



The American Legion Department of Maine

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April 12, 2017

☺ SMILE ☺

Sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith.

Congratulations to the following posts for reaching 100%

Machias Post 9 Bangor Post 12 Westbrook Post 197

Holiday Reminder

The Department Headquarters Office and Service office will be closed on Monday, April 17, 2017 for Patriots Day.



**The American Legion, Department of Maine
2017 Annual State Convention
Spectacular Event Center, Bangor
June 16-17, 2017**

The 2017 Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of Maine will be held at the **Spectacular Event Center, 395 Griffin Rd, Bangor, ME 04401, June 16-17**. Department Commander Peter Johnson will call the convention to order promptly at noontime, Friday, June 16.

Please see below important information and forms (required/optional) pertaining to the Annual State Convention including: Member/Guest Registration, Post Delegate/Alternate Registration, Saturday night Installation Dinner.

Friday Night Membership Appreciation Banquet Hosted By Auxiliary Department Officers form will be available in next week's SMILE.

Member/Guest Registration

If you are planning to attend the convention this year, all members and/or guests are required to pay a registration fee of **\$10**. The registration fee covers both sessions to be held June 16-17 as well as access to coffee and bottled water throughout the day. Each member and/or guest will receive a name tag upon arrival. Please fill out the Member/Guest Registration Form below and mail form along with a check made payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine earmarked “**Member/Guest Registration**” to **The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727 by June 1, 2017.**

MEMBER/GUEST REGISTRATION FORM

\$10.00/person

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
POST DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE 2017 STATE CONVENTION

Following are the elected delegates and alternates for this post to the 99th Annual State Convention of The Maine American Legion to be held at the Spectacular Event Center in Bangor on June 16-17, 2017. Election of delegates has been in accordance to the Call to State Convention. **This year all Delegates and Alternates are required to pay a registration fee of \$10.** This form must be mailed to the Department Adjutant's office by June 1, 2017. The 1976 State Convention mandated that all delegates MUST register prior to voting. Evidence of registration will be requested by the credentials committee.

Post Adjutant's Signature

Post Commander's Signature

DELEGATES

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DELEGATES-AT-LARGE: (Department Officers, Past Department Commanders, District Commanders and Area Commanders)

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Credentials Committee will meet June 17, 2017 at 8 a.m. Registration fee of \$10 for each delegate and alternate MUST be paid by sending a check payable to **The American Legion, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine, ME 04901-0727 by June 1, 2017. ALL DELEGATES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED.**

NAME OF POST _____

LOCATION _____ POST NO. _____

No. of delegates allowed (Office Use Only) _____

STATE CONVENTION INSTALLATION DINNER

An Installation dinner and dance will take place following the Annual State Convention at the Spectacular Event Center June 17 beginning at 6:00 p.m., social - 6:30 p.m. dinner with installation to follow. Dinner Cost: \$28/person

Dinner Buffet will include the following:

Coffee & Tea

Freshly Baked Dinner Rolls

Garden Tossed Salad *mixed greens, vegetables and choice of two dressings*

Zucchini and Summer Squash

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Chicken Cordon Bleu *topped with creamy Alfredo sauce*

Baked Stuffed Haddock *with lemon cream sauce*

Assorted Cheesecakes

Those interested in attending should fill out the State Convention Installation Dinner Form below and mail form along with check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine earmarked **“Installation Dinner”** to **The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727 by June 1, 2017.**

State Convention Installation Dinner *June 17, 2017 – Spectacular Event Center, Bangor*

6:00 p.m. Social – 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Banquet Cost: \$28.00/person

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\$ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____.

Please mail State Convention Installation Form and check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine - earmarked **“Installation Dinner”** to: **The American Legion, Department of Maine, 5 Verti Drive Winslow, Maine 04901-0727**

Deadline for Installation Dinner is June 1, 2017

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: _____

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of Haddock _____

of Gluten Free _____

From The Adjutants Desk

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

We have set a date for the new Department Leadership Training at Dept. HQ for the 20th & 21st of May. It is a two day course which will be taught by two of our latest Legion College Graduates. You will be exposed to the latest information that The American Legion has to offer. The Instructors are what many of you have been asking for. They have the current skills and are knowledgeable about new trends in membership, new technology that can be used, and most of all they are very passionate about making a difference in our organization. The class will be limited to 36 applicants.

