



Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars
“Honor Their Courage”



August 2023

GENERAL ORDERS

No.2

Happy 233rd Birthday United State Coast Guard August 4th, 2023

< ****SPECIAL NOTICES**** >

Currently our Department website is unable to do Community service reports. At this time, we are working on our new website, once it's up and running we will let you know.

COVID -19 TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

Celebrating Past State Commanders Christopher Robison and Keith Davis
& Past Auxiliary Presidents Brenda Blair and Tammy Armstrong
Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, Saturday, October 14, 2023

SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm - BANQUET: 7:00 pm

See Attached Flyer for more Information.

Motel Information for COA October 14th

Comfort Inn - 281 Civic Center Drive, Augusta (207) 623-1000 VFW Rate: \$ 114 + tax (King & Double/Double) including free breakfast.

Best Western Plus-Civic Center - 110 Community Drive, Augusta (207) 622-4751 VFW Rate: \$ 114 + tax (King & Double/Double) including free breakfast *Please make your own reservations -

State you are with the VFW* DEADLINE to reserve rooms under this rate is September 20, 2023.

1. Dates for Council of Administration Meetings and Testimonials:

- >Oct 14th> Augusta Civic Center
- >Jan 20th> Waterville
- > Apr 20th> Caribou

2. Council of Administration: Meeting will be held on 14 October 2023 @ 1pm @ The Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME. See attached flyer for hotel and banquet information.

3. ALL Commanders: Several changes to the National By-laws were passed at the National convention. It is recommended that Post Commanders purchase a copy of the National By-laws book which is available from the VFW National Supply Catalog; item #4108, cost of the book is \$8.50. District Commanders will receive a copy at the Council of Administration.

4. Change of Post and District Officers: All District and Post Commanders are reminded that whenever there is change of Officer(s) within the Post or District that they need to FILE NEW ELECTION REPORT and notify the State Adjutant Office ASAP so that the Department directory can be updated accordingly, and the information disseminated to all in the General Orders.

5. Post Commanders: Please refer to the National Manual of Procedure Article II; Section 205 when any changes need to be made to Chartered or regular meetings.

6. Chain of Command: All Posts members are reminded that if there are any issues at your Posts, it is asked that you start at that level with the Post Commander, then the District Commanders and finally the State Commander. In most cases/situations, problems can be resolved at the post level.

7. District/Post By-Laws: Districts and Posts Commanders are reminded to look at when you last updated your by-laws. If it has been more than 5 years, you need to look at them and update them. Please use the correct templates as provided by National Headquarters or contact the State Adjutant office who will email you the current template. Once completed, please forward 3 originals signed to State Adjutant's office for review and then forwarding to National for approval. Several Posts and Districts this past year have submitted changes and were approved by National.

8. District Meetings Date Changes: District Commanders are reminded to notify the State Adjutant office ASAP of any changes in District meeting dates so that the respective Department Representative can be notified in plenty of time.

9. Post Commanders: Each post shall see that suitable programs are made for observance of Veterans Day. (National Manual of Procedure Article II; Section 223).

10. Candidates for High Office 2023-24: Any member wishing to run for any high office are to notify the State Adjutant office via e-mail of their intent for publishing in the GOs.

11. Post, District Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters: Are reminded of the requirements of Sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedure regarding proof of eligibility for all newly elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

12. Officers Duties: Article II, Section 218 – Officers and Chairman, Duties and Obligations - (a) Officers – (1) Duties of Commander - item (k) – “Assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District conventions or meetings.” Post Commander must attend District meetings. Failure without just cause to perform these duties may result in removal from office. All Post Senior and Junior Vice Commanders are urged to attend all District meetings planned. The Post Commanders should employ all elected Post Officers and post members to attend District meetings.

13. Control of Units: National By-laws: Article VII – Section 709: ¶1: “Any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or on the behalf of a Post, County Council, District, or Department shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, District, or Department and that all funds derived there from shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, County Council, District or Department.” National By-laws: Article VII – Section 709: ¶2: “All money, property or assets of any kind or nature, as well as all books and records, owned, held, or used by any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or in behalf of a Post, County Council, District or Department shall be the property of such Post, County Council, District, or Department shall be the property of such Post, County Council, District or Department and must be placed in the care and custody of the respective Quartermaster. Such money, property, assets, books, and records shall be subject to the same rules and under the same procedure as any other Post, County Council, District or Department money, property, assets, books, and records.”

14. Candidates for Department High Office 2023-2024: Any member wishing to run for any high office is to notify the State Adjutant office via e-mail of their intent.

Department Commander > Anthony R Kimble > Post 3108

Department Sr. Vice Commander > Amy Hope Meuchel > Post 6859

Department Jr. Vice Commander > William E Day > Post 7997

Department Quartermaster > David D. Williams > Post 1641

Department Chaplain > Kevin G. Woodward > Post 11553

Department Judge Advocate > Roger A Stevens > Post 2197

Department Surgeon > James Ewing > Post 1605

Department Surgeon > Randolph Michaud > Post 2599

15. Dates To Remember

Patriot Day, September 11, 2023 – Refer to the President’s Proclamation for Flag etiquette.

