



The American Legion Department of Maine

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☺ SMILE ☺

Worry is like a rocking chair: It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

Congratulations to the following posts for reaching 100%.

Bridgton Post 67 Locke Mills Post 68 Howland Post 97 Mechanic Falls Post 150

Holiday Reminder

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

Past National Commanders' Leadership Awards

These awards will be presented at the Department Convention by Past National Commander Tony Jordan. There will be one award for the outstanding District Commander and one award for the outstanding Post Commander.

The District Commander's Award will be known as the William J. Rogers's award and the symbol awarded will be a Roger's Ranger. The Post Commander's award will be known as the Anthony G. "Tony" Jordan award and the symbol awarded will be a Tony's Tiger. William J. Rogers, now deceased and formerly of the William J. Rogers Post 153 in Auburn, was National Commander of The American Legion in 1976 - 1977 and Tony Jordan of the Bradford-Sortwell-Wright Post 54 in Wiscasset was National Commander in 1997 - 1998.

Past National Commander Tony Jordan and the two Department Vice Commanders will judge the applications to determine the winners and the recipients will be notified by the Department Adjutant to confirm his/her attendance at convention.

The form to use to make submissions is at the end of this newsletter and must be received at Department Headquarters not later than May 1, 2017. This form may also be found on the Legion website at www.mainelegion.org.

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

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MAINE STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST **REMINDER**

Thomas College
180 West River Road, Waterville

Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Snow Date: February 18, 2017

ALL CONTESTANTS SHOULD ARRIVE BETWEEN 7:30 AND 8 A.M.

All District competitions should be completed by the end of January, 2017.

For more information about the Oratorical Contest in Maine, visit us on the web at www.mainelegion.org, contact the American Legion Department Headquarters at 873-3229, or e-mail Department Chairman Donald Chase Jr. - ddchasejr@roadrunner.com.

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!!!

Directory Changes

Pg. 27, Sanford Post 19 Adjutant Anita Bergeron, P.O. Box 572, Sanford 04073 (661-7762)

Pg. 61, Brooks Post 183, please mail all correspondence to Commander Richard Rote (this is a temporary change)

Pg. 71, Machias Post 9 Adjutant Eric Lowell e-mail: elowell@loonrd.com

Military Trivia

What was the name of the Japanese destroyer that sank PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, on August 2, 1943?

Vets On The Water

Vets On The Water is a nonprofit initiative that expresses our ongoing thanks and appreciation for the service and sacrifice given by our nation's veterans. Through the generous contributions from the following individuals, businesses and organizations, complimentary fishing, sailing and cruising opportunities were provided this past summer to more than 150 individual veterans.

Each Monday, weather permitting, Recreational Therapy Services at VA Maine Healthcare supported numerous veterans as they participated in the Vets on the Water program. Venues included Damariscotta, Rockland, Rockport and Camden Harbor. Each week veterans were greeted by a number of local volunteer skippers who provided a memorable day for the veterans in attendance on Maine lakes and in the beautiful waters of Penobscot Bay.

These generous and caring skippers made the program possible. Each boat had a health care professional on board and bag lunches — beverages were provided by local and state businesses. Fishing and cruising support was also provided to Embrace A Vet, Wavus Veterans Camps and the Travis Mills National Veteran's Family Center.

What's next? Ice fishing and related winter outdoor activities with ongoing support from our new friends at Camp Wavus and the Damariscotta Lake Watershed Association.

At this time, we are ice fishing on 3 Mile Pond, Vassalboro. Specific information is on our Facebook Site - Vets on the water. Commissioner Woodcock grants a Maine fishing license waiver for Service Connected Disabled Vets under the state's 50% threshold. Our warden service recommended 3 Mile Pond as having good ice and good fishing. Interested Vets can contact VA Recreation Therapy at Togus or call me at 542-3590.

