



Department of Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars

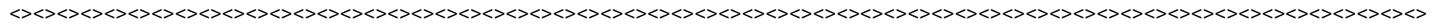


"Communication ~ Dedication ~ Service"

April 2021

GENERAL ORDERS

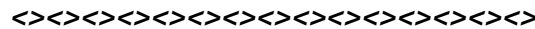
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SPECIAL NOTICES <> SPECIAL NOTICES

Congratulations to the following Posts for attaining 100%+ in Membership for 2020-21.

- District 2 > 100.46% > Commander James A. Ewing
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- Rev. Joseph Lamarre Memorial Post 2197, Topsham > 100.00% > Cmdr Roger A. Stevens
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- King-Mitchell Post 7529, Island Falls > 101.21% > Commander Alfred Milano



1. Dates for Council of Administration Meeting and Testimonials: The following dates have been established for the year 2020-21.

>19 June 2021 > State Convention and Council of Administration, Winslow, ME

NOTE: Final information will be emailed and USPS ed to all Posts and Auxiliaries in a few days as we finalized some issues. This will be a minimized convention and CoA meeting due to constrictions as set-up State of Maine Governor Mills due to Covid-19.

2. April 2021 Council of Administration: The CoA meeting to include and Audit & Finance and Service Office meetings will be held on 24 April 2021 via the zoom program. **NOTE: Past National Commander-in-Chief John Moon will be the National Representative.** Please note the times for the following meetings:

- >Finance and Audit > 8:30 am (Zoom meeting – Cmtee members)
- >VSO > 9:30 am (Zoom meeting – Cmtee Members)
- >CoA > 11 am (Zoom meeting > Council members, Chairmen and members wishing to attend)

3. Life Membership Payout: Email from Quartermaster General Debra Anderson. As indicated by the attached signed document from the Life Membership Board of Trustees, the following will be the 2022 Life Member payout. The National Council of Administration concurred in that payout at its March 6, 2021 meeting.

- Plan ABC - A total payout of \$10.50 for each life member (\$3.50 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan D - A total payout of \$12.00 for each life member (\$4.00 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan E - A total payout of \$25.32 for each life member (\$8.44 to each Post, Department and National).

This information will be placed in the VFW General Orders and other communications; however, it would be helpful if your Department Headquarters could use its resources to inform the Posts in your Department of this payout. As indicated in the By-Laws, payment will be made in September 2021 for all Life Members recorded as of August 31, 2021. In addition, a payment will be made in January 2022 for all Life Members processed during the period September 1 through December 31.

4. Installing officers: Are directed to see to it that the Post Election Report forms have been completed and submitted to National Headquarters. If a Post Election Report form has not been forwarded to National Headquarters at the time of installation, the installing officer shall complete and forward such report at the time of the installation of Post Officers no later than June 1. We encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters. Additionally, Section 413 of the National Bylaws requires that a properly completed District Election Report be submitted to National Headquarters prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

NOTE: Post Commanders who are unable to do filing on-line are asked to forward paper copy to the state adjutant who will file the report of election for you.

5. Post, District, Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters: are reminded of the requirements of Sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedure with regard to proof of eligibility for all newly-elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers **shall not be installed** or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

6. Attention is called to the provisions of Section 703 of the National Bylaws which require that each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of these Bylaws shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, they may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department, District, County Council or Post, as the case may be, to which each officer is accountable. The bonds of such accountable officers, in amount and as to surety, shall be approved by their respective units and held by their respective Commanders. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in their unit.

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. Attention of incoming Post and District Elected and Appointed Officers is directed to Section 218 and 418 of the Manual of Procedure which outlines the duties of various Post Officers.

9. Attention is directed to the provision of Section 222 (d) of the National Bylaws, "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." Post Quartermasters are encouraged to register their delegate on-line through the Online Membership System (OMS). Posts failing to comply with this provision will be considered delinquent and in arrears.

10. District Commanders: 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.

11. District Commanders: Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. **Note: The District may elect or the District Commander may appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Chief of Staff or Officer of the Day if required by the District by-laws.**

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws – Regular Meeting, Districts shall hold at least two (2) regular meetings each year for purposes of transacting business and conducting schools of instruction.

Pursuant to Section 417 of the National Manual of Procedure, District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed.

District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

District Commanders, Sr Vice and Jr Vice Commanders once upon being elected and installed will provide a copy of their discharge papers to the State Adjutant office IAW National by-laws. They will receive notification of such is required if they do not have a copy on file at State Headquarters.

12. Attention of Post Commanders: Are directed to Section 218 (a)(11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, one of which ends March 31.

13. Post Nominations/Election of Officers: IAW Section 217 of the Manual of Procedures, nominations of Post Officers shall be open in March and election of Officers shall be conclude in April. **NOTE:** Post election reports should be filed shortly after the final nomination and election of Officers at the April meeting by going to the VFW website. For those Posts who cannot complete the election report, please forward it to the State Adjutant Office who will file for you.

14. Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers: All Posts, Districts and Departments should be reminded of the provisions of Sections 216, 416, and 516 of the Manual of Procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Adjutant and properly reviewed.

11. In Person Post Meetings and Covid Guidelines: It is highly recommended if at all possible for the safety of OUR members that we limit the in person Post and District meetings as much as possible. Post may do meetings via zoom. It is up to each Commander if they feel they can follow all the guidelines set down by the Governor and keep our membership safe. Finally, during these times, please contact your Post membership to see how they are doing. Everyone, please stay safe.

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14. Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National Bylaws concerning any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council and District meetings; County

Council, District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

15. District/Post By-Laws: District and Posts 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 current template as provided by National Headquarters or contact the State Adjutant who will email you the current template. Once completed, please forward 3 original signed copies to State Headquarters for review and then forwarding to National for approval.

16. Directory Changes/Updates: District/Post Commanders-Adjutants are reminded that any changes of Officers within their respective levels must notify the State Adjutant office asap so that we can update all records in both the Adjutant office, the VFW Maine website and inclusion in General Orders as general information.

17. 122nd National Convention: The Veterans of Foreign Wars 122nd National Convention will be held in Baltimore, MD on July 31 – Aug 5, 2021. Housing and registration open March 19, 2021. Any Posts wishing to have the information, please e-mail the State Adjutant who will forward you all of the information.

