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Piscataquis County Veterans Day

Veterans Ceremony on October 7, 2012 2:00 – 4:00 PM Penquis Valley High School, Milo, ME

Milo, Maine – Women veterans do not always realize they are veterans. They may have served within the United States or other areas but since they were not in combat, they may not feel they are veterans. For the last several years the State of Maine's Bureau of Veterans' Services has pledged to find these women and recognize them. A coin was developed that women veterans can receive from the State of Maine. An application with criteria for this coin may be found at <http://www.maine.gov/dvem/bvs/>. A big celebration is being planned on October 7, 2012. The Piscataquis County commissioners will declare the day Piscataquis County Veterans Day. District 14 American Legion will also assist with the event. Women veterans from the Piscataquis County area may opt to receive their coin on this day.

On October 7th, Ms. Therese Hughes of California will also be available from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm to interview and photograph women veterans. These interviews and photographs will be part of her larger project, "I Am a U.S. Veteran: Military Women (WWII – Present)". She requests that we have 25 women available to interview during her stay in Maine.

This day honors all veterans from Piscataquis County. Veterans and their families may go to http://www.maine.gov/dvem/bvs/Honoring_Maine_Veterans.htm to see if they meet the criteria for the Honoring Maine Veterans recognition awards or certificates.

There are many veterans in Piscataquis County and they should be recognized and thanked. If you are interested in being involved in any part of this Piscataquis County Veterans Day event, contact Margaret Williams, State of Maine Women Veterans' Coordinator at (207) 965-8120.

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