



News Release

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*State Legislators join Veterans and Advocates to celebrate a proclamation from Governor Paul LePage naming February 25 “Stand up and be Counted Day” across Maine. **Front Row:** Rep. Peggy Rotundo, Sen. Margaret Craven, Catherine Ryder – Executive Director Tri-County Mental Health Services, Jerry DeWitt- Vista Volunteer (Veterans Outreach TCMHS), Rep. Mike Carey. **Second Row:** Cecile Burgoyne, Veteran, Maurice Fournier, Veteran, Alfreda Fournier, Women Work and Community, Bertrand Dutil - Past National Commander for Franco-American War Vets, Raymond Boulet- Chairman, L/A Veterans Council, Rep. Michel Lajoie, Rep. Richard Wagner, Brenda Dearborn- State Commander for American Legion.*

Veterans: Stand up & Be Counted!

Sign up for VA Benefits on February 25 at Sites Across Maine!

Governor Paul LePage has issued a Proclamation making Saturday, February 25 “Stand Up and be Counted” Day for Maine Veterans. There are more than 150,000 veterans in Maine, and approximately 105,000 are wartime veterans. Yet, fewer than 30% of them access benefits they have earned. On Saturday, February 25th they have a chance to get information and sign up for benefits right at their local veterans' service organization. Stand up and be Counted Day is a project spearheaded by Jerry DeWitt, who is working as an Americorps Vista Volunteer hosted by Tri-County Mental Health Services. According to Jerry, more than 90 local sites across Maine will open their doors from 1000 - 1400 hours to welcome veterans. Governor Paul LePage has proclaimed February 25 as "Stand up and be Counted Day" for Maine Veterans.

FMI about the event please call Jerry at 207-783-9141 x 228. Forms and benefits information are also available at www.va.gov