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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/resource/s/retiree/>

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

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 MEARNG Retiree Council, Camp Keyes, Augusta, Maine 04330

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 10.

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.

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****TRANSITIONS****

RETIREMENTS

SGT JAMES W BERGERON
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SPC Dana J Adams
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2010 RETIREES
SSG Merrill E Waugh Jr
SFC James E Mynes
SSG Wendy M Mills
SPC Randy R Bourgoine
SSG Geraldine M Parsons
SFC Kenneth L Vigue
SSG Robert C Pearce
CPT Mark A Lynch
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MSG Angela Belevins
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SGT Scott A Larson
LTC John W Mcavoy
SGM William D Francis
SPC Albert J Vigue
SSG Samuel L Coltart
SSG Milton G Turner
SFC Edward D Campbell Jr
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SGT tanley D Jandreau
SFC Idris L Lawrence

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



TAPS

- SFC JACQUELYN M CHILDS
- CSM FRANCIS JOHN O'DONNELL
- SGT DAVID R DUMOND
- MAJ LEONARD F POTTLE
- CW4 J. RAYMOND SCAMMON

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

MISCELLENEOUS

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>
October 11 2011	Tuesday
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 president David Goggins at 626-4437 All members or friends are welcome to attend board meetings. 2011 board meeting dates are: 11 January; 8 March; 10 May; 14 June; 13 September; 11 October; and 8 November

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.

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Correct Mailing Address

HELP!

Need your current mailAddress 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
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The 2011 edition of the Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors booklet is now available on the web at http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp and is also available in [PDF Format](#).

UPDATE OF MILITARY ID CARDS:

I spoke with Rhonda Bonenfant. Rhonda states that effective 1 June 2011 social security numbers are no longer on the military id cards. It initially started with dependent ID Cards, but anyone now going in for a new card will have a DOD generated number instead of Social Security number. Social Security number is still required when updating DEERS.

If the card is an indefinite card, the card can be updated at anytime. If it will expire sometime in the future, then they are not remaking cards until you're 30-90 days within the expiration date

First Soldier from Maine killed in Viet Nam, former member of the 112th Med Co (Amb).
The Army Aviation Support Facility in Bangor was dedicated in his memory .

Roger Edward Gauvin

Captain

114TH AHC, DELTA AVN BN, US ARMY SPT CMD VIETNAM, MACV

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[Caribou, Maine](#)

October 19, 1935 to March 15, 1964

[ROGER E GAUVIN](#) is on the Wall at [Panel 01E Line 046](#)

See the [full profile](#) for Roger Gauvin



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RETIREE NEWSLETTER

Roger Edward Gauvin

Captain

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28 Location: Bac Lieu Province, South Vietnam Remains:
Body recovered Casualty Type: Hostile, died outright Casualty Reason:
Helicopter - Pilot Casualty Detail: Air loss or crash over land URL:
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Driver's license can now show veteran status.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles can now issue driver's licenses which show veteran status to veterans and active military personnel. In order to obtain the new license, a veteran must present:

- a. A birth certificate or passport
- b. Proof of address (i.e. utility bill)
- c. Copy # 4 of DD214, Certificate of Discharge from Active Duty
- d. Current driver's license

If the license is not due for renewal, a \$5.00 for a duplicate license fee will be charged.

The license will feature a field of stars in the background of the identification photo.

This driver's license does not guarantee that a private company, i.e. Home Depot, Lowes and others will allow the holder to receive a military or veteran discount offered. Each

company has its own guidelines and identification required.

PICKING FROM THE GRAPE VINES

- a. *Mrs. Wendy Moody, the Transition Assistance Advisor sends out by e-mail updates on going on in the Maine Guard. Many free things, classes for new retirees. Changes to regulations that may effect us etc. Recommend that you contact her at wendy.moody@us.army.mil and be put on her mailing list.*
- b. *The 2012 Retiree Activity Day will be conducted at the Augusta Armory on Saturday 25 August 2012*
- c. **HOW TO GET A REPLACEMENT DD FROM 214.
Computer On-line/SF 180/Letter**

Current as of: August 11, 2011

Form DD214 is an important document that verifies active military service.