You will receive a Department of Maine certificate as well as a State Hat pin acknowledging your completion of the Leadership Course #1. There will be other modules to follow with different sections which will lead you up to Leadership-#2 and continuing to other modules. If you are interested in a learning process that will make a difference in The American Legion, please send an email to paul@mainelegion.org with your full name, phone number, and current position whether at the Department, District or Post level. Any questions, you may call 873-3229. There will be more information to follow!

Beals House

We are still looking for a live-in housekeeper for the Beals House at Togus and will be doing interviews soon, if you are interested please call me at 242-3192. The house is doing very good but we have lost a few board members, Joe Cooper SAL and Louis (Sandy) Peterson VFW. They are greatly missed! Our needs are the same as always, paper towels, Toilet paper, cleaning supplies and coffee pods. Thank you for all you do for our veterans and their families.

Applicant must have a driver's license and reliable transportation and must pass a VA Togus background check.

If married, spouse may reside at the Beals House with housekeeper but only one spouse will be appointed as the housekeeper. No pets allowed.

See Duties and Responsibilities below.

Beals House President,
Kenda Simmons (242-3192)

Beals' Hospitality House
Housekeeping Job Description
Duties and Responsibilities

The duties of the housekeeping job at the Beals' Hospitality House consist of, but not limited to, the following:

1. Housekeeper shall be responsible for the general housekeeping for the house.
2. Housekeeper shall make certain that there are adequate cleaning operating supplies on hand at all times.
3. Housekeeper shall be responsible for the preparation of an evening meal when there are guests residing at the house. This should include a plate of food, in the refrigerator, for the guest who is visiting the hospital until late in the evening.
4. Housekeeper shall ensure that there are adequate food and supplies for the guest to prepare their morning and noon meals out of the kitchen.
5. Housekeeper shall be responsible for greeting and settling of new guests into the house.
6. Housekeeper shall get someone to care for the house if housekeeper is going to be away more than three or four hours. (or carry a cell phone)
7. Housekeeper shall perform other reasonable duties assigned, from time to time, to them by the Board of Directors.
8. Housekeeper shall serve a six month probationary period, during which the housekeeper may be dismissed at the Board's discretion.
9. The Board of Directors may visit the house anytime to inspect the house, as they deem necessary.
10. Housekeeper cannot accept personal donations of money or gifts from any guest, but may accept letters or notes of appreciation.
11. Housekeeper shall make weekly deposits of cash and checks received from guests and donations, and send slips to our treasurer.
12. The Board of Directors shall provide all necessary supplies and food for the housekeeper to perform the duties assigned to them.
13. Housekeeper shall be compensated bi-weekly for their service.
14. Housekeeper shall receive a one week paid vacation at the end of the first year.

Signed by Housekeeper and dated

Camp Tall Pines

Attention Fans of Camp Tall Pines -

With the warm temps arriving and the snow melting it only means one thing, Spring Clean-up, in particular Camp Tall Pines Spring Clean-up Day! Camp Tall Pines will be hosting its annual Spring cleanup day on Saturday May 6th, 2017, 9 a.m.

Special Olympics Maine is currently looking for volunteers to help accomplish spring clean jobs at Camp Tall Pines. If you or a group of your friends would like to volunteer on May 6th please [click here to register](#) or call Ian at [207-879-0489](tel:207-879-0489) x 14.

- Wear your outdoor work clothes, as we have an assortment of tasks to be accomplished.
- Bring your rakes, shovels, brushes, work gloves, gardening tools and other tools you may use around your house for spring clean-up projects.
- Again this year, lunch will be provided to all volunteers

- We have tasks for everyone including but not limited to
 - Raking Ground
 - Picking up brush
 - Cut trees & Splitting fire wood
 - Inventory Supplies
 - Install Docks
 - Setting up Rec Hall
 - Spring Cleaning of Seasonal Kitchen
 - Spring Cleaning of Seasonal Bunk Houses
 - Spring Cleaning of Cabins
 - Spring Cleaning of all seasonal buildings

Once again please complete the Camp Tall Pines Clean-up Day registration form or contact Ian by May 1st so that we can plan appropriately on what jobs can be accomplished and how much food to order for the clean-up day. Hope to see you all at Camp Tall Pines on May 6th!

