



The American Legion Department of Maine

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We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them. Albert Einstein

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.

Military Trivia

What was Operation Barbarossa?

Honor Flight Maine

The next Honor Flight Maine is fast approaching. There is still room and we would very much like to fill the plane up. So, if you are a WWII veteran or know of a WWII veteran who would like to make this trip, have them submit an application available on the HFM website (www.honorflightmaine.org). A copy of the application is also attached. Veterans can be reluctant to go because they aren't too mobile or they need assistance of one sort or another. So, it is important to know that EVERY veteran will have a wheel chair and everyone will have a "guardian" with the veteran 24/7. There will be medical personnel on the trip as well. If there are any questions, please contact Laurie Sidelinger honorflightmaine.chairperson@gmail.com, or contact David Patch at 751-5672 or dapatch@roadrunner.com.

History Channel

Hello Department Adjutants,

I received the message below from the History Channel. If you know any WWII Pacific veterans who meets the criteria below and is willing to share their story, please send me their contact information and I will forward it to the producer for consideration.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

John B. Raughter, Deputy Director, Media Relations, Phone: (317) 630-1350 Fax: (317) 630-1368

I'm a reporter for the History Channel's website (history.com), and I was hoping to interview a veteran who fought at Guadalcanal, Midway and Coral Sea for a series of articles we're doing on WWII battles in the Pacific. Ideally, I would speak to a living vet who fought at all three of those battles. But, if that's impossible -- and it very well might be -- then I would look instead to find a veteran who fought at each.

Thanks so much for the help with this! I look forward to your response, and let me know if you need any additional information.

Jesse Greenspan

District Meetings

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. 19, Stockton Springs Post 157, 2 p.m.

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

District 8 – Sagadahoc: Mar. 26, Phippsburg Post 216, 1 p.m.

District 13 – Penobscot: Apr. 2, Hampden Post 213, 2 p.m. mtg. at the VFW Hall.

April meetings

District 17 – N. Aroostook: Apr. 2, Van Buren Post 49, 1 p.m. dinner, mtg. to follow, nominations

District 3 – Androscoggin: Apr. 9, Lewiston Post 22, 2 p.m.

District 12 – Hancock: Apr. 10, Ellsworth Post 63, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. mtg.

District 2 – Cumberland: Apr. 11, Gray Post 86, 5 p.m., Past Commanders and Past Presidents dinner and nomination of officers Legion Dist. 2 and Aux Dist. 1

District 9 – Kennebec: Apr. 12, Richmond Post 132, 7 p.m. Nomination of officers.