A form DD214 represents one of the most important documents you may ever possess. The DD214 contains data needed to verify active military service. Many veterans recognize the official moniker for this document as "DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty." Start the replacement procedure as soon as you discover you have misplaced or lost your original form. You can request a replacement DD214 on line or by writing a letter.

Federal law [5 USC 552 a(b)] requires that all requests for records and information be submitted in writing. Each request must be **signed** (in cursive) and **dated** (within the last year).

Certain basic **information needed to locate military service records**, includes: the veteran's complete name as used in service; service number; Social Security Number (if applicable); branch of service; dates of service; date and place of birth. For records affected by the 1973 Fire, additional information, such as place of discharge; last assigned unit; and place of entry into service may be useful.

How Do I request Copies of Records?

Option #1: Order On-line

- Go to the web site listed below or click on these words: "[Request Military Service Records.](#)"

www.archives.gov/veterans/

- Key in data and customize the form to fit your needs. Complete the four steps needed to navigate through the system. Prompts, by the system, will assist you.

Be sure to request an "[Undeleted Report of Separation.](#)" This is what is commonly referred to as the "long" form.

Your on-line options look like this. The "[Undeleted Report of Separation](#)" option is already marked, so you do not need to change it.

REPORT OF SEPARATION (DD Form 214 or equivalent) This contains information normally needed to verify military service. Using this online system, a copy may be sent to the veteran or the deceased veteran's next of kin at this time.

I would like to request an [UNDELETED Report of Separation](#). This normally will be a copy of the full separation document including such sensitive items as the character of separation, authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and dates of time lost. An undeleted version is ordinarily required to determine eligibility for benefits.

I would like to request a [DELETED Report of Separation](#) The following information will be deleted from the copy sent: authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and for separations after June 30, 1979, character of separation and dates of time lost.

- Print a copy of your form. Sign and date the form where indicated. The veteran or next of kin must sign each request for a replacement form DD214. A veteran's next of kin must provide proof of death of the veteran.

- Mail the signed and dated "[Signature Verification](#)" form to:

NPRC WEB
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis MO 63132-5100

- Fax to: 314-801-9049

- Keep the "[Copy of Signature Verification—Do Not Mail/Fax](#)" form for your records.

Important: If the National Personnel Records Center does not receive your "Signature Verification" form within 20 days from the date of your computerized request, your request will be automatically deactivated and removed from our system.

- Military Records: www.military.com

Tips & Warnings: Avoid delay in replacing a DD214. Double-check all information you provide for accuracy.

Option 2: Complete Standard Form 180—Request Pertaining to Military Records (SF180)

Go to this web site complete the form (Adobe fillable form) or print a copy. It is three pages with the instructions.

www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/public/general-public.html

www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html

Be sure to request an **“Undeleted Report of Separation.”** This is what is commonly referred to as the “long” form.

Although not mandatory, using the SF-180 is the recommended method to send a request for military service information. This form captures all the necessary information to locate a record. Provide as much information on the form as possible and send copies of any service documents that you may have.

Note: For the issuance and replacement of **medals and awards**, do not use the addresses on the SF-180. See Military Awards and Decorations for additional information on how and where to submit correspondence for issuance or replacement.

Requesters may:

- **Mail Standard Form (SF) 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records to:** Address listed in the “Records Location Table” section on the form.
- **Fax Standard Form 180 to:** 314-801-9195

Tips & Warnings: Avoid delay in replacing a DD214. Double-check all information you provide for accuracy.

Option 3: Mail a Letter

This is not the recommended method of request. Although not mandatory, using the SF-180 is the recommended method to send a request for military service information. This form captures all the necessary information to locate a record.

If you are not able to obtain a SF-180, you may still submit a request for military records. Requests must contain enough information to allow us to identify the record from among the more than 70 million on file at the NPRC. For example, if you are requesting an Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), please include as much of the following information as possible:

- The veteran's complete name used while in service
- [Service number or social security number](#)
- Branch of service
- Dates of service
- Date and place of birth may also be helpful, especially if the service number is not known
- If the request pertains to a record that may have been involved in the [1973 fire](#), also include:
 - Place of discharge
 - Last unit of assignment
 - Place of entry into the service, if known.