Thank you,
Ian Frank, Camp Tall Pines Director

Military Trivia

President Ronald Reagan started the Strategic Defense initiative to use ground and space-based systems to protect the United States from attack by strategic nuclear ballistic missiles. The defense doctrine is colloquially known as.....? Star Wars, Earth Defense Force, Star Trek or Death Star.

District Meetings

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

District 11 – Waldo: Apr. 23, Unity Post 50, 2 p.m.

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

District 1 – York: Apr. 30, North Berwick Post 87, 2 p.m.

May meetings

District 7 – Lincoln: May 3, Damariscotta Post 42, 6 p.m.

District 6 – Knox: May 6, Rockland Post 1, 11 a.m.

District 16 – S. Aroostook: May 6, Mars Hill Post 118, 1 p.m. dinner followed by mtg. elections and installation of officers.

District 13 – Penobscot: May 7, Howland Post 97, 2 p.m. mtg. at 4 Front St.

District 17 – N. Aroostook: May 7, Madawaska Post 147, 1 p.m. dinner, mtg. to follow

District 12 – Hancock: May 9, Stonington Post 102, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. mtg.

District 9 – Kennebec: May 10, Maine Vets Home, 7 p.m. Election and installation of officers.

District 2 – Cumberland: May 14, Westbrook Post 197, 1:30 p.m., Memorial Service and election of officers

District 15 – Washington: May 14, Woodland Post 23, 2 p.m.

District 5 – Oxford: May 16, West Paris Post 151, 7 p.m., supper 6 p.m.

District 14 – Piscataquis: May 20, Greenville Post 94, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. mtg., installation of officers.

District 11 – Waldo: May. 21, Unity Post 50, 2 p.m.

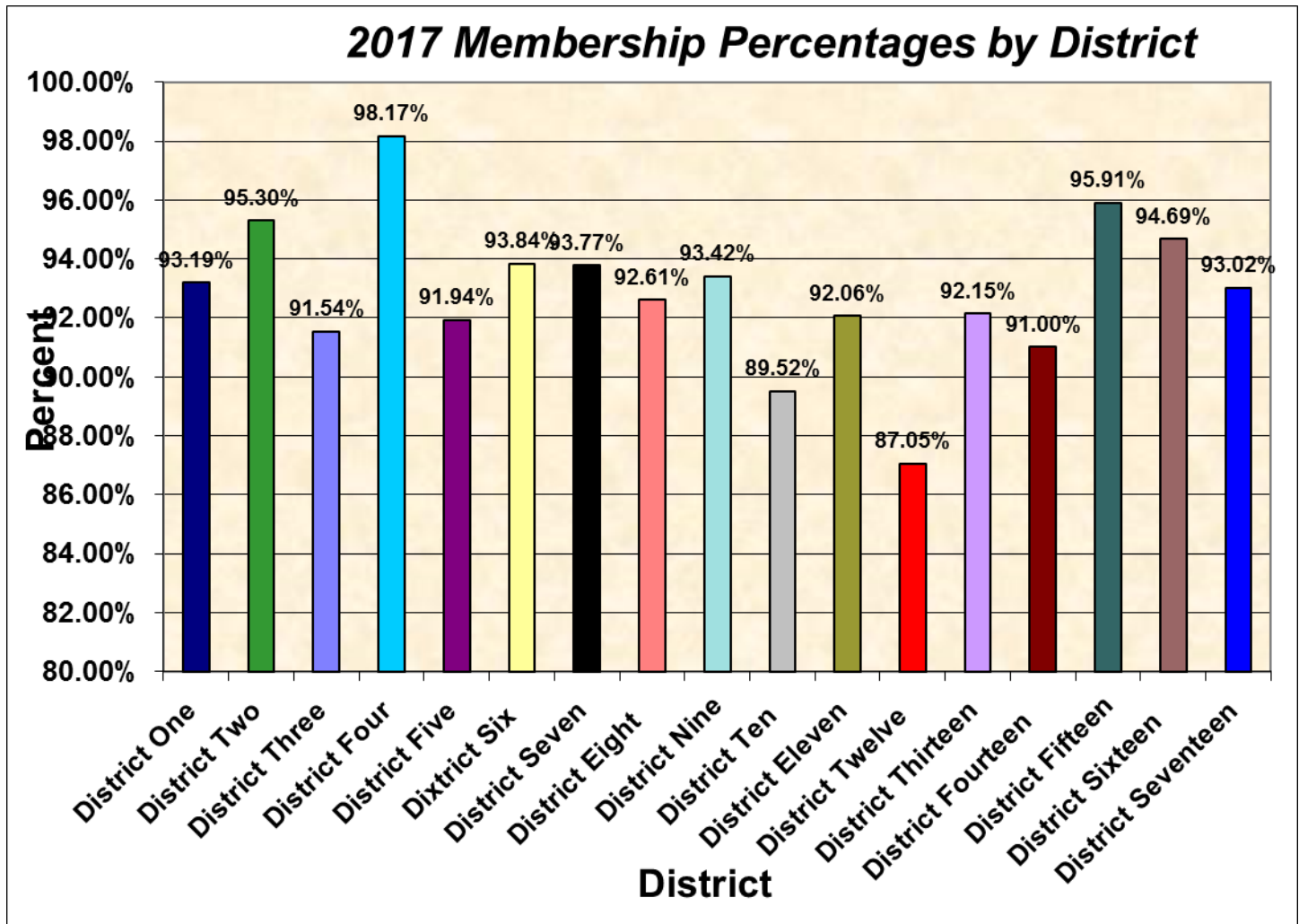
District 8 – Sagadahoc: May 28, Brunswick Post 20, 1 p.m.

Donations

Madison Post 39

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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:

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.

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

Texas Hold-Em: Apr. 14, Winthrop Post 40, 6:30 p.m. \$35 Buy-In.

RIFF RAFF: Apr. 15, Gardiner Post 4 in the canteen, 7 – 11 p.m.

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

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.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of The Dahlgren Skidgel Farm of Hope: Apr. 15, Outer Washburn Street in Caribou, 1 p.m. All veterans are encouraged to attend as we show how Northern Maine came together in support of our veteran's needs. Members of both the Dahlgren and Skidgel Medal of Honor families will be at the ceremony to share in the celebration of opening a facility in their names. We hope to see as many vets as possible as we pay tribute to their sacrifice and come together for the veterans of our great community. Refreshments will be served

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. 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.

Recognition of Local Veterans Of WWI: Apr. 20, Buckfield Post 58, 7 p.m. This will take place at the post meeting.

Post Everlasting Ceremony: Apr. 28, Gardiner Post 4 in the upstairs hall, 6 p.m. All are welcome to help us Honor our Comrades who have gone to the Commander of Us All.

Spring Craft Fair: May 6, Gardiner Post 4 in the upstairs hall, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Kitchen will be open for breakfast & lunch. For a table please contact Holly Shed at 592-9932 or Lauri McKenzie at 441-9273.

Hike The Hill and Chicken BBQ: May 21, Once again Freedom Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to host Hike The Hill and Chicken BBQ to support the Wilderness Walk For Warriors. The hike starts at 10 a.m. and the meals will be served at 2 p.m. Come on out and make this annual event better than ever. Hike: By donation, Chicken BBQ, \$8. For more information, contact Jeff Bishop or Tim Robinson at HiketheHillFVFD@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook.

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Recognition Event: June 24, Camden Post 30, 12- 3 p.m. **Registration deadline Apr. 24.** Contact Jeff Sukeforth 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. Sponsored by District 6.

Condolences

Past County Commander, Past District Commander and SW Harbor Post 69 Past Adjutant Tommy Newman has passed away. A celebration of Tom's life will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017, 11 a.m. at the American Legion Hall in Southwest Harbor.

Interment will be held at a later date at Mount Height Cemetery in Southwest Harbor. Donations in Tom's name can be sent to American Legion Post 69, Box 1022, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679.

Thank You

The family of Helena Johnson would like to thank the friends, relatives and members of the American Legion family for all of your cards, phone calls, prayers, food and attendance at Helena's service. During our time of sadness it was comforting to experience the output of love, friendship and caring of so many people.

Sincerely,

The Johnson and Weber families

Answer to military trivia question: Star Wars – Among other things, the project resulted in the invention of the rail gun.