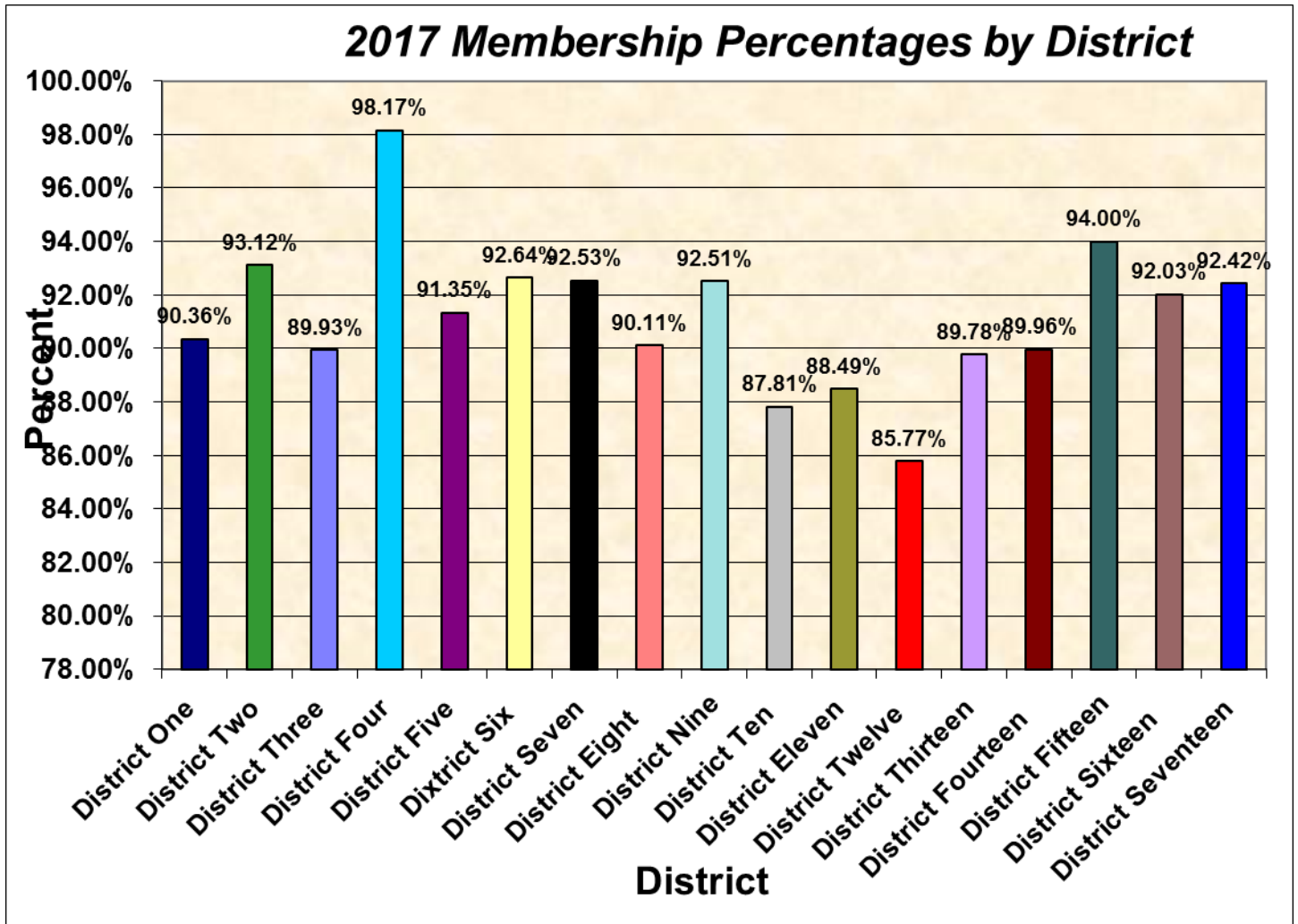
District 14 – Piscataquis: Apr. 15, Dover-Foxcroft Post 29, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. mtg., election of officers.

District 11 – Waldo: Apr. 16, Unity Post 50, 2 p.m.

District 5 – Oxford: Apr. 19, Rumford Post 24, 7 p.m. Installation of officers. Light supper 6 p.m.

District 8 – Sagadahoc: Apr. 23, Bath Post 21, 1 p.m.

Membership



Directory Changes

Pg. 28, York Post 56, 647 US Route 1 North, Suite 6, York 03909

Pg. 28, York Post 56 Adjutant Theodor Short, 176 Belle Marsh Rd., S. Berwick 03908 (752-4842)

e-mail: lttgs@comcast.net

Pg. 61, Southwest Harbor Post 69, P.O. Box 1022, SW Harbor 04679

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.

York Post 56:

Trivia: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Fish and Chips: Fridays, 5 – 7 p.m., fish, regular or sweet potato fries, tartar sauce, coleslaw), \$10

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.

Maine Fallen Heroes Foundation:

Gold Star Family Dinners: Aunt Gin's Restaurant wants to feed Gold Star families from Maine. Dinner will be served by appointment only. Free every weekend all year long. Make your reservation now.

Current Events

50th Anniversary and Certificate Presentation: Mar. 15, Biddeford Post 26, 508 Elm St., coffee at 5:30 p.m., ceremony 6 p.m. In honor of your service to the United States of America in the Vietnam War. Vietnam veterans of York County are invited to be recognized for your service to our country. The Bureau of Veterans' Service will conduct a recognition and presentation ceremony with certificates, coins and 50th Anniversary of Vietnam Commemorative lapel pins. Please join us. Register at facebook.com/repgrohman. FMI, State Rep. Martin Grohman (207) 423-8260 or martin.grohman@legislature.maine.gov.

Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner: Mar. 17, York Post 56, (no fish and chips on that date). Dinner served from 5 p.m. First come, first served for \$8. Carry outs available.

Baked Bean and Casserole Supper: Mar. 18, Winthrop Post 40, 4:30 - 6 p.m., American Legion Auxiliary. Donation \$7.

