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### Weekly Update



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**The only free cheese is in the mousetrap.**

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Congratulations to the following for achieving 100% in membership:

**Brewer Post 98**

**Fall Conference**

The annual Fall Conference of The American Legion will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007 in Millinocket. All meetings of the Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion will be held at Post 80. The American Legion will hold its meetings at America's Best Value Inn, located nearby the post home. Reservations are to be made directly with the motels, NOT through Department headquarters. The following motels will hold rooms until August 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Auxiliary banquet will be held on Saturday evening with a menu of roast pork, mashed potatoes, vegetable, tossed salad and dessert. Auxiliary Unit 80 will also serve a lunch of beef stew or corn chowder and dessert at the post home on Saturday. Both meals are available for a package deal of \$15 per person. Send checks to Tina Nicholson, 26 Forest Ave., Millinocket 04462 or tel: 723-8515. Cutoff is September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Vietnam Veterans Day**

Governor John Baldacci, as a tribute to all Maine Vietnam veterans, has declared Friday, August 24, 2007 as Maine Vietnam Veterans Day. The Cole Land Transportation Museum in Bangor will host several events on this day beginning at 1:30 p.m. All Vietnam veterans, as well as all veterans, are invited to attend.

All Vietnam veterans who have previously received a walking stick can have a Cole Museum Memorial Park commemorative red, white and blue reflective sticker applied to your stick and 800 additional walking sticks, with commemorative stickers, will be available to Vietnam veterans with identification, who have not previously received a stick. Korean and WW II veterans who bring their walking sticks with them can also receive the memorial sticker.

Many of you are familiar with the book “Quiet Courage” written by Don Colson covering stories by 89 U. S. military veterans, including 15 who served during the Vietnam era. Governor Baldacci and Don will be present to sign books at the museum. In addition, books will be available for purchase with all proceeds used to purchase additional Vietnam walking sticks and to support the Luxembourg singing group who will perform at 3:00 p.m. for this event. Seating will include temporary use of twenty 6-foot Maine granite benches remaining from 75 procured by the Cole Museum and donated earlier this year to cemeteries and Veteran Memorials throughout Maine. Please bring your lawn chairs so you and your family will be assured good seats on the lawn.

To date, over 1,000 walking sticks have been given to Vietnam veterans with only 12 of these being picked up by veterans living south of Belfast and Waterville. Please pass the word to Vietnam veterans in southern Maine that they are most welcome to join the Vietnam veterans from eastern and northern Maine for this event.

1:30 – 2:40 p.m. – Governor Baldacci will greet veterans as they sign up for and receive a walking stick. Governor Baldacci and Don Colson will be available to sign copies of Don’s recent book Quiet Courage. Vietnam veterans whose stories are included in the book have also been invited to sign their sections of the book.

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. – Luxembourg Choir joins the group on the museum lawn for the Army National Guard presentation of the Colors. Choir leads the singing of the National Anthem. In the event of rain, ceremonies will be held inside the museum.

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Luxembourg Youth Chorus to sing patriotic songs.

To get to the Cole Land Transportation Museum at 45 Perry Road in Bangor, follow the posted major WWII, Vietnam & Purple Heart signs on I-95 and I-395. You can visit the Museum’s web site at [www.colemuseum.org](http://www.colemuseum.org)

**Legion Riders  
Supporting Veterans**

On Wednesday, August 15, 2007, Topsham Post Commander and Legion Rider advocate Bill Kilde departed the state of Maine on his motorcycle for Indianapolis, Indiana with a check for \$6,165.29 to the National Legacy Fund. He will be delivering this money to our National organization on behalf of the many Posts, Units, Squadrons and Legion Riders groups who made a significant effort to support this worthy cause.

Bill is scheduled to arrive in Indianapolis on Saturday, August 18 to turn over the check from the Department of Maine. He will then take part in the first leg of the National Legacy Motorcycle Run on its way to Reno, Nevada for the opening session of the National Convention. The National Legacy Motorcycle Run will have nearly 200 motorcycles in this caravan to Reno. Great job Bill and thank you to all Legion Riders and groups supporting the National Legacy Fund.

The National Legacy Fund was established in order to help the children of our fallen soldiers since 9/11. This fund provides scholarships for those children who have lost a parent in service to their country.

**Entertainment For  
Togus Veterans**

Past Department Commander Herman Wright is asking for Legion Riders and anyone else who is interested to join him and the Rusty Nuts Car Club at Dunkin Donuts in Wiscasset at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> to parade to Togus. They plan on putting on a great show for the veterans when they get there. Legion Riders, Patriot Guard Riders, and Freedom Riders will be joining with the Rusty Nuts Car Club to put on this show. FMI, please contact Herm at 449-1388.

