

5. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, which 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(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that will be mailed to all Posts as part of the Election Report/Convention Registration mailing going out later this month. Registration forms for the 124th National Convention may be mailed to: Convention Registration, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

6. Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31.

7. Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure requires that the Post Commander shall see that the Post Trustees Reports of Audit are properly prepared and submitted each quarter.

8. Resolutions: Posts desiring to submit resolutions for consideration by their District prior to the convening to the State Convention must present the resolution to their District in time for their District Conventions and upon approval by the district, copies of the resolution must reach the Department Adjutant in time to be prepared for the State Convention.

9. LOYALTY DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE: Section 223 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure provides that each Post shall make the necessary arrangements for proper observance of Loyalty Day and Memorial Day. Officers should see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and flags of the United States are placed on the graves of deceased veterans.

10. "BUDDY" ® POPPIES DISTRIBUTION: The distribution of VFW "Buddy" ® Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 711 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure. The Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should now arrange for the distribution of Buddy Poppies in their respective areas. In the ongoing effort to provide as much assistance as possible to those serving in the military, we recommend that proceeds or portions from this year's annual poppy distribution be designated for the purpose of providing VFW support to our military. Posts and Departments now have the opportunity to assist qualified military personnel through the VFW Veterans and Military Support Programs. In keeping with the intent of Sections 219(a)(c) and 704(a)(c) of the Manual of Procedure "Relief Fund," this year's poppy campaign can play a direct role in demonstrating to those who are charged with protecting and defending our way of life that we appreciate and value their sacrifice.

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

12. Convention Book Advertising: Consult Tele-Communications from Londonderry, NH is soliciting ads for our State Convention book throughout the State of Maine. Any business calling your Post respectively, inquiring about the solicitation, please inform them that they are the sole company that sells ads for the Department of Maine.

13. Attention of incoming Post Officers is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure which outlines the duties of various Post Officers.

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

15. Dates to remember

Loyalty Day 1 May
Memorial Day 27 May
Flag Day 14 June
State Convention 21-23 June, Bangor, Me
National Convention 27 Jul- 1 Aug, Louisville, KY

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 > Jim Manter > Post 3335

Candidates for National Council Member of Maine 2025: Any member wishing to run for Council member is to notify State Adjutant.

Anthony R. Kimble > Post 3108
Jennifer L. Lane > Post 1603

17. District Meeting Dates:

May 2024

D-2 > 4 May @ 1pm > Burlington Post 1605 > SG Stevens
D-3 > 19 May @ 2pm > Harrington Post 11553 > Adj Lambert
D-4 > 11 May @ 10 > Hampden Post 4633 > SVC Kimble
D-6 > 5 May @ 1pm > Northport Post > Cmdr. Bouchard

BY COMMAND OF:

John Bouchard

John Bouchard
Commander

OFFICIAL:

Carl Lambert

Carl Lambert
Adjutant



State Commander John Bouchard

I want to thank everybody who supported me throughout the year, At the council was a good meeting with THE National Commander Duane Sarmiento. The testimonial was an enjoyable evening I want to thank everybody for coming and the gifts and the surprise from the Auxiliary with a check of \$5000.00 for the Commanders special project. Make a wish foundation for the children and every post who donated. THANK YOU ALL. **Congratulations to Vinalhaven Post 4169 and Kittery Post 9394 for making 100% membership.**

“Honor Their Courage.”

Yours in Comradeship,

John Bouchard

John Bouchard
Commander



Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW
Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain

28 March - 30 April 2024

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

District 1

9389> Linas Billings Jr.
Charles C Caron

District 3

11553> Eric R Shubert Jr.

District 4

109> James W Thibodeau

District 5

6924> Aulden D Reynolds

District 6

3108> Leon W Howard
John F Hall
9437> Richard D Hayes

District 7

7738> Thomas E Perry

District 8

887> Richard K Parent
8835> Roger J Caron
John A Nelson
Charles N Pelletier
9526> Arthur Wells

District 9

1641> Richard W Kreis
Leslie B Knapp
3335> William A Mitchell Jr.

District 10

6859> W Coulthard III
10529> Carey M Trimble Jr.
10643> Algernon S Davis

District 11

6977> William R Emhoff

District 11 cont.

