

Department of Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars



"Honor Their Courage"

October 2023 GENERAL ORDERS No.4

Happy 248th Birthday United States Navy

<**SPECIAL NOTICES**>

<u>Currently our Department website is unable to do Community service reports.</u> At this time, we are Working on our new website, once its up and running we will let you know.

During the period of October 20th – 22nd Commander Bouchard will be out of state for Eastern Conference, during This period PSC Al Michaud will be in command.

COVID -19 TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

Celebrating Past State Commanders Christopher Robison and Keith Davis and 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.

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- 1. Dates for Council of Administration Meetings and Testimonials:
 - >Oct 14th> Augusta Civic Center,

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

- >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. Patriot Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year Banquet** to be held at Post 1285 Winslow, January 20th, 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. All Commanders: Section 209 Consolidation of Posts:** Two or more Posts may consolidate upon a vote of their respective members conducted in accordance with the procedures herein set forth as follows:
- >A motion to consider consolidation shall be made and approved at a regular or special meeting of the Posts.
- >A committee shall be appointed by the Post Commander to investigate consolidation.
- >All Posts involved in the consolidation shall exchange a report of all assets and liabilities.
- >A Post may then, after at least twenty (20) days written notice to the Department Commander, District Commander and members of the respective Posts, consolidate upon a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at each regular or special meetings of the respective Posts.
- >The Department Commander shall be notified, in writing, immediately after the meeting of the outcome of the action taken.
- >A Department representative shall conduct a joint meeting of all Posts within thirty (30) days for the purpose to determining the name, number (must be one of the consolidating Post Numbers), location of the consolidated Post and the election and installation of officers. A written notice must be sent to the members of all Posts involved at least fourteen (14) days in advance. All actions, except for the election of officers, must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting.
- >Such facts shall be certified by the Department representative, submitted to the Department Commander for forwarding to the Commander-in-Chief who shall issue a Certificate of Charter reciting the facts of such consolidation. The Certificate of Charter shall rank from the date of the senior Post's charter. The property of each of the Posts shall be conveyed to and become the property of rank as of date of service in their respective Posts.

Notwithstanding the provisions above, the Department Commander may recommend consolidation to the Commander-in-Chief as circumstances dictate.

- **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. 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.** The National Bylaws provide for only one type of membership: active membership. There are no provisions in the National Bylaws, nor is there any authority or justification for issuance of Club Membership cards, Associate Member cards, Honorary Membership cards, Courtesy Membership cards or any other special type of cards. Any Post issuing such unauthorized cards, or conducting club operations open to the general public, endangers its standing with the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization. Officers signing outlaw cards admitting non-members to VFW premises are subject to disciplinary action. National and Department officers cannot defend practices that conflict with VFW Bylaws or procedures.
- 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: 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

Department Surgeon> James Ewing> Post 1605

Department Surgeon> Randolph Michaud> Post 2599

17. 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 19, 2023

18. District Meeting Dates:

October 2023

D-5> 8 Oct @ 1pm > Jackman Post 5723> SG Stevens D-6> 8 Oct @ 1pm> Washington Post 9347> JVC Meuchel D-9> 22 Oct @ 1pm> Auburn Post 1603> SVC Kimble D-8> 29 Oct @ 3 pm> Winslow Post 8835> JVC Meuchel D-11> 29 Oct @ 2pm> OOB Post 7997> CMDR Bouchard

November 2023

D-1> 12 Nov@ 1pm> Fort Fairfield Post 6187> QM Williams D-2> 4 Nov @ 1pm> Burlington Post 1605> SVC Kimble

BY COMMAND OF:

John Bouchard

John Bouchard Commander

OFFICIAL:

Carl Lambert
Carl Lambert
Adjutant





State Commander John Bouchard

This year's theme for VOD, what are the Greatest Attributes of our Democracy and Patriot Pen theme, how are you Inspired by America. In October we should have a new post in District 1 Houlton the commander to has all his line officers will have all 10 MEMBERS present. The VA reduce the number of Veterans opioid prescription by 67% since 2012 from 874;897 Veterans in 2012 to 288;820 in 2023. VA celebrates 50 years of the National Cemetery Administration Since 1973 NCA has ensured that Veterans' service members' and their families are honored with a final resting place that pays tribute their service

"Honor Their Courage."

