



# The American Legion Department of Maine

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January 4, 2017

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Working hard and enjoying it are not only compatible but essential for long-term success.

## 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**

➤ 100<sup>th</sup> 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**

**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 B-17 long-range bomber nicknamed in WWII?

**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](mailto:jdewitt@tcmhs.org).

JerryDeWitt, Post 22 Commander

**Directory Changes**

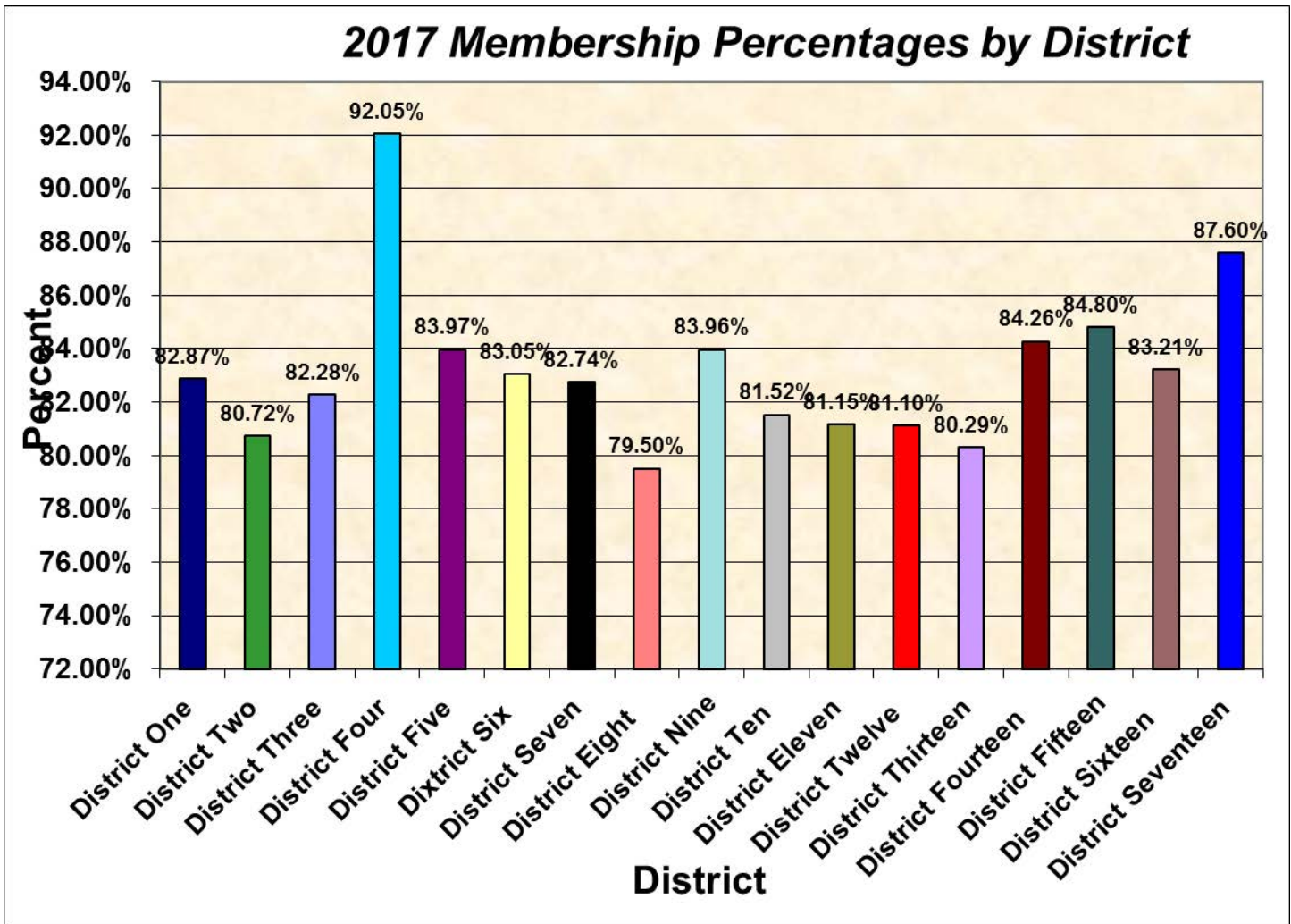
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**From The Adjutants  
Desk**

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

## 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., Caribou Post 15.

**Line Dancing:** Every Friday evening, Caribou Post 15.

**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. Starting Jan. 3, 2017. 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**

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.

### **Sons of the American Legion Detachment News**

Mid Winter Conference is just around the corner on Saturday, January 21st at Spectacular Events on the Griffin Road in Bangor. Would appreciate seeing a great turnout. Thank you,

Always willing to serve,

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

### **Sick**

District 13 Chaplain Jean Neel is in Penobscot Valley Hospital in Lincoln. Cards may be sent to her at P.O. Box 327, Howland 04448-0327.

### **Condolences**

Donald K Farr, Past County and District Commander and member of Post 164 has passed away. Cards may be sent to his wife Marcia at 323 Capisic St., Portland 04102. Donations may be made in Donald's memory to Southern Maine Veterans Home, 290 US-1, Scarborough, ME 04074.

**Answer to military trivia question:** The Flying Fortress

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Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux  
Department Adjutant

# Maine Military Legal Aid News: Military Monday Calendar

## Military Monday-Legal Help Calendar

### What is Military Monday?

Military Monday is a project of Pine Tree Legal Assistance and the Maine State Bar Association's Veterans' Law Section in partnership with Starbucks. On the last Friday of the month, veterans or service members can make an appointment to meet with a pro bono attorney for brief advice or assistance with forms.

Each month, the volunteer attorney is an expert in a different area of law. Call today to make an appointment for one of the following sessions.

**December 26, 2016 - No Military Monday Session,** Due to the proximity to Christmas, there is no Military Monday in December.

**January 30, 2017 - Fees, fines, criminal cases, and driver's license issues such as suspensions and revocations**

-Attorney Seth Levy, Law Office of N. Seth Levy

**February 27, 2017-Wills, Estate Planning and Powers of Attorney**

-Attorney Daniel J. Eccher, Eccher Law, LLC

**March 27, 2017-Bankruptcy and Debt Resolution**

-Attorney Jen Hayden, Molleur Law Offices

**By appointment only, space is limited, reach out today!**

Email [veterans@ptla.org](mailto:veterans@ptla.org) or call 207-400-3229

STAY CONNECTED:





**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

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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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Banquet \$40.00/person (✓)</b>	<b>Banquet Only \$30.00/person (✓)</b>	<b>Registration Only \$10.00/person (✓)</b>
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**TOTAL # REGISTRATION & BANQUET TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_**

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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