



Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars
No Veteran Left Behind



May 2011

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 11

“SPECIAL NOTICE – SPECIAL NOTICE”

Congratulations to the following Post for achieving 100%+ in membership for the Year 2010-11

- District 11 – 100% - Commander Gary R. Spaulding
- Hayward-Frazier Post 2599, Presque Isle – 101.01% - Commander Randolph S. Michaud
- Randall-Collins Post 3108, Belfast – 100.85% - Commander Stephen J. Brown
- Whitcomb-Baker Post 4633, Hampden – 100.68% - Commander Raymond R. Lupo
- Webber Memorial Post 9526, Winthrop – 100% - Commander George P. Ruby
- Sanford-Springvale Memorial Post 9935, Sanford – 101.16% - Commander Joseph A. Garand
- Greene Memorial Post 11032, Greene – 100% - Commander Robert D. Hodgkins

Congratulations to the following for Receiving Paid Appointments to the National Convention

- Christopher L. Armstrong – National Military Services Committee
- Arnold L. Leavitt – Veterans Service Resolutions
- Thomas R. Lussier – National By-Laws, Manual of Procedures
- Alfred E. Michaud Sr. – General Resolutions
- Janet L. Michaud – National Women Veterans Committee
- Peter F. Miesburger – National Security and Foreign Affairs
- David C. Olson – Finance and Internal Organization
- Arthur J. Roy – General Resolution
- Steven J. San Pedro – National Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans

State Convention: Headquarters hotel will be the Ramada Inn, 357 Odlin Rd., Bangor, ME, tel # 1-207-947-6961. Rates are \$79.00 per room. ***Please make sure to tell them that you are with the VFW when calling for reservations.*** More information will follow in the future on the State Convention. (See attachment)

***** Deadline for reservations for VFW rates is May 27, 2011 *****

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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. Installing Officers: Installing officers will see that the provisions of Section 216 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure are properly carried out and that all officers are members in good standing and qualified to hold office prior to installing Post officers for the current year. Post officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Post Election Reports must be submitted following Post election of officers in April and no later than June 1 to the National Headquarters. We encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election

Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters.

2. Post Quartermasters: Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post Election Report forms have been mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers, by not later than June 1st. **NOTE: When filing your election report via online OMS, please make sure that you print a copy for both your Post and this office as this information is needed for the completion of the Directory, for the website and for the email listing by this office for pertinent information. Also, hat sizes has been omitted on the new election form, for those Posts who have a newly elected Post Commander/Quartermaster, please send in the hat size to this office as this information will be needed by the Membership Chairman when he orders the hat for the "All State Commander/Quartermaster" team as the end of the membership year.**

3. Men's Auxiliary Election Reports: All Post Commanders who have a Men's Auxiliary are required to forward a copy of their election report immediately to the State Adjutant and the Men's Auxiliary Chairman Donald W. Linscott following the election. The election report information will be included in the Department directory.

4. Department Meeting Dates for 2011-12: Meetings dates for the year 2011-12 are as follows:

July 9-10, 2011 – Sanford (CoA Meeting)

October 15-16, 2011 – Jay (CoA Meeting, State President Testimonial)

January 14-15, 2012 – Winslow (CoA Meeting, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Teacher of the Year Banquet)

April 14-15, 2012 – Bangor (CoA Meeting, State Commander Testimonial)

June 8-10, 2012 – Portland (State Convention)

5. 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.

6. 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 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.

7. 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.

8. District Commanders: Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department convention. District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed. District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

9. Loyalty Day and Memorial Day Observance: Section 223 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure provides that each Post shall make the necessary arrangements for proper observance of Loyalty Day and Memorial Day. Officers should see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and flags of the United States are placed on the graves of deceased veterans.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Post Commanders: Section 222 of the National By-Laws provides that Delegates strengths to District, Department and National Conventions shall be one for every thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing. Delegates and alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedures. Delegates listing to the Department Convention may be mailed to Paul S. Colburn @ 65 14th St., Bangor, ME 04401-3733 or delivered by hand to him at the Registration table in the Convention hall.

14. 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).

15. Post Quartermasters: New members admission fee, please submit your payment directly to State QM Donald W. Linscott Jr., PO Box 1286, Auburn, ME 04211-1296. **DO NOT submit** your payments to the State Adjutant.