**Donations**

<b>THANK YOU</b>	<b>THANK YOU</b>	<b>THANK YOU</b>	<b>THANK YOU</b>	<b>THANK YOU</b>
Norway Post 82			\$346.00	– National Legacy Fund
Norway Unit 82			\$154.00	– National Legacy Fund
Waldoboro Post 149			\$100.00	– National Legacy Fund
Damariscotta Post 42 American Legion Riders			\$90.00	– National Legacy Fund
Auburn Post 153 American Legion Riders			\$1,000.00	– National Legacy Fund
Rockland Post 1 American Legion Riders			\$1,239.29	– National Legacy Fund
Richmond SAL Squadron 132			\$125.00	– Healing Field
Oakland SAL Squadron 51			\$140.00	– Healing Field
Ronald Leach			\$20.00	– Healing Field
John Lippincott			\$25.00	– Healing Field

## Kudos

Old Orchard Beach Post 57 for their donations to Friends of OOB Football of \$100 and to the OOB 5K Breakaway Committee of \$500 to support their race.

## District Meetings

**Fifth District:** Aug. 21, 7 p.m., West Paris Post 151. Potluck supper at 5 p.m. This is a change from previous years when the meeting was held at the Maine Veterans Home in So. Paris.

## September

**District 16 – So. Aroostook:** Sept. 8, Limestone Post 127, 1 p.m.

**District 4 – Franklin:** Sept. 10, Kingfield Post 61, 6 p.m. All District Officers are requested to attend.

**District 8 – Sagadahoc:** Sept. 13, Bath Post 21, 6:30 p.m.

**District 14 – Piscataquis:** Sept. 15, Guilford Post 119, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7:30 mtg.

**District 3 – Androscoggin:** Sept. 16, Lisbon Post 158, 2 p.m.

**District 11 – Waldo:** Sept. 16, Brooks Post 183, 2 p.m.

**District 5 – Oxford:** Sept. 18, Oxford Post 112, 7 p.m.

## What's Happening?

**Hermon Post 200:** Aug. 18, Bean Supper, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. All you can eat. Adults \$5, children \$2.50. At the Rescue Squad Building on Billings Road in Hermon.

**Buckfield Post 58:** Sep. 3, 10:00 a.m., parade. Labor Day parade followed by music, games and food at the municipal center. FMI call 336-2031.

## Sick Call

Noah Steele, Past District Commander & member of Waldoboro Post 149, 65 Elm St., Waldoboro 04572

## Condolences

Laura Stevens, wife of Past District Commander David Stevens of Freeport Post 83, recently passed away. Cards can be sent to David at 26 Wilson St., South Portland 04106.

**Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment News**

We had a Detachment Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>. The quorum was not met and so we were left to discuss a number of issues. My thanks go to all those who did attend, especially Gard Enman. His encouragement and support will always be remembered.

Detachment Sgt. at Arms Cliff Hallowell asked if I would thank those members from Rockland Squadron 1 Color Guard for their assistance with the funeral services for a Legionnaire from Bath Post 21. I attended that service and can tell you that it was very impressive. A large thank you to Archie Chase, Doug Raye and Jon Burns. Your concern and generosity is a testament of your dedication to The American Legion Family.

Ninth District Commander Bruce Bragdon has issued a challenge to all of the other District Commanders. He is going to all of the Squadrons in his District and asking for money to become a Red, White and Blue sponsor for the Healing Field. He almost has the money for a sponsorship. The challenge is in how many individual flags that each Squadron can sell. The winner will get a flag appropriated in their name flying in the field of their choice. The District Commander just has to figure in the cost of \$515.00.

Congratulations to Donna Sailor! Her perseverance has paid off and The Healing Field project was aired on Fox News on Tuesday morning. Vice Commander Brian Danforth has secured some airtime on 92 Moose. This was aired on Thursday morning and I thank you both for all that you do! There will be a state of Maine "Healing Field" Meeting at Auburn Post 153 on Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M. All are welcome to attend.

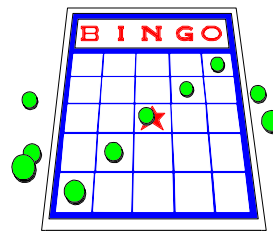
Don Allisot  
Detachment Commander

Best Wishes,

Ron Sailor  
Department Adjutant

Fall Frolic to be Held at Togus

It is time again to think about the annual Fall Frolic. This year it will be held on



Saturday, September 8, 2007 and will be a Bingo Extravaganza!

As in the past, activities will be held on each patient floor throughout the hospital. In support and cooperation with new guidelines regarding food policies, the VA will provide refreshments at the end of the activities. Organization members are asked NOT to bring food items to the Fall Frolic.

We will need about 15 volunteers per ward to help patients with the games and to serve refreshments after the games. At present the following organizations have stepped forward and committed to a specific responsibility for the day:

American Legion Family – NHCU 73  
Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary -- NHCU 72  
Elks – 4 South  
Mason's – Building 200 – all of 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Sign-in will be in Building 207, 1<sup>st</sup> floor (Dirigo room #121) with coffee and refreshments being served for volunteers only beginning no earlier than 8:30 a.m.

All assigned volunteers will leave together from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 9:45 a.m. with all the games beginning around 10 a.m. All games should be completed by 11:45 a.m. Refreshments will again be available for volunteers after the Bingo games on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of building 200 (Dirigo room #121).

All other organizations and VAVS Reps and Deps are warmly invited to join in and socialize with the hospitalized patients and residents and get reacquainted with one another. No organization is excluded.

For further questions, please call Voluntary Service at (207) 621-4886.

**See you at the Fall Frolic!**

**Teri Olson, Recreation Therapist**