



Department of Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars

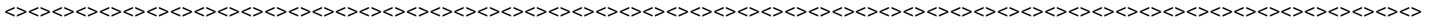


"Advancing the VFW Mission"

July 2021

GENERAL ORDERS

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Happy Birthday to the U.S. Army on their 246th Birthday

Happy 4th of July to One and All

SPECIAL NOTICES <> SPECIAL NOTICES

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

- Department of Maine > 100.26% > Commander Michael K. Davis
- Harvell-Bishop-Arnold Trail Post 7865, Madison > 100.00% > Commander David V. Trask
- Norridgewock Memorial Post 7866, Norridgewock > 100% > Commander Elwin A. Matthews
- Webber Memorial Post 9526, Winthrop > 100.00% > Commander Stephen P. Robbins
- Newport Memorial Post 11191, Newport > 100.00% > Commander Camille Derosier
- Members-at- Large Post 15020, Rumford > 100.12% > Quartermaster David D. Williams

Absence of the Commander: During the period of 30 July – 5 August, Commander Herman L. Littlefield Jr. along with most Department Officers will be attending the National Convention in Kansas City, MD. During this period, anyone needing assistance are to contact PSC Christopher L. Robison @ clrobison1981@yahoo.com or call 825-3874.

100th Anniversary of Department of Maine: Will be held in conjunction with our October CoA meeting. The date will be October 16 and will be held at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston, ME. More information will be announced in the August GOs and will also be emailed to all of the Department of Maine, VFW.

Special Notice from VSO Chairman: Thanks to John Poulin for his service as Department AVSO. Looking for an Assistant Veterans Service Officer/Claim Specialist for the Togus office. Must be computer proficient, able to work independently with limited supervision, able to pass background check and complete TRIP training. Email cover letter and resume to lanejena@msn.com.



1. Having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander... "I Herman L. Littlefield Jr. hereby assume command of the Department of Maine, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

2. Elected Officers: At the Council of Administration held in Winslow, ME, 19 June 2021 the following Officers were duly elected and installed.

Commander > Herman L. Littlefield Jr., 1360 Atlantic Highway, Northport, ME 04849-3608 >

Tel: 338-5052; Cell: 207-322-1548

Sr. Vice Commander > Jennifer L. Lane, 290 Old Greene Rd., Lewiston, ME 04240 > Tel: 514-4190

Jr. Vice Commander > John J. Bouchard, 102 Highland Ave., Fort Kent, ME 04743-1467 > Tel: 834-3606; Cell: 834-3606

Quartermaster > David D. Williams, PO Box 56, Rumford, ME 04276-0056 > Tel: 207-357-6664
Judge Advocate > Anthony R. Kimble, 64 Bayview Dr., Northport, ME 04849-3831 > Tel: 338-9680
Surgeon > Amy H. Morse-Meuchel, 126 Gray Rd., Apt 1B, Gorham, ME 04038 > Tel: 894-0281
Chaplain > Kevin G. Woodward, 9 Johnson Lane, Machiasport, ME 04655-3048 > Tel: 259-3912;
Cell: 263-7386
National Council Member, Maine > Steven J. SanPedro, 251 Gray Rd., Windham, ME 04062-0251 > Tel:
Cell: 315-777-0251

3. *Appointed Officers:* The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant > Andre L. Dumas, 64 Washburn St, B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125 > Tel: 496-0071
Chief of Staff > David D. Williams, PO Box, 56, Rumford, ME 04276-3713 > Tel: 207-357-6664
Inspector > John J. Bouchard, 102 Highland Ave., Fort Kent, ME 04743-1467 > Tel: 834-3606
Service Officer > Cornelius J. Ware, P.O. Box 3311, VA Maine Healthcare System, Augusta, ME
04330-3311 > Tel: 623-5723
Asst. Service Officer >
Past State Commander > Michael K. Davis, 135 Conant Ave., Auburn, ME 04210-4457 > Tel: 329-8784
Asst. Quartermaster > Arthur J. Roy, 330 Russell St., Lewiston, ME 04240-4255 > Tel: 784-6883, Cell:
576-5552
Asst. Adjutant > Christopher L. Robison, 15 E. Bucksport Rd., Orrington, ME 04474 > Tel: 825-3874,
Cell: 907-9720
Guard > Edward J. Roach, PO Box 206, Dixfield, ME 04224-0206 > Tel: 562-7304
Historian > Amy H. Morse-Meuchel, 126 Gray Rd., Apt 1B, Gorham, ME 04038 > Tel: 894-0281
Public Relations Officer > Jennifer L. Lane, 290 Old Greene Rd., Lewiston, ME 04240 > Tel: 514-4190
Sergeant-At-Arms > Louis J. Alexander, 106 Hillcrest Ave., Scarborough, ME 04074 > Tel: 883-6953
Officer of the Day > Mark G. Reilley, 5 Academy Place, Unit 62, Saco, ME 04072 > Tel: 408-9961
Color Guard Captain > Daniel H. Aho, 36 Rose Dr., Cumberland Center, ME 04021-3242 > Tel: 620-6625

4. *District Commanders:*

District 1 > Danford G. Saucier, PO Box 16, Fort Kent, ME 04743-0016 > Tel: 631-7742
District 2 > James A. Ewing, 2368 Lee Rd., Lee, ME 04455-4409 > Tel: 290-3865
District 3 > David O. Sivret, PO Box 1121, Calais, ME 04619-1121 > Tel: 454-3657
District 4 > Daniel P. Sullivan, 243 Blue Hill Rd., Surry, ME 04684 > Tel: 667-0063
District 5 > Gene D. Tweedie, 713 Mayhew Rd., Starks, ME 04911-4708 > Tel: 696-3640
District 6 > Christopher L. Armstrong, 30 Roundhouse Rd., Washington, ME 04574 > Tel: 845-2053
District 7 > Roger A. Stevens, 57 Chamberlain Ave., Brunswick, ME 04011-2518 > Tel: 729-1463
District 8 > Carl S. Lambert, 576 Prescott Rd., Manchester, ME 04351-3011 > Tel: 907-5584
District 9 > Teresa J.S. Drag, 512 Paris Hill Rd., PO Box 140, Paris, ME 04271-0140 > Tel: 739-2217
District 10 > Willie L. Goodman, 70 Brydon Way, Westbrook, ME 04092 > 228-4329
District 11 > William E. Day, 94 Saco Ave., , Old Orchard, ME 04064 > Tel: 395-2424

