

# Department of Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars



## "Honor Their Courage"

December 2023 GENERAL ORDERS No.6

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

#### < \*\*SPECIAL NOTICES\*\* >

<u>Currently our department website</u> is unable to do Community service reports. Currently, we are. Working on our new website, once it's up and running we will let you know.

Voice of Democracy
Patriot's Pen
Teacher of the Year
AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Winslow VFW Post 8835, Winslow, ME

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

BANQUET: 7:00 pm Winslow VFW Post 8835

175 Veterans Drive, Winslow ME 04901

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**Headquarters** 

## Best Western Plus Waterville Grand Hotel

375 Maine Street, Waterville, ME <> (Tel #: 207-873-0111)

VFW Rate: \$ 89.00 + tax (King & Double/Double) including free breakfast per room

(Book hotel rooms before 12/20/22 to get this rate)

Please make your own reservations with the Best Western Plus Waterville Grand Hotel

<u>Tell them that you are with the VFW \* If you wish 1st floor, you must inform the hotel when making reservations!!</u>

Banquet Tickets are \$ 40.00 per person

Department pays for All District VoD, PP & ToY Winners Banquet Tickets

See Attached Flyer for more Information.

Past State Commander Arthur Roy has a new phone number – 207-344-4846.

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1. Dates for Council of Administration Meetings and Testimonials:

January 20th, 2024 > Best Western Plus, Waterville

8:30 am Finance and Audit: 9:30am VSO: 10:30 Convention meeting: 1pm Council Meeting Uniform of the Summer uniform (white and grays)

- > Apr 20th> Caribou
- **2.** *Council of Administration:* Meeting will be held on 20 January @ 1pm @ The Best Western Plus, Waterville, ME. See attached flyer for hotel and banquet information.

- **3. Patriot Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year Banquet** to be held at Post 1285 Winslow, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. See the attached flyer.
- **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.** The distribution of VFW "Buddy" ® Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Sections 711 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies for the Memorial Day campaign in their respective
- areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used in accordance with Sections 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure.
- **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. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure: Provides that each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that was mailed to all Posts as part of the Election Report/Convention Registration mailing that went out in February. Advanced registration for the 124th National Convention should be mailed with each delegate's name and
- address to: Convention Registration, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.
- **8. Section 220 of the National By-Laws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers or Committee Members" states**: "Any elected Post Officer or committee member removed, by reason of failure to pay current dues or under the provisions of this section shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office or committee in the same administrative year in which the officer or committee member is removed."
- **9. Trustee's Report of Audit:** Post/District are reminded to forward their Trustees' reports at the end of each quarter of current year: June 30, Sep 30; Dec 31 and Mar 31; send these reports as soon as possible after each quarter to the Department Quartermaster.
- **10. Post Commanders:** Each post shall see that suitable programs are made for observance of Veterans Day. (National Manual of Procedure Article II; Section 223).
- **11. 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.
- **12. Convention Book Advertising: Consult Tele-Communications from Londonderry, NH** is soliciting ads for our State Convention book throughout the State of Maine. Any business calling your Post respectively,

inquiring about the solicitation, please inform them that they are the sole company that sells ads for the Department of Maine.

- 13. 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.
- 14. Post Commanders: Sections 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure outline the various things for which the Post Relief Fund can be used. Several years ago, the phrase "To foster true patriotism through, historical and education programs," was added to this section. This allows the Post to use the relief funds for the Voice of Democracy program or other Americanism programs that are educational. This does not include Post building projects, hall remodeling, color guard uniforms or any other expenditure that does not follow these guidelines.

## 15. Dates for Council of Administration Meetings and Testimonials:

January 20<sup>th</sup>> Waterville April 20<sup>th</sup>> Caribou

**16.** 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

## 17. Dates To Remember

**December 7th > Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day** 

**December 13th > National Guard Birthday** 

**December 18th > National Wreaths Across America Day** 

## **18**. District Meeting Dates:

December 2023

D-10> 3 Dec@ 1pm> Fryeburg-Lovell Post 6783> SVC Kimble

January 2024

D-4> 6 Jan @ 2pm> Bangor> SG Stevens

D-7> 7 Jan @ 2pm> Bath Post 7738> JVC Meuchel

D-9> 28 Jan @ 1 pm> Jay Post 3335> JA Day

D-8> 28 Jan @ 3 pm> Waterville Post 1285> CMDR Bouchard

D-11> 28 Jan @ 2pm> York Post 6977> SVC Kimble
February 2024
D-1> 11 Feb @ 1pm> Presque Isle Post 2599> JVC Meuchel D-3> 18 Feb @ 2pm> Calais Post 9779> JVC Meuchel D-6> 4 Feb @ 1pm> Belfast Post 3108> SG Stevens D-10> 11 Feb @ 1pm> Windham Post 10643> JA Day
BY COMMAND OF:  John Bouchard  John Bouchard  Commander  Carl Lambert  Adjutant





## State Commander John Bouchard

We are here to help veterans and family. It is good that we donate to honor flight to Washington D, C, us turn will come someday. Well went the eastern state conference it was nice, but it was along trip. Also went to Old Orchard Beach for their District meeting. It was a very good meeting. On Nov11 went to the veteran's cemetery on veterans' day. Went to the Fort Fairfield District Meeting. Hope everybody had a good thanksgiving .and you all have a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

"Honor Their Courage."