POW/MIA Day, September 15, 2023

VFW Day, September 29, 2023

18. District Meeting Dates:

August 2023

D-6 > 6 Aug @ 1 pm > Northport Post SVC Kimble

D-5 > 13 Aug @ 1 pm > Farmington Post 10881 > JVC Meuchel

D-7 > 6 Aug @ 2 pm > Topsham Post 2197 > Cmdr Bouchard

September 2023

D-1 > 24 Sept @ 1 pm > Ashland Post 9699 > SVC Kimble

D-3 > 17 Sept @ 2pm > Harrington Post 11553 > SG Stevens

D-4 > 30 Sep @ 2 pm > Old Town Post 3381 > JVC Meuchel

D-10 > 17 Sept @ 1 pm > Portland Post 6859 > Cmdr Bouchard

BY COMMAND OF:

John Bouchard

John Bouchard
Commander

OFFICIAL:

Carl Lambert

Carl Lambert
Adjutant



State Commander John Bouchard



I want to Congratulate the Dept, District, and Post Commanders for being ALL AMERICAN job well done. Also, I want to thank all of you for making this happen. It takes teamwork to make it happen. also, a good membership chairman to get it there. A new post is in the work in a few months. They want to start in September. I had a great time at the National Convention, thank you to all those who attended. It was one of the bigger representations Maine has had in a long time.

“Honor Their Courage.”

Yours in Comradeship,

John Bouchard
John Bouchard
Commander



Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW
Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain

1-30 July 2023

“May our Comrades Rest in Eternal Peace in Post Eternity”

District 4

3381>Timothy Avery

District 7

2197>Lawrence J Arnold

Robert L Le Bourdais



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
Patriot Pen/Voice of Democracy/ Teacher of the Year
Anthony Kimble



We have made the turn and moving on towards the 2 nd half of the year and I know I am tired of all the rain and hope to have some nice weather coming before fall comes. I am looking forward to National Convention in Phoenix to celebrate an amazing 2022-2023 VFW Year and Commander Borland leadership. Department of Maine had a fantastic year finishing at 100.50%. A HUGE Thank-You goes out to Membership Chairman Steven SanPedro for keeping us on track all year and eyes on the target. I am very proud we had 29 posts and 8 districts at or above 100% with All-American Status for Past State Commander Jennifer Lane, two District Commanders, James Bachelder, Carl Lambert, and three Post Commanders, Roger Felix, James Roberts, and Roger Line II. Please be safe and stay healthy and check in on one another to make sure everyone is doing well. Keep Up the Fire!!

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/Teacher of the Year
2023-24 Voice of Democracy theme is:

“What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?”

2023-24 Patriot Pen theme is:

“How Are You Inspired by America?”

Program brochure’s designed to be duplicated for distribution can be viewed at:

www.vfw.org/uploadFiles/VFW.org/Community/Teacher%20Award%20Brochure.PDF, or ordered through the VFW Store.

****Important Dates to Remember: ****

Voice of Democracy/Patriot’s Pen

1 November; All 1 st Place School Winners due to the Post for Post Judging

15 November; All 1 st Place Post Winners due to District for District Judging

**1 December; All 1 st Place District Winners due to Department for Final Judging

District to Department – One entry per District – with student’s head and shoulders photo, and all personal information filled out on entry form. This applies to all entries to Department. Including your Districts posts participation report, form will be provided to be filled out and returned with your first place entry.

***District Commanders notify your winners and families so they begin planning for the banquet by purchasing banquet tickets and hotel rooms.

30 December; Completion of Department Judging

15 January; Department Winners to National (Complete Package)

Teacher of the Year

1 November; Teacher Nominations Due to the Posts

15 November; Teacher package due to the District for Judging

1 December; Teacher Packages forwarded to Department for Final Judging

30 December; Completion of Department Judging

30 December; District Participation Reports due to Department Chairperson

NOTICE!!! Requirements for Teacher of the Year Entries

☑ Completed Teacher VFW Entry Form

☑ Nomination Letter (Up to 350 words)

☑ Teacher Resume (1 page up to both sides)

☑ Up to five (5) pages (both sides) of supporting documentation

☑ A good quality head and shoulders Photo

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
Historian/ Ways & Means
Student Veterans of America
Amy Hope Meuchel

JVC: I look forward to seeing what lies ahead for the year. I was able to attend the National Convention this past week in Phoenix, AZ. I was able to meet most of my classmates from the different departments. I still have lots to learn but I have an amazing team with lots of knowledge for us all to use as a resource. Have a wonderful summer everyone.

Ways and Means

I have set a goal for \$3,000 to raise money for next year's convention. We are one of the top Departments that everyone seeks out for our tiny lobster rolls and Whoopi's pies. Every post will get a stack of raffle tickets. Please make any checks out to Dept of Maine VFW AND memo Ways and Means. Mail them to myself, Amy Hope Meuchel, 528 Ossipee Trail West, Standish, ME 04084. Please and thank you.

Student Veterans of America

School is currently out for the summer. Once things are back and going, I will reach out to the school to see what's going on.

QUARTERMASTER
BUDDY POPPY ~ INSURANCE & BONDS
David D. Williams, PSC

How is everyone doing? I hope you're all enjoying summer. As we begin a new year, I'd like to congratulate all the new QMs. If there is anything I can do to help you out just give me a call. 357-6664
To everyone mailing me reports please use P.O. Box 56 Rumford Maine, and not my home address as I do not always get that mail.

