



## The American Legion Department of Maine

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**If you're not giving the world the best you have, what world are you saving it for?**

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

Brunswick Post 20 Gray Post 86 Harpswell Post 171 Mechanic Falls Post 150

### **AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY JOINT TESTIMONIAL**

**American Legion Department Commander – Scott Paradis**

**American Legion Auxiliary President – Joan Caron**

**Sons of American Legion Commander – Scott Morton**

**May 11, 2019**

**Social Hour 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Dinner 4:00**

**Program to follow**

**Cash bar available in banquet hall**

**Fitzgerald-Cummings Post 2 – Augusta**

**American Legion Family**

**294 Capital Street, Augusta**

#### **MENU**

Appetizers: Cheese and Cracker Tray

Choice of Rolled Pork Roast or Baked Stuffed Haddock

Garden Salad

Glazed Baby Carrots

Creamy Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Rolls  
Coffee, Tea  
Carrot Cake Cupcakes

**Gluten Free meal option available.** Stuffed haddock stuffing will be gluten free. Gluten free rolls for the gluten free dinners. Gluten free meals will be served with a baked potato. Gluten free dessert.

**Deadline for reservations: May 4, 2019.**

For your pleasure, Fitzgerald-Cummings Post 2 Legion Family cordially invites those attending the testimonial, to join in the Canteen after dinner for entertainment – no cover charge. A ticket will be issued to attendees upon arrival for the testimonial.

**\$18.00 per person.** Make checks payable to: ALA Unit 2. Please write the number of haddock or rolled pork roast dinners on check, or enclose a note with the check. Write your name on the note.

Gluten Free Option – Please state “GF” on check or enclose note with your name.

All tickets to be picked up at the door.

**Mail to:** Joyce Thurlow, Secretary, ALA Unit 2, 1 Meadowrue Dr., Augusta, Maine 04330.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Rolled Roast Pork \_\_\_\_\_ # of Haddock \_\_\_\_\_

# of Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_

## **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

**District 1 – York:** Apr. 7, Kennebunkport Post 159, 2 p.m.

**District 2 – Cumberland:** Apr. 9, Gray Post 86, District 2 Past Commanders and 1<sup>st</sup> District Presidents night, social hour 5 – 6 p.m., dinner 6 p.m. Meeting to follow and nomination of officers.

**District 3 – Androscoggin:** Apr. 14, Lewiston Post 22, 2 p.m.

**District 5 – Oxford:** Apr. 17, Rumford Post 24, 6 p.m. light supper, 7 p.m. mtg. and installation of officers.

**District 9 – Kennebec:** Apr. 10, Richmond Post 132, 7 p.m.

**District 10 – Somerset:** Apr. 8, Skowhegan Post 16, 1700 hr. social hour and 1800 hr. meeting, Nomination of officers, election of officers and installation of officers.

**District 11 – Waldo:** Apr. 14, Unity Post 50, 2 p.m.

**District 12 – Hancock:** Apr. 8, VFW Post 109, Outer Main St., Ellsworth. Supper 6:30 p.m., meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. We will be excepting names for all upcoming District Officers for 2020. If you would like to place your name in for one of the Offices, please let us know at your earliest convenience, by phone (207) 667-7665) or by email at pollyscotty11@gmail.com. The election will held at the May 11 meeting, held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Stonington.

**District 13 – Penobscot:** Apr. 7, Bangor Post 12, 2 p.m., refreshments served. Elections

**District 14 – Piscataquis:** Apr. 20, Dover-Foxcroft Post 29, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. mtg. Election of officers.

**District 17 – N. Aroostook:** Apr. 7, Eagle Lake Post 176, 1 p.m. meal, 2 p.m. mtg. Nominations.

## 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.

We have acquired some pictures of Maine's Past National Commander Anthony Jordan with a Thank You to each Post in Maine. If you currently do not have one for your Post home, please forward an email or call the office and he will sign them and we will forward them to you.

