



# Department of Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars

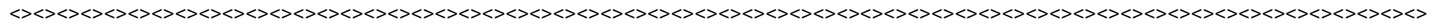


*"Communication ~ Dedication ~ Service"*

August 2020

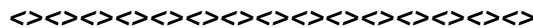
GENERAL ORDERS

No. 2



## *SPECIAL NOTICES <> SPECIAL NOTICES*

### *Happy 230<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the United States Coast Guard*



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

- >24 October 2020 > CoA Meeting/State President Testimonial > Portland, ME
- >16 January 2021 > CoA Meeting/ VoD-PP-ToY Banquet, Bangor, ME
- >24 April 2021 > CoA Meeting/State Commander Testimonial, Lewiston, ME
- >11-12 June 2021 > State Convention, Bangor, ME
- >13 June 2021 > CoA Meeting, Bangor, ME

**2. Council of Administration:** Will be held on 24 October 2020 at the Fireside Inn and Suites, Portland, ME.

- >Audit & Finance Cmtee Meeting : 8:30 am
- >Service Office Cmtee Meeting > 9:30 am
- >Council of Administration Meeting > 1 pm

**3. State President Testimonial Banquet:** Will be held on 24 October at the Fireside Inn and Suites, Portland, ME. "More information will be announced shortly as awaiting clarification from the hotel".

**4. Mailing of Annual Information to all Posts & Districts Commanders, Department Chairperson, Department Officers and PSCs:** Information will be mailed out as soon as the directories are received from the publisher. It is asked because of much information is being provided in these packages that the Commander and Quartermaster make sure that the information is disseminated to their respective Officers and Chairmen.

**4. Department Directories:** Will be mailed to all along respectively with the annual mailing of information. Please note that the information derived for the directory was obtained from the election reports as filed by all of the Posts and Districts in the Department. Upon receipt of the directories, please make sure that the information is correct, any errors, please email the correct information to the State Adjutant office.

**5. Attention of all members is directed to the purposes listed within the VFW's Congressional Charter.** "To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom" is one of the VFW's chartered purposes; as such the VFW represents fighting for American rights, civil rights and humanitarian impulses that have always guided the VFW's principles.

Today the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States reaffirms its commitment to that chartered purpose by first recognizing that in order to end racism within our organization it is not enough to be non-racist/non-discriminatory: we must be proactive. While we focus on education and mentorship we work to

identify, address, and eradicate any and all forms of racial bias and discrimination. We will work to eliminate racial injustices and discriminatory practices within our organization. The VFW's leadership is united in the pursuit to end racial bias and discrimination while empowering our members and the greater veteran community towards this collective goal.

**6.** Attention of all members is directed to Section 901 of the National Bylaws, "Discipline of Members." Members who have committed offenses recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States may be subject to disciplinary action. Members are reminded that acts of Sexual Harassment, Racial or Sexual Discrimination, and all other conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline or conduct determined to be unbecoming of a member will not be condoned. In general, harassment and discrimination consists of any form of verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct that is sufficiently severe and/or pervasive enough to have the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment or otherwise interfering with another's ability to participate in VFW events. All members will be treated with dignity and respect.

**7.** For purposes of clarification, we do not operate as a men's organization or a ladies organization, but as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its VFW Auxiliary.

**8.** Every Post chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2020-21 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, "Buddy"® Poppy and Veterans and Military Support Programs. Additionally, it is necessary that all Post and Department Commanders comply with all provisions of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure and Ritual.

**9. *Post Commanders and District Commanders:*** Are directed to forward all resolutions or communications relative to federal legislation or to the policy or procedure of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or any other governmental agency, to their respective Department Headquarters for consideration and referral to the Adjutant General. Department Commanders will not take direct action on any such resolutions or communications without first obtaining full knowledge of existing National Headquarters policies governing such legislation or agencies. Posts, County Councils, Districts and officers and members thereof shall not publicly communicate or promulgate any such resolutions until reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief.

**10. *Attention of commanders at all levels:*** Is directed to Section 703 of the National Bylaws which requires that each accountable officer be bonded with an indemnity company in the sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may be accountable.

**11. *Attention of Post Commanders:*** Is directed to Section 218(a)(11)(b), Manual of Procedure, Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit quarterly, through their Post Commander, a Post Trustees' Report of Audit (VFW Store product #4214) to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. The first report is due at the close of September. ***Do not mail these reports to National Headquarters.***

**12. *Attention of Post Commanders:*** Is directed to the requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990 and 990/T, where applicable. Forms may be secured from your local Post Office or branch office of the Internal Revenue Service.

**13. *Posts Commanders:*** Are urged to start planning suitable programs now for the observance of Veterans Day (see Section 223 of the Manual of Procedure).

**14.** The Manual of Procedure amendment passed by the 119th National Convention modified Section 1001(25) to read, "The dispensation and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of smoking/vaping products in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings are prohibited."

**15. District Inspectors:** A thorough program of Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department Bylaws and directives. Department and District Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed. **NOTE:** Department by-laws requires that the District Inspector cannot inspect his own Post, thus the District Commander must appoint another individual to do the inspection or that Post.

**16. Post Commanders:** U.S. Army ARDEC has issued guidance on the operation and maintenance of the M1 Garand. The manual can be found in the VFW Training & Support section at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) or you can visit the M1 Garand Associated Website: [m1garandtraining.com](http://m1garandtraining.com).

