

Adjutant Office ASAP so that the Department directory can be updated accordingly, and the information disseminated to all in the General Orders.

5. Directory for 2023-24: Has been completed and all information was derived from the election reports as received from both the Posts and Districts. They will be mailed in July with all of the yearly information as provided to the Posts, Districts and Departments Council and Chairman. Everyone receiving the directory is asked to make sure that the information is correct, if needed to be corrected, please email the information to the state Adjutant office. We are in hopes that we will have at least an email addy for either the Commander, Quartermaster or Adjutant but preferably all 3 officers

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. 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 Headquarters for review and then forwarding to National for approval. Several Posts and Districts this past year have submitted changes and were approved by National.

9. 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.

10. Commanders: Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National By-Laws concerning any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of the Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured IAW with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in District meetings; District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustments of such deficiencies.

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. 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.

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. 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.”

15. Dates for Council of Administration Meetings and Testimonials: June 11 Bangor Grand Hotel
October 14 Augusta Civic Center

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

17. Dates To Remember

July 4th> Independence Day

July 21st-27th> National Convention- Phoenix, Arizona

18. District Meeting Dates:

July 2023

D-9> 16 Jul @ 1 pm > South Paris Post 9787 >

August 2023

D-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

BY COMMAND OF:

John Bouchard

John Bouchard
Commander

OFFICIAL:

Carl Lambert

Carl Lambert
Adjutant



State Commander John Bouchard



Comrades It was nice to see you all at the State convention. Hope everybody enjoyed themselves I hope everyone of you have a good summer also you all have a good 4th of July and be safe. I heard some of you would like a hard copy of the GO TELL THE STATE ADJUTANT you would like to get a copy. Congratulations to all the newly elected And appointed Officers.

“Honor Their Country.”

Yours in Comradeship,

John Bouchard

John Bouchard
Commander



Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW
Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain
1 -28 June 2023

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

District 1

9389> Roch J Dupre
Fred Ormezzani Jr.
Joel E Theriault

District 8

8835> Glenn D Carnegie
Robert A Frankowski

District 10

6859> Ronald J Perreault
10879> Robert M Bennett
John J Domini



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



Congratulations to new VFW Commander John Bouchard and the newly elected officers for the upcoming 2023-2024 year. The state convention was fun, and it is always a wonderful time to see everyone celebrating another successful year. I know I sure could use some of that convention room heat right about now, I am tired of being cold and ready for a sunburn. Enough already of the rain and below 80 degrees temperature. Hope everyone has a fantastic summer and put on the sunscreen. 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 brochures 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 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: thank you all for electing me as your junior vice commander. I hope to learn a lot this year with only a few years a way of hoping to be your state commander. Thank you to everyone who has been there to guide me through the chairs the past few years, I am only a phone call away for anyone that has any questions, and if I am unable to answer it, I'm sure I know someone that does.

Historian: I am on track as of right now to give Pastor Commander Lane her memories at the October council of a ministraton meeting. I will give the deadline of August 31 to get in any last-minute pictures, articles, or anything you would like to see in her book.

Ways and Mean: if you did, your commanders, have picked up the Ways and Means tickets, but keep an eye out in the mail for each post to receive their own packet of ways and means. I do apologize that I slacked last year but I will be on top of it this year.

SVA: once again, I am the student veterans of America liaison. I hope to be able to reach out to the schools and see what they are up to and if they have any needs if you were doing anything with your local colleges or universities, please let me know.

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

Hello, everyone, it was nice to see many of you at the State Convention in Bangor. Congratulations to all the all-State winners and to last year's commander for making all American. Also, what a year it was for the Commanders Special project collecting over \$10000.00 well done.

A reminder to everyone ordering Poppys they are \$140. For 500, and 280.00 for one 1000.00

And you need to add 20.00 for shipping. I know the prices went sky high, but I do not set the price.

