



Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars



Shaping the Future * Remembering the Past

September 2011

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 3

“SPECIAL NOTICE – SPECIAL NOTICE”

Absence of the Commander: During the period of August 27 thru 4 September, Commander Woodward and most Department Officers will be out of the State for the National Convention in San Antonio, TX. During this period, anyone needing assistance are to contact State Inspector Donald W. Linscott Jr. @ 782-6873, Cell 333-2737 or email dlinscot@roadrunner.com.

Maine Officers Leadership Development (MOLD) Seminar: Will be held September 24th at Post 1761; 1368 Hammond St, Bangor for Districts 1 thru 5 and September 25th at Post 6859; 687 Forest Ave, Portland for Districts 6 thru 11. ***This year’s MOLD is geared for District/Post Commanders, Quartermasters, Adjutants and 3 Year Trustees although anyone are invited to attend.*** Try to attend to the nearest seminar as possible to make your travel easier. ***Cost for attendees is \$10.00 per person (See attached form in these GOs.) Note: Deadline for applications to be received by this office is NLT 20 September 2011.***

IRS Notice: Any Posts and Districts that have received a letter from the IRS revoking their non-profit status are to notify the State Adjutant’s office ASAP.

Disaster Relief Request: Cmdr Woodward has authorized the following release and has instructed this is a volunteering donation. The Department has received a financial support request from the Department of North Dakota to assist their VFW and Auxiliary members who have been hit with a major loss during the recent flooding in North Dakota. Any Posts and/or Auxiliaries wishing to make a donation may do so by writing on the check ***“ND VFW Disaster Relief Fund”*** and mail their donation to ***“Dale Ronning, QM/Adj, VFW Dept of ND, 1440 Maple Lane, West Fargo, ND 58078.”***

1. October CoA Meeting: Will be held in Jay, ME on 15-16 October. The Hotel will be the Comfort Inn & Suites, 1026 US Rte 2, E. Wilton, ME, tel: 645-5155, rates are \$99.00. ***Please note that your cutoff date for reservations at the hotel is 14 September 2011 to receive the \$99.00 rates.*** After that date, the rates will be going to \$130.00. ***Check in to the hotel when arriving on Friday or Saturday is not until 3 p.m.*** On Sunday morning, the VFW will meet at the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the K.C. Hall.

NOTE: Jay Post will be having a Roast Pork supper on Friday, 14 October for everyone who are coming in early for the CoA Meeting and the State President testimonial. The menu will consist of Roast Pork, Mashed Potato and Gravy, Vegetable, Tea, Coffee & Dessert. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Supper will start at 5 pm. If you plan on attending, please call the Post at 897-5112 after 12 noon with the number of people planning on having supper that night.

2. State President Testimonial: Will be held on Saturday, October 15 at the Knights of Columbus. Social hour will be 5-6 pm; banquet will be at 6 pm. Cost of banquet tickets is \$20.00 per person. ***Please annotate on the banquet form (Application is attached to these GOs) whether you wish Pot Roast or Beef.*** Mail your check to ***Kelly Hebert, 25 Otis St, Livermore Falls, ME 04254*** and make your check payable to ***Kelly Hebert.*** ***Deadline for banquet ticket purchase is October 1, 2011.***

3. Win a Free Trip Through VFW's Return to Vietnam Drawing: Any VFW members who has received a Purple Heart for being wounded in Vietnam could be one of 9* lucky vets to win VFW's "Return to Vietnam" trip which will be from January 5-18, 2012. Airfare, accommodations and meals are included in the package. Entries must be received prior to the drawing on October 14, 2011. To register for the free trip, go to ***www.vfw.org*** and click on "Win a Free Trip Through VFW's Return to Vietnam Drawing." All other instructions are included on the website.

4. 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.

5. Buddy Poppies: Ordering of Buddy Poppies will be completed thru the State Quartermaster Alfred E. Michaud Sr. (***Order form is enclosed in these GOs.***) Cost of the Poppies is \$57.50 per 500 with a minimum order of 500. Make your check payable to "***Department of Maine, VFW***" and forward your order to "***QM Alfred E. Michaud Sr., 82 Dunham Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989.***"

6. VFW National Public Servant Awards: Posts are asked to submit three nominees (one for each career area) to the State Adjutant Office not later than January 1, 2012 for the following awards: VFW National Law Enforcement Award, VFW National Firefighter Award and VFW National Emergency Medical Technician. If you have any questions as to the format required, please contact the State Adjutant Office ASAP.

7. 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.

8. Voting at Post Meetings: In the conducting of Post elections or other routine business, each Post member in good standing present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote. In the case of an election by pre-printed ballot each member in good standing shall be entitled to cast one ballot during the hours of balloting determined by vote of the Post as outlined in Section 217 of the Manual of Procedure. Voting may only be accomplished by members in attendance at a meeting or if the printed ballot is used by members presenting themselves and casting their ballot during the specified hours for balloting.

9. Vacancy of Post Quartermaster: Section 220 of the National By-Laws states: Should the vacancy occur in the office of Post Quartermaster, the Post Commander may appoint a Pro Tempore Quartermaster to carry out the duties incident to that office. The appointment shall in no instance exceed more than sixty (60) days and shall be null and void upon the election of a Post Quartermaster.”

