



Monthly Newsletter

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POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

I want to start off by saying thank you for electing me again as Commander. This isn't a role I take for granted and I want to see the Post continue to grow. Please attend the meetings, in person or virtual because this is YOUR POST and your voice matters.

There a couple events planned in July. The first being our inaugural Independence Day Ceremony at 0900 hours in front of City Hall. I would like to see as many members there as possible. Second is our Nashua Silver Knights game against the War Dogs (veteran baseball team) If you would like to attend, please see Lew. This is expected to be a fun, exciting and Patriotic game.

As always, if you have any ideas, comments or concerns please let me know.

Yours in comradeship,

Chris DiTullio
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State Commander's Message



From the Desk of the Department Commander July 2024



Comrades of Nashua Post 483,

Thank you for all you did in your community this past year and for everything you will do this coming year! I appreciate those who have stepped up to the plate that is holding an elected or appointed position in the Post this year. Thank you for helping us accomplish the mission this coming year!

Membership is going to be one of my priorities this year. I have been preaching this for years. Since my year as Membership Chair I have been very focused on membership. If each of us could just recruit one member (that's only 1) our Department and the entire National organization will look much different. I challenge you to please go out of your comfort zone. Talk to Veterans. As I have said in the past...one million times...we all know eligible Veterans in our own social circles that are not members. Please ask. Last time I looked we have 8 of 38 Posts that have not recruited 1 new member. This is unacceptable. Post 483, to date (June 21st), has recruited 6 new and 2 reinstated members. Thank you for your hard work. You are at nearly 92% so we need to work a bit harder next year. Lets continue to "Meet the Challenge"!

Please let me know if you have any questions of me.

Andrew "AJ" Corrow
Commander, Department of New Hampshire
United States Army (Retired)
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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

No Article Submitted



DISTRICT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

The membership year is coming to a close. Next week it's time to prepare for the 2024-2025 year. Let's start out strong. Our first meeting of the year will be Sunday, September 8, in Hudson. There will be a picnic following our district meeting. More information to follow. Have a great summer.

**Isaac Miller
Commander, District 6
Department of NH**



DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE & CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER



2024-7 Dept. NH VFW National Legislative Committee Member, VAVS VAMC Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter

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As of July 1, we are in the new VFW year, and I hope that everyone will do their part to help our new Dept NH VFW Cdr. Andrew Corrow achieve another successful year in reaching all our goals for our state in his year.

I will continue to act as the chair for my assignments and will pass on information as I receive it. I had to give up the Homeless Chair title due to my inability to do physical labor and to travel as much as I used to, but I will still support the activities that fall under that title as I still handle requests for assistance from the various organizations that have our number, and other projects that are in the works. Once we find a new Homeless Chair, I will gladly help transition the activities over to that person. I will still be involved as needed; I just won't have the title.

Our election cycle is coming to a head, and I hope every one of you is engaged with your party of choice. From your local town candidates all the way to the federal level, your vote counts, so don't stay home. If you don't like the person your party has picked as the candidate, whether it's a senile fossil or brash loudmouth, you'd better look at what your party's overall results are when they are in power for the next four years. You and thousands of others like you will determine whether we remain a republic of limited government control or become a democracy of unlimited government control and limited personal rights and responsibilities. You decide it with your vote, choose wisely.

As is the case every year, increasing our membership is what our main priority should be. We need to get new, younger members in, and somehow get them to be active in our organization. We must get more of our new members to attend at least some, if not most of our official functions and meetings. We are not teaching our new members what our traditions are, what we are supposed to do, and why we do it. They can change us if they don't like how and why we do things, but they can't do it by staying home or quitting the VFW. Change has to come from within and it takes work and commitment. Please do your part and recruit, and then mentor at least one new member this year.

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National Legislative Committee Representative
Certified National Recruiter
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POST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



June 28, 2024

From the desk of:
Brenda Byrne - President
Nashua VFW Auxiliary #483

Brothers and sisters,

Welcome to the new 2024 - 2025 Auxiliary year!

