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Weekly Update



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**When they run you out of town, make
it look like you are leading the parade.**

☺ **SMILE** ☺

Congratulations to the following for achieving 100% in membership:

Yarmouth Post 91

**The American Legion
Member Purchase Program**

We make it easy to purchase the latest appliances for your home, if you are remodeling or relocating.

In addition, you can select and purchase these great products for your home:

Craftsman Garage Storage
Sealy and Sears-O-Pedic Mattresses
NordicTrack Exercise Equipment
Craftsman Lawn Tractors
Kenmore Outdoor Grills, Televisions and more!

This unique program from Sears Commercial features —

- A private selection consultation, with a professionally trained specialist
- Preferred Affiliate Program Pricing, backed by our Price Matching Plus policy
- Program and pricing is **only available through Sears Commercial Sales**
- This offer is not available through Sears retail or dealer stores

To make your selections and purchase, take this flyer to an Appliance Select Center closest to you, or visit Sears.com and contact: Bill Gillette ~ (214) 687-8758 ~ wgill03@searshc.com Employee Purchase Account # - CU-067849

To locate an Appliance Select Center close to you, visit:

www.contractsales.sears.com/contactus/scs_contact_as_locations.html

NOTE: This discount is NOT GOOD at retail Sears locations, you must call the number on the flyer once you have identified the product you are interested in. Also, this is for new sales only. No refunds will be given on previously purchased merchandise.

Donations

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Dixmont Post 201
Lisbon Falls Post 66

\$100.00 – VAVS
\$25.00 – Maine Troop Greeters

Bonnie Loupe & Barbara Johansen			\$15.00 – Healing Field
David Poisson	\$15.00 – Healing Field	Pamela Poisson	\$15.00 – Healing Field
E. Monroe Hawkins	\$15.00 – Healing Field	Diana Young	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Farmington Unit 28	\$15.00 – Healing Field	Thomas Gaudet	\$15.00 – Healing Field
John Mullett, Sr.	\$15.00 – Healing Field	Alta Pierce	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Brenda & Greg Kaler	\$15.00 – Healing Field	Laura Salley	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Melissa Luce	\$15.00 – Healing Field	George Allisot	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Locke Mills Unit 68	\$15.00 – Healing Field	Peter Bingham	\$15.00 – Healing Field-
Marcia Rowling	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Pat Hutton	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Barbara Johansen	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Stacey Moore	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Cliff Smith	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Bonnie Loupe	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Adrieene Detlefsen	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Nicole Loupe	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Mr. & Mrs. Detlefsen	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Duke Detlefsen	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Grant Leonard	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Hermon Unit 200	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Garret & Samuel Coffey	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Frank Graziano	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Topsham Unit 202	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Mrs. Phillip Blyther	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Carol Jenkins-Oulton	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Harris family	\$20.00 – Healing Field
The Hupp Family	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Carolyn Newman	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Milo & Jeannine Hask	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Reina Boudreau	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Douglas Small, Jr.	\$40.00 – Healing Field	Bernard Sheehan	\$20.00 – Healing Field

Lisbon Falls Post 66

\$25.00 – Healing Field

Don Allisot

\$30.00 – Healing Field

John Griffin

\$40.00 – Healing Field

Stella Trahan

\$40.00 – Healing Field

Annie Hart

\$40.00 – Healing Field

Camden Post 30

\$45.00 – Healing Field

Helen & George Lelievre

\$50.00 – Healing Field

Paula Adam

\$15.00 – Healing Field

Joseph Wallace

\$100.00 – Healing Field

Dennett-Craig & Pate Funeral Home

\$125.00 – Healing Field

Barry & Gladys Knowles

\$135.00 – Healing Field

Rod Green

\$200.00 – Healing Field

Augusta Squadron 2

\$230.00 – Healing Field

Richmond Post 132

\$500.00 – Healing Field

Hafford Restaurant & Saloon

\$500.00 – Healing Field

Department Fund-Raising Efforts

The Department of Maine supports several different fund-raising efforts. Below is a list of where we stand for this fiscal year in our fund-raising efforts (fiscal year ends April 30):