16. Annual Officers Report: All Department Officers and Chairmen are reminded to submit their annual officers' report to the State Adjutant **NLT 15 May 2011** for compilation. These reports will be given to all of the Comrades who are attending the State Convention and will provide them information on your respective programs and accomplishment for the past year. Last year, we had a 100% officers' report submitted.

17. IRS Form 990 and 990-N "E-Postcard:" Post Commanders should insure that information returns are filed on either Form 990 or using the 990 E-Postcard depending on gross receipts. These forms may be obtained by calling the Federal Tax Forms & Publications hotline at (800) 829-3676. The forms may be filed on or before May 15th following the close of the respective annual accounting period. If gross earnings are \$25,000 or less, the Internal Revenue Service asks **ONLY** the heading on page one to be completed being sure to check "B". Search www.irs.gov for more information.

18. Incoming District Commanders for Year 2011-12: Are reminded that they must provide their list of District meetings to the State Adjutant **NLT 15 June 2011**. Also, IAW Section 403 of the National By-Laws, Districts shall hold at least three (3) regular meetings each year for purposes as prescribed in the Manual of Procedure. Each District shall also hold an annual District Convention.

19. 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..

20. Half Staff U.S. Flag: The U.S. Flag should be at half-staff on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, May 30th (federal holiday-half-staff until noon).

21. 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

22. Candidates for National Councilman District 1:

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

23. District Meeting Dates:

<i>Date</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Dept Officer</i>
7 May	2	1605 – Burlington	1 pm	Adj Dumas
14 May	1	9389 – Caribou	1 pm	Cmdr Peterson
15 May	3	9779 – Calais	2 pm	SVC Woodward
15 May	4	1761 – Bangor	2 pm	Cmdr Peterson
15 May	5	7865 – Madison	1 pm	QM Linscott
15 May	8	1285 – Waterville	2 pm	Adj Dumas
15 May	11	9935 – Sanford	2 pm	SVC Reilly
21 May	10	6859 – Portland	1 pm	Adj Dumas

24. Directory Changes: (Make the following ink and pen changes)

Pgs 1, 4, 7, 62 – Chg State Chaplain tel #s to: (H) 483-2901, Cell 479-9524
Pg 16 – PSC D. Libby – Chg email to: donba2011@hotmail.com
Pg 36 – Post 2499 – Chg QM to: Darrin Gillman, 485 Martin Stream Rd., Norridgewock, ME 04957, tel: 680-5239, email: Darringilman@gmail.com
Pg 38 – Post 3335 – Chg Cmdr to: Paul L. Chretien, 12 Wheeler St., Livermore Falls, ME 04254-1231, tel: 897-4018

25. Dates to Remember:

May 8 – Mothers Day
May 21 – Armed Forces Day
May 30 – Memorial Day
June 10-12 – State Convention, Bangor, ME
June 14 – Flag Day
June 19 – Father’s 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,

First, I want to say how happy I was to see so many of my Comrades at my Testimonial Banquet back on Saturday, April 9th. It was wonderful to see so many Ladies & Men's Auxiliary members there as well. My thanks go out to all of you for the many generous (and humorous!) gifts that I received. That evening was one of the highlights of my Commandership, and that was made possible only because YOU were there to make it happen! My family was very impressed by the festivities and they learned a lot about what our fine organization does for our Veterans and their families.

On a more serious note: In reviewing the reports and membership numbers for this past month, I am discouraged by how little the numbers have improved since I last asked for your assistance. There ARE some Posts and several Districts reporting at 100% or very close to 100% and for that, I applaud you! But what has happened to the remaining Posts and Districts that are behind? We still have time to pick up the pace and tie up some loose ends! I do not want to publicly name the Posts that have not at least put up a good effort, but shame on you for not living up to our motto of "No Veteran Left Behind." We still have a small window of time to achieve our goals--I know we can do it--but remember that it will require a "We can" team effort!

Although the 2010-2011 year is winding down, I am still very much motivated to help you in any way I can. Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail if there is anything I can do to assist you in finishing up the year on a positive note.