Yours in Comradeship,

John Bouchard

John Bouchard Commander



## Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain 28 October- 29 November 2023

"May our Comrades Rest in Eternal Peace in Post Eternity"

District 3

11553> Raymond F Fox Joseph L Tibbetts

**District 9** 9787> Stacy D Ballard

**District 10**6859> Chase M Libby
10879> James W Mattison



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



Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with family, friends or anyone they felt close to celebrate with. Districts should have finished their VOD/PP/TOY judging and mailed their winning packets to the department for judging. Please start notifying families of your winning students and as a reminder the department will pay for each District VOD/PP winners banquet meals. If the district of their winning student or the post that student was nominated from wants to pay for the students' family members banquet meals and or hotel stay, that is up to either the post or district to decide and not the department's decision. VOD/PP/TOY banquet will be at the Winslow Post, flyer has been in the general orders since October. Please book your hotel rooms and send in your banquet tickets as soon as you can. Please be safe, 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 1st Place School Winners due to the Post for Post Judging

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

\*\*1 December; All 1st 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 the 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 National 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

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

### JVC,

It has been wonderful to have already attended 3 district meetings so far this year so far. I look forward to attending the district 10 meeting in December. Presque Isle is in the near future for my next visit.

#### Programs.

This year the VFW has introduced three new programs: VFW JROTC Cadet of the Year Award, VFW Employer of the Year Award, and VFW Member of the Year Award. All Nominations need to be submitted to the Department by February 29, 2024. Those submissions need to be mailed to me at 528 Ossipee Trail West, Standish, ME 04084. If you would like me to email you a copy of the Program Award, please send me an email at <a href="meuchelamyh@yahoo.com">meuchelamyh@yahoo.com</a>. I will be passing out the outline to your district commander during the January CoA meeting. The purpose of the awards is as follows: Employee of the Year Award; To confer recognition on one employer for outstanding records in the hiring and retention of veterans. Member of the Year; The award is to recognize a member of the VFW who has exemplified in their actions and accomplishments, the true spirit of our organization in serving the needs of their post and community and who has dedicated themselves in a professional manner to addressing the pillars of our organization. And JROTC Cadet of the Year; special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership for Junior ROTC Cadets. This award seeks to recognize a remarkable cadet who will become a leader in their community and serve their country.

## Ways and Means:

At the next CoA I will be passing out the rest of the Ways and Means tickets that have not been handed out. I am still asking for each post to participate with selling \$100 worth of tickets. The goal is still \$3000. We are currently at \$400 raised this year. As I suggested before, selling them during Post dinners or reaching out to the community. Maybe a local restaurant will let you sell them. Another option would be for your post to hold a 50/50 raffle at dinner.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Respectfully, Amy Hope Meuchel

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QUARTERMASTER
BUDDY POPPY ~ INSURANCE & BONDS

David D. Williams, PSC

Hello everyone, I hope these notes find everyone well and Healthy. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Dinner.

I would like to start off by thanking everyone who is submitting their Quarterly Reports on time. It is a requirement which is not supposed to be overlooked. They to be completed and on time.

When placing a Poppy order or when ordering a Bond for your Post or District there is paperwork that needs to be submitted along with the checks without the paperwork, I am no longer able to place your orders. When requesting bonds there is a line for the Commanders or QM signature which needs to be sent to the Insurance company. When ordering Poppy's, the person placing the Order needs to provide a Membership card number. National uses that number to coincide with a delivery address. So, if you get checks back from me it's because you didn't supply the paperwork to go along with the check. Some cases I have returned Bonding checks twice

with the needed paperwork to resubmit. Any Bonds ordered after Dec 1st will be prorated as the full year deadline was the end of November. Any questions I can be reached at 207-357-6664

Also, when sending me Paperwork do not mail to my HOME ADRESS MY QM ADRESS IS P.O. BOX 56 RUMFORD MAINE 04276

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEWYEAR

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JUDGE ADVOCATE
POW/MIA
William E Day

Comrades, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Healthy New Year!

The Defense POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY REPORTS THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND ACCOUNTED FOR:

Army Pfc. Clinton C. Smith, 19, Wichita Falls, Texas Army Air Force Pfc. Henry J McConnell, 28, Pawtucket, R. I. Army Cpl. William J. Harrington, 19, Alliance, Ohio

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SURGEON Safety & Drug Abuse Roger Stevens

This past month I was able to visit District 9 and meet some new comrades. It was also my privilege to speak at the Veterans Day ceremony, at the Brunswick Veterans Plaza, and to conduct my post's judging for the "Voice of Democracy."

