



Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars
No Veteran Left Behind



April 2011

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 10

*In Memory of Past State Commander James M. Sawyer
12 October 1932 - 24 February 2011*

“SPECIAL NOTICE – SPECIAL NOTICE”

Congratulations to the following Post for achieving 100%+ in membership for the Year 2010-11

Northport Memorial Post 6131, Northport – 100% - Commander Herman L. Littlefield Jr.
Old Orchard Memorial Post 7997, OOB – 100.52% - Commander Richard P. Giroux
Ronald G. St John Post 9328, Harrison – 100% - Commander Brian D. Spaulding

Congratulations to Tonya Godin – State of Maine VOD 1st Place Winner

Tonya a senior at Van Buren District Secondary School was named a winner in the 2011 National Voice of Democracy Program and recipient of the \$1,000 Department of Nevada and its Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Award. Tonya plans a career as an elementary education teacher and she was sponsored by VFW Post 9389 and Ladies Auxiliary, Caribou

April CoA Meeting – 10 April: Headquarters hotel will be ***“The Fireside Inn”***, 81 Riverside St., Ext 48, I-95, Portland; tel # 1-207-774-5601. ***Rates are now \$59.00 + tax*** for Single/Double, no rates available for Triple or Quad.

****** Deadline for reservations for VFW rates was March 9, 2011, after that date, Reservations received will be provided on a space available basis at the regular rate. Please make sure to tell them that you are with the VFW when calling for reservations ******

Meetings on Saturday will be:

VSO @ 11 am, Budget/Finance @ 12 noon, Convention @ 1:00 pm, By-Laws @ 2:00 pm

State Commander Testimonial – 9 April: Will be held at the ***“The Fireside Inn”***, 81 Riverside St., (Exit 48, I-95), Portland, ME. Cost of the banquet ticket is \$25.00 per person. Make your check payable to ***“Department of Maine, VFW”*** and forward to ***“Ann Marie Peterson, 2 Cliff Lane, Biddeford, ME 04005*** (***Banquet application form is enclosed in this General Orders***).

Summer Uniform: Effective date of the summer uniform (grey slack/White shirt) will be effective 1 April 2011 thru 30 September 2012.

1. State Commander Testimonial Gift Presentation: Anyone wishing to send a card and/or gift for State Commander Peterson may do so to: ***“Andre L. Dumas, 64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME 04736--2125”***.

On the front of the envelope bottom left, please annotate "**Attn: Louis A. Peterson II**". There will be a table for gifts.

2. CoA and Cmtee Members: All CoA and Cmtee members are advised that you must notify both the State Commander and the State Adjutant if you are unable to attend a Council of Administration (CoA) meeting for the year 2010-11. Also, a copy of your report **MUST** be forwarded to the State Adjutant via e-mail or USPS **5 days prior to the CoA meeting** for presentation at the meeting.

3. State Convention: Headquarters hotel will be the Ramada Inn, 357 Odlin Rd., Bangor, ME, tel # 1-207-947-6961. Rates are \$79.00 per room. **Please make sure to tell them that you are with the VFW when calling for reservations.** More information will follow in the future on the State Convention. (See attachment)

***** Deadline for reservations for VFW rates is May 27, 2011 *****

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4. Department Meeting Dates for 2011-12: Meetings dates for the year 2011-12 are as follows:

July 9-10, 2011 – Sanford (CoA Meeting)

October 15-16, 2011 – Jay (CoA Meeting, State President Testimonial)

January 14-15, 2012 – Winslow (CoA Meeting, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Teacher of the Year Banquet)

April 14-15, 2012 – Bangor (CoA Meeting, State Commander Testimonial)

June 8-10, 2012 – Portland (State Convention)

5. Memorial Day Program: Commanders on all levels should begin organizing their 2011 Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. Every Post is urged to order and distribute VFW Buddy Poppies.

6. Post Commanders: Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National By-Laws 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 meetings (if applicable), District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

7. Quarterly Trustees Audit Report: All District and Posts Quartermasters are instructed to send their Quarterly Trustees Audit reports to State Inspector Donald W. Linscott Jr. who assumed the position of State Inspector due to the passing away of Past Inspector James M. Sawyer. Please mail your reports to: PO Box 1286, Auburn, ME 04211-1286.

8. Attention of Post Commanders: Is directed to Section 222 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that will be mailed to all Posts as part of the Election Report/Convention Registration mailing going out this month. Advanced registration for the 112th National Convention should be mailed with each delegate's name and address to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

9. VFW National Convention Housing: 112th National Convention Housing officially opened March 1, 2011. Housing reservation information is located on the convention website accessed through the main VFW website at www.vfw.org. The convention web site will also have general convention information including registration form and links to other convention related information for San Antonio, August 27-September 1, 2011.

10. Post Quartermasters: Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers, by not later than June 1st.

11. Post Commanders: Section 222 of the National By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to District conventions at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District convention at which District officers are to be elected: one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election. Delegates and alternates to the Department conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department convention. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election.

12. District Commanders: Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department convention. Pursuant to Section 417 of the Manual of Procedure, District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed. District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

13. Newly Elected Post Commanders: Just a reminder to all Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters that you will not be receiving copies of the VFW Leadership Reference Guide CDs this year. The VFW Leadership Reference Guide will be available on-line in the Online Membership System (OMS).

14. Post Quartermasters: New members admission fee, please submit your payment directly to State QM Donald W. Linscott Jr., PO Box 1286, Auburn, ME 042111-1296. **DO NOT** submit your payments to the State Adjutant.

15. Annual Report of Incorporation: All Posts that are incorporated have or should have received their notification for filing their 2011 Annual Report via USPS or email. You can file on line by going to www.sosonline.org or you can download the form and file it via USPS with your \$35.00 annual fee by April 1, 2011. Filing by April 1, 2011 will allow the State to provide better service. A late-filing fee penalty will be assessed on all reports received after June 1, 2011, the legal filing deadline. If your Post did not receive a notification, chances are that your Post is not incorporated. \$35.00 per year to protect the personal assets of **EVERY** member in your Post is cheap insurance. For any assistance, please contact 1-207-624-7752.

16. Annual Officers Report: All Department Officers and Chairmen are reminded to submit their annual officers' report to the State Adjutant **NLT 1 May 2011**. These reports will be given to all of the Comrades who are attending the State Convention and will provide them information on your respective programs and accomplishment for the past year. Last year, we had a 100% officers' report submitted.

17. IRS Form 990 and 990-N “E-Postcard:” Post Commanders should insure that information returns are filed on either Form 990 or using the 990 E-Postcard depending on gross receipts. These forms may be obtained by calling the Federal Tax Forms & Publications hotline at (800) 829-3676. The forms may be filed on or before May 15th following the close of the respective annual accounting period. If gross earnings are \$25,000 or less, the Internal Revenue Service asks **ONLY** the heading on page one to be completed being sure to check “B”. Search www.irs.gov for more information.

18. Incoming District Commanders for Year 2011-12: Are reminded that they must provide their list of District meetings to the State Adjutant **NLT 15 June 2011**. Also, IAW Section 403 of the National By-Laws, Districts shall hold at least three (3) regular meetings each year for purposes as prescribed in the Manual of Procedure. Each District shall also hold an annual District Convention.

19. Life Member Dues Payout: The Cottonwood Croup, actuaries, have calculated and suggested the amount of payout that the Life Membership Fund can support. The Life Member Board of Trustees concur and have fixed the following dues payout for Life Members on March 5, 2011, and the National Council of Administration concurred in that payout at its March 6, 2011 National CoA meeting.

Life Member payout September 2011, January 2012, July 2012 will be:

Plan ABC – A total payout of \$ 10.02 for each life member (\$3.34 to each Post, Department and National).

Plan D – A total payout of \$12.18 for each life member (\$4.06 to each Post, Department and National).

Plan E – A total payout of \$26.16 for each life member (\$8.72 to each Post, Department and National).

20. Past Officers: Section 719, National By-Laws states a Past Officers is one who has been elected and installed, appointed or succeeds to a vacancy in a Post, District, Department or National organization office, respectively, and (1) has served to the end of his term; (2) died before the expiration of his term; (3) ceased to hold office by reason of a consolidation of units; or (4) resigned to enter active military service or, while in active military service, resigns office due to receipt of permanent change of station orders, provided, however, if such person is determined to be ineligible or if such person’s membership is terminated under Article IX, he shall not be a Post Officer. For purposes of Sections 404, and 504, the term “Past Commander” includes only those persons whose service as a Commander was in that respective District or Department or in one which was consolidated or merged into it.

21. Candidates for Department High Office:

Department Commander	Kevin Woodward	Post 11553
Department Sr Vice Commander	Mark G. Reilly	Post 6859
Department Jr Vice Commander	David D. Williams	Post 1641
Department Quartermaster	Alfred E. Michaud Sr.	Post 1285
Department Judge Advocate	David C. Olson	Post 6859
Department Surgeon	Ronald F. Smith	Post 1761
Department Chaplain	Charles A. Warden	Post 11553

22. Candidates for National Councilman District 1:

Andre L. Dumas	Post 9389
Raymond R. Lupo	Post 4633
Thomas R. Lussier	Post 6859

23. District Meeting Dates:

<i>Date</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Dept Officer</i>
3 Apr	9	3335 – Jay	12 noon	Cmdr Peterson
3 Apr	5	4298 – Dexter	1 pm	Adj Dumas
17 Apr	6	3108 – Belfast	1 pm	JVC Reilly
17 Apr	7	7738 – Bath	2 pm	Adj Dumas
7 May	2	1605 – Burlington	1 pm	Adj Dumas
14 May	1	9389 – Caribou	1 pm	Cmdr Peterson
15 May	3	9779 – Calais	2 pm	SVC Woodward
15 May	4	4633 – Hampden	2 pm	Cmdr Peterson
15 May	5	7865 – Madison	1 pm	JVC Reilly
15 May	8	1285 – Waterville	2 pm	Adj Dumas
15 May	11	9935 – Sanford	2 pm	
21 May	10	6859 – Portland	1 pm	Adj Dumas

24. Directory Changes: (Make the following ink and pen changes)

Pg 2 – Chg Inspector to: Donald W. Linscott Jr., PO Box 1286, Auburn, ME 04211 1286, tel: 782-6873, e-mail: dlinscot@roadrunner.com

Pg 23 – Dist 6 – Chg Cmdr Farris tel # to: 323-0408

Pg 34 – Post 1641 – Chg Adj to: David D. Williams, 501 Virgin St., Rumford, ME 04276-1714, tel: (B) 369-0302, (H) 357-6664, e-mail: davidpost1641@live.com

Pg 36 – Post 2499 – Chg Cmdr Gilman tel # & e-mail to: 975-4114 & smgilman@midcoast.com

Pg 45 – Post 6859 – Chg QM to: Kevin T. Cole, 33 Fessenden St., Portland, ME 04103, tel # 775-1735, e-mail: ktcole@midmaine.com

Pg 48 – Post 7865 – Chg Cmdr to: Louis M. Padula, 177 Greenleaf Rd., Anson, ME 04911-3408, tel: 696-0925, e-mail: vfwpost7865@myfairpoint.net

Pg 52 – Post 9328 – Chg QM to: Robert W. Scott, 402 Waterford Rd., Sweden, ME 04040-5030, tel: 647-9459, e-mail: rscotty65@yahoo.com

Pg 55 – Post 9526 – Chg Cmdr to: Gregory P. Ruby, 1 Cross Rd., Winthrop, ME 04364, tel: 377-8474, Cell: 242-0710, e-mail: Winthropelectric@fairpoint.net

25. Dates to Remember:

Apr 9-10 – State Commander Testimonial/CoA Meeting, Portland, ME

Apr 15-17 – Eastern States Conference, Burlington, VT

Apr 17-23 – National Volunteer Week

Apr 24 – Easter Sunday

May 21 – Armed Forces Day

May 30 – Memorial Day

June 10-12 – State Convention, Bangor, ME

Aug 27-Sept 1 – National Convention, San Antonio, TX

Sep 15-18 – Commander-in-Chief Homecoming, Quincy, MA

OFFICIAL

BY ORDER OF:

Andre L. Dumas

ANDRE L. DUMAS
State Adjutant

Louis A. Peterson II

LOUIS A. PETERSON II
State Commander



State Commander Louis A. Peterson II



Greetings Comrades

We have now completed three-quarters of our 2010-2011 year. One of our loose ends to be cleaned up is that some Posts need to catch up on their Community Service Reports. All in all, the reports are very good. Please keep them coming because the hours, miles and monies spent lets Congress know that we mean business!

Another loose end--undoubtedly the most important one--is our membership. I sincerely congratulate all of the Posts that have reached 100% or higher at this time. Many other Posts only need a few reinstated or new members to reach their goal. I am asking those Posts that are far below their goals to make an honest effort to get out, recruit and/or re-instate. Remember that our elite organization needs membership numbers in order to survive and to fight our cause of "No Veteran Left Behind."

Our delegation is back from the Legislative Conference that was held in Washington, DC earlier in March. There were many meetings to attend that focused on key issues that have arisen across the country pertaining to Veterans' issues. The most worthwhile use of our time was when we attended a Senate Hearing on "The Hill" with our National Commander in Chief Richard Eubank testifying on the following key issues:

- 1. **Veterans benefit backlog is not acceptable to the VFW.** That issue is being addressed by the Senate and the Secretary of the VA as a high-priority issue.*
- 2. **VA Health Care with Mental Health as a major issue.** This was addressed with concern for TBI and PTSD issues as well as women's unique needs in the VA Health Care system. The VA is constantly upgrading facilities to handle these problems.*
- 3. **Care-Giver Legislation.** We recommended the passing (and upgrading) of a bill that would mandate assistance to a person giving care to a Veteran that could not care for themselves.*
- 4. **POW/MIA.** We encouraged that funding continue for this cause until the last Veteran is located and brought home.*
- 5. **Military Quality of Life Inequities to Civilians.** Several recommendations were made including equal pay, retirement, reducing the pay age from 60 to 55 for reserve members, upgrading housing, recreational facilities and education benefits.*

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Council of Administration meeting to be held in Portland during the 2nd weekend in April. Think Spring!!!

“No Veteran Left Behind”

LOUIS A. PETERSON II
State Commander



Deceased Roll Call



*Department of Maine, VFW
Charles A. Warden, Chaplain
February 20 – March 19, 2011*

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

District 1

6187 * Evans, Denzil L. * Korea

**9389 * Holmes, Merlin S. * Korea
Robideau, Wilfred Jr. * WWII
Saucier, Donat J. * Korea
Wark, Donald E. * WWII**

9609 * Picard, George * WWII

District 2

2299 * Tozier, Edwin A. * Korea/Vietnam

**4154 * Lane, Melvin A. * WWII
Walsh, John G. * Korea**

District 4

1761 * Bunker, Robert M.