Audits: The June 30th Audits are now due, please submit them at your earliest convenience.

Poppies: Reminder the price of Puppy's has gone up to \$140.00 for 500 \$280.00 for 1000. And there is a shipping charge Also. \$16.00 for 500 \$20.00 for 1000 if that changes, I'll let you all know of any changes. I will not be able to order the Puppy's until I receive the correct amount.

Bonding: The Adjutant sent out all the paperwork for Bonding to you. Need a copy please let one of us know. It was good seeing everyone who went to the National Convention. If you have never been before you should look into going.

Everyone has a good month.

JUDGE ADVOCATE
POW/MIA
William E Day

The Defense POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY REPORTS WHO HAS BEEN MISSING AND ACCOUNTING FOR WHO WILL RETURN HOME FOR BURIAL WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS:

The following have been recovered/accounted for:
ARMY PFC Albert A Gosnell, 18, Greenville, South Carolina
ARMY Captain Gordon D McCarthy, 20, Palmer, Michigan
ARMY Sgt 1 st class James L Wilkinson, 19, Bowden, Georgia
USAF Sgt Donal C Aiken, 22, Everett, Washington

Nothing to report as Judge Advocate.

SURGEON
Safety & Drug Abuse
Roger Stevens

Comrades, even though we're better off than most of the country, we're still seeing hot temperatures for us Mainers. Stay hydrated, and don't overdo it. Try to do most activities in the mornings and evenings. This month, I'm providing a list of common heart attack warning signs as identified by the American Heart Association. Please share them with post members, family, and friends.

1. Pain or discomfort in chest.
2. Light headedness, nausea, or vomiting.
3. Jaw, neck, or back pain (although all these signs apply to both men and women, this one seems to be more prevalent in women).
4. Discomfort or pain in arm or shoulder.
5. Shortness of breath.

If you, or someone you know is experiencing any of these, call 911, time matters. Once the new web site and community activities report is up and running, please report your blood, and safety, well-being activities. Let's all strive to remain safe and productive as we make a difference in our communities, and drive to 100+% membership again.

CHAPLAIN
MAINE OFFICERS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (MOLD)
WREATH ACROSS AMERICA (WAA)
Kevin G. Woodward, PSC

Greetings Comrades: With the elections and installation of our State Officers, the New Year begins. I wish to congratulate all those elected and or appointed to their new positions. I Thank everyone for their support this past year and look forward to serving as your State Chaplain. Based upon the numbers that Adjutant Lambert provided of the departed Comrades, that would have shown at the convention memorial service, it shows that graves registrations received by me during the year do not match what was received from National. Please take the time and report our fallen Comrades. Quarterly Chaplain Reports are due NLT September. This is for District and Post Chaplains.....Please get these reports in to me. The form is on our Department Website. Thank You! If there is someone sick in your Post, please let me know so that I can send a card. Please remember to give me their name and mailing address Plus Zip code.

WAA: National Wreaths across America Day 16 December 2023. The theme for the 2023 Wreaths Across America Program is: "SERVE & SUCCEED.". You can send your sponsorship checks to me, remember that the check must be made out to Wreaths Across America. In 2022, more than 2.7 million Veterans' wreaths were placed by volunteers on headstones at 3,700+ participating locations around the country in honor of the service and sacrifices made for the nation's freedom, with each name said out loud. If you wish to do sponsorships online, you can use this link. <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/20060/Overview/?relatedId=14720&modSw=donate>

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER, MAINE (NCM,M)
MEMBERSHIP
LEGISLATIVE ~ MAINE VETERANS HOMES (MVH)
Steven J. SanPedro, PSC

Comrades,

Many of us just returned from a very successful National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. We had a lot of first timers on both the VFW and Auxiliary side. I believe they learned a lot and had a good time. It was nice to see new faces attending the convention. I also caught up with some old friends and made a few new ones. The heat was unbelievable hot, but we made it through it. It was nice to see our own House in the Woods there as a vendor. We visit their booth multiple times. Congratulation to the Department of Maine and Commander Jennifer L. Lane on

receiving All-American at the convention.

National Council Member – Maine – I attended my first council meeting while in Phoenix. This one was just affirming the new CiC appointments and procedural stuff. I have another one in August next month. That means I must travel to Kansas City for this meeting, Yay! Seriously, a lot of business will be conducted at this meeting. Once again, I am looking forward to continuing to represent our Department at the National level.

Legislation – As we start another year there are many goals that we want to meet. I will start soon. setting up my meeting for the upcoming Legislative Conference in Washington DC. This one I travel by myself and push the National Priority Goals. LD 985 Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Provide Additional Reimbursement to Maine Veterans Homes was not in the Governor’s Budget. This was very disappointing! Since the budget passed, they have decided to fund this bill by using money for the Marijuana taxes. However, this is a one-time funding so we will have to do this over again next year. This was not how we wanted it to work out, but we will take the partial victory.

