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Jan. 9, 2019



Easy and difficult things are just small parts of life, the rest are what have to be done.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING POSTS FOR REACHING 100%

Bucksport Post 93 Dayton Post 177 Etna-Carmel Post 107 Kennebunkport Post 159 Limerick Post 55
Pembroke Post 59 South China Post 179 St. Francis Post 180 Warren Post 218



Mid-Winter Conference January 19, 2019

Spectacular Event Center, Bangor

Showcase Our Programs

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 Hand – 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.

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. **CANCELED**

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. **CANCELED**

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.

FUTURE PROJECT FOR GEORGE T. FILES POST 20, BRUNSWICK



The Proposed Plaza to Honor All Maine Veterans

After a year of major planning, efforts are underway that will more deeply honor Maine military veterans through the building of a newly designed **Veterans Plaza**. It will be located on the downtown Brunswick, Maine Mall, a site currently serving as a WWII Memorial.

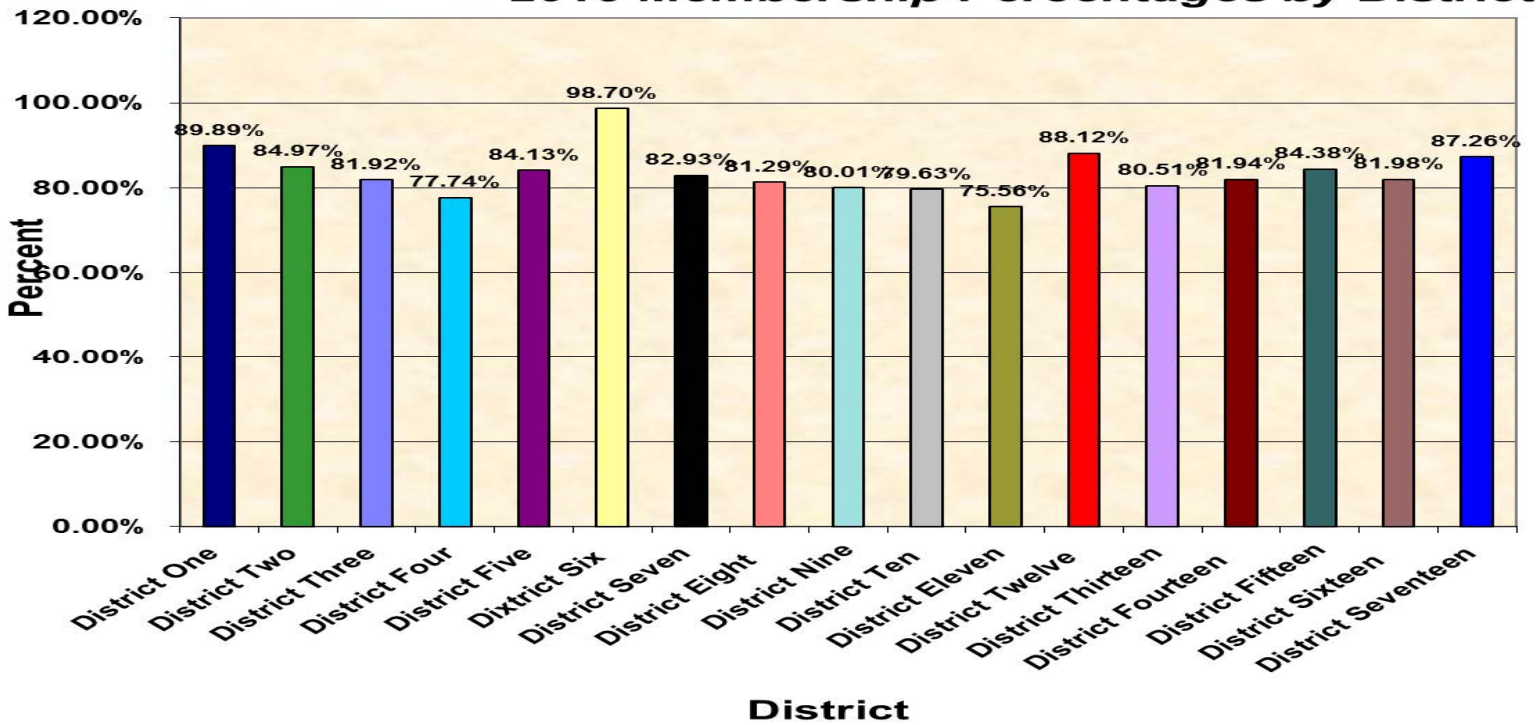
Planning thus far includes the design of the Plaza that has gained full and formal approval from both the *Brunswick Town Council* and the *Brunswick Village Review Board*. The architects for the Plaza are Richardson and Associates, the firm that designed the well-known General Joshua Chamberlain Statue and Memorial.

