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## Weekly Update



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**A person who can't lead and won't follow, makes a dandy roadblock.**

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### State Convention 2007 Highlights and Tidbits

We have just completed another successful Legion year with the 89th Annual State Convention at the Bangor Civic Center this past weekend. We were able to honor many legionnaires and other individuals who contribute to our communities, state and nation; elect our new Department officers for the coming year; pass resolutions that will have an impact on our operations, and many other worthwhile endeavors.

Paul L'Heureux of Auburn Post 153 was elected Department Commander along with the following officers:

Department First Vice Commander	John Doyle	Bath Post 21
Department Second Vice Commander	Andy Olson	Stockholm Post 136
Department Adjutant	Ron Sailor	Orono Post 84
Department Finance Officer	John Hargreaves	Richmond Post 132
Department Americanism Officer	Charlie Foss	Milo Post 41
Department Historian	Brenda Dearborn	Richmond Post 132
Department Sgt.-at-Arms	Daniel Ayotte	Augusta Post 205

Commander L'Heureux is already off and running and hopes to keep all Legion family members' attention on the organization's goals. His theme this year, **FORWARD AND FOCUSED**, says a lot about keeping your sights on the goals ahead of us. Together we can do some amazing things and Team Maine is on the move.

The convention concluded on Saturday afternoon with our Sweepstakes drawing, which saw four of our legionnaires, win the following amounts:

David Bragg	Buckfield Post 58	\$3,500	William Edgar	Kennebunkport Post 159	\$1,000
Richard Pratt	Farmington Post 28	\$500	Francis Stuart	Headquarters Post 178	\$200

**National Convention  
in Reno, Nevada**

Department Commander Paul L'Heureux congratulates the following individuals for being honored by our NEC Robert Owen with a "call-in" to the 2007 National Convention in Reno, Nevada. A "call-in" awards these individuals airfare and per diem costs for the majority of their expenses for this and other events.

Department Sgt.-at-Arms Danny Ayotte  
Department Vice Commander John Doyle  
PNC Anthony Jordan (designated call-in)  
NEC Robert Owen (designated call-in)  
NVC Lloyd Woods (designated call-in)

NECA William "Gene" Bickford  
Department Vice Commander Andy Olson  
David Sanborn – Rumford Post 24  
Robert Jordan – Waldoboro Post 149  
George Seeley – Belfast Post 43

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the National Convention in Reno.

**Farewell To A  
Fallen Soldier**

Funeral services for Sgt. Richard Parker of Phillips will be held on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Abram High School in Salem. There will be a wake on Monday at Mt. Abram High School from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Both ceremonies are open to the public.

**Department of Maine  
Fall Conference**

The American Legion Auxiliary of Maine has announced the details of the annual Fall Conference to be held in Millinocket on Saturday, September 29, 2007. Millinocket Auxiliary Unit 80 will be offering a package deal for meals including the Saturday evening banquet and we will publish the details as soon as we have them. The following motels will hold rooms until August 29th for those who may be interested in attending:

America's Best Value Inn - \$69 plus tax for single rooms plus \$10 for each additional person. Breakfast included for Sat. and Sun. 723-9777 or 1-888-315-2378.

Pamola Motor Lodge - \$55.75 including tax for single rooms or \$66.45 for two people and \$5 for each additional person. 1-800-575-9746.

Econo Lodge - \$68.48 including tax for all rooms with two double beds. Continental breakfast included. 723-4555 or 1-800-424-6423.

All Auxiliary and SAL events will be held at the Donald V. Henry Post 80. The Legion conference will be held at America's Best Value Inn. There will be entertainment on Friday evening at the post home and tentatively there will be a D.E.C. meeting for the Auxiliary and Legion on Sunday morning.

