

## FROM THE SONS

Greetings to all

November 25, 2009

The membership is coming in pretty good right now. Let's keep it coming in. We did not quite make the November 17<sup>th</sup> target of 35% but we came a lot closer than last year. We are improving. Detachment currently stands at 31% membership. Districts 5, 7, 9, 10, 15 and 16 met or surpassed the 35% target. The following squadrons have likewise met or surpassed the target: 155 Naples, 62 Westbrook, 153 New Auburn, 24 Rumford, 100 Dixfield, 42 Damariscotta, 40 Winthrop, 51 Oakland, 132 Richmond, 14 Fairfield, 39 Madison, 65 Lubec, 15 Caribou, 47 Houlton and 49 Van Buren. Good work, gentlemen. With "go-getters" like you guys, we can achieve our membership goals. As for the rest of us, let's start giving them a run for their money.

Please remember the Commander's challenge to all Squadrons to raise \$100 for Children's Welfare Foundation. We have received \$165 at Detachment so far. We'll need over \$2,900 May if we are to make a dollar per member.

The Homeless Veterans of Maine need our help. Department Commander Andy Olson, Department President Lois Hubbard and I are collaborating on this joint project. Commander Andy has made a beautiful cedar bird feeder to raffle off for this important project, so let's buy lots of raffle tickets and show our support. I also would like to challenge all squadrons to raise \$100 for homeless veterans of Maine. Please remember to send all donations through Detachment with the program noted in the memo space so we can properly track donations we send on to Department and give recognition where it is due.

We have a directory change. Detachment Vice Commander Brian Danforth, 56 Matthews Avenue, Waterville 04901 (314-0222) e-mail: [detachmentofficer@yahoo.com](mailto:detachmentofficer@yahoo.com).

Post 205, Waterville will host a Sock Hop on Friday, December 11th from 8:00 pm to Midnight. There'll be a 50/50 drawing and prizes for the best dressed (remember, it's a sock hop). Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$8.00 per couple. BYOB. FMI contact Chairman, Joe Cooper at 342-3098 or Brian Danforth at 314-0222. All proceeds to benefit Pine Tree Camp.

Stockholm Squadron 136 is putting on a twin lobster supper and dance on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Supper will be served 6:00 to 7:30 PM. The cost of dinner and dance is \$20 per person in advance. The dance starts at 8:00 PM and dance only tickets will be sold at the door. Call Dennis Anderson at 896-3060 or Niel Nelson at 896-5644 for tickets and more info.

If your Squadron has an event and would like it in the SMILE, contact me by Wednesday at [unclebru2@aol.com](mailto:unclebru2@aol.com).

It's hunting season. Stay safe a field and have a happy Thanksgiving.

Remember our veterans and Troops.

Bruce Pierce, Detachment Commander.