



Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars
No Veteran Left Behind



June 2011

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 12

“SPECIAL NOTICE – SPECIAL NOTICE”

Congratulations to the following Post for achieving 100%+ in membership for the Year 2010-11
Ralph A. Ray Post 558 – 100% - Commander Victor J. Voisine

July COA Meeting: Will be held in Sanford on July 9-10, 2011. Hotels are as follows:

Super 8: 1892 Main St., Sanford, ME 04073, tel #: 1-207-324-8823. Rates are: \$100.00 + tax for 1st occupant, \$7.00 each additional. Reservations must be made by 15 June, Rates to increase to \$120.00 + tax after 15 June.

The Sanford Inn: Rt 109, Sanford, ME, tel #: 1-207-324-4662. Rates are:

Suite \$139.00 + tax * Room w/2 Queen size beds \$114 + tax

Room w/King size bed \$99.00 + tax * Room with /1 Queen Size bed - \$88.00 + tax

NOTE: No individual reservations will be accepted by the “The Sanford Inn” for the group rate, for those wishing to stay there, please email this office your name and date of stay and I will put you on the list and forward to the hotel for final reservations.

Request from SVC Woodward: At this time, SVC Woodward is looking for a Comrade to serve in the position of State Historian for the Year 2011-12. Anyone interested are to call him at 259-3912, Cell 263-7386 or email bampa_5@yahoo.com

1. July 2011 CoA Meeting: Will be held on July 9-10 in Sanford, ME.

The VFW will meet at the Post Home, 1 Hutchinson St., Sanford and

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the AMVETS Post, 169 School St, Sanford.

The meeting for Saturday will start as follows: 11 am – VSO Cmtee * 12 noon – Audit/Finance.

The Sanford Post will be offering a Deep Fried Turkey Dinner on Saturday, July 9th at a cost of \$7.00 per person. Social Hour @ 5 pm, dinner @ 6 pm. Anyone wishing to attend the dinner are to contact James Bachelder at the following: Post # 324-1142, (H) 477-2877 or email james.bachelder@metrocast.net.

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

3 District/Post Commanders: Attention is called to the provisions of Section 703 of the National By-Laws which require that each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of these By-Laws

shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department, District, County Council or Post, as the case may be, to which each officer is accountable. The bonds of such accountable officers, in amount and as to surety, shall be approved by their respective units and held by their respective Commanders. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in his unit.

4. Buddy Poppy Distribution: The distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 711 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies in their respective areas. NOTE: As the upcoming Memorial Day approaches, and given the daily hazards confronting our military on a daily basis during operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, it is appropriate that we direct as many VFW resources as possible to supporting our troops and their families. In the ongoing effort to provide as much assistance as possible to those serving in the military, we recommend that proceeds or portions from this year's annual poppy distribution be designated for the purpose of providing VFW support to our military. Posts and Departments now have the opportunity to assist qualified military personnel through the VFW National Military Services. In keeping with the intent of Section 704(a)(c) of the Manual of Procedure "Relief Fund," this year's poppy campaign can play a direct role in demonstrating to those who are charged with protecting and defending our way of life that we appreciate and value their sacrifice. For questions about the Buddy Poppy program, please contact Steve Van Buskirk, Director, Programs at (816) 968-1116 or email at svanbuskirk@vfw.org.

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

6. Post Commanders: Attention of incoming Post Officers is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure which outlines the duties of various Post Officers.

7. Post Commanders: Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National By-Laws concerning any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council meetings (if applicable), District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

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

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

10. Flag Day June 14: All VFW units are reminded to properly display the U.S. Flag on Flag Day, Monday, June 14 and to conduct a ceremony or program as feasible. You may contact the VFW Communications Department for a Flag Day speech. It is also suggested Posts should award the VFW

Patriotic Citizen Award (product No. 4385) for those who have daily displayed our National flag and can be ordered from the Supply Store in Kansas City..

11. ALERT (VFW National Headquarters) – Cutting up the U.S. Flag: It has recently come to our attention that some erroneous traditions are becoming more commonplace regarding U.S. Flags that are no longer usable. Many well meaning individuals have cut up soiled or worn Flags, sometimes cutting out stars and mailing them to our troops. Although this is a thoughtful gesture and appears on the Internet in several places, it is in fact, an inappropriate act and should not be conducted by any VFW Post or Auxiliary. In August, 2000, at the VFW 101st National Convention, delegates passed a resolution establishing a U.S. Flag disposal program by fire for Posts to conduct, privately or publicly as follows:

- 1) The Flag should be folded in its customary manner. (See VFW Ritual Book)
- 2) It is important that the fire be sizeable and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the Flag.
- 3) Place the Flag on the fire.
- 4) The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the Flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
- 5) After the Flag is completely consumed, the fire should be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
- 6) Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.

The resolution conforms to the intent and letter of the U.S. Code and the Federal Flag Code. This is the only acceptable way of handling U.S. Flags that are no longer fit to be flown. No other handling of a retired Flag is considered acceptable.

12. Heroes at Home: This spring, Sears' Heroes at Home continues its long-standing commitment to America's military service men and women by enabling our associates and customers to be a hero to our military heroes. Through Heroes at Home, Sears Holdings and Rebuilding Together, the nation's leading volunteer home-rehabilitation organization, we seek to improve the lives of American military families in need by making necessary repairs, improvements or modifications to their homes. Building off Heroes at Home's successful holiday program in which Sears' customers helped raise over \$4 million for over 20,000 military families, Sears is encouraging Americans to join the effort of helping deserving military families. Between Sunday, May 1 and Saturday, July 16, donations can be made in Sears' stores or online at Sears.com/heroesathome. The updated website will be live on May 1st. The donations will support the rehabilitation of homes for veterans and military families across the country. We're also encouraging our associates to get involved and volunteer at local builds in their community. All spring builds and volunteer opportunities can be accessed through survey our way. Effective May 1st, registers* will begin to prompt the associate to ask the customer if they would like to make a donation. If the customer chooses to contribute, the associate can enter a dollar amount or "round up" their purchase total to the nearest dollar. Full details on the register process can be found within the "POS Charity Process" job aid located on the internal Heroes at Home website. The receipt will indicate the donation amount and legal text surrounding the program to the customer. All donations are tax deductible. To help ensure we get off to a great start, Sears will be matching all Heroes at Home Rebuilding Together donations made during our May 1st Family & Friends event!

