



# The American Legion Department of Maine

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## MEMO

TO: All Legion Leadership

FROM: Kevin Bartlett, National Judge Advocate

RE: LEGION Act Passage and Organizational Implications

President signs ACT

(INDIANAPOLIS, July 30, 2019) -- The head of the nation's largest veterans organization thanked President Trump for signing a bipartisan act which will recognize veterans who served during periods not previously considered "wartime."

The Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act (LEGION Act) opens the door for millions of veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible

The LEGION Act will amend our Charter to read: "36 USC Section 21703 – Membership: An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation [The American Legion] only if the individual – (1) has served in the Armed Forces of (A) the United States at any time during – (i) the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918; or (ii) any time after December 7, 1941; or (B) a government associated with the United States Government during a period or time referred to in subclause (A) of this clause and was a citizen of the United States when the individual entered that service; and (2) was honorably discharged or separated from that service or continues to serve honorably during or after that period or time."

Additionally our Charter will be amended to add the following clause: "36 USC Section 21704A – Nondiscrimination: The requirements for holding a staff position in the corporation [The American Legion] may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin."

The Constitution of The American Legion, Article XVII states: “In the event the Congress of the United States shall amend the eligibility clause in the Act creating The American Legion, this Constitution shall be deemed amended in conformance therewith, but subject to all consistent limitations and restrictions in this Constitution contained.”

Now if, and when, President Trump signs into law the LEGION Act, Article IV, Section 1 of Constitution of The American Legion shall be immediately changed to read: “An individual is eligible for membership in The American Legion only if the individual – (1) has served in the Armed Forces of (A) the United States at any time during – (i) the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918; or (ii) any time after December 7, 1941; or (B) a government associated with the United States Government during a period or time referred to in subsection (A) of this section and was a citizen of the United States when the individual entered that service; and (2) was honorably discharged or separated from that service or continues to serve honorably during or after that period or time; provided, however, that such service shall have been terminated by honorable discharge or honorable separation, or continued honorably during or after any of said periods; provided, further, that no person shall be entitled to membership who, being in such service during any of said periods, refused on conscientious, political or other grounds to subject themselves to military discipline or unqualified service.”

Additionally Article XIII, Section 2 shall be immediately changed to read: “Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion, and to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941; or who, being citizens of the United States at the time of their entry therein, served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during any of said periods, and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.”

Therefore all properly documented eligible members for The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion will be accepted immediately by the National Organization and processed in the normal manner. It is recommended that, until the issuance of a new membership application, if the applying member is from a previous undocumented war era they write “Other Conflicts” in the eligibility date section and send it in to their department with the appropriate dues.

Departments are strongly urged to immediately review their respective eligibility dates in their respective Constitutions, media outlets and documents to make the appropriate changes as needed.

Due to the all-encompassing nature of this eligibility date change it should be noted that this change does modify the eligibility dates for the Sons of The American Legion program and American Legion Auxiliary. Both organizations are strongly urged to immediately review their respective eligibility dates in their respective Constitutions, media outlets and documents to make the appropriate changes as needed.

## **FALL CONFERENCE**

**September 20-22, 2019**

### **Hotel:**

Fireside Inn, 1777 Washington St., Auburn (just off the Maine Turnpike, Exit 75). 777-1777. Group rate for single or double: \$98.00 + tax = \$106.82 per night. Ask for The American Legion rate.

***EVERYONE IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND FILL A CAR AND COME FOR THE DAY***

**Friday evening, September 20** – Socializing at Gray Post 86

**Saturday, September 21**

8:00 – Auxiliary Registration, \$5.00 per person

Gray American Legion Post 86

9:00 a.m. Auxiliary Conference opens

**LEGION CONFERENCE** – The Legion will be meeting at the First Congregational Church of Gray, 11 Yarmouth Rd., Gray (directly behind McDonald's), and only .6 miles from Gray Post 86.

**SAL** – Fireside Inn, 1777 Washington St., Auburn (just off the Maine Turnpike, Exit 75)

**Saturday evening, September 21** – Socializing at Gray Post 86

Be prepared for fun and laughter

**Sunday, September 22**

9 a.m. – Auxiliary DEC meeting, Gray Post 86. Dress is Auxiliary branded.

Legion DEC Meeting – Gray Post 86

## **2019 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY FALL CONFERENCE MEAL RESERVATIONS**

Gray Unit 86 will be providing lunch and a barbecue on Saturday evening. Be prepared to walk away full, their menu never mentions everything they'll feed us.

### **SATURDAY LUNCH:**

**(Legionnaires will be breaking for lunch to go to the Gray Post).**

Chop Suey, Chicken Vegetable Soup (gluten free), Salad, Italian bread & Dessert.

