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Weekly Update



July 2, 2010

☺ **SMILE** ☺

One today is better than 10 tomorrows.

Congratulations to the following for achieving 100% in membership:

Belfast Post 43

Holiday Reminder

The Department Headquarters Office will be closed Monday, July 5 for Independence Day.

Fall Conference

The 2010 Fall Conference will be held at Millinocket Post 80 on Sept. 17-19. Rooms will be available at the following hotels/motels: **Please mention Legion when calling for reservations.**

Hotel Terrace (Medway Rd.) – 723-4545 – 1 queen bed, 53.45 tax included 1 person; 2 queen beds, \$59.86 tax included 1 person; \$6.42 each extra person

Econo Lodge Inn (Katahdin Inn & Suites after 7/1) (Central St.) – 723-4555 (fax 723-6480) – single \$49.99 plus tax; double \$69.99 plus tax; continental breakfast

Pamola Motor Lodge (Central St.) – 1-800-575-9746 (fax 723-9746) – 1 single king bed \$55 plus tax; 2 double beds \$60 plus tax; continental breakfast starts at 6 a.m.

Baxter Park Inn (935 Central St.) – 723-9777, 1-866-633-9777- \$74.99 1 person; \$84.99 2 people; \$10 each additional person in room, \$200 for rental of banquet room for the weekend, cut-off date for these prices is Aug. 15.

Friday night: Karaoke, meal packets may be picked up from 7 – 9 p.m. in the lobby.

Saturday: Coffee served all day. Lunch consists of corn chowder, finger rolls, pickles, chips, dessert and coffee.

Dinner consists of baked ham with raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, carrots, string beans, salad, dessert and coffee.

Meal package cost is \$20 per person, if paid by Sept. 9, otherwise \$25. Please send checks to Tina May Nicholson, 26 Forest Ave., Millinocket 04462. FMI, please call Tina Mae at 723-8515.

Free camping for paid up members of The American Legion family, Millinocket Post 80, 970 Central St. 30 amp hook-up, porta potty, dumping station across the street, walking distance to restaurants and convenience store, Legion canteen opens at 1 p.m., karaoke Sat. nights. Free pool, bumper pool, shuffle board and Wii games. Area is Wi-Fi accessible. No minors in the canteen area after 8 p.m. RSVP, please call 723-8088 after 1 p.m. Donations not necessary but will be accepted.

National Convention

To All Legion Family Members,

Time is getting down to the wire for registering for National Convention in Milwaukee, August 27 through September 2. The required form to complete can be found at the end of this newsletter, if you are going to attend. Each delegate and guest must register and display the appropriate badge in order to gain access to the various locations such as emblem sales and the vendor areas. The Auxiliary would register as a delegate with the Auxiliary and the Sons would register with the Sons. Department of Maine American Legion would be only for the housing and if desired, tickets for the National Commander's banquet which will be on a first come first serve basis. FMI, please call Headquarters at 873-3229 or e-mail me at lloyd@mainelegion.org.

Department needs your help as we have a required number of rooms and we are well below that number thus possibly causing the hotel to charge us a penalty for not using all the rooms that have been set aside for us.

We will take the reservations and registrations until mid to late July. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Lloyd Woods
Department Adjutant

Pepsi Challenge

The sum and substance of the email below is that The American Legion is again competing for \$250,000 for the Legacy Scholarship Fund in July. Additionally, we are entered for August on behalf of job fairs, in which we are quite active. Let's make it a point to let our "address books" know that we need them to vote every day for the next two months in order to win \$500,000 for American Legion Charities. Go to www.legion.org and click on the Pepsi Refresh icon.

District Meetings

District 10 – Somerset: July 12, Skowhegan Post 16, 6 p.m. refreshments, 6:30 p.m. mtg.

District 9 – Kennebec: July 14, Litchfield Post 181, 6 p.m. supper (with donation plate), 7 p.m. mtg.

What's Happening?

