

FROM THE SONS

Greetings to all

October 30, 2009

The Detachment of Maine has reached 24% membership as of October 29th. Although we did not make the October 14 target of 25% we are still in the running to make 35% by November 17th.

Squadrons 155 Naples, 197 Westbrook, 153 New Auburn, 202 Topsham, 75 Old Town, 80 Millinocket and 9 Machias have all exceeded 25% October goal. Squadrons 24 Rumford, 100 Dixfield, 40 Winthrop, 51 Oakland, 132 Richmond, 14 Fairfield, 39 Madison, 65 Lubec, 15 Caribou and 49 Van Buren all have already exceeded the 35% November goal. Squadron 132 leads the Detachment with 76% followed by Van Buren with 75% and Caribou with 72% membership. I congratulate these squadrons on a first rate job. They are showing the rest of us how it's done.

The movies for Soldiers program are alive and well. If you have a donations box that needs pick up, please contact me or another Detachment officer. We want to get those DVD's and music CD's to our deployed troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. This project is all about supporting our troops. I would like to welcome the Computer club of Lewiston High School to the Movies for soldiers program. Yours truly dropped off a donation box and talked to the club about the Sons and Movies for soldiers. Their instructor/faculty advisor has set a goal for them to collect 300 DVD's and CD's by Christmas.

Bourque-Lanigan Post 5, Waterville will host a Sock Hop on Friday, November 13th 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. FMI contact Chairman, Joe Cooper at 342-3098 or Brian Danforth at 314-0222. All proceeds to benefit Pine Tree Camp.

If you're out Saturday evening by Post 150 in Mechanic Falls you might see the Detachment Commander and his fellow squadron ghouls beside a big bowl of candy. A "Trick or treat" and a "Thank you" will get you a sweet from the Squadron 150 boys. From all of us at the Detachment of Maine, have a safe and Happy Halloween!

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

Yours in Service.

Bruce Pierce, Detachment Commander.