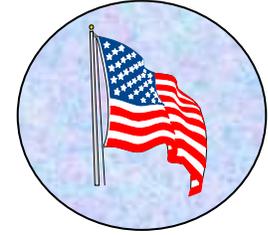




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We are continuing to update our mailing list to include all MEARNG retirees. **If you know any retiree(s) who are not receiving the newsletter, please send their name and address to a member of the Retiree Council or e-mail us.**

Please advise us of mailing address changes and those due to 911. If you do not wish to continue receiving the

newsletter, contact a council member.

Continuation of Newsletter The Retiree Council has decided to **continue the Retiree Newsletter to spouses of deceased retirees** when the spouse requests it. Many items in the newsletter may prove valuable to the surviving spouse.

New Members: Membership is open to retirees of all ranks and gender from all parts of Maine. If you or a retiree you know are interested, please contact a Council member. Retired NCOs should consider getting involved to have their concerns surfaced and to demonstrate they are still an active member in military affairs.

COMMENTARY This is the thirty-first Retiree Newsletter, normally published in Apr, Aug and Dec. Our purpose is to keep you informed and provides you a continuing sense of belonging to the Guard after retirement. We hope the newsletter helps accomplish that purpose.

Information is furnished through various sources, and is only made available in this newsletter for your information. Information and comments contained in this newsletter is intended solely for the personal interest of the recipient and should not be considered as an endorsement. If you have an item you would like considered for publication, please send it to the MEARNG Retiree Council, Camp Keyes, Augusta, ME 04333

NOTE:

This newsletter and all previous issues of the newsletters can be found on the following web site: <http://www.me.ngb.army.mil/retire/>

****RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND****
****SERVICES****

Higher Limits Extended in VA Home Loan Program WASHINGTON (Dec. 29, 2005) - America's veterans and their families now have a greater chance to make their dreams of home ownership a reality, thanks to an increase in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) home loan guaranty limit.

Effective January 1, 2006, changes in the loan guaranty limits will mean veterans are able to get no-down payment loans up to \$417,000. The previous ceiling was \$359,650.

"For more than 60 years, VA has assisted our veterans to become home owners," said the Honorable R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "This increase is another example of our commitment to ensure VA benefits keep pace with the needs of our veterans in today's housing market."

The Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004 tied increases in the VA guaranty to increases in the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's conforming loan limit. When this limit increases, VA guaranty limits also go up, allowing VA to keep pace with rising home values.

VA-guaranteed home loans are made by banks and mortgage companies to veterans, service members and reservists. With VA guaranteeing a portion of the loan, veterans can receive a competitive interest rate without making a down payment, making it easier to buy a home.

PAY INCREASE FOR THE MILITARY RETIREES

A 4.1 pay increase is in store for most military retirees, as well as those individuals receiving Social Security, Survivor Benefit Plan annuities and veterans' disability compensation. The Cost of Living Adjustment is the largest since the 1991 increase of 5.4 percent.

The increases will first appear in January 2006 paychecks.

Newly retiring members will receive a somewhat smaller, partial COLA for the year of their retirement, because they already received a January military pay raise (which also raised their retired pay) during their retirement year.

Members retiring in 2005 will receive one of the corresponding COLAs below based on their year of entrance and date of retirement.

Members who entered service before Sept. 8, 1980, and who retired on or after Jan. 1, 2005, will receive a 3.4 percent COLA.

Members who entered service on or after Sept. 8, 1980 (whose retired pay is calculated on their highest 36 months' basic pay rather than final basic pay), and retired between Jan. 1, 2005, and Sept. 30, 2005, will receive a partial COLA based on the calendar quarter in which they retired.

Those retiring in the first quarter of calendar year 2005 will receive 3.4 percent; in the second quarter, 2.8 percent; and in the third quarter, 1.4 percent. Those who retire after Oct. 1, 2005 will see no COLA this year.

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February 9, 2006

INFORMATION PAPER

Agent Orange/Agent Purple

and

Canadian Forces Base Gagetown

1. Background Information:

a. Agent Orange was a mixture of chemicals containing equal amounts of the two active ingredients, 2, 4-D and 2,4,5-T. The name, "Agent Orange," came from the orange stripe on the 55-gallon drums in which it was stored. Other herbicides, including Agent Purple a less well known but more toxic agent, were also used in Vietnam, but to a much lesser extent.

