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History and Past Commanders of American Legion Post 4 in Gardiner, Maine

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POST 4 HISTORY

On 6/19/1919 a group of 18 men returning from WWI met at the GAR Heath Post 6 for the purpose of forming an American Legion Post. Everett H. Maxcy was made temporary chairman & Lloyd Calderwood was made temporary secretary. An application for a charter was signed & a committee was formed to submit a name for the Post. Voted to use “Gardiner Post” temporarily. Was voted on 2/18/1920 to change the name to the Benjamin E. Smith Post 4 in memory of a Gardiner man who died in his first battle on 5/10/1918 in St. Agnant, France. Mr. Smith was born in Whitefield, Me. on 3/30/1896. He enlisted on 5/28/1917 in Augusta, Me. Made Pvt 1st Class on 12/26/1917. Was attached to Co “A” 103rd Inf. & overseas with the Engineer Defensive Section.


The Unit 4 Auxiliary got their Charter on 11/1/1920. The first officers were: President – Eleanor M. Fleming, Vice President – Lucy Libby, Secretary – Anne Burke Talbot, & Treasurer – Ethel Blair Maxcy.

The first date of the joint meeting of the Legion & Auxiliary was on 10/27/1921. On 10/14/1922 a meeting was held for the purpose of
incorporating the Post as a charitable organization. At the meeting of 10/19/1922 it was announced that the GAR Hall had been deeded to the Benjamin E. Smith Post 4 as of 10/12/1922. The State Department sent the adopted By-Laws on 11/3/1922.

It was voted to start a Sons of the Legion Squadron on 10/2/1933. Was finally organized & got their Charter on 1/3/1938. In 1934 a SAL program was started by Commander Wilber Roberts which involved a Fyfe & Drum Corps of 25 boys. The Corps was later changed to the Drum & Bugle Corps of approximately 50 boys & girls who were sons & daughters of Legionnaires. It was disbanded during WWII. In the 1950’s the Post started it up again which lasted 6 years & was given up due to lack of funds.

Also, in 1934 the Post acquired a German machine gun. This was mounted with a flag pole at the junction of Winter hill & Highland Ave. which became known as McMaster Square. This was in Honor of Frederick A. McMaster who was killed on 7/20/1918 in Chateau Thierry, France. Paid for & erected by the Benjamin E. Smith Post 4.

Sometime in the 1930’s a Hand Tub was acquired by the Post. This was renovated & presented to the Gardiner Fireman’s Hand Tub Association. It is to be known as the Benjamin E. Smith Hand Tub. As of this writing, 10/14/2015, it has been completely restored in its original condition.

In 1937 Commander Frank Naiman secured an area in the Gardiner Hospital. This section was completely restored, furnished with beds &
wheelchairs, & presented to the Hospital to be used as a Children’s Ward.

After WWII during the summer of 1947 a committee was formed to add to the name of the Post. They came up with Albert W. Wiley who was the first Gardiner man to die in WWII. He died at Karch, India on 5/4/1942. He received a Citation of Honor, U.S. Air Force, on 5/4/1942 signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. It is presently hanging in the Post. On 8/8/1947 the Post received their new Charter renaming the Post the Smith-Wiley Post 4.

The mortgage of the Legion Hall was burned on 7/23/1945. The retirement of the mortgage was made through a bequest from the late Charles Franklin Davis.

The original building was conveyed in the following manner. On 2/20/1850 the property that will later be known as the GAR Hall was transferred from Daniel Nutting to Richard Mace. On 11/15/1867 a Charter was received for the GAR Heath Post 6 & was known by that name from then on. On 3/16/1881 it was conveyed by the Brunswick Street Baptist Society to the Trustees of the GAR Heath Post 6. On 10/14/1922 the property was transferred to Wilbur F. Roberts & Edward Talbot. On 11/3/1922 Roberts & Talbot conveyed same to the American Legion Benjamin E. Smith Post 4. This was the 4th Post organized in Maine.

A fund drive was started on 4/11/1974 for the purpose of building a new Legion Home on 2 ½ acres on Griffin St. The property was bought
from Everett Prescott who also donated $1,000 toward the purchase price. The price was paid very quickly. Construction of the present Post Home was started on 8/7/1976 to get the land ready. Emery Malcolm, chairman of the building committee, said that work would be done in stages. A loan was made to complete both levels to what we have now. The foundation was laid on 6/3/1977 & completed on 11/11/1977. The building went up with many set backs. After many fine tuning projects, the property was finally appraised by Murphy Hubbard Appraisal Service on 8/26/1988. The value was listed as $425,000 to $444,000.

In the meeting room is a Commanders Bell which is struck on special occasions. It was made by Emile Dubey & Wilbur F. Roberts. A notice of the achievement is in the Post minutes of 10/26/1931.

On 12/1/1933 the Post received 2 WWI Roster of Maine Military Service that were published under the direction of James W. Hanson, Maine Adjutant General. They were a great resource for information on the Post Adjutant’s Past Commanders Project.

Members of the Legion Post participated in the dedication of the Honor Rolls in Litchfield, West Gardiner, Pittston, Randolph, & South Gardiner. They also suggested that Gardiner have an Honor Roll. They were instrumental in having one constructed & dedicated.

Through the efforts of the Legion Post a hobby shop was established at the Togus Veteran’s Hospital during the 1930’s with both money &
Materials contributed by Legion Members.

Annual donations were made by the Legion & Auxiliary to the Gardiner General Hospital, Gardiner Public Health Drive, Salvation Army, Red Cross, March of Dimes, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Opportunity Farm, plus other local & National charities. One year the Post even sent 8 Gardiner boys to the YMCA Camp. Under the American Legion National Programs the Post has sponsored Oratorical & Boys/Girls State contests, essay contests, plus made Americanism & citizenship awards to the Gardiner schools.

Sometime during WWII a list of Gold Star Mothers in Gardiner, Farmingdale, Pittston, & West Gardiner was compiled by a member of the Auxiliary. A member of the Auxiliary even copied the names on the Gardiner Honor Roll.

After the Koean War Truce was signed on 1/31/1955 a committee was formed to put up a Veteran’s Memorial in the Gardiner Commons. Funds were raised & the Monument was erected with the following names of Gardiner area Veterans who died in Service. Spanish American War – 1, WWI – 14, WWII – 45, & Korea – 2. In 1981 Commander Robert Dolan had the Vietnam Veterans added which numbered 10. This Monument was placed directly across from the one for the Civil War. 475 men from Gardiner served & 72 were killed in action or died from disease.

Starting on 9/23/1957 the Post entered on a controversy on Quimby Field. As tax monies were solicitated to build it & maintain it, they
felt that it should be placed at the disposal of the young people of the Community. The Post felt that additional recreational areas should also be developed.

On 7/2/1975 the Post entered into an agreement to have 6 donated ceremonial rifles, M1 Garand, U.S. Cal. 30, from the U.S. Army Armament Command for our use.

Based on the Combined Post Reports from 2011 to 2015, the Post was involved in the following projects: Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation, Post Service Officer assistance, Volunteer hours at the V A Hospital & Veteran’s Homes, monetary emergency aid to Veterans, National Security, have a POW/MIA program, Public Relations, newspaper articles, & participation in Community Events. The Post also puts on & pays for the annual Memorial Day Parade. Members go to wakes of deceased Veterans. Have some members who belong to the Kennebec County Honor Guard who bring full Military Honors to area Veteran funerals. These can number 70 or more a year & they do it at their expense. Have a working Americanism Program that not only do presentations at the area schools but participates in Boys State, Scouting, scholarships, Flag Day, Veteran’s Day, 4 Chaplain’s Sunday, give free Flags to schools & Memorials. The Post also participated in the Flags on telephone poles in Gardiner & Farmingdale projects. The Post also chartered a group of American Legion Riders. The Post also donates over $4,000 a year to other funds, donation requests, & charities too numerous to mention.

Over the years Post 4 has had 73 Commanders who gave their time & efforts to make Post 4 an asset to the Legion, Veterans, & the Community.
BENJAMIN E. SMITH

Born: 3/30/1896 in Whitefield, Me  Died: 5/10/1918 in France

Burial: Mt. Hope Cemetery, Augusta, Me

Enlisted: NG 5/28/1917 in Augusta, Me

Rank: Pvt

Org: Co. A, Inf. Maine NG (Co. A 103rd Inf)

Engagements: Defensive Sector, Chemin des Dames, Toul Bancq, France

The Gardiner, Me American Legion Post 4 got their first charter on 8/10/1920. Mr. Smith was the first Gardiner Vet to die in WWI & the Post was named for him to be known as the Benjamin E. Post 4.
PAST COMMANDERS
SMITH-WILEY POST 4
AMERICAN LEGION
1919 to 2013

Information received from the following sources:
Roster of Maine World War 1917 – 1919
Maine State Library Archives & Microfish
Gardiner Library Archives
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WILLIAM TUDOR GARDINER

Born: 6/12/1892 in Newton, Ma
Died: 8/3/1953

Burial: Christ Church Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: NG on 8/23/1917

Rank: Pvt. HQ Co 1st Maine HFA NG, Sgt. 1st Cl. 10/22/1917

Hon. Disch. To accept commission – 6/9/1918

  Appointed 2nd Lt. – 6/10/1918

  Promoted 1st Lt. – 7/24/1918

Orgs.: 1st Maine Heavy Artillery, transferred to Trench Mortar
Battalion, Btry A, 1st FA Maine NG, Co A 56th pion inf., 321 QA.

Overseas: 9/4/1918 to 5/6/1919

Served: Meuse-Argonne Offensive & Defensive Sector, France

Hon. Disch.: 5/8/1919

Was active in WWII as a Lt. Col. Who was 1 of 2 officers that went
through German lines twice to get information back to Gen.
Eisenhower hours before the invasion of Salerno, Italy. Their efforts
saved many lives on both sides. All information about this is still
classified.