7997> James C Bower
David J Walker

Members At Large

15020> Hazen T Annis
Michael Ouellette
Brian R Rego
George W Eddy
William A Greene



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



The daffodils have come up and spring tulips are beginning to sprout, and the first mowing of the yard will be happening very soon. Spring is one of my favorite seasons and I look forward to the warmer weather. Carl Lambert and I had great training for Senior Vice Commander and Adjutant in Kansas City, but it came at a cost of missing Commander John Bouchard and President Lucy Salisbury's testimony in Caribou with the additional honor of having National Commander Duane Sarmiento visit to Maine. The pictures showed everyone had a good time at the testimony and the wonderful detour to House in the Woods set up by Jim Manter was an added success. Keep up the work on membership and let's get Maine over 102% membership so we can get Commander Bouchard to All American and a Triple Crown Commander, this would be a huge honor for him and the Department of Maine. 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

The themes for the 2024-2025 year are below and they are really going to be good themes for students to write and talk about.

2024-2025 Voice of Democracy Theme:
"Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

2024-2025 Patriot's Pen Theme:
"My Voice in America's Democracy."

Please feel free to start getting the word out to the students in your community around Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen essay entries for the upcoming year. Looking forward to making next year's program a great year.

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

JVC.
 It has been quite a year learning many new things as I approach the top of the chain of command. Over the past year I have attended JVC Training in Kansas City and will be attending this May JVC Training in Eaton Rapids, MI at the VFW National Home. I was sad that I was not able to make it to every district meeting but hope to attend all next year with better planning around weather. Thank you everyone who has supported me this past year with my millions of questions I had or crazy ideas. Best of luck to next year's JVC.

Ways and Means:
 We have currently raised \$1,997.00. There is still plenty of time to raise that last \$1,003.00. If any post needs more tickets, please let me know. Get ready at the State Convention to start raising money for the 2024-2025 year. The goal will remain the same of \$3,000.00.

Historian:

You all have until the end of September to send me anything regarding Commander Bouchard's memories. Please email, text, or mail me any articles or pictures with a brief description of what is going on. Those who are Instagram or Facebook friendly can always send me a direct message.

Student Veterans of America:

Please reach out to your local College/University to see if they need anything for school supplies or study snacks.

R/
Amy

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

Hello, I hope that everyone is doing well. It was good to see some of you in Caribou for the meetings and the Testimonials for John and Lucy a good time had by all. The food was good as well. Good job to everyone involved.

As for Quarterly Audits, the 4th one for the VFW year is now past due If you're up to date great if not I asked that you take the time to complete them and get them sent in. Thank you.

Any Post needing Poppy's it's a good time to order them remember you need 5 Poppy's per member for All State.

In closing I would like to congratulate all the newly elected QMs and the ones who have been doing it a while. I'm in my 31st year and Post 1641 QM so I know how some of you older QMs feel.

Take Care and until next month stay Safe and Heathy.

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

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

- NAVY Electricians Mate Charles D. Brown, 22, Arcola, Illinois
- NAVY Seaman 2nd Class George T. George, 26, St. Louis, Missouri
- ARMY Pvt. 1st Class Antony J. Lopa, 17, North Arlington, New Jersey
- ARMY PFC Harold D. Wilder, 19, Pennington Gap, Virginia

SURGEON
Safety & Drug Abuse
Roger Stevens

Congratulations to Post 9389, Caribou, Post 11553, Harrington, District One, and District 11 for hitting the 100% membership mark. We're moving into May, and mud season will be slowing down. Everyone is anxious to get outdoors for projects, gardening, fishing, and more. Keep in mind that skin cancer is the most common of all cancers, and it can become deadly. When you are going to be outdoors, use sunscreen. It will provide protection from ultra-violet rays which are there even on cloudy days. A wide brimmed hat is also a good idea. The Center for Disease Control provides the following information regarding sunscreen. Use a sunscreen labeled as "broad spectrum" with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 or higher. People with extremely fair skin or a history of skin cancer should probably use a higher SPF number. If you're outside for an extended period, re-apply every 2 hours. If you go swimming or sweat heavily, re-apply. Spring and summer in Maine are truly glorious times. Enjoy being outdoors but use common sense and take care of your skin.

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

On the last Monday in May at cemeteries across the United States, Americans will observe Memorial Day, a tradition that began three years after the Civil War ended. There will be speeches, patriotic songs, flags, and parades.

It is not a day for parties and picnics and celebrations; it is a day for respect and patriotism. It is a day to remember and honor the men and women who died in military service while fighting to defend the cause of freedom.

It is a day to be thankful for the courage and sacrifice to those who never came home. We enjoy a great deal of freedom in America. We have freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, and a host of freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and unparalleled in the world.

These freedoms just didn't happen. They exist today because of the courageous men and women who paid with their lives to secure them.

Those are the men and women we honor on Memorial Day. Remembering lives cut short. Respecting those who "more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!"

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

WAA: National Wreaths across America Day 14 December 2024 the theme for the 2024 Wreaths across America Program is: "LIVE WITH PURPOSE." You can send your sponsorship checks to me, remember that the check must be made out to Wreaths Across America. In 2023, more than 3 million veterans' wreaths were placed by volunteers on headstones at 4000+ participating locations around the country in honor of the service and sacrifices made for the nation's freedom, with each name said out loud. If you wish to do sponsorships online you can use this link.

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

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

Comrades,

As always, I hope this finds all of you in good health. We are starting to get some good weather. Please get out and enjoy it. Congratulations to Post 9389 Caribou, 11553, 4169 Vinalhaven, 9394 Kittery, and District 1 for meeting or exceeding their goal of 100%, great job by all! Will you Post or District be next?

National Council Member - Maine - Not much going on at the National level. We did have our National Commander-in-Chief visit us for our council meeting and the Commander/Presidents Testimony. It was a good visit, and he was overall pleased with the Department. Most of the month I was working on LD2259 as a National Legislative and Council Member. You will see below that we did some great stuff for our Veterans and their Families.

Legislation - I have remained in contact with all four of our Legislators in Washington DC. I had Senator Kings office send us a letter showing he supported the GUARD VA Benefits Act. Which was used to help us at the State level. The Department Legislative Team with some help worked hard to ensure LD2259 was passed. I am happy to say and very proud that Maine was the third State to pass a law that prevents predatory law firms "Claim Sharks" from taking advantage of Veterans and their Families while filing a VA claim. The Governor signed it into law on 11 April 2024. This was a huge win for Veterans, and I am glad we could make it happen.

Membership - The Department is currently sitting at 97.10% with 6344 Members which is an increase of 1.05% and 699 Members. We need 189 Members to reach 100% and 320 Members to reach 102%. We have decreased our New Members by 6 and increased our Reinstated Members by 64 from this time last year. We have 12 Posts that have completed a Recruiter Event and submitted the proper paperwork to me. We have 19 Post that need 10 or less Members 14 of them need 5 or less Members. Let's close the deal on these Posts and get them over 100%. We must make sure we Retain, Reinstate and Recruit Members. Please read to make sure you understand the 2023-2024 Department and National Membership Program have changed. If you have any questions on Membership, please contact me at 207-894-5260 or email me at sanpedro105@roadrunner.com

"HONOR THEIR COURAGE"

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

I would like to thank all the Posts in the Department of Maine that have reported on Americanism/Loyalty Day Programs.

We still have quite a few problems with community activity reporting. Just a reminder May 1 is Loyalty Day and Memorial Day is at the end of May. All the Posts and Districts are reminded to report on these programs. 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. If you submit your Community Activity Reports on-line at the Department of Maine website, I will receive them. If you do not receive credit, please contact me @ 207-590-6058 or at my email: qmvfw7997@yahoo.com

AUDIT & FINANCE
Alfred E. Michaud Sr., PSC

The next Finance meeting will be at the State Convention. To all the incoming Department Chairman get your budget request in as soon as possible, so the State Quartermaster can work on the new budget for the incoming year. Don't procrastinate but participate. And a well done on the Commander and President Testimonial and the COA held at the Caribou Post.

Grants/ NVMS
Jennifer Lane, PSC

Grants: We have received the payment for our State of Maine VSO Grant for the additional \$29,000 that we had been awarded.

Veterans and Military Support (VMS): The major programs that fall under VMS are Unmet Needs Program, Sport Clips "Help a Hero" Scholarship; Student Veteran Support Grant, Military Assistance Program (MAP) and Adopt-A-Units.

***Burger King** is a large supporter of the VFW Unmet Needs program. These campaigns run in July and November. Please refer to the information on vfw.org to support your local Burger King during their efforts or to get them involved. Reach out to your local Burger King franchise to get them involved!

*We currently have 12 out of 43 posts that have donated to VMS according to National reporting. PLEASE consider donating soon to support all these programs!

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 at lanejena@msn.com.

4th Annual Armed Forces Day Ride: VFW Post 1603 is hosting their 4 th Annual Armed Forces Day ride Saturday, May 18 th L-A Harley. Registration 9-10:30 am, Ride departs 10:30 am with estimated time back to L-A Harley 12:30 pm. This is our biggest fundraiser for the Unmet Needs Program. Please come out and join us with food, music, raffles, etc. We are looking for sponsorship this year to offset costs for putting on this event so we may raise more money for the programs; In turn your post/organization will be printed on back of the ride t-shirts. I will make sure your post gets credit for your required NVMS donation at National. For more information, please contact Jen at (207) 514-4190 or lanejena@msn.com.

HOSPITAL/VAVS
Michael W. Blair, Director

Total amount of donations for the month of April was \$800.00.

\$700.00 was given to VAVS for care and needs of Veterans.

\$100.00 was donated to the Recreation Department.

I would like to thank Post # 6924, Fairfield, # 6859 Portland and #7997, Old Orchard Beach.

Scouting
Keith Davis, PSC

Hello Comrades,

This Scouting year is almost coming to an end. please get your reports in.

I received 2 Scout of the Year candidates. Thank you to the posts that submitted an entry.

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.pinetreesbsa.org>

Kahtahdin Council <https://www.katahdinareabsa.org>
Katahdin Area Council Boy Scouts of America, Northern Maine Boy Scouts

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
Cornelius J. Ware, SO

1. Service Office visit procedures. VHA is still maintaining two entry points for now, Bldg. 200(main hospital) and Bldg. 205(primary care). A mask is not required unless you are suffering from cold, flu or Covid symptoms or you are going to an area where contagion is high i.e.: (ICU, Urgent Care, CLC Unit) just to name a few. Though we continue to make appointments (this helps us with time management) walk-ins are welcome for disability claims issues. We welcome social calls but ask that you limit them to as short as possible so we can focus on the work at hand. Remember we are here to assist you, so please reach out to us as the need arises. You can continue to reach us at the

VFW Service Office phone number (207)623-5723. Or send mail to:
VFW Dept. Service Office
VA Regional Office
P.O. Box 3311
Augusta, ME 04330-3311

Thank you for your understanding and support. You can also contact the Togus Benefits Office at (207)621-6938 for assistance in our absence. But for now, have a safe and joyous holiday.

2. VA Program to help Veterans facing foreclosure On May 31, 2024, VA will launch the Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchase (VASP) program to help more than 40,000 veterans facing foreclosure on their homes. Through VASP, VA will purchase defaulted VA loans from mortgage servicers, modify the loans, and then place them in the VA-owned portfolio as direct loans. This will empower VA to work directly with eligible veterans to adjust their loans and monthly payments so they can keep their homes. Veterans with questions about avoiding foreclosure can contact a VA loan technician by calling 877- 827-3702.

3. Mid-Coast Veterans Council (MCVC) Outreach in May. We will be available once again to assist veterans with claims at the MCVC 62 Pegasus St. in Brunswick (the old bowling alley at the old NAS Brunswick) look for the static P-3 A/C. We will meet with veterans from 10am to 4pm on Wednesday May 8. Please call (207)406-4103 to make an appointment, walk-ins are welcome. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to meet with our VSO's and get claims help and resource information.

4. Gulf War Exposure Virtual Class for Veterans. Gulf War Exposures & Health Concerns is a free, virtual class to help Gulf War Veterans understand potential exposures and health effects, steps to manage symptoms, research findings, and available resources. Join this class on Thursday, May 16 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET. You can attend through your personal computer, smart phone, or tablet. To learn more about the class and to register, see the class flyer at Gulf War Exposures and Health Concerns (va.gov)

5. Veterans and Community Connection Expo. The Veterans and Community Connection Expo event will take place Friday through Sunday June 7, 8, and 9 at the Mud Bowl, being held at Spud Speedway, 209 Thompson

Rd., Caribou, ME 04736. The proposed Expo resource times are Friday 12:00p.m. to 5:00pm, Saturday 10:00a.m. to 1:00pm and Sunday 10: 00a.m to 1:00p.m.

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

May is the month of promise and the sweet beginnings of summer – Unknown.

Presque Isle is now open for patient care as of April 29.

VA Health and Benefits Mobile App is now available for download. This modernizes how Veterans manage their health care and benefits information. Women Veterans tend to experience sleep issues more often and differently than men. This may be related to mental health concerns or natural hormonal changes in the body.

VA has resources available to help. Call your healthcare provider or 1-855-VAWOMEN to connect to care.

Finally, with warmer weather comes the inevitable return of fleas, ticks, brown tails moths and other assorted parasites. Use proper precautions and stay safe.

