



## The American Legion Department of Maine

5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

Tel: (207) 873-3229 Fax: (207) 872-0501

E-mail: [legionme@mainelegion.org](mailto:legionme@mainelegion.org)

Website: [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/maineamericanlegion](http://www.facebook.com/maineamericanlegion)



Department of Maine Directory Link: <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/directory.php>

April 3, 2019



**The way to encourage commitment and loyalty is to be committed and loyal.**

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

Boothbay Harbor Post 36

### **DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER, THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MAINE**

The primary mission of the Department Finance Officer is twofold.

First is the preservation of the assets of The American Legion, Department of Maine. This includes, but is not limited to, assuring that all assets are identified and secured and that they are updated in a timely and economic manner.

Second is to insure that The American Legion, Department of Maine has the financial ability to complete its mission. That mission, in general, is embodied in the Four Founding Pillars of The American Legion. These Four Pillars are, briefly stated:

1. Support and advocate for all Veterans and their families and dependents,
2. Support and advocate for a strong and efficient National Defense,
3. Support a 100% Americanism,
4. Provide a safe environment and adequate education for all children and youth.

This requires the creation and monitoring of current budgets as well as the creation, with the aid of The American Legion, Department of Maine leadership, of long term financial and operational plans.

To accomplish these missions the Department Finance Officer should possess the following skills and abilities.

1. The ability to maintain and/or monitor an automated financial and operational record keeping system.

2. Ability to use QuickBooks and prepare a limited budget.
3. The ability to work and collaborate with the leadership team for The American Legion, Department of Maine to assure an efficient and effective economic environment for The American Legion, Department of Maine, both currently and for the future.
4. The ability to communicate to both the membership and the leadership of The American Legion, Department of Maine the financial and operational needs, both current and future, for The American Legion, Department of Maine as well as the current financial position for The American Legion, Department of Maine.
5. The ability to coordinate and facilitate the annual audit for the Department of Maine.
6. The ability to collaborate and facilitate relationships with outside financial organizations including banks, tax advisors and taxing authorities and others as necessary.
7. The ability to keep informed on financial and record keeping technology and issues and how they apply to The American Legion, Department of Maine and its subsidiaries.
8. Must be a Veteran.
9. Must be willing to work one day a week and three possible weekends per year.

This job description is intended to be a minimum guide and should be reviewed and updated at least biannually before each election for Department Finance Officer.

Interested applicants to contact Department Adjutant Paul L'Heureux at 207-873-3229 or paul@mainelegion.org.

## **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 6 – Knox:** Apr 20, Camden Post 30, 11a.m.

**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**

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.