## **SATURDAY EVENING:**

**HORS D'OEUVRES:** Veggie Platter, Cheese, Pepperoni & Crackers.

**DINNER:** BBQ (Burgers, Dogs, Chicken (gluten free), Potato and Pasta Salads, Cole Slaw, Beans, & Dessert.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LUNCH \$6 per person** \_\_\_\_\_ **(# of meals)**

**DINNER \$12 per person** \_\_\_\_\_ **(# of meals)**

**Make check payable to: ALA Unit 86 and mail to**  
**ALA Unit 86, Attn: Nancy True, P.O. Box 428, Gray, ME 04039**

**DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**

## **VETERANS FINANCIAL AID**

The Department of Maine has received a grant of \$112,500 to assist Veterans in need. The form may be found on our website @ [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org). We have currently assisted over 35 veterans in the last 6 weeks. This is an opportunity for 176 Posts in Maine to send a message: "that it's not what we have done it's what we do" This is an opportunity to help veterans in your community NOW. Remember, this is for all Legion Posts in Maine to make a difference in your community.

Any questions please call 207-873-3229 Ext-3 and talk to Eileen or Paul. Remember to leave a message as we are constantly on the phone assisting others.

**MILITARY TRIVIA:** Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

Who was the US Senator who supported the Vietnam War, yet opposed use of the Sentinel ballistic missile system?

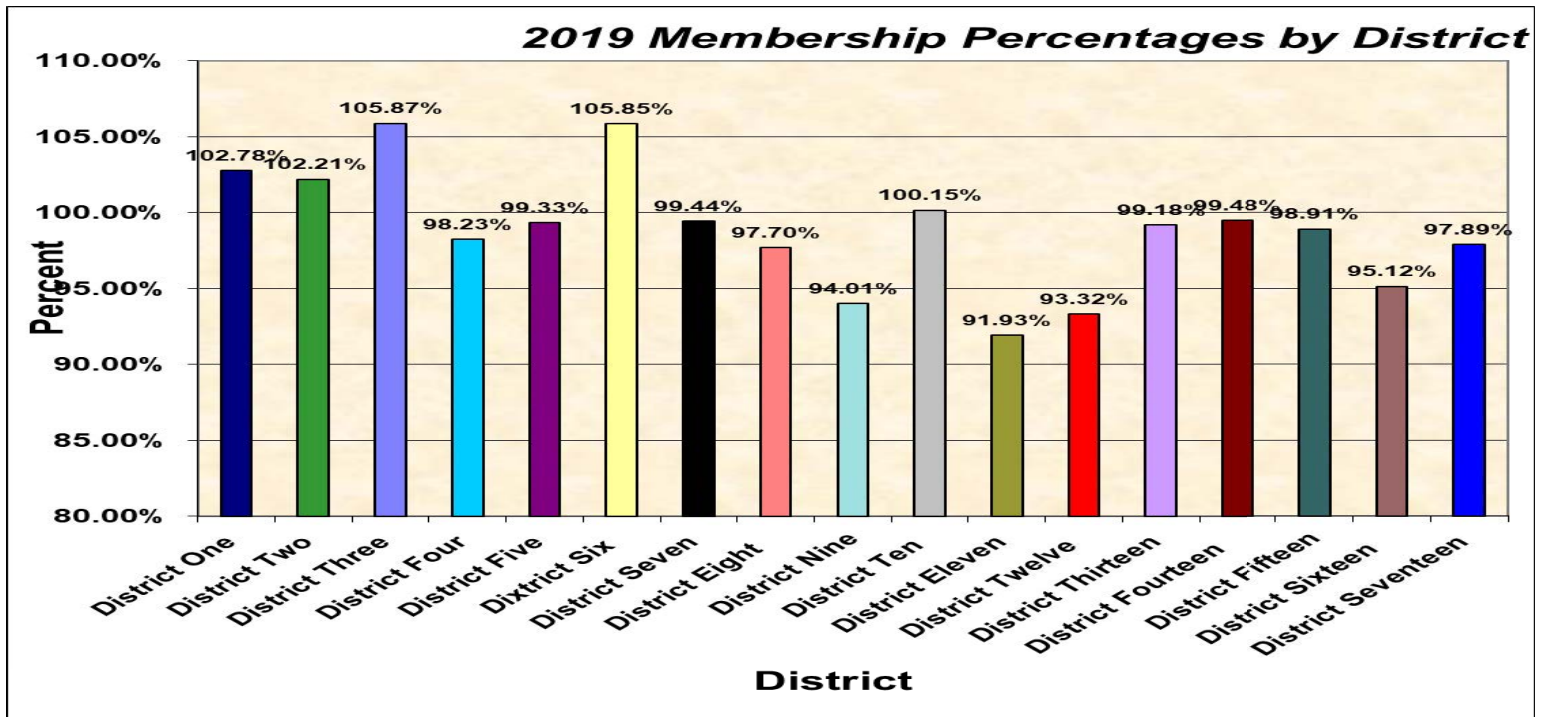
## **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

**FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK**

**DISTRICT OFFICER FORMS NEEDED ASAP!! District 10.**

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DISTRICT CALENDARS ASAP. THANKS.**

## MEMBERSHIP



## LEGION RIDERS SUMMER RALLY-2019

August 17. More info to follow.

