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Bert Dutil: Veterans 2006

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CONNECTIONS



MEMORIAL SERVICE: Terrorist bombing anniversaries were recalled recently. In front from left, Joshua, Roger and Angela Poulin; second row, Bryan Vye; Michael Labbe, retired lance corporal, Marine Corps, stationed in Beirut in 1983; Maurice Dutil, Post 31, FAWV; Jerry DerBoghossian, Post 22, AL; Albert Landry, Post 9150, VFW; Kenny DerBoghossian, Sons of the Legion; Kenneth Chadwick, Sons of the Legion; back, Peter Fleury, Post 31; Noella Labbe; Roland Cyr and Richard Gern, Post 22; Willie Danforth, Post 31; Arthur Bentz, Post 9150; and Donald Gosselin, Post 135, AL.

Vets remember terrorist attack

LEWISTON — Members of the Lewiston-Auburn Veterans Council and relatives of military personnel gathered at Veterans Memorial Park recently to observe anniversaries of terrorist bombings of the U.S. Marine Corps barracks on Oct. 23,

1983, and the U.S.S. Cole on Oct. 17, 2000.

A total of 251 Marines and Navy personnel were killed in the barracks bombing in Beirut, Lebanon., and 17 crew members were killed in the ship bombing at the refueling dock

in Yemen, Aden.

The program opened with singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" by the assembly. Post 22, American Legion, Adjutant Jerry DerBoghossian gave the invocation.

Roland Cyr, past commandant of the Central Maine Ma-

rine Corps League, read the history of the Marine Corps while DerBoghossian presented the history of the Navy.

Singing of the Marine Corps and Navy hymns followed, and the program closed with "God Bless America" by the assembly.



THE
COLLECTORS
VFW
1603

Veterans' names are needed for memorial stone

The L & A Veterans Council is looking for about 50 more application for names to be placed on the tenth stone in Veterans Park.

If the names are received by May 1, the veterans will be able to unveil the new stone after the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Saturday, May 27.

The parade will start at 9:30 a.m. from Kennedy Park in Lewiston and will go through Auburn, ending at Veterans Park on Main Street in Lewiston, where the ceremony will be held.

Major General John W. Libby, Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard and a Lewiston native, has been asked to be Grand Marshall of the Parade, as well as guest speaker at the ceremony.

Anyone needing applications to place an individual's name on the stone, as well as information concerning the parade and ceremony, should contact the Chairman Bert Dutil.

"We are presently looking to make this parade one of the best in many years," Dutil said.

"We are asking all military units, bands, color guards, veterans, fraternal organizations, boys and girls scouts and youth groups to sign up for the parade," he said.

Dutil can be reached at 786-2305 or 454 Meadowview Park, Lewiston, ME 04240.

B-F L/A Veterans

As Chairman of the L & A Veterans council, I wish to thank all citizens who attend the Veterans day Musical Program at the Armory in Lewiston as well as the Changing of the Flags and Unveiling of the 4th bench at the Veterans Memorial Park, we had a very good crowd at both events, but so many people do not even bother to attend and thank the Veterans for everything they did to keep America Free.

To those who helped set up and take down all the chairs, hang the large American Flag, set up for the sound system, all the Units who passed in Review to Honor our Veterans, the musical program by Edward Little and Lewiston High School Bands, the Just Us Entertainers accompanied by Nel Meservier, and for the first time the Lewiston High School Chorus, the speakers, Mayors of Lewiston & Auburn, State Senator Peggy Rotundo, and the Invocation by Jerry DerBoghosian, and those who helped with the sales table and give out forms, it was a pleasure to work with all or you for the morning musical program, and into afternoon all the individuals who helped take down the old flags and raise the new ones, the different speakers, and those who unveiled the

new bench at the Veterans Park. I thank you in my name and in the Veterans Council name. The next event for the council will be the Memo-

rial Day Parade and Ceremony, which will be held on Saturday May 27th. Anyone interested in participating please call me for more information.
Bertrand A. Dutil, Chairman
786-2305

BREAKFAST BY V.F.W. 1603

THE COOKS



BREAKFAST
VFW
1603



Don G
Jerry D
all L.
Willie D
Berb
Moe F
me & Mrs
Celestine
Gerry C

VALENTINES
FOR
VETERANS



LUNCH
at
A.L. 153



Stuart
Berb.
Don.
Jerry
Moe.
Willie
Paul.
Carl.



VETERANS at the COLISÉE ↕ →

VFW 9150 MEETING





VFW POST COMMENDED



MEMBERSHIP 100 PERCENT: Roger E. Cloutier, center, commander of the Normand Dionne VFW Post 9150 in Lewiston, received a citation from District Commander William B. Bradbury, left, for achieving 100 percent post membership for the current year. Also making the presentation at the District 9 meeting in Rumford is Arthur J. Roy, District 9 membership chairman. District 9 is made up of posts in Auburn, Rumford, Jay, Canton, Lewiston, Lisbon, South Paris and Greene. Veterans who served overseas and received a campaign medal can become a VFW member by contacting Roy at 784-6883 or ajrvfw@verizon.net.

V.F.W. 9150



Marine Corps League elects officers

AUBURN — The Maine Corps League Central Maine Detachment held a reorganization and election of new officers at the New Auburn American Legion Post 153.

Members discussed the most convenient night to meet, agreeing that the last Thursday night of the month at 7 p.m. would be appropriate at the New Auburn American Legion Post 153, 72 South Main St., New Auburn. Entrance is on the Cook Street side.

A drive was discussed to bring in more members. New members have already joined and a good showing is expected at the next meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23.

The following were elected: commandant, Raymond Lemieux; senior vice commandant, Paul Samson; junior vice commandant, Lucien Marcoux; judge advocate, Joseph Nota Jr.; junior past commandant, Robert E. MacDonald;



LEADERS: Marine Corps League, Central Maine Detachment, has elected officers. In front from the left are commandant, Raymond Lemieux; junior vice commandant, Lucien Marcoux; senior vice commandant, Paul Samson; adjutant/paymaster, Roland Cyr; back, installing officer, past department commandant, Charles Millett of Mechanic Falls; and, Gerry Cain and Richard McGuinness, new members.

adjutant/paymaster, Roland Cyr; chaplain, Edith Lemieux; sergeant-at-arms, Maurice Marquis; assistant sergeant-

at-arms, Lois Vincent.

Any former or present Marines interested in joining can call Lemieux at 784-0656.

L/A Veterans Council

BEAR FACTS



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The Parade will start at 9:30 a.m. from Kennedy Park in Lewiston, and will go thru Auburn, ending at the Veterans Park on Main St. in Lewiston, where the Ceremony will be held, B/Gen Libby has been asked to be the Grand Marshall of the parade and be the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Anyone needing application for an individual name on the 10th stone, as well as information concerning the parade and ceremony, should contact the Chairman Bert Dutil, we are presently looking to make this parade one of the best in many years, we are asking all Military units, Bands, Color Guards, Vet-



DOUGLAS VAN REETH/SUN JOURNAL

ALL SMILES: Bertrand Dutil, center, enjoys a laugh Thursday with state Rep. Margaret Craven and Rep. Michael Michaud, Maine's 2nd District congressman, after a multiple medal presentation to Dutil at the Meadowview Recreation Center in Lewiston.

erans, Fraternal Organizations, boys & Girls Scouts, Youth groups to sign up for the parade. Bert can be reached at 786-2305 or at 454 Meadowview Park, Lewiston, ME 04240



Part of the crowd of 90 – the medals & the Politicians



I want to thank everyone for participating at my Medal Presentation by U.S. Congressman Michael Michaud on Thursday February 23rd, which was held at Meadowview Park, to all the speakers who said a few kind words, the photographers, those who prepared snacks and coffee, the parking attendant, representatives from the U.S. Senators Office, State legislators, City officials, Lewiston Housing officials, family members, Veterans, Friends & Meadowview Tenants. YOU'RE ALL VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE, THANKS FOR MAKING ME FEEL SPECIAL TOO.

Bert



Meadowview Tenants Mayor Guay, Bert & U.S. Congressman Michaud



WITH FAMILY ↑









↑ THE SPEAKERS THE VETERANS ↓





BOB & JEANNINE





↑ LOUISE + BOB

↓ THE MARINES



MY MEDALS

(those who participated that I can remember)

(ceremony held at Meadowview Park Hall)

(February 23rd, 2006 at 1 pm)

WORKERS:

COFFEE & SNACKS: Arthur R & Claudette L

PARKING: Bert M & Richard C

VIDEO: Sandy R & Pat C

PHOTOS: Roland C, Mike B, Armand B & Ann K

FRAME FOR MEDALS: Matt D from Congressmen

Michaud Office

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V.I.Ps

U.S.CONGRESSMEN: Michael Michaud

REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.S. SENATOR

Snow & Collins.

STATE SENATOR: Marguerite Peggy Rotundo

STATE REPRESENTATIVES: Lillian O'Brien,

Marguerite Kraven & Elaine Makis.

MAYOR OF LEWISTON: Lionel Guay

CITY OFFICIALS: Administrator Phil Nadeau

Councilor: Paul Samson

LEWISTON HOUSING AUTHORITY CEO: Jim

Spaulding and staff Carla & Shari.

L & A VETERANS COUNCIL: Gerry Cain WMA,

Gerry DerBoghossian, AL, Armand Bussiere VFW,

and Ray Lemieux MCL

PRESS: Sun/Journal, Channel 8 & Channel 13

INDIVIDUALS:

VETERANS:

Art Paradis, Moe Fournier, Bob Levesque, Jerry Dewitt, Normand Kirouac & Anna, Don Gosselin, Al Landry, Bob Gelinas & wife, Armand Bussiere & Brenda, Ray Lemieux & Edith, Jerry DerBoghossian, Gerry Cain, Loranzo & Laurent Kirouac, Art Bentz, Richard Valle, Leandre Buteau, Richard Cusson, Roger Fournier & Rita, Bert Morin, Arthur Raymond, Marcel St Pierre, Bob Monroe.

FAMILY:

Pat Crowell, Jeannine Poirier, Debbie Poulin, Sandy Ramich & Marcel St Pierre.

FRIENDS:

Bob Grandmaison, Christine Hopkins, Irene Morin, Yvonne Camire, Rose Lussier, Gilberte Lafrance, Marcel Leclair, Earl Lawrence, Rose Roy, Marie Rose Thompson, Rosaire Galarneau, Irene O'Brien, Georgette Gagne, Rev Roland Jacques, Marlene Gilbert, Irene Lanois, Real Roy, Lorraine Fillion, TJ Sargent, Betty Ouellette, Bertha Bardier.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

MICHAEL H. MICHAUD
2ND DISTRICT, MAINE

202-225-6306

February 23, 2006

Mr. Bertrand Dutil
454 Meadowview Park
Lewiston, ME 04240-4246

Bert
Dear Bertrand:

It is with great personal pleasure that I present you with the awards earned during your military service. This recognition is long overdue.

The members of our nation's military sacrifice much and risk their lives to protect our citizens and to defend our freedom and democracy. We are indebted to you and to your fellow soldiers for the sacrifices that you have made for our country.

It was my pleasure and honor to assist you in acquiring your medals so that you may be properly recognized for your service to our nation. I join a grateful nation in thanking you for your honored service to our nation.

With warmest regards,

Mike

Michael Michaud
Member of Congress

Bert.

We are so proud of you!
I am so glad to be here
to share in this honor!
Our country is blessed to
have you as a citizen &
there are many others who
have served & deserve our
thanks!

God has blessed you well
so far and may he bless you
for many more years to come!
I know he has blessed our
family by having you in it!

Thank you for being
there to protect and
serve our country!

*Lore.
Debbie
Ralf
Tom
Justin
&
Hissy*

Congratulations!

Veterans remember end of Vietnam War

LEWISTON — Members of area veterans organization recently conducted a memorial service at the Veterans Memorial Park commemorating the 31st anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

The program included singing of the national anthem by the assembly followed by the invocation by Jerry DerBoghossian, president emeritus of the U.S.S. Canberra Reunion Association.

He spoke on the U.S.S. Canberra's mission during the Vietnam War. Its assignment was to sail up and down the coast of Vietnam, firing 8-inch guns on the Viet Cong forces on land. The Cong forces fired back and the Canberra suffered casualties. She was replaced by the battleship U.S.S. New Jersey, whose 16-inch guns could fire farther onto land. The area that the U.S. Navy ships patrolled was called "Shotgun Alley."

Robert MacDonald, member of the Central Maine Marine Corps



VIETNAM NOT FORGOTTEN: A memorial service was held to commemorate the end of the Vietnam War. From left are Armand Bussiere, past commander, Longley-Dionne Post 9150, VFW; Robert MacDonald, Central Maine Marine Corps League; Albert Landry, service officer, Longley-Dionne Post; Jerry DerBoghossian, president emeritus, U.S.S. Canberra Reunion Association; Charles Burns, past commander, Frank Hulett Post 1603, VFW; Joseph Paradis, trustee, Military Order of the Purple Heart 2699; Bert Dutil, past national commander, Franco-American War Veterans Inc.; and Richard LeBlanc, Longley-Dionne Post.

League and a U.S. Marine serving in Vietnam, read the names of Lewiston-Auburn servicemen

who lost their lives in Vietnam.

"Taps" was sounded by Richard LeBlanc, member of Post

9150, VFW. The program ended with the singing of "God Bless America" by the assembly.





Franco-American Day set at State House

AUGUSTA — The State House will celebrate its fifth Franco-American Day today.

The event, which was largely organized by Rep. Ross Paradis, D-Frenchville, honors Maine's historic connection to French speaking Canadians, many of whom moved to the Lewiston-Auburn area in the 1860s to work in the mills.

Events begin at 7:30 a.m. with a Franco-American breakfast menu available in the cafeteria and French-theme music throughout the State House. Fiddlers from Lewiston High School and Middle School, under the direction of Greg Boardman, will be playing in the Rotunda.

In the House, formal events begin with at 9 a.m. with the presentation of the colors by Franco-American veterans

and a bilingual invocation by the Rev. Sylvo Levesque of Hallowell. The national anthems of the United States, France and Canada will be performed.

The Senate will follow a similar schedule when it convenes at 10 a.m.

At 11 a.m., Gov. John Baldacci will hold a news conference with French Consul Francois Gauthier, l'Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie Section President Michel Samson, Quebec delegate to Boston, France Dionne and Richard Coyle, executive director of the Maine International Trade Center, which will also hold a trade conference at 1 p.m. to discuss trade opportunities in the Francophone world.