22. Eastern Conference: Will be held Oct 29-31, 2021 at the Princess Royale Ocean Front Hotel and Conference Center, 9100 Ocean Highway – Oceanfront, Ocean City, MD 28142. Room rates are: \$89+ tax for Ocean/Pool View, \$129.00+tax for Ocean front. Please make your reservations by calling directly to the hotel @ 1-800-4-Royale. The deadline for room reservations is 20 September 2021, after that deadline, all unreserved rooms will be released to the general public. If a handicap room is needed, please let the hotel know at the time of reservation.

24. Dates to Remember:

- 4 Apr > Easter
- 24 Apr > CoA Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
- 9 May > Mother's Day
- 15 May > Armed Forces Day
- 19 Jun > State Convention and Council of Administration, Winslow ME
- 31 Jul – 5 Aug > National Convention, Baltimore, MD

25. Candidates for Department High Office 2021-2022:

- Department Commander > Herman L. Littlefield Jr. > Post 6131
- Department Sr. Vice Commander > Jennifer L. Lane > Post 1603
- Department Jr. Vice Commander > John J. Bouchard > Post 9389
- Department Quartermaster > David D. Williams > Post 1641
- Department Chaplain > Kevin G. Woodward > Post 11553
- Department Judge Advocate > Anthony R. Kimble > Post 3108
- Department Surgeon > Danford G. Saucier > Post 9389
- Department Surgeon > Teresa S. Drag > Post 9787
- Department Surgeon > Randolph S. Michaud > Post 2599
- Department Surgeon > Carl S. Lambert > Post 887
- Department Surgeon > Amy Hope Meuchel > Post 6859

26. Candidates for National Council Member, Maine 2021-2024:

- Steven J. SanPedro > Post 6859
- Andre L. Dumas > Post 9389
- Kevin G. Woodward > Post 11553

27. District Meeting Dates: Any changes, please notify the state Adjutant Office ASAP.

D-7 > 18 Apr @ 2 pm > Topsham Post 2197 (AL Legion Post) > SVC Littlefield
D-8 > 18 Apr @ 12 noon > Augusta Post 887 > SG Kimble
D-10 > 25 Apr @ 1 pm > Portland Post 6859 > JVC Lane
D-6 > 2 May # 1 pm > Northport Post 6131 > SG Kimble
D-9 > 2 May @ 1 pm, lunch 12 noon > Rumford Post 1641 (Loyalty Day) > Adj Dumas
D-5 > 3 May @ 2 pm > Madison Post 7865 > QM Williams
D-2 > 8 May @ 1 pm > Burlington Post 1285 > Cmdr Davis
D-4 > 15 May @ 2 pm > Ellsworth Post 109 > JA Bouchard
D-3 > 16 May @ 2 pm > Harrington Post 11553 > Cmdr Davis
D-11 > 16 May @ 2 om > Sanford Post 9935 > JVC Lane
D-1 > 5 Jun @ 1 pm > Caribou Post 9389 > Adj Dumas

28. Directory Changes: None

BY COMMAND OF:

Michael "Keith" Davis

Michael "Keith" Davis
Commander

OFFICIAL:

Andre L. Dumas

Andre L. Dumas
Adjutant



State Commander
Michael "Keith" Davis



Comrades, Spring is in the air, snow is almost all gone. Sitting here listening to almost continuous thunder. While the 2020-2021 year is almost over, it's not. We still have lots of work to do. Chairmen; check the GO's and ensure what is reported in the GO's for each Post is what was reported to you. Some of the Chairman's may need to send a list of posts reported to the Community Activity chairman.

Scouting, Scout of the Year deadlines: 1 March to the Post > 1 April to Department Scouting coordinator Randolph Michaud > Department to National 1 May. If you are working on a package for Scouting and you cannot meet the deadline contact Randolph Michaud, the dates to the Post and Department can be flexible if needed.

Currently, our membership is just over 94.92%. We have slowed down a lot. Everyone needs to work to ensure we finish the year strong and at a 100 percent. As it stands, we need 385 to reach our goal of 100%. National needs 19,239. It's important as a group that the VFW does not drop below 1 million members. We are currently in danger of that. Nationally, we need almost 20 thousand members to reach the million mark. Currently the VFW is sitting at 980,923 members. The membership team has set goals and if we reach the monthly goal's, we will achieve plus 100% and continue to grow our Department. I know we can make the Department 100% but it will take some work.

This month, Posts should be conducting final nomination and election of Officers. Post members' look at the people you are putting in positions. Are they the best, can you do better? Put people in those positions that care about our organization and your Post. Ensure they have the Posts best interest at heart and not their own. If you do not like the direction your post is heading, now is the time to change it.

If you would like me to attend an event at your Post or in your community, please notify the State Adjutant Andre Dumas as soon as possible. My schedule is starting to fill up for the remainder of the year and I want to be at as many functions around the state as possible!

"Communication, Dedication, Service". Communication - Keeping the lines of communication open to our Veterans to keep them informed and keeping the lines of Communication open from our Veterans to get them what they need. Dedication and Service - Working tirelessly to get Veterans the help and services they need and deserve.

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Yours In Comradeship

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Commander

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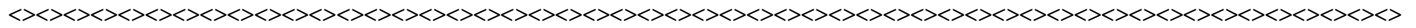
Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW
Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain

25 February 2021 ~ 24 March 2021

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



District 1

6187 > DORSEY, Willis B. “Wild”
RASMUSSEN, Oran A.

9389 > GAGNON, Hector C.

District 3

9779 > BENSON, Leon
JOHNSON, Ernest L.

District 5

4298 > GORDON, David T.

5723 > COLEY, Byron E.
DECKER, Jack C.

District 6

3108 > RUMNEY, Gerald L.
WARD, Danny C.

District 9

1603 > Farnum, Dana G.

3335 > PARADIS, Norman W.

District 10

6859 > BURKILL, Donald H.
FRANK, Raymond G.
LOCKE, Lester P. Jr.

10879 > CHETLEY, John L.
MacGILVRAY, Bruce A.
NOYES, Malcolm A.
TRACY, John P.

