



# The American Legion Department of Maine

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December 14, 2016

☺ SMILE ☺

**An open mind is like an open window. It lets fresh air in.**

Congratulations to the following Posts for reaching 100%

**Togus Post 90    Fryeburg Post 137    Sangerville Post 165**

## Holiday Reminder

The Department Headquarters Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas and Monday January 2 in observance of New Years. **DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, THERE WILL BE NO SMILE PUBLISHED THAT WEEK.**

## 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

**8:30 a.m. DEC Meeting (IF NEEDED)**

### **Directory Changes**

**Pg. 73**, Houlton Post 47, meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6 p.m.

### **District Meetings**

**District 9 – Kennebec:** Dec. 14, Augusta Post 205, 7 p.m. All members and their wives are asked to bring a gift in the \$10 to \$15 range for a Yankee Swap Christmas. Please note if it is for female (pink ribbon) or male (blue ribbon) or anyone. The Post 205 Commander has okayed alcohol as a gift or consumption if you're so inclined. In addition there will be a casserole supper. Please contact Adjutant Eileen M Krawczyk at eileensashamia@gmail.com to let her know what kind of food you're bringing. I would ask Eileen to post as often as possible what is being promised so everyone can plan around that. Also fun and games.

**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.

### **January meetings**

**District 17 – N. Aroostook:** No mtg.

**District 1 – York:** Jan. 8, 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

### **Military Trivia**

Who in WWII would wear a Hachimaki or headband?