Cause	Annual Goal	Paid Out Since 5/1/07	Balance as of 10/12/07
Maine Special Olympics	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$9,676.31
Maine Blind Camp	\$6,000.00	\$ 0	\$5,537.20
Beals House	\$1,000.00	\$1,553.00	\$ 0
Homeless Veterans	\$1,000.00	\$ 0	\$4,518.67
VETAID	\$5,000.00	\$3,281.50	(\$3,281.50)
VAVS	\$6,500.00	\$3,345.27	(\$1,358.62)
Camp Tall Pines (+spec projects)	\$1,000.00	\$ 0	\$2,450.00
Maine Veterans Home Augusta	\$1,000.00	\$ 0	\$1,359.57
Children's Miracle Network	None	\$2,150.00	\$ 0
Boy Scouts	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$ 0
Child Welfare Foundation	None	\$494.50	\$150.00
National Emergency Fund	None	\$475.00	\$300.00
Natl. Legacy Scholarship Fund	None	\$6,280.29	\$ 0
Maine Troop Greeters	None	\$1,961.50	\$1,228.50
POW/MIA Committees	None	\$ 0	\$245.00

The numbers above show you how we are doing with our goals for the charities we sponsor as a Department. Please take a look at these exceptional programs and do what you can as a Post or individual to help the Department of Maine reach its goal. We have never let these organizations down in the past and I hope we do not do so this year. I'm sure there have been extra demands on your Post finances this year, but we must continue to remember our friends here in Maine, particularly our veterans. Thank you for your consideration.

Kudos

Gray Post 86 for collecting 76 pints of blood for the American Red Cross at their post home this past Monday. Also for their donation of \$25 to the family of a 13 year old boy who is in the hospital.

Second District for their donation of \$100 to the Maine Veterans Home in Scarborough.

Old Orchard Beach Post 57 for their donations of \$300, United Methodist Food Pantry; \$1,000, Veterans/No Boundries; \$500, OOB Fire Dept.; \$500, Toys for Tots and the auxiliary for \$300 to Toys for Tots.

What's Happening?

Membership Drive: Oct. 14, Weld Post 203, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hosted by Weld Post Commander Fred England and District 4 – Franklin Commander Charlie Bennett. They will be serving coffee, cider and doughnuts. If you would like to help, please call Charlie at 778-2340.

Marine Corps Band Concert: Oct. 18, Merrill Auditorium, Portland, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free, but are limited to four per person. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Portix: Marine Corps Band Concert, Merrill Auditorium Box Office, 20 Myrtle St., Portland, 04101 for tickets. No phone or Internet orders. Ticket holders must be seated by 7:15 or risk losing their seats to those in line without tickets.

Halloween Party: Oct. 27, Damariscotta Post 42, 9 p.m. with live music.

District Meetings

District 3 – Androscoggin: Oct 14, Livermore Falls Post 10, 2 p.m.

District 6 – Knox: Oct. 14, Camden Post 30, 1 p.m.

District 5 – Oxford: Oct. 16, Buckfield Post 58, 7 p.m.

District 14 – Piscataquis: Oct. 20, Milo Post 41, 6:30 p.m. supper, mtg. to follow

District 4 – Franklin: Oct. 22, Phillips Post 64, 6 p.m. supper, mtg. to follow

Directory Changes

Pgs. 4, 9, 17, 20 & 21, Thomas Naragon (576-6790)

Pg. 7, 7th Dist. Commander, Jim Seigars, 320 Bath Rd., Wiscasset 04578 (882-5244)

Pg. 21, Oratorical-Frank Butler, 405 Fletchers Landing Rd., Ellsworth 04605

Pg. 31, Freeport Post 83, Adjutant, Joyce Veilleux, P.O. Box F, Freeport 04032 (522-2389)

Pg. 36, Turner Post 111, Commander, Warren K. Clark, P.O. Box 368, Turner 04282

Pg. 41, Fryeburg Post 137, Adjutant, Douglas Thomas, 971 Main St., Fryeburg 04037 (239-829-5924)

Pg. 45, Topsham Post 202, meetings: 4th Sat, 10 a.m., except holidays, then 3rd Sat.

Pg. 48, Litchfield Post 181, Adjutant, Ernest R. Keene, 169 Plains Rd., Litchfield 04350 (268-4383)

Pg. 50, Jackman Post 122, P.O. Box 351, Jackman 04945

Pg. 58, Hermon Post 200, meetings: last Thurs. of month, 7 p.m.

