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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/retire/retiree.htm>

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 . 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

COMMENTARY This is the fortieth 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, Maine 04330

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

Subject: Funeral-newsletter-update (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Volunteers welcome in helping to conduct Military Funeral Honors

The POC is:
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Maine Military Funeral Honors
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E-Mail: frank.norwood1@us.army.mil

Since October 2004, the Maine Military Funeral Honor Program has performed 3111 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 2010. 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 uniform will receive a per day stipend, (whether training or performing a Military Funeral. This stipend is intended to offset the cost of gasoline, meal and other authorized expenses. To perform Military Funerals you will need to train with the current members of the team. This would be a 4 hour, hands on session. I 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.

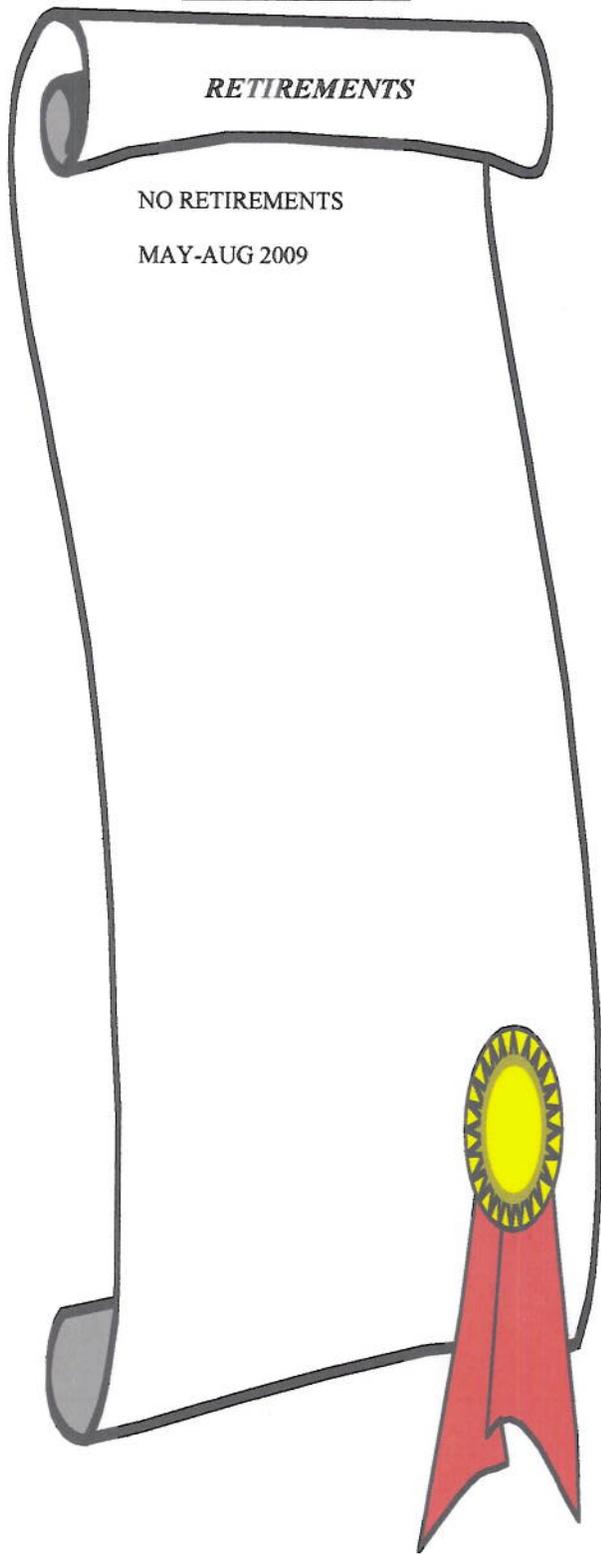
Only persons to receive a stipend are those requested to be party of the funeral party by Mr. Norwood and are qualified.

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Pickings from the grape vine. or odds and ends.

HELP! HELP! Please let me know if you change your e-mail address. I try to keep you all informed. It is a great challenge, and a little dishearten when I send out a message and get 10 back as not deliverable. E-mail me at albertwhite@suscom-maine.net

****TRANSITIONS****



RETIREMENTS

NO RETIREMENTS

MAY-AUG 2009

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



TAPS

- PSG(RET) TODD N CARTWRIGHT
- LTC (RET) ERWIN F. CLEMENTS
- SFC (RET) ROSAIRE W. DUBORD
- SFC JOHN KNIGHT
- MAJ (RET) SAMUEL R. LAFLIN
- COL MYRON PIERCE
- MSG (RET) HAROLD M. 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 Directorate of Personnel at 207-626-4536



