



Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars



** Shaping the Future * Remembering the Past **

August 2011

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 2

“SPECIAL NOTICE – SPECIAL NOTICE”

Absence of the Commander: During the period of August 27 thru 4 September, Commander Woodward and most Department Officers will be out of the State for the National Convention in San Antonio, TX. During this period, anyone needing assistance are to contact State Inspector Donald W. Linscott Jr. @ 782-6873, Cell 333-2737 or email dlinscot@roadrunner.com.

Maine Officers Leadership Development (MOLD) Seminar: Will be held September 24th at Post 1761, 1368 Hammond St, Bangor for Districts 1 thru 5 and September 25th at Post 6859, 687 Forest Ave, Portland for Districts 6 thru 11. ***This year’s MOLD is geared for District/Post Commanders, Quartermasters, Adjutants and 3 Year Trustees although anyone are invited to attend.*** Try to attend to the nearest seminar as possible to make your travel easier. ***Cost for attendees is \$10.00 per person (See attached form in these GOs.) Note: Deadline for applications to be received by this office is NLT 20 September 2011.***

October CoA Meeting: Will be held in Jay, ME on 15-16 October. The Hotel will be the Comfort Inn & Suites, 1026 US Rte 2, E. Wilton, ME, tel: 645-5155, rates are \$99.00. ***Please note that your cutoff date for reservations at the hotel is 14 August 2011 to receive the \$99.00 rates.*** After that date, the rates will be going to \$130.00. ***Check in to the hotel when arriving on Friday or Saturday is not until 3 p.m.*** On Sunday morning, the VFW will meet at the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the K.C. Hall.

Community Activities Reporting: Due to the changes approved at our recent CoA meeting, Posts have two (2) options in reporting their Community Activities programs. (1) You can complete them thru the VFW website @ www.mainevfw.org and once your report is received by our C.A. Chairman David Williams, he will forward the report directly to the respective Chairmen. (2) If Posts choses to send their reports via USPS, they must forward their reports directly to the respective Chairmen who in turn will forward a copy to our C.A Chairman David Williams.

1. National Convention Registration: Attention is directed to the provision of Section 222 (d) of the National By-Laws, “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.” Post Quartermasters are encouraged to register their delegate on-line through the Online Membership System (OMS). Posts failing to comply with this provision will be considered delinquent and in arrears. 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.

2. State President Testimonial: Will be held on Saturday, October 15 at the Knights of Columbus. Social hour will be 5-6 pm; banquet will be at 6 pm. Cost of banquet tickets is \$20.00 per person. ***Please annotate on the banquet form (Application is attached to these GOs) whether you wish Pot Roast or Beef.*** Mail your check to ***Kelly Hebert, 25 Otis St, Livermore Falls, ME 04254*** and make your check payable to ***Kelly Hebert.*** ***Deadline for banquet ticket purchase is October 1, 2011.***

3. Eastern States Conference: Will be held November 18-19, 2011 at the “Dover Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center”, 1570 North DuPont Highway, Dover, DE, tel #1-302-734-0907 or 1-302-678-8500. Also, for lodging purposes, they have also “The Hampton Inn”, 1568 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE, tel # 1-402-736-3500 (which is directly across the back parking lot from the Sheraton and is very close). Hotel rates are \$109.00 + 8% tax at both hotels. ***Reservations must be made NLT November 10, 2011.*** The ESC banquet will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, menu choice is “Prime Rib” or “Chicken Marsala” which also includes Broccoli Soup, House Salad, Baked Potato, Veggie Medley, Rolls, Coffee/Tea and Sherbet. Price for the banquet tickets are \$40.00 and must be obtained from the Dept of Maine Adjutant. ***Please make your check payable to “Department of Delaware, VFW”.*** Deadline for banquet ticket purchase is ***November 1st, not November 10th as I originally stated.*** Packages were e-mailed to VFW and LAVFW ESC Delegates/Alternates and PSCs.

4. District/Post Commanders (Bonding): Attention is called to the provisions of Section 703 of the National By-Laws which require that each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of these By-Laws 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 as can be anticipated, he may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department, District, County Council or Post, as the case may be, to which each officer is accountable. The bonds of such accountable officers, in amount and as to 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 his unit.

5. Buddy Poppies: Ordering of Buddy Poppies will be completed thru the State Quartermaster Alfred E. Michaud Sr. (***Order form is enclosed in these GOs.***) Cost of the Poppies is \$57.50 per 500 with a minimum order of 500. Make your check payable to ***“Department of Maine, VFW”*** and forward your order to ***“QM Alfred E. Michaud Sr., 82 Dunham Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989.”***

6. Post Trustees Reports: Section 218(11) of the Manual of Procedure, Duty of Post Trustees, requires that the Post Commander shall see that the Post Trustees Reports of Audit are properly prepared and submitted each quarter.

7. Recruiter Credits: Quartermasters now have the ability to enter recruiter credits online when reinstating members or adding new members using the new Online Membership System (OMS), formerly known as E-Membership. Failure to do so will result in the loss of credit for the recruiter. In addition, membership applications submitted to National without a recruiter listed will not be changed later. Please make sure the recruiter information is complete before submitting the application. Failure to do so will result in the loss of credit for the recruiter.

8. Request for Department Commander at Post or District Functions: Any Posts and/or District Commanders wishing to have Department Commander Kevin G. Woodward present at a function are asked to notify the State Adjutant at least 15 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.

9. *Displaying Military Service Symbols:* Military Service flags, insignias, etc. should be displayed in the following order (Left to Right as you face the flags): Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and then Coast Guard.

10. *Patriot Day, September 11:* Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11th is designated as “Patriot Day.” The President request 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.

11. *National POW/MIA Recognition Day, September 17:* Posts should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Information on conducting a ceremony can be found in the current VFW Manual of Procedure. Anyone needing a speech; please contact the State Adjutant’s office.

12. *Control of Funds:* All activities, unit or club sponsored, conducted or operated by, for, or on 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.

13. *Wreaths Across America:* This year, WAA has received permission to cover all sections of Arlington National Cemetery with over 275,000 graves. This is 4 times what they have done in the past and it will cost about \$3 million to do it. Additionally, they place wreaths and have ceremonies at over 600 locations around the nation to honor those that served. (*See attached flyer from WAA*). For more information on ordering of wreaths, go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org. As we all know, this was a very dear project for our Past State Commander John E. Williams.

14. *Solicitation of Funds:* IAW Section 214, Posts may solicit funds or contributions or otherwise engage in fund-raising activities or projects only after a prior vote of the Post agreeing to such solicitations, activities or projects. Posts shall assure that such solicitations, activities or projects do not violate any applicable governmental law, ordinance or regulation nor bring or tend to bring dishonor or embarrassment upon the Post, its members or the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The name, seals, badges and emblems of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall not be used in connection with any solicitations, activities or projects not in compliance with the foregoing. A Post shall not solicit funds or donations or otherwise engage in fund-raising activities or projects outside the immediate geographical area or community of the Post. Fund-raising organizations or individuals conducting solicitations, activities or projects

15. *Department Directory:* Were passed out for all Posts in the Department to your respective District Commanders. If you have not received them by now, please contact them ASAP. ***You are also asked to review your personal information and any corrections needed, please notify this office first.*** We will then pass on the formation to our website Chairman Thomas Lussier. Remember that the information in the directory was taken from your respective election reports as received by this office or the National election report as received from Kansas City if you filed via the OMS online reporting.