Pg. 63, Caribou Post 15, Adjutant, Jese J. Olson, 26 Martin Rd., Ft. Fairfield 04742

Pg. 66, Madawaska Post 147, meetings: 2nd Mon., 7 p.m.

Pg. 66, Stockholm Post 136, Commander, Reginald Bates, P.O. Box 163, Sinclair 04779 (834-5719)

Pg. 109, Hermon Unit 200, meetings: last Thurs. of month, 7 p.m. @ Hermon H.S.

Sick Call

Jerry Elwell, Damariscotta Post 42, P. O. Box 98, Damariscotta 04543

**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment News**

We have reached a point in our current Healing Field project that it is either going to sink or swim. All sites (Lubec, Rockland, Augusta, Bath and Portland) should have some assistance from The Sons. If they do not then something needs to be done. This project has the potential to assist our Legion Family more than we know. Already I have given applications for Legion, Auxiliary and Sons memberships; it can only bring great PR to the organization and be a big shining star in the public's eye. It can give us a sense of achievement and respect for our fellow family members it can make us much closer than we have ever been. I have a lot of apprehension as November 11th draws closer but also I am looking forward to this time. I know that whatever it is how small or large it may be the Healing Field will be something that not a lot of people have seen "nor" will again. I know that many people will thank us for the opportunity to see such a sight. I know that when this is all said and done that our veterans here in the state will be assisted even greater than in the past. I know that we will bring a little more patriotism to our part of the world and when we are done with those flags they will go with John Q. Public and be flying in their yard along with over 2200 that will be visible somewhere.

Our membership needs a little boost as always. I want to thank Bruce Pierce and Scott Morton for their assistance with the Madison Squadron 39. The squadron is reforming again and I look forward to a visit to install this squadron. I had the opportunity to meet National President Jan Pulvermacher- Ryan at her dinner in Westbrook. She is a lady and I know that the auxiliary is in good hands. A program that we need to consider is Special Olympics, who will take the plunge with me in January in the Atlantic Ocean? We should be seeing the Lobster Raffle tickets very shortly, and don't forget about the Child Welfare Foundation. Again, that goal is \$1.00 per member, we will be asking squadrons to assist us with collecting that.

Don Allisot
Detachment Commander

Best Wishes,

Ron Sailor
Department Adjutant

EMPLOYER OF THE DISABLED AWARD

History: When the Employer Awards Program was established in 1947, its purpose was to recognize employers across the nation who had established outstanding records in the employment and retention of the disabled. The Legion wanted to use its awards program to educate employers and the general public about the many positive aspects of hiring disabled persons and thereby increase their employment opportunities.

In conjunction with its awards program, the Legion also established “Employ the Handicapped Week,” which was observed each October. This later became a national observance when succeeding presidents signed proclamations declaring the first full week of October to be “National Employ the Handicapped Week.”

Purpose of Award: To confer recognition on one employer in each state for an outstanding record in the hiring and retention of the disabled.

Deadline: Submission of nominations in the Employer of the Disabled Award category should be submitted to Department Headquarters by January 1.

Procedure: Nominations for this award must be sent to Department Headquarters. The Department then selects one nominee as its winner. It then forwards the nomination form for the winning employer to the National Economic Commission. The Department Adjutant must sign that nomination form.

Nomination Form: A copy of the official nomination form follows. Posts may reproduce this form for wider distribution. Additional copies may also be obtained by writing or calling Department Headquarters.

THE EMPLOYER OF THE DISABLED AWARD

Department of: _____ Date: _____

Legion Post number and name: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE INFORMATION

1. **Exact** name of company: _____

2. Business address: _____

3. Name and title of the company's contact person: _____

4. Contact person's telephone number: _____

5. Type of business: _____

6. Total employees: _____ Disabled employees: _____

7. Give reasons why you feel this nominee should receive this year's Employer of the Disabled Award. Include a brief summary of the company's policies and records, which qualify it, such as hiring, promotion, retention, and affirmative employment policies. Attach additional sheet(s) of paper if necessary.

8. Name, title, address, and daytime telephone number of the person making the nomination:

Nominations need to be sent to The American Legion, Department of Maine, P.O. Box 900, Waterville, Maine 04903-0900.

Approved: _____

Department Adjutant

Date