10th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner: March 18, Windham Veteran's Center, 35 Veterans Memorial Dr., North Windham. Doors open at 5 p.m., serving to 6:30 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings. Variety of desserts. \$8, under 12 free.

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.

Vietnam 50th Anniversary Observance: Mar. 23, Togus Medical Center, Maine Campus Theater, 10 a.m. Join us as we recognize and honor the service, valor, and sacrifice made by Vietnam Veterans and their families. All Vietnam Veterans participating will receive a commemorative pin recognizing their service to our Country.

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).

VA Maine Town Hall Meeting: Mar. 21, VFW Post 1641, 330 Waldo St., Rumford, 6 p.m. The VA Medical Center Director and Regional Office Director will provide updates of the VA Maine Healthcare System and the Togus Regional Office operations. VA staff will be on-site to provide detailed info on VA healthcare and other VA benefits/services and answer questions. A member of the “VA Experience” staff will be on-site to explain this new VA initiative to improve Veterans’ VA care/benefits and to coordinate with the community in support of Veterans’ care and other issues.

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Wilderness Walk for Warriors Luncheon: Mar. 25, Mars Hill Post 118, 12 p.m. (noon) hosted by Post 118. Wilderness Walk for Warriors will provide thank you boxes to area veterans and do a slide show presentation of the organizations accomplishments since their inception in the fall of 2013. If you are planning to attend and would like a food box, please email Rod Collins at rc199@twc.com by March 21 so that we can get a rough count.

Public Open House: Mar. 25, Wiscasset Post 54, 523 Bath Rd., noon – 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and will be signing up new members who bring their DD-214’s. FMI, please call Bill Cossette at 882-4717.

2nd Annual Maine Fallen Heroes Spaghetti Dinner: Mar. 25, Auburn Post 31, 426 Washington St. North, 5 – 8 p.m. Come out and support Maine’s Gold Star families. Adults \$10, under 12, \$6 and under 3, free. Raffles, 50/50, door prizes, bake sale and entertainment.

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.

5th Annual Welcome Home Open House Featuring a Special Viewing Of The Story of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial “The Last Landing Zone: Mar. 25, Hurd School, 77 High, North Berwick, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1044, the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1044 and the North Berwick Food Pantry. Viewing of documentary will start at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be available as well as veterans benefits information. Public invited. For more information, contact Joe Armstrong 207-490-2094 or Jim Davis 603- 749-9656.

7th Annual York County Regional Job Fair: Apr. 5, Nasson Community Center Gymnasium, 457 Main Street, Springvale, 2 – 6 p.m. The Maine CareerCenter provides a variety of employment and training services at no charge for Maine workers and businesses. www.mainecareercenter.gov. Speak with Hiring Employers, 90+ in attendance last year! Talk with CareerCenter Consultants and Veteran’s Representatives.

For assistance, call 1-800-343-0151 • TTY users call Maine Relay 711. Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to individuals with disabilities upon request.

1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Apr. 15, Mars Hill Post 118, 10:30 a.m. A lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks to follow. \$5 for the lunch and children under 12 eat for free. Come out and bring the kids and grandkids for a fun time and enjoy the first cookout of the summer.

Silhouette Project: Apr. 17, University of Southern Maine, Lewiston campus on Westminster Street, noon. Lewiston Post 22 is sponsoring the Silhouette Project. The Governor and the President of the college with both Mayors will cut the ribbon on the Silhouette Project of 22 life size service members that have committed suicide in remembrance and suicide awareness. The silhouettes, each with a message and picture, will be on display that week to bring this issue to the community's awareness. There will be snacks after the official ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend or just drop by that week to pay their respects. FMI, jdewitt@tcmhs.org

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Recognition Event: June 24, Camden Post 30, 12- 3 p.m. **Registration deadline Apr. 24.** Contact Jeff Sukefort at 691-2270 to sign up. Vet Expo, Vet Recognition, speakers and food.

Answer to military trivia question: The German invasion of the Soviet Union.

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux
Department Adjutant

**CERTIFICATION FORM
TOP RECRUITER AWARDS
POST/DEPARTMENT/NATIONAL**

*** POST ADJUTANT SENDS TO: DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**

In Post No. _____, the TOP NEW MEMBER RECRUITER of membership enrolled for current membership year as of **May 9, 2017**, and transmitted to Department Headquarters is: **(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

NAME _____ POST NO. _____ MEMBER ID NO. _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

Phone (____) _____

Number of NEW MEMBERS enrolled (minimum 10): _____

(Attach list of names and ID numbers of new members [do not include transfers].)