## FROM THE SERVICE OFFICE

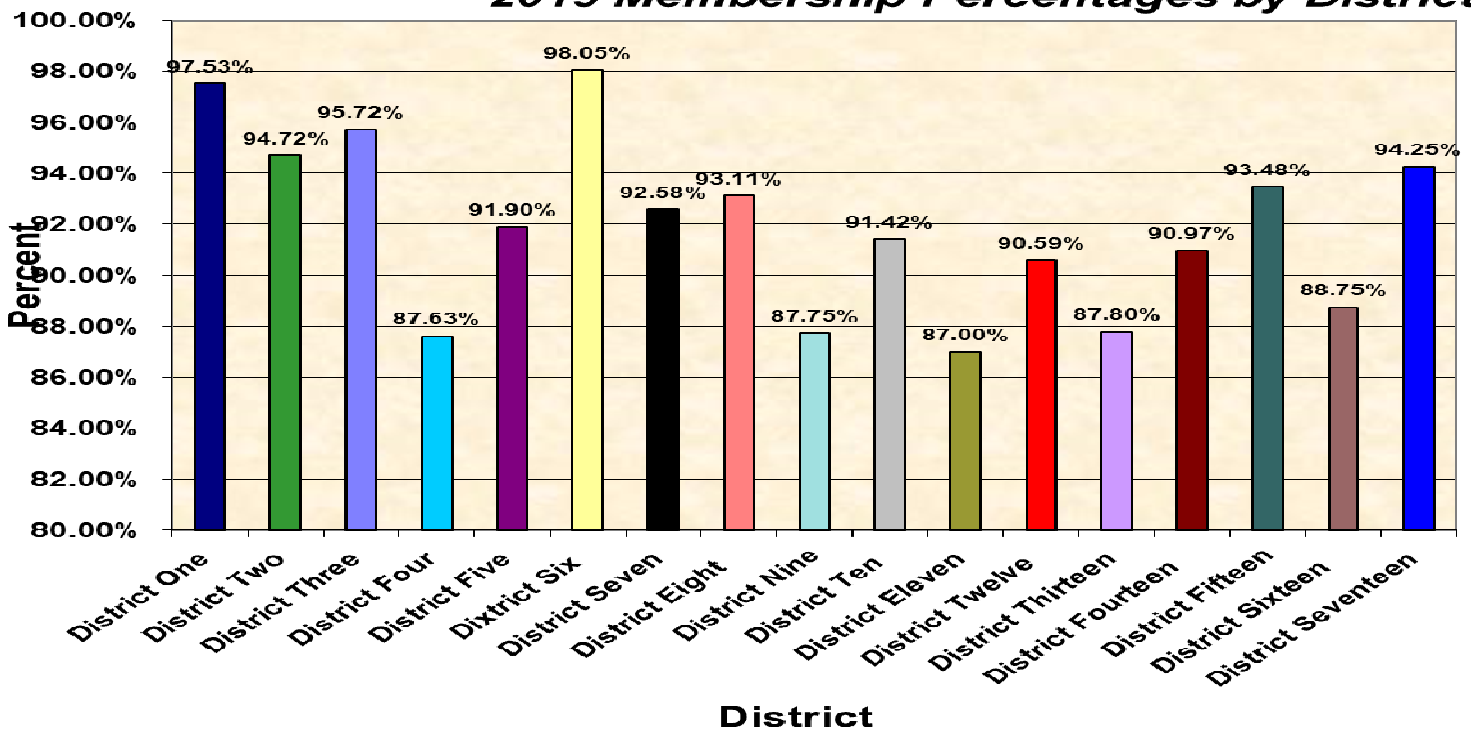
Now is the time to make sure that any newly elected Service Officers attend the Department Service Officer's Training. If you have not been in a few years it is also a good idea for you to attend as well.

The next seminar will be held Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Department Headquarters. It will be from 10:00 to 14:00. Lunch will be provided as well as some snacks and coffee. Please e-mail me to reserve a seat for the training. FMI, please call Carl at 623-5726

District Service Officers – please make an effort to ensure that every post in your District has an appointed Post Service Officer. This simple act will bolster our pillar of Veteran's Rehabilitation. It can be life changing for some veterans. When they apply and are granted benefits for service connected conditions.

## 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 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
NECA Randy Kluj and Janet	\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
District 12 - Hancock	\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
Gardiner Post 4	\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project
ALR Corinna Chapter 73	\$200 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project

## MILITARY TRIVIA

Resulting in a complete Macedonian victory, the Battle of the Hydaspes River was fought in 326BC against King Porus on the banks of the Hydaspes River. Who led the Macedonians?

