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### Weekly Update



April 27, 2007

**The only change everyone accepts  
comes from vending machines.**

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**Congratulations to the following for achieving 100% in membership:**

**Dover Post 29**

**Auburn Post 153**

**Westbrook Post 197**

### District 14

#### Department Testimonial To Be Held In Waterville

Department Commander Don Simoneau and Department President Marlene Angers will be honored at a joint testimonial to be held at John Martin's Manor in Waterville on Saturday, May 5, 2007. The social hour will start at 5:00 p.m. with a banquet at 6:00 p.m. and the evening's program will follow the dinner. Tickets, which will be held at the door, are \$20.00 per person for a choice of prime rib or baked stuffed haddock.

Please make checks payable to Ken Bouchard and send to 35 Lavoie St., Jay 04239 or call 897-6739.

#### Another Proud Legion Riders Group

Wells-Hussey Post 42 in Damariscotta became the fifth post in Maine to form an American Legion Riders (ALR) group. The members are proud of their charter, which in part states: "The purpose of this program is to participate in parades and other ceremonies, which are in keeping with the aims and purposes of The American Legion; to promote motorcycle safety programs and provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest; to use our association to promote and support programs of The American Legion."

The next ALR meeting at Post 42 will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. All interested Legion family members are welcome.

## **The Healing Field**

On Veterans Day 2007 The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion are sponsoring the largest, most impressive patriotic flag display in state history. The plan is to place 26,000, 8-ft. high American flags, starting with Capitol Park in Augusta and south on I-95 and the Maine Turnpike, all the way to New Hampshire, with flags going off the ramps to other Healing Fields along the way.

The 26,000 flags represent one for every American Legion member in the state of Maine. The Healing Field is managed by Colonial Flag Foundation and hosted by local community volunteers like members of American Legion posts. Each flag is positioned with the help of volunteers and is sponsored by area businesses and individuals who can take them home to fly to continue the tribute. Flags that are purchased by corporate donations will be donated to the program "A Flag in Every Classroom" in Maine.

Flags can be purchased for \$15.00 in the name of any individual. For an additional \$5.00 you can purchase a yellow ribbon with a short message to attach to the flag. National sponsors of the Colonial Flag Foundation have committed a \$1 per flag grant to The National American Legion Auxiliary Youth Fund and an unprecedented matching grant of \$1 per flag to the Sons of The American Legion in Maine. Order forms can be found later in this newsletter.

## **Department Executive Committee Actions on April 21, 2007**

The Department of Maine Executive Committee (D.E.C.) met on Saturday, April 21, 2007 and took the following actions:

- Approved the SAL Detachment budget for 2007 – 2008
- Approved sending donations received for the Beals House on at least a quarterly basis.
- Approved the purchase of a memorial stone at the Northern Maine Veterans Cemetery.
- Committed to continuing the Maine Blind Camp program through 2007.
- Approved the Department budget for 2007 – 2008.

It was briefed that the Department of Maine American Legion baseball program will be expanding to 48 teams this year. Also, there will be a Junior American Legion baseball program initiated this year with seven teams playing a 15-game schedule and concluding with a state tournament. The Junior program is for ages 13 – 17.

## **Thank You**

My thanks to everyone for their cards and get-well wishes. Lots of love and many thanks to all Legion family members who contacted me.

Nicky Weatherby  
National Executive Committeewoman

**Giving from the Heart**

There are many folks who give from the heart with volunteer time at our Togus hospital for the veterans who are patients at this facility. Below is a listing of those who designate an affiliation with The American Legion. These are our special people who give of themselves to veterans who are less fortunate. Please take a minute to say thank you to these very special people. We are fortunate to have them in our organization. These volunteer hours are for the six-month period from Oct. 2006 through March 2007.

**Volunteer Hours**

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Duane Easler, Presque Isle Post 88	433	Clifford West, Winthrop Post 40	135
Ray Dahlgren, Presque Isle Post 88	418	Gerald Wilson, Monmouth Post 204	132
Vincent Tschamler, Augusta Post 2	329	Gloria Pacheco, Unity Post 50	125
James Wood, Hallowell Post 6	271	Rita Dyer, Hallowell Post 6	120
Vaughn Mercier, Madison Post 39	211	Edmund Hutchinson, Weld Post 203	97
Frank Love, China Post 195	204	Merle Auclair, Winthrop Post 40	94
Muriel Wilhelm, Hqtrs. Post 178	178	Lowell Lamoreau, Augusta Post 205	90
Duane Ferrante, Boothbay Hbr. Post 36	177	Martin Baker, Winthrop Post 40	42
John Sears, Augusta Post 2	174	Eric Dickey, Richmond Post 132	38
Gerald Vincent, Auburn Post 153	161	Fred Lincoln, Richmond Post 132	29
William Gilson, Gardiner Post 4	153	Ross Barger, Bath Post 21	20
Wayne Little, Caribou Post 15	144		

**State Convention Housing**

The following information will assist you in your planning for the convention in Bangor, June 15 – 17, 2007. Please mention The American Legion when calling.