Membership – Memstats is up and running now. We can now see where we stand. If you are wondering why Life Members are not showing up that is because they don’t drop in until early September. Please just keep working your rosters and conducting those Recruiting Events. We must make sure we Retain, Reinstate and Recruit Members. Make sure you read and understand the 2022-2023 Department and National Membership Program it has changed. If you have any questions on Membership, please contact me at 207-894-5260 or email me at sanpedro105@roadrunner.com

“HONOR THEIR COURAGE”

AMERICANISM/LOYALTY DAY
Michael A. McInnis, Chairman

I know that there is confusion on how to report on community activities at the present time. Ensure that you have saved any reports for Americanism/Loyalty Day Programs: Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th and any Parades, observances related to them. If you can, you can submit your Community Activity Reports to me directly at my email: qmvfw7997@yahoo.com

All reports for Americanism/Loyalty Day also can be mailed to Mike McInnis 15 Vines Road, Saco, ME 04072-1733. They can also be faxed to me @ 207-283-9357.

AUDIT & FINANCE
Alfred E. Michaud Sr., PSC

The Audit and Finance Committee met at Post 1285 on 9 July 2023 at 10:00 to close out the books for 2022-2023. Books were found to be in good working order and closeout of 2022-2023 took place. The next Finance meeting will be at the next COA.

Grants Coordinator
Jennifer L Lane, IPSC

Grants: Our State of Maine VSO Grant \$60,000.00 on track. Our VA Transportation New Grant the \$37,344.00 up and running. We have applied for the 2023-2024 Trans grant awaiting final approval. State of Maine Homeless Veterans Grant we have had no info passed on if we will receive any this year so far.

HOSPITAL/VAVS
Michael W. Blair, Director

Total donations for the month of July were \$900.00.
\$800.00 was donated to Hospital / VAVS to be used as needed and \$100.00 will be going to Recreation. I would like to thank Posts #8835 Winslow, #6924 Fairfield and #6859 Portland.
Any Post sending a donation for July 2023 that did not receive credit will be posted next month.
Thank you all for helping.

NATIONAL HOME
Joel D. Demers, Chairman

Greeting comrades!

The year has kicked off with a bang. I set the goal for this year at \$4346, a modest increase from last year's goal that we absolutely destroyed. The Post and Department goals are \$0.75 per member. If your Post can smash the goal, do it. If it can't, please just try to get to your goal or donate what you can afford. All donations are much appreciated.

Take a look at the attached tracking sheet (If Carl has the room)
Props to Winslow who made a massive donation. Next time I am at your beautiful Post I will make sure to lose even more to the cardboard crack and not feel bad about it at all.
Bath has already smoked their goal and have taken the early lead for the Post lead. Great job comrades!!

Take care and I appreciate all that you do for our National Home.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
SCOUTING
Michael K. Davis, PSC

Hello,

I was happy to represent Maine at the National Convention in Arizona. Lots of comradery, meetings and good food. The new scouting year began 01 July. I hope to report posts participation in the next general orders. If you know of a scout that has completed his Eagle project and will be awarded Eagle rank, contact me. I have certificates that the Department can award to those Scouts.

Boy Scout Web Page

Pinetree Council <https://www.pinetreebsa.org>

Katahdin Council <https://www.katahdinareabsa.org>

Katahdin Area Council Boy Scouts of America, Northern Maine Boy Scouts,

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
Cornelius J. Ware, SO

1. The Service Office is open. We officially reopened our doors on 01 May 2023 in accordance with VBA and VHA policy change. VHA is still maintaining two entry points for now, Bldg 200(main hospital) and Bldg 205(primary care). A mask is not required unless you are suffering from a cold, flu or Covid symptoms or you are going to an area where contagion is high ie: (ICU, Urgent Care, CLC unit) just to name a few. So, we still continue to do appointments (this helps us with time management) and walk-in traffic for disability claims issues. We welcome social calls but ask that you limit them to as short as possible so we can focus on the work at hand. Remember we are here to help and assist you, so please reach out to us as the need arises. You can continue to reach us at the VFW Service Office phone number (207)623-5723. Or send mail to:

VFW Dept. Service Office

VA Regional Office

P.O. Box 3311

Augusta, ME 04330-3311

Thank you for your understanding and support during the pandemic. You can also Contact the Togus Benefits Office at (207)621-6938 for assistance in our absence.

2. Be vigilant of PACT Act scammers. Scammers are taking advantage of new opportunities to commit fraud. There's been an increase in PACT Act-related phishing (email), vishing (phone), and social media scams targeting Veterans to access their PACT Act benefits or submit claims on their behalf. Veterans should be cautious of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service. To report suspected fraudulent activity, please contact VA at vaoighotline@va.gov or call (800) 488-8244. Tips for Veterans, survivors, and dependents who are potentially eligible for VA benefits:

- ☑ Do not provide personal, benefits, medical, or financial details online or over the phone.
- ☑ Federal agencies will not contact you unless you make a request.
- ☑ Enable multi-factor authentication on all accounts.
- ☑ Work with accredited Veteran service providers
- ☑ Do not click on online ads or engage with social media that seem suspicious.

3. PACT ACT Referrals VFW launched a new initiative to inform veterans of www.pactactinfo.org, a website that streamlines referrals to our cadre of accredited service officers for VA Disability Claims related to the PACT Act. When a veteran visits the site, they can answer a short series of questions to determine if they are potentially eligible for benefits and can also request that an accredited representative contact them to discuss their claim.

