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SMILE

Our strengths are our tools, our personal reality. Our weaknesses are only what we are not.

Holiday Reminder

The Department Headquarters Office will be closed Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Daylight Savings Time

Get ready for an extra hour of sleep on Sunday, Nov. 6. That's when the clocks fall back at 2 a.m., ending Daylight Saving Time.

In Memory of Mona Naragon

We have received calls at HQ by many who have asked to make a monetary donation in Memory of Mona Naragon. What we are currently doing is placing those donations in the Oratorical Program which Mona enjoyed doing and supported for many years. If anyone would like to donate, please make the check out to: American Legion Dept. of Maine, mail to 5 Verti Dr., Winslow ME 04901 and earmark: Mona Naragon

We have also received many cards which we will forward to the family.

SMILE Deadline

All information for the SMILE needs to be at Department by 1 p.m. each Wednesday. Any info after that time will be in the next week's issue.

The American Legion, Department of Maine

100th Anniversary Members Directory



The American Legion Department
of Maine Publication Project
is about to begin!



Starting soon, Publishing
Concepts (PCI) will be
contacting you via mail, phone,
and email to request that you
update your information.

We understand security and
privacy are concerns, but please
know that PCI is a trusted
partner of the American Legion
Department of Maine. Don't miss
out on the opportunity to be
included!

PCI not the big company

www.publishingconcepts.com

The American Legion, Department of Maine 100th Anniversary Members Directory

The American Legion, Department of Maine is working on its 100th Birthday Celebration. In order to make this a special event, we are offering all members the opportunity to be part of the history of our 100th Anniversary.

The American Legion, Department of Maine has partnered with PCI (also known as Publishing Concepts) to produce our new 100th Anniversary Members Directory. PCI is a company that publishes directories for educational institutions, fraternities, sororities and military organizations across the nation.

This hard-cover, yearbook style directory offers members of their survivors the opportunity for a permanent commemoration of the Legionnaires' Legion career, including a narrative and photographs. Participation is voluntary.

This benefits our organization in three ways:

1. It helps chronicle and commemorate our membership's Legion experiences as our Centennial celebration approaches.

2. Our directory will be analyzed and updated, completing missing information and removing outdated and/or incorrect information.
3. Our inactive members will be asked to participate and encouraged to renew their membership.

The names, addresses and information provided to PCI by The American Legion, Department of Maine for the publication of the Directory will be held confidential by PCI.

The Directory will be made available only to members of The American Legion, Department of Maine. Upon completion of the project, PCI will return to The American Legion, Department of Maine any and all electronic files that have been supplied by The American Legion, Department of Maine or produced by PCI in connection with the production of the Directory. Only members of The American Legion, Department of Maine may purchase this Directory.

The total duration of the Directory is about 12 months. Types of questions that will be asked are: Organization/Membership background, military Branch of Service, length of time, tour of duty and military awards with a short story to follow, status after the military, current job, are you retired, are you active within the American Legion, do you volunteer to work with Veterans or within the community and what was your greatest achievement in your post military career. You will also have the opportunity to provide a picture from the past or a current one.

PCI representatives will be requesting your participation at some point throughout the next year. In the meantime, those that do wish to participate can gather photographs and narratives they may wish to share.

Frequently Asked Questions

I received an email/postcard/phone call from a company asking for my personal information. They said they were working on a directory for The American Legion Department of Maine. Is this a legitimate project, or is it a scam?

We have partnered with PCI (also known as Publishing Concepts) to produce our new members directory. PCI is a company located in Dallas, TX that publishes directories for educational institutions, fraternities, sororities and military organizations across the nation. This project allows The American Legion Department of Maine to receive important updates to our database so we know more about our members and how we can better serve you and future members.

How do I know my information will only be used for directory purposes?

The American Legion Department of Maine has a contractual agreement with PCI that states:

- *The names, addresses and information provided to PCI by The American Legion Department of Maine for the publication of the Directory will be held confidential by PCI, except to the extent that they are utilized in, or in the preparation of, the Directory and except as required by court order or law.*
- *The Directory will be made available only to members of The American Legion Department of Maine. Upon completion of the project, PCI will return to The American Legion Department of Maine any and all electronic files that have been supplied by The American Legion Department of Maine or produced by PCI in connection with the production of the Directory.*

I would like to verify and update my information. How may I do this?

If you have received a postcard or an email with a telephone number, you may call the number to speak with a dedicated representative for The American Legion Department of Maine project. The representative will verify all the information we have on file for you and make any updates where needed. One of the numbers for The American Legion Department of Maine members is 1-877-761-8365.

If you have received an email with an embedded link, you may go to the online site to review your information. If you have questions, you may call PCI's customer service desk at 1.800.982.1590.

Can anyone purchase a directory?

The American Legion Department of Maine members Directory is available for sale only to The American Legion Department of Maine members.

When will I receive my directory?

The total duration of the directory project is about 12 months. Since we began the project in August 2016, the directories will be distributed in August 2017.