Please Note: Next-of-kin (*the un-remarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister of the deceased veteran*) must provide proof of death of the veteran, such as a copy of the death certificate, a letter from the funeral home or a published obituary.

Be sure to request an [“Undeleted Report of Separation.”](#) This is what is commonly referred to as the “long” form.

- **Mail to:**

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138

- **Fax to:** 314-801-9195

Tips & Warnings: Avoid delay in replacing a DD214. Double-check all information you provide for accuracy.

Emergency Requests and Deadlines:

If your request is urgent (e.g. upcoming surgery, funeral, etc.) and there is a deadline associated with your request, please provide this information in the "Comments" section of eVetrecs or in the "Purpose" section of the SF-180 and fax it to our Customer Service Team at (314) 801-0764.

Our goal is to complete all urgent requests within two working days. However, in some instances we can complete requests the same day if necessary. Please contact our customer service staff at (314) 801-0800 if you have questions or require same day service. Due to the large number of calls we receive at this number, hold times are often long. However, once you reach a technician they will be happy to assist you with emergency service.

If your burial request involves internment at a Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery, contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (800) 535-1117 or visit their website <http://www.cem.va.gov/bbene/need.asp>. We work directly with the Veterans Affairs staff to obtain records to verify service for burial benefits. If the veteran is not going to be interred at a National Cemetery, the requester may fax the SF-180 or signature page from eVetRecs (including signature of the next of kin and proof of death) to the Customer Service Team at (314) 801-0764. If your request involves the burial of a Marine Corps veteran, you may also contact the USMC Liaison Officer at (314) 538-2344.

NOTE: The 1973 Fire at the National Personnel Records Center damaged or destroyed 16-18 million Army and Air Force records that documented the service history of former military personnel discharged from 1912-1964. Although the information in many of these primary source records was either badly damaged or completely destroyed, often alternate record sources can be used to reconstruct the service of the veterans impacted by the fire. Sometimes we are able to reconstruct the service promptly using alternate records that are in our holdings, but other times we must request information from other external agencies for use in records reconstruction. In some instances

Response Time and Checking the Status of a Request:

Response time varies and is dependent upon the complexity of your request, the availability of records and our workload. Please do not send a follow-up request before 90 days have elapsed, as it may cause further delays. While the NPRC works actively to respond to each request in a timely fashion, the Center receives approximately 4,000 - 5,000 requests per day. We are responding to requests for separation documents within 10 days about 92% of the time. However, requests that involve reconstruction efforts due to the 1973 Fire, or older records which require extensive search efforts, may take 6 months or more to complete.

Checking the Status of Your Request by E-mail: Once you have allowed sufficient time for us to receive and process your request (about 10 days), you may check the status of your request by e-mail through our NPRC Customer Service Center at mpr.status@nara.gov. Please provide the request number if you have one, the name, address and phone number of the requester and the veteran's branch of service to aid us in finding your request in our system. You will receive a return e-mail from us with a projected completion date for your request.

Special Note on Calling by Phone: If you have already submitted a request and need to know its status you may speak to a Customer Service Representative. Staff is available to take your call as early as 7:00 am CST and as late as 5:00 pm CST. Our peak calling times are weekdays

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between 10:00 am CST and 3:00 pm CST: 314-801-0800 toll free 1-866-272-6272

7. Maine Military Historical Society Volunteer Days

Beginning Wednesday August 31st and every other Wednesday there after, the Maine Military Historical Society will be holding a volunteer day. The goal is to clean up the museum, organize displays, photograph items and enter our collection into a database.

handle cool stuff, if you can spare 1 hour or four hours, we would be happy to hear from you.

For more information and to sign up please use the following link: <http://www.mainemilmuseum.org/calendar/> Click on the item for 31 August.

When the balloon comes up, click the link next to description: "Learn more and sign up here..." this will take you to the sign up page.

If you would like to sign up for additional dates, go to the other dates listed in the calendar and follow the directions above.

POC David Googins, david.googins@us.army.mil.