



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



JULY 2009

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 1

**“SPECIAL NOTICE – SPECIAL NOTICE”**

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

**Receipt of General Orders:** For those who wish to receive the GO's via e-mail, please send the State Adjutant an e-mail and he will put you on the e-mail list. We have had in the past five (5) months many GOs returned to us because of improper addresses, temporarily away and/or snowbirds (costing the Department \$.50 for each return vice \$.13.5 for shipping), our State Commander has directed that any GOs returned to this office, that the individual will not receive them in the future until we are notified of the change of address.

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**1. Having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander... “I, Alfred E. Michaud Sr., hereby assume command of the Department of Maine, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.”**

**2. Elected Officers:** At the 89<sup>th</sup> annual State Convention held in Winslow, Maine, June 12-14, 2009, the following Officers were duly elected and installed.

Commander – Alfred E. Michaud Sr., 82 Dunham Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989 – Tel: 649-2946

Sr. Vice Commander – John E. Williams, PO Box 91, Columbia Falls, ME 04623 – Tel: 483-2733

Jr. Vice Commander – Louis A. Peterson II, 2 Cliff Lane, Biddeford, ME 04005 – Tel: 282-4284

Quartermaster – Donald W. Linscott Jr., PO Box 1286, Auburn, ME 04211-1286 – Tel: 782-6873

Judge Advocate – Kevin G. Woodward, 1 Johnson Lane, Machiasport, ME – Tel: 259-3912

Surgeon – Mark G. Reilly, 219 Brighton Ave #2, Portland, ME 04102 – Tel: 408-9961

Chaplain – Charles A. Warden, 398 Indian River Rd., Addison, ME 04655-9801 – Tel: 483-2901

**3. Appointed Officers:** The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant – Andre L. Dumas, 64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125 – Tel: 496-0071

Chief of Staff – Arthur J. Roy, 330 Russell St., Lewiston, ME 04240-4255 – Tel: 784-6883

Inspector – James M. Sawyer, 72 Pope Rd., Windham, ME 04062-3303 – Tel: 892-3903

Service Officer – Rene A. Deschene, PO Box 3311, Togus VA Center, Augusta, ME 04430 – Tel: 623-5723

Asst Service Officer – James J. Weiss, PO Box 3311, Togus VA Center, Augusta, ME 04430 –  
Tel: 623-5723

Past State Commander – Robert H. Bernard, 78 Robie St., Gorham, ME 04038 – Tel: 839-6841

Asst Adjutant/Quartermaster – Arthur J. Roy, 330 Russell St., Lewiston, ME 04240-4255 – Tel: 784-6883

Guard – Eric N. Hunt, 21 Osborne St., Fairfield, ME 04937 – Tel: 453-6201

Historian – Robert H. Bernard, 78 Robie St., Gorham, ME 04038 – Tel: 839-6841

Public Relations Officer – Arthur J. Roy, 330 Russell St., Lewiston, ME 04240-4255 – Tel: 784-6883

Sergeant-at-Arms – David D. Williams, 330 Waldo St., Rumford, ME 04276-1714 – Tel: 369-0302

Dept Color Guard Capt – Edward H. Cook, 23 Angell Ave., So Portland, ME 04106 – Tel: 799-1220

#### **4. District Commanders:**

District 1 – Vinal E. Abbott, PO Box 318, Sheridan, ME 04775-0318 – Tel: 435-6600  
District 2 – Richard M. Moore, 762 Transalpine Rd., Lincoln, ME 04457 – Tel: 794-3102  
District 3 – Michael L. Williams, PO Box 12, Machias, ME 04654-0012 – Tel: 449-1943  
District 4 – Ronald F. Smith, 47 Brasley Ave., Glenburn, ME 04401-1422 – Tel: 990-1312  
District 5 – Charles F. Talmadge, 46 High St., Newport, ME 04953 – Tel: 368-5245  
District 6 – Thaxter S. Sedgwick, PO Box 113, Union, ME 04862-0113 – Tel: 785-4562  
District 7 – David Dearborn, 49 Winter St., Apt 1, Topsham, ME 04086 – Tel: 725-7291  
District 8 – Harry J. Stickney, 71 Hayden Rd., Augusta, ME 04330-8516 – Tel: 623-3395  
District 9 – Palmer A. Hebert, 25 Otis St., Livermore Falls, ME 04254 – Tel: 897-2859  
District 10 – Edmond F. Nadeau, 71 Main St., Cornish, ME 04020 – Tel: 625-5003  
District 11 – Richard P. Giroux, 11 Marblehead Lane, Biddeford, ME 04005 – Tel: 283-8961

#### **5. Deputy Inspectors:**

District 1 – John J. Bouchard, 102 Highland Ave., Fort Kent, ME 04743 – Tel: 834-3606  
District 2 – Wayne E. Guiggey, 68 North St., Sherman Mills, ME 04776-0095 – Tel: 365-4832  
District 3 – Philip “Mike” Farrell, PO Box 10, Perry, ME 04667-0010 – Tel: 853-2392  
District 4 – Ronald F. Smith, 47 Brasley Ave., Glenburn, ME 04401-1422 – Tel: 990-1312  
District 5 – Nelson D. Harding, 656 China Rd., Albion, ME 04910-6420 – Tel: 437-5221  
District 6 – Robert J. Semetauskis, 226 Seal Harbor Rd., Spruce Head, ME 04859-4835 – Tel: 594-5976  
District 7 – David Dearborn, 49 Winter St., Apt 1, Topsham, ME 04086 – Tel: 725-7291  
District 8 – Richard E. O’Ben Sr., 96 Hinkley Rd., W. Gardiner, ME 04345 – Tel: 724-3474  
District 9 – Palmer A. Hebert, 25 Otis St., Livermore Falls, ME 04254 – Tel: 897-2859  
District 10 – James A. Proctor, 47 Sand Rd., Naples, ME 04055-5214 – Tel: 693-6696  
District 11 – Malcolm P. Kenney, 57 Agamenticus Rd., S. Berwick, ME 03908, Tel: 384-2605

