



**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:**

***September 2023***

D-1 > 24 Sept @ 1 pm > Ashland Post 9699 > SVC Kimble  
D-3 > 17 Sept @ 2pm > Harrington Post 11553 > SG Stevens  
D-4 > 30 Sep @ 2 pm > Old Town Post 3381 > JVC Meuchel  
D-10 > 17 Sept @ 1 pm > Portland Post 6859 > Cmdr Bouchard

**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

BY COMMAND OF:

*John Bouchard*

John Bouchard  
Commander

OFFICIAL:

*Carl Lambert*

Carl Lambert  
Adjutant



## State Commander John Bouchard



The National Convention went well, and everybody had a good time. We all seen past State Commander get her all-American Commanders cap. Also, I would like to thank all of you for the help you gave me. Now summer is over, and we are down to business. Membership is now a challenge from the National Commander Duane Sarmiento.

“Honor Their Courage.”

Yours in Comradeship,

*John Bouchard*

John Bouchard  
Commander



# Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW  
Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain

*1-30 August 2023*

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

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**District 5**

4298>Clifford Wiley

**District 9**

1603>Edward Leblanc Sr

3335> Jean Richard  
Dale Madison



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



As I was driving around today, I was seeing the leaves are changing already and thinking, "Where did the summer go?" I hope everyone had a great summer and getting ready for schools to start up again. Get out there and start promoting the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teachers of Year, let's make this the best year we ever had. I know we have some outstanding teachers out there. Please be safe and stay healthy and check in on one another to make sure everyone is doing well. Keep Up the Fire!!

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/Teacher of the Year

2023-24 Voice of Democracy theme is:

"What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?"

2023-24 Patriot Pen theme is:

"How Are You Inspired by America?"

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

[www.vfw.org/uploadFiles/VFW.org/Community/Teacher%20Award%20Brochure.PDF](http://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

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

**JVC:** This past month things are starting to get going. I was able to attend the district 5 meeting which went very well. I will be up north again in September to Old Town for their district meeting and of course attend my district 10 meeting. I will be visiting every single district throughout my year as junior vice commander. I would like to be a face that goes with the name and title junior vice commander.

Get to know me: my first duty station was at Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California with VFA146, the Blue Diamonds.

**Ways and Means**

Thank you to district 5, who has already donated \$200 to the ways and means fund. I hope everybody will get their tickets by the next state convention in June. My goal is to raise \$3000 total. It is achievable that if anybody would like more tickets for any events, they would like to sell them. Please let me know.

**Student Veterans of America**

Nothing to report at the moment. Schools are to be back in session the last week of August so I will have something in my report in September. There are still many out there using the post 9/11, G.I., Bill, many who may even be eligible to join.

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

How is everyone doing? I hope you're all enjoying summer. As we begin a new year, I'd like to congratulate all the new QMs. If there is anything I can do to help you out just give me a call. 357-6664

To everyone mailing me reports please use P.O. Box 56 Rumford Maine, and not my home address as I do not always get that mail.

**Audits:** The September Audits are now due, please submit them at your earliest convenience.

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

**Bonding:** The Adjutant sent out all the paperwork for Bonding it you. Need a copy please let one of us know.



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**JUDGE ADVOCATE  
POW/MIA  
William E Day**

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

2 nd LT Fred L. Brewer from North Carolina.  
Capt. Ralph J. Chipman from Utah.  
GM3C Arnold E. Lyon from Colorado.  
1 st LT Charles G. Reynolds from Ohio  
Nothing to report as Judge Advocate.

**J.A.** The NEW manual is available so make sure you order it. You should review your Post Charter to make sure it is current!

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**SURGEON  
Safety & Drug Abuse  
Roger Stevens**

Comrades, once the new web site is up, and the Community Service Report is available, please start providing your activities regarding blood as well as safety & well-being. Even if you don't have a blood drive, report on comrades who donate. If you report on a safety or well-being issue at a meeting, through a newsletter, e: mail, etc., report it. Certainly, report on any volunteer efforts at safety & well-being programs in your communities. This month, I am presenting some of the warning signs of a stroke. These come from the "STROKEAWARENESS" web site. They report that strokes are not limited to older folks. 20% occurs in people under 55. They use the term "BE FAST"

to describe the warning signs.  
o Balance: loss of balance dizziness  
o Eyes: changes in vision  
o Face: Drooping and/or severe headaches  
o Arms: weakness and/or numbness  
o Speech: trouble speaking, slurring, confusion  
o Time: don't hesitate, call 911

