



Maine SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

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UPDATES FASTER**

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You will be confidentially added to
our distribution list.

Upcoming Events

- 5 APR — Gold Star Wives Day
- 17 APR—Taxes are due
- 23 JUN—8th Annual Run for Cash
- 19 AUG—Run for the Fallen
- 25 AUG—Retiree Activity Day
- 30 SEP—Maine Tribute March to honor Fallen Soldiers since 2001

Hello to all. This is the time of year that many of us have been looking forward to, welcome “SPRING”!

Well as most of you are aware, Major General John W. Libby retired last month. Major General Libby lead the men and women of the Maine Army and Air National Guard for over 10 years as the Adjutant General, and doing so with distinction. He was respected by Soldiers, Airmen, and Veterans. He embraced Survivor Outreach Services Program and ALL Families of our Fallen regardless of branch of service. I personally want to thank him on behalf of Survivor Outreach Services for all that he did to support our program and wish he and Cindy the best in retirement.

As we move forward, let me recap the Survivor Outreach Services mission and commitment to you.

Survivor Outreach Services reaches out to all Survivors, regardless of how their loved one died. As a support coordinator, I am a networker and a conduit between you and the military, government agencies, and non-profit organizations . I can offer

- *Expertise on State & Federal Survivor benefits
- *Arrange estate and financial advice
- *Connect you with mental health support and counseling

*Assist you in obtaining military reports you may not have received and

*Provide you with resource referrals for:

- Peer Support
- Bereavement Counseling
- Emergency Financial Services
- Military Legal Assistance
- TRICARE
- Educational Benefits
- Benefits Assistance

In our January Newsletter, Chaplain Vigue referred to Families of our Fallen as a “fraternity”. Since that last newsletter, several families have joined “your fraternity”.

I want to reach out to those of you that I haven’t had the opportunity to meet or talk with, while still maintaining relationships that I have made. I want you to know that I am here for you and that I will never let your loved one be forgotten.

My counterpart from Rhode Island said it best. “Relationships are key and whether a Survivor relates to me, a counselor, or another Survivor, forming those relationships are an important step to your healing.” It helps to know you’re not alone.

We know the way service members die vary greatly, but the fact remains that a mom or a dad, a spouse or a child, a sister or a brother lost a loved one. What I want is to try and make the days, weeks, months and even years after a loss just a little less frustrating and maybe a little easier.

I am here for you.

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FIANCEE REQUEST FORM

The Fiancée is to complete the data below correctly and in capital letter in respect of the military officer:

SECTION A (FIANCEE):

NAME:
SEX:
ADDRESS:
ZIP CODE:
PHONE NUMBER:
CITY:
STATE:

NOTE: The registration fee (\$350.00)

SECTION B (MILITARY OFFICER):

NAME:
SEX:
RANK:
BRANCH:
STATE OF DEPLOYMENT:
DATE:

Once you provide us with the above information you are no longer anonymous to us, you will be registered in our data base as the fiancée and you will be entitled to his entire asset upon death or natural circumstance.

(We) protect your privacy. We do not insist you to provide extra personal information than necessary.

All information collected will not be used for any illegal activity
The information is what we are going to use to register you with our service.
Remember, the aforementioned fee is refundable

NOTE:
ONLY REGISTERED FIANCEE WILL QUALIFIED TO REQUEST FOR LEAVE ON BEHALF OF HER FIANCE.

Regards,
DFAS,
Feel free to our service (dfasmilitary@aol.com)
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SCAM!

not used by military



EXAMPLE

Beware....scam letter! A letter is making the rounds purporting to be from DFAS asking military members fiancées to register in “our system” entitling them to benefits in the event of the member’s death. All for only a \$350 fee. Bottom line, save your money. Its not true, its not a DFAS letter, it’s a scam.