#### **6. Council of Administration:**

Commander Alfred E. Michaud Sr.	District 1 Cmdr Vinal E. Abbott
Sr. Vice Commander John E. Williams	District 2 Cmdr Richard M. Moore
Jr. Vice Commander Louis A. Peterson II	District 3 Cmdr Michael L. Williams
Quartermaster Donald W. Linscott Jr.	District 4 Cmdr Ronald F. Smith
Adjutant Andre L. Dumas	District 5 Cmdr Charles F. Talmadge
Judge Advocate Kevin G. Woodward	District 6 Cmdr Thaxter S. Sedgwick
Surgeon Mark G. Reilly	District 7 Cmdr David Dearborn
Chaplain Charles A. Warden	District 8 Cmdr Harry J. Stickney
Past State Commander Robert H. Bernard	District 9 Cmdr Palmer A. Hebert
Chief of Staff Arthur J. Roy	District 10 Cmdr Edmond F. Nadeau
Inspector James M. Sawyer	District 11 Cmdr Richard P. Giroux

#### **7. Committee Appointments:**

Action Corps & PAC – Raymond R. Lupo, 10 Patterson Ave, Hampden, ME 04444-1720 – Tel: 942-8486  
Americanism/Loyalty Day – Janet L. Michaud, 82 Dunham Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989 – Tel: 873-1121  
Bowling/Golf – Paul S. Colburn, 65-14<sup>th</sup> St., Bangor, ME 04401-3733 – Tel: 945-9850  
Boy Scouts – William B. Bradbury, 8 Seavey St., Westbrook, ME 04092 – Tel: 320-0060  
Blood Bank – Janet L. Michaud, 82 Dunham Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989 – Tel: 873-1121  
Buddy Poppy – Donald W. Linscott Jr., PO Box 1286, Auburn, ME 04211-1286 – Tel: 782-6873  
Christmas Cards & Labels – Vinal E. Abbott, PO Box 318, Sheridan, ME 04775 – Tel: 435-6600  
Community Activities – Janet L. Michaud, 82 Dunham Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989 – Tel: 873-1121  
Convention 2010 – Kevin G. Woodward, 1 Johnson Lane, Machiasport, ME 04655-9801 – Tel: 259-3912

Convention Site Selection 2011 – Mark G. Reilly, 219 Brighton Ave, #2, Portland, ME 04102 –  
Tel: 408-9961

Credentials – Paul S. Colburn, 65-14<sup>th</sup> St., Bangor, ME 04401-3733 – Tel: 945-9850

Department Informational Security Officer – Andre L. Dumas, 64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME  
04736-2125, Tel: 496-0071

Finance & Audit – Albert E. Moulton, 146 Fieldstone Estate Rd., York, ME 03909-5817 – Tel: 363-4512

Homeless Veterans – Wayne H. Elkins, 47 Halifax St., Apt 1, Winslow, ME 04901 – Tel: 873-1721

Homeless Veterans Assistant – James E.M. Bachelder, 2973 Milton Mills Rd., Acton, ME 04001-5018,  
Tel: 477-2877

Hospital/VAVS – Duane M. Leathers, 33 Warren Ave., Gardiner, ME 04345-9032 – Tel: 582-5367

Insurance – Donald W. Linscott Jr., PO Box 1286, Auburn, ME 04211-1286 – Tel: 782-6873

Legislative – Peter F. Miesburger, 9 Hardison Ave E., Caribou, ME 04736-1607 – Tel: 493-3973

Legislative Assistant – Arnold L. Leavitt, 35 Lake St., Auburn, ME 04210-4439 – Tel: 782-6149

Maine Officers Leadership Development (MOLD) – Andre L. Dumas, 64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME  
04736-2125 – Tel: 496-0071

Maine Veterans' Homes Trustee – Arnold L. Leavitt, 35 Lake St., Auburn, ME 04210-4439 – Tel: 782-6149

Maine Veterans' Home Trustee (Eff. 1 April 2010) – Marvin W. Woodbury, PO Box 613, Freeport, ME  
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Bangor – Walter H. McAllister, 248 Main St., Bradley, ME 04411 – Tel: 944-6950

Caribou – Fred Ormezzani, 49 Church St., Limestone, ME 04750 – Tel: 325-4068

Machias – Charles A. Warden, 398 Indian River Rd., Addison, ME 04606 – Tel: 483-2901

Scarborough – Louis A. Peterson II, 2 Cliff Lane, Biddeford, ME 04005 – Tel: 282-4284

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National Military Service – Harry J. Stickney, 71 Hayden Rd., Augusta, ME 04330 – Tel: 623-3395

Parliamentarian – Albert E. Moulton, 146 Fieldstone Estate Rd., York, ME 03909-5817 – Tel: 363-4512

POW/MIA – John E. Williams, PO Box 91, Columbia Falls, ME 04623-0091 – Tel: 483-2733

Resolutions & By-Laws – Arnold L. Leavitt, 35 Lake St., Auburn, ME 04210-4439 – Tel: 782-6149

Safety & Drug Abuse – Janet L. Michaud, 82 Dunham Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989 – Tel: 873-1121

Teacher of the Year – R. Randy Worthley, 1700 Albion Rd., Winslow, ME 04901-0524 – Tel: 873-0868

Togus Beal House – James M. Sawyer, 72 Pope Rd., Windham, ME 04062-3303 – Tel: 892-3903