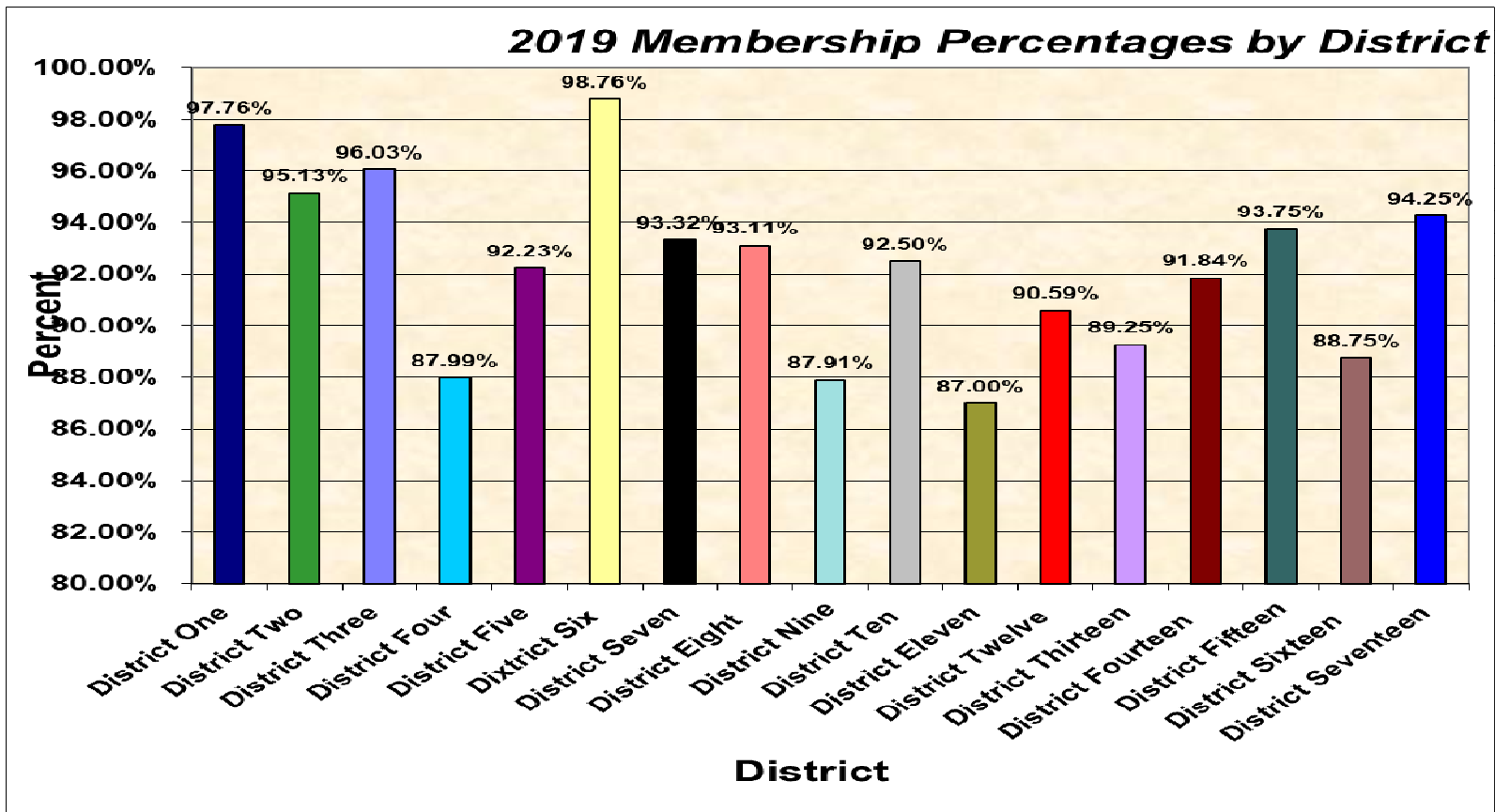
## FROM THE SERVICE OFFICE

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



## **SAVE POST 67 CAMPAIGN**

As Commander of Post 67 Bridgton ME, I am pleased to announce our Veteran Service Officer Kelly Ela will now be available on a regular basis. The American Legion Post 67 in cooperation with the Bridgton Community Center has established hours from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday at the Community Center.

The Service Officer has access to veterans programs, veterans benefits, aid in appointment coordination, and access to VA facilities as well as educational benefits.

My fellow veterans, you earned these benefits, you paid the price. You paid a price not in dollars and cents, you paid with a portion of your life. Your blood, your sweat. Regardless of where you were stationed or what your job was, boots on the ground or not, you served your country, you sacrificed a portion of your life. Please allow us the honor to serve you.

**Our mission is to advocate for YOU!!!**

Come Saturday, April 6 at the Bridgton Community Center, Depot St., Bridgton for the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast 8 to 10 a.m., suggested donation \$5. Meet your Legionnaires from your community, the people that volunteer to do this work and have a great breakfast. Join us, become a part of us, support us by joining the American Legion. The funds that we derive from this breakfast are a portion of how we fund our operation for Veterans and revitalization of Post 67.

For God and Country

Commander Donald Mulcahy, American Legion Post 67, Bridgton, ME

## **DIRECTORY CORRECTION**

Page 49, Thomaston Post 37, meetings: First Thursday of each month, 7 p.m.

## **SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGHOUT MAINE**

Hardwood Products, Co. of Guilford, Maine is sending small boxes of stirring sticks to all Maine Legion posts. These are wooden stir sticks, each stamped with a message of support for veterans. Coincidentally, like the American Legion, this company has been around since 1919 and wishes to support veterans throughout Maine! You may thank them via: [www.hardwoodproductsco.com](http://www.hardwoodproductsco.com). Their phone number is (888) 289-3340.