13. Candidates for Department High Office:

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

14. Candidates for National Councilman District 1:

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

15. Dates to Remember:

June 10-12 – State Convention, Bangor, ME
June 14 – Flag Day
June 19 – Father’s Day
July 4 – Independence Day
Aug 27-Sept 1 – National Convention, San Antonio, TX
Sep 15-18 – Commander-in-Chief Homecoming, Quincy, MA

OFFICIAL

BY ORDER OF:

Andre L. Dumas

ANDRE L. DUMAS
State Adjutant

Louis A. Peterson

LOUIS A. PETERSON II
State Commander



*State Commander
Louis A. Peterson II*



Greetings Comrades,

This past year has been a memorable one for me as your Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of our grand state of Maine. I say again, "Thank you for having elected me to this honorable position."

You have definitely kept up the tradition of serving the Veterans and Communities of Maine during my tenure. Our continuous efforts have been heard and acknowledged by our Legislators and Congress Members who have congratulated us on many occasions with high praise throughout the year. We, as members of this "elite" Veterans group, should be proud of our efforts. But we must remember that our work is never done: We can and must continue to stand tall as we fight for our rights and those of our fellow veterans.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to the Department Officers and Chairpersons for the admirable work they accomplished this past year. Please note that we still have time to increase our membership numbers before this year is up. Let us keep "No Veterans Left Behind" fast and foremost in our efforts.

My sincere congratulations go out to our incoming Officers and Appointees, and I wish you a successful year. Please know that I am here to assist and support you in any way I can.

God Bless all of you, and God Bless the USA!

"No Veteran Left Behind"

Louis A. Peterson

LOUIS A. PETERSON II

State Commander



Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW

Charles A. Warden, Chaplain

April 20 – May 19, 2011

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

District 1

9389 - CORBIN, James L. – Korea
MICHAUD, Fred J. – WW II

9609 - DESJARDINS, Lewis P. – WW II

District 2

4154 - CYR, Wilfred J. – WW II

District 7

7738 - LIBBY, Frederick A. Sr. – WW II

District 8

1285 - HART, Donald R. Jr. – WW II
McCLAY, Richard – WW II
MICHAUD, Marc E. – WW II

District 9

9150 - TAPLEY, David D. – WW II

9787 - ALLEN, Dale – WW II
AMOUR, Joseph D. – WW II
BARTLETT, Keith B. – Korea
BERUBE, Joseph R. – WW II
CAMPBELL, Frank L. - Korea
IRVINE, Thomas K. – Desert Storm
PARKES, Ray – Korea
YORK, Raymond - Vietnam

District 10

6859 - DYER, Frederick P. – WW II
HAMILTON, Edward J. – Vietnam
O'BRIEN, Ralph W. III – WW II



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



This being the last set of General Orders for the year, it is hard to believe that it is almost over.

We must never lose sight of what our purpose is and continue to move forward to attain our goals. In our meetings, we say it in the words from Sec. 230102 of the Congressional Charter perhaps, we should take a few moments to listen and really think about what we are saying. The VFW really does care about all Veterans and we do what we need to in order to assist Veterans and their families.

We are not quite finished with this year yet, so don’t quit doing the great job that you have been doing all year. I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank you to everyone for all their support this past year. May we all continue to grow and serve our Veterans no matter where they are.

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
Mark G. Reilly**

It is hard to believe that the VFW year is coming to a close. There is still time though to turn in more reports for activities that you are doing and to continue to work on membership to bring this Department to 100% in membership. The year is not over until the final bell sounds. Keep plugging along and remember to "leave no veteran behind".

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming state convention. It is a great opportunity to build comradeship and to share successes and challenges with each other. As always, remember that your Department officers are only a phone call away.

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

As I fade into the background, there are a couple of things I want to bring up!

1. From now on, all mail is to come to my street address and not the PO Box as it is being discontinued. My address is 364 E. Hardscrabble Rd., Auburn, ME 04210-8890. Phone numbers and Fax remains the same!
2. Many Deputy Inspectors for some reason are holding up the Inspection Reports. Please – Please send all you have to me as soon as possible!
3. Any Post whose March 31st Trustees Report of Audit is not in my hands will not be able to vote or take part in our Convention in Bangor, June 10, 11 & 12 until a report is turned in when you register

Good Luck in all your future endeavors and I personally thank you for your support.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE
David D. Williams**

Can you believe it, this will be my last report as the State Judge Advocate. With everyone's support, I look forward to serving as the State Junior Vice Commander, but that Election will not take place until the State Convention which will be in Bangor this month. I look forward to seeing you all there. I would like to take this time to wish all the newly Elected and Appointed Post, District and State Officers the best in 2011-2012 and you all have my support.

It has been a pleasure serving as the State Judge Advocate and working under Commander Peterson and at this time, I'd like to wish the incoming Commander the Best of Luck.

***SURGEON
David C. Olson***

Blood: Since the May GO's 6 additional Posts are now reported - good job. There is still time left in the year for others to step up. Spring and summer blood donors and blood drives are critical.

Safety: Whenever you head out on the water, keep these tips from the U.S Coast Guard in mind: Life jackets should be worn by everyone on any boat. Don't drink - alcohol is a contributing factor in one out of five boating fatalities. Take a course for safe operation and navigation of your boat. Get a vessel safety check - this is a free public service by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S Power Squadron volunteer organizations. Know about carbon monoxide (CO) - all internal combustion engines emit CO which is odorless, colorless and POISONOUS. CO can kill in a matter of minutes. Proper ventilation and a CO detector can eliminate this risk. Be aware of and follow all regulations and rules of boating.

