

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



DECEMBER 2009

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 6

“SPECIAL NOTICE – SPECIAL NOTICE”

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From State Commander Michaud and the Department Officers

Congratulations to the following Posts for achieving 100%+ in membership for the Year 2009-10

Biddeford Memorial Post 489, Biddeford – 100.53% - Commander Renald Berthiaume

Ralph A. Ray Post 558, Eastport – 100% - Commander Victor J. Voisine

Gorham Memorial Post 10879, Gorham – 100% - Commander George O. Gerrish

Norridgewock Memorial Post 7866, Norridgewock – 100% - Commander Elwin A. Matthews

Congratulations to the following Posts for Receiving their “75 Year Diamond” Certificate

Harvell-Bishop Post 7865, Madison – Commander Leo G. Goodine

Special Thanks: Commander Alfred E. Michaud wishes to thank all of the VFW and Auxiliary members who attended the visit of Commander-in-Chief Thomas J. Tradewell in Portland, Auburn and Waterville. The Commander-in-Chief truly enjoyed his visit to the Department of Maine and also his visit with all of the Comrades.

1. January COA Meeting: Will be held on January 10, 2010 at MacCrillis-Rousseau Post 8835, Winslow, ME @ 8:30 am. Headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn, 375 Main St., Waterville, ME 04901, tel: 1-800-785-0111 or 1-207-873-0111. Rates are \$64.00 + tax for up to 4 persons, 2 double beds. ***Please make sure to tell them that you are with the VFW when calling for reservations.***

2. Voice of Democracy/Patriot’s Pen/Teacher of the Year Banquet: Will be held on January 9, 2010 at the Waterville Elks Club. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Please send your check to “Cynthia Cowling, 108 14th St., Bangor, ME 04401”. Make your check payable to ***“Department of Maine, VFW”***. Banquet ticket order form is attached to these General Orders.

3. Early Registration State Convention: All VFW and Auxiliary Council members are reminded that they must make their reservations if staying at the Holiday, 215 High St., Ellsworth, ME ***NLT December 31, 2009***. After that, all of the rooms will be released for the general membership. ***The list of Council members is enclosed in these General Orders. Please, remember that it is your responsibility to make your room reservations and let them know that you are with the VFW.***

4. Annual Membership: Annual members are reminded that their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States expires December 31, 2009, unless their 2010 dues are paid and reported to

Department and National Headquarters. Every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and also sign up new and reinstated members prior to January 1, 2010.

5. *Half-Staff U.S. Flag on December 7:* Public Law 103-308, passed in 1994, designates December 7th as “National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day” and requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day.

6. *Programs for Year 2009-10:* Every Post chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2009-2010 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, National Citizenship Education Teacher’s Awards, Buddy Poppy and National Military Services. Additionally, it is necessary that all Post and District Commanders comply with all provisions of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure and Ritual.

7. *VFW Motorcycle Groups:* Any Posts and/or Men’s Auxiliary sponsored a Motorcycle Group are to notify the State Adjutant about the group. VFW National Headquarters is currently working to provide official guidance concerning the formation and existence of such groups. In addition to looking at all aspects of rider groups, there are specific areas of concern for review and guidance formulation that revolve around the usage of the word “club” in the title of the groups, joining associations that have the word “club” and the use of the VFW name and logo.

8. *Buddy Poppy:* Post Anniversary Commemoration: Commemorate your Post’s anniversary in Buddy Poppy style! As your Post celebrates 25, 50 or 75 years, order special silver-, gold-, or diamond-colored Poppies for distribution throughout this monumental year.

Remember: With Buddy Poppy, every day is Veterans Day.

- No extra cost for the commemorative poppies.
- Designate part of your regular poppy order as anniversary poppies.
- Different sizes of ads can be found at www.vfwdepartmentresources.com. Click on the VFW Cross of Malta beside Buddy Poppy option.

Contact information: nclifton@vfw.org (816) 968-1148. For Buddy Poppy merchandise goes to <http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResults.aspx?CategoryID=128>.

9. *Membership:* The National By-Laws provide for only one type of membership; that is active membership. There are no provisions in the National By-Laws, nor is there any authority or justification for issuance of Club Membership cards, Associate Member cards, Honorary Membership cards, Courtesy Membership cards or any other special type of cards. Any Post issuing such unauthorized cards, or conducting club operations open to the general public, endangers its standing with the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization. Officers signing outlaw cards admitting non-members to VFW premises are subject to disciplinary action. National and Department officers cannot defend practices that conflict with VFW By-Laws or procedures.

10. *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. For Military flags, click on <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=22300>.

11. *Chocolate for Afghanistan:* NMS has received a request from a SMSgt in Afghanistan asking for chocolate for the service members during the holidays. Our office has emailed all major candy companies and so far there has been no interest in this request. Please consider forwarding this request to your Post/Districts/Auxiliary and help the 57,000+ service members currently serving in Afghanistan. One flat rate box of candy from each Post/District/Auxiliary/Department would provide plenty of chocolate for the deployed service members. This is a good window of opportunity as Halloween candy is on sale! Please contact the NMS office at 816-756-3390 for mailing information. Thank you for your support!

12. XEROX is Doing Something Cool: If you go to this web site www.LetsSayThanks.com, you can pick a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. **You can't pick out who gets it**, but it will go to a member of the armed services. How amazing it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!! It is FREE and it only takes a second. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our soldiers over there need to know we are behind them. This takes just 10 seconds and it's a wonderful way to say thank you.

13. VFW Special Project Program: This program was put in place to recognize VFW units for creating and completing unique and extraordinary community service projects. Record book entry nominations that are found to be complete and well-substantiated should be endorsed by the Department Adjutant or VFW Department Community Activities Chairman and forwarded to National Programs Department. Deadline for entries is April 30 of each year. Every Post Special Project receiving the Award of Excellence in the May judging will be entered in the Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Competition. Complete information can be found in the 2009 – 2010 "It's About Service" VFW Program Chairman's Guide, page 31.

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

15. Have you heard about VFW's Partners in Patriotism? – It is a realization that not everyone wants to receive our mailings but would still like to donate to the VFW. This is why we developed Partners in Patriotism. Partners in Patriotism is a planned giving program that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly basis, reduce expenses and eliminate unwanted mail. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis that is either charged to your credit card, or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. If you are interested in this option, please contact VFW Development Department at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318, or email us at vfwfundraising@vfw.org with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line. *(See attached application form)*

16. Membership Applications: The attention of Department, District and Post Commanders is directed to Section 103, Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the manner in which applications for membership will be handled. Applications for membership of new, reinstating or transfer members must be voted on by the members present at a regular Post meeting. No Post, County Council, District, Department or National officer, or any other member, has authority to reject the application card of a person who is eligible for membership.

17. Dues Reserve Fund: The attention of Post Commanders and Quartermasters is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, Duties of Quartermaster, which provides for the Dues Reserve Fund. The Post Quartermaster is required to maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than fifty percent of the Post's part of the current year's dues paid by each member prior to July 1, including Life Membership dues payouts received from the National Organization as set forth in Section 717 of the Manual of Procedure.

