



The American Legion Department of Maine

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January 11, 2017

☺ SMILE ☺

Never base your destiny on things you can't control and have no power to change.

Congratulations to the following posts for reaching 100%.

**Hallowell Post 6 Farmington Post 28 Old Orchard Beach Post 57 Kennebunk Post 74 Bethel Post 81
Jonesport Post 108 Monson Post 116 Bar Mills Post 130 Vanceboro Post 172 Easton Post 187**

Holiday Reminder

The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will be closed on Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mid-Winter Conference

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AGENDA

SPECTACULAR EVENT CENTER

395 GRIFFIN RD. BANGOR, MAINE 04401

JANUARY 21-22, 2017

Saturday, January 21, 2017

8:30 a.m. Conference begins at the Spectacular Events Center (Bangor)

- Opening Ceremony **DC Johnson**
- National Anthem performed by Post 94 Greenville member **Gary Nelson**
- Welcome/Introduction of Guests **PNC Anthony "Tony" Jordan**
- Introductions of National Guests **NEC John Hargreaves**

➤ Legislative Issues (National and Local Level) **National Legislative Assistant Director/Grassroots Coordinator Jeff Steele**

➤ Legislative Committee **Chairman DJA Matthew Jabaut**

➤ Presentation on the Air Guard **Col. Roy U.S. Air Force**

➤ Department Service Office Report **DSO Amedeo Lauria**

➤ Americanism **DAO Debra Couture**

➤ Women Veterans Advisory Committee **Chairman/DAO Debra Couture/DSAA Patricia Thurston**

➤ Children & Youth Scholarship Opportunities **DH Ron Caron**

12:00-12:30 LUNCH \$10.00 (sign-up sheet for Boxed Lunches will be available in the a.m.)

➤ NEC Report **John Hargreaves**

➤ Maine Blind Camp: Brian Knowlton to Report and Introduce **Director Mark Tamaleaa**

➤ Finance Report **DFO Tommy Adkins**

➤ Legion College **Jason Hall**

➤ 100th Centennial Celebration **DSV Scott Paradis ,DH Ron Caron, & Don Hands**

➤ Baseball Committee Update **Chairman Dan St.Pierre**

➤ Boy Scouts Update **Chairman William Benson**

➤ Law and Order Update **Chairman Kirk Thurston**

➤ Oratorical Update **Chairman Don Chase**

➤ Boys State **Pete Johnson**

➤ Sons of The American Legion **Advisor Paul L'Heureux**

➤ Membership Awards **DFV Randy Kluj & DSV Scott Paradis**

➤ Candidate Announcements

➤ Sweepstakes Drawing & Announcements

➤ Closing/Announcements

➤ Past Commanders Club Meeting–**President Debra Couture/V.P. Patricia Thurston/Secretary Cathy Merrill**

EVENING—Spectacular Event Center Banquet

5:30–6:30 Social Hour

6:30-7:30 Banquet

7:30–8:00 Guest Speaker **Comedian Gary Crocker & Eastern Division Nat'l Aux. V.P. Patti Lach**

DJ—Terran Stone

Sunday, January 22, 2017—Spectacular Event Center

8 – 8:45 **Department Officers will meet with Department Commander**

9 a.m. **DEC meeting**

Junior Sports Shooting Team

George T. Files Post 20 is proud to announce that on December 15th, 2016, the first meeting of the Post # 20's American Legion Junior Sports Shooting Team was held. There were 14 youth athletes in attendance and further participated in introduction, and training in the operation, handling, and firing of both pistols and rifles.

This meeting marks the first American Legion Junior Sports Shooting Program in the State of Maine. This program is designed for young athletes from the ages of 8 years to 18 years. The program provides for safe operation and training of weapon use.

The Legionaries of Post # 20 wish to thank members of the Auburn Shooting Club and most importantly the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine. It is without question, their support has been vital to the implementation of this nationally sponsored American Legion Program

District Meetings

District 17 – N. Aroostook: No mtg.