District 11

6977 > ADAMS, Frank T.
SAURMAN, Charles A.
SELVES, James E.

Members-at-Large

15020 > PARK, Ernest C. , MG Ret



**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
 COMMANDER'S SPECIAL PROJECT (CSP)
 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER - CENTRAL
 Herman L. Littlefield Jr.**



Greetings Comrades.

Well, March will be over by the time these GOs arrive. Spring is here and it is getting warmer. Most days are in the 50's, although we know that will change again before the true spring is here to stay.

I hope you all are staying safe and healthy. Remember the COVID-19 pandemic is still with us so please continue with social distancing and wearing your mask. Hopefully, the number of positive test results will begin to decrease with the increase in vaccination of the population.

The Commander's Special Project is still ongoing. We have now received donations from 28 posts/districts. Thank you all for your support to this worthy cause. If any VFW member knows of a veteran who could use some assistance during this pandemic, please contact me or Commander Davis.

I had the pleasure of being present at the District 6 award presentation to their Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners last Sunday at the Randall-Collins Post #3108 in Belfast. They both read their very inspiring speeches. It is rewarding to see the young people participating in these programs.

As always, please send your checks to me at 1360 Atlantic Highway, Northport, ME 04849. Please make your check out to **Department of Maine, VFW** and put **Commander's Special Project** on the memo line in the lower left corner.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 338-5052 (home) or 322-1548 (cell), or by email at herman.littlefield@yahoo.com. Loyally,

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
 VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE ~ TOGUS BEALS HOUSE
 PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
 Jennifer L. Lane**

Greetings Comrades! May the luck of the Irish and the warmth of the sun bless you this month. I hope everyone is safe and doing well.

Please reach out to your membership and our families to make sure they are set with their needs. A sincere hello can make the difference in anyone's life! Keep our Comrades in your thoughts and prayers, especially those that have been affected by COVID and those in Texas that have been doubly effected by the Winter Storms that have devastated their areas.

As always, feel free to reach out to me and others in your chain of command for assistance and keep doing what you do for our veterans and their families. Go get em!

**QUARTERMASTER
 NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER, MAINE (NCM,M)
 BUDDY POPPY ~ INSURANCE & BONDS
 David D. Williams, PSC, QM**

Can you all believe that Spring is here and the VFW year is nearing its end.

Audit: By now, all Posts should have completed their end of year Audits and are working on the Quarter that just ended. Most Posts are up to date, there are still some that are missing 1 or 2 reports. Please get these done and up to date. To all QM's thanks for all you do for your Posts.

Poppies: Thanks to all the Posts that submitted their orders and to remind the rest of the Posts that its 5 poppies per member which is a State Requirement for All-State. Submit your orders to me with checks made

out to **Maine V.F.W.** The order form can be found on the Maine web site or in your QM packages you received back in August.

Bonds: Same, every Posts should be bonded by now either through the Department V.F.W. or the Post's own insurance company (you must provide a copy to the State Q.M. for his records). These forms are also located online and in your packages.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and continue to stay safe until this Covid is over with.

NCM,M: VFW National Commander Hal Roesch testified via video teleconference before a special joint hearing of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs. The VFW delivered its top priority of toxic exposure reform, demanding Congress develop a comprehensive solution for veterans who were exposed to toxic chemicals during their time in service. The VFW recommends Congress establish an independent commission, free of DOD and VA oversight, as well as partner with the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine to identify toxic exposures and evaluate their association to certain diseases. Watch the hearing. Read the testimony. **Watch the hearing. Read the testimony.**

**JUDGE ADVOCATE
INSPECTIONS ~ POW/MIA
John J. Bouchard**

Inspections: We are almost there at 100%. Still have about 5 Posts and a couple of Districts. We are getting close to the dead time which is March 31st. With this Covid-19 you all did a very good job with the inspection. Hope all of you are in good shape and stay well. (SMILE, GOD LOVES YOU ALL). **THANK YOU FOR THE JOB YOU ALL DO.**

Manual of Procedures: Section 217 - Post: Election: Post Officers shall be elected in April. Balloting for Post officers may be conducted by open vote or written secret ballot (handwritten or printed) at a regular Post meeting, or, if required by Post-By-Laws or authorized by Post vote prior to the opening of nominations, by a poll system. Absentee ballots and proxy votes are prohibited. A majority vote of all votes cast, except where otherwise designated, shall be necessary to elect. If there be no election on the first ballot, the name of the comrade receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and so on in successive ballots until an election is made.

POW/MIA: Don't forget to send your reports on POW/MIA to get your Post credited. Credited is the POW/MIA chair, flying the POW/MIA flag, any functions dealing with POW/MIA. Returning home with full honors are:

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| >Marine Corps Reserve Pfc J. L. Hancock | >Army Pfc Juan F. Gutierrez |
| >Army Master Sgt James Hart | >Army Cpl. Ralph S. Boughman |
| >Army Cpl. David B. Milano | >Navy Seaman 2 nd Class Michael Malek |
| >Navy Signalman 3 rd Class Austin H. Hesler | >Army Chaplain (Capt) Emil J. Kapaun (MOH) |
| >Army Air Forces 1 st Lt Robert Parker | >Navy Fireman 2 nd Class Carl M. Bradley |
| >Navy Fireman 1 st Class Denis H. Hiskett | >Army Sgt 1 st Class Nicholas J. Valentine |
| >Army Cpl. Walter A. Smead | >Navy Electrician's Mate 3 rd Class LesLie P. Delles |
| >Navy Machinist's Mate 2 nd Class Everett R. Stewart | >US Marine Corps Reserve Pfc Jack E. Hill |
| >Navy Gunner's Mate 3 rd Class Shelby Treadway | >Army Pfc Lyle W. Reab |
| >Marine Corps Pfc John F. Middleswart | >Navy Pharmacist's 3 rd Class George L. Paradis |
| >Navy Seaman 1 st Class Wilbur F. Balance | >Navy Fireman 1 st Class Harold E. Bates |
| >Navy Seaman 1 st Class Elmer P. Lawrence | >Navy Signalman 1 st Class Eugene M. Skaggs |

SURGEON
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY ~ PATRIOT'S PEN ~ TEACHER OF THE YEAR
WAYS & MEANS
Anthony R. Kimble

Spring has officially begun and warmer days are coming. Hope everyone is shaking off winter and excited for outdoor activities. Keep on trucking (watch out for the Easter Bunny) and stay active!!!! Can't wait to see you all in person again very soon.