### Bridgton

Noble House Inn	<u>81 Highland Road</u>	<u>Bridgton, Me 04009</u>	207-647-3733
Pleasant View Too, B&B	<u>118 Sam Ingalls Road</u>	<u>Bridgton, Me 04009</u>	207-647-9578
Tarry-A-While Resort	<u>17 Tarry-A-While Road</u>	<u>Bridgton, ME 04009</u>	207-647-2522
Grady's West Shore Motel	<u>177 N. High Street</u>	<u>Bridgton, ME 04009</u>	207-803-2046
Highland Lake Resort	<u>115 N. High Street</u>	<u>Bridgton, ME 04009</u>	207-647-5301
Nawandyn Estate	<u>96 Nawandyn Drive</u>	<u>Bridgton ME 04009</u>	207-687-4080
Bridgton House	<u>6 Main Street</u>	<u>Bridgton, ME 04009</u>	866-779-3335

### Campgrounds

#### Just Easy Camping / Bridgton Marina

	<u>3 Obelazy Lane</u>	<u>Bridgton, ME 04009</u>	207-647-2931
Lakeside Pines Campground	<u>54 Lakeside Pines Road</u>	<u>Bridgton, ME 04009</u>	207-647-3935

### Harrison

Greenwood Manor Inn	<u>52 Tolman Road</u>	<u>Harrison, ME 04040</u>	207-583-4445
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## Naples

Augustus Bove House	<u>11 Sebago Road</u>	<u>Naples, ME 04055</u>	207-583-4404
Lakeview Inn	<u>15 Lakehouse Road</u>	<u>Naples, ME 04055</u>	207-693-9099
Fern Hill Farm B & B	<u>150 Wiley Road</u>	<u>Naples, ME 04055</u>	207-693-4320
Romah Motor Inn	<u>310 Roosevelt Trail</u>	<u>Naples, ME 04055</u>	207-693-6690

## Campgrounds

Bayview Cabins	<u>750 Roosevelt Trail</u>	<u>Naples, ME 04055</u>	207-693-6831
Colonial Mast Campground	<u>1 Colonial Mast Road</u>	<u>Naples, ME 04055</u>	207-693-6652
Four Seasons Camping Area	<u>1741 Roosevelt Trail</u>	<u>Naples, ME 04055</u>	207-693-6797
Naples KOA Campground	<u>295 Sebago Road</u>	<u>Naples, ME 04055</u>	207-693-5267

## Waterford

Bear Mountain Inn	<u>364 Waterford Road</u>	<u>Waterford, ME 04088</u>	207-693-6365
The Waterford Inn	<u>258 Chadbourne Road</u>	<u>Waterford, ME 04088</u>	207-583-4037

## Fryeburg

Oxford House Inn & Rest.	<u>548 Main Street</u>	<u>Fryeburg, ME 04037</u>	<u>207-935-3442</u>
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## Poland

Wolf Cove Inn	<u>5 Jordan Pond Dr.</u>	<u>Poland, ME 04274</u>	207-998-4976
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Here is the final schedule of events for the Rally.

Friday Aug 16<sup>th</sup>:

4:00 to 6:00 we will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers at the Community Center 15 Depot St. Bridgton ME. The Center will be open for socializing. Directly across the street is the "Tap House" Tavern, Great place to have a few...lol

Sat Aug 17<sup>th</sup>:

8:00 to 10:00 a.m. All you can eat Pancake/Sausage breakfast \$5.00 pp at 15 Depot St. This event will also be open to the public.

10:00-10:15 Blessing of the bikes at the Community Center, 15 Depot St. prior to ride.

10:15 Kick stands up, please be fueled up prior to the ride

10:15 (approximately) The ride will leave Depot St. and head to Evans Notch in the White Mountain National Forest. Approximately 85 miles total. This is an extremely picturesque ride on very rural paved country roads. In the heart of Evans Notch, the group will stop at the basin for a light lunch and water break. Public restrooms available. Lunch and water is free, donations gratefully accepted.

The ride will continue and return to Depot St. at approximately 1:30. The meeting will start at 2:00 adjourning at 3:30.

4:00 Supper will be served. All you can eat Spaghetti/sausage/meatballs/salad/Italian bread/desserts \$8.00 pp.

The meeting tent and the Community Center will be open till 8:00 for those who just want socialize. Don't forget the Tap House across the street.

**PLEASE NO ALCOHOL IS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER OR GROUNDS!**



	Dist	Turn		Road	Exit	Total Time	Total Dist
②		Start	at	Depot St		00:00:00	0.00 mi
		Go straight (NW)	on	Depot St		00:00:00	0.00 mi
②	in 0.09 mi	Turn left (WSW)	on to	US 302 (Main St)		00:00:21	0.09 mi
	in 15.36 mi	Stop	at	US 302		00:16:34	15.45 mi
		Go straight (SW)	on	US 302 (SR 113 Main St)		00:16:34	15.45 mi
	in 0.01 mi	Turn right (NW)	on to	SR 113 (River St)		00:16:34	15.46 mi
	in 0.87 mi	Go straight (N)	on to	SR 113 (Green Hill Rd) ME State Border		00:18:24	16.33 mi
	in 18.48 mi	Turn left (NNW)	on to	<unnamed>		00:49:37	34.80 mi
	in 0.07 mi	Keep left (WNW)	on to	Basin Rd		00:49:46	34.87 mi
②	in 0.38 mi	Stop	at	Stop		00:50:40	35.25 mi
		Go straight (ESE)	on	Basin Rd		00:50:40	35.25 mi
	in 0.38 mi	Keep right (SSE)	on to	<unnamed>		00:51:34	35.63 mi
	in 0.07 mi	Turn left (ENE)	on to	SR 113 (Evans Notch Rd)		00:51:43	35.70 mi
	in 0.07 mi	Keep right (N)	on to	SR 113 (Evans Notch Rd) NH/ME State Border		00:51:49	35.77 mi
	in 10.68 mi	Keep right (E)	on to	US 2		01:09:51	46.44 mi
	in 9.75 mi	Turn right (SSE)	on to	SR 5 (SR 35 Lovers Ln)		01:17:57	56.19 mi
②	in 0.03 mi	Stop	at	SR 5		01:17:59	56.22 mi
		Go straight (S)	on	SR 5 (SR 35 Lovers Ln)		01:17:59	56.22 mi
	in 12.67 mi	Go straight (SE)	on to	SR 35 (Valley Rd)		01:39:23	68.88 mi
	in 5.60 mi	Go straight (S)	on to	SR 35 (SR 37 Waterford Rd)		01:48:50	74.48 mi
	in 2.63 mi	Keep right (S)	on to	SR 37		01:53:16	77.12 mi
	in 3.62 mi	Go straight (S)	on to	SR 117 (Bridgton Rd)		01:59:23	80.74 mi
	in 2.97 mi	Turn right (W)	on to	US 302 (Main St)		02:03:53	83.70 mi
	in 0.05 mi	Turn left (SW)	on to	Depot St		02:04:00	83.76 mi
②	in 0.11 mi	Finish	at	Depot St		02:04:27	83.87 mi

Total Time: 02:04:27 Total Distance: 83.87 mi

Time to Basin Rd (Rest Stop) 51 min. 35.25 miles

Lunch 30 min

Basin Rd to Bridgton 73 min 49 Miles

Totals 2 Hr. 34 min 84.25 miles

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## RECURRING EVENTS

### Rockland Post 1:

**Bingo Night:** Every Monday, 6:30 p.m.

**Potluck Supper:** Every Friday, doors open at 6 p.m.

### Augusta Post 2:

**Friday Night: Karaoke and Pizza \$4,** 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday Night Dance:** Saturdays, 7 p.m., \$8, live bands.

### Gardiner Post 4:

**Pool Tournament:** Saturdays at 9 a.m.

**Open Juke Box:** every Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m.

**Scat:** Every Monday, 5:30 p.m.

### Livermore Falls Post 10:

**Suppers:** Third Saturday each month, 4:30 – 6 p.m. \$7 adults, \$4 students under 12. For local delivery please call 897-5676. Join us for a great meal and bring your friends with you for a fun gathering.

### Caribou Post 15:

**Texas Hold-Em:** First and third Saturday

**Line Dancing:** Every Friday evening.

### Brunswick Post 20:

**Veterans Free Coffee And Donuts:** Wednesday mornings, 8 – 11 a.m.

### Bath Post 21:

**Texas Hold-em Tournament:** 2nd and 4th Wednesday, \$35 buy in. Game starts at 6 p.m. Registration open at 5 p.m. Food and drinks available. FMI call 319-4684 or 522-6127

### Camden Post 30:

**Veterans Coffee and Chat:** 1st & 3rd Monday of every month, FMI call Jeff Sukeforth 691-2270.

**Pancake Breakfast:** 2nd & 4th Sundays, 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Blueberry & plain pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice for \$8 per person. FMI call Jeff 691-2270.

### Thomaston Post 37:

**Bean Supper:** Third Saturday of each month, 5 – 7 p.m. Go to Facebook Williams-Brazier Post 37 FMI.

### Winthrop Post 40:

**Pool League Tournament:** Mondays, 7-10 p.m., \$8 buy-in. Members and guests can sign-up.

**Cribbage Tournament:** Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Food available at the bar. Members and guests can sign-up. \$5 – buy in.

**Free Pool:** Saturdays, members and guests can sign up.

**Texas Hold-Em Poker:** Every Sunday, 2 p.m. \$55 Buy-in. Dinner served at 3 p.m. \$7

**Texas Hold-Em Poker:** First Sunday of month, 2 p.m. \$100 Buy-in.

**Scat 31 Tournament:** Every Monday, 6:30 p.m., Members and guests can sign up. Contact Christine 399-9433.

**Milo Post 41:**

**Bean Supper:** Second Saturday of the month, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

**Damariscotta Post 42:**

**Texas Hold-em Tournament:** every second Sunday and last Sunday of the month. \$35 Buy-in. Food and drinks are available.

**Houlton Post 47:**

**Texas Hold-em:** Every second and fourth Saturday, \$30 buy-in. Call for cancellation due to weather 532-9046

**York Post 56:**

**Fish And Chips:** Every Friday night, 5 - 8 p.m. \$10 for haddock filet, fries, tartar sauce and coleslaw. Onion rings are \$2 extra; sweet potato fries are \$1 extra. Haddock nuggets, fries, tartar sauce, and coleslaw are \$9. Chicken tenders available for \$7.50.

**Cheeseburgers and Fries:** Every Wednesday, 5 – 7 p.m. \$5. (Burgers provided by Seacoast Brothers Butcher Shop)

**Pembroke Post 59:**

**Bingo:** Every Monday night doors open at 5 p.m., bingo starts at 6:30 p.m.

**Baked Bean Supper:** Second Saturday of the month 5 - 6:30 p.m.

**Bridgton Post 67:**

**Pancake Breakfast:** First Saturday of each month at Bridgton Community Center, 15 Depot St, 8 - 10 a.m. Suggested donation is \$5

**Locke Mills Post 68**

**Bingo:** Every Friday night. Doors open at 4 p.m., games begin at 6 p.m. Meals & refreshments available.

**Corinna Post 73**

**Bingo:** Every Saturday night, doors open at 4 p.m., we start calling at 6 p.m. Refreshments served.

**Music Jam:** First and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 4 p.m. and playing starts around 5:30 p.m. Bring an instrument and play or sing or both, or just listen, refreshments served. If able we ask for a \$5 donation, we give \$25 door prize and we have a 50-50 raffle all proceeds to help Veterans.

**Kennebunk Post 74**

**Pool/Cribbage:** Every Wednesday, 2 – 4 p.m. in the Legion Hall

**Norway Post 82:**

**Coffee Hour:** Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. Everything is free. Coffee, many different types of donuts, coffee cake, muffins. Any veteran is invited to come by and enjoy the company of other veterans.

**Greenville Post 94:**

**Bingo:** Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Coffee:** Monday thru Friday, 8:30 – 11 a.m.

**Dixfield Post 100:**

**Dime Bingo:** Every Monday and Friday 6 - 9 p.m. Food Available 5 - 6 p.m.

**Jamboree:** Every Saturday starting January 12<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 4:30 p.m., supper 5-6 p.m., dancing/ music 6-9 p.m.

**Newport Post 105:**

**Coffee and Homemade Muffins:** Monday mornings 7 – 11 a.m. \$1 Come read the paper, watch the news or just chat. Members & guests welcome.

**Mars Hill Post 118:**

**Bingo:** Saturday nights, 7 p.m. starting Apr. 6

**Guilford Post 119:**

**Bingo:** 1st and 3rd Sunday of month. Early Bird at 1:30 p.m., Bingo at 2 p.m. Held at Guilford Masonic Hall, 34 Hudson Ave.

**Richmond Post 132:**

**Reg. Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

**Bingo:** Saturdays, 6 p.m.

**Texas Hold-Em:** 3rd Friday, 6:30 p.m.

**Alfred Post 134:**

**Country-Western Jams:** 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (except July), noon to 3:30 p.m. Donations welcome, food and drink available.

**Sabattus Post 135:**

**Dart Tournament:** Every other Monday starting Sept. 19.

**Cribbage Tournament:** Tuesday, Sabattus Post 135.

**Fridays Nights DJ:** Come dance the night away with our new DJ.

**Windham Post 148:**

**Texas Hold-Em Poker:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Windham Veterans Association & Post 148 at Dena's Restaurant, next to Windham Post Office - Jct. Rtes. 115 & 302. \$60 buy in.

**Vet Drop-in Coffee:** Every Wednesday, 9 -11 a.m. at the Windham Veterans Center. Free coffee and donuts. Post is also collecting non-perishable food weekly on Wednesdays for the Portland VETCEN Homeless vet program.

**Waldoboro Post 149:**

**Bingo:** Every Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

**Naples Post 155:**

**Bingo:** Every Wednesday, Apr. 17 – Sept. 24.

**Meatroll:** Every other Friday beginning Feb. 1

**Fish Fry:** Every other Friday beginning Jan. 1.

**Breakfast:** Each Sunday 8 – 10 a.m. following the Fish Fry.

**Eagle Lake Post 176:**

**Wings Night:** Fridays, 5 – 9 p.m.

### **Topsham Post 202:**

**3 Card Challenge:** Every Sunday, 3 p.m.

**Open Dart Night:** Every Monday, 6 p.m.

**Post Dinner:** Every Friday, 6 p.m.

## **CURRENT EVENTS**

**Shop-N-Sip Craft Fair:** Aug. 3, Locke Mills Post 68, 595 Gore Rd., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Benefit Locke Mills American Legion. Over 28 crafters. Various fruit juices, coffee, tea, soft drinks. BYOB. Strawberries & blueberries available. Barbecued hamburgers & hot dogs, weather permitting. Finger foods. Raffle table. Enjoy the fun. Do your early Christmas shopping.

**Public Baked Beans and Casserole Supper:** Aug. 3, Gray Post 86, 5 - 6 p.m. Hosted by Unit 86, 15 Lewiston Road. Pies will be the featured dessert. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children younger than 12.

**Annual VA Bangor Picnic:** Aug. 9, Bangor CBOC Lawn, 35 State Hospital Dr., Bangor, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, chips, drinks, and variety of desserts. Music and Health Fair! If you need My HealtheVet assistance, MHV Coordinator Mike L'Abbe will be there.

**Texas Hold'em:** Aug. 10, Locke Mills Post 68, 595 Gore Rd. Doors open 11 a.m., games begin at 1 p.m. \$50 buy-in, high hand option, pull tabs, 50/50, meals & beverages available. BYOB. Air conditioned. FMI/ Ray-890-3737.

**Breakfast:** Aug. 10, Palermo Post 163, 7 – 8:30 a.m. Open to members and guests.

**Chicken BBQ:** Aug. 10, at Palermo Days Events. Open to members and guests.

**Lobster Supper:** Aug. 17, Palermo Post 163, tickets will be limited and sold by Legion members before the supper. Open to members and guests.

**Maine's Hire a Vet Campaign 2019:** Aug. 29, Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Dr., 11 a.m. kickoff. Posting of colors, guest speaker TBD. Hiring Fair 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Open to the public, all job seekers encouraged to attend. Expecting over 150 employers statewide. Learn about jobs and resources available to job seekers. Bring your resume and dress for success. FMI, please contact Steven Roy, Campaign Coordinator at [MaineHireAVet.DOL@maine.gov](mailto:MaineHireAVet.DOL@maine.gov). TTY users call Maine Relay 711. The Maine Dept. of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to people with disabilities upon request. Veterans and eligible spouses are given priority of service for the receipt of employment, training and placement services provided under most Maine Dept. of Labor-funded programs.

## **LETTERS**

Dear American Legion,

Thank you for granting me the amazing opportunity to attend the “Dirigo Boys State” program at Thomas College. A highlight of the program for me was working with other students while we learned through experience how government processes work.

As a Maine resident with a strong interest in our state’s political future, your program very much peaked my interest. Supplementing my studies with this kind of experience is a valuable way to start developing a career.

Again, thank you so much for allowing me these opportunities. They really give me vision and excitement as I look forward to making plans for my life after high school.

Sincerely,

William Colvin

## CONDOLENCES

S. Portland Post 35 Past Commander Paul Neal has passed away. Paul was also a Past County Commander and a Past District Commander. A celebration of life is planned for Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at South Portland Post 35 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the 40/8 nurse's training fund.

Condolences may be sent to Mary Neal, 35 Chestnut St., South Portland, ME 04106

**Answer to Military Trivia:** Margaret Chase Smith



### DETACHMENT OF MAINE

**Congratulations, Squadrons #14 Fairfield, #80 Millinocket: 100% Membership!**  
**Congratulations, Squadron #9 Machias: 105% Membership!!!**

From the Lewiston Sun Journal 7/13/19

**LOOKING BACK 100 years ago: 1919**

Letters reaching every man who has been in the service of the United States from April 8, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918 have been sent to see who among them are interested in starting a local branch of the American Legion. The meeting will be held on Thursday evening at eight o'clock. It is expected that all service- men, whether they served on this side or across, will be there to become charter members of the Legion. This Legion is based some-what on the G.A.R. that is...in having both city or town that can boast of having World War veterans.

**Membership Report for 26 July 2019:** We have 2,565 members for 98.28% membership. We are still 48 members shy of being a 100% Detachment. *Squadron Membership Teams, go over that roster again. Give those unpaid guys a call or a visit. State officers. Call up those squadrons that haven't made the 100% Club, yet. Give them some help. Guys, this must be a team effort.* **Come on guys! 48 more to make Maine S. A. L. 100% Membership! Our National Convention starts August 23rd! Your pride is on the line!**

We are currently 37th in the nation and 10th in the Eastern region. Those numbers aren't pretty, but know this. Those 37 renewals stand between us and the top four in the East and the top 20 in the nation. We can turn this around. Our renewal rate is 87.26%

**100% Membership Squadrons:** Sq. #94 Greenville, Sq. #205 Augusta, Sq. #59 Pembroke, Sq. #153 New Auburn, Sq. #2 Augusta, Sq. #132 Richmond, Sq. #155 Naples, Sq. #4 Gardiner, Sq. #29 Dover-Foxcroft, Sq. #24 Rumford, Sq. #39 Madison, Sq. #135 Sabattus, Sq. #65 Lubec, Sq. #1 Rockland, Sq. #51 Oakland, Sq. #86 Gray, Sq. 197 Westbrook, Sq. #176 Eagle Lake, Sq. #151 West Paris, Sq. #17 Portland, Sq. #9 Machias, Sq. #21 Bath, Sq. #197 Westbrook, Sq. #43 Belfast, Sq. #14 Fairfield & Sq. #80 Millinocket. There are twenty six squadrons in the 100% Club. Please note the squadrons highlighted in yellow. They have surpassed 105% our final target date of July 17th and our Delegate strength at National Convention.

There is a bunch of squadrons that are just two or three or five or six guys short of 100% membership. Come on! Call them up! Talk to them! National is coming up!

**Adjutant's desk:** Went up today and found 15-2019's to process. We still have a lot of squadrons who still have not turned in an Officers Report or a Consolidated Report either. I'll be sending out a list of those squadrons who owe paperwork.