District 1 – York: Jan. 22, Sanford Post 19, 2 p.m.

District 3 – Androscoggin: Jan. 8, Mechanic Falls Post 150, 2 p.m.

District 7 – Lincoln: Jan. 9, Boothbay Harbor Post 36, 6 p.m.

District 9 – Kennebec: Jan. 11, Maine Vets Home, Cony St. Ext., 7 p.m.

District 5 – Oxford: Jan. 17, South Paris Post 72, 7 p.m. Oratorical contest, refreshments

District 6 – Knox: Jan. 28, Thomaston Post 37, 11 a.m.

Military Trivia

What was the only movie made about the Vietnam War, made during the Vietnam War?

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers in every town in Maine to count the homeless on January 24. This is the HUD pit count we do every year for the last 6 years.☺ I am the POC for volunteers and my email is jdewitt@tcmhs.org.

Jerry DeWitt, Post 22 Commander

Directory Changes

Pg. 6, Assistant Service Officer Maureen Malley, P.O. Box 3411, Augusta 04330 (623-5726) FAX (621-4821)
e-mail: maureen.malley@va.gov

Pg. 42, Wilton Post 117, please send all correspondence to 5 Verti Dr., Winslow ME 04901

From The Adjutants Desk

If you have not received your directory, please contact your District Commander or attend one of the meetings.

The following Posts have reached 100 % membership before December 31, 2016. They have met the Vice Commanders Challenge and qualified for a drawing of 4 - \$50.00 gift cards from Emblem Sales. In order to win one of these gift cards, someone from the following Posts must be present at the Winter Conference to be entered into the Drawing. (Please note that you must have at least 25 members to be in the drawing.)

Fryeburg Post 137, Sangerville Post 165, Hermon Post 200, Kennebunkport Post 159, Windham Post 148, Hallowell Post 6, Farmington Post 28, Old Orchard Beach Post 57, Kennebunk Post 74, Bethel Post 81 Jonesport Post 108 and Monson Post 116.

The following posts will receive certificates: Togus Post 90, Bar Mills Post 130, Vanceboro Post 172 and Easton Post 187.

We are asking that you please attend to be recognized for all your effort whether you win the gift card or not and to meet other fellow Legionnaires from all over the State and share your success stories with us all.

Department Officers Visitation

Area 5 Commander Lee Leeman

1/9/17, Dover-Foxcroft Post 29, 6 p.m.

Wanted

If any post has a Bingo machine for sale, please contact Steve Spaulding, Skowhegan Post 16 at 399-5601.