“This unique design embraces the concept of honoring *ALL* veterans from *ALL* Branches of military service,” states David Watson Commander of American Legion Post 20, and a Brunswick Town Councilor, “and it invites everyone to sit, spend time, and be reminded of the efforts of all our military to preserve our freedoms that none of us can ever take for granted. Many people have remarked that a Plaza with this mission is long overdue.”

An organizing committee has been formed and is currently developing efforts to attract the funding needed to construct the Plaza. American Legion Post 20 is serving as the fiscal agent for the Plaza Project. Included in the Plaza will be 320 granite honor blocks that people can adopt to permanently honor those veterans they wish by engraving the name of their honoree, their branch of service, and the years they served. For more information go to veteransplaza.info.org.

MEMBERSHIP

2019 Membership Percentages by District



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

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| 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 |
| N. New Portland Post 173 | \$25 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project |

CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP AWARD

Purpose: To submit nomination(s) for the Canadian Friendship Award.

Conditions: It shall be awarded to specific individuals who shall be war veterans within the accepted meaning of the term and members of an authentic veteran's organization in Canada.

The award shall be given to individuals in recognition of outstanding service in the field of veterans' affairs and in the development and perpetuation of the spirit of international goodwill and comradeship between The United States and Canada and between their veterans' organization and The American Legion.

Nominations may be made by any member of The American Legion in good standing, under such rules and regulations as shall be approved for such award.

Nominations: Receipt of award is limited to one (1) per branch and nominations are limited to one (1) per post.

Documentation: Each nomination shall be thoroughly documented (testimonials and other credentials, newspaper clippings, copies of awards, etc.) by the person placing the name in nomination. If space on the nomination form is insufficient, additional pages may be attached for consideration.

The nominator will be responsible for making definite time/place/presentation plans, subject to approval of the nominee for the award.

Deadline: Nominations must reach Department Headquarters by January 31.

Mail to: The American Legion
Department of Maine
5 Verti Drive
Winslow, Maine 04901-0727

Nomination form may be found at the end of this newsletter - duplicate as necessary. Additional copies may also be obtained by writing or calling Department Headquarters. This form may also be found on the Legion website at www.mainelegion.org. Form must reach Department by January 31.

MILITARY TRIVIA

Under the command of Napoleon Bonaparte, the French were defeated by the armies of the Seventh Coalition in 1815 at the Battle of Waterloo. Where was the battlefield located?

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.

SUBMITTING YOUR POST/DISTRICT HISTORY: INFO FOR ALL COMMANDERS, ADJUTANTS AND HISTORIANS.

1. Before you begin, you will need to have some info ready to be up-loaded to the National site.
 - Post namesake (if you have one or more). Also provide a brief history of namesake(s). Paragraph or two
 - Post/District First Commander, and brief history if available
 - Post/District significant individual(s) (historical) and history. Bio
 - History of the post/district (narrative)
 - Photos optional but great if you have them)
 2. Collect these items and write up in advance so that they can be uploaded. Any additional info needs to be typed directly on the site.
 3. When you log-in. retain your log-in info, so you can go back to the site for edits and additions.
 4. Go to: www.legion.org/centennial page
 5. Scroll down to: “share your history” (about half way down the site)
 6. Scroll a short distance further to: “Tell us about your Post” There are several photos, select the one with “Tell us about your Post”, click
 7. Next page will ask for: State (pull down and select Maine) and Post # (enter) and click “select”.
 8. If you have a history site it will come up, if not you are asked to “Please sign in and enter it”
 9. Sign in (keeping your sign in info) and follow the prompts, entering info by hand or download.
 10. When done, save and enter any photos, save and you’re done.
- You have successfully placed your Post History on the Centennial National page for all to review (and become one step closer to the Post Excellence Award.)

Looking forward to seeing all the District 2 and Post Histories on the Centennial Pages .

David Tanguay, District 2 Adjutant, 892-1306

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.

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

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.

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.

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

DONATIONS

Kristopher Elliott	\$15 – Homeless Vets
Charlene Banulis	\$25 – General Fund
Kennebunk Post 74	\$100 – VAVS Togus Canteen
Dept. FO Tommy Adkins and Christine Adkins	\$250 – National Commander's Campaign
Dept. Adjutant Paul L'Heureux and Audrey L'Heureux	\$125 – National Commander's Campaign

SICK CALL

Corinna Post 73 Commander Ethan Kelley has had an operation for stomach cancer. Cards may be sent to Ethan at 112 Main St., Detroit, ME 04929.

Answer to Military Trivia: Belgium – About 1 mile from the town of Waterloo.



Gentlemen:

2019 Membership Report for 5 January 2019: We have 1,285 members for 49.06% membership. Our January goal is 60% (1,571 members). We need 286 more members to make it. Our next target date is 10 January and we have four 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 still behind on membership from this time last year.

