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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/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](http://aafes.com) or [usma-mccs.org](http://usma-mccs.org) or [ornavy-nex.com](http://ornavy-nex.com) or [cg-exchange.com](http://cg-exchange.com)**

**Pickings from the grape vine. or odds and ends SEE PAGE 7.**

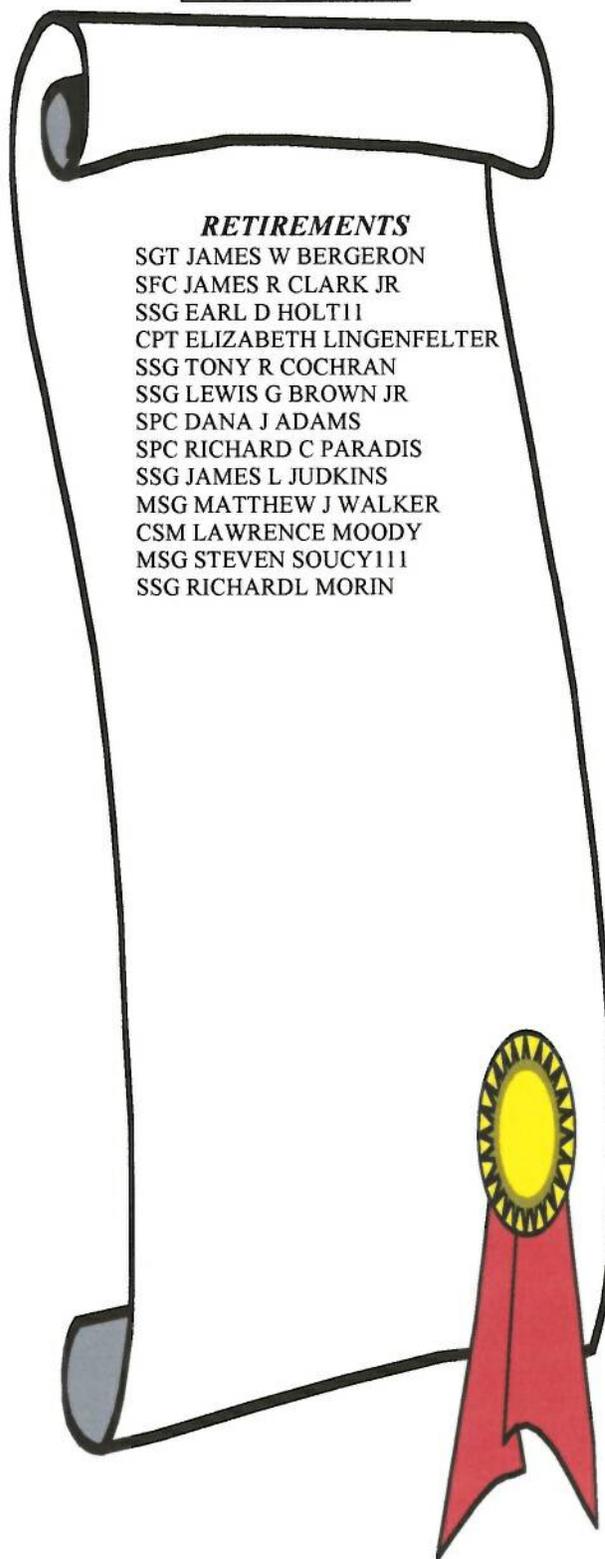
**If you want to be informed of events in a timely manner please send me your e-mail address. Once you do that please keep me informed of any e-mail changes.**

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**\*\*TRANSITIONS\*\***

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



**TAPS**

Col / Dr DAVID ANDERSON  
CW4 HARRY F PELLET

*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/](http://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

**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](mailto: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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# 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:

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33 State House Station  
ATTN: MS. Rebecca L. Maheux  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0033

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## **PICKING FROM THE GRAPE VINE**

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

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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](mailto:david.googins@us.army.mil).

MILITARY ID CARDS. - Effective 19 September 2011

As of 19 September, a dependent will not be issued a dependent military id card without a DD Form 1172, Application for Identification Card/DEERS Enrollment, signed by the sponsor. In the past we could do so, if the information was already showing in DEERS. If you, as a sponsor, send in any of your dependents without this form and you are not with them, an ID Card can not/will not be issued. If the sponsor goes to a DEERS Office, has the form printed out and signs it in front of a DEERS representative, then your dependents will be able to receive a card if you are not present. NOTE: This signed form is only valid for 90 days from the date you signed it. If you complete the DD 1172 on line at <http://www.cac.mil/assets/pdfs/dd1172-2.pdf>, print it and will not be present at the DEERS office then the form MUST BE NOTARIZED or the DD 1172 is not valid. Questions should be addressed to Rhonda Bonenfant at 207-430-5768 or via e-mail [Rhonda.lee.bonenfant@us.army.mil](mailto:Rhonda.lee.bonenfant@us.army.mil).

## Increase in Tricare Prime annual fees – effective 1 Oct 11

The annual enrollment fees for Tricare Prime (Health Net and Martin's Point) will be raised effective 1 Oct 11. Enrollment for one individual will increase from \$230 to \$260 annually. Enrollment for two or more individuals will increase from \$460 to \$520 annually.

### REMEMBER THE WOUNDED RIDE

SCOT KING REACHED MAINE ! GAVE A TALK AT THE MEETING OF THE CLIUB AT CAMP KEYES ON 1 OCTOBER. AS FAR AS I CAN SEE THIS WOULD BE A GREAT ORGANIZATION TO MAKE A DONATION TO. FOR MORE INFO GO TO:

[www.rememberthewoundedride.com](http://www.rememberthewoundedride.com)

Exempt/ Non-profit corporation whose vision is to help make life better for our combat wounded men and women and their families; educate the public as to the effects of war on the American family; hold events to promote patriotic education and honor the injured and their families from America's wars, most recently Operation Iraqi Freedom I & II (OIF-I & II).

Donations may be made on line through PayPal by clicking on the shield image above or by mail to the address below. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Our first and major project** has our President and founder, Scot King, peddling his bicycle to the capitals of the lower 48 states to raise awareness and support for our combat wounded veterans and their families. The trek will take two years to complete with the first leg (May-October 2011) covering approximately 8,165 miles and the second trek (May-October 2012) adding an additional 12,000 miles. Scot left the Oregon state capital steps on May 7, 2011 and is currently enroute through the northern-most states averaging 50-60 miles per day.

To learn more about the ride and follow its progress, please **CLICK HERE**

### **VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Of primary importance is our **Veterans and their Family Assistance Program (VFAP)**. This program is designed to directly help individual wounded veterans and their families on a one-on-one basis. Sometimes a

returning wounded veteran's injuries are such that they can be a difficulty when adjusting to civilian life, not only for the veteran but also his/her family as well. This program will assist them by paying the cost to provide family counseling where needed and to assist with special needs that are not covered by other sources. It can also help with household emergencies such as replacing a water heater, car repairs, etc.

### **OPERATION MILITARY EMBRACE**

Remember the Wounded Ride, Inc is pledged to support **Operation Military Embrace**, a non-profit organization whose mission is to show the wounded military how much the American people appreciate their service and their sacrifices and to raise the public's awareness of the difficulties and challenges endured by our wounded military and their families.

Remember the Wounded Ride, Inc is also in the process of developing two additional programs:

#### **Red, White and Blue Program:**

To teach children in grades K-12 the importance of thanking Veterans for their service, what it means to serve our country and to promote patriotism in the young.

#### **Biking with Disabilities Program:**

To assist disabled Veterans to live a fulfilling active life by partnering with local bicycle shops and adaptive bicycling manufactures to provide discounts and educational classes for disabled Veterans who are struggling to adapt to an active lifestyle because of their disability.

### **To Contact Us...**

Remember The Wounded Ride, Inc PO Box 33362 Portland, OR 97292

Info on Maine's celebration of the sesquicentennial of the civil war go to:<http://maine.gov/civilwar>

**October 27, 2011**

## **Photocopying of Military Identification Cards**

Recent incidents regarding the photocopying of military identification cards and common access cards (CAC), by commercial establishments to verify military affiliation or provide government rates for service, have been reported.