4. Upcoming NVS Skill Level Training. The office will be closed 11-15 September while the DSO staff are attending NVS training in Annapolis MD. Please contact the Togus Benefits Office at (207)621-6938 for assistance in our absence.

5. PACT Act retro deadline. August 9th is the deadline for filing paperwork with VA to get an August 10th 2022 effective date of claim. You must have an active claim or an Intent to file on record with VA by the 9th to qualify for the 10 August effective date. Any paperwork that is not associated with an intent to file or active claim will have an effective date established when the claim paperwork is filed. Get your paperwork to your DSOs as soon as possible.

“VETERANS SERVING VETERANS”

VETERANS ADVISORY TO VA MAINE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
Jo Ann Bolduc, Chairperson

August-It's like the Sunday of summer.

We are coming quickly to the PACT ACT deadline of August 10 for retroactive benefits associated with toxic exposures. Please keep in mind this is DIFFERENT from requesting a toxic exposure screening from your Provider OR registering for the Burn Pits. You DO NOT have to register or have a toxic screening before filing a claim. See your VSO for claim information.

Commanders Special Project
Youth
Herman Littlefield Jr., PSC

Greetings, Comrades!!

First, I would like to congratulate Commander John Bouchard on his election as the Commander of the Department of Maine VFW for the year 2023-2024. My best wishes for a highly successful year to Commander Bouchard and his newly elected team of officers. Great teamwork between all of us will get the job done in grand style.

Commander's Special Project

Make-A-Wish Foundation for Maine. We were informed that it costs approximately \$7,000 to honor a wish for the eligible recipient. Let's get together and work hard to make at least ONE wish come true. It has been suggested that we should work doubly hard so TWO wishes can become a reality. We can do this, so let's get

started. Please make you checks out to Department of Maine, VFW – and be sure to make the notation of Make-A-Wish on the memo line in the bottom left portion of your check. All checks are to be sent to me at the address listed below. I will duly record your donation on my reporting form and then send the checks along to the Dept of Maine Quartermaster David Williams. We already have one contribution, let's start adding more to move that total on up.

Youth Activities

Be sure to report to me all involvement with the youth in your post and also within your district in order to receive credit in this program. Be involved with the youth in your area. You will find this to be very rewarding. Remember, I need that report to know that you are participating with your area youth. Share your ideas and plans.

Herman L. Littlefield, Jr. PSC 2021-2022, 1360 Atlantic Highway, Northport, ME 04849 Tel: Home 207-338-5052 Cell 207-322-1548

Credentials/Public Relations

Jared Sawyer

Greeting Comrades

Credentials: 53% of Posts in the Department were eligible to vote at the Department Convention this year, next year my goal is 75%, let's all work together to meet that percentage next year! We can do that by starting off strong addressing most of the requirements to vote this summer! Per National and State By-Laws, to vote at the State Convention you must have turned in all 4 Trustees Reports, 1 of which should have been turned in at this point. Your Post must also be inspected, your Quartermaster must be Bonded, all monies owed to the Department must be paid, and ALL Post and Districts are required to be incorporated. Check the State Quartermasters hitlist in these GOs to ensure you are aware of all these items and where you stand. Your Post is entitled to 1 delegate and 1 alternate per every 30 members in good standing as of March 31st of next year and has paid a registration fee for every delegate. You can vote as a Post Commander (1 Vote) or on behalf of them if you are a Post Senior or Junior Vice Commander, but you cannot then vote as a Post Delegate if you do. If you have questions about Credential requirements, Delegates, Alternates, or voting please reach out via email at QM6859@gmail.com

Public Relations: Summer activities like community BBQs and meeting All American Recruiting requirements are a great opportunity for Media outreach, which is an essential aspect when it comes to veterans' issues. By working with media outlets, Posts can raise awareness of the challenges faced by veterans and the work we are doing to support them. This can help to shape the narrative around veterans' issues and ensure that they are given the attention they deserve.

HOMELESS VETERANS VETERANS CEMETERY SOUTH ~

ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE (Augusta)

James Bachelder, PSC

Homeless Veterans: The locations and date for the Stand-downs have been updated.

September 6th – FedCap/Veterans Forward. 242 State Street, Brewer, ME 04412

September 13th – FedCap/Veterans Forward. 25 Sweden Street, Caribou, ME 04736

September 20th – Veterans Memorial Park, 2-20 Main St, Lewiston, ME 04240

October 4th – Hannaford, 295 Forest Ave, Portland, ME 04101

(Pending Approval from VA) October 11th – Togus. 1 VA Center, Augusta, ME. 04330

October 18th – MBVS Springvale Office/Vet Center. 634 Main Street Springvale, ME 04083

If you know a Veteran in Need, get them to the closest Stand-down. There will be a lot of providers available with many services.

We need a lot of affordable housing.

If there are any questions on any subjects in this report, contact me at

james.bachelder@metrocast.net or 207-432-7127 from 9 am to 9 pm.

Veterans' Cemetery South:

A lot of work is being done with the flowers and other plants. The Women Veteran's Memorial is still in the works.

A location needs to be decided.