16. *Post Commanders:* Any Post changing their meeting dates, location and/or time are to notify both the Department Commander and State Adjutant ASAP so that information can be published in the General Orders.

17. *District Adjutants:* Are reminded that IAW Article VII of the Department BY-Laws, each District Adjutant shall submit a copy of each District meeting minutes to the Department Adjutant not later than

18. Candidates for Department High Office 2012-2013:

Department Commander	Mark G. Reilly	Post 6859
Department Sr Vice Commander	David D. Williams	Post 1641
Department Jr Vice Commander	David C. Olson	Post 6859
Department Quartermaster	Alfred E. Michaud Sr.	Post 1285
Department Judge Advocate	Ronald F. Smith	Post 1761
Department Surgeon	Gerald L. Francis	Post 1641
Department Chaplain		

19. District Meeting Dates:

<i>Date</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Dept Officer</i>
14 Aug	2	4154 – Millinocket	1:00 pm	Cmdr Woodward
14 Aug	5	7865 – Madison	1:00 pm	JVC Williams
21 Aug	3	558 – Eastport	2:00 pm	Adj Dumas
10 Sep	1	9609 – Fort Kent (At Post 9389, Caribou)	2:00 pm	JVC Williams
11 Sep	11	9935 – Sanford	2:00 pm	SVC Reilly
18 Sep	4	109 – Ellsworth	2:00 pm	Adj Dumas
18 Sep	8	8835 – Winslow	2:00 pm	Cmdr Woodward
18 Sep	10	6859 – Portland	1:00 pm	QM Michaud

20: Directory Changes: (Make the following pen and ink changes to your Directory)

Pg 1, 5, 8 – Chg SVC Reilly HP to: 619-7635

Pg 8 – Chg Leavitt address to: 25 Westwood Dr., Augusta, ME 04330, tel: 512-8656, e-mail: arnold351@aol.com

Pg 11 – Convention 2012 – Chg Chmn to: Louis A. Peterson II, 2 Cliff Lane, Biddeford, ME 04005, tel: 282-4284, Cell 710-4967, e-mail: Captain@maine.rr.com.

Pg 22 – Dist 4 – Chg SVC Smith email to: Snuffy742@myfairpoint.net

Pg 26 – Dist 8 – Chg Adj Brinzow tel # to: 582-4740

Pg 29 – Dist 11 – Chg Adj Kenney email to: mkenney52@comcast.net

Pg 30 – Post 9 – Chg Cmdr to: Roland W. Dearborn, PO Box 293, Richmond, ME 04357, tel: 607-1026

Pg 30 – Post 9 – Chg Adj Williams address to: 88 Bayside Rd, Ellsworth, ME 04605-3846

Pg 34 – Post 1603 – Chg Cmdr to: Arthur J. Roy, 330 Russell St, Lewiston, ME, tel: 784-6883, e-mail ajrvfw@myfairpoint.net

Pg 41 – Post 4169 – Chg S.O. to: Herbert Conway, E. Main St., Vinalhaven, ME 04863-2913, tel: 863-4852

Pg 34 – Post 1605 – Chg Adj More email addy to: nicetwice86@yahoo.com

Pg 42 – Post 4527 – Chg Cmdr address to: 16 Partridge Lane, Orrington, ME 04474-3859

Pg 45 – Post 6187 – Chg Cmdr Barlow address to: 9 Haines St, Caribou, ME 04736

Pg 51 – Post 8835 – Chg Cmdr Baker tel # to: 872-6373

Pg 53 – Post 9328 – Chg Cmdr to: Lou O. Bernier, 484 Bisbee Town Rd, Waterford, ME 04088-3219, tel: 207-583-4558

Pg 54 – Post 9429 – Chg QM to: Wayne D. Leveille, PO Box 586, Howland, ME 04448-0586, tel: 732-3853

Pg 54 – Post 9429 – Chg Adj to: Edward C. Spencer, PO Box 4, Howland, ME 04448-0004, Tel: 732-3853

Pg 55 – Post 9459 – Chg QM address to: 6 Reid St, #22, Lisbon, ME 04250

Pg 55 – Post 9459 – Chg meeting date to: 3rd Wednesday

Pg 65 – MA 3108 – Chg Treasurer address to: 44 Black Rd, Searsport, ME 04974

Pg 67 – MA 6859 – Chg Secretary address to: 211 Ocean St, Portland, ME 04103

21. Dates to Remember:

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

Sep 5 – Labor Day

Sep 11 – Patriot’s Day

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

Sep 16 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sep 22-25 – National President Homecoming, Sacramento, CA

Oct 13-16 – Junior Vice Commanders Conference, Kansas City, MO

Nov 18-20 – Eastern States Conference, Dover, DE

OFFICIAL

BY ORDER OF:

Andre L. Dumas

ANDRE L. DUMAS
State Adjutant

Kevin G. Woodward

KEVIN G. WOODWARD
State Commander



State Commander Kevin G. Woodward



Greetings Comrades,

The new Year for now is well underway and by now, all of you should be actively involved with our programs. Many thanks to Quartermaster Al Michaud for the diligent work that he has done with the assistance of Don Linscott in order to present the Membership with the budget for the ensuing year. Thanks also to JA Dave Olsen with the assistance of Arthur Roy for a Membership program that provides several incentives for the members to get out and recruit new members and reinstate those that have let their membership lapse. The entire organization will benefit by a strong membership.

Please remember to submit your activity reports and receive the credits that you have deservedly earned. Many of the wonderful things you do go unnoticed because they don't get reported. All of the hours, miles and monies get reported up to the National Organization. They in turn provide this information to Congress to make them aware of the tremendous accomplishments made by VFW members throughout the year.

My motto this year is "Shaping the Future – Remembering the Past". We all have the opportunity to help to strengthen not only our Department but, the entire organization making it ready to move into the future to meet the needs of our fellow veterans and their families by bringing them into our family. One of the ways we do this is by remembering what has been done by those who preceded us. There is no better way to accomplish our goals than do work in unity and not as individuals.

The later part of this month, your line officers and delegates will be heading for San Antonio to attend the 112th VFW National Convention. We will share the information with you when we return.

In closing I would like to reiterate what PSC Peterson said on several occasions "There should be no "I" in our team because "I" stands alone, "WE" stand together. Should you need assistance in your Posts or Districts please contact a Department Officer and ask for help.

"Shaping the Future * Remembering the Past"

Kevin G. Woodward

KEVIN G. WOODWARD

State Commander



Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW

Charles A. Warden, Chaplain

June 20 – July 19, 2011

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

District 1

9609 - PELLETIER, Phydime - Korea

District 4

1761 - BRENNAN, Robert B. – WW II

STOVER, Lawrence L. – WW II/Korea

4633 - LEVEILLE, Earle B. – WW II

District 5

3198 - CANNELL, George N. – WW II

GOLDBERG, Leo – WW II

St. PIERRE, Roland J.A. – WW II

4298 - CUTHBERT, Carl R. – WW II

11191 - LAWN, Francis T. – Vietnam

District 9

9459 - JASUP, Walter L.

SEBRA, James R.

9787 - SESSIONS, Robert E. – WW II

District 11

7997 - DEVOU, Floyd L. Jr. – Vietnam

Members-at-Large

15020 - BOWDEN, Stillman A.