Personnel are reminded that the **photocopying of US Government Identification is a violation of Title 18, US Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701 and punishable by both fine and/or imprisonment.**

Many military members, family members and DoD employees are unaware of this law. Please pass to the lowest level and include in training for force protection, information security and OPSEC.

**FPO COMMENTS:** *Criminal elements and terrorist organizations place U.S. government*

*identifications as a high value logistical element when planning acts against the U.S. military.*

*Although commercial establishments are not prohibited from asking for military/government*

*identification, many government personnel and commercial establishments are unaware of the*

*prohibition on duplication of government identification. Unfortunately, there are no safeguards in*

*place to ensure a government identification card won't be counterfeited or "cloned" based on a*

*photocopy by a commercial establishment.*

*It is recommended that military/DoD personnel provide a state drivers license or other form of*

*photo identification to be photocopied if an establishment insists on a photocopy of the traveler's*

*identification.*

**\*NOTE:** *This does not apply to medical establishments (i.e. doctor's office, hospitals, etc...) who are allowed take a copy for the purpose of filing insurance claims; and other government agencies*

*in the performance of official government business*

## **Information on Hanscom AFB Commissary and Base Exchange.**

Hanscom AFB is located approximately 145 miles from Topsham, Maine.

Take I95 all the way exit at 31 B turn right go straight until you see a sign Hanscom AFB it is a right hand turn back across the street. Stop at the guard house show Id card. Proceed straight ahead, you cannot miss the commissary and base exchange, big signs, they are located side by side.

The commissary and exchange are very large and well stocked.

The gas/ service station and class 6 store are located on the road that leads to the commissary etc.

Expect to pay tolls enroute \$9.00 total.

## **DECEASED MEARNG RETIREES.**

HQ MeNG maintains the MeARNG Retiree roster. Part of that is a roster of deceased retirees. The only way they can get info is from you and I. So from this day forward please let me know if you become aware of a deceased retiree.

### **Vets4Warriors Hotline**

The National Guard recently unveiled its Vets4Warriors service members' counseling program.

Vets4Warriors is a toll-free, peer-to-peer counseling hotline that provides Guard members and Reserve component members with the ability to speak with counselors on the phone or online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Once the service member reaches out to Vets4Warriors, the counselor will try to match them to any of the resources available. To learn more about Vets4Warriors, or to speak with a counselor, service and family members can call the Vets4Warriors toll-free hotline at 1-855-VET-TALK (838-8255) or visit the Vets4Warriors website

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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	Fort Bliss, Texas	Deployed
		1	Afghanistan	Deployed
		1	Home Station	Awaiting Deployment
		1	MacDill Air Force Base, Florida	Deployed
		1	Fort Hood, Texas	Deployed
120th Regional Support Group Augusta	Active Duty Operational Support	1	Winchester, Virginia	Deployed
	Operation Enduring Freedom	1	Afghanistan	Awaiting Deployment
52d Troop Command, Bangor	Operation Enduring Freedom	1	Kabul, Afghanistan	Deployed
	European Command (EUCOM)	1	Podgorica, Montenegro	Deployed
<b>Total:</b>		<b>18</b>		

MAINE AIR NATIONAL GUARD				
Unit	Mission	Personnel	Location	Status
101 <sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Unified Protector and AEF	44	Al Udeid, Qatar	Deployed
		6	Ali Al Salem, Kuwait	Deployed
		2	Kandahar, Afghanistan	Deployed
		5	Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan	Deployed
		99	Bangor International Airport	Activated - Home Station
	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	1	Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland	Deployed
		1	Antarctica	Deployed
		1	Fort Bliss, Texas	Deployed
	RAVEN	3	Classified	Deployed
243 <sup>rd</sup> 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
	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	1	Shaw, Air Force Base	Deployed
<b>Total:</b>		<b>204</b>		

# MILITARY RETIREES To Include GRAY AREA And Dependents



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VETERANS CEMETERIES, VETERANS HOMES,  
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**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.**

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