My congratulations to the posts that have hit the 100% mark this past month. 7738 – Bath, 7865 – Madison, 7997 – Old Orchard Beach. Must be something with post numbers that begin with 7. We know that snow is on the way. Many heart attacks are caused by the exertion of shoveling snow. If you do have to shovel, pace yourself, & Don't take breaks. Those big snow shovels are great for pushing a couple of inches of fluffy snow out of the way, but a full shovel of wet snow is very heavy, and the swinging motion to dump it takes a lot of effort. Don't fill to the max when the snow is heavy! Everyone please be smart about cleaning snow so we will all be around to greet spring.

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

Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance reminds us of those who sacrificed their lives to keep us safe in the past. Those many lives were lost, and the witness of their families allowed for the transformation of harsh conflict into freedom and peace for many. As we approach the holiday season when family gatherings and parties bring memories of good

times, we may recall a loved one who will be missing from our midst. Just like Thanksgiving few Christmases roll around without the United States having hundreds or thousands of Service Members deployed to various parts of the world fighting for and defending freedom. It seldom fails that wherever our armed forces find themselves, they find ways to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

From our house to yours Kathy and I would like to wish you and yours a very "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year".

## Wreaths Across America REMEMBER - HONOR - TEACH

The Convoy to Arlington will be departing from Harrington on 10 December with many stops along the way until Wreaths Across America Day on 16 December where at approximately 4000 locations here in the states and overseas more than 3,000,000 wreaths will be laid upon the final resting places of our departed brothers and sisters. My thanks and appreciation to all who have supported this cause. I hope that you will pause from your busy schedules and take part in a ceremony near you.

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# NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER, MAINE (NCM,M) MEMBERSHIP LEGISLATIVE Steven J. SanPedro, PSC

Comrades,

Congratulations to Post 7865 Madison for exceeding their goal of 100% in Membership! That makes three Post that have joined the Commander 100% Club. Will your Post or District be the next to join them?

**National Council Member – Maine –** I have attended many zoom meetings for the Fundraising committee I am on. We are continuing to look at our current practices and looking at possible new ones for the future.

**Legislation** – Our National Headquarters has ramped up the pressure on congress to pass the GUARD Act. We must stop these Claim Sharks from taking advantage of our Veterans, Spouses and Caregivers to our Veterans. I posted the press conference the VFW hosted in DC and the VA Secretary message on our Facebook page. Please take a moment to watch them.

**Membership** – The Department is currently sitting at 88.73% with 5797 Members, which is an increase of 2.24% and 146 Members. We need 736 Members to reach 100% and 867 Members to reach 102%. We have increased our New Members by 11 and our Reinstated Members by 26 from this time last year. We have 5 Posts that have completed a Recruiter Event and submitted the proper paperwork to me. We have 18 Post that need 10 or less Members 10 of them need 5 or less Members. Let's close the deal on these Posts and get them over 100%. We must make sure we Retain, Reinstate and Recruit Members. Please read to make sure you understand the 2023- 2024 Department and National Membership Program have 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

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First of all, I hope that all of our members had a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you all have a great Holiday Season. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next COA in January.

Things haven't changed, I still have little to report on as I have received only a few reports in the past month. Hopefully, when the system is up and running, everyone will be able to report on Americanism/Loyalty Day Programs: such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, POW/MIA day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day and any Parades, observances related to them.

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

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## AUDIT & FINANCE Alfred E. Michaud Sr., PSC

The next Finance meeting will be at the next COA. Reminder to all COA members and Chairman that all funding not covered in the Budget report or Budgeted items that may need to be changed must be brought before the Finance Committee first before going to the body for a final vote. For emergency requests please allow at least a week's notice because a net vote of committee is required and a net vote of Council which are both a majority rule vote to pass. Article VIII – Control of Funds of the Department By-Laws explains how the expenditure of funds happens.

**Program (MAP): Purpose:** To provide financial assistance to VFW Posts/Depts. And Auxiliaries who sponsor events with their local military community. These funds are meant to build relationships and provide information on VFW programs and services. Adopt-A-Units are just that. Please refer to the National website for information on programs, applications, promotional items, and FAQ's.

**NOTE:** ALL VMS donations MUST go through the Program Dashboard found online at vfw.org. National will no longer accept paper check donations and please do not send any to me or the Department QM. IF you need assistance with donations, please contact me.

**REPORTS:** Please keep me abreast of all efforts and planned activities regarding these programs so I can complete an all-inclusive required report to the National Programs Director. Please NOTE that my information has not changed. I may be reached at lanejena@msn.com or (207) 514-4190.

## HOSPITAL/VAVS Michael W. Blair, Director

Total donations for the month of November were \$525.00. \$500.00 was donated to the Hospital / VAVS to be used as needed.

