



## **The American Legion Department of Maine**

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**There's much to be said for challenging fate instead of ducking behind it.**

Congratulations to the following posts for reaching 100%.

**Damariscotta Post 42   Portland Post 161**

**Baseball**

### **American Legion Baseball Threatened**

Dennis S. Damon

The Baseball Committee recently held its Winter Meeting at HQ in Winslow. As is the custom during that meeting the plans and suggestions posed at the Fall Meeting were further considered and any new developments were discussed.

The most concerning revelation came when the Committee received a report which indicated an insurrection of sorts is fomenting in the greater Portland area.

In Department of Maine American Legion baseball there are two divisions. The Senior division has existed since before most of us can remember. The Junior division has only been around for ten years or so. It was started at the urging of current Zone 3 Commissioner, Al Livingston. He recognized the need for younger players to be more actively involved. They were becoming increasingly impatient riding the bench waiting for their chance to play. Many were opting not to play American Legion baseball.

Prior to the Junior program team rosters included players age 18 and younger. (Currently the upper age is 19 years.) Logically, the older players were bigger, stronger and more skilled than the younger ones. This resulted in many younger players being assigned non-playing roles which resulted in declining interest and participation by those players. Livingston thought, and the Committee agreed, there should be an opportunity for the younger players to play more regularly, thus honing their skills and gaining the necessary experience and growth to compete at the Senior level. Nationally the Junior program was also being implemented.

Our Junior American Legion program has become very popular. Currently, under the direction and leadership of Junior Legion Commissioner, Rod Stevens, there are 27 teams registered or expressing interest in 2017. With our Junior program at that level, potentially 486 young people will have the opportunity to play American Legion baseball and benefit from the experience of being part of a team. And of course it is expected that by playing at this age and skill appropriated level many will improve sufficiently and compete in our Senior baseball program...making it even stronger.

The organizational structure and sound management of the Junior program is equal to that of the Senior program. Their rules and regulations are essentially identical to those of the Seniors. They are required to carry the same levels of accident and liability insurance, their team rosters are capped at the same level and they require the same strict player documentation as the Seniors. Their team coaches and other team officials who have contact with the players are required to undergo the same background checks as the Seniors. Additionally, the Juniors have a State Tournament to determine the overall champion and that team advances to a regional New England tournament...just like the Seniors.

Many of the teams, Junior and Senior, in Maine are comprised of players from more than one school. The National Rules state that the combined enrollment of all secondary schools in a team's drawing area may not exceed 5000 students in grades 10, 11 & 12.

In the greater Portland area there are at least two coaches who apparently would rather use the Junior program strictly as a feeder program for their own high school baseball programs. They are now actively recruiting other Junior teams in their area to join them in withdrawing from Junior American Legion baseball and forming a league of their own which does not have the same structure, regulation and oversight as does our American Legion baseball program.

It is at best only speculation as to why this effort is underway. Perhaps, as mentioned, they wish to have only players who will play for their high school baseball program on their teams. It is rumored that they only want to play games during the week thus freeing the weekends for the existing for-profit businesses known as 'Travel Baseball' or 'Showcase Baseball' to become more popular. Presumably there will be no cap on the number of players a team can have on its roster, maybe that's to give more people the chance to play. Whatever the reasons, there is little doubt this effort will have an adverse impact on the current Junior American Legion Baseball program in Maine.

My view has always been that American Legion baseball is the best baseball for our youth that is played in Maine during the summer. The purpose of the program is to have as many young people as possible enjoy the opportunity and experience of playing this caliber of baseball. The American Legion teams in Maine are not generally comprised of players from only one school. They are a conglomerate of the best players from numerous schools who want to play on the best baseball team in their area. The result is that friendships are forged, sportsmanship is cultivated and the concept of 'team' and unselfish sacrifice necessary to have a team become greater and more successful than the sum of its individual players is inculcated. These values and life lessons seem to be diminishing in our society today yet remain essential for our future if we are to protect our freedoms and preserve our Union.

I urge American Legion Posts and individual Legionnaires who are affiliated in any way with Junior Legion teams in the Greater Portland area to ask questions regarding this movement. Why are we doing this? Who does it benefit? Is it good for the kids? I know it is not good for American Legion baseball.