District 5

11191 * Merchant, Joseph A. * WWII

District 7

4525 * Symonds, David M. * WWII

7738 * Robson, Raymond E. * Korea

District 8

1285 * Berard, Fredrick G. Sr. * WWII

District 9

**3335 * Langlais, Joseph F. * WWII
Roy, Raoul G. * WWII
Stenger, Charles P. Jr. * WWII**

9787 * Bragdon, Arthur P. * WWII

District 10

6859 * Sawyer, James M. PSC * Korea

District 11

**5744 * Canney, Robert S. * WWII
Miniutti, James B. * Vietnam**

**6977 * Chase, Harold M. * WWII
Littlefield, Colin J. * WWII**



**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY – PATRIOT’S PEN
TEACHER OF THE YEAR – WREATH ACROSS AMERICA
Kevin G. Woodward**



In early March, I attended the VFW Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., this was held in conjunction with the Senior Vice, Quartermaster and Adjutant conference. It was good to get together with my counterparts from the other Departments and exchange ideas and views. Interestingly, we all seem to be thinking along the same lines on most of the issues facing the VFW today. One day of the Conference was dedicated to briefings for the SVC’s, Adjutants and Quartermasters on VFW Programs and SVCiC DeNoyer’s goals and priorities for the coming year. As expected, membership continues to be one of the top priorities with special emphasis being placed on recruiting women and Veterans from the current conflicts. More emphasis will be placed on utilization of online processing for programs. As has been in the recent past, money or the lack thereof will be an ongoing issue. We also had the privilege of joining CIC Richard L. Eubank while he delivered his testimony before a joint hearing of the Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committee. He urged congressional members “to do what is right for America’s only true heroes” by fully funding the VA, even as lawmakers wrestle with efforts to rein in federal spending. Eubank reminded committee members of the heavy burden placed on current service members, Veterans and their families.

The Patriot’s Pen winner, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year winners were also there for their awards presentation. It was wonderful being there to see Tonya Godin escorted to the stage by Department Commander Peterson and Ladies Auxiliary President Brooker for the presentation.

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
Mark G. Reilly**

Another month is gone and the year seems to be moving right along. There is still time to work on getting all the Post Activity reports completed. Membership is the backbone of this organization. We can still be a 100% Department if we all pitch in with recruiting, renewing and retaining members,

I have been very pleased to attend many events this month. It is always a pleasure to be able to meet with fellow Veterans throughout the State. I was especially happy to be able to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the Maine Red Claws game for their Veterans Appreciation night. The team hopes to make this an annual event.

Remember that the Department Officers are only a phone call away. We are here to assist you in making this a very successful year.

**QUARTERMASTER
INSPECTOR
Donald W. Linscott Jr.**

Having recently assumed the position of Inspector for the remaining of the administrative year due to the passing away of Inspector James Sawyer, I am asking that all Posts and Districts send in their Trustees Audits reports to me at PO Box 1286, Auburn, ME 04211-1286. Those of you that have not submitted your Dec 31st Audit know who you are and the Commanders should take whatever steps are necessary to get these reports done and sent to me.

Also, all District Deputy Inspectors are asked to also forward their respective Posts inspection reports to me at PO Box 1286, Auburn, ME 04211-1286.

JUDGE ADVOCATE
David D. Williams

Another month has come and gone. I recently returned from Washington D.C. where I attended the Voice of Democracy Awards ceremony; it was really a Great thing to see. Congratulations to the girl from California who won, she did an excellent job.

This month: Article II -Posts Sec. 206 Change of Location, Meeting Place, Day or Time:
A Post may, after at least thirty (30) days written notice to the Department Commander and members of the Post, change its chartered location upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting. Upon recommendation of the Department Commander, an amended Charter will be issued by the Commander-in-Chief. No change may be effected until an amended Charter is issued.

At such time as the Post changes its location from one community to another, any portion of the Post name that relates to the geographical area or community from which it has relocated shall be deleted from its name. A Post may, after at least fourteen (14) days written notice to the Department Commander and members of the Post, Change its meeting place, appointed day or time upon a majority vote of its members present at a regular or special meeting.

Hope to see you all next month at the CoA meeting.

SURGEON
David C. Olson

BLOOD: Of the 68 Posts in the State, 40 have been reported in the Blood Program; that means, if my math is correct that 28 Posts are not reported at this time. The year is winding down and this is very easy to accomplish. Your Post can sponsor/hold a blood drive **OR** one person from your Post can donate and now that can be reported.

HEALTH: February is National Cancer Prevention Month and although this has passed, it is still **VERY IMPORTANT** to have the following screenings: Screening for cervical and colorectal cancers helps prevent these diseases by finding precancerous lesions so they can be treated before they become cancerous. Screening for cervical, colorectal and breast cancers also helps find these diseases at an early, often highly treatable stage.

SAFETY/HEALTH: Drinking water at certain times maximizes its effectiveness on the body.

- 2 glasses of water after waking up - helps activate your internal organs.
- 1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal - helps digestion and can also help overeating.
- 1 glass of water before taking a bath - helps lower blood pressure,
- 1 glass of water before going to bed - can help avoid stroke or heart attack.

CHAPLAIN
NATIONAL HOME
Charles A. Warden

Lilies: Symbol of Easter

In many churches, the joyous response will be echoed on Easter morning: "Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!" From an ancient Easter hymn, the Exultet, sung during the Easter Vigil, we recognize this blessed day that "Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!"

The liturgical color for the fifty days of Easter is white. Perhaps that is why the *Lilium longiflorum*, the Latin name for the Easter lily, adorns sanctuaries on Easter. For many, the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope, and life--the spiritual essence of Easter. Lilies are

mentioned numerous times in the Bible; in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told his listeners: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet...Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these" (Mathew 6:28-29)

The lilies mentioned in the Bible, however, are not the Easter lily, which is native to the Ryukyu Islands of southern Japan. Today more than 95 percent of all bulbs grown for the potted Easter lily market (about 12 million!) are produced by just ten farms in a narrow coastal region straddling the California-Oregon border. Greenhouse growers throughout the United States force the plants to flower in time for Easter, which varies each year. The first Sunday that follows the first full moon after the vernal equinox, Easter can fall any day between March 22 and April 25.

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," one legend tells that the beautiful white lilies sprang up where drops of Jesus sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches bank altars and surround crosses with masses of Easter lilies to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting. Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Chaplains thought for the month: GOD answers all "knee" mails. Thank you and God Bless and have a Happy Easter. Chaplain Charlie

National Home: Comrades Easter is just around the corner. What say we as the VFW take up a special Easter donation for the VFW National Home. Please keep in mind the National Home survives by donations alone. Send all donations to our Quartermaster so he can send them on to the Home. The VFW National Home thanks you and I as Chmn thank you so much. GOD Bless our National Home.

**IMMEDIATE PAST STATE COMMANDER
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Alfred E. Michaud Sr., IPSC**

Activity: We have until 1 May to finish getting the reports in, that is when I will send a combined totals report by Post which includes Auxiliaries to the National Headquarters. Still see a lot of empty boxes on the report which need filling. I can offer ways of getting things checked off, but unless you turn in the reports, I cannot help you.

Safety: Gun Locks were given to all District Commanders to give to their Post to complete the Safety Activity at no cost to them. Yet, 26 posts still not checked off.

Community: The easiest of all the Activities, yet 15 posts not checked off.

Youth: 25 Posts not checked off.

Blood: Volunteer at a Blood Drive, Donate a pint of Blood, sponsor a Blood Drive. 27 Posts not reported.

Membership: Its crunch time, shake the bushes, look under the rocks, peek around the room but find the members you need to be 100% reported. **YOU CAN DO IT!!!!!!**

Assistant QM: Comrades, the Trustee report is a way for the post to insure the Quartermaster is staying on top of things. It is used to double check that all is well. So help your Quartermaster and insure you do a full audit at least once a quarter. Just signing the report without checking things out serves **NO** purposes.

Americanism, Loyalty, POW/MIA: Happy to report 100% reported.

PSC: Here we are stepping into April, the year has moved by fast. Time to get all the last minute reports and membership numbers out of the way so when elections take place, the new officers will start with a clean slate. Continue to do your best at what you do and that is all anyone can ask.

(Chief Quote): As time rolls on, we bury a lot of our friends, buddies, relatives and counterparts. But as long as we remember them in our hearts and minds, they are truly never gone.

NATIONAL COUNCILMAN DISTRICT 1
Eugene A. Pawlik Sr.

