



The American Legion Department of Maine

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SMILE

There is no such thing as a minor lapse of integrity.

Congratulations to the following posts for reaching 100%.

Biddeford Post 26 Oakfield Post 52

Holiday Reminder

The Department Headquarters Office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 for Presidents Day.

Testimonial

A joint testimonial to honor our 2017 American Legion Family Leaders, American Legion Department Commander Peter Johnson, American Legion Auxiliary President Veronica Gurney, and Sons of The American Legion Commander Ron Marr, will be held on April 29, 2017 at Fitzgerald-Cummings Post 2 in Augusta. The evening will begin with social hour from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m., with program to follow.

Post 2 has put together an appetizing menu for the evening, starting with appetizers of fresh vegetables, cheeses, pepperoni, crackers and dips.

Dinner will be a CHOICE of boneless roast turkey with stuffing or baked stuffed haddock with mashed potatoes and gravy, Green Beans Almandine, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce, coffee, tea and water. Dessert will be strawberry shortcake with whipped cream. A cash bar will be available in the banquet hall.

Gluten Free meal option available. Stuffed haddock stuffing and turkey stuffing will be gluten free. Strawberry shortcake biscuits will be gluten free. Gluten free rolls for the gluten free dinners. Gluten free meals will be served baked potato.

Cost for the meal will be \$15 per person. Make checks payable to: ALA Unit 2. Please write the number of turkey or haddock dinners on check, or enclose a note with the check. Write your name on the note. Gluten Free Option – Please state “GF” on check or enclose note with your name.

Mail to: Joyce Thurlow, Secretary, ALA Unit 2, 1 Meadowrue Dr., Augusta, ME 04330.

Name: _____

of Turkey _____ # of Haddock _____

of Gluten Free _____

For your pleasure, Fitzgerald-Cummings Post 2 Legion Family cordially invites those attending the testimonial, to join in the Canteen after dinner for entertainment - no cover charge. A ticket will be issued to attendees upon arrival for the testimonial.

From The Adjutants Desk

All those interested in receiving a copy of The American Legion, Department of Maine Constitution and By-Laws, please visit www.mainelegion.org, click on the Forms/Applications menu and scroll down to Department/Misc. Forms. For those who do not have a computer and wish to receive a copy via mail, please contact State Headquarters at 207-873-3229.

This office has been receiving many calls from Veterans family's asking for The American Legion Honor Guard to be present at a Veterans funeral. I would like to know how many Posts have some type of Honor Guard so we can help some of these families. Please send HQ your Post # and contact person so we may have some information on hand. Thank you for your support!!!

Military Trivia

During the Vietnam War, Comic Book was US military slang for what?

District Meetings

District 14 – Piscataquis: Feb. 18, Dexter Post 53, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. mtg.

District 5 – Oxford: Feb. 21, Dixfield Post 100, 7 p.m. meeting and nominations. Light supper 6 p.m.

March meetings

District 13 – Penobscot: Mar. 5, Bangor Post 12, 647 Main St. (Old Armory) Bangor, 2 p.m.

District 7 – Lincoln: Mar. 8, Waldoboro Post 149, 7 p.m.

District 16 – S. Aroostook: Mar. 4, Presque Isle Post 88, 1 p.m. dinner followed by mtg. (nominations committee)

District 15 – Washington: Mar. 8, Cherryfield Post 8, 2 p.m.

District 9 – Kennebec: Mar. 8, Waterville Post 5, 7 p.m. Appoint nominating committee.

District 1 – York: Mar. 12, Kezar Falls Post 123, 2 p.m.

District 3 – Androscoggin: Mar. 12, Sabattus Post 135, 2 p.m.

District 12 – Hancock: Mar. 14, Blue Hill Post 85, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. mtg.

District 5 – Oxford: Mar. 15, Norway Post 82, 7 p.m. Meeting and election of officers. Refreshments