## **TODAY IN HISTORY:**

On this day in 1860, the first Pony Express mail, traveling by horse and rider relay teams, simultaneously leaves St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. Ten days later, on April 13, the westbound rider and mail packet completed the approximately 1,800-mile journey and arrived in Sacramento, beating the eastbound packet's arrival in St. Joseph by two days and setting a new standard for speedy mail delivery. Although ultimately short-lived and unprofitable, the Pony Express captivated America's imagination and helped win federal aid for a more economical overland postal system. It also contributed to the economy of the towns on its route and served the mail-service needs of the American West in the days before the telegraph or an efficient transcontinental railroad.

On this day in 1948, President Harry S. Truman signs the Economic Assistance Act, which authorized the creation of a program that would help the nations of Europe recover and rebuild after the devastation wrought by World War II. Commonly known as the Marshall Plan, it aimed to stabilize Europe economically and politically so that European nations would not be tempted by the appeal of communist parties.

1996: At his small wilderness cabin near Lincoln, Montana, Theodore John Kaczynski is arrested by FBI agents and accused of being the Unabomber, the elusive terrorist blamed for 16 mail bombs that killed three people and injured 23 during an 18-year period.

1882: Jesse James, one of America's most notorious outlaws, is shot to death by Robert Ford, a member of his gang who hoped to collect the bounty on Jesse's head. Jesse James, born in Clay County, Missouri, in 1847, joined a Confederate guerrilla band led by William Quantrill at the age of 15. Quantrill's guerrillas, which included several future members of the James Gang, terrorized Kansas and Missouri during the Civil War and in August 1863 massacred civilians during a brutal raid on Lawrence, Kansas, an abolitionist town. After the war's end in 1865, Jesse, his brother Frank, and brothers Cole, James, and Robert Younger decided to team up and use their military raiding skills for armed robbery.

## **FOR 1 MILLION US MEN, FAILING TO REGISTER FOR THE DRAFT HAS SERIOUS, LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES**

For 39 years, it's been a rite of passage for American men. Within 30 days of his 18th birthday, every male citizen and legal resident is required to register for Selective Service, either by filling out a postcard-size form or going online.

What's less well known is what happens on a man's 26th birthday. Men who fail to register for the draft by then can no longer do so — forever closing the door to government benefits like student aid, a government job or even U.S. citizenship.

Men younger than 26 can get those benefits by taking advantage of what effectively has become an eight-year grace period, signing up for Selective Service on the spot. After that, an appeal can be costly and time-consuming. Selective Service statistics suggest that more than 1 million men have been denied some government benefit because they weren't registered for the draft.

With the current, male-only draft requirement declared unconstitutional, Congress will have to decide whether to eliminate Selective Service registration or to expand it to women. Unable to decide that question for decades, Congress created the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service in 2016. It's studying the future of the draft with a report due next year.

Among the issues it's examining: Should draft registration be mandatory? If so, what's fairest way to enforce it? Should the same consequences that have followed men for nearly four decades also apply to women? "We're taking a look at all of these questions," said Vice Chairwoman Debra Wada, a former assistant secretary of the Army. "And that means looking at whether the current system is both fair and equitable — but also transparent." Men who have been caught in the older-than-26 trap say the system is anything but.

Since 1993, more than 1 million American men have requested formal copies of their draft status from the Selective Service System, according to data obtained by USA Today under the Freedom of Information Act. Those status-information letters are the first step in trying to appeal the denial of benefits, and are the best indication of how many men have been impacted by legal consequences of failing to register.

On paper, it's a crime to "knowingly fail or neglect or refuse" to register for the draft. The penalty is up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Last year, Selective Service referred 112,051 names and addresses of suspected violators to the Justice Department for possible prosecution. Still, only 20 men have been charged criminally with refusing to register for the draft since President Jimmy Carter reinstated it in 1980 in response to

the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Only 14 were convicted. The last indictment, in 1986, was dismissed before it went to trial.

So now, the system relies largely on voluntary compliance, a patchwork of state laws, and the risk of losing federal benefits.

Congress passed two provisions to tighten enforcement in the 1980s. The Solomon amendment in 1982 made Selective Service registration a requirement for federal student aid. The Thurmond Amendment in 1985 did the same for federal employment.

Federal student aid is the most common problem for men who haven't registered for the draft, according to Selective Service data obtained by USA Today. Forty states and the District of Columbia link Selective Service to driver's licenses. But some of those allow men to opt out of registration, and about a quarter of Americans in their early 20s don't have drivers' licenses.

