American Legion Topsham Memorial Post 202 79 Foreside Road Topsham, ME 04086









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Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday 1 pm – 10 pm Friday 1 pm – 1 am Saturday 1 am – 10 pm Sunday 1 am – 6 pm

Hall Prices: Members \$175 Non-Members \$200 Bartender \$50 Kitchen \$35

"SMOKE FREE FACILITY"

There is now an ATM located in the lounge

February & March 2015 NEWSLETTER

-From the Commander-

Post's year-end activities have winded down, interior Holiday Decorations are stowed away. One might think we are slipping into the mid-winter doldrums (or "blahs") at Post 202, but our Calendar shows this is not the case, for we have much to keep us busy and keep our spirits up. We have completed many Post improvements that include replacing light bulbs with LED bulbs, getting the Pool table re felted, getting a working Arcade machine in the games room, putting Legion License plates on the walls, repair to the men's restroom, as well as many procedural changes to make us more efficient. At the core of it all we are still the same of course, however a breath of fresh air was breathed into the 202 in 2014 and 2015 is going to be a year we shine. With the American Legion Officers Elections coming quickly I must encourage you not to rely on "someone" to fill the positions. We need volunteers like you to fill the executive committee board so that 2015 can be even more successful than 2014 ever thought of being.

Please make an effort to attend our monthly general membership meetings, membership makes the Post.

Yours in Service Commander Nicolas Hamlin

-Upcoming events -

January 31st Vinyl Fossils will be playing 8-modnight

February 1 – 1pm Four Chaplin's Ceremony upstairs – everyone is invited

February 1st – Super Bowl 49 – XLIX – Patriots VS. Seahawks at 630pm – kitchen will be open

February 14th – Valentine's Day – Billy Pelletier will be playing at 530pm – dinner at 6pm TBA

February 20th – will be celebrating Fat Tuesdays – Mardi Gras

February 21st – Blood Drive

March – 17th - St. Patrick's Day – Top of the day to you – Green drink specials

March – 28th – Winter Carnival Cook Off – Proceeds go to scholarship funds

-From the Lounge -

Three card challenge every Sunday,
Live entertainment every Friday from 8 till Midnight
Dinner every Friday from 6-7
Ladies Night Every Tuesday
Free Juke Box every Saturday from 6-10, Daily Happy Hour Specials!!

-Friday Night Suppers-

February March

02/06	S.A.L	Chicken Fried Steak or Sirloins			
02/13	Legion	American Chop Suey			
02/20	S.A.L.	Stuffed Shells & Homemade			
		Meatballs or Sirloin TBA			
02/27	Legion	German Night			

03/06	VFW	Steak or Fish	
03/13	VFW	Steak or Scallops	
03/20	VFW	Korean Night	
03/27	VFW	Steak or Fish	

-Friday Night Entertainment-

02/06	Jeff Rockwell
02/13	Keith & Kathy
02/20	Jeff Rockwell
02/14	Billy Pelletier
02/27	Billy Pelletier

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- Service Officer -

Veterans who have appointments at Togus Hospital and need transportation can get free ride through the DAV. The van runs Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday for the local area. Call DAV Transportation toll free at 1-877-421-8263, ext. 5790. This service is door to door with no out of pocket cost to the veteran. If you want to get a DD 214 for yourself or a family member.

Everyone, The Selective service is looking for local board members throughout the state. Togus has been approved for increasing staff by 34 people, ½ for mental health and ½ for physical health. Job fair in Lewiston February 2nd from 4-6

- From Madam President Auxiliary -

Hello ladies,

Thank you for the desserts and the help I had in the kitchen for Friday night dinners. Our next meeting is Feb. 3, at 6pm. We will be creating a nominating committee for upcoming officer elections. Anyone interested in becoming an officer should attend our meeting. There is a 3rd district meeting Feb. 15, at 2pm at the post. All is welcome.

Yours in service, Madame President Jane Feeney

-From the Legion Riders -

Hello All.

I am happy to announce that this year's ALR Winter Meeting is being held at the Rockland Post, Saturday March 7th. Social time and light lunch will begin at 1pm with meeting to begin approximately 2:30-3: pm. There will also be a supper to follow and entertainment in the evening. I hope all ALR members can make the meeting and enjoy social time and caught up and visit with other ALR members. Our meetings are an opportunity for ALR to come together from all parts of the State and become more united, which in turn makes us stronger.

2014 was a very good year for the State wide ALR donations for the Homeless Veterans Program of Maine as well as the Legacy Fund Scholarship program. Maine ALR can be very proud of all their hard work and effort, over \$14,000 was donated to the Homeless Veterans Program of Maine and \$5,000 to the Legacy Fund. There was many other charities, programs and organizations who ALR proudly donated to and help support. I would like to thank everyone who lent a hand in supporting and working for what we believe in. You are a unique and wonderful group and I am proud and honored to be a part of the ALR of Maine. Without your dedication and support none of this would be possible.

Now is the time to begin looking forward to the upcoming year and putting our heads and hearts together to make 2015 a bigger and better year for the ALR of Maine. Please feel free to contact me with and questions you may have and keep in mind membership renewals will be upon us sooner then we think. You may renew anytime now.

Safety is NO Accident!

Kaye Bouchard ALR Director Chapter 202 ALR State Director, Maine

-From the S A L -

S.A.L. members,

Reminder last Thursday of every month meetings are at 6pm. Come down we need members to attend, we need some input on future fundraisers and Friday night suppers. Meals for next month are Chicken Fried Steak or Sirloins February 6th and Stuffed Shells and Homemade meat balls or sirloins.

Also to you softball players - Legion needs players for Homeless Vets Fundraiser - will be lots of! FUN! Food will be served with hot drinks – February 28th. For further information please contact Nick Hamlin at americanlegionpost202me@gmail.com S.A.L. will be cooking on the grill: burgers, dogs come on down and join the fun.

Yours in Service SAL Commander Mike Owen

-Thank you from Troop 202 -

The American Legion Post 202 is the Sponsors for the Boy Scouts of America Troop 202 in the Abenaki district of the Pine Tree Council. The men and women of The Legion have given us so much more than a space to have meetings or a shed to store our equipment. Currently with 17 Boys and 7 Adult leaders we continue to hike the path of the Eagle. You have supported us with more than money over the years, you have set the example we strive to achieve. You give us guidance, along with sharing your wisdom. They say you get out of Scouts, is what you put into it.

Well it's because of you we can say we are proud to be in the Boy Scouts of America- Thank you for your support and Thank you for your service.

Respectfully from our Troop 202

-From Election Committee -

Dear Legionnaires,

It's that time of the year where we have the opportunity to elect new officers for our post. We are grateful for our Commander, 1st & 2nd Vice, Adjutant and Chaplain for volunteering their time and effort. At present, our Commander is pulling double duty as Finance Officer and Commander, our Adjutant is pulling double duty as Judge Advocate and Adjutant. Our Chaplain has been recently injured and our 1st Vice has been pulling double duty as kitchen committee. Please consider running for an office in our Post. The more people we have working together, the less work we as individuals have to do. The below link has each officers' duties for your information. Also we will place a description of each position on our website at www.post202me.org. www.legion.org/documents/pdf/pogsection1 01.pdf

Yours in Service, **Louis Larios Sgt Arms / Election Committee**

Current Officers



Commander Nicolas Hamlin Eric Cifelli



1st Vice



2nd Vice Matt Jabaut



Sgt. Arms Louis Larios



Chaplin Don Rahn



Judge Advocate Adela Cifelli



Finance Steve Wilkins

MEMORIAL TO DEPARTED COMRADES

Grandville Johnson

Don't forget – Post 202 maintains an Internet web site – Check out what's happening at: post202me.org

In order to cut expenses we would like to continue sending the newsletter via E-Mail, if you have an E-Mail address please send it to americanlegionpost202me@gmail.com

Would you like to play an important role in helping to make the mailing of our Newsletter continue to be possible!

You could become a sponsor and have your name posted in the Newsletter. All it takes is a donation of \$5 or more. Wouldn't it great to see your name listed as a proud sponsor of Post 202!!!

Please send your donation to:

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(Please designate donation is for the newsletter)

Newsletter Sponsors

Lin Stevens, David Mockler, Franklin Leavitt:

The Lemont family in Memory of Charles and Joanna Lemont, and June Sherman.

February 2015

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1 Three Card Challenge 3pm Four Chaplains super bowl	2 Boy Scouts 6:00pm	3 Aux. 6pm	4	5 ALR 6pm	6 Supper 6:00pm Entertainment 8:00pm	7 Darts 2pm Free Pool 5-9pm
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