



Department of Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars

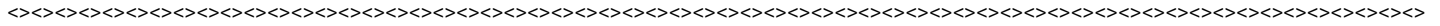


"Honoring the Cost of Freedom"

May 2020

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 11



*In Memory of **ROG** Raymond R. Lupo ** 1998-1999*



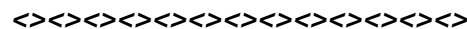
SPECIAL NOTICES <> SPECIAL NOTICES

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

- District 1 ~ 101.91% ~ Commander Danford G. Saucier
- District 3 ~ 100.36% ~ Commander David O. Sivret
- District 7 ~ 100.00% ~ Commander Roger A. Stevens
- Pine Tree Post 887, Augusta ~ 100.38% ~ Commander Carl S. Lambert
- Hayward-Frazier Post 2599, Presque Isle ~ 109.02% > Commander James A. Jacques
- Randall-Collins Post 3108, Belfast ~ 100.00% ~ Commander Anthony J. Kimble
- Gauvin-Fowler-Tupper-Stairs VFW Post 3381, Old Town ~ 100.00% ~ Commander Brian R. Hanson
- South Berwick Memorial Post 5744, South Berwick ~ 100.00% ~ Commander Jeffrey A. Chase
- Harvell-Bishop-Arnold Trail Post 7865, Madison ~ 100.00% ~ Commander David P. Trask
- Kittery-Eliot Memorial Post 9394, Kittery ~ 100.00% ~ Commander Melvyn E. Bates
- Captain John E. Williams Memorial Post 11553, Harington ~ 100.00% ~ Commander James W. Benner

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?"***

Memo from State Commander Robison: The following email and instructions are being forwarded to you on behalf of our State Commander Christopher L. Robison. ***QUOTE:*** As was stated on March 15th via email, closure of Posts and cancellation or postponement of meetings is left to the discretion of the Posts. All Posts and Districts must comply with all National, State, and Locals restrictions regarding COVID-19. I encourage everyone to err on the side of caution and protect our Comrades. If it becomes necessary, critical meetings can be held electronically. Cancellations should be reported to both the State Commander and Adjutant. Feel free to contact the Department Leadership with any concerns or for further guidance. Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to resuming normal operations shortly. ***UNQUOTE.*** Christopher L. Robison, Commander



1. On April 17, 2020, the VFW National Council of Administration took action to cancel the 121st VFW National Convention, in its current form, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 24, 2020, the Commander-in-Chief issued Executive Order No. 2 which provides a directive for the election of National officers and provides options as to how Departments, Districts, and Posts may conduct elections in keeping with the requirements and customs of the VFW. This order supersedes all other guidance regarding conducting the

fraternal business of the organization within COVID-19 restrictions. The order along with all other VFW COVID-19 guidance can be found behind the member login at www.vfw.org/my-vfw/covid-19-update.

2. On April 17, 2020, the VFW National Council of Administration took action to cancel the 121st VFW National Convention, in its current form, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 1, 2020, the VFW National Council of Administration voted to halt the collection of National Convention Registration fees, and take the necessary steps to facilitate refunds to those Posts and delegates who have paid registration and/or delegates fees, for the 121st VFW National Convention.

3. **Dates for Council of Administration Meetings and Testimonials:** Will be announced in the June General Orders as we have one to be confirmed at this time.

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

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

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

Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in their unit.

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

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

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

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws – Regular Meeting, Districts shall hold at least two (2) regular meetings each year for purposes of transacting business and conducting schools of instruction. Pursuant to Section 417 of the National Manual of Procedure, District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed.

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Loyalty Day and Memorial Day Observance: Section 223 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure provides that each Post shall make the necessary arrangements for proper observance of Loyalty Day and Memorial Day. Officers should see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and flags of the United States are placed on the graves of deceased Veterans.

14. Commander-in-Chief Challenge: Commander-in-Chief Doc Schmitz has laid down a challenge to all VFW Posts for the month of May 2020!

For May's Commander's Challenge, we are going to focus on increasing membership. We will be looking specifically at new, renewing, and reinstated members and rewarding the Posts that show the highest percentage of membership growth for the month of May.

We will be holding a drawing to select three of the top 15 Posts in each division, based on the percentage of membership growth for the month of May, to receive a \$1,000 stipend deposited into the Post account.

54. Home Depot Community Impact Grant Temporarily Suspended: The Home Depot Community Impact grant has been temporarily suspended until further notice! We will advise membership when it re-opens

(hopefully soon). If you have any questions, please email Jason Couch, Grants Administrator, at JCouch@vfw.org.

16. May is National Military Appreciation Month: Is your Post planning to commemorate a special event for Military Spouses Day on May 8, Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, Armed Forces Day on May 16, National Maritime Day on May 22 or Memorial Day on May 25?

If your Post is planning a special event this month to commemorate any of the above mentioned special days, please share your success story with us. We will be looking for special stories from Posts like yours to feature in upcoming monthly e-newsletters and on vfw.org/vfwatwork in the Story Archive. You may email your story to success@vfw.org.

17. It's Scholarship Time: April is the perfect month to begin contacting schools, youth groups, parent organizations and others with information about Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. Schools are making curriculum decisions now and parents are thinking about scholarships.

Please remember that Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen are VFW programs supported by the VFW Auxiliary. It is inappropriate for the VFW Auxiliary to conduct a separate judging at any level.

If you have questions regarding any of the above, please email lrolf@vfw.org or call 816.968.1116.

18. New Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Brochures: The new 2020-21 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entry forms are now available on the VFW website.

Simply visit vfw.org/#login, log in to **My VFW**, then click on **VFW Training & Support** under the **Member Resources** heading, then click on Community Service & Youth Programs and Activities, then click on **Chairman Manuals** under the **Additional Resources** heading. Here you will find all program materials.

Additionally, anyone (including students, parents, teachers, and chairmen) can download and print the student entry forms for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen by visiting the below links:

Voice of Democracy: vfw.org/VOD/

Patriot's Pen: vfw.org/PatriotsPen/

For Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen brochures, posters, awards and more, visit the VFW Store: vfwstore.org/category/programs/voiceofdemocracy for Voice of Democracy and vfwstore.org/category/programs/patriotspen for Patriot's Pen.

19. Half Staff U.S. Flag: The U.S. Flag should be at half-staff on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May (federal holiday - half-staff until noon). Flags are available at the VFW Store vfwstore.org/category/flags/usflags.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. Dates to Remember:

- 10 May > Mother's Day
- 16 May > Armed Forces Day
- 25 May > Memorial Day
- 14 June > Flag Day
- 21 June > Father's Day

23. 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 fothe Posts in the Department for your perusal voting.

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

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

25. District Meetings Dates: NOTE: Because of the uncertainty of the some of the District Meetings Convention dates, once they are received, they will be emailed worldwide to the Department members.

26. Directory Changes: None

BY COMMAND OF:

Christopher L. Robison

Christopher L. Robison
Commander

OFFICIAL:

Andre L. Dumas

Andre L. Dumas
Adjutant



State Commander
Christopher L. Robison



Comrades:

By now, most of you know that the Department and National Conventions have both been canceled for this year. This was a difficult decision; but was necessary considering the current situation.

I know that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a great financial impact on our Posts. I encourage all Posts to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance through the Small Business Administration. On the SBA's website, it specifically mentions 501(c)(19) Veteran Organizations. A second round of funding is likely to occur, so please take advantage of this program when the window opens again.

Please keep an eye on your email for further guidance on how to conduct District Conventions and Post Meetings during the restrictions we are currently under. We will keep moving forward as a Department. However, this pandemic does not mean that we will not comply with the by-laws adopted at the various levels of the organization. Please remember that proxy and mail-in votes are not allowed under any circumstances. I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during these trying times.

I am disheartened that many Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Teacher of the Year and other Post events have been postponed or canceled. I was looking forward to attending those events as they were scheduled. It is my hope that the circumstances allow for those events to be rescheduled and that I am asked to attend to help recognize all the honorees.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns during this time of uncertainty. I am always willing to help. Stay safe and healthy.

Congratulations to the following Posts for having reached 100% in membership for the membership year 2019-2020.

District 1 > Commander Danford G. Saucier > 101.91%
District 3 > Commander David O. Sivret > 100.36%
District 7 > Commander Roger A. Stevens > 100.00%
Pine Tree Post 887, Augusta > Commander Carl S. Lambert > 100.38%
Post 2599, Presque Isle > Commander James A. Jacques > 109.02%
Randall-Collins Post 3108, Belfast > Commander Anthony J. Kimble > 100.00%
Gauvin-Fowler-Tupper-Stairs Post 3381, Old Town > Commander Brian R Hanson > 100.00%
So. Berwick Memorial Post 5744, So. Berwick > Commander Jeffrey A. Chase > 100.00%
Harvell-Bishop-Arnold Trail Post 7865, Madison < Commander David P. Trask > 100.00%
Kittery-Elliott Memorial Post 9394, Kittery > Commander Melvyn E. Bates > 100.00%
Captain John E. Williams Post 11553, Harrington > Commander James W. Benner > 100.00%

Yours in Comradeship,

Christopher L. Robison

Christopher L. Robison
Commander

"Honoring the Cost of Freedom"

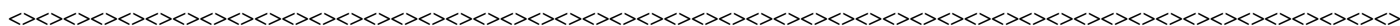


Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW
Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain
28 February ~ 27 March 2020

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



District 1

9389 > BOUCHARD, Albert J.
CLAYTON, George L.

District 2

1605 > GRADY, Thurlow I.
WOODARD, Harold E.

District 4

109 > STINTSON, Calvin J. Jr.

1761 > DAIGLE, Franklin A.
DOW, Douglas A.
LUPO, Raymond R.
SCRIBNER, Charles H.

3381 > STITHAM, Martin L.

District 5

6924 > Du BOIS, Gilman
STARBIRD, Philip E.

7865 > SHIBLEY, Robert J.

District 6

3095 > UBRY, Arthur L.

3108 > CUMMINGS, Dennis S.

District 7

2197 > BEARCE, Gerald R.

District 8

8835 > DUPLESSIE, Norman E. Jr.
ROBERGE, Ronald V.

District 9

1603 > KING, Lawrence B.

1641 > DRAPEAU, Alfred J.

9150 > SYLVAIN, Richard D.

District 10

832 > DiBIESE, Nicholas J.
LINSKOTT, Donald W. Jr. > PSQM
WOOD, Charles W.

6859 > LEDUE, Herbert A.
WATERHOUSE, Robert L.

District 11

5744 > ROBIE, Paul J.
ZAGROSKY, Joseph R.

9935 > LEACH, Samuel C. Jr.

Members-at-Large

15020 > BUCCA, Dominic J.



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



Greetings, I hope these greetings find you well and in good spirits. I know people have been homebound and most events and community activities have been cancelled.

Now is a good time to do buddy checks, even a hello from friend's does a lot to cheer people up during these unprecedented times.

May begins a new Community Activity year. The Loyalty Day speech has gone out to all Post. I hope to see 100% participation.

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

Well, now the month of April is almost over. We hope that you are all practicing social distancing as advised by our National Commander-in-Chief and numerous health officials.

CSP: We still have through the month of May to make donations to the Command's Special Project which is **"Operation: Brotherhood."** I received only one donation this month. I am still hoping that the last few Posts who have not donated will step up and make their donations to this worthy cause. Remember to make your check payable to **"Department of Maine, VFW"** with notation in the memo line of **"Cmdrs Special Project"**. My contact information is below. Thank you in advance for your support this year on behalf of Commander Christopher Robison.

As you all know by now, the State Convention in June has been cancelled. I hope you will all stay safe and well until we can meet again as a Department. Please take a few minutes to check in with your neighbors and local Veterans. A quick phone call will brighten their day and make social distancing a lot easier to bear.

Contact me at: Herman L. Littlefield Jr., 1360 Atlantic Hwy., Northport, ME 04849, Tel: 338-5052; Cell:: 322-1548 or E-mail: herman.littlefield@yahoo.com. Yours in Comradeship,

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

QM: Hello all. I hope that everyone is staying safe and do what is expected of you to stay healthy.

With all this COVID-19 going on, there is not much to report on at this moment. I have been taking calls asking about the Quarterly Reports. For this 1 Quarter only, I will accept your reports for the Quarter ending March 31. I realize its next to impossible to get you report signed so what I am suggesting is complete your report, mail me a copy and then when you get the chance, get them signed and forwarded to me .

Poppies: No update on when they are going to be available. I know that it's going to cause shortages of poppies for your events. Maybe, call around to some different Posts in your area and see if they can help you out. I usually have a couple 1,000 on hand but they have been claimed so I'm waiting on poppies myself.

It is with sad heart that I announce the passing of one of our own. Post Quartermaster of Post # 6977 Larry G Wicker also known as Rusty was a longtime member and Post Quartermaster. He will surely be missed by his Post and myself and our earlier morning chats about what is going on with in the State.

Until next month Stay safe and Happy Memorial Day to all

NCMM: Memo From Commander-in-Chief William J. "Doc" Schmitz:

Dear VFW and Auxiliary Members. As you may know, since 2007 Burger King franchisees and their customers have contributed \$6.3 million to the VFW Unmet Needs program. We've put that generosity to work, providing nearly **\$12 million** in assistance to more than 10,200 veterans and military families in need.

Established in 2017, the VFW's annual **#ThankBK Appreciation Week** event helps provide a way for the VFW to show our appreciation for Burger King franchisees' continued support and dedication toward America's heroes.

With the current situation surrounding coronavirus and many restaurant dining rooms closed, it's important that we still find way to show Burger King how much we appreciate their support, which is why I'm encouraging VFW and VFW Auxiliary members to utilize the drive-through to support your local Burger King restaurants the week leading up to, and including Armed Forces Day, May 10-16, and purchase a meal. From utilizing the drive-through, to mobile ordering and the wide availability of food delivery services, VFW and Auxiliary members have several options to patron your local restaurant while taking all necessary health safety precautions. Showing Burger King our support is important, possibly more now than ever before, because it's through their efforts that we're able to provide service members, veterans and their families the support they need.

Proudly wear your VFW apparel while ordering, and be sure to ask for the manager's business card so you can email them the **appreciation letter** we've prepared for you. Let them know the VFW is there to support their restaurant, just as they have supported our Unmet Needs program. You can even help spread the word about this event by downloading the **promotional toolkit** we've created.

If you encounter a Burger King franchisee or manager who has not participated in supporting the Unmet Needs program and would like information about the July or November Burger King/VFW Unmet Needs fundraising campaigns, please direct them to:

Ben Vargas, VFW Foundation assistant manager at **bvargas@vfw.org** or **816.968.2720**.

As an extra incentive to participate, the VFW Foundation will hold a drawing to award 10 VFW Posts and Auxiliaries with a \$1,000 Community Support Grant. VFW Posts and Auxiliaries can qualify in one of two ways:

Submit copies of BK receipts dated during the contest time period.

Submit screen shots of your social media posts which must include a photo of yourself at a BK store drive-through, order pick up, or with your Burger King food delivery, and include the **#ThankBK** hashtag and your Post number.

Entries must be submitted to **foundation@vfw.org** and received during the contest period, May 10-16, 2020. Each entry will be included in the prize drawing, and each Post/Auxiliary that is drawn will receive a \$1,000 VFW Foundation Community Support Grant to be used for a community service project of their choice. Let's all find ways to support Burger King during these trying times, while staying safe and healthy.

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

Inspections: We are almost at 100% in the Department. With the coronavirus so far, get it done till they lift the ban. I want to Thank you all for what you have done at this point.

Blood: DONATE~~DONATE~~DONATE.

With the virus going on people, the hospitals need all kinds of blood so if you can call the Red Cross and make an appointment to donate or call the hospital and tell them you would like to donate, they are not only the virus ~ operations ~ transfusion save a life. THANK YOU

Safety: Well everybody is at home because of that coronavirus, make sure you wear a face mask when you go in public, stay away from people about six (6) feet, make sure you wash your hands when you have a chance. Stay home as much as you can so as to not catch that virus or not to give it to anybody. When going

into stores whereby they are only so many people to be in at any one time, patience is a must. You all take care and God Bless. **SMILE GOD LOVES YOU ALL.**

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

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| >Army Air Forces 1 st Lt Ernest L. Roth | >Army Pvt. Wayne M. Evans |
| >Marine Corps Sgt Donald D. Stoddard | >Army Cpl. Ralph L. Cale |
| >Marine Corps Pvt Jack R. Stambaugh | >Army Pfc Anthony F. Mendonca |
| >Army Sgt Billy V. Rodgers | >Army Pvt Wayne M. Evans |
| >Army Sgt Lloyd A. Alumbaugh | >Army Cpl. Charles F. Hiltibran |
| >Army Pfc Louis M. Crosby | >Army Pfc Bill F. Hobbs |

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

The coronavirus pandemic has reminded all of us how fragile life can be. Unexpected and potentially deadly circumstances lurk around every corner. For most Americans, the outbreak has brought to light what it means to face unforeseen danger, take action and protect others. For those of us that have served in the military and members of the VFW are not necessarily strangers to this type of conflict but, this being an unseen enemy has made it difficult for all. We have suffered many casualties of this unseen war. My heart goes out to the friends and families of those who have been lost in this battle.

As we enter the month of May among veterans, Memorial Day is a time to honor the men and women who did not return home; the unexpected but always possible circumstances were their fate. Many who did come home have been lost because of what they brought home with them and we must remember them and their sacrifices.

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.

Wreaths Across America (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!

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

Comrades, I hope this finds all of you in good health. I would like to say Thank you to all the Posts, District and Department Leadership for the great job that all of you are doing during this very difficult times. I want to personally commend Commander Robison for his outstanding leadership during all of this. Plus, his sacrifice of all the fun things that come with being the Commander. He will have no Testimonial, Department Convention and National Convention during his time which are highlights of the Commanders year. So, with that being said, let's work extra hard to earn him his **"All-American"** Status. Congratulation to Post 887

Augusta, Post 5744 South Berwick, Post 9394 Kittery and District 7 for all reaching their goal of 100% in Membership!

Legislation: Many of you asked me if you were a 100% disable through the VA, would you get a stimulus check. The answer was yes! The problem was, if you have not filed taxes in the last two years, they had no information on you. Senator Collins lead the charge on getting this fixed and has. She asked the VA, IRS, SS and the Treasure to work together to fix this. They did share information to make sure all were paid. I am sure there are a couple of issues but for the most part I have heard good things since. There are many things out there right now that the Post can file for to get assistance during the shutdown. I ask that your Post look into them to see if you qualify and submit if you do. 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 98.57% with 7420 Members which is an increase of 1.48% and 112 Members. We need 107 Members to reach 100%. We have decreased our New Members by 11 and increased our Reinstated Members by 65 from this time last year. Once again, I am asking that the Commander and the Membership Team stay in touch with their Membership. This will show them that you care and why they should remain a Member of this great organization. We are still asking you to suspend all door-to-door campaigns and Recruiting Events until further notice. We can still work Membership through email 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: I am sad to report that our Scarborough Veterans Home has been hit really hard by the COVID -19 outbreak. Unfortunately, they have had 7 residents die from the virus which is devastating. There are many staff and residents that have tested positive that are quarantined and being cared for. They were able to contain it to one unit/wing. They are following strict policies and procedures that are overseen but the Maine CDC to get through this. The good news is that the other 5 Homes and the central office have no issues at this time. Our 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"***

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

The Audit and Finance Committee will meet at the next COA.

Grants: 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.

VA Transportation Grant: The \$40,000.00 is up and running.

State Homeless Veterans Grant: Has been drawn down and is now closed.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (C/A)
Stephen Patrick Dow, Chairman**

Comrades: I hope this message finds you well and safe still during these trying times. Know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel and we will see it sooner rather than later. Please continue to look out for your fellow Veterans in your AORs. This GO update reflects all the information I have received over the last reporting year. Next months' update will be for a new reporting year. Please contact appropriate program chairman, so they can contact myself if something has not been checked off that needs to be. It has been my

honor to work with you all over this past reporting year, and even more so to the start of the new reporting year until I am relieved by Chris Robinson after elections per Keith Davis. Please continue to keep up your good work, stay safe, and as always **REPORT ~ REPORT ~ REPORT!**

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.

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,

HISTORIAN

STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA (SVA)

Amy Hope Meuchel, Chairperson

Historian: Times are crazy now. Unfortunately, with COVID-19; things are being canceled left and right. This would be a great time to send me anything your Post has done in the past year. Pictures, articles or activities. I have started to build the Commanders memory book.

SVA: Nothing to report. Schools are still in sessions through online classes.

HOMELESS VETERANS

VETERANS CEMETERY SOUTH ~ ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE (Augusta)

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER (South)

James E.N. Bachelder, PSC

Homeless Veterans: Hope all is well with you and your loved ones.

The biggest news we have this month is that the VA Maine is looking at having a Stand-Down without clothing and boot distribution because they want to hold it at the same time at the VA Maine Open House on August 22nd. The VA thoughts about the lack of clothing and boots is that they are available year-round and the Open House will draw many Veterans that are not eligible to receive the clothing and boots. The question we have heard from the Homeless Veteran support community is "How the Veteran will get a ride to pick-up clothing and/or boots on another day?" Another thought is, "If the Veterans can get the clothing year-round, then why can't they get it on the day of the Stand-Down?" Due to these planning we, the Maine VFW, is not being asked to apply for the Department of Labor \$7,000 grant. The gaming funds will have a year to catch-up with the needs of our Homeless Veterans.

The Maine Veterans in Need had a conference call meeting. All has been quiet. There were very few calls to any of our members for assistance. The Elks furniture program is on hold due to the Stay-at-Home order in the State. We, the Maine VFW had only 1 Veteran needing a hotel room so far in April. We have \$1,500 coming to the Veterans Emergency Hotel Stay Fund. This was raised by the Topsham American Legion 202 February Softball Tournament. They raised \$5,000 that will be distributed as: \$1,500 to the Maine VFW for Hotel Stays, \$1,500 to the Maine Elks for their furniture program, \$1,000 to Maine Elks for 3 I-pads that will be donated to Togus VAVS for the patients who can't have visitors and \$1,000 to the Maine Elks to purchase gift cards on the MBVS wish list.

The Togus VA was looking for 30 I-pads. It has 20 and the 3 stated above leaves them with 7 more. Anyone wanting do donate can contact the VAVS **Chairman Michael W. Blair** and see if there is still a need.

The Maine Homeless Veterans Action Committee (MHVAC) is trying to figure out how to receive all the information from all the sub-committees and the member organizations in the monthly meeting time frame. They are developing different solutions to present to the MHVAC.

This always needs repeating: The following link is the application form and request for more documents to verify the Veteran and the status 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 has 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 or 207-432-7127 from 9 am until 9 pm.

Veterans Cemetery South: Due to the Covid-19 shut-down, we were not able to have our monthly meeting.

We are so happy to say we have a contract to POW/MIA Monument foundation, walkway and placement of the main stone. The contract is with G W Brooks & Son, Inc. of Freedom NH in the amount of \$24,415.00. These costs are in budget for this phase of the project.

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

Assistant Legislative (Augusta): The legislature is shut-down to outside visitors at this time. We have no other updates at this time.

As you know from twice above, my contact information is james.bachelder@metrocast.net or 207-432-7127 from 9 am until 9 pm.

HOSPITAL/VAVS
Michael W. Blair, Director

Donations for the month of April totaled \$700.00. \$500.00 is to be used by VAVS as needed for Veterans' needs. \$200.00 will be used for Coupon Booklets.

I would like to thank VFW Posts #6924 Fairfield and #9935 Sanford.

NATIONAL HOME
Melvyn E. Bates, Chairman

Morning Comrades: It's been a very trying time this past thirty plus days. As a state as a country...we along with rest of the world have been deliberately exposed to a massive deadly virus. Our Commanders both at State and national levels have closed everything down to minimize our exposure at this time.

As far as donations to the National Home, it's been very very slow which I can understand. In District 11, we have lost three (3) members to the virus one fatality and two still holding on.

It's been sad to see these things happen to our Veterans and not being able to do much because of quarantines.

We wish all in our State the best possible health and to be as safe as possible during these upcoming months...we would also remind everyone that our National Home is presently in a HOT Zone for the Virus and to please try to help with your appreciated donations..🙏🍀 Thank you.

Respectfully

VETERANS ADVISORY TO VA MAINE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Jo Ann Bolduc, Chairperson

Comrades: We are doing a fantastic job of social distancing and flattening the infection curve. Continue the fight as we do not want a second wave of infection to rear its ugly head. Look out for your neighbors and follow basic universal precautions. Continue to utilize your telehealth options and if you are experiencing symptoms, please call and notify your care providers **BEFORE** going to the hospital/urgent care so appropriate measures can be taken to protect you and your providers.

Angela McKenney; formerly the VA Maine Patient Advocate has stepped in to manage the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) that is set to roll out this summer. The expansion will occur in two phases, beginning in the summer of 2020 or once the Secretary has certified that the new IT system is fully implemented. In the first phase, PCAFC will be expanded to eligible Veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty on or before May 7, 1975. The final phase of the expansion will begin two years later. It will expand PCAFC to eligible Veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty after May 7, 1975 through September 10, 2001.

New Patient Advocates are now in position ready to assist. We welcome Nadine Glidden and Nathan Platt.

“Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny...” - C.S. Lewis

Be good to yourselves and be good to each other.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Cornelius J. Ware, SO

Service Office COVID-19 procedures. The office is closed to walk in traffic temporarily until we get past this Covid-19 shutdown. Our VSO staff is still here in the office and ready to help. We just have to adjust the way we do business for the health and safety of our staff and you the Veterans we serve. Sorry for the temporary inconvenience. You can reach us at the VFW Service Office phone number 207-623-5723. Email us at 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.

Veterans Benefits Administration(VBA) is Processing Claims: Although the Regional Office is closed to public access, VBA is still diligently processing claims. 90% of Togus VBA staff are working from home in an effort to ensure our Veterans get the benefits they deserve.

VBA Overpayment Debt Financial Relief: *If you are affected by the COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) and have a VBA benefit debt and need temporary financial relief, please contact DMC at 1-800-827-0648 to request assistance. The financial relief actions include the following until further notice:*

Suspending all actions on Veteran debts under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department.

Suspending collection action or extending repayment terms on preexisting VA debts, as the Veteran prefers.

Their normal business hours are Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm (CT). They experience their highest call volumes on Mondays and throughout the first week of each month. The best time to call us is Tuesday through Thursday between 10:30 am to 12:15 pm and 1:15 pm to 3:30 pm (Central). Have added staff and telephone lines to handle your call.

Additional fax numbers: 612-970-5782 ~ 612-970-5798

VA Appeals Production: The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) VA Board of Veterans Appeals (Board) hit a production milestone April 1 at the fiscal year (FY) 2020 halfway point issuing more than 52,000 decisions which is approximately 15% more than the previous year. The Board has steadily increased production over the past three years, showing continued improvement over a sustained period. The Boards mission is to conduct hearings and issue timely decisions for Veterans and other appellants in compliance with the law. “The Boards increased production ensures more Veterans are receiving benefits and services during this difficult time as the nation copes with COVID-19.”

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!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

James A. Proctor, Chairman

Lobster Lore: Join us at the Maine State Aquarium for an afternoon all about lobsters. You'll complete the steps to earn the Maine Lobster patch while seeing some in real life. Cost includes entrance to the aquarium, guided program and patch for the girls. Date: 6 Jun. Reg By: 20 May. Town: West Boothbay Harbor. Start Time: 2 pm. End Time: 5:00 pm. Levels: D/B/J. Girl Fee: \$ 7.00. Adult Fee: \$ 5.00.

Making Games: Explore the daily lives of girls living 200 years ago through thru games and entertainment . Discover how technologies have changed over time as you create a scavenger hunt of 18th century artifacts and search a historic house to find them, Use mystery objects to explore how girls entertained themselves while working and try out some favorite games played during everyday chores on special occasions. Date: 6 Jun. Reg by: 20 May. Town: Portsmouth, NH. Start Time: 10:00 am. End Time: 12:00 pm. Levels: D/J. Girl Fee: \$ 13.00. Adult Fee: \$ 9.00.

Maine Native American History and Culture: Use museum collection and hands-on activities to learn about hunter and gather cultures. Try skills used by Maine native Americans to explore some of Maine's heritage. Global connection. Date: 13 Jun. Reg by: 27 May. Town: Hinckley. Start Time: 9:00 am. End Time: 12:00 pm. Levels: B/J. Girl Fee: \$7.00. Adult Fee: \$ 0.00.

Stars and Space Overnight Tall and Small: Find magic in the stars with the Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine with a mini planetarium show, creating your own constellations in the night, exploring the phases of the moon and creating you own moon art. Tall and Smalls are a great way for first year daisies (or anyone who would benefit) to attend an overnight with a parent or guardian, Date: 13-14 Jun. Reg By: 27 May. Town: Portland. Start Time: 5:30 pm. End Time: 9:00 am. Levels: D/B/J. Girl Fee: \$ 29.00. Adult Fee: \$ 17.00.

Pedal the Canadian Rails: Cycle and camp in Quebec along a rail trail. Meet in Aroostook County before cycling 1-02- miles a day from Riviere-Du-Loup, Quebec back to the Maine border. Experience a different culture while engaging with the outdoors on the cycling and camping adventure global connection. Date: 2-6 Aug. Reg By: 2 May. Town: Maine to Quebec and back. Start Time: 5:00 am. End Time: 11:00 am. Levels: C/S/A. Girl Fee: \$ 375.00. Adult Fee: \$ 375.00.

DEPT @ 99.20% - Need 60 For 100% (37+)
Department Statistics

Maine as of Friday May 1, 2020

| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
|----------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|-------|------------|---------|-----|----------------|--------|
| 2599 | 1 | 97 | 1 | 46 | 13 | 157 | 144 | 109.02% | 13 | 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 | 143 | 798 | 783 | 101.91% | 15 | | 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 | 46 | 173 | 168 | 102.97% | 5 | ELLSWORTH | 1 |
| 1761 | 4 | 177 | 4 | 0 | 63 | 244 | 242 | 100.82% | 2 | BANGOR | 0 |
| 3381 | 4 | 164 | 5 | 3 | 31 | 203 | 209 | 97.12% | -6 | OLD TOWN | 1 |
| 4633 | 4 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 108 | 121 | 89.25% | -13 | HAMPDEN | 0 |
| District Total | 4 | 556 | 16 | 3 | 153 | 728 | 740 | 98.37% | -12 | | 1 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 4298 | 5 | 51 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 71 | 74 | 95.94% | -3 | DEXTER | 0 |
| 5723 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 15 | 15 | 100.00% | 0 | JACKMAN | 0 |
| 6924 | 5 | 97 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 117 | 119 | 98.31% | -2 | FAIRFIELD | 0 |
| 7865 | 5 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 128 | 131 | 97.70% | -3 | MADISON-ANSON | 0 |
| 7866 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 13 | 92.30% | -1 | 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 | 94 | 402 | 408 | 98.52% | -6 | | 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 | 6 | 45 | 49 | 91.83% | -4 | WASHINGTON | 0 |
| District Total | 6 | 220 | 5 | 9 | 87 | 321 | 322 | 99.68% | -1 | | 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 | 0 | 6 | 65 | 70 | 92.85% | -5 | BATH | 0 |
| District Total | 7 | 165 | 1 | 0 | 54 | 220 | 220 | 100.00% | 0 | | 0 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 9 | 8 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 58 | 60 | 96.66% | -2 | 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 | 6 | 40 | 43 | 93.02% | -3 | WINTHROP | 0 |
| District Total | 8 | 722 | 19 | 10 | 127 | 878 | 880 | 99.77% | -2 | | 3 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 1603 | 9 | 284 | 6 | 1 | 47 | 338 | 354 | 95.48% | -16 | LEWISTON-AUBURN | 0 |
| 1641 | 9 | 63 | 1 | 13 | 66 | 143 | 142 | 100.70% | 1 | RUMFORD | 0 |
| 3335 | 9 | 214 | 0 | 1 | 34 | 249 | 268 | 92.91% | -19 | JAY | 0 |
| 9150 | 9 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 80 | 80 | 100.00% | 0 | LEWISTON | 0 |
| 9787 | 9 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 143 | 146 | 97.94% | -3 | SOUTH PARIS | 0 |
| District Total | 9 | 731 | 7 | 15 | 200 | 953 | 990 | 96.26% | -37 | | 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 | 79 | 388 | 422 | 91.94% | -34 | 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 | 22 | 73 | 77 | 94.80% | -4 | 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 | 171 | 995 | 1044 | 95.30% | -49 | | 2 |

| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
|----------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|-------|------------|---------|-----|-------------------|--------|
| 5744 | 11 | 114 | 1 | 0 | 39 | 154 | 154 | 100.00% | 0 | SOUTH BERWICK | 1 |
| 6977 | 11 | 169 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 195 | 206 | 94.66% | -11 | 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 | 652 | 22 | 39 | 208 | 921 | 877 | 105.01% | 44 | | 2 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | | City | N/R LM |
| 1641 | 99 | 587 | 25 | 18 | 132 | 762 | 775 | 98.32% | -13 | RUMFORD | 9 |
| District Total | 99 | 587 | 25 | 18 | 132 | 762 | 775 | 98.32% | -13 | QM'S HOUSE | 9 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| State Total | | 5706 | 116 | 186 | 1459 | 7467 | 7527 | 99.20% | -60 | | 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 1, 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 | 95.48% |
| 3. 7529 ISLAND FALLS | 100.00% | 3. | |
| DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV. | | DIV. VI (401- HIGHER) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV. | |
| 1. 2599 PRESQUE ISLE | 109.02% | 1. 9389 CARIBOU | 100.40% |
| 2. 109 ELLSWORTH | 102.97% | 2. 6859 PORTLAND | 91.94% |
| 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 | | 388 | |
| 3. 9935 SANFORD | 111.71% | 3. 1603 AUBURN | | 338 | |
| 4. 10881 FARMINGTON | 109.09% | 4. 832 SOUTH PORTLAND | | 315 | |
| 5. 2599 PRESQUE ISLE | 109.02% | 5. 9935 SANFORD | | 286 | |
| 6. 2197 TOPSHAM | 105.33% | 6. 8835 WINSLOW | | 270 | |
| 7. 109 ELLSWORTH | 102.94% | 7. 887 AUGUSTA | | 262 | |
| 8. 11191 NEWPORT | 102.94% | 8. 3335 JAY | | 249 | |
| 9. 6131 NORTHPORT | 101.33% | 9. 1285 WATERVILLE | | 248 | |
| 10. 4525 WALDOBORO | 101.33% | 10. 1761 BANGOR | | 244 | |

| DISTRICT STANDINGS | | I | | MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2019-20 | |
|--|---------|---|--|---------------------------|--|
| ~~~~~ | | | | | |
| 1. District 11 DAY | 105.01% | WE HAVE = 7467 – WE NEED 60 | | | |
| 2. District 1 SAUCIER | 101.91% | ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 100% | | | |
| 3. District 3 SIVRET | 100.36% | | | | |
| 4. District 2 EWING | 100.00% | 5 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A GREEN BALL CAP | | | |
| 5. District 7 STEVENS | 100.00% | 10 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A WHITE VFW SHIRT | | | |
| 6. District 8 LAMBERT | 99.77% | ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT | | | |
| 7. District 6 KIMBLE | 99.68% | LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND | | | |
| DEPARTMENT OF MAINE, VFW | 99.20% | RETAIN – RECRUIT & REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS? | | | |
| 8. District 5 TWEEDIE | 98.52% | NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS | | | |
| 9. District 4 SULLIVAN | 98.37% | ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK? | | | |
| 10. District 9 DRAG | 96.26% | | | | |
| 11. District 10 PROCTOR | 95.30% | | | | |
| STEVEN SANPEDRO - STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN | | | | | |

| | | | | Americanism/Loyalty Day | Blood /Safety/DrugAbuse | Ordered Buddy Poppies | Commanders Special Project | Community Activities | National Military Service | Youth | POW - MIA | Hospital /NAVS | Audit Report - Jun | Audit Report - Sept | Audit Report - Dec | Audit Report - Mar | Bonding | Voice of Democracy | Patriot Pen | Teacher to Department | Delegates to National | Post Inspected | Recruiter's Event Booth | Scouts |
|------|-----|--------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Dist | Div | Post # | Name | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 4 | 2599 | Presque Isle | X | X | 500 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X |
| 1 | 2 | 6187 | Fort Fairfield | X | | | | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | | | | | X | | |
| 1 | 6 | 9389 | Caribou | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | OWN | X | X | X | | X | X | |
| 1 | 3 | 9699 | Ashland | X | X | | | X | X | | X | | X | X | X | | | | | | | X | | |
| 1 | | | District 1 | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | | | X | | |
| 2 | 2 | 1605 | Burlington | | | 1000 | X | | | | X | | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | X | | |
| 2 | 2 | 7529 | Island Falls | | | 500 | X | | X | | | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | X | | |
| 2 | | | District 2 | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | | | X | | |
| 3 | 3 | 9779 | Calais | X | | | | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | | |
| 3 | 3 | 11553 | Harrington | X | X | | | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | OWN | X | X | | | X | | X |
| 3 | | | District 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 3 | 109 | Ellsworth | X | X | yes | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 4 | 5 | 1761 | Bangor | X | X | 1500 | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | | X | X | |
| 4 | 5 | 3381 | Old Town | X | X | 500 | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | | X | | |
| 4 | 3 | 4633 | Hampden | X | X | 3000 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | X | | X |
| 4 | | | District 4 | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 2 | 4298 | Dexter | X | | 1000 | | X | | X | | | | | | | X | | | | | X | | |
| 5 | 1 | 5723 | Jackman Stat | X | | yes | | | | | | | X | X | | | X | X | X | | | X | | |
| 5 | 3 | 6924 | Fairfield | X | | | | | | | X | | X | | | | | | | | | X | | |
| 5 | 3 | 7865 | Madison | X | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | | |
| 5 | 1 | 7866 | Norridgewock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | |
| 5 | 1 | 10881 | Farmington | X | | | X | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | | | X | | |
| 5 | 1 | 11191 | Newport | X | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | | | X | | |
| 5 | | | District 5 | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 1 | 3095 | Friendship | X | | yes | X | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | | |
| 6 | 4 | 3108 | Belfast | X | X | 6000 | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | | X | X | |
| 6 | 1 | 4169 | Vinalhaven | X | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 2 | 6131 | Northport | X | X | 1000 | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | X | | |
| 6 | 1 | 9437 | Washington | X | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | | | X | | |
| 6 | | | District 6 | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | | | | | |

