



# Department of Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars

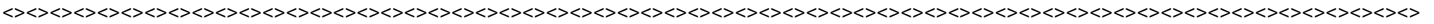


*"Honoring the Cost of Freedom"*

June 2020

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 12



*Congratulations Department of Maine > 100.14%*

*Happy Birthday to the U.S. Army on their 245<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

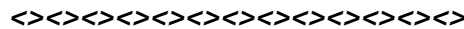


## **SPECIAL NOTICES <> SPECIAL NOTICES**

***Congratulations to the following Posts/Districts for attaining 100%+ in Membership for 2019-2020***

- District 5 > Commander Gene D. Tweedie > 100.24%
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- Pittman-Morrison Post 7738, Bath > Commander Robert E. Joyce > 100.00%
- Farrar-Ross Post 9437, Washington > Commander Scott A. Whittier > 102.94%

***New Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Themes for 2020-2021***  
 Voice of Democracy: ***"Is This the Country the Founder's Envisioned?"***  
 Patriot's Pen: ***"What is Patriotism to Me?"***



- 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 in the July General Orders".

**4. 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 2021 Life Member payout. The National Council of Administration concurred in that payout at its March 2, 2020 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 \$11.52 for each life member (\$3.84 to each Post, Department and National).

Plan E - A total payout of \$23.82 for each life member (\$7.94 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 2020 for all Life Members recorded as of August 31, 2020. In addition, a payment will be made in January 2021 for all Life Members processed during the period September 1 through December 31.

**5. Commanders/Quartermasters:** Posts that have not submitted a Post Election report form listing the Post Officers for 2020-21 should do so immediately for matter of record and so mailings can be made to the proper officers within the Post. Any Posts needing assistance are to contact the State Adjutant office asap. Filing of election reports can be conducted thru the VFW.Org website.

**6.** Post, District, Department 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.

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

**8.** Attention of Post Commanders is 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.

**9.** Members are reminded that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars is now subscription based and expired on their anniversary date. All officers are encouraged to make every effort to renew the membership of each and every continuous members prior to their expiration. Reports showing 30, 60 and 60 days from expiration can be obtained by the Post Quartermaster through the Online Membership System (OMS).

**10. All District/Post Commanders:** Annual Filing with State of Maine Corporation Division. All District and Post Commanders are reminded that they must file their annual filing report with the State of Maine Corporation Division. **Deadline is 1 June 2020. Note:** Clerk/Registered Agent is either the Commander, Quartermaster or Adjutant. A listing will be forwarded to all District Commanders informing them of their respective District Status on/or about 15 February.

**11. Mailing of Annual Information to all Posts & Districts Commanders, Department Chairperson, Department Officers and PSCs:** Information will be mailed out to all during the month of August. It is asked because of much information being provide in these packages that the Commander and Quartermaster makes sure that the information is disseminated to their respective Officers and Chairpersons.

**12. 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.

**13. District/Post Inspections for Year 2020-21:** A thorough program of Post/District inspection is needed to ensure compliance with National and Department By-Laws and directives. Department and District Inspectors shall make sure every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed. A reminder as per Department by-Laws that a District Inspector cannot inspect his own Post and the District Commander will appoint another individual to inspect that Post.

**14. Flag Day, June 14:** All VFW units are reminded to properly display the U.S. Flag on Flag Day, Thursday, June 14 and to conduct a ceremony or program as feasible. You may contact the VFW Communications Department for a Flag Day speech. It is also suggested Posts should award the VFW Patriotic Citizen Award (Product No. 4385) for those who have daily displayed our National flag.

**15. VFW Posts Eligible for COVID-19 Small Business Assistance:** Veterans are not alone in facing economic hardship during the COVID-19 outbreak, and thankfully there is relief coming. Veteran-run small businesses and VFW Posts will be eligible for some economic relief for employees of these businesses through the Small Business Administration (SBA). SBA is running the Paycheck Protection Program, which consists of an SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis. While the first wave of small business loans ran out, the second wave resumed on April 27, 2020. Learn more about small business guidance.

**16. Bulletin Alert!** Membership Mondays are making a comeback! Stay tuned for a schedule of diverse topics we will cover in our Membership Monday webinar series aimed at helping you better understand all aspects of growing and retaining your membership. If you have topics you would like us to consider for a Membership Monday webinar, please let us know!

**17. Help Food Insecure Vets:** The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges for all Americans including the need for increased food assistance. In response, the VFW Foundation is mobilizing donors and volunteers through our existing "Uniting to Combat Hunger" campaign to help food insecure veterans and their families. By donating directly to VA medical centers across the country, we are able to take a targeted approach to assist our nation's service men and women and ensure donations go directly to those experiencing food insecurity. Please visit [vfw.org/UTCH](http://vfw.org/UTCH) to make a monetary donation to a VA medical center near you and help ensure no veteran goes hungry.

**18. Independence Day is Coming Up:** The VFW is preparing for a special online celebration of freedom with our annual observance of Independence Day. Please visit [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) to find ways you can honor our nation's veterans and service members by spreading a message of patriotism and remembrance to your friends and family.

**19. 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.

**20. Have Your Voice Heard! S. 3393 or H.R. 5995 the Major Richard Star Act:** Would enable Chapter 61 veterans, who have been medically discharged due to combat-related injuries, to rightfully receive Department of Defense (DOD) retirement pay and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability

compensation without offset. As of FY18, there are 42,163 who are affected by this offset. As Congress gears up to work on the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (NDAA), it is imperative that this legislation be included in the final bill. Please use the Action Corps Action Alert to let your representatives know that you want them to cosponsor this legislation, which will assist in bringing awareness and support during the NDAA process.

**21. Matching Gift Opportunity to Support the VFW's Programs:** The VFW has been presented with a great opportunity by generous friends of the VFW. They have extended the offer to triple your gift until June 26, 2020, up to \$50,000! Many veterans and returning service members are turning to the VFW for assistance in filing for their hard-earned VA benefits for injuries received in combat or during deployments, as well as financial assistance grants for rent, food, medicine ... and so much more. Thanks to dedicated members like you, we have been able to provide the life-changing assistance our veterans need. The VFW is on the front line in the fight for education, jobs, health care and justice FOR VETERANS! This is a great opportunity to help support veterans of all ages, right in your Department. Be as generous as you can and send your gift in by June 26, 2020, to make sure it is tripled!

**22. Displaying Military Service Symbols:** Military service flags, insignias, etc., should be displayed in the following order (left to right as you face the flags): Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and then Coast Guard. For military flags, go to [vfwstore.org/products/GP238](http://vfwstore.org/products/GP238).

**23. 50TH Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration Program:** The Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, state and local communities, veterans' organizations and other non-governmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam veterans and their families. As a Commemorative Partner, VFW Posts are encouraged to participate in the Commemoration of the Vietnam War by planning and conducting events and activities that will recognize the Vietnam veterans and their families' service, valor, and sacrifice.

Events and activities should be dignified, memorable occasions that show a sensitivity and appreciation for the solemnity of war and the losses suffered by many. Commemorative Partners should communicate how their events will achieve the congressionally-mandated objectives of the program. Events or activities should meet one or more of the following objectives.

1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.

2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.

3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

4. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.

5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

**For the VFW Posts interested in becoming an official Commemorative Partner, they must submit an application and a signed Statement of Understanding.**

**Applications are available at [VietnamWar50th.com](http://VietnamWar50th.com) on the Commemorative Partner Program.** The approval process is usually less than 30 days. Partners will be kept informed through electronic notifications. Once approved as a Partner, the Commemoration will provide organizations with a starter kit of materials for developing and implementing their programs. If you have any questions regarding the Commemorative Partner Program application process, please direct them to: [whs.vnwar50th\\_cpp@mail.mil](mailto:whs.vnwar50th_cpp@mail.mil). For Vietnam War commemorative items, shop the VFW Store at: [vfwstore.org/searchresults?q=vietnam](http://vfwstore.org/searchresults?q=vietnam).

**24. Dates to Remember:**

14 June > Flag Day

21 June > Father's Day

4 July > Independence Day

7 September > Labor Day

**25. Candidates for Department High Office 2020-2021:**

Department Commander > Michael K. Davis > Post 1603

Department Sr. Vice Commander > Herman L. Littlefield Jr. > Post 6131

Department Jr. Vice Commander > Jennifer L. Lane > Post 1603

Department Quartermaster > David D. Williams > Post 1641

Department Chaplain > Kevin G. Woodward > Post 11553

Department Judge Advocate > John J. Bouchard > Post 9389

Department Surgeon > Randolph S. Michaud > Post 2599

Department Surgeon > Anthony R. Kimble > Post 3108

**NOTE:** Flyers on all candidates will be emailed to all of the Posts in the Department for your perusal voting.

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

Steven J. SanPedro > Post 6859

Andre L. Dumas > Post 9389

Kevin G. Woodward > Post 11553

BY COMMAND OF:

*Christopher L. Robison*

Christopher L. Robison

Commander

OFFICIAL:

*Andre L. Dumas*

Andre L. Dumas

Adjutant



*State Commander*  
*Christopher L. Robison*



Comrades:

This is my final General Orders as your State Commander. I want to **THANK** everyone for all your support this year. I know it has been trying, but we were able to attain 100+% in membership. This is the second year in a row we have been an **"All-American"** Department and it is because of the hard work that you put in helping our fellow Veterans. I sincerely hope that everyone will show Keith Davis, our incoming Commander, the same support you have shown me.

With the COVID-19 pandemic canceling much of the second half of the VFW year, I was not able to attend many events around the State. I will endeavor to attend events over the next year, once restrictions are lifted by our Governor. I look forward to enjoying everyone's Comradeship soon. I encourage all of you to stay involved in your communities as much as possible and continue demonstrating why **NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS THAN THE VFW.**

I look forward to a successful, productive year for Keith Davis, his Officers and Chairmen. I wish everyone the best of luck in the coming year. **THANK YOU** all again for everything this year. I will remember my tenure as State Commander fondly.

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Yours in Comradeship,

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Commander

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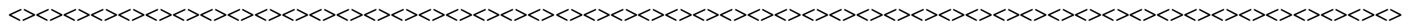


# *Deceased Roll Call*



*Department of Maine, VFW  
Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain  
28 April ~ 27 May 2020*

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



## ***District 1***

9699 > HOLDEN, Eric J.

## ***District 4***

1761 > LENZ, James R.

3381 > SMITH, Albert A.

## ***District 6***

6131 > MacKINNON, Richard C.

## ***District 9***

3335 > STOKLAS, Louis

9787 > BANKS, Adreuy E.

## ***District 10***

832 > BENNETT, Robert R.  
MERRITHEW, Frederick  
RICHARDSON, Edward T.

6859 > FLEURY, Robert E.

## ***District 11***

5744 > UPTON, Jeri A.

6977 > WICKER, Larry G.



**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER  
AMERICANISM/LOYALTY DAY  
SCOUTING  
Michael K. Davis**



Greetings, I hope this finds you well and in good spirits.

I wished we could have had the Department convention this year but the Coronavirus had other ideals. I look forward to seeing everyone at the June CoA.

I have enjoyed serving the Veterans and the Department of Maine as the Department Senior Vice, Americanism, Loyalty Day and Scouting chairman. I wish to send a "Thank You" to all Posts and Districts that participated in VFW programs and activities.

Posts worked with our youth by donating money to Scout Troops for various projects and supporting them through various projects, youth programs, marching in parades and various other adventures.

I am sad to say that we did not have a Scout of the year this year. The first year since I have been Scouting Chairman to not have a Scout of the Year. I know some Posts had some ideals for Scout of the year but they did not work out. I believe some of it had something to do with the virus as most people have been at home since mid-March.

"Thank You" for all your support that you gave me as Department Senior Vice, Americanism, Loyalty Day and the Scouting Chairman.

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**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER  
COMMANDERS SPECIAL PROJECT (CSP)  
MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER (CENTRAL)  
Herman L. Littlefield Jr.**

Greeting Comrades: I hope you and yours have all been safe and healthy during this pandemic. Remember, social distancing is the way to go as stated by our Commander-in-Chief in his national directives. This pandemic will not last forever, and we will continue on as always.

This is my last General Orders entry for the year 2019-2020. I want to take this opportunity to Thank you all for the generous contributions you have made to Commander Robison's Special Project. Your support will go a long way in assisting those Veterans and first Responders in need.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Junior Vice Commander for this past VFW year. It has been an honor to assist our State of Maine VFW programs for our Veterans. I hope to be able to see all of you in the forthcoming year.

If your Post has not done so already, there is still time for the Post to send in a donation to the Commander's Special Project "**Operation: Brotherhood.**"

Stay well.

Remember your local Veterans – reach out and check on your neighbors. We can all use a helping hand or kind word from time to time. Yours in Comradeship.

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

**QM:** We all made it through another year. I would like to Thank all the QMs who submitted all their reports and when they were due. We still have a few that have not sent in their last Quarter. Remember, if



you are having a hard time getting signatures for your reports, then mail it in and then make sure to get back on track with the signatures as we prepare for reopening and meetings.

Congratulations to all the Officers for an excellent year. Also, the best of Luck to Keith and his officers (elected or appointed). From what I've been told, it's going to be another Banner year for Maine.

I would like to Thank Al Michaud for being the Finance Chairman and also Grants Chairman. We had another good year with the moneys that Al took in for us. Also, I'd like to Thank Andre for all he does for the Department and for me. You make things much easier while taking on more for himself. And for all he does for membership behind the scenes. Also, to my Assistant Arthur for his help with get information out for me. In closing we lost 2 great men and QMs this year that I know of. Larry Wicker was a long time QM for Post #6977 Boardman-Ellis Post, he was there for many years following the retirement of Al Moulton. Also, we lost Donald Linscott a long time Quartermaster at Post #1603 and he was also the State Quartermaster for many years, he was a no-nonsense guy who managed the funds and did an Outstanding job for many years. They will both be truly missed!

**NCMM:** Can you believe another year is in the books. Seems like every year goes by faster and faster with everything going on around us. I know it's hard to focus on VFW but we all signed up for it and our mission must continue. It has been an honor and privilege to have served as the Maine's NCM. This completes my third year so this upcoming year will be my last. Anyone interested in learning the ins and outs and what goes on in a daily basis. Next June we will be electing my replacement for a 4 years period.

Also, would like to Congratulate Chris and Brenda for outstanding year. 100% VFW and Auxiliary excellent job. To Keith and line Officers, good luck.

**Memo from National Headquarters: "Uniting to Combat Hunger" Focuses on VAs in Need**

Dear Department leaders: The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges for all Americans. As a result, the demand for food assistance has increased at an extraordinary rate.

Given this critical need, we're mobilizing donors and volunteers for the "Uniting to Combat Hunger" campaign in an effort to help food insecure veterans and their families through this pandemic. By donating directly to VA medical centers across the country, we are able to take a targeted approach to assist our nation's service men and women and ensure donations go directly to those who are experiencing food insecurity or are at risk of food insecurity, whether it's providing food, gift cards to local grocery stores or even basic supplies they need to help them during this difficult time.

By visiting [vfw.org/UTCH](http://vfw.org/UTCH) and making a monetary donation to a VA medical center near you, you're helping ensure no veteran goes hungry.

While our team's efforts have helped to provide more than 200,000 meals toward our 500,000 meals goal thus far, **we need your help to spread the word about our mission.** Now more than ever, it's important we don't take anything for granted - including access to food.

**Legacy Life Pay Out:** The following is the payout for Legacy Life Membership. Keep your Legacy alive and become a Legacy Life Member. Gold - \$ 12.00 > Silver - \$ 800 > Bronze - \$ 6.00.

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**JUDGE ADVOCATE  
PUBLIC RELATIONS ~ VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE  
WAYS & MEANS ~ BEALS HOSPITALIT HOUSE  
Jenifer L. Lane**

Greetings Comrades! It has been another very busy and productive month; even in our State of quarantine. Congratulations to Dept of Maine for achieving 100% in membership and I Thank you for your continued dedication to the VFW, our Comrades, and our communities.

**Beals Hospitality House:** On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to extend our gratitude for the continued support of our mission throughout this year. Please keep us and our House Manager CiCi in your thoughts.

**Public Relations:** I see many events and things that you are doing out in the community via social media and reporting. Great Job! Please make sure you send your print articles into me so I can give you credit for

your efforts and make sure the Historian has them for our Dept of Maine legacy. Continue to include your information to be published in your event planning stages so the community and our membership knows what great things you are doing!

**Veterans Service Office:** I would like to take this time to say "Thank you" to James, JoAnn and John for their outstanding work assisting our Comrades and their families with the claims process and being there to answer the questions faithfully!

**Ways and Means:** Thank you for your participation in selling and buying. We still have several tickets out there. Please forward the tickets and money to me ASAP. We will be drawing the winners at the June CoA. As always, check on your Comrades and reach out if you or someone you know needs assistance! Go get 'em!

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**SURGEON**  
**INSPECTOR ~ POW/MIA ~ BLOOD~SAFETY~DRUG ABUSE**  
**John J. Bouchard**

**Inspections:** We are almost done in inspections except for a couple of Post and one District, cannot do it because of the Coronavirus. And thanks to you all for a job well done.

**Blood:** If you like to save a life, go and donate blood to the hospital or Red Cross. This is summer. All kinds of accidents and operations. Transfusion also causes of the virus. Thank you.

**Safety:** Well, I hope everyone is in good health. Everybody that reads this is in good health. Again, make sure when you go in the public to the store or shopping, wear your mask to not catch this virus, we don't want anybody to catch. This is all, you all take care. God Bless, Smile God Loves you all.

**POW/MIA:** Don't forget to send me your reports for credit on the POW-MIA. Anything that has to do with POW/MIA. Returning home with full honors are:

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| >Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Howard E. Miller                   | >Army Staff Sgt Raymond C. Blanton                          |
| >Army Pfc. Glenn E. Collins                                   | >Army Pfc. Clarence W. Brotherton                           |
| >Army Cpl. Burl Mullins                                       | >Marine Corps Cpl. Raymond J. Tuhey                         |
| >Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Robert D. Jenks                    | >Navy Seaman 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Maurice V. Spangler      |
| >Naval Reserve Seaman 1 <sup>st</sup> Class James W. Williams | >Navy Fireman 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Samuel C. Steiner       |
| >Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Thomas F. Johnson                  | >Army Pvt. Charles Andrews                                  |
| >Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Howard E. Miller                   | >Army Cpl. R.B. Cherry                                      |
| >Army Sgt. Williams E. Cavender                               | >Marine Corps Pfc. Mervin D. Galland                        |
| >Navy Fireman 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Louis J. Tushla           | >Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Charles D. Miller                |
| >Army Sgt. Jesse D. Hill                                      | U.S. Navy Metalsmith 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Leonard F. Smith |

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

As we come to the end of another year although not what we can consider a normal one by any stretch of the imagination. The Coronavirus pandemic has shown all of us that we must make changes in the way we do things. This was shown to be the case in the way Memorial Day services and ceremonies was handled across the State and the nation. I saw many different ways that several Posts and Districts were able to honor our fallen Comrades and I applaud them for it as we proudly wear the Maltese Cross as the emblem of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This being the symbol of our pledge to honor the dead by helping the living.

**Grave registrations are still being sent to Past State Chaplain Sivret. District/Post Commanders/Chaplains please make note of this and send them to me.**

**Kevin G. Woodward, 9 Johnson Lane, Machiasport, ME 04655**

At this time of turmoil, we ask our Gracious God to comfort our ill and wounded Comrades who are in hospitals, at home or in other care facilities. Lighten their burdens, relieve their suffering and pain and restore them to health again. We pray for those who have given their lives in the service of our Country and for those who have served both in the time of battle and in the time of peace. We also pray for those who are on the front lines as well as those unseen heroes of this current battle.

**WAA: "BE AN AMERICAN WORTH FIGHTING FOR"**

**REMEMBER** the Fallen. . **HONOR** those who Serve. . **TEACH** our children the value of Freedom.

Thank you so much for supporting the wreaths for Arlington National Cemetery (ME0016P) and Wreaths Across America!

**MOLD:** The incoming Commander has indicated that we will be conducting classes again this year. The locations and dates have not been determined yet, we hope to have things worked out and information available for printing in the July General Orders.

Commanders, Quartermasters, Adjutants, Trustees, Chaplains as well as any members are encouraged to attend. I am sure that we will have several new individuals elected or appointed to positions at both Post and District levels. This training is designed to assist those individuals as well as a refresher for those remaining in positions. 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.

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**CHIEF OF STAFF**  
**MEMBERSHIP ~ LEGISLATION**  
**MAINE VETERANS' HOMES (MVH)**  
**Steven J. SanPedro, PSC**

Comrades: Once again, I hope this finds all of you in good health. As an organization, we have had some challenging times during this pandemic. I feel that we have done very well as we navigate through this. I feel that our towns and more important to our Veterans now know how very important our organization is to the community. Please keep doing all the great things that you do for our Veterans and the communities you live in.

Congratulation to the Department of Maine and Commander Robison on reaching 100%! This is truly a great accomplishment! Also, congratulation to Post 2599 Presque Isle, Post 11553 Harrington, Post 3381 Old Town, Post 4298 Dexter, Post 7865 Madison, Post 7866 Norridgewock, Post 3108 Belfast, Post 9437 Washington, Post 7738 Bath, Post 887 Augusta, Post 9526 Winthrop, Post 1603 Auburn, District 1, District 3, District 5, District 6 and District 8 for all reaching their goal of 100% in Membership!

**Legislation:** As most of you can see, there really isn't much going on in our Nation's Capital during this pandemic. The House and Senate have been out of session for a good portion of May. I have had a few questions asked and I have been able to provide answers to them. I am happy to say that I get answers rather quickly when I reach out to our Legislators. I am hoping that things will pick up here soon and we can get some legislation passed. As stated, before the staffers at Senator King, Senator Collins and Congressman Golden have been keeping me up to date by sending me a lot of informational updates.

**Membership:** The Department is currently sitting at 100.14% with 7538 Members which is an increase of 1.57% and 118 Members. We are over by 11 Members and still growing. We have decreased our New Members by 20 and increased our Reinstated Members by 111 from this time last year. Restriction are starting to lift and we will be able to do more things. The guidance I will give you is to please don't do anything that will jeopardize our members or our Communities health. With that being said, we can get more involved by using safety precautions. Also, we can still work membership through e-mail and phone calls. We have 17 Posts that has completed a Recruiter Event and submitted the proper paperwork to me. Make sure you read and understand the 2019-2020 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:** As I stated last month, the Scarborough Veterans Home was hit pretty hard by the COVID-19 virus but is well on the way to recovery. Unfortunately, they have had 14 residents die from the

virus which has devastated the families, friends and the staff of the Home. The good news is that it was isolated to one wing and no other Home has been affected to date. There were 25 staff that tested positive and all but 1 have recovered and returned to work. Of the resident residing on the affected unit, most have recovered from COVID-19. There is only 2 residents that are still in the recovery process at this time. Things are getting better but they are not out of the woods yet. All of the Homes' continue to follow strict policies and procedures in accordance with Maine CDC and Licensing guidelines. Their top priority is keeping the virus out. The residents are at higher risk and the staff is doing everything they can to ensure their health is the number one priority. They are truly living up to their motto of "***caring for those who served!***"

Remember that we should be "***HONORING THE COST OF FREEDOM***"

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

The Audit and Finance Committee will meet at the Convention to go over New Budget. There will be no audit till July due to COVID-19 lock downs.

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

**State of Maine VSO Grant:** Funds are coming in on time and are forwarded to the State Quartermaster once received, our next check should be \$12,761.18. Due to Covid-19 funds, will be less than normal for the year.

**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.

**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.

With the State Convention cancelled, there is no more requirements to forward your Post delegates listing to me. Let us hope that all goes well and we have one year.

The National Convention was also cancelled and all of the Posts who have sent in their monies for early registration will be receiving their monies back from National.

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

I look forward to seeing you in the future. Yours in Comradeship,

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

It is strange not being together at the State Convention. I hope to see everyone in October if not sooner. Here are my reports:

**Homeless Veterans:** The Maine Veterans in Need (MVN) is making progress towards incorporating. When they receive their 501C3 tax status, they will no longer need us to handle the funds we receive on their behalf. The services the Maine VFW and the Maine Elks Association covers are large gaps in several services. They have helped over 300 Veterans in 2019. This was because they were Homeless or could become Homeless without intervention.

The Maine Homeless Veterans Action Committee (MHVAC) is very busy. They are so busy that there are responsibilities they should be performing but haven't had time to develop. The regular monthly meeting will

be held quarterly (Membership Meeting). All voting will take place during the Membership Meetings only. All other months will have meetings to cover the other requirements of the MHVAC.

Stand-Down. There will not be a Stand-Down this Year due to Covid-19. The 2021 Stand-Down will be during the VA Maine Open House if all goes as planned. At this time, there are no meetings planned.

What has changed is Zoom. The trend is here. All the meetings with the City, committee meetings and MVN meeting were conference calls, they are now all Zoom meetings. Because of this, we will be saving over \$700.00 in travel next year. Because of the lack of Stand-Down in 2020, we will not need to forward \$7,000 in purchases waiting for the Department of Labor's Grant to reimburse the Department.

We have assisted several Veterans this month with local VFW Post support. Thanks to all who can assist and did.

When we find a Veteran in Need throughout the year services are available. The following link is the application form and request for more documents to verify the Veteran and the statue of their claim: <https://www.easterseals.com/maine/shared-components/document-library/vefap-application.pdf>.

This gives a Veteran in Need up to \$2,000 once every year. If the Veterans have not recovered from their financial situation, then they can apply again the next year. The Maine American Legion also manages this program but I could not locate a link on their website for their application.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at [james.bachelder@metrocast.net](mailto:james.bachelder@metrocast.net) or 207-432-7127 from 9 am until 9pm.

**Veterans Cemetery South:** We have construction in 3 areas of the cemetery. First is Section A and B (on the left of the front gates all the way to the circle). The project is to install drainage, irrigation and double depth pre-placed vaults. Our WW I Memorial is behind the construction around the middle of the project area. The second project is the Green Burial area. This is the first of its kind in a Maine Veterans' Cemetery. The last project is the POW/MIA Memorial. The Korean War and the Vietnam War tablets are on display outside the administration building. As the equipment becomes available, the Memorial will begin construction. Fundraising will continue until all costs are covered. We hope to have the main stone in place for this year's POW/MIA Day.

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**Legislative Augusta:** We had some bills in the last session and the authors will be term limiting out of office. They worked with other Legislators that will be remaining in office and it represents both sides of the isle. We will be looking into submitting the same or similar wording in the next session. We just need to remember that all politics is local politics.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at [james.bachelder@metrocast.net](mailto:james.bachelder@metrocast.net) or 207-432-7127 from 9 am until 9 pm.

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**HOSPITAL/VAVS**

**Michael W. Blair, Director**

Total donations to VAVS for the month of May 2020 was \$500.00 to be used as needed. Thank You to Fairfield Post 6924.

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**NATIONAL HOME**

**Melvyn E. Bates, Chairman**

Morning Comrades: May and June bring us healthy and safe times.

This month's report is much like everything else that has happened in the VFW as well as National's areas. It's more about survival from the global virus and protecting one's families at homes! Needless to say; this is what was going on...but not to our National Home for their families and children!...

Understandably, one thinks of their own families in a time of peril...but as Veterans we have another family to remember...which for whatever reason did NOT happen...sadly our National Home was forgotten. However, some Posts found time to donate to others locations which in itself is great...but they weren't all for Veterans and their needs.

Comrades, we have National Program which is OUR own...Its continued operations is dependent on YOU... I'm asking for your support to your own first...then other support to those who are supporting Veterans.

My thoughts this year was to make an attempt to increase our State contribution to the "National Home for children" to a level of \$1:00 dollar per member...not a lot, right?

We're not going to make it if we don't start taking care of our own!

It's not too late to donate to our National Home...Thanks

Respectfully Mel Bates State Chairman for National Home for Children 🇺🇸

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**VETERANS ADVISORY TO VA MAINE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

**Jo Ann Bolduc, Chairperson**

Happy Spring Comrades. While our world is experiencing some rough times, we are still blessed with beautiful sunshine and our lovely Maine home waking from its winter sleep.

Our Maine Healthcare providers have worked tirelessly to keep us safe and as healthy as they can. While there is no final date yet to completely reopen clinics, Veterans health Administration has confirmed an increase in the use of telehealth for both Mental Health and Primary Care. They are planning on using a phased reopen system. The axis clinics of Bingham, Ft. Kent and Houlton are not included in the first phase of reopening.

There are several sites online that allow one to track the infection rate of the COVID-19 virus. Johns Hopkins University has one. WorldOMeter. COVID-19.healthdata.com. COVID-19 simulator. These are all things you can put in a search engine to pull up where the world sits now. Personally, I will choose to worry about my own little patch of Maine. Universal precautions of washing hands, using safe distancing practices and...well...just generally being kind to one another go a long way towards alleviating the fear surrounding this virus. Comrades-our world has survived more than one viral infection. We will get through this one too...together.

Be good to yourselves and be good to each other.

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**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**

**Cornelius J. Ware, SO**

**Service Office COVID-19 Procedures:** The office is still closed to walk in traffic temporarily until we get past this Covid-19 shutdown. We are patiently awaiting VA's plans and procedures for the safe reopening of our offices. Until then, our VSO staff is still here in the office and ready to help. We are still conducting business with the health and safety of our staff and you the Veteran's we serve as our primary concern. Sorry for the temporary inconvenience. You can reach us at the VFW Service Office phone # 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 go through this crisis. We will re-open as soon as we can. But for now, please stay healthy and stay safe.

**NVS Proficiency Training is Going Virtual:** NVS will be conducting a Virtual Proficiency Training Conference for all accredited VSO's June 9 thru June 23. Training session will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays during this time frame with an end of course exam to be administered electronically Wednesday June 24 thru Monday June 29. NVS staff will conduct this training using the VFW Psych Armor training portal.

**"VETERANS SERVING VETERANS"**

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**WEBSITE COORDINATOR**

**Thomas R. Lussier, PSC**

The Department Website is in good working order. Please remember National still has a new website and is offering Departments and Posts free grants to build a new website.

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!

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**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**James A. Proctor, Chairman**

**Environmental Stewardship:** At the L.C. Bates Natural History Museum, you'll see animals and plants that are endangered and discuss how we can protect them. Make your own small habitat diorama as you learn to be a steward of our Main environment Global Connection. Date: 25 Jul. Reg By: 8 Jul. Town: Hinckley. Start Time: 9:00 am. End Time: 12:00 pm. Levels: D/B/J. Girl Fee: \$ 7.00. Adult Fee: \$ 0.00.

**Ladies of Science:** This is a great opportunity for troops and families to enjoy some summer science fun with a workshop just for girl scouts. The whole family can plan and explore at the museum while girls uncover the secrets of the scientific method and discover the scientist within all of us. For all girl scouts going into grades K-4 in the fall and their families. Date: 25 Jul. Reg By: 8 Jul. Town: Portland. Start Time: 2:30 pm. End Time: 5:00 pm. Levels: D/B. Girl Fee: \$ 19.00. Adult Fee: \$ 12.00.

**GSME Amazing Race Portland:** Explore Portland in the ultimate choose your own adventure through the city. Budget, plan and explore Portland as you solve clues, complete challenges, and track up points by completing various activities. With a little friendly competition to push you along, navigate your way through Portland and test your travel skills as a team. Date: 8 Aug. Reg By: 22 Jul. Town: South Portland. Start Time: 9 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am. End Time: 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm. Levels: N/J. Girl Fee: \$ 30.00. Adult Fee: \$ 30.00.

**DEPT @ 100.14% - Over by 11 For 100% (0+)**  
**Department Statistics**

*Maine as of Friday May 29, 2020*

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2599	1	97	1	46	14	158	144	109.72%	14	PRESQUE ISLE	0
6187	1	54	0	2	25	81	81	100.00%	0	FORT FAIRFIELD	0
9389	1	363	4	17	97	481	479	100.41%	2	CARIBOU	0
9699	1	63	0	8	8	79	79	100.00%	0	ASHLAND	0
District Total	1	577	5	73	144	799	783	102.04%	16		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1605	2	120	1	2	9	132	132	100.00%	0	BURLINGTON	0
7529	2	43	0	0	12	55	55	100.00%	0	ISLAND FALLS	0
District Total	2	183	1	2	28	214	214	100.00%	0		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9779	3	105	0	2	29	136	135	100.74%	1	CALAIS	0
11553	3	102	3	1	33	139	139	100.00%	0	HARRINGTON	1
District Total	3	207	3	3	62	275	274	100.36%	1		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
109	4	120	7	0	47	174	168	103.57%	6	ELLSWORTH	1
1761	4	177	4	0	63	244	242	100.82%	2	BANGOR	0
3381	4	164	5	3	37	209	209	100.00%	0	OLD TOWN	1
4633	4	95	0	0	15	110	121	90.90%	-11	HAMPDEN	0
District Total	4	556	16	3	162	737	740	99.59%	-3		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
4298	5	51	1	0	22	74	74	100.00%	0	DEXTER	0
5723	5	5	0	1	9	15	15	100.00%	0	JACKMAN	0
6924	5	97	0	0	21	118	119	99.15%	-1	FAIRFIELD	0
7865	5	101	0	0	30	131	131	100.00%	0	MADISON-ANSON	0
7866	5	8	0	1	4	13	13	100.00%	0	NORRIDGEWOCK	0
10881	5	20	1	0	3	24	22	109.09%	2	FARMINGTON	1
11191	5	21	1	0	13	35	34	102.94%	1	NEWPORT	0
District Total	5	303	3	2	102	410	408	100.49%	2		1



Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
3095	6	12	0	0	7	19	19	100.00%	0	FRIENDSHIP	0
3108	6	112	3	8	44	167	167	100.00%	0	BELFAST	0
4169	6	9	0	0	5	14	12	116.66%	2	VINALHAVEN	0
6131	6	49	1	1	25	76	75	101.33%	1	NORTHPORT	0
9437	6	38	1	0	11	50	49	102.04%	1	WASHINGTON	0
District Total	6	220	5	9	92	326	322	101.24%	4		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2197	7	54	1	0	24	79	75	105.33%	4	TOPSHAM	0
4525	7	52	0	0	24	76	75	101.33%	1	WALDOBORO	0
7738	7	59	0	2	9	70	70	100.00%	0	BATH	0
District Total	7	165	1	2	57	225	220	102.27%	5		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9	8	40	1	1	17	59	60	98.33%	-1	GARDINER	0
887	8	192	14	2	54	262	261	100.38%	1	AUGUSTA	1
1285	8	224	2	4	18	248	247	100.40%	1	WATERVILLE	0
8835	8	233	1	3	33	270	269	100.37%	1	WINSLOW	2
9526	8	33	1	0	9	43	43	100.00%	0	WINTHROP	0
District Total	8	722	19	10	131	882	880	100.22%	2		3
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1603	9	284	6	7	58	355	354	100.28%	1	LEWISTON-AUBURN	0
1641	9	63	1	13	66	143	142	100.70%	1	RUMFORD	0
3335	9	214	0	1	37	252	268	94.02%	-16	JAY	0
9150	9	65	0	0	15	80	80	100.00%	0	LEWISTON	0
9787	9	105	0	0	40	145	146	99.31%	-1	SOUTH PARIS	0
District Total	9	731	7	21	216	975	990	98.48%	-15		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
832	10	269	0	5	41	315	314	100.31%	1	S PORTLAND	0
6783	10	36	1	0	7	44	45	97.77%	-1	LOVELL	0
6859	10	299	5	5	83	392	422	92.89%	-30	PORTLAND	2
9328	10	36	0	0	5	41	46	89.13%	-5	HARRISON	0
10529	10	75	1	0	1	77	82	93.90%	-5	YARMOUTH	0
10643	10	48	1	2	24	75	77	97.40%	-2	WINDHAM	0
10879	10	10	1	0	11	22	23	95.65%	-1	GORHAM	0
11362	10	30	0	0	5	35	35	100.00%	0	NAPLES	0
District	10	803	9	12	177	1001	1044	95.88%	-43		2

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
5744	11	114	1	0	40	155	154	100.64%	1	SOUTH BERWICK	1
6977	11	170	2	0	25	197	206	95.63%	-9	YORK BEACH	0
7997	11	162	7	21	38	228	203	112.31%	25	OLD ORCHARD BEACH	0
9394	11	47	2	0	9	58	58	100.00%	0	KITTERY	1
9935	11	160	10	18	98	286	256	111.71%	30	SANFORD	0
District Total	11	653	22	39	210	924	877	105.35%	47		2
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent		City	N/R LM
1641	99	587	26	18	139	770	775	99.35%	-5	RUMFORD	9
District Total	99	587	26	18	139	770	775	99.35%	-5	QM'S HOUSE	9
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
State Total		5707	117	194	1520	7538	7527	100.14%	11		20



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

**THIS 2019 – 2020 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP?**

**“HONORING THE COST OF FREEDOM ”**

**“RETAIN-REINSTATE-RECRUIT”**

**"HONORING THE COST OF FREEDOM"  
CHRISTOPHER L. ROBISON, STATE COMMANDER**

**DIVISION LEADERS <<>> MAY 29, 2020**

**>> 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. 4169 VINALHAVEN	116.66%	1. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	112.31%
2. 10881 FARMINGTON	109.09%	2. 9935 SANFORD	111.71%
3. 11191 NEWPORT	102.94%	3. 1761 BANGOR	100.82%
DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. V (301-400) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 2197 TOPSHAM	105.33%	1. 832 SOUTH PORTLAND	100.31%
2. 6131 NORTHPORT	101.33%	2. 1603 AUBURN	100.28%
3. 5744 SOUTH BERWICK	100.64%	3.	
DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. VI (401- HIGHER) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 2599 PRESQUE ISLE	109.72%	1. 9389 CARIBOU	100.40%
2. 109 ELLSWORTH	103.57%	2. 6859 PORTLAND	92.89%
3. 9779 CALAIS	100.74%	3.	

TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY %	I	TEN LARGEST POSTS	
1. 4169 VINALHAVEN	116.66%	1. 9389 CARIBOU	480
2. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	112.31%	2. 6859 PORTLAND	392
3. 9935 SANFORD	111.71%	3 1603 AUBURN	355
4. 2599 PRESQUE ISLE	109.72%	4. 832 SOUTH PORTLAND	315
5. 10881 FARMINGTON	109.09%	5. 9935 SANFORD	286
6. 2197 TOPSHAM	105.33%	6. 8835 WINSLOW	270
7. 109 ELLSWORTH	103.57%	7. 887 AUGUSTA	262
8. 11191 NEWPORT	102.94%	8. 3335 JAY	252
9. 9437 WASHINGTON	102.04%	9. 1285 WATERVILLE	248
10. 6131 NORTHPORT	101.33%	10. 1761 BANGOR	244

DISTRICT STANDINGS	I	MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2019-20
1. District 11 DAY	105.35%	WE HAVE = 7538 – OVER BY 11
2. District 7 STEVENS	102.27%	ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 100%
3. District 1 SAUCIER	102.04%	
4. District 6 KIMBLE	101.24%	5 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A GREEN BALL CAP
5. District 5 TWEEDIE	100.49%	10 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A WHITE VFW SHIRT
6. District 3 SIVRET	100.36%	ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT
7. District 8 LAMBERT	100.22%	LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE, VFW	100.14%	RETAIN – RECRUIT & REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS?
8. District 2 EWING	100.00%	NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS
9. District 4 SULLIVAN	99.59%	ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK?
10. District 9 DRAG	98.48%	
11. District 10 PROCTOR	95.88%	
<b>STEVEN SANPEDRO - STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN</b>		