COOLONG, Ernest J.



**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
COMMANDERS SPECIAL PROJECT – POW/MIA
Mark G. Reilly**



I hope this edition of the GOs finds everyone in good health and good spirits. I have received some donations for the Commanders Special Project already. For those that do not know, the project this year is **“House in the Woods.”** It is "an outdoor retreat program that honors our Veterans and their families' sacrifices and assists them in their journey towards healing the mental and physical pain of loss." The retreat is open to Veterans, Active Duty Military and Gold Star families. For more information about the organization, please visit www.houseinthewoods.org.

I will be traveling to the national convention along with many of the other Department Officers at the end of the month. I am looking forward to connecting with the other SVC from the other Departments and exchange ideas about furthering the mission of the VFW. District meetings have also started and I am looking forward to seeing many of you as I attend various meetings throughout the state.

Always remember, your Department Officers are only a phone call away. Please let us know if you need any assistance or have input for us about our organization.

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
David D. Williams**

Community Activities: The year has started, we are now in our 3rd month and there are many Posts out there that have not reported anything yet. I know, if you hold a meeting once a month like the By-Laws requires; then you pledged to the flag. Maybe you have helped another Veteran out; Participated in 4th of July Parade; Donated your Post Hall for a Function; any of these things can be reported each month. Just because you report once doesn't mean you're done for the year. Every Post should be reporting each and every month. So you're already doing it, a Big Thank You, if not; could you please try and remember to do so.

JVC: I attended the CoA in Sanford, all the Programs were presented to the Membership and a lot was learned. This month, I have started with my District 9 inspections and plan to have them done by early August. I will be attending the National Convention at the end of the month. Until next month, everyone enjoy the remainder of the summer.

**QUARTERMASTER
CHAIRMAN – VAVS/BUDDY POPPY/CHRISTMAS CARDS & LABELS/
INSURANCE ANDBONDS/MEN'S AUXILAIRY
Alfred E. Michaud Sr.**

QM: It appears that some Posts and Districts have received a letter from the IRS informing them they have lost their NONPROFIT status due to not turning in their 990's in past three years or not being incorporated. **First let's learn what is what:** When a Post or District are created; Articles of Incorporation are written which does not make you Incorporated, they simply state what your organization does. The list of Posts and Districts that gets turned in to be on the Department Incorporation Articles has nothing to do with being incorporated either. To be incorporated, you must file yearly to maintain Incorporation status with the State which also cost a fee \$35.00 to \$40.00. Anyone needing the proper forms; contact the State Adjutant and he can e-mail them to you. As for the 990's, Don has been saying it for years; under the new

system, you can file the regular form or the post Card form if your funds are not that big. But you have to file yearly with the IRS and should forward a copy to the State Quartermaster.

Bonds and Insurance: You may get bonding through the Department or on your own but you must provide copy of your bonding to the State Quartermaster. Being mailed to Post and District Quartermasters is the new bonding rates, the form for Post and or District's without canteens or gambling, the new Men's Auxiliary bonding. Posts that have Canteens and or Gaming, Bingo, etc., are required to be bonded under a different type of bond then those Posts or Districts that do not. A listing of cost through the Department will also be provided. When Bonded through the Department, your Bond is through a Bonding Company. Insurance is the responsibility also of the Post, be sure you have ample coverage. Take a few minutes and read your policy to see if you're paying for insurance surcharges on things you do not really need.

Buddy Poppy: In the GOs is the form for ordering Poppies, mail the completed form and check made out to "**Department of Maine, VFW**" to me to receive credit in the Activity sheet. Buddy Poppies are not just for one day a year because any time is poppy time.

Cards and Labels: Whenever you purchase cards and labels sent to you from National, the Department receives a portion of the funds. So you are helping us at same time.

VAVS: Donations are coming in slow but coming in. There is a need for women's clothing but do to the large variety of sizes and types, a monetary donation is better so VAVS can help each female Veteran in need on a one to one basis. Always looking for volunteers for VAVS; no set time required, help when you can. We are also looking for someone to take over as VAVS Chairman.

Men's Auxiliary: The State Adjutant should have your list of officers and addresses at this point. It is time to start collecting the 2011-2012 dues and sign up more new members. Treasurers are reminded along with Presidents that the books of the Treasurer are to be audited quarterly.

Any questions on anything covered under this heading contact me by phone or e mail or my Assistant Donald Linscott.

JUDGE ADVOCATE
MEMBERSHIP
David C. Olson

JA: The presiding officer's use of the gavel in meetings. The gavel is a symbol of the presiding officer's authority and right to act officially in his capacity. The gavel should be used sparingly, and at all times so as to command respect. A light tap after a vote merely implies completion of that vote. Proper use of the gavel: (1) To attract attention and call a meeting to order. Two raps raise and one rap seats the assembly. (2) To maintain order and restore it when breached in the course of the proceeding. (Rap the gavel once, but vigorously.) (3) To be handed over to successors in office of to officiating officers at ceremonials, etc. (Always extend the holding end.) (4) To be laid aside at all other times. Improper use of the gavel: (1) Using it to lean on. (2) Juggling or toying with it, or using it to challenge or threaten. (3) Using it to emphasize remarks. (4) Pounding it to drown out a member's remarks or shut him off. Instead, give one vigorous rap at a time at intervals. I'll see what Arthur wants to do about the Membership report and let you know.

Membership: Membership for 2011-2012 Year - David C. Olson, Chairman, Arthur J. Roy, PSC, Asst. Membership Chairman. "Shaping the Future ~ Remembering the Past" w/Kevin G. Woodward; State Commander. Statistics for the New Year are not available at this time and will be in the next months GOs. Comrades - Now is the time to start recruiting - the weather is great - **AND** this year there are **two (2)** Early Bird Drawings - you could win a life membership **OR** \$200 in **CASH** - sign up 2 N/R by Sept 30 and you will be entered in the drawings - sign up 10 and you will be entered 5 times - see the Membership Program for complete details. Recruiting is a 24/7, we never close, activity! **RECRUIT, RETAIN AND REINSTATE.**

SURGEON
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOTS' PEN/TEACHER OF THE YEAR
BLOOD/SAFETY AND DRUG ABUSE
Ronald F. Smith

Comrades: It is the "Vacation" season and there are a lot of travelers on the roads, so lets be careful while "Driving". Every 18 months, someone is involved in an auto accident. Every 11 minutes, someone dies from an auto accident. Let's not be part of that statistic. Here are some street-smart ideas every driver should practice:

- *Be cautious at intersections – They can be risky because there are a lot of distractions, i.e., turning cars, pedestrians and of course those "red light" runners.
- *Steer clear of erratic drivers – Let a tailgater pass you.
- *Keep your eyes on the road – Talking on a cell phone or reading a map can distract you and keep in mind a distracted driver may be near you.
- *Don't drive sleep-deprived. If you become drowsy, pull off the road and get some rest.
- *And **most of all, don't forget the basics:** Buckle your seat belts. Limit loose objects in your car, lock your doors and be aware of what is going on around you.

Enjoy your summer and remember to **"DRIVE SAFE."**

District Commanders: Now is the time to get your Posts started on these years' VOD/PP programs. This years' VOD theme is ***"Is There Pride in Service in Our Military?"*** The Patriot's Pen theme is ***"Are You Proud of Your Country?"*** Remember, these have to be into the Posts by 1 November and the winners sent on to the Districts by 1 December.