## 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:**

**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.

**Trivia:** Every Friday, 6:30 p.m.

**Scat:** Every Monday, 5:30 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.

**S. Portland Post 35:** April 6, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$8 Adults, Children under 5 Free

**Thomaston Post 37:**

**Bean Supper:** April 13, May 10, June 15, 5 – 7 p.m.

**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.

**Mars Hill Post 118:**

**Bingo:** Saturday nights, 7 p.m. starting Apr. 6

**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.

**Alfred Post 134:**

**Country-Western Jams:** 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (except July), noon to 3:30 p.m. \$2 admission, food and drink available.

**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

**Reconnection Workshop Series:** Mar. 27, Apr. 24, May 22, June 26, Togus Medical Center, Bldg. 205, Room 130, 4:30 – 6 p.m. First VA to partner with the American Red Cross. Reuniting, reconnecting, and rebuilding for military families. Skills to cope and communicate in a non-judgmental, interactive and safe environment. Two workshops: One for adults and one for children, same time. Free pizza. All Veterans welcome. Call 623-8411, ext. 3078, 2955 to sign up. Clinician working with a military family interested in participating? Email: Joleen.lilley@va.gov or Stephen.White3@va.gov. FMI about the Post 911 Transitional Care Management, call Joleen at 623-8411, ext. 3078. Brought to you by: Post 9/11 Transitional Care Management.

**2019 Vietnam Veterans 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance:** Mar. 28, Theater, 1 VA Ctr., Augusta, 10 a.m.

**Honoring Maine's Veterans:** Mar. 29, State House (Hall of Flags) in Augusta, 1 – 4 p.m. Please join the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services for a day of remembrance and celebration, as we honor Maine's Vietnam Veterans at the Festivities will include opening remarks from Governor Janet Mills, the Adjutant General of the

Maine National Guard, Major General Douglas Farnham, Acting Director David Richmond, and State Legislators and Representatives who will conduct recognition presentations of certificates and Maine Vietnam Veterans Coins. Photographic images taken during the war by Vietnam Veterans from the Boothbay Region will be on display in the rotunda, as this event also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war in Vietnam in 1969. U.S. Navy Veteran Joy Asuncion (Maine's Ambassador to the Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C.) will be on site to provide registration information for female veterans and their families and to answer questions about the Honor Flight program, representatives from the VA at Togus, as well as acoustic musical entertainment by Blind Albert, one band member is a Vietnam Veteran. Light refreshments will be served. We encourage Mainer's who would like to recognize a friend or family member killed or missing in action during the Vietnam War to submit a copy of their favorite photograph with a brief remembrance of their loved one, which will be displayed the day of the event. Mail your submissions to Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services, 117 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0117 or email an electronic version to sarah.sherman@maine.gov. Please note the cutoff date for entries is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please only send copies of photos. Copies will not be returned and are for display purposes only.

**Vietnam Veteran Commemorative Ceremony:** Mar. 29, Maine State House, 210 State St., 1 – 4 p.m.

**Recruiting Event for District 12 and Bar Harbor Post 25:** Apr. 1, this date is arbitrary and can be excepted up til the end of May.

**Public Baked Beans and Casserole Supper:** Apr. 6, Gray Post 86, 15 Lewiston Rd., 5 to 6 p.m. hosted by Unit 86. Pies will be the featured dessert. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children younger than 12.

**Shop-N-Sip, Craft Fair:** Apr. 6, Locke Mills Post 68, 595 Gore Rd., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Assorted fruit drinks, finger foods, homemade pies and blueberries and strawberries for sale. Great time to buy Easter and Mother's Day gifts. BYOB. FMI/Marie 875-3561, or mariebartlett8@gmail.com.