**16.** The distribution of VFW “Buddy”® Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Sections 711 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of “Buddy” Poppies in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of “Buddy” Poppies shall be used in accordance with Section 704 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure.

**17. Change of Post and District Officers:** All District and Post Commanders are reminded that whenever there is change of Officer(s) within the Post or District that they need to notify the State Adjutant Office asap so that the Department directory can be updated accordingly and the information disseminated to all in the General Orders.

**18. Patriot Day, September 11:** Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11, is designated as “Patriot Day.” The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States.

**19. District Officers:** Article IV – Districts, Section 416, District officers elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to the District Adjutant. Additionally, District Commanders, District Senior Vice Commanders and District Junior Vice Commanders **shall submit proof of eligibility** to the Department Adjutant.

**20. Commanders:** On all levels are reminded that according to Section 105 if the National By-Laws, a member whose dues are unpaid after their anniversary date ceases to be a member in good standing and loses all rights of membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They shall not attend meetings or conventions and shall not participate in Post, County Council, District, Department or National functions.

**21. Dates to Remember:**

7 September > Labor Day

24 October > Council of Administration, State President Testimonial, Portland, ME

12 October > Columbus Day

3 November > Election Day

11 November > Veterans Day

**22. 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

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

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

**24. District Meeting Dates:**

D-3 > 16 Aug @ 2 pm > Calais Post 9779 > Adj Dumas  
D-5 > 16 Aug @ 1 pm > Madison Post 7865 > QM Williams  
D-7 > 30 Aug @ 2 pm > Waldoboro Post 4525 > SVC Littlefield  
D-1 > 20 Sep @ 1 pm > Ashland Post 9699 (lunch @ 12 noon) > Cmdr Davis  
D-10 > 20 Sep @ 1 pm > Portland Post 6859 > SVC Littlefield  
D-5 > 27 Sep @ 1 pm > Jackman Post 5723 > Cmdr Davis  
D-11 > 27 Sep @ 2 pm > Old Orchard Beach Post 7997 > JVC Lane  
D-6 > 18 Oct @ 1 pm > Washington Post 9437 > SG Kimble  
D-8 > 18 Oct @ 12 noon > Winslow Post 8835 > Cmdr Davis

BY COMMAND OF:

*Michael "Keith" Davis*

Michael "Keith" Davis  
Commander

OFFICIAL:

*Andre L. Dumas*

Andre L. Dumas  
Adjutant



*State Commander*  
*Michael "Keith" Davis*



Greetings: It has been an interesting month. The pandemic has affected the way we do business but it has not slowed us down. I am seeing good things from our Posts such as distributing food and operating food pantries. Ensure you are documenting all that you do using the community activity form.

I cannot and will not put up with harassment/bullying of any kind. At our next CoA meeting, the Adjutant will have all Department Officers and Chairmen sign the Harassment policy. I suggest that all Posts have their Officers do the same and conduct training.

Below are two most common Harassments with their meaning.

**Sexual:** Sexual harassment is an offensive or humiliating behavior that is related to a person's sex. It can be a subtle or overt sexual nature of a person (sexual annoyance, e.g. flirting, expression of sexuality, etc.) that results in wrong communication or miscommunication, implied sexual conditions of a job (sexual coercion).

**Workplace:** Workplace harassment is the offensive, belittling or threatening behavior directed at an individual worker or a group of workers.

At this point the Eastern States Conference in October is still on. I will be monitoring other states COVID-19 quarantine requirements. Maine does require a negative COVID-19 test if you leave the state or quarantine for 14 days. A lot of us have jobs and quarantining for 14 days would affect our jobs and finances. If it looks like we cannot make the trip SAFELY, I will push to have the meeting via zoom. The health and safety of our Department Officers and family members are of utmost interest to me. We need to all ensure we follow Maine CDC guidelines. Visit the Maine CDC webpage for updates on preventing the spread of the virus.

Information packets will be going out soon to all Posts and Districts. Various forms and other helpful information will be in those packets. Ensure your Quartermasters and other employees are bonded.

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 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.

Yours In Comradeship

*Michael "Keith" Davis*

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Commander

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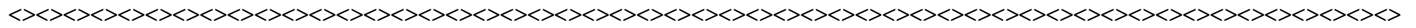


# Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW  
Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain  
28 June ~ 30 July 2020

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



## **District 1**

9389 > DAIGLE, Sherman A.

## **Members-at-Large**

15020 > HARMON, David C.

## **District 2**

7529 > ALBERT, William C.  
BOTTING, Delbert F.  
CUMMINGS, Gerald E.  
DAVID, Albert G. Jr.  
LEE, Stanley G.  
LOUGEE, Leonard R.  
WEBB, Ronald R.

## **District 4**

109 > GILES, Lynwood F.  
GREENWOOD, Eugene F.

1761 > ARSENAULT, Frank A.  
BOUCHARD, Lionel S.  
XIRINACHS, Michael

4633 > GABBIANELLI, Francis P.

## **District 7**

7738 > GREENLAW, Florence M.

## **District 9**

1641 > CARRIER, Ted L.  
DALEY, Hugh G.

9787 > CHARITY, Richard A.  
REYNOLDS, Frederick P.

## **District 11**

7997 > THOMPSON, Harry H.



