



# The American Legion Department of Maine

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Feb. 6, 2019



**The next best thing to being wise oneself is to live in a circle of those who are.**

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

Newport Post 105 Portland Post 168 Vanceboro Post 172

### **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](http://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](http://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
- 1 Tabulator
- 2 Escorts
- 1 Ushers
- 1 Room monitor

## **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

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

**District 15 – Washington:** Feb. 10, Machias Post 9, 1 p.m. social hour, 2 p.m. mtg. Luncheon afterwards consisting of Hot Turkey sandwiches along with all the fixings. Please R.S.V.P. If you plan to attend by informing me either by Legion phone (207) 255-8665 or Ike Hubbard, cell (207) 263-8478 or e-mail alpost9@yahoo.com or mine at rakerl@mgemaine.com.

**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.

## **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.**

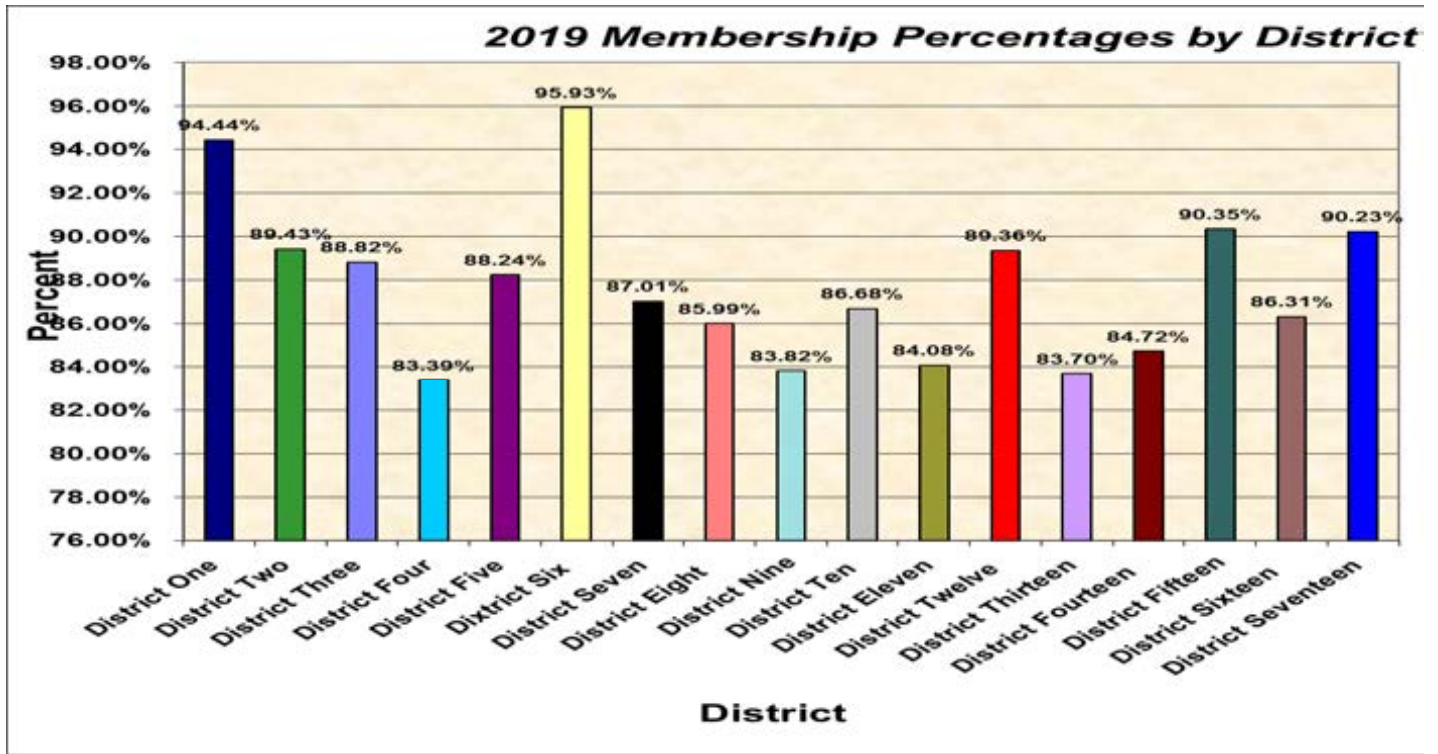
## **FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK**

### **2019 Legion College Class**

We are now taking names for the upcoming Legion College Class. The first classes will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

# 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

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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, 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
NECA Randy Kluj and Janet	\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project

## **MILITARY TRIVIA**

The dictator Benito Mussolini preferred 50,000 rifles to 50,000 what?