Veterans Advisory to Togus – Raymond R. Lupo, 10 Patterson Ave, Hampden, ME 04444-1720 –  
Tel: 942-8486

Veterans Cemetery North – Andre L. Dumas, 64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125 –  
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Veterans Cemetery Central – Arthur J. Roy, 330 Russell St., Lewiston, ME 04240-4255 – Tel: 783-6883

Veterans Cemetery South – James E.N. Bachelder, 2973 Milton Mills Rd., Acton, ME 04001-5018 –  
Tel: 477-2877

Veterans Service – R. Randy Worthley, 1700 Albion Rd., Winslow, ME 04901-0524 – Tel: 873-0868

VFW Certified National Recruiter/Trainer:  
Wayne H. Elkins, 47 Halifax St., Apt 1, Winslow, ME 04901 – Tel: 873-1721  
William B. Bradbury, 8 Seavey St., Westbrook, ME 04092 – Tel: 320-0060

Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen – Kevin G. Woodward, 1 Johnson Lane, Machiasport, ME 04655-9801 –  
Tel: 259-3912

Website Coordinator – Thomas R. Lussier, 126 Bancroft St., Portland, ME 04102 – Tel: 761-3971

Wreath Across America – John E. Williams, PO Box 91, Columbia Falls, ME 04623-0091 – Tel: 483-2733

Youth Activities – Janet L. Michaud, 82 Dunham Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989 – Tel: 873-1121

**8. July CoA Meetings:** Will be held in Jay, ME on 12 July 2009. The VFW will meet at the Jay Post on Sunday morning @ 8:30 am. The Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the Knights of Columbus @ 9 am. On Saturday, the following meetings will convene at the Comfort Inn & Suites:

11 am – Veterans Service Cmtee

12 noon – Finance and Audit Cmtee

The Headquarters hotel will be the Comfort Inn & Suites, 1026 US Route 2 East, Wilton, ME. Tel: 1-207-645-5155 or 1-800-723-5155. Rates are as follows: King/2 Queens \$99.99 for 2 people and King/2 Queen Suites \$125.00 for 2 people. A \$10.00 charge will be assessed per extra person after the first 2 people in the room. Other motels available are: Colonial Valley Motel @ 1-800-684-28000 and Wilson Lake Inn (formerly Whispering Pines) @ 1-207-645-3271.

**9. Scheduled CoA Meetings for the Year 2009-10:** Listed are the headquarters hotels for those meetings.

July 11-12, 2009 – Jay, ME – Comfort Inn and Suite

October 10-11, 2009 – Old Town, ME – Black Bear Inn

January 9-10, 2010 – Waterville/Winslow, ME – Holiday Inn

April 17-18, 2010 – Auburn, ME – A Fireside Inn & Suites

**10: Maine Officers Leadership Development (MOLD Seminar):** Will be held July 25 at the Waterville Post. This training this year will be for District Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters who will in turn be required to conduct a membership training seminar at their first District meeting. All District Commanders also attended a membership seminar after the Convention and have been certified as recruiters.

**11. Membership:** There is only *one kind of membership* as provided by the VFW National By-Laws which is *active eligible membership*. Officers signing outlaw cards admitting nonmembers to VFW premises are subject to disciplinary action.

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

**13. Incoming President Homecoming:** Will be held on 11 July 2009 at the Jay Post 3335 starting @ 1 pm. The meal reservation is enclosed in these GOs for your completion if you plan on attending.

**14. National Convention:** The 110<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be held in Phoenix, AZ on 15-20 August 2009. The Department of Maine will be housed at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel with a block of 20 rooms allocated for the Department. Rates are \$99.00 for single and double plus 12.27% tax and \$114 for club level plus 12.27% tax. **The Phoenix housing bureau will not accept housing reservations by phone.** To make your reservation, you can go on line to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) or fax the reservation to 1-602-256-5292. (The reservation form will be in the June GOs.) **Anyone making reservations and deciding to cancel at a later date, please contact the State Adjutant first since any rooms cancelled are lost from the Department allocations of the 20 rooms allowed us.** There will be no convention banquet in Phoenix.

**15. Post Commanders:** Delegate strength of each Post to the National Convention shall be based on the National dues received by the Quartermaster General as of 30 June 2009, except for Posts that are chartered after that date. Delegates are figured at 1 per 50 members.

**16. National Convention Registration:** Section 222 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure requires that each Post **shall register, in advance**, at least one member/delegate to the National Convention,

by the payment of a fee in the amount of \$10.00. All advance registrations shall be mailed to "Convention Registration, 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO 64111." Payment must be made by check or money order, **DO NOT SEND CASH.** The on-line registration is now open by going to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). ***Posts failing to comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears.***

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

**18. Post Commanders:** Attention is called to the provisions of Section 703 of the National By-Laws which requires that each accountable officers of the VFW 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/she may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the VFW District or Post as the case may be to which each officer is accountable. The bonds of such accountable officer, in the amount and as to the surety, shall be approved by the respective units and held by the respective Commanders. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers at his/her unit.

**19. Department Directories/Membership & Communities Programs:** Will be given out to all CoA members and District Commanders at the July CoA meeting in Jay for passing on to their respective Posts. As in the past, there will be only one (1) directory per person regardless of the number of committees one may hold.

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

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

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

**22. Annual Report of Incorporation:** All Posts that are incorporated have or should have received their notification for filing their 2009 Annual Report via USPS or email. You can file on line by going to [www.sosonline.org](http://www.sosonline.org) or you can download the form and file it via USPS with your \$35.00 annual fee by April 1, 2009. Filing by April 1, 2009 will allow the State to provide better service. A late-filing fee penalty will be assessed on all reports received after June 1, 2009, the legal filing deadline. If your Post did not receive a notification, chances are that your Post is not incorporated. \$35.00 per year to protect the personal assets of **EVERY** member in your Post is cheap insurance. For any assistance, please contact 1-207-624-7752.