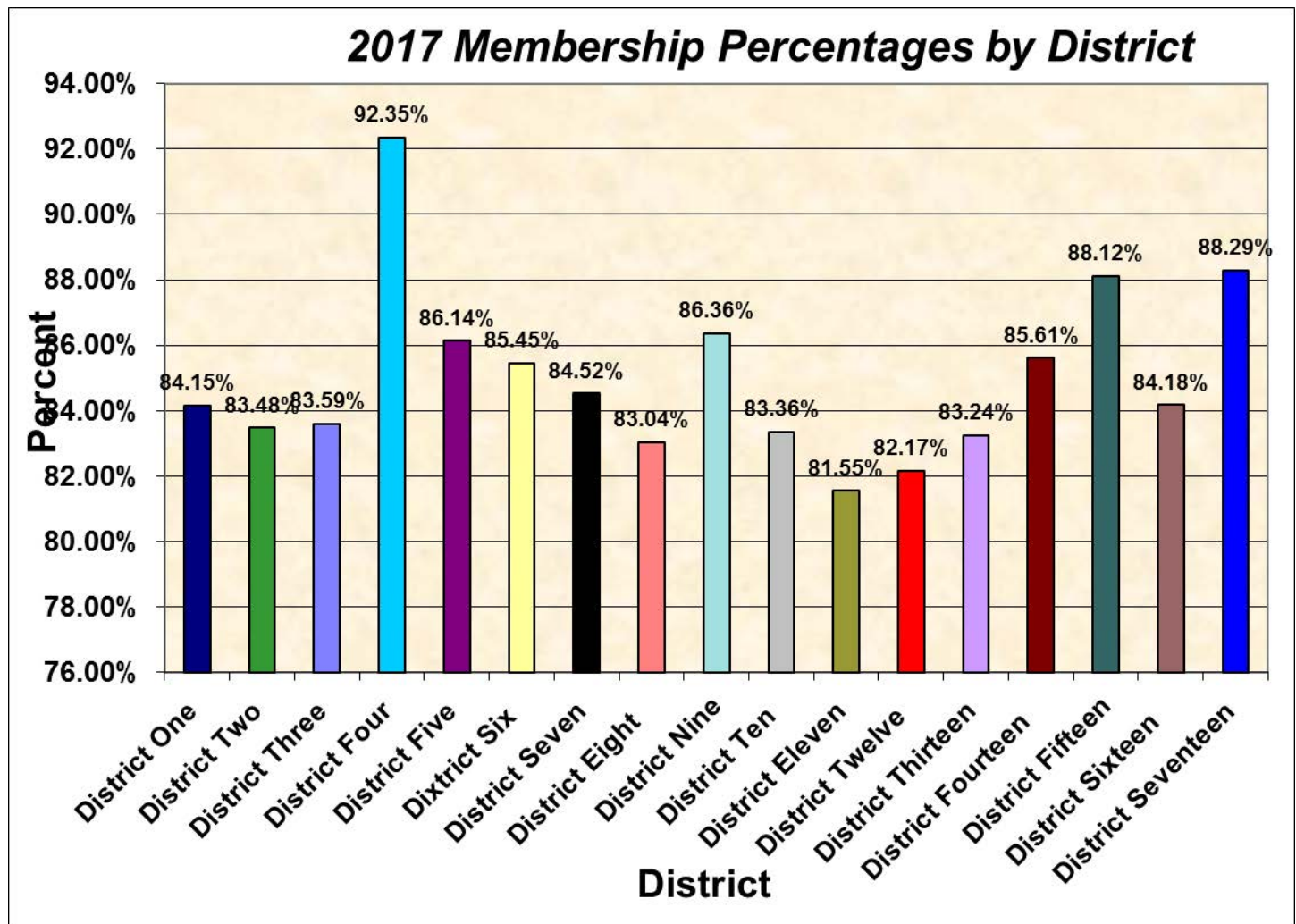
Past Commanders Club

Past Commanders Club _ 2017 Dues Payment Needed

The two dollars per Past Commander that each Post pays enables the American Legion Department of Maine to fund two \$500 scholarships each year to Maine students. Currently we have only \$100 available for these two scholarships that would be awarded in May, 2017. PLEASE bring a check to the Mid-Winter Conference to cover your Post dues for the Past Commander's Club. 2017 membership cards will be available at the conference. If you cannot attend the conference, please send your dues to the American Legion, Department of

Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME. 04901 as soon as possible. The checks can be made out to American Legion, Department of Maine. Thank you very much.

Membership



Recurring Events

Rockland Post 1:

Sunday Morning Breakfast: 8 - 10 a.m., all you can eat - \$8

Karaoke Night: Every Friday night, 6 - 10 p.m.

Augusta Post 2:

Friday Night Karaoke: Fridays, Augusta Post 2, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Night Dance: Saturdays, Augusta Post 2, 7 p.m., \$7, live bands.

Gardiner Post 4:

3 Card Challenge: Fridays, Gardiner Post 4 Club Room, 6 p.m.

Cribbage: Every Sunday, Gardiner Post 4, 1 p.m.

Trivia Contest: Every Friday, Gardiner Post 4, 6:30 p.m.

Open Jukebox: Every Thursday, Gardiner Post 4, 5 – 8 p.m.

Darts: Steel Tip Dart Tournament every Tuesday night at 7 PM starting Nov. 1. \$5 entry fee every week for 14 weeks. Cash prizes at the end. Members & guests welcome.