10. Letters of Complaint: Over the years, we have received many letters of complaints regarding various issues within several Posts. While all complaints are considered sincere and valid, there is a Chain of Command that must be followed before these letters of concern reach Department Headquarters. If there is an internal post problem, please present it at a Post meeting for resolution. If after doing so, there is no satisfactory resolution, the District Commander should be contacted as the next in the chain of command, if that step proves unsatisfactory. It is impossible for the Department to handle the influx of letters received by this office if the correct procedures are not followed. If you have followed the steps provided above and are still not satisfied with the results, a signed letter should be sent to Department Headquarters so the matter can be addressed as soon as possible. **NOTE:** Sending a letter of complaint directly to National Headquarters does not speed up the process, it actually impedes it. National forwards all complaints back to the Department for review and appropriate action delaying the process even more. National observes the Chain of Command and expects all VFW entities to do the same.

11. Patriot Day, September 11: Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11th is designated as “Patriot Day.” The President request the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day.

12. National POW/MIA Recognition Day, September 17: Posts should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Information on conducting a ceremony can be found in the current VFW Manual of Procedure. Anyone needing a speech; please contact the State Adjutant’s office.

13. 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 2010-11. Also, a copy of your report **MUST** be forwarded to the State Adjutant prior to the CoA meeting for presentation at the meeting.

14. 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.

15. 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

16. District Meeting Dates:

<i>Date</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Dept Officer</i>
10 Sep	1	9609 – Fort Kent (At Post 9389, Caribou)	2:00 pm	JVC Williams
11 Sep	11	9935 – Sanford	2:00 pm	SVC Reilly
18 Sep	4	109 – Ellsworth	2:00 pm	Adj Dumas
18 Sep	8	8835 – Winslow	2:00 pm	Cmdr Woodward
18 Sep	10	6859 – Portland	1:00 pm	QM Michaud
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

17. Directory Changes: (Make the following pen and ink changes to your Directory)

Pg 3 – Historian Bernard – Chg cell # to: 653-5334

Pg 26 – D-8 – Chg Adj to: Roland Choate Jr., 15 Rutabegger Lane, Farmingdale, ME 04344, tel: (Cell) 485-8484, (B) 430-5902

Pg 51 – Post 8395 – Chg address Cmdr Simmons to: 356 Bunker Hill Rd., Newcastle, ME 04553-3114, tel: 563-5295

Pg 52 – Post 9150 – Chg Cmdr MacDonald address to: 6 Jolin St., Lewiston, ME 04240-1801

Pg 62 – Post 11299 – Chg address Cmdr Fredette to: PO Box 85, Eastport, ME 04631, tel: 207-214-4691

Pg 63 – Post 11553 – Chg address Adj Benner to: 94 Mill River Rd, Harrington, ME 04643

18. Dates to Remember:

Sep 5 – Labor Day

Sep 11 – Patriot's Day

Sep 15-18 – Commander-in-Chief Homecoming, Quincy, MA

Sep 16 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sep 22-25 – National President Homecoming, Sacramento, CA

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 18-20 – Eastern States Conference, Dover, DE

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,

The year is now well underway and the reports are showing that you are actively involved with our programs. Keep up the good work and remember to submit your activity reports and receive the credits that you have deservedly earned. The entire organization and your communities will benefit by the efforts that you put into the programs.

*I know that I am repeating myself here but I think that it is important to do so. My motto is “**Shaping the Future – Remembering the Past**”. We all have the opportunity to help to strengthen not only our Department but the entire organization making it ready to move into the future to meet the needs of our fellow Veterans and their families by bringing them into our family. One of the ways we do this is by remembering what has been done by those who preceded us. There is no better way to accomplish our goals than do work in unity and not as individuals.*

*As membership is the strength of our organization we should all be working to **Recruit, Retain and Reinstate**. We are strength in numbers.*

By the time you read these GO's, your line officers and delegates will have returned from San Antonio having attended the 112th VFW National Convention. We will share the pertinent information with you in next month's GO's.

*In closing, I would like to reiterate what we all hear at the opening at each of our meetings “Comrades, we are assembled again to transact business of mutual benefit. Do not let petty jealousies of trivial personalities influence our deliberations.” We must remember that we are all part of an organization that is working for a common goal “**to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members**”. 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.*

*“**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

July 20 – August 19, 2011

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

District 1

6187 - *LIBBY*, Larry A. - Vietnam

District 2

4154 - *WARDWELL*, Dale E. – Korea/Vietnam

District 4

1761 - *WALKER*, James R. - Vietnam

District 7

8395 - *GENTHNER*, Herman – WW II

District 8

9 –*MARTIN*, Walter – WW II

1285 - *TREMBLAY*, Henry L. – WW II

District 9

9459 - *SIMARD*, Robert G.

District 11

6977 - *DIXON*, Arthur G. – WW II

***RAMSDELL*, Neil L. – Korea**

***STANWOOD*, Harold K. – WW II**

9394 - *RHODES*, Wilbur N. – WW II

Members-at-Large

15020 – *GOODIE*, David G.



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



Comrades, as this edition of the GO's is published, we will be returning from the National Convention in San Antonio. Information will be distributed as we visit District meetings throughout the State.

Commanders Special Project: Donations for the Commander's Special Project (House in the Woods) have been coming in at a fairly steady pace so far. I want to sincerely thank those Posts that have sent in their donations already. I hope that the other Posts will consider taking care of contributing to this worthwhile project soon so that the Department can have 100% participation.

POW/MIA: POW/MIA Day is September 16. Post should make an effort to hold a special service to remember the sacrifices and service of those who were Prisoners of War (POW) as well as those who are missing in action (MIA) and their families. Reports can also be submitted for displaying a table for one or flying the POW/MIA Flag over your post homes.

