



Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars
In Memory of Veterans
Past – Present - Future



AUGUST 2009

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 2

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“SPECIAL NOTICE – SPECIAL NOTICE”  
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*Congratulations Department of Maine
“All American Commanders”*

Department of Maine – Commander Robert H. Bernard
District 8 – Commander Harry J. Stickney
Post 887 – Commander Christopher Armstrong
Post 11553 – Commander Kevin G. Woodward

Absence of the Commander: During the period of 15-21 August 2009, Commander Michaud and all of the Department Officers will be out of the State attending the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. During this period, anyone needing assistance are to contact Past State Commander Peter F. Miesburger @ 493-3973 or email: miesburger@myfairpoint.net.

Absence of the Commander: During the period of 10-13 September 2009, Commander Michaud will be out of the State attending Commander-in-Chief Thomas J. Tradewell Homecoming in Wisconsin. During this period, anyone needing assistance are to contact State SVC John E. Williams @ 483-2733 or email seadog91@midmaine.com.

1. October CoA Meetings: Will be held in Old Town, ME on 11 October 2009. The Headquarters hotel will be the Black Bear Inn, 4 Godfrey Drive, Orono, ME, tel: 866-7120. Rates will be \$109.00 for 1 to 2 persons, for more persons in a room, please check with the Black Bear. **NOTE** that this is the sports season for UMO and foliage season and hotels in the area fill very quickly, so please make your reservations ASAP. On Saturday, the following VFW meetings will convene at the Black Bear Inn:

- 11 am – Veterans Service Cmtee
- 12 noon – Finance and Audit Cmtee
- 1 pm – 2010 State Convention Cmtee

Other motel available: Milford Motel, 174 US Rte 2, Milford (Approximately 10 miles from the Black Bear Inn), Tel: 1-800-282-3330, e-mail: info@milfordmotelontheriver.com. Rates are as follows: \$65.00 for 2 beds, 2 persons, \$90.00 for 2 bedroom suite plus 7% lodging tax. Extra person is \$7 a night.

2. Eastern States Conference: Will be held November 13-15, 2009 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, tel: 1-800-638-2100 or 443-856-4557 or fax 410-524-3834. Rates for the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau are \$90.00 per night + tax double/double and \$110 for executive King and \$15.00 per night for each additional adult per room. Cut off date for reservation is October 3, 2009. The banquet menu consists of Virginia Glazed Ham & 3 oz Maryland Crab Cake or Grilled Breast of Chicken with Lemon Herb Sauce & 3 oz Maryland Crab Cake. Price for the banquet tickets are \$45.00 and must be obtained from the Dept of Maine Adjutant. **Please make your check payable to**

“Department of Maryland, VFW”. Deadline for banquet ticket purchase is **November 7, 2009**. Packages were emailed to VFW and LAVFW ESC Delegates/Alternates.

3. *Deadline for General Orders:* The deadline for Department Officers and Committee Chairmen is still the 20th of each month for forwarding information to this office. You can send it to 64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125, fax to 207-496-3713 or email to thedumas@gwi.net. ***For the September General Orders as most Department Officers will be out of State, the deadline will be the 24th of August.***

4. *National Convention Registration:* Section 222 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure requires that each Post **shall register, in advance**, at least one member/delegate to the National Convention, by the payment of a fee in the amount of \$10.00. All advance registrations shall be mailed to “Convention Registration, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111.” Payment must be made by check or money order, **do not send cash**. The on-line registration will open around March 1st by going to www.vfw.org. ***Posts failing to comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears.***

5. *Bonding of Post Accountable Officer:* Attention is called to the provisions of Section 703 of the National By-Laws which require that each accountable officer of this organization shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, so far can be anticipated, he may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the District or Post as the case may be to which each officer is accountable. The bonds of such accountable officers in the amount and as to the surety, shall be approved by their respective units and held by their respective Commanders. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in the unit. The bonding form is enclosed in these General Orders.

6. *VFW Leadership Reference Guide (Rev 5/1/09):* All Posts should have received by now their copies of the CD from VFW National Headquarters. At this time, this office has several hard copies of the Leadership Reference Guide and any Posts that do not have a computer, please let me know and I will provide you a copy of the Reference Guide.

7. *Control of Units:* All Commanders are reminded that Section 709, Manual of Procedure requires that any activity, unit or club sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or in behalf of a Post or District shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post or District and that all money, property or assets of any kind must be placed in the care and custody of the respective Quartermaster. All Commanders should ensure that all provisions of Section 709 are enforced.

8. The attention of all units is called to Section 1101 of the By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure which provides for the formation and jurisdiction of the Ladies Auxiliary. This section provides that each unit of the Auxiliary shall be under the jurisdiction of the corresponding unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, but shall be permitted to function in accordance with the National Ritual, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Ladies Auxiliary. In addition to provisions of Auxiliary By-Laws, solicitation of funds or donations by Auxiliary units, including contracts with fund-raising organizations for greeting cards, calendars and/or label programs shall be subject to approval and ratification by the governing body of the corresponding unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

9. *District Adjutants:* Article VII, Section 7, of the Dept of Maine By-Laws states: Each District Adjutant in the Department of Maine shall submit a true copy of each District meeting minutes to the Department Adjutant not later than seven (7) days following each District meeting. (***NOTE:*** These minutes can be either e-mailed and/or mailed and the signature of the District Adjutant is **no longer** required.)

10. Post Commander – Attendance at District Meetings: Section 218(a) (1) k, Manual of Procedures: All Post Commanders must “Assure that he or his representative attend all properly called District Convention or meetings.

11. Reminder to all Post Commanders: Article X, Section 8(a) states: Any and all canteens or bars located so as to be part of any Veterans of Foreign Wars facility and/or premises owned or rented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars shall close and remain closed during any Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Districts or Department meeting or formal installation.

12. Post Commanders: If you and/or a Representative are unable to attend a District Meeting, it is asked that you forward to your District Commander a copy of your activities since the last District meeting so as to inform the Commander of what has occurred during that time. This will also give a chance for the District Commander to prepare his Commanders Report to be presented at the next Council of Administration.

13. VFW Caps, Official: All personnel are advised that there is only one official cap of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, namely, a cap of the overseas type, lettered with VFW initials, Post numerals, State, rank of office (when applicable), and bearing the Cross of Malta emblem. The color shall be regulation, Army Shade 51 or Suntan, tropical worsted. Organizational echelons shall be designated by the appropriate color of the braid and lettering on the cap. Caps will not be worn while eating or seated during meals. All other types of headgear, i.e., baseball types, western types, sporting types, are not official headgear and will not be worn at meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

14. Buddy Poppies: Ordering of Buddy Poppies will be completed thru State Quartermaster Donald Linscott (**Order form is enclosed in these GOs**). Cost of the Poppies is \$57.50 per 500 with a minimum order of 500. **Note: The National requirement for ordering Poppies is now 5 poppies per members.** Make your check payable to “**Department of Maine, VFW**” and forward your order to QM Donald W.Linscott, PO Box 1286, Auburn, ME 04211-1286.