It was very nice to meet up with so many of you at the Legislative Conference – which was very busy for the Council Members. With a meeting of the Audit Committee, a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee and a meeting of the Council of Administration, there was little time for any other activities – other than eat! As with last year, I was appointed to the Audit Committee and tasked to brief the B&F Committee and the CoA on the audit with the additional responsibility for moving the motion to approve the audit and to rehire the auditors for 2011-2012. The text of my briefing follows:

“The Audit Committee met via teleconference with the VFW Quartermaster General staff and members of the independent auditor, Grant Thornton, at 1300 hours CST, 17 Feb 2011.

After a short session between the Audit Committee and the QM General staff (QMG Maher and Comptroller Jim Lierz), we were joined by Heather Townsend-Macan, Partner, and Victoria Lewellen, Senior Partner, of Grant Thornton. After an indepth briefing by Ms. Lewellen, the Audit Committee (Mssrs. Pawlik, Shepherd, Frye and Berthiaume) were given the opportunity to ask questions about the audit report for the fiscal year ending 31 Aug 2010. All questions were answered to the satisfaction of the Audit Committee, such as questions relative to the uncorrected misstatements (considered as immaterial) and accounting practices (no unusual or significant transactions). Questions with respect to charitable fund raising efficiency were also asked and answered (high volume of mail with low returns). Overall, no significant difficulties or disagreements with management were encountered with respect to the audit.

So being the case, I recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee that a motion be made before the Council of Administration that Grant Thornton’s Consolidated Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants for the Fiscal Year ended 31 Aug 2011 be accepted, as presented; and that the VFW National HQ engage Grant Thornton for audit services for the year ending 31 Aug 2012.” The motion was moved and accepted by the Council of Administration, as presented – and I got to relax for a bit!!!

At this time, I offer my condolences to the Sawyer family on the passing of my fellow Department Commanders classmate of 2002-03, Jim Sawyer. He will be missed.

See you at the Testimonial in April!

ADVISORY TO TOGUS
Action Corps
Raymond R. Lupo, PSC/Chairman

Veterans Advisor to Togus: There has been no meeting since the last GO's, however; on a visit to Togus, I checked with the Directors Office to inquire about the update opening of the new Bangor clinic. I was informed that the opening is now moved to the middle of April (10-15).

Action Corps: The House VA Subcommittee on Health had a hearing on VA implementation of the Caregiver law which should have been providing benefits at the end of January. There appears to be some foot dragging committee members asking to identify. The VFW said it’s not advocating speed over quality but does insist that this law should be implemented. Write/Call Congressman Michaud and seek his help for implementation of Public Law 111-163. All Post Commanders are reminded to review section 218 (a) (11) of the Manual of Procedure for the requirements on the Up-coming State Convention. "Happy Spring to all".

HISTORIAN
Robert H. Bernard, PSC

The year continues to move along and before we know it, the month of June will be here. I am still looking for all the information you may have that has happened at your Post or District. Please continue to send me any pictures or articles so that I can add it to the Commanders History Book. Thank you and thanks to all of you that have sent in information. Please send the information to: Bob Bernard, 78 Robie St., Gorham, ME 04038 or e-mail: rbernard@maine.rr.com

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
Rene A. Deschene, SO

Togus Claims: Claim numbers at Togus are still going up. Togus has over 10,200 claims pending. 3,200 are Togus regular claims and the remainders are Nehmer claims. Togus did 681 of the Nehmer claims and even though it is a good number, it did not meet the minimum number need to get the claims done by the end of the September 2011.

Office Hours: We have new office hours. The office is opened at 7:45 am until 4:30 pm. We have rotated the staff so that we are opened 30 minutes longer daily.

Help: The office is in need of a new vacuum cleaner. If you have one that works, sell and is not needed, we would be pleased to have it donated to this office. It would save us from purchasing another piece of equipment as we already purchased more this year than what we had budgeted.

Veterans helping Veterans

LEGISLATIVE
Peter F. Miesburger, PSC/Chairman

My fellow Comrades: Having returned from the Annual National VFW Washington Conference, I would like to state that this was one of the better conferences that I have attended in recent years. I met one on one with Senators Snowe, Collins and Congressman Michaud. I was unable to meet with Congresswoman Pingree. When I met with our Congressional Delegation, we discussed the National VFW Priority Goals, the recent income tax issue that was withheld from both military and federal employees retirement checks as well the issue with backlog of claims at Togus VA Medical Facility.

There are several major State of Maine Legislature Bills that I have been watching and asking all of you to contact your local State Representatives and ask them to **SUPPORT** the following bills which are as follows:

LD 1037: “An Act To Establish a Welcome Home Bonus for Veterans of the Campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan”. The act applies to State of Maine active duty personnel, who served on active duty since 11 September 2001.

LD 986: “An Act To Allow a Driver To Receive a Designation on That Driver’s License That The Driver Is a Veteran”.

I also wish that all of you to spread the word to contact your local State Representatives and ask them **NOT TO SUPPORT LD 149:** “An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Impose Service Charges on Tax-exempt Property Owned by Certain Nonprofit Organizations”. If this Bill passes, we will wind up on paying property tax on our Post Homes.

In closing Comrades, don’t forget our young **VETERANS**, they need our Guidance and Support. Remember we were Soldiers Once and Young.

NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICE (NMS)
Christopher L. Armstrong, Chairman

Hello Comrades! Well, we have some good news to report; the 1136th Transportation Company returned home from their deployment with all 175 soldiers that they left with. They arrived on March 8 and their Freedom Salute will be on April 15 at UMO for those of you that would like to come out and welcome them home and say thank you! Also, a big thanks goes out to the Jay Post for raising funds for Operation Uplink. If anyone has any questions with any of the Military Assistance programs, please feel free to call me, Thanks.

NATIONAL TEAM VFW SCOUTER
James A. Proctor, Chairman

April 18th – 21st: Operation Fly 1st class will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond. The cost is \$180.00 per Scout and includes all meals, program equipment and accommodations in the training center, experienced adult and older boy leadership! The program will be set up like a real troop with patrols and adult leadership. The staff will fill the roles of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters, Senior Patrol Leader and patrol Leaders to insure a great quality program. Program features include: Cooking, wood stools, 1st aid, camping gadgets, outdoor code, leader no trace, native plants and wildlife, an overnight outdoor adventure, orienteering, service project, flag and ceremonies, scout's own service and plenty of scout spirit! Program requirements: Be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop up to age 13, have permission from parents and Scoutmaster and have a Class 1 & 2 health form which requires a Doctor's physical within the past 3 years.

Operation – Fly 1st Class during April School Vacation: Operation Fly 1st is Pine Tree Council program being offered for Boy Scouts up to age 13, Tenderfoot rank to First Class! Older Scouts who will need the ranks taught can also attend: This 4 day program will offer new Boy Scouts the opportunity for advancement during the April school vacation with other scouts under the guidance of older scouts and experienced leaders! Program is limited to 32 scouts per session and filled up early last year. Questions? Call Cathy Gosselin, Camp Administrator at Pine Tree Council, 779-5252, ext 14 or email cgosseli@bsamail.org.

Camp Beaver Days: Help get camps ready for summer fun and action! Beaver days are planned for all our camps to help with the cleanup needed following the logging operations done this past year. Beaver Days are open to all ages and PTC will supply a BBQ lunch for all. Bring your work gloves and a great attitude. Tools will be supplied. Make this a great service project for your group. 2011 Beaver Days to be held on: Camp Bomazen in North Belgrade, June 18th * Camp Gustin in Sabattus, April 30th * Camp Hinds in Raymond, May 7th * Camp Nutter in Acton, April 30th. Many hands make light work. All working a Beave Day will get a special edition 2011 Beave Day patch. RSVP for your Beave Day to cgosseli@bsamail.org. It should be a great time on cleanup to meet other troops.

HOSPITAL/VAVS
Duane M. Leathers, Chairman

This will be my last report for the GOs. As of April 30th, 2011, I will be retired, so I hope they get a relief for my position by that time. I would hope with all of the local Posts in our District that someone would be willing to step forward and take over. I would like to thank everyone for all of the help over the past several years.