I ordered a package containing the Discounted Companion Airline Certificate, but I haven't received the post card requesting verification of my address.

For those who purchase a package containing the Discounted Companion Airline Certificate, they will receive a postcard within 2 -3 weeks and will direct them to go to the PCI website to initiate the certificate process by entering their ID # and order # (shown on the postcard) and verify their mailing address. Alternatively, the buyer can call a toll free number (also shown on the postcard) and leave a voicemail to initiate the certificate process.

You will receive a business envelope that contains the guidelines, terms and conditions, as well as the certified voucher from Award Headquarters so you can begin to make your travel arrangements.

Basics of the certificate program:

The Discounted Companion Airline Certificate allows the holder to purchase two round trip tickets for a bundled rate.

The Certificate is:

200 US Destinations (continental US)

NO BLACKOUT DATES

40 Plus Airline Carriers

24/7 Online Booking

7-Day Advance Purchase

Frequent Flier Miles for Both Passengers

Low Price Guarantee

Fully Transferrable

Can I choose some or all of my information not to be printed in the directory?

When you call to update your information, you can tell the representative what information you would prefer to have excluded. You may also communicate this information to the PCI customer service desk (1.800.982.1590) or to the Legion.

I ordered a directory/package over the phone and would like to cancel my order. How do I do this?

Call the PCI customer service help desk at 1.800.982.1590, and they will take care of this for you.

THEN AND NOW EXAMPLES FROM AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

MEMBERS WERE ASKED



- 1) WHEN AND WHERE DID YOUR SERVICE BEGIN?
- 2) IN WHICH MILITARY CAMPAIGNS DID YOU PARTICIPATE?
- 3) LEADERSHIP ROLES
- 4) WHAT WAS YOUR MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENT AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT/ SEPARATION?

COL MILLARD E. MOON



Beginning of Service I enlisted in the Alabama Army National Guard, Support Company, 167th Infantry (mech), in Birmingham, AL on November 21, 1969

Military Campaign Participation Desert Fox

Leadership Roles
At various times I was a Detachment Commander, Region 1 Vice-Commander, and after the attacks on September 11, 2001 I was mobilized at HQ and served as Deputy Director of Operations.

Final Assignment I was a Colonel at HQ Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Andrews AFB, MD.

Memories My best memory is of serving in Saudi Arabia with the Protective Service Operations Team. We provided security for the Commander and Vice-Commander of Joint Task Force-South West Asia, and for visiting Flag Officers and VIPs. It was an amazing tour.

CAPT MICHAEL T. MOORE, USAF (RET.)

Beginning of Service Air Force ROTC at the University of Notre Dame

Final Assignment 36th TAC Fighter Wing, Bitburg Germany and 52nd TAC fighter Wing, Spangdahlem, Germany.

Memories Experiencing the cultures of many European countries



1970: In front of Building I, Bitburg housing area, with the Bitburg BX in the background



2014: With my fully restored 1947 Cessna 140

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National Presidents Visit

National President Mary Davis of Washington will be visiting Maine American Legion Auxiliary members in November.

The plan for her visit is to showcase the Maine American Legion Auxiliary's mission to serve veterans, active-duty military, children and our communities. To show we are Super Heroes in everything we do and honor Heroes throughout our communities. An agenda has been put together to try and do just that, as well as to show her a little Maine scenery and history. Take a look at the public schedule below and see when you may be able to meet Mary and thank her for her service.

Mary E. Davis, of Lacey, Wash., was elected national president of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) during the organization's 96th National Convention in Cincinnati, held Aug. 26-Sept. 1. Davis will serve the world's largest women's patriotic service organization as national president for a one-year term.

Davis has held numerous leadership positions in the organization at the unit, district, and department levels. At the national level, she chaired many committees and served special appointments, including work on the ALA's 5-Year Centennial Strategic Plan and designated director for the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. She is a member of Pat Tillman Memorial Unit 53 in DuPont, Wash.

As a member of the ALA for 40 years, Davis has chosen to highlight ALA Member Pride for her term as national president. "Each and every day as we work our programs, serve our veterans, help our military families, or make a difference in the life of a child, we swell with pride because of the difference we make," Davis said during her inaugural speech. "I call that ALA Member Pride. Pride in one's accomplishments, pride in making a difference in another's life, and pride in belonging to an organization that embodies the mission work of the American Legion Auxiliary."

Davis is an accredited service officer through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for The American Legion and the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs. She has served as a service officer for 20 years, including eight years as a training officer for The American Legion Service Division. Davis is a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Beta Sigma Phi, PBS We Are Veterans Advisory Committee, and the Military and Veterans Caregiver Peer Support Network Advisory Council. She holds a bachelor's degree from The Evergreen State College.

Davis is eligible for membership through her late father R. Garnett Boots, an Army Air Corps veteran of WWII; her mother Helen Babb Boots, also a WWII veteran who served in the Women's Army Corps; her husband Dale Davis, a Vietnam Army veteran; and her son Robert Davis, a Desert Storm Air Force veteran.