18. National Legislative Service: Become a Veterans' Advocate – Want to help make things happen for veterans? Join the VFW Advocacy team and help improve the lives of veterans and our active duty military, guard and reserve members. Sign up for our Washington Weekly e-newsletter and you will be the first to know what is happening in Washington with regard to veterans' benefits. You will become an active

participant and be able to educate your legislators on our top priority goals. We have had many successes - but need your help as we continue to fight on behalf of all veterans as well as the men and women serving in our military today. Please take the time to sign-up for the VFW Washington Weekly newsletter. It remains the best way to stay informed of what the VFW is doing on the legislative front in Washington, D.C. You will find the 2009 Legislative Priority Goals and the link to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at www.vfw.org. Just click on the Capitol Hill section.

19. Alcohol Beverages in Post Meeting Room: Is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting as set forth: It is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting is completely unacceptable and any such practice known to exist shall be terminated. It is the intent of the Commander-in-Chief's decision regarding this response to include Post, County Council, District and Department meetings, whereas it is held to be objectionable. Please refer to Section 1001 (24) of the Manual of Procedure.

20. Request for Department Commander at Post and/or District Functions: Any Posts and/or District Commanders wishing to have the Department Commander present at one of the functions are asked to notify the State Adjutant at least ten (10) days in advance. This is to afford the Commander time to put it in on his calendar and/or appoint another Department Officer to attend in his place in case his schedule is already programmed for that date.

21. CoA and Cmtee Members: All CoA and Cmtee members are advised that you must notify both the State Commander and the State Adjutant if you are unable to attend a Council of Administration (CoA) meeting for the year 2009-10. Also, a copy of your report **MUST** be forwarded to the State Adjutant prior to the CoA meeting for presentation at the meeting.

22. State Convention Book Ads Solicitation: Consult Telecommunications, from Londonberry, NH are doing the 2010 convention book ad solicitations throughout the State at this time. They are the only agency to do this as approved by the Council of Administration. They will be calling the Post Cmdr and/or QM in the town that they will be doing the solicitations from those businesses within that community, so if anyone calls you in regards to this subject, please inform them that they are authorized to do so. This is a major fund raiser for the Department of Maine to both have a successful convention and raise funds for the Department to continue our programs.

23. 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. Woodward	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	David D. Williams	Post 1641
Department Chaplain	Charles A. Warden	Post 11553

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

Raymond R. Lupo	Post 4633
R. Randy Worthley	Post 8835
Andre L. Dumas	Post 9389

25. District Meeting Dates:

Date	District	Post	Time	Dept Officer
13 Dec 09	10	6783 – Lovell	1:00 pm	JVC Peterson
17 Jan 10	4	3381 – Old Town	2:00 pm	Cmdr Michaud
17 Jan 10	9	1641 - Rumford	12 noon	QM Linscott
24 Jan 10	7	8395 – New Harbor	2:00 pm	
24 Jan 10	8	8835 – Winslow	1:00 pm	Adj Dumas

26. Dates to Remember:

December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day (Programs throughout the State of Maine)
December 10 – Machias MVH Christmas Party @ 2 pm
December 12 – Augusta MVH Christmas Party @ 2 pm
December 12 – South Paris MVH Christmas Party @ 2 pm
December 13 – Togus Christmas Party @ 2 pm
December 13 – Scarborough Christmas Party @ 2 pm
December 18 – Bangor MVH Christmas Party @ 2 pm
December 24 – Caribou MVH Christmas Party @ 2 pm
December 25 – Christmas Day
January 1 – New Year’s Day
January 9-10 – January CoA/VOD/PP/Teacher of the Year Banquet – Waterville/Winslow

27. Directory Changes:

Pg 36 – Post 2599 – Chg QM to: Paul D. Peterson, 203 Egypt Rd, Presque Isle, ME 04769, tel: 488-6970, e-mail: csmoke42@yahoo.com

Pg 36 – Post 2599 – Chg Adj to: Guy P. Marquis, 132 Ladner Rd., Easton, ME 04740, tel: 554-9444, e-mail: guy.marquis@umpi.edu

Pg 38 – Post 3335 – Chg Adj to: Bryan E. Hennessy, 1180 Main St., Jay, ME 04239, tel: 645-3238, e-mail: aquarias@roadrunner.com

Pg 43 – Post 5744 – New e-mail for Adj Kenney: mkenney52@comcast.net

Pg 43 – Post 6131 – New e-mail for Cmdr Littlefield: herman.littlefield@yahoo.com

Pg 54 – Post 9459 – Chg QM to: Phillip E. Webber Sr., 4 Franklin St., Lisbon, ME 04250, tel # 353-8828, e-mail pwebbersr@roadrunner.com

Pg 55 – Post 9526 – New e-mail for Cmdr Debes: rdebes@roadrunner.com

Pg 55 – Post 9526 – New e-mail for QM Brennan: jbreenn2008@yahoo.com

Pg 55 – Post 9526 – Chg e-mail for Adj Ruby to: winthropelectricco@yahoo.com

Pg 58 – Post 9935 – Chg Adj to: Norman E. Laferty, 267 Back Rd., Shapleigh, ME 04076, tel: 324-3002

Pg 58 – Post 9935 – Chg QM to: Larry D. Gadsby, PO Box 674, Berwick, ME 03901, tel: (H) 698-7136, Cell 767-0744, e-mail: bmcsresv@comcast.net

Pg 59 – Post 10529 – New e-mail for QM Gorham: jgorham@maine.rr.com

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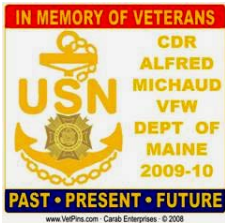
BY ORDER OF:

Andre L. Dumas

ANDRE L. DUMAS
State Adjutant

Alfred E. Michaud

ALFRED “AI” E. MICHAUD SR.
State Commander



State Commander Alfred E. Michaud Sr.



Greetings Comrades: The Commander-in-Chief Tommy Tradewell enjoyed his visit to Maine. My personal Thanks go out to the Portland, Auburn and Waterville Posts and Auxiliaries for the warm receptions and all who attended. Our Membership crew also deserves a well done for their Biddeford Recruiting Booth. Our Commander-in-Chief visited to see how we were doing in membership. Needless to say you all made us shine; our numbers were above National and even the Chiefs home State. **WAY TO GO MAINE VFW.** Wreaths Across America is almost upon us, it would be nice to see a lot of VFW Caps out laying the wreaths. The Togus Christmas Party and Veterans Home Christmas which are now called Holiday Parties will be on 12 and 13 December.

I had the honor of presenting a National Award to a 100 year old Lady Veteran Lillian Price US Army Major Nurse Retired in Bangor. She has a lot of history behind her and was one of the stepping stones which opened the doors for women in the military. She was standing by the road in Germany when MacArthur drove by then a few months later she was in Japan just after the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. After retirement she went to work at Bethesda Hospital and retired from there also. Her whole life has been dedicated to healing and treating Veterans across many wars.

