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### Weekly Update



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**Every time you give another a piece of  
your mind, you add to your own vacuum**

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

**Bethel Post 81**

**Oxford Post 112**

**Harpswell Post 171**

#### **Vietnam Veterans Healthcare Alert**

Alert to Vietnam Veterans regarding Healthcare Eligibility exposure to Agent Orange priority 6 category. This eligibility expired December 2002; however the VA has continued to treat veterans under this authority. The VA is seeking approval to discontinue treatment under this authority (does not affect registry exams) An Executive Decision Memo is still circulating around VA for approval.

What to do: We need to immediately get the word out to all Vietnam Veterans who served in-country in the Republic of Vietnam, and have not yet enrolled for VA Healthcare eligibility under priority group 6. Eligibility applications can be obtained at The American Legion Service Office or by downloading VA Form 1010EZ at: <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/>. On the bottom of the second page of the application form, be sure to check the “yes” box on the question that asks: were you exposed to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam? On the last page of the application, check the block that says: “No I do not wish to provide financial information” in sections VII through X. Be sure to then sign and date the bottom of the last page and have completed all applicable areas, including the name and social security number on the top of pages 2 and 3. A copy of your military separation document DD Form 214, which verifies your ‘in country’ service in RVN, must be submitted with the application. This should be done ASAP.

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**Legion Riders  
State-Wide Meeting**

On Saturday, January 10, 2009 the Maine American Legion Riders will hold a state-wide meeting at Rockland Post 1 with a social hour starting at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting is scheduled from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meeting will include the election of officers for the coming year, selection of the site for the next Annual Meeting and other business related matters.

If you or your chapter wishes to have an agenda item added, please contact State ALR Secretary Kaye Bouchard at [kaybe@suscom-maine.net](mailto:kaybe@suscom-maine.net) or call her at 725-5245.

Special pricing has been coordinated for motel rooms for those attending this event at the following locations:

Hampton Inn and Suites: \$85.50. Tel: 594-6644

Navigator Motor Inn: \$69 (non-harbor view) \$89 (with harbor view) Tel: 594-2131

Trade Winds Motor Inn: \$64 – first floor room; \$74 – standard room; \$84 – balcony room. Tel: 596-6661

All include a continental breakfast.

**Mid-Winter Conference  
Event Information**

The 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening dinner, which will be preceded by a 5:00 p.m. social hour, will offer a choice of Breast of Chicken or Crab stuffed Fish with Maine Clam Chowder and Strawberry Shortcake for dessert for \$20. Checks can be sent to York Post 56, P. O. Box 35, York 03909 or call Steve or Candice at 363-0376 and be sure to indicate your entrée choice. The Saturday lunch for \$11.95 will offer turkey, ham or roast beef, potato salad, macaroni salad, tossed salad and cookies. Cutoff for dinner reservations is Jan. 12.

For those who may be staying over for either Friday or Saturday nights or both, the following have offered discounted rates. Please make your reservations directly with the motels.

Best Western York Inn – Single or double; \$59.99 plus tax. (\$49.93 if 25 or more Legion rooms. Tel: 363-8903.)

Microtel Inn and Suites – Single; \$60 plus tax. Double; \$69.52 plus tax. Suite; \$76.42 plus tax. Tel: 363-0800.

Union Bluff Hotel – Single; \$79 plus tax. Double; \$89 plus tax. Suites avail. Add \$40 per room for ocean view. Legion discount from these rates: 10% for one night, 20% for two nights. Tel: 363-1333.

**Note: New address for Post 56 is: 9 Hannaford Dr. in York. (next to the Hannaford store)**

**What's Happening?**

**Old Orchard Beach:** Jan. 1, Lobster Dip, 12:00 noontime. Come to OOB in front of the Brunswick Hotel to see many Legion family members take a frosty dip in the Atlantic Ocean to raise money for Special Olympics of Maine.

**Winthrop Post 40:** Jan. 17, Benefit Dinner, 5 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner to benefit Caitlin Bazinet who was recently in an automobile accident and is recovering. Caitlin is the daughter of former Kennebec County Sheriff Leo Bazinet. \$6 per person – children are free.

**District Meetings**

**District 16 – S. Aroostook:** Jan. 3, Easton Post 187, 1 p.m.

**District 3 – Androscoggin:** Jan. 11, Mechanic Falls Post 150, Oratorical 1 p.m., meeting 2 p.m.

**District 7 – Lincoln:** Jan. 12, Boothbay Harbor Post 36, 7:30 p.m.

**District 10 – Somerset:** Jan. 12, Skowhegan Post 16, Oratorical, 6:30 p.m., meeting to follow.

**District 11 – Waldo:** Jan. 18, Belfast Post 43, 2 p.m.

**District 5 – Oxford:** Jan. 21, S. Paris Post 72, Oratorical, 7 p.m.

**Donations**

**THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU**

Donald L. Miles, Post 67  
Edward Bogh, Post 17  
Litchfield Post 181

\$10.00 – VAVS Comfort items  
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\$50.00 – Special Olympics (Lobster dip)

**Kudos**

Lisbon Falls Post 66 for shipping three boxes of Christmas gifts to military personnel serving in Iraq, valued at over \$850, which is the sixth consecutive year for this project.

Portland Post 17 for their donation of \$100.00 to Camp Tall Pines through the generosity of Robert & Gladys Stokinger.

**Directory Changes**

**Pg. 27**, York Post 56, P.O. Box 35, 9 Hannaford Dr., York 03909

**Sick Call**

Calais Post 3 Commander Emery “Pat” Patterson, P. O. Box 236, Calais 04619

**Condolences**

Claudette Enman, wife of Past Department Commander Gard Enman (deceased), recently passed away. Cards can be sent to their son Jason at 9 Mark St., Lewiston 04240.

Stockholm Post 136 Past Commander Donald Lemos recently passed away. Cards can be sent to Jason and Carrie Lemos, 477 Dover Rd., Charleston, ME. 04422

**Auxiliary Corner**

The end of the year is almost here! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has been there and helped support this year’s programs and me. I have enjoyed our visitations and getting to know so many of you this year. You are all doing a great job and it has been a pleasure working with you!

I hope to see many of you at the yearly Lobster Dip for Special Olympics on New Year’s Day in Old Orchard. Looks like I will be doing the Chicken Dip (doctor’s orders). But, I will be there cheering the (lucky ones?) on!

I wish you all a very safe and “HAPPY NEW YEAR!”

Donna L Greenlaw  
Department President

Best Wishes,

Ron Sailor  
Department Adjutant