15. Department Directories, 2009-10 Membership & Communities Programs: Post packages were passed out to all CoA members and District Commanders at the July CoA meeting in Jay for passing on to their respective Posts Commanders. **If you have not received your package in a short period of time, please contact your respective District Commander.** As in the past, there is only one directory per person regardless of the number of committees one may hold.

16. Change of Addresses: Post and District Commanders, Department Officers and Chairmen are reminded that if they have a change of address and/or email addy’s to notify the State Adjutant Office ASAP so that corrections can be made to the Department mailing and National can be notified. We had instances of Post/District Commanders and officers who have had a change of address and did not notify the Department, thus preventing them from receiving all of the information from the Department.

17. Brochures: Brochures for the “**Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen and Teacher of the Year**” are available on the VFW website www.vfw.org.

18. District Meetings Dates for 2009-10: Will be emailed to each District Commander for their review. Any Districts having a change in any of the dates and/or locations are asked to please notify this office ASAP so that the Department Representatives can be notified. In case of inclement weather, District Commanders are asked to contact the Department Representative immediately. A list of the Department Representatives to respective District meetings will be emailed to all District Commanders.

19. Request for Department Commander at Post or District Functions: Any Posts and/or District Commanders wishing to have Department Commander Alfred E. Michaud present at a function are asked to

notify the State Adjutant at least 10 days in advance. This is to afford the Commander time to put it in on his schedule and/or appoint another Department Officer to attend in his place in case his schedule is already programmed for that date.

20. National POW/MIA Recognition Day: Will be held on September 18, 2009. Posts should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Information on conducting a ceremony can be found in the current Manual of Procedure.

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

22. Trustees: Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees. Among the duties of the three elected Post Trustees, they shall:

- a. At least monthly, review the Monthly Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Post Quartermaster.
- b. Not later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period, at the direction of the Post Commander, properly audit the books and records of the Post Quartermaster, Post Adjutant and any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or on behalf of the post and submit a Post Trustees Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector.
- c. The Report shall be in accordance with and upon such form as may be prescribed by the Adjutant General. The audit shall be signed by the Post Commander and Trustees, who shall, by their signatures, certify to the accuracy of the information contained therein.
- d. Perform such other duties as may be incident to the office or may from time to time be required by the laws and usages of the organization or lawful orders from proper authority.

23. Control of Funds: All activities, unit or club sponsored, conducted or operated by, for, or in the behalf of the Post or District shall be at all times under the direct control of the Post or District and that monies, properties or assets of any sort **must be placed into the Quartermasters care**. Any other funds (i.e., pull tab cards, dances, suppers, etc.) must be held in the Quartermasters possession.

24. Post Commanders: Any Posts changing their meeting date, location and/or time are to notify the Department Adjutant ASAP so that the information can be published in the General Orders. Also, any changes of Post Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant and Service Officer must also be notified to the State Adjutant as soon as the action has occurred.

25. Candidates for the High Office of Surgeon for the Year 2009-10: Anyone wishing to be a candidate for the high office of Surgeon for the year 2009-10 are to forward their names to the State Adjutant at their convenience for inclusion in the General Orders.

26. Consolidation of Posts/Surrender of Charter: Post Commanders are reminded that any Posts wishing to consolidate with another Post and/or surrender their Charter are to review Section 209 – Consolidation of Posts and Section 210 – Surrender of Charter in the Manual of Procedures and Ritual. Any questions on this subject may be directed to State Judge Advocate Kevin G. Woodward @ 259-3912 or State Adj Dumas @ 496-0071. Also, any Department Officers will be more than willing to inform you of the proper procedures.

27. Post Reserve: Remember Post Quartermasters to maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than one half of the Post's part of the 2009-10 year's dues paid by each member prior to July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, except dues remitted by the Post. No Post Quartermaster shall disburse, nor

shall an obligation be incurred against this fund until after July 1, 2010, at which time, it shall be transferred to the Post General Fund and be available for expenditure.

28. Convention Book Ad Collector: Post Commanders, be advised that **Consult Telecommunications** will be starting their annual convention advertising solicitations for the 2010 State Convention to be held in Winslow, ME. Mr. Vince Marchetti from Consult Telecommunications will have his salespersons contact either the Post and/or the Post Commander/Quartermaster to notify you as to when they will be selling ads in your local area. If a business in your community calls in regards to this, please advise them that they are the sole authorized company to sell the ads as authorized by the Council of Administration.

29. 2009-10 Quartermaster Kits: The 2009-10 Quartermaster Kit should have been received by all Post Quartermasters depending on receipt of election reports at VFW National Headquarters during the last part of May and the month of June. If you have not received your package, please contact the VFW National Headquarters **ASAP** so that you are able to start your programs for the New Year.

30. Post Trustees Report of Audit: Audit reports for the Quarter ending June 30, 2009 are due in July. For all of the new Post Commanders, this establishes for which you are responsible for. Please ensure that the audit is correct prior to mailing.

31. Arrearages, Deficiencies and Omissions: Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National By-Laws concerning any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded IAW Section 709, failing to ensure that the Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or applicable obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies

32. Post Websites: Any Posts/Districts Commanders that have a website are asked to submit the name of their website to the State Adjutant for compilation and usage for the "2011 WebAward competition." This office does not have a list on file and needs to maintain one.

33. Veterans Discount: Home Depot no longer has a Veterans discount. The District Manager who controls all of the stores in the State of Maine has discontinued the Veterans 10% discount and stated that this discount was a promotional policy and is no longer in effect. Lowe's still has the Veterans discount.

34. CoA and Cmtee Members: Be advised that you must notify both the State Commander and State Adjutant if you are unable to attend a Council of Administration (CoA) meeting for the year 2009-10 and also forward a copy of your report to the State Adjutant prior to the CoA meeting for presentation at the meeting.

35. Candidates for Department High Office:

Department Commander	John E. Williams	Post 11553
Department Sr. Vice Commander	Louis A. Peterson II	Post 6859
Department Jr. Vice Commander	Kevin G. Wooward	Post 11553
Department Quartermaster	Donald W. Linscott Jr.	Post 1603
Department Judge Advocate	Mark G. Reilly	Post 6859
Department Surgeon	Ronald F. Smith	Post 1761
Department Surgeon	Palmer A. Hebert	Post 3335
Department Chaplain	Charles A. Warden	Post 11553

36. Candidates for National Councilman District 1 for Year 2011-2013:

Raymond R. Lupo	Post 1761
R. Randy Worthley	Post 8835
Andre L. Dumas	Post 9389

37. District Meeting Dates:

Date	District	Post	Time	Dept Officer
2 Aug 09	7	2197 – Topsham	2:00 pm	Cmdr Michaud
22 Aug 09	2	2299 – Stacyville	1:00 pm	Adj Dumas
13 Sep 09	1	9699 – Ashland	2:00 pm	Adj Dumas
13 Sep 09	8	1285 – Waterville	2:00 pm	QM Linscott
20 Sep 09	3	9779 – Calais	2:00 pm	Adj Dumas
20 Sep 09	10	9328 – Harrison	1:00 pm	JVC Peterson
20 Sep 09	11	6977 – York	2:00 pm	Cmdr Michaud
27 Sep 09	4	109 – Ellsworth	2:00 pm	QM Linscott