I look forward to seeing you at meetings throughout the State. Working as a team, we can support Commander Woodward to have a successful and rewarding year. Remember, your Department Officers are always only a phone call away.

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

Community Activities: More Posts are starting to send in reports. I'm sure that there are many more Posts that are doing projects and that are not reporting them. The reason I say that is because every meeting that I've attended, the Posts have done a blood drive or a fund raiser or attended a Funeral but they're not being reported so that they can get credit. Take a couple of minutes and fill out a report and get credit for your Post. The more reports I get; the more credit for the Department. So for the month of September, let's see if every Post can do at least 1 report; that's my challenge for the month. Each Post send in one report and in the next GO's' I'll let everyone know how we did. Thank You.

JVC: Can you believe that summer has come and gone. This past month, I got all of District 9 Inspections done and out of the way and also collected all the dues from each Post also. I attended a District Meeting, many Post meetings. Attended the Funeral for the Service Member killed in action from the Herman area. At present, I'm preparing to attend the National Convention in San Antonio and will report back to the membership with any information regarding Community Activities. So everyone, have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend.

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

Q/M: Bonding all Posts that are not bonded through the Department need to send a copy of their Bond to the State Quartermaster. Incorporation, please provide a copy of your Incorporation paper to the State Quartermaster and Adjutant. Those Post and Districts that received a letter from the IRS revoking their Non-Profitable status please inform the State Adjutant via phone or e-mail. Post and Districts *that have not sent a copy of their April 1 to 30 June audit form* to State Quartermaster: Post 9699, District 2, Post 1438, Post 2299, District 3, Post 558, Post 9779, Post 11299, Post 11553, District 4, Post 109, Post 4527, Post

5723, Post 6924, Post 7865, Post 7866, Post 2499, Post 4169, Post 7738, Post 8395, District 8, Post 1285, Post 8835, Post 9526, District 9, Post 9459, Post 9787, Post 832, Post 6859, Post 7642, Post 9328, Post 9605, District 11, Post 489, Post 7997.

Buddy Poppy: In the GO's is the form for ordering Poppies, mail completed form and check made out to Department of Maine VFW to me to receive credit in the Activity sheet. Buddy Poppies are not just for one day a year, because any time is poppy time.

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 us at 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.

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. Any questions on anything covered under this heading contact me by phone or e mail or my Assistant Donald Linscott.

MOLD School: Is a tool for you to help you insure you are turning in the right paperwork and forms that are required and filling them out properly. It covers a wide variety of topics and is perfect times to ask those questions that have been bugging you for so long. It also is a training class to bring you up to speed on all the changes taking place in your field.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE
MEMBERSHIP
David C. Olson**

JA: Point of Order: A question or order, or point of order, is raised when there is a violation of the rules of order, or of the bylaws, or the laws of the land, or the mandates or rules of a higher or superior body; or generally, any violation occurring in the course of the proceedings, as when a member is not speaking on the motion before the body. A *proper* point of order can interrupt a speaker. It is raised to insure orderly procedure. Members often call this motion "a point of clarification." **Note:** A point of order should first be raised before there can be any appeal from any improper decision of the Chair.

Membership: Membership for 2011-2012 Year - David C. Olson, Chairman, Arthur J. Roy, PSC, Asst. Membership Chairman. "Shaping the Future ~ Remembering the Past" w/Kevin G. Woodward; State Commander. Statistics for the New Year are not available at this time and will be in the next months GOs. Comrades - Now is the time to start recruiting - the weather is great - **AND** this year there are **two (2)** Early Bird Drawings - you could win a life membership **OR** \$200 in **CASH** - sign up 2 N/R by Sept 30 and you will be entered in the drawings - sign up 10 and you will be entered 5 times - see the Membership Program for complete details. Recruiting is a 24/7, we never close, activity! **RECRUIT, RETAIN AND REINSTATE.**

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

SG: Comrades: As we are all getting a little older, it is imperative that we watch our health. Stroke is one of the leading causes of death in the United States and as such, we should all be aware of the signs of a "STROKE". Here are some warning signs you should look for:

- *Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arms or legs, especially on one side of the body.
- *Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.

- *Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- *Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- *Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

It is important to take immediate action, so if someone you know has one or more of these signs of a "Stroke", get immediate medical treatment. If given within three hours of the start of these symptoms, it greatly reduces long term disability for this common type of "STROKE".

VOD/P/Teacher of the Year: Now is the time to get started on the Voice of Democracy/Patriots' Pen/Teacher of the Year programs. Time is short and goes by quickly.

CHAPLAIN
Charles A. Warden

Getting the Message:

Just the facts "-the bottom line"- the USA Today version "-we want to boil away any confusing details and get to the essence of the matter. Politicians and marketers in the 1990s are very sensitive to the need to get their message across quickly, effectively, and persuasively. The news media, too, carefully calculate the number of sound bites or column inches that will hold our interest.

It's amusing to realize that God too knows how short our attention span can be! The Ten Commandments, the Shema, the Beatitudes-all are Bible passages in which God's essential messages are highly focused and clearly delivered.

These passages are a comfort and an inspiration to us when we feel overwhelmed by the world's complexities and in need of straightforward spiritual direction.

What does God require? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

On whom does God pour his blessings? The poor in spirit, those who mourn the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers. . . .What guidance should be written on our hearts? To love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and might-and our neighbor as ourselves.

The Bible can be an intimidating book. For centuries, scholars have studied its words. Yet the core messages are very direct. God gives us the "bottom-line advice," and, most important, is ever present to help us live it.