Thirty-one states have legislation mirroring federal laws on student aid and employment, applying those bans to state-funded student aid programs and state employment. Some states go even further:

- In eight states, men are not allowed to register at state colleges or universities — even without financial aid — if they aren't registered for Selective Service. Those states are Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Louisiana, New Hampshire, South Dakota and Tennessee.
- In Ohio, men who live in the state but don't register for Selective Service must pay out-of-state tuition rates.
- In Alaska, men who fail to register for the draft can't receive an annual dividend from the Alaska Permanent Fund, which gave each Alaska resident \$1,600 from state oil revenue in 2018.

As a result, registration rates vary from 100 percent in New Hampshire to 63 percent in South Dakota — and just 51 percent in the District of Columbia, according to Selective Service data. "It's very uneven across the country," said Shawn Skelly, a former Navy commander and member of the 11-member commission studying the draft.

"How people register is predominately passively. Most men who register through secondary means when they apply for student aid or get a driver's license. There isn't a real deliberate education of people about the law." Like the Vietnam War draft, which helped fuel the social upheaval of the 1960s and '70s, today's draft-registration requirement puts a disproportionate burden on lower-class Americans. They're more likely to put off college until later in life — and to need student aid when they do go to school.

In comments to the national service commission, critics of the policy called that policy "exceptionally cruel." **'It was an honest mistake'** Depending on how you look at it, Brandon Prudhomme had either a very good or very bad reason for failing to register for the draft: He was in prison for most of the time between the ages of 18 and 25. His arrest record includes assault, drug possession and resisting arrest. "It was an honest mistake," he said. "I was on my own since I was 14 years old. I got involved in gang-type stuff." But now he's 39 and trying to turn his life around. While living in a homeless shelter, he started his own landscaping company "with two rakes and four lawn bags," he said. He'd like to go back to school for business. But because Prudhomme didn't register for Selective Service, he can't get student loans. "The financial aid people called me and said, 'Sir, do you know anything about Selective Service?' I said, 'No.' They said my application had been red-flagged," he

said. “If it was mandatory, how was there not the opportunity for me to sign those papers?” Prudhomme asked. “He said that was my responsibility.”

The law also has snagged federal information technology workers, Forest Service firefighters, Veterans Administration doctors and even federal contractors.

Richard Henry, a contractor for the Internal Revenue Service, lost his access to IRS facilities because he failed to register for Selective Service. They found out because Henry told them, repeatedly, beginning in 2001. But in 2011, the IRS changed the rules to make Selective Service a requirement. He was older than 26, so he couldn’t register. So he sued, and lost, in 2017. “If they’re going to enforce this law, you should know about the law and you should know about the consequences,” said Henry’s lawyer, Rachel L.T. Rodriguez. “The problem here is, you don’t know the consequences that follow you forever like this.”

But officials said that for draft registration to work, the law has to have teeth. “If there were no penalties for failing to register, the rates would plummet, and fairness and equity would go out the window,” said Matthew Tittman, a spokesman for the Selective Service System, a civilian agency that administers draft registration. Men who are older than 26 and are denied benefits can appeal the decision if they can prove that their failure to register was not “knowing and willful.”

It’s unclear how many men succeed. The Office of Personnel Management says it got 160 requests for waivers in the past fiscal year. The Department of Education would not release data nor discuss its process on the record. And proving that someone didn’t intentionally evade the draft can be costly and time-consuming, taking as long as 18 months to decide.

Marc J. Smith, a Rockville, Md., federal employment lawyer who handles such cases, said the process can cost \$3,500 to \$4,000 in legal fees. An appeal can involve researching when and where the Selective Service sent reminder letters, and gathering sworn statements from parents, childhood friends and school officials. The cases rarely make it to court. The Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that the courts didn’t have jurisdiction over federal employment cases because there was an administrative process to handle those claims. Even if Congress eliminates the draft, Smith said, it’s unclear whether those old penalties will go away. “People will still have this issue,” he said. “And I guess that means a much larger pool of potential clients for me.”



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,  
ALR Kennebunkport Chapter 159  
Westbrook Post 62  
ALR Naples Chapter 155  
Jane E. Tannehill  
Gray Post 86  
ALR Dixfield Chapter 100  
Corinna Post 73  
Kenneth and Marsha Poirier, Post 79  
N. New Portland Post 173  
Wayne Brown  
Robert and Mary Lou Lee, Post 41  
NECA Randy Kluj and Janet  
District 12 - Hancock  
Gardiner Post 4  
ALR Corinna Chapter 73

\$25 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$200 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$1,000 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$10 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$25 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$20 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$50 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$100 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project  
\$200 – POW/MIA Memorial Black Stone Project

## MILITARY TRIVIA

Thanks go out to Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118 for this trivia question.