CHAPLAIN
Charles A. Warden

Putting the Word into Action

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22, King James Version.) There was a Baptist deacon who loved to tell "preacher stories." He especially liked the one about the new preacher who moved into the parsonage on a Saturday and preached his first sermon the next morning. It was a fine sermon, full of sound biblical teaching, interesting stories, and solid practical application. The congregation was delighted, until the next Sunday when the preacher got up and preached the same sermon again. People were scratching their heads and looking around and didn't know quite what to do The deacons had a little impromptu meeting under the oak tree in the parking lot and decided the preacher had had a hard week moving in and all and must have just forgotten. They decided to not mention it, this time. Lo and behold, he got up the third week and preached that same sermon one more time. This was more than they could bear. The chairman of the deacons got up before the benediction and said, "Look here, Preacher. That's a fine sermon you got there, but don't you have any more." The Pastor replied, "Why certainly. As soon as you do what I said in the first one, I'll move on to the second one!" "Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers." James is known as a practical churchman, a man who wants to see people put their faith into action. The point of his epistle is pretty simple: all the church-going in the world isn't going to get the widow fed or the orphan cared for. One must not only hear the word and promise of God's love, the Christian is called to put God's love into practice in daily life.

Chaplains thought for the month: Any time God closes a door, it's for our protection. When He opens a door, it's an invitation. Thank you and God Bless Chaplain Charlie

**IMMEDIATE PAST STATE COMMANDER
VETERANS ADVISORY TO TOGUS
TOGUS BEAL HOUSE
CONVENTION 2012
Louis A. Peterson II, PSC**

Veterans Advisory to Togus VA: A meeting has been scheduled for 1 August 2011. There is nothing to report at this time but I will keep you informed of any new developments. If anybody has comments they would like forwarded to the VA Togus, please contact me via e-mail (captain@maine.rr.com) or by land line (# 282-4284).

Beal House: A meeting has been scheduled for 13 August 2011. I will provide an update for you in the September General Orders.

Convention 2012: Much work has been done on this to date. All information will be provided in the General Orders when finalized.

**CHIEF OF STAFF
LEGISLATIVE
Peter F. Miesburger**

Legislative: My fellow Comrades; there is not much to report this month as the State of Maine 125th Legislature is on their summer recess until mid September 2011. When the Legislature reconvenes, there will be no major issues discussed and/or acted upon until January 2012 when the 2nd regular session convenes. Also, at this time, 112th Congress is on their summer recess until the 1st week of September 2011. At the upcoming National VFW Convention which will be held the latter part of this month, one of the key issues that will be acted upon by Comrades attending the National VFW Convention will be the status of the "VFW PAC" Program. I will keep all of you posted on the status of this issue. The issue is "Should the National VFW do away with the "VFW PAC Program." This issue has to be voted upon by Comrade's attending the Convention.

Chief of Staff: Commander Woodward conducted the first Council Meeting of the Membership Year 2011-2012 which was held at Sanford-Springvale VFW Post 9935, Sanford. This was a **SUPER** meeting of all Council Members as well as a good turnout of the General Membership. The Council meeting was conducted in a professional manner. Both the annual Department Maine VFW Budget and Membership Program was acted upon and approved for the Membership Year 2011-2012 by the Council of Administration. At the same time; SVC Reilly briefed the Council in regards to Commander Woodward Special Project which is "**HOUSE IN THE WOODS**". Comrades, I can't begin to tell that this year's Commander's Special Project is **ONE OF THE BEST PROJECTS** that I have seen in the past several years. "**House in the Woods**", is located in Lee, ME, in the central part of the state. For the benefit of all of you that don't know what the "House in the Woods" is all about it; it's a place for Active Duty Military Personnel, National Guard Troops as well as Veterans along with their family members; a place where they can go and take their shoes off and "RELAX". I hope that all Post get involved and support this Special Project. When you make a donation to this Special Project, make your check out to the "**Department of Maine, VFW**" and earmark the check to "**Commander's Special Project**" and send your to "**SVC Reilly, PO Box 3701, Portland, ME 04104.**"

Membership: Once again, the Council of Administration approved the Membership Program for the year 2011-2012. Comrades, as a member of this years' Membership Program, I am asking all of you to get involved and support the Membership Program. One way that you can get involved is to have your Post conduct an "Outreach Program" for local Veterans within your own community. You will be surprised the number of Veterans who will attend. Remember "We were Soldier's Once and Young" and don't forget our

own **“WOMEN VETERANS”**, they need our help and support as well as our **“MALE VETERANS”**. If you have any questions associate with the years’ Membership Program, contact Department JA Olson who is this years’ Membership Chairman. His telephone number is 767-5611, e-mail insdoc1980@maine.rr.com.

INSPECTOR
Donald W. Linscott Jr.

Deputy District Inspectors are reminded to complete their Post inspections NLT 31 December 2011 and forward them to him to 364 E. Hardscrabble Rd, Auburn, ME 04210. If you see that you cannot complete your inspections by 15 November, contact him at 782-6873 or e-mail dlinscot@roadrunner.com. The inspection forms were passed out to your respective District Commanders at the July CoA meeting; please contact your District Commanders if you have not received them to date.

Quarterly Audit Reports are to be forwarded to State Quartermaster Alfred E. Michaud Sr. first who will then forward them to our State Inspector Donald W. Linscott Jr. By now, all Posts should have submitted their April-June 2011 Audit reports, if you have not, please do so immediately.

HISTORIAN
Robert H. Bernard, PSC

As you all know, I am once again proud to be our new Commanders (Kevin Woodward’s) Historian and 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 Kevin will be attending. This is where I will need your continued support by sending or emailing me photo/pictures, newspaper articles, papers, programs, or any information about our Commander. I want to put together the best possible history book that I can for his year and with your help I can. I would like to congratulate our Junior Past Commander Sandy Peterson for having a great year. I am proud to have been his historian. 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

Nehmer Cases: Togus still have about 2,500 Nhemer cases left to do. They may not be able to get them all done prior to September 30th. However, the RO Manager has indicated that as of 1 October he will begin processing Maine cases while finishing the Nhemer cases.

eBenefits: The eBenefits Portal is an online resource that you can use to find and manage benefits-related information. As a Premium; eBenefits user, you can apply for benefits, download your DD-214, check on status of claims, and more. You must apply at the Regional Office at Togus in order to acquire access to your claim.

Post Service Officers Training/Outreach: The first training for Post Service Officers will be for District 11 at the Sanford Post on September 19 at 8 am; it will last until noon. Beginning at 1 pm, the Post will be opened to the public where the newly trained Service Officers will be able to put some of that training to use with the assistance of Jim Bachelder and myself. This will last until 3 pm. It is required that each Post in the District send at least one person for this training.

Veterans helping Veterans

**NATIONAL TEAM VFW SCOUTER
YOUTH ACTIVITIES**
James A. Proctor, Chairman

Team VFW Scouter:

What: Campsites, Lodge & Cabins Rentals.

For Whom: All Packs, Dens & Families.

When: Year Round (Limited during Summer Camp Season).

How to Sign Up: Call PTC & use the property user form.

You can rent a campsite, cabin or the Messer Training Center Lodge for an outing of your pack, den, youth group or families. This is a great opportunity at very reasonable prices for your patrol or troop to plan a weekend away. When you rent a building or campsite, you can also use the grounds of the camp. Plan a weekend of canoeing, working on merit badges, winter camping, fishing, outdoor skills or just fun.

To sign-up for a facility, call Kathy Higgins at PTC @ 797-5252 X32 to find out availability and reserve your site, then submit a property use form with payment or rental fees. Reservations for campsite and buildings will be based on listed capacity. If your group is large than the capacity of the building or site, you will need to rent more facilities to meet your groups needs.

Reservations through the fall of 2011 are available now. Reservations for the 2012 calendar year will open September 1, 2011. Weekend rental rates and the property use form are online.

Youth Activities: Congratulation to Post 1603 in Auburn. They assisted the Auburn Police Department in a Bike Rodeo. The Auburn Police Department taught bike safety to the kids. The Post put reflector tape on the front & rear of the bikes so that they can be seen at night. Other Posts should be working with our kids and having a good time doing it. Please send me your Posts Activities to 47 Sand St, Naples, ME 04055-5214.

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

Credentials: Comrades, there weren't as many problems with the Credentials at this years' convention, but still there were some. Each Post **MUST** have an **up-to-date** Trustees and Election Report, Post Audit and Post Inspection to be eligible to vote at the Convention. The Credentials report must be in no later than the start of the Business Meeting on that Saturday of Convention. It should be up to each District Commander to ensure that **ALL Posts** comply with this regulation, whether attending the Convention or not.

Golf Tournament: Once again, the Department is trying to have a Golf Tournament this August. I am in the process of trying to set things up and **Need To Know** as soon as possible what Posts are going to send a Team and how many teams we are going to have.

Ways and Means: As soon as the CoA has decided on what the next Ways and Means Raffle will be, I will post in the GOs and each District Commander will receive tickets for the Posts in his District.

NATIONAL HOME
William R Doughty, Chairman

As Chairman for our National Home, I am asking every Post to set a Goal for Giving for the Year 2011-2012. This is not a pledge but it is a commitment from each post **to TRY** to reach the Goal by May 2012.

I request each Post to contact me by email **wdoughty2@maine.rr.com** or US Mail (Rev. William. R. Doughty, E1 Clairmont Court, Portland, ME 04103 to let me know the amount of your Goal by September 2011.

As time goes by, I will contact you to find out how you are doing in this venture of providing for the Children of our Comrades in need. I look forward to hearing from each one of you, my VFW family. Chaplain Bill Doughty.

CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER
Wayne H. Elkins, CNR

During the month of August, 3 recruiting events are set up. On the 20th of August, there will be a Yellow Ribbon Event at the Wydham Hotel in Portland. On August 27 & 28, there is an Air Show with the Blue Angels at Brunswick Naval Air Station with a cost of \$10.00 entry fee. Starting August 28th until September 5, the Windsor Fair will be going on. I will be opening up the VFW Booth on August 29th. The Membership Chairman will be looking for Post to assist with these events. It is you the Veterans and VFW Member who have the opportunity to make changes for the better. Also remember the 3 R's of Membership: **Retain, Reinstate and Recruit.**

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

VSO: The Service Office staff continues to work well together and thus provide effective results for our Veterans. The Questionnaires received by us generally reflect your satisfaction with their service and the results thereof.

MVH: In the May issue of the National Center for Assisted Living's monthly newsletter, FOCUS, MVH-Machias was featured for their outstanding service to Veterans and their dedication to the needs of individual residents. "We are breaking away from the task-oriented to the person-centered care orientation and this is a nice story that features this," said Marcia Jackson, MVH-Machias Administrator. The story discusses performance improvement factors that the staff focuses on with person-centered care in mind.

The Maine Veterans Home in Augusta was visited by the First Lady of Maine on June 22nd. The visit included an overview of the Home and the services it provides, a discussion on challenges facing Maine's aging Veterans and a tour of the Home. The First Lady is a passionate advocate for Veterans and their families. She has a very good understanding of the needs of MVH's residents and she related well with the residents she visited with.

MVH-Scarborough hosted a Silver Commemorative Coin Ceremony on June 6th to recognize female Veterans in the area. The Home's Admissions Coordinator and Veteran, Julie Caswell, organized the well-attended event. Over thirty lady Veterans were presented with the Maine Women Veterans' Coin recognizing their dedicated service. Peter Ogden, Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services and MVH Board member presented the coins and Terry Moore, Chair of the Maine Women Veterans' Commission and MVH Board member presented certificates to the Veterans recognizing the Veterans service era (Cold War, Korean War, etc.).

On February 18th at the State House, the Maine Veterans' Memorial dedication took place unveiling the new Women Veterans' plaque there. The silver coins, a replica of the plaque were presented to the women Veterans in attendance and similar ceremonies have taken place around the state.

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

Homeless Veterans: The VA and HUD are working together to develop grants for housing with case management. This is the piece we have been missing. The case management is needed by our Homeless Veterans and the VA grants do not cover that service. We are finally seeing the government pulling together to solve our Veterans problems. Volunteers of America of Northern New England (VOANNE) is entering into an Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) with the Togus VA. The EUL is for 20.5 acres for 75 years. When you enter the property from Gardner, you pass the hay field on the right. That property and the pine grove on the left will be the areas under this lease. The development will consist of 50 units. In the hay field, there will be handicapped accessible apartments. In the pine grove, there will be a few cabins. Most of the trees will remain. This will be like the Cabins in the Woods project the VA has in Florida. As the apartments, the cabins will also be handicapped accessible. Please remember this years' Stand-Down is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. We are getting ready and hope you are also. We can use some squad leaders and assistance in the clothing room. We have taken responsibility for the clothing room for the past three years and the support of the Department members has made it easy and rewarding.

Veterans' Cemetery South: The state has created a new form to have your loved one relocated from Augusta to Springvale. It is necessary to have all your immediate family members agree with the relocation. We have received calls from spouses that have not been in-touch with their children for years for many different reasons. It is not our responsibility to diagnose why a family becomes estranged. It is what happens from time to time. This should not stop a spouse from relocating their loved one from a distant location to one more accessible for visitation. This was discussed at the Council of Administration meeting in Sanford. We need to assist our Veterans and dependants with this process. I hope the Department Legislative Committee can take this cause to the state house. If it needs a bill to resolve this snag, we will need the support (co-sponsors) from all parts of the state. The association meets on the second Thursday of every month at the Sanford VFW at 10:00 AM. Come on Down. Again, if you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact me at james.bachelder@metrocast.net of call 477-2877 between 9 am to 9 pm.

**IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN VETERANS
Steven San Pedro, Chairman**

Comrades: Every month we talk about membership and how to get the young Veterans into our organization; how they are our future and we need to find ways to get them in the doors.

So this month, I want to talk about keeping them once we get them. We attend Yellow Ribbon events so we can get members. We reach out to the Maine National Guard, colleges, the community and many more things to get membership. You might even have young Veteran come into your VFW to sign up. But it can't stop there! Once we have them in our organization it is our responsibility to keep them.

Here is an idea; assign a Mentor as soon as possible by the Post. Try to marry them up by their personalities, if not by conflict or age group. The Mentor should contact the new member within the first month to see if there is anything the Post can do to help them. If there is an upcoming event at the Post, invite him/her to it. As a Mentor, ask the member to come to a meeting with you and show them how the VFW runs. This will make them feel welcomed and a part of the VFW team. They want to get involved but don't overwhelm them. The Mentor should stay in touch throughout the first year with the new member.