Always remember, mail all membership and correspondence to: **Detachment of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Suite B, Winslow, ME 04901-0727**

## NEWS

Special Olympics Beach Games and Toll Booth! Where? Old Orchard Beach! When? August 16th, 17th & 18th. (long week end!) We need volunteers to do the toll booth for just one shift. Saturday, 8/17 from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. This is a big fund raiser for Special Olympics and we need a little help. If you're willing, call me at 754-4019 and I'll set you up with a free parking pass.

Thank you.

Bruce Pierce, Adjutant

Comrades,

Membership, Membership, Membership!!! We are so close, please keep sending in those dues! I am sure all the Squadron's who owe dues, know who you are. That's because I have been calling you. Some voice mails have gone unanswered....Avoiding the conversation will put you on top of the list. Help us pay the National dues your Squadron owes!

Already dues for 2020 are here. We will be starting sooner rather than later this year getting those dues paid early for the upcoming year. Detachment can help you, just call us or e- mail us.

Always willing to serve,

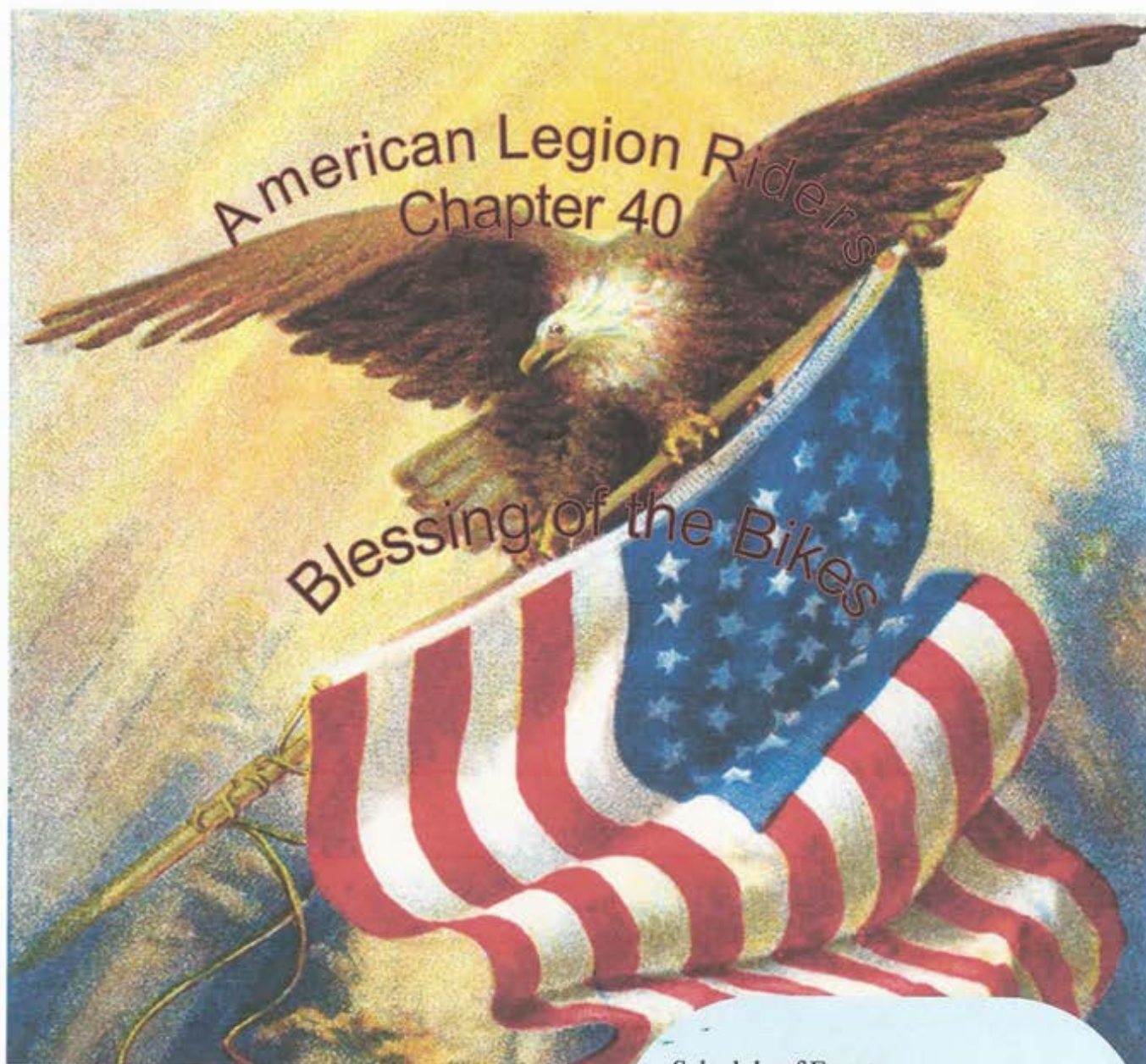
Ron Marr, Detachment Commander, 1779 Hotel Rd Auburn, Me 04210 [ronaldmarr.rm@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldmarr.rm@gmail.com) , 207-701-9675

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Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux  
Department Adjutant





## Blessing of the Bikes

Performed by Reverend Christina  
Cataldo

August 3, 2019

American Legion Post 40

117 Bowdoin Street Winthrop

Donations gratefully accepted

### Schedule of Events:

0800-1000	Breakfast
1030-1100	Blessing of the Bikes
1100-1400	Scenic Ride Belgrade Lakes, Lunch
1400-	Return to Legion, Social

# Ride for Camp Tall Pines

**Sunday, August 11, 2019**



Be at William J. Rogers Post 153

71 South Main Street, Auburn

Registration; 9:00 to 9:45 AM

Donations: \$20 per person.