38. Dates to Remember:

August 6 (1953) – Korean War ended
August 14 (1945) – Japan surrendered, ending World War II fighting
August 15-20 – National Convention, Phoenix, AZ
September 7 – Labor Day
September 8 (1892) – Pledge of Allegiance adopted
September 17 – Citizenship Day
September 17 – VFW Ladies Auxiliary Birthday (95 years old)
September 18 – POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 27 – Gold Star Mothers Day
September 29 – VFW 110 years old

39. Directory Changes:

Pg 3 – Add NCM D-1: Eugene A. Pawlik Sr., 41 Old Auburn Rd, Derry, NH 03038-5550, tel: 603-437-6419, e-mail: genepdcnhvfw@myfairpoint.net
Pg 8 – MVH Caribou – Chg Ormezzani email to: formezza@maine.rr.com
Pg 20 – D-3 – Chg Cmdr to: Douglas M. Dowling, 279 Marshville Rd., Harrington, ME 04643, tel: 483-4066, e-mail: DowlingHar7@aol.com
Pg 27 & 47 – Cmdr Nadeau – chg address to: PO Box 10201, Portland, ME 04104-0201
Pg 34 – Post 1761 – Chg SO to: Donald C. Mattson, 22 Bartley Lane, Bucksport, ME 04416-9703, tel: 469-7476, cell # 949-7476, e-mail: dmattson2@roadrunner.com
Pg 37 – Post 3095 – Chg mtg dates to: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
Pg 48 – Post 7865 – Chg Adj to: James L. Doiron, 7 Beauford Sr., Skowhegan, ME 04976, tel: 474-0540, e-mail: jrdoiron@myfairpoint.net
Pg 55 – Post 9526 Adj – Chg address to: 37 Cross Rd, Winthrop, ME 04364
Pg 59 – Post 10529 – Chg mtg location to: AL Post, Main St., Yarmouth, ME
Pg 62 – Post 11299 Cmdr Williams – Chg tel # to: 449-1137, add Cell 271-1309

OFFICIAL

Andre L. Dumas
ANDRE L. DUMAS
State Adjutant

BY ORDER OF:

Alfred "Al" E. Michaud Sr.
ALFRED E. MICHAUD SR.
State Commander



State Commander Alfred E. Michaud Sr.



The new Membership year started 1 July 2009 and ends 30 June 2010. Everyone is a recruiter for the organization not just the Commanders, Quartermasters and Membership Chairman. Activities is also another issue, be sure to get the credit for all the things you do by keeping a list and at the end of each month turn in one report with all the info on it. The new form should make it easier and cut down on wasted paper and postage.

Those that attended the Ladies Auxiliary President Lynn Dutton's Welcome Home had a great time. It got a little over cast and chilly but things went very well and the Jay Post members made sure everyone had a good time. The District 9 Commander seemed to be enjoying himself being out of uniform. Several guests from New Hampshire also were present including the incoming District 1 Councilman.

District Commanders are reminded they are required to hold training during their District meetings. The Membership and Activity Programs were approved on the floor at COA with only two minor changes. It is all Commanders, Senior's, Junior's, and Quartermaster's responsibility to be familiar with the programs.

What else are we working on: Basically to get back to the chain of information. For example if a Post Commander has a problem he or she should ask the District Commander for assistance and if the District Commander doesn't have the answer then he or she should ask the State Commander. The same holds true for Seniors, Juniors, Quartermasters and Judges. They should all be using the informational chains from the Post level to the District level then the State level.

The Department General Orders has a lot of good info that can help keep Posts from falling behind on a lot of issues. It is highly recommended this info be put out at your meetings so all members have a better understanding on what is happening or coming up soon locally and across the State.

Canteens and Gaming: If a Post has a Canteen they are liable for its proper operation, the same holds true on Gaming. All State and Federal Laws must be adhered to. Eventhough the VFW does not recognize Canteens or Gaming under the Manual of Procedures, it does state all Posts must stay within the limits of State and Federal Laws, Manual of Procedures, State, District and Post By Laws. Once those rules are disregarded then the Department has the right to step in. The same holds true for misappropriations of funds.

When will the Department act on a personal complaint: The complaint must be in writing, dated, signed, and state the full comments of the complaint. The complaint must also fall under the rules governing a disciplinary action as covered under Article IX Discipline Section 902 Offences of the Manual of Procedures. Verbal complaint's hold no water, if the situation requires Departments attention put it in writing and it will be investigated and if need be acted on.

It is time to put the spark of fun back into our VFW. Meetings should be enjoyable and not personal Battle Fields. As stated at every meeting we are assembled again to transact business of mutual benefit. Do not let petty jealousies or trivial personalities influence our deliberations. The same holds true even when not in meetings, VFW is a family of War Veterans no matter how you look at it; we all have that in common and deserve to respect each other for it. No one individual in this organization is any better than the other, some just hold higher positions and have to do more paper work but in the end we are all equal.

Alfred E. Michaud Sr.

(AL) Alfred Michaud Sr.
State Commander



Deceased Roll Call



*Department of Maine, VFW
Charles A. Warden, Chaplain
June 20 – July 19, 2009*

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

District 2

4154 – ENNIS, John P. – WW II
POIRIER, Herbert J. – WW II

7529 – RUSSELL, Jerry – Vietnam

District 4

3381 – NEVELLS, Carl – WW II

District 7

7738 – PRIMER, Cormier L. – Vietnam

District 9

1641 – BUCKINGHAM, Preston D. – Korea
LeBLANC, Florent O. – WW II
MAHAR, Nelson J. – WW II
PARISE, Therence J. – WW II

3335 – CHRETIEN, Philip D. – Vietnam
FARRELL, Embert I.
WEYMOUTH, Clifford E. – WW II

9459 – SMITH, Charles W.

9787 – BROWN, Raymond A. – Vietnam

District 11

9935 – CHEVALIER, Albert E. – WW II
MORIN, Adrien A. – WW II
MORIN, Philip V. – WW II

Members-at-Large

15020 – SWEETSER, Oscar H.



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
John E. Williams



SVC: Not a lot to report. Things are quiet in Washington County; waiting for the rain to stop and the sun to come out and ripen the blueberries. Congratulations to President Lynn on her Homecoming. It was a great time. Wreaths Across America has a new video. It can be viewed on the WAA web site www.wreathsacrossamerica.org or on U Tube. Wreath sponsorship orders are coming in more rapidly. Please have your Post consider participating in WWA Program this year. For information check the web site or call the WAA officer at (207) 483-2038.

POW/MIA: The new Community Service Report Form has a section for POW/MIA activities. Displaying the POW/MIA Chair, Table for One or flying the POW/MIA flag if you have a flag pole are things every Post should be doing routinely. I am looking for POW/MIA activities in addition to the routine: Participating in parades, holding a POW/MIA Recognition Day Program, donations, or anything else that keeps this very important issue in the public eye. These reports are instrumental in determining which Post get awards. The National Alliance of Families website (www.nationalalliance.org) and the National League of Families website (www.pow-miafamilies.org) have been very slow publishing updates to their newsletters recently. This may be due to the fact that both organizations are experiencing financial hard times as is everyone else in this economy. If your Post or you as an individual can make a donate to either or both of those organization, they would be most appreciative. The address to send donations is on their web site.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
Louis A. Peterson II

JVC: I thank you all for your vote of confidence at the State Convention electing me as your Department Junior Vice Commander. The New Year has now begun with changes that will streamline the reporting of various tasks that must be fulfilled for our great organization. Please bear with us as we work together to fine-tune any unforeseen glitches that may arise throughout the year. We all look forward to assisting you in any way that we can and encourage you to contact us immediately with any of your questions or concerns.

MVH Liaison Scarborough: The Volunteer Advisory Committee of the Maine Veterans Homes in Scarborough is made up of various Veterans groups and meets on the 3rd Monday of every month. I look forward to my appointment as Department liaison and will report to you on the results of our first meeting in the September GOs.

JUDGE ADVOCATE
Kevin G. Woodward

Judge Advocate: VOD/Patriot's Pen: Participation in the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen program is an essential part of the "All State Commanders" criteria. A monetary donation does **NOT** stipulate participation. You **MUST** have a submission of a student to District for judging in order to meet the criteria. Many Posts in the past have said "We can't get the schools to do anything". I would like to remind you that this is **NOT** a school program, **it is a VFW program**. We use the schools systems to assist us in providing the information to the students. We also have many other options for providing the information to the students. Utilize your local newspapers and communications media, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth groups, Church groups. Don't forget that we also have home schooled students. If you feel that your Post can't support the program, coordinate with a neighboring Post to co-sponsor the program. Remember the 1st deadline for the program is submission to the Post by 1 November.

SURGEON
Mark G. Reilly

I hope this latest issue of the GO's finds everyone in good health and spirits. We are well into the summer months. It is important to keep sun protection as a priority. Ultraviolet (UV) rays can reach you on cloudy and hazy days, as well as bright and sunny days. The hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daylight savings time (9 am to 3 pm standard time) are the most hazardous for UV exposure in the continental United States.

CDC recommends easy options for sun protection:

Use sunscreen with sun protective factor (SPF) 15 or higher, and both UVA and UVB protection.

Wear clothing to protect exposed skin.

Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade the face, head, ears, and neck.

Wear sunglasses that wrap around and block as close to 100% of both UVA and UVB rays as possible.

Seek shade, especially during midday hours.

CHAPLAIN
Charles A. Warden

At the close of life, the question will not be "How much have you gotten?" But how much have you done? Not "How much have you saved?" but "How much have you sacrificed?" It will be, "How much you have loved and served?" not "How much were you honored."

Chaplains thought for the month: Children brought up in church are seldom brought up in court. Thank you and God Bless, Chaplain Charlie

National Home: Comrades, as I stated in last months GO'S; there are no state or federal funding for the National Home. We as the VFW could help if we would at every Post and District meeting pass the hat for our National Home. ***Send this along to our Dept Quartermaster*** marked for "***National Home***" and Don Linscott will make sure it gets to the proper people. Think about it comrades, let us as VFW members help support the National Home.

HISTORIAN
Robert H. Bernard, PSC

As you all know by now I am the commander's historian and I will be documenting his year through Photos and news items. There are going to be times when I will not be available to attend an event or meeting that he will be involved in or conducting. This is where I need your help, please send or E-Mail me photo/pictures, newspaper articles, papers, programs, or anything that has information about our Commander. I want to put together the best possible history book I can for his year and with your help I can.

I would like to thank PSC Arthur Roy who has already sent me newspaper articles. Please send the information to: Bob Bernard, 78 Robie Street, Gorham, Maine 04038, e-mail rbernard@maine.rr.com

INSPECTOR/TOGUS BEAL HOUSE
James M. Sawyer, PSC/Chairman

Comrades: As I stated in the last GOS, the Manual of Procedure Section 218(11) states not later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period; through the Post Commander, submit a Post Trustee's Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector.

Comrades, the 2nd Quarter of 2009 is over and I have only received Audits from 21 Posts. I have only had to send 3 back for corrections. As of this writing you only have 11 days left to get them to me or the Department Quartermaster. It is the responsibility of the Post Commander to see that the audit is done on time. Post Commanders are to be reminded that according to National By-Laws the Department Commander can remove them from office if he deems they are not doing their job.

TOGUS BEALS HOUSE: The Beal's House is doing fine. We held our Board meeting July 11th. All finances were audited and found to be correct and in good order. The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary is still number one in donations and we thank you very much.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER
Rene A. Deschene, S.O.

VA HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT: Just a reminder to everyone, Priority 8 Health Care enrollment is now open. We ask that all Veterans not now enrolled for health care. If your income less than \$32,342 for Single or \$45,478 for Married, you can be enrolled. The window is open and you must enroll in case the window closes in the future.

OTHER NEWS: Construction at Togus is still going on. Phase one of this building is finally ended this week. As for me, the operation went well, still swollen and it will still be another four weeks before I can walk on that foot.

Veterans Helping Veterans

LEGISLATIVE
Peter F. Miesburger, PSC/Chairman

Legislative: Not much news to report to all of you since last month's General Orders and inputs to the Council members at the recent council meeting.

At the present time, the state of Maine Senate and House of Representatives are in recess until the first week of January 2010 and when both houses reconvene, there will be no new Legislatures Bills introduced until the 125th Legislature convenes. The only Bill associated with Veterans issues that was passed and is Law. is LD-30, which is an act to establish "Native American Veterans Day". Maine is the only state nationwide, that honors are "BROTHERS IN ARMS". The 124th Legislature also approved free use of all state parks for military personnel and veterans for the balance of 2009.

The 111th Congress will be in recess during the month of August and will reconvene in September. When the 111th Congress reconvenes, there are many issues associated with Veterans Issues and Entitlements on the radar. If you meet any of our Congressional Delegation while they are home, take a few minutes to say "THANKS" for their support during the past six (6) months.

Membership North: Comrades; the 2009-2010 Membership Program was approved by the Council of Administration (CoA) during the recent Council meeting and I must state that it is a **FAIR** and **EQUAL**. program. As a member of this years membership program for Northern Maine, all that I ask of all our District and Post Commanders with your Membership Teams is to take a few minutes to review the Membership Program, **"working as a "TEAM", we can make it happen."** If I can be of any help, feel free to contact me. My home telephone number is; 493-3973 and/or e-mail me at miesburger@myfairpoint.net.

Remember, it's "TEAMWORK" that will make the Membership Program work and **TRUST ME**, it can happen.

MAINE VETERANS HOMES'

Arnold L. Leavitt, PSC/Trustee

The Principle Pharmacy Group met with the six Veterans Homes Nursing and Residential Care Directors to collect their needs and ideas to establish our own in-house pharmacy. A pharmacy business case and as you may have read, implementation plan will be presented to the Board for its decision at the July 24 meeting.

As you may have read in the newspapers, there has been a big shakeup at Down East Community Hospital to which our Machias Veterans Home facility adjoined. CMS disqualified them from Medicare reimbursement, effective mid July. The CEO was replaced and the hospital may be put into State receivership temporarily. So far, there have been no adverse impacts to our Machias Home, and we have been reassured by DECH that our residents will continue to receive any needed hospital services uninterrupted.

ADVISORY TO TOGUS

Raymond R. Lupo, PSC/Chairman

Veterans Advisory to Togus: There has not been a Meeting this month will submit report at later date.

Action Corp: The function of this program is to inform, educate and support initiatives and policies that effect veterans/Active Duty military, to encourage participation in the legislative process and then, to communicate with our delegation, also to encourage voter registration in the elective process. We should all keep abreast with Veterans issue and take action to express your views.

PAC: Is for advancing the VFW legislative agenda and support those candidates who support Veterans programs and benefits. History as shown that the "Ladies Aux" seem to support this program more than the VFW members...this should change? All donations should be address to "**VFW PAC**" and forward the checks to me. (Make sure that you make a copy for your record).

**NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**

R. Randy Worthley, PSC/Chairman

By now, all Commanders should have received any and all communications from National and your Post Commander should have given their chairman all information concerning this program. (All Post Quartermasters receive a CD titled "VFW Leadership Reference Guide" that has all the Forms and Chairman's Guides needed to have a successful entry so you should ask to see this before you begin.) **Also, if you are working towards becoming an All State Commander or Quartermaster you WILL need ONE submission sent to District for consideration for the Teacher of the Year – this does NOT mean your submission must win at this level just that you need one entered...** With all the good and talented professionals out there, many who put in more than is expected of them, you should not have a problem finding a good candidate.

Some information you should be aware of for awards to be presented to the top three VFW's National Citizen Education Teacher are:

\$1,000 cash awards for professional development to each of the top K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teachers

Plaques for both the wining teacher and his/her school

An all-expenses paid trip to attend the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary National Conference

ONLY teachers are qualified for submission – *Ed-Tech's will NOT be considered*

Remember, the deadline for entry is November 1st to the Local Post with judging to be done by November 2nd and 15th. The winner will then be sent on to District for judging. The District Chairman will then send

their winners on to me. I should have ALL entries to me by December 15th. MAKE SURE YOUR SUBMISSION IS SENT IN TO DISTRICT FOR JUDGING...!

A thought to ponder... *“Life is like a coin. You can spend it anyway you wish, but only spend it once.”* With this thought in mind I hope all the Chairman who have agreed to do this program take their responsibility seriously and do all they can to try for that “OUTSTANDING WINNING TEACHER”. Good luck to all and I look forward to receiving many good candidates for entry to National again this year.

I can be reached at 1700 Albion Road, Winslow, ME 04901 (873-0868) rcworthley@roadunner.com.

**CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER
HOMELESS VETERANS
Wayne H. Elkins, Chairman**

Homeless Veterans: I attended the Homeless Veterans meeting on June 26 at Togus and everything is in place for the Stand-Down November 1st. Being away from the committee for over a year, it was nice to see the many friendly faces who are still on the committee. I attended the Maine Housing Coalition meeting on homelessness July 14th, there was not much information discussed at this meeting about Homeless Veterans. A lot was discussed on a new virus that hit shelters and homeless people. This virus is called H1N1 and at this time with no vaccine what caretaker can do for precautions to protect them selves.

National Recruiter/Central: With a new membership year upon us it is time to start thinking about recruiting new members and recruiting events. We are seeing a lot of our National Guards Unit getting ready to deploy between now and March of 2010. Let’s take time to talk to these Veterans and let them know what the VFW Organization is all about and give them our full support. With the Fairs about to begin and many Veterans attending these fairs, think about putting in a booth. Booths are already set up at Skowhegan and Windsor Fair. Remember recruiting isn't an art but is taking the time to talk to Veterans and finding out what their wants and needs are. Also remember to pick up the unpaid and reinstate those members who haven't paid their due for awhile. Remember the 3 R's:

Retain, Reinstate, and Recruit

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Janet L. Michaud, Chairperson**

Greetings Comrades: We are starting a new year as of 1 May 2009 which means all District and Post Activity Chairpersons should have all reported Loyalty Day, POW/MIA, and Americanism. Any Post who has held a meeting or had been in a Parade carrying the flags should have reported Americanism and POW/MIA. There is a new form on the VFW web site so you can turn in **one report monthly** with a complete accounting of all volunteer projects via the web site or mail. You will still need the number of volunteers, hours, miles, and monies spent added together for the new report. Don't forget those important Blood Drives; there is a spot for the number of pints collected. The POW/MIA information is also on its own line. Thank you all for getting your Loyalty Day reports into me so the State of Maine reported on time to National. We are now 100% reported in Americanism and POW/MIA as well which does not mean you don't need to stop reporting those activities every month. To date, I have received 82 reports covering many areas, so keep them coming in. The form has been modified, so you can add more information. If you need a copy, let me know and I can email it to you. As always, you can ask questions by email or phone fwme@yahoo.com or 207-649-3085.

BOWLING/GOLF/WAYS & MEANS

Paul S. Colburn, Chairman

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Due to lack of teams, I have cancelled the Golf Tournament that was to be held at the Hermon Meadows Golf Course.

WAYS & MEANS: The tickets for the Ways & Means were handed out at the July COA. Most District Commanders have them for distribution to their respective Posts. Those District Commanders who didn't get Tickets should be receiving them in the mail soon. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The prizes this year are an Old Town Discovery Canoe and a Kayak. The winners will be drawn at the State Convention in June in Ellsworth.

NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICE

Harry J. Stickney, Chairman

Congratulations to all the newly elected Department Officers for the 2009-2010 year. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to the members and auxiliaries who worked HARD making this convention turn out in fine fashion.

This is the recent news from the Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. The 1136th Transportation Co. of Bangor, Calais and Sanford is identified and scheduled for deployment in Afghanistan in 2010 with approximately 177 soldiers mobilizing. This is the 1136th 2nd deployment. Other units also being identified for deployment for Iraq and Afghanistan in 2010 are: 133rd Engineering Battalion which was in Iraq in 2004/05 and B Co. 3/172d Infantry (Mtn) of Brewer which has had numerous individuals previously deployed in the Balkans and Persian Gulf.

The 619th Transportation Co., U.S. Army Reserve of Auburn/Dexter, ME will mobilize for Iraq. They will have a farewell ceremony at Lawrence High School auditorium at 1100 on Saturday, June 20, 2009. This 100 soldier unit was in Iraq in 2004 providing transportation to coalition forces in support of OIF. The 619th Transportation Co. has close ties with the Maine Army National Guard. They are co-located with the MEARNG Maintenance site in Auburn and both receive maintenance support from the National Guard.

The 286th CSSB is already overseas and are now providing their soldiers an opportunity to take leave on a rotational basis.

These five units represent a sizable portion of the Maine Guard and Reserves force structure. The Air National Guard is also involved with individual or small unit mobilizations on a regular basis.

As other units from Maine in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Reserves become alerted, I'll keep you posted on their assignments.

