



Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars



** Shaping the Future * Remembering the Past **

November 2011

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 5

“SPECIAL NOTICE – SPECIAL NOTICE”

**Happy Thanksgiving
From State Commander Woodward and the Department Officers**

Congratulations to the following Post for achieving 100%+ in membership for the Year 2011-12

Avon D. Flanders Post 1438, Lincoln – 101.47% - Commander Robert S. Johnson Jr.

Maurice W. Miles Post 4527, Orrington – 100% - Commander Darrell C. Grover

Northport Memorial Post 6131, Northport – 100% - Commander Herman L. Littlefield Jr.

Congratulations to the following Comrades for Receiving National Committee Appointments

Christopher L. Armstrong – Post 887, Augusta – National Military Services Committee

Janet L. Michaud – Post 1285, Waterville – National Women Veterans Committee

Peter F. Miesburger – Post 9389, Caribou – National Legislative Committee

Steven J. SanPedro – Post 6859, Portland – National Iraq/Afghanistan Committee

Ronald F. Smith – Post 1761, Bangor – National VFW Programs Committee

Cornelius J. Ware – Post 887, Augusta – National Veterans Service Committee

Special Notice to all Department Officers/Chairman/District & Post Commanders: Due to the recent resignation of State Senior Vice Commander Mark G. Reilly, many changes have occurred in the Department for the year 2011-12. Please look at item # 25 of this General Orders and annotate your directory for future reference when needed.

Special Thanks from Paul Colburn: Comrade Paul S. Colburn wishes to thank all of the members of the Department of Maine, VFW for their prayers, attendance at the memorial service and all of the cards that were received on the passing away of his wife Pauline and the mother of LAVFW SVC Cynthia Cowling. This was truly appreciated during this bereavement time. Again, thank you very much.

Special Request from the State Commander: At this time, the Department of Maine is looking for volunteers for Chairmanship of the following cmtees: Veterans Cemetery Central (Preferably Dist 9), Maine Veterans Homes' Liaison/Augusta Veterans Homes' and Hospital/VAVS (Preferably Dist 8). Anyone wishing to serve in these positions are to contact the State Adjutant office @ thedumas@gwi.net or the State Commander at bampa_5@yahoo.com.

Changes of Post/District Officers: Recently in the Department, we have had Posts calling the Adjutants office who have changed Post Commanders, Quartermaster and Adjutants and have not notified this office. All Post/District Commanders are reminded to notify the State Adjutant Office when one of these officers

has changed whether it be due to death or resignation. This will facilitate notification to VFW National Headquarters in a timely manner.

1. January CoA Meeting: Will be held on January 15, 2012 at MacCrillis-Rousseau Post 8835, Winslow, ME @ 8:30 am. Headquarters Hotel will be the **Grand Hotel** (formerly the **Holiday Inn** and soon to be the **Best Western**), 375 Main St., Waterville, ME, tel: 207-873-0111 or 1-800-785-0111. Rates are \$65.00 + tax for up to 4 persons, 2 double beds. **Please make sure to tell them that you are with the VFW when calling for reservations.**

Other motels available in the immediate vicinity are with no rates available at this time: **Best Western Inn**, 356 Main St, Waterville, ME; tel: 1-207-873-0111. **Comfort Inn and Suites**, 332 Main St., Waterville, tel: 1-207-873-2777 or 1-800-424-6423.

The following meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn on Saturday, 14 January 2012:

- 10 am – Veterans Service Cmtee
- 11 am – Finance and Audit Cmtee
- 12:30 pm – 2012 State Convention Cmtee

2. Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen/Teacher of the Year Banquet: Will be held on January 14, 2012 at MacCrillis-Rousseau Post 8835, located at 175 Veteran Dr, Winslow, ME. Tickets are \$27.50 per person. Please send your check to **"Pamela Jerome, 30 Exeter Rd, Lot 18, Corinth, ME 04427."** Make your check payable to **"Department of Maine, VFW"** and mail to **"Pamela Jerome, 30 Exeter Rd, Lot 18, Corinth, ME 04427."** **Deadline for ticket purchase is 31 December 2011. NOTE:** There will be No tickets will be sold at the door, tickets will not be held without payment and there will be no refunds on the banquet tickets). **Banquet ticket order form is attached to these General Orders.**

3. CoA and Cmtee Members: All CoA and Cmtee members are advised that you must notify both the State Commander and the State Adjutant if you are unable to attend a Council of Administration (CoA) meeting for the year 2011-12. Also, a copy of your report **MUST** be forwarded to the State Adjutant prior to the CoA meeting for presentation at the meeting.

4. Veterans Day Observance: Posts are urged to start planning suitable programs now for the observance of Veterans Day, November 11 (See section 223 of the Manual of Procedure).

5. Department of Maine Programs Post Donations: Recently, it has been noted that Posts are sending their donations to the wrong Chairman thus not receiving proper credit in the Community Activities Program. All Post Commanders are asked to make their Post donations to the following Chairman:

- *POW-MIA/Commanders Special Project: SG Gerald L. Francis, 727 Greenwood Rd, Peru, ME 04290
- *Togus Aid/VAVS – QM Alfred E. Michaud Sr., 82 Dunham Rd, Vassalboro, ME 04989
- *Homeless Veterans – PSC James E.N. Bachelder, 2973 Milton Mills Rd, Acton, ME 04001-5018

6. All Commanders: Organizations exempt from income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code are generally required to file Form 990 by the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of their accounting fiscal year. For the 2010 Tax Year (tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010), if the organization's annual gross receipts are normally more than \$50,000, the organization must file Form 990 or 990-EZ. Small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard. There is no penalty assessment for late filling the e-Postcard, but an organization that fails to file required information returns for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the organization's tax

exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year. Gross receipts are considered to be normally less than \$50,000 if the organization: (1) Has been in existence for 1 year or less and received, or donors have pledged to give, \$75,000 or less during its first taxable year; (2) Has been in existence between 1 and 3 years and averaged \$60,000 or less in gross receipts during each of its first two tax years; and (3) Is at least 3 years old and averaged \$50,000 or less in gross receipts for the immediately preceding 3 tax years (including the year for which the calculations are being made). If annual gross receipts are normally more than \$50,000, the organization must file Form 990 or 990-EZ. For the 2010 Tax Year, if an organization has gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000, it may file form 990-EZ. However, if either gross receipts or total assets are above those limits, Form 990 must be filed. For purposes of filing requirements, gross receipts include: total contributions; gifts and grants; program service revenue; membership dues and assessments; gross investment income (including interest, dividends, gross rents, and other investment income); gross income from the sale of assets other than inventory; gross income from special fundraising events; gross sales net of return allowances; and any other revenue. IRS regulations require that all tax-exempt organizations make both their Application for Exemption and 990's for the last three years available for public inspection at their principal office and provide copies in response to written requests, subject to the payment of reasonable fees. There are substantial penalties for violation of these regulations.

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

8. *Attention All Posts:* All Posts should take the necessary steps to incorporate under the laws of the state in which the Post is located. Financial responsibility laws, as interpreted by the courts, may cause members of unincorporated Posts to be at risk. Incorporating under the provisions of sections 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure and the laws of the state will provide protection for Post members. Posts are urged to contact their Department Adjutant to obtain the proper forms for incorporating. The Articles of Incorporation must be reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief prior to forwarding them to the proper state authorities.

9. *Attention of Post Commanders and District Commanders and inspecting Officers:* Are directed to section 703 of the National By-Laws - Bonds. Each accountable officer of this organization shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may be accountable. Liquid assets are defined as cash on hand or in the bank and other negotiable instruments readily convertible into cash. The attention of the Post Commander is directed to sections 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the procedure for the Incorporation of Units. It shall be the responsibility of the Post Commander to ensure full compliance with both sections and to ensure that all state requirements for annual filing, fees, etc., are met in a timely manner.

10. *VFW National Awards for Public Servants:* Post Commanders are reminded to submit their submission for Public Servants (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services) to the State Adjutant's office **NLT January 1, 2012**. Documentation required for all candidates should include the following:

*Nomination letter containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered,

*One page resume of the candidate's overall background,

- *One page resume of the candidate's background in their respective field,
- *One page listing of the candidate's accomplishment and awards in their field;
- *Photograph (preferably a head shot) of the candidate.

11. All Post Commanders: Should obtain current 2012 copies of the podium edition of the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Emblem and Supply Department at National Headquarters. The 2012 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 112th National Convention, which became effective on October 1, 2011.

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

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

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

15. Veterans in the Classroom Month in November: VFW and Ladies Auxiliary VFW members are encouraged to volunteer in their schools to talk about their military and home front experiences to students. Invite your local military recruiter to join you to talk about military service today. Additional information can be found in the 2010–2011 VFW Community Activities VFW Chairman's Manual, which can be accessed on www.vfw.org or www.vfwdepartmentresources.org. Participate in this activity as part of "National Veterans Awareness" week, November 7-13, as designated by Congress.

16. Post Relief Fund: Sections 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure outline the various things for which the Post Relief Fund can be used. A few years ago, the phrase, "To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs," was added to this section. This allows the Post to use the relief funds for the Voice of Democracy program or other Americanism programs that are educational. This does not include Post building projects, hall remodeling, color guard uniforms or any other expenditure that does not follow these guidelines.

17. District/Post Commanders (Bonding): Attention is called to the provisions of Section 703 of the National By-Laws which require that each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of these By-Laws shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department, District, County Council or Post, as the case may be, to which each officer is accountable. The bonds of such accountable officers, in amount and as to surety, shall be approved by their respective units and held by

their respective Commanders. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in his unit.

18. Request for Department Commander at Post or District Functions: Any Posts and/or District Commanders wishing to have Department Commander Kevin G. Woodward at a function are asked to notify the State Adjutant at least 30 days in advance. This is to afford the Commander time to put it in on his schedule and/or appoint another Department Officer to attend in his place in case his schedule is already programmed for that date.

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

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

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

22. Candidates for Department High Office 2012-2013:

Department Commander	David D. Williams	Post 1641
Department Sr Vice Commander	David C. Olson	Post 6859
Department Jr Vice Commander	Ronald F. Smith	Post 1761
Department Quartermaster	Alfred E. Michaud Sr.	Post 1285
Department Judge Advocate	Gerald L. Francis	Post 1641
Department Surgeon	Richard A. Farris	Post 6131
Department Chaplain	Randolph S. Michaud	Post 2599

23. Candidate for Maine Council Member 2012-2013:

Thomas R. Lussier – Post 6859

24. District Meeting Dates:

<i>Date</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Dept Officer</i>
5 Nov	2	2299 – Stacyville	1:00 pm	SVC Williams
20 Nov	3	9779 – Calais	2:00 pm	Cmdr Woodward
20 Nov	4	4633 – Hampden	2:00 pm	Adj Dumas
4 Dec	10	6783 – Fryeburg-Lovell	1:00 pm	JVC Olson

25: Directory Changes: (Please make the following pen and ink changes to your Directory)

Pg 1 – Chg SVC to: David D. Williams, 330 Waldo St, Rumford, ME 04276, Tel: (B) 369-0302, (H) 357-6664, Post 1641, e-mail: davidpost1641@live.com

Pg 1 - Chg JVC to: David C. Olson, PO Box 2801, So Portland, ME 04106-2801, Tel: 767-5611, Post 6859, E-mail: insdoc1980@maine.rr.com

Pg 1 – Chg JA to: Ronald F. Smith, 47 Brasley Ave, Glenburn, ME 04401-1422, tel: 990-1312, Post 1761, e-mail: Snuffy742@myfairpoint.net

Pg 1 – Chg SG to: Gerald L. Francis, 727 Greenwood Rd, Peru, ME 04290-3503, tel: 562-4404, Post 1641, e-mail: glfvf1641@live.com

Pg 2 – Service Office Clerk – Delete Charles F. Enes

Pg 5 – Commanders Special Project – Chg Chmn to: Gerald L. Francis, 727 Greenwood Rd, Peru, ME 04290-3503, tel: 562-4404, Post 1641, e-mail: glfvfw1641@live.com

Pg 7 – Maine Veterans Home Liaison and Augusta MVH – Delete Marvin G. Woodbury

Pg 8 – POW/MIA – Chg Chmn to: Gerald L. Francis, 727 Greenwood Rd, Peru, ME 04290-3503, Tel: 562-4404, Post 1641, e-mail: glfvfw1641@live.com

Pg 9 – Veterans Cemetery Central – Delete Arthur J. Roy

Pgs 11, 12, 13 – All Cmtees – Delete SVC Mark G. Reilly

Pgs 11, 12, 13 – All Cmtees – Make the following changes as follows: David D. Williams to SVC; David C. Olson to JVC; Ronald F. Smith to JA

Pgs 11, 12, 13 – All Cmtees except ESC and MVCC – Add Gerald L. Francis SG

Pg 11 – Convention Site Selection 2013 – Chg D-9 Cmdr to Michael “Keith” Davis, Post 1603 and D-10 Cmdr Steven J. SanPedro, Post 6859

Pg 11 – Convention 2012 – Add Steven J. SanPedro, Post 6859 to Cmdr D-10 and chg Gerald L. Francis, Cmdr D-9 to Michael “Keith” David, Cmdr D-9, Post 1603. Add Chap Charles A. Warden (Post 11553)

Pg 11 – ESC Conference – Add JVC David C. Olson as Delegate

Pg 11 – ESC Conference – Remove David C. Olson as Alternate and add Gerald L. Francis, SG as Alternate.

Pg 12 – MVCC Cmtee: Add to Delegates: Gerald L. Francis, SG (Post 1641)

Pg 25 – Dist 7 – Chg Cmdr to: Donald O. Smith, PO Box 269, New Harbor, ME 04554-0269, tel: 677-2939, Post 8395, e-mail: jetsmith@midcoast.com

Pg 25 – Dist 7 – Chg SVC to: Harvey J. Gagnon Jr., 376 Main Rd., Phippsburg, ME 04562, tel: 443-2333, Post 7738, e-mail: harln6603@aol.com

Pg 27 – Dist 9 – Chg Cmdr to: Michael “Keith” Davis, 135 Conant Ave, Auburn, ME 04210-4457, tel: 329-8784, Post 1603, e-mail: kdavis62@yahoo.com

Pg 27 – Dist 9 – Chg SVC to: Arthur J. Roy, 330 Russell St, Lewiston, ME 04240-4255, tel: (H) 784-6883, (Cell): 576-5552, Post 1603, e-mail: jarvfw@myfairpoint.net

Pg 27 – Dist 9 – Chg JVC to: Ralph J. Carter, 29 Faith St, Lisbon Falls, ME 04252-1603, Tel: 319-5182, Post 9459, e-mail: n/a

Pg 33 – Post 1285 – New address for Adj Levesque: 301 Bog Rd, Albion, ME 04910, tel: 437-4564, Cell 212-8704

Pg 39 – Post 3198 – Chg meeting date to: 3rd Monday of each month

Pg 44 – Post 5744 – Chg Cmdr Tsakiris email to: ngttsakiris@comcast.net

Pg 48 – Post 7529 – Chg Cmdr to: Owen E. Botting, PO Box 104, Island Falls, ME 04747, Tel #: 463-2831

Pg 50 – Post 7997 – Chg SO to: Robert Pettengill, 91 Atlantic Ave, Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064-2111; tel: (H) 934-5130, (B) 934-9910, e-mail: rpetteng@maine.rr.com

Pg 50 – Post 7997 – Chg meeting date to: 4th Thursday of the month

Pg 51 – Post 8395 – Chg name of A/Q to: Stanley J. Benner, all other information is correct.
Pg 53 – Post 9328 – Add email addy for Cmdr Bernier – elecctoys@gmail.com
Pg 55 – Post 9459 – Chg meeting date to: 3rd Thursday of each month
Pg 63 – Post 11553 – Add email addy to Cmdr Merritt – colonelwayne11@yahoo.com

26. Dates to Remember:

Nov 8 – Election Day
Nov 8 – VFW Apple Program, Togus VA Center
Nov 11 – Veterans Day
Nov 18-20 – Eastern States Conference, Dover, DE
Nov 22 – VFW Apple Program, Togus VA Center
Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Day
Dec 6 – VFW Apple Program – Togus VA Center
Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance
Dec 11 – Togus Holiday Party
Dec ?? – Maine Veterans Homes’ Christmas Parties (Date to be announced in December GOs)
Dec 25 – Christmas Day
Jan 1 – New Years Day
Jan 14-15 – CoA Meeting/VOD-PP-Teacher of the Year Banquet, Winslow, ME

OFFICIAL

BY ORDER OF:

Andre L. Dumas

ANDRE L. DUMAS
State Adjutant

Kevin G. Woodward

KEVIN G. WOODWARD
State Commander



State Commander Kevin G. Woodward



Greetings Comrades,

Membership which is the backbone of our organization is moving along extremely well, thanks to the efforts of each and every one of you. I wish to personally thank all of the Posts and Districts that have achieved 85% or more in membership at this time. This is truly a great accomplishment! Keep up the outstanding work.

This year's Oktoberfest at Togus was a success; thanks go out to those who did participate. I was not able to attend due to a family emergency. Regrettably there were only 4 VFW members that participated. The Ladies auxiliary was there in full force. Again, thank you to those who participated this year.

Remember that November is "Veterans in the Classroom". Please take this opportunity to coordinate with your local schools to share your stories and receive thanks for their years of service. This is a great way to connect generations while helping our young people learn about the past. This coincides with my theme for the year "Shaping the Future – Remembering the Past" Remember the students of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

As many already know the CoA meeting recently held in Jay has brought about many changes in the Department Officers and Chairman. Please take a few moments to make the necessary changes to your directories. Adjutant Dumas spends a great deal of time and effort to provide us with the most up to date information thereby allowing us to function as seamlessly as possible. We can all assist in this process by keeping abreast of the changes and letting Adjutant Dumas know about any changes in your posts as they occur.

The 18th – 20th of this month your Eastern States Conference delegates will be in Dover, Delaware to attend the fall conference.

*It's the time of year when we're reminded to give thanks.
Take the time to count your blessings;
Don't take anything or anyone for granted;
May you and yours have a safe and memorable Thanksgiving.*

"Shaping the Future * Remembering the Past"

Kevin G. Woodward

KEVIN G. WOODWARD
State Commander



Deceased Roll Call



Department of Maine, VFW

Charles A. Warden, Chaplain

September 20 – October 19, 2011

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

District 1

2599 - CASE, Earl D. – Vietnam

9389 - LARSON, Robert A. – Vietnam

9609 - LOZIER, Gilbert J. - Korea

District 4

4527 - RING, Frank L. – WW II

District 6

9437 - GROTON, John W. – WW II

District 7

4525 - HOWLAND, Jack R. – Lebanon Crisis

District 8

887 - BONSANT, Gerard J. – WW II

District 9

1603 - STEVENS, Richard O. – Vietnam

3335 - LANDRY, Joseph M. – WW II

SABIN, Harvey D. – Vietnam

District 10

6783 - CHARLES, Halbert C. – WW II

6859 - MORRILL, John P. – Korea

WANNING, Keith U. – WW II

9605 - CROSS, John R. - Vietnam

District 11

5744 - BURNS, Martin R. – Vietnam

POIRIER, Robert O. – WW II

PONTBRIAND, Hector - Vietnam

District 11 (Cont)

9935 - MARSHALL, Clarence - Korea

Members-at-Large

15020 – TRACY, Timothy



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



SVC: It is my honor to serve the Department as Senior Vice Commander. I'm sorry I missed you all at the CoA meeting in Jay because I was attending VFW Meetings in Kansas City. While there, I had a chance to visit National Headquarters. It was a very interesting and learning experience. Don't forget 11-11-11, plan on holding a Veterans Day event and when and if you do, please do not forget to report it to me. Everyone have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy the day.

Community Activities: There are still a lot of Posts in the Department that haven't reported any Activities yet. I find it hard to believe because I know many of your Posts do activities and do not report them. Every time I attend a District Meeting, I hear Post Commanders talk of the things their Posts have done but they go unreported to me. So when you have an event, take the time to fill out the report and send it in. I have gotten many complaints about different Posts not being credited for VAVS, if you do not send your check to the State Quartermaster and he tells me who does, you will not be checked off for it. It's good that you send checks to Togus but they **will not count for the VAVS donation**. Thank you very much.

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
MEMBERSHIP
David C. Olson**

JVC: Have recently returned from Jay where the Testimonial for State President Barbara Cook was held and also the CoA meeting. The Jay Post put on a terrific roast pork dinner on Friday night along with a live band for musical entertainment. At the testimonial, "Bertie" of Marden's fame had the crowd in stitches - she's a very funny lady. A wonderful evening was had by all and a big Thanks to the Jay Post for all their hospitality. Veterans Day is right around the corner; please do your part at all levels to properly observe this important Day. I know that some Posts will march in parades - get involved and stand tall - this is our Day. Put on your blues and grays and show the community that The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a very proud organization. Also - Thank a Veteran for their service on that day. Comments, suggestions and questions are always welcome

Membership: Many awards were handed out at the CoA meeting and that shows the kind of activity necessary for us to meet our goals. Although we are ahead of where we were last year at this time, we need to keep plugging away - **EVERY** Comrade is a recruiter and this is a 24/7 operation - we never close. It would be nice to see all Posts at 100%, but the reality is that it won't happen - **BUT** - we still can have the Department come in at 100% and that should be the goal of every Post and District. By now, every District and Post should have their membership team in place and functioning. If not, give me a call and we'll discuss how we can help you. The comrades on the Membership Team are listed in the Directory and are willing and able to assist you in any way. My goal is to exceed the number of awards handed out in Jay at the next CoA in January. **RECRUIT - RETAIN - REINSTATE** - Are you on board?

**QUARTERMASTER
VAVS/BUDDY POPPY/CHRISTMAS CARDS & LABELS/
INSURANCE & BONDS/MEN'S AUXILIARY
Alfred E. Michaud Sr.**

The following Post and Districts have not turned in their First Quarter Trustee Report 1 April to 30 June 2011 and are now in disarray: Post 9699, Post 1438, Post 2299, District 3, Post 558, Post 9779, Post 11299,

Post 11553, District 4, Post 5723, Post 2499, Post 4169, Post 8835, Post 9526, Post 9459, Post 832, Post 6859, Post 7642, Post 9328, District 11, Post 489. Reminder second quarter reports are due now also to the State Quartermaster.

The following Posts and Districts have not turned in a copy of their Post and or District Bonding to State Quartermaster: Post 9699, Post 1438, Post 558, Post 11299, Post 109, Post 1761, Post 5723, Post 2499, Post 4169, Post 6131, District 7, Post 7738, Post 9459, Post 6859, Post 7642, District 11, Post 7997.

Buddy Poppy: Still have 31 Post that have not ordered their Poppies yet. To those that have thank you. Those that have not: Posts 6187, 9609, 9699, 1438, 4154, 7529, 558, 11299, 3198, 5723, 6924, 7866, 10881, 2499, 3108, 4169, 9437, 7738, 3335, 9150, 9459, 11032, 832, 7642, 9605, 10643, 7997, 9935.

Cards and Labels: Whenever you purchase Cards and Labels sent to you from National, the Department receives a portion of the funds. So you are helping your Department at same time. Whenever you make a purchase from the VFW Store, we also receive a royalty.

VAVS: Donations are coming in slow but coming in. Always looking for volunteers for VAVS, no set time required, help when you can. We are also looking for someone to take over VAVS Chairman. Apple season at Togus started 11 October 2011 at 0700 and runs every other Tuesday for a total of 12 weeks; any and all assistance will be appreciated.

Men's Auxiliary: You are reminded to send in a copy of your April 1 to 30 June Audit report to the State Quartermaster, also send a copy of your Incorporation letter and Bonding letter if not through the Department. Any questions on anything covered under this heading contact me by phone or e mail or my Assistant Donald Linscott.

Post Quartermaster: The District money per capita is sent to the District Quartermaster, not me.

If you are having issues with the x's in the boxes on Activity sheet, contact the Chairman Dave Williams.

If you have questions concerning By-Laws or procedures, contact the State Judge Advocate Ronald Smith.

In a nut shell contact the Department officer who is responsible for the subject matter you are looking for answers on.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN/TEACHER OF THE YEAR
BLOOD/SAFETY AND DRUG ABUSE
Ronald F. Smith**

JA: Regular, Special and Committee Meetings; Quorum: Authorized Attendees:

Regular Meetings: Posts shall hold at least one regular meeting each month.

Special Meetings: Special meetings must be called for a date not more than fourteen (14) days after: (a) The Post Commander receives the signed, written request; or (b) The majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting; or (c) The date upon which the Post Commander determines that a special meeting may be necessary. The Post Adjutant shall give notice, in writing, of the time and place of any special meeting and of the business to be transacted, such notice to be given in such manner as to reasonably reach members at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the time set for the meeting. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except that for which the meeting is called. The Post Commander shall call a special meeting upon the signed written request of seven (7) members or upon the vote of a majority of the members present at a regular meeting. The Post Commander may call a special meeting of the Post whenever in his opinion it may be necessary for the welfare of the Post. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except that for which the meeting is called.

Committee Meetings: Meetings called by Post Committee Chairmen, or as authorized by the Post By-Laws, for the purpose of conducting the business of that committee.

Quorum: The Post By-Laws may specify the minimum number of members required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a regular or special meeting, provided that in no case shall the quorum be less than five (5) members.

Authorized Attendees: Any member of the Post and those on official business shall be recognized by the Post Commander for the conduct of business.

Guests: With the approval of the Post Commander/Committee Chairman, any visiting member or guest may attend a Post/Committee meeting. Such visiting member or guest shall have no voice unless recognized by the Post Commander/Committee Chairman, and shall have no voting privileges.

VOD/PP/Teacher of the Year: The VOD/PP applications deadline are 1 November to get them into the Posts for judging and then onto the Districts **NLT 1 December**. District Commanders, I need to have them by the **15th of December**. **District Commanders are reminded that I must have the SSAN on all applications for both the VOD and PP District winners to be able to present awards.**

SURGEON
POW/MIA – COMMANDERS SPECIAL PROJECT
Gerald L. Francis, Chmn

Comrades: First off, I want to thank you all for the trust and confidence in me for electing me as your Department Surgeon. I will perform my duties and obligations to the best of my abilities. I am truly honored that the Commander has appointed me as the POW/MIA and the Commander Special Project Chairman.

Surgeon: Holidays are right around the corner so please plan ahead and travel safely.

POW/MIA: POW/MIA Day was on 16 September 2011 and all Posts should have reported to the activities Chairman on their activities report that they held a ceremony honoring those who are still missing from our midst. Most Posts have the missing man table displayed in their Post home and also can be reported every time you submit your monthly activities report. We should be at 100% reported in this area but many Posts have not reported. Remember: **POW's/MIA's will never be forgotten** and we must continue to fight to have full accountability of all our Veterans from all wars.

Commanders Special Project: The Commander Special Project is "House in the Woods" and is a very deserving project. House in the Woods mission is to create a therapeutic, recreational and educational retreat for our U.S. Armed Forces and their families by using outdoor wilderness activities in Maine to create a relaxing milieu for Veterans, active duty military and their families to come together to share their common challenges which comes for service and sacrifice of protecting our nations freedoms and cherished democratic ideals. Please address all checks to **"Department of Maine, VFW"** with remarks **"Commanders Special Project"** and mail to **ME, not directly to the Department Quartermaster**. I will inform the Activities Chairman for credit and forward them to the Department Quartermaster. My address is: Gerald L. Francis, 330 Waldo St., Rumford, Maine 04276; Attn: Commander's Special Project. Any questions about these programs can be e-mailed to me at **glvfw1641@live.com**. Thank you.

Always laugh when you can its cheap medicine!--Lord Byron
Honoring Maine's Veterans

CHAPLAIN
Charles A. Warden

Some things to be Thankful for this up-coming Thanksgiving.
Thank you Lord: The clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.

Thank you Lord: My shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
 Thank you Lord: All the complaining I hear about our government because it means I have free speech.
 Thank you Lord: My huge heating bill because it means I am warm.
 Thank you Lord: The lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means I can hear.
 Thank you Lord: The piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.
 Thank you Lord: Weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.
 Thank you Lord: The alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means I am alive.

Chaplains thought for the month: If you find yourself with time on your hands, put'em together and pray.

Thank you and God Bless and you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Chaplain Charlie

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

Veterans Advisory to Togus: Locally, there are 300 new parking spots under construction at the Togus Facility, with many already completed.

Nationally: According to the Associated Press, the VA backed down by agreeing to no more religious discrimination. Houston National Cemetery has agreed to allow prayer and religious speech at funerals for our veterans. Also on a national level, the Veterans of Foreign Wars urged its 2 million members to plead with Congress to spare military and Veterans' benefits, as a special deficit-cutting panel looks to slash \$1.2 trillion from the federal budget. In a "call to action," the VFW said it opposes any changes to the programs and criticizes any Congressional attempt to balance the budget on the backs of military retirees and disabled Veterans. The organization appealed to its members, their families and friends to contact lawmakers immediately. As stated by our National Commander Richard DeNoyer: "It is critical that our voices not be lost in the ongoing budget debate that seems to now equate national service and sacrifice with the size of health care premiums."

Beals House: The House is under new management with our former House Mother back in command. Now our Beals House will be running up to the excellence it was as before. To assist this, we still need donations. Please make your checks payable to **"The Beals House"**, c/o Jane Barr, Treasurer, 1 VA Center, Togus, ME 04430. Thank you for your support.

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

Legislative: My fellow Comrades; it is that time of the year to get out and **"VOTE"**. Once again throughout the state of Maine, it's election time, 8 November 2011. All that I can say about this issue is make sure that you "VOTE" on 8 November 2011 and take someone one with you when go to "VOTE". Make sure you understand the issues that you are "VOTING" on. At the recent Council meeting which was held at VFW Post 3335, Jay on 16 October 2011, Comrade Mal Kenney brought to my attention that there is a pending Bill, Title; HR 1125, refer to **"DEBT FREE AMERICA ACT"**. If this Bill is allowed to pass, it will affect not only all of us but all our family members. The purpose of this Bill is anyone who has their retirement, social security, etc. checks deposited by "DIRECT DEPOSIT", checking account will be assessed

1% per each deposit automatically. Now stop and think, how much that will cost you per year. I am asking all to contact both our members of Congress and ask them not to support H.R. 1125, at the same time tell them, **"NO MORE CUTS TO THE TRICARE"**, Health Care Program, enough is enough. At this time, I want to Thank, Comrade Mal Kenney for bringing to my attention the issue of H.R. 1125. To the Comrades that are enrolled in "Martin's Point" Health Care Program and live in Northern Maine, "Martin's Point" Health Care has just opened an office at 25 Sweden St., Caribou. This office will service all of the "COUNTY" and parts of Washington County.

CoS: Comrades, Veterans' Day is a day not to forget our Comrades, take a few minutes to visit our Comrades who are House Bound, residents of the Maine Veterans' Home, Togus VA Health Care Facility, local Nursing Homes, all of our Comrade's look forward to visitors. Remember They Are One of Us. Don't forget Commander Woodward Special Project **"House in the Woods"** and **"Wreaths Across America"**. No matter how much you donate, every **"PENNY"** helps both these special projects.

Membership: Membership is the **BACKBONE** of any organization; I don't have to tell what **MEMBERSHIP**, means to the Department of Maine, VFW. Remember **"MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY AS STRONG AS A CHAINS WEAKEST LINK."**

NATIONAL COUNCILMAM
Thomas R. Lussier, PSC

Having just returned from the National Council of Administration meeting in Kansas City, I found the experience to be eye opening and extremely educational. The 2011-2012 budget was approved along with many other important changes that I will explain at your Council of Administration meetings. As I stated in my last article, the new By-Law, Manual of Procedure and Ritual have been published and are now available. Because of the many changes, I recommend everyone purchase the new edition. Also Comrades, please be aware that there are many legislative issues being proposed by Congress that may adversely affect Veterans. Please make sure you stay on top of the issues and contact you respective Representatives. Membership is the key to our success, strength in numbers. As always **Recruit, Retain and Reinstate.**

Bob Dole

"When it's all over, it's not who you were. It's whether you made a difference."

INSPECTOR
Donald W. Lisncott Jr.

Inspections are coming in from most Districts and I don't know why but many inspectors save them until they get them all done. Of course, District 9 was done in July by Deputy Inspector David Williams and most of District 10 are in; will stay on top of it.

HISTORIAN
Robert H. Bernard, PSC

I am once again going to repeat last month report. For those that have been sending me information, thank you. I know I have been asking all of you to provide me with photos and information that involves the Department Commander for his History book, but this is not the only information I would like to record. Please send anything that has happened in your Post or Auxiliary that would be of interest to the Commander. I would like to show a complete timeline of his year. It would be helpful if you would also

include a brief description of the occasion. Thank you for your help. Please send the information to: Robert Bernard, 78 Robie St., Gorham, ME 04038 or e-mail: rbernard@maine.rr.com.

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

What are you doing February Vacation?

During the deep snow of next February school vacation, 30 lucky Boy Scouts will be able to stay warm and cozy in the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds. Pine Tree Council will be hosting Winter Camp 2012 February 19 – 24th.

Winter Camp is a weeklong resident camp program for Scouts 13 years and older and at least First Class rank. Scouts can earn merit badges, participate in outdoor winter skills, meet new friends and have fun. Planned activities include a rattlesnake mountain hike, building and sleeping in Qunizees (Snow Shelters) along with snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and other outdoor activities.

A variety of merit badges will be offered including some Eagle required ones.

Cost for Winter Camp is \$260.00 per person. A \$25.00 deposit holds your space with full payment due by February 7th. Enrollment is limited to the first 30 scouts who sign-up. Contact the Pine Tree Council Camping Department at 797-5252, x 14 to sign-up. Mark your calendars for winter camp! What a great way to spend school vacation!

Questions – Visit <http://www.Pinetrebsa.org/camping/wintercamp> or contact Cathy Gosselin, PTC Camping Administrator at 797-5252, x 14 or CGossel@bsamail.org.

Youth Activities: Veterans have been working with the 4H Club cooking in their food booth to help them to raise money. Thank you for your help!!

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

Credentials: Just a reminder to all Posts and Districts that there are requirements to be fulfilled prior to the Convention. Your Post **MUST** be current in your Trustee Reports, Post Inspection, Post Audits and Election Report. Also; if you are in financial arrears to your District or Department (i.e., fees, dues, Buddy Poppy monies, supply monies, Quartermaster not bonded); you will have **NO VOICE** at either the District or Department Conventions. If you have any questions, please contact me at 945-9850.

Bowling: The Department will again this year **TRY** to have a bowling tournament. If anyone is interested in hosting the tournament, **PLEASE** contact me and I will offer assistance. We need to have at least ten (10) teams. Further information in future general orders. So far Comrades I have not heard from anyone.

Golf: The Department will again this year **TRY** to have a golf tournament. Again, if you are interested in hosting the tournament, **PLEASE** let me know. Further information in future general orders.

Ways & Means: This year's prizes will be as follows: 1st Place - \$500.00 * 2nd Place - \$200.00 * 3rd Place - \$100.00. Each Post will be getting tickets to sell. If you do not receive your tickets, please contact me at 945-9850.

NATIONAL HOME
William R Doughty, Chairman

Comrades: We are about half way through our fiscal year and I am anxious to hear from you in relation to how you are doing with your National Home responsibility. If you would like my help or suggestions as to how to raise funds for this important responsibility, I ask you to contact me at **wdoughty2@maine.rr.com** or phone 207 773 9580 or by US Mail: Chaplain Bill Doughty, E1 Clairmont Court, Portland, ME 04103. I suggest that you plan a birthday party for the National Home at your Post. Invite whole families to bring all their kids and other family children. Make it a family day at your Post, Provide Cake and ice-cream for everyone, play games that include adults as well as kids and show the National Home DVD to close the day. Then “pass the hat” or give out National Home information that includes donation instructions. Need more help? Contact me!!

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

VSO: The staff of the office continues to function very well. Case load remains at about the average level. The Questionnaire results are generally very favorable. The Togus VA has completed its backlog of Agent Orange cases and is now processing regular Maine Veterans cases again. This means that the many Maine cases that have been pending will now be processed.

MVH: The big news is that the legislation introduced in Congress last year to remedy the numerous problems with the VA s program to provide long term care at State Veterans Homes’ for service-connected disabled veterans (the so-called 70% Program) has just passed. This resolves the situation and as soon as the details are worked out, all eligible Veterans regardless of the percentage of disability will be able to be serviced. Congratulations. Much of the credit for this Bill and its passage must go to Maine and its spearheaded approach.

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

Homeless Veterans: The Stand-Down was on Saturday, October 29th. Since this report was submitted before the Stand-Down, the final report will be in the next GOs. We are supporting Homeless Veterans all year. Your donations help when government funding is not available. When you make a donation, write the check to “**VAVS**” and note in the memo section if it is for the “**Stand-Down**” or for “**Homeless Veterans Funds**”. Mail the check to me and you will receive the proper credit. Do not make check out to the Department of Maine VFW. Our Quartermaster should not be involved in this process. If I receive a check made out to the Dept of Maine VFW, I will have to return it to the original Post for correction. We did not receive any donations this month. Please talk with your Post members and make a donation to this worthy cause.

Veterans’ Cemetery South: We had our meeting with the State of Maine representatives. When we raise funds for a project, we will raise 110% so 10% of the cost can be set aside in a repair fund if anything should happen to our additions we install in the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. We are planning our **Wreaths Across America** (WAA) program for this year. Anyone in the area on **December 10th at 11:45 am**, please come to the cemetery. The program starts at 12:00 noon sharp in junction with all the other WAA ceremonies around the world. We are always accepting donations for the beautification of the

grounds. Please send them to me at 2973 Milton Mills Road, Acton, ME 04001. They will be deposited in the associations account. At our next meeting, we will be discussing our needs assessment. We hope to have a prioritized list of projects that will enhance the grounds for all who visit. 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.

Happy Veterans Day to everyone

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN VETERANS
Steven SanPedro, Chairman

Comrades: Here are a few ideas to maybe help you recruit the younger Veterans. First of all as stated previously, don't use the VFW when talking to them but instead, say Veterans of Foreign Wars. This makes them feel like they are about to join an elite organization and we are. Next develop a Post Brochure that is specific to you. We have VFW brochure but they are generic. Have things like how many community service hours you completed in the last year and how much you donated to the community. Talk about the programs that you have like Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, Teacher of the Year, blood drives and so on. Have a spot in there about your Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries if you have them. So bottom line, upfront make it so he or she can see what your Post has to offer them. How about making a Post postcard that you can mail them after they become a member inviting them to a Post event. So many times we just sign a Veteran up and just leave them. This is a way to show them that you want them to come be a part of your Post. If a Veteran tells you he or she is not interested in joining, ask why or what can we do to change your mind. Hear them out and learn from what they are saying. It might be something that you can fix quickly and change their mind. I hope these ideas will help you recruit new members and as always I am here for you at sanpedro105@roadrunner.com

WOMENS' VETERANS
Janet L. Michaud, Chairman

I have attended 2 Coin Presentations and there are more opportunities for women across the State to receive their Coin. Let me know if you would like assistance setting one of these opportunities up for your communities or need to know where the Women's Commission has one available.

The "***She Serves***" site is available to all Women Veterans who join the VFW. They can blog and get other information concerning our particular needs. Advocates are available for all female Veterans upon request; contact me for female veterans available around the state who will assist.

AMERICANISM/LOYALTY DAY
Douglas M. Dowling, Chairman

American Flag Etiquette

Federal law stipulates many aspects of flag etiquette. The section of law dealing with American Flag etiquette is generally referred to as the Flag Code. Some general guidelines from the Flag Code answer many of the most common questions:

- The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.
- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it.
- The flag should never be used for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

WREATH ACROSS AMERICA
Charles J. McGillicuddy, Chairman

All VFW members are invited to take a look at the Wreaths Across America website at <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/> This year's theme is *"The Christmas They Never Had" -- In honor of those who have had to spend a holiday away from loved ones. In memory of those who never made it home.*

The convoy from Maine to Arlington starts on December 4, 2011 from Harrington, ME in Washington County. The site is being constantly updated and the final details on the convoy will be posted soon. There is no plan at this time for a ceremony in Ellsworth. There will be a ceremony in the early evening at Cheverus High School in Portland. The physical address is 267 Ocean Avenue. This is a great opportunity for VFW Color Guards from different Posts to present a parade of color guards to begin the ceremony. The next morning the convoy will be stopping at the Kittery Trading Post in the midmorning, than traveling on to West Point, Annapolis, and Arlington. Funds have been raised so far to lay 50,000 wreaths at Arlington. Wreaths will also be laid at the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the WW II Memorial, and the Pentagon 9-11 Memorial.

Wreath laying at the State House in Augusta is on the following day, December 5th, Monday. Assemble in the Hall of Flags by 10 am, ceremony starts at 11:30 am, laying of a ceremonial wreath at 12 noon. Hopefully the VFW will be able to present an official delegation at this ceremony.

All over the state and the nation and worldwide, the wreath laying will start in the morning of December 10, 2011 with ceremonies all held at the same time at 12 noon. The ceremony will include the laying of seven ceremonial wreaths, same as in previous years. This is a great opportunity for one or more Comrades in VFW caps to be a part of the ceremony. Cemeteries in Maine include locations in Caribou, Jackman, Holden, Rumford, Augusta, Medway, Bethel, Bar Mills, and Springvale. Go to the WAA website to identify the various coordinators for each site.

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

VFW Post 1603 Auburn (38), VFW Post 1285 Waterville (2),
VFW Post 3108 Belfast (6), VFW 1641 Rumford (2) VFW Post 6859 Portland (4)
VFW Post 4633 Hampden (2), VFW Post 3335 Jay (2) VFW Post 109 Ellsworth (1)
VFW Post 2599 Presque Isle (1), VFW Post 9 Gardiner (1),
VFW Post 5744 South Berwick (3), Post 9779 Calais (3)

Post Newsletters received from

VFW Post 6859 Portland (2), VFW Post 1603 Auburn (3), VFW Post 9389 Caribou (2)
VFW District 9 (1), VFW Post 5744 South Berwick (1), VFW Post 2599 Presque Isle (3)
VFW Post 10529 Yarmouth (2), VFW Post 9 Gardiner (1) VFW Post 7865 Madison (1)
VFW Post 109 Ellsworth (2)

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

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

“KEEP ALL YOUR MEMBERS INFORMED ON VFW ISSUES.”

RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAWS

**Comrades the new Special Podium Edition, Combined Congressional Charter By-Laws and Ritual are
available at the VFW Store
<http://www.vfwstore.org/>**

Website Coordinator

The Department Website is in good working order.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION (Central)
CONVENTION SITE SELECTION 2013
ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
Arthur J. Roy, PSC/Chairman**

VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

(CENTRAL)

COMRADES and SISTERS:

Received (8) donations for a total of \$725.00 as of Oct 20, 2011

POSTS AND THOSE THAT HAVE DONATED ARE:

> NONE THIS MONTH <

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 10th AT THE SANFORD VFW POST 9935 THE COUNCIL VOTED NOT TO DONATE MONIES FOR PERPETUAL CARE OR MAINTENANCE OF THE CEMETERY- "ONLY BEAUTIFICATION." "PERPETUAL CARE and MAINTENANCE IS THE STATES OBLIGATION TO ITS VETERANS."

ON JULY 13, 2011 "THE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION" VOTED TO CHANGE THEIR BY-LAWS TO INCLUDE PERPETUAL CARE & MAINTENANCE WITH BEAUTIFICATION EVEN THOUGH THEY KNEW OUR FEELINGS TOWARDS THIS PLUS US BEING THE ONLY ORGANIZATION RAISING MONIES.

AFTER SERVING FOR OVER 17+ YEARS ON THIS COMMITTEE I FEEL THIS IS WRONG AS IT IS THE STATE OF MAINE'S DUTY TO TAKE CARE OF THIS NOT THE VETERANS OF MAINE. THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS IS THE "ONLY VETERANS ORGANIZATION THAT HAS DONATED TO THIS CEMETERY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS." EVEN THOUGH I LOVE THIS VETERANS CEMETERY I CAN'T SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE SO IT IS WITH REGRET THAT I HAVE RESIGNED FROM THIS COMMITTEE AS OF SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 2011. I RECOMMEND WE ONLY DONATE MONIES TO THE NORTHERN & SOUTHERN CEMETERIES UNTIL THEY SEE FIT THAT VETERANS SHOULDN'T PAY FOR WHAT THE STATE GAVE ITS VETERANS AS A GIFT FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY & STATE.

I WILL STILL HELP GET BRICKS & MONUMENTS IN THIS CEMETERY ONLY.

Arthur J. Roy, PSC

All Donations are used for PERPETUAL CARE, MAINTENANCE and BEAUTIFICATION at the Cemetery

CONVENTION SITE SELECTION 2013

ARTHUR J. ROY, PSC - CHAIRMAN

Convention Site for 2013 will be voted on at the C/A Meeting in January. I only have one entry which is VFW Post 1603 Auburn. Any others please contact me and I'll help you with info needed to Host the Convention. - Thank you...

ASST. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

ARTHUR J. ROY, PSC

We hope to make this Year a Great one "BUT" only with your help can this be done. The Complete Program is on the MAINE VFW WEB SITE where it can also be copied by all Posts - PLEASE READ THE PROGRAM & USE THE CHECK OFF LIST.

AT THIS TIME WE ARE AHEAD OF LAST YEAR SO PLEASE KEEP THE MEMBERSHIP COMING SO WE CAN GET BACK WHERE WE TRULY BELONG - NO 1 AT THIS TIME WE ARE 12th IN THE NATION OUT OF 54 DEPARTMENTS (NICE)

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	Homeless Veterans
Oct 20 2011													
DISTRICT 1													
2599 Presque Isle	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
6187 Ft. Fairfield			X							X	X	X	
9389 Caribou	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	
9609 Ft. Kent	X	X	X				X	X					
9699 Ashland			X										
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			100%										
DISTRICT 2													
1438 Lincoln													
1605 Burlington	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
2299 Sherman											X		
4154 Millinocket	X	X	X	X					X				
7529 Island Falls													
9429 West Enfield										X			
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 3													
558 Eastport													
9779 Calais	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
11299 Perry													
11553 Harrington	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 4													
109 Ellsworth										X			
1761 Bangor										X			
3381 Old Town	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	
4527 Orrington	X	X					X	X	X	X		X	
4633 Hampden	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX										100%			
DISTRICT 5													
3198 Skowhegan			X										
4298 Dexter	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X			
5723 Jackman			X										
6924 Fairfield			X								X		X
7865 Madison	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X
7866 Norridgewock	X	X	X	X			X	X					
8934 Embden			X							X	X		
10881 Farmington	X	X	X	X			X	X			X	X	
11191 Newport										X			
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 6													
2499 Rockland			X										
3095 Friendship	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
3108 Belfast	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X	
4169 Vinalhaven			X										
6131 Northport	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X
9437 Washington			X								X		
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			100%										

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Oct 20 2011													
DISTRICT 7		X											
2197 Topsham		X								X		X	
4525 Waldoboro		X								X			
7738 Bath		X											
8395 New Harbor	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		100%											
DISTRICT 8													
9 Gardiner	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
887 Augusta	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
1285 Waterville	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8835 Winslow	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X
9526 Winthrop			X										
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			100%										
DISTRICT 9			X										
1603 Auburn	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1641 Rumford	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	x	
3335 Jay	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X		
9150 Lewiston	X	X	X	X			X	X	X				
9459 Lisbon	X	X	X	X				X	x				
9787 South Paris	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11032 Greene	X	X	X	X			X	X	x				
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	100%	100%	100%	100%				100%	100%				
DISTRICT 10			x										
832 So. Portland	X	X	X	X			X	X	X				
6783 Lovell			X							X			
6859 Portland	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7642 East Hiram			X										
9328 Harrison	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X		
9605 Long Island			X										
10529 Yarmouth			X							X		X	
10643 Windham			X										
10879 Gorham			X							X			
11362 Naples	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	x
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			100%										
DISTRICT 11			X										
489 Biddeford			X										
5744 So. Berwick			X						X	X			
6548 Kennebunk	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X			
6977 York Beach	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			X	X
7997 Old Orchard Beach	X	X	X	X			X	X	X				
9394 Kittery	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	
9935 Sanford	X	X	X	X				X	X				X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			100%										

DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2011	1020/2011	L/M	CONT	N/R	L/MN	MEMB%	DUES:
1	4	2599	Presque Isle	570	202	146	119	16	11	0	72.3%	\$26.00
1	3	6187	FortFairfield	228	105	86	69	17	0	0	81.9%	\$26.00
1	6	9389	Caribou	867	482	445	415	26	4	0	92.3%	\$25.00
1	3	9609	Fort Kent	526	170	134	102	32	0	0	78.8%	\$26.00
1	3	9699	Ashland	291	129	118	109	9	0	0	91.5%	\$26.00
1			TOTALS	2482	1088	929	814	100	15	0	85.39%	
2	2	1438	Lincoln	135	68	68	63	4	1	0	100.0%	\$25.00
2	2	1605	Burlington	76	66	52	51	0	1	0	78.8%	\$23.00
2	1	2299	ShermanSt	97	45	33	23	10	0	0	73.3%	\$21.00
2	4	4154	Millinocket	494	206	169	154	15	0	0	82.0%	\$30.00
2	2	7529	Island Falls	81	59	53	46	6	1	0	89.8%	\$26.00
2	2	9429	West Enfield	84	58	47	37	10	0	0	81.0%	\$22.00
2			TOTALS	967	502	422	374	45	3	0	84.06%	
3	1	558	Eastport	184	49	34	28	6	0	0	69.4%	\$23.00
3	1	9779	Calais	85	51	42	28	12	2	0	82.4%	\$22.00
3	2	11299	Perry	186	79	66	60	6	0	0	83.5%	\$24.00
3	3	11553	Harrington	224	199	174	139	33	2	0	87.4%	\$25.00
3			TOTALS	679	378	316	255	57	4	0	83.60%	
4	3	109	Ellsworth	355	183	160	147	12	1	1	87.4%	\$25.00
4	5	1761	Bangor	703	362	289	215	67	7	0	79.8%	\$25.00
4	5	3381	Old Town	604	339	301	265	24	12	0	88.8%	\$25.00
4	1	4527	Orrington	110	40	39	33	6	0	0	97.5%	\$24.00
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	148	123	107	13	3	0	83.1%	\$25.00
4			TOTALS	2056	1072	912	767	122	23	1	85.07%	
5	3	3198	Skowhegan	323	111	85	73	12	0	0	76.6%	\$25.00
5	3	4298	Dexter	141	107	81	59	21	1	0	75.7%	\$25.00
5	1	5723	Jackman Station	57	12	6	3	3	0	0	50.0%	\$25.00
5	3	6924	Fairfield	436	179	153	142	8	3	0	85.5%	\$25.00
5	3	7865	Madison	163	108	94	50	40	4	0	87.0%	\$21.00
5	1	7866	Norridgewock	69	15	13	7	5	1	0	86.7%	\$24.00
5	2	8934	Embden	138	67	59	46	13	0	0	88.1%	\$23.00
5	1	10881	Farmington	45	29	26	22	3	1	0	89.7%	\$25.00
5	1	11191	Newport	65	45	42	27	11	4	0	93.3%	\$20.50
5			TOTALS	1437	673	559	429	116	14	0	83.06%	
6	3	2499	Rockland	277	105	80	76	4	0	0	76.2%	\$27.00
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	34	34	28	5	1	0	100.0%	\$21.00
6	3	3108	Belfast	320	119	100	83	15	2	0	84.0%	\$26.00
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	19	15	12	3	0	0	78.9%	\$21.00
6	2	6131	Northport	230	75	75	57	17	1	0	100.0%	\$26.00
6	2	9437	Washington	135	53	45	43	2	0	0	84.9%	\$24.00
6			TOTALS	1171	405	349	299	46	4	0	86.17%	
7	2	2197	Topsham	114	69	53	41	12	0	1	76.8%	\$25.00
7	2	4525	Waldoboro	218	64	44	37	6	1	0	68.8%	\$20.50
7	2	7738	Bath	198	69	64	61	2	1	0	92.8%	\$20.50
7	2	8395	New Harbor	297	88	76	60	15	1	0	86.4%	\$23.00
7			TOTALS	827	290	237	199	35	3	1	81.72%	

8	2	9	Gardiner	143	97	78	57	21	0	0	80.4%	\$25.00
8	5	887	Augusta	352	303	224	193	25	6	0	73.9%	\$30.00
8	5	1285	Waterville	600	425	443	296	112	35	0	104.2%	\$28.00
8	5	8835	Winslow	792	418	365	348	17	0	0	87.3%	\$27.00
8	2	9526	Winthrop	123	87	33	30	3	0	0	37.9%	\$25.00
8			TOTALS	2010	1330	1143	924	178	41	0	85.94%	
9	4	1603	Auburn	505	260	219	177	24	18	0	84.2%	\$31.00
9	4	1641	Rumford	882	253	208	134	65	9	1	82.2%	\$25.00
9	5	3335	Jay	647	431	364	319	43	2	0	84.5%	\$25.00
9	3	9150	Lewiston	199	145	107	84	22	1	0	73.8%	\$22.00
9	4	9459	Lisbon	546	242	205	185	19	1	0	84.7%	\$30.00
9	4	9787	South Paris	421	206	161	138	22	1	0	78.2%	\$25.00
9	1	11032	Greene	68	46	44	36	8	0	0	95.7%	\$26.00
			TOTALS	3268	1583	1308	1073	203	32	1	82.63%	
10	6	832	South Portland	1701	576	480	443	35	2	0	83.3%	\$30.00
10	2	6783	Lovell	110	59	51	45	6	0	0	86.4%	\$25.00
10	6	6859	Portland	1051	461	367	314	43	10	1	79.6%	\$25.00
10	1	7642	East Hiram	137	45	36	31	4	1	0	80.0%	\$25.00
10	2	9328	Harrison	95	62	48	43	5	0	0	77.4%	\$30.00
10	1	9605	Long Island	61	29	19	13	6	0	0	65.5%	\$22.00
10	3	10529	Yarmouth	101	101	102	91	10	1	0	101.0%	\$25.00
10	2	10643	Windham	81	66	61	46	13	2	0	92.4%	\$31.00
10	1	10879	Gorham	68	35	19	15	4	0	0	54.3%	\$25.00
10	1	11362	Naples	49	39	34	27	5	2	0	87.2%	\$28.50
10			TOTALS	3454	1473	1217	1068	131	18	1	82.62%	
11	3	489	Biddeford	489	181	165	160	5	0	0	91.2%	\$20.50
11	3	5744	SoBerwick	167	167	143	111	29	3	0	85.6%	\$21.00
11	1	6548	Kennebunk	121	32	27	24	1	2	0	84.4%	\$23.50
11	5	6977	York Beach	348	297	257	218	38	1	0	86.5%	\$30.00
11	3	7997	O.O.B.	322	206	109	85	21	3	0	52.9%	\$25.00
11	2	9394	Kittery	126	59	46	38	8	0	0	78.0%	\$26.00
11	4	9935	Sanford	506	262	221	199	16	6	2	84.4%	\$25.00
11			TOTALS	2079	1204	968	835	118	15	2	80.40%	
		15020	M.A.L.	800	684	568	446	96	26	1	83.0%	\$35.00
		10/20		21230	10682	8928	7483	1247	198	7	83.6%	

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

"RETAIN - REINSTATE - RECRUIT"



"SHAPING THE FUTURE - REMEMBERING THE PAST" w/ KEVIN G. WOODWARD, COMMANDER

DIVISION LEADERS

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OCT 21, 2011

>> ALL-STATE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT CONVENTION BANQUET <<

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<b>DIV. I (10-50) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>		<b>DIV. IV (201-300) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>	
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1. 3095 FRIENDSHIP	102.9%	1. 1603 Auburn	85.4%
2. 4527 ORRINGTON	100.0%	2. 9459 Lisbon	85.1%
3. 11032 Greene	95.7%	3. 9935 Sanford	84.4%
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<b>DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>		<b>DIV. V (301-450) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>	
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1. 1438 LINCOLN	101.5%	1. 1285 WATERVILLE	104.2%
2. 6131 NORTHPORT	100.0%	2. 3381 Old Town	88.8%
3. 7738 Bath	92.8%	3. 8835 Winslow	87.3%
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<b>DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>		<b>DIV. VI (451-1000) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>	
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1. 10529 YARMOUTH	101.0%	1. 9389 Caribou	92.3%
2. 9699 Ashland	91.5%	2. 832 South Portland	83.3%
3. 489 Biddeford	91.2%	3. 6859 Portland	79.6%
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<b>TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY %</b>		<b>I TEN LARGEST POSTS</b>	
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1. 1285 WATERVILLE	104.2%	1. 832 South Portland	480
2. 10529 YARMOUTH	102.9%	2. 9389 Caribou	445
3. 1438 LINCOLN	101.5%	3. 1285 WATERVILLE	443
4. 10529 YARMOUTH	101.0%	4. 3335 Portland	367
5. 4527 ORRINGTON	100.0%	5. 8835 Winslow	365
6. 6131 NORTHPORT	100.0%	6. 3335 Jay	364
7. 11032 Greene	95.7%	7. 3381 Old Town	301
8. 11191 Newport	93.3%	8. 1761 Bangor	291
9. 7738 Bath	92.8%	9. 6977 York Beach	257
10. 10643 Windham	92.4%	10. 887 Augusta	226
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<b>DISTRICT STANDINGS</b>		<b>I MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2011-12</b>	
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1. District 6 Farris	86.91%	> 10,682 MEMBERS FOR 100% DEPARTMENT <	
2. District 8 Armstrong	86.09%	WE HAVE = 8,955 - WE NEED = 1,727	
3. District 1 Rouse	85.57%	ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 80%	
4. District 4 Mattson	85.45%	"STATE CONVENTION" - JUNE 10-11-12, 2011	
5. District 2 Goodwin	85.06%	10 N/R MEMBERS AND YOU EARN A WHITE VFW	
6. District 3 Mitchell	84.39%	SHIRT - 20 YOU EARN A VFW JACKET	
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE		ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT	
7. District 5 Beaulieu	83.21%	AT LEAST 3 N/R MEMBERS - "WELL?"	
8. District 9 Davis	82.88%	LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND	
9. District 10 SanPedro	82.62%	RETAIN - RECRUIT & REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS	
10 District 7 Smith	82.07%	NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS	
11. District 11 Spaulding	80.56%	ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK?	
ARTHUR J. ROY "ASSISTANT STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN"			



Voice of Democracy
Patriot's Pen
Teacher of the Year
AWARDS BANQUET



Saturday, January 14, 2012

Winslow VFW Post 8835

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

BANQUET: 6:00 pm

Headquarters

Grand Hotel

(Formerly "The Holiday Inn" and soon to be "Best Western"

375 Main St, Waterville, ME 04091

(1-800-785-0111 or 1-207-873-0111)

VFW Rate: \$ **65.00** + tax, up to 4 persons, 2 double beds

Please make your own reservations with the Holiday Inn

Banquet Tickets are \$ 27.50 per person

Department pays for All District winner's banquet tickets

Banquet is Buffet Style

Baked Ziti, Roasted Turkey w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Carrots.

Coleslaw, Salad, Relish Tray, Assorted Baked Breads,

Dessert including some Diabetic desserts, Coffee and Tea

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Meals Totals _____ x \$27.50 = _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

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Name _____

NO ASSIGNED SEATING

Deadline for Banquet Ticket is: *December 31, 2011*

Make your check payable to ***"Department of Maine, VFW"***

(No tickets will be sold after the deadline - Tickets will not be held without a payment)

(There will be no refunds on the banquet tickets)



Send to:
Pamela Jerome
30 Exeter Rd, Lot 18
Corinth, ME 04427
Phone: 207-949-9297



Rules for the Chili Cook off

The following information has been authorized for publication in the November General Orders by State Commander Kevin G. Woodward as was briefed at the State Convention 2012 meeting held in Wilton, ME.

Each post will hold a chili cook off between their VFW and Ladies Auxiliary. There will be two winners chosen. One from the VFW and one from the Auxiliary. These two winners will represent their post at the district meeting.

Each district will then have a cook off at their district meeting. Choosing two winners, one from the VFW side and one from the Auxiliary side.

At the April COA (The Department Commander Testimonial Weekend) at the Bangor Post Friday Night, there will be 11 tables set up. One for each district with two crock pots, the District Commanders and Presidents or their representatives will be there serving their district winning chili. The winners will be chosen by the National Representatives that attend the testimonial weekend. Choosing the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. 1st place will win the golden pot and bragging rights for the year.

At each cook off that is held throughout the year, to have a taste of the chili will cost \$1.00. A bowl of chili will cost 3.00. All proceeds earned during this activity will go to Cancer Aide and Research on behalf of the post. Monies earned at the District Cook off will also go to Cancer Aide and Research. Proceeds from the Convention Cook off will be added to the other monies for Cancer Aide and Research with the Grand total of the donation to Cancer Aide and Research being announced at the banquet dinner Saturday night at the convention. The golden pot will be awarded at that time.

This project is a department wide joint project as challenged by the National Director of Cancer Aide and Research. Let's work together to make Maine STAND UP AND STAND OUT for support of Cancer Aide and Research. The National Director will be watching to see how our project turns out. When we succeed, we will be one of very few states to fulfill a stated wide project. We will be eligible for a National Award at convention with this project.

The items that will be supplied at the final Cook Off will be the small cups for the taste of chili, bowls for the bowls of chili, oyster crackers, spoons, napkins and container to keep money in for the tastes and bowls or simple donations. No cost to the post for those items. Each district will be responsible for supplying the crock pots to keep chili warm and whatever extras needed to serve with their chili, i.e., cheese, fresh onions, Fritos, tortilla chips, hot sauce, etc....Also each District will need to make an identification sign with the names of the creators of their chili and the ingredients listed.

The Chili can be vegan, with or without beans, and whatever meat the creators choose but the ingredients have to be listed at the tables.

Supplies needed at Bangor Post site....tables and a power supply. Beverages will be at the post.

Thank you in advance for all the hard work for our Veterans and their Families. Raising this money will allow us to give more grants to those in need and to support moving research forward.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hall
Department of Maine Cancer Aide and Research Chairman



**Department of Maine
VFW Accountable Officers Bond**



This bond is written in consideration of the safeguards with Section 218, Manual of Procedure for the handling of funds. Section 218 provides that any negligence on the part of the Commander and Trustees shall make them individually and collectively liable with any others for any discrepancies. Every Unit should require that the Quartermaster deposit all moneys coming into their possession in the exact form in which they are received. **THE QUARTERMASTER SHOULD WELCOME A THOROUGH AUDIT FOR HIS/HER OWN PROTECTION.**

In connection with the quarterly audit performed by the Trustees, the following minimal procedures are recommended:

1. The Trustees should obtain the bank statement directly from the bank and reconcile the account themselves.
2. Amounts shown on the audit report should be obtained from, or agree to the financial records of the Quartermaster, by the Trustees.
3. Both the audit report and the financial records should be verified mathematically by the Trustees. The beginning balances shown on the current audit report should be agreed to, the ending balances as shown on the previous report. Deposits shown on the financial records should be compared and agreed to deposits shown on the bank statement. Checks returned by the banks should be compared, as to amount and payee, with financial reports during the process of bank reconciliation.

In the event of defalcation, the exact amount of the shortage must be proven. Your Department Quartermaster should be notified immediately and furnished with a certified copy of the audit showing in detail receipts, disbursements, and the amount of the shortage. The bonding Company requires that we handle our affairs in a business like way, and there is a time limit for both reporting a defalcation and for determining the extent thereof, after which time the liability of the Company ceases.

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COVERAGES OF THE POLICY REQUIRES THAT:

1. You agree to make/or cause to be made, at least annually, an audit of your books and accounts, including complete verification of all securities and bank balances pertaining to each "employee". If the above is not complied with, the Surety Company will refuse to honor claim of missing funds which cannot be proven by records. Monthly audits and reconciliation of bank statements may avoid this denial of claim.
2. The surety Company will not pay for loss resulting from any unauthorized advances made by an "employee" to any member for delinquent dues and assessments.
3. "Employee" means any duly elected position, as listed on policy schedule.

THIS BOND IS ONLY FOR YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 TO AUGUST 31, 2012

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2011.

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**RETURN THIS SECTION WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE
DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER
APPLICATION FOR VFW OFFICERS BOND Sept 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012**

(Give Name, Number and Location of Post)

TO: Department Quartermaster - Alfred E. Michaud Sr.

Date: _____

I hereby apply for bond in the principal sum of \$_____ for the Quartermaster of the above unit for the fiscal Year September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012. Premium in the amount of \$_____ is herewith enclosed.

(Commander Signature)

(Address)

BOND RATES ARE \$ 3.75 up to 25.000 & \$ 3.25 over 25.000
\$ 3,000 Bond x \$ 3.75 = \$ 11.25 \$ 5,000 Bond x \$ 3.75 = \$ 18.75
\$ 10,000 Bond \$ 3.75 x 10 = \$ 37.50 \$ 26,000 Bond \$ 3.25 x 26 = \$ 84.50