5. *Deputy District Inspectors:*

District 1 > John J. Bouchard, 102 Highland Ave., Fort Kent ME 04743-1467 > Tel: 834-3606
District 2 > Alfred Milano, 296 Island Falls Rd., Sherman Mills, ME 04776 > Tel: 365-6666
District 3 > David O. Sivret, PO Box 1121, Calais, ME 04619-6121 > Tel: 454-3657
District 4 > Daniel P. Sullivan, 243 Blue Hill Rd., Surry, ME 04684 > Tel: 460-0058
District 5 > Gene D. Tweedie, 713 Mayhew Rd., Starks, ME 04911-4708 > Tel: 696-3640
District 6 > Anthony R. Kimble, 64 Bayview Dr., Northport, ME 04849-3831 > Tel: 338-9680
District 7 > Roger A. Stevens, 57 Chamberlain Ave., Brunswick, ME 04011-2518 > Tel: 729-1463
District 8 > Roger G. Line, 1659 Lewiston Rd., Litchfield, ME 04350-3737 > Tel: 268-2579
District 9 > Marlana D. Reichardt, 9 Sashas Way, Gray, ME 04039 > Tel: N/A
District 10 > James A. Proctor, 47 Sand Rd., Naples, ME 04055 > Tel: 693-6696

District 11 > Michael A. McInnis, 15 Vines Rd., Saco, ME 04072-1733 > Tel: 590-6058

6. Council of Administration:

Commander Herman L. Littlefield Jr.
Sr. Vice Commander Jennifer L. Lane
Jr. Vice Commander/Inspector John J. Bouchard
Adjutant Andre L. Dumas
Quartermaster/Chief of Staff David D. Williams
Judge Advocate Anthony R. Kimble
Surgeon Amy H. Morse-Meuchel
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District 1 Cmdr Danford G. Saucier
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District 4 Cmdr Daniel P. Sullivan
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District 6 Cmdr Christopher L. Armstrong
District 7 Cmdr Roger A. Stevens
District 8 Cmdr Carl S. Lambert
District 9 Cmdr Teresa J. S. Drag
District 10 Cmdr Willie L. Goodman
District 11 Cmdr William E. Day

7. Committee Chairman:

Americanism/Loyalty Day > Michael A. McInnis, 15 Vines Rd., Saco, ME 04072-1733 > Tel: 590-6058
Blood Bank > Amy H. Morse-Meuchel, 126 Gray Rd., Apt 8B, Gorham, ME 04038 > Tel: 894-0281
Buddy Poppy > David D. Williams, PO Box 56, Rumford, ME 04276 > Tel: (B) 369-0302; Cell: 357-6664
Commanders Special Project > Jennifer L. Lane, 290 Old Greene Rd., Lewiston, ME 04240 > Tel: 514-4190
Community Activities > Christopher L. Robison, 15 E. Bucksport Rd., Orrington, ME 04474 > Tel: 825-3874
Convention 2021-22 > Christopher L. Robison, 15 E. Bucksport Rd., Orrington, ME 04474 > Tel: 907-9720
Convention Site Selection 2021-22 > Christopher L. Robison, 15 E. Bucksport Rd., Orrington, ME 04474 > Tel: 907-9720
Credentials > Nicolas J. Hamlin, 10 Avery St., Lisbon Falls, ME 04252 > Tel: 312-2434
Finance/Audit > Alfred E. Michaud Sr., 82 Dunham Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989 > Tel: 649-2946
Grants Coordinator > Alfred E. Michaud Sr., 82 Dunham Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989 > Tel: 649-2946
Homeless Veterans > James E.N. Bachelder, 2973 Milton Mills Rd., Acton, ME 04001-5018 > Tel: 432-7127
Hospital/VAVS Director > Michael W. Blair, 748 Hinckley Rd., Clinton, ME 04927 > Tel: 873-1908
Informational Security Officer > Andre L. Dumas, 64 Washburn St, B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125 > Tel: 551-8586
Insurance/Bonds > David D. Williams, PO Box 56, Rumford, ME 04276 > Tel: 357-6664
Legislative > Steven J. SanPedro, 251 Gray Rd., Windham, ME 04062-0251 > Tel: 315-777-0299
Legislative Assistant (Augusta) > James E.N. Bachelder, 2973 Milton Mills Rd., Acton, ME 04001-5018 > Tel: 432-7127
Maine Officers Leadership Development (MOLD) > Kevin G. Woodward, 9 Johnson Lane, Machiasport, ME 04655 > Tel: 259-3912
Maine Veterans' Homes Trustee > Steven J. SanPedro, 251 Gray Rd., Windham, ME 04062-0251 > Tel: 315-777-0299
Maine Veterans' Homes Representatives:
Augusta > Christopher L. Armstrong, 30 Roundhouse Rd., Washington, ME 04574 > Tel: (H) 845-2053; Cell: 485-7561
Bangor > Christopher L. Robison, 15 E. Bucksport Rd., Orrington, ME 04474 > Tel: 907-9720
Caribou > Fred Ormezzani, 49 Church St., Limestone, ME 04750 > Tel: 325-4068
Machias > John L. Carey, PO Box 153, Addison, ME 04606-0153 > Tel: 497-3131
Scarborough > Steven J. SanPedro, 251 Gray Rd, Windham, ME 04062 > Tel: 315-777-0299
South Paris > James A. Proctor, 47 Sand Rd., Naples, ME 04055 > Tel: 693-6696
Membership > Steven J. SanPedro, 251 Gray Rd., Windham, ME 04062 > Tel: 315-777-0299
Membership State Recruiter:
North > Andre L. Dumas, 64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125 > Tel: 496-0071, Cell: 551-8586
Central > Herman L. Littlefield Jr.), 1360 Atlantic Hwy (Rt. 1), Northport, ME 04849 > Tel: 338-5052

