



Department of Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars

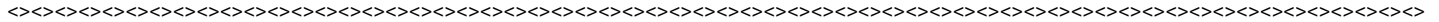


"Advancing the VFW Mission"

November 2021

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 5



"Happy Birthday to the Marine Corps for being 246 years old"
"Happy Thanksgiving to One and All"

SPECIAL NOTICES <> SPECIAL NOTICES

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. 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.

- >Jan 15 > Waterville - Winslow, ME > Council of Administration, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen & Teacher of the Year Banquet
- >Apr 9 Ellsworth, ME > Council of Administration, State Commander/President Banquet
- >Jun 10-12 > Lewiston, ME > State Convention, Council of Administration, Lewiston, ME

2. Council of Administration: Will be held on 15 January 2022 at a location to be announced in the near future.

- >Audit & Finance Cmtee Meeting : 8:30 am
- >Service Office Cmtee Meeting > 9:30 am
- >Convention Cmtee Meeting > 10:15 am
- >Council of Administration Meeting > 1 pm

3. January Council of Administration - Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year Banquet: Will be held on 15 January 2022. CoA meeting will be held in Waterville with a final location to be announced in the near future. The National Representative will be National Chief of Staff Matthew C. Claussen. The banquet will be held at the Winslow Post. The flyer will be published in the near future after cost has been finalized for the banquet.

4. Checks Sent to Department of Maine: When forwarding checks to our State Quartermaster, please note that checks are to be made out to "Department of Maine, VFW" and in the memo line, note the name of program it is for.

5. Convention Book Advertising: Consult Tele-Communications from Londonberry, NH is soliciting ads for our State Convention book throughout the State of Maine. Any business calling your Post respectively

inquiring about the as solicitation, please inform them that they are the sole company that sells ads for the Department of Maine.

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

7. Attention District, Post Commanders: Are directed to Section 703 of the National By-Laws which requires that each accountable officer is bonded with an indemnity company in the sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may/she may be responsible. Note: Any Posts who are bonded with a private insurance company are to forward a copy of the policy to State Quartermaster David Williams.

8. For the purpose of establishing continuous membership, a member may reimburse Department and National dues for all delinquent years, provided he was a member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years prior to the delinquency.

9. District/Post Inspections: District Commanders are referred to Section 517 of the Manual of Procedure which states that each Post shall be inspected at least once during the year. Please make sure that all Posts in your District are inspected and report them in a timely manner rather than accumulating reports. Please send reports to John J. Bouchard, State Inspector, 102 Highland Ave, Fort Kent, ME 04743-1467. A reminder that IAW Department By-Laws, Inspectors cannot inspect their own Post, District Commander must appoint an inspector to complete that Post inspection.

10. 2022 Revised By-Laws, Manual of Procedures and Ritual Book: The 2022 manual which was revised at the 122nd VFW National Convention and effective 23 August 2021 are in stock and are to be purchased through the VFW Store at <http://www.vfwstore.org/products/22690> or you can order from the store catalog or call 1-833-839-8387. Cost of the books are \$ 7.25 plus shipping. Council members will receive their by-laws books as soon as they are received by this office from the VFW store.

11. Post Commanders: Are reminded that Section 709, Manual of Procedure – Control of Units, requires that any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or in behalf of a Post, County Council, District or Department shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, County Council, District or Department and that all money, property or assets of any kind of nature, must be placed in the care of the respective Quartermaster. All Commanders should ensure that all provisions of Section 709 are enforced.

12. Recent changes to the VFW National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual establish that **Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised** shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure . Newly revised **Robert's Rules of Order** is readily available at local bookstores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon. The most recent edition (12th Edition) was released this year.

13. Section 220 of the National By-Laws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers or Committee Members" states: "Any elected Post Officer or committee member removed, by reason of failure to pay current dues or under the provisions of this section shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office or committee in the same administrative year in which the officer or committee member is removed."

14. Post Commanders: Sections 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure outline the various things for which the Post Relief Fund can be used. Several years ago, the phrase “To foster true patriotism through historical and education programs,” was added to this section. This allows the Post to use the relief funds for the Voice of Democracy program or other Americanism programs that are educational. This does not include Post building projects, hall remodeling, color guard uniforms or any other expenditure that does not follow these guidelines.

15. Dates to Remember:

2 Nov > Election Day

11 Nov > Veterans Day

25 Nov > Thanksgiving Day

7 Dec > National Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance

25 Dec > Christmas Day

1 Jan > New Years Day

15 Jan > Council of Administration, Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen & Teacher of the Year banquet

16. 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

Department Surgeon > Teresa J.S. Drag > Post 9787

Department Surgeon > William E. Day > Post 7997

Department Surgeon > Randolph S. Michaud > Post 2599

17. District Meeting Dates:

D-2 > 6 Nov @ 1 pm > Burlington Post 1605 > Cmdr Littlefield

D-1 > 7 Nov @ 1 pm > Fort Fairfield Post 6187 > SVC Lane

D-11 > 14 Nov @ 2 pm > York Post 6977 > SG Meuchel

D-3 > 21 Nov @ 2 pm > Harrington Post 11553 > JVC Bouchard

D-10 > 5 Dec @ 1 pm > Fryeburg Post 6783 > Cmdr Littlefield

D-7 > 9 Jan @ 2 pm > Mid-Coast Veterans Center, 62 Pegasus St., Brunswick > JA Kimble

D-8 > 23 Jan @ 12 noon > Waterville Post 1285 > Cmdr Littlefield

D-9 > 30 Jan @ 1 pm > Jay Post 3335 > QM Williams

18. 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 to all.

When you receive this set of GOs, the October CoA and banquet will be over. The 100th anniversary of the Department of Maine VFW banquet was a grand success. I hope all who attended had an enjoyable time. I wish to extend a big **THANK YOU** to Adjutant Andre Dumas for being our Master of Ceremony for this event, and for all his hard work in getting things ready for the event. He did a fantastic job and kept us all on track. **Thank You** to Steve San Pedro and Andre Dumas for putting together a great slide show honoring 100 years of State Commanders of our great State of Maine. Also, a **Thank You** goes out to all who searched for and loaned us many great pictures and other memorabilia from Maine's VFW history to display at the banquet. A big round of applause to everyone for all the hard work they put into making this 100 years celebration a success.

Our National Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Timothy Borland was present for our October 16th CoA and the 100th anniversary banquet. He gave an inspiring speech on the state of our Department. He was impressed and states that all is well with our Department of Maine. Many Thanks to all of you who make that possible and keep up the good work.

Membership is going fairly-well. We all need to get out and sign-up new members to make this year 100% for membership. Keep the conversations going because you never know when or where you will find an eligible member.

I am wishing all Comrades and their families a safe and happy fall season. My advice is to prepare for winter now as it will be here all too soon. Stay safe and healthy. Please continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask and wash your hands frequently.

Loyally,

Herman L. Littlefield, Jr.

Herman L. Littlefield Jr.
Commander

"Advancing the VFW Mission"



Deceased Roll Call

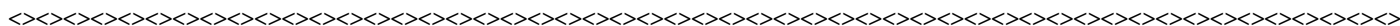


Department of Maine, VFW

Kevin G. Woodward, Chaplain

25 September 2021 ~ 24 October 2021

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



District 1

9389 > KELLY, Robert R.
PINETTE, Ryan
STONE, Earl B.

District 11

5744 > WEST, Franklin P.

District 2

1605 > LAMSON, John P.
LOWE, Everett G. Sr.

District 3

9779 > BEZANSON, James H.
HALLOWELL, Ira H.
MAGGIANI, Charles L.
RICKER, Dexter C.
ROBINSON, William “Billy” A.

District 4

3381 > ATTEAN, Gary M.
DUPUIS, Richard J.
WILSON, Jesse R.

4633 > RINKS, Gordon C.

District 7

7738 > HILL, Donald E.

District 9

3335 > DUGUAY, Maurice L.

District 10

6859 > BRAYLEY, Warren W.

10879 > GILMAN, Ralph R.



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



Greetings Comrades! Another busy month of helping Veterans and their families. I hope all is well and everyone is staying safe and hydrated. October included three Homeless Veteran stand downs, a visit from our SVCiC Tim Borland, CoA, our 100th year birthday banquet and Eastern Conference in Maryland. Keep up all the great work!

Appointments 2022-2023: Please see the attached list of appointed positions for the Department that I will be reviewing for next administration year as your Commander. Please email me at lanejena@msn.com if you are interested in filling any of these key positions. Thank you for your support!

Beals Hospitality House Togus: Is still up and running and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank everyone for the donations. The things that we always can use is one-ply toilet paper, paper towels, water, and coffee pods. Please make sure you pass the word on our facility and that we are available for our Veterans and their families. If anyone has any questions or if you need brochures, please reach out to me. Donations should be made out to **Beals Hospitality House** and **mailed to me**.

Public Relations: I have seen some great coverage of all your hard work and events that have been taken place in the Department. Keep up the great work and brag about yourself – you deserve it. Please make sure that you forward your efforts to our Historian and don't forget we do have a national publication to submit to.

Veteran Service Office Togus: Our office is still open to appointments due to restrictions of VA Maine and COVID. We are here for you and our families. Please take in consideration that we are down to one Service Officer until we can fill the position. I have spoken to a few candidates but nothing solid. If you or someone you know is interested in filling the position of Assistant VSO, please forward my information to them.

Commander's Special Project: House in the Woods is always active and is readying themselves for the hunting season. Please take the time to view their website and or Facebook page. Donations should be made out to **Dept of Maine VFW** with **Commander's Special Project** in the memo line and mailed to me.

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

Inspections: Went to Kansas City for a Junior Vice Commander meeting and it was interesting to learn about the vfw and leadership. It was real nice to go to the Council meeting and see everyone and a good banquet. The inspections are coming in slowly so let's get 100% for the State Commander. When you go out, wear a mask, be safe, stay warm. You all have a happy Halloween. Will be gone to Eastern state conference, be back the October 29th.