Sons of the American Legion Detachment News
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Comrades,

Yesterday was a busy day. It was a sad day as well, attending the service for Department Commander Pete Johnson's wife, Helena, at the Augusta Veterans Cemetery. The words spoken by both Commander Johnson and Mrs. Johnson's brother attested to a woman well-loved and truly accomplished. May she rest easy. Commander Johnson mentioned the support of the entire Legion Family was nice to see, both in Greenville and Augusta.

I also attended the Past Commanders and President's District #1 dinner at Gray #86 and look forward to meeting with the SAL there and in Naples in the near future.

I can't stress enough, those Squadrons that are holding out or holding onto Membership dues, please send in now. We did miss the 90% goal and would do us well to get there. We are really very close. Please, send in your membership as soon as they come in. Every one counts.

Consolidated reports are also due in the Detachment office by 5/10/2017. Be prideful in what you have been doing this past year for our Veterans and their programs and send in your reports. Remember, these reports help us at the National level getting money from the U.S. Government to Veterans Programs.

Finally, I would like to leave you all with my best wishes for a Happy Easter this Sunday.

Always willing to serve,
Ron Marr, Detachment Commander
1779 Hotel Rd Auburn, ME 04210, 701-9675, e-mail: ronaldmarr.rm@gmail.com

Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux
Department Adjutant

WISH LIST – April 2017
Department of Veterans Affairs
Voluntary Service (135)
1 VA Center
Augusta, Maine 04330 (207) 621-4886
jonathan.barczyk@va.gov

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Drivers for Volunteer Transportation Network (Bethel/Sanford/Rumford/Aroostook/Augusta)
2. Parking Lot Shuttle Driver – (Wednesday & Thursday & On-Call)
3. Bangor Eye Clinic Volunteer – (Monday – Friday)
4. Community Living Center 73 – Feeding patients (must complete on-site training)
5. Community Living Center Volunteers – (Monday – Friday)
6. Prosthetics Escort – (Monday-Friday)
7. Coumadin Clinic Volunteer – (Monday – Friday)
8. Female Chaperone – Radiology – (Monday-Friday – Mornings)
9. Facilities Management Volunteer – Repairs, Cleaning etc. – (Monday – Friday)
10. Voluntary Service Office Assistant – (Tuesday – Thursday)
11. Urology Clinic Volunteer – (Monday, Thursday & Friday)

ONGOING PROGRAM SUPPORT:

1. Holiday Meal Fund (Provides meals for patients' family members during the holidays)
2. Comfort Items, i.e., nail clippers, toenail clippers, denture creams/cleaner, small body wash, body lotion, toothbrush covers, mouth wash, deodorant, disposable and electric razors (Higher Quality Razors Preferred), large powders etc. (***No alcohol based products***)
3. Funds to purchase Canteen/Coupon Books
4. Coffee funds (Provides coffee in waiting areas/wards/clinics)
5. Newspaper funds (Provides newspapers in waiting areas/wards/clinics)
6. Recreation General Purpose Funds to support various activities
7. Wheelchairs (To purchase wheelchairs for veterans to use at Togus)
8. General Welfare Funds

SPECIAL REQUESTS/PROJECTS:

1. Nintendo Wii Console
2. Karaoke Machine (\$160 – Contact Voluntary Service for more details)
3. Gas Cards (\$25)
4. Trac Phone Cards
5. Hannaford Gift Cards (\$25)
6. Walmart Gift Cards (\$25)
7. Over the Ear Headphones (Must be New)
8. WIFI Access for CLC-73 Patriot Place (Approx. \$40/month)
9. WIFI Access for 4-S (Approx. \$40/month)
10. Organizations to sponsor entertainment on 73 Patriot Place
11. Parking Lot Shuttle Vehicle Project

NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME: Afghans; Jigsaw Puzzles; Used Clothing; Used Stamps; Magazines over three months old; Dental Floss; After-Shave; Hand Lotion, blank greeting cards and envelopes. **Due to Infection Control policies we are unable to accept used clothing/bedding walkers, canes, or crutches at this time. Currently we are unable to accept personal memorabilia and artwork.**

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. The announcement reflects the tax law provision, which makes those donations deductible as "donations to the United States". Donations to support any of the Department's programs are deductible, whether the donor directs that the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allows the Department to decide how the donated funds will be used. Donated funds made by check should be made out to "VAVS" and sent to the address above.