—David Farmer



Iraq experience related to Post 22:

Lewiston Post 22 recently had the privilege to have Sgt. Michael Collins of C Company 133rd Engineer Battalion, whose outfit was based in Mosul, Iraq, March 2004 to February 2005, at their membership meeting. He spoke of his first-hand experiences while he was stationed in Iraq and a lively question-and-answer period, followed with the general consensus that the United States has to remain in Iraq until the country is fully stabilized so that they can maintain themselves without outside help. Sgt. Collins is now at the Lewiston Vet Center as a global war on terrorism outreach technician and is still a member of the Maine National Guard. He is a member of Livermore Falls Post 10. Pictured from left to right is Post 22 Service Officer Joseph Paradis; Post 22 member Leandre Buteau; Sgt. Michael Collins; Post 22 adjutant Jerry DerBoghossian and Post 22 commander Richard Gien.

March 22, 2006

FRANCO AMERICAN DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE

**Franco-American Day
At the State House**

**Le Rendez-Vous de la
Francophonie au Maine**

mercredi
le 22 mars, 2006

7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



**Presentation of Colors in the Senate by Post 31, Franco American War Veterans
of Lewiston**



GOVERNOR

DISPLAYS

COLOR GUARD W/ PEGGY





↓ CEREMONY FOR VIETNAM VETS ↓



BUGLER DICK





REMEMBER THE THRESHER: The sinking of the USS Thresher was recalled in a recent ceremony on the Longley Bridge. From left in front are Jerry DerBoghossian, president emeritus, USS Canberra Reunion Association; Richard Vallee, Post 22, American Legion; Jaspeth Taylor; Kenneth Chadwick, Sons of the American Legion; standing, Ronald Arneault, officer of the day, Post 9150, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Arthur Paradis, Post 22; Albert Landry, service officer, Post 9150; John McBane, chief boatswain mate, U.S. Navy (retired); Robert Levesque, past commander, Post 31, Franco-American War Veterans; Douglas Taylor; Sonya Taylor; and Jerry DeWitt, past commander, Post 31.

USS Thresher recalled in ceremony on bridge

LEWISTON — Members of area veterans organizations and the public gathered recently for memorial services for the 43rd anniversary of the sinking of the nuclear submarine, the USS Thresher SSN 593. The submarine sank off the coast of Massachusetts while it was on sea trials between April 8 and 10, 1963, with a loss of all hands.

The group gathered at Yvon's Car Wash parking lot at the entrance of the Lewiston side of the James B. Longley Bridge where Jerry DerBoghossian told of his experiences during the time the Thresher was being built.

He was employed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, N.H., and worked on the

Thresher during its building.

The group marched to the center of the bridge on the down river side, where the invocation was given by Douglas Taylor. The wreath was thrown into the Androscoggin River by DerBoghossian, "in memory of all hands lost at sea." The service concluded with the singing of "God Bless America."

Serment de Fidélité

(Pledge of Allegiance)

Je promets fidélité au
drapeau des États-Unis

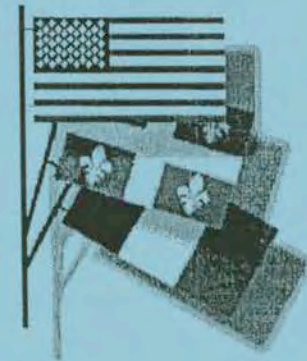
d'Amérique

et à la république qu'il représente,

une nation sous Dieu,

indivisible avec liberté et justice

pour tous





L & A VETERANS COUNCIL AT AUBURN MALL





Maj. General John W. Libby is Grand Marshal of Memorial Day Parade

The L & A Veterans Council is proud to have Major General John W. Libby, adjutant of the Maine National Guard and a native of Lewiston, as its Grand Marshal for the Memorial Day Parade.

The veterans council is also proud to announce that 195th Army National Guard Band from Bangor will take part in the Me-

morial Day Parade and Ceremony. Festivities start on Saturday, May 27 at 9:30 a.m. in Kennedy Park in Lewiston.

The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management is proud to present "Maine's Own" 195th Army Band of the Maine Army National Guard. The band performs at numerous military and

civilian events throughout Maine and the Eastern United States.

In recent months, the band has participated in several ceremonies as fellow Maine guardsmen have been deployed overseas. The band has also had the honor of being on hand for the joyous homecoming celebrations on their return. The band members come from all over the state from a variety of civilian occupations.

The 195th Army National Guard Band is under the direction of Warrant Officer Brady S. Harris of Brewer.

The parade will go through Lewiston and around Platz Plaza in Auburn, then return to Lewiston, ending at Veterans

Memorial Park for the ceremony starting around 10:30 a.m.

"We are hoping the citizens from our Twin Cities, as well as the surrounding communities, will review the parade and also give thanks to all our National Guard and Reserve military people who will be participating in this parade, such as the 133rd Regiment," said Bert Dutil, chairman of the L & A Veterans Council.

Any organizations that wishes to take part in the parade should register with Dutil by calling 786-2305.

Following the ceremony, the veterans will unveil the tenth memorial stone with 216 names on it.



195th Army National Guard Band



JON MORTON SHOEMAKER
1951 – 2006

LEWISTON – Mr. Jon Morton Shoemaker, 54, of 25 Roland Ave. in Lewiston, died Tuesday evening April 11th at Central Maine Medical Center with family at his side following a short courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Lewiston September 22, 1951 a son of Roy Morton Shoemaker and Evelyn Boydak Shoemaker. He was educated in local schools and remained a lifelong resident of the Lewiston-Auburn community.

Jon was a Veteran of the Military having served his country in the Navy during the Vietnam war until he was honorably discharged in 1974. On June 26, 1976 he married Gloria Arbour at St. Augustine's Church in Augusta. Mr. Shoemaker was currently employed as a mechanical designer for Riley Medical in Auburn, where he had worked for the past several years. He was a very busy member in a number of different activities at the Pastime Club, where he currently served as Secretary and President of the Cribbage League. He was a member of the 20M Club where he enjoyed shuffle bowling, and was a very active member and Past Adjutant of the Franco-American War Veterans Post # 31 in Lewiston. He was an avid coin collector and enjoyed gardening and spending time on computers.

He leaves his wife of 29 years, Gloria Shoemaker of Lewiston; a daughter Tracy Ann Shoemaker and her fiancé Michael Kelly of Bangor; a son Todd Morton Shoemaker of Lewiston; a sister Rona Boilard and her husband Robert of Lewiston; and his loving Black Labrador Retriever named Mindy.

VISITATION – Fri 2-4 & 7-9 pm. Funeral at the funeral home Sat. 11 AM. Committal and interment will take place next Tues 1 PM at Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Mt. Vernon Rd. Augusta. A service of The Fortin Group Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 70 Horton St., **Lewiston**, 784-4584. www.dignitymemorial.com



THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the United States Capitol on May 30, 2005, Memorial Day, at the request of the Honorable Susan M. Collins, United States Senator.

This flag was flown in honor of the Veterans of Lewiston/Auburn.

Alan M. Hantman, FAIA
Architect of the Capitol

L-A memorial parade Saturday

LEWISTON — The Lewiston-Auburn Memorial Day parade will assemble in Kennedy Park at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 27.

The parade will step off at 9:30, going along Chestnut, Lisbon and Main streets, across Longley Bridge, around Platz Plaza in Auburn, back across the bridge, stopping at the Veterans Memorial Park, Main Street.

Participant who have registered are the grand marshal, Brig. Gen John Libby; Mayor Lionel Guay of Lewiston; Councilor Beth Shields of Auburn; State Sen. Peggy Rotundo; 195th Army National Guard Band of Bangor; Edward Little, Lewiston and Leavitt High

School bands; drum corps from Post 135 of Sabattus.

Also, American Legion Posts 22 and 210 of Lewiston, Posts 153 and 31 of Auburn and Post 135 of Sabattus; a patriotic limo from Richmond; Amvets Post 6 of New Gloucester; Franco American War Veterans Post 31 and Auxiliary of Lewiston; Military Order of the Purple Heart, Marine Corps League.

Also, VFW Post 9150 of Lewiston; Women's Marines Association; a Legion motorcycle unit; 133rd Engineer Battalion vehicles; National Guard and Reserve units; Navy Honor Guard from Brunswick; 3rd Maine Regiment (Civil War group); Lewiston

High School Junior ROTC.

Also, the Lewiston Elks Lodge; Rev. Peter Conway Assembly 2516, Knights of Columbus; Lewiston Fire Department; Daughters of the American Revolution; Boy and Girl Scout units; Corvette; and horse and dog organizations.

Anyone still interested in participating should call Bert Dutil at 786-2305.

Scot Bradeen, bagpiper from the Lewiston Police Department, will participate in a memorial service at the park along with other dignitaries. The L and A Veterans Council will unveil the 10th memorial stone carrying 216 names.



Photo: The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management is proud to present "Maine Own" 195th Army Band of the Maine Army National Guard. The band performs at numerous military and civilian events throughout Maine and the Eastern U.S. In recent months, the band has participated in several ceremonies as our fellow Maine guardsmen have been deployed overseas. The band is under direction of Warrant Officer Brady S. Harris of Brewer, Maine.

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Take an hour to honor them

Many Americans take for granted the freedoms that all Americans enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for by generations of our ancestors who gave their lives so that we might enjoy those freedoms.

Recognition of Memorial Day has been lost by many of our present generation. The date was changed to create a three-day weekend, which undermined the very meaning of Memorial Day to become simply another day off from work.

Memorial Day is set aside to remember the sacrifices that our veterans have made. Honoring veterans should be regarded as a sacred duty. In honoring this nation's war dead, we preserve their service and sacrifice in the minds of future generations.

Let us not forget the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice — giving one's own life for his or her country.

Attending commemorative ceremonies is the most visible way of demonstrating remembrance. That includes placing flags at grave sites, marching in parades, sponsoring patriotic programs and dedicating memorials. Whether done individually or collectively, it is the thought that counts.

On May 27, the Lewiston and Auburn Veterans Council is sponsoring a memorial parade. It is our hope to see thousands of Twin City residents sacrifice an hour of their time, Saturday morning, to watch; a sacrifice of one hour to honor those who gave their lives for us. There will be other memorial services on Memorial Day.

Armand Bussiere, Durham

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM



AMBER WATERMAN/SUN JOURNAL

Honoring heroes

Veterans pay tribute to military on Armed Forces Day

Past VFW Post 1603 Cmdr. Arthur Roy, second from left, Post 1603 District 9 Cmdr. Bill Bradbury, center, and past Cmdr. Roland Cyr, right, salute as Richard LeBlanc of Post 9150 plays the "Star-Spangled Banner" in front of the War Memorial in Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston on Saturday, commemorating Armed Forces Day. A group of 20 showed up to sing songs representing the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard and also to read the names of the soldiers from Maine who have died in the war on terror.

Letters to the editor:

Change or get left behind

In response to Donald W. Linscott Jr.'s letter of April 29, titled "Celebrate actual Memorial Day," there are several discrepancies.

First, we are the L & A Veterans Council Inc. and not an association. The council was not created just to see that Memorial Day and Veterans Day would always be recognized.

Second, this is not the second year in a row that the Memorial Day parade was held on a Saturday. Last year, it was held on Monday, the actual Memorial Day.

The L & A Veterans Council consists of 10 different military organizations and the majority voted for the council to be in charge of the parade this year, and to have it on Saturday, May 27.

Years ago, there were no malls and all other stores were closed on holidays and, therefore, many people participated in parades and bystanders turned out to watch. Today, many people go away for the holiday weekend, go shopping or work outside at their home.

The council will be flagging several cemeteries in Lewiston, with over 2,000 flags just in St. Peter's Cemetery alone. Why does Auburn VFW think they have to do it on a Saturday, just days before Memorial Day?

Their poppy sale can also be held on a different weekend.

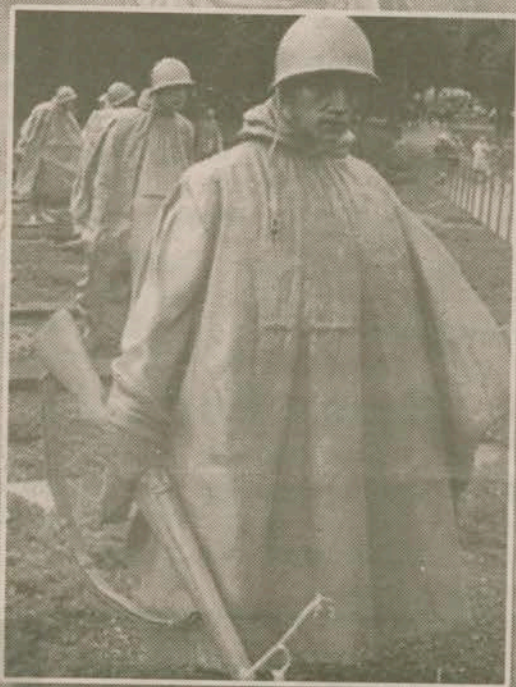
I get tired of hearing people say, "This is the way it has always been done." The world has changed and people need to change with it or be left behind.

Gerry N. Cain, Lewiston, L & A Veterans Council

MEMORIAL DAY

*"We will always remember.
We will always be proud.
We will always be prepared,
so we may always be free."*

— Ronald Reagan



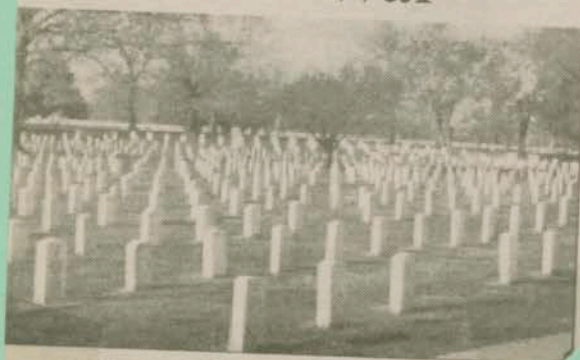
World War I



World War II



Civil War



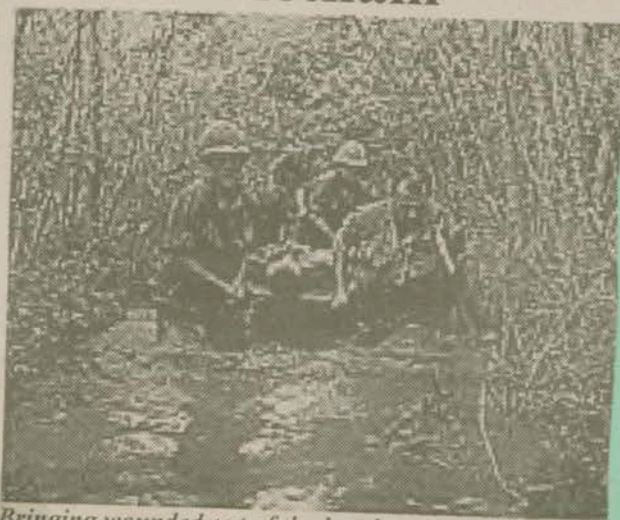
Arlington National Cemetery

Korea



United States Army Artillery, Korea

Vietnam



Bringing wounded out of the jungle



AMERICAN LEGION POST 22 INSTALLATION







ARMED FORCES DAY CEREMONY





10th STONE ADDED



MEMORIAL WEEK-END PARADE



10th - STONE
SIDE "B"

STATE
SENATOR
PEGGY
ROTONDO

MAYOR
GUAY

U.S. MARINES
HONOR GUARD



10th STONE
SIDE "A"

M/GEN
LIBBY

U.S. CONGRESSMAN
MICHAEL MICHAUD



Michaud in parade

LEWISTON — U.S. Rep. Michael Michaud will participate in the Lewiston/Auburn Memorial Day parade at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 27. Other units that have registered for the parade include American Legion Auxiliaries, Amvets and VFW posts, also the Androscoggin Sheriff's Department, the Salvation Army and the Dirigo Girl Scouts.