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**CHAPLAIN  
MAINE OFFICERS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (MOLD)  
WREATH ACROSS AMERICA (WAA)**

**Kevin G. Woodward, PSC**

Please remember two important dates this month. The first is September 11th. On the anniversary of September 11, 2001, we once again call on your spirit that is within us to help us deepen our response to our commitment to non-violence. We are so aware of the fear and violence that continues to permeate our world since 9/11. As we pray in remembrance of that tragic day, help us also to be people of hope who embrace a belief that a new vision is possible. With the situation we face today, I ask that you reach out to your members and the families of those who served in Afghanistan and those who lost loved ones during the time spent there. I also ask that we pray for the safe return of the military members, US citizens and those who have worked with us. The second is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Friday September 15th. . Bless our veterans who lie in sickness and poor health. Grant them comfort and knowledge that they are not forgotten. Bless the families of those whose loved ones are still listed as POW/MIA's. And, finally O Lord, in this moment of silence we dedicate ourselves anew for 'God and Country' In your name we pray, Amen.

**WAA:** National Wreaths Across America Day December 16, 2023. The mission to “Remember, Honor and Teach” is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 3800 additional locations in all 50 U.S. States, at sea and abroad. Please become a part of this mission to honor our fallen Comrades and help the Department with your sponsorships. Each \$17.00 sponsorship that you obtain provides a return of \$5.00 to the Department to assist in the continuing support of our various programs. Please send sponsorships to: Kevin G. Woodward, 9 Johnson Lane, Machiasport ME. 04655. ME0016P is the Department ID number and should be placed in the memo field of your check. You can also do sponsorship online.

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/20060/Overview/?relatedId=14720&modSw=donate>

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

Summer is almost over if you even want to say we had a summer. It is now fall season, and this is a great time to sign up new Members. You may even run into some expired Members and get them signed back up. Let's get out there and get these Members!

**National Council Member** – Maine – As I write this, I am heading to the council meeting in Kansas City. This one will mainly be dealing with the budget. I was moved from the Appeals Committee to the Budget and Finance Committee. I look forward to this new Challenge/Chapter of my VFW career.

**Legislation** – I have started setting up my meeting for the upcoming Legislative Conference in Washington DC. I have two already and am waiting on the other two. This time I will travel by myself and push the National Priority Goals. I look forward to this trip so I can reengage with our Legislators. Next month I will fill you out how they turned out.

**Membership** – The Department is currently sitting at 3.90% with 255 Members which is an increase of 1.46% and 95 Members. We need 6278 Members to reach 100%. We have decreased our New Members by 2 and increased our Reinstated Members by 24 from this time last year. We have 2 Posts that have completed a Recruiter Event and submitted the proper paperwork to me. If you are wondering why Life Members are not showing up that is because they don't drop in until early September. Please just keep working on your rosters. We must make sure we Retain, Reinstate and Recruit Members. Please read to make sure you understand the 2022-2023 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”

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**AMERICANISM/LOYALTY DAY**  
**Michael A. McInnis, Chairman**

Once again, due to our delay getting our Community Activities report system up and running, I have not received any reports, so, I have nothing to report on. When the system is up and running, ensure that you report on Americanism/Loyalty Day Programs: such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th and any Parades, observances related to them. All reports for Americanism/Loyalty Day can be mailed to Mike McInnis 15 Vines Road, Saco, ME 04072-1733. They can also be faxed to me @ 207-283-9357.

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

The next Finance meeting will be at the next COA.

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**Grants Coordinator/  
NV&MS**  
**Jennifer L Lane, IPSC**

**Immediate Past State Commander/CSP:** I want to thank the entire membership for the outstanding work and efforts made during the 2022-2022 year to make Maine an All-American Dept. I want to update you on my Commander's Special Project – There was an unclaimed prize of \$2,000 and it has been turned back over to the CSP. This brings our total to over \$9,000 for Veterans Family Camp! Way to go! Two of the winners donated some of their winnings back to us; I have donated that to this year's CSP to start out the funds. Please support Commander Bouchard with his CSP "Make a Wish" this year, as you did for me.

**Grants:** Our State of Maine VSO Grant \$60,000.00 is on track, and we received a check for \$13,002.50. Our VA Transportation New Grant the \$37,344.00 up and running. We have applied for the 2023-2024 Transportation Grant and are awaiting final approval. After several years of not receiving funds from the State of Maine Homeless Veterans Grant, we are awaiting a check for \$5,630.97.