**Texas Hold'em:** Apr. 13, 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.

**Ceremony to Honor WWII Veterans:** Apr. 15, St. Bridget Center, 864 Main St., Vassalboro, 5 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

**Connecting the Dots:** Apr. 17, USM Lewiston Campus, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Serving Veterans with trauma focused therapies. Hosted by USM. Register on-line: [www.tcmhs.org/events](http://www.tcmhs.org/events). POC Jerry DeWitt, [jdewitt@tcmhs.org](mailto:jdewitt@tcmhs.org) or C 576-0376. Resources: Dial 2-1-1 or go to [211maine.org](http://211maine.org), Statewide Crisis Line, 1-888-568-1112, Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255. To find a Veterans Choice Provider near you: <https://www.va.gov/opa/apps/locator>

## **DONATIONS**

Winthrop Post 40	1 boy to Boys State
Caribou Post 15	2 boys to Boys State
St. George Post 34	\$150 – Boys State
ALR Chapter 100	\$500 – Homeless Veterans
ALR Chapter 100	\$500 – Legacy Fund
Department First Vice Commander Matt Jabaut	\$100 – National Commander's Campaign
St. George Post 34	\$150 – Warren Post 218



**Answer to Military Trivia:** Alexander the Great – The battle took place in modern day Punjab, Pakistan.



**DETACHMENT OF MAINE  
CONGRATULATIONS TO SQUADRONS #29 DOVER-FOXCROFT  
AND #24 RUMFORD FOR 100% MEMBERSHIP!**

Gentlemen:

**2019 Membership Report for 22 March 2019:** We have 2,211 members for 84.71% membership. We made the target date! We are currently 31st in the nation and 8th in the eastern region. 19 squadrons already made 80% and eleven more are 100% or better! Our renewal rate is currently 74.21%

**Squadrons lead the way:** The following squadrons have made or exceeded 80% Membership: Sq. #19 Sanford, Sq. #57 O. O. B., Sq. #86 Gray, Sq. #135 Sabattus, Sq. #150 Mechanic Falls, Sq. #158 Lisbon, Sq. #28 Farmington, Sq. #1 Rockland, Sq. #21 Bath, Sq. #202 Topsham, Sq. #51 Oakland, Sq. #99 Bingham, Sq. #75 Old Town, Sq. #3 Calais, Sq. #9 Machias, Sq. #65 Lubec, Sq. #15 Caribou, Sq. #176 Eagle Lake & Sq. #178 Headquarters. That's nineteen squadrons beating the target date. Great work gentlemen. Nicely done!

**100% Membership Squadron (2019):** Sq. #94 Greenville, Sq. #205 Augusta, Sq. #59 Pembroke, Sq. #153 New Auburn, Sq. #2 Augusta, Sq. #132 Richmond, Sq. #155 Naples, Sq. #4 Gardiner, SQ. #29 Dover-Foxcroft, Sq. #24 Rumford & Sq. #39 Madison. The first eleven members of the 100% Club. Who's going to be next?

Remember, all squadrons achieving 100% by July 1st will get an honor ribbon to attach to the top of their squadron flag pole!

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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.

**Adjutant's desk:** Went up on Monday to headquarters & found 43-2019 memberships from seven 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 2019:** Sq. #151 West Paris, Sq. #16 Skowhegan & Sq. #25 Bar Harbor. That's 3 squadrons with no membership. As of January first, that's a problem. Gentlemen, we need to have NO squadrons at zero.

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

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As spring pushes winter behind us we all start working on wrapping up the last part of our Legion year and working on getting ready for convention. With this in mind the Americanism Commission would like to remind you of a couple items that are very important. It is never too early to start preparing to fill out your Consolidated Report form. As an organization we have all heard over and over how important these reports are and we need to do a better job and getting more reports filled out and turned in. Please reach out to your Detachment Vice Commanders and District Commanders and get them to spread the word now. In the beginning of each year we all send out information and talk about consolidated reports, however now is the time for a friendly reminder. Maybe a squadron needs help understand the report and they don't want to ask, let's all reach out and make contact with all squadrons that we can to get these reports filled out and sent in.

Last year at national convention we were amazed at how few history and scrap books were turned in for judging. We know that more books are done on the Squadron level and the Detachment level and we need your help getting the word out to get these books turned in. Not only is there an award that is given out each year, but it is a great opportunity to share what is happening on the Squadron and Detachment level. If we find that they are not getting done, now is the time to promote and get them interested in doing one for next year.

As you work toward your conventions we hope you will take time to plan some teaching about the American Legion programs. Many of us take for granted that everyone knows about all the programs and don't teach enough about them. Take time in your newsletter, websites and meetings to talk about the many different programs to spark interest and make our members want more information.