Private life: Maine Governor 1928 – 1933, Maine House of
Representatives 1921 – 1926, Speaker of the House 1925 – 1926, &
Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1932.
EVERETT HESELETINE MAXCY

Born: 9/8/1888 in Gardiner, Me  Died: 2/7/1961

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: 3/7/1918 at Waterville #2

Rank: Pvt. 1st Cl 9/1/1918

Hon. Disch. To accept commission – 9/24/1918

    Appointed 2nd Lt. CAC 9/25/1918

Overseas: 10/13/1918 to 3/3/1919

Orgs: Co 9 Boston CAC to 5/13/1918

    Btry A 71st Arty CAC to 7/2/1918

    Co 9 Boston CAC to discharge

Hon. Disch.: 3/13/1919
LYMAN BURLEIGH WING


Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: USNRF 6/20/1917 in Bar Harbor, Me

Rank: QM 2nd Cl. 365 days, MM 1st Cl. 144 days

Served: USS Content 12/17/1917 to 4/9/1918
       Portland, Me Section 4/9/1918 to 5/19/1918
       US Sub Chaser #271 5/19/1918 to 11/11/1918
       Boston Section Base – 1st Navel District to discharge

Hon. Disch.: 6/13/1919
WILBUR F. ROBERTS

Born: 1895 in Farmingdale, Me           Died: 1943
Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me
Enlisted: 5/25/1917 in Augusta, Me
Rank: Pvt. MEC 9/7/1917
Orgs: Co A 2nd Inf. Me. NG
      Co A 103rd Inf. to discharge
Overseas: 9/27/1917 to 4/5/1919
Served: Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Defensive Sector, France
Wounded in action: 7/20/1918
Hon. Disch.: 4/28/1919
JOHN W. BURKE

Born: 2/24/1894 in Randolph, Me    Died: 1937

Enlisted: USN 6/2/1917 in Portland, Me

Ranks: HA 2nd Cl – 124 days, HA 1st Cl. – 51 days, PhM 3rd Cl. – 100
days, PhM 2nd Cl. – 153 days, & PhM 1st Cl. – 102 days

Served:    R/S New York 7/17/1917 to 9/24/1917

           Naval Hospital, NY 9/24/1917 to 11/21/1917

           R/S Philadelphia, Pa 11/21/1917 to 12/1/1917

           USS Melville 12/1/1917 to 12/31/1917

           Naval Bks Base 6, Queenstown, Ireland 12/31/1917 to

                   9/27/1918

           Naval Hospital, London, England 9/27/1918 to 11/9/1918

           Naval Base, Cardiff, Wales 11/9/1918 to 11/11/1918

Discharged: R/S Boston, Ma 10/22/1919
WILLIAM EDWARD MALONEY

Born: 9/21/1887  Died: 4/16/1963 in Gardiner, Me

Burial: St. Josephs Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: 7/25/1918 in Portland, Me LB #2

Rank: Pvt. 1st Cl. 1/1/1919

Orgs: 151 Dep. Brig. To 11/5/1918

Co F 212 Engrs. To discharge

Hon. Disch.: 1/21/1919
WILLIAM OLIVER TRIPP

Born: 10/10/1895 in New Bedford, Ma    Died: 5/13/1965

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: USN 3/31/1917 in Portland, Me

Rank: F 3rd Cl. 86 days, F 2nd Cl. 215 days, F 1st Cl. 283 days, & Eng. 2nd Cl. To discharge

Served: NTS Newport, RI 4/6/1917 to 4/12/1917

USS Vesuvius 4/12/1917 to 7/1/1917

Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, RI 7/1/1917 to 11/11/1918

Hon. Disch.: District Detail Office, Boston, Ma 8/21/1919
THOMAS T. KELLEY SR.

Born: 9/26/1894 in Gardiner, Me  Died: 6/30/1971

Enlisted: NG 7/23/1917 in Hudson, Ma

Rank: Pvt – Made Cpl. 6/30/1918

Org.: Co M 101st Inf.

Served: Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse Argonne, Defensive Sector, France

Wounded in action 5/31/1918

Hon. Disch.: 4/28/1919
ERWIN ROSCOE JOHNSON

Born: 8/26/1895 in Wales, Me

Died: 5/29/1966

Buried: St. Josephs Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Inducted: 4/29/1918 in Augusta, Me LB #1

Rank: Pvt

Org.: Co B 301st Supply Train QMC, France to discharge

Overseas: 7/16/1918 to 6/25/1919

Hon. Disch.: 7/16/1919
STEPHEN D. MONAGHAN


Burial: St. Josephs Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Inducted: USNRF 5/21/1918 in Portland, Me

Rank: Sea. 2nd Cl. 174 days

Served: NTS Newport, RI 6/7/1918 to 8/4/1918

Naval Air Station, Pavillac, France 8/4/1918 to 9/23/1918

Naval Air Station, Trequier, France 9/23/1918 to 11/11/1918

Inactive: ESX New York, NY 1/31/1919
HAROLD MELVIN NEWBERT

Born: 8/31/1895 in Warren, Me  
Died: 1947

Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Inducted: 3/8/1918 in Waterville, Me #2

Rank: Pvt.

Org.: 38th Balloon Co. to discharge

Hon. Disch.: 5/20/1919
CHARLES H. ROBERTS

Born: 5/19/1895 in East Boston, Ma

Enlisted: NG 6/13/1916 in Augusta, Me

Rank: Mess Sgt. 4/19/1917 & Brig. Sgt. 5/13/1917

Orgs: Co M 2nd Inf. Me Ng to 5/3/1917

HQ Co 103rd Inf. to discharge

Hon. Disch. To accept commission 9/30/1918

Appointed 2nd Lt. Inf. 10/1/1918

Orgs: 103rd Inf. & 349th Inf. to 2/23/1919

25th Balloon Co to discharge

Overseas: 9/25/1917 to 4/7/1919

Engagements: Aisne-Marne & Lorraine, France

Hon. Disch.: 4/28/1919
LELAND SHERMAN HOPKINS

Born: 6/20/1889 in West Gardiner, Me       Died: 1/18/1971 in Augusta, Me

Buried: Mount Hope Cemetery, Augusta, Me

Inducted: 5/31/1918 in Waterville, Me #2

Rank: Pvt.

Overseas: 7/21/1918 to 3/12/1919

Orgs: 156th Dep. Brig. To 7/14/1918

      CP Jackson, S. Carolina to 7/1918

      Auth. Repl. Draft – 315th TM BN to discharge

Hon. Disch.: 4/3/1910
EMILE SAMUEL DUBEY

Born: 9/28/1893 in Orono, Me  Died: 9/6/1965 in Augusta, Me

Buried: Mount Pleasant Catholic Cemetery, Bangor, Me

Inducted: 3/18/1918 in Waterville, Me #2

Rank: Pvt.

Overseas: 7/10/1918 to 8/1/1919

Orgs:  Aviation School, Kelly Field, TX to 4/13/1918

  38th Balloon Co to 5/7/1918

  44th Balloon Co to discharge

Hon. Disch.:  8/9/1919
BERNARD E. LEIGHTON

Born: 12/23/1899 in Hallowell, Me          Died: 12/9/1986

Buried: Old Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Augusta, Me

Inducted: USNRF 5/13/1918 in Portland, Me

Rank: Sea. 2nd Cl. 182 days

Served: NTS Newport, RI 5/27/1918 to 8/6/1918

              Receiving Bks, New London, CT 8/6/1918 to 11/11/1918

Inactive: Receiving Ship, Boston, Ma 8/12/1919
JOHN HARLOW TURNER

Born: 8/12/1896               Died: 12/6/1971

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Inducted: 9/3/1918 in Waterville, Me #2

Rank: Pvt 1st Cl. 6/13/1919

Orgs: 151st Dep. Brig. To 11/15/1918

MD to discharge

Hon. Disch.: SCD 9/20/1919
JOHN A. MCDONALD


Inducted: 6/14/1918 in Waterville, Me #2

Rank: Made Cpl. 7/18/1919

Overseas: 9/30/1918 to 7/21/1919

Orgs: 11th Co Road Regt. CP J.E. Johnson, FL to 9/4/1918
      525th Co MYC to discharge

Hon. Disch.: 8/2/1919
FRANK S. NIAMAN

Inducted: Augusta, Me 4/29/1918

Org: Btry D 303rd FA to discharge

Engagements: Toul Sector & Meuse-Argonne, France

Overseas: 7/16/1918 to 4/26/1919

Hon. Disch. 5/1/1919
GEORGE WINSHIP PERKINS

Born: 9/7/1890 in S. Dresden, Me

Inducted: 12/11/1917 in Bath, Me

Rank: Pvt 1st Cl.

Overseas: 3/16/1918 to 2/18/1919

Orgs: Btry B 54th Arty CAC 5/13/1918

19th Co Portland, Me 11/1/1918

Then to 42nd Arty CAC

Engagement: Alsace Sector, France

Hon. Disch.: 3/10/1919

Died: 8/15/1966
RAY VICTOR ROYAL

Born: 10/28/1894 in Gardiner, Me    Died: 10/22/1975 in Gardiner, Me

Inducted: 7/25/1918 in Waterville, Me #2

Rank: Pvt

Org: Co A 73rd Inf.

Hon. Disch.: 1/29/1919
GUY HIRAM DILL

Born: 6/21/1897           Died: 7/18/1967

Burial: St. Josephs Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Rank: Pvt

Overseas: 10/24/1918 to 1/16/1919

Orgs: 2nd Co CAC Ft. Totten, NY to 10/9/1918

54th Btry 7 AA Section to discharge

Hon. Disch.: 2/5/1919
LLOYD C. CALDERWOOD

Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me
Enlisted: NG 5/26/1917 in Augusta, Me
Rank: Pvt Made Cpl. 10/1917
Overseas: 9/27/1918 to 4/5/1919
Orgs: MG Co 2nd Inf. Me NG
      Then MG Co 103rd Inf. to discharge
Engagement: Aisne-Marne, France
Hon. Disch.: 4/28/1919
LAWRENCE J. CANTY

Born: 11/18/1892 in Suffolk, MA    Died: 1/4/1979 in Gardiner, Me

Burial: St. Josephs Cemetery, Gardiner, Me
FRED JEWETT HINKLEY

Born: 7/20/1893 in Gardiner, Me        Died: 4/21/1964

Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted. NG on 6/4/1917 in Augusta, Me

Rank: Pvt

Overseas: 9/27/1917 to 10/13/1918

Orgs:  Co C2 Me Inf. NG
       Co C 103rd Inf. to discharge

Engagements: Aisne-Marne, Champagne-Marne, & Defensive Sector, France

Wounded in action 7/20/1918

Hon. Disch.: 2/6/1919
ARTHUR DELBERT FOSSETT


Burial: Maple Grove Cemetery, Randolph, Me

Inducted: 10/9/1918 in Augusta, Me LB #1

Rank: Pvt

Org: SATC Univ. of Maine in Orono, Me to discharge

Hon. Disch.: 12/8/1918
HOWARD NEWTON SEWALL

Born: 3/20/1888 in York, Me        Died: 10/12/1961

Buried: First Parish Cemetery, York Village, Me

Inducted: 4/29/1918 in Kennebunk, Me

Rank: Pvt 1st Cl. 11/1/1918, Sgt. 3.21/1919

Overseas: 7/5/1918 to 8/20/1919

Orgs: MD CP Hospital #57 to 11/25/1918

    Det. 301st Inf. to 12/1/1918

    CP Hospital #93 to 5/7/1919

    CP Hospital #122 to discharge

Hon. Disch.: 8/26/1910
GEORGE WALTER MANSON

Born: 5/28/1900 in Farmingdale, Me          Died: 10/11/1978

Buried: Maine Veterans’ Cemetery, Augusta, Me Sect. G, Row 12,
Site 8

Inducted: 10/31/1918 in Waterville, Me #2

Rank: Pvt Army

Org: SATC Bates College, Lewiston, Me to discharge

Hon. Disch.: 12/10/1918
HAROLD C. DALE


Burial: Old Maine Veterans Cemetery  Sect. B Row 9 Site 1

Enlisted: 10/9/1942 in Portland, Me

Rank: Pvt – TEC5  Army
JAMES EDWARD BARRY

Born: 2/20/1888 in Bangor, Me        Died: 9/16/1963

Burial: Mount Pleasant Catholic Cemetery, Bangor, Me

Inducted: 6/14/1918 in Waterville, Me #2

Rank: Made Pvt 1st Cl. 5/15/1919

Overseas: 9/26/1918 to 7/28/1919

Orgs: Co 8 1st Road Regt. To 9/2/1918

M Trk. Co 517th to discharge

Hon. Disch.: 7/31/1919
HENRY GILMAN

Born: 2/20/1894 in Iowa  Died: 10/16/1963 in Maine

Burial: Whitefield Cemetery, Whitefield, Me

Enlisted: USN 6/8/1917 in Portland, Me

Rank: F 3\textsuperscript{rd} Cl. 238 days, F 2\textsuperscript{nd} Cl. 150 days, F 1\textsuperscript{st} Cl. 92 days, &
Engineman 2\textsuperscript{nd} Cl. 41 days WT

Served: RS at Boston, Ma 6/8/1917 to 8/21/1917

USS Pennsylvania 8/21/1917 to 11/11/1918

PALMER NOYES HINDS

Born:  1926

Enlisted:  6/18/1943

Rank:  Pvt

Org:  10th Garrison Replacement Detach., FMF, Tc, & 1 Mac

Discharged:  1/1944
EUGENE F. MONROE

Born: 7/24/1919 in Brunswick, Me     Died: 6/2/1953 in Moosehead Lake, Me

Buried: St. Josephs Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: 5/18/1942 in Portland, Me

Rank: Tec 5

Org: 223rd Combat Engineers

Hon. Disch.: 1/19/1946
MAURICE G. SMALL

Born: 8/30/1899 in Maine       Died: 9/13/1988 in Gardiner, Me

Burial: Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me Sect. N Row 36 Site 29

Enlisted: 2/24/1941 in Augusta, Me

Rank: SSgt. Inf. Army
CHARLES EDWARD REED


Buried: Old Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me

     Sect. E  Row 2  Site 14
THOMAS FRANCIS STAPLES

Born: 7/27/1927 in Gardiner, Me  
Died: 7/23/2012 in Gardiner, Me

Burial: St. Josephs Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Served: Navy WWII
KENNETH RUSSELL MOODY SR.

Born: 4/1/1924  Died: 8/31/2002

Buried: Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me
        Sect. C Row 18 Site 38

Enlisted: 1/26/1942 in Portland, Me

Rank: Tec 5 Army

Hon. Disch.: 2/7/1946
WILLIAM HENRY WESTON


Buried: Old Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me

Sect. P Row 7 Site 51

Enlisted: 8/12/1942 in Bangor, Me

Rank: Pvt Army Promoted to Sgt.
ORMAND LINDSEY PERKINS

Born: 10/26/1905 in Waldo, Me Died: 8/17/1970 in Gardiner, Me

Burial: Litchfield Plains Cemetery, Litchfield Plains, Me

Enlisted: 8/12/1942 in Bangor, Me Pvt Army
THOMAS TIMOTHY KELLEY JR.


Burial: Old Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me

Enlisted: 11/23/1942

Rank: ADM 2nd Cl. Navy

Hon. Disch.: 9/27/1945
HON. CMDR. JOHN RICHARDS

Born: 2/13/1884  Died: 5/4/1975 in Gardiner, Me

Burial: Christ Church Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: NG on 7/2/1917 in Hartford, CN

Rank: Pvt  Made Cpl. on 8/8/1917

Overseas: 8/9/1917 to 2/17/1919

Orgs: MG Co 1st Inf. Conn. Ng (MG Co 103rd Inf.) to 11/24/1917

Supp. Co 103rd Inf. to 12/28/1917

Army Candidates School, France to discharge

Hon. Disch. To accept Commission 6/13/1918

Rank: Appointed 1st Lt. 11/9/1918

Orgs: 369th Inf. & 26th Division

Engagements: Champagne & Ile de France, France

Severely wounded in action, Champagne, France 9/26/1918

Awards: Croix de Guerre & Purple Heart

Hon. Disch.: 3/1/1919
HAROLD OLIVER “HARRY” MERRILL

Born: 4/22/1925 in Androscoggin County, Me  Died: 2/9/1977 in Gardiner, Me

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: 7/1/1943  Navy

Hon. Disch.: 3/13/1946
ROBERT CHARLES TARR


Rank: Pvt Army

Org: Co A  26th Inf. Regt.

Awards:    Army of Occupation – Germany

Med. Disch.  11/20/1951
ELORED NASH
JAMES EDWARD BURKE

Born: 5/5/1909 in Portland, Me
Died: 7/7/1992 in Pinellas, Fl.

Burial: Old Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me

Enlisted: Army 11/10/1941 in Portland, Me

Rank: Pvt – Quartermaster Corps
ROBERT S. FULLER

Born: 1/12/1921                      Died: 6/1/1986

Burial: Old Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me

       Sect. N   Row 8   Site 33

Enlisted: Army  2/1/1943 in Portland, Me

Rank: Pvt

Hon. Disch.: 12/14/1945
RICHARD ARTHUR BOUDWAY


Burial: Gonzalez United Methodist Church Cemetery, Pensacola, FL

Enlisted: 11/27/1945    WWII

Hon. Disch.: 11/13/1947

Enlisted: 9/14/1950    Korea

Hon. Disch.: 5/8/1952
ARTHUR LINWOOD TATLOCK

Born: 3/22/1920 in Gardiner, Me  
Died: 5/16/2014

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: Marine 11/30/1942 at Boston, MA

Rank: 1st Lt. Field Artillery Unit Commander – Iwo Jima

Separated: 1/26/1946

Enlisted: Marine 8/3/1950 at Boston, MA

Rank: Capt. 1st MCRD, Boston, MA

Separated: 1/31/1952 to Reserve status

Major Tatlock, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, received a Certificate for completing

The Reserve Junior Course(Phase II) 6/26/1959 at Quantico, VA
RICHARD ARTHUR BOUDWAY

Burial: Gonzalez United Methodist Church Cemetery, Pensacola, FL
Enlisted: 11/27/1945    WWII
Hon. Disch.: 11/13/1947
Enlisted: 9/14/1950    Korea
Hon. Disch.: 5/8/1952
HAROLD URBAN COLBY

Born: 1/29/1925 in Farmingdale, Me  Died: 5/18/2007 in Bangor, Me

Burial: Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me  Sect. C  Row 26

Served: Navy

Rank: F 3rd Class
EMERY ERLON MALCOLM

Born: 10/22/1923 in W. Gardiner, Me Died: 10/12/2010 in Winthrop, Me

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: Air Corps 10/31/1942 in Portland, Me


Org: 15th Air Force in Italy


Awards: Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters for actions against the enemy
MERTON L. ROWE


Burial: Old Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me

Sect. H  Row 5  Site 23

Enlisted: NG 9/1940 & Army 2/24/1941

Rank: Basic training in Ft. Benning, GA. Then to OCS where he received his commission as 2\textsuperscript{nd} LT on 8/14/1942 & his 1\textsuperscript{st} LT on 7/9/1944.

Orgs: In Sept. 1942 he set sail for England & in 1943 to North Africa. In July of 1943 he was detailed as an MP escorting prisoners to the British Isles & the US. Was then reassigned to the Italian Company serving Rome, Po Valley, & Verona.

Awards: The European & Africa Middle East Theater Medal, WWII Victory Medal, & Good Conduct Medal.

Hon. Disch.: 1945 at Ft. Hood, TX
JOHN BANTON
Born: Bangor, Me  5/30/1925       Died: Weld, Me  7/9/2013

WWII Veteran
WILFRED C. HARRIMAN

Born: 11/17/1907 in Farmingdale, Me          Died: 4/14/1977 in Farmingdale, Me

Enlisted: 10/1/1943

Released: 9/1/1944
LEONARD THIBEAU

Born: 6/16/1932
RALPH EDWARD “SPIKE” GILSON

Born: 4/20/1931 in Gardiner, Me       Died: 1/5/2014 in Gardiner, Me

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: 1952 to 1956 in the Air Force

Served: Korea
RICHARD LEWIS MONROE

Born: 3/2/1931 in Gardiner, Me  
Died: 9/20/1998 in Gardiner, Me

Buried: St. Josephs Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: 11/8/1944  Army

Rank: Sgt.

Conflicts: WWII & Korea
RICHARD EDWIN CLARY

Born: 9/30/1928  Died: 10/12/1990

Burial: Litchfield Plains Cemetery, Litchfield Plains, Me

Enlisted: 11/15/1945 in Augusta, Me

Rank: Pvt


Orgs: Army Corps of Engineers – Hawaiian Dept.

Co C 3rd BN 1st Regt. Inf.


Released: 10/7/1947
GERALD EMERY MACPHEE

Born: 10/2/1933 in Gardiner, Me        Died: 4/24/1981 in Gardiner, Me

Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery, S. Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: 6/24/1952        Air Force

Rank: A1C

Served: Korea

Released: 6/23/1956
EARL CAMERON WEBBER


Enlisted: 4/6/1942 in Portland, Me

Rank: Pvt
ROBERT JAMES DOLAN


Burial: Old Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me

Enlisted: 1/17/1951 in Portland, Me  Army

Rank: Cpl.

Conflict: Korea

Released: 12/10/1953
FOREST JOSEPH BUSQUE

Born: 8/15/1924 in Augusta, Me Died: 2/22/1997 in Augusta, Me

Burial: Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me

Sect. I Row 4 Site 161

Enlisted: 12/11/1942 In Portland, Me Army Air Corps

Rank: Pvt – later made Cpl.
DAVID S. GILSON

Born: 6/16/1933 in Gardiner, Me
CLARENCE W. MCKENZIE

Born in Gardiner, Me on 6/2/1942

Enlisted: Augusta, Me 9/9/1961

Rank: SP4

Served: Kitgen, Germany for 28 months during Vietnam – Firefighter

Org: Basic at Ft. Dix, NJ & more training at Ft. Benning, GA.

  Took plumbing, refrigeration, & air conditioning. Also took Air Bourne training with the 1st Infantry Division.

  Then went to Germany attached to the 82 Missile Detachment & the 3rd 23rd Corporal Missile Group.

Hon. Disch. 7/1/1964
RONALD CHESTER “RONNIE” HURD

Born: 3/30/1951 in Gardiner, Me       Died: 10/29/2011 in Chesterville, Me

Burial: Lakeview Cemetery, Wilton, Me

Enlisted: 4/13/1972 in Augusta, Me #6

Ranks: SP5 9/10/1974
       TS-98  8/1975

       Army Mechanic until 4/12/1976

Orgs: Amphibian Operator 8/30/1872

       170th Transportation Detach., Ft. Story, Virginia

Awards: Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal,
       Sharpshooters Badge (M-16 Rifle), & Expert Badge (Hand Grenade).

Hon. Disch.: 8/30/1976
JERRY HOLLOWAY SHED

ATC Jerry H. Shed  born Tulsa, OK, October 21, 1939

Enlisted U.S Navy, May 30, 1957
Discharged January 3, 1961
Enlisted U.S. Navy, January 16, 1962
Discharged August 30, 1968
Enlisted U.S. Navy Reserve January 3, 1974
Discharged August 31, 1977
Re-enlisted September 1, 1977
Discharged January 29, 1986
Re-enlisted January 30, 1986
Retired December 31, 1988

Awards:
National Defense Medal,
Armed Forces Reserve Medal,
Meritorious Unit Commendation,
& 3 Good Conduct Medals

Duty Stations:

NA San Diego, CA
NATTC Memphis, TN
AEW BARRONPAC, Barbers Point, HI
NAS Jacksonville, FL
VP-10 NAS Brunswick, ME
NAS Alameda, CA
NAS South Weymouth, MA
NAS Norfolk, VA
NARC Olathe, KS

Deployed to:

NAS Midway Island
NAS Key West
NAS Bermuda
NAS Moffett Field, CA
Keflavik, Iceland
Lajes, Azores
Maracaibo, Venezuela
Cartagena, Columbia
NAS Roosevelt Roads, PR
HON. CMDR. PETER R. MCKENZIE SR.

Born: 1/2/1922  Died: 1/30/1997

Burial: Whitefield Cemetery (Dyer Hill), Whitefield, Me

Service: WWII & Korea as a Marine
BRIAN PAUL MASON
ALSO KNOWN AS TOM HAWKS, PENOBSCOT INDIAN


Burial: Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me

    Sect. 3  Row 13  Site 38


Ranks: Pvt & later Lance Cpl.

Overseas: Vietnam – 2 tours. Part of Operation Buffalo

Orgs: 1st Battalion-Third Marines

    Marine Corp Reserve at Camp Lejeune, NC

Hon. Disch.: 7/9/1969
RUSSELL HARRIS CASWELL


Burial: Ripps Cemetery, Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: 10/13/1959 in Air Force

Rank: A3C

Released: 2/12/1963
KENNETH LLOYD PUSHARD


Burial: Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me

    Sect. B  Row 14  Site 23

Enlisted: 7/6/1964 in Augusta, Me #6

Served: Vietnam & NG

Org: Co A 16th Sig. Bn. 7th Army

Awards: Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, &
    Expert-Rifle

Hon. Disch.: 7/5/1970
ROBERT ARTHUR GRIMES

Born: 7/22/1926            Died: 2/22/2002

Burial: Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta, Me
        Sect. C Row 13 Site 11

Enlisted: 8/18/1943 in Augusta, Me

Ranks: Air Force – AS
       Navy – F 3rd Cl., S 2nd Cl., S 1st Cl.

Orgs: NTS Newport, RI
      USS Wasp (CV-18), CASU #22, CASU #26
      NAS Norfolk, VA
      USS Solomons (CVE-67)

Awards: WWII Victory Medal, American Area Medal, & European-African-Middle Eastern Medal

Hon. Disch.: 4/18/1946
DOUGLAS GARDNER CRAWFORD

Born: 5/22/1944 in Framingham, MA  Died: 7/21/2014 in Bay Pines, FL

Burial: Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA

Enlisted: 8/10/1962  Air Force

Rank: Airman 1st Cl. – Photo Interpretation Specialist

Award: Vietnam Service Medal

Hon. Disch.: 8/9/1968
HON. CMDR. PHILIP A. COLLINS

Born: Augusta, Me  2/23/1924

Enlisted: Augusta, Me  12/29/1941       WWII Marine

Org:  C Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines

On Kalo Island in the Fiji Group final preparations were made for an attack on Guadalcanal, British Solomon Island on 8/7/1942.

On 8/8/1942 the company moved to a defensive position in the vicinity of the Tenaru River.

On 8/21/1942 orders were received to move out in assault formation as part of a counter attack against Japanese forces estimated at 1300. Enemy charged with bayonets and were cut down by the accurate rifle fire from the 1st and 2nd platoons.

Many engagements were made and while the Marines suffered some casualties, the Japanese paid dearly.

The Battalion was relieved 12/1/1942 and moved to a defensive position west of Matanikau.

The company was finally relieved 12/20/1942 and embarked on the USAT Nordam. Remained on Peleliu Island, Palau Group until 9/19/1944.

Awards: Silver Star and an exceptional courage commendation.

Hon. Disch.  Bambridge, Md  12/29/1945

As the fighting became hand-to-hand, the Marines pitched some of their attackers bodily over the steep cliffs. Spotting two enemy soldiers climbing the slope to his position, a sergeant heaved an empty grenade box at them, then opened up with his rifle. Private First Class Philip Collins of Gardiner, Massachusetts, picked up Japanese grenades before they exploded and tossed them back. "He did that until one exploded in his hand," reported Pope. "Then he picked up a rifle and used that until he was too weak to load the weapon."
JAMES A. KEENAN

Born: 4/14/1937 in Farmingdale, Me

Enlisted: 11/8/1961 in Ellsworth, Me #5

Rank: SP 4 8/1/1963 Army Military Police

Org: USAMP Ft. Wadsworth, SI

Conflict: Vietnam

Awards: Marksman (Rifle M-1), Marksman (Carbine), Marksman (Pistol .45)

Hon. Disch.: 11/7/1967
GARY J. MILLER

Born: 11/24/1956

Enlisted: 2/16/1979  Army

Conflict: Lebanon/Grenada

Specialties: PIIM 20 Fighting Vehicle, SII 320 Infantryman, ASIC
Dragon Gunnery

Awards: Marksman M-16, Expert – Hand Grenade, Good Conduct
Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Service Medal, Army
Achievement Medal, Mechanics Badge, & Overseas Service Ribbon.

ROBERT L. MCKAY

Born: 12/21/1948

Inducted: 2/7/1968  Army

Org: TRP A 2\textsuperscript{nd} Sq. 4\textsuperscript{th} Calvary  USAREUR

Conflict: Vietnam

Awards: Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, & Sharpshooter M-14

Hon. Disch.: 2/6/1974
DONALD ALBERT CLEAVES

Born: 1/30/1947  Gardiner, Me

Enlisted: 5/19/1966

Basic: Navy Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois

Conflict: Vietnam

Hon. Disch.: 1/20/1972  Newport, RI