

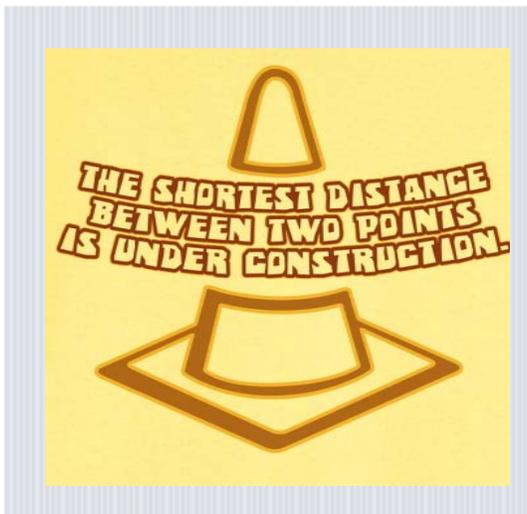
# No One Does More for Veterans

## Maine VFW Department Service Office



### UNDER CONSTRUCTION!!!!

The Service Office will be quite busy the next few months as we coordinate with Togus to renovate building 248 our current home. Where we will be located in the interim is still up in the air so stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, our office is in the midst of downsizing and housecleaning on top of business as usual so please be patient. To allow us extra time to properly serve our Veterans, the office will temporarily be closed to walk in service on Fridays. Urgent business and emergency situations of course are handled on a case by case basis. Thank you for your patience.



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*"Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you." Madeline Bridges*

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## **Service Office Special Operating Hours and Announcements**

With the changing operations of the VA, come new responsibilities for your service office. In order to afford adequate time to address these duties, we are using Fridays as our administrative time and will be closed to walk-in service temporarily. This does not mean the office is closed. If you have a pressing need, please call the office at 207-623-5723 and we will be happy to help you. The following dates the service office will be closed and no service officers will be available.

April 3 VA Town Hall 5pm American Legion Post 6 Hallowell

April 14 COA Bangor

May 6-9 NVS Proficiency Training King of Prussia PA (Office Closed)

May 28 Memorial Day

June 22-24 State Convention Bangor

## **Veterans Recognition**



Maine Bureau of Veteran's Services Director presents George Brogan with a certificate of recognition at the Sanford Post 9935. Sanford will host another recognition ceremony April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am. If you are interested in attending or being recognized, please contact James Bachelder via the post at 324-1142.

### Vietnam Veterans 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration

Across America veterans, family and friends of Vietnam Veterans gathered to give long overdue recognition to a generation who fought an unpopular war. This year concentrates on 1968. Names like Khe Sanh, Tet, and Hue evoke memories of hard battles and even harder homecomings.

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*Spotlight On:*

*Korea Defense Service Medal*



The Korea Defense Service Medal (KDSM) was authorized by Section 543, National Defense Authorization Act, 2003. It is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served on active duty in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility and period of eligibility are as follows: The

area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land and water areas. The period of eligibility is 28 July 1954 to a date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense. Service members must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating in the area of

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eligibility for 30 consecutive or for 60 nonconsecutive days, or meet the following criteria:

- Be engaged in combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility.
- Is wounded or injured in the line of duty and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility.
- While participating as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, or within the area of eligibility in direct support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties are flown in accordance with these criteria will count as one day toward the 30 or 60-day requirement.

• Personnel who serve in operations and exercises conducted in the area of eligibility are considered eligible for the award as long as the basic time criteria is met. Due to the extensive time period for KDSM eligibility, the nonconsecutive service period for eligibility remains cumulative throughout the entire period. Service members qualified for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal by reasons of service between 1 October 1966 and 30 June 1974, in an area for which the KDSM was authorized subsequent are eligible for both the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the KDSM. Award of the KDSM for this time period is a

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one-time exception to policy to comply with section 543 of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2003, Public Law 107-314. The KDSM may be awarded posthumously to any Soldier who lost his or her life without regard to length of such service. Only one award of the KDSM is authorized for any individual

**KNOW YOUR SO:**

**Know your SO is temporarily on hiatus. But if you know a Post Service Officer who is pretty amazing and totally needs to be Maine VFW famous, please drop me a line at [joann.bolduc@va.gov](mailto:joann.bolduc@va.gov).**