Your Health: The changing of the seasons is a great opportunity to lose weight, get fit and stay healthy. Here are some tips: Eat a variety of nutrient-rich foods, Eat moderate portions, Eat plenty of salads and vegetables, Cut down or eliminate your intake of red meat, Be sure to get enough calcium, Drink enough water - 8 - 12 cups a day is a good rule of thumb, Calories count - eliminate liquid calories by drinking more water and exercise daily.

Have a safe trip to and from the State Convention.

Look forward to your visit to our Post on the 21st!

***CHAPLAIN
NATIONAL HOME
Charles A. Warden***

A Refuge: A refuge is a "safe place." It would be easy to spiritualize this text, turning it into something about praying out in private the deep desires of one's heart, but I really don't think that's what it's about. Many people in the world need a safe place to tell the truth, to "pour out their hearts," about their pain and terror. There are battered women and men, abused children, secret alcoholics and private substance abusers; people for whom their enforced silence have become a part of their prison and their shame. For whatever reason, they suffer in silence, able to trust no one with the truth about themselves. Then they hear this word, "Trust God." What does it mean to believe in, to trust God? Well it doesn't only or mostly mean to believe certain things ABOUT God. That sort of thinking comes later. The primary meaning of "Trust God" or "believe in God" is what we come to the place where we realize God can hear the truth about us and still love us. We realize we can pour out our hearts the way a wolf howls at the moon, full of sorrow and hurt and fear and desire, and that will be okay with God. We are invited to not only be true to God but also to make our churches into refuges, safe places, where wounded people can find their way to trusting in God.

Chaplains thought for the month: Don't have anything to be thankful for? Check your pulse.

Hope to see you at the convention and Memorial Service. Thank you and God Bless, Chaplain Charlie

National Home: Comrades we did it, we doubled last years' donations to the National Home. That is something we as the VFW can be very proud of. What do you think comrades can we make 2011-2012 an even better year with our donations? As the VFW from the grand State of Maine I bet we can. Please keep in mind the Home runs on donation only and as Chmn I thank you and the VFW National Home thanks you. God Bless

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

Activity: The Activity Year is over and the end figures are \$480,813.92 in cash donations and total Volunteer hours is 43,435. When dealing with local politicians the number do come in handy and show the support the VFW has for the community and fellow Veterans. It is also a good tool when someone who wishes to join, ask what do we do for our home State.

Loyalty Day: Posts are reminded the Loyalty Day completion counts for the 2011-2012 year. It can be accomplished at a District meeting or by individual Post but deadline for reports is May 30 to the now State Activity Chairman.

Activities: Any and all Activities accomplished from 1 May on count towards 2011-2012 year. So keep the reports going in. Send all reports now to Activities Chairman David Williams, 330 Waldo St., Rumford, Maine 04276, Home number 207-357-6664 or contact by email davidpost1641@live.com

Membership: The more members we have, the louder our voice is heard by politicians. The more members a Post has, the more money they get from dues, the more they can do for other War Veterans.

Assistant QM: Have received several calls about State Convention Registration and Post Delegates, they are separate issues. **Convention Registration** is those who are attending the State Convention. **Post Delegates** is 1 name for every 30 members in the Post which is used to determine voting strength.

VAVS Chairman: As most of you are aware, comrade Dwain Leathers has been having health issues and has stepped down as VAVS Chairman, a position he has held for many years and has done an outstanding job representing the State of Maine VFW. Please submit all VAVS checks to Alfred Michaud Sr., 82 Dunham Rd, Vassalboro, ME 04989 and make the check out to **VAVS**.

PSC: I wish to thank the State Commander Sandy Peterson for all the different positions he asked me to fill throughout the year. It has been very busy and interesting to say the least. Hope to see all of you at the State Convention.

NATIONAL COUNCILMAN DISTRICT 1

Eugene A. Pawlik Sr.

Well, 2 months to go and one of you great Comrades will be replacing me on the National Council of Administration! Best to all you candidates -- it's a great job! Hopefully, Commander Sandy will be in San Antonio to accept a white hat -- but, it's going to take a lot of work to get there from here -- and Arthur is wearing out the airwaves trying to get it done! Not much on the National front -- budget appears to be sound and will carry us through the year without any supplementals' being required. So, see you all at Convention; and have a great summer with the family and friends!

ADVISORY TO TOGUS

Action Corps

Raymond R. Lupo, PSC/Chairman

Veterans Advisory to Togus: The CBOC's within the state is progressing with greater services for the Veterans of this State. The management at Togus are listening to our needs and are always improving services. Bangor: Has moved to its new locations and is serving Veterans needs. Further services will be forthcoming with two Dentist being assigned in about sixty days. The grand Opening has been delayed again and no date has yet been announced. Lewiston/Auburn has had their ground breaking and is expected to open in March 2012. Portland clinic will be moving to a new location in Portland for more space to accommodate Primary Care and additional services. Rumford is still waiting for a contractor while Calais is looking for a partnership hospital. Togus management will be making a visit to Caribou to find additional space for increase services.

We can be proud of the support that we receive from the Maine Health System (new name for Togus VA) and the Leadership that is in place. Parking will have 300 new spaces by fall with other additional spaces later. There will also soon be a new system for check-in within the VA system call Point-of-Service (VPS), more information is forthcoming.

Action Corp: Phase-out of paper checks began 1 May; those who receive paper checks will no longer have an option. This applies to: Disability, GI payments and other benefits thru the VA, Social Security and supplement security income. Anyone currently receiving benefits by paper checks must switch to direct deposit by March 2013. You can go on line to www.GoDrict.org or call Treasury Electronics Solution Center at 1-800-333-1795 or speak to someone at your bank or credit union. If you already receive your checks electronically, NO Action is required.

HISTORIAN
Robert H. Bernard, PSC

It is amazing how fast the year has gone. This will be the last GO report for the 2010-2011 year with Commander Sandy Peterson. You all know that during the course of the year, I have been trying to keep up with the history of his year. We only have a month left and I will begin to finalize all the pictures and information I have to complete his history book. As I have asked in the past, if you are still holding any information or pictures pertaining to Sandy's year, please send it to me ASAP so I can complete his history book for the July Council, thank you.