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



Greetings to all Comrades: I hope all are well and staying safe in these trying times. The Commander's Special Project for the year 2020-2021 is **"Maine Veterans in need during the Coronavirus Pandemic."** This program will provide assistance in various forms to needy Veterans throughout the State of Maine related to the COVID-19 outbreak. At the end of the year, Commander Keith Davis states that any monies donated throughout the year which were not used will be shared equally amongst the Veterans Homes' here in Maine. This is another way to be helping our Veterans who have given so unselfishly of their time and efforts.

Please be sure to practice social distancing, wear a mask for your own protection as well as that of others you encounter and wash your hands frequently. We can all do our part to avoid contacting or spreading the coronavirus.

Please remember to make your donation to Commander Davis' Special Project. Checks are to be made payable to **"Department of Maine, VFW"**, in bottom of check, please put **"CSP Project"**, and send to myself at 1360 Atlantic Highway, Northport, ME 04849. I can be reached for questions or concerns by e-mail **herman.littlefield@yahoo.com** or by telephone at (home) 338-5052 or (cell) 322-1548. Loyally,

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**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER  
 VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE (VSO)  
 BEALS HOSPITALITY HOUSE ~ PUBLIC RELATONS  
 Jennifer L. Lane**

I hope this edition of the World-Famous GO's find you well and hydrated. Seemed to be an odd week, looking at old photos of the past several years of National Conventions and not seeing our Comrades in person at what was slated to be another great time in Reno. The past month seemed to pass by quickly, as we just had our CoA and elected our new officers. I hope everyone has been enjoying their time and hope that everyone has been accomplishing great things. I personally have been working with the VFW, Operation Brotherhood and Patriot Riders of America assisting our Posts, Veterans and families. Never a dull moment when the phone rings. COVID 2020 has really changed the way we conduct business in all aspects of our lives, and it seems these changes are going to be with us for the next few years. Keep the faith and continue what you do for our veterans and their families.

**Public Relations:** It would really be nice to see some articles and information published in print. We rely on social media to communicate these days that I am not sure that we realize that people still read the newspaper. Let's us work on that this year by starting today.

**Beals House:** The house is still up and running, but with limited guests due to the restriction at VA Maine Healthcare system. Please keep the house in your thoughts. Go get 'em.

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

**QM:** Hello, all Veterans. I hope everyone is staying as safe as possible and enjoying what is left of summer. The summers seem to go by faster each year.

**Trustees Reports:** It is now August, so all Posts should have their June 30<sup>th</sup> Trustees reports sent into me by now. If you have not, please take the time and complete them. **Remember there is no more Dues Reserve**

**Account**, there has not been one now for a couple of years, but I still see some Posts carrying them on their reports. Also, By-Laws require that you have a Relief Fund.

**Poppies:** Are back up and going, so if you had an order that you haven't received your Poppies, please let me know so I can investigate it and see when they will be coming. The prices remain the same as they have for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row, I always hear someone saying the prices go up again. Well the fact is, they haven't in 8 years now. For the few Posts who have already ordered their Poppies, I will be placing an order at the beginning of August.

**Bonding:** It's that time of the year to start thinking about renewing your Post Bonds. Remember, the Quartermaster bond does not cover games or bar tenders, they are altogether different. If you have any questions, contact me at 357-6664.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and it's time to get membership up and going. It's never too early. As they say.

**NCM,M:** In the past few weeks, we have mailed the 2020-21 VMS Lapel Pins to your Department Quartermasters or requested individual. This is a program and fundraiser we kick off during the National Convention, for your VMS Programs (Unmet Needs, MAP, "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"). Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we were unable to hand deliver these to you at Convention and meet with you face to face.

In each package, we included the original order form we received from your Department VMS Chairman, with the total cost for the pins. For your convenience we have created a payment form on Formstack, for your pins. Click on the following link to access the form, <https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vmslapelpinpayment>. An email receipt will be automatically sent to you after you submit. If you have already sent your payment, please disregard this email.

If you have any questions regarding the 2020-21 VMS Lapel Pins please contact John at 816-968-7003 or [JLinstra@vfw.org](mailto:JLinstra@vfw.org). I have received these for the State and I will be passing them along to the Chairperson PSC Chris Armstrong so if you or your Post is interested in any, please contact Chris.

I will be traveling to K.C. for the National CoA on August 17<sup>th</sup> providing everything goes right. If the in-person meetings are cancelled, we will be holding meetings via the Computer, in any event I will have more info for you all next month.

Also, I'd like to Congratulate Doc Schmitz on a wonderful year considering the circumstances and difficulties he endeavored over the last 3 to 4 months of his term as National Commander. For anyone who does not know. our new CiC is Harold Hal Roesch and his home State is Virginia. Let's wish him the best of luck and let's help and support him as you know how.

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

**Inspections:** Hope you are all in good health. Well, it is that time of year to get your District and Posts inspected. BE safe, wear a mask. Please remember that the District Inspector cannot inspect his/her own Post, thus the District Commander must appoint another individual to do the inspection. **Due to the Coronavirus and uncertainty of people traveling, I have extended for this year the deadline to 28 February for inspections to be completed.** So go out there and be safe. "Smile, God Loves You".

**By-Laws:** It is recommended that each Post purchase a by-laws book from national, they are not expensive and contain a lot of information that you need to make sure that your Post is in proper working order.

