



News Release

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Teams and players sought for Community Volleyball Tournament at NMCC to benefit Veterans

Aroostook County - Members of the Student Senate at Northern Maine Community College are looking to the community for participation as they prepare to host their fifth annual "Support Maine Veterans" Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, April 19, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the college gymnasium. The tournament is held each year to raise money for the Maine Veterans' Home in Caribou.

While students and employees at the college will make up some of the teams in the tournament, the group is turning to local businesses, organizations and community members who want to join in. All players will receive a tournament t-shirt.

Each team of six to eight players is expected to raise at least \$100 in order to enter the tournament. Teams with one or more players who have competed on a volleyball team will play in a competitive bracket, while those who are playing just for fun will participate in a recreational bracket.

Companies or organizations that cannot form a group of their own but wish to support the event may opt to either pledge a donation to one of the competing teams or form an "honorary" team. According to NMCC Student Senate advisor Dennis Albert, teams donating \$100 but not playing will be listed as honorary teams supporting the effort. "Everybody's participation, whether it is physical or monetary, will be greatly appreciated," said Albert.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Caribou Veterans' Home activity fund. As a result of proceeds raised in past years, the Veterans' Home was able to install a shuffle board court. The funds from past tournaments have also been used to help purchase birthday and Christmas gifts, to help pay for community activities such as attendance at events at the Caribou Performing Arts Center, and even to purchase personal needs items for veterans with financial need.

Approximately \$1000 was raised during last year's tournament, and the Senate's goal is to raise that number to \$1500 this year.

Anyone interested in forming a team to compete in the April 19 tournament should contact Dennis Albert at 768-2757 to receive a registration form and pledge sheets. Teams must register by Wednesday, April 9.

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