A memorial ceremony and unveiling of the 10th stone will follow the parade. The L & A Veterans Council will present "thank-you for services rendered" certificates to all Korean War veterans. For more information, call Bert Dutil at 786-2305.

VFW installation

LEWISTON — The Longley-Dionne VFW Post 9150 will meet at noon Sunday, May 28, at the Lewiston Lodge of Elks, 1675 Lisbon St.

The agenda will include installation of officers and discussion of poppy sales and veterans program.

All officers and members are encouraged to attend. Following installation of officers, a light lunch will be served. Eligible veterans wishing to join the VFW are encouraged to attend. Bring a copy of eligibility DD Form 214.



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MARCHING WITH PRIDE: Terry Manning of West Bath, center with flag, marches with the 3rd Maine, Company A, Civil War Re-enactors on Saturday morning in Lewiston's Memorial Day parade.

**SAMPLE LINE UP FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 27TH PARADE 2006**

In Charge, Willie Danforth & Gary O'Connell

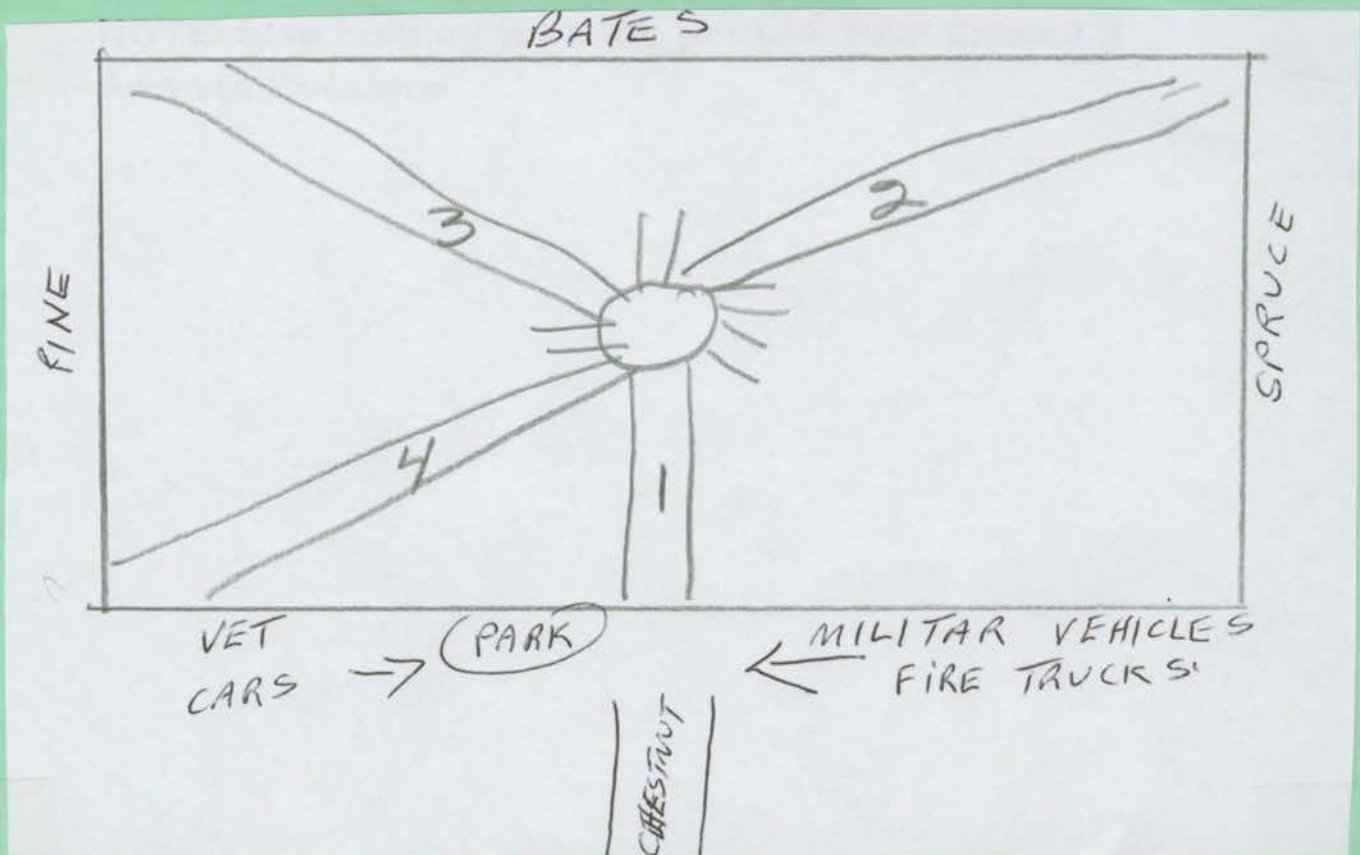
Lewiston – Auburn & Sheriff Department

- Div 1:**
- a) Grand Marshall, M/Gen John Libby and the following, U.S.Congressman Michael Michaud Mayor Guay of Lewiston, State Senator Peggy Rotundo.**
 - b) U.S. Marines Color Guard, with a member of VFW Post 1603**
 - c) 195th Army Band**
 - d) Military Order of the Purple Heart**
 - e) Daughters of the American Revolution**
 - f) Knights of Columbus Rev Peter Conroy Assembly #2516 and any other units***
 - g) Corvettes***
 - h) Red mustang***
- Div 2:**
- ~~a) Lewiston Fire Department Color Guard~~**
 - b) American Legion Drum Corps from Sabattus**
 - c) All American Legion Posts and Auxiliary, 22, 31, 135, 153, etc***
 - d) Patriotic Limo**
 - e) American Legion Motorcycle club***
 - f) All Marine Corps League units***
 - g) Elks Lodge***
 - h) Dirigo Girl Scouts, Boys Scouts troop 111 & 153 and all other Scout units***

- Div3:**
- a) U.S. Navy Honor Guard from Brunswick
 - b) Edward Little, Lewiston & Leavitt Bands
 - c) Lewiston High Jr ROTC
 - d) V.F.W. Post 9150 and all other Post & Auxiliary 1603*
 - e) Amvets Post 6 & Auxiliary and all others*
 - f) Corina Dog group (1)
 - g) Salvation Army truck

- Div 4:**
- a) 3rd Maine Regiment (Civil War group) with Fife & drum and family.
 - b) Franco American Veterans
- =====
- c) All Military Vehicles
 - d) Auburn Public Works new vehicles
 - e) Auburn Fire Truck

NOTE: any units not registered should be entered after the Div 4 C, *please make sure I get a copy of all these units and their names or Post number.



Time to remember

Maj. Gen. John Libby oversees the unveiling of a memorial to Maine military personnel.

BY DAVID A. SARGENT
Special to the Sun Journal

LEWISTON — One of the biggest Memorial Day parades in many years made its way through Lewiston and Auburn on Saturday morning.

The parade took nearly an hour to pass. Its route was from Kennedy Park to Lisbon and Main Streets, across the bridge to Auburn, around Great Falls Plaza and back across the bridge to Veterans Park. For a long period of time, the front units were moving eastward across the bridge at the same time the units near the end were headed west toward Auburn.

Following the parade, participants and many members of the public observed the ceremonial unveiling of the

10th granite stone honoring Maine military personnel at Veterans Memorial Park. The large stone adds 216 names to the hundreds of names on the other nine stones.

In the shadow of the Lewiston mills where wool cloth for thousands of Union Army uniforms was made, the Third Maine Regiment, a Civil War re-enactment group, fired a three-shot musket volley, in honor of the deceased veterans. Women associated with the regiment wore black dresses, and their faces were hidden by heavy black veils as they placed a wreath at the new stone.

Major General John Libby, adjutant general of the Maine National Guard and a Lewiston native, was parade marshal and keynote speaker at the ceremonies.

He said, "As I speak to you today, some 480 men and women of the Maine Army and Air National Guard are on duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. That conflict has not been without cost. In 2006, we have lost many Mainers."

Libby spoke with deep feeling about his Vietnam War comrades and visits to the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C.

He said he recalled his youth when he spent summers at Sabattus Lake and heard his father, his uncles and his father's friends talk about their World War II experiences. Libby called it "the last good war, a war with moral clarity, an easily identified and demonized enemy, unprecedented national unity and sacrifice. Every war should have been fought like that."

Libby went on to talk about what he called, "my war — America's longest and least satisfactory."

He said, "Even today, I find it difficult to look at some of the World War II and Korean War veterans who seem to be looking at me and saying, 'How'd you screw that one up so badly?'"

He concluded by saying, "For many of us — and I know there are many here this morning — on Memorial Day every year comes a sense of guilt on having returned when others didn't."

Scott Bradeen, bagpiper from the Lewiston Police Department, played "Amazing Grace" as Libby placed a

wreath on the veterans' monument near Main Street.

Second District Congressman Michael H. Michaud also spoke at the ceremonies. He told the crowd, "We must work to correct the horrible breach in information security that recently occurred in the VA. We need to know how this dangerous breach happened so we can fix it and it can never happen again."

He said the best way for citizens to honor veterans and military personnel is to participate in their communities and to support democracy.

Also speaking were Lewiston Mayor Lionel Guay and state Sen. Peggy Rotundo.

The largest gathering of viewers for the parade was at the Lewiston end of Longley Bridge at Veterans Memorial

Park. Other big groups were at the corner of Lisbon and Main streets and at the Auburn end of the bridge.

Bert Dutil, chairman of the Lewiston-Auburn Veterans Council, said, "It's great. One of the biggest parades in a long time, and the memorial ceremony also was one of the biggest. We worked hard to put this all together."

A special combined marching band from Lewiston High School, Edward Little High School of Auburn and Leavitt High School of Turner was named ROAR of the Androscoggin for the occasion. The large contingent of student musicians drew cheers and applause as they played a special arrangement of "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy."

For young Ashley Veilleux and her older preteen sister, Carolyn, the parade was "real neat." Ashley couldn't decide on her favorite part, so she set-

tled for "all of it." The youngsters attended with their mother, Rhonda Veilleux. They are from Lisbon.

Larry and Leah Tondreau came from Freeport for the day's events. They liked the Maine Army National Guard band, which also played for the park ceremonies. Leah said she also liked the sports cars and other special vehicles.



195th Army Maine National Guard Band from Bangor



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MEMORIAL
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WHAT
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**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
MAY 27TH, 2006
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

Good morning everyone, my name is Bert Dutil and I am the Chairman of the Lewiston/Auburn Veterans Council, which is sponsoring this parade, and Ceremony.

We will start with everyone standing for the playing of our National Anthem by the 195th Army National Guard Band, all Color Guards please present arm, and all those with covers hand salute, or please take your hats off and place your hand over your heart.

Please remain standing for our Invocation by Jerry DerBoghosian chaplain from V.F.W. Post 9150 and the Franco American Post 31.

At this time I would like to ask our Guest speaker who was also our Grand Marshall for the parade, the adjutant General of the Maine Army National Guard who is also a native of Lewiston, Major General John Libby. The Mayor of Lewiston, Lionel Guay, the Councilor representing Auburn, Beth Shields was absent, State Senator Marguerite Peggy Rotundo, and a special Guest, U.S. Congressman Michael Michaud.

I would like to recognized the following here present today, State representatives Elaine Markers & Marguerite Craven, State Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Bert Lafrance

Now for the Memorial Service, would everyone please stand while Scot Bradeen bagpiper from Lewiston police Dept will be playing and escorting Gen Libby for the placing of the wreath at the Price of Freedom Monument, he will also play ~~How Great Thou Art~~

AMAZING GRACE

Will all units please salute while the Firing Squad from the 3rd Maine Regiment (Civil War) fire the 3 volleys and Taps will be played by the members of the Army Band.

I will now ask the chaplains from the different Veterans organization to come forward and give the names of their members who passed away during this past year. Starting with A.L. Post 22; A.L. Post 153: FAWV Post 31: MOPH: MCL: VFW 1603: VFW 9150: WMA: any other units.

This ends the part of the Memorial Service; I would now like to ask the Army Band to play an appropriate number while I ask Gen Libby to walk down to the lower part of the Park with State Commander of the Order of the Purple Heart Mr. Bert Lafrance to unveil the 10th stone with 216 names on it, which has the emblem of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

If some of you are searching for a particular name, we have a couple of Veterans with black binders and they have all the names and which stone & line the name is on, will they would please raise their binders for everyone to see.

I have one most task to do and that is to present to all Korean War Veterans a special certificate of Thanks from the L & A Veterans Council, so those of you here today who served during the Korean War we want to Thank you. While two years ago we gave a Thank You Certificate to the World War II Veterans and hopefully we will do that same next year to the Vietnam Veterans and so on every year.

At the table to my left, we have a few souvenirs as well as applications to have a name on the 11th stone or on polished granite benches.

At this time I want to Thank all those who participated in the Parade and this special Ceremony and all of you here who attended these two special events to Honor all of our Veterans and military personnel.

Would the Army Band please play an ending song for this special program.

Thank you

NOTE: those who helped out during the ceremony, 133rd brought in one table and 50 chairs (Gary O'Connell was in charged), Souvenir table Gerry Cain, my assistant Ray Boulet and Moe Fournier, PA system Audio Service with Greg, photographers Roland Cyr & Mike Barrett.



U.S. MARINES KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS THE COLOR GUARDS U.S. NAVY LEGION POST 135





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M/GEN LIBBY
GUEST SPEAKER





CONGRESSMEN MICHAUD
MAYOR GUAY



STATE SENATOR RUTON DO
ESCORTING THE GENERAL





LAYING OF THE WREATH





3rd MAINE REGT FIRING SQUAD



TAPS
M/GEN LIBBY & BERT





UNVEILING OF THE 10TH STONE M/GEN WBBY & M.O.P.H. STATE COMMANDER BERT LA FRANCE





PEOPLE AT THE CEREMONY





PHOTO BY MIKE & NORA KIRK





PHOTOS BY ANNA & NORM KIRBOAC











From Norm Bureau



**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY
SATURDAY MAY 27TH, 2006
WORKING COMMITTEES:**

CHAIRMAN: Bert Dutil

**PARADE CO CHAIRMEN: Willie Danforth & Gary
O'Connell helpers, Paul Emond & Armand
Bussiere**

**Lewiston & Auburn Police Department for
Licenses and traffic.**

**Lewiston Public Works, for barricade, & No
Parking signs, an extension cord from the
Water Station on Maine St.**

133rd Engineers for one table & 50 chairs.

Audio Service for the PA System (Greg)

**Great Falls TV for taping the parade & ceremony
With Brian doing the work.**

**Photographers for taking pictures of the parade
And Ceremony, Roland Cyr & Mike Barrett.**

**Lining up the Color Guard at the Ceremony, Ray
Boulet FAWV Past National Commander**

**Responsible for binders looking up names,
Maurice Fournier & Al Landry.**

Souvenir & Application Table, Gerry Cain WMA

Feeding the Army Band & Marine Corps Color Guard, in charge and cook, Arthur Raymond from the Meadowview Senior complex With the help of Anita Cusson, Pat Crowell, Bert Morin, Lorraine Fillion, Richard Cusson, & Arthur Bentz.

Both the Commanders of VFW Post 9150 Roger Cloutier and Willie Danforth of FAWV Post 31, which their organization paid for the meal, were present.

ESCORTING; the Army Band was Willie Danforth, Escorting the Marine Color Guard was Paul Emond, the other invited were M/Gen John Libby, U.S. Navy Color Guard, Congressman Michaud, Mayor Guard of Lewiston, State Senator Rotundo, State Commander MOPH Lafrance, but all had other commitments.



SABATTUS A-L POST 135 CEREMONY





THE MONUMENTS



GIVING POST 135
COMMANDER THE
KOREAN WAR CERTIFICATE



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COME TO MAINE FOR PARADE



IRAQ VETERANS: The color guard leading the L/A Memorial Day Parade on May 28 consisted of Iraq veterans from VFW Post 1603, Auburn. Travis (Jack) Jackson, color guard captain from the VFW Post, put the guard together at a moment's notice as the veterans came from York, Pa., and Camp Lejeune, N.C. From left are Jackson, Sgt. Jason Beall, MWSS 472, York, Pa., Cpl Jake Dickens, 3/2, Camp Lejeune, N.C., PFC Victor Benitez, 3/2, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; and Maj. Gen. John Libby. The guard came just to take part in the Memorial Day parade with Jackson, who served with them in Iraq.



MORE PARADE PHOTOS





FLAGS at CEMETERY ↓

↓ VETERANS at TIM HORTON ↓



VFW OFFICERS



INSTALLED: The Longley Dionne VFW Post 9150 recently elected and installed officers for 2006-2007. Front, from left, are: Jerry Derboghiosian, chaplain; Jerry Dewitt, senior vice commander; Roger Cloutier, commander; Robert MacDonald, junior vice commander; Armand Busiere. Back, Ronald Arnault, Larry Mayes, Roland Janelle, trustee; Al Landry, service officer; Honore Breton, trustee; Bert Dutil, trustee; and Art Bentz, adjutant-quarter master. The Lewiston VFW meets monthly the last Sunday of the month at noon at the Lewiston Elks Lodge, 1675 Lisbon St. Contact Armand Bussiere at 688-2291 for more information.



V.F.W. 9150 PRESENTATION



Victims' funerals

Funerals for teens who died in last week's plane crash in Newry:

Shannon Fortier: 11 a.m. Mass today at Holy Family Church in Lewiston

Nicholas Babcock: Prayer service at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Fortin Group Funeral Home in Auburn

Teisha Loesberg: Memorial service at noon Saturday at the Open Door Bible Church in Lisbon

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The 2006 Liberty Festival Dancers



Opening Ceremony with Franco American Color Guard



Opening Ceremony with Franco American Color Guard



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FLAG DISPOSAL



RELAXING





AT TIM HORTON on SABATTUS ST

AT REST



PARADE BREAK: New Auburn American Legion Cub Scout Pack and Troop 153 are seen taking a break during the Lewiston-Auburn Memorial Day parade before continuing to Auburn and back to Veterans Park in Lewiston. The parade honored all veterans who lost their lives for the country during wars and conflicts. Maine National Guard Major General John W. Libby and the National Guard Band from Bangor to led the parade.

MICHAEL H. MICHAUD
2ND DISTRICT, MAINE



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

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Dear Bert,

Thank you for the photos of the
parade and ceremony - they came
out great.

Bert Wilks,
Mike



PHOTOS BY NORM BUREAU









KOREAN WAR REMEMBERED



AMBER WATERMAN/SUN JOURNAL

Arthur Roy salutes while Richard W. LeBlanc of Lisbon plays taps Thursday at the Veterans Memorial Park. Thursday was the 53rd anniversary of the end of the Korean War. The ceremony honored those who sacrificed, including 11 local Korean War veterans.

Local vets observe anniversary

BY BONNIE WASHUK
Staff Writer

LEWISTON — Until Thursday, local vets had never marked the end of the Korean War.

A noon ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park changed that.

Bert Dutil, 76, and 10 other Korean War veterans were joined by about 15 others who came to honor the vets who served in the war that ended

July 27, 1953.

Dutil was a 20-year-old soldier in the U.S. Army in 1952 when he was sent to defend South Korea from the spread of communism.

"It was hard, especially on the front line," he said. After about a month of fighting he was pulled off the front line because French interpreters were needed. He spoke French. From that point he worked for the United Nations Command Military Ar-

mistice Commission.

"I was there when they signed the armistice," Dutil said.

Standing in front of a veterans monument, Dutil recited a "Freedom Isn't Free" poem. The phrase "freedom isn't free" was a motto for Korean War soldiers, Dutil said.

Joseph Paradis, 76, of Lewiston, also a Korean War veteran, spoke briefly, recalling that 54,246 American soldiers died in the war. Another

103,284 were wounded.

He was one of the wounded.

Paradis was in Korea from 1950-53. As a boy, he was in need of a home, and a good family took him in. At age 17, he wanted to give back, so he joined the Army.

In Korea he was seriously wounded, captured and kept as a prisoner of war. Paradis declined to talk about that.

"I'm still having a hard time sleeping," he said. "I'm on med-

ication for that. It's rough. But I keep my mouth shut, and I live through it."

He came out of the war disabled from his wounds. "I learned 18 years ago I put everything to sleep, and I feel better." He keeps a low profile and does for others. "You can never do enough for veterans."

Raymond Lemieux of Lewiston had just turned 18 in

1953. He was a Marine, about to be deployed to Korea. Suddenly, instead of being sent to war, he was transferred to a supply base. "I was kind of disappointed and relieved at the same time," he said.

The Korean War wasn't popular back home, Lemieux said. People didn't want any part of it. "That's probably one of the reasons they call it 'the forgotten war.'"

Bill Bradbury, 45, of Lewiston, was the youngest veteran at the ceremony. He brought his 7-year-old son. Bradbury served in the U.S. Navy during the Iran hostage crisis in 1979, on a ship a mile from Iran.

He came Thursday "because they don't do enough for Korean veterans. They don't do enough for veterans, period."

Bradbury wants people to remember that Korean War soldiers are still missing and to be

aware of the sacrifices war demands. As to the current war in Iraq, Bradbury believes it's too political. "It's turning out to be a quagmire, like Vietnam."

Thursday's ceremony was small, but it meant a lot to many people, Dutil said.

Looking at the small crowd he asked, "How many were in Korea?"

Eleven men, now old, raised their hands.

"Thank you," Dutil said.

Veterans ceremony

LEWISTON — A ceremony will be held to note the 1953 ending of the Korean War at noon Thursday, July 27, at the Veterans Memorial Park. The L and A Veterans Council will lead the program at which individuals will speak. All are welcome.



In Loving Memory Lionel P. Potvin



Services

St. Joseph's Church
July 19, 2006
9:00 AM

Celebrant

Reverend Michael Seavey

Concluding Service

St. Peter's Cemetery
Lewiston, Maine

Arrangements By

Pinette Funeral Homes
Lewiston, Maine



ENDING KOREAN WAR CEREMONY 7/27/06 KOREAN VETS







**Fundraiser
for the
Danny and Shawn
Memorial Bench
to be placed in**



Veteran's Memorial Park in Lewiston

Please join us for a spaghetti dinner to raise money for a bench honoring the memory of Sgt. Daniel F. Cunningham, Jr., and SFC Shawn C. Dostie, two heroic men from Lewiston who died serving their country in Iraq.

**Friday, August 11
5:30-8:00 PM
at the
Elks Lodge
1675 Lisbon Rd., Lewiston**

Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person

**For more information, call Nancy Cunningham
(689-5137) or Elaine Makas (784-5726)**

Event to pay for benches honoring soldiers

LEWISTON — A donation to honor the memories of two local war veterans could yield a string of pearls for one lucky contributor.

More than 50 prizes, including electric toothbrushes and flags flown over the U.S. Capitol, are scheduled to be raffled tonight at a fundraiser aimed

at paying for two park benches. Each bench is expected to cost about \$2,000.

The stone benches would be erected at Veterans Memorial Park, where they would join four other benches as well as other monuments honoring veterans.

The two benches would be

dedicated to two local soldiers: Daniel Cunningham Jr. and Shawn Dostie.

Cunningham and Dostie served in the U.S. Army and were killed in Iraq. Cunningham died in April 2003; Dostie in December 2005. Family members of both soldiers are expected to attend the event, which

will be held at the Elks Lodge on outer Lisbon Street.



S.S. PEGGY ROTUNDO
U.S.C. MIKE MICHAUD
GOV. BALDACC I





VISITING THE VIETNAM TRAVELING WALL IN SOUTH PORTLAND 8/12/06



L-A veterans' clinic bid goes to Congress

Panel advances bill forcing VA to plan for outpatient clinic

BY DANIEL HARTILL
Staff Writer

LEWISTON — Local veterans' trips to see a doctor could get a lot shorter.

A bill before Congress may force the Veterans Administration to plan for a new outpatient health clinic in Lewiston-Auburn.

The measure, titled the Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization Act, would require the VA to examine the costs of offering primary and mental health care here and in two other Maine towns, Houlton and Dover-Foxcroft.

Such a clinic is desperately needed, said Jerry DeWitt, a Lewiston veteran who has been heading up a two-year-long effort. "It's what we've been waiting for," DeWitt said.

Getting to the VA hospital at Togus, now closest place for local veterans to meet with their doctors or obtain prescriptions, is a chore for many, he said. Nonprofit groups such as the Disabled American Veterans, which operates shuttles to Togus, are having trouble getting enough drivers to meet demand.

And living in Maine's second-largest urban area, local veterans shouldn't have to make the trip as often.

It's a point echoed by Rep. Michael Michaud, D-Maine, one of three co-sponsors of the bill and a ranking member of the House Vet-

erans Affairs Committee.

There are too many veterans in Lewiston-Auburn for the cities to be ignored, said a legislative aide to Michaud, Michael Brownlie.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that 14.5 percent of Maine's 1.3 million people are veterans, the third highest percentage of any state.

At least 11,000 veterans live in the Lewiston-Auburn area, DeWitt said.

They deserve easier access to care, he said.

A new facility, classified by the VA as a "community-based outpatient clinic," would offer primary care for someone who could be treated in a doctor's office. Specialty care or treatment requiring a hospital setting would still be referred to Togus.

Five such clinics are in ser-

vice in Saco, Bangor, Calais, Caribou and Rumford.

VA leaders announced plans in 2004 for another clinic, this time aimed at northern Cumberland County, perhaps in Freeport or Brunswick.

DeWitt and other veterans leaders objected to the plan.

Together, they collected more than 1,000 signatures, including those of the leaders of all 14 Lewiston-Auburn veterans groups. They asked that the clinic be placed here instead.

The focus has shifted.

At Togus, workers have begun the first stages of planning for a clinic in Lewiston, even before Congress passes the bill.

"You plan for it, whether the money is there or not," said James Doherty, spokesman for the VA hospital at Togus.

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Red, white, true blue By Scott Taylor, Staff Writer

LEWISTON - Dan Tolman hopes a little paint and a bit of publicity, courtesy of a New York City artist, will make his corner of the city feel more patriotic.

Tolman has invited Staten Island artist Scott LoBaido to paint a mural of a waving flag on the roof of Tolman's 240 Russell St. office. LoBaido, in the middle of a 50-state flag project, is scheduled to arrive tonight and begin painting Friday.

"You know, we need an infusion of patriotism right now, so we decided to do what we could to get him in here," Tolman said Wednesday.

He expects the mural to be finished by Monday morning and to be easily visible to traffic on Sabattus Street.

LoBaido comes into Lewiston just past the halfway point in his nationwide project. The roof of Tolman's office will become the 29th of 50 flags LoBaido is painting across the country.

LoBaido is a New York-based artist noted for surrealistic and politically tinged paintings. He began the project after Hurricane Katrina swept through the Gulf Coast, according to spokesman Mike Richman.

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"It's a real grassroots thing," Richman said. "He pretty much comes into town with nothing and leaves with just enough money to get to the next town. Then, he starts all over again."

So far, he's painted roofs throughout the South and West and in Hawaii and Alaska. He began heading back East in July, finishing a painting in Burlington, Vt., this week. He moves on to Concord, N.H., next week. He's scheduled to stop in his hometown, New York City, Sept. 6-15 and plans to finish the project in Arlington, Va., in December.

Tolman and his wife read an Associated Press story about the artist over the July 4 weekend and looked him up on the Internet.

"We sent him an e-mail, told him a little about our community and invited him in," Tolman said. His roof is steeper than the ones LoBaido usually paints, so Tolman has hired a carpenter to set up a staging area for the work.

Richman said he was surprised at the amount of interest the Lewiston project has generated. Three area hotels, the Ramada in Lewiston and the Hilton Garden Inn and Econo Lodge in Auburn, have donated lodging for the stay and Pat's Pizza has agreed to provide meals. Sherwin Williams is providing the paint and supplies for the project.

"That's a lot more going on than we normally get," Richman said. He usually finds a hotel for LoBaido, who spends a day driving around looking for the perfect roof.

"Then he has to show off his portfolio and convince the owner to let him use his roof," Richman said. "This is the only one where we've had a response like this."

