



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
PUBLISHED BY THE MEARNNG RETIREE COUNCIL

- COMMENTARY 1
- RETIREMENT BENEFITS & SERVICES 2
- TRANSITIONS 2
- TAPS 3
- MISCELLANEOUS 3-4
- UPCOMING EVENTS 3-4
- RETIREE E-MAIL ADDRESSES 4-7
- PICKING FROM THE GRNPE VINES 8
- * MeNG DEPLOYMWT.....22
- RAD POSTER.....11



NOTE:

This newsletter and all previous issues of the newsletters can be found on the following web site: this is a new change for retiree page

<http://www.me.ngb.army.mil/resource/s/retiree/newsletters/>

We are continuing to update our mailing list to include all MEARNNG 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 . If you do not wish to continue receiving the newsletter, contact a council member

Continuation of Newsletter

COMMENTARY This is the forty-fourth 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 MEARNNG Retiree Council

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

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

Shop on line at military exchanges: aafes.com or usma-mccs.org or ornavy-nex.com or cg-exchange.com

Pickings from the grape vine. or odds and ends SEE PAGE 8.

If you want to be informed of events in a timely manner please send me your e-mail address. Once you do that please keep me informed of any e-mail changes.

albertwhite36@comcast.net

****TRANSITIONS****

RETIREMENTS

SGT JAMES W BERGERON
SGT DANIEL H PARKER
SSG CHRISTOPHER ARMSTRONG
SPC RICHARD S SMITH
SSG LUCAS A HEALTH
SFC ALTON F SINCLAIR 111
SPC LISA A KONOPKA
SPC BRIAN J MOODY
SPC GLENN E COLE
SGT THOMAS J BURGESS JR
SPC BRAD T BOWDEN
SGT HENRY C CHANEY 111
SGT KYLE S CARMICHAEL
SSG RANDELL S JONES
SSG TIMOTHY M SMITH
SPC HAROLD L COKAYNE
SSG RANDALL I RICHARDS
SFC ANDREW S MAINS
SGT GEORGE F DREISCH
SGT DONNA L RADOVICH
SSG MARLON P WEAVER
SFC DAVID I HANSON
MSG STEPHEN S SOUCY 111
SPC JEFFERY L GOLDRUP
SSG DAVID R ROBERGE
CSM PETER A BARRETT
SGT KENT D DEMERCHANT
SST JOSEPH G NOTT
SSG DANNY A CHURCHILL
2012 RETIREES
SGT PAUL A MANN
SPC RUSSELL R GREEN
SFC WAYNE C KING
SPC WILLIAM O PULLIAM JR
SGT EDMOND R PERRY
SSG GARY F JANDREAU
MSG RICHARD R DUNCAN
SSG SCOTT G ST PETER
SFC TERRY C SPRAGUE

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



TAPS

- SGT RONALD GENE GLOVER
- COL SHELDON R. LYONS
- SGT DAVID C SAMPSON
- SFC RODERICK SAVAGE
- SGM DONALD L WILSON

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 Directorate of Personnel at 207-626-4536



We will never forget

MISCELLANEOUS

WEB SITES YOU NEED TO HAVE

FOR INFO ON MEARNG RETIREES TO INCLUDE NEWSLETTERS go TO:
www.me.ngb.army.mil/resources/retiree/ then click on archives newsletters under the related links in the sidebar.

For National Guard Association of Maine "NGAME go to: <http://www.ngame.us/>

For Maine Army National Guard go to: <http://www.me.ngb.army.mil/default.htm>

For Maine National Guard Family Assistance go to:
<http://www.me.ngb.army.mil/family/default.htm>

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

MeARNG Retiree Council Meeting Dates for 2011/2012

The Council meets on Tuesdays at 0900 in the USP&FO conference room, Camp Keyes, Augusta. Any retiree or non-retiree is welcome to attend.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>
April 10 2012	Tuesday
June 12 2012	Tuesday
August 14 2012	Tuesday
October 9 2012	Tuesday

All meetings at 0900 hours – USP&FO conference room

Jim Laflin, Chairman

Maine Army Retiree Council Meetings – Calendar Year 2011:

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

The Maine Army Retiree Council has not schedule any meetings for 2011. members are listed below

- 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:

The Society is looking for additional board members. If you are interested contact the Society chairman David Goggins at 626-4437 All members or friends are welcome to attend board meetings. 2012 Board dates are: 10 Jan 1012; 14 Mar in conjunction with a volunteer day; 9 May in conjunction with a volunteer day; 12 June; 13 Sep, 10 Oct and 14 Nov all in conjunction with a volunteer day

Annual meeting is planned for October 2012
A heritage tour is planned for 18 August 2012. SEE PAGES 19&20.

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 al white at albertwhite36@comcast.net

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.