\$25.00 was donated to the Rumford / Auburn Clinics.

I would like to thank Post # 9787, South Paris and Post # 6924, Fairfield.

M.W. Blair

Chairman Hospital / VAVS

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NATIONAL HOME Joel D. Demers, Chairman

Greetings Comrades.

Coming along pretty well on the donation front. As a Department we are at 39% of our goal. Thank you to Calais, Madison, Bath, and Winslow who have already met their 2023-24 goal!!!

Hope to see you at the upcoming COA.

Please remember if you send a donation to the Home directly, please let me know so that I can give you credit.

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### SCOUTING Michael K. Davis

Hello Comrades, I hope this finds you well.

The old web site is down. Until the new website is up and running you will have to send your scouting activities to me via the paper community activity form.

To date I have received one input from the posts.

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

Kahtahdin Council https://www.katahdinareabsa.org

Katahdin Area Council Boy Scouts of America, Northern Maine Boy Scouts Based in Orono, supporting scouting in northern Maine. Includes information on Camp Roosevelt, calendar. Mail on Android

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## VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE Cornelius J. Ware, SO

1. Service Office visit procedures. 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 cold, flu or Covid symptoms or you are going to an area where contagion is high i.e.: (ICU, Urgent Care, CLC Unit) just to name a few. Though we still

continue to do appointments (this helps us with time management) walk-ins are welcome 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 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. You can also contact the Togus Benefits Office at (207)621-6938 for assistance in our absence. But for now, have a safe and joyous holiday.

2. Mid-Coast Veterans Council (MCVC) Outreach We will be available to assist veterans with claims at the MCVC 62 Pegasus St. (the old bowling alley at the old NAS Brunswick) look for the static P-3 A/C. We will meet with

veterans from 10am to 4pm on Wednesday 13 December. Please call (207)406-4103 to make an appointment, walk- ins are welcome. If we get a good turn-out, we will try and schedule more claims outreach opportunities at the MCVC in the coming year.

- 3. Administrative shutdown. We will be shutdown to walk-in traffic 26-29 December 2023. So, we can catch up on the administrative side of the VSO office work. We will take emergency cases on a case-by-case basis by appointment. Thank you for your understanding as we try to close out the calendar year.
- 4. Tag-a-tree. When you visit the office in the spirit of Christmas, please take the time to fill out a Christmas tag and place it on our tree. You just need to put your name and branch of service. Let's see which branch puts on the most tags.
- 5. Holiday Office closure. The office will be closed on Monday 25 December and Monday 1 January. We wish you a safe and joyous Christmas, and a happy prosperous new year. The VFW VSO Staff.

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## VETERANS ADVISORY TO VA MAINE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM Jo Ann Maynard, Chairperson

"Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand." — Dr. Seuss My challenge this season to you comrades is to step outside whatever is weighing heavily on your mind and for a short time, embrace a childlike wonder at the beauty of the season. Do something simple to spark that joy. Go sit on Santa's lap. Throw a friendly snowball. Watch Charlie Brown Christmas. Meet up with friends to go see the neighborhood lights. Sometimes something so simple can be enough of a light to foster delight in the magic of the holidays. After the sorrow our peaceful neighborhood just experienced, it is time to look for the light. Veterans who served between Dec 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946 are now eligible for VA healthcare including nursing home care but you must enroll because VA can't automatically enroll you. It is possible to eat healthy in the season of snacks and holiday feasting. Portion control and choosing the "lesser of the two dietary evils" will allow you to enjoy the treats without packing on the pounds and endangering your health. Remain as active as you can. There are lots of online/electronic methods to take light exercise classes. Take walks. The holidays truly don't have to be a struggle. From me and my little family, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Merry Yule and Festivus for the rest of us. Whatever your observance, enjoy it with peace and love and

the hope for a better humanity. Be good to yourselves and be good to each other. -Love Jo

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## 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 strongly 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, 2 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**: As Christmas approaches, come up with a media plan to advertise what your Posts are doing to support the community, use the holidays as an opportunity to get the word out of how we are supporting veterans with our good work in the community. 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.

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## HOMELESS VETERANS, VETERANS CEMETERY SOUTH ~ ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE (Augusta) James Bachelder