Newly elected officers will officially be in place on July 1st. Your 2024 - 2025 officers are:

President - Brenda Byrne
Sr. Vice President / Trustee #1 - Diane Ordway
Jr. Vice President / Trustee # 3 - Gloria Kane
Treasurer / Secretary - Renee Plante
Chaplin / Patriotic Instructor - Loretta Murray
Conductor - Carolyn Marineau
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2025 dues may now be paid. Dues are \$25.00 per year and checks, made out to
Nashua VFW Auxiliary #483, may be sent to:
Nashua VFW Auxiliary #483
8 East Pearl Street
Nashua, NH 03060

At the recent Department Convention, our Shirley Labonte was posthumously voted Queen of the Convention. Our Auxiliary received a framed certificate and a beautiful bejeweled crown to commemorate this so deserved honor bestowed upon Shirley!

We will host a Buddy Poppy Drive on July 4th, 5th and 6th from 9:00am to 5:00pm each day. The drive will be held at Route 13 State Line Convenient Mart, 44B Route 13, Brookline, NH. Please reach out to me if you would like to help out with this important fundraiser which allows us to continue our mission of supporting our Veterans.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, July 12 at 1:00pm at the Post Home, 8 East Pearl St. in Nashua. Please come and join us. We'd love to see you!

Wishing all of you a safe and happy Independence Day weekend. Don't forget to thank a vet!

Respectfully,
Brenda Byrne - President
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Greetings from the chaplain's desk

Decease members: None

Hope this report finds everyone doing well and enjoying the Summer weather. Remember to take precautions during the extreme heat, and stay safe during all of your summer activities.

The post did participate in funeral ceremony services for Donald Smith, a combat veteran, at the request of family. Get well wishes continue to go out to comrade Chuck Ashworth, who is recovering from recent illness. Keep him in your prayers.

Remember to look out for friends and neighbors during these summer heat waves. If you are aware of any of our veterans in need of assistance, please advise the post.

Yours In Comradeship
Herbert CT Townsend
Chaplain Post 483

HOUSE COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT 6 & C of A MEETING SCHEDULE

The District 6 meetings are shown in BLUE and scheduled for 1000 unless otherwise noted, dress is blues and grays unless otherwise notified. Auxiliary meetings are the same dates as the VFW .
C of A Meeting in Brown

17 Aug. 24: Winchester

19 Oct. 24: Franklin

18 Jan 25: TBD

12 Apr. 25: TBD

6-8 Jun 25: State Convention Shelburne

District Meeting in Blue

Sunday, 8 September 2024 , Hudson

Sunday, 27 October 2024, Derry

Sunday, 26 January 2025, Merrimack

Sunday, 27 April 2025, Pelham (Encampment)



MEMBERSHIP



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	R S	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
6								3		NASH UA	NH	0		

2024-2025 GOAL 102%

RENEW EARLY (IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR EXPIRATION DATE)

(Just moves it out one year)

DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

LOCATION	POST #	%	RETENTION
NASHUA	483	92.15%	93.06%
DERRY	1617	105.20%	95.16%
HUDSON	5791	101.22%	85.11%
SALEM	8546	92.97%	92.68%
MERRIMACK	8641	105.23%	93.52%
PELHAM	10722	105.83%	89.19%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	100.00%	70.00%
HOLLIS	11373	102.13%	90.91%
TOTALS		100.28%	88.70%

RECRUIT!!!!

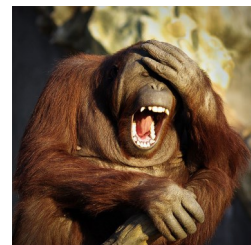
We are in need of new members. July starts the new membership year. We need everyone to be a recruiter. This year we have a good chance of attaining All American if we recruit. Recruiting is the life blood of an organization. We need new members that will participate in our events and attend meeting.

MEETING REMINDER

23 Jul 24 1900
 27 Aug 24 1900
 24 Sep 24 1900
 22 Oct 24 1900
 26 Nov 24 1900
 23 Dec 24 1900
 28 Jan 25 1900
 25 Feb 25 1900
 25 Mar 25 1900
 22 Apr 25 1900
 27 May 25 1900
 24 Jun 25 1900



FUN PAGE



JOKE OF THE MONTH

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Do not mind anything that anyone tells you about anyone else. Judge everyone and everything for yourself.

[Henry James](#)

DID YOU KNOW

After Hawaii, New York is the state surrounded by the most water

MIND TWISTER

A man condemned to death has the option of picking one of the mentioned three rooms. The first room is a furnace filled with flames. The second has armed men with loaded guns, while the third has lions starving for years. Which one should the man choose?

