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Opportunity is rare, and a wise man will never let it go by him.

Congratulations to the following posts for reaching 100%.

Vinalhaven Post 18 Kezar Falls Post 123 Lee Post 160 St. John Post CN09

Mid-Winter Results

At the conclusion of the Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, January 21, 2017, the Sweepstakes winners were drawn and announced. Grand prize winner of \$3,500 was Robert Verreault, Auburn Post 153. \$1,000 winner was Teresa Breau and \$500 winner was John J. Nelligan, Bangor Post 12.

Posts that achieved 100% membership by December 31, 2016 were entered in a drawing to receive four \$50 Emblem Cards. The lucky winners of that drawing were: Farmington Post 28, Hermon Post 200, Sangerville Post 165 and Windham Post 148. Congratulations goes to all the posts that achieved 100% membership.

District Meetings

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

February meetings

District 16 – S. Aroostook: Feb. 5, Caribou Post 15, 1 p.m. dinner, mtg. to follow, Four Chaplains, joint mtg. with Dist. 17.

District 17 – N. Aroostook: Feb. 5, Caribou Post 15, 1 p.m. dinner, mtg. to follow, Four Chaplains service

District 9 – Kennebec: Feb. 8, Augusta Post 2, 7 p.m.

District 3 – Androscoggin: Feb. 12, Lisbon Post 158, 2 p.m.

District 14 – Piscataquis: Feb. 18, Dexter Post 53, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. mtg.

District 5 – Oxford: Feb. 21, Dixfield Post 100, 7 p.m. meeting and nominations. Light supper 6 p.m.

From The Adjutants Desk

**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST REMINDER**

**Thomas College
180 West River Road, Waterville**

**Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
Snow Date: February 18, 2017**

All District competitions should be completed by the end of January, 2017.

For more information about the Oratorical Contest in Maine, visit us on the web at www.mainelegion.org, contact the American Legion Department Headquarters at 873-3229, or e-mail Department Chairman Donald Chase Jr. - ddchasejr@roadrunner.com.

All those interested in receiving a copy of The American Legion, Department of Maine Constitution and By-Laws, please visit www.mainelegion.org, click on the Forms/Applications menu and scroll down to Department/Misc. Forms. For those who do not have a computer and wish to receive a copy via mail, please contact State Headquarters at 207-873-3229.

This office has been receiving many calls from Veterans family's asking for The American Legion Honor Guard to be present at a Veterans funeral. I would like to know how many Posts have some type of Honor Guard so we can help some of these families. Please send HQ your Post # and contact person so we may have some information on hand. Thank you for your support!!!

Directory Changes

Pg. 34, Bridgton Commander Dennis Moynihan, 2 Walker St., Apt. - 8, Bridgton 04009

Pg. 51, Bath Post 21, website: www.melegionpost21.org

Pg. 66, Lee Post 160, please send all correspondence to 5 Verti Dr., Winslow 04901

DVD's and Valentines

I am collecting used DVD's for Veterans at Togus and in nursing homes and Valentines for Veterans. I will accept any and all DVD's or Valentines, but please give to me by February 7th!! You can drop them off in Thelma's office, our receptionist, at 1155 Lisbon Street or in my mail box in the mail room.

Thank you in advance!

Jerry DeWitt
Veterans Outreach and Post 22 Commander

VAR APP

VA's new Veteran Appointment Request (VAR) App helps you schedule appointments with your VA care team from the convenience of your mobile phone, computer, tablet or any device with an internet connection.

With VAR, you can: Directly schedule primary care appointments, make requests to have primary care or mental health appointments scheduled for you, see details for all pending, confirmed and upcoming appointments (both those requested through the app or through a VA scheduler), including date, time, clinic, care team and reason for visit, send up to two messages to a VA scheduler about requested and booked appointments, get email notifications about appointment updates and cancel an appointment if you are no longer able to attend.

To use VAR, you must be a VA patient and have a DS Logon Level 2 (premium) Account. Visit mobile.va.gov/dslogon to learn more.