**23. Change of Addresses:** Post and District Commanders, Department Officers and Chairmen are reminded that if they have a change of address and/or email addys to notify the State Adjutant Office ASAP so that corrections can be made to the Department mailing and National can be notified. We had instances of Post/

District Commanders and officers who have had a change of address and did not notify the Department, thus preventing them from receiving all of the information from the Department and the VFW magazine.

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

**25. 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. *(This information was published by VFW National Headquarters Bulletin, Vol. 30, #10 dated June 2009).*

**26. Patriot Day, September 11:** Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**27. Dates to Remember:**

July 4 – America celebrates its 233<sup>rd</sup> year of independence and freedom (Independence Day)

July 11-12 – Council of Administration Meeting, Jay, ME

July 25 – Maine Officers Leadership Development (MOLD), Waterville, ME (District Commanders, Adjutant and Quartermasters)

August 15-20 – 110<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Phoenix, AZ

OFFICIAL

BY ORDER OF:

*Andre L. Dumas*

ANDRE L. DUMAS  
State Adjutant

*Alfred E. (Al) Michaud*

ALFRED E. “AL” MICHAUD SR.  
State Commander



## State Commander Alfred E. Michaud Sr.



*Thank you goes out to all involved with the 89th State Convention. It was a good time for all present and the Patriotic Rally and Tree of Hope Ceremonies always touch your heart and bring a tear to surface. My thanks and compliments go to the newest Past State Commander Bob Bernard. We wish you fair winds and following seas in all your new endeavors. To all the newly elected Officers and Chairman across the State we wish you a most enjoyable and prosperous year.*

*The July COA will be in Jay along with Ladies Auxiliary President Lynn Dunton's Testimonial, hope to see you all there. On 25 July, we will have Mold School in Waterville, due to National cutting back on budget; there will be no Flying Squadron this year. Change is a positive thing in any organization so we are reducing some of the paperwork involved and changing how we report Activities. To lessen the confusion on which the Chairmen are, we have combined several Chairmanships into one Chairmanship to make it simpler. You will notice when you get your phone Directories that we have added assistant helpers to some of the Chairmanships to cut down on overloading any one individual. It does not matter if you are State, District, Post Officer or Chairman; there should always be someone in training to take your place in case of unforeseen circumstances.*

*Have had several individuals ask what my Commanders Pin stands for? It stands for all the hard work done by those in the Past before us, all the hard work we will do now for those after us, and the work they will do once we are all gone.*

*There is no Commanders project this year, however; my personal belief is that VAVS is number one and as veterans, we should all be supporting our comrades in the hospitals and those that need assistance once they leave that cannot assist themselves. So as a fellow Veteran, if you wish to give from the heart to another veteran, VAVS and Homeless Veterans should be at the top of your donation list.*

*We are looking forward to serving you during the 2009-2010 VFW Calendar Year. All of the State Officers and Chairmen are here to assist you, if you do not contact them they will never know you need help.*

*Main priorities for this year are Fighting for Veterans Rights and Medical Care, Membership and Activities along with putting a spark back into our organization. Everyone pays dues to be a member and granted we have set guidelines on how meetings are conducted but no place is it written that it has to be dry information and not fun or enjoyable.*

*The most important thing to remember is we are all War Veterans and no individual is any better than the other. Some may hold higher titles and do more paperwork but we are all the same. We are all working for the good of the organization and our fellow Veterans.*

*(A) Alfred Michaud Sr.*

Commander



# Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW  
Charles A. Warden, Chaplain

May 20 – June 19, 2009

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

## *District 1*

9389 - **DIONNE**, Ernest B.  
**DOODY**, Michael D. - Korea

9699 - **FORBES**, Carroll L. – WWII

## *District 2*

4154 - **GALLANT**, Morris L. – WW II

## *District 3*

11299 – **NEPTUNE**, Moses B. – WW II

## *District 4*

4633 - **ELLINGWOOD**, David E. Sr. – Korea

## *District 5*

4298 - **TREMBLAY**, Charles P. Jr. – Korea

## *District 6*

9437 - **PACKARD**, William B. – Korea

## *District 7*

2197 - **McHENRY**, Carl B. – Vietnam

## *District 8*

1285 - **EVANS**, Paul S. – WW II

## *DISTRICT 9*

1641 - **CLARKE**, Lynden R. St. – Korea

3335 - **COX**, Frank E. – WW II

**KINCH**, Bill – Korea

**MERRILL**, Frank H. – WW II

**PARLIN**, Lewis S. – WW II

**TRIPP**, Byron S. – Korea

9459 - **CARON**, Gerald R. – Korea

9787 - **BRIGGS**, Chandler A. – WW II  
**KORHONEN**, Matti H. – WW II  
**PIERCE**, Myron H. – WW II

## *District 10*

832 - **KANE**, Peter F. Jr. – WW II

6859 - **BARRA**, Roger A. – WW II  
**BENWELL**, John H. – WW II  
**KILROY**, Robert J. – WW II

7642 - **EMERSON**, Milton E. Sr. – WW II

10529 - **MADORE**, Joseph H. – WW II

## *District 11*

7997 - **McLEOD**, Dwight – WW II

## *Members-at-Large*

15020 – **DUBEY**, George H. – WW II  
**GALLANT**, Robert



**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**  
**John E. Williams**



**SVC:** I would like to thank everyone for electing me Senior Vice Commander. In addition to my duties as SVC, I will again be the POW/MIA Chairman and the Department Representative on the Board of Directors of Wreaths Across America. It's time to begin planning for your Posts POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony September 18th. It would be great if every Post did something on that day. POW/MIA information can be found on the following web sites: Family Organizations: National League of Families - [www.pow-miafamilies.org](http://www.pow-miafamilies.org); National Alliance of Families - [www.nationalalliance.org](http://www.nationalalliance.org); Korean/Cold War Families of the Missing - [www.korea-coldwar.org](http://www.korea-coldwar.org). Sites with lists, statistics, biographies, other information on those missing: American Battle Monuments Commission - [www.abmc.gov](http://www.abmc.gov) ; DPMO - [dtic.mil/dpmo/](http://dtic.mil/dpmo/); [www.koreanwar.org](http://www.koreanwar.org); and [www.aiipowmia.com](http://www.aiipowmia.com).

**Wreaths Across America:** At the Wreaths Across America Board of Directors meeting on June 17, Kathy Cross of Connecticut was elected to the Board of Directors. Kathy is active in the Gold Star Mothers and very involved in Veterans affairs. She will be an outstanding addition to the Board.

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**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER**  
**Louis A. Peterson II**

**JVC:** From the bottom of my heart, I want to say "Thank You" for your support in electing me to the office of Junior Vice Commander. It is truly an honor to be an integral part of this great organization, and I promise to do my very best for the Veterans of Maine in that office.

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**JUDGE ADVOCATE**  
**Kevin G. Woodward**

**Judge Advocate:** As we start a new year after a great convention, let us remember what Commander Michaud said: *"Let us work as a team."* One of the ways that we can do this is to remember a portion of the opening ceremonies at our meetings: *"Do not let petty jealousies or trivial personalities influence our deliberations. Let us uphold always the obligations of unselfish comradeship and loyalty to our organization and to the government of the United States of America."* If we honor these words in all of our endeavors and not just at our meetings, we will be well on the way to working as a team.

**VOD/Patriot's Pen:** It is time to start thinking about the programs and getting the word out to the students. This year's themes are:

*Voice of Democracy*  
*"Does America Still have Heroes?"*  
*Patriot's Pen*

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

**Entry deadline is 1 November 2009 for both programs.**

Information can be found at <http://www.vfw.org/index/cfm?fa=cmyt.level@did=150>

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**SURGEON**  
**Mark G. Reilly**

I would like to thank everyone for their support in my bid for Department Surgeon. I will do my very best for the Veterans of Maine as your Department Surgeon.

**Tip for the month:** The H1N1 (swine flu) virus continues to be an issue throughout the state and the nation. Take these everyday steps to protect your health.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

More information can be obtained by visiting the CDC web page at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

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**CHAPLAIN  
NATIONAL HOME  
Charles A. Warden**

Congratulations to all incoming Officers and Chairmen. With the caliber of those elected as Department Officers and or appointed as chairmen, I know the Department will have a good year. I want to thank all of you comrades for the support you have shown me in the past and know I can count on it for the upcoming year. Thank all of you for making our Memorial Service on Friday night a great success and a night to remember our deceased comrades. A special Thank You goes to PSC Thomas Lussier and State Adjutant Andre Dumas. What a fantastic job the District Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents did doing their part in the service. Thank you and God Bless, Chaplain Charlie

**National Home:** Comrades, did you know the annual operating cost is approximately 5.5 million dollars to provide the National Home Helpline and campus services each year? The campus alone includes miles of streets, their own water treatment and sewage systems and maintenance for over 70 buildings. The home is funded entirely by gifts from individuals and organizations. No state or federal funding is received. So you see comrades why we need your help in funding our National Home.

**Chaplains Thought of the Month:** God doesn't want a share of your life, he wants controlling interest.

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**HISTORIAN  
Robert H. Bernard, PSC**

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

Please send the information to:

Bob Bernard, 78 Robie St., Gorham, Maine 04038, e-mail: [rbernard@maine.rr.com](mailto:rbernard@maine.rr.com)

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

Greetings Comrades: We are starting a new year as of 1 May 2009 which means all District and Post Activity Chairpersons should have all reported Loyalty Day, POW/MIA, and Americanism. Any Post who has held a meeting or has been in a Parade carrying the flags should have reported Americanism and POW/MIA. There is a new form on the VFW web site, so you can turn in **one report monthly** with a

complete accounting of all volunteer projects via the web site or mail. You will still need the number of volunteers, hours, miles, and monies spent added together for the new report. Don't forget those important Blood Drives; there is a spot for the number of pints collected. The POW/MIA information is also on its own line. I will see everyone at the Jay COA and answer any questions you may have. You can also email me [vfwm@yaho.com](mailto:vfwm@yaho.com) or call 207-649-3085. I'd also like to thank my husband, the State Commander Alfred E. Michaud Sr. for giving me this important assignment.

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**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**  
**Rene A. Deschene, S.O.**

**Category 8 Veterans:** As of June 15, the VA has opened the door to 10% of Category 8 Veterans. We do not know all of the details as to the workings of this 10%. What we do know is that the income level for single Veterans is \$32,342. This is a change of about \$8,000. We do not know what the income level is for a Veteran with a spouse.

**Training Seminar:** Post Service Officers Seminar for the Southern part of the State will be in September. I am looking for a Post from Bangor North to host a seminar in October.

**Surgery:** I will be out of the office for the first two weeks of July as I will be having surgery to my ankle. The office will still be opened and Jim will be in charged during that time.

*Veterans Helping Veterans*

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**PAST NATIONAL COUNCILMAN DISTRICT 1**  
**Philip M. Farrell, PSC**

**COMRADES:** Well Good Comrades, you did it. I know the Commander has a Smile as big as the State of Texas. To the National Recruiters, what a Job, thanks goes out to them for a JOB WELL DONE. Well good Comrades, I guess you have heard by now that I am not doing well, I have cancer on my brain and the Doctor told me it was a very aggressive, so, I don't know what else to say except I loved being a part of this great organization, The VFW MAINE. I am taking treatment and will know more after it's complete. I will not be at the July meeting, but the Good LORD willing, maybe the October one.

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

It is time again to think about the annual Fall Frolic. This year, it will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009. Organization members are asked **NOT to bring food items to the Fall Frolic.** The VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary will have the Veterans' Village (72-CLC). Sign-in will be in building 207, 1<sup>st</sup> floor (Dirigo Room 121) with coffee being served for volunteers only, beginning **no earlier than 8:30 am.** All assigned volunteers will leave together from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 9:45 am with all the games beginning around 10:10 am. All games should be completed by 11:45 am. Refreshments will again be available for volunteers after Bingo games on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Bldg 207 (Dirigo Room 121).

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**LEGISLATIVE**  
**Peter F. Miesburger, PSC/Chairman**

**Legislative Programs:** To start off with, publicly I want to THANK PSC Bernard, for asking me to serve on his TEAM for the administrative year 2008-2009.

Once again, the Department of Maine, VFW has successfully completed another convention and it's time to step forward and support our newly installed Department Commander Al Michaud.

The past administrative year 2008-2009 was a very busy year for both the National VFW and State Legislative Programs. First, we had a National and State election of Congressional and State Legislative members. Once the National and State elections were over with, the first thing that we had to do was establish rapport with both our newly elected Congressional and State Legislative members.

During the past administrative year, we won some and lost some major battles with the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, as well as the State of Maine, 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislation. We may have lost some major battles; we still have to join forces statewide as a **TEAM** to fight for **VETERANS RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS**.

In closing to our Department Commander Michaud, I am PROUD to be a member of your Team and pledge my support to you and wish you all the BEST during your administrative year.

**Membership Program:** My fellow comrades, to start off with, I want to express my THANKS to Commander Michaud for asking me to serve on the 2009-2010 MEMBERSHIP TEAM. After the annual Department Convention was declared over, PDC Roy along with VFW Certified National Recruiter Elkins and their TEAM conducted a MEMBERSHIP training seminar for all District Commanders. National VFW Certified Recruiter Elkins did a PROFESSIONAL job on how to recruit New and Reinstated members.

If any member, Post and/or District Commander needs assistance in recruiting, feel free to contact me as I am a member of this year's membership team serving all of Northern Maine. My home telephone number is (207) 493-3973 and/or e-mail address is as follows - miesburger@myfairpoint.net.

In closing if anyone is in need of membership training, contact either PSC Roy and/or National Certified Recruiter Elkins, as both of them are knowledgeable in regards to the National and Department of Maine, VFW Membership Programs.

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**CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER**

**Wayne H. Elkins**

Congratulations to all the Department Officers, wishing them the best for the incoming year. Reminder to all District Commanders who received Recruiter Training at the Department Convention, take the time during your first District meeting to train your new Post Commanders and Post Officers on how to recruit new members. Don't forget, there are some upcoming recruiting events in the central region: Fourth of July celebration in Winslow, Veterans/Military Family Fun day in Oakland July 25<sup>th</sup>. Fair season starts shortly so if you can put in a booth, let me know. Remember, the key this year is **Membership**, so let's get busy and **RECRUIT**. Remember the 3R's of membership.

***Retain \* Recruit \* Reinstate***

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**ADVISORY TO TOGUS**

**Raymond R. Lupo, PSC/Chairman**

There was no meeting since my last report, however; we all heard at the convention from The Togus Director that the VA will be taking in Category 8 Veterans again. I ask that we all seek out these Veterans and help them to insure to enroll again. You could also ask if they are a member of our great organization, if not ask them if they would like to join our ranks. We need to recover all our losses.

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**CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER/SCOUTING**

**William "Bill" Bradbury**

Hello Comrades, this year we will be concentrating on membership as one of our priorities. All District

Commanders have now gone through the membership class we had at the end of our State Convention given by Wayne Elkins and me. Remember that each District Commander needs to train each of your Post Commanders or their representative. Also each District has to have four membership drives scheduled throughout this 2009-2010 membership year. Let's give 110% for our State Commander Al Michaud and remember the word for this year is **RECRUIT, RECRUIT, and RECRUIT** some more. Thank you Comrades.

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

The Maine Veterans' Homes is a not-for-profit organization created by the Maine Legislature in 1977. There are six homes located in Augusta, Bangor, Caribou, Machias, Scarborough and South Paris. There are a total of 640 beds and a complete line of services are offered including rehabilitative and skilled nursing, long term care, residential care, dementia/alzheimer care and end of life care.

As the VFW representative, I serve on the Board of Governors as one of the eleven members. We meet once a month and review what has occurred in the previous month. We hear reports from the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Operating Officer and the Chief Executive Officer. Also reports from the Veterans' Homes Liaison Officers as to what activities have been provided during the month at each home by the different Veterans organizations.

I serve on two committees of the Board, the investment committee that is responsible for the safe and secure investment of any surplus funds. The other committee is the strategic planning committee that creates strategic plans for the organization. Both of these are active and we hope to have final recommendations for the Board soon.

The Maine Veterans' Homes is presently investigating the setting up of our own pharmacy to provide medications to each of our Homes. A skilled pharmacist with the proper background and experience is working on this now.

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**NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD**  
*R. Randy Worthley, PSC/Chairman*

I want to thank Commander Michaud for asking me to be the Chairman for the "National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year" program this year.