All members of the American Legion Family, Legion, SAL and Riders, are invited and encouraged to join us in welcoming President Mary to Maine at any portion of her visit listed below. Greet her at the airport, stop in at Headquarters, have breakfast or lunch with us at any of the locations listed, join us at Togus or any other destination in the Augusta area, enjoy the fish fry in Naples or get hands on with us at any of the events scheduled on Saturday, November 5th.

WEDNESDAY, November 2, 2016 – 10:35 P.M. ARRIVAL – Portland Jetport

NECA Debbie Marr, along with members from the 1st District, will be welcoming National President Mary to Maine at the Portland Jetport with the Department Colors and Maine banner.

THURSDAY, November 3, 2016

1:45 p.m. – Tour American Legion Family Compound, Winslow - Join us for coffee and cookies and get to meet your National President.

FRIDAY, November 4, 2016

10:00 a.m. – Tour Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope (8 Summer St., Augusta). This is a new shelter opening soon for homeless female veterans.

11:30 a.m. – Lunch at RED BARN, Rte. 201, Augusta. Enjoy a great lunch and have the chance to meet owner Laura Benedict, who is instrumental in raising over \$2 million for charity. Laura is also a strong supporter of veterans.

12:45 p.m. – Tour Togus grounds and lay wreath at National Cemetery

1:15 p.m. – Tour Beals House at Togus

2:15 p.m. – Lay wreath at Maine Veterans Cemetery, Civic Center Drive, Augusta

2:45 p.m. – Ride through Maine Veterans Cemetery, 163 Mt. Vernon Road, Augusta

5:00 p.m. – Dinner at Naples Post 155. This is a public event, however, **if you plan to attend the Post's weekly fish fry dinner, please call Sis Littlefield (647-2465; c-756-4403) by November 2nd so they make sure to order enough fish for the extra people attending.**

SATURDAY, November 5, 2016

8:30 a.m. – Breakfast at DADDY-O's Restaurant (1570 Main St., Oxford). Come have breakfast with us and have the chance to thank the restaurant for their support of local veterans.

9:45 a.m. – Gifts of Gratitude – pack boxes to be shipped to deployed troops at Norway Grange Hall (15 Whitman St., Norway) hosted by Oxford Unit 112 and Gifts of Gratitude Chairman (Department Historian) Ginny Chaput. Please feel free to bring items to help fill the boxes.

11:30 a.m. – Serve cake and thank Active duty Army National Guard members at the Norway Armory, 17 Elm St., Norway. (Cake provided by Norway Unit 82)

1:00 p.m. – Host Ice-cream social and visit with residents at Western Maine Veterans Home, 477 High St., South Paris. (Ice-cream toppings, bowls, and volunteer supplied by Bethel Unit 81). Help serve ice-cream and socialize with veterans.

A banquet in her honor will be held on Saturday, November 5th at Rumford Post 24, 184 Congress St., Rumford.

Time: 5:30 p.m. Social; 6:30 p.m. Dinner, followed by program. Following the program, there will be a DJ with karaoke for anyone who would like to socialize.

Menu: appetizers during social hour. Meat lasagna, veggie lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Note: if you are gluten-free, please send a note when making reservation.

Tickets: \$15.00 per person. Please make checks payable to "ALA Unit 24" and mail to American Legion Post 24, ATTN: Tricia Thurston, 184 Congress St., Rumford, ME 04276.

SUNDAY, November 6, 2016

8:30 a.m. – Breakfast at Sabattus Post 135, 40 Island Road, Sabattus. Public breakfast open to everyone. Last chance to meet and greet with President Mary before she departs Maine.

9:45 a.m. – Depart for airport

From The Adjutants Desk

Our Boy Scout Chairman is really making a big difference with the Eagle Scout Award program. The Department HQ staff is supporting him by generating the proper material needed to move this Committee

forward. Please do not hesitate to call him for guidance and support. He is also looking for any Legion member that would enjoy helping with this program. "Make a difference and lend a hand"

Chairman: Bill Benson, 63 South Levant Road, Levant, ME 04456, 884-7325 or 356-5559

e-mail: wbenson@midmaine.com

Our data base on Legion Posts that support Boy Scouts programs is not up to date. We are trying to build that program and need your support. Please forward to HQ if you are supporting a troop and give the Troop # if possible. Remember this is a great program that many people do not know that The American Legion supports!!! Please forward the information as soon as possible.

To all Posts:

After asking all of you to stand by while we researched the Maine Sales Tax Exemption for The American Legion we are now ready to provide you with a step by step procedure that you may all follow. It will include some of the paperwork and information needed to pass the requirements. This packet that we will send you will provide you with 80% of the needed information. (You may stop at the office and pick one up also)

Now the other side of the story---If you have not kept up with State & Federal requirements, this will add more work for you to process this form in a timely matter. Please read the sheet on How to Obtain a Sales /use Tax Exemption Certificate carefully.

In order to receive one of these packets you must e-mail or call this office to request one which will be mailed to you. We will track these request for further results. Thank you again for your patience.

To all Legion Post in Maine: Please be aware that the following Post from New York is soliciting money in the State of Maine. This is against the National Constitution & By-Laws and they have been ordered to stop immediately. The post information: American Legion Post 490, 1 American Legion Road, Stillwater, NY 12170

Directory Changes

Pg. 7, Please remove District 1 Commander Linwood Mulligan

Pg. 27, Biddeford Post 26, please remove Adjutant and Finance Officer Linwood Mulligan

Award To Enhance Lives of Disabled Persons

Purpose: The purpose of the National Organization on Disability (NOD) Awards competition is to confer national recognition on organizations, such as The American Legion, for their involvement in enhancing the lives of disabled persons by providing opportunities for their participation in community activities. Any Legion project or program that improves the quality of life for disabled persons will be considered.

History: Since 1987, American Legion posts have competed for prizes through the Awards Program. NOD will continue to award certificates to the winners, and all nominees and their departments will receive American Legion citations of appreciation.

Criteria: All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form and must not be longer than two pages of narrative. Supporting documents, which may also be submitted with the nomination, must not exceed ten pages.

Deadline: Submission of nominations in the Employer of the Disabled Award category should be submitted to Department Headquarters by December 31.

Procedure: Nominations from posts, or other sources must be sent to Department Headquarters. The department then selects **one** nominee and sends the winning nominations with their supporting information to the Veterans Employment and Education Commission. Either the department adjutant or department employment chairman must sign the nomination. Nominations that arrive without supporting information **will not** be eligible for the national awards.

Nomination Form: A copy of the official nomination form may be found at the end of this newsletter. Posts may reproduce this form for wider distribution. Additional copies may also be obtained by writing or calling Department Headquarters. This form may also be found on the Legion website at www.mainelegion.org.

Award: The commission provides a free plaque to each Department that submits a nomination. It is recommended, however, that Posts recognize their other nominees with plaques or awards that can be purchased for a nominal cost through Emblem Sales.

Crafters Wanted

Hello Crafters,

On November 19, 2016 the Women's Auxiliary is hosting a craft fair at the American Legion Post 86, 15 Lewiston Road in Gray, Maine. We are doing this to raise money for veterans and their families. The cost of a table will be \$25. Checks can be made out to ALA Unit 86 and sent to P.O. Box 428, Gray, Maine 04039. The fair will run from 9-3. If you are interested and would like to reserve a table, please email me at mbrushwe@bates.edu. **Crafters are still needed.**

Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon,

Mary

Proclamation For Ring For Peace

Jerry DeWitt is asking all churches in Maine to ring their bells on 11-11-2016 at 11a.m. for 2 minutes to remember all those veterans that have served our country and pray for peace. This is a project of District 3 Commander Jerry DeWitt, American Legion Post 22, American Legion District 3, Androscoggin County, Franco American War Veterans Post 31, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 11 of Maine and the L/A Maine Military Community Network and the L/A Veterans Council Veterans for Peace. District 3 Commander Jerry DeWitt would appreciate your support.

State of Maine



WHEREAS, the first Armistice Day on November 11, 1918 was commemorated by the ringing of church bells across England; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of honoring those who have served their country has continued to the present day in the United States of America, now called Veterans' Day; and

WHEREAS, the Council is encouraged by the efforts by the Am Vets Department of Maine, American Legion Post 22, American Legion District 3 Androscoggin County, Franco American War Veterans Post 31, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 11 of Maine, Lewiston/Auburn Maine Military Community Network, the Lewiston/Auburn Veterans Council, Veterans For Peace, VFW Post 1603 Auburn, VFW Post 9150 Lewiston, all VFW Posts in District 9, be it resolved that we call churches in Maine to ring their bells on 11-11-2016 at 11:00 AM for 2 minutes to pray for peace and to remember all those veterans that have served our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2016 as

RINGING BELLS FOR PEACE ON VETERANS' DAY

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



In testimony whereof, I have caused
the Great Seal of the State
to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand
at Augusta this Fourth day of October
Two-Thousand and Sixteen


Paul R. LePage
Governor


Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
TRUE ATTESTED COPY

Military Trivia

Which country has a regiment of bicycle mounted soldiers?

Department Officers Visitation

Department Commander Pete Johnson:

Department 1st Vice Commander Randy Kluj:

11-5-16, Houlton Post 47, District 16 meeting, 2 p.m.

11-6-16, Monson Post 116, Veterans Day program, 1 p.m.

11-11-16, Milo Town Hall, POW-MIA Ceremony, 11:30 a.m., free meal for all area veterans, noon

11-19-16, Monson Post 116, District 14 meeting, 12 noon lunch, 1 p.m. meeting

Department 2nd Vice Commander Scott Paradis

11-5-16, Houlton Post 47, District 16 meeting, 2 p.m.

11-6-16, Lincoln Post 77. District 13 meeting, 2 p.m.

11-7-16, Corinna Post 73, 6 p.m.