<b>Donations</b>
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**THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU**

Sons of AMVETS	\$350.00 – Commander's Project (2007)
Roger Sabourin	\$100.00 – National Commander's Campaign
Convention Raffle	\$700.00 – Commander's Project (2007)
Herman Wright (convention raffle)	\$224.00 – Healing Field (Cmdr. Project 2008)
Dorothy Lanphear	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Mary Jane McLoon	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Phyllis Prue	\$15.00 – Healing Field
D J Bond	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Jeffrey Crafts	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Linda Richardson	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Rita Olson	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Ruth Ragsdale	\$15.00 – Healing Field
James Hart	\$15.00 – Healing Field
John Cyr	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Margaret Brown	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Connie Tutlis	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Auxiliary Unit 40	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Lois Worcester	\$45.00 – Healing Field
Kathy Page	\$60.00 – Healing Field
Donna Greenlaw	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Tori Nadeau	\$100.00 – Healing Field
Linda Richardson	\$75.00 – Healing Field
Bob Richardson	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Lloyd Woods	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Earl Ruttkofsky	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Sandra Jackson	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Gayle Gifford	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Carroll Dammons	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Cliff Quinney	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Mildred Douglass	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Barbara Johansen	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Mary Barger	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Bernice Pelletier	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Bob Mattison	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Don Chatman	\$40.00 – Healing Field
Auxiliary Unit 158	\$500.00 – Healing Field
Lisbon SAL Squadron 158	\$200.00 – Healing Field

**Togus July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Bash**

Come and join us for our annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Bash at Togus. We will need about 15 volunteers to help the patients play Bingo and to pass out watermelon. Entertainment will follow after lunch to be provided for anyone who participates. Legionnaires, please wear your caps, as our veterans love to see them. Please meet us in Building 207 on the first floor at 9:30 a.m. and we will be concluding the events around 2:00 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you there. FMI please call Mary Barger at 443-4807.

**Music City 2007  
National Romp**

The American Legion Riders will hold their Music City 2007 National Romp in Nashville, Tennessee during July 5 – 8, 2007 at American Legion Post 88. Post 88 is located at 2864 Elm Hill Pike in Nashville (37214 is the zip).

There will be rides, music, dancing, games, jewelry, bands, tours, awards and more. The entire post home will be open to American Legion Riders every day with no exceptions. They will have hot meals, karaoke, shuffleboard, camaraderie, and more. There are five acres of free camping and ten hotels within a 10-minute walk of the post home.

Registration for on-line at [www.post88riders.com](http://www.post88riders.com) or send an e-mail message to [hwg@greersystems.com](mailto:hwg@greersystems.com)

**2008 Oratorical  
Materials Available**

The new materials for The American Legion Oratorical Contest have arrived at state headquarters. We just received them this week, so we were not able to have them available at the convention, but they are here now for your use. Please let us know if we can send you any or please feel free to stop by the office to pick them up.

**Kudos**

Old Orchard Beach Post 57 for their donations of \$500 to the Christopher Cash Scholarship fund and \$300 to the Southern Maine Agency on Aging.

### Free Firewood

District 7 Lincoln Commander Bill Demmons, who lives in Warren, has some tree-length and some four-foot poplar and birch free for the taking. All you have to do is haul it away. Please contact Bill at 273-2428 for more details.

### District Meetings

**10<sup>th</sup> District:** July 9, Madison Post 39, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Light lunch to follow.

**15<sup>th</sup> District:** July 15, Eastport Post 11, 2 p.m.

### Sons of The American Legion Detachment News

As you can see I am back. We had a fairly productive convention and a great visit from our National Commander Earl Ruttkofsky and his wife Beverly. We thank them for taking time for this visit. The big news is that the Detachment stands at 101 % for the 2007 membership year. This is significant because we accomplished 100% in December for the 2006 membership year.

The officers of The Detachment of Maine, Sons of The American Legion are as follows: Commander, Don Allisot, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bruce Pierce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Brian Danforth, Adjutant is vacant, Finance Officer, Don Fournier, Americanism Officer, Herman Wright, Chaplain, Scott Barabe, Historian, John Crafts, Sergeant-at-Arms, Cliff Hallowell. I want to thank all of these members for serving and I believe that we can only expect good things again from the Sons of The American Legion.

I reported at the State Convention that from the reports received we were able to determine that we raised 432,886.42 in our Americanism programs, \$11,980.00 in our Children & Youth Programs and \$10,969.00 in our VA&R programs. This equates to \$55,885.42 in total monies raised. We were able to show that there were 13,974 hours donated to achieve some very good results. I am not overly impressed with these numbers, but when you consider that these were derived from only 13 Squadrons and Detachment you begin to wonder what the real total would be if you could include the other 25 Squadrons.

Don Allisot  
Detachment Commander

Best Wishes,

Ron Sailor  
Department Adjutant