Thanks again to all of you that have sent me pictures and information throughout the year for the Department Commanders History book, I really appreciate it. Please send the information to: Bob Bernard, 78 Robie St, Gorham, Maine 04038 or E-Mail: rbernard@maine.rr.com

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
Rene A. Deschene, SO

Nehmer Cases: Togus has just gone under 4000 claims left to be rated on the Nehmer cases. There is a possibility that Togus will begin processing Maine claims prior to the end of September. Some Maine cases that are presently ready to be rated are being sent to other stations for a rating decision.

Togus: Multiple construction projects going on at Togus at this time. Every building has something going on as well as a new parking later this summer. For now, parking will be at a premium and if you do not want to walk or wait for the shuttle, you would want to arrive early.

Post Service Officer Training: Now that the new installation is over, it is time to train the Post Service Officers. At this time, I am looking for Posts that are willing to host training seminar. If you Post is willing to host, please contact this office so that a schedule can be made and advertise in advance for maximize attendees.

Veterans helping Veterans

LEGISLATIVE
Peter F. Miesburger, PSC/Chairman

My Fellow Comrades: As I prepare my inputs for this month General Order's, it's hard to believe the we are about to rewind the 2010-2011 Membership Year to an end. This past year, we elected a new Governor for the state of Maine as well as the entire members of the 125th Legislative and as well as both members of Congress were reelected.

During the past year, we won and lost major battles associated with both Veterans Rights and Entitlements, both at the National level as well as the state level. One major battle that I am pleased to report is **L.D. 1136**, "An Act to Require the Opportunity to Recite the Pledge of Allegiance In Schools". The Committee of Education and Cultural Affairs conducted a Public Hearing on 11 May 2011 on L.D. 1136. As a result of the Public Hearing, the Committee "Voted Ought To Pass". Now it's up to both the State of

Maine House and Senate, to vote on L.D. 1136. I don't know when this VOTE will take place. Once L.D. 1136 is voted on and passed, it's forwarded to the Governor of the state of Maine for his signature. Once the Governor signs off on L.D. 1136, it will be ninety (90) days before L.D. 1136, becomes law. Comrades, I am asking all of you to contact your local state Representatives and Senators to support, L.D. 1136 before the State of Maine 125th Legislative adjourns for the summer recess. Comrades, we need your support of L.D.1136. To the Comrades of South Berwick Memorial VFW Post 5744 and several members of District 11, Department of Maine, VFW, I salute all of you for the positive action that all of you have taken in support of L.D. 1136.

I wish to take this time, to **THANK** Commander Peterson for asking me to stay on board as Chairman, Legislative Committee, Department of Maine, VFW due to the death of Commander John E. Williams, Department of Maine, VFW 2010-2011. Captain John which he was known as, it was my pleasure to serve with him, even that it was only for a short period of time. To incoming Commander Kevin Woodward, to you and your **"TEAM"**, I pledge my support and wish you all the **"BEST"** during your Term as Commander, Department of Maine, VFW, 2011-2012.

In closing, don't forget **"That We Were Soldiers, Once And Young"**, and that our **YOUNG VETERANS**, both male and female need our **GUIDANCE** and we need these **"YOUNG VETERANS"**, if we are to maintain a strong **"MEMBERSHIP"**, which we need when we meet with both our Congressional Delegation, as well as members of the state of Maine, 125th Legislative when we seek their support of various **"Veteran's Rights and Entitlements"**.

NATIONAL TEAM VFW SCOUTER
James A. Proctor, Chairman

PTC Contingent Crew Set to Sail at the Florida Sea Base

Join us for an exciting sail in the Florida keys for February 18-23, 2012 (School Vacation week) for the exploring adventure. Openings in this high adventure program are available for currently registered Venture's Sea Scouts or Boy Scouts interested in becoming Venture Scouts and who will be at least 13 years of age and completed the 8th grade or 14 years old by time of sail. Four adult leaders will accompany the crew. All participants must be strong swimmers and able to easily pass the BSA swimmers test.

Activities to include: Sailing a tall ship over 70 foot long, learning onboard navigation, snorkeling & exploring the Florida Keys reefs, salt-water fishing, sailing with dolphins and sharks, day visit to Key West, escaping a week of winter in Maine.

Do you want to be part of this rugged voyage on a large vessel? Call Cathy Gosselin at Pine Tree Council @, 797-5252 ext 14 to reserve your spot and for more information or for a sea base slide show.

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

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

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

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

Ways & Means: Comrades, the Ways & Means tickets have been made available to all District Commanders; therefore, all of the membership should have their tickets. I've not seen much in the way of money from sales or, returned tickets. Remember, the prizes are a **REALLY NICE FLAT SCREEN TV** and a **VIDEO CAMERA**. If you do have tickets and have not been able to sell them, **PLEASE** give them back to me or send them to me. I **CAN** and **WILL** get them sold!

CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER
Wayne H. Elkins, CNR

No new information at this time for this month Go's on recruiting will be looking forward to the start of the new year in recruiting efforts. Remember the 3R's of membership: **RETAIN, REINSTATE, and RECRUIT**

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

Homeless Veterans: We have less than 4 years to resolve the homeless problem among our Veteran community if we are going to stay on the time schedule of the Secretary of the VA. There was a lot of support this year. The need is more known, so we should receive more support in the coming year. Housing is the biggest issue. How can we build more affordable housing? Walk for the Homeless (a 2K walk at Togus) is scheduled for June 2nd. It will be my pleasure to report on the results of this event next month. I hope to see a lot of VFW members either walking or helping to distribute ice cream. See you in Bangor at the Department Convention. Please remember this years' Stand-Down is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. Again, if you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to call 477-2877 between 9 am to 9 pm or contact me at james.bachelder@metrocast.net.

