



# The American Legion Department of Maine

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April 19, 2017

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**The three things that are most essential to achievement are common sense, hard work and stick-to-it-iv-ness.... Thomas Edison**

Congratulations to the following posts for reaching 100%

**Dover-Foxcroft Post 29 Lubec Post 65**



**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 and Gotham City Ball Member Appreciation Banquet.

## **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**

	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>MEMBER (✓)</b>	<b>GUEST (✓)</b>	<b>POST NO.</b>
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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 99<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Post Adjutant's Signature

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Post Commander's Signature

**DELEGATES**

**ALTERNATES**

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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***



## The American Legion Family

Proudly Presents the

# GOTHAM CITY BALL

## MEMBER APPRECIATION BANQUET

Come one, Come all to the Gotham City Ball! Come dressed to the nines, come as your favorite Super Hero, arrive as yourself, but be there!

This year's banquet will be a Legion Family event where we will honor our Unit Members of the Years as well as the Legionnaire of the Year.

Last year's event was a great success, so join again this year for an evening of fun and entertainment. This will not be a long, drawn out evening with speakers. It will be fast-paced and fun.

Date: Friday, June 16, 2017

Location: Spectacular Event Center, 395 Griffin Road, Bangor

Social: 5:00 p.m. Cash Bar will be available. Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Menu: **Buffet to include** chicken picatta, baked salmon, garden salad, red roasted potatoes, vegetable, rolls, coffee and tea and strawberry shortcake.

Tickets: \$28.00 per person. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: June 1, 2017 NO tickets will be sold at Convention.** (Everyone must buy their own, Department will not be paying for any tickets)

Make checks payable to "Maine ALA" earmarked "**Appreciation Banquet**" and mail to:  
**MAINE ALA, 5 Verti Drive, Suite B, Winslow, Maine 04901 by June 1, 2017.**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

## From The Adjutants Desk

### DEPARTMENT TRAINING

We have set a date for the new Department Leadership Training at Dept. HQ for the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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!

## Military Trivia

The first medal presented to American Soldiers for their bravery and prowess in battle was?

## District Meetings

**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 7, Westbrook Post 197, 2 p.m., Memorial Service and election of officers, Legion and Auxiliary Dist. 1.