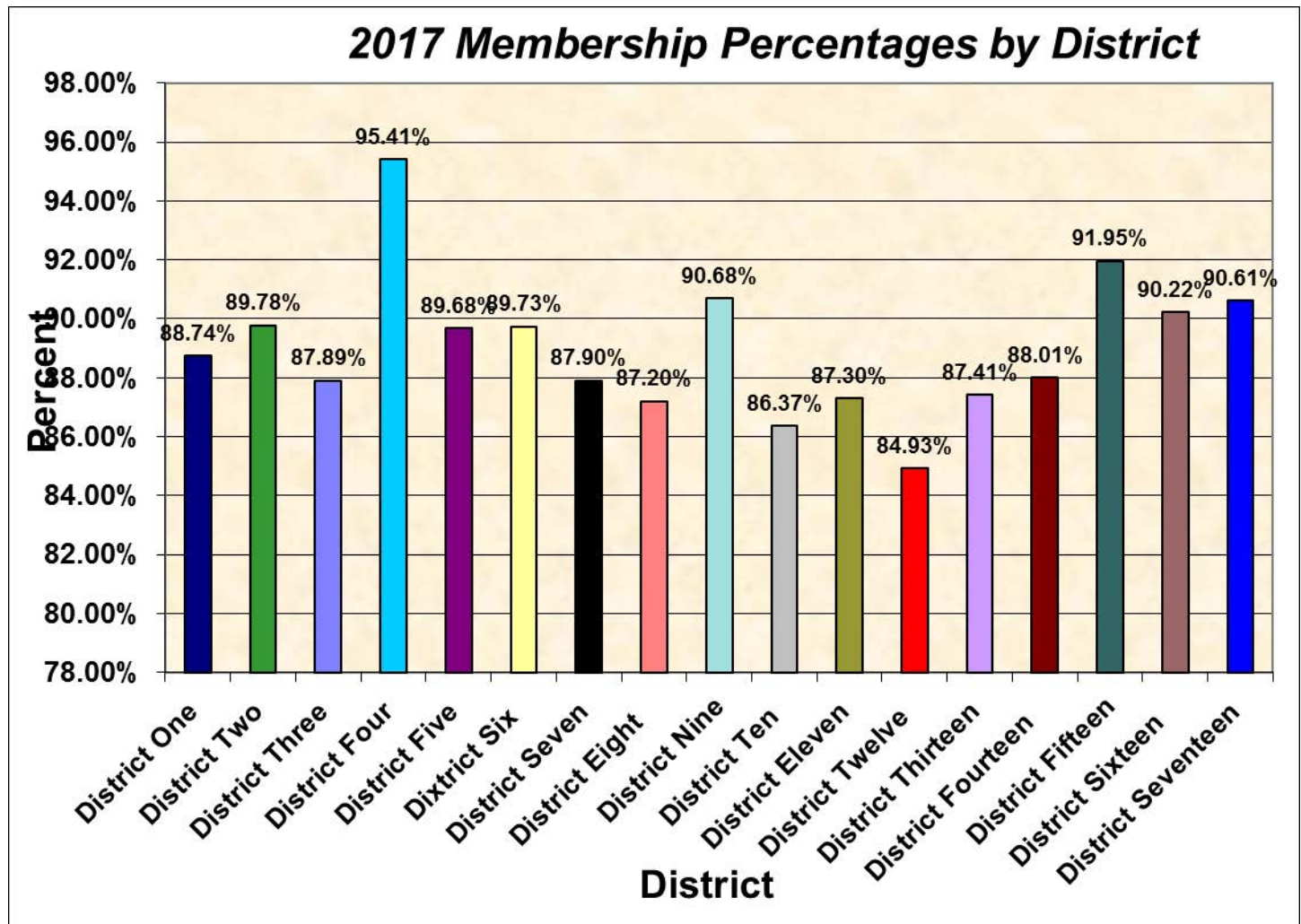
District 14 – Piscataquis: Mar. 18, Sangerville Post 165, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. mtg.

District 2 – Cumberland: Mar 19, Scarborough Post 76, 2 p.m.

District 11 – Waldo: Mar. 20, Stockton Springs Post 157, 2 p.m.

District 6 – Knox: Mar. 25, Camden Post 30, 11 a.m.

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.

Line Dancing: Every Friday evening.

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. Food available at the bar. Anyone can sign-up. \$5 – buy in.

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.

Richmond Post 132

Reg. Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Bingo: Saturdays, 6 p.m.

Texas Hold-Em: 3rd Friday, 6:30 p.m.

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

Valentines' Masquerade: Feb. 18, Winthrop Post 40, Dance with GWizzoes Band. 8 p.m-1 a.m. Donation \$5 - Cash Prizes

3rd Annual Fishing Derby: Feb. 18 – 19, Maranacook Lake. Weigh-in 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. In memory of Carlene Steele & Lee M. St. Hilaire. Cash prizes for biggest salmon & brook trout. Portable Ice Shack for biggest togue. \$50 for biggest fish caught by 12 year old and under. No frozen fish!!! This is Maine's free fishing weekend. No license needed. 50/50 Raffle-Ice Trap Raffle, door prize, hot food. \$10 a ticket. Sponsored by Winthrop Post 40.