Adams, Earl, MG adamsearl@roadrunner.com
Adams Larry 1SG ladams73@maine.rr.com
Anderson Joseph F SFC janderson@pwless.net

Armstrong, Read, CW4 – readparmstrong@yahoo.com
Amoroso, Francis (Frank) J, COL – guardmel@myfairpoint.net
Ash, George, SGT - gla1956@yahoo.com
Ashmore, John H MSG jashmorekb1pxp@hughes.net
Atkins Ernest D. Jr, SGM. - MILRETSGM@aol.com
Azzarello, Leonard S., SSG - the chip3@maine.rr.com
Barker Eveleigh CW4 eal757@metrocast.net
Barron, Mike, SSG - ma1fcs@hotmail.com
Barry, Bruce M., LTC – barrybm@msn.com
Barstow Richard O SSG- abnormalbarstow@yahoo.com
Beauchense.Sandra MS
Sandra.beauchense@usarec.army.mil
Beaudion,Ricahrs Maj—rickbeaudoin@maine.rr.com
Beaule, Donald, SFC – dlbeaule@msn.com
Benedetto, Joe, 1SG – jjbenedetto@gmail.com
Bennett, Eldon A., SFC - elben@pioneercable.net
Bennet,Ronald SSG-ronald_benron8@roadrunner.com
Benson, Donald, 1SG – dabenson@myfairpoint.net
Birmingham, Kerry, SGM –khbrimingham@yahoo.com
Bishop, Wayne, MSG - carwaybis@aol.com
Blaine, Bill, whb001@earthlink.net
Blair, David, COL - dhblair@watervillesd.com
Bradford,Ron SSG brad4110815@yahoo.com
Bragdon Mark CW4 markbragdon@gmail.com
Bonenfant Lloyd SSG lbonenfant@roadrunner.com
Boudreau, Herman J., CSM - trooperhjboudreau@yahoo.com
Bosse Rachel SSG rachel.bosse@us.army.mil
Christopher Bowers CW5 – bbcowers@aol.com

RETIREE NEWSLETTER

Bragg Kenneth CPL youebrotherken2006@yahoo.com
Braley, Gary, CW4 – gabraley@midmaine.com
Breault Tom tom.breault@martinspoint.org
Breton,Ronald R MSG bretonfam@gmail.com

Buck Gary f. 1SG twobucksll@gmail.com
Burnett, Mark, MSG – mapo57@aol.com
Burgess,Mark SSG- n1jzv@midmaine.com
Burpee, Larry – SFC LBURPEE@roadrunner.com
Burnie,Charles W 1SG cburnie@mainw.rr.com
Scott Burrill SFC slburrill@roadrunner.com
Butera JosephL111- jcb246@aol.com
Campbell Richard C SFC rcampbell29@maine.rr.com
Cannon, John M. 1SG – shermanmaine@yahoo.com
Charmichael Kyle kkc@ainop.com
Childs David SFC mdchilds@roadrunner.com

Cloney, Philip G 1SG philcloney@myfairpoint.net
Coltart Richard J. LTC - Auracolts@webtv.net
Comeau, James, CW5 – jimcomeau@yahoo.com
Comeau Michelle SGT outdrmickey@roadrunner.com
Corr, Patrick, SFC – patrick_corr@msn.com
Cross,John R SFC – j_r_cross47@yahoo.com
Coulombe,Kenneth SFC Kenneth_coulombe@hotmail.com
Om

Cutts Priscilla Col pjcutts@att.net
Cotta, Harvey D., CW4 - hdcotta@pivot.net
Cotton, Robert G CW3—rcotton@myfairpoint.net
Cowing Joe E 2LT jjwcowing@myfairpoint.net
Cox,Allyson SGM allysonjcox@gmail.com
Cowperthwaite, Dwight, 1SG -
dwight.cowperthwaite@maine.edu
Crochere, Norman W., SFC – ncpop1956@aol.com
Danforth, Willie, SSG – willdol60@roadrunner.com
Deans, Leroy, 1SG - leroydeans@midmaine.com
Deschane, Henry, 1SG - hjdeshane@hotmail.com
Devine, Wayne, CW4 – wpdevine@myfairpoint.net
Donnelly, Carl, MSG - craftysport@adelphia.net
Donovan, William R., CW3 – woodduckme@yahoo.com
Dow, Richard C., COL – rcdow@maine.rr.com
Dubord, Rosaire, SFC – gmcpkup@cs.com
Dubord, Maurice, SFC – FordMan1945@aol.com
dubord William col wdubord@mardendubord.com
Duehring, David LTC duehring@gwi.net
Duffy, Dick, COL – mengcold1@adelphia.net
Dumas Francis Jr SSG dumasmcb12@gmail.com
Dummond Gary CW4 - waedenpiloy@fairpoint.net
Dyer, Rita, SSG – puzzlemaniac@yahoo.com
Dunlavy William SFC whd34@msn.com
Easterbrook Barry SFC barry3175@pwless.net
Fate Michelle SGT michelle.fate@gmail.com
Ferris,William F. SFC BillMar1981@aol.com
Fecteau John D., SFC – john.fecteau@gmail.com
Fields, Scott, COL - sfields@maine.rr.com
Footer, Joseph, CPT -

snakedriver04@yahoo.com
Foster, Lawrence F. Jr., MAJ – LFFJR4200@aol.com
Freeman, David, 1SG – dfreeman@maine.rr.com
Fuller, Vivian, SSG – fuller4902@myfairpoint.net
Furrow, David R. SSG—hollyfprays4you@yahoo.com
Gammon, Edgar E., LTC genega@verizon.net
Gauthier, Robert D. - rdg453@aol.com
Genz,G.Neal CSM neal.genz@gmail.com
Gerard, Milton, CSM - miltgerard@gmail.com
Giguere William D. COL group06@aol.com
Gilbert, Mark, COL - mgilbert39@cfl.rr.com
Gilbert Paul SGM pejgilbert@live.com
Gilbert, Richard, SFC snowbrd1@cftl.rr.com
Glidden David MSG- pgdg@roadrunner.com
Goodheart Daniel Daniel.Goodheart@us.army.mil.
Googins David B MSG -dabrugeo@earthlink.net
Graffam James D. jamesgraiffin@leeacademy.org
Gray, Boyd R., Jr., COL - whaler@prexar.com
Gray, Leslie, 1SG – bassgray@aol.com
Grass, Nathan, BG – ngrass@maine.rr.com
Gravelle, Raymond, SFC myhistory42@gmail.com
Graves Richard CSM dick.graves58@yahoo.com

Grimard, Ronald L., SFC – rgrimard@gwi.net
Grimm,Clayton SFC- Clayton.grimm2@gmail.com
Grinnell Donald Col - grinnell@fairpoint.net
Guyton,John E. SPC hawki3@hotmail.com
Haley, Dan, COL – danielthaleyjr@gmail.com
Hall Bill bill.hall@martinspoint.org
Hall Robert SFC rhall1@maine.rr.com
Hall, Steve MSG hallsj63@hotmail.com
Hallee Eugene R MSG eclipse31@myfairpoint.net

Hanson, Peter, MSG pvhan@roadrunner.com
Harmon Dennis SSG—dpharm2@gmail.com
Harris, Robert Jr. –Col harrishaven19@roadrunner.com
Haskell, Michael A SSG mhaskell@nli.net
Hawkes. Paul pwhawkes40@yahoo.com
Higgins, Robert F., SGM – sgtbob@midmaine.com
Horsman,Susan MAJ- horsmansb@adelphia.net
Howland, Peter, SFC –petehowland47@gmail.com
Huff, Richard E TSGT ickyh1@hotmail.com
Hughes Michael 1ST SGT micharl.hughes1@us.army.mil
Hutchins, LeeAnne, SSG - allofus@lincoln-midcoast.com
Ireland Bruce CW4 irelandb7@gmail.com
Jacques,Andre SGT- cote_2001@yahoo.com
Jandreau, Lincoln, SSG – fkbbarbershop@hotmail.com
Jodrey, Francis SFC bjodrey@yahoo.com
Johnson,Peter COL-shussking@yahoo.com
Kennedy Galen J Jr 1SG suesonk@yahoo.com
Kieltyka Wes 1SG wkieltyka@gwi.net
Kinney, Sumner, SFC – icanrent@kinneyrentals.com
Knight, Richmond, LTC – captnmidnight@aol.com
Knowles, Terry, CSM - mawtrk@wildblue.net
Kus Thomas CW5 luckypar@mainelywired.net

Labombard Scott SGT slabombard@hotmail.com
 Lachance, Geoff, CW2 – gllach@me.com
 Laflin, Donald, COL – ddbl_1@yahoo.com
 Laflin, James, LTC – jllaflin@roadrunner.com
 Lajoie Donald Col lajoie@metrocast.net
 Lunney Dennis Col dslunney@embarqmail.com
 Macpherson Willis Cpt
 wamacpherson@gmail.com
 McCray Michael SSG michaelmccray47@yahoo.com
 McFarland William LTC billmcfarland@fairpoint.net
 Merrifield, Justin bluejay2111962@yahoo.com
 Michaud Joel LTC michaudi@roadrunner.com
 Momeau Michael MSG mmorneaud@aol.com
 Morin Richard CPT rimorin@roadrunner.com
 Murphy Jim SSG jmurfie@gmail.com
 Murray Joseph SSG jsmurray@fairpoint.net
 Nault, Raymond C. MSG – msgret@cfl.rr.com
 Nichols David M CSM david.m.nichols@us.army.mil
 Nichols, Donald E., BG – den7807@roadrunner.com
 Nichols, Robert, 1SG – 1sg152top@aol.com
 Noel, Lorraine – memereain@myfairpoint.net
 Norton John L. Jr. SFC – jnorton11@maine.rr.com
 Frank Norwood MSG Frank.norwood1@us.army.mil
 Cedric Novy LTC cednovy@aol.com
 Oak, Earl, 1SG – eoak2@roadrunner.com
 Ogden, Adam MAJ---aogden@gwi.net
 Ogden, Peter W., ITC peter.w.ogden@maine.gov
 O'Clair Roger CPT -- Rrotrax2@aol.com
 O'Hara L. Michael SPC onnac@pioneercable.net
 O'Hara Mary civ mary.omara@us.army.mil
 SG Nick Orr nickdawn22@comcast.net
 Otstott Ellen SGT Shadluck25@aol.com
 Owen, Gary, SFC – garyowen@roadrunner.com
 Paiment, Dick SSG---paiementp@aol.com
 Parlin Eric SFC hunter19642002@yahoo.com
 Paul Lester SFC fish1@gwi.net
 Pelletier Donald 1SG hernelle@roadrunner.com
 Pelletier, Gilman R., LTC –
 gmpelletier@roadrunner.com
 Pelletier, Jerry CW3 - Jerrypellet@aol.com
 Peterson Jeff CW4 petersonjg3@msn.com
 Perkins, Allen, 1SG – alsan19420@hotmail.com
 Perry, William Col- perry8574@roadrunner.com
 Picard Glen SSG- glenpi@myfairpoint.net
 Pike, Arthur, CW4 – cntypike@roadrunner.com
 Pippin, Franklin I SSG dfpippin@roadrunner.com
 Pottle, Leonard F Maj lpottpe@verizon.net
 Preble, David, SGT – Preble@adelphia.net
 Quirion Arlene V SSG meandblu@roadrunner.com
 Race, Byron A., LTC - majmoose@yahoo.com
 Raymond, Ed, SFC - Raymoundeddy1@aol.com
 Ricker, Arnold, MSG –
 Rioux Clinton SFC vcr46@fairpoint.net
 Rivers Wayne LTC riversw14@msn.com

Rogers, Peter Maj Pjrogers1@hotmail.com
 Roy, Donald SFC droy24@roadrunner.com
 Roy, Frank, SFC – roy1967@fairpoint.net
 Roy, Irvin, CW4 – roy1934@roadrunner.com
 Roy Louis SFC – lprdmr71@hotmail.com
 Roy Romeo SSG sunflower5356@gmail.com
 Russell Christian R SFC crkrussell@myfairpoint.net
 Sabins Robert SPC bob_sabins@hotmail.com
 Scribner, Carroll G., LTC – scrib3540@comcast.net
 Seigars, James SSG jimsauto@gwi.net
 Small Clif CW4 jsmall02@maine.rr.com
 Gregory Small greg.small@us.army.mil
 Smith, Karl maj jcanniff@mac.com
 Smith Craig SSG welder@maineline.net
 Smyth James SFC jsmyth152@aol.com
 Soares, Frank, LTC- crossbowme@pivot.net
 Soucy, Gerald, SFC – geraldsoocy@roadrunner.com
 Soule, Dean, SFC – deanovet@hotmail.com
 Soule, Richard, MSG – dickcarso32@yahoo.com
 Sowers, Dave, MAJ – davidsowers49@yahoo.com
 Stanchfield, Wilma, SFC wstanchfield@roadrunner.com
 Stairs Terry SSG terry_stairs@hermon.net
 Stanhope Edward CW4 STANHOPERT@aol.com
 Stearns, Donald CW4 stearnsdd@gwi.net
 Stickney, Harry J., CSM – harry.stickney@gmail.com
 Stilphen, Wayne SFC – stilphan74@gmail.com
 Sullivan, Dorothy A. 1SG das_llion@hotmail.com
 Stultz Mick 1SG mickstultz@yahoo.com
 St. Pierre Scott P. SGT elaineandscott@gmail.com
 Tanguary Eugene CW4 pmart1@roadrunner.com
 St. Peter, Timothy A., SPC – tspasp@ainop.com
 Tamburo, Al, SSG – gatamburo20@midmaine.com
 Tarpay John SFC enj4436@myottmail.com
 Taylor, Paul N., SFC - pollentaylor@yahoo.com
 Taylor, Scott, LTC – Taylorcst@aol.com
 Tenney, Brian, SSG – seascamom@hotmail.com
 Theriault Reynold LTC rtheriault13@roadrunner.com
 Thibodeau, R. Lloyd, SFC – tibodo2@maine.rr.com
 Tibbetts, David, SFC - davescot@midmaine.com
 Tibbs, Dan, SFC – carpediem6319@gmail.com
 Tinkham, Joe, MG – tinkrus@adelphia.net
 Toce Oscar SGT toce man711@gmail.com
 Toppan Clough Col wctoppan@roadrunner.com
 Toppan Norm CW4 notop@comcast.net
 Toppan, Clough Col wctoppan@roadrunner.com
 Trimm Fred SFC - trimm48@ainop.com
 Umphrey, Fred Col fumphery@msad48.org
 Vaillancourt, Brenda, SSG - brenda2877@msn.com
 Walker Mathew J MSG
 matthewjasonwalker@gmail.com
 Wannemacher Joseph COL mrscrew@myfairpoint.net
 Wardwell, Joel, SFC- JDWardwell@laneconstruct.com
 Ware Harold L. skyhawk1@pivot.net
 White Albert BG albertwhite36@comcast.net

RETIREE NEWSLETTER

White Donald SFC barndeb@comcast.net
Wheeler, Paul Maj—pandr43@myfairpoint.net
Webster Ralph SFC tealstrip@hotmail
Welsh Doug dandt159@myfairpoint.net
Welsh,Michael MSG – runner793@aol.com
Welton, Bob, CW5 bob.welton@hotmail.com
West, Dan, SFC – dan@mainebroker.org
West Edwin A.MSg mearngmsg@aol.com
West, Richard, MAJ – major063@aol.com
Weymouth,Robert LTC gramsgarden@cfl.rr.com
Wiggin, Karl SSG? Kwiggin257172roadrunner.com
Wilcox.Wendy SFC w40m73@yahoo.com
Wickham, Arthur, COL – arthurwickham1@aol.com
Williams, Clyde, CW4 – cw4clyde@roadrunner.com
Wynne, Kelley D., MSG – wynnekd@gwi.net
Young Jeffery D. SGT jyoung152ndyahoo.com

Correct Mailing Address

HELP!

Need your current mail Address in order for you to receive your newsletter.

Please provide your correct mailing address by contacting a member of the Retiree Council or mailing it to:

Dept. of Def., Vet. & Emerg. Mgmt.
33 State House Station
ATTN: MS. Rebecca L. Maheux
Augusta, Maine 04333-0033

We are now up to 1,539 members str

****RETIREE COUNCIL MEMBERS****

James Laflin Chairman
 Vice Chairman
 Secretary Rachel Bosse
 Chairman Retiree List:
 Eugene Tanguary
 Martin Asdourian
Al White newsletter editor
David Blair , David Shorey
Jeanne Clements, Dean Soule, Donald Laflin
Edward Davis Douglas Welsh Jr.

PICKINGS FROM THE GRAPE VINE

Agent Orange Update

More Ships Added to VA's Vietnam Ship List VA has updated the list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/list.asp> that operated in Vietnam, adding 47 more vessels and expanding information for others. The list can help Vietnam-era Veterans find out if they qualify for presumption of Agent Orange exposure when seeking VA disability compensation for herbicide-related diseases.

Licenses/IDs with Military Service Designation as Proof of Status for Military/Veteran Discounts

AUGUSTA, Maine – This Veterans Day Secretary of State Charlie Summers would like to remind Mainers about the new Military Service Designation available for Maine driver's licenses and ID. The designation features a Field of Stars backdrop for the identification photo and is currently available to eligible Maine veterans and military service members at all

Bureau of Motor Vehicle locations.

The Military Service Designation was made possible by a bill, introduced by Senator David Trahan R-Waldoboro, which was passed by the 125th Legislature and signed by Governor LePage earlier this spring.

The following Maine businesses will now accept driver's licenses and IDs with the Military Service Designation as proof of status for military/veteran discounts:

Big Rock Ski Area, Mars Hill

Broadway Hardware, Bangor

Capitol Computers, Augusta

Chipmunk Mini-Storage, North Yarmouth

Corson's Auto Supply, Rockland

Curves of Gardiner, Vassalboro

Discount Tire & Alignment, Camden

Expert Tire Service, Augusta

Fabian Oil, various locations

Funtown/Splashtown USA, Saco

Highway Tire Inc, Caribou

Kennebec Valley YMCA, Augusta

Lowe's – various locations (Applies to veterans discount available on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and the 4th of July)

Majors Furniture & Appliance, Farmingdale

Maine State Parks and Historic Sites, various locations

Penobscot Bay YMCA, Rockport

Sullivan Tire & Auto Service, Bangor

Sugarloaf – Carrabassett Valley (active military only)

"I am very pleased that we are able to offer this designation to our veterans and military personnel to recognize their invaluable service to our country," said Secretary Summers. "I would like to thank all of the businesses who have agreed to accept the Military Service Designation in providing discounts to Maine veterans and members of the armed services."

For more information about the eligibility requirements for the Military Service Designation, please contact the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at (207) 624-9000.

Businesses who are interested in accepting the military service designation for their military/veteran discounts are encouraged to contact the Bureau of Veterans Services at (207) 430-6035.

I NEED YOUR CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS I HAVE 20 E-MAILS RETURNED NOT CURRENT E-MAIL! PLEASE CHECK

THE E-MAIL ROSTER THIS NEWSLETTER IF NOT CORRECT
PLEASE SEND ME THE CURRENT ONE!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR THE UPCOMING
RETIREE ACTIVITY DAY ON 25 AUGUST 2012 AT
THE AUGUSTA ARMORY. SEE POSTER BELOW. THE
RETIREE COUNCIL COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP
IN SETTING UP THE ARMORY ON 24 AUGUST
TABLES AND CHAIRS AND TAKING SAME DOWN
AROUND 1430 HOURS ON 25 AUGUST. PLEASE LET
ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP!!!! albertwhite36@comcast.net

MILITARY RETIREES To Include GRAY AREA And Dependents



All Branches of the Armed Forces/Uniformed Services

You are Invited to

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND MILITARY RETIREE ACTIVITY DAY

SPONSORED BY

MAINE NATIONAL GUARD IN COOPERATION WITH HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD, FORT DRUM
AND THE NATIONAL GUARD

AND ARMY RETIREE COUNCILS FROM MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND VERMONT

HERE'S WHAT'S 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



COME AND JOIN US

SATURDAY AUGUST 25, 2012

AT THE AUGUSTA ARMORY, AUGUSTA, MAINE

Round trip transportation provided from armory to Camp Keyes PX and Maine's outstanding Military museum at Camp Keyes, Headquarters of the Maine National Guard. AAMA will provide lunch, hot dog, hamburger, bag chips, soda for \$5.00



0800-0900 REGISTRATION

0900-0945 OPENING CEREMONY

0945-1500 STATIONS AND DISPLAYS OPEN

Directions to RAD 2012: Take exit 109A off the Maine

Turnpike, stay right on Western Ave. Armory is ½ mile on left.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: LTC(RET) JAMES LAFLIN AT 207-685-3152 or

jlaflin@roadrunner.com OR LTC Rick Darveau at (207) 430-5463 OR rick.darveau@us.army.mil

Version 2 ; 6 Jan 2012

TRICARE Retiree Dental Program

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is available to all military retirees (including gray area retirees) and their eligible family members. The program covers cleanings, exams, root canals, gum surgery, oral surgery and dental accidents on the first day that coverage becomes effective; after 12 months of being in the program, it then covers crowns, bridges, partials, braces and dental implants. The TRDP provides every enrollee an annual maximum of \$1,200 per person (\$1,000 for Basic Program enrollees), a \$1000 annual maximum for dental accidents and a \$1500 lifetime maximum for orthodontics. It is important to note that the money that the TRDP pays out for preventive and diagnostic services doesn't count against the annual maximum - those benefits are in addition to the \$1200. Retirees can find more information on the program, as well as enroll 24/7/365, online at trdp.org.

While enrollees can visit any licensed dentist they want to, one realizes the maximum program savings (an average of 22%) when seeing a network provider. To find a network provider, as well as utilize the **Consumer Toolkit** to print ID cards, view annual maximum information, see if claims have paid and sign up for e-mail updates, please visit trdp.org.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please call Doug Schobel at 401-732-0297 or e-mail him at Dschobel@delta.org.

Space Air Travel- Air Mobility Command Travel

The Air Mobility Command now has an official Web page. Whether you are traveling Space Required or Space Available, this page is your one-stop shop for all your travel needs, including Passenger Terminal contact information, locations, and regulatory guidance. The major AMC terminal now have their own

Facebook page which include the current day's flights and contact information.

For more information go to <http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp>.