As a Mentor, it is your goal to get that member to sign up again or get them to be a Life Member of the VFW. Your interaction with this member can only help keep him/her in the VFW. Young Veterans need guidance to succeed in our organization and it is our responsibility to give them that guidance. As always I am here to help or if you have ideas to help me please contact me at sanpedro105@roadrunner.com

WOMENS' VETERANS
Janet L. Michaud, Chairman

Many Posts have Women Veteran members and can set-up their own presentation with Veteran Services; you may include Medal Ceremonies for All Veterans as well as involving the entire community. I have Coin Program Presentation set-up for residents at Togus on 19 August; I will be talking to the Charge Nurse to see if the residents have sent in their paperwork. Let me know if you have a resident or nearby member who would like to participate. The presentation will be after the Unit BBQ at 1 pm.

She Serves is a site available to all Women Veterans who join the VFW. They can blog and get other information concerning our particular needs. The Membership Chairman and National Recruiter can assist your Post with the recruiting brochure available which explains this tool.

Advocates are available for all female veterans upon request; contact me for female veterans available around the state who will assist.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
RESOLUTIONS & BY-LAWS/WEBSITE COORDINATOR CHAIRMAN
2011-12

Thomas R. Lussier, PSC
Thussie1@maine.rr.com

Comrades this year we will be awarding a plaque for the following:

Most Post Newspaper Articles
Best Post or District Newsletters
Best Post Website

All Newspaper articles and Post Newsletters must be emailed or mailed to me via USPS
All Post Websites must submit them to the Department Website Coordinator
(Existing Post Websites will be included)

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

VFW Post 1603 Auburn (21), VFW Post 1285 Waterville (2),
VFW Post 3108 Belfast (2), VFW 1641 Rumford (2) VFW Post 6859 Portland (1)
VFW Post 4633 Hampden (2)

Post Newsletters received from

VFW Post 6859 Portland (1), VFW Post 1603 Auburn (1), /VFW Post 9389 Caribou (1)
District 9 (1),

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

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

“KEEP ALL YOUR MEMBERS INFORMED ON VFW ISSUES.”

PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Post/Location 13 July 2011	Community Activities	Americanism	Loyalty Day	POW/MIA	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Blood Program	Safety	Youth	Buddy Poppy	Togus Aid	CDR PROJECT	Homeless Veterans
DISTRICT 1													
2599 Presque Isle	X	X					X	X	X				
6187 Ft. Fairfield													
9389 Caribou													
9609 Ft. Kent	X						X						
9699 Ashland													
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 2													
1438 Lincoln													
1605 Burlington													
2299 Sherman													
4154 Millinocket	X	X	X	X									
7529 Island Falls													
9429 West Enfield													
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 3													
558 Eastport													
9779 Calais													
11299 Perry													
11553 Harrington													
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 4													
109 Ellsworth													
1761 Bangor													
3381 Old Town													
4527 Orrington	X	X					X	X	X				
4633 Hampden	X	X	X					X	X				
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 5													
3198 Skowhegan													
4298 Dexter													
5723 Jackman													
6924 Fairfield												X	
7865 Madison												X	
7866 Norridgewock													
8934 Embden												X	
10881 Farmington													
11191 Newport													
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 6													
2499 Rockland			X										
3095 Friendship		X	X										
3108 Belfast	X	X	X					X					
4169 Vinalhaven			X										
6131 Northport			X										
9437 Washington			X										
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			100%										

Post/Location	Homeless Veterans	CDR PROJECT	Togus Aid	Buddy Poppy	Youth	Safety	Blood Program	Patriot's Pen	Voice of Democracy	POW/MIA	Loyalty Day	Americanism	Community Activities
13 July 2011													
DISTRICT 7													
2197 Topsham													
4525 Waldoboro													
7738 Bath													
8395 New Harbor					X							X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 8													
9 Gardiner							X					X	X
887 Augusta											X		
1285 Waterville										X		X	X
8835 Winslow					X	X	X				X	X	X
9526 Winthrop													
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 9											X		
1603 Auburn					X	X	X			X	X	X	X
1641 Rumford					X	X	X			X	X	X	X
3335 Jay											X		
9150 Lewiston											X		
9459 Lisbon											X		
9787 South Paris					X	X	X				X	X	X
11032 Greene											X		
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX											100%		
DISTRICT 10													
832 So. Portland					X	X	X					X	X
6783 Lovell													
6859 Portland							X					X	X
7642 East Hiram													
9328 Harrison													
9605 Long Island													
10529 Yarmouth													
10643 Windham													
10879 Gorham													
11362 Naples											X	X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 11											X		
489 Biddeford											X		
5744 So. Berwick											X		
6548 Kennebunk											X		
6977 York Beach											X		
7997 Old Orchard Beach											X		
9394 Kittery											X		
9935 Sanford											X		
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX											100%		

DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2011	7/20/2011	L/M	CONT	N/R	L/MN	MEMB%	DUES:
1	4	2599	Presque Isle	570	202	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$26.00
1	3	6187	FortFairfield	228	105	1	0	1	0	0	1.0%	\$26.00
1	6	9389	Caribou	867	482	1	0	1	0	0	0.2%	\$25.00
1	3	9609	Fort Kent	526	170	2	0	2	0	0	1.2%	\$26.00
1	3	9699	Ashland	291	129	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$26.00
1			TOTALS	2482	1088	4	0	4	0	0	0.37%	
2	2	1438	Lincoln	135	68	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
2	2	1605	Burlington	76	66	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$23.00
2	1	2299	ShermanSt	97	45	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$21.00
2	4	4154	Millinocket	494	206	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$30.00
2	2	7529	Island Falls	81	59	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$26.00
2	2	9429	West Enfield	84	58	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$22.00
2			TOTALS	967	502	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
3	1	558	Eastport	184	49	3	0	3	0	0	6.1%	\$23.00
3	1	9779	Calais	85	51	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$22.00
3	2	11299	Perry	186	79	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$24.00
3	3	11553	Harrington	224	199	2	0	1	1	0	1.0%	\$25.00
3			TOTALS	679	378	5	0	4	1	0	1.32%	
4	3	109	Ellsworth	355	183	1	0	0	1	0	0.5%	\$25.00
4	5	1761	Bangor	703	362	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
4	5	3381	Old Town	604	339	5	0	3	2	0	1.5%	\$25.00
4	1	4527	Orrington	110	40	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$24.00
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	148	5	0	5	0	0	3.4%	\$25.00
4			TOTALS	2056	1072	11	0	8	3	0	1.03%	
5	3	3198	Skowhegan	323	111	1	0	1	0	0	0.9%	\$25.00
5	3	4298	Dexter	141	107	1	0	1	0	0	0.9%	\$25.00
5	1	5723	Jackman Station	57	12	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
5	3	6924	Fairfield	436	179	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
5	3	7865	Madison	163	108	2	0	1	1	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	67	2	0	2	0	0	3.0%	\$23.00
5	1	10881	Farmington	45	29	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
5	1	11191	Newport	65	45	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$20.50
5			TOTALS	1437	673	6	0	5	1	0	0.89%	
6	3	2499	Rockland	277	105	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$27.00
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	34	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$21.00
6	3	3108	Belfast	320	119	3	0	2	1	0	2.5%	\$26.00
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	19	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$21.00
6	2	6131	Northport	230	75	2	0	2	0	0	2.7%	\$26.00
6	2	9437	Washington	135	53	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$24.00
6			TOTALS	1171	405	5	0	4	1	0	1.23%	
7	2	2197	Topsham	114	69	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
7	2	4525	Waldoboro	218	64	1	0	1	0	0	1.6%	\$20.50
7	2	7738	Bath	198	69	2	0	0	2	0	2.9%	\$20.50
7	2	8395	New Harbor	297	88	1	0	1	0	0	1.1%	\$23.00
7			TOTALS	827	290	4	0	2	2	0	1.38%	