As you are all aware, Randy Worthley was in a Truck accident and is doing better at this point. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Refrain from calls or e-mails to his home until we inform you otherwise. Those that wish to send cards may do so to his home address. I have assigned Arnold Levitt as the VSO Chairman thru National for the remainder of the year. Kevin Woodward is now the contact point for Teacher of the Year, VOD and Patriots Pen. Andre Dumas will be the Chairman for Fireman, Policeman and EMT of the Year submissions. Remember to turn in your Activity Reports for Veterans Day to the Activities Chairman for credit.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are upon us, my wife Janet and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. While celebrating the holidays, be sure if you decide to indulge that you have a designated driver if out and about.

Our next major stepping stone is 98% in Membership by the end of January. We have 17 Posts below the 85% mark at this time out of 68 Posts. For those Post 100% or better which are Post 1438 Lincoln, Post 588 Eastport, Post 1285 Waterville, Post 6783 Lovell, Post 10879 Gorham, Post 489 Biddeford and Post 7866 Norridgewock, I send my heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

Thomas Paine December 1776

If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace.

Alfred E. Michaud

(AL) Alfred E. Michaud Sr.

State Commander



Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW

Charles A. Warden, Chaplain

October 20 – November 19, 2009

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

District 1

6187 – McLAUGHLIN, Daniel D. - Korea

9389 – DUPLESSIS, Levitte Jr. – WW II

9609 – CORRIVEAU, Edwin R. – WW II

SYLVAIN, Albert L. – WW II

THERIAULT, Robert Sr. – WW II

District 2

4154 – MORRISON, Richard J. – WW II

District 5

4298 – COLE, Harold G. – WW II

7866 – IRELAND, Lloyd A. – WW II

District 8

9 – PURINGTON, Richard A. – Korea

887 – LAJOIE, O’Neil G. – WW II

1285 – BEAN, William H. – WW II

District 9

9787 – KEENE, Donald K. Sr. – WW II

District 10

9605 – COOLBRITH, James – WW II

District 11

6548 – SLOWICK, Robert J. – Korea

7997 – McINNIS, Arthur – WW II

Members-at-Large

15020 – BLAKE, Rodney E.



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
POW/MIA – WREATH ACROSS AMERICA
John E. Williams



SVC/WAA: Just got back from the Eastern State Conference in Ocean City, MD. It was an interesting weekend; streets were flooded, bridges and roads closed and the surf was up. In these times of tight budgets, one must ask if these conferences are worth the expenditure of time and money. Personally I think not. However, old attitudes are hard to change and I am afraid the conferences will be around for the foreseeable future.

Lately, much of my time has been spent finalizing this year's Arlington trip and the Wreaths Across America Project. I plan to be part of the Wreath Escort to Arlington again this year. Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine is providing 15,000 wreaths to decorate a Section of Arlington National Cemetery and 2500 wreaths to decorate the graves at the Veterans Cemeteries at Togus and Augusta. The Arlington wreaths will be decorated and loaded at Worcester Wreath Company on North Street in Harrington on Sunday, December 6th starting at 7:30 am. The Wreath Escort will depart at 10 am for 11:45 am rally at the Bangor Auditorium. The American Legion will be coordinating the program. The program includes the introduction of local Veterans organizations. I hope that many of our local VFW Posts and Auxiliaries will be represented this year. This stop will be followed by a 2:30 pm stop at Herman High School. This will be followed by a 6:15 pm stop at Edward Little High School in Auburn which is being coordinated by the Lewiston/Auburn Veterans Committee. On Monday at 8:30 am, the escort will be making a brief stop at the Kittery Trading Post. At all these stops, Veterans are welcome. Once the out of State schedule is finalized, I will publish it. For more information, check the WWA web site www.wreathscrossamerica.org, call the WAA Office at 207-483-2039, or call me.

At last count, 105,000 WAA wreaths have been sponsored. These will be placed on veteran's graves across the country. Orders are still coming in and hopefully we can reach our goal of 150,000 wreaths. Wreath sponsorships are always welcome. Sponsorships are \$15.00 per wreath. Please consider donating. Ceremonial Wreath laying ceremonies will be held on December 12 at 12 Noon EST. There were 427 ceremonies last year and it appears, there will be more this year. There will be one wreath for each of the five Armed Services, one for the U.S. Merchant Marine and one to honor and remember the sacrifice of the 93,852 U.S. Servicemen from all Branches of the Service whose last known status was either Missing in Action or Prisoner of War (MIA/POW). Each wreath will be decorated with a red ribbon at the top and a U.S. flag and a Service Flag, Merchant Marine flag or a POW/MIA flag crossed at the bottom.

POW/MIA: During this Holiday Season, let us not forget the sacrifices of the 93,852 U.S. Servicemen from all Branches of the Service who marched off to war and never returned. Our Nation's Missing in Action and Prisoners of War: WW1- 4452; WWII - 78,773; Korea - 8,051 (45 from Maine); Cold War - 123; Vietnam - 1728 (14 from Maine); Afghanistan - 1; Iraq - 1.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
MVH LIAISON SCARBOROUGH
Louis A. Peterson II

JVC: I've seen many Nor'easters in my time, but never traveled to Ocean City, MD to see one! The Eastern States Conference was well attended in spite of the weather. We got to share ideas on how we can make the "F" in VFW not just mean "Foreign" but mean fun as well. These concepts will be shared and implemented as time marches on. In regards to Membership: Please consider making an early Christmas gift to a family member by paying their annual VFW membership dues. The gift of giving is well remembered! The VFW thanks you also.

MVH Liaison Scarborough: I am sorry to report that children will not be allowed to enter any of the Maine Veterans Homes' throughout the state until the flu season is over, hopefully by late March/early April

2010. Now that the holiday season is upon us, the Scarborough home needs volunteers on Thanksgiving Day to help serve meals. For more information, please contact Marcia Shalek at #883-7184. Please check with Marcia as help may also be needed at the Christmas Party on 13 Dec. 1400 (I know...I still say "Christmas" instead of holiday!).

My wife Ann Marie & I want you to have a safe and memorable holiday season.

QUARTERMASTER
Donald W. Linscott Jr.

The following Posts/Districts need the following:

Bonding

D-1: 2599 * **D-2:** 1438 * **D-5:** 5723, 7865, 7866 * **D-6:** 4169, 6131

D-8: D-8, 9526 * **D-10:** 7642

Trustees Report of Audit

D-2 - 1438 (3) * **D-3 -** 558 (3) * **D-4 -** 109, 3381 (3) * **D-5 -** 3198,
5723 (3), 7866 (2) * **D-6 -** 3095, 3108, 4169 (3), 9437 * **D-7 -** 4525, 8395 * **D-8 -** 9

D-9 - 1603, 9150, 9459 * **D-10 -** 832, 9328, 10643 * **D-11 -** 5744

Poppies

D-1 - 2599, 6187, 9389 * **D-2 -** 1438, 2299, 4154 * **D-3 -** 558, 9779 * **D-4 -** 109
D-5 - 3198, 5623, 7866, 8934 * **D-6 -** 2499, 4169, 6131, 9437 * **D-8 -** 9526 * **D-9 -** 11032
D-10 - 7642, 9328, 9605, 10643, 11362 * **D-11 -** 9935

JUDGE ADVOCATE
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN/CONVENTION 2010
Kevin G. Woodward

Voice of Democracy 2009 - 2010 Theme

"Does America Still Have Heroes?"

