## Maine Region NSP Alumni Program 2024 Annual Report

- The National roster shows 96 Maine Region Alumni members. Of those, 76 are paid through Dec 2024, 8 expired in Dec 2023 and 12 expired in Dec 2022. Of the 20 expired, 5 have informed me that they do not intend to continue their membership. A current notice of membership expiration went out 5/2/2024 to the remaining 15 members, encouraging them to get registered and to stay current.
- During the year, 7 members have reached out for assistance with getting registered as an Alumni.
- Patrol Alumni Liaison (PALs) The Eastern Division Alumni Advisors have established a goal
  of having one PAL identified for every mountain in the Division. PALs act as a local point of
  contact for information regarding the Alumni Program.

Four Maine mountains have identified PALs for their patrols. Below is the current list. \*Remaining PDs are requested to identify a representative for their patrol and forward that info to the Alumni Advisor.

- Camden Snow Bowl Christine Nathan
- Pleasant Soleil Dufour
- Saddleback Don Emerson
- Sugarloaf Elizabeth Bell-Folsom
- Eastern Division Alumni Advisors
  - This team connects regularly via email and Zoom sessions to discuss Division activities and to look at ways for Alumni to get and stay involved at the local level.
  - During the week of February 12, 2024, the Division Alumni Advisors hosted a week long Alumni/Patroller Celebration at Mt. Snow. This first-ever effort was an attempt to offer the East an event similar to Powderfall in the West. Approximately 40 patrollers participated. In addition to skiing and social activities, Scott Launt (Central NY Region Alumni Advisor) presented a history of the association between the NSP and the Army's 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, and Rich Pietrafesa (National Board Chair) provided a 40 min Q&A session to answer questions about what's happening at the National level. Planning is underway for the 2025 Alumni/Patroller Celebration.
  - Several Division Alumni Advisors attended the SOM in Albany this year to help make the Alumni Program more visible, and to talk about the many ways that Alumni members are serving in their local patrols.

Respectfully submitted,
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