8	2	9	Gardiner	143	97	1	0	1	0	0	1.0%	\$25.00
8	5	887	Augusta	352	303	2	0	2	0	0	0.7%	\$30.00
8	5	1285	Waterville	600	425	9	0	1	8	0	2.1%	\$28.00
8	5	8835	Winslow	792	418	2	0	2	0	0	0.5%	\$27.00
8	2	9526	Winthrop	123	87	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
8			TOTALS	2010	1330	14	0	6	8	0	1.05%	
9	4	1603	Auburn	505	260	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$30.00
9	4	1641	Rumford	882	253	5	0	5	0	0	2.0%	\$25.00
9	5	3335	Jay	647	431	3	0	3	0	0	0.7%	\$25.00
9	3	9150	Lewiston	199	145	2	0	1	1	0	1.4%	\$22.00
9	4	9459	Lisbon	546	242	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$30.00
9	4	9787	South Paris	421	206	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
9	1	11032	Greene	68	46	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$26.00
			TOTALS	3268	1583	10	0	9	1	0	0.63%	
10	6	832	South Portland	1701	576	2	0	1	1	0	0.3%	\$30.00
10	2	6783	Lovell	110	59	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
10	6	6859	Portland	1051	461	4	0	4	0	0	0.9%	\$25.00
10	1	7642	East Hiram	137	45	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
10	2	9328	Harrison	95	62	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$30.00
10	1	9605	Long Island	61	29	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$22.00
10	3	10529	Yarmouth	101	101	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
10	2	10643	Windham	81	66	1	0	1	0	0	1.5%	\$31.00
10	1	10879	Gorham	68	35	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	\$25.00
10	1	11362	Naples	49	39	1	0	1	0	0	2.6%	\$28.50
10			TOTALS	3454	1473	8	0	7	1	0	0.54%	
11	3	489	Biddeford	489	181	3	0	3	0	0	1.7%	\$20.50
11	3	5744	SoBerwick	167	167	6	0	3	3	0	3.6%	\$21.00
11	1	6548	Kennebunk	121	32	1	0	1	0	0	3.1%	\$23.50
11	5	6977	York Beach	348	297	1	0	1	0	0	0.3%	\$30.00
11	3	7997	O.O.B.	322	206	8	0	7	1	0	3.9%	\$25.00
11	2	9394	Kittery	126	59	1	0	1	0	0	1.7%	\$26.00
11	4	9935	Sanford	506	262	2	0	2	0	0	0.8%	\$25.00
11			TOTALS	2079	1204	22	0	18	4	0	1.83%	
		15020	M.A.L.	800	684	10	0	4	6	0	1.5%	\$35.00
		7/20		21230	10682	99	0	71	28	0	0.9%	

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EVERYONES HELP IS NEEDED TO BRING THE DEPT TO 100%
 THIS 2011-2012 YEAR - WILL YOU HELP ?
 "SHAPING THE FUTURE, REMEMBERING THE PAST"

"RETAIN - REINSTATE - RECRUIT"





*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.**

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AMOUNT

TOTAL

_____ Poppies (Minimum 500) \$ 115.00 Per 1,000 _____

_____ Poppies (Minimum 500) \$ 57.50 Per 500 _____

PLEASE SEND THE ORDER & CHECK TO:
*Alfred E. Michaud Sr., Quartermaster
Department of Maine V.F.W
82 Dunham Rd
Vassalboro, ME 04989*
Make your check payable to: "Department of Maine, VFW"

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Date Received & Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Receipt Returned to Post: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Signature, Department Quartermaster)



Dear VFW Members:

As members of an organization that serves country and community you understand the importance of instilling in our children the value of freedom, and the need to honor those who serve. Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization that carries out its mission to Remember, Honor and Teach, in part by placing wreaths on veterans graves during the holiday season. This is the 20th year the Worcester family, and Wreaths Across America has been remembering the sacrifices of our military and their families during the holiday season. The US Congress has declared the 2nd Saturday in December National Wreaths Across America day for 3 years now and Senator Snowe expects they will again this year. Up until now, we only had permission to place wreaths in certain sections of the cemetery, but this year we have permission to cover all sections with over 275,000 graves. This is 4 times what we have done in the past and will cost about \$3 Million. Additionally we place wreaths and have ceremonies at over 600 locations around the nation to honor those that served.

We are very fortunate and thankful to have a longstanding relationship with the VFW. We were very honored when our founder, Morrill Worcester, received numerous awards from various VFW posts. Our veteran on staff is a VFW member as are several of our board members. Our first board chairman, Capt. John Williams, served many roles in the VFW including quartermaster and post commander and state commander for Maine. We are currently reaching out to organizations by state and hoping to form relationships with “ambassadors” from all 50 states. Any person that takes on the role of “ambassador” and oversees groups that raise \$50,000 or more from their state will receive a custom made jacket, travel expenses to Arlington and 1 night hotel accommodations. We are reaching out to organizations around the nation at the state level and asking them to pass this information on to you folks. We are very grateful for their willingness to do so!

Please contact us to be a part of this 2011 campaign to cover Arlington National Cemetery. We explain all the details to you, answer all your questions and email the simple packets of information to get started! We have groups and individuals that give a day to raise money, some that give one time donations and others that sign up with us to do fundraising and benefit their local posts. **It is crucial we get national support as soon as possible!** This is a **huge** undertaking which **will require many hearts and hands to accomplish**. Should you decide to get involved we will work with you and make it as simple as possible! Please contact us at your earliest convenience to learn more.

Thanks,

Michelle Hammond, Extension 504
Wreaths Across America
www.wreathscrossamerica.org
michelle@wreathscrossamerica.org

PO Box 249 (Mailing), Columbia Falls, ME 04623
Toll Free: 877-385-9504 * Direct Line: 207-470-0971