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

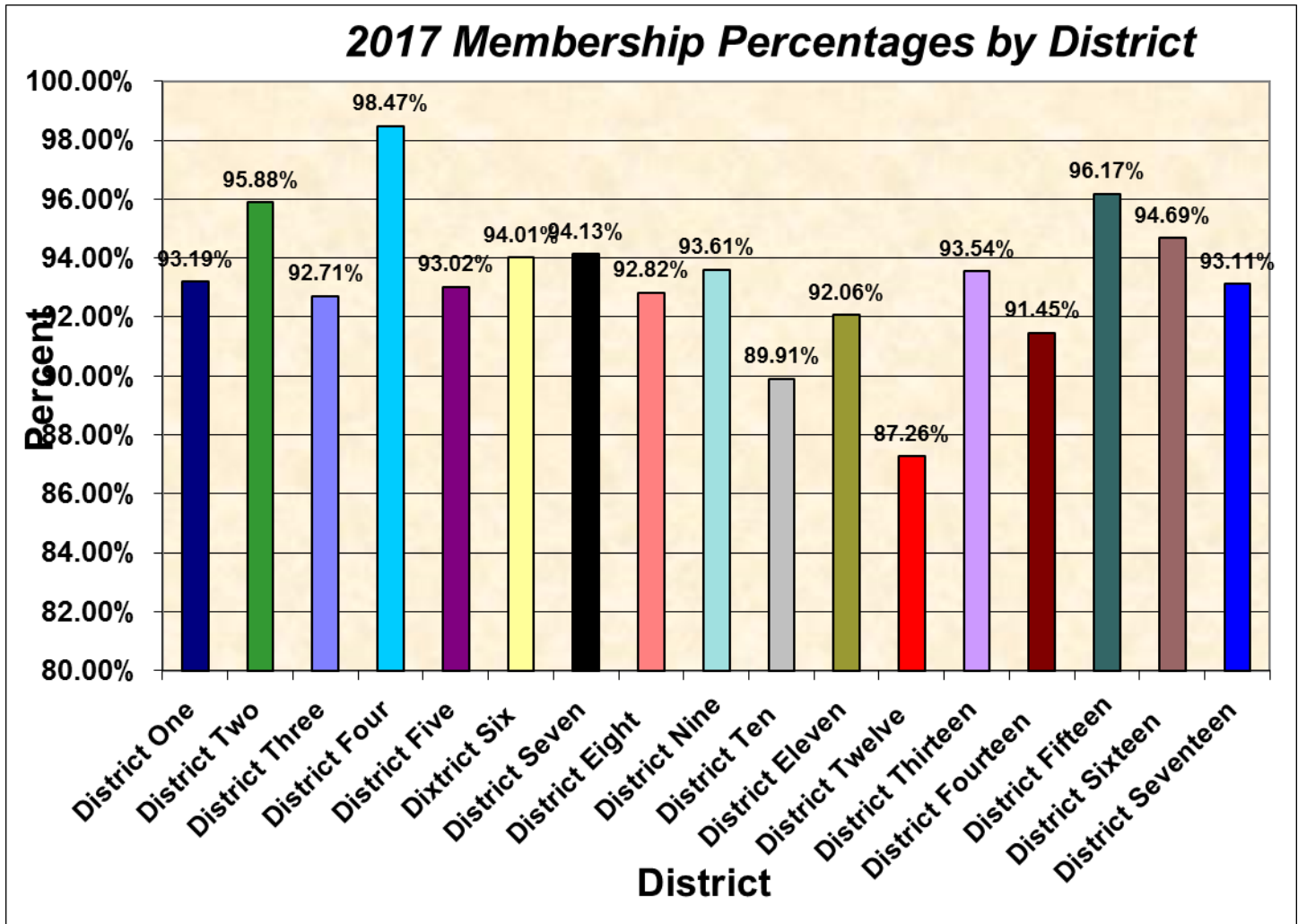
**District 5 – Oxford:** May 16, West Paris Post 151, 7 p.m., supper 6 p.m.

**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.

## Membership



## Veteran Escort Needed

The American Legion in Gray is looking for some Motorcycle escorts for Our fallen Brother Dennis Brackley. Dennis was killed in a car accident along with his 4 year old Grandson back in January.

This will be on May 20th we will meet at 9am in the Legion Parking lot and escort to the cemetery in Portland. Then at Noon-3 pm will be a small gathering back at Post 86 to remember Dennis.

Please RSVP to this email or Call me at 207-899-9799 this way we will have a good idea on how many will be in attendance.

v/r,

Jason White

## 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**

**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.

**Joint Testimonial:** Apr. 29, Augusta Post 2, 294 Capital St., Augusta, Social Hour 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., Dinner - 6 p.m. Program to follow. Cash bar available in banquet hall.

**Texas Hold-Em: May 5, Winthrop Post 40, 6:30 p.m. \$55 Buy-In**

**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.

**High Stakes:** May 7, Winthrop Post 40, 2 p.m., \$100 Buy-In.

**Texas Hold-Em:** May 12, Winthrop Post 40, 6:30 p.m. \$35 Buy-In.

**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.

**Gardiner Post 4 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony:** May 29, The parade will form up behind the Gardiner Armory on Brunswick Avenue at 9 a.m. and will step off at 10 a.m. and march down Brunswick Avenue to the Gardiner Common. There will be a ceremony with speakers and bands on the Common. After the ceremony you are invited back to the Post for a light lunch.

**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.

#### Donations

Caribou Post 15  
Greenville Post 94  
Easton Post 187  
Clinton Post 186  
Clinton Lions Club

2 boys to Boys State  
1 boy to Boys State  
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\$300 – Boys State

#### Kudos

Caribou Post 15 for their donation of \$25 to the American Heart Assoc., \$500 to Caribou Parks & Rec, \$50 to TAMC (hospital) and \$100 to Gena Madore.

#### Sick

PDC Lloyd Woods was operated on two weeks ago and is at home recuperating. Cards may be sent to him P.O. Box 126, Stockholm, ME 04783-0126.

**Answer to military trivia question:** The Badge for Military Merit (Purple Heart)

#### Sons of the American Legion Detachment News

Comrades,

I want to thank those Squadrons who reached their 100% membership and those who have achieved the 90% target. Detachment of Maine is trying to meet the National goal of 90%. We are only 46 away. Deadline for 100% is May 11th. Please, I stress again to mail your dues as you get them and not hold onto them.

Consolidated Reports are due into Detachment by May 10. Get together as a group and write the report and get the credit for all you've done throughout the year!

If you have delegates coming to state convention in June, please send their names to headquarters. Donations are coming in very slow. Please, if your Squadron can do it, send in a donation to our programs. Remember to earmark the program of choice in the memo line.

Department Testimonials coming up quickly. April 29, at Fitzgerald Cummings Post #2 Augusta. Social hour 5-6, Dinner at 6 p.m. Program to follow. Hope to see you there.

Always willing to serve,

Ron Marr, Detachment Commander

1779 Hotel Rd Auburn, ME 04210, 701-9675, e-mail: ronaldmarr.rm@gmail.com

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Best Wishes to The Legion family,

Paul L'Heureux

Department Adjutant

**DEPARTMENT OF MAINE  
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

ENTITLEMENT TO DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

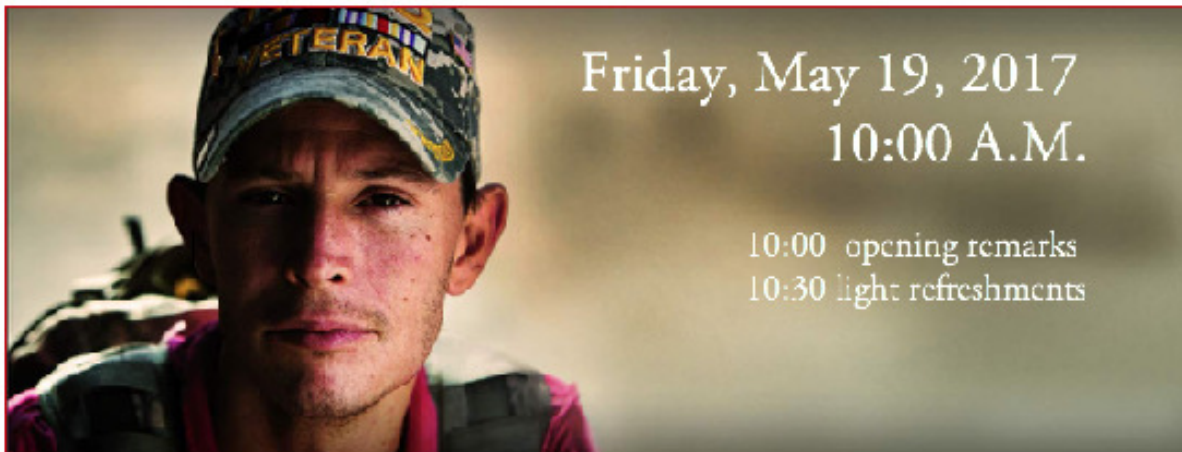
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1,901 to 2,000	Twenty-one (21)
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*forever homes for*

Cabin in the Woods

Veterans and their Families

*Please join us for a* Groundbreaking Celebration



**Some Veterans** need time and a place away from busy living to reflect. Others need to include family in their lives, especially the growing population of female Veterans with children. **Cabin in the Woods is for them.**

**Cabin in the Woods** is a supportive rural community designed to provide permanent homes for Veterans and their families. 21 energy-efficient cabins are being built on 11 wooded acres on the grounds of the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta, Maine.

*Cabin in the Woods is a collaborative project involving Volunteers of America, US Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Maine Healthcare System, Maine Housing, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Bangor Savings Bank, TD Charitable Foundation, Home Depot Foundation and Northern New England Housing Investment Fund.*

questions? call 207-373-1140 or email [Susan.Kennedy@voanne.org](mailto:Susan.Kennedy@voanne.org)

[www.voanne.org/cabin-in-the-woods](http://www.voanne.org/cabin-in-the-woods)

GPS Address to Togus: 810 Eastern Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04330

detailed directions to Togus VAMC: <https://www.maine.va.gov/locations/directions.asp>

then follow the Volunteers of America signs to the site