Homeless Veterans: We held 6 Stand-Downs and assisted 78 Veterans. That is 39 homeless Veterans and 39 Veterans in need. This breaks down to 70 males and 8 females. Eleven of these Veterans were newly identified homeless. Ten veterans were provided clothing via service providers. They did not attend the Stand-Down and were not counted in the attendance report. This year we spent \$8,512.40 on clothing and boots. The funds were \$5,630.97 from the state grant and \$2881.43 donated by Maine Veterans in Need (MVN). The Veterans surge, "house 100 Veterans in 100 days" is still operating. They housed between 92 and 96 Veterans in 100 days (unofficial). The funding is still available. There are many landlords involved and willing to house homeless veterans. The state's goal to be functionals 0 homeless Veterans by 2025 is a possibility. The cooperation between all the providers using the network MVN has created is working. The funding provided by MVN makes the transition from helpless to hopeful much easier by resolving the urgent issue while the system starts qualifying the Veterans for more services. We received 90 pairs of pants from Renys for free. They are not hemmed, and all have a "39 inch" inseam. It cost \$14.00 a pair to have Pratt Abbott hem the pants. The length of the pants needs to be decided and designated per pair, so the seamstress knows what length to make the pants. We have an MVN member who volunteered to take some of the pants to individuals in the Boothbay area. If we can find more volunteers, we can finish this project for free. 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**: James McCain, a carver from Portland Maine is donating an eagle. We had two different designs and agreed on the one with the wings stretched out, not up. The Sanford Regional Vocational School is making a bracket to hold the eagle on the enclosed end of the committal shelter. This is due to arrive in February. The bracket will be attached by Petco, the company that enclosed the committal shelter. We raised around \$24,000 this year. This didn't count to the \$2,800 that came in this month. The Women's Monument is in the third revision of the monument. It is not what they want so it is going back for more changes. We received 2000 wooden pens that were made by Woodcraft Supply. They are individually wrapped with and optional card from the wood turner that made that pen. These are given free to Veterans and Veterans only. The Sanford VFW receives 100 pens to distribute. Our SMVMCA Chairman is working to have the Maine National Guard do some work in the cemetery. The door is open to get work done as a training session for the guardsmen. We are working on the Keynote and Guest speakers for Memorial Day. The cemetery was inspected by the VA. We are waiting for the official final report. A bench is being added to the POW/MIA Memorial. The installation date has not been set.

Our December meeting is canceled. We will be meeting on January 11th at the cemetery administration building at 9:30.

Have a great and safe Holiday Season

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## Beals House/VSO Teresa Drag

#### **Beals House:**

Next board meeting scheduled for Dec 9th at 11:30 held at the Beals House. Thank you to Post 3335 in Jay for their donation to Beals House.

#### VSO:

Continue to receive positive feedback from questionnaires sent with Veterans served by the VSO office. Reminder to all Posts that training is available for Post Service Officers and others interested. Thank you to James and JoAnn for all the work they do.

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## Inspector Danford Saucier

I would like to wish all Comrades a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New year. Just a reminder that Feb. 28 is just Three months away.

Danford Saucier
P.O. Box 16
Fort Kent Maine
State Inspector Danford Gary Saucier



## Voice of Democracy Patriot's Pen Teacher of the Year AWARDS BANQUET



Saturday, January 20, 2024

Winslow VFW Post 8835, Winslow, ME

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

BANQUET: 7:00 pm Winslow VFW Post 8835
175 Veterans Drive, Winslow ME 04901

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## Headquarters

## Best Western Plus Waterville Grand Hotel

37<u>5 Mai</u>ne Street, Waterville, ME <> (Tel #: 207-873-0111)

VFW Rate: \$ 89.00 + tax (King & Double/Double) including free breakfast per room

(Book hotel rooms before 12/20/22 to get this rate)

Please make your own reservations with the Best Western Plus Waterville Grand Hotel

Tell them that you are with the VFW \* If you wish 1st floor, you must inform the hotel when making reservations!!

Banquet Tickets are \$ 40.00 per person

Department pays for All District VoD, PP & ToY Winners Banquet Tickets

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### Banquet is Buffet Style

Smothered Beef Tips(GF\*) ~ Roasted Veggie Alfredo Pasta(v\*\*) ~ Chicken Parmesan
Roasted Potatoes ~ Green Beans
Green Salad w/Ranch & Italian Dressing
Crusty Rolls w/Butter Pats
Coffee ~Tea~Punch~Soda
Cake

\*\*\*Cash Bar will be available for alcoholic beverages\*\*\*
Alcohol will stop being served 30 minutes before banquet ends.

\*Gluten free and \*\*Vegetarian options will be available

Meals Totals	x \$ <mark>40.00</mark> =	_
Name	Name	

#### \*NO ASSIGNED SEATING\*

Deadline for Banquet Ticket is: 6 January 2024

Make your check payable to "<u>Department of Maine, VFW</u>"

(<u>No tickets will be sold after the deadline – Tickets will not be held without a payment</u>)

(There will be no refunds on the banquet tickets)

Send to:

Kelly A Kimble 64 Bayview Drive, Northport, ME 04849

Phone: 207-338-9680



## DEPT @ 88.74% - Need 735 For 100% 866 FOR 102% (1+) Department Statistics

## Maine as of Monday November 27, 2023

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Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
2599	1	76	0	0	5	81	105	77.14%	-24	-27	PRESQUE ISLE	0
6187	1	40	0	0	5	45	50	90.00%	-5	-6	FORT FAIRFIELD	0
9389	1	301	2	0	24	327	392	83.41%	-65	-73	CARIBOU	0
9699	1	53	0	0	3	56	59	94.91%	-3	-5	ASHLAND	0
District Total	1	470	2	0	37	509	606	83.99%	-97	-111		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
1605	2	110	1	1	4	116	122	95.08%	-6	-9	BURLINGTON	0
7529	2	47	0	0	6	53	61	86.88%	-8	-10	ISLAND FALLS	0
District Total	2	157	1	1	10	169	183	92.34%	-14	-19		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
9779	3	81	1	0	11	93	109	85.32%	-16	-19	CALAIS	0
11553	3	98	0	1	8	107	111	96.39%	-4	-7	HARRINGTON	0
District Total	3	179	1	1	19	200	220	90.90%	-20	-26		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
109	4	102	0	0	23	125	150	83.33%	-25	-28	ELLSWORTH	1
1761	4	140	0	1	11	152	175	86.85%	-23	-27	BANGOR	0
3381	4	142	0	1	14	157	177	88.70%	-20	-24	OLD TOWN	1
4633	4	97	1	0	3	101	111	90.99%	-10	-13	HAMPDEN	0
District Total	4	481	1	2	51	535	613	87.27%	-78	-92		2
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
4298	5	41	0	0	9	50	61	81.96%	-11	-13	DEXTER	0
5723	5	4	0	0	3	7	10	70.00%	-3	-4	JACKMAN	0
6924	5	91	0	0	3	94	98	95.91%	-4	-6	FAIRFIELD	0
7865	5	117	3	33	23	176	169	104.14%	+7	+3	MADISON	2
10881	5	18	1	0	2	21	23	91.30%	-2	-3	FARMINGTON	0
District Total	5	271	4	33	40	348	361	96.39%	-13	-23		2

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
3108	6	108	0	0	16	124	155	80.00%	-31	-35	BELFAST	0
4169	6	8	0	0	2	10	12	83.33%	-2	-3	VINALHAVEN	0
6131	6	46	1	0	3	50	62	80.64%	-12	-14	NORTHPORT	0
9437	6	32	0	0	1	33	34	97.05%	-1	-2	WASHINGTON	0
District Total	6	194	1	0	22	217	263	82.50%	-46	-54		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
2197	7	64	5	0	15	84	95	88.42%	-11	-13	TOPSHAM	0
7738	7	70	5	0	2	77	76	101.31%	+1	-1	BATH	0
District Total	7	134	10	0	17	161	171	94.15%	-10	-14		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
9	8	34	0	0	5	39	47	82.97%	-8	-9	GARDINER	0
887	8	188	2	2	14	206	238	86.55%	-32	-37	AUGUSTA	1
1285	8	189	2	0	3	194	203	9556%	-9	-14	WATERVILLE	0
8835	8	214	3	11	12	240	263	91.25%	-23	-29	WINSLOW	4
9526	8	32	0	0	5	37	42	88.09%	-5	-6	WINTHROP	0
District Total	8	657	7	13	39	716	793	90.29%	-77	-97		5
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
1603	9	296	1	0	25	322	380	84.73%	-58	-66	LEWISTON-AUBURN	1
1641	9	41	0	4	16	61	73	83.56%	-12	-14	RUMFORD	0
3335	9	161	0	0	18	179	203	88.17%	-24	-29	JAY	0
9787	9	91	0	0	9	100	124	80.64%	-24	-27	SOUTH PARIS	0
District Total	9	589	1	4	68	662	780	84.87%	-118	-136		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
6783	10	29	0	0	2	31	37	83.78%	-6	-7	LOVELL	0
6859	10	295	3	1	19	318	368	86.41%	-50	-58	PORTLAND	3
9328	10	29	0	0	0	29	30	96.66%	-1	-2	HARRISON	1
10529	10	61	0	0	0	61	66	92.42%	-5	-7	YARMOUTH	0
10643	10	71	0	0	13	84	98	85.71%	-14	-16	WINDHAM	1
10879	10	194	0	0	13	207	247	83.80%	-40	-45	GORHAM	0
District	10	679	3	1	47	730	846	86.28%	-116	-136		5

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
5744	11	104	1	1	29	135	146	92.46%	-11	-14	SOUTH BERWICK	0
6977	11	163	0	2	8	173	194	89.17%	-21	-25	YORK BEACH	0
7997	11	151	7	0	123	281	277	101.44%	+4	-2	OLD ORCHARD BEACH	0
9394	11	48	0	0	3	51	58	87.93%	-7	-9	KITTERY	0
9935	11	150	3	0	94	247	262	94.27%	-15	-21	SANFORD	2
District Total	11	616	11	3	257	887	937	94.55%	-50	-83		2
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
15020	99	589	11	6	58	664	760	87.36%	-96	-112	RUMFORD	6
District Total	99	589	11	6	58	664	760	87.36%	-96	-112	QM'S HOUSE	6
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
State Total		5016	53	64	665	5798	6533	88.74%	-735	-866		24





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

THIS 2023 – 2024 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP?