Patriots Pen 2009 - 2010 Theme

"When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?"

December is here. District judging should be done NLT December 6th. Please make every effort to accomplish this and forward the entries to me to be in my possession NLT December 15th. Please take an extra minute to check the information on the paperwork and make sure that it is completed (**don't forget to include the winners SSAN**). Make certain that you fill out the number of participants and award amounts on the forms and the District Report Form. The banquet date is January 9th so; I would greatly appreciate and encourage early submissions. This will give me more time to order the awards for the Banquet. Banquet information is included in these GO's.

Remember the forms may be downloaded from the National web site

<http://www.vfw.org/resources/pdf/vod.pdf> and <http://www.vfw.org/resources/pdf/patriotspen.pdf>.

All of the forms and other information are also available on the **LEADERSHIP RESOURCE GUIDE** disc that was provided to all the District Commanders. **Please forward the information to:** Kevin Woodward, 1 Johnson Lane, Machiasport, ME 04655. Additional contact information: Telephone 259-3912, E-mail bampa_5@yahoo.com

National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

As you know or for those of you that do not know, State Commander Alfred Michaud has appointed me to do the **Teacher of the Year** program for this year. So, please make sure that your District Chairmen forward that program also to me. PSC R. Randy Worthley has provided you with all of information for this program. As he has said, "This is one of the VFW's premier programs." All entries should be in the District Chairman

hands by this time. They must forward their winners packages to me to be in my possession *NLT December 15th*. Please double check your information so that it is correct.

I look forward to seeing all District Commanders and Presidents at the January 9th Banquet in Waterville.

SURGEON
CONVENTION SITE SELECTION 2011
Mark G. Reilly

I hope everyone has a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

The First Line of Defense Against Germs: Germs can be transmitted many ways, including: touching dirty hands, through contaminated water and food, through droplets released during a cough or a sneeze, via contaminated surfaces, through contact with a sick person's body fluids when people come into contact with germs, they can unknowingly become infected simply by touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. And once they're infected, it's usually just a matter of time before the whole family comes down with the same illness. Good hand washing is the first line of defense against the spread of many illnesses, from the common cold to more serious illnesses such as meningitis, bronchiolitis, influenza, hepatitis A, and most types of infectious diarrhea.

Washing Hands Correctly: Here's how to scrub those germs away. Demonstrate this routine to your kids or better yet, wash your hands together often so they learn how important this good habit is:

1. Wash your hands in warm water. Make sure the water isn't too hot for little hands.
2. Use soap and lather up for about 10 to 15 seconds (antibacterial soap isn't necessary any soap will do). Make sure you get in between the fingers and under the nails where uninvited germs like to hang out. And don't forget the wrists!
3. Rinse and dry well with a clean towel.

To minimize the germs passed around your family, make frequent hand washing a rule for everyone, especially: before eating and cooking, after using the bathroom (only 1 out of 3 people do this), after cleaning around the house, after touching animals, including family pets, before and after visiting or taking care of any sick friends or relatives, after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing, after being outside (playing, gardening, walking the dog, etc.) Don't underestimate the power of hand washing! The few seconds you spend at the sink could save you trips to the doctor's office.

CHAPLAIN
NATIONAL HOME
Charles A. Warden

Sometimes in the midst of the American Christmas season, it's hard to remember why it is that the birth of Christ is worth celebrating. Secular songs and television shows mostly focus on family and friends and feeling good. The real Christ Mass observance is deeper than that. It is time of thankfulness and praise that God has come to rescue God's people.

Martin Luther put his finger on the key point when he talked about how, on the cross, a wonderful exchange took place. On the cross, Jesus took on our sin and gave us his righteousness. On the cross, Jesus took on our death and gave us life. On the cross, Jesus took on our failure and gave us success.

This exchange was not a new thing, a new idea. It had been promised by the prophets for generations. Thus Isaiah said "They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10). And while this exchange culminated on the cross, it began in the manger, where God in Christ, "took our nature and our lot," as an early church communion prayer puts it. To take on our nature and our lot is to take on our sin, our sorrow, and our sighing, and to give us joy and gladness and holiness. The joy of Christmas comes tempered with the sober realization that he beautiful baby in the manger has come into the world on a

mission that includes suffering and death. It is because of him and his obedience to God's call that Isaiah can promise "joy and gladness"

Chaplains thought for the month= CH\$\$CH---What is missing? Merry Christmas to all and remember that Christ is the reason for the season. Thank you and God Bless, Chaplain Charlie.

National Home: Comrades two very good reasons for supporting the VFW National Home. (1) The Military Family Program can help military families during deployment. Deployed military members children or their spouses with children can live at the National Home when an approved family plan isn't working out. (2) Through the Veteran Family Program, disabled Veterans who are VFW members can pursue VA Voc Rehab while living at the National Home with his or her family. Sometimes it's nearly impossible for veterans to do Voc Rehab and support a family at the same time. Two (2) good reasons why our donations should be on the way to the VFW National Home. Thank you, Chuck Warden Chmn.

NATIONAL COUNCILMAN DISTRICT 1

Eugene A. Pawlik Sr.

Happy Holidays to you and yours as we move into this joyous Season filled with shopping, cooking, wrapping and many other activities! Like other VFWs around the globe, I know that you are heavily engaged in taking care of our Veterans, troops and their families who are in need; and, for this, Thank You for what you do! Personally, at this time of the year, I begin to question myself as to why I should be celebrating, what with medical problems, etc., like many of you. However, it doesn't take long to realize just how well off I am being on this side of the grass, once again in contact with my Christmas list of family and friends – and having a purpose in life to continue to serve in this great organization!!! So, be well, my Comrades; and whether you are celebrating Christmas, Chanukah, or Kwanza, I wish you all the very best in life! See you in the New Year! Gene

HISTORIAN

Robert H. Bernard, PSC

I am once again going to repeat last months report. For those that have been sending me information, Thank you.

I know I have been asking all of you to provide me with photos and information that involves the Department Commander for his History book, but this is not the only information I would like to record. Please send anything that has happened in your Post or Auxiliary that would be of interest to the Commander. I would like to show a complete timeline of his year. It would be helpful if you would also include a brief description of the occasion.

Thank you for your help. Please send the information to: Bob Bernard, 78 Robie Street, Gorham, Maine 04038, e-mail: rbernard@maine.rr.com

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

INSPECTOR

TOGUS BEAL HOUSE

James M. Sawyer, PSC/Chairman

Comrades: 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 Trustees Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. Comrades, the 3rd Quarter is over and we are almost to the end of the 4th Quarter. Here are the Posts that have not turned their audits for the 3rd Quarter. Post # 109, 558, 832,1438, 1603,1605, 2299, 3095, 3108, 3381, 4169, 4525, 4917,

5723, 7865, 7866, 8395, 9328, 9459, 9526, 10643, 11553,

It is the responsibility of the Post Commander to see that the audit is done on time. I am recommending that the Department Commander relieve those Post Commanders who are not doing their job.

Togus Beal House: The Beal's House is in fine shape. The Treasurers books were audited and found to be in good working order. We are waiting for the new windows to be installed. We would like to thank all those who donate to the Beal's House and wish every one Happy Holidays.

