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Bangor Savings Bank Brings Holiday Cheer to Maine Veterans *Employees deliver cards and a check*

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HOULTON, ME - Bangor Savings Bank employees from the Houlton branch traveled to the Maine Veterans Home in Caribou just before Christmas, delivering holiday greeting cards and a special gift.

The greeting card distribution was part of a larger effort by Bangor Savings Bank employees, who signed and delivered holiday cards to 800 residents of Maine Veterans Homes in Augusta, Bangor, Caribou, Machias, Scarborough and South Paris.

In Caribou, Houlton Branch Manager Chris Nickerson also presented a \$500 check to Veterans' Home staff for the Veterans' Fund, which is used to provide personal care items and services for residents. Jim Conlon, President & CEO of Bangor Savings Bank, "Maine veterans are an important part of the community and deserve our gratitude for their service to this country. Bangor Savings Bank is pleased to make this donation to the Caribou Veterans' Home as a gesture of thanks to these brave men and women," said Conlon.

While handing out the greeting cards to the residents, Nickerson and the two employees who accompanied her often heard stories from the veterans about their military experiences. "We came hoping to spread a little holiday cheer and took away a new understanding and respect for the sacrifices these veterans made," said Nickerson. "This was such a successful effort, that we've already started planning for future visits in 2013."

About Bangor Savings Bank: Bangor Savings Bank, with more than \$2.7 billion in assets, offers retail banking and investment management services to Maine consumers as well as comprehensive commercial, corporate, payroll administration, insurance, and small business banking services to Maine businesses. The Bank, founded in 1852, is in its 161st year of service to the people of Maine, with 56 branches and on the Web at www.bangor.com. The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation was created in 1997. Together the Bank and its Foundation invest more than a million dollars per year into the community in the form of nonprofit sponsorships, grants and partnership initiatives.

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