Get the APP. Having trouble? Visit the VA App Store to learn more: mobile.va.gov/app/veteran-appointment-request or for more information or call the Help Desk at 877-470-5947 weekdays from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. (CT).

Additional types of appointments will be available through VAR in the future.

Military Trivia

Why did the Genghis Khans soldiers ride female horses?

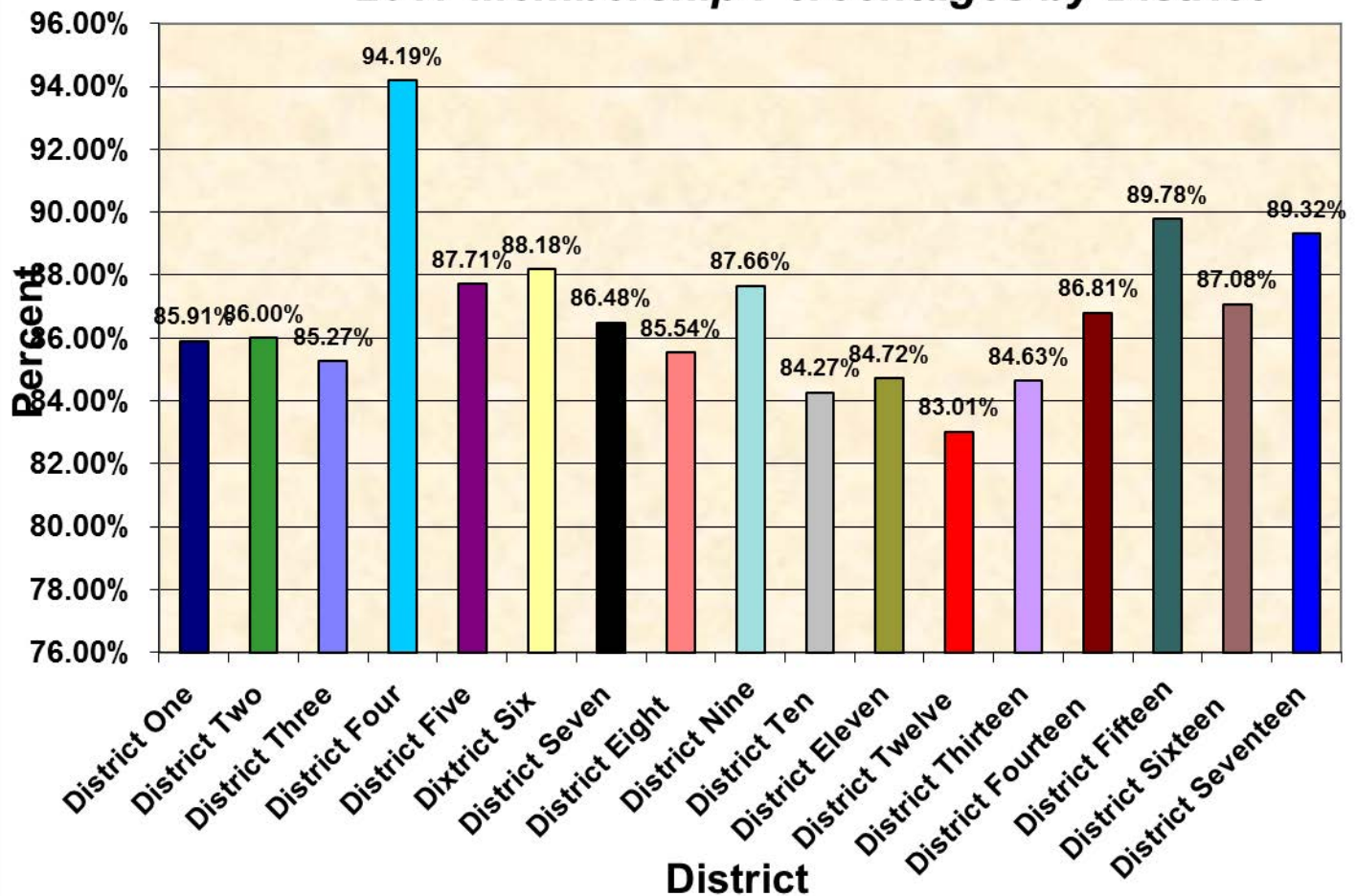
Past Commanders Club

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

2017 Membership Percentages by District



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

Honor Flight Maine Benefit: Jan. 28, Le Club Calumet, 334 West River Rd., Augusta. Social &

