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Your daily behavior reveals your deepest beliefs

Holiday Reminder

The Department Headquarters Office will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 23 and will remain closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving. **DUE TO THE HOLIDAY, THERE WILL BE NO SMILE PUBLISHED THAT WEEK.**

From The Adjutants Desk

To all Legion Post Officers: At a special District Commanders and District Adjutants training session (October 22nd) we issued laptop computers to every District as well as the following items for each Post in their District: the new 2016/2017 State Directory's, miscellaneous handouts, Korean Era Books and information on: Example-1 sales tax exemption on all purchases.

In order to pick these items up, all Posts need to attend a District meeting within your District or contact the District Commander or District Adjutant to make arrangements to receive these items. Remember, if you attend a District meeting you will keep in touch with all the new State laws that affect The American Legion as well as all veterans. Example-2 No income tax on retirement pay.

This is why we are so encouraged by many Districts that have taken charge and are moving forward sharing all this great information. REMEMBER: Send a few Officers from your Post to a District meeting.

Note: District 12 information has not been picked up by the District Commander or the District Adjutant so that information is still at State HQ. Please call the office with your concerns.

We currently have no one serving on the Special Olympics Committee other than representatives from The Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion. The Department is looking for 3 dedicated individuals to assist us on filling these openings. Remember that we do make a difference every day in people's lives. Please consider stepping forward to help. Contact the State Commander, Peter Johnson at 207-280-0888 or call the State HQ at 207-873-3229

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.

Lobster Dip

Here are the Specifics for the 2017 Event - All NEW incentives again this year!

What: Annual Lobster Dip to benefit Special Olympics Maine

When: New Year's Day - January 1st @ 12 Noon - sharp!

Where: Old Orchard Beach in front of The Brunswick (39 West Grand Ave)

And as always: The renowned "Post Dip Party" to follow at The Brunswick (free buffet, cash bar, music, football & fun!)

Here's How to Participate: **Individuals** - MUST raise a MINIMUM of \$100 and register properly (additional prizes/incentives for additional funds raised). **Teams** - 5 or more dippers may register as a team (each team member MUST raise a minimum of \$100). Simply choose a team name (team costumes are encouraged) & register under that team name. (Additional prizes/incentives also apply based on funds individually raised) ALL Dippers must raise a minimum of \$100. Those who do, and register properly, will receive a premium long-sleeved commemorative Lobster Dip t-shirt! Additional incentives will apply for additional funds raised- ALSO grand prizes for top fundraisers!

Setup Your Personal Fundraising Page: Dippers will have the capability once again, for fundraising online via FirstGiving by setting up a Personal Fundraising page (steps below)

1. Go to <http://www.firstgiving.com/SOME>
2. Click Start Fundraising button
3. Select Lobster Dip 2017
4. Customize the text and the photo on your online Personal Fundraising Page and express your passion and your purpose.

5. Email your Personal Fundraising Page link & share via social networks with you family, friends, colleagues &/or anyone you think will help with your fundraising goal.

Bring a printout confirmation of your online funds raised when you register, as this will be applied to your total.

2 ways to Register (day of or early; to beat the rush)

Register early and beat the rush. Registration dates, times and location below:

Pre-Register: Thursday December 29th & Friday December 30th, 2016 - register between 9AM-5PM. Special Olympics Maine State Office - 125 John Roberts Road - Unit #5 South Portland, ME 04106

Register Day of Dip: Sunday, January 1st, 2017 - register between 9AM & 11:30 AM, The Brunswick - 39 West Grand Ave, Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064

Helpful Tips:

- Plan to arrive by at least 11 AM, even if you have pre-registered - to allow time to find parking and get into The Brunswick.
- Bring (beach shoes/old sneakers, etc.) to wear into the water, and a towel/blanket/robe for when you come out -limited changing rooms.
- If you have pre-registered, but have more money to turn in on Dip Day, you may do so that morning at registration!
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Directory Changes

Pg. 7, District 1 Finance Officer Raynald Hallczuk, 19 Simard Ave. Unit #1, Biddeford 04005

Pg. 27, Biddeford Post 26, Commander Raynald Hallczuk, 19 Simard Ave. Unit #1, Biddeford 04005

Pg. 30, Kezar Falls Post 123, Temporary Adj. Larry Gilpatrick, 28 Garner Ave., Parsonsfield 04047 (625-8809)

e-mail: shovelwolf@roadrunner.com

District Meetings

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

District 11 – Waldo: Nov. 20, Palermo Post 163, 2 p.m.

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.

December meetings

District 9 – Kennebec: Dec. 14, Augusta Post 205, 7 p.m. Christmas party with wives invited.

District 2 – Cumberland: Dec. 18, Naples Post 155, 2 p.m., Christmas party exchange of gifts, Leg Dist. 2 and Aux Dist. 1

District 5 – Oxford: Dec. 20, Locke Mills Post 68, 7 p.m. Appoint nominating committee. District Christmas party.

Military Trivia

Operation Urgent Fury was the US invasion of what country?

Department Officers Visitation

Department Commander Pete Johnson:

Department 1st Vice Commander Randy Kluj:

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

Department 2nd Vice Commander Scott Paradis:

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:

11-16-16, 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:

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

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

Area 5 Commander Lee Leeman

11/15/2016, Old Town Post 75, 7 p.m.

11/28/2016, Dixmont Post 201, 7 p.m.

12/5/16, Monson Post 116, 2 p.m.

Influenza Shots

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.

Donations

Rumford Post 24

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Thank You

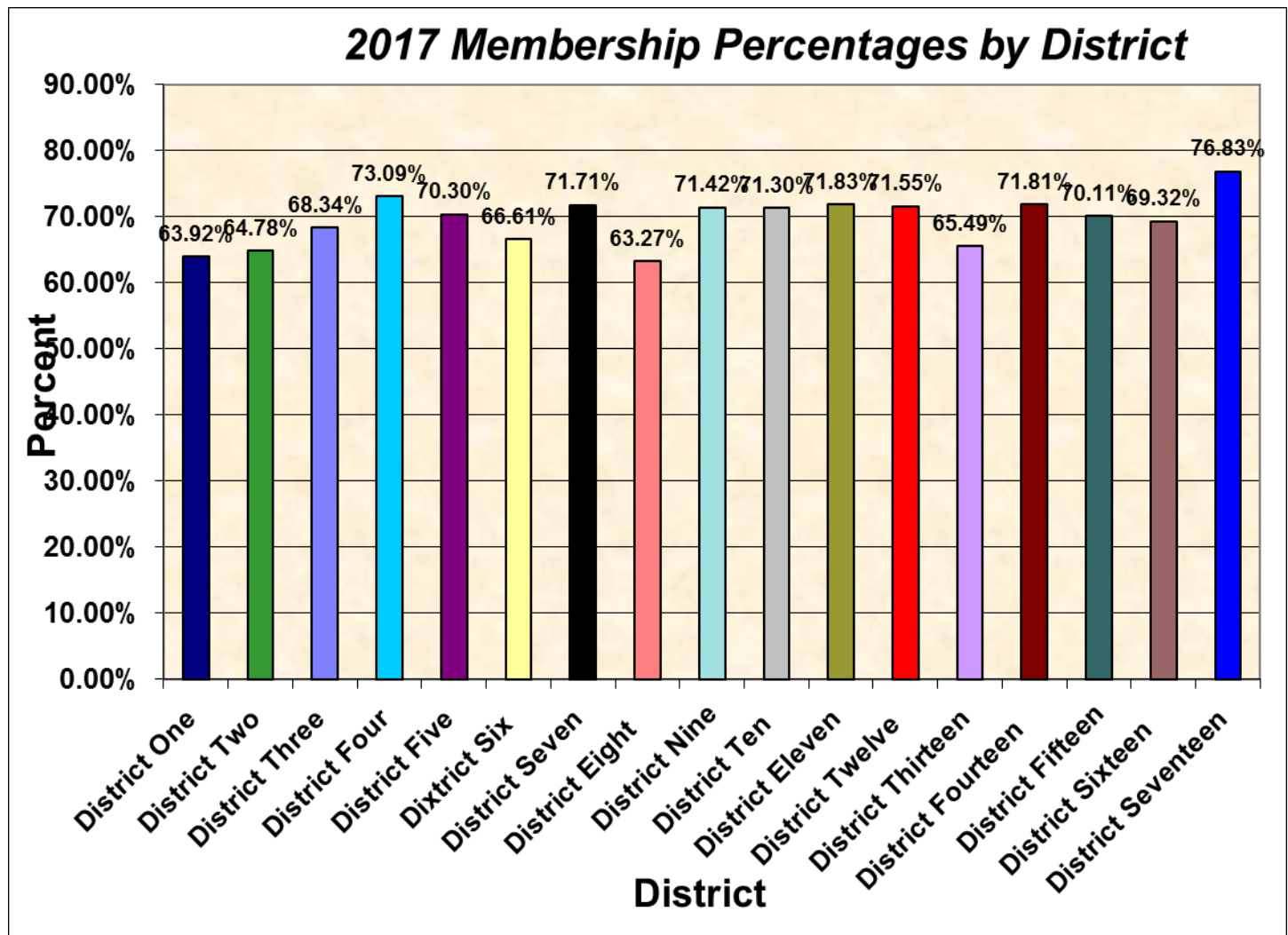
On behalf of my family, I'd like to say thank you for the amazing outpour of support we've received in the past month.

It's no wonder why Mona loved her Legion family so very much.

We take comfort in knowing she's touched so many lives and that she'll continue to occupy our hearts and memories for many many years to come.

All my best,
Sherry St.Amant

Membership



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.

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, 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

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!

Texas Hold'em: Nov. 19, Locke Mills Post 68, 595 Gore Rd. 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.

A Maine Country Christmas: Nov. 19, Augusta Civic Center, 7 p.m. \$22 General Admission, Reserved Floor Seating \$37 at the Augusta Civic Center Box Office Mon. - Fri., 8-5 at 626-2400. Featuring Deb Morin, The Overlocks, Debbie Myers, Malinda Liberty, Peter Allen, Allison Ames, Chris Frye, Denny Breau with a special appearance by Dance Unlimited. Proceeds benefit Maine's Veterans Programs.

Craft Fair: Nov. 19, Gray Post 86, hosted by Unit 86, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. To raise money for veterans and their families. Fine crafts, good food, for a good cause. Come and join the fun.

Bean and Casserole Supper: Nov. 19, Winthrop Post 40, 4:30 - 6 p.m. American Legion Auxiliary. Donation \$7.

Answer to military trivia question: Granada

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux
Department Adjutant



“Maine’s Original Dip” PLEDGE SHEET



(Dippers Name) _____ (Team Name, if applicable) _____

(Mailing address) _____ (City/town _____ (State _____ (Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Make checks payable to: Special Olympics Maine

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