**Section 205 – Change of Location, Meeting Place, Day or Time.** A post may, after at least thirty (30) days written notice to the Department Commander and members of the Post, change its chartered location upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting. Upon recommendation of the Department Commander, an amended Charter will be issued by the Commander-in-Chief. No change may be effected until an amended Charter is issued. At such time as the Post changes its location from one community to another, any portion of the Post names that relates to the geographical area



or community from which it has relocated shall be deleted from its name. A Post may after at least fourteen (14) days written notice to the Department Commander and members of the Post, change its meeting place, appointed day or time upon a majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting.

**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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| >Army Air Forces 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt William H. Melville | >Army Cpl. Richard L. Henderson Jr.       |
| >Army Cpl. Francis J. Rochon                            | >Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. John E. Gillen |
| >Air Force 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Alva R. Krogman          | >Army Pfc. Glenn F. Collins               |
| >Marine Corps Pfc. John P. Langan                       |   |

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

**Blood Bank: DONATE, DONATE, DONATE.** Blood is in shortage more than ever as the country is battling COVID- 19. Please donate blood, you can save lives. The Red Cross tests every blood donation for a variety of illnesses. Adding this antibody test is the latest part of our longtime commitment to health. If you donate blood, platelets or plasma on or after June 15, 2020 your donation will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. When sending your report for blood, please note in your report how many pints have been given by your Post members. District Commanders, please make sure both your District and Posts are reported.

**COVID 19 Updates:** If you have symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath, call VA Maine Healthcare System at 877-421-8263, Ext. 7490 before visiting us. For other concerns, you may be able to COVID-19 OPERATIONAL access VA care from home by phone or using VA virtual care options. **Please continue to follow <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/> for updates and news around Maine's response to COVID-19.**

**Safety: Safe Lifting.** Avoid lifting and bending whenever you can. Place objects up off the floor. Reduce your load if possible. Identify the deposit site before lifting, try to use the tools available to you, do not twist your body to lift, turn with your feet not your waist, take breaks and watch your footing and hand grip. **Get help if it's too heavy for you to lift it alone.**

**Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen:** The 2020-2021 **Voice of Democracy** theme will be: **Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?** The 2020-2021 **Patriot's Pen** theme will be: **What is Patriotism to Me?**

The new 2020-2021 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pens entry forms are now available on the Maine VFW website.

**Teacher of the Year:** Remember that "**Supporting documentation**" is required for submission to National. Check the on-line Chairman's manual for full details. Also, remember that when Districts send in their respective entries to Department, a photo of the District winners must be included, both for VOD and PP.

**Ways and Means:** The tickets will be mailed shortly, please keep an eye out for them. We are going to be going with the same prizes as last year, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$100.

As always, have a great month, always remember the **VFW Mission - To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.**

*Do not let petty jealousy or trivial personalities influence our deliberations. Let us uphold always the obligations of unselfish comradeship and loyalty to OUR organization.*

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

Quarterly Chaplain Reports are due NLT September. This is for District and Post Chaplains.....Please get these reports in to me. The Form is on our Department Website. Thank You! With us still dealing with all the pitfalls relating to the COVID-19, please try to maintain checks on your Post members. I realize that this can be difficult but, a phone call could make all the difference in the world to let Comrades know that they are thought of. If there is someone sick in your Post, please let me know so that I can send a card. Please remember to give me their Name and mailing address Plus Zip code. Please fill out as much information on the Graves Registration Form and submit them in a timely manner.

**MOLD:** As of this writing, I am waiting for some additional information for the pending MOLD. I am looking for it to be held in Auburn and Hampden in September. More information will be sent out as soon as possible. Commanders, Quartermasters, Adjutants, Trustees, Chaplains as well as any members would benefit and are encouraged to attend one of the sessions. As I stated last month, we have several new individuals that have been elected or appointed to positions at both Post and District levels. This training is designed to assist those individuals. The Department Officers are here to assist you in any way. Please take advantage of having them as a captive audience and pick their brains in order to help the Department of Maine thrive.

**WAA:** National Wreaths Across America Day December 19, 2020.

The mission to "**Remember, Honor and Teach**" is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. States, at sea and abroad. Please become a part of this mission to honor our fallen Comrades and help the Department with your sponsorships. Each \$ 15.00 sponsorship that you obtain provides a return of \$ 5.00 to the Department to assist in the continuing support of our various programs. Please send sponsorships to: Kevin G. Woodward, 9 Johnson Lane, Machiasport ME. 04655. **ME0016P** is the Department ID number and should be placed in the memo field of your check.

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**IMMEDIATE PAST STATE COMMANDER**  
**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**  
**Christopher L. Robison, IPSC, Chairman**

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy Independence Day.

We are now into August and reports have been coming in slowly. I know that our Posts are doing activities. Please report your activities! We play an important part of our communities and need to continue in this time of disorder. The 2020-2021 Community Activities Program booklet will be out soon to clarify what is acceptable for credit in the several different programs. Please read it when it arrives to you.

I hope to see many All-State Commanders and Quartermasters at the State Convention next year.

Completing the Community Activities Programs are a part of the "**All-State.**"

Enjoy your August. Stay safe and healthy. Yours in Comradeship!