HOSPITAL/VAVS

Duane M. Leathers, Chairman

I would like to thank Commander Al Michaud for appointing me to another year as Chairman of the VAVS/Hospital Committee.

I hope this year we can get ALL the Posts to donate to Togus Aid. Last year, we had ten (10) Posts that did not donate. When you send your checks in for Togus Aid, make sure you make the check out to "VAVS" and mail them to me.

One of the most important things are volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, call the VAVS Office at Togus and ask for Lona Hatch.

Let's make this a good year for our hospitalized Veterans. Remember our hospitalized Veterans need our help.

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

First, I would like to thank Commander Michaud for appointing me to represent the Great Department of Maine VFW on the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery Association (SMVMCA).

The construction started last fall and has progressed through the winter. The heavy rain caused a slowdown at the time we hoped to have clear sailing. The temporary bridge over a tributary of the Mousam River is complete and the maintenance building on the other side of the bridge is progressing nicely. The outer shell is up with the roof complete. The outside (siding) is not on at this time.

The SMVMCA is reviewing the records to make sure we have the proper documentation for fundraising. When the 501C3 or 4 paperwork is confirmed, we will be asking for donations like all the other cemeteries.

Anyone in District 10 or 11 that is interested in how this cemetery funding is raised and used should contact the SMVMCA and take part in the meetings. If you are interested, contact me at 433-2877 or email me at **James.Bachelder@metrocast.net**.

CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER
BOY SCOUTS
William "Bill" B. Bradbury, Chairman

CNR: Hello Comrades, as I mentioned in my last report, this year we will be concentrating on membership as our priority. All District Commanders have now gone through the membership class we had at the end of our State Convention given by Arthur Roy State Membership Chairman, Wayne Elkins and myself, and you now should be in the process of teaching each of their respective posts. Also remember that each District has to have four membership drives scheduled through out this 2009-2010 membership year. If you need any help what so ever in a recruiting booth, program training, a Post and District event or if you decide to go door to door and need my help please give me a call @ 320-0060 or e-mail me at **scoutcamper@aol.com** use and please use "VFW recruiting event" for the comment line so it does not go into my spam file. Let's give 110% for our State Commander Al Michaud and as before always remember the word for this year is RECRUIT, RECRUIT, and RECRUIT some more. Thank You Comrades.

Boy Scouts: Good Day Comrades. As I mentioned at our CoA meeting in Jay that every Post in the state should have a Boy Scout troop somewhere near them, in some cases there may be more than one, especially in the bigger towns and cities. Talk to them, get to know them, have a representative go to one of their meetings or ask if you can go to one of their outings. Let them know if you need help around your post doing things like mowing the lawns, washing windows and when winter comes...shoveling snow, anything and everything. They, just like us do community activities, but if you don't ask they will never know your looking for help. Also what ever you do with the Scouts or they do with you, get names, troop numbers and addresses, make a report out and please send it to me at: William B. Bradbury, State Boy Scout Chairman 8 Seavey St., Westbrook, Me. 04092. Thank you comrades and have a great summer and try to stay dry.

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

COMRADES and SISTERS:

I have received (4) donations for a total of \$675.00 as of JULY 20, 2009 "THANK YOU!"

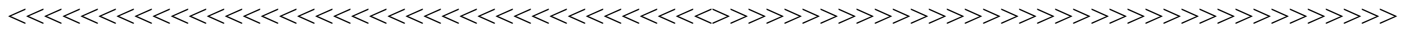
POSTS AND THOSE THAT HAVE DONATED ARE:

>> VFW Post 10529 - \$100.00 <<

In Memory of: Carl McHenry – VFW Post 2197 Topsham (\$50.00)

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.



BRICKS & MONUMENTS FOR THE “MEMORIAL WALK WAY”
VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY AUGUSTA – “MT. VERNON RD.”

Donations are being taken for 8 inch x 8 inch Bricks, the Bricks are \$100.00 each with a 5-line limit and 10 Characters per line. Spaces don’t count as a Character. Send Form & Check to Arthur J. Roy at the above address. Make Checks out to: **“Veterans Memorial Cemetery Assoc.”** For more info write, call or E-mail and I will answer your questions. E-mail: ajrvfw@myfairpoint.net or Tel: 784-6883

PURCHASED BRICKS or MONUMENTS: (108 BRICKS - 1 Small & 1 Large Monument by VFW)
IN MEMORY OF: JOSEPH “PETE” MADORE VFW POST 10529 – YARMOUTH, ME

> PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN
ARTHUR J. ROY, PSC

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

VFW Post 1603 Auburn (12), VFW Post 1285 Waterville (2) , VFW Post 6783 Lovell (3),

“I have received Newsletters from:

VFW Post 1603 Auburn (2), VFW Post 109 Ellsworth (2), VFW Post 1285 Waterville (1), VFW Post 11191 Newport (2),

VFW Post 10529 (1),

“KEEP ALL YOUR MEMBERS INFORMED ON VFW ISSUES.”

ARTHUR J. ROY, PSC - MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
“HONORING MAINE’S VETERANS”

L/M’s won’t be listed until **SEPTEMBER** even though we were told they would be listed early this year. **PLEASE SIGN THE BOTTOM OF THE APPLICATIONS AND PUT YOUR CARD NUMBER ON TOO.**

IF A REINSTATED MEMBER PAYS MAKE SURE YOU TAKE CREDIT AND AGAIN PUT YOUR NAME & CARD NUMBER ON IT – OK? IF NOT – NO ONE GETS THE CREDIT ! LET’S MAKE THE DEPT 100% + THIS YEAR OK? IT CAN ONLY BE DONE WITH YOUR HELP.

READ THE PROGRAM & IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK ANY OF THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM – WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU !

We are **“NOW”** looking for 1 CNR – (**CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER**) One to take care of the Northern part of the State, if you are interested and have the time to take this on you will be sent to School to learn all that you need to know and become **CERTIFIED** as a **NATIONAL RECRUITER**. Wayne Elkins has been taking care of a large area and could really use some help. If you are interested **PLEASE** give me a call or Andy Dumas and we will set you up to go to School to learn – ok?

Our NEW CNR for the SOUTHERN AREA IS William “BILL” Bradbury from VFW Post 1603 Auburn.
ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND DISTRICT COMMANDERS ARE ASKED TO PASS THE WORD

>>> GREAT AMERICANISM PROJECT TO REPORT TO DEPARTMENT <<<
POST THAT WISH TO PURCHASE AN AMERICAN FLAG FOR THE WALKWAY AT CEMETERIES IN AUGUSTA MAY SEND A CHECK FOR \$25.00 MADE OUT TO:

“Veterans Memorial Cemetery Association” and send to: Arthur J. Roy.
ARTHUR J. ROY, PSC – VFW POST 1603 AUBURN - \$25.00

PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Post/Location 19 JULY 2009	Community Activities	Americanism	Loyalty Day	POW/MIA	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Blood Program	Safety	Youth	Buddy Poppy	Togus Aid	REPORTS SUBMITTED
DISTRICT 1		X	X	X				X				
2599 Presque Isle		X	X	X				X				
6187 Ft. Fairfield		X	X	X				X				
9389 Caribou		X	X	X				X				
9609 Ft. Kent	X	X	X	X				X	X			1
9699 Ashland		X	X	X				X				
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%				100%				
DISTRICT 2												
1438 Lincoln		X	X	X								
1605 Burlington	X	X	X	X					X			6
2299 Sherman		X	X	X								
4154 Millinocket	X	X	X	X				X				3
7529 Island Falls		X	X	X								
9429 West Enfield	X	X	X	X					X			2
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 3												
558 Eastport		X	X	X								
9779 Calais		X	X	X								
11299 Perry		X	X	X								
11553 Harrington	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	2
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 4												
109 Ellsworth	X	X	X	X				X	X			3
1761 Bangor	X	X	X	X				X	X			4
3381 Old Town		X	X	X								
4527 Orrington		X	X	X								
4633 Hampden	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			3
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 5												
3198 Skowhegan		X	X	X								
4298 Dexter		X	X	X								
5723 Jackman		X	X	X								
6924 Fairfield		X	X	X							X	1
7865 Madison		X	X	X							X	1
7866 Norridgewock		X	X	X								
8934 Embden		X	X	X								
10881 Farmington	X	X	X	X					X			1
11191 Newport		X	X	X								
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 6												
2499 Rockland		X	X	X				X				1
3095 Friendship		X	X	X				X				1
3108 Belfast		X	X	X				X				1
4169 Vinalhaven		X	X	X				X				1
6131 Northport		X	X	X				X				1
9437 Washington		X	X	X				X				1
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 7												
2197 Topsham		X	X	X								
4525 Waldoboro	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			2
7738 Bath		X	X	X								
8395 New Harbor	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			1
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								

Post/Location 19 JULY 2009	Community Activities	Americanism	Loyalty Day	POW/MIA	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Blood Program	Safety	Youth	Buddy Poppy	Togus Aid	REPORTS SUBMITTED
DISTRICT 8												
9 Gardiner	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			2
887 Augusta	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	2
1285 Waterville	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			2
8835 Winslow	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			2
9526 Winthrop	X	X	X	X			X		X			8
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	100%	100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 9												
1603 Auburn	X	X	X	X			X					3
1641 Rumford		X	X	X								
3335 Jay	X	X	X	X					X			1
9150 Lewiston		X	X	X								
9459 Lisbon		X	X	X								
9787 South Paris		X	X	X								
11032 Greene		X	X	X								
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 10												
832 So. Portland	X	X	X	X					X		X	4
6783 Lovell	X	X	X	X				X	X			2
6859 Portland	X	X	X	X				X	X			3
7642 East Hiram		X	X	X			X	X	X			1
9328 Harrison		X	X	X							X	1
9605 Long Island		X	X	X								
10529 Yarmouth		X	X	X								
10643 Windham		X	X	X								
10879 Gorham		X	X	X								
11362 Naples		X	X	X								
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 11												
489 Biddeford	X	X	X	X					X			1
5744 So. Berwick	X	X	X	X								1
6548 Kennebunk		X	X	X								
6977 York Beach	X	X	X	X			X		X			6
7997 Old Orchard Beach		X	X	X								
9394 Kittery		X	X	X								
9935 Sanford		X	X	X							X	1
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								

	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2009	7/20/2009	L/M	CONT	N/R	L/MN	MEMB%	DUES:
1	3	2599	Presque Isle	570	196	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$26.00
1	3	6187	Fort Fairfield	228	108	2	0	2	0	0	1.9%	\$26.00
1	6	9389	Caribou	867	513	1	0	1	0	0	0.2%	\$25.00
1	3	9609	Fort Kent	526	196	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$26.00
1	3	9699	Ashland	291	157	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$26.00
1			TOTALS	2482	1170	3	0	3	0	0	0.26%	
2	2	1438	Lincoln	135	75	1	0	1	0	0	1.3%	\$25.00
2	2	1605	Burlington	76	63	2	0	0	2	0	3.2%	\$23.00
2	1	2299	Sherman St	97	49	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$21.00
2	4	4154	Millinocket	494	230	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$30.00
2	2	7529	Island Falls	81	65	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$26.00
2	2	9429	West Enfield	84	70	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$22.00
2			TOTALS	967	552	3	0	1	2	0	0.54%	
3	1	558	Eastport	184	36	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$23.00
3	2	9779	Calais	85	51	1	0	0	1	0	2.0%	\$22.00
3	2	11299	Perry	186	97	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$24.00
3	4	11553	Harrington	224	227	8	0	3	5	0	3.5%	\$25.00
3			TOTALS	679	411	9	0	3	6	0	2.19%	
4	4	109	Ellsworth	355	205	2	0	2	0	0	1.0%	\$25.00
4	5	1761	Bangor	703	419	6	0	6	0	0	1.4%	\$25.00
4	5	3381	Old Town	604	377	3	0	3	0	0	0.8%	\$25.00
4	1	4527	Orrington	110	40	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$24.00
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	144	1	0	0	1	0	0.7%	\$25.00
4			TOTALS	2056	1185	12	0	11	1	0	1.01%	
5	3	3198	Skowhegan	323	128	2	0	2	0	0	1.6%	\$25.00
5	3	4298	Dexter	141	105	2	0	2	0	0	1.9%	\$25.00
5	1	5723	Jackman Station	57	14	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
5	4	6924	Fairfield	436	252	11	0	3	8	0	4.4%	\$25.00
5	3	7865	Madison	163	107	2	0	2	0	0	1.9%	\$21.00
5	1	7866	Norridgewock	69	15	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$24.00
5	2	8934	Embden	138	68	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$23.00
5	1	10881	Farmington	45	29	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
5	2	11191	Newport	65	51	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$20.50
5			TOTALS	1437	769	17	0	9	8	0	2.21%	
6	3	2499	Rockland	277	172	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$27.00
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	37	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$21.00
6	3	3108	Belfast	320	127	1	0	1	0	0	0.8%	\$26.00
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	18	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$21.00
6	2	6131	Northport	230	71	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$26.00
6	2	9437	Washington	135	61	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$24.00
6			TOTALS	1171	486	1	0	1	0	0	0.21%	
7	2	2197	Topsham	114	81	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
7	2	4525	Waldoboro	218	68	1	0	1	0	0	1.5%	\$20.50
7	2	7738	Bath	198	88	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$20.50
7	3	8395	New Harbor	297	104	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$23.00
7			TOTALS	827	341	1	0	1	0	0	0.29%	