Be good to yourselves and be good to each other-Love Jo

Credentials/Public Relations
Jared Sawyer

53% of Posts in the Department were eligible to vote at the Department Convention last year, this year my goal is 75%, let's all work together to meet that goal! Per National and State By-Laws, to vote at the State Convention you must have turned in all 4 Trustees Reports, 3 of which should have been turned in at this point with the next one due at the end of the Month. Your Post must also have been inspected, your Quartermaster must be Bonded, all monies owed to the Department must be paid. ALL Post and Districts are required to be incorporated, the opportunity to do that opened up January 1st, 2024, make sure you are incorporated and registered with the State of Maine. Check the State Quartermasters hit list in these GOs to ensure you are aware of all these items and where you stand. The Department Adjutant sent out a list of your voting strength on 1 April, your Post is entitled to 1 delegate and 1 alternate per every 30 members in good standing as of March 31st 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 vote as the Commander. I have received delegate lists from 7 Posts already, thank you! If you have questions about Credential requirements, Delegates, Alternates, or voting please reach out via email at QM6859@gmail.com

HOMELESS VETERANS, VETERANS' CEMETERY SOUTH,
MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER (South)
James E.N. Bachelder, Chairman, PSC

Homeless Veterans: The Maine bureau of Veteran's Services in planning 4 Stand- Downs for this coming fall. Oct 2nd in Portland, Oct 9th in Lewiston, Oct 23rd in Bangor, and Oct 30th at Augusta to be decided. All these days are Wednesdays. It has not been announced but the events usually run from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

We are still waiting for the By-Name-List to be functional again. The transition from non-profit control to Maine State housing control has been happening for 3 years now. We hope to see it functioning by the end of the year. The homeless Veteran Network is assisting our Veterans. They can call 988 or 211 and they will be connected to the network. There always is a need for funding to help these Veterans get back on their feet. Donate to Maine Veterans in Need at 62 Pegasus St., Brunswick, ME 04001. 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: It has been quiet. We are looking for the new location for the Woman Veterans Memorial. The Flower Committee has many new plants started and they are ready to plant when the season changes. We have a list of organizations that will help take care of the gardens this summer. We were lucky with last year's rain. If it doesn't rain enough, then we need volunteers to carry the water needed. We lost our POW/MIA Memorial committee Chairman. Raymond Parent passed away. Although the stones are all in place and we had the dedication, we still have memorials to be placed behind the present stones for the individuals lost because they will never be buried anywhere. The association changed their meeting day to Tuesdays. We will be meeting on the second Tuesday at the cemetery administration building at 9:30. Take a moment to enjoy the now flowers, bushes and all the other new life.

**Joel Demers
National Home**

Greetings Comrades. Hope all is well with you.

We are in the home stretch, and we have met one of our four goals...but we are closing in on two more! If every Post makes its individual goal, we will make all four of our department goals. Please look at the attached tracking sheet and make sure that your Post has made their goal.

Take care and see you at the convention.



103rd STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

Bangor Grande Hotel and Convention Center

357 Odlin Rd, Bangor Maine

Saturday, June 22, 2024

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

Bangor Grande Hotel and Conference Center – 357 Odlin Rd, Bangor (207) 904-2998

VFW Rate: \$ 89 + tax (King & Double/Double) including free breakfast

Queen City Inn with shuttle transportation – 482 Odlin Rd, Bangor (207) 942-6301

VFW Rate: \$ 90 + 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 June 7, 2024

Tickets are \$ 45.00 per person

Menu - Choice of:

Buffet Style

Chicken Marsala

Stuffed Pork Loin

Parmesan Encrusted Haddock

Roasted Red Potatoes

Seasonal Medley

Mixed Greens & Seasonal Vegetables

Cake

Attire: Formal/Suit/Business Attire/Casual

Total Meals: _____ x \$ 45.00 = _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

NO ASSIGNED SEATING

Deadline for Banquet Ticket is 2 June 2024

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: Mail to: Joan Hebert 41 Dany Dr. Apt. 91, Auburn, Me. 04210

Tel.# 207-782-2573 E-Mail: jocah66@yahoo.com

Make Checks Payable “Department of Maine VFW”



103rd State Convention
***** Pre-Convention Registration *****
Department of Maine VFW State Convention
21 – 23 June 2024



Bangor Grande Hotel land Conference center
357 Odlin Rd., Bangor ME

Pre-Registration Rates - \$ 5.00
Registration at Door - \$ 8.00

Come Celebrate the
103rd Department of Maine VFW State Convention
&
92nd Department of Maine Auxiliary State Convention

**** Pre-Registration Form ****

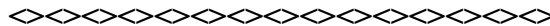
Please register the following members of Post/Auxiliary #: _____

<i>Name</i>	<i>VFW</i>	<i>Aux</i>	<i>Title/Position</i>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____

Total Amount Due \$ 5.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Please Print clearly the name you will be using and Post @ Auxiliary Number

Deadline: 11 June 2024



MAKE YOUR CHECK TO:

“Department of Maine, VFW” and earmark on the check “Pre-Registration”