Helpful hints when it comes to Scams

No financial institution, DFAS or any military institution will ask for your social security number over the phone or email, ask for you pin number to your bank account or EVER ask you to send money to receive winnings for your lottery. Remember:

- You cannot win a legitimate lottery if you have not entered it.
- You must purchase a ticket to enter a legitimate lottery.
- NO legitimate lottery contacts winners. Winners must always contact the lottery first.
- You never have to pay to collect winnings from a legitimate lottery or sweep-stake. You pay taxes AFTER you receive the winnings. There are no other fees.
- Scammers often use the name of a legitimate lottery in the scam.
- Since scammers simply invent new names for their fake email scam (the email is the scam, not any persons or companies named in the email’s) You can check out <http://www.consumerfraudreporting.org> for reporting on the latest Frauds, Scams, Fake Lotteries, Spams and Hoaxes.
- Remember if it sounds to good to be true, it probably is a scam.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED TO ATTEND
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

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MAINE NATIONAL GUARD

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012

AUGUSTA ARMORY

WESTERN AVENUE

7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

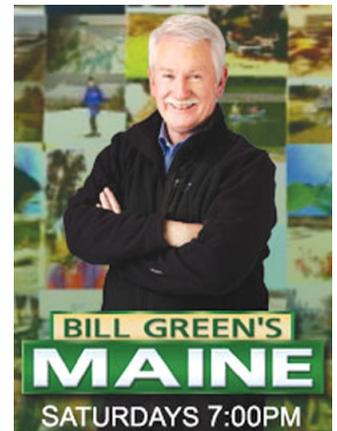
(*Breakfast will be served starting at 6:45)

Guest Speaker:

BILL GREEN

ANCHOR/REPORTER, WCSH 6, HOST, BILL GREEN'S MAINE & GREEN

Bill Green is the host of "Bill Green's Maine". Born and raised in Bangor, Green is a graduate of Bangor High School and the University of Maine. Green debuted as a sportscaster on WLBZ 2 in 1975. He moved to Portland in 1981 to anchor weekend sports statewide on WCSH 6 and WLBZ 2. Green expanded into feature reporting and developed an expertise in recreation and the outdoors. In 1993, Bill came off the anchor desk to produce longer-form material, including ten documentaries on Maine's environment under the banner "Color Me Green," in addition to his weekly features, "Green Outdoors" and "My Hometown." In 2000, he launched an original series, "Bill Green's Maine." Airing Saturdays at 7 p.m., it is the most-watched show in its time period. He has explored and archived Maine life more than any other broadcaster. In September 2011, he was inducted into the Maine Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame.



**Cost of meal: \$10.00 (Collected at the door)*

Ice Fishing Derby and Raffle

The 2nd Annual Ice Fishing Derby & Raffle took place on January 28 at Great Pond in Aurora. Chuck Cole and Adam Morrow, members of the Maine Air National Guard set up the Fishing Derby in Support of House in the Woods, Inc—Military and Family Retreat. A small ceremony was held at the end of the day to honor all Maine Fallen Heroes just before the prizes were drawn. It was a great day for a Derby and lot's of money was raised.

Chuck Cole and Adam Morrow



Board set up at the Ice Fishing Derby in Aurora for the closing ceremony to honor our Fallen Heroes



They REALLY were fishing, however it might appear here they were getting ready for a buggy race. Having fun is what it really was.

Paul House addressing the crowd just before the Ice Fishing Derby Drawings at the end of the day



Upcoming Events

8th Annual

Memorial 5K Run, 2.5 Mile Walk, & Kids Fun Run

Saturday June 23rd 2012 Rain or Shine

Old Orchard Beach

Check out the website <http://runforcash.org>

Come on out and enjoy the day, with a great race for a great cause. See you there!!



Boston Marathon, April 16th, 2012

This year 3 widows will be running in the Boston Marathon on April 16th, in memory of their husbands along with another 5 runners running in honor of several Maine Fallen Service Members. We wish them good luck. Listed below are the runners:

Lynel Zimmerman running in memory of her husband, 1stLT James R. Zimmerman, United States Marine Corps

Megan Gavin-Kirk running in memory of her husband, SGT Joshua J. Kirk, Army

Kyla Krueger running in memory of her husband, Lieutenant Sean D. Krueger, United States Coast Guard

Tom Pacyna running in memory of Captain Christopher Scott Cash, Army National Guard

Staff Sergeant Amy Meyer running in memory of Specialist Dustin J. Harris, Army

Private First Class Melissa Casey running in memory of Sergeant Thomas J Dostie, Army National Guard