Blood Bank: DONATE, DONATE, DONATE. Red Cross is at a critical time right now and in need of blood. If you can please look to donate blood or see if your post has the availability to host a blood drive.

COVID 19 Updates: We have officially passed the one-year mark of the global COVID-19 pandemic and it has not been easy. Many Americans have already received both vaccine shots and many more are ready to begin getting their vaccines. You have probably seen that some people are still contracting the COVID-19 virus even after they have received both vaccine shots. Please continue to be safe and adhere to wearing masks and social distancing even after you have been successfully vaccinated.

Maine is committed to an accessible, flexible, and equitable vaccination effort.

Visit the website for more information: <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines>

Safety: April is **Distracted Drivers Awareness Month**. Though traffic has dropped significantly since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, our roads have only gotten more dangerous. On a typical day, more than 700 people are still injured in distracted driving crashes. Talking on a cell phone – even hands-free – or texting or programming an in-vehicle infotainment system diverts your attention away from driving. Keep yourself and others around you safe and #justdrive.

Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year: Department Commander Keith Davis and I were able to attend the ceremonies for the Department Patriot Pen winner in Waldoboro and Department Voice of Democracy winner in Portland.

The ceremonies went very well and all Department winners and their families and friends in attendance were excited to celebrate the student's accomplishments. I hope all District Commanders are having the same excitement as they present their District winners with their prizes.

NOTICE!! To the District Adjutants and VOD Chairman! It will be very important that you go to the National website and get the instructions for "All American Dashboard". It will be your responsibility to go online and report your District and Post participation and forward to the Department Adjutant by the prescribed date. Don't wait until the last minute to learn this program. It is the only way you will receive credit for participation.

Ways and Means: I have received several ticket stubs and funds collected from the posts. Please keep sending me the ticket stubs and funds collected, we really need to make sure we are doing our best to sell the tickets you were mailed. I sincerely appreciate everyone's current efforts to help the Department raise as much money as we can.

Tickets have been sent to each Post Commander and you should have received them. If you send me a check, please write it out to **Department of Maine VFW** and put **WAYS and MEANS** in the memo line along with your ticket stubs and I will ensure the check is sent to Department QM. Thank you to several of the Posts who have sent me your checks and ticket stubs. Keep them coming, if you need more tickets please email me or call me and I will send you more tickets.

We are going to be going with the same prizes as last year, 1st Prize \$500, 2nd Prize \$250, 3rd Prize \$100.

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

Superman has his kryptonite, and I know my weakness...sleep deprivation. If I don't get enough sleep, a lot of things start to spiral out of control. I have less patience and I have trouble concentrating. Compassion fatigue can go through the roof. I've made a list of ways I help replenish myself. Would any of these be helpful to you?

- >Learn how to say no.
- >Seek out what you need to stay centered.
- >Set your life priorities.
- >Guard your time to practice your faith.
- >Have an accountability partner.
- >Take time to recover.

Compassion fatigue is a secondary traumatic stress disorder. It affects those who care for the traumatized, walking with them in their suffering beyond empathy to compassion. Such compassion work, especially with those grieving or going through acute traumatic stress, can be physically, emotionally, and spiritually exhausting.

WAA: National Wreaths across America Day 18 December 2021

The theme for the 2021 Wreaths across America Program is: ***"Live up to their legacy."***

You can send your sponsorship checks to me, remember that the check must be made out to ***Wreaths across America***. If you wish to do sponsorships online you can use this link.

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITES
Christopher L. Robison, IPSC

Comrades, we have entered the last month of the reporting year. Please make every effort to report early in the month. The deadline for the Department to report to National is April 30th, so early reporting will help me get that information to them in a timely manner. I appreciate all the hard work that everyone has put in during the 2020 - 2021 year.

We have shown that even a pandemic cannot prevent us from proving that ***No One Does More For Veterans*** than the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Keep an eye out when the 2021-2022 Community Activities program arrives. We hope to make some changes in order to clarify some things and make it easier on everyone involved.

Thanks again for your diligence. Yours in Comradeship,

CHIEF OF STAFF
Arthur J. Roy, PSC

Comrades: Here it is April and Membership isn't at 100% but we are close so let's all think MEMBERSHIP and pick up the few your post needs to get our Department and all Posts 100%.

Most of us have gotten COVID-19 shots and I get my 2nd shot April 2nd. We all will be happy once it's over and we can finely get outside and be able to say no more masks. SAM and I are out walking now that it's been nice weather lately. Let's all stay safe & happy.

AMERICANISM/LOYALTY DAY
Michael A. McInnis, Chairman

Hopefully, many of you either have had or have signed up to get your vaccinations. With the opening of many new Vaccination places and the new rules, hopefully all our members of our Posts and Auxiliaries will get vaccinated soon.

Many of the Posts in the Department of Maine have reported in Americanism/Loyalty Day Programs. We still have quite a number of Posts that have not reported at all. April is the last month to report for all community activities this year.

Please report any/all programs completed either in person or on social media. All reports for Americanism/Loyalty Day can be mailed to me at 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 should receive them. If you do not receive credit, please contact me @ 207-590-6058 or at my email: qmvfw7997@yahoo.com

AUDIT & FINANCE
DEPARTMENT GRANTS
Alfred E. Michaud Sr., PSC

The Audit and Finance Committee will meet at the next CoA or telecommunicate. Books of the Quartermaster will be audited on 4-10-21 at Post 1285 downstairs by the committee.

Grants: Homeless Veterans Grant through the Department of Labor in process of closing still.

Our **State of Maine VSO Grant** funds are starting to trickle in.

Our **VA Transportation Grant** the **\$40,000.00** is up and running.

Our **State Homeless Veterans Grant** will be zero this year due to COVID19.

CREDENTIALS
Samuel C. Flint, Chairman

Hello everyone. I hope this finds you and your families all well and healthy.

