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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/resources/retiree/>

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, 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 9.

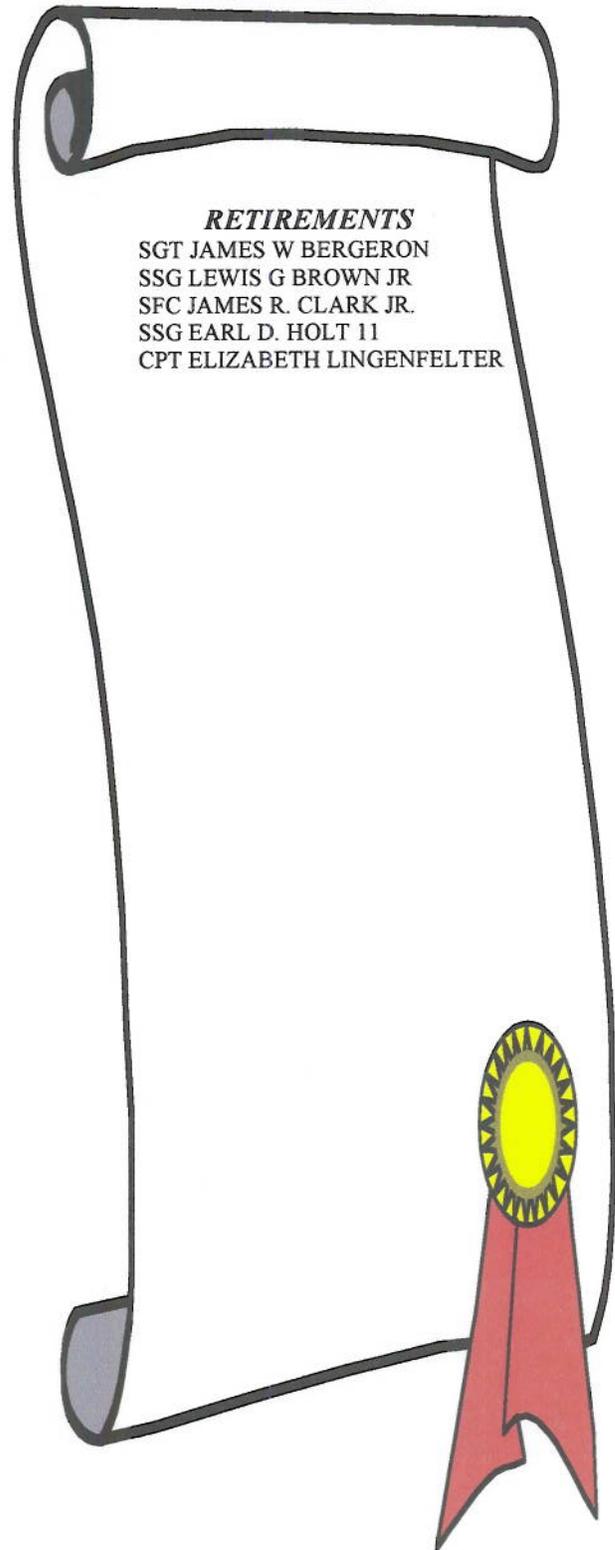
If you want to be informed of events in a timely manner please send me your e-mail address. Once you do that please keep me informed of any e-mail changes.

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****TRANSITIONS****

RETIREMENTS

SGT JAMES W BERGERON
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CPT ELIZABETH LINGENFELTER



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



TAPS

SFC JACQUELYN M CHILDS

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 MEARNNG 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:

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>
Mar 8 2011	Tuesday
April 12 2011	Tuesday
June 14 2011	Tuesday
August 09 2011	Tuesday
October 11 2011	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 MEARNNG 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

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- 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 mail Address in order for you to receive your newsletter.

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33 State House Station
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Augusta, Maine 04333-0033

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1. Changes to Tricare Service Centers - HealthNet

Effective April 1st, Brunswick TRICARE Service Center POC will be Patricia Kennett. Her contact information is shown below.

E-mail address - patricia.a.kennett@healthnet.com

Phone number (207) 798-8800

Fax number 207 798 7978

Effective 1 April, the Tricare Service Center in Caribou will be closed.

Many thanks to Debra O'Brien and Lori Theriault for their many years of outstanding service to our service members, retirees and their families!

Keep DEERS Up-to-Date

TRICARE beneficiaries who have recently experienced a life changing event, such as the birth or adoption of a child, or recent divorce or marriage, should immediately record these changes in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS. If they wait, their TRICARE benefit coverage could be affected. A beneficiary can register eligible new family members in DEERS at the nearest military personnel office or uniformed services identification card issuing office. To find an office you, visit the Rapids Site Locator website. Beneficiaries can call to update contact information only at 1-800-538-9552

HELP HELP.

Need to update e-mail address of:

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Elaine and Scott.

SEND CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS TO:

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PICKING FROM THE GRAPE VINE, OR ODDS AND ENDS.

1. PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED OF CHANGES IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.
2. PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED OF CHANGES IN YOUR MAILING ADDRESS, IMPORTANT SO WE CAN SEND THE NEWSLETTER TO YOU.
3. THE 2011 U.S. ARMY BIRTHDAY PARTY. YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND THE ARMY BIRTHDAY PARTY ON 14 JUNE AT 1600 HOURS AT THE AUGUSTA AREA MILITARY ASSOCIATION CLUB INSIDE CAMP KEYES.THE

MAINE MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN AT THIS TIME FOR YOUR CONVIENCE, PLEASE STOP BY!

4. PLEASE VISIT THE NEW WEB SITE OF THE MAINE MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT www.mainemilmuseum.org THE SOCIETY NEEDS YOU SUPPORT AS MEMBERS, GIFTS OF MILITARY ITEMS, AND GIFTS OF MONEY TOO. THE SOCIETY IS A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION, AS SUCH YOUR GIFTS CAN BE USED AS A TAX DEDUCTION.
5. SEE PAGE 14 FOR INFO ON THE 103RD INF REGIMENT RECOGNITION DAY
6. SEE PAGE 14 FOR INFO ON THE MMHS 2011 HERITAGE TOUR ON AUGUST 20 2011.

During the month of June 2011, Social Security Numbers will begin to stop showing on ALL ID Cards - including the sponsor's SSN. Instead of the SSN, each person entitled to have an ID card will have a unique DoD ID Number generated by DEERS, Defense Eligibility Enrollment System. Anyone entitled to benefits will also receive a DoD Benefits Number on the card. This number is also generated by DEERS.

ID cards will not be reissue cards unless they are within 30 days of expiration. The only exception is the retiree ID Card that has an "INDEF" expiration. These cards can be reissued anytime upon the request of the card holder.

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For questions call 207-626-4387.

ID Card/DEERS locations in Maine

You may get ID Cards at the following locations in Maine. Make sure to call to the ID card station first to ensure the machines are operational.

An ID card office also serve as a DEERS (Defense Eligibility Enrollment System) station. If a soldier gets married, divorces, has a child or otherwise has a change in their dependents, it is the service members responsibility to update DEERS. All of the dependents entitlements to Tricare/Martin's Point, commissary, MWR, the PX and more are based on their DEERS eligibility and enrollment.

To enter a dependent or obtain a dependent ID card or retired ID card the dependent must bring a birth certificates, marriage certificates, social security cards, and two forms of identification, such as driver's license, school ID, current DoD ID card or passport.

USAR 52 Troop Command NRC Bangor. Armed Forces Reserve
Center, 300 Hildreth St. North, Bangor
Phone 207-735-1000

RETIREE NEWSLETTER

Appointments are required. Tuesday-Friday 7AM to 4 P.M.

ANG 101st ARW Maine ANG Bangor, Maine, 102 Ashley St Suite
489, Bldg 489 Bangor ME 04401
(207) 990-7387

Appointments Not required. Hours Tuesday - Friday 0730-1130
and 1200-1500

USCG USCG Sector Northern New England. Address U.S. Coast
Guard Sector Northern New England,
Portland, ME 04101 (207) 780-3048

Appointments Not required. Hours 8 to 11 and 1 to 3
Monday-Friday

USNR NRC Bangor address NOSC Bangor, Maine 300 Hildreth St
North Suite 300, Bldg 300 04401
(207) 974-1301

Appointments are preferred. Tuesday-Thursday 0900-1600
Friday 0900-1500

ARNG Portland National Guard Armory HSC 133rd ECB Heavy 772
Stevens Avenue, room 102, Portland
(207) 430-5497

Appointments are not required. New hours of operation are
0700-1530. Tuesday -Friday, except for
holidays.

ARNG Caribou National Guard Armory address 185th EN CO 120
Sincock St Caribou ME 04736
(207) 498-6583

Appointments are not required. 1st and 3rd Thursday every
month Hours 9-2

ARNG AG HQ MAINE address Dept of Defense, Veterans and
Emergency Management Bldg 7, Augusta, Maine
(207) 626-4387

Appointments not required Hours: Tuesday-Friday 7-1130
and 1200-1500

SUPSHIP, 574 Washington Street, Bath, ME 207-442-2773
Hours: Monday - Wednesday 0730-1130 and 1230-3:00, Thursday- Friday
0700-1130

and
1230 - 2 PM.

Other sites throughout the United States and across the globe may be found at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home>.