- Bangor Motor Inn** – 947-0355 – Hogan Rd., double, \$72.76; king, \$79.18 tax included.
- Best Inn** – 942-1234 – 570 Main St., \$67.36 tax included for all rooms.
- Days Inn** – 942-8272 – 250 Odlin Rd., single, \$73.83; double, \$84.53 tax included.
- Econo Lodge** – 945-0111 – 372 Odlin Rd., single, \$65.22; double, \$80.20 tax included.
- Fairfield Inn** – 990-0001 – 300 Odlin Rd., single \$116.63; double \$127.33 tax included.
- Super 8** – 945-5681 – 462 Odlin Rd., single, \$71.69; double, \$82.39 tax included.
- Holiday Inn** – 947-0101 – 404 Odlin Rd., \$96.25 tax included.
- Howard Johnson** – 942-5251 – 336 Odlin Rd., single, \$85.55; double, \$96.25 tax included.

**Kudos**

Jim Umble of Etna-Carmel Post 107 for his donation of Korean War materials, pamphlets, posters, maps and a flag to the Bangor Public Library.

**Candidates for State Office**

The following candidates for State Office to be elected at the upcoming State Convention in June have submitted a letter of intent and discharge papers to the Department Adjutant as follows?

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

L'Heureux, Paul Auburn Post 153

**DEPARTMENT FIRST VICE COMMANDER**

Doyle, John Bath Post 21

**DEPARTMENT SECOND VICE COMMANDER**

Olson, Andrew Stockholm Post 136

**DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT**

Paradis, Ernest Waterville Post 5

Sailor, Ronald Orono Post 84

**DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER**

Hargreaves, John Richmond Post 132

**DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN**

Dearborn, Brenda Richmond Post 132

Demmons, William Thomaston Post 37

**DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM OFFICER**

Foss, Charles Dover-Foxcroft Post 29

Green, Rodman Lubec Post 65

**DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Ayotte, Daniel Augusta Post 205

For anyone wishing to run for a Department office, you must submit your letter of intent and a copy of your discharge papers demonstrating eligibility for The American Legion to the Department Adjutant's office prior to May 17, 2007 to be included on the official ballot.

**Donations**

THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU

Lloyd Woods, Stockholm Post 136	\$100.00 – National Commander's Campaign
Edwin Pulk, Weld Post 203	\$50.00 – Maine Blind Camp
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Fourth District	\$100.00 – Maine Blind Camp
Charles Foss, Milo Post 41	\$100.00 – Commander's Project
Patrick Leavitt, Westbrook Post 197	\$20.00 – Maine Blind Camp

**American Legion Baseball  
State Tournament is Set**

St. Joseph's College, Mahaney Field, in Standish will host The American Legion baseball state tournament from August 4 - 8, 2007. You might want to make plans to attend, as it is a great tournament featuring some of the top players in the state for this age bracket. More details will be published, as the time gets closer. The tournament schedule is at the end of this newsletter.

**What's Happening?**

**Camp Tall Pines Clean-up Day:** May 5, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. If you are able to volunteer for one of the many tasks, please wear work clothes. Please call 879-0489 to give us a rough idea how many volunteers will be joining us so we can have the right amount of food for lunch.

**Windham Post 148:** May 16, 5:30 p.m., spaghetti supper to honor 60-year member Robert Dolby and several other long-time legionnaires with membership ranging from 17 years to 48 years. No cost, but donations accepted. RSVP to [myngame@aol.com](mailto:myngame@aol.com) by May 11 if you plan to attend.

**Vietnam Memorial:** May 24 – 28, Old Orchard Beach. At Memorial Park at the corner of Staples and First Street. FMI please call OOB Rec. Dept. at 934-0860 or e-mail [jwebber@oobmaine.com](mailto:jwebber@oobmaine.com)

**Graveside Service:** May 21, Pingree Center Cemetery in Parkman, 11 a.m. for the committal service of Ed Higgins, Past Fifth District Commander of Guilford Post 119.

**District Meetings**

**8<sup>th</sup> District:** Apr. 28, Bath Post 21, Testimonial for (Auxiliary 3<sup>rd</sup> District) President Karla Dinsmore. 5 p.m. social, 6 p.m. dinner. Tickets are \$10 and available from Mike Frelk at 442-9206. Cutoff is Apr. 14.

**7<sup>th</sup> District:** Apr. 29, Damariscotta Post 42, 2 p.m.

**MAY 2007**

**13<sup>th</sup> District:** May 6, Howland Post 97, 12 p.m. noon lunch, installation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> District:** May 6, So. Portland Post 35, 2 p.m., convention.

**12<sup>th</sup> District:** May 8, Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Harbor Café on Main St. in Stonington, 7:30 mtg.