Lt. Edward Doherty led the troop that captured John Wilkes Booth & his partner.....where was Lt. Doherty from?

## 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

**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.

**Iwo Jima Flag Raising Re-enactment:** Apr. 14, Beachmere Inn, Marginal Way, Ogunquit, 11 a.m. Reception after in dedication to Veterans of war. FYI, please call the Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce at 646-1279. Miss Maine will be singing the National Anthem.

**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>

**Reconnection Workshop Series:** 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

**11th Annual Pocket Flag Day Ceremony:** May 23, Sebasticook Valley Middle School, 337 Williams Road, just beyond Nokomis High School, 9 a.m. This project aims to put an American flag in the pocket of every deployed or deploying American service person. Beyond the actual flag folding, we have developed this into a public ceremony which includes the MIA/POW candle lighting ceremony (conducted by Ross Freeman and Nancy Ronco), the flag folding ceremony performed by the Nokomis JROTC Honor Guard, the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance, the flag retirement ceremony (conducted by the Corinna Legion Post) and we always select a service related organization to highlight. This year we welcome the Travis Mills Foundation. Extra highlights this year include the introduction of the "Military Children's Table" ceremony and a tribute to our local veterans.

The public is welcome and all veterans are encouraged to attend. If you have flags that are in need of retirement, please bring them with you. If you have any questions, please contact Kitty Mitchell at [kmitchell@rsu19.net](mailto:kmitchell@rsu19.net) or call at 368-4592.

## DONATIONS

John Gleason on behalf of Madison Post 39  
Wiscasset Post 54  
Fryeburg Academy  
Madison Post 39

\$100 – Special Olympics  
\$25 – Commander's project  
1 boy to Boys State  
\$1,000 – Special Olympics

**Answer to Military Trivia:** believe it or not, Wickham, Quebec...(just north of the Maine border)



### DETACHMENT OF MAINE

Gentlemen:

**2019 Membership Report for 29 March 2019:** We have 2,265 members for 86.78% membership. We made our April Target date and have one week until our 90% Target date. We need 84 members to make it. We are currently 28th in the nation and 6th 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, Sq. #135, Sabattus & Sq. #65, Lubec. The first thirteen members of the 100% Club. The Honor Roll grows! 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!

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

---

#### April is Children and Youth Month

With the month of April upon us please keep in mind that the American Legion has designated April as Children and Youth month. Please take some time this month to support our children and youth. While we have so many great programs to choose from pick two to three and adopt them as your Squadron or Detachments program. Throughout the month I will be sending you information highlighting some of these programs. As sample of these programs include:

- American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation - Assists disabled Veterans and military parents
- Special Olympics - Sports programs for children with intellectual and physical disabilities
- Josh and GI Dogs - Program for hospitalized children and children of those deployed
- COTA (Children's Organ Transplant Association) - Assists in the expenses related to organ transplants for kids
- Ronald McDonald House - Home environment providing support to families with hospitalized kids
- Children's Miracle Network - Help hospitalized children with expenses and research for hospitals
- Child Welfare Foundation - Grants to various children's organizations

More information can be located on the website at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and please keep your eyes open for more details about our Children and Youth programs. Our Children are our future.....They need our help and guidance. So please donate generously and invest in our future.

Joseph A. Korba, Chairman Children and Youth Committee, Sons of The American Legion

---

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux  
Department Adjutant



Smith-Wiley Post 4  
American Legion

46 Griffin Street  
Gardiner, ME 04345  
Ph. 207-582-9868 email [swpost4@ne.twcbc.com](mailto:swpost4@ne.twcbc.com)

Post 4 would like to invite your members to participate in our Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on the Gardiner Common on May 27, 2019.

The parade will form up behind the Gardiner Armory on Brunswick Avenue at 9:00 A.M. and will step off at 10:00 A.M. and march down Brunswick Avenue to the Gardiner Common. There will be a ceremony with speakers and bands on the Common. After the ceremony you are invited back to the Post for a light lunch.