“No Veteran Left Behind”

Louis A. Peterson

LOUIS A. PETERSON II

State Commander



Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW

Charles A. Warden, Chaplain

March 20 – April 19, 2011

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

District 1

9389 * COCHRAN, Kenneth W. – WW II

9609 * CARON, Joseph J. – Korea
DUMOND, Clarence – WW II

District 3

11299 * QUINN, Edgar B. – WW II

District 4

4633 * TAYLOR, Glenn L. – Desert Storm
TENNEY, Herbert F. – WW II

District 5

8934 * BAXTER, Albert W. – WW II/Korea

District 6

6131 * McBRIEN, Philip J. – WW II/Korea

District 7

8395 * BERRY, William J. – WW II
FOSSETT, Robert J. Jr. – Vietnam
ROGERS, Thomas W. – WW II

District 9

1603 * GEORGE, Richard M. – Korea

3335* FRIEDMAN, Sidney B. – Vietnam
JUDD, John – Vietnam

9787 * CASHIN, William J. Jr. – WW II

District 10

6859 * DYER, Frederick P. – WW II
HAMILTON, Edward J. – Vietnam

District 11

5744 * CROGNALE, Nicholas A. – Korea
HORR, Cecil R. – WW II



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



“Good work is seldom done by accident. It is done by people who care.”

I came across this from an unknown author and I thought that it pretty well sums up what the VFW is all about. We are nearing the end of this VFW year and the accomplishments of our great organization will be reviewed by many across the globe. Everyone will have the opportunity to see how we as a Team serve our fellow Veterans, their families and the communities.

I recently attended the Eastern States Conference in Burlington, VT. Many topics were discussed with membership leading the way. Information on these items will be presented in the months to follow.

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
Mark G. Reilly**

I hope this edition of the GO's finds everyone in good spirits and good health. The year is moving along quickly, but there is still time to get the work of the VFW done. Keep the reports coming in of all the wonderful things that are happening throughout the State. We can still make 100% for membership with a big push and if we work together.

I will be attending more district meetings as the year progresses. I was very happy to conduct the installation of Officers at the last meeting I attended. I hope to see you soon at a meeting near you. Keep up the good work!

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

Important Reminder for All Posts and Districts: If your Trustees Report for the period of month ending March 31, 2011 is not submitted by May 1st, your Post or District will not be entitled to representation at the State Convention until such report is submitted to the State Quartermaster and confirmed with Registration Chairman Paul Colburn! There are many Posts and Districts that either have not been inspected or the inspection reports haven't been submitted to me. Please do not hold the inspection reports, when they have been completed, please send them to me at PO Box 1286, Auburn, ME 04211-1286.

Although I will not be involved with it, there will have to be a redistricting of Districts very soon, and when it is done, it will be for the betterment of the Department of Maine, regardless of how it comes out, I hope you all will agree with the results!

For the IRS 990, the Department year ends on June 30, 2011 meaning that your 2010 report is due no later than November 15, 2011. The smaller posts and all Districts which have a gross income of less than \$50,000 must file a 990N postcard and it must be filed over the internet.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE
David D. Williams**

Comrades: Another month has come and gone. This past month, I attended the COA meeting in Portland, attended the Testimonial for State Commander Peterson; if you weren't there, you really missed a good time

and the food was very good also. I attended the Eastern States Meeting in Burlington Vermont. By now most, Post should have held nominations for each office, do not forget to check each persons' DD-214 to make sure they are eligible and to put a copy on file with the Post Adjutant. Now that Spring is here, everyone get out and get a little fresh air. Don't forget the State Convention is coming right up in June. Hope to see you all there.

SURGEON
David C. Olson

Blood: No change from last month, the same Post's are still not reported – whadda ya say - let's take care of this before the year ends? Thanks!

Safety: Tips for Earthquake Safety – Even though we are not in a State where severe earthquakes are commonplace - some day, you may be and here are some tips – Lay prone next to objects - not under them. Wooden buildings are the safest to be in should one occur, because wood is somewhat flexible and has less crushing weight. If you are in bed, simply roll off the bed and lay flat. Most everyone who gets under a doorway when buildings collapse is killed – Why – If you stand under a doorway and the doorjamb falls forward or backward you will be crushed by the ceiling above. Never stay in your vehicle – again lay prone next to a solid object and your chances of survival are increased dramatically.

Health: Allergy Season – The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) estimates that there are 40 – 50 million allergy sufferers in the United States. Steps to take to cut down on pollen exposure during the allergy season – Limit time outdoors – keep windows closed as much as possible – change clothes after being outside - don't dry clothing outside on the line. Using filters and air conditioning cuts down on pollen inside the home.

CHAPLAIN
NATIONAL HOME
Charles A. Warden

Footprints: One night I had a dream---I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord and across the sky flashed scenes of my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One belonged to me and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of my life. This really bothered me and I questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why in times when I needed you the most, you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." (Author Unknown).

Chaplains Thought for the Month: Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death. Thank you and God Bless.

National Home: Comrades; the donations for the National Home are way up this year compared to last year. This is because more donations are being taken up at Post, District and COA meetings. Please keep up the good work and let the National Home know that the Dept of Maine VFW cares about what they do and want to help. I thank you and the VFW National Home thanks you. They survive by donations only.

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

Activity: By the time you receive this by snail mail, the Activity year for 2010-2011 will be over and the 2011-2012 year will begin as of 30 April 2011.

Reports: National will start off the New Year with a change; all Auxiliaries will report their Activities to the Post who will submit reports for all. The Post will then send Reports to the Chairman of that Activity; the Chairman will notify the State Activity Chairman of completion to get box's "X" off in GO's. It is the responsibility of all Post and Auxiliaries to maintain records of their accomplishments and donations. This information can be handy in case you have a State or Federal audit affecting your non-profitable status.

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 coming in and help those that will be taking your position or help yourself if you still have it.

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: Make preparations for Loyalty Day and your Buddy Poppy Day, get Trustees reports in, plan your Memorial Day functions.

PSC: The State Commander's Testimonial was interesting and a good time had by all who attended. Past Commander- in-Chief Tommy Tradewell stated he really enjoyed being here for the COA and Commanders Testimonial and keep up the great work you all do.

**ADVISORY TO TOGUS
Action Corps
Raymond R. Lupo, PSC/Chairman**

Veterans Advisory to Togus: There has not been a meeting since last report. However, the new Bangor clinic is now operational and is seeing Veterans now. However, contrary to what was said by the news media, Eye and Audio Services are NOT yet available; these services will be available at a later date along with MRI services. Services available are the same as the old clinic and still do not have Walk-in service. Reported grand opening has been moved to the 19th of May.

For those who attended the last CoA, it was stated that the Lewiston/Auburn had their ground breaking on 8 May. Also contrary to what was said about the Portland clinic closing; is not true, in fact Portland is expanding some services.

Action Corp: Congress begins their two weeks spring recess and now is the time to visit them in their District offices and let them know about issues important to you and all Veterans. Tell them that we expect them to pass a budget the upcoming fiscal year 2012. Our Legislative Chairman has given you the VFW goals and these too should be mentioned to them.

**HISTORIAN
Robert H. Bernard, PSC**

When you read this GO report there will only be a little over a month left of the Department Commanders year. I would like to finish his history book with all the information I can covering his year. If you are still

holding any information or pictures pertaining to his year please send it to me so I can complete his history book, 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 very much. Please send the information to: Bob Bernard, 78 Robie St., Gorham, ME 04038 or e-mail: rbernard@maine.rr.com

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
Rene A. Deschene, SO

TOGUS: The Regional Office at Togus has hired 12 new raters. This will help the backlog some; however, it will take until this fall before they will be all up and running. The Regional Office is presently sending an Intake Clerk to the Bangor Homeless Shelter to process claims once a month. They are still sending an Intake Clerk to the Portland Homeless Shelter twice a month.

On the Nehmer (Agent Orange) claims since 30 September 2010, Togus has paid out \$117 million on these claims only since the VA is behind 800,000 claims. Because of this, the Regional Office is on a mandatory overtime status. All of the employees working claims must work 20 hours overtime a month with at least 12 of those hours are to be done on weekends. Hopefully the number of pending claims will drop instead of increasing.

Veterans helping Veterans

LEGISLATIVE
Peter F. Miesburger, PSC/Chairman

My fellow Comrades: The 2110-2011 Membership year is rapidly coming to an end, before you know; we will all be meeting in Bangor for the Department Annual Convention. This year, in regards to Legislative issues, has been very busy; we won some battles and loss some. The State of Maine 125th Legislature, regular first session will end at the end of May and will be on break until this Fall. There are several major bills associate with Veterans issues that no action will be taken until which time the 125th Legislature reconvenes this coming Fall. I am asking all of you when you meet with your local State Representatives, ask them for their support of the following Bills which are waiting action;

LD 1136: An Act To Require the Opportunity To Recite the Pledge Allegiance in Schools

LD1037: An Act To Establish a Welcome Home Bonus for Veterans of the Campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan

LD1265: An Act To Allow the Unclaimed Remains of a Veteran To Have Proper Burial

LD27: An Act Concerning Maine Veterans License Plates

LD461: An Act To Impose a Penalty For Making False Claims Regarding Military Service

LD1230: An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Private Clubs Except in Separate Enclosed Areas

LD986: An Act To Allow a Driver To Receive a Designation on That Driver's License That The Driver is a Veteran

Comrades, whatever you can do to spread the word to not only your own member of the State of Maine State Representatives or any Representatives that you may know would be more than appreciative.

Again Comrades: As I previously stated, we are rapidly approaching the end of this year's Membership Program, on behalf of Commander Peterson, it would be more than appreciative if all of us as a **"TEAM"** join forces for the final push on "MEMBERSHIP". Back in my old U.S. Air Force days, we had a saying which goes like this **"CAN DO"**. Once again don't forget those young **VETERANS**, who need our GUIDENESS. Remember: **"WE WERE SOLDIERS ONCE AND YOUNG"**

NATIONAL TEAM VFW SCOUTER

James A. Proctor, Chairman

Congratulations to Ross Conroy, he is the Department of Maine Eagle Scout of the Year. His entry form has been sent to National for their Eagle Scout award. I hope Maine has a winner.

I would like to know how many VFW Posts that are sponsoring Scout Troops. Please let me know: James Proctor, 47 Sand Rd., Naples, ME 04055-5214.

National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLT) is designed for the youth leadership of your troop to help strengthen their leadership skills and give them the knowledge they need to run the troop. NYLT dates: June 19th-24th at Cam Hinds. Course Objectives:

- *Teach concept of what a leader must be, what he must know and what he must do.
- *Teach leadership elements with a clear focus on the how to.
- *Give scouts a "tool Box of skills".
- *Guide through 4 stages of team development forming/storming/norming/performing.
- *Team and personal development.
- *Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the scout oath and law.
- *Use the patrol method and PLC.
- *Experience scouting at its finest.

Scouts must be at least 13 years old and be approved by their scoutmaster. Cost of the program is \$250.00 for the week. Limited space available, only two spots per troop allowed unless space is still open after May 1st, 2011.

Scoutmasters: Your scouts will come back enthusiastic, skilled and with a wealth of program material for your troop. Sending your boy leaders is a win-win for you, for them and for your troop. Perhaps, the troop can help pay for your Boys to go. Reserve your troop spots now.

For more information, call NYLT Scoutmaster Jim Thomas at 632-1114 or email jht@maine.rr.com or field director Matt Randall at 797-5252 or email mrandall@bsamail.org.

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

There is no new information to add to the National Recruiters Report since last Month GO's. With all the budget cuts in membership both on the National level and the department level, it will be up to each Post to do their own recruiting event. Again, if each member would recruit 1 new or reinstated member, we would reach our goal of 100 percent easily. Remember this is our organization and it is up to you to keep it strong. The 3 R's of membership is: **RETAIN, REINSTATE, and RECRUIT**

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

Homeless Veterans: At our meeting, we had a presentation of the "The Benefit Bank of Maine Project (TBB)". This is how the Maine Community Action Associations enter the personal information into a system that automatically applies for all the programs the applicant is eligible to receive. This will help the Homeless Veterans to receive necessary support from the state and federal programs while waiting for VA claims to be resolved. Since anyone can use the system to assist the applicant, the presentation was to also enlist the assistance of the Veterans' community to receive training. When a Veteran signs the Power of Attorney form with the VFW, the Post or State Service Officer can access the TBB system and make sure all the available support will be directed to help our clients.

Walk for the Homeless (a 2K walk at Togus) is scheduled for June 2nd. The walk serves as a way to have the VA employees help raise awareness as well as give the Veterans a chance to exercise. A planning meeting is set to produce the route and start time for this walk. Keep your eyes open.

This years' Stand-Down is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. Again, if you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact me @ james.bachelder@metrocast.net of call 477-2877 between 9 am to 9 pm.

Veterans' Cemetery South: The Memorial Day Ceremony is in the planning stages. At this time, we have Major General (Ret) Stephen Nichols as our Guest Speaker. Due to the Town of Sanford observances on Memorial Day, we plan to start our program at 1:00 pm on Monday May 30th. This year is coming to a close but the work will continue. Please make time to visit the cemetery and look at the work our staff has performed. We would like your input. The association meets on the second Thursday of every month at the Sanford VFW at 10:00 am. Again, if you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact me at james.bachelder@metrocast.net of call 477-2877 between 9 am to 9 pm.

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

VSO: Case load continues to be high and Questionnaire results are generally very favorable. The number of Agent Orange cases continues to grow. The staff at the Service Office continues to work well together. How well are they doing? During the last quarter, our Maine Veterans Service Office was able to bring in for Maine Veterans 3.9 million dollars in Veteran pensions and compensation.

MVH: The census is 94.8% (607). The Maine Veterans Homes recently completed our annual retreat to review and update our Strategic Plan. We have yet to be free of the Noro virus at Scarborough, South Paris, and Augusta. All facilities are taking high-vigilance and prevention measures. Scarborough also underwent State survey this week. At yesterday's exit brief, the survey team did not cite any quality of care, dignity, environmental, or dietary issues. The final written report should be received in approximately 2-3 weeks. South Paris held its annual volunteer brunch last week. In addition, they had its garden planning meeting with residents, staff and the University of Maine Co-op garden extension group. Started only two years ago, the summer garden has grown into an activity that now includes close to a dozen residents and a rather extensive garden.

WOMEN'S 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.

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

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN VETERANS
Steven San Pedro, Chairman

As I stated at the COA, it is up to us to recruit the young Veterans coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan. The feedback I am getting from other Posts is that it seems to be a major challenge to recruit them. Comrades, they are not going to come walking through your doors begging you to join. We need to educate them on what this organization does for them and for all Veterans. They think, as many people do, that the VFW is a place where Veterans go to drink, smoke, and tell war stories. So, I challenge all of you to become creative and aggressive in finding ways to get them into your post.

Here are a few ideas that may help you recruit them:

- Attend ceremonies when Soldiers are leaving and coming home, this will let them know that we care about them and are there for them.
- Reach out to the local colleges/universities; they are filled with Veterans using the GI Bill.
- Let them see us as we march in parades and participate in community events.

I hope these few ideas help you as we all go through this challenge. If you have other ideas, I ask that you please share them with me so I can pass them on to other posts. Remember, these Veterans are our future. I can be contacted at sanpedro105@roadrunner.com

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 (92), 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 (5) VFW Post 3108 Belfast (14)
VFW Post 9459 Lisbon (2) VFW 1641 Rumford (5) VFW Post 7865 Madison (2)
VFW Post 6977 Cape Neddick (1), VFW Post 4525 Waldoboro (2)

Post Newsletters received from

VFW Post 6859 Portland (5), VFW Post 10529 Yarmouth (9), VFW Post 1603 Auburn (5),
VFW Post 887 Augusta (1), VFW Post 7865 Madison (1), VFW Post 9787 South Paris (8),
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.

PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Post/Location	Community Activities	Americanism	Loyalty Day	POW/MIA	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Blood Program	Safety	Youth	Buddy Poppy	Togus Aid	CDR PROJECT
19 April 2011												
DISTRICT 1												
2599 Presque Isle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6187 Ft. Fairfield	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
9389 Caribou	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9609 Ft. Kent	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
9699 Ashland		X	X	X	X	X						
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DISTRICT 2												
1438 Lincoln	X	X	X	X				X			X	X
1605 Burlington	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2299 Sherman	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
4154 Millinocket	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7529 Island Falls	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
9429 West Enfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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DISTRICT 3												
558 Eastport	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		
9779 Calais	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
11299 Perry		X	X	X								
11553 Harrington	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 4												
109 Ellsworth	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
1761 Bangor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3381 Old Town	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
4527 Orrington	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
4633 Hampden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%				100%		
DISTRICT 5												
3198 Skowhegan		X	X	X								
4298 Dexter	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
5723 Jackman		X	X	X	X	X						
6924 Fairfield		X	X	X						X	X	X
7865 Madison	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
7866 Norridgewock		X	X	X								
8934 Embden	X	X	X	X				X				
10881 Farmington	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
11191 Newport		X	X	X						X		
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 6												
2499 Rockland		X	X	X	X	X						
3095 Friendship	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3108 Belfast	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
4169 Vinalhaven		X	X	X								
6131 Northport	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
9437 Washington	X	X	X	X						X	X	X
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DISTRICT 7												
2197 Topsham	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
4525 Waldoboro	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7738 Bath	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
8395 New Harbor	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
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Post/Location 19 April 2011	Community Activities	Americanism	Loyalty Day	POW/MIA	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Blood Program	Safety	Youth	Buddy Poppy	Toogus Aid	CDR PROJECT
DISTRICT 8												
9 Gardiner	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
887 Augusta	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1285 Waterville	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8835 Winslow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9526 Winthrop	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
DISTRICT 9												
1603 Auburn	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1641 Rumford	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3335 Jay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9150 Lewiston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9459 Lisbon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9787 South Paris	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
11032 Greene	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	100%	100%	100%	100%							100%	100%
DISTRICT 10												
832 So. Portland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
6783 Lovell		X	X	X	X	X				X		
6859 Portland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7642 East Hiram		X	X	X	X	X					X	
9328 Harrison	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
9605 Long Island	X	X	X	X				X			X	
10529 Yarmouth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10643 Windham		X	X	X						X	X	
10879 Gorham	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	
11362 Naples	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%	100%	100%								
DISTRICT 11												
489 Biddeford	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
5744 So. Berwick	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6548 Kennebunk	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
6977 York Beach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
7997 Old Orchard Beach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9394 Kittery	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9935 Sanford	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
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DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2010	4/20/2011	L/M	CONT	N/R	L/MN	MEMB%	DUES:
1	3	2599	Presque Isle	570	198	201	121	36	44	0	101.5%	\$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	1084	843	189	52	0	93.13%	
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	44	25	18	1	0	91.7%	\$21.00
2	4	4154	Millinocket	494	219	205	161	43	1	0	93.6%	\$30.00
2	2	7529	Island Falls	81	62	58	46	11	1	0	93.5%	\$26.00
2	2	9429	West Enfield	84	69	57	37	20	0	0	82.6%	\$22.00
2			TOTALS	967	532	498	383	109	6	1	93.61%	
3	1	558	Eastport	184	43	42	26	12	4	0	97.7%	\$23.00
3	2	9779	Calais	85	51	50	29	14	7	0	98.0%	\$22.00
3	2	11299	Perry	186	98	78	62	16	0	0	79.6%	\$24.00
3	4	11553	Harrington	224	234	199	143	51	5	0	85.0%	\$25.00
3			TOTALS	679	426	369	260	93	16	0	86.62%	
4	3	109	Ellsworth	355	195	175	147	27	1	0	89.7%	\$25.00
4	5	1761	Bangor	703	415	360	219	123	18	1	86.7%	\$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	146	111	28	7	0	99.3%	\$25.00
4			TOTALS	2056	1153	1059	792	229	38	2	91.85%	
5	3	3198	Skowhegan	323	122	108	76	28	4	0	88.5%	\$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	176	144	22	10	0	98.3%	\$25.00
5	3	7865	Madison	163	113	106	46	54	6	0	93.8%	\$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	28	22	6	0	1	100.0%	\$25.00
5	2	11191	Newport	65	51	45	26	14	5	0	88.2%	\$20.50
5			TOTALS	1437	692	664	435	196	33	1	95.95%	
6	3	2499	Rockland	277	154	102	77	23	2	0	66.2%	\$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	402	304	88	10	1	88.16%	
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	96	60	33	3	0	93.2%	\$25.00
8	5	887	Augusta	352	390	297	196	87	14	3	76.2%	\$30.00
8	5	1285	Waterville	600	415	424	307	92	25	1	102.2%	\$28.00
8	5	8835	Winslow	792	433	418	347	62	9	2	96.5%	\$27.00
8	1	9526	Winthrop	123	46	49	32	10	7	1	106.5%	\$25.00
8			TOTALS	2010	1387	1284	942	284	58	7	92.57%	
9	4	1603	Auburn	505	288	259	181	64	14	0	89.9%	\$30.00
9	5	1641	Rumford	882	349	248	142	103	3	0	71.1%	\$25.00
9	5	3335	Jay	647	450	431	334	86	11	0	95.8%	\$25.00
9	3	9150	Lewiston	199	150	144	89	50	5	0	96.0%	\$22.00
9	4	9459	Lisbon	546	248	242	192	40	10	0	97.6%	\$30.00
9	4	9787	South Paris	421	217	204	149	52	3	0	94.0%	\$25.00
9	1	11032	Greene	68	46	46	36	9	1	0	100.0%	\$26.00
			TOTALS	3268	1748	1574	1123	404	47	0	90.05%	
10	6	832	South Portland	1701	598	574	452	116	6	1	96.0%	\$30.00
10	2	6783	Lovell	110	59	58	46	11	1	0	98.3%	\$25.00
10	6	6859	Portland	1051	519	452	323	116	13	2	87.1%	\$25.00
10	1	7642	East Hiram	137	47	45	33	12	0	0	95.7%	\$25.00
10	2	9328	Harrison	95	59	60	44	15	1	0	101.7%	\$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	33	16	17	0	0	89.2%	\$25.00
10	1	11362	Naples	49	38	39	28	10	1	0	102.6%	\$28.50
10			TOTALS	3454	1546	1455	1094	326	35	3	94.11%	
11	3	489	Biddeford	489	189	181	165	15	1	0	95.8%	\$20.50
11	3	5744	SoBerwick	158	151	166	111	39	16	0	109.9%	\$21.00
11	1	6548	Kennebunk	121	32	32	31	1	0	0	100.0%	\$23.50
11	5	6977	York Beach	348	311	296	222	69	5	0	95.2%	\$30.00
11	3	7997	O.O.B.	322	192	200	84	111	5	2	104.2%	\$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	1194	849	298	47	3	100.25%	
		15020	M.A.L.	800	800	675	445	184	46	5	84.4%	\$35.00
		4/20		21221	11409	10548	7677	2479	392	23	92.5%	

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Louis A. Peterson II

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



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"NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND" WITH "LOUIS "SANDY" PETERSON, II, STATE COMMANDER"			
DIVISION LEADERS		<>>	APRIL 20, 2011
DIV. I (10-50) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.		DIV. IV (201-300) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.	
1. 9526 WINTHROP	106.5%	1. 9935 SANFORD	101.2%
2. 4169 VINALHAVEN	105.6%	2. 9459 Lisbon	97.6%
3. 11362 NAPLES	102.6%	3. 9787 South Paris	94.0%
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	102.2%
2. 10529 YARMOUTH	103.1%	2. 8835 Winslow	96.5%
3. 9328 HARRISON	101.7%	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	109.9%	1. 832 South Portland	96.0%
2. 7997 O.O.B.	104.2%	2. 9389 Caribou	93.4%
3. 4298 DEXTER	103.9%	3. 6859 Portland	87.1%
TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY %		TEN LARGEST POSTS	
1. 5744 SOUTH BERWICK - - - - -	109.9%	1. 832 South Portland - - - - -	574
2. 10643 WINDHAM - - - - -	108.5%	2. 9389 Caribou - - - - -	482
3. 9526 WINTHROP - - - - -	106.5%	3. 6859 Portland - - - - -	452
4. 4169 VINALHAVEN - - - - -	105.6%	4. 3335 Jay - - - - -	431
5. 7997 O.O. BEACH - - - - -	104.2%	5. 1285 WATERVILLE - - - - -	424
6. 4297 DEXTER - - - - -	103.9%	6. 8835 Winslow - - - - -	418
7. 10529 YARMOUTH - - - - -	103.1%	7. 1761 Bangor - - - - -	360
8. 11362 NAPLES - - - - -	102.6%	8. 3381 Old Town - - - - -	338
9. 1285 WATERVILLE - - - - -	102.2%	9. 887 Augusta - - - - -	297
10. 9328 HARRISON - - - - -	101.7%	10. 6977 York Beach - - - - -	296
DISTRICT STANDINGS		MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2010-11	
1. District 11 Spaulding	100.25%	> 11,409 MEMBERS FOR 100% DEPARTMENT <	
2. District 5 Beaulieu	95.95%	WE HAVE = 10,548 - WE NEED = 861	
3. District 10 Hadley	94.11%	ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 100%	
4. District 2 Moore	93.61%	"STATE CONVENTION" – JUNE 10-11-12, 2011	
5. District 1 Rouse	93.13%	10 N/R MEMBERS AND YOU EARN A WHITE VFW	
6. District 8 McGillicuddy	92.57%	SHIRT – 20 YOU EARN A VFW JACKET	
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE		ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT	
7. District 7 Dearborn	92.36%	AT LEAST 3 N/R MEMBERS – "WELL?"	
8. District 4 Smith	91.85%	LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND	
9. District 9 Francis	90.05%	RETAIN – RECRUIT & REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS	
10. District 6 Farris	88.16%	NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS	
11. District 3 Dowling	86.62%	ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK?	
ARTHUR J. ROY "STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN" & "CHIEF OF STAFF"			



~~~ **Banquet Reservations** ~~~  
**91<sup>st</sup> 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 # _____

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 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



91st 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
91st Department of Maine VFW State Convention
&
80th Department of Maine LAVFW State Convention

**** 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 14<sup>th</sup> St., Bangor, ME 04401**

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



**2010 - 2011  
91<sup>st</sup> STATE CONVENTION  
BANGOR, MAINE**



**Ronald F. Smith, Chairman**

**Cynthia Cowling – Co-Chairperson**

The 91<sup>st</sup> 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” \*\***

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**~~ 91<sup>st</sup> 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)

**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.