## **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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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@wreathsacrossamerica.org

**Military Appreciation Series:** Feb. 10, 1 p.m. The University of Maine Athletic Department is proud to once again bring to our service men and women its Military Appreciation Series, presented by Dead River Company. This partnership, in its fourth year, will provide the opportunity for the Black Bears to honor our military men and women at athletic events over the course of the 2018-19 season. A major component of the Military Appreciation Series partnership with Dead River Company is to provide all military personnel, veterans and their immediate family members with complimentary tickets to each of the selected games. The third game to date in the Series will be the UMaine Men's Basketball contest against UMBC. Military personnel and veterans with proper identification are asked to call the ticket office at 207-581-BEAR to reserve complimentary tickets for themselves and their immediate family members. Ticket(s) may also be picked up by visiting the UMaine Athletic Will Call table on game day, located in the Cross Insurance Center concourse. For more information regarding Military Appreciation Series tickets call the University of Maine box office at 207-581-BEAR. To order additional tickets to select Black Bear athletic events, please visit GoBlackBears.com or call the box office.

**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

## DONATIONS

NECA Randy Kluj and Janet	\$150 – National Commander's Campaign
NECA Randy Kluj and Janet	\$50 – Commander's project
Kenneth Nason and Joelle, Litchfield Post 181	\$50 – Commander's project
Area 2 Commander Kirk Thurston and Department Chaplain Patricia Thurston	\$150 – National Commander's Campaign

Sangerville Post 165  
Robert Mooney, Westbrook Post 197

\$100 – Maine Blind Camp  
\$5 – Commander's project

## KUDOS

Pembroke Post 59 donated \$1,000 in debit cards to the Coast Guard in Eastport.

## SICK CALL

District 2 Commander Curtis Merrill's's wife Marian is in the hospital. Marian is also Auxiliary 1<sup>st</sup> District President. Cards may sent to her at 90 Sand Rd., Naples ME 04055.

**Answer to Military Trivia:** votes



Gentlemen:

**2019 Membership Report for 1 February 2019:** We have 1,796 members for 68.81% membership. Our next Target date is February 8<sup>th</sup> for 75% (1,958). We'll need 162 more members to make it. We are currently 35th in the nation and 7th in the eastern region. 13 squadrons already made 75% and six are 100% or better! 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!

2/2/2018: 1,758 for 69.13% membership

2/1/2019: 1,796 for 68.81% Membership.

That's 38 members more than this time last year. This week's 96 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 75% target. They are; Sq. #19 Sanford, Sq. #56 York, Sq. #57 O. O. B., Sq. #155 Naples, Sq. #28 Farmington, Sq. #24 Rumford, Sq. #1 Rockland, Sq. #21 Bath, Sq. #4 Gardiner, Sq. #51 Oakland, Sq. #99 Bingham, Sq. #3 Calais & Sq. #15 Calais. That's thirteen squadrons making our 75% target date early. Great work gentlemen. Remember our next target is February 8<sup>th</sup> for 75% (1,958 members).

**100% Membership Squadron (2019):** Sq. #94 Greenville, Sq. #205 Augusta, Sq. #59 Pembroke, Sq. #153 New Auburn, SQ. #2 Augusta & Sq. #132 Richmond. The first six members of the 100% Club. Way to go guys! 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](http://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](http://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 96-2019 memberships from fourteen 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. #112 Oxford, Sq. #151 West Paris, Sq. #16 Skowhegan, Sq. #25 Bar Harbor & Sq. #29 Dover-Foxcroft. That's 7 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.*

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A message from our National Chaplain.

On February 3, 1943 at 12:55 a.m., U.S.A.T. Dorchester carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers was hit by a torpedo fired by a German submarine. The ship would sink in less than thirty minutes and 672 would perish. Through the pandemonium, four chaplains brought hope and comfort.

Those four chaplains were Methodist minister, Lt. George L. Fox; Rabbi Lt. Alexander D. Goode; Father Lt. John P. Washington and Dutch Reformed Pastor Lt. Clark V. Poling.

The four chaplains went among the soldiers calming the frightened, tending to the wounded and guiding those disoriented to safety. But among all this, they prayed and gave encouragement.

A witness stated that when all the life jackets were passed out; the chaplains removed their life jackets and gave them to four young soldiers.

As the Dorchester was sinking, witnesses saw the Four Chaplains praying with their arms linked together go down with the ship.

Poet, Carl Sandburg, said; "Valor is a gift. Those having it never know for sure whether they have it until the test comes." The Four Chaplains are an enduring example of this statement.

John 15:13 reads "Greater Love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

There was no preference by the Four Chaplains in regards to the men's religious beliefs, only to who was next in line.

"Heavenly Father, we pay tribute to these Four Chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save men of all faiths. May their sacrifices be an example to us, that we show expressions of love to our fellow man. Amen."