The Adjutant has sent out all paperwork that will be needed to apply for bonds order poppies and the blank list. You may start ordering bonds right away if so desired.

JUDGE ADVOCATE
POW/MIA
William E Day

Comrades, I thank you for electing me as Judge Advocate for the coming year! I look forward to new challenges and learning a great deal.

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

Army Air Force Tech Sgt James M Howie 24 Chester ILL.
Marine Corps Cpl Raymond J TUKEY 24 Chicago ILL
Naval Reserves Ensign Stanley W Allen 25 Brunswick ME
Navy Aviator Radioman First Class Wilber A Mitts Seaside Calif.
Army Air Force 2LT James Litherland 25 South Williamsport Penn.
Army pvt Robert R Gruwell 20 La. Calif
Army PFC Billy A Debord 18 Miamiabury ohio
Army PFC Leonard e Adam 25 Dana IND.

***SURGEON
Safety & Drug Abuse
Roger Stevens***

As we begin a new year, I wish to thank everyone who voted to give me the honor of being your Department Surgeon. For those who voted for someone else, I will do my best to gain your approval. Let's all commit to make the coming year successful for our Department. Make sure to report all blood drives, members who donate blood, and all activities related to safety and wellbeing.

***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,

Congratulation to Jennifer L. Lane for a very successful year as our Department Commander! You and your team did a great job this year as the Department return to All-American status. I want to welcome aboard John J. Bouchard as our new Commander, I wish you and all your team a very successful year! Congratulation to the Department of Maine and Commander Jennifer L. Lane on earning All-American status! This is a total team effort, and the Department appreciates everyone that helped us get there. Also, Congratulation to Post 5744 South Berwick, Post 10643 Windham and District 1 for reaching or exceeding their goal of 100%! That make 27 Posts and 7 District that have joined the Commander 100% Club. Will you be the next to join them.

Chief of Staff – It was an honor to serve again as the Chief-of-Staff. There were some ups and downs, but we dealt with everything head on. We always kept the good of the Department and the Posts in mind. I wish Chris Robison a great year as John's Chief-of-Staff.

National Council Member – Maine – As I move into my third year as your Council Member, I hope to continue to represent Maine in a professional and respectful manner. As the National Convention approaches, I look forward to the council meetings, the appeals I will sit on and meeting up with old friends. I hope that many of you will attend also. Let's have a great year and keep Maine moving forward.

Legislation – LD 985 Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Provide Additional Reimbursement to Maine Veterans Homes has gone to appropriation for funding. This is where all of the bills seem to go and die. We have asked a few of our VFW Leaders to reach out to the Members of appropriation to ask them to support this very important bill. We will keep you informed and may call on everyone to reach out if needed.

Membership – The Department is currently sitting at 100.16% with 6511 Members which is an increase of .81% and 53 Members. We have exceeded our goal by 11 Members. We have increased the number of New Members by 22 and our Reinstated Members by 27 from this time last year. We have 22 Posts that has completed a Recruiter Event and submitted the proper paperwork to me. We must make sure we Retain, Reinstate and Recruit Members. Make sure read the 2022-2023 Department and National Membership Program so you understand what you need to do this year because there are changes. 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

Once again, I would also like to thank all the Posts in the Department of Maine that have already reported in Americanism/Loyalty Day Programs so far this year for the 2023- 2024 reporting cycle. Ensure that you have reported for Americanism/Loyalty Day Programs: Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th and any Parades, observances related to them. You should submit your Community Activity Reports on-line at the Department of Maine website, I will receive them. If you do not receive credit, please contact me @ 207-590- 6058 or 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 will meet at Post 1285 on 9 July 2023 at 10:00 to close out the books. for 2022-2023. Congratulation to all the new elected officer in Posts, Districts and Department. May you all have a great year.