Yours in Comradeship,

John Bouchard
John Bouchard
Commander



Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain 31 August- 28 September 2023

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

District 1

2599> Fred L Berube Robert W Hafford Jr. 6187> Clarence L Mc Laughlin 9389> Joseph Bouchard Jr. Walter Greenier II 9699> Ernest H Weaver

District 2

1605> Earl V Dill Sidney H Johnson Dennis York

District 3

9779> Milan S Jamieson 11553> Sidney F Putnam Leeland L Peabody

District 4

109> Richard A Emery
1761> Alvin C Harvey
Floyd G Severance
Carl C White
3381> Roger B Gifford
Jean M Lizzotte
David C Wollstadt
4633> James M Cutler

District 5

4298> Robert J Cooley Linwood B Neal 7865> James L Doiron 7865>Frederick H Greene Sr.

District 6

3108>Daniel H Fairbrother 6131>Alfred S Green Jr. 9437>Earl R Norwood Jr.

District 7

2197>Robert A Hatch Jr. 7738>Randall M Furbish William B Wallace

District 8

887>Loren D Conger
Willis G Ellsworth
1285>David S Jackson
8835>Harry L Goodrich
Frederick E Kiesow
Robert W Marcoux
Louis L Poulin
Harry E Smith
9526>George W Allen

District 9

1603>Richard M Coutts
John H Dubuc
Roland C Grondin
Jon D Turner
1641> Arthur A Perry
Edward J Roach Jr.
3335>Calvin A Smith
Francis Paling
9787> Michael J Baldwin
Brand F McAllister

District 10

6859>John A Lewis 10529>Robert T Crowder 10643>Paul R Brosig Arthur W Carr Samuel J Somma

District 11

6977> Riopold D'Alfonso Peter G Woodward 7997>Joseph A Bourque Roger J Sicard Robert G Smith

Members at Large

15020>Richard Annunziato
Raymond C Bishop Sr.
James J Bruce
Richard A Fain
Paul N Laverdiere
Michael W Poirier
Felton W Roberts Jr.
Richard E Tasker



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



We have passed the Fall Solstice and summer is officially over. I know I love this time of year for college and pro football, sweatshirts, firepits and gathering with friends talking about our holiday plans. I hope everyone had a great summer with your families and built some great memories. Posts will be gathering their VOD, PP an TOY nominations throughout the month. Please make sure you get your Post judging completed by deadlines outlined below. 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 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 will be away for the Junior Vice Commander Training in Kansas City at the beginning of the month of October and then again in October to the VFW Eastern Conference. I have enjoyed attending the district meeting and learning a lot of what every post focuses on. From community service and reaching out to your members.

WAYS AND MEANS; So far, we have only received \$300 worth of Ways and Means raffles. I will send up with someone the rest of the raffles. Many were sent out but were returned due to bad addresses.

SVA; In September I met up with Amy Lainoff, Director of Veterans and Military Student Services at Southern Maine Community College. The Veteran's Center has been moved to Howe Hall. This space includes desktop computers, tv, movies, snacks, games and more. It was great to see the veterans on campus using it. Reach out to your local Universities and Colleges to see if they need anything i.e.: snacks and/or school supplies.

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

I hope these General Order's find everyone healthy and in good spirits.

Audits As we enter October the Sept.30 reports are now due, please get them in when possible. Also, there are many posts who still haven't submitted the July 30 report, if you're one of the ones who haven't please submit sooner rather than later.

Poppys. Orders are flowing in a few at a time. If you need poppy's, please order them in advance so that you have them in plenty of time.

Bonds Your 2022 VFW Bonds are now expired so if you have not renewed them, it's time to do so. All the paperwork was sent out to renew Bonds.

I hope you all have a great CofA meeting, and Testimonial I will be attending Training in K.C.