Dennis Damon lives in Trenton, ME. He has been associated with American Legion Baseball since 1979 when he founded and managed the first Legion team in Downeast Maine, MDI "Acadians". In addition to coaching,

he has served as Zone 1 Commissioner and currently services as Field Director on the American Legion Baseball Committee.

### Joint Testimonial

American Legion Department Commander - Peter Johnson  
American Legion Auxiliary President - Veronica Gurney  
Sons of American Legion Commander - Ron Marr

April 29, 2017  
Social Hour 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Dinner - 6 p.m.  
Program to follow  
Cash bar available in banquet hall

Fitzgerald-Cummings Post 2 - Augusta  
American Legion Family  
294 Capital St., Augusta

### MENU

Appetizers: Fresh Vegetables, Cheeses, Pepperoni, Crackers and Dips  
Choice of Boneless Roast Turkey w/stuffing or Baked Stuffed Haddock  
Green Beans Almondine  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Dinner Rolls  
Cranberry Sauce  
Coffee, Tea, Water  
Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

**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.

**Deadline for reservations: April 15, 2017.**

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.

**\$15.00 per person.** 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.

All tickets to be picked up at the door.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ # of Haddock \_\_\_\_\_

# of Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### Military Trivia

In WWII, what kind of weapon was a kaiten?

### 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](http://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](mailto:honorflightmaine.chairperson@gmail.com), or contact David Patch at 751-5672 or [dapatch@roadrunner.com](mailto: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,

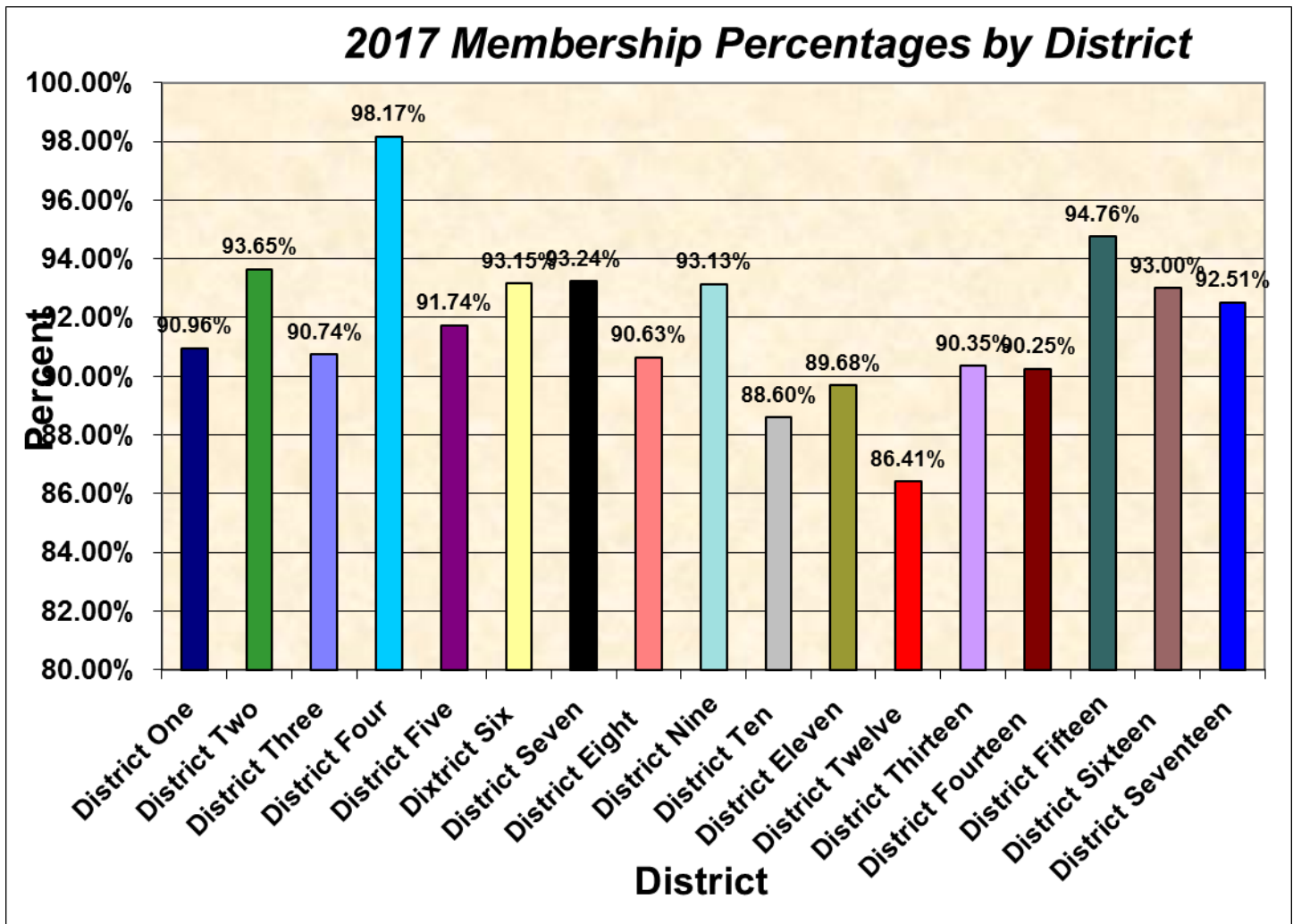
**John B. Raughter, Deputy Director, Media Relations, Phone: (317) 630-1350 Fax: (317) 630-1368**