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"> >Navy Hospital Apprentice 1st Class Keefe R. Connolly >Army Pvt. Archie V. Fleeman >Army Pfc. Don D. Dowler >Navy Fireman 1st Class James O. McDonald >Army Air Forces 1st Lt Jack K. Wood >Navy Seaman 2nd Class Charles L. Saunders >Army Air Forces 1st Lt Gabriel J. Eggud >Army Cpl. Marvin D. Actkinson >Navy Seaman 1st Class Billy Turner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Army Air Forces Staff Sgt Richard G. Salsbury >Army Staff Sgt. William R. Linder >Navy Seaman 2nd Class Laverne A. Nigg >Army Air Forces Sgt Francis W. Wiemerslage >Navy Machinist's Mate 1st Class Harold F. Carney >Navy Fireman 1st Class Denis H. Hiskett >Army Robert J. Herynk >Navy Seaman 2nd Class Joseph M. Robertson >Army Air Forces 1st Lt Alan E. Petersen |
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- >Navy Seaman 2nd Class Pete Turk
- >Army Pvt. Emmet W. Schwartz
- >Navy Seaman 1st Class Walter C. Stein
- >Navy Mess Attendant 1st Class Octavius Mabine
- >Navy Fireman 2nd Class Edward E. Casinger
- >Army Sgt Howard R. Belden
- >Army Pvt Robert J. Herynk

- >Army Staff Sgt William R. Linder
- >Navy Fireman 1st Class James O. McDonald
- >Army Cpl. Robert C. Agard
- >Navy Ship's Cook 1st Class Rodger C. Butts
- >Navy Fireman 1st Class Hal J. Allison
- >Navy Seaman 2nd Class Harold W. Lindsey

**QUARTERMASTER
CHIEF OF STAFF
BUDDY POPPY ~ INSURANCE & BONDS
David D. Williams, PSC**

Comrades. It was finally so nice to see people in person instead of by zoom. We all got to gather to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Maine VFW. It was a great evening with fun had by most. We even got a surprise visit from the Governor.

Bonding: It is important that when you fill out your request for Bonding there are **TWO pages that MUST be filled out.**

With that said from now on if not all proper paperwork is included with your request, I will return it for proper paperwork. It's nothing new, just that most QM do not seem to want to fill it out. Well, the insurance company is requesting it for bonds.

Poppies: National is a little behind on filling orders, but nothing like last year. If you have ordered your poppies and it's been a while and you have not received them yet, let me know and I'll investigate it for you.

Next month GO's I'll have some information from the ESC to put out.

Had to recruit any members yet??

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

It was so great seeing everyone that made it to the banquet celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Department of Maine and the Eastern Conference in Ocean City, Maryland. Getting together in person is so much nicer than having the meetings over ZOOM and always awesome to see everyone hanging out. Many of the leaves have started to change and started to fall off the trees, making cleaning them up so much fun. Hope everyone is beginning their holiday planning with family and friends and able to celebrate in person. Please continue to be safe and stay healthy.

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen:

2021-2022 **Voice of Democracy** theme will be: **America, where do we go from here?**

2021-2022 **Patriot's Pen** theme will be: **How can I be a good American?**

The new 2021-2022 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pens entry forms are now available on the Maine VFW website.

Program brochure's designed to be duplicated for distribution can be viewed at:

www.vfw.org/uploadFiles/VFW.org/Community/Teacher%20Award%20Brochure.PDF, or ordered through the VFW Store.

Post Adjutants and District Adjutants: Please ensure you are submitting your VOD and PP Post and District participation on the VFW.ORG website under the All-American Dashboard.

When judging your entries, be sure to follow the example in Nationals Judging Criteria. For the Voice of Democracy, “**OCD**”, or **O**riginality, **C**ontent, and **D**elivery. For Patriot’s Pen, look for **T**heme **K**nowledge, **T**heme **D**evelopment and **C**larity of **I**deas.

Posts and Districts will be hitting the first two important dates this month in selecting their post and district winners for Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year.

Important Dates to Remember:

Voice of Democracy/Patriot’s Pen

1 November > All 1st Place School Winners due to the Post for Post Judging

15 November > All 1st Place Post Winners due to District for District Judging

****1 December** > All 1st Place District Winners due to Department for Final Judging

District to Department – One entry per District – with student’s head and shoulders photo, and all personal information filled out on entry form. This applies to all entries to Department. Including your Districts posts participation report, form will be provided to be filled out and returned with your first place entry.

30 December> Completion of Department Judging

15 January> Department Winners to National (Complete Package)

Teacher of the Year:

1 November> Teacher Nominations Due to the Posts

15 November> Teacher package due to the District for Judging

1 December> Teacher Packages forwarded to Department for Final Judging

30 December> Completion of Department Judging

30 December> District Participation Reports due to Department Chairperson

NOTICE!!! Requirements for Teacher of the Year Entries

Completed Teacher VFW Entry Form

Nomination Letter (Up to 350 words)

Teacher Resume (1 page up to both sides)

Up to five (5) pages (both sides) of supporting documentation

A good quality head and shoulders Photo

Ways and Means: The tickets have been mailed to all post and district commanders please work on selling these tickets during any post events. We are going to be going with the same prizes as last year, 1st Prize \$500, 2nd Prize \$250, 3rd Prize \$100. Please mail your ticket stubs and monies collected to me: Anthony Kimble, 64 Bayview Dr, Northport, Maine 04849. Make all checks out to Department of Maine and in the memo line put Ways and Means.

SURGEON

HISTORIAN ~ STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA (SVA)

Amy Morse-Meuchel

Historian: Maine History: In November 1921, The first edition of the Portland Press Herald was published. It is a merger of the former Portland Herald and the Portland Daily Press, which was founded in 1862. National History: Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. ... Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Surgeon: The time is NOW to get your flu shot. Many of you may be holding blood drives and supporting safety in some way, however, I have only received a handful of reports. Make sure you are reporting your activities for credit. They can be sent to me electronically, mail or handed to me at the CoA’s. COVID-19 Booster shots are available. 190 million in the United States have been vaccinated. November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and Military Family Month. Stay Safe, Stay healthy.