JUDGE ADVOCATE POW/MIA William E Day

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

Army Cpl. Lewis W. Hill, 18 Detroit, Michigan Army AF 2 nd Lt. Max E. Daily, 21 Cherokee, Iowa Army Sgt. 1sr Class James L. Dorrance, 20 Omaha, Nebraska Army Cpl. James A. Hurt, 25 East St Louis, Illinois J.A. Just a reminder to get your NEW Manual of Procedur!sure it is current!

SURGEON Safety & Drug Abuse Roger Stevens

Recently had my first visit as Department Representative to our comrades downeast in District Three. I am pleased to announce that they were in good spirits after experiencing Hurricane Lee the day before. Some of them had trees down, but thankfully, no damage to buildings. They had a big pot of home-made fish chowder, and still warm home-made bread. Wow!

This month I'm reminding everyone to strongly consider vaccinations. It's time for flu shots once again. There is also a newly approved Covid booster you probably should look into. While you're at it, check to see how long it's been since you've had a tetanus shot. Those of you who are a little older, if you haven't already, give serious thought to getting shots for shingles and pneumonia. Please bring up the subject of vaccinations to your post members and families.

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

As a result of the Graves Registration Report not being accessible through the Department website, I have asked the adjutant to include a temporary report that may be used. It can be mailed or emailed to me.

Check in on your comrades because you may have no idea what they're going through. Some people aren't vocal about their deepest, darkest feelings. They don't want to bother anyone with their problems. They don't want to admit how badly they've been struggling. They don't want to give anyone a reason to worry about them or to pity them or to judge them. You might not have a clue that they're secretly suffering, so make sure you check in on them just in case. Remind them you're there if they need absolutely anything just in case. Check in on them because even the people who seem like they have their lives together, one hundred percent, might be struggling. They might be

covering up their pain with laughter and smiles. They might be acting like they're perfectly fine because they don't want to show any weaknesses. They might be overcompensating for how miserable they feel by acting happy all the time. You never know what someone is going through behind closed doors, not even your closest comrades or friends, so make sure you treat them with as much kindness as you can carry.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

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 3,702 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.wreathsacrossamerica.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,

Congratulations to Post 7738 Bath for being the first Post to reach their goal of 100% in Membership! We need many more to join them, but this is the start. The leaves are starting to change color so the weather will start to change quickly. Please take advantage of what we have left to get out into your community. You may run into Members that need to renew their Membership. Let's get out there and get these Members!

National Council Member – Maine – The council meeting was very productive. It was eye-opening. sitting on the Budget and Finance Committee as we developed and passed the 2023-2024 budget. We cut things and added some new stuff. There is additional funding for our Service Officers which will help our Department.

Legislation – I just returned from the VFW National Fall Legislative Conference. I was able to meet. with all the offices. I met with Senator King and Congressman Golden in person. We discussed the GUARD Act, TAP and the VA providing more in detail information on Veterans Suicide, we also discussed a personal issue and the Maine Veterans Homes. They were very receptive to our concerns. I am very happy to say that after our meeting Senator King Sponsored S2888 authorizing Certified/Accredited Service Officers onto military installation during the TAP workshop. We are happy that Senator King and his staff worked hard to make this happen. Now we need to get this bill passed!

Membership – The Department is currently sitting at 82.24% with 5373 Members which is an increase of 78.34% and 5118 Members. We need 1170 Members to reach 100%. We have increased our New Members by 2 and our Reinstated Members by 24 from this time last year. We have 5 Posts that have completed a Recruiter Event and submitted the proper paperwork to me. Now that Life Members are showing up, we know where we stand. Please keep working on your rosters. 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 they 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

I have nothing to report on as I have not received any reports in months. 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 4 th, POW/MIA 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...

The next Finance meeting will be at the next COA. Reminder to all COA members and Chairman that all funding not covered on 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.

Grants Coordinator/ NV&MS Jennifer L Lane, IPSC

Grants: Our State of Maine VSO Grant \$60,000.00 is on track. Our VA Transportation Grant the \$37,344.00 in process of closing out. We have applied for the 2023-2024 Transportation grant, have received final approval, and are waiting for it to be posted in the Pay Management System. State of Maine Homeless Veterans Grant awaiting check.

Veterans and Military Support (VMS): Please be advised that the VFW National Headquarters Unmet Needs Program has changed. As of 09/01/2023 the Unmet Needs Program is only able to assist active-duty service members and their families to include activated Guard/Reserves. The financial hardship must be a direct result of a current deployment/military pay error not the fault of the service member/pending medical discharge due to military related injuries/illnesses received while on active duty. Grant limit has also increase to \$2,500. The VFW Assistance/Financial Grant webpage has been updated along with the links to the Unmet Needs Eligibility Criteria PDF and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) PDF. Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship is now accepting applications for the Spring 2024 semester; application period is open until November 15, 2023. Support your local Sport Clips location. Student Veteran Support Grant: These grants focus on supporting the overall student population with the communities that are not affiliated with SVA chapters. Grant awards to Post/Districts/Depts are up to \$500/event and up to two times a year. Military Assistance

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 send a report of all efforts and activities regarding these programs to me so I can complete an all-inclusive report to National.

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

A donation in the amount of \$500.00 was given to the Togus Hospital / VAVS. It was donated for Care and Needs of the Veterans. I would like to thank Post # 6924, Fairfield for the much-needed donation. Thank you, M.W. Blair

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.

SCOUTING Michael K. Davis

Hello,

Where did summer go? I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the COA and my roasting. 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 zero 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

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 ie: (ICU, Urgent Care, CLC Unit) just to name a few. So we still continue to do appointments (this help 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 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. But for now, please stay healthy and stay safe.

2. Avoid 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 cautios of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service. To report suspected fraudulent activity, please contact VA at vaoigholine@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 seems suspicious.

3. Upcoming Veterans Home-less stand downs. The Maine Bureau of Veterans; Services will be hosting mobile homeless veteran Stand Downs across the State of Maine this fall for the fourth year in a row.

The Stand Downs are events that connect homeless veterans with housing and access to winter clothes, non-perishable food, and more. For more information, call 207-287-7019 or email HVC.MaineBVS@maine.gov 10: 00 AM - 2:00 PM; these dates and locations:

October 4th – Hannaford, 295 Forest Ave, Portland, ME 04101 October 18th – MBVS Springvale Office/Vet Center. 634 Main Street Springvale, ME 04083

October 25th - Togus. 1 VA Center, Augusta, ME. 04330

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

"My favorite color is October." Unknown

Welcome to October Comrades. There's something special about autumn in New England. It's hard to capture the crispness of the air. That bite to a ripe apple. That first sip of cider. The crunch of fallen leaves beneath your feet. And it's hard not to catch the excitement of the little ones dressed up as ghostish and goblins waiting for candy night. I like to think this is one of these things we fought to preserve and this is one of those things I will always take a moment and breathe in every time the season comes around.

HEY KIDS! ITS FLU SHOT TIME! LINE EM UP! You Yes You too can enjoy a wonderful absolutely free jab at a drive-up clinic at a convenient VA Clinic. I don't have any fun elevator music to pipe over the GOs but the time/date/location is below.

Portland: 9/30; 10/14 0900-1300 Lewiston 9/30 & amp;10/14 0900-1300 Rumford Sorry folks not ready yet Bangor 9/30, 10/7; 10/14 0800-1300 Lincoln Sorry folks not ready yet Calais 9/30 0900-1400 Caribou 9/22 0900-1300 Togus 9/30, 10/7; 10/14 0700-1300

Now I am certain if you are in need of a flu shot comrade if you call your provider, a wonderful health. care professional would be more than happy to give you a friendly jab. Know a Woman Veteran? Appreciate a Woman Veteran? Sadly, sometimes we women veterans are often overlooked not necessarily out of malice or ill intent but just because. We have some amazing folks around the State that do great things to correct that. Saturday November 18 at 930 am is the 10 th Annual Women Veterans Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the American Legion Post 24 in Rumford Maine. If you are interested in going or your post is interested in supporting please RSVP to Tricia Thurston at 207-357-3289 by November 16 th . I did a quick search of the "awareness month" for October. Besides the Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness, October is also National Depression Education and Awareness Month. We all learn to walk our journey in this life as best we can comrades. One of the very core tenets of our organization is comradeship. We don't have to walk it alone. You know who your people are. Be good to yourself and be good to each other. Love Your Friend Io.