MAIL YOUR CHECK TO: Peggy Whirley
80 Mill ST Apt 301, Auburn, ME 04210

Any Question –Call: Peggy Whirley @ 782-2856

**DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
1033rd State Convention
Bangor Grande Hotel
June 21-23, 2024**



CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday ~ June 21, 2024

Registration	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Lobby -Bangor Grande
Joint Opening Session	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Bangor Grande
Business Session	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Bangor Grande
Patriotic Rally	7:00 pm	Bangor Grande

Saturday ~ June 22, 2024

Registration	8:00 am – 10:00 am	Lobby - Bangor Grande
Memorial Service	8:00 am – 9:30 am	Bangor Grande
Business Session	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Bangor Grande
Lunch	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	On your own.
Business Session	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Bangor Grande
Social Hour	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Bangor Grande
Convention Banquet	7:00 pm	Bangor Grande

Sunday ~ June 23, 2024

Installation of Officers	9:00 am	Bangor Grande
Council of Administration Meeting (VFW only)	10:30 am	Bangor Grande

NATIONAL HOME TRACKING SHEET

Post Location	Contact Email	Goal In total financial contributions	\$ donated	Value of: NHC Bricks	Value of: NHC LMs	Total Donations for the Year	%
D1	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Presque Isle</i>	randy.michaud1964@gmail.com	79	1	0	0	1	
<i>Fort Fairfield</i>	brianross1114@hotmail.com	38	1	0	0	1	
<i>Caribou</i>	smith.carle@jobcorps.gov	294	110	0	0	110	
<i>Ashland</i>	fido214@gmail.com	44	1	0	0	1	
D2	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Burlington</i>	qm1605@yahoo.com	92	17	0	0	17	
<i>Island Falls</i>	tpartin@gmail.com	46	0	0	0	0	
D3	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Calais</i>	homatoc@hotmail.com	82	82	0	0	82	100%
<i>Harrington</i>	bampa_5@yahoo.com	83	25	0	0	25	
D4	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	1	0	0	1	
<i>Ellsworth</i>	Googamos59@gmail.com	113	8	0	0	8	
<i>Bangor</i>	hollandlk@gmail.com	131	19	0	0	19	
<i>Old Town</i>	brianhnate.1@gmail.com	133	8	0	0	8	
<i>Hampden</i>	kevin.bean@downeastcommunitypartners.org	83	22	0	0	22	
D5	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Dexter</i>	clukeyjason@aol.com	46	0	0	0	0	
<i>Jackman</i>	harald.moore@ymail.com	8	0	0	0	0	
<i>Fairfield</i>	vfw6924@myfairpoint.net	74	0	0	0	0	
<i>Madison-Anson</i>	cwsteward1964@gmail.com	127	140	0	0	140	110%
<i>Farmington</i>	ctulhu.rules55@gmail.com	17	300	0	0	300	1765%
D6	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	1	0	0	1	
<i>Friendship</i>	jemkpmeyn@aol.com	9	1	0	0	1	
<i>Belfast</i>	vfw3108.Anthony.Kimble@gmail.com	116	64	0	0	64	
<i>Vinalhaven</i>	patrick999@roadrunner.com	9	1	0	0	1	
<i>Northport</i>	donald.ramsey6131@gmail.com	47	21	0	0	21	
<i>Washington</i>	v1bb3@yahoo.com	26	11	0	0	11	
D7	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Topsham</i>	usnvragn20@gmail.com	71	256	100	0	356	501%
<i>Bath(Phippsburg)</i>	raineyts49@gmail.com	57	260	0	0	260	456%
D8	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Gardiner</i>	coutureetc4@gmail.com	35	12	0	0	12	
<i>Augusta</i>	elysia.e.glazier@outlook.com	179	120	0	0	120	
<i>Waterville</i>	vfwpost1285qm@yahoo.com	152	15	0	0	15	
<i>Winslow</i>	sempertrue@gmail.com	197	614	0	0	614	312%
<i>Winthrop</i>	jbrenn2008@yahoo.com	32	0	0	0	0	
D9	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	