Chaplains thought for the month: We don't change the message. The message changes us. Thank you and God Bless. Chaplain Charlie

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

Veterans Advisory to Togus VA: I attended my first meeting on 1 August 2011 with several items on the agenda. The budget for 2011 has been approved. On 10 August, I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of the Portland VA Clinic which was a great success. There were many veterans as well as several delegates from Congress in attendance. The CBOC (Community Based Outpatient Clinic) in Bangor will be officially opening on 26 August with many area veterans and dignitaries expected to attend. Effective 29th August, the Cary Medical Center in Caribou will be granted a pilot program for both inpatient and outpatient care. The efficiency rating for claims processed in Togus is 94% compared to the national rating of 84%. "Way to go" Togus!!! Please know that we need to have all Veterans--male and female--register with the Veterans Administration. This keeps Togus in business.

Beals House: I attended my first meeting on 13 August 2011. I am pleased to report that many donations have been received to date including \$3,000 from the National Guard, \$1,000 from the American Legion, \$1,000 from the VFW and many individual donations from friends of Beals House. Please consider making a donation to this very worthy cause. Your donation helps to keep the House up and running for veterans' families visiting their loved ones at the Togus Medical Center. Thank you for your support!

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

Legislative: My fellow Comrades, there is not much to report this month as Members of the 112th Congress had been on their annual summer vacation the past month and will reconvene 7 September 2011 while the State of Maine 125th Legislature is still on vacation until the middle of September 2011. Once the State of Maine reconvenes, there will be no major issues discussed and/or acted upon until January 2012 when the 2nd regular session convenes. Although there were no major issues associated with Major Veterans Rights and Entitlements this past month, there were two (2) issues that were brought to my attention. The first one that I want to discuss is the "**CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**" of the State of Maine Congressional Districts. Comrades, I strongly suggest that all of you contact our entire Congressional Delegation along with your local State Representatives and express your views on the proposed "**Congressional Redistricting**" of the State of Maine. The second issue is the Military Retirement Program, "**IF NOT BROKEN, DON'T FIX IT**". Comrades, **PLEASE** contact our entire Congressional Delegation and request that they don't **SUPPORT** this proposal. Remember, we and I mean all of us send our Congressional Delegation to Washington, D.C. and we can send them home. As Veterans', we owe it to the future Military Members to support them "Remember We Were Soldiers Once and Young". Comrades, the 2012 General Election will be here before we know it, when you are contacted by the various candidates seeking your support, take them to task and ask them their views on "Veterans' Rights and Entitlements". Remember, once these candidates are elected, they seem to forget who elected them.

Chief of Staff: Comrades, since being appointed Department Chief of Staff, I wish to express the "Hospitality" that I have received since my appointment as been "Super" and I am "Proud", to be a member of Commander Woodward's "Shaping The Future, Remembering The Past" Team. Also, during my travels with Commander Woodward, I must state that he brings a "World of Knowledge to the Table".

Membership: Comrades, it's been three (3) months since the Department has approved the 2011-2012 Membership program. By now, all Post and Districts should have their Membership teams in place and support this years' Membership Program. Remember, the Membership Program, is the **BACKBONE** of the Department if we are to survive to support Veterans' Rights and Entitlements. Remember it's a "**Team Effort**" and don't forget "**OUR YOUNG VETERANS**" which include our "**FEMALE.**" Comrades, remember they are "**COMRADES**" as well.

**NATIONAL COUNCILMAN DISTRICT 1
Eugene A. Pawlik Sr.**

Well, I guess this is my swan song! It's been a memorable two years serving on the National Council of Administration representing our two great Departments. I have many fond memories of my visits to the Department of Maine -- and suppers with the Ladies Auxiliary! I now know about Caribou, Eastport, the Blueberry Capital of the World -- and a host of other tidbits from my travels. To my successor Tom, I wish you a meaningful and rewarding tour of duty -- as well as to Lynn -- for the next whatever years National decides on. To Kevin -- and Barbara -- much success in turning around the membership drain and taking the

Department into the All-American column in Reno. To Andy, thanks for keeping me up to date on the happenings in Maine – CoAs, testimonials, funerals -- as has been noted, the Devil is in the details! I am looking forward to seeing you good Comrades and Sisters in San Antonio!

NATIONAL COUNCILMAN DISTRICT 1 (Elect)
Thomas R. Lussier, PSC

As I write this article, I'm preparing to attend the National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. I'm so honored and respectful to be elected to this high office of our organization and I look forward to representing the Great Departments of Maine and New Hampshire on the National Council of Administration. To my predecessor Eugene Pawlik, thank you for your service, guidance and friendship! I would also like to thank all of the outgoing officers in both Departments for their hard work and successful year. To all the incoming officers, I would like to extend my best wishes for the ensuing year and look forward to working with all of you. There are many interesting changes proposed for this National Convention particularly with the National Council of Administration's composition. I'll keep everyone informed of the outcome.

So until the next time I'd like to leave you with an inspirational quote. See you all soon!

Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

HISTORIAN
Robert H. Bernard, PSC

As you all know by now, the Department Officers and members have returned from the National Convention that was held in San Antonio, Texas. Since all our officers and members are back and settled in, I have a request for those that attended the convention. Would anyone that took photos please forward a copy to me for the Commanders book. You can also put them on a disk or E-mail them to me. Thank you so very much.