Each Post Commander has received pamphlets from National explaining the different programs being offered for competition. I am asking that you share this information with your incoming Chairman so he/she will be informed on all the criteria needed in order to nominate a candidate. **SUGGESTION: Try to speak with a Principal or another teacher (perhaps school children you know) to help find a suitable candidate. Levels of competition are Kk-5, 6-8 and 9-12.**

I will have forms printed for the upcoming July COA. if anyone needs any and for those with computers available; you can always access all information on this (and any other program) by visiting National web site... [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and click on 'Citizenship' and then "Teacher of the Year". If you need any help or don't understand any part of this program, please call or email me at [rcworthley@roadrunner.com](mailto:rcworthley@roadrunner.com).

I look forward to receiving many nominations this year. With all the wonderful teachers in our school systems, we should have entrants for all there levels of competition once again this year. **IMPORTANT: Deadline for Post level is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** so you need to begin researching as soon as possible.

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**> PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN  
ARTHUR J. ROY, PSC**

Posts that have turned in clippings from Newspapers to date are:  
VFW Post 1603 Auburn (7), VFW Post 1285 Waterville (2)

“I have received Newsletters from:  
VFW Post 1603 Auburn (1), VFW Post 109 Ellsworth (1), VFW Post 11191 Newport (1)  
“KEEP ALL YOUR MEMBERS INFORMED ON VFW ISSUES.”

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

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

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

**>>> GREAT AMERICANISM PROJECT TO REPORT TO DEPARTMENT <<<  
POST THAT WISH TO PURCHASE AN AMERICAN FLAG FOR THE WALKWAY AT  
CEMETERIES IN AUGUSTA MAY SEND A CHECK FOR \$25.00 MADE OUT TO:  
“Veterans Memorial Cemetery Association” and send to: Arthur J. Roy.”**

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CNR SCHOOL AT THE CLOSE OF THE STATE CONVENTION by: Wayne Elkins & William "BILL" Bradbury  
THOSE THAT ATTENDED THE SCHOOL REQUIRED BY THE STATE COMMANDER WERE:

1. Vinal Abbott D-1 Commander --- Will be assisted by: Peter F. Miesburger, PSC
2. Richard Moore, D-2 Commander
3. Michael Williams, D-3 Commander
4. Ronald F. Smith, D-4 Commander ----- Nelson Goodwin, Post 1605
5. Charles F. Talmadge, D-5 Commander
6. Thaxter S. Sedgwick, D-6 Commander
7. Dave Dearborn, D-7 Commander
8. Harry J. Stickney, D-8 Commander & (MAPS)
9. Palmer A. Hebert, D-9 Commander ----- Erlon B. Rose, PSC Post 3335
10. Edmund F. Nadeau, D-10 Commander
11. Richard Giroux, D-11 Commander

Wayne Elkins, CNR, Post 1285 (Team Captain)  
William Bradbury, CNR, Post 1603  
Arthur J. Roy, PSC & State Membership Chairman, Post 1603  
Donald W. Linscott, Jr. - (Asst Membership Chairman)  
Peter F. Miesburger, PSC & Membership Deputy Chairman: (North)

Time is short, so we're thinking ahead for Department Sr. Vice Lynn Dunton and planning a party to celebrate her return from State Convention...

## COME CELEBRATE THE HOMECOMING WITH US!

Where: Frank L. Mitchell V.F. W. Post #3335  
64 Jewell Street, Jay  
Shuttle service will be provided from/to Comfort Inn.

When: Saturday, July 11, 2009  
Post outside activity areas (horseshoes, croquet, etc.) and cash bar will open at 1 p.m. with B-B-Q meal being served under the tent at 4 p.m.  
There will be an early evening of light entertainment following the meal.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

#### **Comfort Inn**

1026 US Route 2  
Wilton, Maine  
Phone: 800-723-5155

#### \*Rooms:

1 King/2 Queens \$99.99 for 2\*\*

1 King/2 Queen Suites \$125.00 for 2\*\*

(Suites include couch, refrigerator, microwave)

\*Reservation **deadline** is Friday, June 19, 2009

Free Wi-Fi

Pool/hot tub

\*\*All rooms have a \$10/per person charge for each person after the first 2 in the room.

**Expanded Continental Breakfast included!**

Other options, not including Saturday shuttle service or breakfast:

Colonial Valley Motel 800-684-2800

Wilson Lake Inn (formerly Whispering Pines) 645-3271

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### MEAL RESERVATIONS

Menu: B-B-Q'd 1/2 chicken or sliced beef; salads, fresh fruit, make-your-own-sundaes

Make check payable to "Ladies Auxiliary VFW #3335"

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, July 1, 2009

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**Mail checks and meal choice to:** Kelli Hebert, 25 Otis St., Livermore Falls, ME 04254

\_\_\_\_\_ chicken \_\_\_\_\_ beef X \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

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**QUESTIONS?** Call Linda Brackett at 491-3259 or Kelli Hebert at 897-2859

## ***What is the VFW?***

***By Dave Rowland***

As I talk to some of my peers that are either still on active duty or recently separated from the army and tell them I am volunteering at the VFW, they commonly respond by asking, "So what are you doing? Sitting around drinking beer?"

This is still a common misconception that many young veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan have of the organization. I was also one of them until I became an active member. At one point in the VFW's history, it was one of the few places where veterans could go and talk to other veterans about some of the experiences they had in Europe, the Pacific, Korea, Vietnam and a host of other countries scattered throughout the world. There weren't any clinics, doctors or other official support networks established that focused on the mental trauma experienced by veterans.

The VFW is much more than a place for fellowship with other veterans or to connect with previous generations that have answered our nation's call to duty. Many veterans and members of the armed services don't know how active and supportive the VFW is for those of us who have served or are serving our country overseas.