"For God and Country"

David Rippe, National Chaplain, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Nebraska

**Where in the state is Commander Scott?** He'll be at the 4 Chaplains Service. Bath Post 21 family will be performing the ceremony at 10 a.m., Feb 3rd at the 4 Square Gospel Church.

Have a great week.

Bruce Pierce, Adjutant

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Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux  
Department Adjutant



**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION**

**THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SELECTION.  
USE ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY. SUBMIT ANY NEWS CLIPPINGS AND OTHER SUPPORTING  
MATERIAL AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY TO QUALIFY THE NOMINEE.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Town/City) (State) (Zip) (Telephone)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of Birth) (Military Service - Branch and Number of years.)

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Is the nominee a member of the Legion Family) (If so, list Post name and #.)

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Education) (Marital Status)

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Professional Service - Length of time employed as a Law Enforcement Officer, rank attained, special schools attended, commendations, citations, etc.)

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Resume of any acts performed above and beyond the call of duty, special assignments or accomplishments that should merit special attention including military decorations.)

8. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Community Service – service in community such as Scouting, special youth programs, public offices held, fraternal organizations, etc.)

9. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, number, address and telephone # of sponsoring Post/County/District.)

10. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Commander or Adjutant of sponsoring Post/County/District.)

Applications must be submitted to Department Headquarters no later than **May 1**.  
Return to: The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727. For any questions, call Department Headquarters at 873-3229.



## WINTER WISH LIST

Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (207) 621-4886  
1 VA Center (135)  
Augusta, ME 04330  
[VAVSMaine@VA.GOV](mailto:VAVSMaine@VA.GOV)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – No experience required, we will train you!**

1. **Red Coat Ambassador Program** – Greeters and Guides at all locations including CBOS (Monday – Friday)
2. **DAV - Voluntary Transportation Network** (Bethel/Sanford/Rumford/Aroostook/Augusta)
3. **Parking Lot Shuttle Driver** – (On-Call)
4. **Community Living Centers** – Meal Time Companion(must complete on-site training)
5. **Community Living Center Volunteers** – Friendly companion to a Veteran (Monday – Friday)
6. **Maintenance Volunteer** – Repairs, Construction Projects, Cleaning etc. – (Monday – Friday)
7. **Patient Representative** - (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
8. **Homeless Program Volunteer** – Organizing and distributing household items to Veterans (Tuesdays)

### **PROGRAMS IN NEED OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

1. Homeless Veteran Assistance Fund (Support the needs of Veterans transitioning into permanent housing)
2. Homeless Veteran Stand-Down (Supports yearly event that provides clothing, gear and personal care items for Homeless Veterans)
3. Funds to purchase Canteen/Coupon Books
4. Recreation General Purpose Funds to support various activities
5. Holiday Meal Fund (Provides meals for patients' family members during the holidays)

### **SPECIAL REQUESTS/PROJECTS:**

1. Comfort Items, large and travel sized items needed, i.e., nail clippers, toenail clippers, denture adhesive, body wash, body lotion, toothbrush covers, deodorant, disposable and electric razors (Higher Quality Razors Preferred), powders, & mouth wash. (**No alcohol based products**)
2. Gas Cards (\$10)
3. Tracfone Cards
4. Tracfones
5. Hannaford Gift Cards (\$25)
6. Walmart Gift Cards (\$25)
7. Over the Ear Headphones (Must be New) **No Ear Buds**
8. Sneakers (sizes 11-13 men's)
9. Men's Underwear ( Small & Medium preferred but various sizes are needed)

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**NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME:** VHS Movies, Afghans; Jigsaw Puzzles; Used Clothing; Used Stamps; Magazines over three months old; Dental Floss; After-Shave; Hand Lotion, Blank Greeting Cards and Envelopes. **Due to Infection Control policies we are unable to accept used clothing/bedding walkers, canes, or crutches.**

Currently we are unable to accept personal memorabilia and artwork.

**\*\*Homeless Housewarming items are not needed at this time due to having an ample supply on hand.\*\***

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. The announcement reflects the tax law provision, which makes those donations deductible as "donations to the United States". Donations to support any of the Department's programs are deductible, whether the donor directs that the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allows the Department to decide how the donated funds will be used. Donated funds made by check should be made out to "VAVS" and sent to the address above.

**\*\* Please note that donations can only be accepted Monday – Friday from 7:30am – 4:00 pm. All donations must be dropped off at Voluntary Service B205, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, R307. The front desk or any other department cannot accept donations.**



# 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 black text. 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 centered below the password field. Underneath the button is a checkbox labeled "Keep me signed in. Details" with a dropdown arrow. At the bottom, there is a link "New to Amazon?" above a gray button labeled "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.

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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.

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Deo, Special Projects Co-Coordinator