Reopening of the Naval Retired Activities Office

The Retired Activities Office, Brunswick, announces the reopening of the office on February 28th in a temporary space in the Border Trust Business Center, 2 Main Street, Topsham. We are partnering with the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber of Chamber for office space. Our hours of operations are Monday - Friday 1 PM - 4 PM, Phone 207 725-8797 ext 8 or 207 841-0582. We attempt to provide all the services as before to military retirees and survivors. We also have a Veterans' Service Officer on Staff to assist veterans with VA Claims.

Hail to the outgoing chief

Maj. Gen. John "Bill" Libby who will step down March 16 as leader of the Maine National Guard and commissioner of the state Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, served with honor and distinction from the day he stepped into the role in 2003.

Libby, 67, brought strength, grace and wisdom — among manifold other attributes — to the position.

"Our soldiers and airmen respect him, our veterans respect him, and our state was prepared for any emergency because of his leadership," Gov. Paul LePage said in a statement announcing Libby's resignation.

Serving two profoundly disparate governors throughout a time of ongoing overseas conflict that has taxed our all-volunteer military as never before, Libby brought the best traits of military and civilian leadership to his post. He buffered the men and women under his command from the vagaries of political conflict, while never allowing the interests of Maine citizens to become subservient to Department of Defense bureaucracy.

Locally, he played an influential role in bringing a National Guard training center to property at the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Whether speaking during a chamber of commerce dinner or at the funeral of a fallen soldier, Libby evinced a mix of gravitas and humanity that both elevated and comforted those in his presence.

As the keynote speaker for the local chamber of commerce's 2005 annual dinner, Libby praised the current generations of soldiers and concluded with, "It's a great time to be an American."

Maj. Gen. John "Bill" Libby certainly did his part to make that statement true.

Without End

Consumed By Wars

By Robert H. Scales

I guess I knew it would eventually come down to this: Blame the Army's institutions in some way for the horrific and senseless slaughter of 16 innocent Afghan civilians in Kandahar, allegedly by a U.S. infantry non-commissioned officer (NCO). In their search for a villain, the media seems to be focusing now on Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state, where the accused soldier was stationed before his fourth deployment to a combat zone.

Before we get too involved in attacking institutions, perhaps it might be right and proper to suggest that the underlying issue here is not about failure of our Army. Perhaps the issue might be that no institutional effort can make up for trying over the past 10 years to fight too many wars with too few soldiers?

The accused NCO is an infantryman. Two weeks ago I talked with infantry soldiers at Fort Benning, Ga., and I couldn't help contrasting them with those of my generation of Vietnam veterans. What caught my attention were the soldiers' amazing stories of patient, selfless, introversive commitment. First I took to heart the enormous disparity in stressful, extreme experiences between the infantry and other branches and services that have come back from Iraq and Afghanistan. The senior NCOs I spoke to all had at least three, and in some cases five, tours, virtually all in close combat units. Contrast this with returning Vietnam NCOs and junior officers, most of whom in that era had only one tour in Vietnam.

Of course infantry combat in Vietnam was perhaps more intense, but close fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan was more pervasive and lasting, thus more likely to cause personal trauma in my mind. The infantrymen I spoke to at Fort Benning were different from those in my generation. They were more emotionally exhausted and drained, less spontaneous and humorless. My generation of professionals spent a great deal of time on Friday nights at the officer's club, talking over a beer about the Catch-22 nature of Vietnam and many of the stupid and hilarious experiences we endured. None of this at Benning today. No clubs, no public displays of hilarity and certainly no beer.

These guys seemed to view their time in combat as endless and repetitive. My sense is that their collective, intimate exposure to the horrors of close combat was far more debilitating than what we experienced.

This of course in no way justifies what happened in Kandahar. But I think if someone wants to place blame, it should be on a succession of national leaders who fail to recognize that combat units, particularly infantry, just wear out. Lord Moran concluded in his classic about combat stress in World War I, "Anatomy of Courage," that the reservoir of courage begins to empty after the first shot is fired. The horrors of intimate killing, along with other factors such as fatigue, thirst, hunger, isolation, fear of the unknown and the sight of dead and maimed comrades, all start a process of moral atrophy that cannot be reversed. Lord Moran rightfully concludes that nothing sort of permanent withdrawal from the line will bring soldiers back to normalcy.

The media is trying to make some association between the terrible crime of this sergeant and the Army's inability to treat post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. Perhaps the Army could have done more. But I think Lord Moran had it more right; the real institutional culprit is the decade-long exploitation and cynical overuse of one of our most precious and irreplaceable national assets: our close combat soldiers and Marines.

If someone just after 9/11 would have told me that a very small Army and Marine Corps would fight a 10-year-long set of close combat engagements in two wars and still remain intact, I would have called them crazy. Well, we've done just that, haven't we? But at what cost to the few who have borne an enormously disproportionate share of emotional stress?

Robert H. Scales, a retired U.S. Army major general and former commandant of the Army War College, is president of the consulting firm Colgen.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

I NEED THE E-MAIL ADDRESS'S FOR: SGM BIRMINGHAM, CARL DONNELLY, ALLYSON COX, CLAYTON GRIMM, DENNIS HARMON, DANIEL HALEY JR., RICHARD

MORIN, LORRAINE NOEL, LESTER PAUL, ROMEO ROY, SCOTT ST. PIERRE, FRED TRIMM, AND WAYNE STILPHEN.

Please send to albertwhite36@comcast.net

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

TO RECEIVE NEWS AND UPDATES FASTER

EMAIL Rachel Bosse at rachel.bosse@us.army.mil

You will be confidentially added to our distribution list.

*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.

GET ID CARDS AT LOCATIONS BELOW

RAPIDS locations in Maine		
<p>Rapids, Real-Time Automated Identification System, sites can access DEERS, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and produce ID or Common Access Cards.</p>		
Location	Contact phone number	Hours of operation
<p>ARNG, HQ 194 Winthrop Street Augusta ME 04330</p>	<p>626-4387/430-5768</p>	<p>0700-1500 M-F 1130-1200 lunch No appointment needed.</p>
<p>52nd Troop Command 300 Hildreth St North Bangor ME 04401</p>	<p>207-735-1000</p>	<p>0700-1600 M-F Appointments are required.</p>
<p>ANG 101st ARW 102 Ashley St. Suite 489 Bldg 489 Bangor ME 04401</p>	<p>207-404-7387</p>	<p>0730-1500 T-F 1130-1200 lunch No appointment needed.</p>
<p>USNR NRC 300 Hildreth St North Bangor ME 04401</p>	<p>207-974-1301</p>	<p>0900-1600 T-Th 0900-1500 F Appointments are preferred.</p>
<p>SUPSHIP 574 Washington Street Bath ME 04530</p>	<p>207-442-2773</p>	<p>M-F Call for hours of operation.</p>

RETIREE NEWSLETTER

<p>185th Eng Co 120 Sincock Street Caribou ME 04736</p>	<p>207-498-6583</p>	<p>0900-1400 1st & 3rd Thursday every month. No appointment needed.</p>
<p>Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) 27 Arkansas Road Limestone ME 04750</p>	<p>207-328-1116/1088</p>	<p>0800-1500 M-F Appointments required.</p>
<p>Air National Guard Base 50 Western Avenue South Portland 04106</p>	<p>207-756-7853</p>	<p>T-TH Appointments are required.</p>
<p>USCG Sector Northern New England 27 Pearl Street Portland ME 04101</p>	<p>207-780-3048</p>	<p>0800-1100 1300-1500 M-F No appointment needed</p>
<p>Portsmouth Naval Shipyard 1 Walker Street Building 384 Portsmouth (Kittery) NH 03804</p>	<p>207-438-2640/1861</p>	<p>0630-1600 M-F No appointment needed.</p>
		<p>Updated 4/9/12</p>

restricted the number of immigrants who could enter the country. In November 1923, the ships *President Polk* and *George Washington* were diverted from New York City to Portland, and 218 immigrants from those ships were quarantined at the station.

The island was considered "ideal" by immigration officials. A Grand Trunk Railway station was located at the docks in Portland, allowing easy rail access for immigrants arriving in Portland. Additionally, William Husband, Commissioner General of United States Immigration, said the whole island was secure and "The whole of House Island was available in that case, instead of those detained being obliged to go out under guard with only few patches of green grass upon which they might set foot, as at some other places."

The 1920 brick detention barracks has been demolished, but the original 1907 buildings remain, including the doctor's house, the detention barracks, and the quarantine hospital.

Fort Scammel & House Island

Henry A.S. Dearborn built Fort Scammel on the island in 1808 as part of the national second system of fortifications. It was named after Alexander Scammel, Adjutant general of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War, who was killed in action during the Battle of Yorktown. The fort was designed for harbor defense, with cannon batteries designed to protect the main shipping channel into Portland harbor, along with Fort Preble. In the 1840s-1870s, as part of the national third system of fortifications, Fort Scammel was modernized. Thomas Lincoln Casey, known for his work on the Washington Monument, rebuilt the fort in 1862 at the time of the American Civil War. Of all the forts in Casco Bay, Fort Scammel was the only fort to fire a shot and be fired upon in battle, in early August, 1813.



The island was later the site of an immigration quarantine station from 1907 to 1937, and was considered the 'Ellis Island of the North'. The quarantine station was busiest in the early 1920s, after the adoption of the Emergency Quota Act, which

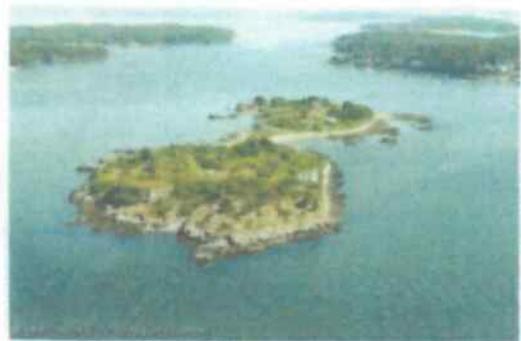
2012 Heritage Tour

This year the MMHS Heritage Tour will take place on 18 August. The tour will be to House Island and Fort Scammel in Casco Bay.

Join us for a narrated boat tour as we venture out to the island. Once there, participate in a guided tour of Fort Scammel. Don't forget to bring a flashlight!

Later, enjoy a lobster bake on House Island. Meal includes Clam Chowder, the main course of Lobster, Chicken or Veggie meal with Corn on the Cob, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Drawn Butter, Potato Chips, House Island Blueberry Cake, Iced Tea and Hot Coffee.

Sign up information will be posted on our website soon.



SEE MMHS WEB SITE AT www.mainemilmuseum.org



Maine Military Historical Society



2012 PORTLAND HERITAGE TOUR 18 AUGUST 2011

A RARE OPPORTUNITY!

The Maine Military Historical Society invites you to join them, as they travel to Fort Scammel on House Island, a privately owned island in Casco Bay. Once there, take a guided tour of the fort followed by a delicious lobster bake.