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<i>Auburn</i>	kDavis62@yahoo.com	285	202	0	0	202	
<i>Rumford</i>	davidpost1641@live.com	55	138	0	0	138	251%
<i>Jay</i>	dlachapelleusmc@gmail.com	152	123	0	0	123	
<i>South Paris</i>	rhatchhebron@yahoo.com	93	170	0	0	170	183%
D10	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Lovell</i>	davetenney@hotmail.com	28	41	0	0	41	146%
<i>Portland</i>	qm6859@gmail.com	276	1260	0	50	1310	475%
<i>Harrison</i>	rscotty65@yahoo.com	23	10	0	0	10	
<i>Yarmouth</i>	gorhamjanene3@gmail.com	50	110	0	0	110	220%
<i>Windham</i>	vajda3x@gmail.com	74	255	0	0	255	345%
<i>Gorham</i>	timothy@sandeno.us	185	540	0	0	540	292%
D11	(\$__ from District prorated to all Posts, excess to the right)	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>So Berwick</i>	rjguptill@gmail.com	110	17	0	0	17	
<i>York Beach</i>	raljr76@yahoo.com	146	1030	100	0	1130	774%
<i>OOB</i>	qmvfw7997@yahoo.com	208	295	0	0	295	141%
<i>Kittery</i>	kty9394vfw@hotmail.com	44	20	0	0	20	
<i>Sanford</i>	qm_vfw9935@metrocast.net	197	93	0	0	93	
Unaffiliated with the Dept of Maine			10	0	0	10	
YTD Totals:			6425	200	50	6675	
Four Goals for the Year:							
Goal for the year (Post totals combined):	\$4346	6675					154%
Total from 2023:	\$7268	6675					92%
Posts that have met their \$ Goal	15 of 44						34%
Posts that have participated	39 of 44						89%

(Percent = amount donated/goal x 100)

DEPT @ 97.15% - Need 186 For 100% 317 FOR 102% (3+)
Department Statistics

Maine as of Monday April 29, 2024

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
6187	1	41	3	0	7	51	50	102.00%	+1	0	FORT FAIRFIELD	0
9389	1	301	5	27	65	398	392	101.53%	+6	-2	CARIBOU	0
9699	1	53	0	0	4	57	59	96.61%	-2	-4	ASHLAND	0
District Total	1	395	8	27	76	506	501	100.99%	5	-6		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
1605	2	110	2	1	5	118	122	96.72%	-4	-7	BURLINGTON	0
7529	2	48	0	0	9	57	61	93.44%	-4	-6	ISLAND FALLS	0
District Total	2	158	2	1	14	175	183	95.62%	-8	-13		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
9779	3	81	1	0	18	100	109	91.74%	-9	-12	CALAIS	0
11553	3	98	0	1	12	111	111	100.00%	0	-3	HARRINGTON	0
District Total	3	179	1	1	30	211	220	95.90%	-9	-15		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
109	4	104	0	0	38	142	150	94.66%	-8	-11	ELLSWORTH	3
1761	4	140	0	1	18	159	175	90.85%	-16	-20	BANGOR	0
3381	4	142	0	1	21	164	177	92.65%	-13	-17	OLD TOWN	1
4633	4	99	4	0	7	110	111	99.09%	-1	-4	HAMPDEN	1
District Total	4	485	4	2	84	575	613	93.80%	-38	-52		5
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
4298	5	41	0	0	11	52	61	85.24%	-9	-11	DEXTER	0
5723	5	4	0	0	5	9	10	90.00%	-1	-2	JACKMAN	0
6924	5	91	0	0	4	95	98	96.93%	-3	-5	FAIRFIELD	0
7865	5	122	8	50	39	219	169	129.58%	+50	+46	MADISON	4
10881	5	18	1	0	3	22	23	95.65%	-1	-2	FARMINGTON	0
District Total	5	276	9	450	62	397	361	109.97%	+36	+26		4

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
3108	6	110	2	0	26	136	155	89.03%	-17	-21	BELFAST	1
4169	6	8	0	0	4	12	12	100.00%	0	-1	VINALHAVEN	0
6131	6	46	1	0	12	59	62	95.16%	-3	-5	NORTHPORT	0
9437	6	32	0	3	2	37	34	108.82%	+3	+2	WASHINGTON	0
District Total	6	196	3	3	44	246	263	93.53%	-17	-25		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
2197	7	66	8	2	24	100	95	105.26%	+5	+3	TOPSHAM	1
7738	7	70	6	0	2	78	76	102.63%	+2	0	BATH	0
District Total	7	136	14	2	26	178	171	104.09%	+7	+3		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
9	8	33	0	0	9	42	47	89.36%	-5	-6	GARDINER	0
887	8	191	2	2	29	224	238	94.11%	-14	-19	AUGUSTA	1
1285	8	189	3	1	6	199	203	98.02%	-4	-9	WATERVILLE	0
8835	8	216	7	13	46	282	263	107.22%	+19	+13	WINSLOW	5
9526	8	32	0	1	6	39	42	92.85%	-3	-4	WINTHROP	0
District Total	8	661	12	17	96	786	793	99.11%	-7	-25		6
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
1603	9	296	1	3	55	355	380	93.42%	-25	-33	LEWISTON-AUBURN	1
1641	9	41	0	4	34	79	73	108.21%	+6	+4	RUMFORD	0
3335	9	162	1	0	22	185	203	91.13%	-18	-23	JAY	1
9787	9	91	0	0	19	110	124	88.70%	-14	-17	SOUTH PARIS	0
District Total	9	590	2	7	130	729	780	93.46%	-51	-69		2
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
6783	10	29	0	0	3	32	37	86.48%	-5	-6	LOVELL	0
6859	10	300	4	2	44	350	368	95.10%	-18	-26	PORTLAND	5
9328	10	29	0	0	2	31	30	103.33%	+1	-0	HARRISON	1
10529	10	61	0	0	0	61	66	92.42%	-5	-7	YARMOUTH	0
10643	10	71	0	0	19	90	98	91.83%	-8	-10	WINDHAM	1
10879	10	194	0	0	24	218	247	88.25%	-29	-34	GORHAM	0
District	10	684	4	2	92	782	846	92.43%	-64	-83		7

