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Weekly Update



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**Most of us know how to say nothing;
few of us know when.**

☺ **SMILE** ☺

Congratulations to the following for achieving 100% in membership:

Mars Hill Post 118

**IRS Filing Requirement
For ALL Posts/Units**

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file returns may (will for The American Legion) be required to file an annual electronic notice, Form 990N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ. **Organizations that do not file the notice will lose their tax-exempt status.**

Previously small tax-exempt organizations, whose gross receipts were \$25,000 or less, were not required to file Form 990 or 990-EZ. With the enactment of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA), these small groups are now required to file electronically Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard, with the IRS annually.

The IRS began mailing educational letters in July 2007 notifying small tax-exempt organizations that they may be required to file the e-Postcard. The IRS is developing an electronic filing system (there will be no paper form) for the e-Postcard and will publicize filing procedures when the system is completed and ready for use.

The PPA requires the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization that fails to meet its annual filing requirement for three consecutive years. This revocation will be effective on the filing due date of the third year (normally March 15th for corporations).

This filing requirement will be mandatory for all American Legion posts and units previously exempted because they did not meet the minimum income level (\$25,000) to file a 990 or 990-EZ.

Please visit www.irs.gov/eo for more information.

Halloween at Togus

The Togus Halloween Party will be held on Wednesday October 31st. Volunteers are needed to visit the wards and distribute goodies to the patients. Please meet at the Voluntary Service office in Building 205 on the 3rd floor, at 9:30 a.m. to start the day. We will leave to visit the wards at 10 a.m. Costumes are welcome, but **please**, nothing too scary. All are welcomed. Any questions call Mary Barger at 621-4886.

Thank You's

Editor's note: Randy and Janet Kluj of Milo Post and Unit 41, along with Area Five Rep. Jeff Barnes and District 14 Commander Pete Johnson have been exceptionally active with the Legion's Liaison Committee to the Maine Troop Greeters. One of their projects was to raise money to provide "Build-A-Bears" for troops coming through the Bangor International Airport, either deploying to or coming home from overseas. Enclosed with this thank you note were two coupons for a free bear at this store. We received the following letter from the folks at the Build-A-Bear store at the Bangor Mall.

Dear Randy and Janet:

We at Build-A-Bear just wanted to say thank you again for allowing us to help with such a great effort. Carol and I had so much fun both times you came here to make your bears, the other two managers are jealous.

You should know that your kindness toward the troops affects many. By seeing how much fun it is to give a little you inspire us to do the same. We hope you will be back soon and we know that everyone who gets a bear will appreciate it greatly. Thank you for all your hard work.

Miranda, Carol, Hillary & Brandy
Build-A-Bear Managers

Department Headquarters Office Staff:

Thank you to everyone at Headquarters for all you do for the veterans of Maine and to help me serve the legionnaires in Area Five.

Jeff Barnes
Area Five Representative

Tree of Caring

The Western Maine Veteran’s Home Advisory Committee is once again offering a chance to honor friends and loved ones by lighting a bulb on the “Tree of Caring” at our South Paris home at 477 High St. on Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m. Music and refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Bulbs in memory of a deceased loved one, who need not be a veteran, or to honor a special person who is still with us are \$5 each. The funds received from this program will be used exclusively for special activities and needs of the residents at the home. To purchase a bulb or for more information you may contact Dick Young, 159 Paris Hill Rd., So. Paris 04281. Tel: 743-8084.

Donations

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Oxford Post 112		\$15.00 – Maine Troop Greeters	
Oxford Unit 112		\$15.00 – Maine Troop Greeters	
Blue Hill Post 85		\$50.00 – Maine Troop Greeters	
Waterville Post 5		\$500.00 – VETAID	
Nancy Levine	\$15.00 – Healing Field	William Roderick	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Mary Shaurette	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Patty Qualey	\$40.00 – Healing Field
Bernard Sheehan	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Douglas Small, Jr.	\$40.00 – Healing Field
Bob Green	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Alex Pooler	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Bryan Pooler	\$45.00 – Healing Field	Roberta Banks	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Amos Greenleaf	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Michael Field	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Michael Johansen	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Lisa Dow	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Steve & Diane Glidden	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Brian Perry	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Constance Pritchard	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Karen Welch	\$20.00 – Healing Field
David & Anne Little	\$20.00 – Healing Field	David McFarland	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Hylar Agency, Inc.	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Terry Melanson	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Ronald Gamage	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Douglas Raye	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Prior Bros Auto Repair	\$15.00 – Healing Field	Jackie Raye	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Fairfield Unit 14	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Dana Verge	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Rockland Unit 1	\$150.00 – Healing Field	Veronica Rokosny	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Herb & Bonnie Phillips	\$15.00 – Healing Field	Sarah Kelley	\$30.00 – Healing Field
Scott & Laura Ludwig	\$30.00 – Healing Field	Gerard Fernald	\$30.00 – Healing Field
Dick & Ruth Butters	\$40.00 – Healing Field	Donald Moore	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Trenton Post 207	\$100.00 – Healing Field	Stella Trahan	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Jason Todd Trahan	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Jack Page	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Herman & Marion Wright	\$20.00 – Healing Field	George Allisto	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Craig Meyers	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Corey Colburn	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Beverly Huber-Moore	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Aaron Bowe	\$15.00 – Healing Field
Ida, Ben, Cameron Beal	\$15.00 – Healing Field	Dist. 6 Auxiliary	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Dana & Bonnie Stimpson	\$20.00 – Healing Field	Machias Unit 9	\$20.00 – Healing Field
Portland Police Ben. Assoc.	\$150.00 – Healing Field	Richard Butters	\$20.00 - Healing Field

What's Happening?