Remember Retirees, when you turn 65, your Tricare benefit expires the last day of the month before you turn 65 because of Medicare PART B. You are still entitled to lifetime benefits with Martin's Point or Tricare. As soon as you get confirmation from Medicare you must go to a DEERS/ID card office and get a new ID card. Your new ID card will show INDEFINITE as the expiration date. ID cards for dependants under the age of 75 will expire after 4 years.

SOLDIER'S CREED

I am an American Soldier.
I am a warrior and a member of a team.
I serve the people of the United States,
and live the Army Values.
I will always place the mission first.
I will never accept defeat.
I will never quit.
I will never leave a fallen comrade.
I am disciplined, physically and mentally
tough, trained and proficient in my warrior
tasks and drills.
I always maintain my arms, my equipment
and myself.
I am an expert and I am a professional.
I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy,
the enemies of the United States of America
in close combat.
I am a guardian of freedom and the American
way of life.
I am an American Soldier.

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RETIREE NEWSLETTER

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FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2011 THRU APRIL 24, 2011

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 DEPLOYMENTS				
Unit	Mission	Personnel	Location	Status
Detachment 3, Medical Detachment	Community-Based Health-Care Organization (CBHCO)	1	Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts	Deployed
Joint Force Headquarters	Operation Enduring Freedom	1	Fort Bliss, Texas	Deployed
1136th Transportation Company	Operation Enduring Freedom	1	Afghanistan	Deployed
Total:		3		

MAINE AIR NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENTS				
Unit	Mission	Personnel	Location	Status
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	1	Al Udeid, Qatar	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	1	Ali Al Salem, Kuwait	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	1	Baghdad International Airport, Iraq	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	1	Bagram, Afghanistan	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	1	Balad, Iraq	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	1	Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	1	Landstuhl Hospital, Germany	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	2	Al Dhafra, United Arab Emirates	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	2	Baghdad, Iraq	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	2	Curacao, Netherlands	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	2	Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	2	Kuwait	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Other/Air Reserve Component Volunteer	3	Ft. Bliss, Texas	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation Unified Protector	6	Moron Air Base, Spain	Deployed
101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	133	Bangor International Airport, Maine	Activated – Home Station
265 th Combat Communications Squadron, South Portland	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	1	Ali Al Salem, Kuwait	Deployed
265 th Combat Communications Squadron, South Portland	Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom, and AEF	6	Baghdad International Airport, Iraq	Deployed

2011 Heritage Tour

By David Googins

On August 20th the Maine Military Historical Society will be conducting its 3rd Annual Heritage Tour.

This year we will be in and around the Portland area, to learn what a vital role this area played in the defense of the state and the nation, from as long ago as the Indian wars to just after World War II.

Joel Eastman, Emeritus Professor of history at the University of Southern Maine and the leading expert on Maine's forts, will be our guide as we set out to trace the path of our military forefathers.

So pack a picnic lunch and join the tour! We will be departing by bus from the Stevens Avenue Armory in Portland. Cost of the tour is \$45 per person. A sign up sheet and brochure will be posted on our website where we will also accept credit card payments. You may also mail in the form along with a check if you desire.

For those that wish to spend the night in Portland, hotel arrangements can be made on your own.

Visit www.mainemilmuseum.org for updates.

103rd Recognition Day

By David Googins

The 103rd Infantry Regiment from World War II will be honored at the Augusta Armory on 18 June 2011 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

The Regiment, which was made up from many companies located throughout Maine, fought as part of the 43rd Division in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

There will be presentations made to attending 103rd members and surviving family members of deceased veterans. Gold Star Families will also be invited to attend this event.

Displays will be set up consisting of company rosters, campaign maps, photos and other historical items. Light refreshments will also be served.



103rd Regimental Crest

Their oral histories about their war experience will be recorded for inclusion in a history of the 103rd that the MMHS is putting together.

Please help us honor these men from the "Greatest Generation" by attending. It is a unique chance to get their story first hand. **If you know of a 103rd member or a 103rd family, please let them know about this event.**

MILITARY RETIREE And Dependents



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LEGAL ASSISTANCE, HEALTH CARE INFORMATION,
SURVIVOR BENEFITS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,
COMMISSARIES, EXCHANGES,
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
VETERANS CEMETERIES, VETERANS HOMES,
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SATURDAY JULY 23, 2011

Vermont Army National Guard Regional Training Institute,
Camp Johnson. Colchester, Vermont
All activities will be indoors

Photo identification card required for driver, military or drivers license



0800-0900 REGISTRATION
0900-0945 OPENING CEREMONY
0945-1500 STATIONS AND OPEN



Directions to RAD 2011

From Interstate 89, turn right at Exit 15, Vermont Rt 15 and follow sign to Camp Johnson.

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