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 lease 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
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 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 Veterans Day approaches, come up with a media plan to advertise what your Posts are doing, use the day as an opportunity to get the word out 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) Iames Bachelder

Homeless Veterans: We are halfway thru the 6 Stand-Downs. We helped 19 homeless Veterans and 20 Veterans in need at the Brewer, Caribou and Lewiston events. Several of the Veterans have received the services they were looking for. The next 3 Stand-Downs are October 4th at the Portland Hannaford, October 18th at the Springvale Vet Center and October 25th at Togus. All Stand-downs are from 10:00 AM until 2 PM.

Maine Veterans in Need (MVN) has a booth at all the Stand-Downs. The face-to-face time with the providers is very helpful. We are seeing several Veterans that MVN assisted in recent months. They are so grateful for all the support they are receiving for the local providers. 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. 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 water problems in the area around the committal shelter are due to a bad control panel. The replacement has been located and will be installed when the system is shut down for the winter. It was a great year for the flowers. The rain covered the need for volunteers to water all the gardens. The flowers at the committal shelter should return each year if they are cared for and not completely cut back. Six more cremation niche walls will be installed in between the ones already in use. The cemetery will be inspected by the VA this month. We are planning next year's Memorial Day ceremony. We are hoping all the Ghouls just Trick or Treat and stay out of the Cemetery.

"Happy Halloween"

Beals House/VSO

Teresa Drag

Beals House:

The quarterly board meeting was held at Beals House on September 9th. Discussion is ongoing about replacing mattresses and bedframes. 23 Guests in July and 21 in August. The next meeting will be December 9, 2023 at 11:30 AM, followed by a Potluck Holiday party. THANK YOU to Post 7738 for its donation earlier this year, and a SPECIAL THANK YOU to Posts 6924 and 6859 which have been making monthly donations.

VSO: (nothing to add to what James sent in).

Inspector

Danford Saucier

Dear Comrades

Well, fall in here and that means that the cold weather is coming with it. Everything points to an early snow fall for some areas. That is why I am asking you District Commanders to get your District Inspectors to do the post inspections as soon as possible. National's General orders state that all inspections are to be in by December 31st. The State Commander has sent the deadline for Maine on Feb. 28, 2024. If I do not have the reports by that date, then your post or district will not be able to vote at the State Convention in June. This falls on the District Commanders to make sure that the posts are inspected with that time [period. If you have inspected the post &districts, you can hand deliver them to me at the COA meeting in Augusta on October 14 or mail them to me at P.O. Box 16, Fort Kent, Maine 04743. I will see you all at the COA Meeting.

State Inspector Danford (Gary) Saucier

Community Activities/ Website Chief of Staff Christopher Robison

The website is still in process. You can get caught up on your reporting by using the Programs Dashboard on National's OMS. The National program requires reporting through the Dashboard to qualify for All-American and Outstanding Community Service Post. The OCSP will be determined solely by National based on reporting on the Dashboard. As C/A Chairman, I cannot do any reporting for you to National. Reporting must be done by the Post or District on behalf of those Posts in their District that cannot access the Dashboard.



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

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

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 @ 81.98% - Need 1177 For 100% (22+) Department Statistics

Maine as of Friday September 22, 2023

| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
|-------------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|-------|---------------|---------|------|----------------|-----------|
| 2599 | 1 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 77 | 105 | 73.33% | -28 | PRESQUE ISLE | 0 |
| 6187 | 1 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 42 | 50 | 84.00% | -8 | FORT FAIRFIELD | 0 |
| 9389 | 1 | 301 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 308 | 392 | 78.57% | -84 | CARIBOU | 0 |
| 9699 | 1 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 54 | 59 | 91.52% | -5 | ASHLAND | 0 |
| District Total | 1 | 470 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 481 | 606 | 79.37% | -125 | | 0 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 1605 | 2 | 110 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 113 | 122 | 92.62% | -9 | BURLINGTON | 0 |
| 7529 | 2 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 51 | 61 | 83.60% | -10 | ISLAND FALLS | 0 |
| District Total | 2 | 157 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 164 | 183 | 89.61% | -19 | | 0 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 9779 | 3 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 89 | 109 | 81.65% | -20 | CALAIS | 0 |
| 11553 | 3 | 97 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 103 | 111 | 92.79% | -8 | HARRINGTON | 0 |
| District Total | 3 | 178 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 192 | 220 | 87.27% | -28 | | 0 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 109 | 4 | 102 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 122 | 150 | 81.33% | -28 | ELLSWORTH | 1 |
| 1761 | 4 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 145 | 175 | 82.85% | -30 | BANGOR | 0 |
| 3381 | 4 | 142 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 151 | 177 | 85.31% | -26 | OLD TOWN | 1 |
| 4633 | 4 | 97 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 100 | 111 | 90.09% | -11 | HAMPDEN | 0 |
| District Total | 4 | 481 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 518 | 613 | 84.50% | -95 | | 2 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 4298 | 5 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 43 | 61 | 70.49% | -18 | DEXTER | 0 |
| 5723 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 60.00% | -4 | JACKMAN | 0 |
| 6924 | 5 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 91 | 98 | 92.85% | -7 | FAIRFIELD | 0 |
| 7865 | 5 | 109 | 3 | 16 | 7 | 135 | 169 | 79.88% | -34 | MADISON-ANSON | 2 |
| 10881 | 5 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 23 | 82.60% | -4 | FARMINGTON | 0 |
| District Total | 5 | 262 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 294 | 361 | 81.44% | -67 | | 2 |

| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
|-------------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|-------|---------------|---------|------|---------------------|-----------|
| 3095 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 66.66% | -4 | FRIENDSHIP | 0 |
| 3108 | 6 | 107 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 117 | 155 | 75.48% | -38 | BELFAST | 0 |
| 4169 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 12 | 75.00% | -3 | VINALHAVEN | 0 |
| 6131 | 6 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 49 | 62 | 79.03% | -13 | NORTHPORT | 0 |
| 9437 | 6 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 34 | 94.11% | -2 | WASHINGTON | 0 |
| District Total | 6 | 200 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 215 | 275 | 78.18% | -60 | | 0 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 2197 | 7 | 64 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 70 | 95 | 73.68% | -25 | TOPSHAM | 0 |
| 7738 | 7 | 70 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 76 | 76 | 100.00% | 0 | BATH | 0 |
| District Total | 7 | 134 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 146 | 171 | 85.38% | -25 | | 0 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 9 | 8 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 47 | 74.46% | -12 | GARDINER | 0 |
| 887 | 8 | 187 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 197 | 238 | 82.77% | -41 | AUGUSTA | 1 |
| 1285 | 8 | 189 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 190 | 203 | 93.59% | -13 | WATERVILLE | 0 |
| 8835 | 8 | 214 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 237 | 263 | 90.11% | -26 | WINSLOW | 3 |
| 9526 | 8 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 35 | 42 | 83.33% | -7 | WINTHROP | 0 |
| District Total | 8 | 656 | 4 | 11 | 23 | 694 | 793 | 87.51% | -99 | | 4 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 1603 | 9 | 294 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 306 | 380 | 80.52% | -74 | LEWISTON- AUBURN | 0 |
| 1641 | 9 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 43 | 73 | 58.90% | -30 | RUMFORD | 0 |
| 3335 | 9 | 161 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 167 | 203 | 82.26% | -36 | JAY | 0 |
| 9787 | 9 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 96 | 124 | 77.41% | -28 | SOUTH PARIS | 0 |
| District Total | 9 | 587 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 612 | 780 | 78.46% | -168 | | 0 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 6783 | 10 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 37 | 81.08% | -7 | LOVELL | 0 |
| 6859 | 10 | 292 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 303 | 368 | 82.33% | -65 | PORTLAND | 2 |
| 9328 | 10 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 30 | 93.33% | -2 | HARRISON | 0 |
| 10529 | 10 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 66 | 92.42% | -5 | YARMOUTH | 0 |
| 10643 | 10 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 76 | 98 | 77.55% | -22 | WINDHAM | 0 |
| 10879 | 10 | 194 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 198 | 247 | 80.16% | -49 | GORHAM | 0 |
| District | 10 | 674 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 696 | 846 | 82.26% | -150 | | 2 |

| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
|-------------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|-------|---------------|---------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| 5744 | 11 | 104 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 133 | 146 | 91.09% | -13 | SOUTH BERWICK | 0 |
| 6977 | 11 | 161 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 162 | 194 | 83.50% | -32 | YORK BEACH | 0 |
| 7997 | 11 | 151 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 166 | 277 | 59.92% | -111 | OLD ORCHARD BEACH | 0 |
| 9394 | 11 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 50 | 58 | 86.20% | -8 | KITTERY | 0 |
| 9935 | 11 | 148 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 218 | 262 | 83.20% | -44 | SANFORD | 0 |
| District Total | 11 | 612 | 1 | 1 | 115 | 729 | 937 | 77.80% | -208 | | 0 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 15020 | 99 | 576 | 4 | 0 | 35 | 615 | 748 | 82.21% | -133 | RUMFORD | 3 |
| District Total | 99 | 576 | 4 | 0 | 35 | 615 | 748 | 82.21% | -133 | QM'S HOUSE | 3 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| State Total | | 4987 | 23 | 30 | 316 | 5356 | 6533 | 81.98% | -1177 | | 14 |





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

THIS 2023 - 2024 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP?

"HONOR THEIR COURAGE"

"RETAIN-REINSTATE-RECRUIT"

| JOHI | | EIR COURAGE" STATE COMMANDER | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| DIVISION LEADERS <>>> SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 | | | | | | | |
| | | MAKE OUR DEPARTMENT GROW << | | | | | |
| 77 EET O WORK TO | JOE III EK IO | MARLE GORE BELLARIMENT GROW | | | | | |
| DIV. I (10-50) TOP 3 POSTS | IN DIV. | DIV. IV (201-300) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV. | | | | | |
| 2 (10 00) 101 01 0010 | 2 | | J Z | | | | |
| 1. 9437 WASHINGTON | 94.11% | 1. 1285 WATERVILLE | 93.59% | | | | |
| 2. 9328 HARRISON | 93.33% | 2. 8835 WINSLOW | 90.11% | | | | |
| 3. 9526 WINTHROP | 83.33% | 3. 9935 SANFORD | 83.20% | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN D | IV. | DIV. V (301-400) TOP 3 POSTS | S IN DIV. | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1. 7738 BATH | 100.00% | 1. 6859 PORTLAND | 82.33% | | | | |
| 2. 10529 YARMOUTH | 92.42% | 2. 1603 AUBURN | 80.52% | | | | |
| 3. 9699 ASHLAND | 91.52% | 3. 9389 CARIBOU | 78.57% | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN | DIV. | DIV. VI (401- HIGHER) TOP 3 POST | S IN DIV. | | | | |
| 1. 6924 FAIRFIELD | 92.85% | 1. | | | | | |
| 2. 1605 BURLINGTON | 92.62% | 2. | | | | | |
| 3. 11553 HARRINGTON | 90.99% | 3. | | | | | |
| TEN HIGHEST POSTS I | BY % | I TEN LARGEST POSTS | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1. 7738 BATH | 100.00% | 1. 9389 CARIBOU | 308 | | | | |
| 2. 9437 WASHINGTON | 94.11% | 2. 1603 AUBURN | 306 | | | | |
| 3. 1285 WATERVILLE | 93.59% | 3 6859 PORTLAND | 303 | | | | |
| 4. 9328 HARRISON | 93.33% | 4. 8835 WINSLOW | 237 | | | | |
| 5. 6924 FAIRFIELD | 92.85% | 5. 9935 SANFORD | 218 | | | | |
| 6. 11553 HARRINGTON | 92.79% | 6. 887 AUGUSTA | 197 | | | | |
| 7. 1605 BURLINGTON | 92.52% | 7. 10879 GORHAM | 198 | | | | |
| 8. 10529 YARMOUTH | 92.42% | 8. 1285 WATERVILLE | 190 | | | | |
| 9. 9699 ASHLAND | 91.52% | 9. 3335 JAY | 167 | | | | |
| 10. 5744 BERWICK | 91.09% | 10. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH | 164 | | | | |
| DISTRICT STANDING | iS | I MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2022 | -2023 | | | | |
| 1. District 2 EWING | 89.61% | WE HAVE = 5356 – WE NEE | ~~~~~~~ | | | | |
| 2. District 8 LAMBERT | 87.51% | ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD | | | | | |
| 3. District 3 BENNER | 87.27% | ALL I COLONDICTION CHICALD | AT 100/0 | | | | |
| 4. District 7 HARMON | 85.38% | 5 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A BLUE | BALL CAP | | | | |
| 5. District 4 SLININGER | 84.50% | 10 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A WHIT | | | | | |
| 6. District 10 GOODMAN | 82.26% | ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED | | | | | |
| DEPARTMENT OF MAINE, VFW | 81.98% | LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEA | | | | | |
| 7. District 5 CLUKEY | 81.44% | RETAIN - RECRUIT & REINSTATE | | | | | |
| 8. District 1 WATSON | 79.37% | NEED HELP or HAVE QUES | TIONS | | | | |
| 9. District 9 HATCH | 78.46% | ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSH | | | | | |
| 10. District 6 ARMSTRONG | 78.18% | | | | | | |
| 11. District 11 MCINNIS | 77.80% | | | | | | |

RECRUITING EVENTS

| Post or District# | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Location of Event | Date | Time |
| VFW Member & Title Pre | | |
| Description of Event: | | |
| | | |
| | | Reinstated |
| Comments of Event: | | |
| | | Pedro of Event prior to Date |
| Submit a signed copy of the Steven SanPedro, 251 Grasanpedro 105@roadrunner. | y Rd., Windham | - |
| Please include photos or n Membership Book | ews articles to b | e used in the Commanders |
| Date: | | |
| Signature of Post Commar | nder or Departm | ent Officer |



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 | of Deceased Con | nrade | 2 | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|--|
| Post# | District # | regrets to report the d | leath of: | | |
| (Last Name) | (Middle Initial) | (First Name) | | | |
| Whose Address was: | | | | | |
| Who Served with: | During: | | | | |
| (1 | Branch of Service) (War Era: | WW I, WWII, Korea, Vi | ietnam, e | 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: | C | bituary Forthcoming: | | | |
| Name | | Date | | | |
| | (All previous forms are obse | lete. Updated 22 Septem | ber 2022 | 2) | |
| | (Please print this form for | your records) | | | |



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 | 2.O. Boxes. Must have a Street Address) |
| DATE OF SALE: | |
| REMEMBER: It usua | ally takes 6 to 8 weeks to receive your Poppies. Plan Ahead. |
| ********* | ******************* |
| <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| Poppies (Minimum 500) | \$ 280.00 Per 1,000 |
| Poppies (Minimum 500) | \$ 140.00 Per 500 |
| ***NOTE: All Orders must | be purchased during the period of 1 July 2023 to 1 June 2024*** |
| Make your o | ASE SEND THE ORDER & CHECK TO: David D. Williams, Quartermaster Department of Maine V.F.W PO Box 56 Rumford, ME 04276 check payable to: "Department of Maine, VFW" |
| Date Received & Recorded: | |
| Date Receipt Returned to Post: | |
| | # has requested & ordered Buddy Poppies: |
| | (Signature, Department Quartermaster) |

(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: |
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| Community Activities: |
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| Number of Members: Total Hours: Mileage: Total Money: |
| Prepared By: E-mail address: |
| Preparer's name: |