



The American Legion Department of Maine

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December 21, 2016

☺ SMILE ☺

There is a kind of victory in good work, no matter how humble.

Congratulations to the following Posts for reaching 100%

Hermon Post 200

Kennebunkport Post 159

Windham Post 148

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**

➤ 100th 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)

Boy Scouts Committee

Chairman William Benson, 63 S. Levant Rd., Levant 04456 (H 884-7325) (C 356-5559), e-mail: wbenson@midmaine.com

Roderick Collins, 18 Milliken St., Bridgewater 04735, (425-2120) (c 551-7222), e-mail: rc199@twc.com

Peter Duston P. O. Box 31, Cherryfield, ME 04622 (H 546-7559), e-mail: dkassociates@myfairpoint.net

Mike Labbe,-----Topsham 04086 (C 653-6197) (512-6983), e-mail: michael.labbe@va.gov, not currently a member of the American Legion,

Greg Morin-----Frankfort 04438, e-mail: gregmorinbsa@aol.com, not currently a member of the American Legion

Paul Robie –16 Kirk St. Apt. D, Springvale, 04083 (C 432-4477), e-mail: probie1@metrocast.net

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.

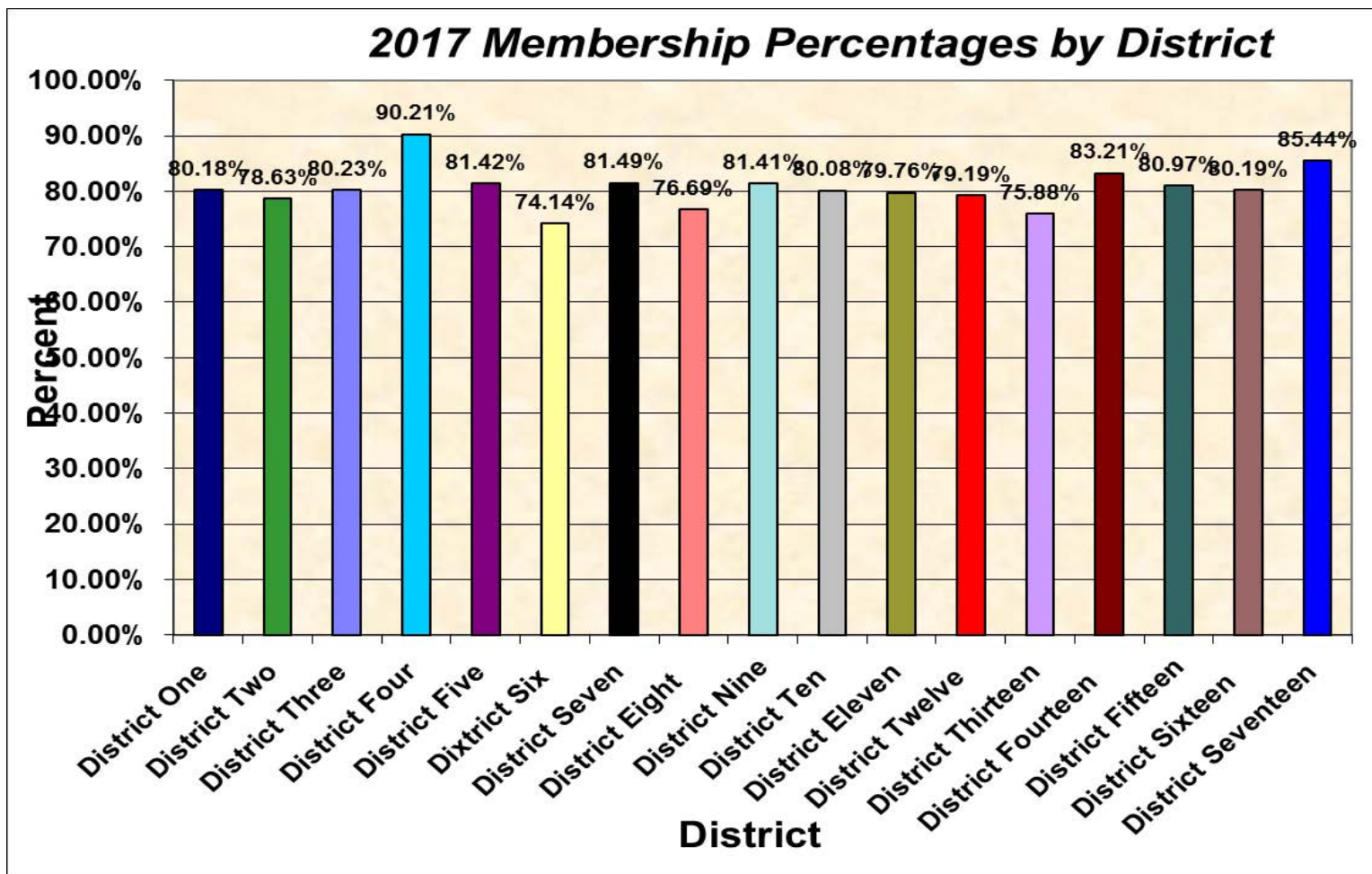
District 9 – Kennebec: Jan. 11, Maine Vets Home, Cony St. Ext., 7 p.m.

District 5 – Oxford: Jan. 17, South Paris Post 72, 7 p.m. Oratorical contest, refreshments

Military Trivia

In the 1920's, what were H47 and L12 that collided, causing deaths?

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

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

New Dimensions FCU
Hallowell Post 6

\$300 – Boys State
\$25 – Maine Blind Camp

Answer to military trivia question: Submarines.

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 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 2nd 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:

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

Name	Phone No.	Registration & Banquet \$40.00/person (✓)	Banquet Only \$30.00/person (✓)	Registration Only \$10.00/person (✓)
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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