**Beals House/VSO
Teresa Drag**

Beals Hospitality House Board held its first in-person meeting since before COVID. Held at the House on July 8 th , 2023. For 2022, the House hosted 149 family members and Veterans. For January through June This year, the House has already hosted 137. Of note, the mattresses are quite old and should all be replaced. Thanks to a donation from the VFW Maine Auxiliary, the plan is to replace all at the same time. If any Posts and Auxiliaries are interested in donations of goods, the House is currently in need of toilet paper, paper towels, canned goods and shelf-stable snacks, laundry detergent, and *new* travel-size toiletries. The next Board meeting is in September.

**Inspector
Danford Saucier**

District Commanders, you have received your Post and District inspection forms at the State Convention, make sure that you give them to your Deputy Inspectors. All Post and District need to be inspected. As an inspector you cannot inspect your own Post or District. The District Commander shall visit each Post at least once a year in your District and shall prepare a formal report of the visit to the State Commander and State Adjutant. Please Inspectors, once you have inspected a Post or District, MAIL them to me ASAP. DO NOT HOLD ON TO THEM. My Address is P.O. Box 16 Fort Kent, Me 04743. Also, be safe out there, & thank you.

**Community Activities/ Website
Chief of Staff
Christopher Robison, PSC**

Community Activities/Website

The electronic reporting through our old website is permanently down. This includes graves registration as well as community activities. Our new website through National should be up soon. I have not been given a date by anyone at National, but the normal timeline would have it ready for us to utilize soon. Until then, you can send me reports through the mail or wait on the website reporting.

Chief of Staff

Remember Comrades, any issues should be handled at the Post level FIRST. The next stop, if necessary, should be the District. The last resort should be the Department. Utilize the chain of command!

**NATIONAL VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT (NV&MS)
Christopher Armstrong, PSC**

Hello Comrades

Hope this finds everyone doing well and staying Healthy. I missed the National Convention this year but I'm hoping all that attended had a great Convention. This year is just getting started so I really don't have anything to report but know I am here if you should need any help with the dashboard, I am hoping that this year we can have everyone on board using the dashboard and still send me reports I know it is a learning curve for all of us but I know we can do it. Please remember during this heat wave to check in on your Veterans and make sure they have what they need. I hope to see you all soon stay cool and safe.

Post Location	Contact Email	Goal In total financial contributions	\$ donated	Value of: NHC Bricks	Value of: NHC LMs	Total Donations for the Year	%
D1		0	0	0	0	0	
Presque Isle	randy.michaud1964@gmail.com	79	0	0	0	0	
Fort Fairfield	brianross1114@hotmail.com	38	0	0	0	0	
Caribou	smith.carle@jobcorps.gov	294	35	0	0	35	
Ashland	fido214@gmail.com	44	0	0	0	0	
D2		0	0	0	0	0	
Burlington	qm1605@yahoo.com	92	2	0	0	2	
Island Falls	tphartin@gmail.com	46	0	0	0	0	
D3		0	0	0	0	0	
Calais	homatoc@hotmail.com	82	0	0	0	0	
Harrington	bampa_5@yahoo.com	83	5	0	0	5	
D4		0	1	0	0	1	
Ellsworth	Googamos59@gmail.com	113	8	0	0	8	
Bangor	hollandk@gmail.com	131	8	0	0	8	
Old Town	brianhnate.1@gmail.com	133	8	0	0	8	
Hampden		83	13	0	0	13	
D5		0	0	0	0	0	
Dexter	clukeyjason@aol.com	46	0	0	0	0	
Jackman	harald.moore@ymail.com	8	0	0	0	0	
Fairfield	brianross1114@hotmail.com	74	0	0	0	0	
Madison-Anson	cwsteward1964@gmail.com	127	0	0	0	0	
Farmington	Cthulhu.rules55@gmail.com	17	0	0	0	0	
D6		0	0	0	0	0	
Friendship	jemkpmeyn@aol.com	9	0	0	0	0	
Belfast	vfw3108.Anthony.Kimble@gmail.com	116	23	0	0	23	
Vinalhaven	patrick999@roadrunner.com	9	0	0	0	0	
Northport	donald.ramsey6131@gmail.com	47	20	0	0	20	
Washington	v1bb3@yahoo.com	26	0	0	0	0	
D7		0	0	0	0	0	
Topsham	usnvragn20@gmail.com	71	25	0	0	25	
Bath(Phippsburg)	raineyts49@gmail.com	57	250	0	0	250	439%
D8		0	0	0	0	0	
Gardiner	coutureetc4@gmail.com	35	0	0	0	0	
Augusta	elysia.e.glazier@outlook.com	179	47	0	0	47	
Waterville	vfwpost1285qm@yahoo.com	152	0	0	0	0	
Winslow	sempertrue@gmail.com	197	605	0	0	605	307%
Winthrop	alyson.j.pelletier@gmail.com	32	0	0	0	0	
D9		0	0	0	0	0	
Auburn	kdavis62@yahoo.com	285	15	0	0	15	
Rumford	davidpost1641@live.com	55	25	0	0	25	
Jay	dlachapelleusmc@gmail.com	152	10	0	0	10	