We hope you will be able to join us and help us honor our departed comrades. There is an entry form at the bottom of this page or you can email us your reply at [swpost4@ne.twcbc.com](mailto:swpost4@ne.twcbc.com).

Thank you for your support in past years.

Sincerely,  
Tom Smith Sergeant At Arms, Post 4

---

ENTRY FORM

Name of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Walking: \_\_\_\_\_ Riding: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Unit: (Band, Marching, Service Unit, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_





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.

# 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

# RUN. REMEMBER.

**MILES  
FOR  
MILLS**  
MEMORIAL DAY 5K



«**MAY 27, 2019**»

**0900 | DOWNTOWN AUGUSTA**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

[www.MILESFORMILLS.com](http://www.MILESFORMILLS.com)

Dear Fellow Directors and Friends of The American Legion, Department of Maine

We are up and running!

American Legion Department of Maine Foundation can now accept contributions from Amazon through the “Amazon Smile” program as an IRS 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization.

It does not cost anything to sign up! When you make purchases on “Amazon Smile” (.05%) of every dollar you spend will be sent to the AL Department of Maine Foundation.

*Here is how to sign up!*

If you already have an Amazon Account, there no need to create another one.

You just log in at this link: <http://smile.amazon.com>

Here is a screen capture of the log in screen to sign in, then designate our Foundation as the charity, and start shopping.

*(You must log in through the Amazon Smile portal each time you shop for our Foundation to receive the donation, do not go in through the regular Amazon portal when you shop.)*

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

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

*You will see this confirmation on your account.*

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

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

---

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

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

---

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post Adjutant's Signature

**DELEGATES**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post Commander's Signature

**ALTERNATES**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

**NAME OF POST** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION** \_\_\_\_\_ **POST NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Annual Post Data Reports Due to Department by April 15

1	Rockland	61	Kingfield	132	Richmond
2	Augusta	63	Ellsworth	133	Fort Kent
3	Calais	64	Phillips	134	Alfred
5	Waterville	66	Lisbon Falls	135	Sabattus
6	Hallowell	67	Bridgton	136	Stockholm
8	Cherryfield	68	Locke Mills	139	Harrison
9	Machias	69	S W Harbor	141	Heartland
10	Livermore Falls	72	South Paris	147	Madawaska
11	Eastport	73	Corinna	149	Waldoboro
12	Bangor	74	Kennebunk	150	Mechanic Falls
13	E. Millinocket	75	Old Town	151	West Paris
14	Fairfield	76	Scarborough	153	Auburn
15	Caribou	77	Lincoln	155	Naples
16	Skowhegan	78	Strong	157	Stockton Springs
18	Vinalhaven	79	Berwick	158	Lisbon
19	Sanford	81	Bethel	159	Kennebunkport
20	Brunswick	82	Norway	161	Portland
21	Bath	83	Freeport	163	Palermo
22	Lewiston	84	Orono	164	Falmouth
24	Rumford	86	Gray	171	Harpswell
25	Bar Harbor	87	North Berwick	172	Vanceboro
26	Biddeford	90	Togus	173	N New Portland
27	Ft. Fairfield	91	Yarmouth	176	Eagle Lake
28	Farmington	92	Brownville Jct	179	South China
29	Dover-Foxcroft	93	Bucksport	180	St Francis
30	Camden	94	Greenville	181	Litchfield
31	Auburn	96	Saco	183	Brooks
32	Pittsfield	97	Howland	186	Clinton
33	North Haven	99	Bingham	187	Easton
34	St George	100	Dixfield	192	Athens
36	Boothbay Hbr	102	Stonington	195	China
37	Thomaston	103	N E Harbor	200	Hermon
40	Winthrop	105	Newport	201	Dixmont
41	Milo	110	Union	202	Topsham
42	Damariscotta	111	Turner	205	Augusta
43	Belfast	112	Oxford	208	Masardis
45	Danforth	115	E Corinth	210	Lewiston
47	Houlton	116	Monson	213	Hampden
49	Van Buren	118	Mars Hill	216	Phippsburg
50	Unity	121	Monticello	CN09	St John's
51	Oakland	122	Jackman		
52	Oakfield	123	Kezar Falls		
53	Dexter	126	N Vassalboro		
54	Wiscasset	128	Standish		
55	Limerick	130	Bar Mills		
56	York				
57	Old Orchard				