Veterans' Cemetery South: We have our flags and the poker needed to make sure the installation is uniform throughout the grounds. The storage facility is being built by the Sanford Regional Vocational Technical School free of charge. We will have to pay to relocate it to the cemetery. The administration building and cremation niches are designed with the blessing of the VA. We are hoping construction will begin this summer. The association is looking forward to having a historical record of the grounds as well as a display of military memorabilia we are gathering from several donors. When you have a chance, stop in and see what we are talking about. The association meets on the second Thursday of every month at the Sanford VFW at 10:00 am. Come on Down. Again, if you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact me at james.bachelder@metrocast.net or call 477-2877 between 9 am to 9 pm.

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

VSO: The staff at the Maine Veterans Service Office continues to work well together and this provides great results. The Monthly Activity Report filed by the Service Officer for April reflects a typical busy and rewarding month. There were 155 office interviews, 551 pieces of correspondence received, 416 telephone calls received, 3 claims filed, 12 Powers of Attorney filed, 36 case files reviewed and 39 ratings cleared. These activities resulted in \$ 624,052 of Disability Compensation benefits and \$ 2,820 in Pension benefits for the month of April.

MVH: The census is 94.2% (603). During the month of May, the Machias Home had an unannounced survey by the State. Indication from the inspection team was that the facility did very well overall and that there were only two minor deficiencies noted. Final written report should be received in 2-3 weeks. The Scarborough Home also had an unannounced survey by the VA. The inspection team indicated that the survey was "deficiency-free". Final written report should be received in 2-3 weeks. Congratulations to both facilities! Our Director of Pharmacy and CEO attended the Maine Board of Pharmacy (BOP) meeting. The group discussed rulemaking for remote use of automated dispensing systems (ADS) which will allow the Maine Veterans Homes' to more efficiently and effectively support our six facilities from the central pharmacy. While the BOP did not make a final decision on remote ADS, we were encouraged by the direction of the discussion and their plan to make a decision as soon as next month. MVH hosted the Continuum of Care Operational Preparedness and Emergency Response (CCOPER) meeting at The Central Office. CCOPER is supported by a federal grant to promote cooperation and collaborative contingency planning between providers and community agencies.

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN VETERANS
Steven San Pedro, Chairman

Let's get the word out and show our young Veterans that we care.

Recently, published information says that OEF/OIF combat Veterans may have been exposed to a wide variety of environmental hazards during their service in Afghanistan or Iraq. These hazardous exposures may cause long-term health problems. Hazardous exposures include:

- *Burn pits
- *Infectious diseases
- *Depleted uranium
- *Toxic embedded fragments
- *Cold and heat injuries
- *CARC paint
- *Chromium at Qartmat Ali Water Treatment Facility

VA offers a variety of benefits and services eligible OEF/OIF Veterans. Learn more about benefits for OEF/OIF Veterans.

Periods covered are Operation Enduring Freedom began in October 2001 and is still in effect. Operation Iraqi Freedom began on March 20, 2003 and continued until 2010 when Operation New Dawn began reflecting a reduced U.S. role in Iraq.

Once again, I offer my assistance to anyone that needs it and can be reached at:
sanpedro105@roadrunner.com.

WOMENS' VETERANS
Janet L. Michaud, Chairman

I have a Coin Program Presentation set-up at the Bath Legion for 1:30 PM on June 18th, so please have anyone contact me who would like to participate. I also have one set-up for residents at Togus on 19 August, I will be talking to the Charge Nurse to see if the residents have sent in their paperwork. Let me know if you have a resident or nearby member who would like to participate. The presentation will be after the Unit BBQ.

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

**PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
RESOLUTIONS & BY-LAWS/WEBSITE COORDINATOR CHAIRMAN
2010-11**

**Thomas R. Lussier, PSC
Tlussie1@maine.rr.com**

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

VFW Post 1603 Auburn (99), VFW Post 1285 Waterville (2),
VFW Post 887 Augusta (3), VFW Post 6131 Northport (1), VFW Post 9 Gardiner (5),
VFW Post 3335 Jay (6), VFW Post 9150 Lewiston (4), VFW 9787 South Paris (5),
VFW Post 7997 Old Orchard (1) VFW Post 489 Biddeford (4)
VFW Post 5744 South Berwick (6) VFW Post 3108 Belfast (14)
VFW Post 9459 Lisbon (2) VFW 1641 Rumford (5) VFW Post 7865 Madison (3)
VFW Post 6977 Cape Neddick (1), VFW Post 4525 Waldoboro (2)

Post Newsletters received from

VFW Post 6859 Portland (6), VFW Post 10529 Yarmouth (10), VFW Post 1603 Auburn (7),
VFW Post 887 Augusta (1), VFW Post 7865 Madison (1), VFW Post 9787 South Paris (9),
VFW Post 109 Ellsworth (1), VFW Post 9389 Caribou (4), VFW Post 9 Gardiner (2),
VFW Post 1285 Waterville (1), VFW Post 4154 Millinocket (1)
VFW Post 5744 South Berwick (2)

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

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

“KEEP ALL YOUR MEMBERS INFORMED ON VFW ISSUES.”

RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAWS

ARTICLE IX - RESOLUTIONS

The committee held a preliminary meeting on April 9, 2011 and will meet again before the State Convention. All By-Laws amendments received will be posted in these and next month's General Orders. Please review them and the Commander-in-Chief's resolutions posted on the website with your membership.

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

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

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

Website Coordinator

The Department Website is in good working order.