4 Point Street (Physical), Columbia Falls, ME 04623
Fax: 866-956-1625

	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2010	6/30/2011	DUES:
1	4	2599	Presque Isle	570	198	202	\$26.00
1	3	6187	FortFairfield	228	120	105	\$26.00
1	6	9389	Caribou	867	516	482	\$25.00
1	3	9609	Fort Kent	526	190	170	\$26.00
1	3	9699	Ashland	291	140	129	\$26.00
1			TOTALS	2482	1164	1088	
2	2	1438	Lincoln	135	69	68	\$25.00
2	2	1605	Burlington	76	65	66	\$23.00
2	1	2299	ShermanSt	97	48	45	\$21.00
2	4	4154	Millinocket	494	219	206	\$30.00
2	2	7529	Island Falls	81	62	59	\$26.00
2	2	9429	West Enfield	84	69	58	\$22.00
2			TOTALS	967	532	502	
3	1	558	Eastport	184	43	49	\$23.00
3	2	9779	Calais	85	51	51	\$22.00
3	2	11299	Perry	186	98	79	\$24.00
3	3	11553	Harrington	237	234	199	\$25.00
3			TOTALS	692	426	378	
4	3	109	Ellsworth	355	195	183	\$25.00
4	5	1761	Bangor	703	415	362	\$25.00
4	5	3381	Old Town	604	356	339	\$25.00
4	1	4527	Orrington	110	40	40	\$24.00
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	147	148	\$25.00
4			TOTALS	2056	1153	1072	
5	3	3198	Skowhegan	323	122	111	\$25.00
5	3	4298	Dexter Jackman	141	103	107	\$25.00
5	1	5723	Station	57	12	12	\$25.00
5	3	6924	Fairfield	436	179	179	\$25.00
5	3	7865	Madison	163	113	108	\$21.00
5	1	7866	Norridgewock	69	15	15	\$24.00
5	2	8934	Embden	138	69	67	\$23.00
5	1	10881	Farmington	45	28	29	\$25.00
5	1	11191	Newport	65	51	45	\$20.50
5			TOTALS	1437	692	673	
6	3	2499	Rockland	277	154	105	\$27.00
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	34	34	\$21.00
6	3	3108	Belfast	320	118	119	\$26.00
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	18	19	\$21.00
6	2	6131	Northport	230	75	75	\$26.00
6	2	9437	Washington	135	57	53	\$24.00
6			TOTALS	1171	456	405	

FOR 2011-2012

DIV-QUOTA-DUES

DEPT QUOTA:

11,409 **10,682**

2010-2011 IT WAS: 11,409

LOST OF: 727 MEMBERS

DUES ARE: NATIONAL = \$11.50

DEPT ===== \$ 9.00

Total is: -----\$20.50

YOUR POST = \$

ADD FOR NEW MEMBER \$1.00

Total is: - - - - - \$ _____

7	2	2197	Topsham	114	76	69	\$25.00
7	2	4525	Waldoboro	218	66	64	\$20.50
7	2	7738	Bath	198	77	69	\$20.50
7	2	8395	New Harbor	297	95	88	\$23.00
7			TOTALS	827	314	290	

8	2	9	Randolph	143	103	97	\$25.00
8	5	887	Augusta	393	390	303	\$30.00
8	5	1285	Waterville	600	415	425	\$28.00
8	5	8835	Winslow	792	433	418	\$27.00
8	2	9526	Winthrop	123	46	87	\$25.00
8			TOTALS	2051	1387	1330	

9	4	1603	Auburn	505	288	260	\$30.00
9	4	1641	Rumford	882	349	253	\$25.00
9	5	3335	Jay	647	450	431	\$25.00
9	3	9150	Lewiston	199	150	145	\$22.00
9	4	9459	Lisbon	546	248	242	\$30.00
9	4	9787	South Paris	421	217	206	\$25.00
9	1	11032	Greene	68	46	46	\$26.00
			TOTALS	3268	1748	1583	

10	6	832	South Portland	1701	598	576	\$30.00
10	2	6783	Lovell	110	59	59	\$25.00
10	6	6859	Portland	1051	519	461	\$25.00
10	1	7642	East Hiram	137	47	45	\$25.00
10	2	9328	Harrison	95	59	62	\$30.00
10	1	9605	Long Island	61	32	29	\$22.00
10	3	10529	Yarmouth	101	98	101	\$25.00
10	2	10643	Windham	81	59	66	\$31.00
10	1	10879	Gorham	68	37	35	\$25.00
10	1	11362	Naples	49	38	39	\$28.50
10			TOTALS	3454	1546	1473	

11	3	489	Biddeford	489	189	181	\$20.50
11	3	5744	SoBerwick	167	151	167	\$21.00
11	1	6548	Kennebunk	121	32	32	\$23.50
11	5	6977	York Beach	348	311	297	\$30.00
11	3	7997	O.O.B.	322	192	206	\$25.00
11	2	9394	Kittery	126	57	59	\$26.00
11	4	9935	Sanford	506	259	262	\$25.00
11			TOTALS	2079	1191	1204	

		MAL	TOTALS	800	800	684	\$35.00
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Testimonial

State President Barbara Cook

Saturday October 15, 2011 * Knights of Columbus Hall (KC)
 Social Hour - 5:00- 6:00 pm
 Dinner - 6:00 pm

**** Menu ****

Harvest Dinner
 Pot Roast **OR** Turkey
 Mashed Potatoes
 Squash, Boiled Onions, Carrots,
 Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce
 Garden Salad
 Rolls & Butter
 Variety of Desserts
 Coffee & Tea
Cost Per Person \$20.00

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Please Reserve the following

Meals: Pot Roast: _____ Turkey: _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

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|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

Please make check Payable to: **Kelly Hebert**
 Mail to: **Kelly Hebert**
 25 Otis Street
 Livermore Falls, Maine 04254

TICKET DEADLINE: October 1, 2011

(No tickets will be sold after the deadline - Tickets will not be held without a payment)
(There will be no refunds on the banquet tickets)



Graves Registration Report

Department of Maine, VFW



Mail to: Charles A. Warden, Chaplain
 Department of Maine, VFW
 398 Indian River Rd
 Addison, ME 04606

Subject: Report of Deceased Comrade

Post # _____ District # _____ regrets to report the death of:

(Last Name) (Middle Initial) (First Name)

Whose Address was: _____

Who Served with: _____ During: _____
 (Branch of Service) (War Era: WW I, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, etc.)

Date of Death: _____ Place of Death: _____

Place of Burial/Cemetery: _____

Name & Address if Next of Kin: _____

(Street Address) (Town or City) (State) (Zip Code)

Relationship: _____ Obituary Enclosed: _____

Signed: _____ Name _____ Office: _____ Date: _____
 (Print Name)

Date Received & Recorded: _____ Date Receipt Returned to Post: _____

This receipt acknowledges that Post # _____ has reported the death of Comrade:
 _____ on _____

to the Department Chaplain.

 (Signature of State Chaplain)

(All previous forms are obsolete. Updated June 13, 2010)



**Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the U.S.**



MAINE OFFICERS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (MOLD)

TO BE HELD AT

**Norman N. Dow–Isaac E. Clewley Post 1761
1368 Hammond St., Bangor, ME 04401
“September 24, 2011 * 0800 - 4:30 pm”
Attendees – Districts 1 – 5**

**Deering Memorial Post 6859
687 Forest Ave, Portland, ME 04051
“September 25, 2011 * 0800 – 4:30 pm”
Attendees – Districts 6 - 11**

This year’s MOLD is for District/Post Commanders, Quartermasters, Adjutant and 3 Year Trustees.

Send the complete form, along with a check and/or money order in the amount **as listed below** for the MOLD School. Cost for the MOLD school **will be \$10.00 per person.**

NOTE: The fee includes a lunch at noon time and donuts in the morning upon your arrival. Once you have sent in your application, you will receive a letter with special instructions.

Checks and/or Money Orders are to be made payable to: **“Department of Maine, VFW.”** **Send both the form and check and/or money order NLT 20 September 2011 to:**

**Andre L. Dumas, MOLD Chairman
64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125**

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**Department of Maine
Maine Officers Leadership Development (MOLD)**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

VFW Post #: _____ Title: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

NOTE: See General Orders for more information.

(Make Copies as needed for Other Comrades Who Wish to Attend)