**9<sup>th</sup> District:** May 9, Augusta Post 205, 7:30 p.m., election.

**8<sup>th</sup> District:** May 10, Topsham Post 202, District Convention, 6:30 p.m.

**16<sup>th</sup> District:** May 12, Caribou Post 15, 1 p.m. dinner.

**14<sup>th</sup> District:** May 12, Greenville Post 94, 6:30 dinner.

**5<sup>th</sup> District:** May 15, Fryeburg Post 137, 7 p.m.

**6<sup>th</sup> District:** May 17, Thomaston Post 37, 6 p.m., election.

**11<sup>th</sup> District:** May 20, Winterport Post 138, 2 p.m.

**17<sup>th</sup> District:** May 20, Madawaska Post 147, 3 p.m. dinner, election. **(Note time change)**

**15<sup>th</sup> District:** May 20, Woodland Post 23, 2 p.m.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District:** May 20, installation, TBA.

**Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment News**

It is always an honor to be asked to install a Squadron. I had the opportunity to Install Topsham Memorial Squadron 202 on Sunday and was surprised at the end to be presented a check for \$1000.00! This check is a donation for a Red, White and Blue Sponsorship for The Healing Field, \$500.00, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation \$250.00, The American Legion National Emergency Fund \$125.00 and Maine Blind Camp \$125.00! I am pleased to be a part of this organization and when I know there are other people working for the same ideals it just makes you work harder. This American Legion Family is vast and it sure is great to know collectively we can move mountains. Thanks guys!

Thank you to Caribou Squadron and Post 15 for their reactivation of the Squadron. It will be some work, but after talking to Richard Williams who is the Squadron Advisor and 16<sup>th</sup> District Commander, I am sure he can supply the expertise to get this Squadron off the ground!

A big THANK YOU to the following Squadrons for their efforts in membership:

York 56 - 103%	Mechanic Falls 150 - 114%	Auburn 153 - 102%
Phillips 64 - 104%	<b>Rumford 24 - 189%</b>	Dixfield 100 - 114%
Rockland 1 - 103%	Augusta 2 - 143%	Winthrop 40 - 100%
Oakland 51 - 100%	Richmond 132 - 100%	Madison 39 - 121%
Trenton 207 - 100%	Greenville 94 - 100%	Machias 9 - 100%
Houlton 47 - 126%	Eagle Lake 176 - 100%	

Many thanks for your efforts in membership. You know that this is the only way to move our organization forward. Please keep up the good work!

There are a total of 2331 members paid for 2007, which leaves 155 members needed to achieve 100% membership for this Detachment. The good news is that there are 406 new members, but the bad news is there are 561 members that have not renewed for 2007. What would the total be if we had 100 % renewals?  $2331 + 561 = 2892$  or 116.33%.

Don Allisot  
Detachment Commander

Best Wishes,

Ron Sailor  
Department Adjutant

## “HEALING FIELD”

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate \$15.00 for a flag in the name of:

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This flag will be flown with thousands of others, making this “The Healing Field”.

I would like to purchase a yellow ribbon with a short message attached to the flag for a cost of \$5.00.

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All proceeds will go to the Veterans of the State of Maine. The flags will be flown on Veterans Day, November 11, 2007 and on Memorial Day, 2008. Your flag will be available to get back at the conclusion of the Healing Field Memorial Day, 2008. These are 3’ x 5’ American made flags and stand 8’ high.

Become a sponsor and have a banner with your club or business on it at the “Healing Field”.

GOLD SPONSOR	\$10,000
SILVER SPONSOR	\$ 5,000
BRONZE SPONSOR	\$ 1,000
RED/WHITE/BLUE SPONSOR	\$ 500

**Please make checks payable to:**

**The Detachment of Maine SAL**

**Mailing Address:**

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**Maine American Legion Baseball  
State Tournament 2007  
Mahaney Field  
St. Joseph's College**

The American Legion's State Baseball Tournament will be held Saturday, August 4 through Wednesday, August 8, at St. Joseph's College, Mahaney Field, in Standish.

Sat. August 4

Game 1 - Zone 3 runner-up vs. Zone 2 winner, 9:30 a.m.

Game 2 - Zone 1 runner-up vs. Zone 4 winner, 12:30 p.m.

Game 3 - Zone 4 runner-up vs. Zone 1 winner, 4 p.m.

Game 4 - Zone 2 runner-up vs. Zone 3 winner, 7 p.m.

Sun. August 5

Game 5 - Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3, 9:30 a.m.

Game 6 - Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 4, 12:30 p.m.

Game 7 - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4, 4 p.m.

Game 8 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3, 7 p.m.

Mon. August 6

Game 9 - Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7, 1 p.m.

Game 10 - Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 8, 4 p.m.

Game 11 - Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 7 p.m.

Tues. August 7

Game 12 - Loser Game 11 vs. Winner Game 9, (note 1) 4 p.m.

Game 13 - Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 10, 7 p.m.

Wed. August 8

Game 14 - Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13, (note 2) 4 p.m.

Game 15 - Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13 (if necessary) 7 p.m.

Note 1 - pairings for Games 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents unless absolutely necessary.

Note 2- If three teams remain after G13, the winner of G11 will receive the Bye in Game 14.

The Regional Tournament will be held in Burlington, Vermont, Aug. 16 - 20.

The 2007 World Series is scheduled for Aug. 24 - 28, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.