**Veterans and Military Support (VMS):** DID YOU KNOW? VMS is an umbrella for the Unmet Needs, Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship, Student Veterans Support Grant, Military Assistance Program (MAP) and Adopt-a-Unit programs. Burger King is the primary supporter of the Unmet Needs Program, which provides grants up to \$1,500 to qualifying veterans in need. Burger Kings franchises that are enrolled in this program has their fundraising efforts conducted in July and November. Please support your local franchise in their fundraising efforts. Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship is now accepting applications or 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 checked donations and please do not send any to me or the Department QM. 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. For information or assistance, please reach out to me at lanejena@msn.com or (207) 54-4190.

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**HOSPITAL/VAVS**  
**Michael W. Blair, Director**

Total donations for the month of August were \$1,050.00.  
The total was given to Hospital / VAVS for care and needs of veterans.  
I would like to thank Posts #7865 Madison, #6924 Fairfield, #1285 Waterville, and #6895 Portland.  
The Beals House is also in much need of donations. They would be most thankful for any amount your post may give.

Thank you,  
M.W. Blair

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**NATIONAL HOME**  
**Joel D. Demers, Chairman**

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

Hope to see you at the upcoming COA.

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

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**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**  
**SCOUTING**  
**Michael K. Davis**

Hello,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. School is in session. Its time to work on scouting.  
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, calendar. Mail on  
Android

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**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**

***Cornelius J. Ware, SO***

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

VFW Dept. Service Office

VA Regional Office

P.O. Box 3311

Augusta, ME 04330-3311

Thank you for your understanding and support during the pandemic. You can also

Contact the Togus Benefits Office at (207)621-6938 for assistance in our absence.

2. Be vigilant of PACT Act scammers. Scammers are taking advantage of new opportunities to commit fraud. There's been an increase in PACT Act-related phishing (email), vishing (phone), and social media scams targeting Veterans to access their PACT Act benefits or submit claims on their behalf. Veterans should be cautious of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service. To report suspected fraudulent activity, please contact VA at [vaighotline@va.gov](mailto:vaighotline@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](http://www.pactactinfo.org), a website that streamlines referrals to our cadre of accredited service officers for VA Disability Claims related to the PACT Act. When a veteran visits the site, they can answer a short series of questions to determine if they are potentially eligible for benefits and can also request that an accredited representative contact them to discuss their claim.

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

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

“VETERANS SERVING VETERANS”

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**VETERANS ADVISORY TO VA MAINE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

**Jo Ann Bolduc, Chairperson**

**Happily we bask in this warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures.”**

— Henry David Thoreau

Comrades, as we go into the beginning of Autumn, please be aware of little ones and buses on their school route. That stop sign sticking out is NOT a suggestion but a state law. With the cooling of the weather comes the susceptibility of viruses and bacteria. Follow up with your PCP to determine what vaccinations and boosters are right for you. Toxic screenings are still available. See your PCP to discuss military toxicity you may have been exposed to. Be good to yourselves and be good to each other.

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**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 your 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

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***Credentials/Public Relations  
Jared Sawyer***

Greeting Comrades

**Credentials:** 53% of Posts in the Department were eligible to vote at the Department Convention this year, next year my goal is 75%, let's all work together to meet that percentage next year! We can do that by starting off 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. If you have questions about Credential requirements, Delegates, Alternates, or voting please reach out via email at QM6859@gmail.com

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

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

**Homeless Veterans:** We received a grant from the state for over \$5600,00 to be used for clothing and boots at the Stand-Downs. The Stand-Downs will be happening in 3 location this month and 3 more next month. This is the most events in one year. We hope to reach as many needy Veterans possible. Prebble Street is having another program to house 100 Veterans in 100 days. You may have seen or heard about this when it was announced by Senator King, Congresswoman Pingree and Governor Mills. The state wants to house all the homeless Veterans in

Maine by 2025. At this time there are around 200 homeless Veterans in Maine. If you know a Veteran in Need, get them to the closest Stand-Down. There will be a lot of providers available with many services.

We need a lot of affordable housing.

If there are any questions on any subjects in this report, contact me at james.bachelder@metrocast.net or 207-432-7127 from 9 am to 9 pm.