Kickstands up at 10:00 AM

Ride by Lakes and ponds to Camp Tall Pines for light refreshments. Brief tours of camp & program available.



**Special  
Olympics**  
Maine



# The Epic Ride 2019

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For Dignity and Remembrance

**July 8<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup> , 2019**

**A 13,000 mile journey to raise awareness  
and funds for Phase Two of the  
California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery**



Ride with us on July 27<sup>th</sup>  
from West Warwick RI  
to Bar Harbor, ME along  
the Maine Coast



Ride with us on July 29<sup>th</sup>  
from Bar Harbor, ME to  
Burlington VT via the  
Kancamagus Hwy



Ride with us on July 30<sup>th</sup>  
from Burlington VT to  
Rochester NY via Lake  
Champlain

#### Fees:

Ride for 1 day - \$25.00 per  
bike

Ride for 2 days - \$40.00  
per bike

Ride for 3 days \$60.00 per  
bike

Add \$10 to any of these  
for a passenger

**Anyone donating \$100.00  
may ride along for as long  
as they like!**

See the full list of daily events at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/EpicRide2019/events/>

Learn more at <https://www.epicride.org/>

Or: <https://www.facebook.com/EpicRide2019>



**THE EPIC RIDE FOR DIGNITY AND REMEMBRANCE IS A  
COLLABORATION OF THE CENTRAL COAST VETERANS  
CEMETERY FOUNDATION, THE AMERICAN LEGION  
RIDERS AND ALR CHAPTERS 31 & 69**

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# WANTED

Patriotic Participation



## ALL VETERANS

Join your fellow Veteran Brothers and Sisters in the Maine Lobster Festival parade as the official Parade Marshall(s),

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019

08:00 Frederick Street

Rockland, Maine

FMI American Legion Post 1 207-594-2901

Bob Rugar 602-9990

Russ Wolfertz 596-3221

Dave Sulin 975-3670

Laurie Sidelinger 240-1398 Honor Flight

**REWARD PRIDE**

### ALL VETERANS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

The Winslow-Holbrook-Merritt American Legion Post 1 is coordinating the veterans section. Veterans, who would like to be in the Rockland Lobster Festival parade August 3rd 2019, we will be assembling our part of the parade at 08:00 on Frederick Street in Rockland. Parking is available at the Hannaford parking lot. Earlier assembly at Post 1 on Limerock Street starting at 0715 with transportation to Frederick Street assembly.

Parking is available at the Hannaford parking lot and Post 1.

There will be several trailers, floats, and air conditioned vans etc. for any veterans to sit on. Others will be able to march down the parade route with a family member if they desired. . We encourage ALL veterans from any branch or time of service to march in the parade with us. You do not need to be in the American Legion or any other organization. If you served in any branch at any time you are welcome to march with us. Please help get the word out to any veterans that would like to participate in the parade! You can message the post thru our Facebook page Winslow Holbrook Merritt American Legion Post 1 as well.

FMI, Call Post 1, 594-2901, Russ Wolfertz 596-3221, Bob Rugar 602-9990, Dave Sulin 975-3670

Post Parade the Post will be hosting our Veterans from Honor Flight and other traveling dignitaries with a BBQ luncheon from noon to 1430. We desperately need your assistance to make this memorable day for all. Shuttle drivers, cook assistants, servers and set up-take down all needed. Please call and volunteer.





**George T Files  
American Legion  
Post 20  
1 Columbus Dr  
Brunswick**

**Spaghetti &  
Meatballs, Salad  
& Desserts  
Saturday, 8/24  
6pm**



**Cost.... \$10 adults  
\$7 children**

**American Legion  
"Still Serving America"**



**Maine Legion Day at Hadlock Field  
Sunday, August 11th, 2019 at 1:00 PM**

The Portland Sea Dogs are proud to welcome the American Legion Department of Maine to our Sunday, August 11th game against the Akron Rubberducks, AA affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. The game is scheduled for a 1:00 PM start time and the gates open at 11:30 AM. Through this ticket link, the Legion has also established a fundraiser with the Sea Dogs. \$3.00 from each ticket purchased will be donated to the Maine Legion to help them fund their many charitable projects.

This is also the Sea Dogs Military Appreciation Game, and any Legion members that are at the ballpark by 12:00 noon will be invited onto the field for a recognition ceremony behind home plate (we will need a group of at least 20).

To sign up please visit <https://seadogs.formstack.com/forms/mainelegion> or email Alan Barker at [Abarker@seadogs.com](mailto:Abarker@seadogs.com) or call 207-879-9500 and ask for Alan.