11-19-16, Monson Post 116, District 14 meeting, 12 noon lunch, 1 p.m. meeting

Department Americanism Officer Deb Couture and Chaplain Greg Couture

11-2-16, Bangor Post 12, speaking on Americanism. Greg is going, too. 1830-2030.

11-6-16, Greg and I will be going to the Sabattus breakfast, 0830.

11-9-16, Greg and I will both be speaking at Gardiner Area Middle School. It is a group of 16 veterans. 0700 - 1200

District 9 meeting @ 1900.

11-10-16, VA Togus - 150th Anniversary. We are not speaking or anything. We will just be there to see the presentations. 0900 - 1200

11-11-16, Litchfield Post 181, 0930-1400.

11-13-16, Christ Church, Gardiner, Special Veterans Day thank you for all Vets. 1000-1200. Legion Baseball event in the afternoon.

11-16-16, Palermo Post 163, Waldo District 11 meeting, 1400

11-19-16, Women Vets Appreciation Luncheon, Rumford (no Greg)

11-21-16, Somerset District 10 or Lincoln District 7. Greg and I go to all these together.

Department NEC John Hargreaves

11-5-16, Rumford Post 24, National Auxiliary President's Banquet

11-9-16, Gardiner Post 4, District 4 Meeting

11-11-16, Schooner Cove Assisted Living Veterans Day Flag Ceremony with Post 42

11-13-16, Machais Post 9, District 15 Meeting and Pearl Harbor Survivor recog.

11-15-16, Bethel Post 81, District 5 Meeting

11-19-16, Rumford Post 24, 4th Annual Women's Veterans Luncheon

11-21-16, Wiscasset Post 54, District 7 Meeting

Influenza Shots

11/7/2016

Togus Outpatient Pharmacy

1:00 PM

3:00 PM

11/9/2016	Bangor CBOC	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	
11/14/2016	Togus Outpatient Pharmacy		1:00 PM	3:00 PM
11/16/2016	Bangor CBOC	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	
11/21/2016	Togus Outpatient Pharmacy		1:00 PM	3:00 PM
11/23/2016	Bangor CBOC	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	
11/28/2016	Togus Outpatient Pharmacy		1:00 PM	3:00 PM
11/30/2016	Bangor CBOC	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	
12/7/2016	Bangor CBOC	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	
12/12/2016	Togus Outpatient Pharmacy		1:00 PM	3:00 PM
12/19/2016	Togus Outpatient Pharmacy		1:00 PM	3:00 PM

Even More Opportunities!

Rumford CBOC, Monday thru Friday, 1:30 - 4 pm, **Lincoln CBOC**, Monday thru Friday, 1pm - 3 pm, **Bingham VA Clinic**, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 7:30 am - 4 pm, **Calais CBOC**, Wednesdays, 1 pm – 4 pm, **Caribou CBOC**, Monday thru Friday, 9 am - 3 pm, **Houlton VA Clinic**, Wednesdays, 8 am - 4:30 pm.

Many Ways to Get Influenza Vaccine:

- ☐ At the special clinics listed here
- ☐ At your scheduled visit to your VA Primary Care Provider*
- ☐ At all Walgreens Pharmacy locations through March 31, 2017. You will need to show a valid ID and a current VA ID. Does not include high dose vaccine or quadriva-lent (4-strain) influen-za vaccine

* Some VA Specialty Clinics will be offering the vaccine as well.

District Meetings

District 16 – S. Aroostook: Nov. 5, Houlton Post 47, 1 p.m. dinner, mtg. to follow

District 13 – Penobscot: Nov. 6, Lincoln Post 77, 2 p.m.

District 17 – N. Aroostook: Nov. 6, Frenchville Post 145, 1 p.m. dinner, mtg. to follow

District 9 – Kennebec: Nov. 9, Gardiner Post 4, 7 p.m.

District 3 – Androscoggin: Nov. 13, Turner Post 111, 2 p.m.

District 15 – Washington: Nov. 13, Machias Post 9, 2 p.m.

District 5 – Oxford: Nov. 15, Bethel Post 81, 7 p.m. Refreshments

District 11 – Waldo: Nov. 15, Palermo Post 163, 2 p.m.