Red, white, true blue

Flag muralist
to start Lewiston
project on Friday

BY SCOTT TAYLOR
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New York City, Sept. 6-15 and plans to finish the project in Arlington, Va., in December.

Tolman and his wife read an Associated Press story about the artist over the July 4 weekend and looked him up on the Internet.

"We sent him an e-mail, told him a little about our community and invited him in," Tolman said. His roof is steeper than the ones LoBaido usually paints, so Tolman has hired a carpenter to set up a staging area for the work.

Richman said he was surprised at the amount of interest the Lewiston project has generated. Three hotels, the Ramada in Lewiston and the Hilton Garden Inn and Econo Lodge in Auburn, have donated lodging for the stay, and Pat's Pizza has agreed to provide meals. Sherwin-Williams is providing the paint and supplies for the project.

"That's a lot more going on than we normally get," Richman said. He usually finds a hotel for LoBaido, who spends a day driving around looking for the perfect roof.

"Then he has to show off his portfolio and convince the owner to let him use his roof," Richman said. "This is the only one where we've had a response like this."

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Works by New York artist Scott LoBaido

■ "Have Faith," a 2004 mural depicting President Bush holding the severed head of Osama Bin Laden

■ "Forever 27," a surrealist painting depicting dead rock stars Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison and Kurt Cobain.

■ "Black Eye, Bloody Nose and Fat Lip Courtesy of Frank Sinatra," a painting depicting a bloody New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg sprawled in an alley as Frank Sinatra walks away in the background

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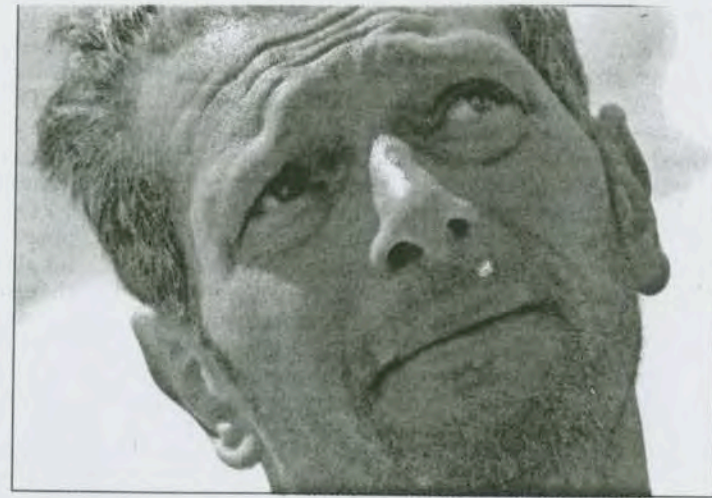
Mike Richman, spokesman for Scott LoBaido



AP PHOTO

New York artist Scott LoBaido paints a U.S. flag on the roof of Alexa and Elena Popa's home in Minnetonka, Minn., in July.

Broad brush of patriotism



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GETTING READY



Bert Dutil watches Long Island artist Scott LoBaido prepare the roof at 240 Russell St. in Lewiston on Friday afternoon. LoBaido will paint the U.S. flag on the rooftop over the weekend. Dutil, 74, is the chairman of the Lewiston and Auburn Veterans Council.

New York artist puts pride in his work

BY SCOTT TAYLOR

Staff Writer

LEWISTON — Long Island painter Scott LoBaido arrived in Lewiston on Thursday night in pursuit of his dream: to get his work where as many people as possible can see it.

On Friday he began his latest piece, a flowing replica of a U.S. flag that will decorate the rooftop at 240 Russell St. He expects to have two-thirds of the flag finished by Saturday afternoon, wrapping up the work on Sunday.

LoBaido scheduled to complete a whirlwind tour of the country in December — 50 states in 10 months. He'll

leave behind an impressive portfolio: stylized flags on rooftops in every state.

"It's an awesome thing when an artist can combine not only the visual product but the emotional — something they feel passionate about," LoBaido said Friday.

His passion is patriotism.

"In my opinion, patriotism and the flag got all tangled up in this negative arena of politics," he said. "I'd like to separate it a little bit."

He hasn't shied away from politics before. One piece he painted several years ago attacked a ban on cigarette smoking in New York City. Others

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have depicted President Bush carrying the severed head of Osama Bin Laden.

"I aim to express myself, and to test the boundaries of the First Amendment," he said. "Plenty of artists do that. But let's not forget why we are able to do it."

That's the point of the project, reminding people that they are free and

have reason to be proud. It's about being proud of the country, proud of the people who serve it, and honoring them.

LoBaido began the project in February in North Carolina. He has made the rounds in the South and West and finished his work in Vermont on Wednesday. He will head to Concord, N.H., on Tuesday.

Every roof he's done so far offers a different take on the traditional flag, blown by an imaginary wind.

"They're close-ups of a flag, just part of it," he said. "When you look at it,

imagine how big the whole thing would be."

The Lewiston flag will include the initials "D.C." and "S.D.," in homage to Danny Cunningham and Shawn Dostie, Lewiston natives killed while serving in Iraq. Cunningham was killed in April 2003 and Dostie in December 2005.

His project is dedicated to Cunningham, Dostie and all who have served.

"These men and women are still out there, sacrificing and dying not only for the safety and security of this great country but for me personally," LoBaido said.

Old Betsy

LoBaido picked up his only traveling companion, a 1989 Chevy Suburban, three days before he began his flag-painting odyssey in February. He repainted it right away, covering it with one of his signature flags, and named it "Old Betsy."

The rear window is decorated with 28 stickers, one for each state he's visited on his trip. A pair of deer antlers decorate the front of Old Betsy's hood. The antlers were a gift from the mayor of Butte, Mont., given when LoBaido finished work on a roof there in July.

"I haven't washed her once," LoBaido said. "I don't want to wash away one speck of dirt, one bug splattered on the windshield. When I finish this, I want to cover this thing in acrylic and preserve each bug and each scratch forever."

He has left the Suburban behind only once. When he flew

to Ketchikan, Alaska, the car stayed with a Seattle-area mechanic getting an engine overhaul.

For all of his travels, he hasn't had to pay for much. Volunteers usually step forward to provide what he needs — food, lodging, paint and supplies — and work on Old Betsy.

But this project is not about turning a profit, LoBaido said. He takes just as much as he needs to carry him from one roof to the next.

"I won't even take donations from veterans, and I've actually had confrontations because of that," he said. "They try and give me money, and I tell them they've already paid me in full with their service."

"I'm doing this for them."

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29TH ROOF

"It's things like this that keep me going."

Scott LoBaido



Scott LoBaido, from Staten Island, N. I., paints an American flag on the roof at 240 Russell St. in Lewiston on Saturday afternoon. It is the 29th roof he has painted in his quest to paint a roof in each of the 50 states.

According to LoBaido, this is one of his favorites. It will be the last time he does one on a roof with such a steep pitch.

Also Saturday, Mayor Lionel C. Guay Jr., Councilor Ron

Jean and Lewiston Youth Advisory Council members presented LoBaido with a "Mayoral Citation of Excellence."

The Mayoral Citation of Excellence was established by the mayor and LYAC in October 2004 to recognize middle school and high school students for actions or accomplishments deemed as "extraordinary" or "above and beyond."

Earlier this week, the mayor and LYAC decided to present such a citation to LoBaido, recognizing him for enhancing both the city of Lewiston and American pride.

Mayor, youth council honor New York artist

LEWISTON — Mayor Lionel C. Guay Jr., Councilor Ron Jean and Lewiston Youth Advisory Council members Danielle Taylor, Sara Fabrizio, Veronica Irish and Clarissa Smith presented New York artist Scott LoBaido with a Mayoral Citation of Excellence on Aug. 12.

Standing in front 240 Russell St., where LoBaido painted his 29th American flag in a 50-state tour, Guay said, "Thank you, Mr. LoBaido, for your dedication and perseverance in sharing your artistic talents and patriotic spirit throughout the United States of America."

"Such commitment and sacrificial use of your time and energy truly goes 'above and beyond,' and we are honored that Lewiston, Maine, is part of your very special tribute to the 'red, white, and blue.' Indeed, people like you are an in-

spiration and serve as a wonderful reminder of all that our nation represents."

LoBaido said, "It's things like this that keep me going." Residents tooted horns and people waved as the artist painted the American flag on the roof. A resident cycling by on his bike also stopped to thank LoBaido for coming to Lewiston.

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Mayor Lionel C. Guay Jr. and Lewiston Youth Advisory Council members presented a Citation of Excellence to artist Scott LoBaido at 240 Russell St. From left are Councilor Ron Jean, LoBaido, Guay and council members Danielle Taylor, Sara Fabrizio, Veronica Irish, and Clarissa Smith.



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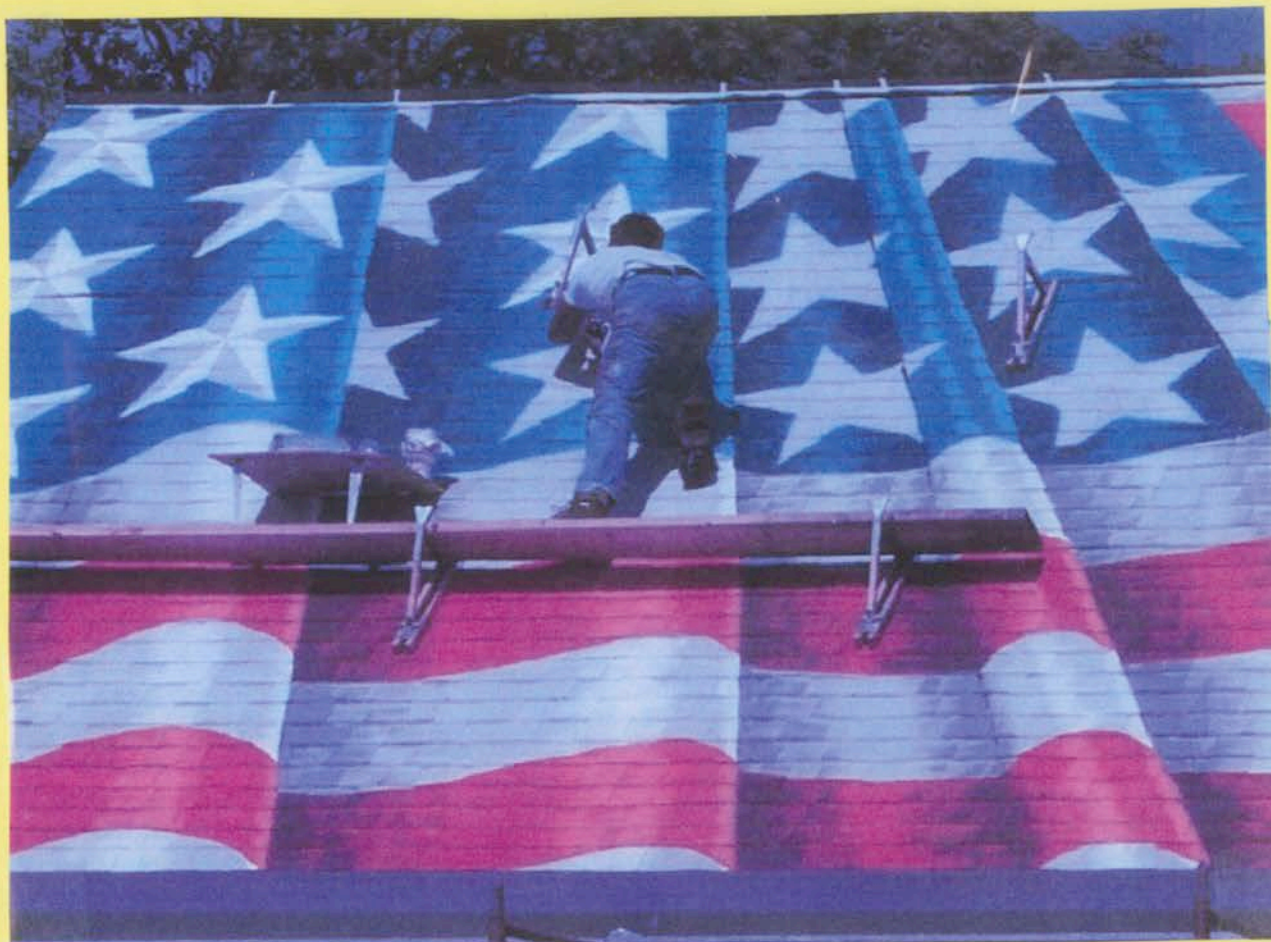
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Landry, Don Robitaille, Buddy Labrie, Bill Bradbury, Dan
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Vets to unveil benches, plaque on Sept. 30

The L & A Veterans Council will be holding a special ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. in Veterans Park on Main Street in Lewiston to dedicate a plaque to Gold Star mothers and unveil benches to commemorate fallen soldiers.

The veterans will dedicate a plaque to honor the Gold Star Mothers. The plaque will be placed by

the 20-ft. star with yellow flowers in it.

The veterans will also unveil two new benches in honor of Sgt. Cunningham and Sgt. Dostie. The ceremony will last about one hour.

All veterans and auxiliary posts that wish to participate are asked to please bring their colors to be added to the Color Guard color guard. The

veterans are also asking all mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the military to please attend this special event.

Remember, you do not have to be from Lewiston and Auburn to participate or attend these ceremonies.