Grants Coordinator
Jennifer L Lane, IPSC

Grants: Our State of Maine VSO Grant \$60,000.00 on track waiting on a check for \$15,229.50. Our VA Transportation New Grant the \$37,344.00 up and running, grant submitted for the new year \$40,000.00 awaiting 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

Donations in the amount of \$500.00 were given to the Togus VA Hospital. Total donations will be used by VAVS as needed for needs and care of Veterans.
I would like to thank Fairfield Post # 6924 for their much-needed donation.

NATIONAL HOME

Joel D. Demers, Chairman

Greeting Comrades.

Great seeing many of you at the recent convention. Congrats to PSC Lane on a great year.

I will be setting the specific Department and Post goals soon. Will be 50% higher than last year based on you blowing away my last modest goal.

Not much to report at this point although we are off to a fast start. Over \$650 already donated!!!

Thanks again and please keep those checks rolling in. The National Home is a great organization that is worthy of your donations.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

SCOUTING

Michael K. Davis

Hello,

Congratulations to John Bouchard Commander VFW Department of Maine and all the incoming Officers. A new scouting year is upon us. I know this will be another outstanding scouting year. 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
Based in Orono, supporting scouting in northern Maine. Includes information on Camp Roosevelt,

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Cornelius J. Ware, SO

1. Re-opening of the Service Office. We officially reopened our doors on 01 May 2023 in accordance with VBA and VHA policy change. They are 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. So we 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 vaoghline@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. Operation at Ease Operation at Ease is VBAs latest PACT Act event. This event will be very. like the outdoor event VBA held in Scarborough, ME in the Cabela's parking lot and the indoor event they held in Bangor, ME at the Anah Shriner's facility.

Location: Parking Lot of Cary Medical Center, 163 Van Buren Road, Caribou, ME

The Caribou Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) and Caribou Maine Veterans' Home are in the same location.

Date: Friday, July 14, 2023

Proposed Time: 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Set-up from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.; clean-up 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cost: Free!

Like the events in the past, VBA plans on offering food (this time a breakfast), having some give away items, etc. Their goal is to provide as many resources as possible to Aroostook County Veterans.

5. Upcoming Outreach/PSO opportunities. There are a few outreach opportunities coming up. 14 July 2023 the DSO will be available in Caribou to meet with veterans and conduct one on one. PSO training and 03 August 2023 the ADSO will be available in Rumford. We hope to see as many people as possible.

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

Veterans Advisory to VA Maine Healthcare

One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation evermore!" - Oliver Wendell Holmes
Rumford Clinic is up and running. The correct address is 5 Railroad St. Rumford.

Presque Isle Clinic should have a final construction timeline by the end of calendar year.. Togus Specialty Care Clinics are ending construction and are expected to have an Open House planned sometime in August. Since we are in the midst of strawberry season, I am craving strawberry goodness. So here is a semi healthy snack. Strawberry Basil Snacks Ingredients: 2 English Muffins (toasted) 2 cups Strawberries (diced, 8-10) 2 tablespoons Fresh Basil (chopped) 2 tablespoons Balsamic Vinegar add pinch Salt add pinch Sugar 4 ounces Cream Cheese
1) Cut off strawberry stems and dice. Add to a bowl with balsamic vinegar and a pinch of salt and sugar. Stir and set aside for a few minutes. 2) Chop basil and toast english muffins until well-toasted.
3) Add cream cheese to each half of the muffins. 4) Top with strawberry mixture and fresh basil!
Be good to yourselves and be good to each other.

**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
Chairperson Commander's Special Project
Chairperson Youth Activities
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***Credentials/Public Relations
Jared Sawyer***

Greeting Comrades

Credentials: I want to thank the 20 Posts that sent me their Credentials for the State Convention! Overall, there were 24 Posts that voted at the State Convention in June, with 2 other Posts eligible to vote but not attending the Convention, that is 53% of Posts in the **Department voting, let's all work together to increase 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 have been 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 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 31 st 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. You still have time to send me this list of Delegates and Alternates via email at QM6859@gmail.com