Thank you

Ernie Laberge

Member, National Americanism Commission 2019-2021, Commander, The Detachment of Massachusetts, Sons of The American Legion

“Honoring the Past..... Continuing the Legacy”

2019-2020 National Commander, Greg “Doc” Gibbs

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Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux  
Department Adjutant



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# NON-VA EMERGENCY CARE

## FACT SHEET FOR VETERANS ENROLLED IN VA MAINE HCS

- If you have a **medical emergency**\* that threatens your life or health, and is the result of an injury or illness, you should seek medical attention immediately. If you believe your health or life is in danger you **DO NOT** need to get authorization from the VA first – call 9-1-1 or get to the nearest Emergency Room / Department as soon as possible.
- If the closest medical center is not a VA facility – don't worry – you will receive "NON-VA Emergency Care" and the VA will look to cover as much of the cost as possible. **\*\*THIS IS DEPENDENT UPON YOUR VA ELIGIBILITY\*\***
- As soon as you are able to do so, have the facility leave a message with the VA Maine Healthcare System's Inpatient Notification Line (within 72 hours from the time of admittance) at: **1-207-623-8411 Ext. 5390**

**It is important that the VA is provided:**

- your full name
- last-4 of SSN and date-of-birth
- name of facility where you are being treated
- date & time of your admit
- medical reason for admit
- any health insurance you have
- a call-back number for the facility

If it's after-hours and you would rather speak live with a VA rep, you can call:  
**1-207-623-8411, x5523**

\* A **medical emergency** is that which may result in: 1) placing the patient in serious jeopardy, 2) serious impairment of bodily functions, and/or 3) serious dysfunction of any bodily organs.

Each claim will be clinically evaluated to ensure it meets the above definition, as understood by a prudent layperson "who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine."

- If the doctor wants to admit you as an inpatient:
  - ◆ and the admission is for an emergency – you **DO NOT** need advance approval
  - ◆ and the admission is not for an emergency – you must have advance approval
- If your emergency has been stabilized and you can be safely transported to an available VA bed you will be transferred to the VA; if you elect not to be transferred to an available bed the VA will not pay any further costs of that care.
- How much the VA will cover (pay for) your episode of care depends upon your VA eligibility and is guided by federal regulations and laws. The VA may be able to pay all, some, or none of the charges – this is dependent upon your VA eligibility.
- Veterans must file their claim with the nearest VA Medical Center as quickly as possible due to imposed federal regulations. Veterans should make every effort to have their claims submitted within 90 days.
- Consult your local VA Medical Center for more information or if you have any questions.

For more information on Non-VA Emergency Care,  
visit: [https://www.va.gov/communitycare/site\\_redirect.asp](https://www.va.gov/communitycare/site_redirect.asp)



# Vietnam Era Veterans Day Breakfast

*Welcome Home Vietnam Era Veterans*



*Free to Vietnam Era Veterans and Immediate Family Members*

**When:**  
March 29, 2019  
0900

**Where:**  
Augusta Armory

RSVP: [bit.ly/Vietnamerabreakfast](http://bit.ly/Vietnamerabreakfast)



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GEORGE EDWIN KIRK POST, No. 25  
AMERICAN LEGION



BAR HARBOR, MAINE 04609

February 25, 2019

George Edwin Kirk American Legion Post 25  
Attn: Post Adjutant Paul Blackstone

BAR HARBOR, MAINE 04609

Albert Scott  
2 Belva Way  
Ellsworth, Maine 04605

Dear Vietnam Veteran,

Over 52 years ago nearly 500,000 American troops were in Vietnam. Altogether, over 9 million men and women served during this conflict. In commemoration of your service and sacrifice Bar Harbor American Legion Post 25 in partnership with the Department of Defense is planning a Vietnam Veteran Recognition Ceremony for June 22, 2019 in Bar Harbor. If you are a living U.S. Armed Forces Vietnam Era Veteran and served anytime between November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 on Active Duty regardless of location you are eligible to receive a commemorative lapel pin at this ceremony, if you have not received one already. Also, a Certificate of Honor is available for surviving spouses of a Vietnam Veteran who served during the same time period and circumstances as mentioned above. The message, "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is embossed on the pin. Please let us know by April 1st, 2019 if you would like to attend and receive a pin at this special event in June at Bar Harbor Post 25 by contacting Post Adjutant, Paul Blackstone at 207-801-2312 or mail us at American Legion Post 25, PO Box 722, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609, or email: [GeoKirk25@outlook.com](mailto:GeoKirk25@outlook.com).

We are looking at starting the ceremony at 9am on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bar Harbor Post 25, located at 70 Cottage Street in Bar Harbor. The event is going to be outside weather permitting. There will be light snacks and refreshments after the ceremony, which should last no longer than 2 hours. Casual dress is recommended. We hope you will accept this invitation so we can thank you and honor your families for your service and their sacrifice as well. This recognition is long overdue and we salute you for your service to our Nation. (If you can tell us the unit you were with while on Active Duty and your rank we can put that in the program as well.) If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call our Post Adjutant, Paul Blackstone at 207-801-2312.

Additionally, if you are not presently a Legion member you are more than welcome to join American Legion Post 25 in Bar Harbor. We meet the first Monday of each month starting at 6pm with social time at 5:30pm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. MacPike".

Barbara A. MacPike  
American Legion Post 25  
Commanding

# PORTLAND Sea Dogs™



**SEA DOGS VS. ALTOONA**  
**MAY 26 AT 1 PM**

**\$10 dollars a ticket**



**\$3 donated to The  
American Legion  
Dept. of Maine**

Tickets are available at  
[https://groupmatics.events  
/event/Americanlegionmai  
ne?first-time-login](https://groupmatics.events/event/Americanlegionmaine?first-time-login) or at the  
Sea Dogs ticket office  
"mention the Legion."

**For tickets call Alan  
Barker 207-879-9500**

Hadlock Field  
271 Park Ave,  
Portland Maine, ME 04102



American Legion Post 202 and the  
American Legion Dept. of Maine,  
Women Veteran's Advisory Committee to  
Honor Women Veterans at the

Post 202 Women Veteran's Luncheon  
79 Foreside Rd. Topsham, Maine.

Saturday, April 6th, 2019

Schedule of events: 9:30 to 12:30  
Refreshments, laughter yoga, opportunities to mingle with other  
women who have served, visit our resource tables, and hear from  
Veteran-centric agencies.

Lunch 12:30pm

Guest Speaker: Senator Eloise Vitelli

Please share with all women veterans.  
R.S.V.P. by March 25th. For more information  
contact Nancy at 207-248-7783.

You do NOT need to be an Legion member to attend.

Free Giveaways!!

The event is planned for all Women Veterans and is at no charge  
to them.

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 charitable organization. It then states that Amazon Smile is the same as Amazon. The page prompts the user to support their charitable organization by shopping at smile.amazon.com. There are two input fields: one for "Email (phone for mobile accounts)" and one for "Password". A "Forgot your password?" link is next to the password field. A yellow "Sign in" button is below the fields. There is a checkbox for "Keep me signed in. Details" with a dropdown arrow. At the bottom, there is a link for "New to Amazon?" and a gray button for "Create your Amazon account".

When you are asked to designate your Charity, type in: American Legion Department of Maine Foundation

*You will see this confirmation on your account.*

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

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



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

Generate donations for charity by placing orders here, at [smile.amazon.com](http://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](#)

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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

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE**

**POST DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE 2019 STATE CONVENTION**

Following are the elected delegates and alternates for this post to the 101<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of The Maine American Legion to be held at the Jeff's Catering and Event center in Brewer on June 7-9, 2019. Election of delegates has been in accordance to the Call to State Convention. **This year all Delegates and Alternates are required to pay a registration fee of \$10.** This form must be mailed to the Department Adjutant's office by June 1, 2019. The 1976 State Convention mandated that all delegates **MUST** register prior to voting. Evidence of registration will be requested by the credentials committee.

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Post Adjutant's Signature

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**DELEGATES-AT-LARGE:** (Department Officers, Past Department Commanders, District Commanders and Area Commanders)

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Credentials Committee will meet June 8, 2019 at 8 a.m. Registration fee of \$10 for each delegate and alternate **MUST** be paid by sending a check payable to **The American Legion, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine, ME 04901-0727 by June 1, 2019. ALL DELEGATES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED.**

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No. of delegates allowed (Office Use Only) \_\_\_\_\_