Now that we are moving forward with the new year under different circumstances, let us hope that we somewhat are able to get back to how we did business and have a State Convention in Bangor in June 2021. As you have been informed in the past, you must make sure that you complete all of your required programs to be able to vote at the state convention. I will keep you informed as information is received from the respective Chairmen as time goes on to make sure that you do not miss voting at the State Convention.

Take care of yourselves, your family members and please check on your neighbors and Veterans.

HISTORIAN
Student Veterans of America (SVA)
Amy Hope Meuchel, Chairperson

Historian: Please continue to send me any pictures or articles for the Commanders box. I know many of the Post and Districts have held small award ceremonies for their VOD & Patriot Pen winners. I would love a copy of those. With technology these days, you can always send me a link to an article or text me links or pictures which I will be able to print off. meuchelamyh@outlook.com or text 207-894-0281.

SVA: Nothing to report.

**HOMELESS VETERANS
VETERANS CEMETERY SOUTH ~ ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE (Augusta)
MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER (South)
James E.N. Bachelder, PSC**

Over the past month, we have been asked to house 2 Veterans in hotel stays.

The Maine Veterans in Need, Inc. (MVN) held its first Zoom Transportation Meeting with the Maine Elks state-wide, Welcome to Housing in Bangor, Furniture Friends in Westbrook, VOANNE Cabins in the Woods at Togus. We are finding that the solutions are completely different depending on whether the furniture is being received or delivered.

If the furniture is being delivered, it can be covered by the State VEFAP funds if the Veteran qualifies. That should not be a question because the Veteran is Homeless and that is a qualifying condition. The grant is up to a \$2,000.00 each year it is needed.

Transportation for the pick-up of the furniture going into storage doesn't qualify for VEFAP funding. There are some new ideas about this issue needing more development. Hopefully, some of them will work-out and save shipping costs.

We had a great Plan A for transportation until it failed. The key person was not available so, MVN reached-out to Operation Brotherhood (Jennifer Lane, Dept. JVC). She put together a crew to rent a U-Haul and pick up the furniture and supplies at the Augusta Elks and deliver it into the apartment in Augusta. We are still working on the missing information to make the move in of a Veteran and wife who have nothing.

We now need to have a Zoom meeting with all the organizations that have case manager who work with the Homeless Veterans. We will also need to have a meeting with all the little home builders in the state. It is coming together.

MVN will be starting the Stand-Down meetings this monthly meeting. We didn't have this on the agenda last month.

We are still waiting for our IRS 501C3 designation.

The Topsham American Legion Post 2202 raised \$7,525 at their Winter Classic Softball Tournament for MVN.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at james.bachelder@metrocast.net or call 432- 7127 between 9 am to 9 pm.

Veterans' Cemetery South: Nothing has changes since last month. We still are not meeting due to Covid-19.

Legislative Assistant (Augusta): There are many bills for Veterans that could use some support with written testimony. Anyone interested in getting involved can contact me. We can look for a bill that interest you and you can express your opinion to the LVA Committee or whatever committee is holding public hearings. We have state legislators that create bills for our benefit. We need to support the bills as they progress thru the system. The system is the development, committee hearing testimony and contacting legislators in your area that are not on the specific committee. This is when you express the same support, that is in your committee testimony, to the legislators within your influence.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at james.bachelder@metrocast.net or call 432- 7127 between 9 am to 9 pm.

Winter ended early in Southern Maine. With all of us getting the jab(s), we will soon be able to gather again.

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

Total donations for the Month of March 2021 were \$1,250.00. \$250.00 will be used for Bingo Coupons and \$1,000.00 will go to VAVS to be used as needed for Veterans' care.

I would like to thank Post # 6859 Portland and # 6924 Fairfield.

MEMBERSHIP
LEGISLATIVE ~ MAINE VETERAN’S HOMES (MVH)
Steven J. SanPedro, PSC/Chairman

Congratulation to Post 7529 Island Falls, Post 6131 Northport, Post 1641 Rumford, Post 2197 Topsham, Post 4169 Vinalhaven and District 2 for reaching or exceeding their goal of 100%. That makes 18 Posts and 2 District to reach this goal. Job well done by all!

Legislation: We conducted our National VFW Legislative Conference via zoom from 1-3 March this year. Member of our CoA and I met with all four of Maines Legislators. We talked about Toxic exposure being synonymous with military service, additional presumptive illness, unemployment rate nearly doubling during Covid-19 for Veterans, the automotive adaptive grant program, healthcare, suicide prevention, better healthcare for Woman Veterans, Concurrent pay, contracted Comp & Pen Exams, lack of vaccine at VA Togus and the South Portland Coast Guard Exchange closing. They were all very receptive to our concerns and the solution we presented them. I am happy to say that many of them have Co-Sponsored many of the bill we discussed. Senator Collins actually sponsored S444 Auto for Veterans Act which is gaining a lot of support along with the House version HR1361. I will remain in contact with them about these issues and hold them to their word.

Membership: We continue to slow down and really can’t afford too. Commanders and Membership Teams, please keep working those rosters. Call those Members that have expired again and ask them to remain a Member of this organization. As a Department, we are on track to still make Commander Davis an All-American Commander but we are losing ground and we need help from everyone. The Department is currently sitting at 94.92% with 7206 Members which is an increase of 1.80% and 127 Members. We need 385 Members to reach 100%. We have decreased our New Members by 45 and increased our Reinstated Members by 10 from this time last year. We are all recruiters and we must Retain, Reinstate and Recruit Members. We have 10 Posts that has completed a Recruiter Event and submitted the proper paperwork to me. Make sure you read and understand the 2020-2021 Membership Program. If you have any *questions on Membership please contact me at 207-894-5260 or email me at sanpedro105@roadrunner.com*

Maine Veterans Homes: The Homes remain COVID-19 free. The Administration and the staff of the Homes are doing everything they can to keep the virus out. As a team working together, they have done a great job. The majority of the residents have received their second dose of the vaccine which helps a lot. All the Homes have resumed visitation from family members. The new Augusta Home is moving along and should be done by the end of May. The plan is to open in September. As always, the MVH team is doing everything they can to live up to their motto of “caring for those who served!”