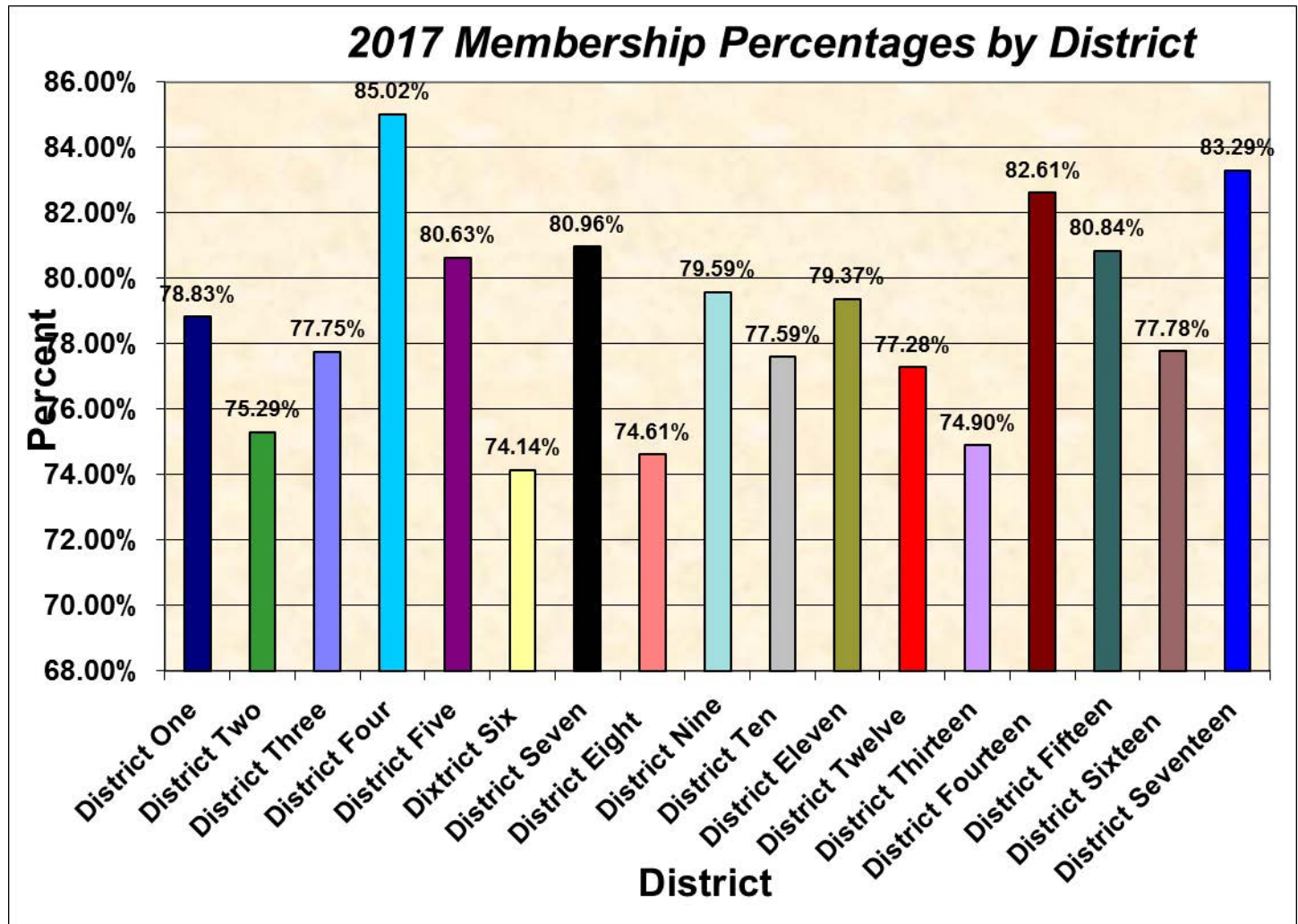
### **Holiday Cards for Veterans**

We need your help! We're collecting holiday cards to disburse to veterans at the Togus VA Hospital. Collected by 12/19/16. Drop-off location: Tri County Mental Health Services, c/o Jerry DeWitt, 1155 Lisbon St., Lewiston ME. FMI, please contact Jerry DeWitt at 783-9141, ext. 228 or jdewitt@tcmhs.org Sponsored by Tri-County Mental Health Services.

I also will help anyone in District 3 make out a 1010ez to apply for VA health care. Call or e-mail me for appointment 576-0376, Monday thru Friday.

Jerry Dewitt, District 3 Commander

### 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. American Legion Peer Support Group. It is a veteran support group allowing a safe environment to discuss the impact of military and combat related traumatic events on their quality of life, their families, and efforts to reintegrate into their community, colleges, and employment. This is a peer to peer, veteran lead, non-clinical, non-denominational support group aimed at reducing the stigma of PTSD and depression in our communities. We aim at providing a confidential outlet, as well as an opportunity to strengthen your social network. This is an opportunity to learn from other's experiences. This is open to all veterans in any community. You do not have to be a Legionnaire. There will be guest speakers from time to time. This is a safe place to learn coping skills from others who have the experience. Please feel free to pass on information. FMI, please call Jason T. Hall, Post Adjutant, Cell 522-5471.

**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**

**Christmas Party for the Veterans in Bldg. 207:** Dec. 16, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (long term care), 11 a.m. Members of Harpswell Post-171 will be organizing another Christmas Party. As always there will be gifts & food for everyone. Also helping the Legionnaires will be active duty personnel from all branches of the Military. If anyone would like to help wrap gifts on the 14<sup>th</sup> please contact Bill O'Connell at 833-6048.

**Annual Holiday Party:** Dec. 18, Sanford Post 19, noon – 6 p.m. Great food, raffles, door prizes and more. All members of Post 19 are invited to share in the festivities and enjoy the activities.

**District #1 Planning Event:** Dec. 30, Sanford Post 19, 6 p.m., in the Post Hall. Refreshments will be available.

**New Year's Eve Party:** Dec. 31, Gardiner Post 4, New Year's Eve with RIF RAFF. Social hour 8 – 9 p.m. Band plays 9 – 12:30, \$15 per person which includes: party favors, snacks, champagne toast, & mid-night breakfast. Public invited. Tickets available at the bar. Limited seating so buy early.

**New Year's Eve Dance:** Dec. 31, Winthrop Post 40, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Calypso Soldiers. Pre-register for free ride to & from event. For ride, call legion at 377-8258 or 441-3269. Pre-register \$5 donation. Anyone can pre-register.

**Donations**

Hampden Post 213  
Kennebunk Post 74

\$50 – Maine Blind Camp  
\$100 – VAVS, Togus Canteen for Christmas

**Kudos**

The Annual Springvale Vet Center Christmas Luncheon was held On December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Vet Center. Over a hundred veterans, their family members and friends enjoyed a delicious luncheon compliments of the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of Post #19, Sanford, Maine. Sanford Post 19 for their donations of \$1,000 to the Boston Shriner's Hospital for the treatment and care of children and \$572 to the Sanford Salvation Army Christmas & Holiday Dinner Food Voucher Drive for needy families.

**Sick**

District 11 First Vice Commander Gerry Parker is recovering at home after having received a pace maker. Cards may be sent to him at 218 Detroit Rd., Troy 04987.

**Answer to military trivia question:** Kamikaze pilots

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Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux  
Department Adjutant



**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: \_\_\_\_\_**

**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