Hermon Post 200: Oct. 20, Bean Supper, Rescue Squad Building , Billings Rd., Hermon, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Adults: \$5, Children: \$2.50. Beans, Chop Suey, Hot dogs, Cole slaw, assorted breads and desserts.

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

Westbrook Post 197: Oct. 28, Foxwood Casino Bus Trip, 7 a.m. Bus will leave the Post 197 parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and leave Foxwood at 5:00 p.m. for the return trip. Bus ride is free and you will receive a \$10 food voucher and \$15 in gaming credits. There are still 16 seats available and if interested, please call Commander Dana Staples at 233-7482 to reserve seats.

Turner Post 111: Oct. 28, Village Farm Fishery in Turner, 12:00 noon until 8 p.m. Yankee Post Roast with all the fixins for \$9.95 with \$1.00 of the proceeds to go to the Children and Youth Scholarship program. Owner Chris Hathaway previously donated \$300 to the Turner Post from proceeds from a pig roast.

Unity Post 50: Nov. 3, Hunters Supper, 5-7 p.m. Adults: \$6, Children: \$3. Beans, Hot dogs, Chop Suey, rolls, beverages and pies for dessert.

District Meetings

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

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

November

16th District – So. Aroostook: Nov. 3, Easton Post 187, 1 p.m.

17th District – No. Aroostook: Nov. 4, Frenchville Post 145, 1 p.m., dinner

13th District – Penobscot: Nov. 4, Newport Post 105, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. mtg.

8th District – Sagadahoc: Nov. 8, Topsham Post 202, 6:30 p.m.

12th District – Hancock: Nov. 13, Bucksport Post 93, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting

14th District – Piscataquis: Nov. 17, Dexter Post 53, 6:30 p.m. supper

3rd District – Androscoggin: Nov. 18, Sabattus Post 135, 2 p.m.

15th District – Washington: Nov. 18, Machias Post 9, 2 p.m., dinner to follow.

11th District – Waldo: Nov. 18, Palermo Post 163, 2 p.m.

5th District – Oxford: Nov. 20, Bethel Post 81, 7 p.m.

Directory Changes

Pg. 53, Ellsworth Post 63, P.O. Box 694, dues \$25.00; Commander, John Welch, Jr., P.O. Box 169, 5 Welch Ln., Franklin 04634 (667-2218) and Service Officer, Ken Bragdon, 71 Douglas Hwy., Lamoine 04634 (565-3612).

Pg. 52, Stockton Springs Post 157, meetings: 2nd Tues. of month starting January 8, 2008

The following are changes for the Auxiliary section of the directory. On some committees, the chairperson was not listed first to indicate this individual is the chairperson. Corrections as follows:

Pg. 87, Finance Committee, Valerie Wright should be listed first as chair. Junior Activities, Georgine Butman should be listed first as chair.

Pg. 89, Ways & Means Committee, committee member should be Emma Wells not Mary Wells.

Pg. 90, Convention Decorating Committee, Amber Ruby should be listed first as chair.

Pg. 91, Special Olympics Committee, Carolyn Bourgeois should be listed first as chair.

Pg. 99, Locke Mills Unit 68, President should be Helvi Cary, 142 N. Main St., Bryant Pond 04219

Sons of The American Legion Detachment News

We have just returned from Indianapolis where the Sons of The American Legion held their National Executive Committee meetings. It was very productive and again there were many dollars donated to various programs. Projects receiving donations were the National Emergency fund, Children's Miracle Network, Legacy Fund and Child Welfare Foundation. The amount escapes me but I would guess that there was a line with 75 people in it all bearing checks. It is at these moments when I know the organization is worth the effort we put into it. These are the times when I know that we have just touched the surface of what we can accomplish. As we continue to grow, Squadrons will continue to develop, and by develop I mean develop their ability to fundraise and promote leadership from within.

The Healing Field continues to roll along and soon we should come to some sort of fruition with that. I am looking forward to Veterans Day now and cannot wait to see all of those flags flying in one area. Don't think that it is too late to purchase your flag we will fly them again in the spring. So if it doesn't make Veterans Day it will be flown on Memorial Day!

I hope that each Squadron is thinking about annual donations to Child Welfare, Special Olympics, Lobster Raffle and possibly The Healing Field. You should be hearing from these program chairmen soon if you have not already. I know that there are plenty of needs in your communities, but if you can help a little in these areas, please do.

Don Allisot
Detachment Commander

Best Wishes,

Ron Sailor
Department Adjutant