"HONOR THEIR COURAGE"

"RETAIN-REINSTATE-RECRUIT"

JOHN		EIR COURAGE" STATE COMMANDER	
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		MAKE OUR DEPARTMENT GROW <<	
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1. 9437 WASHINGTON	97.05%	1. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	101.44%
2. 9328 HARRISON	94.59%	2. 1285 WATERVILLE	95.56%
3. 10881 FARMINGTON	91.30%	3. 9935 SANFORD	94.27%
DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DI	V.	DIV. V (301-400) TOP 3 POSTS	S IN DIV.
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1. 7738 BATH	101.31%	1. 6859 PORTLAND	86.41%
2. 9699 ASHLAND	94.91%	2. 1603 AUBURN	84.73%
3. 10529 YARMOUTH	92.42%	3. 9389 CARIBOU	83.41%
DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN I	DIV.	DIV. VI (401- HIGHER) TOP 3 POST	S IN DIV.
1. 7865 MADISON	104.14%	1.	
2. 6924 FAIRFIELD	95.91%	2.	
3. 11553 HARRINGTON	96.39%	3.	
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1. 7865 MADISON	104.14%	1. 9389 CARIBOU	327
2. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	101.44%	2. 1603 AUBURN	322
3. 7738 BATH	101.31%	3 6859 PORTLAND	318
4. 9437 WASHINGTON	97.05%	4. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	281
5. 9328 HARRISON	96.66%	5. 9935 SANFORD	247
6. 11553 HARRINGTON	96.39%	6. 8835 WINSLOW	240
7. 6924 FAIRFIELD	95.91%	7. 10879 GORHAM	207
8. 1285 WATERVILLE	95.56%	8. 887 AUGUSTA	206
9. 1605 BURLINGTON	95.08%	9. 1285 WATERVILLE	194
10. 9699 ASHLAND	94.91%	10. 3335 JAY	179
DISTRICT STANDINGS	<u> </u> 	I MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2022	-2023
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1. District 5 CLUKEY	96.39%	<b>WE HAVE = 5798</b>	
2. District 11 MCINNIS	94.66%	WE NEED 735 FOR 100% 866	FOR 102%
3. District 7 HARMON	94.15%		
4. District 2 EWING	92.34%	ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD	
5. District 3 BENNER	90.90%	5 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A BLUE	
6. District 8 LAMBERT	90.29%	10 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A WHITE	
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE, VFW	88.74%	ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED	
7. District 4 SLININGER	87.27%	LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEA	
8. District 10 GOODMAN	86.28%	RETAIN - RECRUIT & REINSTATE	
9. District 9 HATCH	84.87%	NEED HELP OF HAVE QUEST	
10. District 1 WATSON	83.99%	ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSH	IP I EAW OK?
11. District 6 ARMSTRONG	82.50%		

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	Additional Info					1(661)609-6525													(207)668-7612											1(207)219-8549	1(207)674-3522	1(207)645-9722		
	Phone	1(207)376-5669	1(207)542-0820	1(207)785-0084	1(315)771-5334	1(207)454-2064	1(207)892-4981	1(207)249-4262	1(207)463-2426	1(207)999-9077	1(207)485-9107		1(207)659-3591		696-8274	1(207)610-9035	1(210)248-6875	1(207)418-5749	1(207)668-4080	1(207)839-8534		(207)435-1023	1(207)487-2848	(207)268-4289	1(207)974-8605	1(207)873-1645	1(302)531-6005		1(207)892-8121	1(207)219-8549	1(207)907-5584	1(207)907-5584	1(207)582-7974	
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## NATIONAL HOME TRACKING SHEET

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	70	0	0	70	
Ashland	fido214@gmail.com	44	0	0	0	0	
D2		0	0	0	0	0	
Burlington	qm1605@yahoo.com	92	7	0	0	7	
Island Falls	tphartin@gmail.com	46	0	0	0	0	
D3		0	0	0	0	0	
Calais	homatoc@hotmail.com	82	82	0	0	82	100%
Harrington	bampa_5@yahoo.com	83	10	0	0	10	
D4		0	1	0	0	1	
Ellsworth	Googamos59@gmail.com	113	8	0	0	8	
Bangor	hollandlk@gmail.com	131	18	0	0	18	
Old Town	brianhnate.1@gmail.com	133	8	0	0	8	
Hampden	kevin.bean@downeastcommunitypartners.org	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	vfw6924@myfairpoint.net	74	0	0	0	0	
Madison-Anson	cwsteward1964@gmail.com	127	135	0	0	135	106%
Farmington	cthulhu.rules55@gmail.com	17	300	0	0	300	1765%
D6		0	0	0	0	0	
Friendship	jemkpmeyn@aol.com	9	0	0	0	0	
Belfast	vfw3108.Anthony.Kimble@gmail.com	116	43	0	0	43	
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	35	0	0	35	
Bath(Phippsburg)	raineyts49@gmail.com	57	250	0	0	250	439%
D8		0	0	0	0	0	
Gardiner	coutureetc4@gmail.com	35	10	0	0	10	
Augusta	elysia.e.glazier@outlook.com	179	119	0	0	119	
Waterville	vfwpost1285qm@yahoo.com	152	5	0	0	5	
Winslow	sempertrue@gmail.com	197	609	0	0	609	309%
Winthrop	jbrenn2008@yahoo.com	32	0	0	0	0	
D9		0	0	0	0	0	
Auburn	kdavis62@yahoo.com	285	124	0	0	124	