South > James E.N. Bachelder, 2973 Milton Mills Rd., Acton, ME 04001-5018 > Tel: 432-7127
National Home > Teresa J.S. Drag, PO Box 140, Paris, ME 04271-0140 > Tel: 739-2217
National Veterans & Military Support (NVMS) – Christopher L. Armstrong, 30 Roundhouse Rd., Washington, ME 04574 > Tel: 845-2053, Cell: 485-7561
Parliamentarian/Convention Rules > Andre L. Dumas, 64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125 > Tel: 496-0071 * Cell: 551-8586
Parliamentarian/Convention Rules (Assistant) > Christopher L. Robison, 15 E. Bucksport Rd., Orrington, ME 04474 > Tel: 825-3874
Patriot’s Pen > Anthony R. Kimble, 64 Bayview Dr., Northport, ME 04849-3831 > Tel: 338-9680
POW/MIA > John J. Bouchard, 102 Highland Ave, Fort Kent, ME 04743-1467 > Tel: 834-3606
Resolutions and By-Laws > Andre L. Dumas, 64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125 > Tel: 496-0071 * Cell: 551-8586
Resolutions & By-Laws (Assistant) > Christopher L. Robison, 15 E. Bucksport Rd., Orrington, ME > Tel: 825-3874 * Cell: 907-9270
Safety and Drug Abuse > Amy H. Morse-Meuchel, 126 Gray Rd., Apt 8B, Gorham, ME 04038 > Tel: 894-0281
Scouting > Michael K. Davis, 135 Conant Ave., Auburn, ME 04210-4457 > Tel: 329-8784
Student Veterans of America (SVA) > Amy H. Morse-Meuchel, 126 Gray Rd., Apt 8B, Gorham, ME 04038 > Tel: 894-0281
Teacher of the Year > Anthony R. Kimble, 64 Bayview Dr., Northport, ME 04849-3831 > Tel: 338-9680
Togus Beal House > Jennifer L. Lane, 290 Old Greene Rd., Lewiston, ME 04240 > Tel: 514-4190
Veterans Advisory to VA Maine Healthcare System > Vacant
Veterans Cemeteries:
North > Andre L. Dumas, 64 Washburn St, B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125 * Tel: 496-0071 * Cell: 551-8586
Central > Christopher L. Armstrong, 30 Roundhouse Rd., Washington, ME 04574 > Tel: 945-2053;
Cell: 485-7561
South > James E. N. Bachelder, 2973 Milton Mills Rd., Acton, ME 04001-5018 > Tel. 432-7127
Veterans Service Office (VSO) > Jennifer L. Lane, 290 Old Greene Rd., Lewiston, ME 04240 > Tel: 514-4190
Voice of Democracy > Anthony R. Kimble, 64 Bayview Dr., Northport, ME 04849-3831 > Tel: 338-9680
Ways & Means > Anthony R. Kimble, 64 Bayview Dr., Northport, ME 04849-3831 > Tel: 338-9680
Website Coordinator > Thomas R. Lussier, 126 Bancroft St., Portland, ME 04102 > Tel: 761-3971 *
Cell: 653-5658
Website Coordinator (Assistant) > Christopher L. Robison, 15 E. Bucksport Rd., Orrington, ME 04474 > Tel: 825-3874 * Cell: 907-9720
Wreath Across America > Kevin G. Woodward, 9 Johnson Lane, Machiasport, ME 04655-3048 > Tel: 259-3912 * Cell: 263-7386
Youth Activities > Michael A. Switzer, 6 Burrill St., Fairfield, ME 04937 > Tel: 313-0455

8. Dates for Council of Administration Meetings and Testimonials: Dates are as follows but locations could change as some hotels are still reluctant to do mass banquets.

- >Oct 15-16 > Lewiston, ME > Council of Administration, 100th Anniversary Banquet
- >Jan 15 > Waterville - Winslow, ME > Council of Administration, Voice of Democracy, patriots Pen & Teacher of the Year Banquet
- >Apr 9 Portland, ME > Council of Administration, State Commander/President Banquet
- >Jun 17-19 > Lewiston, ME >State Convention, Council of Administration (**Tentative Date**)

9. Council of Administration: Will be held on 16 October 2022 at the Ramada Inn, Lewiston, ME.

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

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

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

12. Attention Post Commanders/Quartermasters: Post donations are to be forwarded to the following Chairman for each of the following programs for the Year 2020-21.

Homeless Veterans: James E.N. Bachelder, 2973 Milton Mills Rd., Acton, ME 04001-5018. *(Checks to be made to Department of Maine, VFW)*

Commanders Special Project: Jennifer L. Lane, 290 Old Greene Rd., Lewiston, ME 04240. *(Checks to be made to Department of Maine, VFW)*

National Veterans & Military Support (NVMS): Christopher L. Armstrong, 30 Roundhouse Rd., Washington, ME 04574. *(Check to be made out to Department of Maine, VFW)*

Bonds/Poppies: David D. Williams, PO Box 56, Rumford, ME 04276 *(Checks to be made out to Department of Maine, VFW, please make one check for each program)*

Hospital-VAVS (Togus Aid): Michael W. Blair, 748 Hinckley Rd., Clinton, ME 04927. *(Checks to be made out to VAWS)*

Togus Beal House: Jennifer L. Lane, 290 Old Greene Rd., Lewiston, ME 04240. *(Checks to be made out to: Togus Beal House)*

13. 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.

14. District Meetings Date Changes: District Commanders are reminded to notify the State Adjutant office ASAP of any changes in District meeting dates so that the respective Department Representative can be notified in plenty of time.

15. Candidates for State Surgeon 2022-2023: Any member wishing to run for the high office of State Surgeon are to notify the State Adjutant office via e-mail of their intent for publishing in the GOs.

16. Chain of Command: Commander Davis has asked that you use your chain of command if there are issues at your Posts. It is asked that you start with the Post Commander, then the District Commander and finally the State Commander. Most situations/problems can be rectified/resolved at the Post level.

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

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

19. Officers Duties: Article 11, Section 218 – Officers and Chairman, Duties and Obligations - (a) Officers – (1) Duties of Commander item (k) – assure that he/she or his/her representative attend all properly called District conventions or meetings. Post Commander must attend District meetings. Failure without just cause to perform these duties may result in removal from office. All Post Senior and Junior Vice Commanders are urged to attend all District meetings planned. The Post Commanders should advise all elected Post Officers to attend the District meetings. Post members should inform Post Officers of this obligation to office.

20. Trustee's Report of Audit: Post/District are reminded to forward their Trustees' reports at the end of each quarter of current year: June 30, Sep 30; Dec 31 and Mar 31; send these reports as soon as possible after each quarter to the Department Quartermaster.

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

22. 2021 National By-Laws – Manual of Procedures Book: At the upcoming National Convention in Kansas City, many changes will be voted on and published in the 2021 book. All Posts are asked to order the book from the VFW store for their use. **CoA members will receive their by-laws book from the Department.**

23. District/Post By-Laws: District and Posts are reminded to look at when you last updated your by-laws. If it has been more than 5 years, you need to look at them and update them. Please use the current template as provided by National Headquarters or contact the State Adjutant who will email you the current template. Once completed, please forward 3 original signed copies to State Headquarters for review and then forwarding to National for approval. Several Post and Districts have submitted them to date and approved by National.

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

25. Control of Units: Article VII – Section 709. All activities, unit or club sponsored, conducted, or operated by, for, or on the behalf of Post, District, or Department shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, District, or Department and that all **money, properties or assets of any kind** must be placed in that care.