I'm a reporter for the History Channel's website ([history.com](http://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

## Membership



## District Meetings

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

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

### April meetings

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

**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. 23, 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.

### Donations

District 15 – Washington

District 11 Finance Officer Ronald Cropley

District 11 – Waldo

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\$50 – Maine Blind Camp

\$100 – Maine Blind Camp

### Sick

Gerald Parker is in the hospital recuperating from pneumonia. Cards may be sent to him at 218 Detroit Rd., Troy ME 04987.

### Directory Changes

**Pg. 50,** Brunswick Post 20, e-mail: [algtpost20@myfairpoint.net](mailto:algtpost20@myfairpoint.net)

**Pg. 51,** Harpswell Post 171, remove Adjutant Richard Rector

**Pg. 59,** Unity Post 50, e-mail: [cronbowl@uninets.net](mailto:cronbowl@uninets.net), Facebook: Benjamin Berry Post 50 and Auxiliary

### 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

**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](mailto: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.

**Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance:** Mar. 23, Togus Medical Center - Main Campus Theater, 10 a.m. Highlighting those who served in-country in 1967. All Vietnam Veterans participating will receive a commemorative pin recognizing their service to our country. Join us as we recognize and honor the service, valor, and sacrifice made by Vietnam Veterans and their families.

**Veterans and Criminal Justice Forum:** Mar. 25, United Farmer Veterans of Maine, 45 Columbia St, Bangor, 5 p.m. This is a reminder to anyone in Maine that is working or helping individuals in Agriculture, Veterans or in the Criminal Justice System here in Maine to join us for a great meal with a public forum to follow from some of our leaders in the Justice System here in Maine as we engage the public in a discussion of ways we can better help veterans behind the shield and behind the bars. Come and learn more about veteran culture and how it has helped our communities grow stronger with good leadership across the State of Maine as well as ways of looking to better service our veterans that need help in getting back on their feet and staying out of jail all together. You will not want to miss this for sure! Please share this event with everyone you know that may benefit. FMI, Jerry Ireland, Executive Director, United Farmer Veterans of Maine, 207-322-7625.

**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](mailto: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.



**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Out Event:** Mar. 25, Winthrop Post 40 is co-sponsoring our 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Legion Birthday:** Mar. 26, Lincoln Post 77, 5 p.m. Special presentations, also Boys State and Girls State presentations.

**Bob Marley Show:** Mar. 26, Jake Region High School, doors open at 1 p.m., show 2 p.m. Naples Post 155 is selling tickets to the Bob Marley show. For tickets, call Curtis Merrill 207-693-6016, tickets are \$20 each.