Republic of Korea forces used small amounts of Agent Orange in 1968-69 in the area from the Civilian Control line to the southern boundary of the Demilitarized Zone. Since the initial

use of Agent Orange, significant studies and validation of effects on personnel have resulted in various national programs and assistance for affected veterans. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) currently maintains an active VA Agent Orange Registry and provides medical treatment or disability compensation to Vietnam veterans. In 2001, the program expanded to examinations of Korean veterans who served in Korea in 1968 and 1969 and may have been exposed to dioxin or other toxic substances while serving in the military. Additional information, fact sheets, and newsletters are available online at www.va.gov/agentorange or call the toll-free helpline at 1-800-749-8387.

b. In June of 2005, the Canadian Department of National Defense (DND) announced that for three days in June 1966 (14-16) and four days in June 1967 (21-24), testing of various defoliants, including Agent Orange and Agent Purple, took place over a limited portion of the Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Gagetown, New Brunswick. Additionally, according to the Canadian DND and the Canadian Forces (CF) website, "the testing was conducted under strictly controlled conditions, ensuring minimal spray drift, in an area of the base that was difficult to access," "the testing did not involve wide-spread spraying," and "these tests are the only known instances, based on available information, in which Agents Orange and Purple were sprayed at CFB Gagetown." According to the Canadian DND and the Canadian Forces, the testing area consisted of two small areas covering approximately 83 acres of the 180,000 plus acres of CFB Gagetown. Additional information is available at the Canadian DND/CF website:

(http://www.forces.gc.ca/site/newsroom/view_news_e.asp?id=1685).•2

2. What the State of Maine is doing for those who may have been exposed to Agent

Orange while training at CFB Gagetown:

a. The Maine National Guard and the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services take very

seriously the health and safety concerns of both present soldiers and our veterans. In that regard, on July 6, 2005 a link was established on the Maine National Guard internet website (<http://www.me.ngb.army.mil/Default.htm>) to provide updates regarding this issue as information became available. In addition, soldiers and veterans were afforded the opportunity to be added to a contact list of soldiers who trained at CFB Gagetown. Those without internet access could call the Bureau of Veteran's Services in Augusta, Maine at 207-626-4464 to obtain updates and manually register. b. The Director of Maine Veterans' Services met with The Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard, the Togus VA Medical Center Director, and the VA Regional Office Director in early July 2005 to determine the best way to move forward with providing information to Maine's veterans and to discuss the handling of potential claims for possible exposure to Agent Orange at CFB Gagetown. Both the Medical Center Director and the Regional Office Director have been very supportive in the development of this information paper and are just as concerned for the welfare of our veterans as we are.

c. The Director of Maine Veterans' Services wrote to Maine's Congressional Delegation in July 2005 informing them of the Agent Orange issue at CFB Gagetown and requesting their support in working with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assist Maine's National Guard members with any Agent Orange issues they may have.

d. The Director of Maine Veterans' Services wrote to the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs in October 2005 asking for clarification of how Maine National Guardsmen and women could get the AOR screening and file claims with the VA for Agent Orange issues. The results of this letter are: CFB Gagetown is on the approved DOD list of potential Agent Orange exposure areas; the VA will adjudicate claims for those illness that

are presumptively attributed to Agent Orange; and veterans, as defined by the VA, can receive an Agent Orange Registry examination if they so chose.

e. Maine Veterans' Services and the Maine National Guard are producing a map that will show the habitual training areas frequented by Maine National Guard units while training at CFB Gagetown. This map will be available for viewing at all Maine Army National Guard Armories and Maine Veterans' Services offices by April 15, 2006. A copy of this map will be provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office at Togus to assist in adjudicating claims for exposure to Agent Orange at CFB Gagetown.

f. This information paper will be made available to the individuals on the contact list, veteran's organizations in Maine, Maine National Guard Armories, local media outlets, and the other states whose National Guard and Reserve soldiers trained at CFB Gagetown. •3

3. Agent Orange Registry:

a. In order for individuals to be eligible for the Agent Orange Registry (AOR), they must first have veteran status. National Guard personnel can qualify as veterans by:

(1) having been called to active duty by presidential order and having completed the full period of time they were called to active duty;
(2) having a prior active duty period; or
(3) having a VA adjudicated service-connected condition or disability. National Guard personnel who were on active duty for training (ADT) only are not eligible for the AOR examination unless they have a VA adjudicated service-connected disability or condition.

b. If you are veteran who has had exposure to Agent Orange, you are eligible for a free Agent Orange Registry examination. Veterans who participate in the registry program are asked a series of questions about their possible exposure to herbicides. A medical history is taken, a physical examination is performed, and a series of basic laboratory tests, such as a

chest x-ray (if appropriate), urinalysis, and blood tests are done. If the examining physician thinks it is medically indicated, consultations with other physicians are scheduled.

c. Results of the examinations, including a review of military service and exposure history, are entered into special, computerized databases called registries. These databases assist the VA in analyzing the types of health conditions being reported by veterans. Registry participants are advised of the results of their examinations in personal consultations. Veterans wishing to participate should contact the nearest VA health care facility for an examination. Additionally, the VA has established an Agent Orange Helpline at 1-800-749-8387. As with the Korean veterans (1968-1969), the VA currently will only provide Agent Orange Registry examinations to those veterans who were in CFB Gagetown during 1966-1967 and are exhibiting symptoms of one of the Agent Orange presumptive illnesses.

d. National Guard personnel who served in Vietnam and CFB Gagetown and have not participated in the Agent Orange Registry examination should request the examination for their Vietnam service as this provides a broader period of eligibility and the presumption of exposure to Agent Orange.

4. Filing a claim with the VA for exposure to Agent Orange:

a. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) currently offers service-connected compensation for certain diseases believed to be associated with Agent Orange exposure. The following conditions are now presumptively recognized for service-connection for Vietnam veterans and other veterans based on exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides: chloracne (a skin disorder); porphyria cutanea tarda, acute or subacute; transient peripheral neuropathy (a nerve disorder); Type 2 diabetes; non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; chronic lymphocytic leukemia; soft tissue sarcoma; Hodgkin's disease; multiple

myeloma; prostate cancer; and respiratory cancers (including cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus). In addition, Vietnam veterans' children with the birth defect spina bifida are eligible for certain benefits and services. Spina bifida benefits are also provided to the children of veterans who served at or near the Korean DMZ from April 1968 to July 1969.

In 1999, the VA announced that statutory authority would be sought for similar benefits and services for children with birth defects who were born to women Vietnam veterans.

b. If an individual who trained in CFB Gagetown suffers from one of the above presumptive illnesses attributed to Agent Orange, he/she should file a claim with the VA. A veteran who served in Vietnam (boots on the ground) is presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange because of the large volume and the widespread use of Agent Orange in Vietnam. Individuals who trained at CFB Gagetown will not have the same presumption of exposure given to Vietnam Veterans due to the limited use of Agent Orange at CFB Gagetown. National Guardsmen and women will have to provide credible evidence that they were in Gagetown and in the area where Agent Orange was used.

Surviving spouses and/or children of National Guard members who trained at CFB Gagetown and died of one of the presumptive illnesses can also file a claim with the VA.

c. Current and former Maine National Guard members can get copies of their orders showing duty at CFB Gagetown from the Maine National Guard Records Holding Facility at Camp Keyes. We recommend that anyone having a computer request their records by email at the following address:

RECORDS@ME.NGB.ARMY.MIL. The subject line should

include: CFB Gagetown Records. All requests will require the completion and submission of the Maine National Guard Request For Information Disclosure Form

prior to the information being released. The form can be mailed or faxed to Camp Keyes. The request should be processed within 30 days of receipt depending on the volume of requests for records.

5. Where to get help in filing a claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs or information on Agent Orange/Agent Purple:

a. Maine Veterans' Services (MVS): MVS has offices in seven locations throughout the state staffed by Veterans Advocates that are familiar with Agent Orange issues and are ready to assist Maine's National Guard member's with claims assistance.

- (1) Bangor (207) 941-3005
- (2) Caribou (207) 492-1173
- (3) Lewiston (207) 783-5306
- (4) Machias (207) 255-3306
- (5) Springvale (207) 324-1839
- (6) Waterville (207) 872-7846
- (7) Togus (207) 623-5732

b. Veteran Service Organizations: The following service organizations have service officers familiar with Agent Orange issues and are ready to assist in the claims process.

- (1) American Legion (207) 623-5726 Togus Office
- (2) Disabled American Veterans (207) 623-5725 Togus Office
- (3) Veterans of Foreign Wars (207) 623-5723 Togus Office

c. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): A veteran can get an Agent Orange Registry examination by calling the VA 1-877-421-8263, ext 4733. If the veteran wishes to file a claim with the VA themselves they can do that by visiting the VA website: <http://www1.va.gov/agentorange/> or calling 1-800-827-1000. The VA stands ready to assist any veteran who wishes to file a claim for service-connected injuries/illnesses.

6. VA Health Care for exposure to Agent Orange:
a. The VA provides treatment to any veteran who, while serving in Vietnam or other approved areas, may have been exposed to dioxin or to a toxic substance in a herbicide or

defoliant used for military purposes, for conditions related to such exposure.

b. There are some restrictions. VA cannot provide such care for (1) a disability which VA determines did not result from exposure to Agent Orange, or (2) a disease which the National Academy of Sciences has determined that there is "limited/suggestive" evidence of no association between occurrence of the disease and exposure to a herbicide agent.

7. Future updates: There has been much speculation about other spraying periods of Agent Orange and/or other dioxins at CFB Gagetown. As new and substantiated information becomes available we will update the information on our websites and provide that information to the individuals on our contact list.

8. Questions concerning this information paper should be directed to the undersigned at (207) 626-4464.

Peter W. Ogden
Director

Enclosure: Maine National Guard Request For Information Disclosure*6

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE,
VETERANS AND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

Military Bureau

JFHQ Maine National Guard

Camp Keyes, Augusta, Maine 04333-0033

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING

INFORMATION SO THAT WE MAY

FACILITATE

PROCESSING YOUR REQUEST:

LAST NAME: _____

_____ FIRST

NAME: _____ MI: _____

SSN: _____ SVC#: _____

_____ DOB: _____

DISCHARGE DATE: _____ RANK: _____

_____ PHONE#: _____

UNIT: _____

_____ REQUEST

ORS NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

INFORMATION NEEDED: DD214 _____

NGB FM22 _____ NGBFM23 _____

MEDICAL RECORDS _____

IMMUNIZATIONS _____

OTHER:

THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED FOR:

"THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 (5 USC 552a)

REQUIRES THAT WE OBTAIN YOUR

WRITTEN

CONSENT PRIOR TO DISCLOSURE OF THE

REQUESTED INFORMATION"

I CONSENT TO THE REQUESTED

DISCLOSURE:

(YOUR SIGNATURE /DATE REQUIRED HERE)

***DO NOT FILL OUT BELOW THIS

LINE-OFFICE USE ONLY***

REQUEST FILLED ON: DATE:

_____ BY: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

DEPT OF DEFENSE,

VETERANS AND EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT

Military Bureau, ATTN: HELPDESK ME

JFHQ MENG

Camp Keyes, Augusta, Maine 04333-0033

CONTACT INFORMATION:

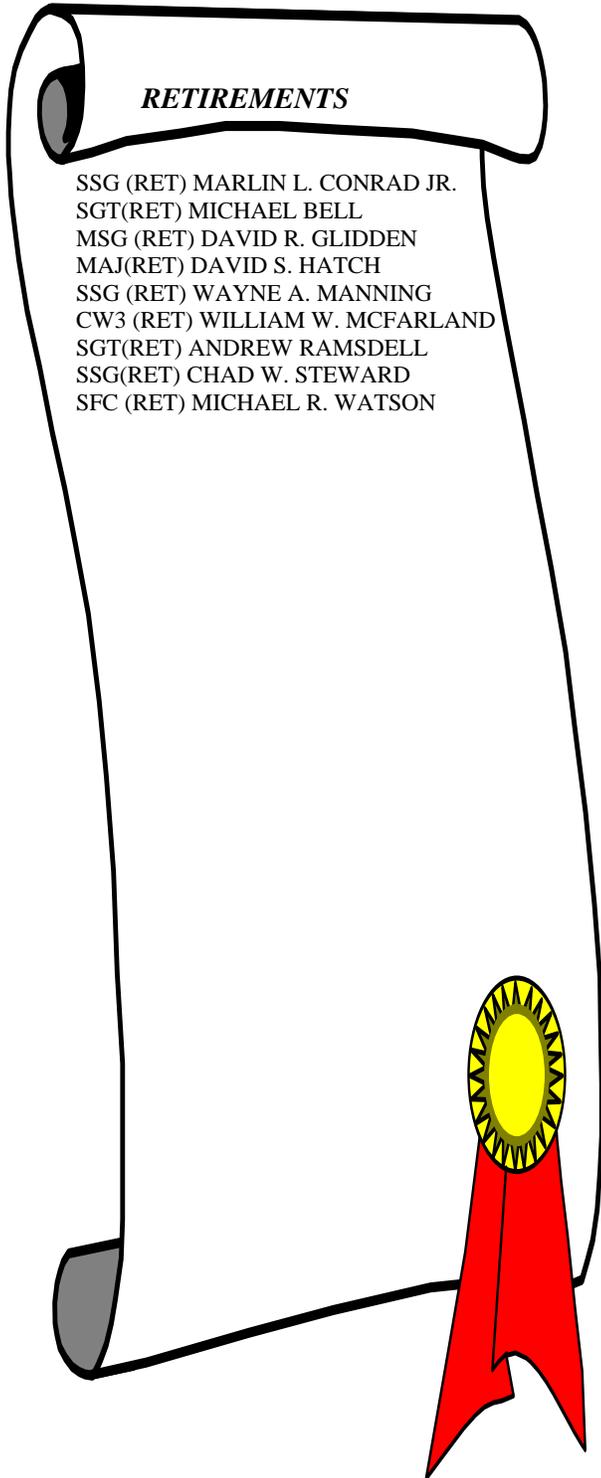
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EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE

****TRANSITIONS****



RETIREMENTS

SSG (RET) MARLIN L. CONRAD JR.
SGT(RET) MICHAEL BELL
MSG (RET) DAVID R. GLIDDEN
MAJ(RET) DAVID S. HATCH
SSG (RET) WAYNE A. MANNING
CW3 (RET) WILLIAM W. MCFARLAND
SGT(RET) ANDREW RAMSDELL
SSG(RET) CHAD W. STEWARD
SFC (RET) MICHAEL R. WATSON

*(**Any names that are not on this list, was not done intentionally, please advise.)*



TAPS

**MSG EDWARD FLAHERTY 11
SGT BRYANT JAMES PROSSER**

CWO EUGENE C SMITH

It is suggested that the Headquarters at Camp Keyes, Augusta, Maine be made aware of a deceased retiree. Upon receiving notification, word will be disseminated to Staff and Units of the Maine Army National Guard. This will enable any active guard member who may have served with the retiree to pay their condolences. Person to call is the Chief of Staff at 626-4280,



We will never forget

Volunteers welcome in helping to conduct Military Funeral Honors

The POC is:
Mr. Frank R. Norwood, MSG (Ret)
Military Funeral Honors Coordinator
1-800-958-5967
207-626-7822/7805

Since October 2004, the Maine Military Funeral Honor Program has performed 482 Military Funerals. According to the Maine Veteran's Administration, Maine will lose 3800 Veterans (all branches) per year through the year 2010 with an estimated one third being Army Veterans. Retirees are welcome to participate in providing Military Funeral Honors (MFH) for Maine's Army Veterans. The rendering of Military Funeral Honors is a way to show our Nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country. Funds are available to compensate certain categories of retirees and buglers. Retirees, in class A uniform

will receive a per day stipend, (whether training or performing MFH), plus mileage and other authorized expenses. To perform MFH you will need to train with the current members of the MFH team. This could be training in a class room environment or actually watching funerals in progress. **I will not put you on the spot.** You will not be asked to present a flag to a next of kin until you are comfortable with the various tasks required of a MFH provider.

MISCELLANEOUS

SFC USA (RET) LARRY DEARBORN's next fund raising drive is to raise \$1000.00 to support the Guard Youth Camp. He is still selling Patriotic Umbrella's for \$10.00 . all profits will go to the Youth Camp. He is also giving the yellow magnetic support the troops stick on with the umbrella's.