For more information, please contact Veterans Council Chairman Bert Dutil at 786-2305. **TCT**



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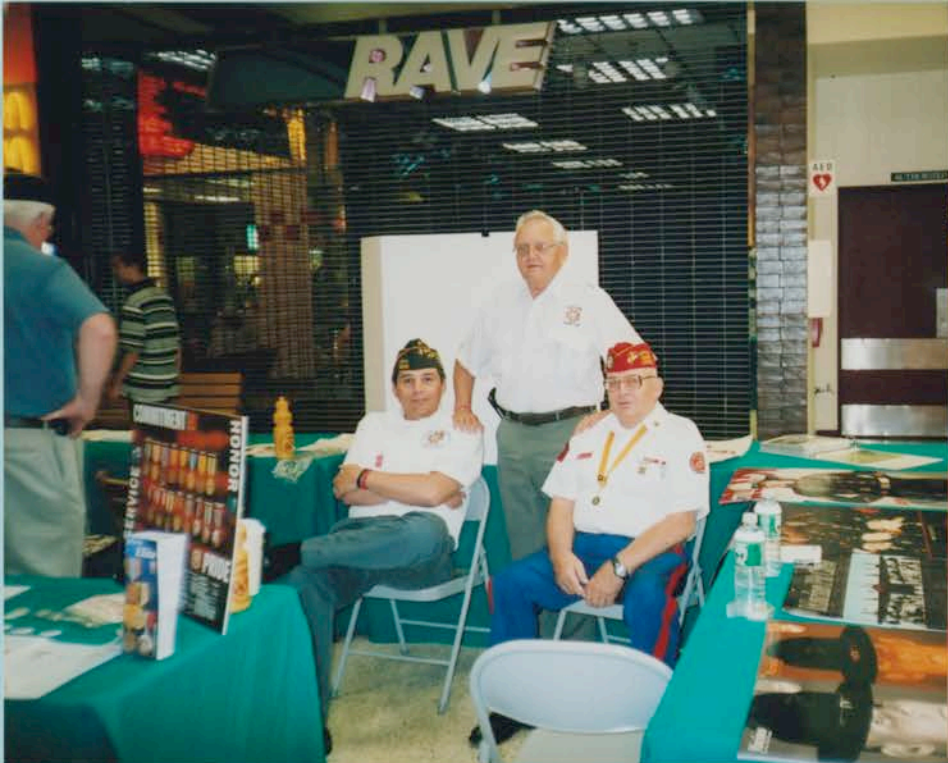
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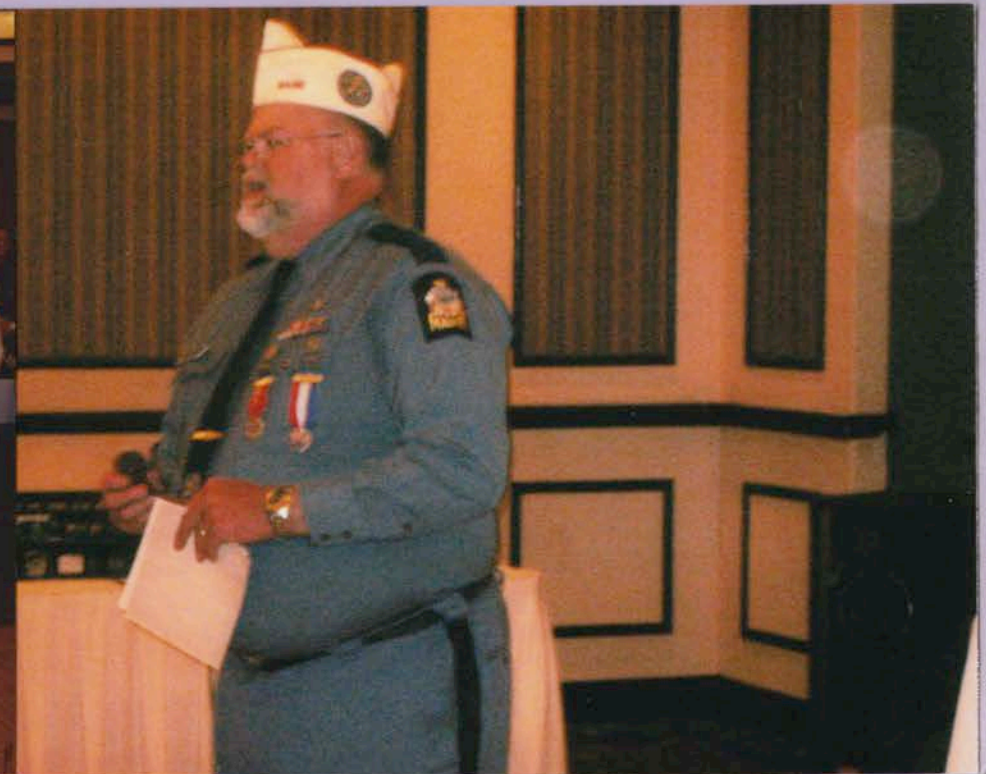
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Unveiling ceremony to recall war losses

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Two stone benches will memorialize soldiers killed in Iraq

LEWISTON — Veterans plan to honor the city's two fallen soldiers killed in Iraq, Daniel Cunningham and Shawn Dostie, in a dedication at Lewiston's Veterans Park.

The hour-long ceremony will include the unveiling of two stone benches honoring the men.

The benches were paid for by a fundraiser last month, including a raffle and dinner, that brought in more than \$5,000.

Cunningham was killed in April 2003, just days after the start of the war. He was one of three soldiers who were riding in a Humvee when it plunged into a ravine, drowning them.

Dostie was killed last December, when a homemade bomb struck his Humvee.

Relatives of both men are expected to attend, along with an American Legion color guard and a representative of the Maine Chapter of Gold Star Mothers.

The organization is open to mothers of soldiers killed in war.

"The group used to be powerful in Lewiston," said Bert Dutil, chairman of the L&A Veterans council, which is organizing the event.

Thelma Brooks, president of Maine's group, plans to attend.

"We will be honoring the Gold Star Mothers with a star with yellow flowers and a plaque," Dutil said.

Attendees will be given information about the group and details on how to add the name of a veteran to the growing number of stone obelisks forming a semicircle around the riverside park.

"We are working on our 11th stone," said Dutil, whose name is listed as a Korean War veteran. "Each side has 216 names, and we have one side almost full. We expect to finish this stone for next Memorial Day."

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Veterans ceremony to honor mothers, two fallen soldiers

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LEWISTON — The L and A Veterans Council will hold a ceremony in Veterans Park, Main Street, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, to honor Gold Star Mothers and unveil two benches.

The Gold Star Mothers will be honored with a star with yellow flowers and a plaque describing who can be or presently is a Gold Star Mother.

Following that the council will unveil and dedicate two new benches in honor of Sgt. Daniel F. Cunningham Jr. and Sgt. Shawn C. Dostie, who died in Iraq.

Invited guest includes a representative from the state chapter of the Gold Star Mothers, the two mayors and other

guests. All mothers who lost a son or daughter in the military are invited to the special dedication.

People are asked to bring their own chairs as the ceremony will probably last over an hour, said Bert Dutil, chairman.

There will be displays, flyers and application for those who want a name added to the 11th stone. All veterans posts and auxiliaries are invited to attend with their post or auxiliary flag to be added to the National Colors.

There is parking on either side of the park, located at the Lewiston entrance to the Longley Bridge.

For more information, call Dutil at 786-2305.

Wrong time

LEWISTON — The Veterans Park ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 30, will take place at 10 a.m. The item that appeared on page B3 of the Sun Journal on Tuesday listed a wrong time.

WHAT'S GOING ON • WHAT'S GOING ON

Veterans to hold special ceremony on Saturday

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The L & A Veterans Council will be holding a ceremony in Veterans Park on Main Street in Lewiston on Saturday, Sept. 30, starting at 10 a.m.

The veterans will be honoring the Gold Star Mothers, with a 20-foot star with yellow flowers and a plaque describing who can

be or presently is a Gold Star Mother.

The vets will then unveil two new benches in honor of Sgt. Cunningham and Sgt. Dostie, who were killed in Iraq.

Invited guest includes a representative from the State of Maine Chapter of the Gold Star Mothers, the

mayors of Lewiston and Auburn, plus a few other guests.

The veterans invite all mothers who lost a son or daughter in the military to witness this special dedication. Please bring your own chairs, as this ceremony will probably last over one hour.

The veterans will also have displays, flyers and applications to have a veteran's name added to the

11th memorial stone. All veterans' posts and auxiliaries are invited to bring one of their members with their flag to be added to the National Colors.

There is plenty of parking on either side of the park. For those crossing the street, please use the crosswalk because traffic is very heavy on Main Street.

For more information, call Bert Dutil, L&A chairman, at 786-2305.

**L & A VETERANS COUNCIL
SPECIAL CEREMONY AT VETERANS PARK
SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 at 10 am**

- 1. MC Bert Dutil Chairman**
- 2. National Anthem, song by Melissa Noel,
accompanied by Nel Meservier on the keyboard.**
- 3. Invocation by Jerry DerBoghossian**
- 4. Councilor Lillian O'Brien of Lewiston**
- 5. Councilor Robert Hayes of Auburn**
- 6. Representing the Gold Star Mothers, Thelma
Brooks of Waterville.**
- 7. Letter from Bethel B Shields a Gold Star Mother
from Auburn.**
- 8. Unveiling of the donated plaque for the Gold Star
Mothers by Thelma Brooks.** *MRS FUGERE & MRS CUNNINGHAM*
- 9. State Representative Elaine Markus, member of
the fund raising committee for the two benches.**
- 10. The brother of Dan Cunningham, Jimmy will be
representing the Cunningham family.**
- 11. Unveiling the Sgt Daniel Cunningham bench by
the family.**
- 12. The wife of Shawn Dostie, Stephanie will say a
few words for the family.**
- 13. Unveiling of the Sgt Shawn Dostie bench by
his family.**
- 14. Taps will be played by Roger Renaud to Honor
all those who died in our military, especially for
Sgt Cunningham and Sgt Dostie.**
- 15. Melissa Noel will now sing God Bless America,
ending out program today.**
- 16. Please visit our table with Photos, Posters and
Application for name on the Stone or on benches.**

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JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI
GOVERNOR

September 30, 2006

Dear Friends,

Welcome to all who are attending the unveiling of the memorial bench for our two brave heroes from Lewiston who perished overseas in Iraq. To the family and friends of Shawn Dostie and Daniel Cunningham, the memorial bench represents a wonderful tribute from the people of the Lewiston area, recognizing the ultimate sacrifice that was made by these two men in order that all of us may be safe and free.

Shawn and Daniel meant so much to this community, and we should always remember their contributions to our State and our nation. And to their families, you should know that Shawn and Daniel will forever be remembered in Lewiston and in Maine. They represented the best of Maine here and in their service overseas, and they will remain in our hearts always.

Again, thank you to all who worked tirelessly on behalf of this memorial bench, and to those here today who honor the memory of Shawn Dostie and Daniel Cunningham.

Best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John E. Baldacci".

John E. Baldacci
Governor



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UNVEILLING OF TWO NEW BENCHES IN HONOR OF
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LOUNCILOR HAYES AUBURN





Mr. Dutil, Lewiston/Auburn Veterans, Honored Guests, and fellow Americans.

It is a privilege to represent the Gold Star Mothers of Maine today. I regret that I am unable to be here in person to unveil this memorial but thank all of you for taking part in this special occasion.

As a child , I remember walking along the street during the Second World War and seeing flags with gold stars on a white background hanging in the windows or front porches of houses. Some houses had more than one. I was told that each flag represented a son or daughter that had lost their lives in the service of our country. Even to a young child, it was a sobering thought.

I now fly that flag in the front window of our house. Our son, Navy Lieutenant James B. Shields, known as "Jeb", lost his life in the first Gulf War. On my lapel I wear the pin of the National Gold Star Mothers. I do not wear it happily, but I do wear it with pride, and wear it as a reminder to say a silent prayer for those who have sons or daughters serving in the military, and for those, like myself, who have lost them.

It is so important that we continue to honor the men and women who have served our country in past conflicts, those who paid the ultimate price for our country, and those who, as this is being read, are laying their lives on the line for us in the Middle East. They need to know that we appreciate their service to our country. We need to remember that their sacrifices protect the freedoms which we all too often take for granted. This memorial is one way to show our veterans, our fighting men and women, and their parents, our gratitude. They have not fought and died in vain.

Thank you.

Bethel B.Shields

Auburn Ward One City Councilor and Proud Gold Star Mother



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Bayleigh Dostie, right, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Dostie who was killed in Iraq on Dec. 30, 2005, and her cousin, Brianna Desrosiers, stand behind a bench dedicated to Dostie, while Taps is played at a ceremony in Veterans Park in Lewiston on Saturday. The ceremony remembered soldiers Dostie and Daniel Cunningham, both of whom died in Iraq.

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PRESENTATION OF MEDALS BY CONGRESSMEN MICHAEL MICHAUD



Labors from long ago lauded

Local veterans,
spouse awarded
service medals

BY DAVID A. SARGENT
Special to the Sun Journal

LEWISTON — Long-delayed medals for three veterans were finally presented Saturday afternoon.

Leandre Buteau of Lewiston and Maurice Fournier of Auburn accepted numerous awards presented by Maine's 2nd District Congressman Michael H. Michaud.

Rita Potvin, widow of Lionel Potvin of Lewiston, who died just a few weeks ago, accepted her husband's medals.

Buteau said his service was "nothing too exciting," but his World War II record contradicts that. He was in the U.S. Army from February 1943 to January 1946, and he first saw duty as a hospital medical serviceman in England, France, Belgium and

"He wanted these medals so much, and he knew his time was just about up. When they called me, I said for sure I'm going to go and accept them in his honor."

Rita Potvin

Germany and later in the Pacific Theater of War.

"In the Pacific, I was lucky," Buteau said. "When the Japanese surrendered, I was at Pearl Harbor. I went from there to Okinawa." Buteau's medals included the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and two Bronze Star attachments, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Honorable Service lapel button for World War II.

Fournier, who served with the U.S. Army in Korea from 1952 to 1954, remembered several months of duty leading up to the signing of the Korean War Armistice on July 27, 1953.

"I was in communications carrying radios and stringing wires," he said.

His medals included the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal and Bronze Star attachment, the Combat Infantry award and the United Nations Service Medal.

For Potvin's family, the occasion was bittersweet. His widow said Potvin knew be-

fore his death that the long-awaited honors were on the way.

"He was in the U.S. Air Force in Korea at the front for a whole year," his widow said. Potvin's service was 1952-1953.

"I waited for him. We were engaged," Rita Potvin recalled.

They were married for 52 years.

In recent months, his wife said, "He wanted these medals so much, and he knew his time was just about up. When they called me, I said for sure I'm going to go and accept them in his honor."

Congressman Michaud said, "One of the things we tend to forget is that the men and women who serve, particularly in combat, have spouses back home who are affected by their service as well.

"I really appreciate the support the spouses give our men and women in the military."

Medals awarded to Potvin were the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.

The veterans' medals were in glass-covered wooden presentation frames. Michaud



DAVE SARGENT PHOTO
Long-delayed medals were presented Saturday to, from left, Maurice Fournier of Auburn, Leandre Buteau of Lewiston and Rita Potvin, widow of Lionel Potvin of Lewiston, who died just a few weeks ago, who accepted her husband's medals. Rep. Michael H. Michaud, right, presented the medals.

said Matt Dubois, constituent service representative in his Lewiston office, took it on his own initiative to have the medals encased in the special frames.

Following the presentations, family members of all ages congratulated the veterans and formed into groups for photos.

Congressman Michaud told the veterans and their fami-

lies that passage of legislation he had worked on recently in Washington could include language providing for new Veterans Administration out-patient service clinics in Lewiston-Auburn, as well as in Houlton and Dover-Foxcroft.

The medal presentations took place in the Lewiston Housing Authority's Meadowview Community Hall.