DIST	Di v	Post #	Name	HIGH	2010	5/20/2011	L/M	CON T	N/R	L/M N	MEMB%	DUES:
1	3	2599	Presque Isle	570	198	202	121	36	45	0	102.0%	\$26.00
1	3	6187	FortFairfield	228	120	102	70	32	0	0	85.0%	\$26.00
1	6	9389	Caribou	867	516	482	431	46	5	0	93.4%	\$25.00
1	3	9609	Fort Kent	526	190	170	110	57	3	0	89.5%	\$26.00
1	3	9699	Ashland	291	140	129	111	18	0	0	92.1%	\$26.00
1			TOTALS	2482	1164	1085	843	189	53	0	93.21%	
2	2	1438	Lincoln	135	69	68	63	5	0	1	98.6%	\$25.00
2	2	1605	Burlington	76	65	66	51	12	3	0	101.5%	\$23.00
2	1	2299	ShermanSt	97	48	45	25	18	2	0	93.8%	\$21.00
2	4	4154	Millinocket	494	219	205	161	43	1	0	93.6%	\$30.00
2	2	7529	Island Falls	81	62	59	47	11	1	1	95.2%	\$26.00
2	2	9429	West Enfield	84	69	57	37	20	0	0	82.6%	\$22.00
2			TOTALS	967	532	500	384	109	7	2	93.98%	
3	1	558	Eastport	184	43	49	26	16	7	0	114.0%	\$23.00
3	2	9779	Calais	85	51	50	29	14	7	0	98.0%	\$22.00
3	2	11299	Perry	186	98	79	62	16	1	0	80.6%	\$24.00
3	4	11553	Harrington	224	234	199	143	51	5	0	85.0%	\$25.00
3			TOTALS	679	426	377	260	97	20	0	88.50%	
4	3	109	Ellsworth	355	195	181	148	30	3	1	92.8%	\$25.00
4	5	1761	Bangor	703	415	361	219	124	18	1	87.0%	\$25.00
4	5	3381	Old Town	604	356	338	284	43	11	1	94.9%	\$25.00
4	1	4527	Orrington	110	40	40	31	8	1	0	100.0%	\$24.00
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	147	148	111	28	9	0	100.7%	\$25.00
4			TOTALS	2056	1153	1068	793	233	42	3	92.63%	
5	3	3198	Skowhegan	323	122	111	76	29	6	0	91.0%	\$25.00
5	3	4298	Dexter	141	103	107	61	41	5	0	103.9%	\$25.00
5	1	5723	Jackman Station	57	12	12	3	8	1	0	100.0%	\$25.00
5	3	6924	Fairfield	436	179	178	144	22	12	0	99.4%	\$25.00
5	3	7865	Madison	163	113	107	46	54	7	0	94.7%	\$21.00
5	1	7866	Norridgewock	69	15	15	8	6	1	0	100.0%	\$24.00
5	2	8934	Embden	138	69	67	49	17	1	0	97.1%	\$23.00
5	1	10881	Farmington	45	28	29	22	6	1	1	103.6%	\$25.00
5	2	11191	Newport	65	51	45	26	14	5	0	88.2%	\$20.50
5			TOTALS	1437	692	671	435	197	39	1	96.97%	
6	3	2499	Rockland	277	154	105	77	24	4	0	68.2%	\$27.00
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	34	34	28	5	1	0	100.0%	\$21.00
6	3	3108	Belfast	320	118	119	84	29	6	1	100.8%	\$26.00
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	18	19	12	6	1	0	105.6%	\$21.00
6	2	6131	Northport	230	75	75	57	18	0	0	100.0%	\$26.00
6	2	9437	Washington	135	57	53	46	7	0	0	93.0%	\$24.00
6			TOTALS	1171	456	405	304	89	12	1	88.82%	
7	2	2197	Topsham	114	76	69	43	24	2	0	90.8%	\$25.00
7	2	4525	Waldoboro	218	66	64	39	23	2	0	97.0%	\$20.50
7	2	7738	Bath	198	77	69	64	5	0	0	89.6%	\$20.50
7	2	8395	New Harbor	297	95	88	61	27	0	0	92.6%	\$23.00
7			TOTALS	827	314	290	207	79	4	0	92.36%	

8	3	9	Gardiner	143	103	97	60	34	3	0	94.2%	\$25.00
8	5	887	Augusta	352	390	302	196	89	17	3	77.4%	\$30.00
8	5	1285	Waterville	600	415	425	307	92	26	1	102.4%	\$28.00
8	5	8835	Winslow	792	433	418	347	62	9	2	96.5%	\$27.00
8	1	9526	Winthrop	123	46	86	32	11	43	1	187.0%	\$25.00
8			TOTALS	2010	1387	1328	942	288	98	7	95.75%	
9	4	1603	Auburn	505	288	259	181	64	14	0	89.9%	\$30.00
9	5	1641	Rumford	882	349	250	142	105	3	0	71.6%	\$25.00
9	5	3335	Jay	647	450	431	334	86	11	0	95.8%	\$25.00
9	3	9150	Lewiston	199	150	145	89	51	5	0	96.7%	\$22.00
9	4	9459	Lisbon	546	248	242	192	40	10	0	97.6%	\$30.00
9	4	9787	South Paris	421	217	206	149	52	5	0	94.9%	\$25.00
9	1	11032	Greene	68	46	46	36	9	1	0	100.0%	\$26.00
			TOTALS	3268	1748	1579	1123	407	49	0	90.33%	
10	6	832	South Portland	1701	598	576	452	118	6	1	96.3%	\$30.00
10	2	6783	Lovell	110	59	58	46	11	1	0	98.3%	\$25.00
10	6	6859	Portland	1051	519	458	324	120	14	3	88.2%	\$25.00
10	1	7642	East Hiram	137	47	45	33	12	0	0	95.7%	\$25.00
10	2	9328	Harrison	95	59	61	44	15	2	0	103.4%	\$30.00
10	1	9605	Long Island	61	32	29	16	12	1	0	90.6%	\$22.00
10	2	10529	Yarmouth	101	98	101	91	7	3	0	103.1%	\$25.00
10	2	10643	Windham	81	59	64	45	10	9	0	108.5%	\$31.00
10	1	10879	Gorham	68	37	35	16	18	1	0	94.6%	\$25.00
10	1	11362	Naples	49	38	39	28	10	1	0	102.6%	\$28.50
10			TOTALS	3454	1546	1466	1095	333	38	4	94.83%	
11	3	489	Biddeford	489	189	181	165	15	1	0	95.8%	\$20.50
11	3	5744	SoBerwick	158	151	167	111	39	17	0	110.6%	\$21.00
11	1	6548	Kennebunk	121	32	32	31	1	0	0	100.0%	\$23.50
11	5	6977	York Beach	348	311	297	222	70	5	0	95.5%	\$30.00
11	3	7997	O.O.B.	322	192	206	84	111	11	2	107.3%	\$25.00
11	2	9394	Kittery	126	57	57	38	15	4	0	100.0%	\$26.00
11	4	9935	Sanford	506	259	262	198	48	16	1	101.2%	\$25.00
11			TOTALS	2070	1191	1202	849	299	54	3	100.92%	
		15020	M.A.L.	800	800	680	445	186	49	5	85.0%	\$35.00
		5/20		2122	1140							
				1	9	10651	7680	2506	465	26	93.4%	