As I have said in earlier reports, if you have anything that involves the Department Commander or events that are happening, please send it to me so I can add it to the book. Again thank you. Please send the information to: Robert Bernard, 78 Robie St., Gorham, ME 04038 or email: rbernard@maine.rr.com.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
Rene A. Deschene, SO

Togus: Nehmer claims are still a priority for Togus. There are still about 1,700 claims left and it is expected that almost all of them will be done by the end of September. 800 Maine resident claims have been brokered to other stations; this is to help Togus as they have over 3,600 Maine claims pending.

Post Service Officers Training: Two (2) Post Service Officers training have been scheduled thus far. One will be in Portland at the Deering Memorial Post on September 14th and the other will be at the Sanford Post on September 26. Both training will begin @ 08:00hrs.

Veterans helping Veterans

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

Youth Activities: Posts has held cookouts for the baseball teams. Posts have held fund raising for Girl Scouts and other activities in their towns.

Team VFW Scouter: Pine Tree Council – Council Camping Award. The Pine Tree Council-Council camping award was established to promote the camping facilities at the Pine Tree Council camps and recognize those units that utilize at least four camps in their yearly program. To qualify for the Council camping award a unit will need to have utilized 4 out of the 5 Pine Tree camps for a unit activity during a consecutive 12-months period. Activities must be for at least a 24-hour period and each activity must be attended by no less than 25% of the registered youth in the unit. A special patch is available for members of the qualifying unit if they attended all the 4 unit camping activities. The camping award application form is available on the website www.pinetrebsa.org.

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

Americanism is an unflinching love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to posterity and ourselves.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States promulgated this definition of Americanism jointly with other Veterans organizations at a conference held in Washington in February 1927. Today, Americanism is still around but not everywhere. That is why the Veterans of Foreign Wars must continue to promote Americanism wherever and whenever we can.

Our Bylaws calls for our members to *"...maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever."*

There are a variety of opportunities for teaching patriotism in our local communities. Just a few are:

- *Sponsoring Loyalty Day programs.
- *Make presentations of Americanism/Loyalty literature to schools.
- *At Post functions, decorate the hall and tables.
- *Instruct schools/scouts on Flag etiquette.
- *Color Guard participation.
- *Veterans in the classrooms at schools.
- *Implement a Flag Presentation Program at local schools, nursing homes, police departments, etc.
- *Sponsoring a Citizenship Education program designed to stimulate interest in America's history and traditions and to promote citizenship, civic responsibility and patriotism.

Don't forget, in order to receive credit for Americanism at the Department level, Posts need to report on the Community Activities Reporting Form.

The possibilities are endless and only limited by our imagination. Won't you come and join us, and bring your ideas for other programs which promote patriotism?

NATIONAL HOME
William R Doughty, Chairman

In my last message to you, I requested that each Posts and Districts establish a "GOAL" for raising funds for the National Home. I also asked you to contact me ASAP with that number so I could set an "expected" amount for years 2011/2012.

At this Point only one Post has responded to my request. Thank you Post 9 for your quick action. I would like to thank you in person too when can we meet?? How about the rest of you? I will be happy to come to a Post meeting and bring along a short program about the National Home. Why not have a meal and program for the community. You might get some new members too - everybody wants to help children and Vets families. Let me know ASAP.

Your Comrade always - Chaplain "Bill" Doughty

CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER
Wayne H. Elkins, CNR

As of last month GOs, 3 Posts have done recruiting events. Post 1603 Auburn picked-up 3 new members. Post 2599 Presque Isle picked-up 7 new members at the Northern Maine Fair and Post 1285 Waterville picked-up 12 new members. This is a total of 20 new members in 3 different recruiting events. All it takes is a little effort on each Posts part to do a recruiting event and the State of Maine will reach its goal of 100% in membership. On August 20, I will be doing a Yellow ribbon event in Portland and on the 26-28, I will be at the Air Show in Brunswick and then at the Windsor Fair from August 28 until Labor Day. Let's remember the 3R's of membership.

Retain, Reinstate and Recruit.

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

Homeless Veterans: The Stand-Down is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. 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. 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 Veteran in need, have them call 1-877-421-8263 and ask for the Homeless Veteran Assistance Team. I would like to thank the ***Northport VFW Post 6131, Kittery VFW Post 9394 and South Paris VFW Post 9787 for their \$25.00 donations*** to the Homeless Veterans fund at the VAVS office.

Veterans' Cemetery South: The first transfer of a family member from the Augusta State Cemetery to Springvale is underway. We expect this to pickup if the families can raise the funds necessary to make the transfer. We were always under the impression that there would be no cost to the families but with today's economy, here we are. The construction will be starting shortly. We will be glad to see the end so the grounds can be returned to the lush green we have been accustomed to seeing this summer. We are working on the front gate. This requires the removal and replacement of the gates on the opposite sides. Believe me,

it will look a lot nicer when it is finished. We have several individuals that will be volunteering their services. The cost will be minimal. The emblems that will be attached after the gates are relocated will cost a lot less than the original specification. The SMVMCA has looked at both items and agree that the less expensive emblems will look great on the entrance. We have not received any donation for the beautification of the cemetery this month. 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.

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN VETERANS
Steven San Pedro, Chairman

Comrades: The 112th National Convention in San Antonio is right around the corner and I am really looking forward to attending it. During the Convention, I will have two meetings with my counterparts from across the nation. I hope to learn more about new programs and policies concerning Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans. Also, I hope to learn what other states are doing to help recruit these Veterans. I am sure that there will be issues brought up and we will discuss them in great detail. So if any of you have anything that you would like me to bring up, please email your question/issue to sanpedro105@roadrunner.com

WOMENS' VETERANS
Janet L. Michaud, Chairman

She Serves is a site available to all Women Veterans who join the VFW. They can blog and get other information concerning our particular needs. The Membership Chairman and National Recruiter can assist your Post with the recruiting brochure available which explains this tool. I will have more to report after Convention. Advocates are available for all female veterans upon request; contact me for female veterans available around the state who will assist.

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

I invite all VFW members 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 spend a holiday away from loved ones. In memory of those who never made it home.*** I encourage each Post to give thought to participation in one of the ceremonies planned around the State on December 10th of this year. If the nearest site is not convenient for your Post, consider designating a nearby memorial or cemetery and having it added to the WAA list so that wreaths can be supplied, directions for doing this are on the WAA website. District Commanders are expected to be able to give a report at the next CoA meeting on what each of their Posts are planning.

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 (25), 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)

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 (1)
VFW Post 10529 Yarmouth (1), VFW Post 9 Gardiner (1) VFW Post 7865 Madison (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.”

RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAWS

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***

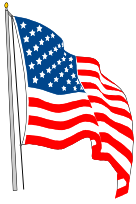
COMRADES and SISTERS:

I have received (6) donations for a total of \$725.00 as of August 20, 2011

POSTS AND THOSE THAT HAVE DONATED ARE:

> NONE THIS MONTH <

All Donations are used for items (shrubs, plants, etc ;) at the Cemetery for Beautification. 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 ONLY **"NOT FOR" PERPETUAL CARE OR MAINTENANCE. I will ask that you get the proper credit. All donations are for the Beautification of the Chapel & Cemetery and can only be used with a vote of the Association. COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 10th AT THE SANFORD VFW POST 9935 VOTED NOT TO DONATE MONIES FOR PERPETUAL CARE OR MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERY-"STATES DUTY"**



Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
 Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System
 163 Mt. Vernon Road
 Augusta, ME 04330
 Tel.: 207-287-3481
 Fax: 207-2873483



MAINE VETERANS' MEMORIAL CEMETERY ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION

Please complete the items listed below and mail to the above address so that eligibility may be determined.

1) Name of Veteran _____ 2) Tel.# _____

3) Address _____ 4) City _____ 5) State _____ 6) Zip _____

7) Date of Birth _____ 8) Service/Serial # _____

9) Social Security # _____ 10) County residing in _____

11) Please list names and relationships eligibility is requested for:

Spouse _____ (must be married to the veteran to be eligible)

Unmarried Dependent Child who became incapable of self-support before reaching 18 years of age due to a mental or physical disability _____

12) Please **select** from the following your preference for a burial location within the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System:

- Northern Maine (37 Lombard Road, Caribou)
- Central Maine (163 Mt. Vernon Road, Augusta)
- Southern Maine (83 Stanley Road, Springvale)

Please submit with your application proof of military service as follows:

Active Duty – Please submit a **certified** copy of your DD214 or equivalent (If more than one period of service, please submit a copy of each DD214 you were issued).

National Guard/Reservists – Please submit a copy of your 20-year retirement letter and a DD214, NGB22 or equivalent.

I hereby authorize the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to release information pertaining to my military service to the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery System. This includes my dates of service, branch of service and the character of the discharge that I received.

Signature of Veteran

Date

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
21 August 2011													
DISTRICT 1													
2599 Presque Isle	X	X					X	X	X				
6187 Ft. Fairfield													
9389 Caribou													
9609 Ft. Kent	X	X					X	X					
9699 Ashland													
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 2													
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													
DISTRICT 3													
558 Eastport													
9779 Calais	X	X		X			X	X	X			X	
11299 Perry													
11553 Harrington													
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 4													
109 Ellsworth													
1761 Bangor													
3381 Old Town												X	
4527 Orrington	X	X					X	X	X			X	
4633 Hampden	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X	
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 5													
3198 Skowhegan													
4298 Dexter	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X			
5723 Jackman													
6924 Fairfield											X		
7865 Madison	X	X					X	X	X		X		
7866 Norridgewock													
8934 Embden											X		
10881 Farmington													
11191 Newport													
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX													
DISTRICT 6													
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			100%										

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
21 August 2011													
DISTRICT 7													
2197 Topsham			X									X	
4525 Waldoboro			X										
7738 Bath			X										
8395 New Harbor	X	X	X				X	X	X				
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			100%										
DISTRICT 8													
9 Gardiner	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			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				
9150 Lewiston	X	X	X										
9459 Lisbon	X	X	X										
9787 South Paris	X	X	X				X	X	X			X	X
11032 Greene	X	X	X										
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	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			X										
489 Biddeford			X										
5744 So. Berwick			X						X				
6548 Kennebunk			X										
6977 York Beach			X									X	X
7997 Old Orchard Beach			X										
9394 Kittery	X	X	X										
9935 Sanford			X										
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			100%										

DIST	Di v	Post #	Name	HIGH	2011	8/20/2011	L/M	CONT	N/R	L/MN	MEMB %	DUES:
1	4	2599	Presque Isle	570	202	20	0	14	6	0	9.9%	\$26.00
1	3	6187	FortFairfield	228	105	14	0	14	0	0	13.3%	\$26.00
1	6	9389	Caribou	867	482	18	0	16	2	0	3.7%	\$25.00
1	3	9609	Fort Kent	526	170	27	0	27	0	0	15.9%	\$26.00
1	3	9699	Ashland	291	129	9	0	9	0	0	7.0%	\$26.00
1			TOTALS	2482	1088	88	0	80	8	0	8.09%	
2	2	1438	Lincoln	135	68	3	0	3	0	0	4.4%	\$25.00
2	2	1605	Burlington	76	66	1	0	0	1	0	1.5%	\$23.00
2	1	2299	ShermanSt	97	45	7	0	7	0	0	15.6%	\$21.00
2	4	4154	Millinocket	494	206	12	0	12	0	0	5.8%	\$30.00
2	2	7529	Island Falls	81	59	6	0	5	1	0	10.2%	\$26.00
2	2	9429	West Enfield	84	58	4	0	4	0	0	6.9%	\$22.00
2			TOTALS	967	502	33	0	31	2	0	6.57%	
3	1	558	Eastport	184	49	6	0	6	0	0	12.2%	\$23.00
3	1	9779	Calais	85	51	5	0	4	1	0	9.8%	\$22.00
3	2	11299	Perry	186	79	6	0	6	0	0	7.6%	\$24.00
3	3	11553	Harrington	224	199	11	0	10	1	0	5.5%	\$25.00
3			TOTALS	679	378	28	0	26	2	0	7.41%	
4	3	109	Ellsworth	355	183	9	0	8	1	0	4.9%	\$25.00
4	5	1761	Bangor	703	362	38	0	37	1	0	10.5%	\$25.00
4	5	3381	Old Town	604	339	23	0	21	2	0	6.8%	\$25.00
4	1	4527	Orrington	110	40	3	0	3	0	0	7.5%	\$24.00
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	148	11	0	10	1	0	7.4%	\$25.00
4			TOTALS	2056	1072	84	0	79	5	0	7.84%	
5	3	3198	Skowhegan	323	111	11	0	11	0	0	9.9%	\$25.00
5	3	4298	Dexter	141	107	19	0	18	1	0	17.8%	\$25.00
5	1	5723	Jackman Station	57	12	2	0	2	0	0	16.7%	\$25.00
5	3	6924	Fairfield	436	179	8	0	7	1	0	4.5%	\$25.00
5	3	7865	Madison	163	108	12	0	11	1	0	11.1%	\$21.00
5	1	7866	Norridgewock	69	15	5	0	5	0	0	33.3%	\$24.00
5	2	8934	Embden	138	67	10	0	10	0	0	14.9%	\$23.00
5	1	10881	Farmington	45	29	2	0	1	1	0	6.9%	\$25.00
5	1	11191	Newport	65	45	10	0	7	3	0	22.2%	\$20.50
5			TOTALS	1437	673	79	0	72	7	0	11.74%	
6	3	2499	Rockland	277	105	3	0	3	0	0	2.9%	\$27.00
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	34	6	0	5	1	0	17.6%	\$21.00
6	3	3108	Belfast	320	119	10	0	9	1	0	8.4%	\$26.00
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	19	3	0	3	0	0	15.8%	\$21.00
6	2	6131	Northport	230	75	5	0	5	0	0	6.7%	\$26.00
6	2	9437	Washington	135	53	2	0	2	0	0	3.8%	\$24.00
6			TOTALS	1171	405	29	0	27	2	0	7.16%	
7	2	2197	Topsham	114	69	5	0	5	0	0	7.2%	\$25.00
7	2	4525	Waldoboro	218	64	5	0	5	0	0	7.8%	\$20.50
7	2	7738	Bath	198	69	4	0	2	2	0	5.8%	\$20.50
7	2	8395	New Harbor	297	88	14	0	13	1	0	15.9%	\$23.00
7			TOTALS	827	290	28	0	25	3	0	9.66%	

8	2	9	Gardiner	143	97	7	0	7	0	0	7.2%	\$25.00
8	5	887	Augusta	352	303	22	0	19	3	0	7.3%	\$30.00
8	5	1285	Waterville	600	425	28	0	7	21	0	6.6%	\$28.00
8	5	8835	Winslow	792	418	12	0	12	0	0	2.9%	\$27.00
8	2	9526	Winthrop	123	87	3	0	3	0	0	3.4%	\$25.00
8			TOTALS	2010	1330	72	0	48	24	0	5.41%	
9	4	1603	Auburn	505	260	19	0	15	4	0	7.3%	\$30.00
9	4	1641	Rumford	882	253	34	0	32	2	0	13.4%	\$25.00
9	5	3335	Jay	647	431	38	0	37	1	0	8.8%	\$25.00
9	3	9150	Lewiston	199	145	14	0	13	1	0	9.7%	\$22.00
9	4	9459	Lisbon	546	242	17	0	16	1	0	7.0%	\$30.00
9	4	9787	South Paris	421	206	15	0	14	1	0	7.3%	\$25.00
9	1	11032	Greene	68	46	3	0	3	0	0	6.5%	\$26.00
			TOTALS	3268	1583	140	0	130	10	0	8.84%	
10	6	832	South Portland	1701	576	33	0	31	2	0	5.7%	\$30.00
10	2	6783	Lovell	110	59	5	0	5	0	0	8.5%	\$25.00
10	6	6859	Portland	1051	461	35	0	31	4	0	7.6%	\$25.00
10	1	7642	East Hiram	137	45	4	0	4	0	0	8.9%	\$25.00
10	2	9328	Harrison	95	62	1	0	1	0	0	1.6%	\$30.00
10	1	9605	Long Island	61	29	6	0	6	0	0	20.7%	\$22.00
10	3	10529	Yarmouth	101	101	1	0	1	0	0	1.0%	\$25.00
10	2	10643	Windham	81	66	8	0	8	0	0	12.1%	\$31.00
10	1	10879	Gorham	68	35	4	0	4	0	0	11.4%	\$25.00
10	1	11362	Naples	49	39	4	0	4	0	0	10.3%	\$28.50
10			TOTALS	3454	1473	101	0	95	6	0	6.86%	
11	3	489	Biddeford	489	181	4	0	4	0	0	2.2%	\$20.50
11	3	5744	SoBerwick	167	167	11	0	8	3	0	6.6%	\$21.00
11	1	6548	Kennebunk	121	32	1	0	1	0	0	3.1%	\$23.50
11	5	6977	York Beach	348	297	7	0	7	0	0	2.4%	\$30.00
11	3	7997	O.O.B.	322	206	20	0	18	2	0	9.7%	\$25.00
11	2	9394	Kittery	126	59	8	0	8	0	0	13.6%	\$26.00
11	4	9935	Sanford	506	262	11	0	11	0	0	4.2%	\$25.00
11			TOTALS	2079	1204	62	0	57	5	0	5.15%	
		15020	M.A.L.	800	684	91	0	75	16	0	13.3%	\$35.00
		8/20		2123								
				0	10682	835	0	745	90	0	7.8%	

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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"
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*Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
Buddy Poppy Order Form*



DATE: _____

POST NUMBER: _____ POST NAME: _____

SHIP TO: (Name): _____

ADDRESS: _____
(No P.O. Boxes. Must have a Street Address)

DATE OF SALE: _____

REMEMBER: It usually takes 4 to 6 weeks to receive your Poppies. **Plan Ahead.**

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
_____ Poppies (Minimum 500)	\$ 115.00 Per 1,000 _____
_____ Poppies (Minimum 500)	\$ 57.50 Per 500 _____

PLEASE SEND THE ORDER & CHECK TO:
*Alfred E. Michaud Sr., Quartermaster
Department of Maine V.F.W
82 Dunham Rd
Vassalboro, ME 04989*
Make your check payable to: "Department of Maine, VFW"

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

Date Receipt Returned to Post: \_\_\_\_\_  
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This receipt acknowledges that Post # _____ has requested & ordered Buddy Poppies:
on _____.

(Signature, Department Quartermaster)



Graves Registration Report

Department of Maine, VFW



Mail to: Charles A. Warden, Chaplain
 Department of Maine, VFW
 398 Indian River Rd
 Addison, ME 04606

Subject: Report of Deceased Comrade

Post # _____ District # _____ regrets to report the death of:

(Last Name) (Middle Initial) (First Name)

Whose Address was: _____

Who Served with: _____ During: _____
 (Branch of Service) (War Era: WW I, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, etc.)

Date of Death: _____ Place of Death: _____

Place of Burial/Cemetery: _____

Name & Address if Next of Kin: _____

(Street Address) (Town or City) (State) (Zip Code)

Relationship: _____ Obituary Enclosed: _____

Signed: _____ Name _____ Office: _____ Date: _____
 (Print Name)

Date Received & Recorded: _____

Date Receipt Returned to Post: _____

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

_____ on _____

to the Department Chaplain.

 (Signature, Department Chaplain)

(All previous forms are obsolete. Updated June 13, 2010)



Testimonial

State President Barbara Cook

Saturday October 15, 2011
 Knights of Columbus Hall (KC)
 Main St ~ Rte 4, Jay

Social Hour - 5:00- 6:00 pm
 Dinner - 6:00 pm
 Dress Attire – Casual

**** Menu ****

Harvest Dinner
 Pot Roast **OR** Turkey
 Mashed Potatoes
 Squash, Boiled Onions, Carrots,
 Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce
 Garden Salad
 Rolls & Butter
 Variety of Desserts
 Coffee & Tea
Cost Per Person \$20.00

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Please Reserve the following

Meals: Pot Roast: _____ Turkey: _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

Please make check Payable to: **Kelly Hebert**
 Mail to: **Kelly Hebert**
 25 Otis Street
 Livermore Falls, Maine 04254

TICKET DEADLINE: October 1, 2011

(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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MAINE OFFICERS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (MOLD)

TO BE HELD AT

**Norman N. Dow–Isaac E. Clewley Post 1761
1368 Hammond St., Bangor, ME 04401
“September 24, 2011 * 0800 - 4:30 pm”
Attendees – Districts 1 – 5**

**Deering Memorial Post 6859
687 Forest Ave, Portland, ME 04051
“September 25, 2011 * 0800 – 4:30 pm”
Attendees – Districts 6 - 11**

This year’s MOLD is for District/Post Commanders, Quartermasters, Adjutant and 3 Year Trustees.

Send the complete form, along with a check and/or money order in the amount **as listed below** for the MOLD School. Cost for the MOLD school **will be \$10.00 per person.**

NOTE: The fee includes a lunch at noon time and donuts in the morning upon your arrival. Once you have sent in your application, you will receive a letter with special instructions.

Checks and/or Money Orders are to be made payable to: **“Department of Maine, VFW.”** **Send both the form and check and/or money order NLT 20 September 2011 to:**

**Andre L. Dumas, MOLD Chairman
64 Washburn St., B-1, Caribou, ME 04736-2125**

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***Department of Maine
Maine Officers Leadership Development (MOLD)***

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

VFW Post #: _____ Title: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

NOTE: See General Orders for more information.

(Make Copies as needed for Other Comrades Who Wish to Attend)