Four Chaplains Ceremony: Feb. 21, Mechanic Falls Post 150, 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mardi Gras: Feb. 25, Gardiner Post 4, downstairs 3 – 8 p.m. Members & guests welcome.

2017 Maine Veterans Creative Arts Competition: Mar. 8, Theater B210, VA Maine HCS, 1:30 p.m. For category listings and entry information please contact: For Performing Arts (Music, Dance, Drama and Creative Writing): Liz Marrone, CTRS, 207-623-8411 Ext. 5371 or Elizabeth.marrone@va.gov. For Visual Art Categories (Fine Art, Applied Art and Kits), Courtney Oliver, CTRS, 207-623-8411 Ext. 4589 or Courtney.oliver@va.gov. Competition entry deadline: Jan. 20, 2017. Recreational Therapy Services at VA Maine Healthcare, in conjunction with the American Legion Auxiliary, is proud to once again sponsor this year's Annual Veterans Creative Arts Show. Nationwide, Recreational Therapists and other clinical staff use the creative arts as one form of rehabilitative treatment to help Veterans recover from, and cope with, physical and emotional disabilities. Veterans are provided with the opportunity to participate in creative self-expression in the areas of art, creative writing, drama, dance and music as part of their therapy. This year over 35 (and counting) Veteran visual artists, creative writers, musicians, dancers and dramatic readers from VA Maine have entered their art into the Local competition. Veterans who are awarded 1st place in their category at the local competition qualify to compete against Veterans from all across the Nation. VA Maine has participated in the Creative Arts Festival for over 11+ years. The Maine American Legion Auxiliary has helped sponsor the local Competition since 2013. Across the country each year, Veterans treated at VA facilities compete in both local and national creative arts competitions that provide them with an opportunity to gain recognition for their artistic accomplishments. These competitions includes more than 53 art categories that range from oil painting to leatherwork and even paint-by-number kits. In addition, there are 120 categories pertaining to all aspects of music, dance, drama and creative writing. The creative writing division is a more recent addition to the competition and includes original works in poetry, essay, short story, and personal experience writing. Our local competition is a pre-cursor to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Last year VA Maine sent five Veterans to the National festival in Mississippi. We also had one artist that placed third in her division at the national level. The American Legion Auxiliary has actively supported this event nationwide since 2000. Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization.

Veterans free Luncheon & Slideshow Event: Mar. 11, Dover-Foxcroft Post 129, 78 Park St., 12 p.m. Luncheon sponsored by Post 29 and Will's Shop 'n' Save. Presented by Wilderness Walk for Warriors. The slide show will encompass three years of Wilderness Walk for Warriors hikes through the Hundred Mile Wilderness, as well as all of the veterans that we have helped and supported over that time. Contact Information On Facebook: Wilderness-Walk-for-Warriors
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wilderness-Walk-for-Warriors/615012731884921>
Founder: Chris Robinson Phone: 207 227-8457, Co-Founder: Tim Robinson Phone: 207 356-1998
Donations Accepted At: 101 Forest Hills Drive, Levant ME 04456.

Nets 4 Pets 4 Vets Basketball Tournament And Dinner: Mar. 24, 45 Columbia St., Bangor, 3 – 6 p.m. to help the Bangor Humane Society provide therapy pets to Veterans. Register a basketball team: 3 on 3 - (3 people/team; \$10/person which includes dinner!). Have a home-cooked dinner: FREE for Veterans & active duty (FARM TO TABLE dinner- food purchased from Maine VETERAN farms!), suggested donation (\$8/adult, \$4/child under 10) for everyone else! ALL proceeds help the Bangor Humane Society with the Pets 4 Vets program / United Farmer Veterans of Maine. Volunteer- Help with the dinner or basketball game; we can always use help with set-up, cooking, clean-up, logistics, etc. Register, Donate, Volunteer: Send registrations/donations to MBS Corps (C/O Nory Jones), University of Maine Business School, 5732 DP Corbett Business Building Orono, ME 04469. Questions? Contact us at: mbscorps@maine.edu or see our web site: <http://www.mbs.maine.edu/mbscorps/activities-events/nets4pets4vets>. You can also make your tax-deductible donation to United Farmer Veterans-Maine to help purchase food from Maine Veteran farmers for the dinner OR to Bangor Humane Society for the Pets 4 Vets program (or to MBS Corps (not tax deductible) for other costs).