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Louis A. Peterson II

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



"NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND" WITH "LOUIS "SANDY" PETERSON, II, STATE COMMANDER"

DIVISION LEADERS

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MAY 20, 2011

>> ALL-STATE CONTEST CLOSES - WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT CONVENTION BANQUET <<

DIV. I (10-50) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. IV (201-300) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 9526 WINTHROP	187.0%	1. 9935 SANFORD	101.2%
2. 558 EASTPORT	105.6%	2. 9459 Lisbon	97.6%
3. 4169 VINALHAVEN	105.6%	3. 9787 South Paris	94.9%
DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. V (301-450) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 10643 WINDHAM	108.5%	1. 1285 WATERVILLE	102.4%
2. 9328 HARRISON	103.4%	2. 8835 Winslow	96.5%
3. 10529 YARMOUTH	103.1%	3. 3335 Jay	95.8%
DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. VI (451-1000) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 5744 SOUTH BERWICK	110.6%	1. 832 South Portland	96.3%
2. 7997 O.O.B.	107.3%	2. 9389 Caribou	93.4%
3. 4298 DEXTER	103.9%	3. 6859 Portland	88.2%
TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY %		TEN LARGEST POSTS	
1. 9526 WINTHROP - - - - -	187.0%	1. 832 South Portland - - - - -	576
2. 558 EASTPORT - - - - -	114.0%	2. 9389 Caribou - - - - -	482
3. 5744 SOUTH BERWICK - - - - -	110.6%	3. 6859 Portland - - - - -	458
4. 10643 WINDHAM - - - - -	108.5%	4. 3335 Jay - - - - -	431
5. 7997 O.O. BEACH - - - - -	107.3%	5. 1285 WATERVILLE - - - - -	425
6. 4169 VINALHAVEN - - - - -	105.6%	6. 8835 Winslow - - - - -	418
7. 4297 DEXTER - - - - -	103.9%	7. 1761 Bangor - - - - -	361
8. 10881 FARMINGTON - - - - -	103.6%	8. 3381 Old Town - - - - -	338
9. 9328 HARRISON - - - - -	103.4%	9. 887 Augusta - - - - -	302
10. 10529 YARMOUTH - - - - -	103.1%	10. 6977 York Beach - - - - -	297
DISTRICT STANDINGS		MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2010-11	
1. District 11 Spaulding	100.92%	> 11,409 MEMBERS FOR 100% DEPARTMENT <	
2. District 5 Beaulieu	96.97%	WE HAVE = 10,651 - WE NEED = 758	
3. District 8 McGillicuddy	95.75%	ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 100%	
4. District 10 Hadley	94.83%	"STATE CONVENTION" - JUNE 10-11-12, 2011	
5. District 2 Moore	93.98%	10 N/R MEMBERS AND YOU EARN A WHITE VFW	
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE		93.34%	SHIRT - 20 YOU EARN A VFW JACKET
6. District 1 Rouse	93.21%	ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT	
7. District 4 Smith	92.63%	AT LEAST 3 N/R MEMBERS - "WELL?"	
8. District 7 Dearborn	92.36%	LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND	
9. District 9 Francis	90.33%	RETAIN - RECRUIT & REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS	
10. District 6 Farris	88.82%	NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS	
11. District 3 Dowling	88.50%	ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK?	
ARTHUR J. ROY "STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN" & "CHIEF OF STAFF"			



~~~ Banquet Reservations ~~~

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

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

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

Menu (Buffet)

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

Cost Per Person \$ 30.00

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

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

Dress Code: Coat and Tie

Ticket Deadline: June 1, 2011

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

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

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

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



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



**June 10, 11 & 12, 2011**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mail your Check to:

Cynthia Cowling, Convention Co-Chairperson
108 14th St., Bangor, ME 04401

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



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



Ronald F. Smith, Chairman

Cynthia Cowling – Co-Chairperson

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

“Motels List & Rates”

Ramada Inn

(Headquarters Hotel)

357 Odlin Rd., Bangor, ME 04401

Tel: 1-207-947-6961

Rates: \$79.00

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

“Other Motels for the State Convention”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tel: 947-6921

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



~~ 91st STATE CONVENTION ~~

Bangor, Maine

Convention Book Advertising Rates



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

Back Cover - \$ 265.00

Inside Cover - \$ 210.00

Full Page - \$ 170.00

Half Page - \$ 115.00

¼ Page - \$ 65.00

1/8 Page - \$ 45.00

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

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

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

All Advertising and monies must be received as soon as possible

“CUT OFF DATE IS APRIL 15, 2011”



**Norman N. Dow
Isaac E. Clewley
Post 1761
Bangor * Brewer, Maine**



Friday – 10 June 2011

Dance * Dinner
(Following the Department Memorial Service)

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

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

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

(There will be an Open Bar)

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday, June 10, 2011

Registration	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Ramada Inn <i>(Captain's Room)</i>
Joint Opening Session	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm	Ramada Inn
<i>Buffet</i>	<i>2:00 – 2:30 pm</i>	<i>Pool Side</i> <i>(Pay as you Order)</i>
Business Session	2:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Ramada Inn
Memorial Service	7:00 pm	Ramada Inn

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Registration	8:00 am – 10:00 am	Ramada Inn <i>(Captain's Room)</i>
Business Session	8:00 am – 12:00 Noon	Ramada Inn
<i>(Nomination and Elections of Officers)</i>		
Lunch	12:00 noon	Post 1761, Bangor
Patriotic Rally	1:00 pm	Post 1761, Bangor
Commander/President's Reception	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Ramada Inn <i>(Captain's Room)</i>
Social Hour	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Ramada Inn
Convention Banquet	6:00 pm	Ramada Inn

Sunday, June 12, 2011

Installation of Officers	8:30 am	Ramada Inn
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**DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
LADIES AUXILIARY
TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**



CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday, June 10, 2011

Registration	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Ramada Inn <i>(Captain's Room)</i>
Visit Bangor MVH	9:00 am	MVH, Bangor
Council Meeting	10:30 am	Ramada Inn
Joint Opening Session	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm	Ramada Inn
Buffet	2:00 – 2:30 pm	Pool Side <i>(Pay as you order)</i>
Business Session	2:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Ramada Inn
Memorial Service	7:00 p.m.	Ramada Inn

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Registration	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Ramada Inn <i>(Captain's Room)</i>
Business Session <i>(Nomination and Elections of Officers)</i>	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Ramada Inn
Lunch	12:00 noon	Post 1761, Bangor
Patriotic Rally	1:00 pm	Post 1761, Bangor
Commander/President's Reception	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Ramada Inn <i>(Captain's Room)</i>
Social Hour	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Ramada Inn
Convention Banquet	6:00 pm	Ramada Inn

Sunday, June 12, 2011

Business Session <i>(If Needed)</i>	7:00 am	Ramada Inn
Installation of Officers	8:30 am	Ramada Inn

*Proposed By-Laws Changes
2010-2011*

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

Section 1. Objects: The purposes objects of the corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational and are; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States, ~~of America,~~ and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American Freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies. ~~whomsoever.~~

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND DUTIES:

Section 5. Reports: The Department Commander, ~~and~~ members of the Council of Administration and Committee Chairmen shall make a report of their official activities ~~either~~ orally and ~~or~~ written at each Council of Administration ~~of~~ meetings. They ~~and~~ shall also submit an annual reports in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention to the State Adjutant.

ARTICLE V - DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

Section 1. The Department shall hold its annual convention and first Council of Administration on the second weekend that contains Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the month of June.

Section 4. The Department Commander shall designate, with the approval of the Council of Administration a Department Convention Director Chairman. The Convention Director Chairman shall appoint, with the approval of the Department Commander, such additional committee members as may be deemed necessary. Said Committee to have charge of administration of each Department Convention.

Section 5. The following rules and regulations shall govern voting at Department Convention.

(a) The list of Post Delegates and Post Alternates to be honored must bear signatures of both the Post Commander and Post Adjutant and ~~And~~ be submitted ~~provided~~ to the Credentials Committee Chairman

ARTICLE VI - COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Section 2.

(a) The Council of Administration shall convene in regular session the second weekend that has a Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the months of ~~July~~ June, October, January and April.

(c) Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Department Commander at his/her discretion. A special meeting of the Council shall be called upon written request or by e-mail of a majority of Council members. In case of an emergency voting requested by the Department Commander, the vote may be requested via e-mail and the results of the action taken will be reported by the Commander at the next Council of Administration (CoA) meeting.

(d) Each Council Member shall be notified in writing of the time and place of each Council meeting at least ten (10) ~~five (5)~~ days prior to the date of such meeting.

ARTICLE VII – DISTRICT FORMATION AND CHARTERING

Section 5. Appointive officers in each District shall be an Adjutant, Chief of Staff, *Service Officer and Inspector* and such additional appointive officers as the District Commander deems necessary for the proper functioning of his District.

Section 6. The District Commander shall prepare and furnish to each Post in his/her jurisdiction and the Department Adjutant a schedule of proposed District Meetings for the current year. Each schedule to indicate date, time and place of meetings. The schedule *is* to be furnished not later than the *first day* ~~first Council of Administration~~ following each Department Convention. Notice of changes in schedule that may become necessary must be forwarded to the Department Adjutant at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting. *In case of an emergency (i.e., weather, etc.), the Department Adjutant will be notified via email or telephone call.*

Section 7. Each District Adjutant in the Department shall submit a copy of each District meeting minutes to the Department Adjutant not later than seven (7) days following each District Meeting *via USPS and/or email.*

ARTICLE IX - RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions shall be typewritten and forwarded as to reach the Department Adjutant at least ~~thirty (30)~~ *sixty (60)* days prior to the convening date of the Department Convention *for review by the Department By-Laws Committee and published in the General Orders for all Posts to review.* Any resolution of any emergency nature may be presented from the floor of the Department Convention.

ARTICLE X - MISCELLEANOUS

Section 4. Travel Allowance: Amount to be spent on travel allowance shall be established by the Budget Committee, with the approval of the Council *of Administration.*

Section 13. Chairman appointed to the following committees (Homeless Veterans, all Maine Veterans Cemeteries, Maine Veterans' Homes, Togus Beal House, Togus Advisory and Maine Veterans Coordinating Committees) will provide a copy of *their respective meeting* ~~the monthly~~ minutes to the State Adjutant for file.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

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



~ ~ ~ Banquet Reservations ~ ~ ~

*July Council Meeting
Saturday July 9, 2011
Sanford VFW Post 9935
1 Hutchinson St., Sanford*

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

Menu

- Deep Fried Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes
- Fresh Vegetables
- House Salad
- Dinner Rolls
- Assorted Desserts
- Coffee/Tea

Cost Per Person \$7.00

Make check payable to "VFW Post 9935" and mail check to:

*James Bachelder
PO Box 955, Sanford, ME 04073
Telephone: 432-7127*

Dress Code: Casual

Ticket Deadline: July 1, 2011

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

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| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

*Total amount this check: \$ 7.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No tickets will be sold after the deadline – No tickets held without a payment  
Sorry... no refunds on banquet tickets*