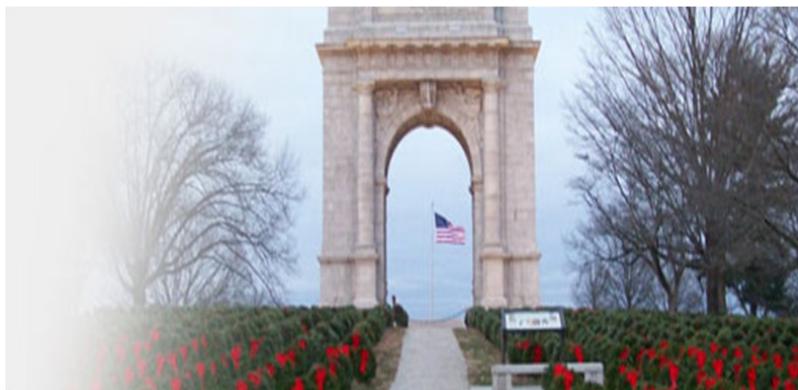
Jonathan Mixon running in memory of Lance Corporal Alexander Arredondo, United States Marine Corps

William Kendall running in honor of Lance Corporal Mark Goyet, United States Marine Corps



Several families have inquired about Wreaths Across America and the trip to Arlington Cemetery to help lay wreaths for 2012. Julie Bright ceremony director, stated there will be a bus again this year that provides transportation to Gold Star Families from Maine to Arlington Cemetery. The bus will leave Sunday before the ceremony Dec. 9th, for a weeklong trip. You stay in a hotel each night and are responsible for the hotel fees. Once the wreaths are laid they leave that day to head back to Maine and stay overnight once on the way back home.

Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery which began by Maine businessman, Morrill Worcester, in 1992.



If you're interested in taking the bus please contact me with your name and contact information. When Julie has a few more details she will give us all the particulars. I will continue to keep you informed and send out reminders in our future newsletters.

15th Annual Military Retiree Activity Day

August 25th, 2012 (0800—1500)

Augusta Armory on 185 Western Avenue in Augusta

Military Retirees to include Gray Area Retirees and dependents of ALL branches of service.

Registration starts at 0800, Opening Ceremony at 0900 and station displays open at 0945-1500.

Services available

Legal Assistance, Health Care Information, Survivor Benefits, Recreational Facilities, Commissaries, Exchanges, Veterans Administration, Veterans Cemeteries, Veterans Homes, Deers/ID Card Renewals, and much more.

Round trip transportation will be offered from the Armory to Camp Keyes so you can visit the PX, see what's available and then stop off at the Maine Military Museum as well. Oh and if your hungry, grab a hot dog or hamburger, bag chips, and soda for \$5.00 furnished by the Augusta Area Military Association located at Camp Keyes, just down from the PX.

For more information call LTC (Retired) James Laflin at 207-685-3152 or jflin@roadrunner.com or LTC Rick Darveau at (207) 430-5463 or rick.darveau



Chaplain's Corner

Have you ever met someone who was a great encourager? I mean someone who has the knack of encouraging you and lifting you up? You always seem to come away from him or her feeling better, lighter, more able to face the day. We encounter someone like that in the Bible. He was a compadre of the apostle Paul and although his real name was Joseph from Cyprus, he is better known by his nickname, Barnabas. Barnabas, or “Bar-nubas” literally means “Son of Encouragement.” Isn’t that a cool name? Filled with the love of God, Barnabas went around sharing the hope of the gospel with people, touching their lives, lifting them up and occasionally standing up for them when things got rough.

I know I have met some amazing people like that in my life. I bet you could name a few too. The thing about “Barnabas people” is that after they have ministered to us, quite often we find ourselves wanting to be like them ourselves. And we can. Who knows what impact those precious few words of encouragement can be to somebody? The simple message, “I’m thinking of you, praying for you, you matter to me, and you’re not alone” can be just like medicine to the soul of a person who may feel overwhelmed. Let me assure you today of the power *your* words and actions can have in people’s lives around you. If you’ve ever been encouraged by somebody else, *know* that you can be that for someone else too. It’s infectious. Pass it on.

And you can read all about Barnabas and his encouraging lifestyle in the following New Testament passages: Acts 4:32-37; 15:36-41; and 2 Corinthians, Chapter 1.

Grace and Peace,
Chaplain Earl Weigelt.





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“Embracing and reassuring Survivors they are continually linked to the Army Family through a unified support program that enables them to remain an important part of the Army for as long as they desire”

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General number: 1-888-363-5433
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