4th of July Celebration: July 4, Winthrop Unit 40 Auxiliary, 40 Bowdoin Street, 10 a.m., bake sale, book sale, silent auction (inside the Post). Festivities from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the shores of Maranacook Lake include chicken barbecue, cotton candy, sausage cart, ice cream, etc. MC by Randy's Music all day; dunk tank, dartboard poker, kids games, raffles, silent auction, cake sale, bake sale, dance contest 3:00 p.m., ages 0-16; face painting, grab bags, balloons, fireworks display. Jointly hosted by: Post 40, Unit 40, SAL and ALR's.

Wounded Heroes Ride 2010: July 10, at 8 a.m. gather at MVH Scarborough, 11 a.m. rollout to Arundel. Motorcycles only in the ride. Any questions or to pre-register Call Pam Payeur at 468-1026 or Barbara St. Onge at 284-9248. Rain or shine. Known last year as the Wounded Warrior Ride 2009.

American Legion Riders Poker Run: July 17, Winthrop Post 40, 117 Bowdoin Street. Poker Run starts at 11 a.m. and continues until 1 p.m. (last departures), ends when the last rider returns and gets checked in. Come and join us as we raise funds to benefit local veterans groups and the American Legion Riders. There will be music, games, 50/50, raffles and barbecue. Cost to play is: \$15.00 for each rider, \$10.00 for each passenger, \$5.00 for each additional score card. Grand prize is 25% of pot, 2nd prize is 10% of pot, and worst hand will receive 5% of pot.

Fairfield Post 14 Open House: July 31, 86 Main St., Fairfield, 4 p.m. dinner, entertainment 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., Post 14 will provide hamburgers & hot dogs, pot luck for salads and desserts, please. Hosted by the post, unit and squadron. **RSVP by July 24** to Mike Coyne (post) at 660-8916, Cathy Gurney (unit) 238-6031 or Paul Roberts (squadron) at 649-1288.

District 12 Outing at Gouldsboro: Aug. 1, Gouldsboro Point, 12 noon but come early and visit awhile. We will have lobster, mussels and corn on the cob all cooked in sea water. Please bring whatever else you want plus small table and chairs. \$8 per lobster. Please RSVP to Thomas Newman, 32 Marshall Brook Rd., SW Harbor 04679 or call 244-4010. The deadline for ordering lobster will be July 23. Follow route 1, east from Ellsworth until you see the sign Gouldsboro point.

Kudos

Fairfield Post 14 for their donations of \$200 for a Walk-A-Thon for a Stairway to Freedom Memorial, \$125 to the Maine Shriner's Lobster Bowl, \$150 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, \$150 to CMN, \$150 to Boy Scout Troop 460, \$200 to the Lawrence HS Scholarship Fund, \$125 to the Winslow Family 4th of July celebration, \$125 to the USO and \$50 to the American Diabetes Assoc.

Unity Post 50 had 35 donors at their recently held blood drive.

Donations

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\$1,000 – Maine Blind Camp
\$1,000 – VA&R

Letters

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive your scholarships. I am so very proud to live in our country. Thanks to the veterans!! Thank you!!

Whitney Norton, James V. Day and Children & Youth recipient

Dear Department of Maine, American Legion,
We greatly appreciate your donation of \$1,000 to the Beals House. It will be used in a wise and caring manner for families of hospitalized veterans. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Mary Duquette, Secretary Board of Directors,
Beals Hospitality House

The year 2009 - 2010 has come to an end for the Dept. Of Maine Auxiliary, but feel a new and exciting year is about to begin. Ahead of us is National Convention and all that it has to offer. As N.E.C. for the Dept. of Maine 2010-2011 and Eastern Div. Poppy Chairman 2010-2011, my days will still be full and interesting.

Thank you to EVERY Auxiliary member for your support this past year and for stepping forward to take part in our many programs. The Department of Maine shines brighter because of your efforts.

A thank you, also, goes out to the American Legion and to the S.A.L.'s for the co-operation and the togetherness in which we worked in 2009-2010. It made for a great year. I would also like to thank the office personnel at Legion Headquarters for their assistance. Whenever I needed it, a friendly voice was on the other end of the line whenever I called.

