



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

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2001 - Year in Review

- January - At our Annual Meeting, Dennis Marrotte and Carol Lestock reported on their recent trip to Archangel and show slides of the new City Orphanage. Members from the Portsmouth/Severodvinsk and Waterville/Kotlas Connections also attend and give reports.
- February - The Legal Exchange Committee receives significant additional funding for projects in 2001.
- March - A Maine Legal Delegation visits Archangel to conduct jury trial training for Russian judges, lawyers and law students. Maine participants include a Superior Court Justice, three lawyers and two law professors.
- April - Our Committee raises money for the families of two sailors who died when the submarine KURSK was lost in the Barent's Sea. The money is delivered directly to the two families in Archangel.
- May - Committee Co-Chair Carol Lestock is an honored guest at the Russian Embassy in Washington DC at a reception for Archangel Governor Anatoli Efremov. In Archangel, medical supplies from Maine are delivered to Dr. Nikolii Sosnin.
- June - Committee member Daniel Glover visits Archangel and meets with officials and veterans to plan the Convoy Veteran Exchange. Additional medical supplies are delivered to Dr. Sosnin.
- July - Two separate Delegations from Archangel visit Maine at the same time: a large Legal Delegation led by Archangel Oblast Duma Chairman Vitali Fortygin and a smaller Transportation Delegation led by Archangel Oblast Vice Governor Peter Orlov. Committee members Daniel Glover and Dennis Marrotte organize a very successful fundraising concert featuring chamber music by "Musica Petropolitana" from Saint Petersburg; the funds will help the Convoy Veterans Exchange.
- August - Maine World War II Arctic Convoy veteran Hugh Stephens, his wife Elizabeth and Committee guide Natasha Petrovsky represent Maine and the United States at the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of the first Allied Convoy into Archangel.
- September - A two person news crew from Archangel television Channel 6 visit with Committee member Masha Vorobieva in New York City but are unable to fly to Maine as planned because of the terrorist attacks.
- October - A Maine judge visits Archangel to work on establishing a website for the publishing of Oblast Court decisions.
- November - Archangel Convoy Veteran Boris Korotyaev visits Maine and speaks at the Liberty Ship Memorial Dedication and at the Veteran's Day Parade.
- December - Two Maine legislators visit the Archangel Oblast Duma and share experiences.