We will never forget

interest to all military retirees. Retirees of all military services, and their spouses, are invited and encouraged to attend. Scheduled meetings for 2007 are as follows:

- 02 Apr 09, 1930 hrs, Air National Guard Base, 514 Mainiac Ave., Bangor, Me 04401
- 05 Jun 98, 1930 hrs, Post #31 American Legion Post, Washington St., Auburn, Me 04210
- 06 Aug 09, 1930 hrs, Maine Veterans Home, Scarborough, Me 04074
- 09 Oct 09, 1930 hrs, Post #40, American Legion Post, W6nthrop, Me 04364

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

- 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

MISCELLENEOUS

WEB SITES YOU NEED TO HAVE

FOR INFO ON MEARNNG RETIREES TO INCLUDE NEWSLETTERS go TO:
www.me.ngb.army.mil/retire/retiree.htm

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 2009:

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>
February 10 2009	Tuesday
April 7 2009	Tuesday
June 09 2009	Tuesday
August 11 2009	Tuesday
October 13 2009	Tuesday

All meetings at 0900 hours – TAG conference room
Jim Laflin, Chairman

Maine Army Retiree Council Meetings – Calendar Year 2009:

(Not to be confused with the MEARNNG 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

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 president Dwaine Drummond at 626-4220. All members or friends are welcome to attend board meetings. Annual meeting scheduled for Friday 23 October 2009

FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER VOLUNTEER FACT SHEET . SEE PAGE 8 ALSO SEE PAGE 11 141 OF OUR OWN IN HARMS WAY



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 albertwhite@suscom-maine.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.

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Correct Mailing Address

HELP!!!!

It is imperative that we have your correct mailing 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. Lori Jones
Augusta, Maine 04333-0033

We are now up to 1,454 members str

****RETIREE COUNCIL**
MEMBERS**

Family Assistance Center Volunteer Fact Sheet

Address:

State Family Assistance Center
State Armory
179 Western Avenue
Augusta, Maine 04330-0033

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

_____ Bangor

Phone:

Home: _____

_____ Caribou
Work:

Cell:

_____ Statewide

Organization If Applicable: _____

Skills/Interests to share:

- _____ Clerical
- _____ Babysitting/Childcare
- _____ Notary Public
- _____ Provide Refreshments
- _____ Yard Work
- _____ Make Phone Calls
- _____ Electrician
- _____ Nurse/Med

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- _____ Plumber
- _____ Plowing/Shoveling Snow
- _____ Gen Home Maint/Repair
- _____ Lawyer or Legal help
- _____ Carpentry
- _____ Tax Help

- _____ Wood Splitting
- _____ Computer Skills
- _____ Auto Maintenance
- _____ Support Events/Activities
- _____ Heating/Furnace Issues
- _____ Financial Planning
- _____ Run Errands
- _____ Crisis Comfort
- _____ Provide Transportation
- _____ Mentorship
- _____ Make Phone Calls
- _____ Whatever Is Needed

Your Skills Not Listed:

Please Fax to 626-4512
ATTN: Kerry Birmingham

TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is Available to All Retired Reservists/Guardspeople, Including Those Under the Age of 60 (Gray Area Retirees)

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP), first authorized by Congress in 1997, offers one of the few affordable, comprehensive dental benefit programs available to the nation's Uniformed Services retirees, including members of the National Guard and Reserve who, regardless of their age, have transferred to Retired Reserve status (as defined under Title 10 of the U.S. Code, Section 10141(b)). The TRDP currently covers over one million

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Uniformed Services retirees and their family members.

Enrollees may seek care from any licensed dentist within the TRDP service area. Although they have the freedom to see any licensed dentist for their dental care, selecting a participating TRDP network dentist can save time money and paperwork. The participating TRDP network is expansive with over 100,000 offices nationwide.

As the nation's largest voluntary, all-enrollee-paid dental program, the TRDP offers coverage for diagnostic and preventive services, basic restorative services, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, dental emergencies and a separate dental accident benefit with no waiting period. Additional benefits available after a 12-month waiting period include orthodontics, crowns, bridges, onlays, dental implants and full and partial dentures.

Retirees who enroll in the TRDP within 4 months after their retirement from active duty are eligible to waive the 12-month waiting period by providing appropriate documentation of their retirement effective date along with their application. **To qualify for a waiver of the waiting period, retired members of the National Guard/Reserve must enroll within 4 months after receiving confirmation of their transfer to Retired Reserve status and must provide appropriate documentation supporting the date the transfer request was granted.**

The TRDP carries a \$50 per person annual deductible. The program also includes a family deductible cap of \$150 and an annual maximum amount of \$1,200 per person, against which preventive and diagnostic services are not counted. In addition to the annual maximum, the TRDP also has a separate dental accident annual maximum of \$1,000 per person

and a lifetime orthodontic maximum of \$1,500 per person.