I've learned that the VFW was the main veteran's service organization that ensured the passage of the new Post-9/11 GI Bill. This new GI Bill will benefit us veterans and our families for years to come. Veterans can now return from fighting in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with the ability to go back to school fulltime, even with a family, and then re-enter the work force. I never knew about the tremendous amount of work and commitment it took the VFW to get the bill passed in Congress.

One of the most important components of the VFW is that it assists wounded and disabled veterans in receiving the VA benefits they deserve. I had no idea about the complexities involved when determining the category of a wounded or disabled veteran. I quickly learned that the VFW has an entire department dedicated to assisting veterans navigating the VA bureaucratic process, which might otherwise overwhelm a young returning soldier or even a hardened NCO. The VFW has Field Representatives throughout the country and scattered around the world specifically to assist veterans once they leave the military.

When I put one of the NCOs whom I used to work with in touch with one of the Field Representatives, he was shocked that the VFW had programs like this. I must admit, so was I.

The VFW makes sure that the veteran is never taken for granted and provides the assistance needed when he or she does not know where to turn.

Of course none of this would be possible without the grassroots membership of individual veterans that joint their local VFW post. Many young Iraq and Afghanistan veterans are reluctant to join the VFW for various reasons. I say to them, "GO and join!" There are many local posts that are active in their local communities and do a variety of community service and sponsor programs that promote further service to our nation. Where else will you find a group of individuals welcoming you at 2 o'clock in the morning when your plane arrives at the airport in the States for R&R or as you are coming from deployment?

If only older veterans compose the VFW, then who will change and evolve the VFW to meet the needs of our generation or future challenges? Who will greet the next generation when they come from serving the United States overseas? We must take the torch from the older veterans and bear the responsibility to take care of our fellow veterans and continue community service.

Dave Rowland is a volunteer at the VFW National Headquarters Legislative Branch in Washington D.C. He is an active duty infantry officer with multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dave is currently pursuing a master's degree at Georgetown University.

## *What is a Veteran?*

I would like to explain what is so special about a veteran. First of all, the veteran is selected. Right away, the fact that he/she is selected makes themselves something special and puts him/her in a class by themselves. He/she is no longer free; he/she is subject to military law and he/she becomes a special breed committed to fight to the death for the ideals of freedom around the world.

They cannot be flat footed; they cannot be uncertain or short of vision – they must be as perfect as possible. And not only physically perfect, but the veteran must be mentally alert. They cannot be moronic; they must be able to read and write; they must have some talent.

Furthermore, they must be morally fit – they cannot be a criminal; they cannot be perverted; they cannot be nervously unstable.

The lame, sick and the uncertain are rejected. Conscientious objectors, students and key people in lucrative positions are excused or labeled “4-F”. Only the best physically, mentally and morally are called to war. And so, only the best are fit to be killed. So, even in our sophisticated society this special breed performs a sacrificial service. Only the brave are selected and only a race of ingrates could forget their sacrifice.

From the heights of Iwo Jima to the depths of Vietnam, the veteran is a special breed. Our enemies recognize the veteran as special – that’s why they single them out and rage: “Go home, GI!” They can make an amphibious landing; they can take a hill; they can storm a bunker; they can annihilate the enemies of freedom. But they can also feed the widow and the orphan; they can become the friend of children in foreign lands; they can charm more people than the most experienced diplomat. And yet, some people have the gall to ask “What is so special about the Veteran?”

The Veteran is a special breed because only Congress can break a veteran. At this point the veteran becomes the special charge and the special responsibility of the Congress. And no one can take this special charge and this special responsibility from Congress.

And this special breed, this select group, these physical specimens – only the best – these citizen soldiers went to war at the behest of Congress, in defense of freedom all over the world – and they became the best fighting men/women history has ever known.

And they came home “veterans” – gassed or shell-shocked from Chateau Thierry, bedraggled from the Battle of the Bulge, burned from the Franklin, hungry from Corregidor, frozen from Chosen Reservoir, maimed from Vietnam. Some came back with yellow fever, some with malaria, some with TB. Some came back psycho, some alcoholic; yes, some even returned as dope addicts.

These are the men/women who were the best when they went to war – God only knows what condition they were in when they came back. But to the President and the Congress, they should still be the greatest.



# Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Maine



## *State Golf Tournament* *Saturday, 8 August 2009* *Reservation Form*

The team will be a four (4) person team. The team will be made up of all men or all women or both men and women. It will be a handicap tournament, so put your handicap on the form. Teams do not have to be VFW members, but it would be nice.

The cost will be \$200.00 per team which will include the round of golf and 2 golf carts. The Golf tournament will be held at the Hermon Meadows Golf Course in Hermon, ME. Proceeds will benefit the Veterans' Homes and the VFW Scholarships.

**Send your reservation form to:**

Weldon P. Young Jr.  
1068 Alton Tannery Rd  
Alton, ME 04468  
Phone: (207) 394-3025  
Cell: (207) 852-2634

<b>Team Members</b>	<b>Handicap</b>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

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

**Send Check to:** Donald W. Linscott Jr., Quartermaster  
Department of Maine, VFW  
364 E. Hardscrabble Rd  
Auburn, ME 04210-8890

**Earmark your Check:** Golf Tournament

Any questions, please contact Chmn Paul S. Colburn at 207-945-9850 or at 65 14<sup>th</sup> St., Bangor, ME 04401.



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)

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

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

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This receipt acknowledges that Post # \_\_\_\_\_ has reported the death of Comrade:

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

to the Department Chaplain.

(Signature, Department Chaplain)

(All previous forms are obsolete. Updated June 21, 2008)