4th Annual Ice Out Event: Mar. 25, Winthrop Post 40 is co-sponsoring our 4th annual ice out event along with the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run. All you have to do raise \$100 entry fee. There are prizes for the most money raised. Buffet lunch is available.

Kudos

Kennebunk Post 74 for their donation of \$200 for the Holiday Food Community Outreach, \$100 for Wreaths Across America, \$100 to the Togus Canteen VAVS, \$100 to So. Maine Vet To Vet Program, \$50 to Habitat For Humanity, \$100 to Maine Blind Camp, and donation of a tank of K-1 fuel to the Town of Kennebunk Fuel Assistance program.

Sons of the American Legion Detachment News

Comrades,

Membership, keep sending your dues to Detachment office as soon as they are paid. Please! Don't sit on them. We just missed the 75 % goal. Our next target date of 80 % is on March 8th. We can get it done, I'm sure!

Definitely tired of shoveling, snow blowers, rock salt, boots and Winter in general. Another round coming tonight. Stay safe and remember to check on your elderly and veterans. Can't wait till spring. Looking to get invitations to come to your monthly meetings. Last night I attended a meeting in Rockland where I made a presentation to a long time Veteran of Post #1.

Still looking for Squadrons to host a penny drive for the Travis Mills Foundation. If interested, please call me. Always willing to serve,

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

Answer to military trivia question: Maps

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux
Department Adjutant



**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION**

**THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SELECTION.
USE ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY. SUBMIT ANY NEWS CLIPPINGS AND OTHER SUPPORTING
MATERIAL AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY TO QUALIFY THE NOMINEE.**

1. _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.)
2. _____
(Address)

(Town/City) (State) (Zip) (Telephone)
3. _____
(Date of Birth) (Military Service - Branch and Number of years.)
4. _____
(Is the nominee a member of the Legion Family) (If so, list Post name and #.)
5. _____
(Education) (Marital Status)
6. _____
(Professional Service - Length of time employed as a Law Enforcement Officer, rank attained, special schools attended, commendations, citations, etc.)
7. _____
(Resume of any acts performed above and beyond the call of duty, special assignments or accomplishments that should merit special attention including military decorations.)
8. _____
(Community Service – service in community such as Scouting, special youth programs, public offices held, fraternal organizations, etc.)
9. _____
(Name, number, address and telephone # of sponsoring Post/County/District.)
10. _____
(Signature of Commander or Adjutant of sponsoring Post/County/District.)

Applications must be submitted to Department Headquarters no later than **May 1**.
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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION**

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MATERIAL AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY TO QUALIFY THE NOMINEE.**

1. _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.)
2. _____
(Address)

(Town/City) (State) (Zip) (Telephone)
3. _____
(Date of Birth) (Military Service - Branch and Number of years.)
4. _____
(Is the nominee a member of the Legion Family?) (If so, list Post name and #.)
5. _____
(Education) (Marital Status)
6. _____
(Professional Service - Length of time employed as a Firefighter, rank attained, special schools attended, commendations, citations, etc.)
7. _____
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8. _____
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**NATIONAL COMMANDER CHARLES E. SCHMIDT
2017 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE CERTIFICATE
CERTIFICATION FORM
ONE (1) NEW MEMBER
(Duplicate as needed)**

Date: _____

Recruiter's Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Send to Post ☐

Send to Recruiter ☐

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (1) NEW MEMBER INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION. (A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE PERSON JOINING FOR THE 2017 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2016 MEMBERSHIP YEAR).

(1) NEW MEMBER:
(Include full name, department, post)

1. _____

*Please Note: The member listed must be eligible for membership in The American Legion. Please forward names of SAL members or Auxiliary members to your detachment or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

***All requested information is mandatory. Please ensure form is filled out completely before submission**

**Return completed forms to: The American Legion
National Membership Division
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206**

or by Fax: 317-630-1413
Email: ssparks@legion.org or
rherron@legion.org

**NATIONAL COMMANDER CHARLES E. SCHMIDT
2017 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN
CERTIFICATION FORM
THREE (3) NEW MEMBERS
(Duplicate as needed)**

Date: _____

Recruiter's Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Send to Post ☐

Send to Recruiter ☐

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION. (A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE PERSON JOINING FOR THE 2017 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2016 MEMBERSHIP YEAR).

(3) NEW MEMBERS:
(Include full name, department, post)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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