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NATIONAL HOME
Teresa Drag, Chairperson

Thank you to Post 1603 for their donation to the National Home!
Reminder to send checks to me at: PO Box 140, Paris ME 04271. If a Post or District does a donation sponsorship (such as a brick or a tree), please let me know so that we can track and thank you!
Who sent in videos for Nation Reading Month? It’s not too late to send one!
You can now take a “Virtual Tour” on the website <https://www.vfwnationalhome.org/>

NATIONAL VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT (NV&MS)
Christopher Armstrong

Hello Comrades: Spring is on it’s way for sure and unfortunately, Covid-19 is still lingering.

Checks are extremely slow now and it is getting close to the end of our year. Our Veterans need our support now more than ever, so please look to see if your Post has donated if not, you still have time.

Please remember to check on our Veterans and elderly even though the weather is getting warmer., they still may need some help.

Thank you and stay safe and hope to see you all real soon.

SCOUTING

Randolph S. Michaud, Chmn

Comrades: So far, I have received 18 Posts that have reported doing something for scouting, that is great. I would like to see a few more Posts send in reports before the end of the year. I have not received any Scout of the Year applications, if any Posts have any scouts that have filled out the paperwork, please email or mail the paperwork to me asap; I hope we can get at least one.

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather so far and maybe we just might have a normal or semi-normal summer this year. You all take care and be safe, wear your masks and wash your hands regularly.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Cornelius J. Ware, SO

Service Office Phase II COVID-19 Procedures Continued: We are still in Phase II for now. We did experience a temporary shutdown due to COVID-19 from 15-24 March. Our office staff is slowly getting back on track, so please be patient. VA did a deep cleaning and sanitization of our workspace in our absences. The following practices will remain in place for now, to maintain the health and safety of our staff and the Veterans we serve.

1. We see veterans by appointment only no walk-ins at this time.
2. Masks must be worn during your visit; we have hand sanitizer available.
3. No more than 2 Veterans in the office at a time.
4. We sanitize our workstations and adjacent areas between visits and at the end of the workday.
5. If we get an urgent walk-in request we will try and accommodate them with an appointment on that day if the schedule permits. To avoid conflicts and allow us to provide you with the best service possible, please call and make an appointment. You can reach us at the VFW Service Office phone number 107-623-5723. Email us at vfw.vbatog@va.gov. Once again, we Thank you for your patience and understand as we continue to conduct business with the health and safety of our staff and veteran's as our primary concern during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Upcoming NVS Proficiency Training: In order to ensure the safety of everyone involved, VFW has made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel the annual in-person NVS Proficiency Training Conference scheduled for May 2021 due to continued COVID-19 precautions. However, in order to still provide quality training; **NVS has converted this conference to a virtual format with live instruction taking place May 3, 2021 to May 11, 2021 each business day from 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST using Zoom video teleconferencing.** Please note that this training conference is intended for all Department Service Officers and one other accredited representative from the regional office.

VA Home Loan Guaranty Changes: As part of Loan Guaranty's (LGY) modernization initiative to become digital and paperless, LGY communications will transition into a fully digital intake platform to streamline service delivery. Effective **April 5, 2021**, LGY will cease using all fax lines. As LGY moves away from fax communications, they have provided various options to contact them on their website: https://www.benefits.va.gov/HOMELOANS/contact_rlc_info.asp.

Togus Public Contact Live Video Sessions: Just a friendly reminder about the Regional Office's live video Tele-benefits initiative to conduct VA Video Connect (VVC) sessions with veterans from the comfort of their own home. VVC uses secure, live video technology to connect the Veteran and a Togus representative

visually and audibly throughout the session. This service increases VA's responsiveness to Veteran needs, reduces travel costs and time, and improves access to benefits. To schedule an appointment, please contact the Togus Public Contact Team at 207-621-6938.

Upcoming Board of Veterans Affairs(BVA) Hearings: The Department Service Officer will be unavailable 12-13 April due to scheduled BVA hearings. Any urgent business can be directed to the Assistant Service Officer during business hours on those days.

"VETERANS SERVING VETERANS"

WEBSITE COORDINATOR
Thomas R. Lussier, PSC

The Department Website is in good working order.

Please ensure any directory changes are sent to the Department Adjutant. Also, if you have any photos of Department events please forward to me. The website includes a Department Photo Gallery that I would like to keep updated and I always would like to see more guestbook entrees.

Comrades the Department website contains an incredible amount of information designed to make everyone's job more helpful. Many years have been devoted to creating this site so please utilize it! If anyone has any problems please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank You!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
James A. Proctor, Chairman

Cliff Trail Hike: Get some spring in your step as you trek by fairy houses, cliffs and a waterfall on this 2 mile hike on the Cliff Trail in Harpswell. This hike is ideal for all skill levels. Girls must be prepared to hike over roots and food bridges. Date: 10 Apr. Reg. By: 31 Mar. Start Time: 9:00 am. End Time: 10:30 am. Locations: Harpswell. Levels: B/J/C/S/A. Girl Fee: \$ 5.00. adult Fee: \$ 5.00.

Camping S'More Fun: In this wonderful outdoor weekend at beautiful Camp Natarski, adults will complete troop camp training part 2 while girls work on level 2 of the GSME outdoor skills patch. Date: 12-13 Jun. Reg. By: EB 31 Mar. Start Time: 9:00 am. End Time: 12:00 pm. Location: Millinocket. Levels: J/C. Girl Fee: EB \$ 30.00. Adult Fee: EB \$ 30.00.