## NATIONAL HOME TRACKING SHEET

Rumford	davidpost1641@live.com	55	125	0	0	125	227%
Jay	dlachapelleusmc@gmail.com	152	115	0	0	115	
South Paris	rhatchhebron@yahoo.com	93	170	0	0	170	183%
D10	(\$ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
Lovell	davetenney@hotmail.com	28	0	0	0	0	
Portland	qm6859@gmail.com	276	721	0	50	771	279%
Harrison	rscotty65@yahoo.com	23	0	0	0	0	
Yarmouth	gorhamjanene3@gmail.com	50	0	0	0	0	
Windham	vajda3x@gmail.com	74	5	0	0	5	
Gorham	timothy@sandeno.us	185	0	0	0	0	
D11	(\$ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
So Berwick	rjguptill@gmail.com	110	17	0	0	17	
York Beach	raljr76@yahoo.com	146	1010	0	0	1010	692%
ООВ	qmvfw7997@yahoo.com	208	45	0	0	45	
Kittery	kty9394vfw@hotmail.com	44	20	0	0	20	
Sanford	qm_vfw9935@metrocast.net	197	56	0	0	56	
	Unaffiliated with the Dept of Maine		5	0	0	5	
	YTD Totals:		4156	0	50	4206	
	Goal for the year:	4346					99%
	Percent = amount donated/goal x 100						
	9 of 44 Posts have met their Goal						20%



## Department of Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Buddy Poppy Order Form



DATE:	
POST NUMBER:	POST NAME:
SHIP TO: (Name):	
ADDRESS:	
	No P.O. Boxes. Must have a Street Address)
DATE OF SALE:	
REMEMBER: It	usually takes 6 to 8 weeks to receive your Poppies. Plan Ahead.
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<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Poppies (Minimum 50	0) Regular \$ 155.00 Per 500
Poppies (Minimum 50	0) Tin \$ 87.00 Per 500
P	nust be purchased during the period of 1 July 2023 to 1 June 2024*** LEASE SEND THE ORDER & CHECK TO:  David D. Williams, Quartermaster  Department of Maine V.F.W  PO Box 56  Rumford, ME 04276  our check payable to: "Department of Maine, VFW"
-	rson ordering the Poppies
Date Received & Recorded:	
Date Receipt Returned to Post:	
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This receipt acknowledges that	Post # has requested & ordered Buddy Poppies:
on	·
	(Signature, Department Quartermaster)
	(2-British , 2 spariment Quarternium )



## **Graves Registration Report Department of** Maine, VFW



Mail to:

## Kevin G. Woodward 9 Johnson Lane Machiasport, ME 04655 **Department of Maine VFW**

Subject: Report of Deceased Comrade						
Post#	District #	regrets to report the d	leath of:			
(Last Name)	(Middle Initial)	(First Name)				
Whose Address was:						
Who Served with:	During:					
(Branch of Service) (War Era: WW I, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, etc.)						
Date of Death:	Place of Death:					
Place of Burial/Cemetery:						
Name & Address if Next of Kin:						
(Street Address)	(Town or Ci	ty) (Stat	te)	(Zip Code)		
Relationship:	Obituary Forthcoming:					
Name	Date					
(All previous forms are obsolete. Updated 22 September 2022)						
(Please print this form for your records)						

## (Manual)

## VFW ACTIVITY SERVICE PROGRAM REPORT

(Reporting Year 1 May 2021- 30 April 2022)

Post / Auxiliary Number: District Number: Month: Year:
This report is for the: Post - Auxiliary
MAIL THIS FORM TO THE STATE ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON. ALL FORMS MUST INDICATE WHO PREPARED THE REPORT.
Check the lines that this report reflects:
Loyalty Day Americanism Safety POW/MIA Youth
(Activities listed below must be mailed to the Chairman of that Activity and the Activities Chairman) The chairmen will report that the activity has been completed for credit.)
VOD-PP, Buddy Poppy, Togus Aid, Commanders Special Project, National Military Service, Recruiter's Event Booth
Describe Activities:
Community Activities:
Number of Members: Total Hours: Mileage: Total Money:
Prepared By: E-mail address:
Preparer's name: