



Department of Maine  
Veterans of Foreign Wars



*\*Shaping the Future \* Remembering the Past\**

October 2011

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 4

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*In Memory of Warren R. Young Jr.  
Past State Commander 1973 - 1974  
23 April 1924 - 1 September 2011*

**“SPECIAL NOTICE – SPECIAL NOTICE”**

***Congratulations to the following Posts for achieving 100%+ in membership for the Year 2011-2012***

- Forest J. Pare Post 1285, Waterville – 102.82% - Commander Richard E. Willette
- Stone-Scott-Watson Post 3095, Friendship – 100% - Commander Eugene E. Grant
- Royal River Post 10529, Yarmouth – 100% - Commander Franklin R. Heyner

***Winter Uniform Wear:*** Wearing of the winter uniform (Blue jacket/grey slacks) as directed by State Commander Kevin G. Woodward will be for the period of October 1, 2011 thru March 31, 2012.

***October CoA Meeting:*** The CoA meeting will start at 8:30 am sharp at the Jay Post located @ 64 Jewell St., Jay. On Saturday, the following committee will meet at the Comfort Inn & Suites:

- 10 am – VSO Committee
- 11 am – Audit/Finance Committee
- 12 noon – Convention Committee

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***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 noon – 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.*** For purposes of clarification, we do not operate as a men’s organization or a ladies organization, but as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary.

***5.*** Every Post chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2011-2012 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, National Citizenship Education Teacher’s Awards, Buddy Poppy and National Military Services. Additionally, it is necessary that all Post and Department Commanders comply with all provisions of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure and Ritual.

***6. Post Commanders and District Commanders:*** Are directed to forward all resolutions or communications relative to federal legislation or to the policy or procedure of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or any other governmental agency, to their respective Department Headquarters for consideration and referral to the Adjutant General. Department Commanders will not take direct action on any such resolutions or communications without first obtaining full knowledge of existing National Headquarters policies governing such legislation or agencies. Posts, County Councils, Districts and officers and members thereof shall not publicly communicate or promulgate any such resolutions until reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief.

***7. Post Reserve:*** Attention is directed to section 218(a)(5)(f), Manual of Procedure which mandates Post Quartermasters to maintain a dues reserve fund as prescribed in sections 717 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure.

***8. Commanders at all levels:*** Are directed to action of the National Council of Administration prohibiting the wearing of VFW sport caps and/or western style caps at VFW meetings in place of the regulation cap of the VFW official uniform as set forth in sections 803 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure. This prohibition is in accordance with previous directives of Commanders-in-Chief that it is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit the wearing of other than the official VFW cap at VFW meetings.

***9. Commanders at all levels:*** Are directed to section 703 of the National By-Laws which requires that each accountable officer be bonded with an indemnity company in the sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may be accountable. A package to included all bonding information as forwarded to all Posts Commanders via USPS.

***10. Attention of Post Commanders:*** Are directed to section 218(a)(11), Manual of Procedure, Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit quarterly, through their Post Commander, a Post Trustees’ Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. The first report is due at the close of September. **Do not mail these reports to National Headquarters.**

***11. Post Commanders:*** Are directed to the requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990 and 990/T, where applicable. Forms may be secured from your local Post Office or branch office of the Internal

Revenue Service.

**12. Veterans Day Observance:** Posts are urged to start planning suitable programs now for the observance of Veterans Day (see section 223 of the Manual of Procedure).

**13. Post Commanders:** Are directed to section 1001(24) of the Manual of Procedure concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting: “The presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings is unacceptable and is prohibited.”

**14. Post Inspections:** A thorough program of Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department By-Laws and directives. Department and District Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.

**14. Buddy Poppy:** The distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in sections 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. All profits accruing from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used in accordance with section 704 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure. The Buddy Poppy order form was included in the September GOs.)

**15. Togus Oktoberfest:** This years’ Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011. As in the past, activities will be held on each of the CLC’s and throughout the hospital with the VFW and Auxiliary responsible for 72-CLC. Members are asked **NOT** to bring food items to the Oktoberfest. The VFW will be in need of 15 volunteers to help patients with the auction and to serve refreshments after the games. Sign-in will be in the Gym (follow the signs) with coffee and refreshments being served for volunteers only, beginning ***no earlier than 8:30 am***. All assigned volunteers will leave together from the Gym at 9:45 am with all the games being around 10:00 am and all games should be completed by 11:45 am. Refreshments will again be available for volunteers after the auction in the Gym.

**16. Post Trustees Duties:** Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees. Among the duties of the three (3) elected Post Trustees, they shall:

a. At least monthly, review the Monthly Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Post Quartermaster.

b. Not later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period, at the direction of the Post Commander, properly audit the books and records of the Post Quartermaster, Post Adjutant, and any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or on behalf of the Post and submit a Post Trustee’s Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector.

c. The Report shall be in accordance with and upon such form as may be prescribed by the Adjutant General. The audit shall be signed by the Post Commander and Trustees, who shall, by their signatures, certify to the accuracy of the information contained therein.

d. Perform such other duties as may be incident to the office or may from time to time be required by the laws and usages of the organization or lawful orders from proper authority.

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

**18. District Adjutants:** Article VII, Section 7 of the Dept of Maine By-Laws states: Each District Adjutant in the Department of Maine shall submit a true copy of each District meeting minutes to the Department Adjutant not later than seven (7) days following each District meeting. (**NOTE:** These minutes can be either e-mailed and/or mailed and the signature of the District Adjutant is no longer required.)

**19. Post Commander–Attendance at District Meetings:** Section 218(a)(1) k, Manual of Procedures: All Post Commanders must “Assure that he or his representative attend all properly called District Convention or meetings. If you and/or your Representative are unable to attend a District Meeting, it is asked that you forward to your District Commander a copy of your activities since the last District meeting so as to inform the Commander of what has transpired during that time. This will also give a chance for the District Commander to prepare his Commanders Report to be presented at the next Council of Administration.

**20. VFW Sponsored Programs Put Money in Your Pocket:** The VFW offers various products and programs to our members and their families. The revenue generated through sales of selected products is shared with Departments based on the participation of members and posts. Make the VFW your first stop when shopping for Life insurance, Medicare Supplements, Reverse/ VA Mortgages and much more. Visit [www.vfwinsurance.com](http://www.vfwinsurance.com) to learn about these helpful programs. Your support of these programs is appreciated and vital to the financial health of the VFW and many veteran programs. For questions about VFW sponsored programs, please call 1-800-821-2606, option 1.

**21. Wearing/Removal of VFW Caps:** Ref General Rules 13(b)(c)(d). (b) VFW Ritual Manual which states: Members will follow the action of the Chaplain or presiding officer relative to removal of caps during prayers; if uncovering, the hat shall be placed on the extended closed fingers of the right hand in such a way that the Cross of Malta is exposed and held over the heart; (c) Official caps will not be worn during luncheons, banquets or other meals; (d) Official caps will be the only head covering allowed to be worn at regular meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United State.

**22. Request for Department Commander at Post or District Functions:** Any Posts and/or District Commanders wishing to have Department Commander Louis A. Peterson present at a function are asked to notify the State Adjutant at least 10 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.

**23. Veterans in the Classroom Month of 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](http://www.vfw.org) or [www.vfwdepartmentresources.org](http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org).

**24. Candidates for Department High Office 2012-2013:**

Department Commander	Mark G. Reilly	Post 6859
Department Sr Vice Commander	David D. Williams	Post 1641
Department Jr Vice Commander	David C. Olson	Post 6859
Department Quartermaster	Alfred E. Michaud Sr.	Post 1285
Department Judge Advocate	Ronald F. Smith	Post 1761
Department Surgeon	Gerald L. Francis	Post 1641
Department Chaplain		

<i>Date</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Dept Officer</i>
2 Oct	5	6924 – Fairfield	1:00 pm	Adj Dumas
9 Oct	1	9699 – Ashland	2:00 pm	QM Michaud
23 Oct	9	1603 – Auburn	12 noon	JVC Williams
23 Oct	11	9394 – Kittery	2:00 pm	SVC Reilly
30 Oct	6	3108 – Belfast	1:00 pm	Cmdr Woodward
30 Oct	7	4525 – Waldoboro	2:00 pm	Adj Dumas
5 Nov	2	2299 – Stacyville	1:00 pm	SVC Williams (Noon luncheon)
20 Nov	3	11299 – Perry	2:00 pm	Cmdr Woodward
20 Nov	4	4633 – Hampden	2:00 pm	Adj Dumas

**26: Directory Changes:** (Make the following pen and ink changes to your Directory) – None at this time until further notices for November.

**27. Dates to Remember:**

- Oct 10 – Columbus Day
- Oct 11 – Apple Program, Togus VA Center
- Oct 13-16 – Junior Vice Commanders Conference, Kansas City, MO
- Oct 25 – Apple Program, Togus VA Center
- Nov 8 – Election Day
- Nov 8 – Apple Program, Togus VA Center
- Nov 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov 22 – Apple Program, Togus VA Center
- Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 18-20 – Eastern States Conference, Dover, DE

OFFICIAL

BY ORDER OF:

*Andre L. Dumas*

*Kevin G. Woodward*

ANDRE L. DUMAS  
State Adjutant

KEVIN G. WOODWARD  
State Commander



# State Commander Kevin G. Woodward



Greetings Comrades,

*I wish to say "Thank You" to all for the many cards and emails received due to the untimely passing of my nephew. For those of you that did not know it, Rian was not only my nephew but a comrade as well. He served in the Air Force as I and his father did.*

*The delegation recently returned from San Antonio after attending the 112<sup>th</sup> National Convention. As you probably are aware, "Irene" decided that the Department Adjutant and I were not to be a part of the delegation this year as all flights were cancelled with no chance of us departing until Wednesday. There were several changes were voted in. These will be published by National in the near future and disseminated to you by our State Adjutant Andre Dumas. Richard DeNoyer, our newly elected Commander-in-Chief personally expressed to me his appreciation for what we in Maine are doing for our organization. He is looking forward to visiting us at some point during the year.*

*As membership is the strength of our organization, the Department of Maine would like to thank all the posts that have reached or exceeded the 75% mark. At this time, we have 15 posts that only need a few more members to attain the 75% mark. Congratulations to Post 3095 for attaining 100% and Post 10529 for attaining 100.99%. Recruit, Retain and Reinstate.*

*Reports for the Activities and Programs are coming in slowly but surely. As the Department Officers travel throughout the Department, we are hearing the Post reports being read and reflect the fabulous work that you are doing. Please make certain that your good work doesn't go unnoticed by not submitting the reports to the Chairman JVC Dave Williams.*

*As you know, my Commanders Special Project is "House in The Woods" "an outdoor retreat program that honors our veterans and their families sacrifices and assists them in their journey towards healing the mental and physical pain of loss."*

*I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Presidents Testimonial and October Council meeting in Jay. Until then, be well, be safe and keep up the good work that you are doing for the Department of Maine and The Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States.*

*Don't forget that as the seasons change so do the uniforms, effective 1 October, we go to the blue and gray. Remember, should you need assistance in your Posts or Districts, please contact a Department Officer and ask for help. We are only a phone call or email away.*

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*Kevin G. Woodward*  
KEVIN G. WOODWARD  
State Commander



# *Deceased Roll Call*



*Department of Maine, VFW*

*Charles A. Warden, Chaplain*

*August 20 – September 19, 2011*

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

## *District 1*

**9389 - BOUCHARD**, Clarence – WW II

**9609 - GARDNER**, Leslie L. – WW II

**PELLETIER**, Clifford – WW II

**RINGUETTE**, Martin G. – WW II

**STADIG**, Willis R. – WW II

## *District 2*

**4154 - O'BRIEN**, Eugene D. – WW II

**7529 - SLAUENWHITE**, James H. - Vietnam

## *District 4*

**4633 - YOUNG**, Warren P. Jr., PSC – WW II

## *District 5*

**7865 - HURD**, Duane A. – WW II

**WAUGH**, Merle L. – WW II

## *District 6*

**3095 - LAKEMAN**, Edward W. – WW II/Korea

## *District 8*

**887 - CHAMPAGNE**, Rudolph J. – WW II

## *District 9*

**1603 - ROY**, Raymond A. - Korea

## *Members-at-Large*

**15020 - DUROST**, Lewis H. Sr.



**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER  
COMMANDERS SPECIAL PROJECT – POW/MIA  
Mark G. Reilly**



We recently returned from the National Convention. Maine was well represented, however some were unable to travel because of the weather and were missed. Several By-Law changes were voted in. These will be published by National and passed along to you soon.

The Commander's Special Project is "House in the Woods." It is a military and family retreat provided for no charge to Active Military, Veterans and their families. The only expense not covered is transportation. Donations have been coming in at a pretty steady pace. Thank you to those Posts that have donated already. I encourage those that have not yet to do so.

POW/MIA day was Friday September 16. I know that some Posts had ceremonies to observe the day but I have not received reports for that. Posts can also send a report for displaying a table for one in the Post home or flying the POW/MIA flag over the Post Home.

As always, remember your Department Officers are always only a phone call away.

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

**Community Activities:** District Commanders: Please look at the Community Service checksheet. Some Posts are not reported at all. I will be sending the midyear report to National this month. I hope between now and the end of October, more Posts will submit reports. The work is being done and I hear of many activities going on. If you make donations, please report them and anything else your Post is doing. As I have stated before, if you need help filling out the reports, give me a call @ 369-0302 to 12 noon daily. Who will be the first District 100% reported. I do not check your Post off for Buddy Poppy, VAVS or Commanders Special Projects until I receive the reports from the Chairman. Communication is the key to success. **Happy Reporting.**

**JVC:** September is coming to an end, the days are getting shorter and the nights are starting to cool off. This month, I have attended a 9-11 Ceremony at the Auburn VFW Post. I attended District 1 meeting up in Caribou and also attended my first MVCC meeting in Augusta. Don't forget the COA meeting in Jay this month. I will be in Kansas City attending the Junior Vice Commanders Conference, so until November stay safe and Recruit a new member.

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**QUARTERMASTER  
CHAIRMAN – VAVS/BUDDY POPPY/CHRISTMAS CARDS & LABELS/  
INSURANCE ANDBONDS/MEN'S AUXILAIRY  
Alfred E. Michaud Sr.**

**QM:** The following Post and Districts have not turned in their First Quarter Trustee Report 1 April to 30 June 2011 and **are now considered in disarray:** Post 9699, Post 1438, Post 2299, District 3, Post 558, Post 9779, Post 11299, Post 11553, District 4, Post 109, Post 4527, Post 5723, Post 2499, Post 4169, Post 8835, Post 9526, Post 9459, Post 9787, Post 832, Post 6859, Post 7642, Post 9328, Post 9605, District 11, Post 489, Post 7997.

**Bonding:** The following Posts and Districts have not turned in a copy of their Post and or District Bonding to the State Quartermaster: District 1, Post 9699, Post 1438, Post 2299, Post 558, Post 11553, District 4, Post 109, Post 1761, Post 3381, Post 4527, Post 5723, Post 8934, District 6, Post 2499, Post 4169, Post 6131, District 7, Post 7738, Post 9459, Post 6859, Post 7642, District 11, Post 7997, Post 9935.

**Buddy Poppy:** We still have 40 Posts that have not ordered their Poppies yet. To those that have, thank you. I will list them in next months' GOs those that haven't.

**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 the same time.

**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. The Apple season at Togus starts 11 October 2011 at 0745, 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.

**MOLD School:** Cancelled.

*The job is never finished till the paper work is done*

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**JUDGE ADVOCATE  
MEMBERSHIP  
David C. Olson**

**JA:** How To Help To Defeat a Motion: (1) Do not second it. Remain silent. (2) Speak against it while it is before the body. (3) Vote against it. (4) Move to postpone it indefinitely to "kill it". (5) Amend it adversely to encumber it or complicate it. (6) Move to refer it to a committee to delay it. (7) Move to postpone it to the next meeting to delay it. (8) Move the previous question to shut off debate on its good points. (9) Move to table it. (10) Move to recess to go after more votes. (11) If their motion wins, move to reconsider it. (12) If their successful motion remains unexecuted by a later meeting, then move to rescind it. (13) Move to adjourn, to prevent action on their motion at this meeting. (14) Only VOTES win. Get your voters to the meeting. Require them to stay to the end, and to vote as you or another key leader will vote.

**Membership:** Comrades: I need your help! What happens when someone says to you "I need your help?" Most times the answer is "How can I help you?" And the answer to that is - who do you know who has served in the military? REFERRALS! And they are priceless. If you have done a good job in signing up a Veteran - explain all the benefits available to them, how your Post interacts in the community, have the Veteran visit your Post with you, introduce the Veteran to all present, have the Veteran attend a Post meeting, etc., then when you ask for referrals to other Veterans that they know, they will be a lot easier to approach and will sign up on the strength and GOOD REPORT of their friend. This BEATS knocking on doors, cold calling etc - Trust me on this. Good luck with this approach and GO FOR THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP - even for a young Veteran, it works out to around \$35 a month with automatic payments directly from their checking/savings account or credit card.

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**SURGEON  
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOTS' PEN/TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
BLOOD/SAFETY AND DRUG ABUSE  
Ronald F. Smith**

**SG:** Comrades: It is getting close to that time of year when strenuous exercise (i.e., raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc.) could lead to a possible Heart Attack. Here are some clean warning signs to watch for:

\*Chest Discomfort: Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back.

\*Discomfort in other area of the upper body: Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

Shortness of breath: This feeling often comes along with chest discomfort. But it can occur with or without chest discomfort.

Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If you or someone you're with has one or more of these signs, call 911 immediately. Get to the hospital as soon as possible. IT could SAVE a life.

**VOD/PP/Teacher of the Year:** The time is *NOW* to get out and get the VOD/PP applications out to the students. We are less than two months away from the deadline 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 *15<sup>th</sup> of December*.

Enjoy the Fall Season, one of the most beautiful times of the year...

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**CHAPLAIN**  
**Charles A. Warden**

A Plentiful Land: The prophet Jeremiah often considered a prophet of doom and despair, scolds the children of Israel as only he can. He reminds them of all that God has done for them and then accuses them of failing to live by the word of God.

But in the midst of his scolding, Jeremiah reminds the people that God had brought them into a plentiful land, a land, as the Torah says, "flowing with milk and honey."

The same is true with us. God has brought us into a plentiful land. But the plentiful land into which God has brought us is not just a land in which agriculture thrives, in which orchards bear abundantly. Instead, the land into which God has brought us is the space in which God is. By the grace of God through Jesus Christ, God has brought us into community with God even though we are sinful and self-willed. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, God has brought us into fellowship with God in which we find both life abundant and life everlasting.

Is this a plentiful land? It is! For God has promised in the Scriptures and has demonstrated over and over again in our experience that God provides for all of our needs, that God does not abandon us to our own efforts, that God sustains us even though at times we do not deserve it. The plentiful land is not our making. The plentiful land is not the result of our efforts.

The plentiful land in which we find joy and that peace that passes all understanding is God's gracious gift to us. It is the relationship with God in which we live and to which we invite all those who are hungry and thirsty for fellowship with our Creator.

**Chaplains thought for the month:** Without the SON, there would be total darkness in the world. Thank you and God Bless. Chaplain Charlie

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

**Veterans Advisory to Togus VA:** A VA program that provides stipends to family members who care for troops wounded since 11 September 2001 issued its first payments this past July. The first group trained by the VA's "Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers" program received an average of \$1,600 per month. Dollar amounts depend upon the condition of the Veteran and the amount of care they need. Those of you that have an interest in this program may review eligibility criteria and apply online @ the following website: [www.caregiver.va.gov](http://www.caregiver.va.gov).

**Beals House:** The next meeting is scheduled for 8 October 2011. We all keep hearing "donations, donations, donations." Simply put, this ***IS*** the help we need to keep our family house running. Please consider supporting this very special place that family members can stay while visiting their loved ones in the VA Medical Facility at Togus. A sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to all who have already sent in a donation for this worthwhile cause.

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

**Legislative:** My fellow Comrades, to start off with, this past month has been a busy month for me, first having attending National VFW Convention, arriving home from Texas late due to weather conditions. During the National Convention, Comrades in attendance VOTED down the National VFW Political Action Committee (PAC), you will not hear anything more in regards to this committee. Both the 112th Congress and the state of Maine 125th Legislature are in session. The state of Maine Legislature is in session until the end of 2011 and in turn the second regular session of the 125th State of Maine Legislature will begin in January 2012. Currently, there are no major issues associated with both Veterans Rights and Entitlements that I am aware of. The issues that I am aware are Military Retirement, Tricare and the "Agent Orange". We must contact our entire Congressional Delegation and tell them not to mess with either the Military Retirement Program, if it's not BROKEN, why FIX it, the same applies to Tricare Program. Again, we must keep pressure on the Congressional Delegation in regards to "Agent Orange", we are losing too many of our Comrades who are effected with "Agent Orange" every day. I don't know how many of you have heard about the VA Health Care Clinic located in the Greater Bingham area. All that I can say about the Bingham VA Health Care Clinic is ***"USE IT OR YOUR GOING TO LOSE IT"***.

**CoS:** Again, traveling throughout the State with Commander Kevin and Department Adjutant Andre, it has been a pleasure visiting the various Districts and Posts. Thanks for the Comradeship that I received during these visits.

**Membership:** Once again Comrades, I can't stress the importance of ***"MEMBERSHIP"*** if we are to survive. I can't believe the number of ***"FEMALE VETERANS"*** that are living in the State of Maine. Comrades, forget your ***PRIDE*** and get out and start talking with these ***"FEMALE VETERANS"***, they need us and we need them, enough said on this issue. ***"REMEMBER WE WERE SOLDIERS ONCE AND YOUNG"***.

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**NATIONAL COUNCILMAN DISTRICT 1  
Thomas R. Lussier, PSC**

As I stated in my last article, many new By-Law changes were approved during the National Convention in San Antonio. With the changes to the composition of the National Council of Administration, I will only represent the Departments of Maine and New Hampshire for the ensuing year and then represent the Department of Maine for 2012-2013. With that said, I look forward to attending as many events as possible with both Departments! I will explain the other changes as I understand them when I attend your Council Meeting in the near future. I would suggest everyone purchase the new By-Law, Manual of Procedure and Ritual as soon as they're published and made available. Now it's time for all of us to insure our Membership starts moving in the right direction, ***Recruit, Retain and Reinstate.***

**Abraham Lincoln**

***"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today"***

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**HISTORIAN**  
**Robert H. Bernard, PSC**

It has been a couple of weeks since everyone that attended the National Convention have returned and I haven't received any pictures or any information of the events for our Commanders history book. Our next Council meeting will be upon us soon, if you have any pictures or information from the National Convention and are willing to share, please bring it to the Council meeting. If the pictures or information you have and you want to keep them for your own use, please make a copy or put the pictures on a disk for me and then we both will have the information. I would like to thank Post and District 10 Commander Steve San Pedro for the pictures he gave me at our last Post meeting. If any VFW events happen in your area, please forward the information to me or Tom Lussier (Public Relations Chairman) so that it can be added to the history book. Thank you so very much. Please send the information to: Bob Bernard, 78 Robie St, Gorham, ME 04038 or e-mail rbernard@maine.rr.com.

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**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**  
**Rene A. Deschene, SO**

**Post Service Officers:** The first Post Service Officers Training had a poor attendance. The Second one for this month is promised to be a better one. The Third one is scheduled to be on October 21 at Bangor VFW Post 1761. A letter was sent to all Posts in Districts 4, 5 and 6 from this office. Letters from Posts 2499, 7866 and 1761 were returned to this office as undeliverable. We ask that all Posts from these three Districts, please notify this office as to attendance. Posts from other District may also join this training and we only ask that you notify this office as to attendance.

**Post Service Officers Duties:** Changes of the National Veterans Service Policy & Procedure were sent out in a previous mail by Al Michaud through Andy Dumas. We have received some phone calls as some people were confused. The work of Post Service Officers has not changed, only clarified due to a past incident here in Maine. The duties are: (1) to provide information to Veterans concerning Federal, State and the VA to Veterans and their families. This includes in providing application forms for those benefits. (2) PSO are to act as a recorder if assisting a Veteran with their application. At no time can a PSO suggest what should go on the form, only write down what the Veteran or family members are providing. (3) All documents are to be submitted to this office for processing. At no time can a PSO keep any records of the applications. That means PSO cannot keep copies of anything. PSO should never identify who they have helped nor their applications. PSO can only report a summary of what they have done without identifying who was helped. (4) PSO must never discuss the nature or merits of any particular claim. PSO should never state an opinion of such claim as to its merit to the Veteran or family members. PSO can never speak to a spouse of a Veteran about the Veteran's claim. Any questions on this will be covered at the Post Service Officers Training.

**VETERANS HELPING VETERANS**

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**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 to your 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 GOs.

**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 GOs.

**Ways & Means:** Still waiting on information.

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

**Youth Activities:** Auburn Post 1603 made one young lady very happy. Thru their contribution, she has become a foreign exchange student in France. Thank You Auburn Post.

**Team VFW Scouter:** Trailblazer Day: Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 at Camp Hinds in Raymond or Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade. Welcoming to Scouting, calling all new cub scouts and families, join us for a fun day of activities. The Trailblazer program is a fun filled day for cub scouts and parents to introduce them to the outdoors and the adventures of scouting and camp.

Trailblazer Day Features: BB Gun safety & shooting, archery target shooting, slingshot course, obstacle course, wildlife activities and more, Camp Trading Post open. Check-in at 8:30–9:00 with activities running from 9:15-3:30. Cost only \$8.00 per person, includes BBQ lunch, trailblazer patch for all. Trailblazer Day is sponsored by the U.S. Sportsmen Alliance in conjunction with Pine Tree Council, BSA. For more information, call PTC @ 797-5252 or see our website: [www.PineTreebsa.org](http://www.PineTreebsa.org).

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**AMERICANISM/LOYALTY DAY  
Douglas M. Dowling, Chairman**

Some of the Americanism activities you can support are:

\*Promote the VFW Citizenship Education Programs to schools and youth groups. Arrange a meeting with a school representative at the elementary, middle/junior high and high school level and provide the individuals with information on the following programs: The Pledge of Allegiance Program (grades K-2), Flag Education Program (grades 3-5) and the Veterans in the Classroom Program (grades 6-12). Remember to have members participate in “Veterans in the Classroom” Program in November and the Library of Congress Veterans Oral History Project.

\*Nominate a teacher in grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 for the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. One teacher in each of the grade level categories will receive an all-expense-paid trip to attend a VFW and Ladies Auxiliary National Conference, \$1,000 for professional development, \$1,000 for their school and a plaque. Post judging deadline, November 15. Post winning entries are sent to District judging who will forward their selection for Department judging by December 15. Recognize local teachers of the Post competition with the VFW Citizenship Education Teachers Award from the VFW.

\*Have your POST sponsor community programs on Veterans related holidays (i.e. POW/MIA Day, Veterans Day, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Loyalty Day, Memorial Day, etc.). Speeches can be requested from the VFW Public Affairs Office @ 816-756-3390. Please request at least two weeks prior to activity date.

\*Conduct a “**Get Out The Vote**” program in your community. Assist citizens in obtaining the information on registering and conduct a “Candidates Night.” Especially promote the importance of these topics in our young people.

These are only some of the suggested activities that constitute a program. Remember, the activities your Post conducts are important for your community and country. Keep details about your completed activities and report them to the Community Activity Chairman. You can “tell your story” about your Posts activities to the

local media and elected officials. Your Department will be asking you to report these activities, including the volunteer hours and dollars spent to complete the activity.

Several Posts throughout the Department have yet to submit reports for Loyalty Day.

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***NATIONAL HOME***  
***William R Doughty, Chairman***

Greetings Comrades: As your Chairman for the VFW National Home, it is my duty to remind you that we, the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, have a solemn duty to support the widows and orphans who reside there. Each time we meet in our business sessions, we are admonished at the very start of our meeting as the opening prayer is read by the Chaplain of our duty. We dare not shirk this call to action on our part. Previously, I have asked each Post to contact me and let me know what your monetary goal for your contribution will be this year. As I stated before, this is an estimate of what you believe is a responsible response to the plea for support from National Home and is not a pledge. All I am asking is for you to say, "This is the amount we think we can raise this year". With that information in hand, I can then establish how much I can plan to send to the National Home in 2011-2012. I suggest that you plan a special event at your Post to raise part of the amount and then seek support from your community. Most local businesses and citizens have no idea that we have such a facility to assist the widows and orphans of Veterans.

If you need some ideas about fund raising please contact me, Chaplain Bill Doughty at 207-773-9580 or wdoughty2@maine.rr.com. You can reach me also at Post 6859 in Portland, Maine. I am here to serve you and the VFW National Home.

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***CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER***  
***Wayne H. Elkins, CNR***

With the great State of Maine Air Show and the Windsor Fair over, there has been a big difference on who attends these events. A lot of the younger Veterans and their families are not visiting these events. We picked up 3 new members and 10 prospects from the Windsor Fair and 2 prospects from the Air Show. This is a big difference from the past few years. There are still Posts out there putting together Recruiting events and I will support them the best way I can. Membership is the key to the VFW and what we can do to assist our Veterans so remember the 3 R's:

***Retain – Reinstate – and Recruit***

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

***Homeless Veterans:*** The Stand-Down is scheduled for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. You should have received the flyer from Andre via his weekly updates. As you see there are many more pickup locations. Check the flyer and get the word out to the veterans in need. We are preparing for 125 veterans this year. We are increasing the PR so everyone should be aware of this important event for our homeless veterans. As we have in the past three years, we will again be manning the clothing distribution. If you can be in the area on the afternoon of the Stand-Down let me know. We can use about 8 volunteers to assist. The morning is a drag for the clothing. If you come for the lunch and help in the clothing, you will enjoy the event. Contact me at 432-7127. Please let me know if you are coming so the volunteer coordinator will make sure there is no one standing around feeling useless. Since the Stand-Down is a large project, we have not been working on other issues. The Homeless Veterans team is very active in solving problem for the veterans. If you find a vet in

need, have them call 1-877-421-8263 and ask for the Homeless Veteran Assistance Team. I would like to thank the Naples VFW Post 11362 (\$30 donation), Hampden VFW Post 4633 (\$50 donation), Waterville VFW Post 1285 (\$200 donation) and Auburn VFW Post 1603 (\$225 donation) to the Homeless Veterans fund at the VAVS office.

**Veterans' Cemetery South:** As we discussed at the July Council of Administration meeting in Sanford, the State of Maine wants funds from the Cemetery Associations for the operation and maintenance of the cemeteries. We in the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery Association are opposed to raising funds for the operation and maintenance of the cemetery because the grant from the VA states that the sole responsibility for those functions belong to the state of tribal government that accepted the grant. Since we are the newest cemetery, we have a lot of projects to fund. We are trying to raise funds for those projects. With the economy in the state it has been in for several years, we are not receiving many donations. The families that want to relocate their loved ones have to pay the total cost. They are not able to make donations because of that fact. This will be discussed again at the Council of Administration in Jay. Please think about how you feel about this request from the State of Maine and tell your District Commander how your post wants to handle this request. Our next meeting of the SMVMCA will be on the Thursday (Oct13) before the meeting in Jay. If you have any interest in this, come to the Sanford VFW at 10:00 AM for the meeting. Again, if you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact me at james.bachelor@metrocast.net or call 477-2877 between 9 am to 9 pm.

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**IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN VETERANS**  
**Steven San Pedro, Chairman**

Comrades: After attending the 112<sup>th</sup> National Convention, I will say that I have a better understanding of my committee. The first two hour session, we had I felt like we weren't going to accomplish much. The next day, we met for four hours and we had a very productive meeting. The main issue discussed was membership. How do we get the young Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans to join our organization? The number one thing we heard is that we need to stop saying VFW and start saying Veterans of Foreign Wars. The young Veterans associate the VFW with old people sitting in a bar drinking and telling war stories. By saying Veterans of Foreign Wars, we let them know they are joining an elite organization of all combat Veterans. So I ask that we all give this a try. Also, our committee has recommended to the Commander-in-Chief that we get a National Spokesman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars that the young Veterans can associate with. Another recommendation was to sponsor a UFC Fighter. There are many of them that have served their country and this is a really big sport among the young Veterans. These are a few things that we talked about while at the convention. Next month, I will focus on some things that you can do at the Post level to help recruit these young Veterans. As always, I am here for you and if you need anything, contact me at sanpedro105@roadrunner.com

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

**VSO:** The VFW Service Office continues to function very well. The volume of claims being handled by the office remains consistent. The VA anticipates it will continue to work on the surplus of Agent Orange cases through October. Our Assistant Service Officer Jim Ware left on September 16<sup>th</sup> for training by National at Annapolis, MD and will return to the office on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Questionnaires that we are receiving are generally very favorable.

**MVH:** The residents of the Maine Veterans' Home in Machias traveled to Campobello Island to have a special tea at Eleanor Roosevelt's cottage, the Hub-bard Cottage. The residents were very excited to attend this tea and hear all about Eleanor Roosevelt. They connected with this event and Eleanor herself as this was a part

of their era and their history. They drank tea and ate homemade cookies while the speakers shared special moments of Eleanor's life that many of the residents remembered. They asked many questions and shared moments they themselves had reflecting back on Eleanor's time on Campobello Island. The residents really enjoyed the trip and it is planned again for next year. During this month, MVH met with DHHS Elder Services to re-start meetings on implementation of LD 873, a bill to establish an adult day healthcare program for Veterans in Lewiston. The former head of ES was let go by the Administration last month. She was the DHHS lead for the project. So, it will now be necessary to rework requirements, action plans, and timelines. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, a documentary film crew from Russia will be at our Scarborough Home to interview staff and residents. The visit was set up in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State and the purpose of the program is to build ties with the former USSR republics by inviting reporters and filmmakers to learn about the US. This team will look at how US Veterans are treated after their military service.

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**WOMENS' VETERANS**  
**Janet L. Michaud, Chairman**

I attended 3 meetings at the Convention for the "She Serves" Program. The Membership Program requires a Recruiting Event and it would be advantageous to include the women in the Post along with current recruiting brochures. The Membership Chairman and National Recruiter can assist your Post with the recruiting brochure available which explains this tool. 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. The new Bangor Clinic is up and running and has more availabilities for Women to have medical needs met. Advocates are available for all female Veterans upon request; contact me for female Veterans available around the State who will assist.

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**WREATH ACROSS AMERICA (WAA)**  
**Charles J. McGillicuddy, Chairman**

Each Post in Maine with a Color Guard should give consideration to presenting the colors at one of the preliminary events for Wreaths Across America in December. Events:

1. **December 4, 2011, Sunday:** Ellsworth in the mid morning, the beginning of the convoy to Arlington. Opportunity for multiple Color Guards.
2. **December 4, 2011, Sunday:** Portland in the early evening. Another gang buster convoy event.
3. **December 5, 2011, Monday:** Wreath laying at the State House in Augusta. Assemble in Hall of Flags by 10 am, ceremony starts at 11:30, laying of wreath at 12 noon. The VFW should be represented at this event. Contact me at [vfwmcgill@msn.com](mailto:vfwmcgill@msn.com) -- individuals or Posts, whoever can make it.
4. And all over the state, wreath laying at 12 noon on **December 10, 2011, Saturday.**

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**PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**  
**RESOLUTIONS & BY-LAWS/WEBSITE COORDINATOR CHAIRMAN 2011-12**  
**Thomas R. Lussier, PSC**  
**[Tlussie1@maine.rr.com](mailto:Tlussie1@maine.rr.com)**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAW/WEBSITE COORDINATOR CHAIRMAN 2011-12**  
**THOMAS R. LUSSIER, NCM**  
**[Tlussie1@maine.rr.com](mailto: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)*

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***PUBLIC RELATIONS***

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

VFW Post 1603 Auburn (31), VFW Post 1285 Waterville (2),  
VFW Post 3108 Belfast (5), VFW 1641 Rumford (2) VFW Post 6859 Portland (4)  
VFW Post 4633 Hampden (2), VFW Post 3335 Jay (1) VFW Post 109 Ellsworth (1)  
VFW Post 2599 Presque Isle (1)

***Post Newsletters received from***

VFW Post 6859 Portland (2), VFW Post 1603 Auburn (2), 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 (1)

***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.”***

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***RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAWS***

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***Website Coordinator***

*The Department Website is in good working order.*

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

**COMRADES and SISTERS:**

I have received (8) donations for a total of \$725.00 as of Sept 20, 2011

**POSTS AND THOSE THAT HAVE DONATED ARE:**

**> NONE THIS MONTH <**

**All Donations are used for PERPETUAL CARE, MAINTENANCE and BEAUTIFICATION at the Cemetery. Anyone that wishes to donate may send a check made out to: “VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION” and mail to: Arthur J. Roy, 330 Russell St, Lewiston, Me 04240. PLEASE EARMARK ALL CHECKS FOR: BEAUTIFICATION - PERPETUAL CARE OR MAINTENANCE. All donations can only be used with a vote of the Association. AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 10<sup>th</sup> AT THE SANFORD VFW POST 9935 THE COUNCIL VOTED NOT TO DONATE MONIES FOR PERPETUAL CARE OR MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERY-"STATES DUTY."**



**PROGRAM STATUS REPORT**

Post/Location Sept,24,2011	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
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>													
2599 Presque Isle	X	X					X	X	X				
6187 Ft. Fairfield													
9389 Caribou	X	X					X	X	X				
9609 Ft. Kent	X	X					X	X					
9699 Ashland													
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>													
1438 Lincoln													
1605 Burlington	X	X	X	X			X	X	X				
2299 Sherman													
4154 Millinocket	X	X	X	X					X				
7529 Island Falls													
9429 West Enfield													
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>													
558 Eastport													
9779 Calais	X	X		X			X	X	X			X	
11299 Perry													
11553 Harrington	X	X		X			X	X	X				
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>													
109 Ellsworth													
1761 Bangor													
3381 Old Town	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			X	
4527 Orrington	X	X					X	X	X			X	
4633 Hampden	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X	
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>													
3198 Skowhegan			X										
4298 Dexter	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X			
5723 Jackman			X										
6924 Fairfield			X								X		
7865 Madison	X	X	X				X	X	X		X		
7866 Norridgewock	X	X	X	X			X	X					
8934 Embden			X								X		
10881 Farmington	X	X	X	X			X	X					
11191 Newport													
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>													
2499 Rockland			X										
3095 Friendship	X	X	X				X	X	X				
3108 Belfast	X	X	X				X	X	X				
4169 Vinalhaven			X										
6131 Northport	X	X	X					X	X	X			X
9437 Washington			X										
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>													
2197 Topsham			X									X	
4525 Waldoboro			X										
7738 Bath			X										
8395 New Harbor	X	X	X				X	X	X				
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
<b>100%</b>													

Post/Location Sept,24,2011	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
DISTRICT 8													
9 Gardiner	X	X	X				X	X	X				
887 Augusta	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X		
1285 Waterville	X	X	X	X			X	X	X				
8835 Winslow	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X		
9526 Winthrop			X										
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			100%										
DISTRICT 9													
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				
9150 Lewiston	X	X	X				X	X	X				
9459 Lisbon	X	X	X					X	X				
9787 South Paris	X	X	X				X	X	X			X	X
11032 Greene	X	X	X				X	X					
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	100%	100%	100%					100%					
DISTRICT 10													
832 So. Portland	X	X					X	X	X				
6783 Lovell													
6859 Portland	X	X					X						
7642 East Hiram													
9328 Harrison	X	X					X	X	X				
9605 Long Island													
10529 Yarmouth													
10643 Windham													
10879 Gorham													
11362 Naples	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X		
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 11													
489 Biddeford			X										
5744 So. Berwick			X						X				
6548 Kennebunk	X	X	X				X	X	X				
6977 York Beach	X	X	X	X			X	X			X	X	
7997 Old Orchard Beach			X	X									
9394 Kittery	X	X	X	X									
9935 Sanford			X	X									
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			100%										

<b>“SHAPING THE FUTURE - REMEMBERING THE PAST” w/ KEVIN G. WOODWARD, COMMANDER</b>			
<b>DIVISION LEADERS</b>		<b>SEPT 26, 2011</b>	
<b>&gt;&gt; ALL-STATE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT CONVENTION BANQUET &lt;&lt;</b>			
<b>DIV. I (10-50) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>		<b>DIV. IV (201-300) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>	
1. 3095 FRIENDSHIP . . . . .	100.0%	1. 9459 Lisbon . . . . .	84.7%
2. 4527 Orrington . . . . .	92.5%	2. 1603 Auburn . . . . .	83.1%
3. 11191 Newport . . . . .	91.1%	3. 9935 Sanford . . . . .	82.1%
<b>DIV. II (51-100) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>		<b>DIV. V (301-450) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>	
1. 1438 Lincoln . . . . .	97.1%	1. 1285 WATERVILLE . . . . .	102.8%
2. 7738 Bath . . . . .	94.2%	2. 3381 Old Town . . . . .	87.0%
3. 7529 Island Falls . . . . .	89.8%	3. 8835 Winslow . . . . .	86.4%
<b>DIV. III (101-200) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>		<b>DIV. VI (451-1000) TOP 3 POSTS IN DIV.</b>	
1. 10529 YARMOUTH . . . . .	101.0%	1. 9389 Caribou . . . . .	91.1%
2. 9699 Ashland . . . . .	91.5%	2. 832 South Portland . . . . .	82.8%
3. 489 Biddeford . . . . .	91.2%	3. 6859 Portland . . . . .	77.2%
<b>TEN HIGHEST POSTS BY %</b>		<b>I TEN LARGEST POSTS</b>	
1. 1285 WATERVILLE - - - - -	102.8%	1. 832 South Portland - - - - -	477
2. 10529 YARMOUTH - - - - -	101.0%	2. 9389 Caribou - - - - -	439
3. 3095 FRIENDSHIP - - - - -	100.0%	3. 1285 WATERVILLE - - - - -	437
4. 1438 Lincoln - - - - -	97.1%	4. 8835 Winslow - - - - -	361
5. 7738 Bath - - - - -	94.2%	5. 3335 Jay - - - - -	361
6. 4527 Orrington - - - - -	92.5%	6. 6859 Portland - - - - -	356
7. 9699 Ashland - - - - -	91.5%	7. 3381 Old Town - - - - -	295
8. 489 Biddeford - - - - -	91.2%	8. 1761 Bangor - - - - -	285
9. 11191 Newport - - - - -	91.1%	9. 6977 York Beach - - - - -	255
10. 9389 Caribou - - - - -	91.1%	10. 887 Augusta - - - - -	217
<b>DISTRICT STANDINGS</b>		<b>I MAGIC NUMBERS FOR 2010-11</b>	
1. District 8 Armstrong . . . . .	84.36%	<b>&gt; 10,682 MEMBERS FOR 100% DEPARTMENT &lt;</b>	
2. District 1 Rouse . . . . .	84.19%	<b>WE HAVE = 8,738 - WE NEED = 1,944</b>	
3. District 4 Mattson . . . . .	83.58%	<b>ALL POSTS/DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AT 80%</b>	
4. District 2 Goodwin . . . . .	82.87%	<b>“STATE CONVENTION” – JUNE 10-11-12, 2011</b>	
5. District 6 Farris . . . . .	82.22%	<b>10 N/R MEMBERS AND YOU EARN A WHITE VFW</b>	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MAINE</b>		<b>SHIRT – 20 YOU EARN A VFW JACKET</b>	
6. District 5 Beaulieu . . . . .	81.72%	<b>ALL DEPT OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO RECRUIT</b>	
7. District 10 SanPedro . . . . .	81.26%	<b>AT LEAST 3 N/R MEMBERS – “WELL?”</b>	
8. District 7 Dearborn . . . . .	81.03%	<b>LET’S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND</b>	
9. District 9 Francis . . . . .	80.23%	<b>RETAIN – RECRUIT &amp; REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS</b>	
10. District 11 Spaulding . . . . .	79.49%	<b>NEED HELP or HAVE QUESTIONS</b>	
11. District 3 Mitchell . . . . .	77.51%	<b>ASK ANYONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM OK?</b>	
<b>ARTHUR J. ROY "ASSISTANT STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN"</b>			

DIST	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2011	9/26/2011	L/M	CONT	N/R	L/MN	MEMB%	DUES:
1	4	2599	Presque Isle	570	202	142	118	16	8	0	70.3%	\$26.00
1	3	6187	FortFairfield	228	105	85	69	16	0	0	81.0%	\$26.00
1	6	9389	Caribou	867	482	439	415	20	4	0	91.1%	\$25.00
1	3	9609	Fort Kent	526	170	132	102	30	0	0	77.6%	\$26.00
1	3	9699	Ashland	291	129	118	109	9	0	0	91.5%	\$26.00
1			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2482</b>	<b>1088</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84.19%</b>	
2	2	1438	Lincoln	135	68	66	63	3	0	0	97.1%	\$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	168	154	14	0	0	81.6%	\$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	44	37	7	0	0	75.9%	\$22.00
2			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>82.87%</b>	
3	1	558	Eastport	184	49	34	28	6	0	0	69.4%	\$23.00
3	1	9779	Calais	85	51	40	28	10	2	0	78.4%	\$22.00
3	2	11299	Perry	186	79	66	60	6	0	0	83.5%	\$24.00
3	3	11553	Harrington	224	199	153	139	12	2	0	76.9%	\$25.00
3			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77.51%</b>	
4	3	109	Ellsworth	355	183	159	147	11	1	1	86.9%	\$25.00
4	5	1761	Bangor	703	362	285	215	63	7	0	78.7%	\$25.00
4	5	3381	Old Town	604	339	295	265	22	8	0	87.0%	\$25.00
4	1	4527	Orrington	110	40	37	33	4	0	0	92.5%	\$24.00
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	148	120	107	12	1	0	81.1%	\$25.00
4			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2056</b>	<b>1072</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>83.58%</b>	
5	3	3198	Skowhegan	323	111	85	73	12	0	0	76.6%	\$25.00
5	3	4298	Dexter	141	107	80	59	20	1	0	74.8%	\$25.00
5	1	5723	Jackman Station	57	12	6	3	3	0	0	50.0%	\$25.00
5	3	6924	Fairfield	436	179	151	142	8	1	0	84.4%	\$25.00
5	3	7865	Madison	163	108	91	50	38	3	0	84.3%	\$21.00
5	1	7866	Norridgewock	69	15	13	7	5	1	0	86.7%	\$24.00
5	2	8934	Embden	138	67	58	46	12	0	0	86.6%	\$23.00
5	1	10881	Farmington	45	29	25	22	2	1	0	86.2%	\$25.00
5	1	11191	Newport	65	45	41	27	10	4	0	91.1%	\$20.50
5			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1437</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>81.72%</b>	
6	3	2499	Rockland	277	105	79	76	3	0	0	75.2%	\$27.00
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	34	34	28	5	1	0	100.0%	\$21.00
6	3	3108	Belfast	320	119	97	83	13	1	0	81.5%	\$26.00
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	19	15	12	3	0	0	78.9%	\$21.00
6	2	6131	Northport	230	75	63	57	6	0	0	84.0%	\$26.00
6	2	9437	Washington	135	53	45	43	2	0	0	84.9%	\$24.00
6			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>82.22%</b>	
7	2	2197	Topsham	114	69	53	41	12	0	1	76.8%	\$25.00
7	2	4525	Waldoboro	218	64	42	36	5	1	0	65.6%	\$20.50
7	2	7738	Bath	198	69	65	61	2	2	0	94.2%	\$20.50
7	2	8395	New Harbor	297	88	75	60	14	1	0	85.2%	\$23.00
7			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>81.03%</b>	
8	2	9	Gardiner	143	97	74	57	17	0	0	76.3%	\$25.00
8	5	887	Augusta	352	303	217	193	19	5	0	71.6%	\$30.00
8	5	1285	Waterville	600	425	437	295	112	30	0	102.8%	\$28.00
8	5	8835	Winslow	792	418	361	348	13	0	0	86.4%	\$27.00
8	2	9526	Winthrop	123	87	33	30	3	0	0	37.9%	\$25.00

8	<b>TOTALS</b>			2010	1330	1122	923	164	35	0	84.36%	
9	4	1603	Auburn	505	260	216	177	21	18	0	83.1%	\$31.00
9	4	1641	Rumford	882	253	191	133	50	8	1	75.5%	\$25.00
9	5	3335	Jay	647	431	361	319	40	2	0	83.8%	\$25.00
9	3	9150	Lewiston	199	145	101	84	16	1	0	69.7%	\$22.00
9	4	9459	Lisbon	546	242	205	185	19	1	0	84.7%	\$30.00
9	4	9787	South Paris	421	206	157	138	18	1	0	76.2%	\$25.00
9	1	11032	Greene	68	46	39	36	3	0	0	84.8%	\$26.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3268</b>	<b>1583</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>1072</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>80.23%</b>	
10	6	832	South Portland	1701	576	477	443	32	2	0	82.8%	\$30.00
10	2	6783	Lovell	110	59	51	45	6	0	0	86.4%	\$25.00
10	6	6859	Portland	1051	461	356	313	36	7	1	77.2%	\$25.00
10	1	7642	East Hiram	137	45	36	31	4	1	0	80.0%	\$25.00
10	2	9328	Harrison	95	62	45	43	2	0	0	72.6%	\$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	11	0	0	101.0%	\$25.00
10	2	10643	Windham	81	66	60	46	13	1	0	90.9%	\$31.00
10	1	10879	Gorham	68	35	19	15	4	0	0	54.3%	\$25.00
10	1	11362	Naples	49	39	32	27	4	1	0	82.1%	\$28.50
10			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3454</b>	<b>1473</b>	<b>1197</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>81.26%</b>	
11	3	489	Biddeford	489	181	165	160	5	0	0	91.2%	\$20.50
11	3	5744	SoBerwick	167	167	142	111	28	3	0	85.0%	\$21.00
11	1	6548	Kennebunk	121	32	27	24	1	2	0	84.4%	\$23.50
11	5	6977	York Beach	348	297	255	218	36	1	0	85.9%	\$30.00
11	3	7997	O.O.B.	322	206	107	85	20	2	0	51.9%	\$25.00
11	2	9394	Kittery	126	59	46	38	8	0	0	78.0%	\$26.00
11	4	9935	Sanford	506	262	215	197	13	5	1	82.1%	\$25.00
11			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2079</b>	<b>1204</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>79.49%</b>	
		15020	M.A.L.	800	684	553	445	85	23	1	80.8%	\$35.00
		<b>9/26</b>		<b>21230</b>	<b>10682</b>	<b>8738</b>	<b>7475</b>	<b>1097</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>81.8%</b>	

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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"

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*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

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*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)

FWV 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**

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**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

\*\*\*\*\*Cut\*\*\*\*\*

Meals Totals \_\_\_\_\_ x \$27.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NO ASSIGNED SEATING\***

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**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)*



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