Keep in mind that Togus is still in need of donations of newspapers, coffee, televisions, coupon books and comfort items. Remember that hospitalized Veterans need our help. Thank You.

**CREDENTIALS/WAYS & MEANS
BOWLING/GOLF
Paul S. Colburn, Chairman**

Credentials Committee: VERY IMPORTANT!!! Comrades, Post Elections are coming up sooner than you think. Time is running out for getting all of your requirements in to the Department. (Post Inspection, Quarterly Report, Post Election Report, and Post Audit). Due to the fact that you have all of this time to get your requirements in to Department, **NO CREDENTIALS** will be accepted for the one half (1/2) hour prior to the Candidate Nominations and Speeches. The Credentials Table will reopen upon the conclusion of the nominations and speeches. When the voting starts, the Credentials Table will **CLOSE!**. If need be, forward verification of your Post Requirements to the Credentials Committee. This should include the date the requirement was sent to the respective Department Official and the date that you received confirmation back from that same person. Hopefully, this will alleviate the problem of “I sent it in, but never got anything back.” If you didn’t get anything back, you should check with the pertinent official and ask “Why?”

Bowling Tournament: Cancelled! Not enough teams, not enough support.

Golf Tournament: Once again, the Department is going to **TRY** to have a Golf Tournament. I am in the process of trying to set things up. If you would be interested in entering the Tournament, **PLEASE** let me know. The more people that are interested, the more I can do.

Ways & Means: Comrades, The Ways & Means Tickets have been made available to all District Commanders; therefore, all of the membership should have their tickets. I’ve not seen much in the way of monies from sales or returned tickets. If you do have tickets and have not been able to sell them, **PLEASE** give them back to me or send them to me. I **CAN** and **WILL** get them sold!

**CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER
Wayne H. Elkins, CNR**

There is no new updates in this month report for recruiting events, the only new information is that the 1136th Transportation BN has returned home and their yellow ribbon will be held May 21st at Sugar Loaf Ski Resort. Remember the 3 R’s of Membership.

RETAIN, REINSTATE, and RECRUIT

**HOMELESS VETERANS
VETERANS CEMETERY SOUTH
James E. N. Bachelder, PSC/Chairman**

Homeless Veterans: Pine Tree Legal Assistance has created a website of legal services of anyone associated with military service, ex: active members, retirees, veterans, spouses and dependents. The URL is www.statesidelegal.org. This service was developed in Georgia but was specific to that state only. Statesidelegal is a nationwide information resource. As we know, when someone becomes homeless, there are many factors that lead to this situation and many of them have legal aspects. This website will help them receive guidance and in some cases services to resolve their legal problems. As stated, this website is not just for Homeless. It was developed for anyone associated with military service. Please take some time to look at the site. If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at james.bachelder@metrocast.net or call

477-2877 between 9 am to 9 pm. This is not the final version of the site. Pine Tree is still working to improve the ease of use and is looking for input from the veteran community.

Veterans' Cemetery South: The snow is melting and the ground is thawing so we will have more headstones in place before our first Memorial Day Ceremony. We will be removing the front gate and reinstalling in on the opposite sides. It is too bad we didn't catch this issue before the gate was originally installed. That is why we are looking for input about the memorial walk. We have visited several Veterans' Cemeteries and want to develop something everyone can be proud of. If you have time to visit the grounds and look, we want to develop a great memorial walk for all to enjoy forever. If you have a specific conflict, battle, unit or service that you feel should be recognized with a memorial, contact us. We want everyone's input. The administration building and cremation niches are in the bidding phase. We hope to have the construction starting this summer. It will be nice to have a focal point for information on the grounds. The short history we have gathered can be stored on the grounds for all to view when they stop in to pay respects to their loved ones. The association meets on the second Thursday of every month at the Sanford VFW at 10:00 am. Again, if you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact me at james.bachelder@metrocast.net or call 477-2877 between 9 am to 9 pm.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
MAINE VETERANS' HOMES
Arnold L. Leavitt, PSC/Chairman**

VSO: The staff of the office continue to function very well. All three staff members work together and separately very efficiently and as a result, are very effective. Case load continues to be high and the Questionnaire results are generally very favorable. The Agent Orange back log of cases continues to grow.

Congressman Michaud has written to inform me that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has begun to implement the bill authored by him and passed last year, the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Service Act. According to the VA, it will begin providing enhanced benefits and services to caregivers of veterans of all eras who are already enrolled in VA care, including:

- * Access to VA's toll-free Caregiver Support Line: 1-855-260-3274
- * Expanded education and training on caring for veterans at home
- * Other support services, such as counseling and support groups and referral services
- * An enhanced website for caregivers at www.caregiver.va.gov

Additional benefits will be provided to caregivers who are caring for veterans who were disabled in the line of duty since Sept. 11, 2001, including:

- * A monthly stipend,
- * Health care coverage,
- * Travel expenses, including lodging and per diem while accompanying veterans undergoing care,
- * Respite care, and
- * Mental health services and counseling

MVH: Census is 96.4% (617). The VA OIG (Office of Inspector General) report on the VA Diem Program was released early in March. Maine was noted as one of two states that denied admission of 70% program-eligible veterans. As you know, after legislation was introduced in Congress last year to remedy the numerous problems with the VA's program to provide long-term care at a State Veterans Homes for service-connected disabled Veterans (the so-called "70% Program"), the VA OIG undertook a lengthy investigation of how the State Veterans Homes were operating. On 2 March 2011, the OIG issued its report which did not find anything wrong with the manner in which the State Veterans Homes were operating. The OIG, however, cited the VA with numerous deficiencies regarding the manner in which it administers the 70% Program. This is a good development and should help resolve the situation.

Five (5) Maine Veterans Homes residents were selected for the Maine Health Care Association Remember ME recognition, and will be honored in a ceremony at the State House Hall of Flags on April 15. They are: Louis Bakula, Maine Veterans Home, South Paris * Mary Drew, Maine Veterans Home, Caribou * Dorothy Leighton, Maine Veterans Home, Machias * Robert Stram, Maine Veterans Home, Augusta and Ralph Tetu, Maine Veterans Home – Bangor. Congratulations!

WOMEN'S VETERANS
Janet L. Michaud, Chairman

Recruit and retain Women for your Post!! We are finishing Women's History Month and you may have a Community Service report to submit about this subject. Togus and the clinics are expanding services for all Veterans with the Bangor Clinic opening soon. The Women's Clinic can use some help with Diaper Bags full of items needed for a newborn. Women are available for one on one counsel if requested, contact me and I can get you in contact with the right people. kvmq2003@yahoo.com or 207-649-3085, Janet Michaud.

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN VETERANS
Steven SanPedro, Chairman

Comrades: For those of you that don't know me, I am Steven SanPedro, the Senior Vice Commander of Post 6859 (Portland). I recently had the honor to represent the State of Maine as a member of the National Iraq/Afghanistan Committee in Washington DC (5-9 March). The Committee was established so Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans could voice their concerns about issues that they are experiencing after returning home. We were briefed in the following areas: Legislation (Raymond Kelley), National Veterans Services (Bill Bradshaw), Membership (Matt Claussen), National Military Services (Mike Penny), VFW National Home (Jack McDermott) and Vet Jobs (Ted Daywalt), all of them were very educational to me. I can assure you the VFW is fighting for our Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans as it fights for all veterans. I will close by saying, if you have concerns or questions please contact me at sanpedro105@roadrunner.com and thank you for letting me represent the State of Maine's Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
RESOLUTIONS & BY-LAWS/WEBSITE COORDINATOR CHAIRMAN
2010-11
Thomas R. Lussier, PSC
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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Posts that have turned in clippings from Newspapers to date are:

- VFW Post 1603 Auburn (85), VFW Post 1285 Waterville (2),
- VFW Post 887 Augusta (3), VFW Post 6131 Northport (1), VFW Post 9 Gardiner (5),
- VFW Post 3335 Jay (6), VFW Post 9150 Lewiston (4), VFW 9787 South Paris (5),
- VFW Post 7997 Old Orchard (1) VFW Post 489 Biddeford (4)
- VFW Post 5744 South Berwick (5) VFW Post 3108 Belfast (14)
- VFW Post 9459 Lisbon (2) VFW 1641 Rumford (5) VFW Post 7865 Madison (2)
- VFW Post 6977 Cape Neddick (1), VFW Post 4525 Waldoboro (2)

Post Newsletters received from

VFW Post 6859 Portland (5), VFW Post 10529 Yarmouth (8), VFW Post 1603 Auburn (5),
VFW Post 887 Augusta (1), VFW Post 7865 Madison (1), VFW Post 9787 South Paris (7),
VFW Post 109 Ellsworth (1), VFW Post 9389 Caribou (4), VFW Post 9 Gardiner (2),
VFW Post 1285 Waterville (1), VFW Post 4154 Millinocket (1)
VFW Post 5744 South Berwick (2)

Post having an existing Website or have submitted their Website to the Website Coordinator

Forest J. Pare Post 1285, Hayward-Frazier Post 2599,
Deering Memorial Post 6859, Ronald G. St. John Post 9328,
Capt. Frank W. Hulett Post 1603, Floyd A. Harlow Jr. Post 9787
Old Orchard Memorial Post 7997

“KEEP ALL YOUR MEMBERS INFORMED ON VFW ISSUES.”

RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAWS
ARTICLE IX - RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions shall be typewritten and forwarded as to reach the Department Adjutant at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Department Convention. Any resolution of any emergency nature may be presented from the floor of the Department Convention.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by Department Convention, by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present; provided however, that the amendments shall not be considered unless a copy of same shall have been forwarded thru channels to all Post Commanders and all Council Members at least ten (10) days prior to convening date of the Department Convention as outlined in Article V, Section 1, above.

Website Coordinator

The Department Website is in good working order.

Comrades please take the time to sign the Department Guestbook.

If anyone has any questions about the Department Website or would like information to create their own Post website please feel free to contact me anytime, 761-3971, Tlussie1@maine.rr.com.

MEMBERSHIP
VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Arthur J. Roy, PSC/Chairman

COMRADES and SISTERS:

I have received (40) donations for a total of **\$6,495.00** as of **MARCH 20, 2011**

POSTS AND THOSE THAT HAVE DONATED ARE:

> NONE THIS MONTH <

All Donations are used for items (shrubs, plants, etc ;) at the Cemetery for Beautification. Anyone that wishes to donate may send a check made out to: **“VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION”** and mail to: **Arthur J. Roy, 330 Russell St, Lewiston, Me 04240.** I will insure that you get the proper credit. All donations are for the Beautification of the Chapel & Cemetery and can only be used with a vote of the Association.

PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Post/Location 19 March 2011	Community Activities	Americanism	Loyalty Day	POW/MIA	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Blood Program	Safety	Youth	Buddy Poppy	Togus Aid	CDR PROJECT
DISTRICT 1												
2599 Presque Isle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
6187 Ft. Fairfield	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
9389 Caribou	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9609 Ft. Kent	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
9699 Ashland		X	X	X	X	X						
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						
DISTRICT 2												
1438 Lincoln	X	X	X	X				X			X	X
1605 Burlington	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2299 Sherman	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
4154 Millinocket	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
7529 Island Falls		X	X	X							X	X
9429 West Enfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%							100%	
DISTRICT 3												
558 Eastport	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		
9779 Calais	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
11299 Perry		X	X	X								
11553 Harrington	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 4												
109 Ellsworth	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
1761 Bangor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3381 Old Town	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
4527 Orrington	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
4633 Hampden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%				100%		
DISTRICT 5												
3198 Skowhegan		X	X	X								
4298 Dexter	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
5723 Jackman		X	X	X								
6924 Fairfield		X	X	X						X	X	X
7865 Madison	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
7866 Norridgewock		X	X	X								
8934 Embden		X	X	X								
10881 Farmington	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
11191 Newport		X	X	X						X		
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 6												
2499 Rockland		X	X	X	X	X						
3095 Friendship	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3108 Belfast	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
4169 Vinalhaven		X	X	X								
6131 Northport	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
9437 Washington	X	X	X	X						X	X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 7												
2197 Topsham	X	X	X	X						X	X	X
4525 Waldoboro	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7738 Bath	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X
8395 New Harbor	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
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Post/Location 19 March 2011	Community Activities	Americanism	Loyalty Day	POW/MIA	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Blood Program	Safety	Youth	Buddy Poppy	Toogus Aid	CDR PROJECT
DISTRICT 8												
9 Gardiner	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
887 Augusta	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1285 Waterville	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8835 Winslow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9526 Winthrop	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
DISTRICT 9												
1603 Auburn	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1641 Rumford	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3335 Jay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9150 Lewiston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9459 Lisbon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9787 South Paris	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
11032 Greene		X	X	X							X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%							100%	
DISTRICT 10												
832 So. Portland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
6783 Lovell		X	X	X	X	X				X		
6859 Portland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7642 East Hiram		X	X	X	X	X					X	
9328 Harrison	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
9605 Long Island	X	X	X	X				X			X	
10529 Yarmouth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10643 Windham		X	X	X						X	X	
10879 Gorham	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	
11362 Naples	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 11												
489 Biddeford	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
5744 So. Berwick	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6548 Kennebunk	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
6977 York Beach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
7997 Old Orchard Beach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9394 Kittery	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
9935 Sanford	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	
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	Di	Post #	Name	HIGH	2010	3/20/2011	L/M	CON	N/R	L/M	MEMB%	DUES:
	v							T		N		
1	3	2599	Presque Isle	570	198	173	121	34	18	0	87.4%	\$26.00
1	3	6187	FortFairfield	228	120	99	70	29	0	0	82.5%	\$26.00
1	6	9389	Caribou	867	516	482	431	46	5	0	93.4%	\$25.00
1	3	9609	Fort Kent	526	190	170	110	57	3	0	89.5%	\$26.00
1	3	9699	Ashland	291	140	129	111	18	0	0	92.1%	\$26.00
1			TOTALS	2482	1164	1053	843	184	26	0	90.46%	
2	2	1438	Lincoln	135	69	68	63	5	0	1	98.6%	\$25.00
2	2	1605	Burlington	76	65	66	51	12	3	0	101.5%	\$23.00
2	1	2299	ShermanSt	97	48	44	25	18	1	0	91.7%	\$21.00
2	4	4154	Millinocket	494	219	205	161	43	1	0	93.6%	\$30.00
2	2	7529	Island Falls	81	62	57	46	10	1	0	91.9%	\$26.00
2	2	9429	West Enfield	84	69	55	37	18	0	0	79.7%	\$22.00
2			TOTALS	967	532	495	383	106	6	1	93.05%	
3	1	558	Eastport	184	43	41	26	11	4	0	95.3%	\$23.00
3	2	9779	Calais	85	51	50	29	14	7	0	98.0%	\$22.00
3	2	11299	Perry	186	98	78	62	16	0	0	79.6%	\$24.00
3	4	11553	Harrington	224	234	186	143	38	5	0	79.5%	\$25.00
3			TOTALS	679	426	355	260	79	16	0	83.33%	
4	3	109	Ellsworth	355	195	175	147	27	1	0	89.7%	\$25.00
4	5	1761	Bangor	703	415	356	219	121	16	1	85.8%	\$25.00
4	5	3381	Old Town	604	356	335	284	43	8	1	94.1%	\$25.00
4	1	4527	Orrington	110	40	40	31	8	1	0	100.0%	\$24.00
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	147	145	111	28	6	0	98.6%	\$25.00
4			TOTALS	2056	1153	1051	792	227	32	2	91.15%	
5	3	3198	Skowhegan	323	122	108	76	28	4	0	88.5%	\$25.00
5	3	4298	Dexter	141	103	106	61	40	5	0	102.9%	\$25.00
5	1	5723	Jackman Station	57	12	12	3	8	1	0	100.0%	\$25.00
5	3	6924	Fairfield	436	179	173	144	21	8	0	96.6%	\$25.00
5	3	7865	Madison	163	113	105	46	54	5	0	92.9%	\$21.00
5	1	7866	Norridgewock	69	15	15	8	6	1	0	100.0%	\$24.00
5	2	8934	Embden	138	69	67	49	17	1	0	97.1%	\$23.00
5	1	10881	Farmington	45	28	28	22	6	0	1	100.0%	\$25.00
5	2	11191	Newport	65	51	44	26	13	5	0	86.3%	\$20.50
5			TOTALS	1437	692	658	435	193	30	1	95.09%	
6	3	2499	Rockland	277	154	99	77	20	2	0	64.3%	\$27.00
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	34	34	28	5	1	0	100.0%	\$21.00
6	3	3108	Belfast	320	118	115	84	26	5	1	97.5%	\$26.00
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	18	19	12	6	1	0	105.6%	\$21.00
6	2	6131	Northport	230	75	75	57	18	0	0	100.0%	\$26.00
6	2	9437	Washington	135	57	53	46	7	0	0	93.0%	\$24.00
6			TOTALS	1171	456	395	304	82	9	1	86.62%	
7	2	2197	Topsham	114	76	68	43	23	2	0	89.5%	\$25.00
7	2	4525	Waldoboro	218	66	63	39	23	1	0	95.5%	\$20.50
7	2	7738	Bath	198	77	69	64	5	0	0	89.6%	\$20.50
7	2	8395	New Harbor	297	95	88	61	27	0	0	92.6%	\$23.00
7			TOTALS	827	314	288	207	78	3	0	91.72%	

8	3	9	Gardiner	143	103	96	60	33	3	0	93.2%	\$25.00
8	5	887	Augusta	352	390	295	196	86	13	3	75.6%	\$30.00
8	5	1285	Waterville	600	415	424	307	92	25	1	102.2%	\$28.00
8	5	8835	Winslow	792	433	412	346	57	9	1	95.2%	\$27.00
8	1	9526	Winthrop	123	46	45	32	10	3	1	97.8%	\$25.00
8			TOTALS	2010	1387	1272	941	278	53	6	91.71%	
9	4	1603	Auburn	505	288	256	181	63	12	0	88.9%	\$30.00
9	5	1641	Rumford	882	349	248	142	103	3	0	71.1%	\$25.00
9	5	3335	Jay	647	450	430	334	85	11	0	95.6%	\$25.00
9	3	9150	Lewiston	199	150	142	89	48	5	0	94.7%	\$22.00
9	4	9459	Lisbon	546	248	239	192	38	9	0	96.4%	\$30.00
9	4	9787	South Paris	421	217	203	149	51	3	0	93.5%	\$25.00
9	1	11032	Greene	68	46	42	36	6	0	0	91.3%	\$26.00
			TOTALS	3268	1748	1560	1123	394	43	0	89.24%	
10	6	832	South Portland	1701	598	572	452	114	6	1	95.7%	\$30.00
10	2	6783	Lovell	110	59	56	46	9	1	0	94.9%	\$25.00
10	6	6859	Portland	1051	519	450	323	115	12	2	86.7%	\$25.00
10	1	7642	East Hiram	137	47	45	33	12	0	0	95.7%	\$25.00
10	2	9328	Harrison	95	59	60	44	15	1	0	101.7%	\$30.00
10	1	9605	Long Island	61	32	26	16	10	0	0	81.3%	\$22.00
10	2	10529	Yarmouth	101	98	100	91	7	2	0	102.0%	\$25.00
10	2	10643	Windham	81	59	63	45	10	8	0	106.8%	\$31.00
10	1	10879	Gorham	68	37	33	16	17	0	0	89.2%	\$25.00
10	1	11362	Naples	49	38	38	28	9	1	0	100.0%	\$28.50
10			TOTALS	3454	1546	1443	1094	318	31	3	93.34%	
11	3	489	Biddeford	489	189	181	165	15	1	0	95.8%	\$20.50
11	3	5744	SoBerwick	158	151	161	111	38	12	0	106.6%	\$21.00
11	1	6548	Kennebunk	121	32	32	31	1	0	0	100.0%	\$23.50
11	5	6977	York Beach	348	311	295	222	68	5	0	94.9%	\$30.00
11	3	7997	O.O.B.	322	192	193	84	104	5	2	100.5%	\$25.00
11	2	9394	Kittery	126	57	57	38	15	4	0	100.0%	\$26.00
11	4	9935	Sanford	506	259	254	197	46	11	1	98.1%	\$25.00
11			TOTALS	2070	1191	1173	848	287	38	3	98.49%	
		15020	M.A.L.	800	800	662	445	178	39	5	82.8%	\$35.00
		3/20		2122	1140							
				1	9	10405	7675	2404	326	22	91.2%	

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Louis A. Peterson II

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO HELP OUR POSTS & DISTRICTS
BECOME 100% - THANK YOU ALL !



"NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND" WITH "LOUIS "SANDY" PETERSON, II, STATE COMMANDER"					
DIVISION LEADERS		<<>>			
		MARCH 20, 2011			
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<b>DIV. I (10-50) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>		<b>DIV. IV (201-300) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>			
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1. 4169 VINALHAVEN	105.6%	1. 9935 Sanford	98.1%		
2. 4527 ORRINGTON	100.0%	2. 9459 Lisbon	96.4%		
3. 5723 JACKMAN	100.0%	3. 4154 Millinocket	93.6%		
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<b>DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>		<b>DIV. V (301-450) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>			
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1. 10643 WINDHAM	106.8%	1. 1285 WATERVILLE	102.2%		
2. 10529 YARMOUTH	102.0%	2. 3335 Jay	95.6%		
3. 9328 HARRISON	101.7%	3. 8835 Winslow	95.2%		
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<b>DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>		<b>DIV. VI (451-1000) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>			
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1. 5744 SOUTH BERWICK	106.6%	1. 832 South Portland	95.7%		
2. 4298 DEXTER	102.9%	2. 9389 Caribou	93.4%		
3. 7997 O.O.B.	100.5%	3. 6859 Portland	86.7%		
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<b>TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY %</b>		<b>I</b>		<b>TEN LARGEST POSTS</b>	
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1. 10643 WINDHAM - - - - -	106.8%	1. 832 South Portland - - - - -		572	
2. 5744 SOUTH BERWICK - - - - -	106.6%	2. 9389 Caribou - - - - -		482	
3. 4169 VINALHAVEN - - - - -	105.6%	3. 6859 Portland - - - - -		450	
4. 4298 DEXTER - - - - -	102.9%	4. 3335 Jay - - - - -		430	
5. 1285 WATERVILLE - - - - -	102.2%	5. 1285 WATERVILLE - - - - -		424	
6. 10529 YARMOUTH - - - - -	102.0%	6. 8835 Winslow - - - - -		412	
7. 9328 HARRISON - - - - -	101.7%	7. 1761 Bangor - - - - -		356	
8. 1605 BURLINGTON - - - - -	101.5%	8. 3381 Old Town - - - - -		335	
9. 7997 O.O. BEACH - - - - -	100.5%	9. 887 Augusta - - - - -		295	
10. 4527 ORRINGTON - - - - -	100.0%	10. 6977 York Beach - - - - -		295	
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<b>DISTRICT STANDINGS</b>		<b>I</b>		<b>MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2010-11</b>	
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1. District 11 Spaulding	98.49%	> 11,409 MEMBERS FOR 100% DEPARTMENT <			
2. District 5 Beaulieu	95.09%	WE HAVE = 10,405 - WE NEED = 1,004			
3. District 10 Hadley	93.34%	ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 90%			
4. District 2 Moore	93.05%	"STATE CONVENTION" – JUNE 10-11-12, 2011			
5. District 7 Dearborn	91.72%	10 N/R MEMBERS AND YOU EARN A WHITE VFW			
6. District 8 McGillicuddy	91.71%	SHIRT – 20 YOU EARN A VFW JACKET			
7. District 4 Smith	91.15%	ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT			
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE		AT LEAST 3 N/R MEMBERS – "WELL?"			
8. District 1 Rouse	90.46%	LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND			
9. District 9 Francis	89.24%	RETAIN – RECRUIT & REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS			
10. District 6 Farris	86.62%	NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS			
11. District 3 Dowling	83.33%	ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK?			
ARTHUR J. ROY "STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN" & "CHIEF OF STAFF"					