Eligible retirees and their family members can find answers to their questions about the program, as well as enroll, on the TRDP web site at www.trdp.org. Prospective enrollees can also call Delta Dental's toll-free number for the TRDP, (888) 838-8737, for program details.

RESULTS OF RETIREE ACTIVITY DAY

A very successful retiree activity day was held at the Augusta Armory on 22 August. Over 643 people attended. JAGs made 50 wills and 132 ID cards were issued/updated. We had over 25 retired MeARNG Guardsman volunteers work at the RAD. Many Thanks to all those who made this a GREAT RAD!

HELP HELP HELP!

THE RETIREE COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR A PERSON TO TAKE OVER FROM AL WHITE AS EDITOR/PUBLISHER OF THIS RETIREE NEWSLETTER! AL HAS THINGS GOING ON IN HIS LIFE NOW THAT MAKES IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTINUE. INTERESTED PERSON SHOULD CONTACT AL AT 442-8734 OR albertwhite@suscom-maine.net. Newsletter can be published in a different format. Keep it simple with the idea of keeping the retirees informed on the goings on in the MeARNG and other areas of interest to them.

Paid-Up Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) What Does It Mean?

Paid-up SBP refers to a provision of the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP passed by Congress in October 1998) which took effect in October of 2008. This change applies to qualified military Retirees who will no longer be required to pay SBP premiums once they satisfy certain age and premium requirements. Any Retiree who is 70 years old or older and who has paid SBP premiums for at least 360 months (30 years) qualifies to have their SBP costs terminated. Retirees who meet this criteria will not be charged SBP premiums beginning with the month they reach age 70 and have made 360 monthly payments. For those Reserve Component retirees, credit for paid-up SBP only applies to months that retired pay was reduced. Thus, since no premiums are deducted until the member is eligible to receive retired pay (usually age 60), there is no credit toward months of paid-up coverage for months covered, but which no premiums are paid. SBP premium reductions begin upon commencement of retired pay and only those months of premium reductions are applied to the 360 month requirement. So, for most Reserve Component retirees who start receiving retired pay at age 60 the paid-up provision will not be met until age 90, at which time 360 monthly premiums have been made. Those retirees who have reached age 70 and have paid more than 360 months prior to the effective date of October 1, 2008, will not receive a refund. Your SBP will be considered paid-up as of October 1, 2008. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) began notifying retirees via mail in May 2008. Beginning in October 2008 a paid-up premium counter was added to the Retiree Account Statement (RAS). The counter shows how many months of SBP premium payments DFAS has credited to each account and will be updated each time a RAS is printed. If you have any questions concerning the SBP Paid-up provision you can contact your Retirement Services Officer or DFAS at 1-800-321-1080.

LOOKING FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR BG AL WHITE AS EDITOR OF THIS NEWSLETTER!

ADDITIONAL DUTIES: KEEP THE RETIREES INFORMED ON CURRENT EVENTS, DEATHS, UNIT FUNCTIONS BY E-MAIL TO THOSE WHO PROVIDE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS.

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD CONTACT BG WHITE AT 442-8734 OR ALBERTWHITE@SUSCOM-MAINE.NET

I WILL WORK WITH THE PERSON SELECTED TO MAKE THE TRANSITION AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE.

PERSON SELECTED MUST HAVE A GOOD WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF COMPUTERS AND A LITTLE FREE TIME. INDIVIDUAL MUST BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE MEARNG RETIREE COUNCIL.

FORMAT FOR THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE UP TO THE NEW EDITOR.

NEXT NEWSLETTER COVERS PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2009

I AWAIT YOUR CALL!

SINCERELY,

AL WHITE

RETIREE NEWSLETTER

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 – SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

MILITARY BUREAU

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 INDIVIDUAL DEPLOYMENTS				
Unit	Mission	Personnel	Location	Status
152d Maintenance Company	Operation Warrior Trainer	2	Fort Dix, New Jersey	Deployed
Detachment 3, Medical Detachment	Community-Based Health-Care Organization (CBHCO)	3	Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts	Deployed
Joint Force Headquarters	Operation Warrior Trainer	1	Fort Dix, New Jersey	Deployed
Joint Force Headquarters	7th JMTC	1	Germany	Deployed
Joint Force Headquarters	Operation Iraqi Freedom	1	Iraq	Deployed
Total:		8		

MAINE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNIT DEPLOYMENTS				
Unit	Mission	Personnel	Location	Status
286th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion	Operation Enduring Freedom	81	Afghanistan	Deployed
Total:		81		