Livermore Falls Post 10:

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 Sat.

Line Dancing: Every Friday evening.

Sanford Post 19:

Live Music: Every Friday night. Great bands and lots of fun.

Winthrop Post 40:

Pool League Tournament: Mondays, 7-10 p.m.

Cribbage Tournament: Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Food available at the bar. Anyone can sign-up. Join in the fun.

Free Pool: Saturdays, anyone can sign up.

Texas Hold-Em Poker: Sundays, 2 p.m. \$55 Buy-in.

Norway Post 82:

Coffee Hour: Every Tuesday, Norway Post 82, 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.

Gray Post 86:

ALPS: Third Monday of each month, Gray Post 86, 6:30 p.m.

Dixfield Post 100:

Public Supper: Third Saturday of the month, Dixfield Post 100, \$7 adults, Children ½ price, meals vary, FMI call 562-8030.

Sabattus Post 135:

Dart Tournament: Every other Monday starting Sept. 19, Sabattus Post 135.

Cribbage Tournament: Tuesday, Sabattus Post 135.

Fridays Nights DJ: Come dance the night away with our new DJ, Sabattus Post 135

Windham Post 148:

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

Eagle Lake Post 176:

Wings Night: Fridays, Eagle Lake Post 176, 5 – 9 p.m.

Lebanon Post 214:

Spaghetti Supper: Second Saturday of the month, Lebanon Post 214, Adults \$7, Children under 10 free. Held at the hall in the First Parish Congregational Church, 650 Center Road, Lebanon. FMI, please call 658-7182.

Current Events

Karaoke with Lena Bragg: Jan. 14, Gardiner Post 4, 7 to 11 p.m. door charge. Members & guests welcome.

The District #1 Oratorical Finals: Jan. 15, Sanford Post 19, 2 p.m.

Texas Hold'em: Jan. 21, Locke Mills Post 68, 595 Gore Rd., Locke Mills. Doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at 1 p.m. Meals and beverages available, BYOB.

Residential Healing & Wellness Retreat: Feb 9-13, Kennedy Learning Center, Camp Kieve-Nobleboro ME, featuring private rooms & baths. Energy Psychology Education, Alternative Healing Modalities such as Acupuncture, Massage, and Yoga. Recreational activities such as Climbing Wall, Nordic Walking, Pottery, and Snowshoeing. If you are a Maine Veteran, living with the symptoms of PTS and/or TBI, you are eligible to apply. A copy of your DD214, a statement of need from your physician or mental health provider, and a fully refundable \$100 deposit (returned last day of the retreat) are required. Veterans greatly benefit from being accompanied by a caregiver, friend or family member; exceptions will be considered upon request. FMI and/or an application, please visit embraceavet.org, email info@embraceavet.org, or phone Dean Paterson at 207-865-3867. Completed applications, DD214 and check may be mailed to: Embrace A Vet, Post Office Box 516, Topsham, ME 04086

Donations

Machias Post 9	\$100 – Maine Blind Camp
Skowhegan Post 16	\$100 – Maine Blind Camp
Monson Post 116	\$100 – Maine Blind Camp

Sons of the American Legion Detachment News

It's not too late to send a donation into Detachment for the Special Olympics Polar Dip I did on New Year's Day. Earmark checks "Polar Dip". Help us support this great program.

Always willing to serve,

Ron Marr, Detachment Commander
1779 Hotel Rd Auburn, ME 04210 (207)-701-9675 ronaldmarr.rm@gmail.com

Here's to a Happy and Healthy 2017. As everyone is probably aware, Saturday, January 21st is the Mid-Winter Conference in Bangor ME. at the Spectacular Event Center.

It's January in Maine, come see what's going on in the Sons of The American Legion and the rest of the Legion family.

We would like to make it worth your time in coming out for the good of Veterans and also take time in the afternoon or evening for a friendly gathering at the Sports Arena to get to meet our family members and even bowl a game or two. Who says it's all work and NO PLAY?

Let me know what everyone thinks. I think it's time for us to have some fun! Knowledge is Power!