The Maine National Guard Youth Camp is designed to help children of military families understand the important role they play as a military child. These kids have unique challenges that other children do not - their parent serves in the Maine National Guard and often has to leave the home for deployments. For this purpose, the Family Program started a youth camp at Bog Brook in 2000! The kids rappel, go out on Bivouac, use military equipment, kayak, do teambuilding and much more. They get to be a kid and have fun, while at the same time meet other kids like them. The families pay a small admission fee to attend camp, but to keep it affordable, we continue to look for donations. If you are interested in contributing to this awesome cause, please send checks to: MENG Youth Camp Fund, DVEM, Attn: Family Program Office, State House Station #33, Augusta, ME 04333-0333.

How to request the Maine Select Honor Guard. Request Letter should be sent to: Maine Army National Guard, Bldg 7 ATTN:

Military Support Officer, Camp Keyes, Augusta, Me 04333. Letter should contain the requesting organization, the event support being requested for, the date and time, location of the event, phone and address and if available the e-mail of the POC. MSSHG does not perform on July 4th or participate in funerals. If possible requests should be received 3-4 months prior to event.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

Annual meeting of the Maine Military Historical Society

Friday evening 27 October 2006 at the Senator Inn, Augusta. A GREAT Navy theme

FRI contact Albert J White Jr 442-8734 or

Ajwhite@gwi.net

MeARNG Retiree Council Meeting Dates for2006:

The Council meets on Tuesdays at 0900 in the TAG conference room, Camp Keyes, Augusta. Any retiree or non-retiree is welcome to attend. Satellite teleconferencing is now available to the areas in Bangor, Aroostook County and soon to be Portland. This will eliminate travel and time for those interested in attending the council meetings.

DATE DAY

February 14 2006	Tuesday
April 11	Tuesday
June 13	Tuesday
August 15	Tuesday
October 17	Tuesday
December 12, 2006	Tuesday

*All meetings at 0900 hours – TAG conference room
Al White, Chairman*

Maine Army Retiree Council Meetings – Calendar Year 2005:

(Not to be confused with the MEARNG Retiree Council. This council is for all branches of service in Maine).

The Maine Army Retiree Council conducts meetings, at various times, which imparts information of interest to all military retirees. Retirees of all military services, and their spouses, are invited and encouraged to attend. Scheduled meetings for 2004 are as follows:

- 07 Apr 06, 1930 hrs, Air National Guard Base, 514 Mainiac Ave., Bangor, Me 04401
 - 09 Jun 06, 1930 hrs, Post #31 American Legion Post, Washington St., Auburn, Me 04210
 - 10 Aug 06, 1930 hrs, Maine Veterans Home, Scarborough, Me 04074
- 134 Oct 06, 1930 hrs, Post #40, American Legion Post, Winthrop, Me 04364

For additional information relative to these meetings, contact either of the following individuals:

- LTC William Allenack, USA (Ret) 998-3518, PO Box 52, West Poland, Me 04291
- CSM Edward L. Davis, AUS (Ret) (207) 469-7918, PO Box 50, East Orland, Me 04431
- CSM Estol R. "Mac" McClintock, USA (Ret), (207) 683-6121, 59 Huff Corner road, Wellington, Me 04942-8709
- SFC Harold L. Ware, AUS (Ret) (207) 642-2757, 110 Fort hill Road, Standish, Me 04084

Maine Military Historical Society Board of Directors and annual meeting dates:

Board meetings are held in the TAG conference room Camp Keyes at 1700 hours
11 Jan 06, 15 Mar 06, 17 May 06, 12 Jul 06, 13 Sept 06, 8 Nov 06. Annual meeting 27 October 06

****FOR YOUR INFORMATION****

VA adds nearly 2 million records to online gravesite locator.

Check it out <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>

A great deal of info on following site for disabled veterans

<http://www.vba.va.gov/survivors/>

The Jan-Apr 2006 Army Echoes is online, sign up now to get the Echos on line and stop the paper one delivered to your [home](http://home.www.armyg1.mil/rso/echos.asp). [www.armyg1.mil/rso/echos.asp](http://home.www.armyg1.mil/rso/echos.asp)

For update info on our deployed troops go to <http://www.me.ngb.army.mil/family/default.htm>

What a great site above to keep informed! Put it on your favorites.

MAINE VETERAN'S CEMETERY INFO

Do you plan to be buried at the Maine Veterans' Cemetery? If so, here is information you might need.

The Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System consists of three cemeteries. The three cemeteries are contemporary parks of memorial design, with all grave markers placed flush with the ground level. By law, the State of Maine holds title to all grave lots. The State will, without charge, open and close the grave for burial, and furnish perpetual care. The web site is <http://www.mainebvs.org/mvmc.htm>.

Civic Center Drive (Rt ME-8), Augusta
(Now referred to as the "Old Veterans' Cemetery")

(Full - only remaining spaces are those reserved for spouses of currently-buried)

GATES OPEN: Sunday - Saturday (24-hours a day)

(In event of a predicted snow storm, gates will close the evening before and possibly the day after for snow removal.)

BURIAL HOURS: Monday 10:00 ; 11:00 ; 12:00 ; 13:00

Tuesday - Friday 08:00 ; 09:00 ; 10:00 ; 11:00 ; 12:00 ; 13:00

Mt. Vernon Rd, Augusta

(Commonly referred to as the "New Veterans Cemetery")

GATES OPEN:

Sunday - Saturday (24-hours a day)
(In event of a predicted snow storm, gates will close the evening before and possibly the day after for snow removal.)

BURIAL HOURS: Monday 10:00 ; 11:00 ; 12:00 ; 13:00

Tuesday - Friday 08:00 ; 09:00 ; 10:00 ; 11:00 ; 12:00 ; 13:00

Northern Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Caribou

GATES OPEN: Monday - Friday 07:30. - 16:00 p.m.

BURIAL HOURS: Monday - Friday 08:00 ; 09:00 ; 10:00 ; 11:00 ; 12:00 ; 13:00

(Winter burials will be conducted only for above-ground niches. Full-size and earth burials will not be scheduled during the winter months.)

Contact Information:

David Richmond, Superintendent Cemetery System
Glenda Knowlan, Office Manager Cemetery System
Eligibility & Burial Coordinator: Candice Blanchette

Mailing Address:

Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery
163 Mt. Vernon Road
Augusta ME 04330-7721

207.287.3481 Fax: 207.287.3483

Email: mvmcs@maine.gov

Northern Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery
37 Lombard Road
Caribou ME 04736-4156

207.492.1173 Fax: 207.492.1175

Email: mvmcs@maine.gov

Eligibility & Burial Coordinator: Heather Curry

MAJOR UNIT DEPLOYMENTS

*240TH ENGR GP 81 TROOPS TO AFGHANISTAN
COMPANY B 3RD BN 177 TROOPS TO IRAQ
DET 2, G/126 AVN 5 TROOPS TO IRAQ
SECFOR11 80 MAINE TROOSP TO IRAQ*

*****FEEDBACK*****

It would appear from comments of our 1400 readers the info contained in the newsletters is useful and serves to keep you in the MeARNG loop

*****Retiree E-Mail Addresses*****

Listed below are e-mail addresses of some of our retirees. This is a way of keeping in touch, providing upcoming events and news of interest between regular issues of the newsletters. If you would like to have your e-mail address included in this list, contact one of your Retiree Counselors.



If you change your e-mail address you will need to provide me with the change. An incorrect e-mail address can affect my distribution group for sending out e-mails. One bad address can affect the entire group. This is also a way of keeping you informed of deaths, legislative issues, family support, etc.

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 33 State House Station
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179 Western Avenue
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Family Assistance Center Volunteer Fact Sheet

Wanted: Volunteers to assist families of deployed soldiers. All of us have interests/skills we are good at and want to share with others. If you want to help our soldier's families please take a minute and complete this form. With winter fast approaching the FAC would appreciate your offer to support our families in need.

Volunteer Information:

The Family Assistance Center

Closest To You

Name: _____

____ **Augusta**

Address: _____

____ **Portland**

Phone: Home: _____

____ **Bangor**

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Organization If Applicable: _____

Skills/Interests to share:

- ____ **Clerical**
- ____ **Notary Public**
- ____ **Yard Work**
- ____ **Electrician**
- ____ **Plumber**
- ____ **Gen Home Maint/Repair**
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- ____ **Heating/Furnace Issues**
- ____ **Run Errands**
- ____ **Provide Transportation**
- ____ **Make Phone Calls**

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- ____ **Provide Refreshments**
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- ____ **Plowing/Shoveling Snow**
- ____ **Lawyer or Legal help**
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- ____ **Computer Skills**
- ____ **Support Events/Activities**
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