Next Highest New Member Recruiter (Make additional copies if needed)

NAME _____ POST NO. _____ MEMBER ID NO. _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

Phone (____) _____

Number of NEW MEMBERS enrolled (minimum 10): _____

(Attach list of names and ID numbers of new members [do not include transfers].)

Post Adjutant

Date

**MAIL TO REACH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
ON OR BEFORE MAY 17, 2017**

CERTIFICATION FORM

GOLD BRIGADE

FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR AWARD

Send to Department Headquarters by May 17, 2017.

The following member of the Department of _____ qualifies for the prestigious fifth consecutive year "Gold Brigade" Award for enrolling fifty or more New Members into The American Legion by the May 9, 2017 Target Date.

A Legionnaire may only qualify for this award once every five years.

This Navy Blue Blazer replaces the Gold Blazer of previous years.

(Circle One)

Men's Blazer: (Cut) Short, Regular, Portly (Stout), Long, Extra Long, Extra Extra Long
Even Sizes 34-54 _____ Size

Ladies Blazer: (Cut) Short, Regular, Long, Extra Long, Extra Extra Long
Even Sizes 4-20 _____ Size

(Please Type or Print)

Name _____ Post No. _____ Member ID _____

Phone (____) _____ Years of being a Gold Brigadier 20____ - 20____

Certified:

Department Adjutant (signature)

Date

REMINDER: Forward a copy of this form and a copy of the list of new members signed up on or before the May Target Date to Department Headquarters by May 17, 2017.

ID CARDS SITES AND TIMES

Site Name	Service	Phone	Hours
AG HQ Maine NG 194 Winthrop Street Augusta, ME 04333	Army & Air National Guard	207-430-5914	Mon – Fri 7:15 – 2:45 No Appointment Required Closed 11:15-12:15
101 FSS/FSMP 102 Ashley Street Suite 489 Bangor, ME 04401	Air National Guard	207-404-7387	Mon – Fri 7:30 – 3:00 No Appointment Required
SUPSHIP Bath USN 574 Washington St Bath, ME 04530	USN	207-442-2773	Mon – Wed 7:30-11:00 Thursday 12:00 – 3:00 Friday Closed
DFAS Limestone 27 Arkansas Road Limestone, ME 04751	Defense Finance and Accounting Service	207-328-1116	Mon – Fri 9:00 – 2:00 Call for Appointment
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard 1 Walker Street Building 384 Portsmouth (Kittery) NH 03804	Navy	207-438-2640/1861	Mon – Fri 6:30 – 3:00 No Appointment Required
USCG Sector Northern New England 259 High Street South Portland, ME 04101	US Coast Guard	207-741-5424	Tues – Thurs 8:00 – 11:00 1:00 – 3:00 Last Appt 2:30 p.m. Closed Fridays Appointment Required
Air National Guard Base 50 Western Avenue South Portland, ME 04106	Air National Guard	207-756-7853	Tues – Thurs 8:00 – 3:00 Appointment only – may call and leave message to schedule appointment.

Updated 4 January 2017

Veteran Application



Honor Flight Maine recognizes American Veterans for your sacrifices and achievements by having you to Washington DC to see YOUR memorial at no cost. Top priority is given to WWII and terminally ill veterans from all wars, then Korean and Vietnam Veterans. For Honor Flight Maine to achieve this goal, guardians fly with the Veterans on every flight providing assistance and helping Veterans have a safe, memorable and rewarding experience. For what you and your comrades have given to us, please consider this a small token of appreciation from all of us at Honor Flight Maine. For further information, please contact us at 207.370.7210 or visit us at www.honorflightmaine.org.