#	State	2017 Mbrsp	2018 Renew	2018 New	2018 Ttl	%Mbrsp
46	Maine	2,543	1,265	138	1,373	53.99%
#	State	2018 Mbrsp	2019 Renew	2019 New	2019 Ttl	%Mbrsp
49	Maine	2,619	1,196	128	1,285	49.06%

That's 88 members less than this time last year. This week's 74 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. #57 Old Orchard, Sq. #155 Naples, Sq. #153 Auburn, Sq. #28 Farmington, Sq. #1 Rockland, Sq. #42 Damariscotta, Sq. #51 Oakland, Sq. 99 Bingham, Sq. #3 Calais & Sq. #15 Caribou! That's ten 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. The form is attached in PDF format.

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. #132 Richmond, Sq. #16 Skowhegan, Sq. #43 Belfast, Sq. #25 Bar Harbor, Sq. #75 Old Town & Sq. #29 Dover-Foxcroft. That's thirteen 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.*

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.

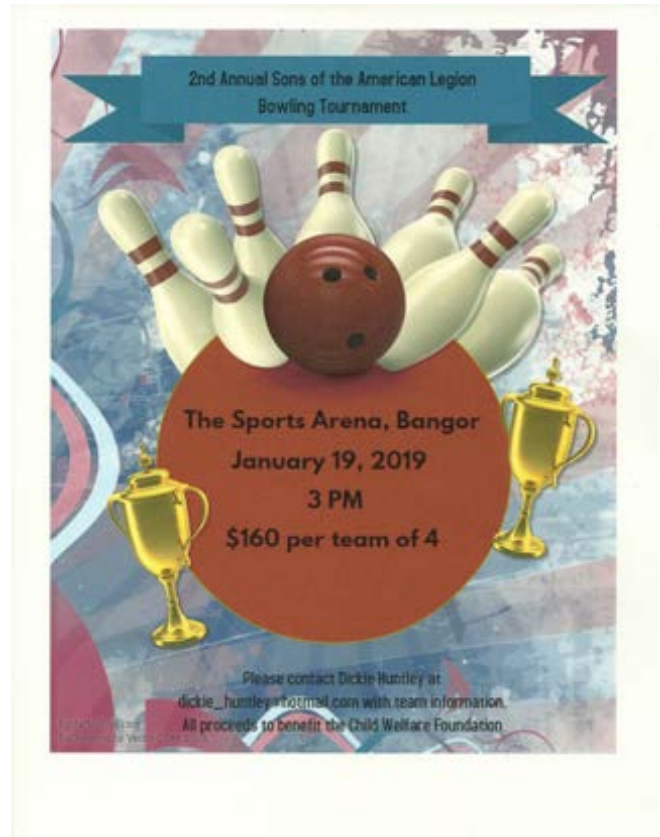
Bruce Pierce, Adjutant

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

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

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Nominee's Full Name _____

Address _____

Nominee is a member of _____, an authentic veterans
(Veterans Organization Name, Branch or Chapter #)

organization in Canada. Nominee is a veteran of the Armed Forces of Canada and served during
_____, at which time Canada was allied with the United States of America.
(Name of War)

Nominee holds, or has held, the following offices in _____
(Name of Veterans Organization)

This nomination for the Canadian Friendship Award is recommended in recognition of outstanding service in the field of veterans' affairs and for service and contributions made in the development and preservation of good will and comradeship between the veterans' organization of the nominee and The American Legion, as is evidenced by the following:

(NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO THIS FORM.)

RECEIPT OF THIS AWARD IS LIMITED TO ONE PER BRANCH AND NOMINATIONS ARE LIMITED TO ONE PER POST.

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SUBMITTING NOMINATION			
_____ (Name)	_____ (Department)	_____ (Post)	_____ (Member ID No.)
_____ (Street Address)	_____ (City)	_____ (State)(Zip Code)	
_____ (Submitting Member's Signature)		_____ (Date Submitted)	
_____		_____	

MAIL COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM BY JANUARY 31 TO:

The American Legion, Department of Maine
5 Verti Drive
Winslow, Maine 04901-0727



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 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.)

A screenshot of the Amazon Smile login page. The page has a white background with a light gray border. At the top, it says "You shop. Amazon gives." in bold black text. Below that, it explains that Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to a charitable organization. It then states that Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know. There is a section for logging in, with a text input field for "Email (phone for mobile accounts)", a "Password" label, and a "Forgot your password?" link. A yellow "Sign in" button is below the password field. There is a checkbox for "Keep me signed in. Details" and a "New to Amazon?" link. At the bottom, there is a gray button that says "Create your Amazon account".

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Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com

Email (phone for mobile accounts)

Password [Forgot your password?](#)

Sign in

Keep me signed in. [Details](#)

[New to Amazon?](#)

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

Move the Rock!



The Monument Rock at Brunswick High School displays the names of BHS students killed in action from WWII through Vietnam.

The rock sits off to the side of BHS. Donations are being accepted to move the rock to a prominent spot in front of the flagpole.

It's estimated that it will cost \$2000 to move and place the rock.

Donations may be sent to:
Brunswick Superintendent of Schools
46 Federal St, Brunswick
Note "Move the Rock" on check