Yours in Service

Richard "Dickie" Huntley, NEC/Special Function Committee

Answer to military trivia question: The Green Berets

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux
Department Adjutant

WISH LIST – January 2017
Department of Veterans Affairs
Voluntary Service (135)
1 VA Center
Augusta, Maine 04330 (207) 621-4886
jonathan.barczyk@va.gov

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Drivers for Volunteer Transportation Network (Bethel/Sanford/Rumford/Aroostook/Augusta)
2. Parking Lot Shuttle Driver – (Wednesday & Thursday & On-Call)
3. Clinic Clerical Assistant – Bangor & Lewiston CBOC
4. Bangor Eye Clinic Volunteer – (Monday – Friday)
5. Community Living Center 73 – Feeding patients (must complete on-site training)
6. Patient Escort – Wednesday
7. Recreation Therapy Volunteer – (Monday – Friday)
8. Community Living Center Volunteers – (Monday – Friday)
9. Fee Services Assistant – Business Service Line – (Monday-Friday)
10. Prosthetics Escort – (Monday-Friday)
11. Coumadin Clinic Volunteer – (Monday – Friday)
12. Female Escort – Radiology – (Monday-Friday – Mornings)
13. Facilities Management Volunteer – Repairs, Cleaning etc. – (Monday – Friday)
14. Health Information Volunteer – (One Day/ Week)
15. Voluntary Service Office Assistant (Tuesday – Thursday)

ONGOING PROGRAM SUPPORT:

1. Coffee funds (provides coffee in waiting areas/wards/clinics)
2. Comfort Items, i.e., nail clippers, toenail clippers, denture creams/cleaner, small body wash, body lotion, toothbrush covers, mouth wash, deodorant, disposable razors(Higher Quality Razors Preferred), large powders etc. (***No alcohol based products***)
3. Funds to purchase Canteen/Coupon Books
4. Newspaper funds (provides newspapers in waiting areas/wards/clinics)
5. Recreation General Purpose Funds to support various activities
6. General Welfare Funds

SPECIAL REQUESTS/PROJECTS:

1. Gas Cards (\$25)
2. Trac Phone Cards
3. Hannaford Gift Cards (\$25)
4. Walmart Gift Cards (\$25)
5. Over the Ear Headphones (Must be New)
6. WIFI Access for CLC-73 Patriot Place (Approx. \$40/month)
7. WIFI Access for 4-S (Approx. \$40/month)
8. Organizations to sponsor entertainment on 73 Patriot Place
9. Parking Lot Shuttle Vehicle Project

NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME: Afghans; Jigsaw Puzzles; Used Clothing; Used Stamps; Magazines over three months old; Dental Floss; After-Shave; Hand Lotion and Envelopes. **Due to Infection Control policies we are unable to accept used clothing/bedding walkers, canes, or crutches at this time. Currently we are unable to accept personal memorabilia and artwork.**

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. The announcement reflects the tax law provision, which makes those donations deductible as "donations to the United States". Donations to support any of the Department's programs are deductible, whether the donor directs that the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allows the Department to decide how the donated funds will be used. Donated funds made by check should be made out to "VAVS" and sent to the address above.



**DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

It is with great pride and pleasure that we the membership of Post # _____ submit the names of all of our living Past Commanders for membership to the Past Commanders Club. Along with the names, we have enclosed the annual dues of \$2.00 per member with the understanding that this will continue to provide two (2) \$500.00 scholarships. The recipient must be the son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of a member of The American Legion.

Membership in the Past Commanders Club goes from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Post Adjutant

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SUBMIT TO:

**Catherine R. Merrill
427 State Park Rd.
Naples, Maine 04055**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MAINE**



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*For all Maine Veterans to visit their
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VARIETY SHOW

Social & Hors d'oeuvres
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Showtime: 8:00 p.m.