My sincere hope is that all of you will back President Nancy's and Commanders Dan's and Brian's efforts and show them the same support that I have received. 2009-2010 has surely proven that: **WORKING TOGETHER BRINGS RESULTS.**

Lois M. Hubbard, Jr. Past President

Sick Call

Dixmont Post 201 Past Post Commander Earl Welch is in St. Joseph's Hospital in Bangor.

**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment News**

This is proving to be a nice weekend with the forecasted holiday weekend ahead, so as we go out with families and friends be sure to check local legions for what they may be doing also. I know Winthrop does a legion family function complete with chicken BBQ, Auxiliary silent auction, music, fireworks on the lake every year. Speaking of Winthrop, I'd like to welcome our newest District 9 Commander Richard Dow and this year we also have Keith Bouchard from District 3 as its newest Commander.

Membership cards are on their way to your squadrons, and as most squadrons take the summer off, go to those who don't have it off now, as your visit. This way you can make more visits later to those coming back from vacation. We still have time to get our goal of 105% by July 20th. Push as much as you can. I'd love to reach 105% by National, even the 100 mark works. The harder we push and squeeze the closer we get.

Nancy has accepted my challenge of raising more money than us for homeless veterans, and the wager being whichever E-board loses, does a BBQ for the winning E-board following convention 2011. Nancy has played hardball and got Robin to donate on her team. Nancy go take a gander at your husband's checkbook, he donated more than Robin did, so already we are ahead on that one.

Happy 4th to everyone, and be safe this weekend.

If you have something you want to submit to the smile, please e-mail no later than Wednesdays to get it in the same week.

Numbers Don't Lie

Yours in service,

Brian Danforth, Detachment Commander, E-Mail: detachmentofficer@yahoo.com, Phone 314-0222

Auxiliary Corner

The Auxiliary Executive Committee has been challenged by the Sons of the American Legion Commander, Brian Danforth, in an effort to raise money for our joint project, the homeless veterans. His challenge is the E-board (ALA or SAL) of whichever group loses must do a BBQ after convention 2011 for the winning E-board. Now ladies, I don't know about you, but I have no intentions of flipping burgers over a hot grill while the Sons sit around drinking beer and making fun of our cooking! My challenge to each Unit and each Department Officer and Past Department President stands. For each that donates at least \$25 toward this great project, I will personally donate \$5.

Legionnaires, don't think you are being left out. Even though Commander Dan Ayotte chooses not to join Brian and me in our adventure, your money is as good as anyone else's. Who better to support than your Auxiliary? Remember, we are your backbone of your organization. Without us, where would you be?

I extend my challenge to each Legion Post, Legion Department Officer, and Past Department Commander. For each that contributes at least \$25 through the American Legion Auxiliary toward our project, I will personally contribute \$5. Make checks payable to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Maine and earmark "Homeless Veterans Project". Mail your checks to 336B Kennedy Drive, Oakland, ME 04963.

Reminder to all ALA Department Officers, District Presidents and Alternates, and Committee chair: mandatory training session on July 11th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oakland Post.

To all members of the American Legion Family, please join us at Togus this coming Sunday, July 4th in Building 207, second floor community room from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to help celebrate with our Veterans. Who better to be with on Independence Day than with those who fought for this great country!

Thank you all for your service to God and Country.

Yours in Service,

Nancy G. True
Department President

Best Wishes,

Lloyd Woods,
Department Adjutant

2010 National Convention Reservation/Registration/Banquet Form

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – August 27 – September 2, 2010

The American Legion, Department of Maine

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I will arrive on _____ depart _____

I will require a room with _____ beds for _____ people (King/double room - one to two occupants, \$128.35, tax included; additional occupants, \$10; rollaway – \$30)

Names: _____

Smoking _____ Non-smoking _____

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$ _____, made payable to the Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel, for one night's room deposit (OR)

Credit card Number: _____

Type: _____ Exp. date: _____

Enclosed please find the following registration fee(s) payable to The American Legion:

American Legion Delegates, Alternates or guests (\$15 each): \$ _____

I would like to reserve _____ tickets to the National Commander's Dinner at \$45 each, check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____, made **payable to The American Legion**.

ALL INFORMATION and PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY MID JULY.

Name

Address
