



American Legion

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A good Sunday to you all.

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Memorial Day has come and gone and I would like to say Thank You to all those that worked so hard to make this happen. It was a busy weekend and we accomplished many things. On Saturday 28 May we honored all of our veterans in our local cemeteries with the help from some of our neighbors. We put out a little over 1300 flags in 6 cemeteries and several monuments around the city.

Memorial Day started very early, we met at the Post for an 0800 departure on the school bus along with a small group from the South Portland High School band. We visited and performed our short memorial service with Taps and the National Anthem played to honor each of our fallen heroes. At the site where we did one of the services was a Civil War veteran, he was born in 1834 and passed in 1869, how appropriate was that!! As the Civil War was the reason for this holiday (Memorial Day) was created. Part way through these memorial services we took a coffee and donut break and then back on the bus to finish services and finally to the parade forming area. It was a beautiful sunny day, 3 divisions were all ready to go, at 10:30 the parade stepped off and down Broadway we went. The crowds were the biggest I have seen in many years; it gave me a great feeling of patriotism!! The veterans from the home in Scarborough were able to ride, in their van, but were not allowed to enjoy lunch with us at the Post due to the ongoing threat of COVID. There was a good crowd at the Veterans Monument service as well, after the service we all returned to then Post to enjoy a little comradeship and lunch. Once again, thank you all for doing an outstanding job to make this event so OUTSTANDING!!

The bottle drive is in full swing, I know I sound like a broken record, but we still in need of a few more helpers. If you can help in any way please lend a hand. We are at the Post every day around 5 PM (1700) and it usually takes about a half hour to an hour (depending on the number of folks that show up). If there is anyone out there with a truck that could help out that would be great as Mike and Ed are the only ones right now and Ed is limited with his time due to issues he is dealing with.

On the 10th of June Wes, Mike and I will be travelling up to the Bangor area for the American Legion State Convention, to get all the latest information on upcoming things the State has to share with us.

June 14th – City Wide Election (Dist. #2 Vote at our Post)

June 15th – Vice Commander Coffee, 0900 – 1100, (Rumors have it that John Janosik will be putting on his world famous, USCG Version, of SOS on biscuits for those attending) Come on down and sample the feast.

Yours truly has gone back to work at the hospital and will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

June 17th – Final Post Meeting for the Summer. Plans will be starting for our Third Annual Lobster Lunch before our September meeting (Labor Day Weekend) Lobster Lunch will depend on the price of Lobster meat. Stay Tuned!

Have a super SUMMER and be safe! God Bless

Guy Linscott – Commander Post 35