Vocalists ~ Comedy

Special appearance

ELVIS PRESLEY

JANUARY 28, 2017

Le Club Calumet

334 West River Road - Augusta, ME

All donation checks
made payable to:

Honor Flight Maine

Mail to: Henry Breton

1 Glen Street - Augusta, ME 04330

FMI: (207) 512-8210 ~ 240-1398





**The American Legion, Department of Maine
2017 Mid-Winter Conference
Spectacular Event Center, Bangor
January 21, 2017**

The annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of Maine will be held at the **Spectacular Event Center, 395 Griffin Rd, Bangor, ME 04401 on January 21, 2017**. The conference will be hosted by Commander Peter Johnson and 2nd Vice Commander Scott Paradis.

Special Rates for Legion Family for Hotel Reservations:

Rodeway Inn, formerly Econo Lodge: 327 Odlin Road, Bangor, Maine 04401.

Phone: 207-945-0111.

Room Rate: \$59.00 + sales tax (rooms with one queen bed) - \$69.00 + sales tax (rooms with 2 double beds). Continental Breakfast included, Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffee/Tea Maker & Elevator(s)

Days Inn: 250 Odlin Road, Bangor, Maine 04401.

Phone: 207-942-8272

Room Rate: \$76.00 + sales tax for room with King bed or 2 double beds. Includes Hot Breakfast, Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffee/Tea Maker

Holiday Inn: 404 Odlin Rd. Bangor, Maine 04401. Phone 207-947-0101

Room Rate: \$89.00 + sales tax (all room types apply upon availability). Includes Restaurant, Lounge, Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffee/Tea Maker, Elevator(s)

Please state "American Legion Mid-Winter Conference" when calling for reservations.

Hotel Reservations are to be made by each individual, as the Department HQ will not be coordinating reservations for this conference. Deadline: January 13, 2017

Mid-Winter Conference Registration Fee only: \$10.00/person which includes unlimited coffee/tea and muffins all day. (Please choose this option if you will be attending the **conference only** and not the banquet). **This is for American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Guests that are attending.**

Mid-Winter Conference Banquet Cost only: \$30.00/person which includes Comedian Gary Crocker, Downeast Humorist followed by music for your dancing pleasure (Please choose this option if you will be attending the **banquet only**).

Mid-Winter Conference Registration Fee & Banquet Cost: \$40.00/person

Please note that boxed lunches will be available to purchase for \$10 at the Spectacular Event Center. There will be a sign-up sheet in the a.m. with the lunch of your choice:

Boxed Lunch: Turkey & Provolone on Artisan Bread – Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle

Boxed Lunch: Ham & Provolone on Artisan Bread – Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle

Boxed Lunch: Veggie & Provolone on Artisan Bread – Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle

Chips

Cookie (Individually Wrapped)

Bottled Beverage – Assorted Pepsi Products

Gluten Free Salad needs to be made for a special customer – no onion, no peppers, low sodium

Mid-Winter Conference Reservations
January 21, 2017 – Spectacular Event Center, Bangor

Registration Fee/Banquet Cost: \$40.00/person

Banquet Cost Only: \$30.00/person - Registration Fee Only: \$10.00/person

Name	Phone No.	Registration & Banquet \$40.00/person (✓)	Banquet Only \$30.00/person (✓)	Registration Only \$10.00/person (✓)
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TOTAL # BANQUET TICKETS ONLY: _____

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\$ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____._____

Please make check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine
& mail check & reservation form to:

The American Legion, Department of Maine
5 Verti Drive
Winslow, Maine 04901-0727

Deadline for reservation is January 13, 2017

You must register for the conference or pay when entering the facility.

Banquet Menu Includes:

APPETIZERS

Crackers & House Specialty Cheese Spread
Veggies & Dip

DINNER BANQUET BUFFET

Freshly Baked Dinner Rolls
Caesar Salad and Tossed Salad
Mixed Vegetables – Carrots & Peas
Roasted Red Potatoes
Meat Lasagna
Parmesan & Encrusted Chicken – **Gluten Free**
Baked Panko Encrusted Haddock w/ Lemon Dill Sauce
Assorted Cheesecakes