26. Dates to Remember:

4 July > Independence Day

31 July – 3 Aug > National Convention, Kansas City, MO

6 Sep > Labor Day

11 Sep > Patriot's Day

17 Sep > POW/MIA Day

27. Candidates for Department High Office 2022 - 2023:

Department Commander > Jennifer L. Lane > Post 1603
Department Sr. Vice Commander > John J. Bouchard > Post 9389
Department Jr. Vice Commander > Anthony R. Kimble > Post 3108
Department Quartermaster > David D. Williams > Post 1641
Department Chaplain > Kevin G. Woodward > Post 11553
Department Judge Advocate > Amy H. Morse-Meuchel > Post 6859

28. District Meeting Dates:

D-9 > 11 Jul @ 1 pm > Auburn Post 1603, Auburn
D-6 > 8 Aug @ 1 pm > Washington Post 9437, Washington
D-3 > 15 Aug @ 2 pm > Calais Post 9779, Calais
D-5 > 15 Aug @ 1 pm > Farmington Post 10881 (Farmington Fort on Rt 2), Farmington
D-7 > 29 Aug @ 2 pm > Bath Post 7738 (Phippsburg Sportsmen's Club), Bath
D-1 > 12 Sep @ 1 pm > Ashland Post 9669
D-5 > 26 Sep @ 1 pm > Jackman Post 5723 (American Legion Post, 34 Main St.), Jackman
D-10 > 26 Sep @ 1 pm > Portland Post 6859, Portland
D-11 > 26 Sep @ 2 pm > Sanford Post 9935, Sanford

29. Directory Changes: None

BY COMMAND OF:

Herman L. Littlefield Jr.

Herman L. Littlefield Jr.
Commander

OFFICIAL:

Andre L. Dumas

Andre L. Dumas
Adjutant



State Commander
Herman L. Littlefield Jr.



Greetings!

I am honored to have been elected by my fellow comrades and installed as your Maine State Commander for the year 2021-2022. I have had a gentle first week of leadership while getting my bearings in this new position. My thanks go out to David Williams for installing all the incoming officers with the masterful assistance of Steven SanPedro and Kevin Woodward. A big **Thank you** to Andre Dumas for all his hard work in putting it all together (and keeping us all on task) for a successful convention. As of this writing, our Department was first in membership in the Eastern Conference, Thanks to the never-ending efforts of Chairman Steve San Pedro.

Congratulations to our immediate Past State Auxiliary President Tammy Armstrong. She had a strong year amidst the coronavirus and its hardships. Congratulations to the incoming Auxiliary President Patsy Littlefield. I look forward to working closely with Patsy and her team. Together we will work toward a productive year through commitment and dedication.

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

My Commander's Special Project for this year is House in the Woods, located in Lee, ME. All monies donated will be given directly to House in the Woods. Posts should send a minimum of \$25.00 to my Chairperson for this project. The Chairperson is SVC Jennifer Lane, mailing address of 290 Old Greene Rd, Lewiston, ME 04240. All checks should be sent to SVC Lane, made out to **"Department of Maine, VFW"**, and be sure to put **"CSP"** (Commander's Special Project) in the memo line of the check.

My motto for this year is **"Advancing the VFW Mission"**. We need to be doing more for our Veterans. Not only do we need to keep the lines of communication open, but we need to provide them with the means to avail themselves of all the programs that are available for assistance of every type.

The State of Maine is open but please still be careful and maintain social distancing. The coronavirus is still here, so stay vigilant and protected. Enjoy our Maine summer season safely and stay healthy.

I would like to remind our District Commanders, Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters to ensure you are reporting on all that you and your members do. We know that all Posts are busy and doing a lot for our Veterans. Please remember to document your happenings as that is how we show our support for our veterans and how we accomplish our mission. Remember to meet your deadlines. Reminder to all Posts that all Quartermasters and canteen employees need to be bonded. Remember the annual Corporations filing deadline and to file all audits. Post Commanders are reminded to attend their District meetings or designate an attendee in their absence.

We put out all these reminders for a reason: We cannot meet our mission for our Veterans if we are not meeting our deadlines and required meetings/commitments. Both I and the Department Adjutant will be tracking this progress throughout the year.

Thank you for your confidence in my leadership abilities and I look forward to an outstanding year with you all.

To all Post and District Quartermasters, it is the Job of the Post and District Trustees to properly audit the books of and records the post Quartermaster under the Congressional Charter and By-Laws - Section 218 - Officers and Chairmen, Duties and Obligations, Section (a)(11).

Congratulations to the following Posts & Districts that have achieved their 100% goal in membership.

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Yours In Comradeship

Herman L. Littlefield, Jr.

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Commander

"Advancing the V.F.W. Mission"

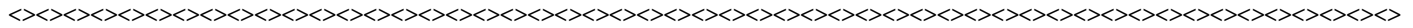


Deceased Roll Call



*Department of Maine, VFW
Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain
25 June 2021 ~ 24 July 2021*

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



District 1

2599 > Gendreau, Allan J.
Smith, John T.

9389 > Ouellette, Reno R.

District 4

1761 > Bouchard, Lionel S.
Coulter, Maxwell G.

3381 > Buzzell, Thomas A.
Watson, Richard D.

District 5

4298 > Berce, Carleton K.L.

District 6

9437 > Chapman, Henry

District 9

1641 > Madigan, John E. Jr.
Soubble, Jerry V.
Woods, Steven W.

9787 > Gendron, Richard P.
Spinney, Lyndon

District 10

10529 > Brown, William O.



**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
 VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE ~ TOGUS BEAL'S HOUSE
 PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
 COMMANDERS SPECIAL PROJECT
 Jenifer L. Lane**



Greetings and Salutations! I hope this edition of the Maine General Orders finds you well and motivated for another great year of helping veterans. I first want to congratulate PSC Davis and all that made 100% and All American; Secondly, I would like to congratulate Commander Littlefield and all the newly elected officers of our great Dept of Maine! I wish you all a successful year.

The things I am doing this year: Beals Hospitality House Togus, Public Affairs, Veterans Service Office, and Commander's Special Project. Please keep all of these programs in your thoughts and I welcome all donations sent to me at: 290 Old Greene Rd, Lewiston, ME 04240.

This year's Commander's Special Project is "**House in the Woods**" in Lee, ME. Please take the time to review their history and mission at www.houseinthewoods.org. They do great things for our Veteran community, and they made the ultimate sacrifice that no family should ever endure.

As always, I thank you for your continued support of my mission, your continued support of our veterans and go get 'em!

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
 INSPECTIONS ~ POW/MIA
 John J. Bouchard**

Inspections: District commanders, you have received your District and Post inspection forms at the State convention, make sure that you give them to your Deputy Inspectors. All Post and District needs to be inspected. But you as inspector cannot inspect your own Post or District. District Commander shall visit each Post at least once a year in your District and shall prepare a formal report of the visit to the State Commander and State Adjutant when you do your meeting. Also, be safe out there, thank you. [Smile, God loves you]

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Army Pvt. Wayne M. Evans >Army Pfc. Bill F. Hobbs >Navy Seaman 1st Class Wilbur F. Balance >Navy Fireman 1st Class Neal K. Todd >Army Pfc. John J. Silarz >Army Cpl. Kenneth R. Foreman >Army 1st Lt Myles W. Esmay >Navy Fireman 1st Class Wesley J. Brown >Navy Seaman 2nd Class Russell O. Ufford >Navy Seaman 2nd Class Floyd D. Helton >Navy Fireman 1st Class Leroy K. Barber >Navy Seaman 1st Class Warren C. Gillette >Navy Seaman 1st Class Russell C. Roach >Army Pfc. Philip T. Hoogacker >Navy Chief Machinist's Mate Ralph A. Derrington >Army Cpl. Charles E. Lee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Army Cpl. Burl Mullins >Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Leslie P. Delles >Navy Radioman 3rd Class Earl M. Ellis >Army Sgt Lloyd A. Alumbaugh >Army Staff Sgt Raymond C. Blanton >Army Sgt Elwood M. Truslow >Navy Seaman 2nd Class Walter R. Pentico >Navy Seaman 2nd Class Raymond D. Boynton >Navy Patternmaker 1st Class Stanislaw F. Drwall >Navy Fireman 1st Class Malcolm J. Barber >Navy Fireman 2nd Class Randolph H. Barber >Navy Chief Water Tender Claude White >Army Sgt John E. Hurlburt >Navy Seaman 1st Class Donald A. Slott >Army Sgt Bernard J. Sweeney >Navy Fireman 1st Class Walter S. Belt |
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**QUARTERMASTER
CHIEF OF STAFF
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER, MAINE (NCM,M)
BUDDY POPPY ~ INSURANCE & BONDS
David D. Williams, PSC**

NCM,M: Hope this issue of my report finds everyone healthy and enjoying the warm weather.

I like to begin by Congratulating Steven Sanpedro as the newly elected NCM. I know he will do a great job representing the State of Maine VFW.

It has been an Honor Privilege and a learning experience. A once in a lifetime opportunity for me to sit on the National Council and to see how the VFW operates on a daily basis.

The major issue that comes to mind was the rebranding of the VFW and the new logo. Although at 1st many people objected to the change but when it was all said and done, the change was needed to keep up with the times.

Also, the National Officers have tried for 2 years to do away with the VFW VOD/PP Parade of winners in Washington D.C. Instead, they would like to bring the top 5 to the National Convention. Every time there was a vote to be taken by the Council, I reached out to the Officers of Maine to get their option and voted that way.

Thanks for opportunity to had had. Much appreciated and enjoyed.

Congratulations to Maine on making 100% in membership and All-American job well done by all. Although my time is up, I am not going anywhere as I can now dedicate more time to my duties as Department Quartermaster.

CoS: I will begin by congratulating Keith and his Officers for a great year. 2ndly, I would like to Thank Herman for asking me to be His Chief of Staff for the ensuing year. Although I'm not sure what this will entail but I will be there for the Commander when called upon to assist.

Next month I will have more information as we will be coming back from the National Convention in K.C. Stay tuned.

Best of luck to all the newly elected officers and Chairpersons you were elected or appointed because people have confidence in knowing you can do what is expected and asked of you .

Also, Congratulation to all the New Auxiliary leaders for the new year. And to Tammy and her team, Job Well Done.

QM: Another year in the books. Congratulations to Keith and the whole Department of Maine for exceeding 100% for the year 20-21. It took a team effort, but we did it.

I'd also like to Thank all the Post QMs for their great work and services done for their respected Posts. Also, a big shout out for the people who get all there reports in on time. You make my job much easier when done. And then I do not have to look like the jerk when the State Convention comes along, and I say your Post is not eligible to vote but are allowed too anyways. So, with that said, there will not be no more Monthly Hit Lists for the GO's. However, I will continue to keep it for my records so if anyone ever wants to see it or needs to know where they stand drop me an email and I will forward you a copy of it.

To all the newly elected Officers and Chairpersons may you have a great year and let's help Commander Littlefield continue the success and make him 100% in membership.

All paperwork and Documents needed for the Year 21-22 will be in the mail soon.

Poppies/Bonding: The prices for Bonding and Poppy's has remained the same so there will be no increasing for this year. Again, all forms will be coming soon.

HAVE A GREAT 4TH OF JULY AND STAY SAFE

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

It was great seeing all of you that were able to attend the Department of Maine State Convention. Congratulations Commander Keith Davis and President Tammy Armstrong on a successful year and welcome new State Commander Herman Littlefield and President Patsy Littlefield and all newly elected officers. I look forward to the Department of Maine having a fantastic productive year.

Voice of Democracy ~ Patriots Pen ~ Teacher of the Year: At this time, the topics for Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen have not been announced. As soon as the information is provided, it will be sent out to everyone so you can begin planning for the upcoming year.

Ways and Means: Tickets will be mailed out by the end of July, please keep your eye out for them.

SURGEON
HISTORIAN ~ STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA (SVA)
Amy Morse-Meuchel

I am blessed with the support from the Districts and Post in Maine for selecting me as your new Department of Maine Surgeon. I look forward to traveling around the State and meeting you all. Now onto business. According to the Becker's Hospital Review, Maine is currently ranked #2 in the United States. Number of people fully vaccinated: 810,878 and the percentage of population fully vaccinated: 60.32. "It looks like we're starting to get back to normal" - Steve Coleman. Temperatures are HOT, stay hydrated. 75% of Americans are chronically dehydrated. Way to hydrate without drinking water then eat more melons, cucumbers, oranges and spinach. 2021 Top Healthy Tips: Consume less salt and sugar, Be active and Cover your coughs and sneezes. Protect those around you from contagious infections and viruses.

Historian: Please make sure you are all emailing me at meuchelamyh@yahoo.com. All convention pictures are posted on Facebook, however if you would like an electronic copy of anything, just shoot me a call, text or email.

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

Greetings Comrades: With the elections and installation of our State Officers, the new year begins. I wish to congratulate all those elected and or appointed to their new positions. I Thank everyone for their support this past year and look forward to serving as your State Chaplain. The year begins with some welcome relief on the COVID-19 restrictions. I know that it has been difficult to deal with and I Thank you for remaining strong. Based upon the numbers that Adjutant Dumas provided of the departed Comrades, that would have shown at the convention memorial service, it shows that graves registrations received by me during the year do not match what was received from National. Please take the time and report our fallen Comrades. Quarterly Chaplain Reports are due NLT September. This is for District and Post Chaplains.....Please get these reports in to me. The form is on our Department Website. Thank You! If there is someone sick in your Post, please let me know so that I can send a card. Please remember to give me their name and mailing address Plus Zip code.

MOLD: Commander Littlefield has indicated that he would like to have two (2) in person MOLD classes this year in the latter part of August or early September. If your Post would be able to host the classes, please contact me @ bampa_5@yahoo.com. These classes are recommended for Commanders, Quartermasters, Adjutants, Trustees, Chaplains. Any and all members are encouraged to attend one of the sessions. We have

several new individuals that have been elected or appointed to positions at both Post and District levels. This training is designed to assist those individuals. The Department Officers are here to assist you in any way. Please take advantage of having them as a captive audience and pick their brains in order to help the Department.

WAA: National Wreaths Across America Day December 18, 2021. The mission to **Remember, Honor and Teach** is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery as well as over 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. Please become a part of this mission to honor our fallen Comrades and help the Department with your sponsorships. Each \$15.00 sponsorship that you obtain provides a return of \$5.00 to the Department to assist in the continuing support of our various programs. Please send sponsorships to: Kevin G. Woodward, 9 Johnson Lane, Machiasport ME 04655. **ME0016P** is the Department ID number and should be placed in the memo field of your check.

**IMMEDIATE PAST STATE COMMANDER
SCOUTING
Michael K. Davis, IPSC**

I would like to start off by Thanking everyone in the Department for their support during my year as Commander. With your support, Maine achieved "All American Department". Maine was the only Department in the Eastern Conference to attain All American. Job well done by all. If anyone needs anything, I am just a phone call away. I look forward to serving the Department as IPSC and Scouting chairman.

Scouting: Scouts who are registered, active members of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or a Sea Scout who have received the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award are eligible for the Scout of the year.

Scout of the Year dates: Deadline for entry to VFW post is March 1st
Deadline to Department April 1st (Posts should notify District of submissions)
Deadline to National Headquarters May 1st

My desire and goal are for all Posts and Districts to seek out applicants to work with and submit them to me for consideration. I should receive applicants from each District.

If you know of a scout that has completed his Eagle project and will be awarded Eagle rank, contact me. I have certificates that the Department can award to those Scouts.

Boy Scout Web Page

Pinetree Council <https://www.pinetreebsa.org>

Katahdin Council <https://www.katahdinareabsa.org>

Girl Scouts of Maine

<http://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org>



Scouting reports may be mailed to me at 135 Conant Ave. Auburn Maine, 04210. If you submit your community activities reports online at the post website, I will receive them. If you do not see credit in the GO'S please contact me.

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

Would like to CONGRATULATE Michael "KEITH" Davis, STATE "ALL AMERICAN COMMANDER". ALSO, A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL THAT WERE PART OF MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

AMERICANISM/LOYALTY DAY
Michael A. McInnis, Chairman

I would first like to congratulate Herman L. Littlefield Jr. on his election as Commander of the Department of Maine, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Congratulations to all the line Officers and a special welcoming congratulations to our new Department Surgeon Amy Hope Meuchel. I also wish to extend hearty congratulations to Patricia Littlefield on her election as the Department of Maine Auxiliary President for the year 2021-2022.

Americanism: All Posts should be reported in Americanism. If you fly an American flag at home or at your post, marched or participated in a Memorial Day Parade or Program or placed flags on graves for Memorial Day. Please report any/all programs completed either in person or on social media.

Loyalty Day: All Posts should be reported in Loyalty Day. All Posts & Districts have held meetings. A Loyalty speech for you to use was sent to all Posts by Department Adjutant Andre Dumas. Many of you may not have held meetings, you can report if you participated by placing the Loyalty Day Speech on your social media. Please report any/all programs completed either in person or on social media.

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

The Audit and Finance Committee will meet at Waterville Post 1285 on 7/10/21 at 10:00 to do final audit of the books.

Grants: Homeless Veterans Grant through the Department of Labor \$10,000.00 **is in progress of being written.**

Our **State of Maine VSO Grant** \$60,000.00 funds are starting to trickle in.

Our **VA Transportation Grant** the **\$40,000.00 has been submitted awaiting final approval by government.**

Our **State Homeless Veterans Grant** we have had no info passed on if we will receive any this year so far.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Christopher L. Robison, PSC

The Department ended the year with 11,323 volunteer hours and \$76,263 in donations.

Many Posts did not make one report all year. Posts are reporting activities for credit for that do not qualify. Posts are reporting activities after reporting year has ended. Confusion regarding what qualifies and what does not qualify for the various programs. Chairpersons not fulfilling the reporting requirements incumbent with their positions. Donated funds not being allocated properly.

Posts need to report at least one activity during the year. Posts need to read the Community Activities Program booklet and contact the Chairperson with any questions. Chairpersons need to report regularly to me with updates to participation in their respective programs. Donations need to be designated for a specific program, not a generalized memo line. A revised Community Activities Program will be disseminated after the Department Convention addressing the numerous issues that have arisen.

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

Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed Officer in all Commands in the Department of Maine. Thanks to Commander Littlefield for appointing me to these positions: Chairman of the Homeless Veterans Committees, Veterans' Cemetery South, Assistant Legislative Chairman (Augusta) and the Membership Recruiter South this year.

Homeless Veterans: Stand-Downs: The Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services will be holding 3 Stand-Downs this year. On Tuesday, October 5th at the Caribou CBOC, October 12th at the Bangor CBOC and October 19th at the Lewiston CBOC. The hours of operation have not been set at this time.

Maine Veterans in Need: The Maine Veterans in Need, Inc. (MVN) is looking for a secretary and grant writer. Our meetings are being moved to the third Tuesday at 10:00 am. We have members that don't use Zoom so we are planning to have in-person meetings again soon. It will be at either the American Legion Post 202 in Topsham or the Mid-Coast Veterans' Council facility in Brunswick.

The furniture/transportation committee is working on a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the case managers to use when ordering furnishings for Veterans. They will be holding a zoom meeting once every month.

Homeless Veterans Action Committee: The number of Homeless Veterans is slowly coming down. There are just over 160 homeless Veterans on this months By-Name-List (BNL). In order to double check the names on the BNL, it would be easier if the control of the list was handled by Maine housing. The VA and the state are in discussion.

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

Veterans' Cemetery South:

POW/MIA Memorial: Still waiting for the white marble that is placed on the top of the tablets.

Committal Shelter Retrofit: We are now raising funds for the 3/4 enclosure of the Committal Shelter to block the high winds.

Groundskeepers: Now that the State signed a contract to have the grass maintenance, the cemetery is looking a lot better. The bumpers that were added along the road is allowing the grass on the edge of the road is allowed to grow. More issues are being addressed.

WWI: The contractor replaced the flowers that were removed by accident. It looks beautiful again.

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

Assistant Legislative (Augusta): The legislative session is coming to an end. The final bills that passed are being signed.

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

Total amount of donations for the month of June 2021 is \$ 875.00.

\$ 625.00 will be used by Hospital / VAVS as needed for Veterans' care.

\$ 250.00 was donated to buy Bingo Coupon Books.

I would like to thank Post # 2599 Presque Isle, Post # 6924 Fairfield, and Post # 6859 Portland.

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

Comrades. Congratulation to our "All-American" Commander Michael "Keith" Davis! You and your team did a great job this year under very difficult times. I want to welcome aboard Herman Littlefield as our new Commander, I wish you and all of your team a very successful year!

Incoming National Council Member – Maine: I am honored that the Department has showed confidence in me to be the next National Council Member from Maine. I am looking forward to representing our Department at the National level. I want to Thank out-going National Council Member David Williams for the outstanding job he has done for the past four years. Also, for his help as we transition. As may be expected, I have a lot of questions and he has answered them all. I look forward to the next four years as we work together! Once again, Thanks for the confidence you have given me to serve you!

Legislation: I want to Thank Commander Davis and James Bachelder for all the support this year. We were heard at State and National level. We were able to speak in favor or against many bills here in the state. We were able to work with our Legislators in D.C. as they Sponsored or Co-Sponsored bills that will help Veterans, Service Members and their Families! The work is not done and we have to stay on top of them to see these bills through. I look forward to having another successful year as the Legislative Chairman and serving as a Member of the National Legislative Committee.

Membership: The year is over and we ended at 100.26% with 7611 Members which is an increase of 20 members. As we start this year, I ask all of you to support Commander Littlefield as you supported Commander Davis. We are looking for another strong year. To do this, we must work hard to **Retain, Reinstate and Recruit** members. As I always say, we must be creative in the way we seek new Members. Please complete your Recruiters Event Form and get it to me as soon as possible. Make sure you read and understand the 2021-2022 Department and National 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: This has been a very challenging year for the Homes! As always, I would like to commend the staff of the Homes for their efforts during this pandemic. By no means are we done and I am sure they will continue to give top care to the residents. The Augusta Home has started to receive furniture and equipment. The plan still remains to open in September, so standby for more information. Many of the Homes are looking for volunteers to help screen visitors. If you want to help reach out to your local home and help them live up to their motto of "caring for those who served!"

"ADVANCING THE VFW MISSION"

NATIONAL HOME
Teresa Drag, Chairperson

Have you seen the "Virtual Tour" of the National Home? There is a link on their website <https://www.vfwnationalhome.org/> or you can search for "VFW National Home for Children" on YouTube.

In addition to holding a fundraiser, or sending a donation from your Post or District, there are also items which can be purchased from the National Home website – and many of the new items are made in the USA!

Reminder to send donation checks to me at: Teresa Drag, PO Box 140, Paris ME 04271. Mark on the memo line that it is for the National Home (I'll know that, but it makes it easier if you've already written it in.)

If a Post or District does a donation sponsorship (such as a brick or a tree), please let me know so that we can track and say thank you!

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
Cornelius J. Ware, SO

Service Office COVID-19 Procedures: As we get ready to transition into a modified Phase III, we are still doing appointments only, not walk in traffic. This is still a temporary measure but necessary for R.O. protocol and the depleted office staffing level. We are awaiting VARO's plans and procedures for the full safe reopening of our offices. Until then, remember our VSO staff though limited is still here in the office and ready to assist you. 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 continue to 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 continue to work through this crisis together. But for now, please stay healthy and stay safe.

NVS Proficiency Training: NVS Virtual Proficiency Training Conference for the fall are as follows. Basic Part 1, September 19-24 > Advanced, September 19-23 and Intermediate, November 14-19. The plan is to conduct all training sessions in-person at Annapolis for now of course subject to change.

Gulf War Airborne Hazards: Presumptive Conditions – Update. The service locations for establishing service connection for chronic respiratory conditions, such as asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis have been updated to include service in Syria and Djibouti. As such, the rulemaking will address the establishment of presumptions of service connection, for Veterans that served on active military, naval, or air service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War, and/or Afghanistan, *Syria, Djibouti*, and Uzbekistan, after September 19, 2001.

Veteran Education Event: If you were not able to attend our live Veteran Education Event (VetEd) on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, you are welcome and encouraged to view the recording of the event through the link below. A lot of excellent information was shared regarding benefits and services available to Maine Veterans! Information was provided by the Togus Benefits Regional Office, VA Home Loan Guaranty, the VA Maine Healthcare System, and the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. Veteran Education (VetEd). The recording is 49 mins long.

<https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/lsr.php?RCID=dbcfa12c3c5e286049a9149681f25106>

Recording Password: mTmXi4u*

If any of the topics peaked your interest or if there is another topic not covered that you would like to hear more about, please email your suggestions to VBATOGROEngage@va.gov. VA_is_ seeking more specific topics to cover in future VetEd events, Enjoy the video!

“VETERANS SERVING VETERANS”

WEBSITE COORDINATOR

Thomas R. Lussier, PSC

The Department Website is good working order. The 2021-22 VOD and PP themes and entry applications are available.

The Department 2021-2022 directory will be updated as soon as possible. Please ensure any directory changes that need to be made are sent to the Department Adjutant. Would always like to see more guestbook entrees and photos. Recommendation:

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 problem, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank You!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
Michael A. Switzer, Chairman

What a welcome to the return of the G.O.'s after this year's Installations.

I would like to congratulate our new State Commander Herman Littlefield! And congratulations to all of our newly Instilled Officers and Appointed Officers. This should be an exciting year and I look forward to the amazing opportunity to which I am afforded.

Previously, our State Youth Activities Chairman posted about the great opportunities with the Girl Scouts of Maine. That hasn't changed and I am awaiting updates on events. I am greatly appreciative of the opportunity and look forward to serving to the fullest. Hoorah!

DEPT @ 100.31% - Over 24 For 100% (4+)
Department Statistics

Maine as of Friday July 2, 2021

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2599	1	94	0	29	46	169	160	105.62%	+9	PRESQUE ISLE	0
6187	1	56	0	2	25	83	82	101.21%	+1	FORT FAIRFIELD	0
9389	1	359	5	9	113	486	481	101.03%	+5	CARIBOU	0
9699	1	63	0	2	15	80	79	101.26%	+1	ASHLAND	0
District Total	1	572	5	42	199	818	802	101.99%	+16		0
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1605	2	119	1	1	11	132	132	100.00%	0	BURLINGTON	1
7529	2	58	0	8	17	83	82	101.21%	+1	ISLAND FALLS	0
District Total	2	177	1	9	28	215	214	100.46%	+1		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9779	3	103	0	4	29	136	136	100.00%	0	CALAIS	0
11553	3	102	0	1	36	139	139	100.00%	0	HARRINGTON	1
District Total	3	205	0	5	65	275	275	100.00%	0		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
109	4	117	3	1	49	170	176	96.59%	-6	ELLSWORTH	0
1761	4	170	5	3	66	244	244	100.00%	0	BANGOR	0
3381	4	158	5	3	31	197	209	94.25%	-12	OLD TOWN	0
4633	4	100	1	1	9	111	111	100.00%	0	HAMPDEN	3
District Total	4	545	14	8	155	722	740	97.56%	-18		3
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
4298	5	52	0	0	17	69	74	93.24%	-5	DEXTER	0
5723	5	5	0	0	10	15	15	100.00%	0	JACKMAN	0
6924	5	98	0	0	21	119	121	98.34%	-2	FAIRFIELD	3
7865	5	109	2	0	20	131	131	100.00%	0	MADISON-ANSON	2
7866	5	8	0	0	5	13	13	100.00%	0	NORRIDGEWOCK	0
10881	5	21	0	0	4	25	24	104.16%	+1	FARMINGTON	1
11191	5	21	0	0	14	35	35	100.00%	0	NEWPORT	0
District Total	5	314	2	0	91	407	413	98.54%	-7		6

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
3095	6	12	0	0	5	17	19	89.47%	-2	FRIENDSHIP	0
3108	6	116	2	1	52	171	168	101.78%	+3	BELFAST	1
4169	6	9	0	0	5	14	14	100.00%	0	VINALHAVEN	0
6131	6	48	2	2	26	78	76	102.63%	+2	NORTHPORT	0
9437	6	39	1	0	5	45	50	90.00%	-5	WASHINGTON	0
District Total	6	224	5	3	93	325	327	99.38%	-2		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
2197	7	57	5	1	23	86	79	108.86%	+7	TOPSHAM	1
4525	7	54	0	0	15	69	76	90.78%	-7	WALDOBORO	0
7738	7	56	5	2	10	73	70	104.28%	+3	BATH	0
District Total	7	167	10	3	48	228	225	101.33%	+3		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
9	8	39	0	0	15	54	59	91.52%	-5	GARDINER	1
887	8	196	2	2	61	261	264	98.86%	-3	AUGUSTA	1
1285	8	221	1	0	13	235	248	94.75%	-13	WATERVILLE	1
8835	8	238	5	2	30	275	272	101.10%	+3	WINSLOW	2
9526	8	33	0	1	9	43	43	100.00%	0	WINTHROP	0
District Total	8	727	8	5	128	868	886	97.96%	-18		5
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
1603	9	283	4	37	56	380	359	105.84%	+21	LEWISTON-AUBURN	1
1641	9	61	1	10	79	151	144	104.86%	+7	RUMFORD	0
3335	9	211	1	1	31	244	254	96.06%	-10	JAY	0
9150	9	62	0	5	15	82	80	102.50%	+2	LEWISTON	0
9787	9	103	2	1	37	143	146	97.94%	-3	SOUTH PARIS	0
District Total	9	720	8	54	218	1000	983	101.72%	+17		1
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
6783	10	35	0	0	7	42	45	93.33%	-3	LOVELL	0
6859	10	306	4	0	78	388	396	97.97%	-8	PORTLAND	1
9328	10	36	0	0	6	42	41	102.43%	+1	HARRISON	0
10529	10	75	1	0	2	78	78	100.00%	0	YARMOUTH	0
10643	10	47	1	1	27	76	75	101.33%	1	WINDHAM	0
10879	10	275	2	0	44	321	338	94.97%	-17	GORHAM	0
11362	10	30	0	0	5	35	35	100.00%	0	NAPLES	0
District	10	804	8	1	169	982	1008	97.42%	-26		1

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
5744	11	110	1	0	34	145	156	92.94%	-11	SOUTH BERWICK	3
6977	11	173	0	1	19	193	199	96.98%	-6	YORK BEACH	4
7997	11	165	5	35	68	273	234	116.66%	+39	OLD ORCHARD BEACH	2
9394	11	46	1	0	6	53	59	89.83%	-6	KITTERY	0
9935	11	162	11	26	134	333	294	113.26%	+39	SANFORD	1
District Total	11	656	18	62	261	997	942	105.83%	+55		10
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
15020	99	592	19	38	129	778	776	100.25%	+2	RUMFORD	7
District Total	99	592	19	38	129	778	776	100.25%	+2	QM'S HOUSE	7
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	+/-	City	N/R LM
State Total	0	5703	98	230	1584	7615	7591	100.31%	+24		37



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

THIS 2020 – 2021 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP?

“COMMUNICATE – DEDICATION - SERVICE ”

“RETAIN-REINSTATE-RECRUIT”

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MICHAEL “KEITH” DAVIS, STATE COMMANDER**

DIVISION LEADERS <<>> JULY 2, 2021

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

DIV. I (10-50) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. IV (201-300) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 10881 FARMINGTON	104.16%	1. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	116.66%
2. 9328 HARRISON	102.43%	2. 9935 SANFORD	113.26%
3. 11362 NAPLES	100.00%	3. 8835 WINSLOW	101.10%
DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. V (301-400) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 2197 TOPSHAM	108.86%	1. 1603 AUBURN	105.84%
2. 7738 BATH	104.28%	2. 6859 PORTLAND	97.97%
3. 6131 NORTHPORT	102.63%	3. 10879 GORHAM	94.97%
DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. VI (401- HIGHER) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 2599 PRESQUE ISLE	105.62%	1. 9389 CARIBOU	101.03%
2. 1641 RUMFORD	104.86%	2.	
3. 3108 BELFAST	101.78%	3.	

TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY %		TEN LARGEST POSTS	
1. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	116.66%	1. 9389 CARIBOU	486
2. 9935 SANFORD	113.26%	2. 6859 PORTLAND	388
3. 2197 TOPSHAM	108.86%	3. 1603 AUBURN	380
4. 1603 AUBURN	105.84%	4. 9935 SANFORD	333
5. 2599 PRESQUE ISLE	105.62%	5. 10879 GORHAM	321
6. 1641 RUMFORD	104.86%	6. 8835 WINSLOW	275
7. 7738 BATH	104.28%	7. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH	273
8. 10881 FARMINGTON	104.16%	8. 887 AUGUSTA	261
9. 6131 NORTHPORT	102.63%	9. 1761 BANGOR	244
10. 9150 LEWISTON	102.50%	10. 3335 JAY	244

DISTRICT STANDINGS		MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2020-2021	
1. District 11 DAY	105.83%	WE HAVE = 7615– OVER BY 24	
2. District 1 SAUCIER	101.99%	ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 100%	
3. District 9 DRAG	101.72%		
4. District 7 STEVENS	101.33%	5 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A BLUE BALL CAP	
5. District 2 EWING	100.46%	10 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A WHITE VFW SHIRT	
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE, VFW	100.31%	ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT	
6. District 3 SIVRET	100.00%	LET’S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND	
7. District 6 ARMSTRONG	99.38%	RETAIN – RECRUIT & REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS?	
8. District 5 TWEEDIE	98.54%	NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS	
9. District 8 LAMBERT	97.96%	ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK?	
10. District 4 SULLIVAN	97.56%		
11. District 10 GOODMAN	97.42%		