**Veterans' Cemetery South:**

There are problems with the water pump in the admin building and the areas around the committal shelter. Since all the original workers are long gone, the new workers do not know where the water piping is. There is no documentation for guidance. The new staff were leaving the new burials unfinished (clumps, uneven ground and caving in). The new policy will be to cut the turf and set aside, open the plot, close the plot, level the ground for the turf then replace the turf. The flower crew had an easier summer because they didn't have to carry all the water needed to keep the gardens looking so nice. The rain we had this summer has resolved the watering needs. The plants are deer resistant so we will not loose so many in the future. Now that Labor Day is over, the Holiday Season is a month and a half away. Enjoy and take care.

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**Beals House/VSO  
Teresa Drag**

Next Board meeting is Saturday September 9th at 1 pm at the house on Togus.

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**Inspector  
Danford Saucier**

I hope everyone had a great summer and that we are all well. We are beginning a new year and those inspection reports must be done. Better know than later when the weather turns bad, so get those reports done and mailed to me at the following address.

Danford G. Saucier  
P.O. Box 16  
Fort Kent, Me. 04743

Just a reminder, District Commanders shall visit each Post within its jurisdiction at least once a year and shall prepare a formal report of their visit to the State Commander and the State Adjutant.

STAY SAFE OUT THERE



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**Community Activities/ Website**

**Chief of Staff**

**Christopher Robison**

**Community Activities/Website**

I now have access to our new website. I am in the process of getting it set up. I hope to have it up and running soon, but it has been a busy summer for me. Once it is up, it should be easier for everyone. Until then, you can continue to send me reports through the mail if you choose.

**Chief of Staff**

I will again get on my soapbox this month. Please Comrades, handle issues at the Post level. The Department should be your last resort after exhausting the Post and District levels. Also please remember, "do not let petty jealousies and trivial personalities influence our deliberations". We need to rediscover the ability to agree to disagree. We all need to work for the betterment of our communities and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**DEPT @ 3.94% - Need 6275 For 100% (3+)**  
**Department Statistics**

**Maine as of Monday August 28, 2023**

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2599	1	0	0	0	1	1	105	0.95%	-104	PRESQUE ISLE	0
6187	1	0	0	0	2	2	50	4.00%	-48	FORT FAIRFIELD	0
9389	1	0	0	0	4	4	392	1.02%	-388	CARIBOU	0
9699	1	0	0	0	0	0	59	0.00%	-59	ASHLAND	0
District Total	1	0	0	0	7	7	606	1.15%	-599		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1605	2	0	1	0	2	3	122	2.45%	-119	BURLINGTON	0
7529	2	0	0	0	0	0	61	0.00%	-61	ISLAND FALLS	0
District Total	2	0	1	0	2	3	183	1.63%	-180		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9779	3	0	0	0	2	2	109	1.83%	-107	CALAIS	0
11553	3	0	0	1	3	4	111	3.60%	-107	HARRINGTON	0
District Total	3	0	0	1	5	6	220	2.72%	-214		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
109	4	0	0	0	11	11	150	7.33%	-139	ELLSWORTH	0
1761	4	0	0	0	2	2	175	1.14%	-173	BANGOR	0
3381	4	0	0	0	5	5	177	2.82%	-172	OLD TOWN	0
4633	4	0	0	0	2	2	111	1.80%	-109	HAMPDEN	0
District Total	4	0	0	0	20	20	613	3.26%	-593		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
4298	5	0	0	0	1	1	61	1.63%	-60	DEXTER	0
5723	5	0	0	0	0	0	10	0.00%	-10	JACKMAN	0
6924	5	0	0	0	1	1	98	1.02%	-97	FAIRFIELD	0
7865	5	0	1	13	5	19	169	11.24%	-150	MADISON-ANSON	0
10881	5	0	0	0	1	1	23	4.34%	-22	FARMINGTON	0
District Total	5	0	1	13	7	21	361	6.09%	-340		0

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
3095	6	0	0	0	0	0	12	0.00%	-12	FRIENDSHIP	0
3108	6	0	0	0	9	9	155	5.80%	-146	BELFAST	0
4169	6	0	0	0	1	1	12	8.33%	-11	VINALHAVEN	0
6131	6	0	1	0	1	2	62	3.22%	-60	NORTHPORT	0
9437	6	0	0	0	0	0	34	0.00%	-34	WASHINGTON	0
District Total	6	0	1	0	11	12	275	4.36%	-263		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2197	7	0	1	0	2	3	95	3.15%	-92	TOPSHAM	0
7738	7	0	4	0	1	5	76	6.57%	-71	BATH	0
District Total	7	0	5	0	3	8	171	4.67%	-163		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9	8	0	0	0	1	1	47	2.12%	-46	GARDINER	0
887	8	0	1	0	7	8	238	3.36%	-230	AUGUSTA	0
1285	8	0	0	0	0	0	203	0.00%	-203	WATERVILLE	0
8835	8	0	1	11	8	20	263	7.60%	-243	WINSLOW	0
9526	8	0	0	0	3	3	42	7.14%	-39	WINTHROP	0
District Total	8	0	2	11	19	32	793	4.03%	-761		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1603	9	0	0	0	8	8	380	2.10%	-372	LEWISTON-AUBURN	0
1641	9	0	0	0	2	2	73	2.73%	-69	RUMFORD	0
3335	9	0	0	0	3	3	203	1.47%	-200	JAY	0
9787	9	0	0	0	1	1	124	0.80%	-123	SOUTH PARIS	0
District Total	9	0	0	0	14	14	780	1.79%	-766		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
6783	10	0	0	0	1	1	37	2.70%	-36	LOVELL	0
6859	10	0	0	0	8	8	368	2.17%	-360	PORTLAND	0
9328	10	0	0	0	0	0	30	0.00%	-30	HARRISON	0
10529	10	0	0	0	0	0	66	0.00%	-66	YARMOUTH	0
10643	10	0	0	0	5	5	98	5.10%	-93	WINDHAM	0
10879	10	0	0	0	2	2	247	0.80%	-245	GORHAM	0
District	10	0	0	0	16	16	846	1.89%	-830		0

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
5744	11	0	0	1	27	28	146	19.17%	-118	SOUTH BERWICK	0
6977	11	0	0	0	0	0	194	0.00%	-194	YORK BEACH	0
7997	11	0	1	0	9	10	277	3.61%	-267	OLD ORCHARD BEACH	0
9394	11	0	0	0	0	0	58	0.00%	-58	KITTERY	0
9935	11	0	0	0	53	53	262	20.22%	-209	SANFORD	0
District Total	11	0	1	1	89	91	937	9.71%	-846		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
15020	99	0	3	0	24	27	748	3.60%	-721	RUMFORD	0
District Total	99	0	3	0	24	27	748	3.60%	-721	QM'S HOUSE	0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
State Total		0	14	26	218	258	6533	3.94%	-6275		0



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

**THIS 2023 – 2024 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP?**

**“HONOR THEIR COURAGE”**

**“RETAIN-REINSTATE-RECRUIT”**

DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	8/28/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
1	2	2599	Presque Isle	570	105	-104	0	0	0	1	0.95%	\$36.50
1	2	6187	FortFairfield	228	50	-48	0	0	0	2	4.00%	\$36.50
1	5	9389	Caribou	1393	392	-388	0	0	0	4	1.02%	\$36.00
1	2	9699	Ashland	291	59	-59	0	0	0	0	0.00%	\$36.50
1			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2482</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>-599</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1.15%</b>	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	8/28/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
2	3	1605	Burlington	211	122	-119	0	1	0	2	2.45%	\$33.50
2	2	7529	Island Falls	178	61	-61	0	0	0	0	0.00%	\$36.50
2			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>-180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.63%</b>	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	8/28/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
3	3	9779	Calais	269	109	-107	0	0	0	2	1.83%	\$35.50
3	3	11553	Harrington	237	111	-107	0	0	1	3	3.60%	\$35.50
3			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>-214</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.72%</b>	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	8/28/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
4	3	109	Ellsworth	355	150	-139	0	0	0	11	7.33%	\$35.50
4	3	1761	Bangor	703	175	-173	0	0	0	2	1.14%	\$36.00
4	3	3381	Old Town	604	177	-172	0	0	0	5	2.82%	\$35.50
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	111	-109	0	0	0	2	1.80%	\$35.50
4			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1946</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>-593</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3.26%</b>	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	8/28/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
5	2	4298	Dexter	141	61	-60	0	0	0	1	1.63%	\$35.00
5	1	5723	Jackman Station	57	10	-10	0	0	0	0	0.00%	\$35.50
5	3	6924	Fairfield	436	98	-97	0	0	0	1	1.02%	\$35.50
5	3	7865	Madison	163	169	-150	0	1	13	5	11.24%	\$31.50
5	1	10881	Farmington	45	23	-22	0	0	0	1	4.34%	\$35.50
5			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>-339</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6.09%</b>	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	8/28/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	12	-12	0	0	0	0	0.00%	\$31.50
6	3	3108	Belfast	597	155	-146	0	0	0	9	5.80%	\$36.50
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	12	-11	0	0	0	1	8.33%	\$31.50
6	2	6131	Northport	230	62	-60	0	1	0	1	3.22%	\$37.00
6	1	9437	Washington	135	34	-34	0	0	0	0	0.00%	\$34.50
6			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>-263</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4.36%</b>	
DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2023	8/28/2023	LIFE	NEW	REINST	CONT	MEM %	DUES:
7	2	2197	Topsham	114	95	-92	0	1	0	2	3.15%	\$35.00
7	2	7738	Bath	198	76	-71	0	4	0	1	6.57%	\$31.00
7			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-163</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.67%</b>	