VETERANS INFORMATION

If you own property in Nashua, you should be aware of this ".....Assessor II, Jessica Marchant, said that the requalification process is usually done once every five years, but the office can make a determination how often it is done as long as it is not done more than once a year."

VFW Testifies at House Subcommittee Oversight Hearing: VFW National Veterans Service Director Michael Figlioli testified at a House Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs oversight hearing on the question of whether a rating of Total Disability based on Individual Unemployability (TDIU) properly compensates today's veterans. [Eligible individuals](#) receive a 100% disability rating if their service-connected disabilities preclude employment. Figlioli commented, "Discussions around TDIU often focus on financial aspects, but at its core it's

House Subcommittee Pending Legislation Hearing: VFW National Legislative Deputy Director Kristina Keenan provided a statement for the record on pending legislation to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. The proposed bills included H.R. 7543, *Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2024*, which is a VFW top legislative priority. It recognizes the sacrifices that National Guard and Reserve members make when serving stateside, during short activations, and on long deployments. It would allow any day in uniform receiving military pay to count toward Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility. Keenan wrote, "For years, the sacrifices of Guard and Reserve service members have been overlooked in achieving GI Bill eligibility. The time is now for parity with all the armed forces in earning VA education bene-

VA Volunteers Needed: The VFW is seeking individuals who are willing to make a difference in a veteran's life through the [VA Voluntary Service](#) and [Student Volunteer](#) programs. Whether you can volunteer once, occasionally, or regularly, your assistance and time is priceless to VA and our nation's veterans. VFW membership is not required to participate, so encourage family, friends, and community members to support veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors!



CALENDAR



July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Battle of Gettysburg 1863	2 Battle of Gettysburg 1863	3 Fishing Trip 0800 Battle of Gettysburg 1863	4 4th of July Ceremony 0900 	5 Auxiliary Meeting 1300 	6
7	8 Mayor's Vet Council 1400 	9	10	11	12 Veterans Coffee 0930 	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Vet Home Cootie BBQ 
21	22	23 Post Meeting 1900 	24	25 Baseball Game Holman Stadium 1800 	26	27 National Convention 
28 National Convention 	29 National Convention 	30 National Convention 	31 National Convention 	National Convention 		

ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

The third room, because lions starving for years would be long dead!



POST NEWS

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Auxiliary Meeting Dates

5 Jul 24 1300
2 Aug 24 1300
6 Sep 24 1300
4 Oct 24 1300
1 Nov 24 1300
6 Dec 24 1300
3 Jan 25 1300
7 Feb 25 1300
7 Mar 25 1300
4 Apr 25 1300
2 May 25 1300
6 Jun 25 1300

This year will be doing a 4th of July Ceremony for the first time. It will be held on the 4th of July, at 0900, in front of City Hall. Come out and support our first 4th of July Ceremony. It will not be long. We will be raising a Betsy Ross Thirteen Star Flag, which will fly for 1 week.

On 25 July, we will be honored at Holman Stadium for a game between the Nashua Silver Knights and the War Dogs. The War Dogs are a team made up of veterans the travel the country playing college team. We have reserved a luxury sweet for the game. It will only hold 20-25 people. Those that regularly attend our post meeting have first choice. All others will have to pay \$6 for tickets.



Lining up for the Flag Day Ceremony

See page 23 for more pictures



Indoor Flag Ceremony at the Elks Lodge



QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



We just completed a week of Charitable Gaming at Gate City Casino. We are waiting to hear what we will get this time. We need better support for our fundraising programs from our members. Help with ticket sales, manning booths, taking shifts at our Poppy Drives and other events.

The post Fishing Trip scheduled on 19 June was cancelled due to a problem with the boat. The Company re-scheduled the trip for 3 July, at no cost to us. They failed to notify us of the boat problem and feel they owed us the trip. This was an honorable jester on their part.