**Unit 155 Turkey Pie Dinner:** Apr. 1, Naples Post 155, 26 Casco Rd. Dinner with all the fixings. There will be homemade pies for dessert. Cost \$10 adults, and \$5 for children under 12. For more info, call Marian Merrill @ 207-693-6016.

**Beans and Casserole Supper:** Apr. 1, Gray Post 86, pies for dessert. Adults \$8, Children under 12 \$4.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual York County Regional Job Fair:** Apr. 5, Nason 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](http://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.

**Honoring Past District Commanders and Past Presidents & Vice Presidents:** April 11, Gray Post 86, social hour 5- 6 p.m., Dinner, 6 p.m. Chicken or Prime Rib. Reservation deadline, Apr. 4. Price \$20. Send reservations to Gray Post 86, P.O. Box 428, Gray, Me 04039, Attention Nancy True or call Nancy @ 657-2661. You can also e-mail Nancy @ [dtrue5@maine.rr.com](mailto:dtrue5@maine.rr.com). Make checks payable to Gray Auxiliary Unit 86, please note chicken or prime rib. Following the dinner the district meetings will be held. Come out and show your support. Remember they worked hard to make our Districts what they are today. Let's all come out and recognize them for all their hard work, at Post 86 Gray.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jdewitt@tcmhs.org). If you want to help financially, they are asking \$125 per silhouette, which will be dedicated to a Veteran. All are invited, and please attend this event if you are able.

**Texas Hold'em:** Apr. 15, Locke Mills Post 68, 595 Gore Rd., doors open 11 a.m., games begin at 1 p.m. 50/50, pull tabs, meals & beverages available, BYOB. FMI/ Ray 890-3737

**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. Information you will have to provide is: **Name, Rank, Branch of service and whether retired or not.** There will be a free luncheon, guest speakers, and Veteran's outreach information available. All attendees will receive recognition certificates and pins. Vet Expo, Vet Recognition, speakers and food. All Vietnam in country and era Veterans are encouraged to contact the post to be included in this recognition ceremony. You do not have to be an American Legion member to be included nor did you have to serve in country.

**Answer to military trivia question:** A Japanese manned torpedo

**Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment News**

Gentlemen:

Squadron 21 in Bath is holding a big fund raiser. Just have a look.



**SMITH – TOBEY SQUADRON #21, THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
PRESENTS: TRAVIS MILLS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER  
SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2017  
THE POST HOME, 100 CONGRESS AVENUE, BATH, MAINE**

Please join us, The Sons of the American Legion, to raise funds in support of the Travis Mills Foundation. The event will begin at 1 p.m. with Operation "Common Cents".

Operation "Common Cents" is an opportunity for community members of the Greater Bath Area to donate to this worthy cause. All donations will be accepted, even pennies! Our goal is to fill the function hall floor at the Post Home with coins.

Monies from Operation "Common Cents" will go towards the building of "The Retreat" which will offer free lodging, adaptive sports, recreation and spa services for combat injured veteran's families to rest, relax, and reconnect.

We are also looking for in-kind, monetary or merchandise donations for the Auction. We will gather donated items around 4 p.m. to set up for the Auction starting at 5 p.m. and ending approximately 7 p.m.

Squadron Officers will be there to greet donors throughout the afternoon and answer any questions you may have.

The Auction will feature many items that we hope will raise thousands of dollars for the Travis Mills Foundation.

We are very excited to have Brandy Cain, a representative of the Travis Mills Foundation, join us in this fundraising event. We will conclude the evening by presenting her with a donation to the Foundation.

We hope you can join us and participate in this worthy cause. If you cannot attend the auction, but would like to contribute either with a gift of financial support or an auction item, please drop by The Post between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. or call 443-6159.

I look forward to seeing you on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Don Allisot  
Commander Squadron #21

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Correction: Yesterday's membership & news had the cost of Boys State as \$325. Boys State is \$300 per delegate. Girls State is \$325 per delegate. Thank you Kirk Thurston for catching that.

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Thank you & stay safe. Winter isn't over by a long shot.

Bruce Pierce.  
Adjutant

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Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux  
Department Adjutant

## 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](http://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?

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**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:

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SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please submit this form to:**

**Honor Flight Maine  
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Portland, Maine 04101-1770**

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