8	3	9	Randolph	143	105	9	0	9	0	0	8.6%	\$25.00
8	5	887	Augusta	352	378	2	0	2	0	0	0.5%	\$30.00
8	5	1285	Waterville	600	388	17	0	1	16	0	4.4%	\$28.00
8	5	8835	Winslow	792	447	9	0	4	5	0	2.0%	\$27.00
8	2	9526	Winthrop	123	75	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
8			TOTALS	2010	1393	37	0	16	21	0	2.66%	
9	4	1603	Auburn	505	272	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$29.00
9	5	1641	Rumford	882	350	1	0	1	0	0	0.3%	\$25.00
9	6	3335	Jay	647	499	5	0	5	0	0	1.0%	\$25.00
9	3	9150	Lewiston	199	168	1	0	0	1	0	0.6%	\$22.00
9	4	9459	Lisbon	546	273	4	0	4	0	0	1.5%	\$30.00
9	4	9787	South Paris	421	231	3	0	3	0	0	1.3%	\$25.00
9	1	11032	Greene	68	47	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$26.00
			TOTALS	3268	1840	14	0	13	1	0	0.76%	
10	6	832	South Portland	1701	669	3	0	3	0	0	0.4%	\$30.00
10	2	6783	Lovell	110	56	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
10	6	6859	Portland	1051	523	2	0	2	0	0	0.4%	\$25.00
10	2	7642	East Hiram	137	63	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
10	2	9328	Harrison	95	57	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$30.00
10	1	9605	Long Island	61	32	1	0	1	0	0	3.1%	\$22.00
10	2	10529	Yarmouth	101	99	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
10	2	10643	Windham	81	61	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$31.00
10	1	10879	Gorham	68	33	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
10	1	11362	Naples	49	36	1	0	1	0	0	2.8%	\$28.50
10			TOTALS	3454	1629	7	0	7	0	0	0.43%	
11	3	489	Biddeford	489	190	1	0	1	0	0	0.5%	\$20.50
11	3	5744	So Berwick	158	144	1	0	1	0	0	0.7%	\$21.00
11	1	6548	Kennebunk	121	36	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$23.50
11	5	6977	York Beach	348	330	11	0	11	0	0	3.3%	\$30.00
11	3	7997	O.O.B.	322	184	4	0	4	0	0	2.2%	\$25.00
11	2	9394	Kittery	126	64	3	0	3	0	0	4.7%	\$26.00
11	4	9935	Sanford	506	263	1	0	1	0	0	0.4%	\$25.00
11			TOTALS	2070	1211	21	0	21	0	0	1.73%	
		15020	M.A.L.	583	744	12	0	11	1	0	1.6%	
		7/20		21004	11731	137	0	97	40	0	1.2%	

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*Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
Buddy Poppy Order Form*



DATE: _____

POST NUMBER: _____ POST NAME: _____

SHIP TO: (Name): _____

ADDRESS: _____
(No P.O. Boxes. Must have a Street Address)

DATE OF SALE: _____

REMEMBER: It usually takes 4 to 6 weeks to receive your Poppies. **Plan Ahead.**

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
_____ Poppies (Minimum 500) \$ 115.00 Per 1,000	_____
_____ Poppies (Minimum 500) \$ 57.50 Per 500	_____

**PLEASE SEND THE ORDER & CHECK TO:
Department of Maine V.F.W
P.O. Box 1286
Auburn, ME 04211-1286
Make your check payable to: Department of Maine VFW**



Date Received & Recorded: _____

Date Receipt Returned to Post: _____



This receipt acknowledges that Post # _____ has requested & ordered Buddy Poppies:
on _____.

(Signature, Department Quartermaster)



**Department of Maine
VFW Accountable Officers Bond**



This bond is written in consideration of the safeguards with Section 218, Manual of Procedure for the handling of funds. Section 218 provides that any negligence on the part of the Commander and Trustees shall make them individually and collectively liable with any others for any discrepancies. Every Unit should require that the Quartermaster deposit all moneys coming into their possession in the exact form in which they are received. **THE QUARtermaster SHOULD WELCOME A THOROUGH AUDIT FOR HIS/HER OWN PROTECTION.**

In connection with the quarterly audit performed by the Trustees, the following minimal procedures are recommended:

1. The Trustees should obtain the bank statement directly from the bank and reconcile the account themselves.
2. Amounts shown on the audit report should be obtained from, or agree to the financial records of the Quartermaster, by the Trustees.
3. Both the audit report and the financial records should be verified mathematically by the Trustees. The beginning balances shown on the current audit report should be agreed to, the ending balances as shown on the previous report. Deposits shown on the financial records should be compared and agreed to deposits shown on the bank statement. Checks returned by the banks should be compared, as to amount and payee, with financial reports during the process of bank reconciliation.

In the event of defalcation, the exact amount of the shortage must be proven. Your Department Quartermaster should be notified immediately and furnished with a certified copy of the audit showing in detail receipts, disbursements, and the amount of the shortage. The bonding Company requires that we handle our affairs in a business like way, and there is a time limit for both reporting a defalcation and for determining the extent thereof, after which time the liability of the Company ceases.

COVERAGES OF THE POLICY REQUIRES THAT:

1. You agree to make/or cause to be made, at least annually, an audit of your books and accounts, including complete verification of all securities and bank balances pertaining to each "employee". If the above is not complied with, the Surety Company will refuse to honor claim of missing funds which cannot be proven by records. Monthly audits and reconciliation of bank statements may avoid this denial of claim.
2. The surety Company will not pay for loss resulting from any unauthorized advances made by an "employee" to any member for delinquent dues and assessments.
3. "Employee" means any duly elected position, as listed on policy schedule.

THIS BOND IS ONLY FOR YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 TO AUGUST 31, 2010

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2009.

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**RETURN THIS SECTION WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE
DEPARTMENT QUARtermaster
APPLICATION FOR VFW OFFICERS BOND Sept 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010**

(Give Name, Number and Location of Post)

TO: Department Quartermaster

Date: _____

I hereby apply for bond in the principal sum of \$_____ for the Quartermaster of the above unit for the fiscal Year September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010. Premium in the amount of \$_____ is herewith enclosed.

(Commander Signature)

(Address)

BOND RATES ARE # 3.75 up to 25.000 & \$ 3.25 over 25.000
\$ 3,000 Bond \$ 3.75 = \$ 11.25 \$ 5,000 Bond x \$ 3.75 = \$ 18.75
\$ 10,000 Bond \$ 3.75 x 10 = \$ 37.50 \$ 26,000 Bond \$ 3.25 x 26 = \$ 84.50



VFW ACTIVITY SERVICE PROGRAM REPORT
(Reporting Year 1 May 2009 – 30 April 2010)



Post / Auxiliary Number: _____ **District Number:** _____

Month: _____ **Year:** _____

If report is for the Post check line _____

If report is for Ladies Auxiliary check line _____

If report is for Men's Auxiliary check line _____

MAIL THIS FORM TO THE STATE ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON. ALL FORMS MUST INDICATE WHO PREPARED THE REPORT.

Check the lines that this report reflects:

(1) _____ **Americanism** _____ **Safety** _____ **Community** _____ **Blood** _____ **Youth**

Submit the monthly total for what you checked above

_____ **Total Hours** _____ **Total Mileage** _____ **Total Volunteers**

_____ **Total Money** _____ **Total Pints of Blood**

(2) **POW/MIA: Description** _____

Number of Members: _____ **Total Hours:** _____ **Mileage:** _____ **Total Money:** _____

(3) **Loyalty Day: Description:** _____

Number of Members: _____ **Total Hours:** _____ **Mileage:** _____ **Total Money:** _____

Prepared By: _____ **E-mail address:** _____

Preparer's name: _____