MAINE AIR NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENTS				
Unit	Mission	Personnel	Location	Status
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Air Expeditionary Force/ Operation Iraqi Freedom	1	Camp Victory, Iraq	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	1	Ramstein Air Base, Germany	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Patriot Exercise	1	Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	2	Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	4	Manas, Kyrgyzstan	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	7	Dover Air Force Base, Delaware	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Air Expeditionary Force/ Operation Iraqi Freedom	8	Balad, Iraq	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Air Expeditionary Force / Operation Iraqi Freedom	51	Baghdad, Iraq	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom	224	Bangor International Airport, Maine	Activated – Home Station
243 rd Engineering and Installation Squadron, South Portland	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	1	Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina	Deployed
243 rd Engineering and Installation Squadron, South Portland	Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom	4	Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar	Deployed
Total:		304		

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY:

To Our Friends and Members,

August 25, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Maine Military Historical Society extends a special invitation to you and your family and friends to attend our Annual Meeting. It is scheduled for the evening of October 24, 2009 at the Senator Inn and Restaurant in Augusta, Maine. The program and gathering make this an event you should not miss.

This year we will take a virtual trip to the historic Civil War Battlefield at Gettysburg. The guided multimedia presentation will cover highlights of the MMHS Museum's 2009 Heritage Tour: Return to Gettysburg. The battlefield will come alive with panoramic video, stories and photographs. Be sure to get information on our next bus tour in 2010.

We look forward to joining with you and other members and friends of the Maine Military Historical Society as we continue to honor and remember the sacrifices made for freedom sake. As you respond to this invitation, please consider joining or renewing your membership in the Maine Military Historical Society. Your continuing support is vital in preserving our rich military heritage for the future generations of Maine citizens.

Sincerely,

Dwaine E. Drummond

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Lieutenant Colonel, Maine Army National Guard
President, MMHS

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Invitation to the MMHS Annual Meeting
October 24th, 2009

Please join us for an enjoyable evening at the Senator Inn and Restaurant
on Western Ave in Augusta.

Take a virtual trip to The Historic Civil War Battlefield at Gettysburg.

The guided multimedia presentation will cover highlights of the MMHS Museum's
2009 Heritage Tour: Return to Gettysburg.

With elegant atmosphere, an award-winning buffet, live music and a unique historical
presentation, this will certainly be an evening to remember.

Schedule of Events:

6:00 pm Social Hour with live music & hors d'oeuvres

7:00 Seating, National Anthem and Colors Posted

7:30 Dinner

8:30 Gettysburg Experience

9:30 Short Business Meeting

9:50 Evening Ends

Cost is \$35 per person and includes extensive buffet, tax, gratuity and entertainment.

RSVP by filling out the attached Registration Form with check no later than Monday, October
12th to: Treasurer, Maine Military Historical Society
33 State House Station, Camp Keyes, Augusta, ME 04333

Don't delay; seating is limited to the first 150 that RSVP. Tickets will not be mailed; a guest list
at the door will track attendees. Casual Civilian or Business Casual Attire is appropriate.

Please consider making a donation to the museum or joining the Society by completing the
lower portion of the Registration Form.

Contact Ms. Soraya Thomas at (207) 626-4350 with questions or for more information.

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2009 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

**TO: Maine Military Historical Society, ATTN: Treasurer
33 State House Station - Camp Keyes
Augusta, ME 04333-0033**

NAME: _____
(Please print or letter clearly) (Please do not write in cursive)

Mr. Mrs. Miss MS Military Rank: _____ Other _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING _____ X \$35 per person

I/WE CANNOT ATTEND BUT WANT TO HELP THE SOCIETY, PLEASE FIND MY/OUR CHECK ENCLOSED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____.

I/WE WOULD LIKE TO BE LISTED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT AS A "PATRON(S)". HERE IS MY CHECK FOR A MINIMUM OF \$10 IF ATTENDING THE MEETING, AMOUNTS MAY BE COMBINED ON ONE CHECK.

How would you like to be listed in the report: e.g COL and Mrs. Robert Jones or SGM Bob Jones
Please list me/us as: _____

APPLICATION FOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP:

NEW MEMBER or RENEWAL

- Individual...\$10 Family.....\$15
- Senior.....\$8 Lifetime.....\$200
- Student\$8 Charter Lifetime...\$500

NAME: _____
(Please print or letter clearly) (Please do not write in cursive)

STREET: _____

STATE: _____ **ZIP + 4:** _____ **E-Mail:** _____

(Email address is optional and will be used to keep you informed on Society Business only.)

TITLE WHICH YOU PREFER TO Use

Mr. Mrs. Miss MS **MILITARY RANK:** _____ Other _____