<i>South Paris</i>	rhatchhebron@yahoo.com	93	13	0	0	13	
D10	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Lovell</i>	Davettenney@hotmail.com	28	0	0	0	0	
<i>Portland</i>	qm6859@gmail.com	276	29	0	50	79	
<i>Harrison</i>	rscotty65@yahoo.com	23	0	0	0	0	
<i>Yarmouth</i>	gorhamjanene3@gmail.com	50	0	0	0	0	
<i>Windham</i>	vajda3x@gmail.com	74	5	0	0	5	
<i>Gorham</i>	timothy@sandeno.us	185	0	0	0	0	
D11	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>So Berwick</i>	rjguptill@gmail.com	110	0	0	0	0	
<i>York Beach</i>	raljr76@yahoo.com	146	0	0	0	0	
<i>OOB</i>	qmvfw7997@yahoo.com	208	20	0	0	20	
<i>Kittery</i>	kty9394vfw@hotmail.com	44	20	0	0	20	
<i>Sanford</i>	james.bachelor@metrocaster.net	197	29	0	0	29	
Unaffiliated with the Dept of Maine			0	0	0	0	
YTD Totals:			1216	0	50	1266	
Goal for the year:		4346					29%
Percent = amount donated/goal x 100							
2 of 44 Posts have met their Goal							5%

DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	7/24/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
1	2	2599	Presque Isle	570	105	-104	0	0	0	1	0.95%	\$36.50
1	2	6187	FortFairfield	228	50	-49	0	0	0	1	2.00%	\$36.50
1	5	9389	Caribou	1393	392	-390	0	0	0	2	0.51%	\$36.00
1	2	9699	Ashland	291	59	-59	0	0	0	0	0.00%	\$36.50
1			TOTALS	2482	606	-602	0	0	0	4	0.66%	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	7/24/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
2	3	1605	Burlington	211	122	-119	0	1	0	2	2.45%	\$33.50
2	2	7529	Island Falls	178	61	-61	0	0	0	0	0.00%	\$36.50
2			TOTALS	389	183	-180	0	1	0	2	1.63%	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	7/24/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
3	3	9779	Calais	269	109	-108	0	0	0	1	0.91%	\$35.50
3	3	11553	Harrington	237	111	-108	0	0	0	3	2.70%	\$35.50
3			TOTALS	506	220	-216	0	0	0	4	1.81%	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	7/24/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
4	3	109	Ellsworth	355	150	-146	0	0	0	4	2.66%	\$35.50
4	3	1761	Bangor	703	175	-174	0	0	0	1	0.57%	\$36.00
4	3	3381	Old Town	604	177	-173	0	0	0	4	2.25%	\$35.50
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	111	-110	0	0	0	1	0.90%	\$35.50
4			TOTALS	1946	613	-603	0	0	0	10	1.63%	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	7/24/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
5	2	4298	Dexter	141	61	-60	0	0	0	1	1.63%	\$35.00
5	1	5723	Jackman Station	57	10	-10	0	0	0	0	0.00%	\$35.50
5	3	6924	Fairfield	436	98	-97	0	0	0	1	1.02%	\$35.50
5	3	7865	Madison	163	169	-153	0	0	11	5	9.46%	\$31.50
5	1	10881	Farmington	45	23	-23	0	0	0	0	0.00%	\$35.50
5			TOTALS	842	361	-343	0	0	11	7	4.98%	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	7/24/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	12	-12	0	0	0	0	0.00%	\$31.50
6	3	3108	Belfast	597	155	-148	0	0	0	7	4.51%	\$36.50
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	12	-11	0	0	0	1	8.33%	\$31.50
6	2	6131	Northport	230	62	-60	0	1	0	1	3.22%	\$37.00
6	1	9437	Washington	135	34	-34	0	0	0	0	0.00%	\$34.50
6			TOTALS	1171	275	-265	0	1	0	9	3.63%	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	7/24/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
7	2	2197	Topsham	114	95	-93	0	0	0	2	2.10%	\$35.00
7	2	7738	Bath	198	76	-75	0	0	0	1	1.31%	\$31.00
7			TOTALS	312	171	-168	0	0	0	3	1.75%	

DEPT @ 2.44% - Need 6373 For 100% (7+)
 Department Statistics

Maine as of Friday July 28, 2023

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2599	1	0	0	0	1	1	105	0.95%	-104	PRESQUE ISLE	0
6187	1	0	0	0	1	1	50	2.00%	-49	FORT FAIRFIELD	0
9389	1	0	0	0	2	2	392	0.51%	-390	CARIBOU	0
9699	1	0	0	0	0	0	59	0.00%	-59	ASHLAND	0
District Total	1	0	0	0	4	4	606	0.66%	-602		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1605	2	0	1	0	2	3	122	2.45%	-119	BURLINGTON	0
7529	2	0	0	0	0	0	61	0.00%	-61	ISLAND FALLS	0
District Total	2	0	1	0	2	3	183	1.63%	-180		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9779	3	0	0	0	1	1	109	0.91%	-108	CALAIS	0
11553	3	0	0	0	3	3	111	2.70%	-108	HARRINGTON	0
District Total	3	0	0	0	4	4	220	1.81%	-216		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
109	4	0	0	0	4	4	150	2.66%	-146	ELLSWORTH	0
1761	4	0	0	0	1	1	175	0.57%	-174	BANGOR	0
3381	4	0	0	0	4	4	177	2.25%	-173	OLD TOWN	0
4633	4	0	0	0	1	1	111	0.90%	-110	HAMPDEN	0
District Total	4	0	0	0	10	10	613	1.63%	-603		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
4298	5	0	0	0	1	1	61	1.63%	-60	DEXTER	0
5723	5	0	0	0	0	0	10	0.00%	-10	JACKMAN	0
6924	5	0	0	0	1	1	98	1.02%	-97	FAIRFIELD	0
7865	5	0	0	11	5	16	169	9.46%	-153	MADISON-ANSON	0
10881	5	0	0	0	0	0	23	0.00%	-23	FARMINGTON	0
District Total	5	0	0	11	7	18	361	4.98%	-343		0