Department Unpaid/Expiring Officer Dues 2023-2024										8/29/23
Dist	Post	Position	Card #	First	Last	Dues Expire	Phone	Additional Info	New Date	Remarks
9	1603	SVC	11476558	Ryan	Hopping	8/31/2023	1(207)376-5669		8/31/2024	Paid
6	9437	Chap/1yr	5225143	Peter	Taylor	8/31/2023	1(207)542-0820			6 Days
11	9935	2yr	11383095	Roger	Watson	8/31/2023	1(207)785-0084		8/31/2024	Paid
8	8835	3 Yr Tr	11558627	William	Esterline	8/31/2023	1(315)771-5334		8/31/2024	Paid
3	9779	Chap	11571735	Keith	Hobson	9/30/2023	1(207)454-2064	1(661)609-6525		36 days
10	10643	SG	10857280	Jerome	Black	9/30/2023	1(207)892-4981		9/30/2024	Paid
2	1605	Dist/Post Adj	11312031	Aslin	Dubois	9/30/2023	1(207)249-4262			36 days
2	7529	1yr	5440694	Albert	Clukey	10/31/2023	1(207)463-2426			66 days
1	9389	3yr	11496341	Vaughn	Hardacker	10/31/2023	1(207)999-9077		10/31/2024	Paid
11	9935	1yr	11319439	Paul	Zucco	10/31/2023	1(207)485-9107		10/31/2024	Paid
6	4169	SVC	11505050	Richard	Lacourciere	11/30/2023				
9	1603	SG	5865298	Peter	Alexander	12/31/2023	1(207)659-3591			
5	5723	JA	3173194	Claude	Audet	12/31/2023				
5	7865	2yr	9338601	Philip	Daigle	12/31/2023	696-8274			
4	109	SO	11596919	Jeffrey	Eisenhawer	12/31/2023	1(207)610-9035			
9	1603	SVC	11331022	Jennifer	Guay	12/31/2023	1(210)248-6875			
9	1641	Dist 3yr	5683462	Richard	Kreis	12/31/2023	1(207)418-5749			
5	5723	QM	9107556	Harald	Moore	12/31/2023	1(207)668-4080	(207)668-7612		
10	10879	3yr	9731067	Alan	Reed	12/31/2023	1(207)839-8534			
9	1603	Chap/JA	10243216	Marlena	Reichardt	12/31/2023				
1	9699	Post Chaplain	6133912	Raymond	Saucier	12/31/2023	(207)435-1023			
5	5723	SO/2yr	9164781	James	Schoenmann	12/31/2023	1(207)487-2848			
8	9	Sur/1yr	9646595	Theodore	Smith	12/31/2023	(207)268-4289			
4	109	SVC	11596921	Joshua	TRUE	12/31/2023	1(207)974-8605			
8	1285	1yr	9819500	Steve	Veilleux	12/31/2023	1(207)873-1645			
4	4633	1yr	11603602	Tracy	Boucher	1/31/2024	1(302)531-6005			
6	4169	SVC	2182859	Paul	Chilles	1/31/2024				
10	10643	SO	10593855	Fredrick	Kelley	1/31/2024	1(207)892-8121			
10	10879	JA	6114968	Wayne	Morrill	1/31/2024	1(207)219-8549	1(207)219-8549		
9	9787	Dist Sur/3yr	10039743	Lloyd	Record	1/31/2024	1(207)907-5584	1(207)674-3522		
5	10881	SVC	11415294	John	Robinson	1/31/2024	1(207)907-5584	1(207)645-9722		
8	887	Chap	11344296	David	Smith	1/31/2024	1(207)582-7974		Life Member	Paid
8	1285	SVC/SO	11505656	William	Stanton	1/31/2024				







**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**

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**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: Casual**



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**Total Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**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”**

(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: \_\_\_\_\_**

