



The American Legion Department of Maine

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SMILE

The ratio of We's to I's is the best indicator of the development of a team.

Congratulations to the following posts for reaching 100%.

Auburn Post 31

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

We have just purchased a small wall mounted display cabinet with glass door. We are starting another project to recover some of our history that has been lost. We want to display each of the PAST STATE COMMANDERS hat pins that were handed out during their term. So I would first ask the Past Commanders to send one of your pins to HQ. If you do not have any, please advise so I may ask other Legionnaires. We are in hopes to accomplish this project in time for our 100th Anniversary.

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

General William Smith, a confederate, carried what into battle?

District 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.

Directory Changes

Pg. 20, Legislative Committee, Pat Eisenhart (632-3807)

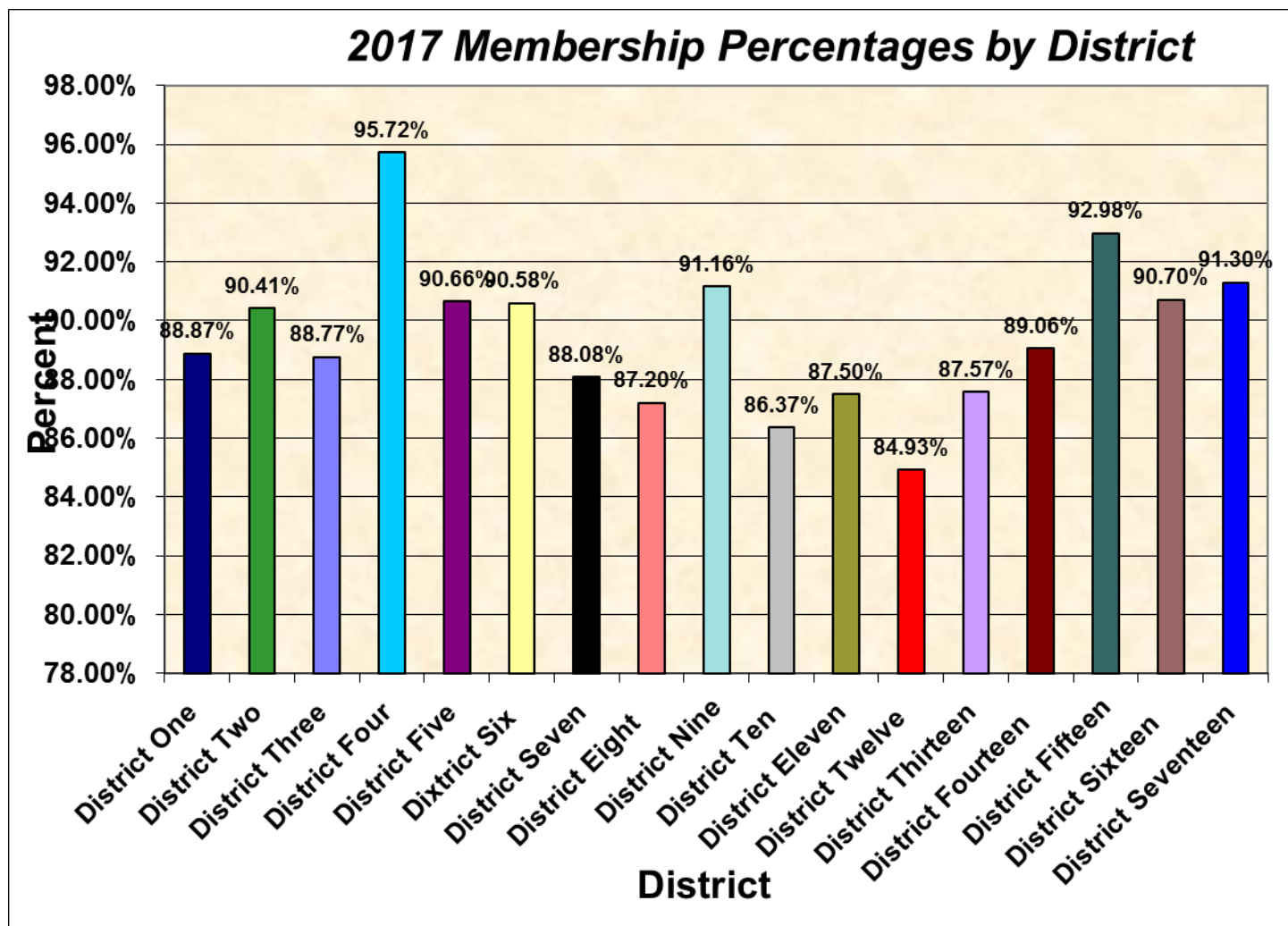
Pg. 22, Public Relations Committee, Pat Eisenhart (632-3807)

Pg. 23, TFFTF Committee, Pat Eisenhart (632-3807)

Pg. 45, Norway Post 82, PLEASE SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE POST HOME

Pg. 60, Stockton Springs Adjutant Jay White, Sr., P.O. Box 56, Stockton Springs 04972 (567-4337)
e-mail: jayswhitesr@gmail.com

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

Winter Softball Classic: Feb. 25, Topsham Post 202, 79 Foreside Rd., 9 a.m. Registration: min. \$100 donation per team. Proceeds will be donated to Homeless Veterans. Winner receives trophy. First game starts at 10 a.m. Six innings per game to allow for all games to be played. Free hot cocoa and hot apple cider provided. FMI, please contact the post at 729-9870. "We play in the cold to help stop veterans from living in the cold".

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

The Daytona 500 Pre-Race Party: Feb. 26, Gardiner Post 4, noon. Cribbage & pool tourneys with door prizes. \$2 donation for food & prizes. Members & guests welcome.

Soldier On: Life After Deployment: Mar. 1, Strand Theatre, Rockland, 6:30 p.m. Knox Museum will kick off Women's History Month with a special screening, A panel discussion with award-winning filmmaker Susan M. Sippelle, two of the women featured in her film, and key Maine women veterans, will immediately follow the screening. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend. This program is funded by the Walmart Foundation. Soldier On: Life After Deployment documents the story of three women veterans confronting the challenges of readjusting to civilian life after their post-9/11 military service. The women in Soldier On are forthright about their many problems, while simultaneously managing to find moments of humor amidst their struggles and gradually reconnecting with the inner strength and resilience that has always defined them. Forever changed by their military service, the women adapt to find a new place in the civilian world. The film presents these women's compelling and illuminating stories in the context of a civilian population that has little appreciation for the experiences and sacrifices of female veterans, who are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. veteran population. The complete integration of women into the armed services as well as their full access to veterans' benefits and the veteran community is a challenging work in process for the United States. Soldier On: Life After Deployment is part of that conversation and effort. Natasha Young, USMC Staff Sergeant (Iraq 2005 and 2007) and SGT US Army Amanda Tejada (Afghanistan 2009), are two of the women featured in the film who

will participate in the panel discussion following the screening; along with Joleen Lilley, OEF/OIF/OND Program Manager, at Togus VA; and Beth Parks, U.S. Army nurse, (Vietnam 1966-67). The panel will be moderated by MAJ Adria O. Horn, Director of Maine's Bureau of Veterans Services. Horn, a West Point graduate, currently serves as a US Army Reservist with US Pacific Command, and has deployed in support of the Global War on Terror five times in her 14-year career. Mother of two, Adria met her husband in Baghdad where each was serving on coalition security details. They live on a 91-acre yak farm outside of Augusta. Described as "A brave and honest look at the modern "woman warrior"—this film will be familiar to those who lived it and an eye opener for those who have not and seek to understand the contributions and experiences of women in combat." For additional information contact Knox Museum at 354-8062 or info@knoxmuseum.org.

Mexican Supper To Benefit The Boys State Program: Mar. 3, Rumford Post 24, 5 – 7 p.m. or till sold out. All proceeds will go to support local Mountain Valley High School Juniors to attend Boys State in June. Our goal is to send all those who are interested. Your community support is needed to make this happen. The cost to send a junior to Boys State is currently \$300. If you are not able to attend you may still send a donation to Post 24 and it will be earmarked for Boys State. Come out and enjoy a Mexican supper while supporting our juniors! Menu includes: Chips and fresh Salsa, Chicken, seasoned ground beef or shredded pork in your choice of a Burrito, Chimichanga, Tostado or Taco Salad (in an edible bowl) with all your favorite toppings. Churros for dessert!! All for \$12 per person.

Beans and Casserole Supper: Mar, 4, Gray Post 86, 5 – 6 p.m. Pies for dessert, Adults \$8, Children under 12, \$4.

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 29, 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.

Texas Hold-em: Mar. 18, Locke Mills Post 68, 595 Gore Rd. Doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at 1 p.m. 50/50, pull tabs, meals and beverages available, BYOB

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.

Donations

Department of Maine ALA
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\$39.50 CWF
\$150 – Maine Blind Camp

Answer to military trivia question: A blue parasol

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux
Department Adjutant

Deadlines

Employer of the Year	December 30	
Employer of Veterans Award	December 30	
Employer of Older Workers Award	December 30	
Homeless Veterans Outreach Award	December 31	
Canadian Friendship Award	January 31	
Department Officer's & Committee Travel	April 30	
Eagle Scout of the Year	March 1	
Resolutions for State Convention	May 1	(Properly signed and dated)
Children and Youth Scholarship	May 1	
Daniel E. Lambert Scholarship	May 1	
James V. Day Scholarship	May 1	
Legionnaire of the Year	May 1	
Humanitarian of the Year	May 1	
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year	May 1	
Firefighter of the Year	May 1	
EMT/Paramedic of the Year	May 1	
Maine Game Warden Officer of the Year	May 1	
Educator of the Year	May 1	
Past National Commanders' Leadership Awards	May 1	
History/Newsletter	May 1	
Consolidated Post Report	May 15	
Children and Youth Reports	May 15	
Boys State applications	June 1	
Delegates to Convention Form	June 1	
Post Excellence Award	June 1	(For special pres. at State Conv.) Award still available after State Conv.
Post Officers Reports	July 1	
District Officers Reports	July 1	



LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD

NAME: _____

(Applicants will be assessed based on previous year(s) accomplishments)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

POST NAME & NO: _____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: _____ CONTINUOUS YEARS: _____

POSITIONS HELD IN LEGION: _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

WHAT EXEMPLIFIES THIS PERSON AS A LEGIONNAIRE: (use additional sheets as needed)

IS THIS PERSON A LEADER IN WHAT HE/SHE DOES: _____

DOES LEGIONNAIRE INTEND TO ASPIRE TO HIGHER POSITIONS WITHIN THE AMERICAN
LEGION: _____

IS THIS PERSON WELL RESPECTED IN HIS/HER POST AND COMMUNITY: _____

WOULD YOU AS A CITIZEN LEADER RECOMMEND THIS PERSON FOR ADVANCEMENT IN
THE AMERICAN LEGION (explain): _____

This form must be submitted to: **THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727** no later than **May
1**. Form and attachments can also be submitted via Email by pressing the above **Submit Button**.

SUBMITTED BY: _____

Complete with attached recommendations. Do NOT submit more than eight (8) pages of additional
documentation.



**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
EMT/PARAMEDIC 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 an EMT/Paramedic, 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**.
Return to: The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727. For any
questions, call Department Headquarters at 873-3229.