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
3095	6	0	0	0	0	0	12	0.00%	-12	FRIENDSHIP	0
3108	6	0	0	0	7	7	155	4.51%	-148	BELFAST	0
4169	6	0	0	0	1	1	12	8.33%	-11	VINALHAVEN	0
6131	6	0	1	0	1	2	62	3.22%	-60	NORTHPORT	0
9437	6	0	0	0	0	0	34	0.00%	-34	WASHINGTON	0
District Total	6	0	1	0	9	10	275	3.63%	-265		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2197	7	0	0	0	2	2	95	2.10%	-93	TOPSHAM	0
7738	7	0	0	0	1	1	76	1.31%	-75	BATH	0
District Total	7	0	0	0	3	3	171	1.75%	-168		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9	8	0	0	0	1	1	47	2.12%	-46	GARDINER	0
887	8	0	1	0	5	6	238	2.52%	-232	AUGUSTA	0
1285	8	0	0	0	0	0	203	0.00%	-203	WATERVILLE	0
8835	8	0	1	11	6	18	263	6.84%	-245	WINSLOW	0
9526	8	0	0	0	3	3	42	7.14%	-39	WINTHROP	0
District Total	8	0	2	11	15	28	793	3.53%	-765		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1603	9	0	0	0	6	6	380	1.57%	-374	LEWISTON-AUBURN	0
1641	9	0	0	0	2	2	73	2.73%	-69	RUMFORD	0
3335	9	0	0	0	3	3	203	1.47%	-200	JAY	0
9787	9	0	0	0	0	0	124	0.00%	-124	SOUTH PARIS	0
District Total	9	0	0	0	11	11	780	1.41%	-769		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
6783	10	0	0	0	1	1	37	2.70%	-36	LOVELL	0
6859	10	0	0	0	8	8	368	2.17%	-360	PORTLAND	0
9328	10	0	0	0	0	0	30	0.00%	-30	HARRISON	0
10529	10	0	0	0	0	0	66	0.00%	-66	YARMOUTH	0
10643	10	0	0	0	1	1	98	1.02%	-97	WINDHAM	0
10879	10	0	0	0	2	2	247	0.80%	-245	GORHAM	0
District	10	0	0	0	12	12	846	1.41%	-834		0

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
5744	11	0	0	0	27	27	146	18.49%	-119	SOUTH BERWICK	0
6977	11	0	0	0	0	0	194	0.00%	-194	YORK BEACH	0
7997	11	0	0	0	7	7	277	2.52%	-270	OLD ORCHARD BEACH	0
9394	11	0	0	0	0	0	58	0.00%	-58	KITTERY	0
9935	11	0	0	0	4	4	262	1.52%	-258	SANFORD	0
District Total	11	0	0	0	38	38	937	4.05%	-899		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
15020	99	0	1	0	18	19	748	2.54%	-729	RUMFORD	0
District Total	99	0	1	0	18	19	748	2.54%	-729	QM'S HOUSE	0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
State Total		0	5	22	133	160	6533	2.44%	-6373		0



EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED TO BRING THE DEPARTMENT TO 100%

THIS 2023 – 2024 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP?

“HONOR THEIR COURAGE”

“**RETAIN-REINSTATE-RECRUIT**”



COVID -19 TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

Augusta Civic Center, Augusta

Saturday, October 14, 2023

SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm - BANQUET: 7:00 pm

Comfort Inn - 281 Civic Center Drive, Augusta (207) 623-1000

VFW Rate: \$ 114 + tax (King & Double/Double) including free breakfast

Best Western Plus-Civic Center - 110 Community Drive, Augusta (207) 622-4751

VFW Rate: \$ 114 + tax (King & Double/Double) including free breakfast

Please make your own reservations – State you are with the VFW

DEADLINE to reserve rooms under this rate is September 20, 2023

Celebrating

Past State Commanders Christopher Robison and Michael “Keith” Davis

Past Department Presidents Brenda Blair and Tammy Armstrong

Tickets are \$ 40.00 per person

Buffet Menu

Pork Tenderloin

Braised Beef

Veggie Primavera



Accompanied by:

Caesar salad

Roasted Root Vegetables

Rice Pilaf

Dinner Rolls

Cake

Coffee, Tea, and Cash Bar available

Attire: Formal/Suit/Business Attire

Total Meals: _____ x \$ 40.00 = _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Deadline for Banquet Ticket is 30 September 2023

****No tickets will be sold after the deadline Tickets will not be held without payment****

There will be no refunds on banquet tickets.

Send ticket requests to: Carl Lambert – (207) 907-5584

576 Prescott Road, Manchester, ME 04351

Make your check payable to **“Department of Maine VFW”**