DEPT @ 95.00% - Need 379 For 100% (6+)
Department Statistics

Maine as of Monday March 29, 2021

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2599	1	94	0	0	12	106	160	66.25%	-54	PRESQUE ISLE	0
6187	1	56	0	2	25	83	82	101.21%	+1	FORT FAIRFIELD	0
9389	1	359	3	9	113	484	481	100.62%	+3	CARIBOU	0
9699	1	63	0	2	15	80	79	101.26%	+1	ASHLAND	0
District Total	1	572	3	13	165	753	802	93.89%	-49		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1605	2	119	1	1	11	132	132	100.00%	0	BURLINGTON	1
7529	2	58	0	8	17	83	82	101.21%	1	ISLAND FALLS	0
District Total	2	177	1	9	28	215	214	100.46%	1		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9779	3	103	0	4	29	136	136	100.00%	0	CALAIS	0
11553	3	102	0	0	16	118	139	84.89%	-21	HARRINGTON	1
District Total	3	205	0	4	45	254	275	92.36%	-21		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
109	4	116	3	0	39	158	176	89.77%	-18	ELLSWORTH	0
1761	4	170	4	0	32	206	244	84.42%	-38	BANGOR	0
3381	4	157	5	2	28	192	209	91.86%	-17	OLD TOWN	0
4633	4	97	1	0	7	105	111	94.59%	-6	HAMPDEN	1
District Total	4	540	13	2	106	661	740	89.32%	-79		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
4298	5	51	0	0	16	67	74	90.54%	-7	DEXTER	0
5723	5	5	0	0	10	15	15	100.00%	0	JACKMAN	0
6924	5	98	0	0	8	106	121	87.60%	-15	FAIRFIELD	3
7865	5	101	1	0	16	118	131	90.07%	-13	MADISON-ANSON	0
7866	5	8	0	0	2	10	13	76.92%	-3	NORRIDGEWOCK	0
10881	5	21	0	0	4	25	24	104.16%	+1	FARMINGTON	1
11191	5	21	0	0	11	32	35	91.42%	-3	NEWPORT	0
District Total	5	305	1	0	67	373	413	90.31%	-40		4

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
3095	6	12	0	0	4	16	19	84.21%	-3	FRIENDSHIP	0
3108	6	116	0	1	25	142	168	84.52%	-26	BELFAST	1
4169	6	9	0	0	5	14	14	100.00%	0	VINALHAVEN	0
6131	6	48	0	2	26	76	76	100.00%	0	NORTHPORT	0
9437	6	39	1	0	5	45	50	90.00%	-5	WASHINGTON	0
District Total	6	224	1	3	65	293	327	89.60%	-34		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2197	7	56	4	1	20	81	79	102.53%	2	TOPSHAM	0
4525	7	54	0	0	14	68	76	89.47%	-8	WALDOBORO	0
7738	7	56	2	2	10	70	70	100.00%	0	BATH	0
District Total	7	166	6	3	44	219	225	97.33%	-6		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9	8	39	0	0	15	54	59	91.52%	-5	GARDINER	1
887	8	196	1	0	53	250	264	94.69%	-14	AUGUSTA	1
1285	8	221	1	0	10	232	248	93.54%	-16	WATERVILLE	1
8835	8	237	5	0	24	266	272	97.79%	-6	WINSLOW	1
9526	8	33	0	0	6	39	43	90.69%	-4	WINTHROP	0
District Total	8	726	7	0	108	841	886	94.92%	-45		4
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1603	9	283	2	26	51	362	359	100.83%	3	LEWISTON-AUBURN	1
1641	9	61	1	10	72	144	144	100.00%	0	RUMFORD	0
3335	9	211	1	0	30	242	254	95.27%	-12	JAY	0
9150	9	62	0	0	12	74	80	91.25%	-6	LEWISTON	0
9787	9	103	2	0	28	133	146	91.09%	-13	SOUTH PARIS	0
District Total	9	720	6	36	193	955	983	97.15%	-28		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
6783	10	35	0	0	5	40	45	88.88%	-5	LOVELL	0
6859	10	304	2	0	66	372	396	93.93%	-24	PORTLAND	0
9328	10	36	0	0	5	41	41	100.00%	0	HARRISON	0
10529	10	75	0	0	2	77	78	98.71%	-1	YARMOUTH	0
10643	10	47	1	0	26	74	75	98.66%	-1	WINDHAM	0
10879	10	275	2	0	38	315	338	93.19%	-23	GORHAM	0
11362	10	30	0	0	5	35	35	100.00%	0	NAPLES	0
District	10	802	5	0	147	954	1008	94.64%	-53		0

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
5744	11	110	0	0	33	143	156	91.66%	-13	SOUTH BERWICK	3
6977	11	173	0	1	17	191	199	95.97%	-8	YORK BEACH	4
7997	11	163	3	25	68	259	234	110.68%	+25	OLD ORCHARD BEACH	0
9394	11	46	1	0	6	53	59	89.83%	-6	KITTERY	0
9935	11	162	7	7	133	309	294	105.10%	+15	SANFORD	1
District Total	11	654	11	33	257	955	942	101.38%	+13		8
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
15020	99	590	12	37	100	739	776	95.23%	-37	RUMFORD	5
District Total	99	590	12	37	100	739	776	95.23%	-37	QM'S HOUSE	5
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
State Total	0	5681	66	140	1325	7212	7591	95.00%	-379		26



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

THIS 2020 – 2021 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP?

“COMMUNICATE – DEDICATION - SERVICE ”

“RETAIN-REINSTATE-RECRUIT”

**"COMMUNICATION – DEDICATION - SERVICE"
MICHAEL "KEITH" DAVIS, STATE COMMANDER**

**DIVISION LEADERS <<>> MARCH 29, 2021
>> 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. 10881 FARMINGTON	104.16%	1. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	110.68%
2. 11362 NAPLES	100.00%	2. 9935 SANFORD	105.10%
3. 9328 HARRISON	100.00%	3. 8835 WINSLOW	97.79%
DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. V (301-400) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 9699 ASHLAND	101.26%	1. 1603 AUBURN	100.83%
2. 7529 ISLAND FALLS	101.21%	2. 6859 PORTLAND	93.93%
3. 6187 FORT FAIRFIELD	100.21%	3. 10879 GORHAM	93.19%
DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. VI (401- HIGHER) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 1605 BURLINGTON	100.00%	1. 9389 CARIBOU	100.62%
2. 9779 CALAIS	100.00%	2.	
3. 1641 RUMFORD	100.00%	3.	

TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY %		TEN LARGEST POSTS	
1. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	110.68%	1. 9389 CARIBOU	484
2. 9935 SANFORD	105.10%	2. 6859 PORTLAND	372
3. 10881 FARMINGTON	104.16%	3. 1603 AUBURN	362
4. 2197 TOPSHAM	102.53%	4. 10879 GORHAM	315
5. 9699 ASHLAND	101.26%	5. 9935 SANFORD	309
6. 7529 ISLAND FALLS	101.21%	6. 8835 WINSLOW	266
7. 6187 FORT FAIRFIELD	101.21%	7. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	259
8. 1603 AUBURN	100.83%	8. 887 AUGUSTA	250
9. 9389 CARIBOU	100.62%	9. 3335 JAY	242
10. 7738 BATH	100.00%	10. 1285 WATERVILLE	232

DISTRICT STANDINGS		MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2020-2021	
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1. District 11 DAY	101.38%	WE HAVE = 7212 – WE NEED 378	
2. District 2 EWING	100.46%	ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 100%	
3. District 7 STEVENS	97.33%		
4. District 9 DRAG	97.15%	5 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A BLUE BALL CAP	
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE, VFW	95.00%	10 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A WHITE VFW SHIRT	
5. District 8 LAMBERT	94.92%	ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT	
6. District 10 GOODMAN	94.64%	LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND	
7. District 1 SAUCIER	93.89%	<b>RETAIN – RECRUIT &amp; REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS?</b>	
8. District 3 SIVRET	92.36%	NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS	
9. District 5 TWEEDIE	90.31%	ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK?	
10. District 6 ARMSTRONG	89.60%		
11. District 4 SULLIVAN	89.32%		



# “ALL-STATE COMMANDER/QUARTERMASTER CHECK OFF LIST”



(This was put together **“ONLY AS A TOOL”** to assist you)

ALL OF THE INFORMATION HERE IS TAKEN FROM THE DEPARTMENT of MAINE 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM.

THE ALL STATE CONTEST ENDS ON JUNE 30th 2021 / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ENDS ON APRIL 30th 2021

1. ALL QUOTA'S ARE 101% OF 2020's MEMBERSHIP TOTAL (DIV'S ARE LISTED IN PROGRAM)
  - a. ARE WE 101% OF LAST YEAR? _____
2. HAVE WE REPORTED IN VOD and PATRIOTS PEN? _____
3. HAVE WE sent the Veterans & Military Support Program Chairman Minimum of \$25.00? (Chairman is Chris Armstrong – Questions Please Call or E-mail him)
4. HAVE WE PURCHASED 5 BUDDY POPPIES PER MEMBER? _____
5. ARE WE REPORTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE? _____
6. ARE WE REPORTED IN YOUTH ACTIVITIES? _____
7. HAVE WE TURNED IN POST TRUSTEE REPORTS FOR EACH QUARTER? _____
8. HAS MY POST COMPLETED A RECRUITER EVENT? _____
9. AS A POST COMDR “or” QM I HAVE RECRUITED 5 NEW or REINSTATED MEMBERS? ____



**ALL POSTS SHOULD HAVE THEIR MEMBERSHIP TEAMS IN PLACE BY NOW AND SHOULD MEET ONCE A WEEK TO SEE WHERE THEIR POSTS STAND AND PLAN NEW THINGS TO GET ALL THE NEW / REINSTATED AND LIFE MEMBERS THAT THEY CAN TO MAKE THEIR POSTS NUMBER #1 IN THE STATE. ALSO REMEMBER – WE MUST RETAIN THE MEMBERS WE HAVE TO STAY STRONG!**

**RECRUITING IS EVERYONES JOB (**YES EVERYONE**) IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MAINE THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR!  
HAVE YOU RECRUITED A MEMBER THIS WEEK?  
READ THE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**



**REMEMBER THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE TO ASSIST YOU.  
YOU MUST STILL STUDY THE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM ON A REGULAR BASIS.**

Dist	Div	Post #	Name	Americanism/Loyalty Day	Blood /Safety/Drug Abuse	Ordered Buddy Poppies	Commanders Special Project COVID-19 Relief	Community Activities	National Military Service	Youth	POW - MIA	Hospital /NAVS	Audit Report - Jun	Audit Report - Sept	Audit Report - Dec	Audit Report - Mar	Bonding	Voice of Democracy	Patriot Pen	Teacher to Department	Delegates to National	Post Inspected	Recruiter's Event Booth	Scouts
1	4	2599	Presque Isle	x	x	500		x		x	x	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes								
1	2	6187	Fort Fairfield	x								yes	yes	yes		yes						x		
1	6	9389	Caribou	x			x				x	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		x	x			x		
1	3	9699	Ashland	x								yes	yes	yes	yes							x		
1			<b>District 1</b>									6/19	9/23	yes	yes	yes	yes	x	x			x		
2	2	1605	Burlington	x		1000	x				x	x	7/13	yes	yes	yes	yes						x	
2	2	7529	Island Falls	x			x					x	7/21	10/6	1/5		yes							
2			<b>District 2</b>										yes	yes	yes	yes	yes					x		
3	3	9779	Calais										yes	10/5				x	x			x		
3	3	11553	Harrington																			x		
3			<b>District 3</b>															x	x			x		
4	3	109	Ellsworth	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	yes	yes	yes		yes	x	x			x		
4	5	1761	Bangor	x	x							x						x				x		
4	5	3381	Old Town	x				x		x	x		8/5	yes	yes			x				x		
4	3	4633	Hampden	x	x	2000	x			x	x	x	yes	yes			yes	x				x	x	
4			<b>District 4</b>															x	x			x		
5	2	4298	Dexter														yes					x		
5	1	5723	Jackman Stat				x					yes	yes	yes				x				x		
5	3	6924	Fairfield								x	yes										x		
5	3	7865	Madison									yes	yes	yes				x				x		
5	1	7866	Norridgewock									yes	yes			yes						x		
5	1	10881	Farmington				x				x	7/9	10/23	1/10		yes						x		
5	1	11191	Newport									yes	yes	yes		yes						x		
5			<b>District 5</b>									yes	yes			yes	x	x				x		
6	1	3095	Friendship	x								yes												
6	4	3108	Belfast	x	x		x	x			x	x	yes	yes	yes		yes	x	x			x		
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	x																				
6	2	6131	Northport	x		1000							8/13	10/2	yes		yes	x				x	x	
6	1	9437	Washington	x									7/15	10/23	yes		yes					x		
6			<b>District 6</b>				x						yes	yes				x	x			x		