**Report, Report, Report.**

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**CHIEF OF STAFF**  
**Arthur J. Roy, PSC**

Comrades. Here we are July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 already and the VIRUS Seems to be getting worse instead of better. This has to go away at some point BUT WHEN? All we can do is wear our MASKS and keep our distance in order to survive this disaster.

Well, we are done with another year and it was a great one. Commander Robison became "**ALL AMERICAN**" and I for one was happy for him as he was a great Commander.

NOW, we are in another year with Michael "KEITH" Davis at the helm. A Navy man that will keep us on an even keel and bring us to another great year. Keith, I will do my best to assist you to bring the Department at the top on all we need to do.

**COMRADES - PLEASE STAY SAFE WE NEED YOU.**

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

**Americanism:** Some Posts and Districts have reported in Americanism. If you fly a American flag at home or at your Post, marched or participated in a Memorial Day Parade, Fourth of July Parade or had a program on those holidays or placed flags on graves for Memorial Day. Please report any/all programs completed either in person or on social media.

**Loyalty Day:** Some Posts and Districts have reported in Loyalty Day. All Posts & Districts have held meetings. A Loyalty speech was sent to all Posts. Many of you may not have held meetings, you can report if you participated by placing the Loyalty Day Speech on your Social Media. Please report any/all programs completed either in person or on social media.

As I stated in the July GO's: 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](mailto:qmvfw7997@yahoo.com).

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

The Audit and Finance Committee will meet at the next COA. The committee met at Auburn Post at 10:00 on 07/11/2020 to do final audit of the 2019-2020 year. The books and records are in good working order and the books are now closed for the 2019-2020 year.

**Grants: Homeless Veterans Grant** through the Department of Labor; funds have been drawn down; grant closed.

Our **State of Maine VSO Grant** funds are coming in on time and are forwarded to the State Quartermaster once received, funds will be less than normal for the new year.

Our **VA Transportation Grant**, the **\$40,000.00** is up and running and we have applied for the new year by direction of the Council waiting approval by VA.

Our **State Homeless Veterans Grant** has been drawn down and is now closed.

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**CREDENTIALS**  
**Samuel C. Flint, Chairman**

Hello everyone. I hope this finds you and your families all well and healthy and a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

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 of your required programs to be able to vote at the state convention. I will keep you informed 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.

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

**Homeless Veterans:** The Maine Veterans in Need (MVN) is diligently working on a set of by-laws and looking at the process of filing for the 501C3. The hope is to have the by-laws ready in the next week so the members will have 2 weeks before the August meeting to review and think about the document. The by-laws will be the largest part of the agenda for that meeting. The by-laws will then be scheduled for final discussion and a vote during the September meeting at 10:00 am on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

During our last monthly meeting in person and Zoom, had a great transfer of information on a program for Homeless Veterans that are considered over income. They don't qualify for HUD VASH or SSVF. This program is administered by VOA NNE at the Cabin in the Woods and Vets Inc. in Lewiston. The MBVS has several Veterans that could use this program. Another point that was discussed is that the income is based on gross or net. It does not account for child support, alimony or other costs that reduces the Veteran's actual available income. The MVN is researching some gaps to develop position paper to present to legislators on both levels.

The MBVS was in the down east and located a 78 year old Veteran sleeping in his vehicle. They (Homeless Veterans) are out there. If you find them, we have resources to change their life.

The Maine Homeless Veterans Action Committee is developing strategies for more affordable housing and getting the support of the city Mayors and town Managers to sign on to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness's Mayors Challenge. To End Veteran Homelessness. What this is can be found here, <https://www.usich.gov/solutions/collaborative-leadership/mayors-challenge/>.

The VA isn't having any meetings related to Homeless Veterans. They have representatives at the other Homeless Veterans meetings. And again, we know there will not be a Stand-Down this year.

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

**Veterans' Cemetery South:** The construction season is here all over the state and Springvale isn't the exception. Yes, there is construction "going on" on Stanley Road between Route 109 "Main Street" and the cemetery entrance.

On entering the cemetery, on your left you see (section A) the double depth vaults being place. There are so many vaults that it takes trailer load after trailer load to supply all the vaults and the detour around the Stanley Road construction is fun just with a car. You then pass section B, which is a staging area for the first section. Section B will be worked when A is complete.

The POW/MIA Memorial is coming along. The memorial company will be delivering the granite slabs that sit on top of all the concrete foundations (14) on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The contractor will then be able to continue the groundwork "concrete walkway and turf". We don't have a schedule because the work is being done between phases of the Section A and B construction project.

It would be nice to see a Maine VFW Flag Memorial on the Memorial Walkway in this cemetery. This is exactly like the one on the Memorial Walkway in the Civic Center Drive Cemetery in Augusta.

We are always working on Fundraising. This means we are always asking the municipalities in our coverage area for a donation. To receive funds from your city or town, you "the local residents" have to support the request. If the question is on your city/town meeting agenda and you attend to show your support, it has a much better chance of being accepted and awarded to the SMVMCA

From the website, we have a 4.9 out of 5 rating. People I talk with that have been to the grounds are very comfortable when on the grounds.

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

**Legislative (Augusta):** Veterans and Legal Affairs (VLA) joint committee: July 31 Confirmation Hearing. There are no other Committee Meeting planned at this time.

Taxation joint committee has nothing scheduled at this time.