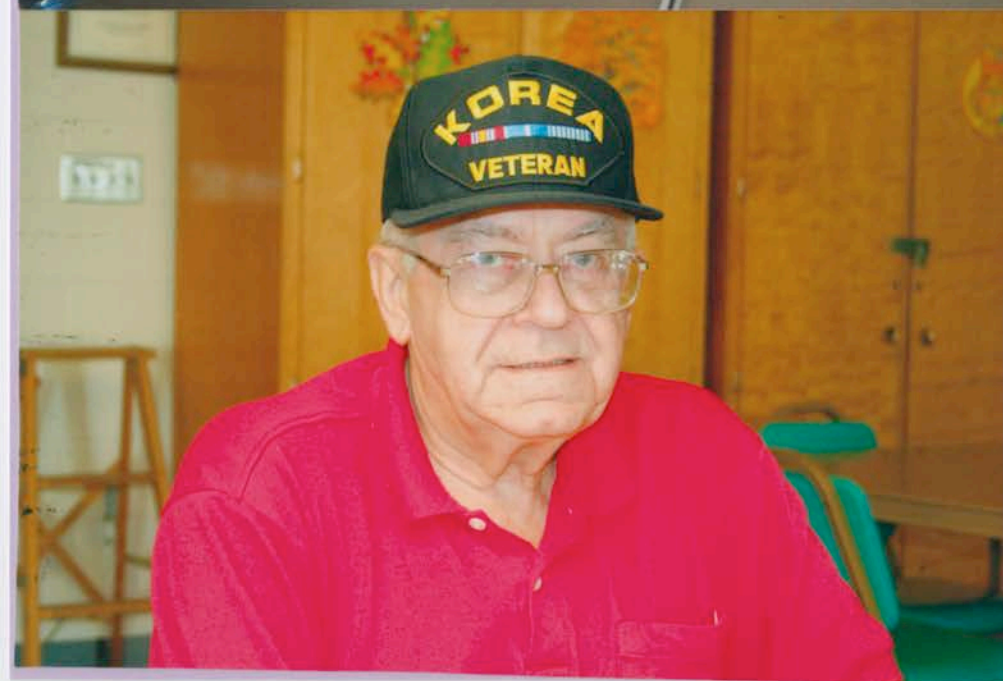


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November 11th is Veterans Day!



Throughout America's history, military veterans served their country with honor, commitment and courage.

As thousands of Americans in uniform wage war against terrorism around the globe, let us never waiver in our support for them and their families.

To all veterans, from all wars, we say,
"Thank you."

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L/A Veterans Council-Veterans Park

Recently a 20-foot star with gold flowers was dedicated at the Veterans Park in honor of all gold Star Mothers, with a Plaque explaining who is a Gold Star Mother, the Color Guard is made up of the different units who belong to the Veterans Council, this was unveiled by the mothers of two military soldiers killed in Iraq, Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Fuguere. Also on the program was the unveiling of two new polished granite



benches in memory of Sgt. Dan Cunningham and SFC Shawn Dostie, their families did this. The L & A Veterans council sponsored the program; next event for the council is the Annual Tribute to Veterans on Saturday November 11th. Starting at 10 am at the Lewiston Armory, there will be music by the High School Bands as well as Nel Meservier on the Keyboard, singing by the Lewiston High School Chorus as well as Just Us Entertainers, A Pass-in-Review by military, veterans, auxiliaries, fraternal, and youth organizations to honor all the Veterans that will be present at this special event. Both Mayors have been invited as well as other speakers, anyone who needs more information or wishes to sign up to pass in review, please call the Chairman Bert Dutil at 786-2305

Musical Tribute to Veterans

The Lewiston and Auburn Veterans Council will be sponsoring the annual Musical Tribute to Veterans at 10 a.m. on Veteran's Day, Saturday Nov. 11 at the Lewiston Armory on Central Ave.

There will be a Pass in Review in front of all veterans and those from the veterans' homes. Participating and invited to participate in the Pass

in Review are all active military, veteran, auxiliary, fraternal, social and youth organizations. Participants may include high school bands and choirs, Just Us Entertainers, etc. Both mayors have been invited, as have others.

To be added to the scheduled and line-up, please contact Bert Dutil, chairman of the Veterans Council, at 786-2305.

Veterans fundraiser

LEWISTON — The Franco-American War Veterans Post 31 will conduct a veterans fundraiser Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28, at Shaw's of Lewiston and Friday, Oct. 7, at Marden's. Applications to join the post will be available also as will applications to have veterans' names engraved on a stone at the Veteran's Memorial Park.

LEGIONNAIRES PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS



Post 22, American Legion, has awarded four scholarships to students who are attending schools of higher learning. All four are grandchildren of Post 22 members. Grandparents of three students who have already started classes accepted the awards. The following students were awarded scholarships: Brian C. Pelletier, Southern Maine Community College; Danielle Moreau, University of New England; Thomas Baril, University of Maine in Orono; and Jean P. Gagnon, University of Southern Maine at Gorham. Post 22, American Legion, made scholarship awards recently. From left are Leandre Buteau, grandfather of Danielle Moreau; Post 22 Commander Gerald Labrie; Raymond Allen, grandfather of Jean P. Gagnon; Brian Pelletier, attending Southern Maine Community College; and Post 22 Adjutant Jerry DerBoghiosian.



man with
the camera
Bert Dutil

Veterans' ceremony

LEWISTON — The annual Veterans Day ceremony will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Lewiston Armory, sponsored by the L & A Veterans Council.

The program will open with the National Anthem by Lewiston High School chorus with the U.S. Naval Honor Guard from Brunswick and invocation by Jerry DerBoghossian, chaplain of the VFW and Franco Vets.

A Pass in Review will be held by the military, veterans, fraternal and youth color guards and members in honor of veterans.

Dignitaries will be recognized and the Lewiston and Edward Little high school bands and Lewiston High School chorus will perform, as will the Just Us Entertainers.

A USO dance will be held at 8 that evening at the Lewiston Elks Lodge with music from the 1940s to the 1960. For more information, call organizer Bert Dutil at 786-2305.

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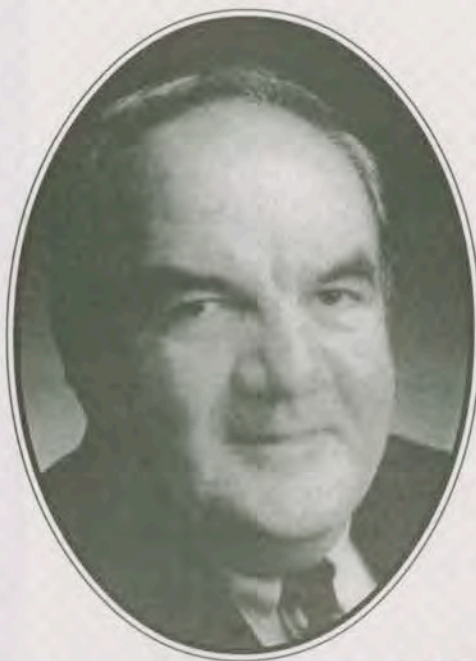
Gold Star Mothers



Recently a 20-foot star with gold flowers was dedicated at the Veterans Park in honor of all Gold Star Mothers, with a plaque explaining who is a Gold Star Mother. This was unveiled by Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Fuguere the mothers of two soldiers killed in Iraq.

Also on the program was the unveiling of two new polished granite benches donated by their families in memory of Sgt Dan Cunningham and SFC Shawn Dostie. The L & A Veterans Council sponsored the program; next event for the Council is the Annual Tribute to Veterans on Saturday, November 11th starting at 10 am at the Lewiston Armory, there will be music by the high school bands as well as Nel Meservier on the keyboard and singing by the Lewiston High School chorus as well as Just Us Entertainers.

A Pass-in-Review will be conducted by military, veterans, auxiliaries, fraternal, and youth organizations to honor all the veterans that will be present at this special event. Both Mayors have been invited as well as other speakers. Anyone who needs more information or wishes to sign up to pass in review, please call the Chairman Bert Dutil at 786-2305.



Taps

Day is done, gone the sun
from the lake, from the hill,
from the sky.

All is well, safely rest. God is nigh

Thanks and praise for our days
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars
'neath the sky.

As we go, this we know. God is nigh.



ARTHUR W. BENTZ SR. 1936 – 2006

SABATTUS – Mr. Arthur W. Bentz Sr., age 70, of Ledgewood Estates in Sabattus, died Monday morning November 6th at his home with family at his side. He was born in Milwaukee, WI June 28, 1936 a son of Arthur and Myrtle (McKenna) Bentz. He was educated in Milwaukee Public Schools and has resided in this community since 1981. Following high school, Mr. Bentz entered the United States Air Force and went on to complete a 28 year career until his retirement as an Aircrew Instructor and Inflight Refueling Operator and Superintendent. Following his retirement, he owned and operated Tripp Trucking Co. for 12 years. He was a member of Holy Family Church, a life member of the VFW Post # 9150, a member of the Elks Lodge, the National POW-MIA Committee and the Franco-American War Vets Post # 31. He was always very proud of his service to his country in the Air Force and remained very involved for many years thereafter in several local and national Veterans' affairs and activities. His family would like to offer a special Thank You to his home care nurse Lisa Ewing, his many nurses and doctors at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center and all the nurses at Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice for the extreme care and kindness shown to him and his family during his illness.

He leaves his wife Della M. Bentz of Sabattus, whom he married January 3, 2006; seven children Karen Strobel and husband John, Arthur W. Bentz Jr. and his companion Melissa, Linda Deilh and husband Corey, James Bentz and wife Jennifer, Kim Carmadelle and husband Jerry, Robert Bentz and wife Marie, all of Illinois and a step-daughter Dawn Eddy of Greene, ME; a sister Janet Thuerling and husband Glen of Milwaukee, WI; three brothers Donald Bentz and wife Grace of AZ, Myron Bentz and wife Becky of MI and Tony Bentz and wife Nancy of IL; 13 grandchildren; two step-granddaughters; several nieces and nephews; and several sisters and brothers-in-laws. He was predeceased by his first wife Gail C. Bentz, a sister Betty Schneeweis and a brother Mark Bentz.

VISITATION at the funeral home Thurs. 2-4 & 6-8 pm. Funeral Holy Family Church Fri. 11 AM. Committal to be held at a later date. Those wishing may make donations in his memory to Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice Foundation, 15 Strawberry Ave, P.O. Box 819, Lewiston, ME 04240-0819. A service of The Fortin Group Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 217 Turner St., **AUBURN**, 783-8545. www.dignitymemorial.com or fortin@verizon.net.

NOVEMBER 8, 2006
AT TRINITY SCHOOL, ^{#8} ONLY CROSS CHURCH
8:45 am

GOOD MORNING

My name is Bert Dutil, and I'm here to say a few words about Veterans. I'm presently a member of the American Legion, the Amvets, the Franco American War Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor all those who served honorable in the military, in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served, not only those who died, have sacrificed and done their duty.

The organizations that I represent here today is called the L & A Veterans Council which is made up of 12 veterans and auxiliary groups, we sponsor every year the Musical Tribute to Veterans which will be held this coming Saturday November 11 at 10 am (which is Veterans Day) at the Lewiston Armory, this

program is to honor all veterans, many of them are handicap from the South Paris Veterans Home. All of us like to do this show, as to not forget our veterans who sacrificed much, to keep our country free. The program will include Pass in Review by many organizations, High School Bands, High School Chorus, Just Us Entertainers, and many more; hopefully you will be able to attend this special event. w/ Your Parents

As a veterans of the Korean War, ~~and~~ probably many of you have never heard of the Korean War, and this depends on your history books. But I spend two year on active duty and 12 year in the Army Reserve, and I can tell you that this really helped me become a man, as I was only 20 years old then, I was hard to leave my family and friends, but I knew that this was my duty as an American citizen.

The L & A Veterans Council has done a lot of work to help make Veterans Park on Main St in Lewiston a remembrance for all those who served in the military or those who are presently active in the military. If you have not seen this park, believe me it's worth seeing, and you should go and bring your parents to see it, it's one of the best in the State of Maine. We hold

**many ceremonies there for different occasions
to honor our men and women who served**

**This morning I brought with me a poster for you
to see what the Veterans Park looks like, and
also after 50 years, I was presented all the
medals, I had won during my service in the
Military by Congressmen Michael Michaud.**

**Well it's been a pleasure to talk to all of you as a
veterans and if you have any questions, I will be
glad to answer them following this program.** *if you
come forward.*

**I do want to thank Donna Sawyer and Trinity
School for your invitation.**

*If you want to do something nice
just say Thank you to a Vet
or a military indiv*

Dear Veterans,

Thank you for keeping us safe
in war. Thank you for your help and
support you give to our country. We think
of you as our heroes. and think you are
very brave. Thank you for serving our
country in time of need. We keep you
in our hearts and minds. We pray for
you and your families.