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

I would like to wish all Comrades and their families a **"Happy Thanksgiving"**. Another important day this month is Veterans Day.

A Prayer for Our Veterans
Oh God, Our Heavenly Father,
You have blessed us with brave men and women
who are willing to defend our freedom.
May your protection and grace surround them each day.
Let your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds and injuries.
May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence.
Comfort the families who mourn and are left to remember the precious lives of their loved ones.
Help us to honor and support them.
Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf
of the American people by our sons, daughters, husbands,
wives, mothers, fathers, and friends. Amen.

WAA: Wreaths 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 2700 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. As we draw close to the end of the year, I am in hopes that everyone will take some time and obtain some sponsorships for this important program. 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. You can also do a sponsorship online.

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

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE COMMANDER
SCOUTING
Michael K. Davis, IPSC

Three new Post supporting Scouting this month. Post 9437 helping a Scout make shadow boxes, Post 4633 donating their hall for Cub Scout meetings and Post 6859 donating \$250 to help a Scout with their Eagle project.

The following posts are reported in Scouting for 2021 – 2022 > District 4 > 4633, District 6 > 9437, District 10 > 6859, 10643, 10879, District 11 > 9935, 9394 ,109, 5744.

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 is 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>

Kathadin 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, ME 04210. If you submit your community activities on-line at the Post website, I will receive them. If you do not see credit in the GOs, please contact me.

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

Comrades: I want to take this time to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! After the last couple of years, we all have something to be thankful for!

National Council Member, Maine: We recently had the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland visit our Department. I had the privilege to join our Senior Vice Commander Jennifer Lane as we showed him what Maine VFW does for its Veterans. First, he attended our CoA and the 100th Anniversary Banquet. Then he visited 5 Posts, the Southern Cemetery, the Heroes Wall at Volk Packaging, the new Augusta Veterans Home, the Portland Headlight, L.L. Beans and finished up with a Homeless Veterans Standdown at the Lewiston CBOC. Overall, it was a good visit and many people commented on the many stories he shared with them.

Legislation: I met with all of Maine's Legislators via Zoom for the VFW Virtual Legislative Conference on 27-29, September. I discussed the following topics: Toxic Exposure, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) increase, Economic Opportunity, Concurrent Receipt for Chapter 61 Veterans and Health Care. They all understand our concerns about these issues. Most of them have already co-sponsored the bills or will soon. Senator Collins staff wanted some details of the VFW survey taken so I put them in contact with our DC office to get that information. I will continue to follow up on these issues and ensure they support us through the process.

Membership: The Department is currently sitting at 81.27% with 6189 Members which is an increase of 2.44% and 186 Members. We need 1426 Members to reach 100%. We have increased our New Members by 2 and decrease our Reinstated Members by 43 from this time last year. We are all recruiters and we must Retain, Reinstate and Recruit Members. We have 8 Posts that has completed a Recruiter Event and submitted the proper paperwork to me. Make sure you read and understand the 2021-2022 Membership Program. If you have any questions on Membership, please contact me at 207-894-5260 or email me at sanpedro105@roadrunner.com

Maine Veterans Homes: The Homes continue to work hard on keeping the COVID-19 virus out of the homes. When it does get in, they have managed it well to ensure it doesn't spread. The vaccination rate for the residents and the staff continues to be among the highest in the state. A big Congratulation goes out to the Bangor Home who was just awarded the Gold Quality of Excellence at a National level. They are the third Home to earn this in the entire State and the other two are also from the Maine Veterans Homes. This is a great honor that they should be very proud of. The new Augusta Home is still making progress. The residents from the old home have toured the new home and have already picked their rooms. They are pleased with the new Home and look forward to moving in. I want to Thank everyone at the Homes as they are truly living up to their motto of **"caring for those who served!"**

"ADVANCING THE VFW MISSION"

AMERICANISM/LOYALTY DAY
Michael A. McInnis, Chairman

We have now entered into the halfway point for the reporting year for community activities. So far, we have about a little above half of our Posts that reported in Americanism/Loyalty Day Programs.

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 Parade, Holiday Parade or Program. 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 the next COA.

Grants:

Homeless Veterans Grant: Through the Department of Labor \$ 10,000.00 approved, in process of closing grant.

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

VA Transportation Grant: The \$ 40,000.00 has been approved in process of closing previous grant.

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

CREDENTIALS
Arthur J. Roy, PSC

Wanted all District Commanders to send all Posts a copy and explain that this convention must get all reports in the right way to vote.

I hear that many Posts haven't even completed getting their trustee reports in for the 1st quarter. Please let's all not all start off wrong and fight this as these are the by-laws and if not followed, we stand to lose everything. It really isn't hard to follow these and if help is needed, David Williams hasn't ever turned any Quartermaster down. Department Officer should help their Posts and Districts as most of us have been there. Right?

Voting at Department Convention: Department By-Laws, Article V, Section 5: **Section 5.** The following rules and regulations shall govern voting at Department Convention.

(a) The list of Post Delegates and Post Alternates (Consisting of 1 per 30 members) to be honored must bear signatures of both the Post Commander and Post Adjutant and be submitted to the Credentials Committee Chairman.

(b) At time of voting, the comrade casting the vote will have to announce his/her name for purpose of checking authenticity. This check shall be made by the Credentials Committee during roll-call vote.

(c) The Post Commander must be present and registered in order for his/her vote to be cast. In the absence of the Commander, the Senior Vice Commander may register in his/her place. In the absence of both the Commander and Senior Vice, the Junior Vice Commander may register.

(d) The Chief Teller will submit to the Department Adjutant one certified report, signed by the tellers, of the vote tallied following each rollcall taken and said tallies (report) will be retained as a part of the Convention Records.

(e) Registration of Post Delegates and Alternates will close at 10:00 am on the day of the election of Department Officers to allow the Credentials Committee time to make official tabulations.

(f) A rollcall of a Post vote as cast by authorized Post delegates may be challenged at the call of any three officers or delegates representing three different Posts or any one member of the Credentials Committee.

(g) All monies owed to the Department, Trustee Report, Post Inspections, Copy of Bonding must be in the hands of the State Quartermaster prior to being eligible to vote. All Posts and Districts are also required to be incorporated.

“All Reports must be completed on time and sent to State Quartermaster”

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

Homeless Veterans: Stand-Downs: We were able to help 19 veterans with the 3 Stand-Downs. There were 16 Veterans in need that were helped with clothing and boots from other funding streams. Last year, the Bangor event had 10 homeless Veterans. This year there were 2 Veterans and only one of them was actually homeless. The Bureau of Veterans’ Services is looking at what happened. Caribou had 7 Homeless Veterans plus 7 in need and Lewiston had 11 homeless Veterans with 8 in need attend this year.

We are receiving donations from several Posts from \$ 25 to \$ 200.00, “Thank You”. These funds are needed because we are without the VAVS \$ 7,000 we used at each Togus Stand-Down. The casino table game cascade is almost nonexistent. That was from \$1,200 to \$ 7,000 per year.

All the receipts and After-Action report needed by the US Department of Labor are complete and either e-mailed or sent USPS to Al and Dave. We purchased \$ 10,118.04 worth of clothing and boots this year.

Maine Veterans in Need: We have been receiving donations towards the Welcome Kits. The Maine Disable American Veterans is in the lead. If you can’t put together a complete kit, you can donate to the building of a kit. The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary is working on building several kits.

The 100 Veterans Challenge is going very well. The original goal was to have 100 Homeless Veterans housed by Veterans’ Day on November 11th. This may be achievable. Please, look into helping these Veterans have a comfortable home.

The kit list was in the September GO’s. You can see it on the Department website. You can print pages 22 and 23 to a pdf file and print all the copies you need. Please look at the list and see what your Post can do to help our Veterans in need.

Homeless Veterans Action Committee: We were not able to attend this month because of the Caribou Stand-Down. When the minute come out, we’ll be able to let everyone know what’s their doing now. We don’t have a copy of the September BNL but we know the total number of Homeless Veterans is lower than in August.

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: We had 3 more tablets added to the Memorial. We are hoping to have a dedication in Spring 2022.

Committal Shelter retrofit: We expect this to cost around \$ 30,000.00 and are making some progress. We have a new fundraiser. She is working with the city and town leaders to continue the local support.

Committals: We were notified about 2 Veterans that were without any family to organize and attend a ceremony. The community came together and had several people attend a respectful ceremony for each fallen brothers.

Assistant Legislative (Augusta): If you are 100% P&T, you will not have to pay excise tax on your vehicles. Not just your primary vehicle but all the vehicles in your name. Check with your towns clerk.

HOSPITAL/VAVS
Michael W. Blair, Director

Total donations for the month of October 2021 were \$ 1,050.00.

\$250.00 will be used to buy Bingo Coupon Books.

The remaining \$ 800.00 will go to Hospital/VAVS to be used as needed for care of Veterans.

At this time, 14 of 49 Posts have met the Activities Program for Hospital/VAVS donations.

Your donations need not be large.

All money is used to help needy Veterans. Your donation will be used in any area that your Post chooses.

Thank you,

NATIONAL HOME
Teresa Drag, Chairperson

Contributions continue to trickle in. Keep them coming! The National Home is doing good work. Received donations from Post 887 and Post 1603 and notification of a donation from Post 10881. Thank you, all the Posts.

Ongoing: how to increase familiarity with what the National Home does among competition for donation dollars when VFW members are also being asked to support many other valid charities. Reminder to all that while donations should be sent to the Chairman, checks should be made out to either **Department of Maine, VFW** (with a note designating for the **National Home**) or directly to the National Home.

Have Posts check out the National Home updated website; reminder that relief fund money can be used for donations to the National Home.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
Cornelius J. Ware, SO

Service Office COVID-19 Procedures: As we are continuing to feel the impact of the Delta strain on our office., our office is still doing appointments only, no walk-in traffic for the time being. This is still a temporary measure but necessary for R.O. protocol and our depleted office staffing level. We hope that this surge will safely pass and we look forward to the VARO's plans and procedures for the full safe reopening of our office. Until then, remember the 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 the office and 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. In our absence, you can contact the Togus Benefits Office at 207-621-6938 for assistance. But for now, please stay healthy and stay safe.

Presumptive claims for particulate matter exposure in Southwest Asia. The Department of Veterans Affairs will begin processing disability claims Aug. 2 for asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis on a presumptive basis based on presumed particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas - if these conditions manifested within 10 years of a qualifying period of military service.

The VA concluded that particulate matter pollution is associated with chronic asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis for Veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations beginning Aug. 2, 1990 to the present, or Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti beginning Sept. 19, 2001 to the present. VA's review also concluded that there was sufficient evidence to presume that these Veterans have been exposed to particulate matter.

The Southwest Asia theater of operations refers to Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea and the airspace above these locations. VA will conduct outreach to

impacted Veterans and survivors to inform them about their eligibility and will provide information on how to apply. Veterans and survivors who believe they may be eligible for the newly established presumptive conditions are encouraged to apply. They should seek VSO or VA assistance to file a VA Form 21-526EZ if applying for the first time or a VA Form 20-0995 if they are reapplying for conditions that were previously denied. For more information on the new presumptive conditions, veterans can visit VA's website at Airborne Hazards and Burn Pit Exposures - Public Health (va.gov).

Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALI): The Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALI) provides guaranteed acceptance whole life coverage to Veterans with service-connected disabilities. All Veterans aged 80 and under who have a VA disability rating of 0% to 100% are eligible for the program and there is no time limit to apply. Veterans who are 81 or older and apply for VA Disability Compensation before age 81 and receive a rating for a new service-connected condition after turning 81 are also eligible if they apply within two years of their rating. The program offers whole life guaranteed acceptance coverage. Under this type of coverage, the face amount of coverage will take effect two years after the date of enrollment as long as premiums are paid during the two-year waiting period. This two-year waiting period replaces the need for medical underwriting. The maximum coverage amount available is \$ 40,000, the veteran may elect a lesser amount in increments of \$ 10,000. Under this plan, the elected coverage takes effect two years after enrollment which will start January 1, 2023. The application will become available on our website <https://www.va.gov/life-insurance/> at that time. The programs, premium rates (the amount you'll pay each month or annually for your coverage) depends on your age and the amount of coverage you elect and the premiums cannot be waived.

"VETERANS SERVING VETERANS"

WEBSITE COORDINATOR

Thomas R. Lussier, PSC

The Department Website is in working order. Unfortunately, my software (Adobe Contribute) has stopped responding to edit any changes with the exception of the General Orders. I am in the process of having a similar website developed through WordPress that will allow editing for the foreseeable future. I'm hoping it will be ready by the first of the year.

Please ensure any directory changes that need to be made are sent to the Department Adjutant. All updates will not occur until the new site is up and running. Please be patient during this time.

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

Michael A. Switzer, Chairman

Girl Scouts of Maine will be hosting several Virtual Events this Winter. Up first in availability for Registration Deadlines will be:

- >Winter Wonderland (Daisies and Brownies)
- >Wednesday January 5, 2022. 6p.m-7p.m.
- >Registration Deadline - December 15, 2021
- >Registration Fee - \$18
- >Winter Wonderland (Juniors and Cadettes)
- >Thursday January 6, 2022. 6p.m-7p.m.
- >Registration Deadline - December 15, 2021
- >Registration Fee - \$18

It's a snowy winter evening when one of Old Man Winter's gingerbread men has been found crushed. Old Man Winter is devastated and will not let winter end until the mystery has been solved. As a detective, it's up to you to figure out who did it.

Zoom log-in will be sent to all participants after the registration deadline.

DEPT @ 81.74% - Need 1390 For 100% (13+)
Department Statistics

Maine as of Monday November 1, 2021

| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
|----------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|-------|------------|---------|------|----------------|--------|
| 2599 | 1 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 101 | 169 | 59.76% | -68 | PRESQUE ISLE | 0 |
| 6187 | 1 | 52 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 59 | 83 | 71.08% | -24 | FORT FAIRFIELD | 0 |
| 9389 | 1 | 339 | 1 | 0 | 30 | 370 | 486 | 76.13% | -116 | CARIBOU | 0 |
| 9699 | 1 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 65 | 80 | 81.25% | -15 | ASHLAND | 0 |
| District Total | 1 | 548 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 595 | 818 | 72.73% | -223 | | 0 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 1605 | 2 | 119 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 122 | 132 | 92.42% | -10 | BURLINGTON | 0 |
| 7529 | 2 | 55 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 60 | 83 | 72.28% | -23 | ISLAND FALLS | 0 |
| District Total | 2 | 174 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 182 | 215 | 84.65% | -33 | | 0 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 9779 | 3 | 99 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 107 | 136 | 78.67% | -29 | CALAIS | 2 |
| 11553 | 3 | 102 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 112 | 139 | 80.57% | -27 | HARRINGTON | 1 |
| District Total | 3 | 201 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 219 | 275 | 79.63% | -56 | | 3 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 109 | 4 | 117 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 139 | 170 | 81.76% | -31 | ELLSWORTH | 0 |
| 1761 | 4 | 169 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 187 | 244 | 76.63% | -57 | BANGOR | 1 |
| 3381 | 4 | 158 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 171 | 197 | 86.80% | -26 | OLD TOWN | 0 |
| 4633 | 4 | 102 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 111 | 111 | 100.00% | 0 | HAMPDEN | 2 |
| District Total | 4 | 546 | 3 | 1 | 58 | 608 | 722 | 84.21% | -114 | | 3 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 4298 | 5 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 59 | 69 | 85.50% | -10 | DEXTER | 0 |
| 5723 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 33.33% | -10 | JACKMAN | 0 |
| 6924 | 5 | 94 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 99 | 119 | 83.19% | -20 | FAIRFIELD | 0 |
| 7865 | 5 | 110 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 120 | 131 | 91.60% | -11 | MADISON-ANSON | 1 |
| 7866 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 69.23% | -4 | NORRIDGEWOCK | 0 |
| 10881 | 5 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 26 | 25 | 104.00% | 1 | FARMINGTON | 0 |
| 11191 | 5 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 26 | 35 | 74.28% | -9 | NEWPORT | 0 |
| District Total | 5 | 311 | 1 | 0 | 32 | 344 | 407 | 84.52% | -63 | | 1 |

| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
|----------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|-------|------------|---------|------|-----------------|--------|
| 3095 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 17 | 70.58% | -5 | FRIENDSHIP | 0 |
| 3108 | 6 | 117 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 132 | 171 | 77.19% | -39 | BELFAST | 1 |
| 4169 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 14 | 71.42% | -4 | VINALHAVEN | 0 |
| 6131 | 6 | 47 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 61 | 78 | 78.20% | -17 | NORTHPORT | 0 |
| 9437 | 6 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 39 | 45 | 86.66% | -6 | WASHINGTON | 0 |
| District Total | 6 | 218 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 254 | 325 | 78.15% | -71 | | 1 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 2197 | 7 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 68 | 86 | 79.06% | -18 | TOPSHAM | 0 |
| 4525 | 7 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 58 | 69 | 84.05% | -11 | WALDOBORO | 0 |
| 7738 | 7 | 56 | 5 | 0 | 17 | 78 | 73 | 106.84% | +5 | BATH | 0 |
| District Total | 7 | 165 | 5 | 0 | 34 | 204 | 228 | 89.47% | -24 | | 0 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 9 | 8 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 48 | 54 | 88.88% | -6 | GARDINER | 0 |
| 887 | 8 | 200 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 220 | 261 | 84.29% | -41 | AUGUSTA | 0 |
| 1285 | 8 | 215 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 220 | 235 | 93.61% | -15 | WATERVILLE | 1 |
| 8835 | 8 | 234 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 243 | 275 | 88.36% | -32 | WINSLOW | 0 |
| 9526 | 8 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 35 | 43 | 81.39% | -8 | WINTHROP | 0 |
| District Total | 8 | 721 | 2 | 3 | 40 | 766 | 868 | 88.24% | -102 | | 1 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 1603 | 9 | 327 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 352 | 462 | 76.19% | -110 | LEWISTON-AUBURN | 0 |
| 1641 | 9 | 59 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 65 | 151 | 43.04% | -86 | RUMFORD | 0 |
| 3335 | 9 | 198 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 217 | 244 | 88.93% | -27 | JAY | 0 |
| 9787 | 9 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 115 | 143 | 80.41% | -28 | SOUTH PARIS | 1 |
| District Total | 9 | 688 | 1 | 1 | 59 | 749 | 1000 | 74.90% | -251 | | 1 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 6783 | 10 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 36 | 42 | 85.71% | -6 | LOVELL | 0 |
| 6859 | 10 | 302 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 325 | 388 | 83.76% | -63 | PORTLAND | 2 |
| 9328 | 10 | 34 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 38 | 42 | 90.47% | -4 | HARRISON | 0 |
| 10529 | 10 | 72 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 78 | 92.30% | -6 | YARMOUTH | 0 |
| 10643 | 10 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 61 | 76 | 80.26% | -15 | WINDHAM | 0 |
| 10879 | 10 | 253 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 263 | 321 | 81.93% | -58 | GORHAM | 0 |
| 11362 | 10 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 30 | 35 | 85.71% | -5 | NAPLES | 0 |
| District | 10 | 772 | 3 | 3 | 47 | 825 | 982 | 84.01% | -157 | | 2 |

| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
|----------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|-------|------------|---------|-------|-------------------|--------|
| 5744 | 11 | 107 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 122 | 145 | 84.13% | -23 | SOUTH BERWICK | 0 |
| 6977 | 11 | 175 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 180 | 193 | 93.26% | -13 | YORK BEACH | 0 |
| 7997 | 11 | 168 | 2 | 2 | 77 | 249 | 273 | 91.20% | -24 | OLD ORCHARD BEACH | 0 |
| 9394 | 11 | 44 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 51 | 53 | 96.22% | -2 | KITTERY | 1 |
| 9935 | 11 | 163 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 228 | 333 | 68.46% | -105 | SANFORD | 0 |
| District Total | 11 | 657 | 3 | 2 | 168 | 830 | 997 | 83.24% | -167 | | 1 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| 15020 | 99 | 587 | 8 | 4 | 50 | 649 | 778 | 83.41% | -129 | RUMFORD | 2 |
| District Total | 99 | 587 | 8 | 4 | 50 | 649 | 778 | 83.41% | -129 | QM'S HOUSE | 2 |
| Post | Dist | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Prior Year | Percent | +/- | City | N/R LM |
| State Total | 0 | 5588 | 30 | 16 | 591 | 6225 | 7615 | 81.74% | -1390 | | 15 |



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

THIS 2021 – 2022 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP?

“ADVANCING THE VFW MISSION”

“RETAIN-REINSTATE-RECRUIT”

**"ADVANCING THE VFW MISSION"
HERMAN LITTLEFIELD STATE COMMANDER**

DIVISION LEADERS <<>> NOVEMBER 1, 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 | 104.00% | 1. 1285 WATERVILLE | 93.61% |
| 2. 9437 WASHINGTON | 86.66% | 2. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH | 91.20% |
| 3. 11362 NAPLES | 85.71% | 3. 3335 JAY | 88.93% |
| DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV. | | DIV. V (301-400) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV. | |
| 1. 7738 BATH | 106.84% | 1. 6859 PORTLAND | 83.76% |
| 2. 9394 KITTEERY | 96.22% | 2. 10879 GORHAM | 81.93% |
| 3. 10529 YARMOUTH | 92.30% | 3. | |
| DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV. | | DIV. VI (401- HIGHER) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV. | |
| 1. 4633 HAMPDEN | 100.00% | 1. 1603 AUBURN | 76.19% |
| 2. 6977 YORK BEACH | 93.26% | 2. 9389 CARIBOU | 76.13% |
| 3. 1605 BURLINGTON | 92.42% | 3. | |

| TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY % | | TEN LARGEST POSTS | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. 7738 BATH | 106.84% | 1. 9389 CARIBOU | 370 |
| 2. 10881 FARMINGTON | 104.00% | 2. 1603 AUBURN | 351 |
| 3. 4633 HAMPDEN | 100.00% | 3. 6859 PORTLAND | 325 |
| 4. 9394 KITTEERY | 96.22% | 4. 10879 GORHAM | 263 |
| 5. 1285 WATERVILLE | 93.61% | 5. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH | 249 |
| 6. 6977 YORK BEACH | 92.74% | 6. 8835 WINSLOW | 243 |
| 7. 1605 BURLINGTON | 92.42% | 7. 9935 SANFORD | 228 |
| 8. 10529 YARMOUTH | 92.30% | 8. 887 AUGUSTA | 220 |
| 9. 7865 MADISON | 91.60% | 9. 1285 WATERVILLE | 220 |
| 10. 7997 OLD ORCHARD BEACH | 91.20% | 10. 3335 JAY | 216 |

| DISTRICT STANDINGS | | MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2020-2021 | |
|--------------------------|--------|--|--|
| 1. District 7 STEVENS | 89.47% | WE HAVE = 6225 – WE NEED 1390 | |
| 2. District 8 LAMBERT | 88.24% | ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 100% | |
| 3. District 2 EWING | 84.65% | | |
| 4. District 5 TWEEDIE | 84.52% | 5 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A BLUE BALL CAP | |
| 5. District 4 SULLIVAN | 84.21% | 10 N/R MEMBERS & EARN A WHITE VFW SHIRT | |
| 6. District 10 GOODMAN | 84.01% | ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT | |
| 7. District 11 DAY | 83.24% | LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND | |
| DEPARTMENT OF MAINE, VFW | 81.74% | RETAIN – RECRUIT & REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS? | |
| 8. District 3 SIVRET | 79.63% | NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS | |
| 9. District 6 ARMSTRONG | 78.15% | ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK? | |
| 10. District 9 DRAG | 74.90% | | |
| 11. District 1 SAUCIER | 72.73% | | |

Appointments 2022-2023:

Please see attached list of appointed positions for the Department that I will be reviewing for next administration year as your Commander. Please email me at lanejena@msn.com if you are interested in filling any of these key positions. Thank you for your support! Jennifer Lane

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|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Adj | Committees | POW/MIA |
| Inspector | Beals House | Asst Res & By-Laws |
| S.O. | Boy Scouts | Safety & Drug Abuse |
| Asst S.O. | Blood Bank | Cmdr Special Project |
| S.O. Clerk | Buddy Poppy | Teacher of the Year |
| Asst QM | Comm. Activities | Togus Beal House |
| Asst Adj | Credentials | Vets Advisory to Togus |
| Guard | Finance/Audit | Veterans Cemeteries |
| Historian | Homeless Veterans | North |
| PRO | Hospital/VAVS | Central |
| Asst PRO | Insurance/Bonds | South |
| Sgt-at-Arms | Legislative | VOD/PP |
| Color Guard Capt | Asst Legislative | Website Coordinator |
| | Asst Legislative – Augusta | WAA |
| Dist Dep. Inspectors | MVCC | Youth Activities |
| D-1 | MOLD | Ways & Means |
| D-2 | MVH Trustee | Women Veterans |
| D-3 | MVV Representatives | National Recruiter |
| D-4 | Augusta | State Recruiter (North) |
| D-5 | Bangor | State Recruiter (Central) |
| D-6 | Caribou | State Recruiter (South) |
| D-7 | Machias | Students Veterans |
| D-8 | Scarborough | VSO |
| D-9 | South Paris | |
| D-10 | Men's Auxiliary | State Convention |
| D-11 | National Home | (Current Fiscal Year) |
| | NVMS | |
| | Parliamentarian | |

RECRUITING EVENTS

Post or District# _____

Location of Event _____ Date _____ Time _____

VFW Member & Title Present at Event

Description of Event: _____

Approximate # of People Talked With: _____

of People Signed Up: New _____ Reinstated _____

Comments of Event: _____

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

Submit a signed copy of this Report to the Membership Chairman

Steven SanPedro 251 Gray Rd., Windham, ME 04062

sanpedro105@roadrunner.com Please include photos or news articles to be used in the Commanders Membership Book

Date: _____

Signature of Post Commander or Department Officer

