 2019

Special Support From:

Lowe's - North Windham

Maine Flag and Banner - Windham

Village Donut Shop - Raymond

Moonshine Signs - Windham

Town of Naples Recreation Department

Maine Warden Service



SPONSORSHIP

**Sebang Lake Anglers
Association: Bob Chapin,
President, (Coordinator)**
571 217-1700 or 207 655-1028

**Veterans on the Water-
Tim Hoffman**

**Legion Field-Allen Post 148:
David Tanguay, Adjutant**
207 892-1306

**Legion Naples Post 155:
Curtis Merrill- 207 693-6016**



Veterans on the Ice

WHEELCHAIR RAMP AVAILABLE



Opportunities for
Veterans, both
disabled and mobile,
to go Ice Fishing on
Long Lake , Naples,
Maine
Winter 2019



Features:

Convenient Location at Kent's Landing, Naples with ample parking.

Extra wide Entrance (36 inches) for wheelchairs.

Wood stove for warmth and comfort.

Two fishing holes in the shed floor for easy in fishing in a warm sheltered area.

Optional 8ft. aluminum ramp for wheel chairs

Background

Veterans on the Water, out of Rockland ME, who sponsor open water fishing trips for veterans, have lent an 8 X 10-foot aluminum shed on skids for use by *Sebago Lake Anglers Association (SLAA)* who have turned it into a first-class ice fishing hut and have positioned it over a honey hole on Long Lake in Naples. The renovation required replacement of the door to make it wheelchair compatible (36 in.) and the addition of an 8 ft. ramp to get from the ice to inside the shed. Additionally, a wood burning stove for heat was added, and holes in the floor were cut for access to the ice for those wheelchair bound vets to fish directly in the shed. Parts of the exterior siding and internal insulation had to be replaced as well as adding a few creature comforts inside.

Purpose

The purpose of the hut, according to Bob Chapin, President of SLAA, is to, "Provide an opportunity for veterans, both disabled and fully mobile, throughout the state to take advantage of one of the most exciting activities we have here in Maine in the winter, ice fishing, and to do so comfortably and safely." Helping SLAA outfit the hut and monitor its use are two of our local American Legion Posts, Post 148 in Windham and Post 155 in Naples. Members of all three organizations will open the hut on days when veteran use is anticipated and get the stove up and running before the anglers arrive. Plans are already in work to host school and scout groups as well.

Usage by Vets

For those who are directors of veteran organizations or even veterans themselves who think they may want to give this opportunity a try, please contact the overall Coordinator, **Bob Chapin at 571 217-1700 or 207 655-1028** for additional information and a reservation. We expect the season to run from the third week in January to the third week in March when we are sure we will have solid ice. The Maine Warden Service helped SLAA get the hut into position on the ice. It will be easy to recognize on the ice not only because it is large but also because it will be flying the red, white and blue flag of the United States of America. *Don't wait, call now!*



The Veterans on the Ice Fishing Sheds sits over approx. 30 ft of water on Long Lake currently on 14+ inches of ice.

Photo above of Bob Chapin and Brother, Charles, checking out the shed



NATIONAL COMMANDER BRETT P. REISTAD
2019 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN
Certification Form
(3) New Members or (6) Renewals



Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address provided is for the recruiter and not the post.

Date: _____

Recruiter's Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Mail to Recruiter Mail to Post

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION OR RENEW (6) MEMBERS. (A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE PERSON JOINING FOR THE 2019 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2018 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION. PINS WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.

(3) NEW MEMBERS:

(Include full name, department, post)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(6) RENEWALS:

(Include ID number, full name, post)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Return completed forms to:
The American Legion
National Internal Affairs & Membership Division
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Fax: 317-630-1413
Email: ksingleton@legion.org

★ Montana to Maine ★



Support the L&A Veterans Council to help bring this Vietnam-era Corsair A-7D fighter jet parked in Helena, Montana to the Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston, Maine.



The fighter jet, which is more than 48 feet long and has a wingspan of nearly 40 feet, last flew in Panama in 1991 after *Operation Just Cause*. The U.S. Airforce Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio awarded the plane to the L&A Veterans Council and gave it permission to transport the plane to Maine.

TODONATE: www.gofundme.com/A-7toLewiston

FMI: Contact Jerry Dewitt, Chairman, L&A Veterans Council
207-783-4663, ext. 1228 / jdewitt@tcmhs.org



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

Winter **Softball** Classic



*"We play in the cold to help stop
Veterans from living in the cold"*

SATURDAY, FEB. 23 & 24 10:00AM

**LEGION POST 202
79 FORESIDE RD. TOPSHAM, ME**



Registration: min. \$200.00 donation per team
**Proceeds will be donated
to Homeless Veterans**

Winner receives Trophy.

Registration starts at 9am The first game is 10am at the Topsham American Legion.

6 Innings per game to allow for all games to be played.

Free Hot Cocoa and Hot Apple Cider provided.

For more information

Contact **Post 202 at 729-9870 for details**

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.)

A screenshot of the Amazon Smile sign-in page. The page has a white background with a light gray border. At the top, it says "You shop. Amazon gives." in bold. Below that, it explains that Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to a charity. It then states that Amazon Smile is the same as Amazon. The main section is for signing in, with a label "Email (phone for mobile accounts)" above a text input field. Below that is a "Password" label and another text input field, with a link "Forgot your password?" to the right. A yellow "Sign in" button is below the password field. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for "Keep me signed in. Details" and a link "New to Amazon?" above 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!

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