Hors d'oeuvres 6 – 8 p.m., show time 8 p.m. Vocalists, comedy, special appearance Elvis Presley. All donation checks made payable to: Honor Flight Maine and mailed to Henry Breton, 1 Glen St., Augusta 04330. FMI please call 512-8210 or 240-1398. For all Maine veterans to visit their Washington War Monuments at no cost.

Beans and Casserole Supper: Feb. 4, Gray Post 86, 5 – 6 p.m. Adults \$8, children under 12, \$4. Pies for dessert.

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

Texas Hold-em: Feb. 11, Locke Mills Post 68, 595 Gore Rd., Locke Mills. Doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at 1 p.m. 50/50, meals and beverages available, BYOB. Come and enjoy the fun.

AR Technology: Feb. 12, Windham Indoor Shooting Range, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Windham Post 148 in collaboration with Windham Indoor Shooting Range is offering interested Veterans* an opportunity to test out the newest in AR technology. This is a great opportunity to check out the new facility and new weapons (Legion will cover range fees but individuals may have to purchase their own ammo). Or, may bring your own weapon and ammo. For reservations or additional information, contact Mel Greenier at mgreenier@myfairpoint.net. Must show ID and proof of veteran status.

2017 Maine Veterans Creative Arts Competition: Feb. 15, Theater B210, VA Maine HCS, 1:30 p.m. For category listings and entry information please contact: For Performing Arts (Music, Dance, Drama and Creative Writing): Liz Marrone, CTRS, 207-623-8411 Ext. 5371 or Elizabeth.marrone@va.gov. For Visual Art Categories (Fine Art, Applied Art and Kits), Courtney Oliver, CTRS, 207-623-8411 Ext. 4589 or Courtney.oliver@va.gov. Competition entry deadline: Jan. 20, 2017.

Valentines' Masquerade: Feb. 18, Winthrop Post 40, Dance with GWizzoes Band. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Donation \$5 - Cash Prizes

3rd Annual Fishing Derby: Feb. 18 – 19, Maranacook Lake. Weigh-in 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. In memory of Carlene Steele & Lee M. St. Hilaire. Cash prizes for biggest salmon & brook trout. Portable Ice Shack for biggest togue. \$50 for biggest fish caught by 12 year old and under. No frozen fish!!! This is Maine's free fishing weekend. No license needed. 50/50 Raffle-Ice Trap Raffle, door prize, hot food. \$10 a ticket. Sponsored by Winthrop Post 40.

Four Chaplains Ceremony: Feb. 21, Mechanic Falls Post 150, 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Donations

Mars Hill Post 118

\$100 - Maine Blind Camp.

Condolences

District 3 Past Commander and Lisbon Falls Post 66 Past Post Commander John Schlaack has passed away. A celebration of John's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 28 at the Durham Congregational Church, 773 Royalsborough Road, Route 136, Durham. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in John's memory to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, 15 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston ME 04240 or to American Legion Post 66 Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 171, Lisbon Falls, ME 04252. Cards may be sent to his wife Margaret at 1069 Pinkham Brook Rd., Durham ME 04222.

Sons of the American Legion Detachment News

Always willing to serve,

Ron Marr, Detachment Commander

1779 Hotel Rd Auburn, ME 04210 (207)-701-9675 ronalmarr.rm@gmail.com

Answer to military trivia question: For their milk.

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux
Department Adjutant



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

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