We will be starting our open water program shortly after ice out and are going to be adding striper fishing on the Kennebec this summer - when the migration arrives.

We also have a fish house on loan to the Bangor VA outreach program. Contact them for info.

Thanks kindly, Tim Hoffman 207-542-3590

Healthcare

HealthNet Federal Services - Need to know ~ Explanation of Benefits

Beneficiaries with HealthNet Federal Services (Tricare Prime Remote, Tricare Retired Reserve and Tricare Reserve Select) have their Explanation of Benefits (EOB) sent to their email address, if one is on file. Often these EOBs go to junk mail or spam. It is imperative that beneficiaries keep HealthNet apprised of their current email address and fix their email settings so HealthNet information will not go to spam. Here are some of the reasons:

- a. If a beneficiary does not respond to correspondence, the beneficiary may be disenrolled from their benefit, not enrolled as requested or become liable for payment of the claim.
- b. A claim may go to collections due to non-response by the beneficiary. It then becomes the beneficiary's sole responsibility to work with the collection agency.
- c. Within the next few months the company providing management of the Tricare benefit for the North Region will change from HealthNet to Humana. Information regarding the changeover and potential change of network providers may/will be sent via email. ***This DOES NOT affect Tricare beneficiaries enrolled in Martin's Point.

Tricare Young Adult Program ~ Do you have a child who is 21-23 and not in college? The Tricare Young Adult Program may fit the bill for their health care coverage.

Tricare Urgent Care Copays and Costshares ~ Did you know that some TRICARE Prime enrollees may be paying emergency room copays for urgent care visits. That's a big NOGO! The urgent care copay for Prime beneficiaries is \$12 for retirees and their eligible family members while active duty members and their families pay nothing for urgent care. TRICARE Standard beneficiaries still have a 25% cost-share for non-network and 20% cost-share for network visits.

District Meetings

District 9 – Kennebec: Feb. 8, Augusta Post 2, 7 p.m.

District 3 – Androscoggin: Feb. 12, Lisbon Post 158, 2 p.m.

District 10 – Somerset: Feb. 13, Fairfield Post 14, 5 p.m. social, 6 p.m. mtg., nomination of officers.