Built in 1808, the fort was named after Alexander Scammel, Adjutant General of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War, who was killed in action during the Battle of Yorktown. Thomas Lincoln Casey, known for his work on the Washington Monument rebuilt the fort in 1862 at the time of the American Civil War.

It's open to all, so come join us in a unique opportunity to visit this private island! Don't forget your flashlight!

MAINE MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HERITAGE TOUR ITINERARY

SATURDAY 18 AUGUST 2011

10:30 A.M. DEPART PORTLAND'S LONG WHARF FOR HOUSE ISLAND

- **NARRATED BOAT TOUR OF PORTLAND HARBOR**
- **GUIDED TOUR OF FORT SCAMMEL AND HOUSE ISLAND.**
- **LOBSTER BAKE WITH ALL THE FIXINGS.**
- **2:30 P.M. DEPART HOUSE ISLAND FOR PORTLAND**

For those wishing to stay overnight in Portland, accommodations may be made on your own.

COST PER PERSON

\$75.00

INCLUDES :

- **TRANSPORTATION (Narrated boat tour)**
- **GUIDED TOUR OF FORT SCAMMEL**
- **LOBSTER BAKE ON HOUSE ISLAND**



Register online at www.maineimuseum.org

For more information Contact: Seraya Umphrey or David Googins at 626-4350

Email: Seraya.Thomas@us.army.mil
Dave.Googins@mainemuseum.org

Reservations must be received by 8 Aug 2012











- VA Togus Medical Center & Women's Clinic/Community-based Outpatient Clinics (7)(Saco, Rumford, Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor, Calais & Caribou) and Satellites (2)(Houlton/Ft. Kent)/Mobile Med Unit (Bingham)
- VA Mental Health Clinic (3) (Portland, Augusta, Bangor)
- VA Vet Center (5)(Springvale, Portland, Lewiston, Bangor, Caribou)/Mobile Community Outreach Vehicles (2) (Caribou & Lewiston)
- Maine Veterans' Services (8) (Springvale, Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Waterville, Bangor, Machias & Caribou)/Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries (3) (Springvale, Augusta & Caribou)
- Maine Veterans' Homes (6) (Scarborough, South Paris, Augusta, Bangor, Machias, Caribou & future Lewiston Adult Day Health Care)
- Maine DOL Career Centers (8) (Springvale, Portland, Bath, Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor, Machias & Presque Isle)

Updated: 09/05/11

MAINE NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENTS

The following charts depict Maine Army and Air National Guard units and personnel currently alerted, mobilized and deployed as well as the operation or mission they are supporting.

MAINE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD				
Unit	Mission	Personnel	Location	Status
Joint Force Headquarters, Augusta	Community-Based Health-Care Organization (CBHCO)	1	Fort Drum, New York	Deployed
	Operation Enduring Freedom	1	Shindad Air Base, Afghanistan	Deployed
		1	Fort Hood, Texas	Deployed
		1	MacDill Air Force Base, Florida	Deployed
120th Regional Support Group, Augusta	Active Duty Operational Support (ADOS)	1	Winchester, Virginia	*CO ADOS
	Operation Enduring Freedom	1	Afghanistan	Deployed
52nd Troop Command, Bangor	Ranger Training Assessment Course (RTAC)	1	Fort Benning, Georgia	*CONUS FTNG
C/126 Aviation Company, Bangor	Operation Enduring Freedom Kuwait (OEF-KU)	102	Fort Hood, Texas	Mobilization Station
Total:		109		

* CO ADOS = Contingency Operation for Active Duty Operational Support

* CONUS FTNG = Continental United States Full Time National Guard

MAINE AIR NATIONAL GUARD				
Unit	Mission	Personnel	Location	Status
101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Unified Protector and AEF	2	Afghanistan	Deployed
		6	Al Dhafra, United Arab Emirates	Deployed
		33	Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar	Deployed
		6	Ali Al Salem, Kuwait	Deployed
		86	Bangor International Airport	Activated - Home Station
	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	1	Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland	Deployed
		1	Fort Bliss, Texas	Deployed
		1	Spain	Deployed
243rd Engineering and Installation Squadron, South Portland	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Unified Protector and AEF	13	Al Udeid, Qatar	Deployed
		1	Bagram, Afghanistan	Deployed
		27	Kandahar, Afghanistan	Deployed
		1	Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan	Deployed
		1	Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina	Deployed
Total:		179		

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Sir,

Updated for the newsletter...

Volunteers welcome to conduct Military Funeral Honors Ceremonies

The POC is:
Mr. Frank R. Norwood, MSG (Ret)
Maine Military Funeral Honors Coordinator
1-800-958-5967
207-430-6208/6209
www.funeralhonors.org

Since October 2004, the Maine Military Funeral Honor Program has performed over 7600 Military Funerals for the Veterans of Maine. According to the Maine Veteran's Administration, Maine will lose nearly 4000 Veterans (all branches) per year through the year 2030. Retirees are welcome to participate in providing Military Funeral Honors for Maine's 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. When requested, Retirees, in class A or dress blue uniform will receive a per day stipend, (whether training or performing a Military Funeral). This stipend is intended to offset the cost of gasoline, meals and other authorized expenses. To perform Military Funerals you will need to train with the team. This would be a 4 hour, hands on session. You will not put you on the spot. You will not be asked to present a flag to the next of kin until you are comfortable.

If you have any questions please contact me at the above numbers or stop by my office here at the Augusta Armory. You may also visit our web site at www.funeralhonors.org

Mr. Frank R. Norwood
Maine Military Funeral Honors Coordinator
Office toll free: 1-800-958-5967