JOSHUA

Ms. Baillargeon

Hannah

God Bless
Ms. Baillargeon's 2nd Grade

Wesley

Jacob

Caleb

Victoria

Larissa

Anna Jazy

Kaylynn Linck

Dale Kyle
Mason

Tyler

Justin



TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Where Faith, Love & Learning Come Alive



November 20, 2006

Dear Mr. Dutil,

Thank you ever so much for helping
our students understand Veterans' Day.
You shared alot in our assembly.
The picture display you brought was
lovely. Thank you for the care
you took in preparing for the assembly.
Gratefully,

Dana Sawyer





**VETERANS DAY CEREMONY
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2006
PROGRAM**

- 1. National Anthem by the Lewiston High School Choir, the Honor Guard from the Naval Air Station in Brunswick will take the honor.**
- 2. Invocation by Jerry DerBoghosian**
- 3. Lewiston representative, Councilor Lillian O'Brien**
- 4. Auburn representative Mayor elect John Jenkins**
- 5. Pass In Review, 1st the Military, and the Just Us Entertainers will be singing their songs, while Nel Meservier will be providing the music, as well as all the music for all other groups who will be passing in review.**
- 6. Lewiston High School Choir**
- 7. Lewiston & Edward Little High School Bands**
- 8. V.I.P recognized,**
 - a. State Senator Marguerite Peggy Rotundo**
 - b. _____**
 - c. _____**
 - d. _____**
- 9. Just Us Entertainers will perform special songs dedicated to all of our Veterans; Norm Laplante will be the MC for the group.**
- 10. The singing Vet, Mike Goddard**
- 11. Any announcements**

"JUST US" ENTERTAINERS

SONG SELECTION VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11 TH 2006

1 MILITARY SERVICE SONGS

2 AMERICAN MEDLEY (NEW VERSION)

3 STAR SPANGLE BANNER WAVING
SOMEWHERE (MEN)

4 LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

5 FERNANDO (WOMEN)

6 FROM A DISTANCE (MELISSA)

7 GOODNIGHT SAIGON (NEL)

8 GOD BLESS THE U S A (MIKE)

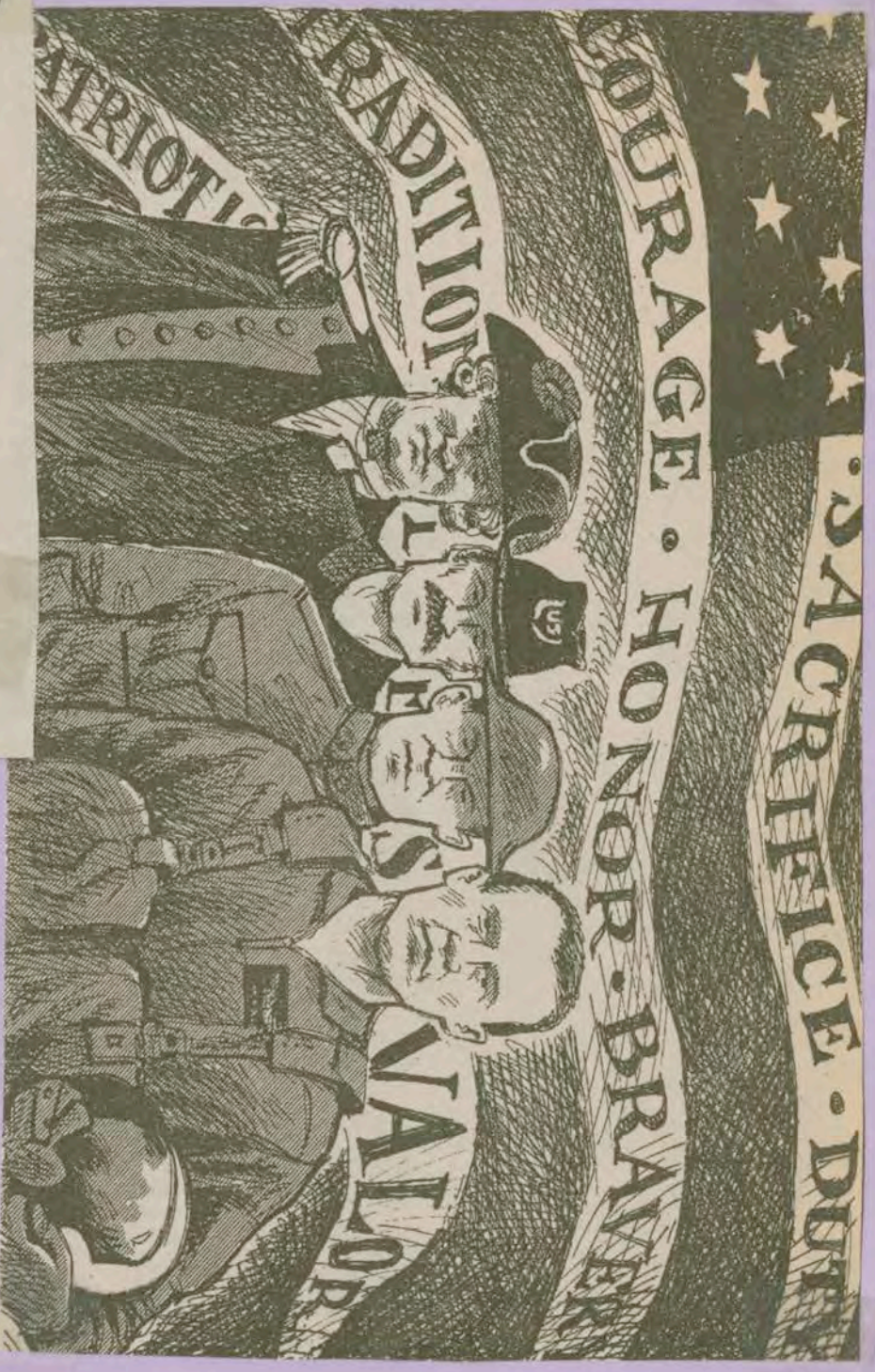
9 BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

10 GOD BLESS AMERICA

PRESENT = KEYBOARD NEL MESERVIER

SINGERS =

SACKIE, A = Mike B - Roland B - Anita D - Beth D - Lorraine G -
Don G - Connie L - Madeline L - Norm L - Melissa W -
Debbie R - Sue R & Doris S



Ceremony to

remember

Members of the Auburn American Legion Post 155 honor guard pass in review during Veterans Day ceremonies held at the Lewiston Armory on Saturday. Members of all the military branches were represented and honored by the public for their service and sacrifice for their country. From left are Richard Brown, Edward Grenier, Emmett Stuart and Tibby Dupuis.

Harry Dixon Jr., 85, a veteran of World War II and member of American Legion Post 135 Sabathus who served in Europe as an ordnance technician, salutes during the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner."





THE SHADOW
FIGURE
MADE BY
NEL MESERVIER
and
GIVEN
TO THE
FRANCO AMERICAN
VETERANS POST 31



PHOTOS
BY
Bob L





PHOTOS
BY ROLAND C

INVOCATION

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM
VETS

FROM SOUTH PARIS HOME





COUNCILOR O'BRIEN
U.S. ARMY

PASS IN REVIEW MAYOR ELECT JENKINS
U.S. MARINES





U.S. NAVY
A-L- 22



U.S. COAST GUARD
A-L- 153





A.L. 153 SCOUTS
A.L. 66

FRANCO A.L. 135 AMERICAN WAR VETS





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
L.H.S. JR A.F. ROTC

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THE CHOIR
BANDS
L.H.S & E.L.H.S





V.I.P.'s THE BANDS

STATE SENATOR ROTUNDO





JUST US ENTERTAINERS





THE JUST US CROWD



GOLD STAR



A 20-foot star with gold flowers was dedicated recently at the Lewiston Veterans Memorial Park in honor of Gold Star Mothers. A plaque explains the Gold Star Mother designation. Two new polished granite benches were unveiled in memory of Sgt. Dan Cunningham and SFC Shawn Dostie by their families. The L and A Veterans Council sponsored the program.



THE DAN CUNNINGHAM BENCH WITH HIS FAMILY.

Servicemen honored at benches' unveiling

LEWISTON — Two new polished granite benches were unveiled recently at Veterans Memorial Park, Main Street, in honor of Sgt. Dan Cunningham and SFC Shawn Dostie. The seats were unveiled by members of the Cunningham and Dostie families. The park now has six benches.

At the present time the L and A Veterans Council is seeking more names to be added to an 11th memorial stone, which they hope to unveil on Memorial Day weekend, said Chairman Bert Dutil.

Anyone who has been or who is presently in the mil-

itary can have their name on a stone. The cost is \$30 a name. Dutil said those interested may call or write for an application and must be able to prove they were in the military by sending with the application a copy of the discharge papers or a DD210.

While the cost for a bench is \$2,000, the cost for a name is \$200. Dutil said anyone can have their name placed on a bench for that amount.

The treasurer also has gift cards available. For more information, contact Gerry Cain at 782-6621 or Dutil at 786-2305.



THE SHAWN DOSTIE BENCH WITH HIS FAMILY.

Lewiston Middle School presented with a new American flag

BY LIZZIE AGUILAR
GRADE 8
Lewiston Middle School

On Nov. 2, Armand Bussiere and Bob McDonald, members of Lewiston's Longley-Dionne VFW Post 9150, presented a new American Flag to Maureen Lachapelle, principal at Lewiston Middle School. The new flag replaces the weather beaten flag which formerly flew outside Lewiston Middle School. The old flag will be returned to the VFW for appropriate retirement at a future ceremony.



Making the presentation were left to right: Armand Bussiere, Quarter Master -VFW Post 9150; Sue Reny -VFW Teacher of the Year 2005-06 and LMS History Teacher; Bob MacDonald - Junior Vice Commander- Post 9150 and Maureen Lachapelle - Principal of Lewiston Middle School.



FERN RONAN, F.A.W.V. Unit 31; BOB LEVESQUE, FAWV Post 31; JOS PARADIS, M.O.P.H;
 BUD LABRIE, A.L. 22; NORM VALLEY POINTING TO HIS NAME, VILLAGE INN;
 EMERT STUART, A.L. 153; RAY LEMIEUX, M.C.L.; BERT, CHAIRMAN L4A VET COUNCIL

MARINES SALUTED



The 231st anniversary of the Marine Corps was recalled in a ceremony on Nov. 16 at the old American Legion Post 22 hall on Bates Street, Lewiston. Roland Cyr presented a brief history of the Marine Corps. "There is no way to describe the emotions involved when we reflect upon the 231-year history of our United States Marine Corps. They have been there for us from the start of our great nation, and today they are on patrol in Baghdad," said Cyr. From left presenting a Marine cap to Ray Croteau is Paul R. Bernard, American Legion chaplain; Post 22 Adjutant Jerry DerBoghossian; Cyr, past commandant of the Central Maine Marine Corps League; and Legion Commander Gerald Labrie.

The Fortin Group

EISMAN — Howard E., 82, of Lewiston, passed away Dec. 12, in Lewiston. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, at 1 p.m. in the Carriage House of the Albert & Burpee Funeral Home, 253 Pine Street, Lewiston. Services will be conducted by the American Legion at 2 p.m. Interment at Maine State Veterans' Cemetery, Mount Vernon Road, Augusta. Arrangements by **ALBERT & BURPEE FUNERAL HOME.**

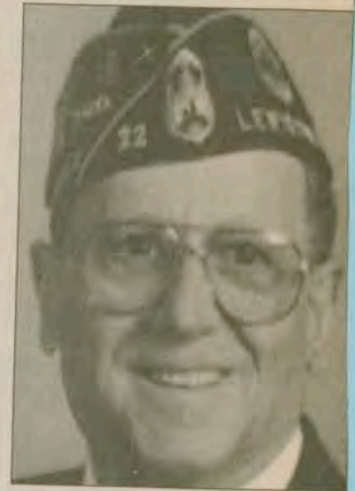
Veterans to mark Pearl Harbor Day

LEWISTON — Local veterans will observe the 65th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor at noon today at Trinity Episcopal Church at 247 Bates St.

The public is invited to attend.

American Legion Post 22 Adjutant Jerry DerBoghossian will open with the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem. Chaplain Paul R. Bernard will give the Pearl Harbor address and Commander Gerald "Bud" Labrie will speak on the importance of a strong Legion family.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, leaving 2,403 dead and 188 planes destroyed. Eight battleships were damaged or destroyed and the fleet was crippled. The attack brought the United States into World War II.



Commander Gerald (Bud) Labrie, Post 22 American Legion

On Dec. 8, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt declared the day of the bombing "a date which will live in infamy."

REMEMBERING THOSE GONE



RUSS DILLINGHAM/SUN JOURNAL

Jerry DerBoghossian, adjutant, Post 22, left, and Post 22 Cmdr. Gerald Bud Labrie sing one of several patriotic songs at a memorial service held Thursday at noon at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Lewiston in memory of those who died at Pearl Harbor. More A5.

Franco-American veterans elect officers

LEWISTON — The Franco-American War Veterans Post 31 and Auxiliary recently held installation of officers for 2007 at the Multi-Purpose Center. Each group held a short meeting before the meal. The installation followed.

Post 31 officers are: Jirard DerBoghossian, chaplain; Richard Giem, first vice commander; Willie Danforth, commander; Lindy McCollum, second vice commander; George Fleury, trustee; Bob Levesque, quartermaster; Cecile Bourgoyne, historian; Paul Emond, officer of the day; Norm Bus-

siere, trustee; Ed Samson, adjutant; and Bert Dutil, judge advocate.

Auxiliary officers are: Brenda Bussiere, secretary; Fern Ronan, president; Arlene Tierney, treasurer; Sandra McGill, flag bearer; Nancy Tardif, chaplain; Rachel Gravel, conductress; Carmen Palardy, second vice president; and Terry Labrecque, inner guard.

For more information on joining the organizations, contact Bert Dutil, 786-2305, for Post 31 and Fern Ronan, 786-2170, for the auxiliary.



Post 31 officers are pictured in the top photo. Sitting from left are Jerry DerBoghossian, Richard Giem, Willie Danforth and Lindy McCollum; standing, George Fleury, Bob Levesque, Cecile Bourgoyne, Paul Emond, Norm Bussiere, Ed Samson and Bert Dutil.

Auxiliary officers are shown in the bottom photo. Seated from left are Brenda Bussiere, Fern Ronan, Arlene Tierney, Sandra McGill, Nancy Tardif, Rachel Gravel, Carmen Palardy and Terry Labrecque.



*Seeking Patriotic,
Energetic and
Fun-Loving Volunteers*

Help Wanted to Bring Vietnam Wall Replica to Lewiston.

What: The first all-volunteer organizational meeting to discuss preparations for The Fortin Group Dignity Memorial® Vietnam Wall, a traveling replica of the Vietnam Wall coming to Lewiston in September 28-30, 2007.

When: January 2, 2007 at 6pm.

Where: The Fortin Group 217 Turner Street, Auburn

Why: The initial meeting will serve to inform community members of the Wall's arrival and encourage volunteer services on various committees ranging from publicity to hospitality. In addition, attendees will be asked to actively recruit family and friends to volunteer.

Who: The Fortin Group, the Dignity Memorial provider bringing the traveling replica to Lewiston will host the upcoming meeting.

CONTACT: Ann Dehetre-Arsenault, 783-8545,
ann.dehetre-arsenault@sci-us.com



war. Any veteran who has served their country honorably, whether it be war time, peace time, Reserves or National Guard can have their name engraved at the Veterans Memorial Park.

Anyone who wishes to have a name of a veteran engraved as a holiday gift or any occasion, will upon request, receive an acknowledgment in the form of a gift card.

Applications can be obtained by calling Gerry at 782-6621 or Bert Dutil at 786-2305. They are also available at the city clerk's offices in both Lewiston and Auburn, the American Le-

gion Post 152 and Rolly Diner in New Auburn. — Gerry N. Cain, Treasurer, L&A Veterans Council.

Answer: The headline was incorrect in the Dec. 1 column. It noted the plaques were "war" plaques. However, both Dutil and Cain have confirmed the engraving is to honor anyone who's served in the military, whether they are alive or deceased. Those include anyone currently serving in Iraq or as Cain notes above the Reserves or National Guard. Thanks to both Dutil and Cain for their update and Sun Spots would encourage those who have or had anyone serving in the military to consider having names engraved.

Dear Sun Spots: I read an article recently in Sun Spots where they referred to the name plaques as war plaques. A veteran does not have to have served in a



V. F. W, 9150 XMAS PARTY