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

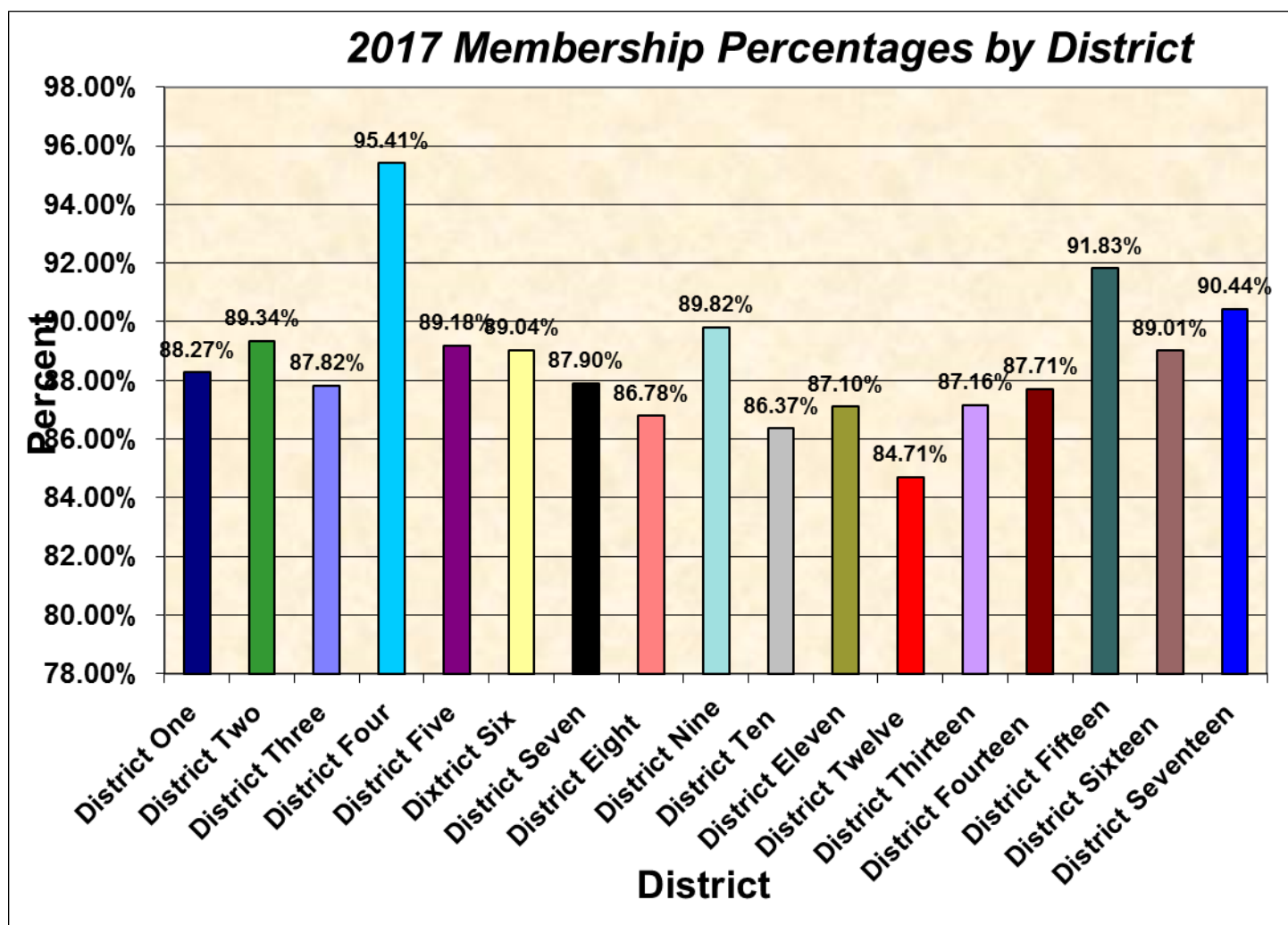
District 14 – Piscataquis: Mar. 18, Sangerville Post 165, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. mtg.

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



Two New Exhibitions Explore Maine's Wartime Experience

Maine Historical Society is launching two exhibitions illustrating the effects of war on the state of Maine and its people: **World War I & the Maine Experience** explores how communities around the state experienced, were devastated by and memorialized the First World War; **Veterans' Voices** features first--person stories from veterans spanning World War II to Afghanistan.

World War I & the Maine Experience | Opens to the public Friday, February 3

Known as "The War to End All Wars," World War I ended nothing. 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of American involvement in the First World War, and an opportunity to reflect on the tremendous impact it continues to have on American politics, society and culture. Our exhibition, World War I & the Maine Experience places emphasis on Maine's attitude towards the conflict, the cultural rhetoric of the period, and the service and sacrifice of Maine citizens on the front and at home.

The exhibition also explores the role the media played in public opinion, and highlights how Maine's economy, population and development reflected and reacted to the global issues at hand. Through exhibited objects including posters, pamphlets and political cartoons, the exhibition depicts a nation rallying together to support its allies and "preserve liberty." Also on view are uniforms and period clothing, military documents and weaponry including a ca. 1895 Colt--Browning machine gun, as well as a rich collection of photographs and letters demonstrating the veteran experience, the complexities of reintegration and the comradery of service.

World War I & the Maine Experience is supported with funding from the Morton--Kelly Charitable Trust and Margaret E. Burnham Charitable Trust.

Veterans' Voices | Opens to the public Thursday, January 12

There are approximately 127,000 veterans living in Maine today, and their histories are as diverse as their backgrounds. Veterans' Voices shares first--person stories from Maine veterans – all ordinary people who have done extraordinary things in trying times.

"While we might think we know about veterans' service, full of combat and heroism, the personal histories of people who served in the military are often more nuanced and humble," said the exhibition's curator Tilly Laskey, outreach curator at MHS. "Many of the veterans' stories contain difficult memories, and recounting them is a brave and emotional experience."

Veterans' Voices is supported with funding from The Simmons Foundation.

Location: Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101

Admission: free/ MHS members; free/ military veterans; \$8/ adults; \$7/ seniors, AAA & students; \$2/ children 6-17; free/ 5 and younger

About Maine Historical Society

A growing museum, incomparable library and statewide educational resource, Maine Historical Society is located in the heart of Portland's downtown cultural district. Founded in 1822, MHS is the third oldest state historical society in the United States. MHS strives to serve the entire state through its education and outreach programs and through the digital museum, Maine Memory Network. MHS is comprised of the Wadsworth-Longfellow House and Garden, the MHS Museum & Store, the MHS Brown Research Library, and Maine Memory Network. www.mainehistory.org

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

Veterans' Voices: Opens Jan. 12, Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress St., Portland. Features first-person stories of veterans from WWII to Afghanistan drawn from Maine Historical Society's new online storytelling portal, MY MAINE STORIES: MaineMemory.net/mymaine_stories. This exhibition received generous support from The Simmons Foundation.

WWI and the Maine Experience: Opens February 3, Maine Historical Society Gallery, 489 Congress St., Portland. MaineHistory.org

VA Stakeholder Town Hall Meeting: Feb. 9, Togus VA Campus Theater (Building 210). 1 - 3 p.m. Jamie Manker, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits and Loren Miller, Acting North Atlantic District Director will be the speakers and will be discussing VA Benefits related topics. The new Togus Regional Office Director, Julie Carie will also be in attendance. Hope to see many of you at the town hall.

Residential Healing & Wellness Retreat: Feb 9-13, Kennedy Learning Center, Camp Kieve-Nobleboro ME, featuring private rooms & baths. Energy Psychology Education, Alternative Healing Modalities such as Acupuncture, Massage, and Yoga. Recreational activities such as Climbing Wall, Nordic Walking, Pottery, and Snowshoeing. If you are a Maine Veteran, living with the symptoms of PTS and/or TBI, you are eligible to apply. A copy of your DD214, a statement of need from your physician or mental health provider, and a fully refundable \$100 deposit (returned last day of the retreat) are required. Veterans greatly benefit from being accompanied by a caregiver, friend or family member; exceptions will be considered upon request. FMI and/or an application, please visit embraceavet.org, email info@embraceavet.org, or phone Dean Paterson at 207-865-3867. Completed applications, DD214 and check may be mailed to: Embrace A Vet, Post Office Box 516, Topsham, ME 04086

Baked Bean Supper: Feb. 10, Buckfield Masonic Hall, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Menu: Homemade Baked Beans, Cole slaw, hot dogs, dinner rolls, dessert bar and beverages. Donations accepted. Post 58 is actively supporting the Community Day Committee fund raise for the annual Labor Day parade and field day activities. We are also looking for parade participants, color guards, bands and floats. Cash prizes are awarded. Also seeking crafters and displays for the field festivities. FMI contact Gloria Hall at 336-2385.

Texas Hold-em: Feb. 11, Locke Mills Post 68, 595 Gore Rd., Locke Mills. Doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at 1 p.m. 50/50, meals and beverages available, BYOB. Come and enjoy the fun.

AR Technology: Feb. 12, Windham Indoor Shooting Range, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Windham Post 148 in collaboration with Windham Indoor Shooting Range is offering interested Veterans* an opportunity to test out the newest in AR technology. This is a great opportunity to check out the new facility and new weapons (Legion will cover range fees but individuals may have to purchase their own ammo). Or, may bring your own weapon and ammo. For reservations or additional information, contact Mel Greenier at mgreenier@myfairpoint.net. Must show ID and proof of veteran status.

2017 Maine Veterans Creative Arts Competition: Feb. 15, 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.

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.

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

Sanford Post 19 conducted a Four Chaplains Ceremony on February 5th at the Legion Post Hall. Post Chaplain Ray Fisher conducted the ceremony and Boy Scouts from Troop 324, Sanford lit the candles and read portions of the ceremony. Special thanks to Ben Madsen, Troop 324 Scout Master and Pastor Steve Shaw for participating. It is always a very special ceremony for all in attendance and a Memorial for the Four Chaplains who gave their lives on February 3, 1943 so others might live.

Sanford Post 19 for their donation of \$200 to the Springvale Fish & Game MCCC fishing derby, \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity Bowling Tourney, \$2,000 to Sanford H.S. Student Scholarship, \$500 to Good Shepherd Food Bank, \$500 to Honor Flight –Maine and \$200 to Sponsorship for Student to Heritage Program.

Sons of the American Legion Detachment News

Comrades!

What a game!! It goes to show what "teamwork" can accomplish. When you think your down for the count in membership, teamwork can bring you back. Tackle your Squadron Membership dues as a team. If each officer made a commitment to call 2 to 3 members a week imagine how many members you can get to become current in dues! It sometimes does "take a village".

Any questions or need any help, feel free to contact me at any time or Adjutant Bruce Pierce. Scott Morton is also on board helping.

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: Amigiri

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux

Department Adjutant



THE AMERICAN LEGION PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS' LEADERSHIP AWARD

NAME: _____
(Applicants will be assessed based on current year's accomplishments)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

POST NAME & NO: _____

CURRENT POSITION: _____ **CONTINUOUS YEARS:** _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

WHAT QUALIFIES THIS COMMANDER AS A LEADER?: (use additional sheets as needed) _____

ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE POST OR DISTRICT THAT DISTINGUISH THIS LEADER: _____

DOES THIS LEGIONNAIRE ASPIRE TO HIGHER POSITIONS WITHIN THE AMERICAN

LEGION? (if so, specify) _____

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS PERSON FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE

AMERICAN LEGION? (explain) _____

This form must be submitted to The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Dr., Winslow, Maine 04901-0727 **no later than May 1st of each year.**

SUBMITTED BY: _____

Complete with attached recommendations.

REQUEST TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS FROM RENEWAL NOTICE MAILINGS

DATE: _____

MEMO TO: Department Headquarters of _____

FROM: _____ Post # _____
Signature of Post Adjutant

The following member(s) should not receive renewal notices through National's Direct Renewal Program. Exclusion will continue until National is notified otherwise by the Post/Department.

- 1) ☐ Please "X" if member has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership by Post (See "Notes" below)

Member's Name _____ Member ID # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

- 2) ☐ Please "X" if member has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership by Post (See "Notes" below)

Member's Name _____ Member ID # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

- 3) ☐ Please "X" if member has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership by Post (See "Notes" below)

Member's Name _____ Member ID # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

NOTES:

This form is used to report members who should no longer receive renewal notices due to special or unusual circumstances; their records will be "C-coded" and the annual membership register will reflect a "C" in the Exchange Flag column. (Example: A member who is in a care facility and has requested the notices to be discontinued.) This form is also used to report members who have been awarded an **Honorary Life** membership by their Post; an "H" will appear in the "Type" column of the member's record on the annual membership register. This form shouldn't be used for any other purpose.

Do not use this form to report deceased members; please submit a Member Data Form.

Do not request "C-codes" for PUFL members, Honorary Life members or Department Life members since their "Type" codes (P, H and L) automatically exclude them from all renewal notice mailings.

Once a member's record is coded to be excluded from direct renewal mailings, it will continue to reflect that code until National receives an authorized request to allow renewal notices to resume.