Testimonial

*State Commander
Louis A. Peterson II*



Let's all get together to honor our Department of Maine Commander on this special occasion

Location **The Fireside Inn (Formerly Holiday Inn
Portland West, Portland, ME)**

Date & Time **April 9, 2011
Social Hour – 5:00 to 6:00 pm
Banquet – 6:00 pm**

Banquet Ticket Cost **\$25.00**

Dinner Menu **Italian American Buffet
Antipasto Platter, Tortellini Salad, Chef's Choice of
Pasta with Marinara Sauce & choice of Potato or Rice,
Haddock Newburg, Chicken Marsala & Sliced Prime Rib**

Dress Code **Casual Attire**

Hotel Information **The Fireside Inn (Formerly Holiday Inn Portland West)
81 Riverside St., Exit 48, I-95
Portland, ME
Phone: 207-774-5601 * Fax: 207-774-6668**

Rates **Standard Room \$59.00 + Tax**
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Please Reserve the following

Meals: Total Tickets: _____ x \$25.00 = _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Make Your Check payable to: Department of Maine, VFW

***Forward to: Ann Marie Peterson
2 Cliff Lane
Biddeford, ME 04005
Tel #: 207-282-4284***

Ticket Deadline: 1 April 2011
(No tickets will sold after the deadline – Tickets will not be held without a payment)
(There will no refunds on banquet tickets)



~~~ Banquet Reservations ~~~

**91st Department of Maine
State Convention
Saturday June 11, 2011**

**Ramada Inn
357 Odlin Rd., Bangor, ME**

**Social Hour * 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner * 6:00 p.m.**

Menu (Buffet)

- Top Round of Beef (Carved)
- Baked Haddock with Crumb Topping
- Baked Stuffed Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes
- Fresh Vegetables
- House Salad
- Dinner Rolls
- Assorted Desserts
- Coffee/Tea

Cost Per Person \$ 30.00

Make check payable to "VFW Dept. of Maine" and mail check to:

**Frances Bowen
490 Main Rd No., Hampden, ME 04444
Telephone: 942-4100**

Dress Code: Coat and Tie

Ticket Deadline: June 1, 2011

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*Please reserve meals for the following members of Aux / Post # \_\_\_\_\_*

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |

**Total amount this check: \$ 30.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**No tickets will be sold after the deadline – No tickets held without a payment  
Sorry... no refunds on banquet tickets**



**91<sup>st</sup> State Convention**  
**~~ Pre Convention Registration ~~**  
**VFW Department of Maine, VFW Convention**



*June 10, 11 & 12, 2011*

*Ramada Inn*  
*357 Odlin Rd, Bangor, ME*

*Pre-Registration Rates - \$ 4.00*  
*Registration at Door - \$ 7.00*

*Come Celebrate the*  
*91<sup>st</sup> Department of Maine VFW State Convention*  
*&*  
*80<sup>th</sup> Department of Maine LAVFW State Convention*

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**\*\* Pre-Registration Form \*\***

*Please register the following members of Post/Auxiliary #: \_\_\_\_\_*

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____  | 2. _____  |
| 2. _____  | 4. _____  |
| 5. _____  | 6. _____  |
| 7. _____  | 8. _____  |
| 9. _____  | 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 12. _____ |

**Total Amount Due \$ 4.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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Make Check Payable to: "Department of Maine, VFW"

Mail your Check to:
Cynthia Cowling, Convention Co-Chairperson
108 14th St., Bangor, ME 04401

Any Question – Please Call:
Cynthia Cowling @ 941-0807



**2010 - 2011
91st STATE CONVENTION
BANGOR, MAINE**



Ronald F. Smith, Chairman

Cynthia Cowling – Co-Chairperson

The 91st Annual Department of Maine VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Convention will be held **on June 10, 11 & 12, 2011** in Bangor, Maine with Norman N. Dow-Isaac E. Clewley Post 1761 of Bangor being the Host Post. The Department of Maine VFW and VFWA will be holding all meetings and banquet at the Ramada Inn (Headquarters Hotel.) Department Headquarters: **Ramada Inn.**

“Motels List & Rates”

Ramada Inn

(Headquarters Hotel)

357 Odlin Rd., Bangor, ME 04401

Tel: 1-207-947-6961

Rates: \$79.00

*** Cutoff date for Reservations – May 27, 2011 ***

“Other Motels for the State Convention”

Econo Lodge, 327 Odlin Rd – Rates \$61.20 + tax (1 bed), \$72.00 + tax (2 beds) – Tel 945-0111

Howard Johnson, 336 Odlin Rd – Rates \$55.00 + tax (1 bed), \$65.00 + tax (2 beds) – Tel 942-5251

Days Inn, 250 Odlin Rd - \$78.20 + tax (1 or 2 beds) – Tel: 942-8272

Holiday Inn, 404 Odlin Rd – Rates \$107.00 + tax (1 or 2 beds) – Tel 947-0101

Fairfield Inn, 300 Odlin Rd – Rates \$119.00 + tax (1 or 2 beds) – Tel 990-0001

Super 8 – 462 Odlin Rd - Rates \$78.30 + tax (1 or 2 beds) – Tel 945-5681

Motel 6 – 1100 Hammond St (Ext Rt 2) – Rates \$51.99 (1 Person), \$57.99 (2 Person), \$63.99 (4 people)
Tel: 947-6921

**** Please mention that you are with the “Department of Maine, VFW” ****



~~ 91st STATE CONVENTION ~~

Bangor, Maine

Convention Book Advertising Rates



Rates are for VFW and VFWA members advertising in the Convention Book

Back Cover - \$ 265.00

Inside Cover - \$ 210.00

Full Page - \$ 170.00

Half Page - \$ 115.00

¼ Page - \$ 65.00

1/8 Page - \$ 45.00

Please send your advertisement copy in a finalized format
Make check made payable to **“Department of Maine, VFW”**

Mail to: **Andre L. Dumas, Adjutant**

64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125

All Advertising and monies must be received as soon as possible

“CUT OFF DATE IS APRIL 15, 2011”



VFW BOOSTER ADS

*Each Booster Ad may have two (2) lines of copy
Each line limited to 27 characters or spaces (Maximum)*



Deadline: April 15, 2011

******* Print Name *******

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**Send all Booster Ads to:
Andre L. Dumas, Adjutant
64 Washburn Street, B-1, Caribou, Maine 04736-2125**

Make check in the amount of: **\$2.00 per name**
Make check payable to: **“Department of Maine, VFW”**



**Norman N. Dow
Isaac E. Clewley
Post 1761**



Bangor * Brewer, Maine

Friday – 10 June 2011

Dance * Dinner
(Following the Department Memorial Service)

Menu:
Smothered Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed
Vegetables, Dinner Salad, Rolls & Butter
Assorted Desserts

Only \$6.00
(In advance, no tickets sold at the door)
Tickets must be purchased by sending check or
money order to:

Dow – Clewley Post 1761
P.O. Box 1761
Bangor, ME 04402
Attn: Ron Smith, QM

(There will be an Open Bar)