An email received from the VLA committee is below. With preplanning the testimony can be presented easier. The committee's Legislative Analyst:

"Dear VLA Interested Parties,

Just a reminder that the VLA Committee is scheduled to hold two public hearings and one work session tomorrow. The agenda is attached to this email for your review.

If you wish to submit **written testimony**, please use the Legislature's online testimony submission portal: <https://www.mainelegislature.org/testimony/>

If you wish to provide **live testimony**, please send an email to [lio@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:lio@legislature.maine.gov) or call 207-287-1692 as soon as possible for additional information on how to sign up. To avoid lengthy delays tomorrow, **please sign up if at all possible, by 5pm today**. In an effort to give all individuals who sign-up the opportunity to testify; individuals will be limited to three minutes, followed by questions from committee members.

The meeting can be **viewed via You Tube** here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrvfi88SIVram\\_puSlkm3Fw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrvfi88SIVram_puSlkm3Fw)

You may instead **listen to the audio** here: <http://legislature.maine.gov/Audio/#228>

Finally, committee documents for tomorrow's meeting are posted here (scroll down past the "reports received" list): <http://legislature.maine.gov/joint-standing-committee-on-veterans-and-legal-affairs>  
Janet A. Stocco, Esq.; Legislative Analyst; Office of Policy and Legal Analysis; Maine State Legislature  
Office Tel.: 207-287-1670

Anyone wanting to support legislature whether it be for the Veterans, VFW or any other need, it would be smart to use this avenue. Instead of submitting 20 copies of your testimony and backup documents, the submission portal distributes the document electronically for you. We will be looking for your physical support by attending hearings at the State House this coming session.

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

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**HOSPITAL/VAVS**

**Michael W. Blair, Director**

Donations for the month of July 2020 was a total of \$ 525.00.

All monies are to be used by the hospital/VAVS as needed for Veterans' needs.

I would like to Thank South Berwick Post 5744 and Fairfield Post 6924 for their donations.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

**LEGISLATIVE ~ MAINE VETERAN'S HOMES (MVH)**

**Steven J. SanPedro, PSC/Chairman**

Comrades: I hope this finds all of you in good health. As some of the restrictions are lifted, we still ask all of you to be careful. You should make your decisions based on what you feel is right for you and your family. We will get through this but it will take some time.

**Legislation:** I participated in a phone town hall meeting with Senator Collins, VA Secretary Robert Wilkie, VA Regional Director Ryan Lilly and VA Togus Director Tracy Davis. This was just for Veterans to discuss issue they are having or know about with the VA systems. A lot of questions came back to the fact that the VA is currently not seeing Veterans in certain Departments. The VA's stance on this is that we have a very older population that is more susceptible to getting the virus. So, they are not taking any chances. They are slowly reopening thing. I am still getting informational updates from the staffers at Senator King, Senator Collins' and Congressman Golden's office.

**Membership:** MemStats on OMS is back up and running. Right now, you can only see the New, Reinstated, and Continuous Members on there. The Life Members will fall in sometime in September. At that time, we

will know where we stand. That doesn't mean you need to sit around waiting to see your numbers. We need to get out there and recruit New Members and sign the ones we already have back up. Please don't forget to fill out the Recruiters Event Form and submit it to me when you conduct one. 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 are doing well and their number one mission in taking care of our Veterans is keeping the COVID virus out of the homes. They are currently attaining that goal. The new Augusta home is still being built but is way behind schedule. I will have more information on this next month after my meeting. I want to Thank the Leadership and the staff of the Homes for the great job they are doing. They are truly living up to their motto of "**caring for those who served!**"

**"COMMUNICATE - DEDICATION - SERVICE"**

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**NATIONAL HOME**

**Melvyn E. Bates, Chairman**

Once again Comrades, welcome to our new year for our National Home.

Unfortunately, we are still dealing with the Virus which was put upon our country as well as the rest of the globe.

We have a new team of Officers at National and state levels who are trying to achieve the goals of our organization as well as our National Home by being pro-active and yet work safely. Needless to say; it's a challenge for all...we work with limited amounts of personal contacts and try to maintain social distances at all times.

Our goal for this year is to maintain funding for our National home. What we have been attempting is to reach out to **ALL** our members, not just the ones who are attending the meetings and social post events. I'm sure the majority agree that a minimal donation of \$1:00 per member would be a goal that we could all agree on and achieve.

Facts are THATS not happening...sadly to say...if that would be the case, We As a State would be sending with the Auxiliaries a minimum of (Ten thousand dollars )\*\*\*

As I had mentioned, the minimum of one dollar...many Posts that I've spoken with have agreed...and most are working at a \$ 2:00 per average. Yes, year was better but only half of what it should be by us if all members donated.

Comrades it's up to you...your Commanders...your Districts to get it done.

We have just received as of this writing. Donations from York post 6977 and Webber Memorial 9526 . They are both working at the levels previously discussed.

Make all checks out to National Home.....\*\*\*mail to...(342 Houde Rd, Eliot, ME), Chairman Mel Bates.  
**Email...eagle7eliot@gmail.co** tele # 207-686-3142

Thanks...be safe and healthy.

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**NATIONAL VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT (NV&MS)**

**Christopher L. Armstrong, Chairman**

Hello Comrades: I'd like to say Congratulations to all this year's Officers and Chairman and Great job to all of last years.

Things with NVMS is off to a very slow start. Please remember that the checks are to be made out to "**Department of Maine, VFW**" and in the memo "**NVMS**" and mailed to me @ 30 Round House Rd, Washington, ME 04574.

Hope everyone is having a good summer and staying healthy and happy.

Looking forward to another great year, Thank you for all you do for our Veterans.

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**SCOUTING**  
**Randolph S. Michaud, Chairman**

Hope everyone is having a great and safe summer. In order to get credit for Scouting, please make sure you put on your monthly activity report that you or your unit has done something for scouting. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great summer.

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**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**  
**Cornelius J. Ware, SO**

**Service Office COVID-19 Procedures:** As we go into another month, our office is still closed to walk in traffic. This is a temporary measure until we get past this Covid-19 shutdown at Togus. Although the Regional Office has started Phase1, all VSO offices remain closed diligent as we work with our VA partners to safely reopen. Until then, remember our VSO staff is still here in the office working behind closed doors, ready to help. We are still conducting business with the health and safety of our staff and you the Veterans we serve as our primary concern. Sorry for the temporary inconvenience. You can continue to reach us at the VFW Service Office phone number 207-623-5723. Email us at [vfw.vbatog@va.gov](mailto:vfw.vbatog@va.gov) or regular mail:

VFW Dept. Service Office; VA Regional Office; P.O. Box 3311; Augusta, ME 04330-3311

Thank you for your understanding and support as we look forward to re-opening as soon as we can safely. But for now, please stay healthy and stay safe.

**Regional Office (R.O.) Phase 1:** The R.O. is starting its Phase 1 plan on 20 July 2020. This is mostly a spin-up phase to get ready for a limited reopening during Phase2. Support functions that cannot be done while working at home and Public Contact employees will return to the office to begin assessment and COVID-19 compliance preparations. All R.O and VSO offices will still remain closed to the public during this phase. We ask that you please continue to use the VA 's 1-800-827-1000 number or submit claims/evidence electronically if you have an E-Benefits account. You are also encouraged to contact your local VSOs for assistance. A limited number of employees are being allowed to return during this phase as a majority of the R.O. employees can still perform 100% of their duties from home.

**Changing of the Guard:** After four(4) years of dedicated service, ASDO JoAnn Bolduc will be leaving the position on 28 August 2020, she will be sorely missed. She will be replaced by John Poulin who is presently the office Administrative Assistant. John has been with the office since December 2019 and has steadily been learning the ropes of service office work.

**"VETERANS SERVING VETERANS"**

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**WEBSITE COORDINATOR**  
**Thomas R. Lussier, PSC**

The Department Website is in good working order. The VoD & PP themes for 2020-2021 are posted on the site to include all student entry forms and the Department 2020-2021 directory has been updated. I'm in the process of developing a new and exciting website in the near future.

Please ensure all 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!

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**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**  
**James A. Proctor, Chairman**

**Sea Kayaking:** The 4 hours guided tour will follow the rocky shoreline of Western Penobscot Bay between the Muscle Ridge Channel and the islands of Penobscot Bay. Stop for a break on an island and enjoy wonderful views of the Camden Hill and the islands of Penobscot Bay. Date: 19 Sep. Reg. By: 1 Sep. Town: Rockport. Start Time: 9 am. End Time: 1 pm. Levels: C/S/A. Girl Fee: \$ 53.00. Adult Fee: \$ 35.00.



**DEPT @ 3.37% - Need 7335 For 100% (5+)**  
**Department Statistics**

**Maine as of Friday July 31, 2020**

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2599	1	0	0	0	2	2	160	1.25%	-158	PRESQUE ISLE	0
6187	1	0	0	0	10	10	82	12.19%	-72	FORT FAIRFIELD	0
9389	1	0	0	0	20	20	481	4.15%	-461	CARIBOU	0
9699	1	0	0	0	6	6	79	7.59%	-73	ASHLAND	0
District Total	1	0	0	0	38	38	802	4.73%	-764		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1605	2	0	1	0	1	2	132	1.51%	-130	BURLINGTON	0
7529	2	0	0	0	3	3	82	3.65%	-79	ISLAND FALLS	0
District Total	2	0	1	0	4	5	214	2.33%	-209		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9779	3	0	0	0	3	3	136	2.20%	-133	CALAIS	0
11553	3	0	0	0	4	4	139	2.87%	-135	HARRINGTON	0
District Total	3	0	0	0	7	7	275	2.54%	-268		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
109	4	0	3	0	6	9	176	5.11%	-167	ELLSWORTH	0
1761	4	0	0	0	6	6	244	2.45%	-238	BANGOR	0
3381	4	0	0	1	2	3	209	1.43%	-206	OLD TOWN	0
4633	4	0	1	0	2	3	111	2.70%	-108	HAMPDEN	0
District Total	4	0	4	1	16	21	740	2.83%	-719		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
4298	5	0	0	0	3	3	74	4.05%	-71	DEXTER	0
5723	5	0	0	0	6	6	15	40.00%	-9	JACKMAN	0
6924	5	0	0	0	0	0	121	0.00%	-121	FAIRFIELD	0
7865	5	0	0	0	2	2	131	1.52%	-129	MADISON-ANSON	0
7866	5	0	0	0	0	0	13	0.00%	-13	NORRIDGEWOCK	0
10881	5	0	0	0	2	2	24	8.33%	-22	FARMINGTON	0
11191	5	0	0	0	1	1	35	2.85%	-34	NEWPORT	0
District Total	5	0	0	0	14	14	413	3.38%	-399		0

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
3095	6	0	0	0	0	0	19	0.00%	-19	FRIENDSHIP	0
3108	6	0	0	0	5	5	168	2.97%	-163	BELFAST	0
4169	6	0	0	0	1	1	14	7.14%	-13	VINALHAVEN	0
6131	6	0	0	0	1	1	76	1.31%	-75	NORTHPORT	0
9437	6	0	0	0	0	0	50	0.00%	-50	WASHINGTON	0
District Total	6	0	0	0	7	7	327	2.14%	-320		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2197	7	0	0	0	0	0	79	0.00%	-79	TOPSHAM	0
4525	7	0	0	0	1	1	76	1.31%	-75	WALDOBORO	0
7738	7	0	1	0	1	2	70	2.85%	-68	BATH	0
District Total	7	0	1	0	2	3	225	1.33%	-222		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9	8	0	0	0	2	2	59	3.38%	-57	GARDINER	0
887	8	0	0	0	5	5	264	1.89%	-256	AUGUSTA	0
1285	8	0	0	0	6	6	248	2.41%	-242	WATERVILLE	0
8835	8	0	1	0	3	4	272	1.47%	-268	WINSLOW	0
9526	8	0	0	0	0	0	43	0.00%	-43	WINTHROP	0
District Total	8	0	1	0	16	17	886	1.91%	-869		4
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1603	9	0	0	11	1	12	359	3.34%	-347	LEWISTON-AUBURN	0
1641	9	0	0	0	3	3	144	2.08%	-141	RUMFORD	0
3335	9	0	0	0	4	4	254	1.57%	-250	JAY	0
9150	9	0	0	0	3	3	80	3.75%	-77	LEWISTON	0
9787	9	0	0	0	3	3	146	2.05%	-143	SOUTH PARIS	0
District Total	9	0	0	11	14	25	983	2.54%	-958		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
6783	10	0	0	0	0	0	45	0.00%	-45	LOVELL	0
6859	10	0	0	0	15	15	396	3.78%	-381	PORTLAND	0
9328	10	0	0	0	0	0	41	0.00%	-41	HARRISON	0
10529	10	0	0	0	0	0	78	0.00%	-78	YARMOUTH	0
10643	10	0	1	0	6	7	75	9.33%	-68	WINDHAM	0
10879	10	0	1	0	2	3	338	0.88%	-335	GORHAM	0
11362	10	0	0	0	1	1	35	2.85%	-34	NAPLES	0
District	10	0	2	0	24	26	1008	2.57%	-982		0

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
5744	11	0	0	0	7	7	156	3.84%	-149	SOUTH BERWICK	0
6977	11	0	0	0	4	4	199	1.50%	-195	YORK BEACH	0
7997	11	0	0	0	2	2	234	0.85%	-232	OLD ORCHARD BEACH	0
9394	11	0	0	0	0	0	59	0.00%	-59	KITTERY	0
9935	11	0	2	0	55	57	294	19.38%	-237	SANFORD	0
District Total	11	0	2	0	68	70	942	7.43%	-872		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
15020	99	0	1	0	22	23	776	2.96%	-753	RUMFORD	0
District Total	99	0	1	0	22	23	776	2.96%	-753	QM'S HOUSE	0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
State Total	0	0	12	12	232	256	7591	3.37%	-7335		0



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

**THIS 2020 – 2021 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP?**

**“COMMUNICATE – DEDICATION - SERVICE ”**

**“RETAIN-REINSTATE-RECRUIT”**

# RECRUITING EVENTS

Post or District# \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Event \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Member & Title Present at Event

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Description of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

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Approximate # of People Talked With: \_\_\_\_\_

# of People Signed Up: New \_\_\_\_\_ Reinstated \_\_\_\_\_

Comments of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

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Notify Membership Chairman Steven SanPedro of Event prior to Date of Event.

Submit a signed copy of this Report to the Membership Chairman Steven SanPedro, 251 Gray Rd., Windham, Maine 04062 or [sanpedro105@roadrunner.com](mailto:sanpedro105@roadrunner.com)

Please include photos or news articles to be used in the Commanders Membership Book

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Post Commander or Department Officer



Graves Registration Report
Department of Maine, VFW



Mail to: Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain
Department of Maine, VFW
9 Johnson Lane
Machiasport, ME 04655-3048

Subject: Report of Deceased Comrade

Post # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_ regrets to report the death of:

(Last Name) (Middle Initial) (First Name)

Whose Address was: \_\_\_\_\_

Who Served with: \_\_\_\_\_ During: \_\_\_\_\_
(Branch of Service) (War Era: WW I, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, etc.)

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Burial/Cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address if Next of Kin: \_\_\_\_\_

(Street Address) (Town or City) (State) (Zip Code)

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Obituary Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
(Print Name)

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Date Received & Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Receipt Returned to Post: \_\_\_\_\_

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This receipt acknowledges that Post # \_\_\_\_\_ has reported the death of Comrade:
\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

to the Department Chaplain. \_\_\_\_\_
(Signature, Department Chaplain)

(All previous forms are obsolete. Updated 7-10-19)