Public Relations: Independence Day events are a great opportunity for Media outreach, which is an essential aspect when it comes to veterans's 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***

Homeless Veterans: According to the Point-in-Time Survey found 132 homeless Veterans. The total homeless individuals located this year was 4258. There were 1099 chronically homeless persons found in the 2023 survey. Maine Veterans in Need (MVN): The \$10,000.00 Department of Labor grant is being handled by MVN. The information number for services is 211. MVN was added as a contact for homeless Veterans. Our phone service is provided by the resource center in Brunswick. The level of calls is unmanageable. 211 will need to prioritize the calls and call the VA, MBVS, Preble Street, Fedcap and VOA during business hours. MVN is the only phone number that is available 24/7 for after business hours. MVN presented a position paper to the Governor during the Aid-de-camp meeting. It created some discussion from Department of Public Safety Commissioner Mike Sauschuck and Department of Correction Commissioner Randall Liberty. MBVS has funds that can be used for VEFAP. It may help the non-profits that can't afford to cover all the Veterans in Needs requests. 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:

The three-sided enclosure of the committal shelter is paid off. The job cost \$32,434.00. It is nice not having the weather blown thru the shelter. The state has a new superintendent for the cemetery system, Chip Jones.

We ordered 100 niche wall vases, and the manufacturer donated them at a cost of \$3,918.00. We also ordered 24 in the ground vases and received 32. The company said to keep them. That is a savings of \$278.80. The Surveying for the crosses that will be placed behind the POW/MIA Memorial will represent those who will not be returned for burial. The Brad Hoffman honors the stone ride raised \$3221.97 for the Women's Veteran Memorial.



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

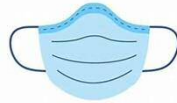
Tickets are \$ 40.00 per person

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”**

**DEPT @ 100.16% - Over by 11 For 100% (+2)
Department Statistics**

Maine as of Monday June 26, 2023

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2599	1	82	0	10	13	105	100	105.00%	+5	PRESQUE ISLE	0
6187	1	42	0	0	8	50	55	90.90%	-5	FORT FAIRFIELD	0
9389	1	323	5	0	63	391	380	102.89%	+11	CARIBOU	0
9699	1	54	0	0	5	59	61	96.72%	-2	ASHLAND	0
District Total	1	501	5	10	89	605	596	101.51%	+9		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1605	2	113	4	0	4	121	114	106.14%	+7	BURLINGTON	2
7529	2	48	0	0	13	61	61	100.00%	0	ISLAND FALLS	0
District Total	2	161	4	0	17	182	175	104.00%	+7		2
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9779	3	87	2	2	18	109	106	102.83%	3	CALAIS	0
11553	3	97	0	0	14	111	111	100.00%	0	HARRINGTON	1
District Total	3	184	2	2	32	220	217	101.38%	+3		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
109	4	104	6	0	40	150	145	103.44%	+5	ELLSWORTH	0
1761	4	150	0	0	25	175	197	88.83%	-22	BANGOR	0
3381	4	148	2	0	27	177	177	100.00%	0	OLD TOWN	1
4633	4	100	3	0	8	111	109	101.83%	+2	HAMPDEN	1
District Total	4	502	11	0	100	613	628	97.61%	-15		2
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
4298	5	46	1	0	14	61	61	100.00%	0	DEXTER	1
5723	5	3	0	0	7	10	12	83.33%	-2	JACKMAN	0
6924	5	90	1	0	7	98	109	89.90%	-11	FAIRFIELD	1
7865	5	111	9	19	30	169	136	124.26%	+33	MADISON-ANSON	0
10881	5	20	0	0	3	23	25	92.00%	-2	FARMINGTON	0
11191	5	19	0	0	9	28	29	96.55%	-1	NEWPORT	0
District Total	5	289	11	19	70	389	372	104.56%	+17		2