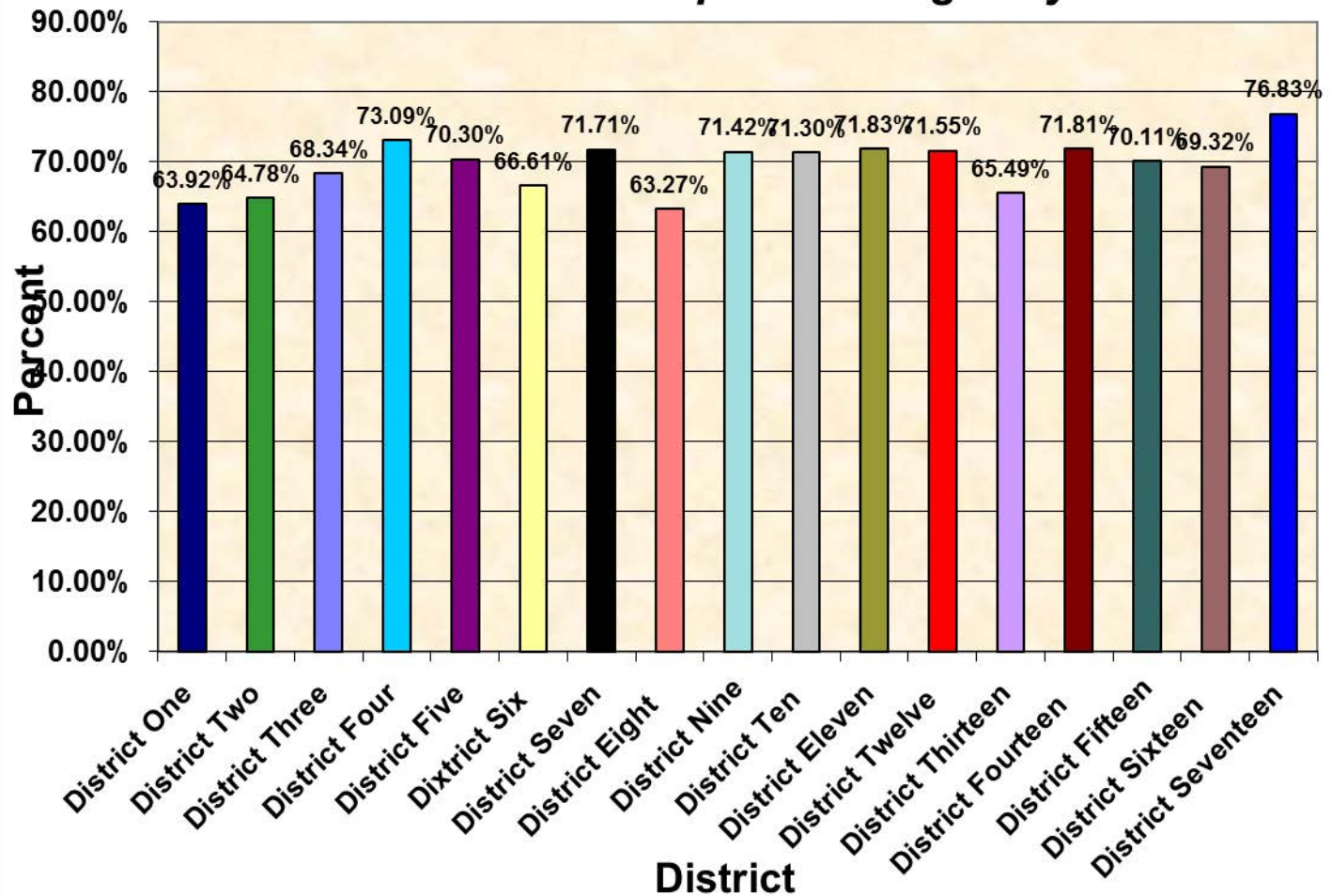
District 14 – Piscataquis: Nov. 19, Monson Post 116, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. mtg.

District 7 – Lincoln: Nov. 21, Wiscasset Post 54, 6:30 p.m.

District 10 – Somerset: Nov. 21, Skowhegan Post 16, 5 p.m. social, mtg. 6 p.m.

Membership

2017 Membership Percentages by District



Recurring Events

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.

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.

Biddeford Post 26:

Bean Supper: Third Saturday of the month, Biddeford Post 26, 4:30 p.m. \$8 for adults and \$5 for under 12.

Winthrop Post 40:

Pool League Tournament: Mondays, Winthrop Post 40, 7-10 p.m.

Free Pool: Saturdays, anyone can sign up.

Texas Hold-Em Poker: Sundays, Winthrop Post 40, 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.

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

Veterans Pot Luck Supper: Nov. 3, Camden Post 30, 6:30 p.m. For an Open House to admire the new renovation downstairs and to give people a heads up that the Legion is actively seeking new members. This meal is for all veterans and their partners/spouses. All members of Post 30 are encouraged to attend. Bring hot dish and come on over, down, up, wherever you are. For more info contact: Frank Carr at 236-0344, Jeff Sukeforth at 691-2270 or Rosey at 975-5432.

Vietnam, Long Time Coming: Nov. 4, RFA Lakeside Theater in Rangeley, 7 p.m. Vets admitted FREE and enjoy free concessions! Admission: \$5. Proceeds benefit RFA Youth Arts Programs.

Public Supper: Nov. 5, Gray Post 86, 15 Lewiston Rd., 5-6 p.m. Beans and casserole supper, pies for dessert. Adults \$8, Children under 12, \$4.

Potluck Dinner and Dance: Nov 5, Damariscotta Post 42, 5 - 10 p.m. Silent Auction. To assist the Julie Gilbert family who experienced a tragic fire in Boothbay Harbor, October 9th.

America's Veterans Program: Nov 8, Livermore Falls Post 10, 8:30 and 12:00. We will hold two programs for the 120+ students of the Fourth Grade Classes from Spruce Mountain Elementary School. We invite you to assist and observe the next generation as they learn why we have a day called Veterans Day and why we Honor their Sacrifice for our Freedoms. The program is 1 hr 15 min long or so. We welcome all veterans and citizens.

American Flag Disposal Ceremony: Nov. 11, Scarborough Post 76, 42 Manson Libby Road, Dinner, 6 p.m., Free Spaghetti Dinner. Service, 7 p.m. Bring your unserviceable, faded, torn, flags to be disposed of properly. FMI-883-3902. You are invited! Public welcome!

2nd Annual Veterans Day Turkey With All The Fixings: Nov. 11, Mars Hill Post 118, 3 - 8 p.m. Supper (Dinner) free for all veterans and their families. Any veteran or family in District 16 or 17 is invited. Come and have a good meal and socialize with other veterans. Please respond to Rod Collins by Nov. 8 if planning to attend. rc199@twc.com

Sock Hop: Nov. 12, Gardiner Post 4, 8 - 12 p.m. Music by RIFF RAFF. Sponsored by Post 4 Riders for their charities. \$5 cover charge. Members & guests welcome.

Texas Hold'em: Nov. 19, Locke Mills Post 68, 595 Gore Rd., Locke Mills, ME. Doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at 1 p.m. 50/50, meals and beverages available. BYOB. Come and enjoy the fun. FMI/ Ray 890-3737.

The Volunteers Jazz Band: Nov. 13, Brunswick Post 20, 1 Columbus Dr., 2 p.m. They play at no charge to entertain and honor those who have served. Most of the band members have played professionally for 25 years or more. The volunteers will play a free concert to celebrate our freedoms and to remember those no longer with us!

Condolences

District 1 Commander and Biddeford Post 26 Adjutant and Finance Officer Linwood "Jake" Mulligan has passed away. Visiting hours will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, November 2, 2016, with American Legion Prayer Service at 5 p.m. and VVA Honor Guard to follow, at Cote Funeral Home Chapel, 87 James Street, Saco. A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 3, 2016, at Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider donations to the American Legion Post 26, PO Box 185, Biddeford, ME 04005. Cards may be sent to his wife Sharon at 288 Main St. Ste. 101, Biddeford, ME. 04005.

Auburn Post 153 Past Post Commander Emmett Stuart, Jr. has passed away. A memorial gathering will take place Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Fortin\Auburn. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Emmett's memory to: Wm. J. Rogers Post 153, 71 South Main St., Auburn, ME 04210. Arrangements are under the care of The Fortin Group\Plummer & Merrill Funeral Home, Cremation and Monument Services, 217 Turner St., Auburn, 783-8545.

Elmore "Bill" Clough has passed away. Bill was the fiancé of Department Office Manager Rachel Currie's mother. Funeral service is to be held Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. at the Maine Veterans Cemetery, 163 Mt. Vernon Rd., Augusta. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at: directcremationofmaine.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Paralyzed Veterans America: Donation Processing Center, 7 Mill Brook Road, Wilton, NH 03086. Cards may be sent to Cynthia Lambert and family at 9 Partridge Ln., Winslow, ME 04901

Sons of the American Legion Detachment News
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I would like to thank the Detachment of Maine Officers and members for electing me State Commander. I will do my best in every way.

For those who may not know me, my name is my Ron Marr and I live in Auburn, ME. My Commander's Project is "Operation Common Cents", with proceeds to go to The Travis Mills Foundation. The Foundation benefits veterans who have returned from service with special needs. With support from you, this will make a huge difference to their daily lives.

My highest goal is to serve in The Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion family.

You, as SAL member, should strive in part to get your membership dues into your Squadrons so they may send them to Detachment who in turn makes our Veteran programs work. Thank you for your support.

Always willing to serve,

Ron Marr,
Detachment Commander, 1779 Hotel Rd Auburn Me 04210, 701-9675 debra.ann.marr@gmail.com

Answer to military trivia question: Switzerland

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux
Department Adjutant

VETERAN RETREAT

**November 11-13, 2016
Veterans Day Weekend**

Hosted by...



Cardinal Retreats for Veterans

Green Gem Holistic Healing Oasis
900 State Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

All veterans welcome to apply. Refundable \$100 deposit returned during registration. For an application & more information, contact:

Candace Green, Executive Director & Founder

Phone: 207.236.0228

Email: CandaceGreenCardinalRetreats@gmail.com

Web Page: <http://www.thegreengem.org/candace-green/>

What can you expect?

An opportunity for reflection and personal growth using non-pharmaceutical, alternative wellness modalities. Camaraderie and good food in a peaceful, rural setting with others who care about veterans and their families.