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
5744	11	105	2	2	34	143	146	97.94%	-3	-6	SOUTH BERWICK	1
6977	11	165	0	2	21	188	194	96.90%	-6	-10	YORK BEACH	1
7997	11	152	12	0	123	287	277	103.61%	+10	+4	OLD ORCHARD BEACH	0
9394	11	48	3	1	6	58	58	100.00%	0	-2	KITTERY	0
9935	11	152	3	0	119	274	262	104.58%	+12	+6	SANFORD	2
District Total	11	622	20	5	303	950	937	101.38%	+13	-8		4
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
15020	99	670	26	11	105	812	865	93.87%	-53	-71	RUMFORD	9
District Total	99	670	26	11	105	812	865	93.87%	-53	-71	QM'S HOUSE	9
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/- 100%	+/- 102%	City	N/R LM
State Total		5052	105	128	1062	6347	6533	97.15%	-186	-317		39



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

THIS 2023 – 2024 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP?

“HONOR THEIR COURAGE”

“RETAIN-REINSTATE-RECRUIT”

**"HONOR THEIR COURAGE"
JOHN BOUCHARD STATE COMMANDER**

DIVISION LEADERS <<>> APRIL 29, 2023

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

DIV. I (10-50) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. IV (201-300) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 9437 WASHINGTON	108.82%	1. 8835 WINSLOW	107.22%
2. 9328 HARRISON	103.33%	2. 9935 SANFORD	104.58%
3. 6187 FORT FAIRFIELD	102.00%	3. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	103.61%
DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. V (301-400) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 1641 RUMFORD	108.21%	1. 9389 CARIBOU	101.53%
2. 2197 TOPSHAM	105.26%	2. 6859 PORTLAND	95.10%
3. 7738 BATH	102.63%	3. 1603 AUBURN	93.42%
DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. VI (401- HIGHER) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 7865 MADISON	129.58%	1.	
2. 11553 HARRINGTON	100.00%	2.	
3. 4633 HAMPDEN	99.09%	3.	
TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY %		TEN LARGEST POSTS	
1. 7865 MADISON	129.58%	1. 9389 CARIBOU	398
2. 9437 WASHINGTON	108.82%	2. 1603 AUBURN	355
3. 1641 RUMFORD	108.21%	3. 6859 PORTLAND	350
4. 8835 WINSLOW	107.22%	4. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	287
5. 2197 TOPSHAM	105.26%	5. 8835 WINSLOW	282
6. 9935 SANFORD	104.58%	6. 9935 SANFORD	274
7. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	103.61%	7. 887 AUGUSTA	224
8. 9328 HARRISON	103.33%	8. 7865 MADISON	219
9. 7738 BATH	102.63%	9. 10879 GORHAM	218
10. 6187 FORT FAIRFIELD	102.00%	10. 1285 WATERVILLE	199
DISTRICT STANDINGS		MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2022-2023	
1. District 5 CLUKEY	109.97%	WE HAVE = 6347	
2. District 7 HARMON	104.09%	WE NEED 186 FOR 100% 317 FOR 102%	
3. District 11 MCINNIS	101.38%		
4. District 1 WATSON	100.99%	ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 100%	
5. District 8 LAMBERT	99.11%	5 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A BLUE BALL CAP	
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE, VFW	97.15%	10 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A WHITE VFW SHIRT	
6. District 3 BENNER	95.90%	ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT	
7. District 2 EWING	95.62%	LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND	
8. District 4 SLININGER	93.80%	RETAIN – RECRUIT & REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS?	
9. District 6 ARMSTRONG	93.35%	NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS	
10. District 9 HATCH	93.46%	ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK?	
11. District 10 GOODMAN	92.43%		