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
3095	6	8	0	0	4	12	13	92.30%	-1	FRIENDSHIP	0
3108	6	112	10	2	30	154	138	111.59%	+16	BELFAST	1
4169	6	8	0	0	4	12	13	92.30%	-1	VINALHAVEN	0
6131	6	45	1	0	16	62	72	86.11%	-10	NORTHPORT	0
9437	6	31	0	0	3	34	32	106.25%	+2	WASHINGTON	1
District Total	6	204	11	2	57	274	268	102.23%	+6		2
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2197	7	61	3	2	29	95	87	109.19%	+8	TOPSHAM	0
7738	7	64	3	2	7	76	75	101.33%	+1	BATH	0
District Total	7	125	6	4	36	171	162	105.55%	+9		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9	8	35	0	0	8	43	46	93.47%	-3	GARDINER	0
887	8	185	4	1	36	226	234	96.58%	-8	AUGUSTA	0
1285	8	193	0	0	10	203	214	94.85%	-11	WATERVILLE	1
8835	8	217	9	1	35	262	244	107.37%	18	WINSLOW	2
9526	8	33	1	1	7	42	40	105.00%	2	WINTHROP	0
District Total	8	663	14	3	96	776	778	99.74%	-2		3
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1603	9	312	4	1	63	380	370	102.70%	+10	LEWISTON-AUBURN	1
1641	9	47	0	7	19	73	122	59.83%	-49	RUMFORD	0
3335	9	168	1	1	32	202	198	102.02%	+4	JAY	2
9787	9	99	1	0	24	124	122	101.63%	+2	SOUTH PARIS	2
District Total	9	626	6	9	138	779	812	95.93%	-35		5
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
6783	10	32	0	0	5	37	39	94.87%	-2	LOVELL	0
6859	10	300	7	7	54	368	360	102.22%	+8	PORTLAND	9
9328	10	28	0	0	2	30	33	90.90%	-3	HARRISON	0
10529	10	66	0	0	0	66	66	100.00%	0	YARMOUTH	0
10643	10	74	1	2	21	98	98	100.00%	0	WINDHAM	0
10879	10	219	0	0	28	247	254	97.24%	-7	GORHAM	0
District	10	719	8	9	110	865	850	99.52%	-4		9

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
5744	11	107	3	1	35	146	144	101.38%	+2	SOUTH BERWICK	0
6977	11	164	5	2	23	194	183	106.01%	+11	YORK BEACH	1
7997	11	153	9	8	107	277	257	107.78%	+20	OLD ORCHARD BEACH	3
9394	11	49	2	1	6	58	54	107.40%	+4	KITTERY	1
9935	11	152	7	1	101	261	273	95.60%	-12	SANFORD	0
District Total	11	625	26	13	272	936	911	102.74%	+25		5
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
15020	99	581	30	9	100	720	731	98.49%	-11	RUMFORD	13
District Total	99	581	30	9	100	720	731	98.49%	-11	QM'S HOUSE	13
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
State Total	0	5180	134	80	1117	6511	6500	100.16%	+11		44



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

THIS 2022 – 2023 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP?

“VETERANS FIRST UNITED AND UNDIVIDED”

“RETAIN-REINSTATE-RECRUIT”

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JENNIFER LANE STATE COMMANDER**

DIVISION LEADERS <>> JUNE 26, 2023

>> LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR DEPARTMENT GROW <<

DIV. I (10-50) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. IV (201-300) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 9437 WASHINGTON	106.25%	1. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	107.78%
2. 9526 WINTHROP	105.00%	2. 8835 WINSLOW	107.37%
3. 11191 NEWPORT	96.55%	3. 10879 GORHAM	97.24%
DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. V (301-400) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 2197 TOPSHAM	109.19%	1. 9389 CARIBOU	102.89%
2. 9394 KITTEERY	107.40%	2. 1603 AUBURN	102.70%
3. 10529 YARMOUTH	100.00%	3. 6859 PORTLAND	102.22%
DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. VI (401- HIGHER) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 7865 MADISON	124.26%	1.	
2. 3108 BELFAST	111.59%	2.	
3. 1605 BURLINGTON	106.14%	3.	
TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY %		TEN LARGEST POSTS	
1. 7865 MADISON	124.26%	1. 9389 CARIBOU	391
2. 3108 BELFAST	111.59%	2. 1603 AUBURN	380
3. 2197 TOPSHAM	109.19%	3. 6859 PORTLAND	368
4. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	107.78%	4. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	277
5. 9394 KITTEERY	107.40%	5. 8835 WINSLOW	262
6. 8835 WINSLOW	107.37%	6. 9935 SANFORD	261
7. 9437 WASHINGTON	106.25%	7. 10879 GORHAM	247
8. 1605 BURLINGTON	106.14%	8. 887 AUGUSTA	226
9. 6977 YORK	106.01%	9. 1285 WATERVILLE	203
10. 9526 WINTHROP	105.00%	10. 3335 JAY	202
DISTRICT STANDINGS		MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2022-2023	
1. District 7 STEVENS	105.55%	WE HAVE = 6511 – WE ARE OVER 11	
2. District 5 CLUKEY	104.56%	ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 100%	
3. District 2 EWING	104.00%		
4. District 11 BACHELDER	102.74%	5 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A BLUE BALL CAP	
5. District 6 ARMSTRONG	102.23%	10 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A WHITE VFW SHIRT	
6. District 1 SAUCIER	101.51%	ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT	
7. District 3 BENNER	101.38%	LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND	
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE, VFW	100.16%	RETAIN – RECRUIT & REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS?	
8. District 8 LAMBERT	99.74%	NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS	
9. District 10 GOODMAN	99.52%	ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK?	
10. District 4 SULLIVAN	97.61%		
11. District 9 HATCH	95.93%		

Dist	Div	Post #	Name	Americanism/Loyalty Day	Blood /Safety/DrugAbuse	Ordered Buddy Poppies	Commanders Special Project Veterans Family Camp	Community Service	National Military Service	Youth	POW - MIA	Hospital /AVS	Audit Report - Jun	Audit Report - Sept	Audit Report - Dec	Audit Report - Mar	Bonding	Voice of Democracy	Patriot Pen	Teacher to Department	Delegates to National	Post Inspected	Recruiter's Event Booth	Scouts
1	4	2599	Presque Isle	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
1	2	6187	Fort Fairfield										x	x	x	x	x					x		
1	6	9389	Caribou			x					x		x	x	x	x	x					x		
1	3	9699	Ashland								x		x	x	x	x	x					x		
1			District 1										x	x	x	x	x					x		
2	2	1605	Burlington	x		x	x		x				x	x	x	x	x					x		
2	2	7529	Island Falls	x									x	x	x	x	x					x		
2			District 2										x	x	x	x	x					x		
3	3	9779	Calais	x		x		x			x		x	x	x	x	x					x		
3	3	11553	Harrington										x	x	x	x	x					x		
3			District 3										x	x	x	x	x					x		
4	3	109	Elsworth	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x		
4	5	1761	Bangor										x	x	x	x	x					x		
4	5	3381	Old Town	x				x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x					x		
4	3	4633	Hampden	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x		
4			District 4										x	x	x	x	x					x		
5	2	4298	Dexter																					
5	1	5723	Jackman Stat															x						
5	3	6924	Fairfield									x												
5	3	7865	Madison	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x		
5	1	10881	Farmington				x					x	x	x	x	x	x							
5	1	11191	Newport										x	x	x	x	x							
5			District 5										x	x	x	x	x							
6	1	3095	Friendship			x							x	x	x	x	x							
6	4	3108	Belfast	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x		
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven										x	x	x	x	x							
6	2	6131	Northport		x	x							x	x	x	x	x					x		
6	1	9437	Washington										x	x	x	x	x					x		
6			District 6										x	x	x	x	x					x		