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

General: Not much to give you this time. We are back into our office. Some of the furniture has been moved around and business is as usual. The Holiday season is now here. The staff in the office will be taking a few days off for vacations. It would be good to call ahead.

Look for changes in the processing of PTSD claims. We expect a major change around the 24th of January 2010. The changes deal with combat soldiers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

LEGISLATIVE
Peter F. Miesburger, PSC/Chairman

First Comrade's, it's that time again to take a few minutes to think where we have been for the past year and where we are going in 2010 and I am asking all of you to take a few minutes to remember all of our "TROOPS IN HARMS WAY".

At the present time, there are no major items on the horizons in regards to Veterans issues and entitlements. There is one major item that I am concern with and it's the state of Maine budget. From what I understand, when the State of Maine 124th Legislature reconvenes in January 2010, there are plans to cut the state budget again by two million dollars. Comrades, I am asking all of you to contact your local state representative and ask them what are their view in regards to the budget cuts and what budget cuts they support. One of the areas that I am concerned about is the "Bureau of Veterans Affairs," as this agency can not afford any more cuts. Comrades, throughout your travels of the state of Maine and you hear of any cuts that you are not familiar with, contact either Commander Michaud and/or myself as we cannot take any more cuts that the legislature, is known to do at the midnight hour and/or behind closed doors.

As we approach 2010 which will be a major election year for the state of Maine, it's time to review what our elected officials have supported for the past two years. We will be electing both members of Congress, new Governor and the entire State Legislature. When you meet with the various candidates who are seeking your support, ask them what is their view in regards to Veterans Rights and Entitlements are. Remember; always be **PROFESSIONAL, TACTFUL** and **DIPLMACY**, goes along way. Keep in mind that these candidates need us. We send them to Augusta and we can send them home.

Comrades; this past month has been a busy month for me. I attended several workshops for VETERANS and was surprised that these recent VETERANS are unaware of the entitlements that they are entitled to do. Comrades, when you meet these young VETERANS, take a few minutes and sit down with them, discuss their issues with them over a cup of coffee. Take that extra minute, get to know these young VETERANS, who knows what we can learn from them in regards to their issues. Remember, it was the older VETERANS that took us under their wings and taught us about our entitlements.

To all our Vietnam Veterans and Blue Water Sailors who served of the coast of Viet Nam, have you scheduled your "Agent Orange" physical, time is running out. Don't forget our Women Veterans; they need our support as well. If you know of any Woman Veteran, ask them if they are enrolled in the VA Health Care System, you would be surprise the number of Woman Veterans that there is in the state of Maine.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, as of October 2009, there is 10,230 Woman Veterans residing in the state of Maine.

Finally in closing, from my family, to all of you, have a safe holiday season and looking forward to seeing all of you in 2010.

ADVISORY TO TOGUS
Raymond R. Lupo, PSC/Chairman

Togus Liaison: I attended the Mini-Mac meeting on 2 November 2009, most of the meeting was taken up by a conference call by the Director of Vision 1 and most of the talk was about all the ones working at his office and how long they where there and what their duties consisted of? However; later, we were brought up on what's new at Togus: CBOC's Bangor design has been completed and within 2-3 months ground breaking should take place. Lewiston had a pre-construction meeting and action will be forth coming in 18 to 20 months. Rumford clinic will be relocated in the main plaza. The new MRI will be housed in its own permanent building and the Mobile Health Care Clinic in Bingham and Jackman are working fine. The Audiology clinic has cut their fitting time in half to catch-up with their backlog. Travel pay should now be available between the hours of 1200-1230 since they have new staff on duty. The travel pay figures are computed from the distances on Map Quest. Should you want your travel pay mailed to you, be sure that your mailing address is a street address and **NOT** a P.O. Box. There will be **NO** increase in parking tickets but warning tickets will be given out. Again, if you know of a Veteran who has not registered with the VA--see that you tell him to do so.

Action Corp: Shortly, all your Delegates will again be back in the State for their Holiday recess and this is the time that you should make arrangement to talk to them about all your concerns. They will be more likely to listen closer when it a one on one talk. Ask them where they stand and how they will vote on matters concerning the VFW goals and other laws that interest you. If you fail to take any action, then you have no right to complain later.

PAC: No report

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

Credentials: Comrades, just a reminder that the Department Convention is coming soon, that all Posts **MUST** have their Credentials in to the Credentials Committee as **SOON AS POSSIBLE**. The Post must be up to date on Trustees Reports, Election Reports, Post Audit and Post Inspections. These will be checked with the respective Chairmen (i.e. Dept Inspector, Dept Adjutant). The Credentials report must be in to the Credentials Committee by the start of the Business meeting. If your Post Credentials are not in, your Post will have **NO** vote at the Convention. To send in your Post Credentials or if there are any questions, they may be addressed to: Paul S. Colburn, 65 14th St., Bangor, Me. 04401-3733. Or call me at (207) 945-9850.

Ways and Means: Comrades: We are still **WAY TO SLOW** in getting the money for the Ways & Means monies back to me. I realize that some of you just got the tickets at your last District Meetings, but please try to sell the tickets and get the money in. We would like to get as much of the money in by the January 2010 CoA. Remember that the prizes as listed on the tickets are an Old Town Canoe and an Old Town Kayak. You can add to your summer fun with these items.

Golf Tournament: Comrades, we are still planning on having another Department Golf Tournament. Again, it will be held at the Hermon Meadows Golf Course. It will be on the 7th of August 2010. Starting time will be 8:00 am. The cost will be \$200.00 per four (4) person teams. Each team will get two (2) golf carts and an 18 holes round of play. There will be refreshments available before and after the tournament. There will be special prizes on certain holes, for closest to pin and hole in one. There will be a Bar-B-Q after

everyone has finished. Is there anyone out there up to a challenge? We would like to have teams made up of all VFW or LAVFW members, but, anyone can sign up.

Bowling Tournament: Comrades; last years Bowling Tournament didn't come off, however; we are still planning on having one for this year. Unless some other Post volunteers to host the tournament, it will be hosted by the Norman N. Dow – Isaac E. Clewley Post 1761 in Bangor. We would like to have all VFW or LAVFW members fill out the teams, however, as long as one member of the team is a current VFW or LAVFW member; that is all you need. Come on Comrades, pull out your RINGERS and let's see what you got!!!!

NATIONAL TEAM VFW SCOUTER
James A. Proctor, Chairman

It's that time of year to think about building Patrol Boxes for the troops. They will fit into the back of pick-up trucks or trailers. They serve as a food container along with their pots and pans. The lid is used for a cooking counter. We found them very useful on our camp outs.

NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES
(Adopt- a-Unit, Operation Uplink, Unmet Needs)
Harry J. Stickney, Chairman

I would like to first thank all the Comrades and Sisters who sent cards and e-mails to our family after my Mom's passing. It was such a comfort to all of us for such an outpouring support and sympathy.

The Augusta Chapter of the Maine Military Community Support Network met Wednesday, 18 November 2009 for their regular meeting. Department Commander Michaud, CNR Elkins and I attended. Their charter is to locate assistance for all needy service members, Veterans and families to stay healthy and warm. This Chapter and 3 others in the State will attempt to locate goods, services, housing, counseling, volunteer labor, etc., which will be listed and forwarded to the State Chapter. These services will then be a resource for other like organizations in the State of Maine.