YOUR NAME: _____ NICK NAME: _____
(First, Middle & Last Name as it appears on your driver's license or government ID.) (If Applicable)

ADDRESS: _____ GENDER ___M___F

CITY: _____ COUNTY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Day: _____ Evening: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ AGE: _____ DOB: _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT HONOR FLIGHT? _____

_____. T-SHIRT SIZE: (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) _____

PREFERRED DEPARTING AIRPORT (Circle one or more): Portland Bangor Rockland Presque Isle-Caribou
Bar Harbor Augusta Millinocket Islesboro Other: _____

I do NOT want to fly. Only interested in GROUND transportation to Washington D.C.: YES NO Doesn't Matter

ALTERNATE CONTACT (son, daughter, etc): NAME: _____
PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (someone available the day you travel):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____
PHONE: Day: _____ Evening: _____ Mobile: _____

SERVICE HISTORY: BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____ RANK: _____
HOME TOWN (from which city and state did you enter the service?): _____
ACTIVITY DURING WWII, KOREA OR VIETNAM: _____

MEDICAL: INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL NOT DISQUALIFY YOU. IT PERMITS US TO ASSESS THE SUPPORT WE NEED DURING THE TRIP. INFO IS FOR HONOR FLIGHT MAINE AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL ONLY.

Do you use mobility equipment? YES NO. If YES, please circle device: CANE WALKER WHEELCHAIR SCOOTER
MEDICATION TAKEN HOW OFTEN? MEDICATION TAKEN HOW OFTEN?

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECOND PAGE!

Do you have any **drug allergies**? _____

Do you have a history of **seizure**? YES NO Please describe what type (i.e. grand mal, petit mal, other) _____

When was your last seizure? _____. If within past 5 years, **STRONGLY** advised you discuss trip with your private physician!

Do you have problems with **motion sickness** (sea or air)? YES NO. If yes, is it controlled with medications? YES NO
If motion sickness is not controlled with medications, it is **STRONGLY** advised you discuss the trip with your private physician!

Do you have any **breathing problems**? YES NO. If YES, please describe: _____

Do you use a home nebulizer machine? YES NO. If YES, you are **STRONGLY** encouraged to discuss the trip with your private physician concerning the use of portable hand-held nebulizers during the trip.

Do you use **oxygen** at any time? YES NO. If YES, you will need your private physician to write a prescription for oxygen to be used during the flight and during the tour. Oxygen will be provided. The prescription should be turned in with the application.

Do you have a **problem walking** the length of a football field without assistance? YES NO. If yes, please describe the reason (e.g. lung problems, arthritis, heart problems, etc.): _____

Do you have a history of **open head injuries, sinus problems, or ear problems**? YES NO. If YES, have you flown since the open head injury, sinus or ear problems occurred? YES NO. If YES, did you have any problems? YES NO

If YES, it is **STRONGLY** advised you discuss the trip with your private physician. If you have NEVER flown since the open head injury, sinus or ear problems, again we **STRONGLY** advise you discuss the trip with your private physician.

Do you have a **urostomy or colostomy bag**? YES NO. If YES, please make sure the bag is vented prior to flight. If you do not know if your bag is vented, it is **STRONGLY** advised that you discuss this issue with your private physician.

Additional Comments or Concerns: _____

PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY AND SIGN:

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that:

1. As photographic and video equipment are frequently used to memorialize and document ***Honor Flight Maine*** trips and events, his/her image may appear in a public forum, such as the media or a website, to acknowledge, promote or advance the work of the ***Honor Flight Maine*** program. I hereby release the photographer and ***Honor Flight Maine*** from all claims and liability relating to said photographs. I hereby give permission for my images captured during ***Honor Flight Maine*** activities through video, photo, or other media, to be used solely for the purposes of ***Honor Flight Maine*** promotional material and publications, and waive any rights or compensation or ownership thereto.

2. I further state that medical insurance is the responsibility of the veteran and I understand that neither Honor Flight Maine nor the provider of free private aircraft ("Flight Provider") provides medical care. I understand that I accept all risks associated with travel and other Honor Flight Maine activities and will not hold Honor Flight Maine, the Flight Provider, or any person appearing or quoted in any advertisement or public service announcement for or on behalf of Honor Flight Maine responsible for any injuries incurred by me while participating in the Honor Flight Maine program.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: ____/____/____ (E-mail applicants will be required to sign prior to actual flight date)

Please submit this form to:

**Honor Flight Maine
ATTN: Veteran Application
PO Box 1770
Portland, Maine 04101-1770**

You can also scan and email your application to MaineHonorFlight@Gmail.com
ONLINE applications are also accepted at our website: www.HonorFlightMaine.org