Saturday, November 19

Augusta Civic Center

2016

7:00 pm (doors open at 6)

A Maine COUNTRY Christmas



Featuring:

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THE OVERLOCKS

DEBBIE MYERS

MALINDA LIBERTY

PETER ALLEN

ALLISON AMES

CHRIS FYFE

DENNY BREAU

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Military Appreciation Pack

L/A Fighting Spirit Military Appreciation Night

November 12th and 13th

Game time 7:00 PM Saturday 2:00 PM Sunday

- Tickets will be \$5.00 each. If you purchase 20 at the \$5 rate we will give you 5 more tickets.
(20 tickets at \$100.00 plus 5 free)

The Androscoggin Bank Colisee and the L/A Fighting Spirit will host the Military Appreciation night on Saturday November 12th and Sunday November 13th 2016! Players will show their support by wearing commemorative jerseys during the game that will be auctioned off at the end of the game Saturday night. To bid on the jerseys go the L/A Fighting Spirit Hockey page on Facebook.

Name	Company	
Address		
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Primary Telephone	Alternate Telephone	
Fax	E-Mail	

☐ CHECK OR MONEY ORDER: Check Number: Amount: \$

NOTE: Returned check due to non-sufficient funds will be subject to a \$25.00, per occurrence, service charge.!

☐ CREDIT CARD: Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ Credit

Card Information: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Account #:

Expiration:

CVV #:

Cardholder Signature:

Please send completed "Military Pack" form to the American Legion William Rogers Post 153, 71 South Main St Auburn 04210 or contact Dan St. Pierre at 207-782-1118



AWARD TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF DISABLED PERSONS

Department of: _____ Date: _____

Legion Post number and name: _____

Post's name, number, address and telephone number: _____

Post's membership: _____ How many members worked on this project? _____

Name and daytime telephone of the Post's Commander: _____

Name, title, address and daytime telephone number of the person making the nomination:

Describe what your nominee has done that makes the American Legion Post or employer worthy of this award. What specific project has that Post or employer instituted that enhances the lives of disabled persons by helping them participate in community activities? Was this solely a post project or were other community organizations involved? What tangible assets were involved in your nominee's project (e.g., volunteer hours, funds, etc.)? What measurable impact, if any, has your nominee's project had on the community as a whole? Please limit your written narrative to two pages.

Only those nominations that include adequate documentation of the nominee's employment practices concerning veterans will be considered for the National Award to Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons. It is recommended that the nominator provide a copy of the company's written policy on employment of veterans if available, a description of how the employer supports veterans' activities in the community and any other reasons why the nominee should be selected to be the National Award to Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons winner.

Nominations need to be sent to The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727 by **Dec. 31** so that department has time to review all nominations.

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Department Adjutant



AMERICANISM *eBulletin*

An electronic update of the Americanism Commission

americanism@legion.org



October 2016

American Legion Expands Get Out The Vote Program

The American Legion has announced plans to close its three national headquarters offices on Nov. 8, 2016, to give employees an opportunity to vote, help others get to the polls and volunteer in local, state and national elections.

State American Legion departments are also encouraged to join the national efforts so all American Legion employees nationwide have the day to participate in the election process. Additionally, The American Legion is encouraging all of its members to participate in the organization's Get Out The Vote program by volunteering at local polls or by helping their fellow citizens cast their ballots.

The American Legion is a nonpolitical, nonpartisan organization but advocates for all U.S. citizens to register and vote in all elections. The American Legion does not show preference for or against any particular candidate or political party.

Since its inception in 1920, The American Legion's Get Out The Vote program has encouraged Americans to exercise their right to vote and help others understand the importance of the electoral process. The program suggests activities on how American Legion posts can increase voter turnout and serve as a resource on Election Day. This program urges Legionnaires, posts, districts and state departments to volunteer in their communities by calling at least five friends to remind them to vote, provide rides to and from the polls if necessary, and use social media to share information about poll locations and times.

"Every election is important, and The American Legion believes voting in our country's elections is among the truest expression of Americanism," American Legion National Commander Charles E. Schmidt said. "As veterans, we fought and served to preserve the republic we cherish. As American Legion members, we can aid the political process while staying nonpartisan by taking a lead in our communities to educate, inform, vote and volunteer."

For more information on The American Legion Get Out The Vote program and resources available, click [here](#).

The National Commander's Get Out The Vote Public Service Announcement can be viewed by clicking the still below or [here](#):





American Legion Post 24 and American Legion Dept. of Maine
Women Veteran's Advisory Committee
to Honor Women Veterans at the

4th Annual Women Veteran's Luncheon

184 Congress St. Rumford, Maine

Saturday, November 19th, 2016

Schedule of events:

Refreshments and Morning Pampering from
9:30am- 12:30pm

(Local professionals have donated their time to provide manicures, haircuts/styles,
Reiki and mini massages and is on a first come first served basis)

Lunch 12:30pm

Guest Speakers 1:00pm

Guest speakers will be present to provide important
information to our veterans.

Please help spread the news and share this info with all
women veterans. R.S.V.P by November 16th. For more
information call Tricia Thurston at 357-3289

Come and connect with other women who have served. You do
NOT need to be a Legion member to attend!

This event is planned for all Women Veterans
and is at no charge to them.