With the closing of Brunswick Naval Air Station and the tough economy, there's going to be a greater strain on USVA, Bangor Air National Guard and Camp Keyes resources. Many active duty families will have to travel out of State or seek help wherever they can acquire it. Older Veterans are often going without because of increased travel and expense.

The finished program will provide the Veteran, service member or spouse a Statewide 211 number, a 1-800 number; an e-mail website, widely distributed brochures and flyers or local hot-line to get the assistance they require.

This is still a work in progress but the committees are task oriented. It will be a reality and success story.

As previously stated, the Maine National Guard, Army, Navy and Marine Corps Reserves will still continue to mobilize and deploy their service members. The Army National Guard has 400-600 soldiers planned for deployments. The Air National Guard has approximately 80 planned for deployment. There is no talk of extending the services of those already deployed, therefore; Maine should be seeing approximately 240 soldiers and airmen returning home in 2010.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR
Thomas R. Lussier, PSC/Coordinator

The Department of Maine website has information posted on Department and National membership, monthly General Orders, Department/District/Post Roster of Officers, forms for QMs to use to do their job, link to VOD/PP/Teacher of the Year program, Community and Graves Registration reporting forms and you

can also download the adobe.com/reader program. It also has many other links. All you have to do is access www.mainevfw.org. The website also contains a guestbook for all to sign in, please use it, to date; only a few people have. Any Districts and/or Posts who have changes in officers are to forward the information to the State Adjutant who will forward it to me for inclusion on the website. Posts that have a website, send me your address and I will create a link using your Post name and number (Your Post name and number will be in blue), just click on it and it will take you to your site, the only request is for you to provide a link to the Department website. If you have any questions, just e-mail me at Tlussie1@maine.rr.com or call 761-3971.

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

MVH: The census is at 95.6. The 70% handicapped Veterans program threat appears at this time to be favorable for us as a result of our efforts. Sufficient progress and positive encouragement by important Congressional members and by proper governmental officials is very encouraging. Initial license approval for the VHA pharmacy operation is expected this month.

VFW Service Office: The Service Office continues to operate very well. Staff is functioning at a good pace and doing very well. The reports coming in from our Veteran clients are all positive. Our two staff assistants continue to learn and gain experience.

***HOSPITAL/VAVS
Duane M. Leathers, Chairman***

Don't forget about our Patient Holiday party that will be held on December 13, 2009. Currently, we are working on securing a band to perform for the Veterans. The VFW will be passing out coupons and small gifts on our ward.

We will be meeting around 1:30 pm in building 207 to sign in Dirigo Recreation Center (coffee will be served) before going to the ward on the 2nd floor, V.V. CLC 72. Parties will begin on the wards at 2:00 pm.

Please do not forget your donations to Togus Aid. We need donations for calling cards, comfort items, coffee, newspapers, etc. We also need volunteers for shuttle drivers around the V.A. Hospital. Please make your checks out to "***VAVS***" and mail them to my home.

Remember Hospitalized Veterans Need Our Help!!!

***COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
"Americanism/Loyalty Day, Blood Bank, Safety & Drug Abuse, Youth Activities"
Janet L. Michaud, Chairperson***

Hello Comrades: Several Posts have reported many activities thank you!! To those Posts who may not be sure what to report, here are some suggestions: Now that Veterans Day is over and I know many of you visited schools, marched in parades and laid wreaths; also, many of you have been visiting Veterans in Homes and I expect to see reports on these activities. How many participated in the Homeless Stand-down by donating or volunteering at Togus or driving? Is your Post collecting clothing, food or toys for the upcoming Holiday season? Some of you may have participated in a Maine Medal presentation or the presentation at your Post. Here are some other suggestions as cold weather comes upon us and Posts reach out to assist those in the community. Did the Post sponsor a Fund Raiser? Did the Post sponsor a Blood Drive? Has a Post member been active at a local soup kitchen? Does a Post member deliver for Meals on

E-mail and I will answer your questions. E-mail: ajrvfw@myfairpoint.net or Tel: 784-6883
PURCHASED BRICKS or MONUMENTS: (109 BRICKS - 1 Small & 1 Large Monument by VFW)
IN MEMORY OF: (NONE THIS MONTH)

> PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN
ARTHUR J. ROY, PSC

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

VFW Post 9 Gardiner (1), VFW Post 887 (1), VFW Post 1603 Auburn (26),
VFW Post 1641 Rumford (1), VFW Post 1285 Waterville (2), VFW Post 3335 Jay (2),
VFW Post 6783 Lovell (4), VFW Post 9150 Lewiston (2),

"I have received Newsletters from:

VFW Post 9 Gardiner (1), VFW Post 109 Ellsworth (6), VFW Post 544 South Berwick (1),
VFW Post 1285 Waterville (1), VFW Post 1603 Auburn (5), VFW Post 6859 Portland (1),
VFW Post 6977 York Beach (1), VFW Post 9389 Caribou (3), VFW Post 9787 South Paris (1),
VFW Post 10529 (5), VFW Post 11191, Newport (3), District 9 (2), District 11 (2)

"KEEP ALL YOUR MEMBERS INFORMED ON VFW ISSUES."

ARTHUR J. ROY, PSC - MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
"HONORING MAINE'S VETERANS"

ON THE NOVEMBER RECRUITER REPORT FROM NATIONAL THERE ARE 30 N/R
MEMBERS THAT NO ONE HAS CLAIMED BY PUTTING THEIR NAME ON THE
APPLICATION ? WHY ?

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 ON CARD & NUMBER ON IT – IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK ANY OF
THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM – WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU! IF WE ARE TO BE A 100% DEPT WE
ALL MUST WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM – OK?

We have 6 Posts that are at or over 100% at this time with over 10 that only need a couple – WILL YOU
HELP!

CONGRATULATIONS To: Post 1438 Lincoln – Post 558 Eastport – Post 1285 Waterville –
Post 6783 Lovell – Post 489 Biddeford – Post 10879 Gorham (ALL 100% or + POSTS)

>> HELP IS NEEDED FOR 2 CNR's – THE NORTHERN & SOUTHERN PART OF THE STATE <<
PLEASE PASS THE WORD – OK?

ONE PERSON IS THINKING SERIOUS ABOUT DOING IT IN SOUTHERN AREA AND IS BEING
TRAINED BY WAYNE ELKINS & AT THIS TIME HE IS DOING GREAT AND SHOWING
INTEREST.

DEPT WILL TRAIN THE NEW CNR'S - APPLY TO AJ Roy or STATE ADJUTANT, ANDY DUMAS.

>>> 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.

PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Post/Location 20 November 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												
2599 Presque Isle		X	X	X				X				1
6187 Ft. Fairfield		X	X	X				X				1
9389 Caribou	X	X	X	X				X		X		1
9609 Ft. Kent	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		2
9699 Ashland	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			1
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%				100%				
DISTRICT 2												
1438 Lincoln		X	X	X								1
1605 Burlington	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	5
2299 Sherman	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		4
4154 Millinocket	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	4
7529 Island Falls	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	5
9429 West Enfield	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	5
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 3												
558 Eastport		X	X	X								1
9779 Calais	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			3
11299 Perry		X	X	X						X		1
11553 Harrington	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	2
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 4												
109 Ellsworth	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	5
1761 Bangor	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	4
3381 Old Town		X	X	X						X		1
4527 Orrington	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	6
4633 Hampden	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	7
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%						100%		
DISTRICT 5												
3198 Skowhegan		X	X	X								1
4298 Dexter	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	4
5723 Jackman		X	X	X								1
6924 Fairfield		X	X	X						X	X	2
7865 Madison	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	2
7866 Norridgewock	X	X	X	X								1
8934 Embden	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			1
10881 Farmington	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	4
11191 Newport		X	X	X						X		2
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 6												
2499 Rockland		X	X	X			X					1
3095 Friendship	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	2
3108 Belfast		X	X	X			X			X	X	3
4169 Vinalhaven		X	X	X			X					1
6131 Northport		X	X	X			X					1
9437 Washington		X	X	X			X				X	1
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%			100%					
DISTRICT 7												
2197 Topsham	X	X	X	X					X	X		3
4525 Waldoboro	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	2
7738 Bath		X	X	X						X		1
8395 New Harbor	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		3
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%						100%		

Post/Location 20 November 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	X	X	5
887 Augusta	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	5
1285 Waterville	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	5
8835 Winslow	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	5
9526 Winthrop	X	X	X	X			X		X		X	2
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	100%	100%	100%	100%			100%		100%		100%	
DISTRICT 9												
1603 Auburn	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	7
1641 Rumford	X	X	X	X			X			X	X	2
3335 Jay	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	7
9150 Lewiston	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	2
9459 Lisbon	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	5
9787 South Paris		X	X	X							X	1
11032 Greene	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	1
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%							100%	
DISTRICT 10												
832 So. Portland	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	5
6783 Lovell	X	X	X	X				X	X	X		6
6859 Portland	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	5
7642 East Hiram	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			1
9328 Harrison	X	X	X	X			X			X	X	3
9605 Long Island		X	X	X							X	1
10529 Yarmouth		X	X	X						X	X	2
10643 Windham		X	X	X								1
10879 Gorham	X	X	X	X						X	X	2
11362 Naples	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	2
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 11												
489 Biddeford	X	X	X	X					X	X		1
5744 So. Berwick	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			7
6548 Kennebunk	X	X	X	X					X		X	2
6977 York Beach	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		5
7997 Old Orchard Beach		X	X	X						X		1
9394 Kittery	X	X	X	X				X	X	X		2
9935 Sanford	X	X	X	X			X				X	2
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								

"IN MEMORY OF VETERANS"			
DIVISION LEADERS		---	NOV 20, 2009

DIV. I (10-50) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. IV (201-300) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	

1. 558 EASTPORT	105.60%	1. 1603 Auburn	95.2%
2. 10879 GORHAM	100.00%	2. 9935 Sanford	92.8%
3. 4527 Orrington	97.5%	3. 11553 Harrington	92.5%
DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. V (301-450) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	

1. 6783 LOVELL	103.6%	1. 1285 WATERVILLE - - - - -	102.6%
2. 1438 LINCOLN	101.3%	2. 8835 Winslow - - - - -	96.9%
3. 8934 Embden	98.5%	3. 1641 Rumford - - - - -	90.8%
DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. VI (451-1000) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	

1. 489 BIDDEFORD	101.1%	1. 9389 Caribou	96.7%
2. 4633 Hampden	95.8%	2. 832 South Portland	88.8%
3. 5744 SoBerwick	95.1%	3. 3335 Jay	83.6%

TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY %		TEN LARGEST POSTS	

1. 558 EASTPORT - - - - -	105.6%	1. 832 South Portland - - - - -	594
2. 6783 LOVELL - - - - -	103.6%	2. 9389 Caribou - - - - -	496
3. 1285 WATERVILLE - - - - -	102.6%	3. 8835 Winslow - - - - -	433
4. 1438 LINCOLN - - - - -	101.3%	4. 6859 Portland - - - - -	427
5. 489 BIDDEFORD - - - - -	101.1%	5. 3335 Jay - - - - -	417
6. 10879 GORHAM - - - - -	100.0%	6. 1285 WATERVILLE - - - - -	398
7. 8934 Embden - - - - -	98.5%	7. 1761 Bangor - - - - -	374
8. 10529 Yarmouth - - - - -	98.0%	8. 3381 Old Town - - - - -	341
9. 4527 Orrington - - - - -	97.5%	9. 1641 Rumford - - - - -	318
10. 8835 Winslow - - - - -	96.9%	10. 6977 York Beach - - - - -	299

DISTRICT STANDINGS		MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2009-10	

1. District 1 Abbott	93.42%	> 11,731 MEMBERS FOR 100% DEPARTMENT <	
2. District 3 Dowling	92.21%	WE HAVE = 10,322 - WE NEED = 1,409	
3. District 2 Moore	91.49%	ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 90%	
4. District 4 Smith	91.14%	"STATE CONVENTION" – JUNE 11-12-13, 2010	
5. District 11 Giroux	89.43%	10 N/R MEMBERS AND YOU EARN A WHITE VFW	
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE	87.99%	SHIRT – 20 YOU EARN A VFW JACKET	
6. District 7 Dearborn	87.98%	ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT	
7. District 10 Nadeau	87.91%	AT LEAST 3 N/R MEMBERS – WILL YOU?	
8. District 9 Hebert	87.77%	LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND	
9. District 8 Stickney	86.72%	RETAIN – RECRUIT & REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS	
10. District 5 Talmadge	82.18%	NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS	
11. District 6 Sedgwick	78.19%	ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK?	
"PAST – PRESENT - FUTURE"			

	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2009	11/20/009	L/M	CONT	N/R	L/MN	MEMB%	DUES:
1	3	2599	Presque Isle	570	196	183	156	27	0	0	93.4%	\$26.00
1	3	6187	Fort Fairfield	228	108	101	70	26	5	1	93.5%	\$26.00
1	6	9389	Caribou	867	513	496	446	39	11	0	96.7%	\$25.00
1	3	9609	Fort Kent	526	196	178	119	55	4	0	90.8%	\$26.00
1	3	9699	Ashland	291	157	135	120	15	0	0	86.0%	\$26.00
1			TOTALS	2482	1170	1093	911	162	20	1	93.42%	
2	2	1438	Lincoln	135	75	76	69	6	1	0	101.3%	\$25.00
2	2	1605	Burlington	76	63	60	51	6	3	0	95.2%	\$23.00
2	1	2299	Sherman St	97	49	44	25	19	0	0	89.8%	\$21.00
2	4	4154	Millinocket	494	230	207	170	31	6	0	90.0%	\$30.00
2	2	7529	Island Falls	81	65	61	49	12	0	0	93.8%	\$26.00
2	2	9429	West Enfield	84	70	57	43	14	0	0	81.4%	\$22.00
2			TOTALS	967	552	505	407	88	10	0	91.49%	
3	1	558	Eastport	184	36	38	28	6	4	0	105.6%	\$23.00
3	2	9779	Calais	85	51	44	28	15	1	0	86.3%	\$22.00
3	2	11299	Perry	186	97	87	63	16	8	0	89.7%	\$24.00
3	4	11553	Harrington	224	227	210	148	55	7	1	92.5%	\$25.00
3			TOTALS	679	411	379	267	92	20	1	92.21%	
4	4	109	Ellsworth	355	205	188	163	25	0	0	91.7%	\$25.00
4	5	1761	Bangor	703	419	374	247	122	5	0	89.3%	\$25.00
4	5	3381	Old Town	604	377	341	302	37	2	0	90.5%	\$25.00
4	1	4527	Orrington	110	40	39	32	6	1	0	97.5%	\$24.00
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	144	138	115	18	5	0	95.8%	\$25.00
4			TOTALS	2056	1185	1080	859	208	13	0	91.14%	
5	3	3198	Skowhegan	323	128	121	90	30	1	0	94.5%	\$25.00
5	3	4298	Dexter	141	105	92	62	28	2	0	87.6%	\$25.00
5	1	5723	Jackman Station	57	14	9	3	6	0	0	64.3%	\$25.00
5	4	6924	Fairfield	436	252	166	142	22	2	0	65.9%	\$25.00
5	3	7865	Madison	163	107	96	53	43	0	0	89.7%	\$21.00
5	1	7866	Norridgewock	69	15	14	9	5	0	0	93.3%	\$24.00
5	2	8934	Embden	138	68	67	47	19	1	0	98.5%	\$23.00
5	1	10881	Farmington	45	29	27	23	4	0	0	93.1%	\$25.00
5	2	11191	Newport	65	51	40	30	8	2	0	78.4%	\$20.50
5			TOTALS	1437	769	632	459	165	8	0	82.18%	
6	3	2499	Rockland	277	172	102	81	16	5	0	59.3%	\$27.00
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	37	34	28	6	0	0	91.9%	\$21.00
6	3	3108	Belfast	320	127	105	81	22	2	0	82.7%	\$26.00
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	18	16	11	5	0	0	88.9%	\$21.00
6	2	6131	Northport	230	71	67	59	8	0	0	94.4%	\$26.00
6	2	9437	Washington	135	61	56	50	6	0	0	91.8%	\$24.00
6			TOTALS	1171	486	380	310	63	7	0	78.19%	
7	2	2197	Topsham	114	81	65	44	21	0	0	80.2%	\$25.00
7	2	4525	Waldoboro	218	68	63	43	17	3	0	92.6%	\$20.50
7	2	7738	Bath	198	88	77	73	4	0	0	87.5%	\$20.50
7	3	8395	New Harbor	297	104	95	69	26	0	0	91.3%	\$23.00
7			TOTALS	827	341	300	229	68	3	0	87.98%	

8	3	9	Randolph	143	105	83	61	22	0	0	79.0%	\$25.00
8	5	887	Augusta	352	378	252	188	58	6	1	66.7%	\$30.00
8	5	1285	Waterville	600	388	398	319	51	28	2	102.6%	\$28.00
8	5	8835	Winslow	792	447	433	374	48	11	0	96.9%	\$27.00
8	2	9526	Winthrop	123	75	42	33	9	0	0	56.0%	\$25.00
8			TOTALS	2010	1393	1208	975	188	45	3	86.72%	
9	4	1603	Auburn	505	272	259	189	54	16	1	95.2%	\$30.00
9	5	1641	Rumford	882	350	318	169	138	11	0	90.9%	\$25.00
9	6	3335	Jay	647	499	417	344	71	2	1	83.6%	\$25.00
9	3	9150	Lewiston	199	168	140	96	43	1	0	83.3%	\$22.00
9	4	9459	Lisbon	546	273	237	203	28	6	0	86.8%	\$30.00
9	4	9787	South Paris	421	231	203	156	46	1	0	87.9%	\$25.00
9	1	11032	Greene	68	47	41	38	3	0	0	87.2%	\$26.00
			TOTALS	3268	1840	1615	1195	383	37	2	87.77%	
10	6	832	South Portland	1701	669	594	501	93	0	0	88.8%	\$30.00
10	2	6783	Lovell	110	56	58	48	8	2	0	103.6%	\$25.00
10	6	6859	Portland	1051	523	427	344	76	7	1	81.6%	\$25.00
10	2	7642	East Hiram	137	63	52	42	10	0	0	82.5%	\$25.00
10	2	9328	Harrison	95	57	52	43	9	0	0	91.2%	\$30.00
10	1	9605	Long Island	61	32	30	18	12	0	0	93.8%	\$22.00
10	2	10529	Yarmouth	101	99	97	93	4	0	0	98.0%	\$25.00
10	2	10643	Windham	81	61	55	46	8	1	0	90.2%	\$31.00
10	1	10879	Gorham	68	33	33	18	14	1	0	100.0%	\$25.00
10	1	11362	Naples	49	36	34	27	7	0	0	94.4%	\$28.50
10			TOTALS	3454	1629	1432	1180	241	11	1	87.91%	
11	3	489	Biddeford	489	190	192	179	10	3	4	101.1%	\$20.50
11	3	5744	So Berwick	158	144	137	110	25	2	2	95.1%	\$21.00
11	1	6548	Kennebunk	121	36	34	33	1	0	0	94.4%	\$23.50
11	5	6977	York Beach	348	330	299	226	70	3	1	90.6%	\$30.00
11	3	7997	O.O.B.	322	184	123	84	39	0	0	66.8%	\$25.00
11	2	9394	Kittery	126	64	54	39	15	0	0	84.4%	\$26.00
11	4	9935	Sanford	506	263	244	200	40	4	0	92.8%	\$25.00
11			TOTALS	2070	1211	1083	871	200	12	7	89.43%	
		15020	M.A.L.	583	744	615	458	144	13	1	82.7%	
		11/20/009		21004	11731	10322	8121	2002	199	16	88.0%	
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**STATE CONVENTION
JUNE 11, 12 & 13, 2010**



**Holiday Inn, 215 High St
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Rates: \$89.00 + tax (Up to 4 people per room)**

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AWARDS BANQUET*



Saturday, January 9, 2010

Waterville Elks Club

SOCIAL HOUR: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

BANQUET: 6:00 pm

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Holiday Inn

375 Main St, Waterville, ME 04091

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VFW Rate: \$64.00 + tax, up to 4 persons, 2 double beds

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Banquet Tickets are \$25.00 per person

Department pays (All District winner's banquet tickets)

Banquet is Buffet Style

Fresh Tossed Garden Salad, Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Marinated Bean Salad, Assorted Pickles and Olives

Hot Entrees: Braised Beef Tips, Lemon Pepper Haddock, Chicken Cordon Bleu,

Included: Rice Pilaf and Potato of the Day

Choice of Vegetable: Corn, Green Beans Almandine, Carrots, Peas with Pearl Onions,

Mixed Vegetables or Peas and Carrots

Hot Rolls and Butter, Coffee and Tea, Assorted Chef's Desserts

*****Cut*****

Meals Totals _____ x \$25.00 _____

Name _____

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NO ASSIGNED SEATING

Deadline for Banquet Ticket is: December 28, 2009

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