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BATTLE OF THE MONTH



Battle of Gettysburg

The **Battle of Gettysburg** (locally /ˈɡɛtɪsbɜːrɡ/ [ⓘ])^[14] was a three-day battle in the [American Civil War](#) fought between [Union](#) and [Confederate](#) forces between July 1 and July 3, 1863, in and around [Gettysburg, Pennsylvania](#). The battle, which was won by the Union, is widely considered the [Civil War's turning point](#), ending the Confederacy's aspirations to establish an independent nation. It was the Civil War's bloodiest battle, claiming over 50,000 combined casualties over three days.^[15]

In the Battle of Gettysburg, Union [Major General George Meade](#)'s [Army of the Potomac](#) defeated attacks by Confederate [General Robert E. Lee](#)'s [Army of Northern Virginia](#), halting Lee's invasion of [the north](#) and forcing his retreat.^[16]

After his success at [Chancellorsville](#) in [Virginia](#) in May 1863, Lee led his Confederate forces through [Shenandoah Valley](#) to begin the [Gettysburg Campaign](#), his second attempted invasion of the north. With Lee's army in high spirits, he intended to shift the focus of the summer campaign from war-ravaged [Northern Virginia](#) in the hopes of penetrating as far as [Harrisburg, Pennsylvania](#) or [Philadelphia](#), which he hoped would convince northern politicians to abandon their prosecution of the war. [President Abraham Lincoln](#) initially prodded Major General [Joseph Hooker](#) to move his Union forces in pursuit of Lee, but relieved Hooker of his command just three days before the battle, replacing him with Meade.

On July 1, 1863, as Lee's forces moved on Gettysburg in the hopes of destroying the Union Army, the two armies initially collided, and the battle commenced. Low ridges to the northwest of Gettysburg were initially defended by a Union cavalry division under Brigadier General [John Buford](#), and soon reinforced with two [corps](#) of Union [infantry](#). Two large Confederate corps assaulted them from the northwest and north, however, collapsing the hastily developed Union lines, leading them to retreat through the streets of Gettysburg to the hills just south of the city.^[17] On the second day of battle, on July 2, the Union line was laid out in a defensive formation resembling a fishhook. In the late afternoon, Lee launched a heavy assault on the Union's left flank, leading to fierce fighting at [Little Round Top](#), the [Wheatfield](#), [Devil's Den](#), and the [Peach Orchard](#). On the Union's right flank, Confederate [demonstrations](#) escalated into full-scale assaults on [Culp's Hill](#) and [Cemetery Hill](#). Despite incurring significant losses, Union forces held their lines.

On the third day of battle, July 3, fighting resumed on Culp's Hill, and cavalry battles raged to the east and south of Gettysburg, but the main military engagement was a dramatic Confederate infantry assault of approximately 12,000 Confederates troops, who led attacked the center of the Union line at [Cemetery Ridge](#) in what is known as [Pickett's Charge](#). The Confederate charge was repelled by Union [rifle](#) and artillery fire, leading to great Confederate losses. The following day, on the [Fourth of July](#), Lee led his Confederate troops on the torturous [retreat from the north](#). Between 46,000 and 51,000 soldiers from both armies were casualties in the three-day battle, representing the most deadly battle in U.S. history.

On November 19, President Lincoln traveled to Gettysburg, where he spoke at a ceremony dedicating [Gettysburg National Cemetery](#) that honored the fallen Union soldiers and redefined the purpose of the Civil War in his





CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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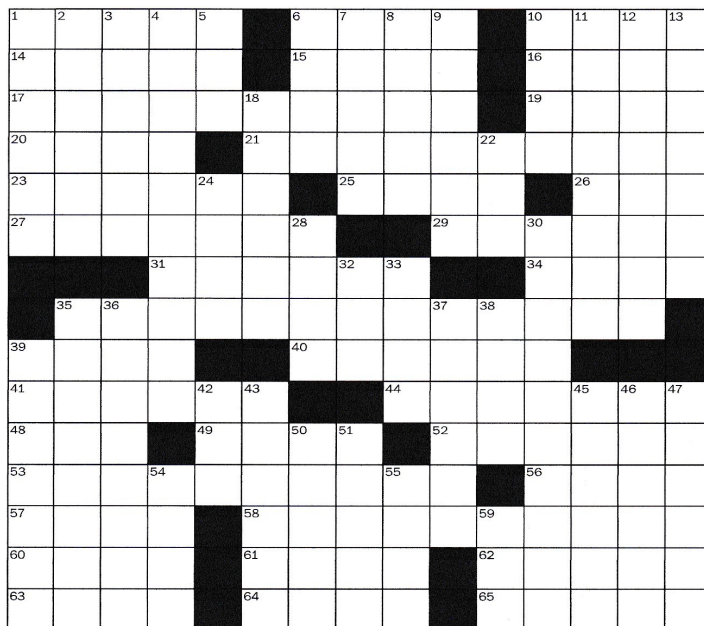
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION



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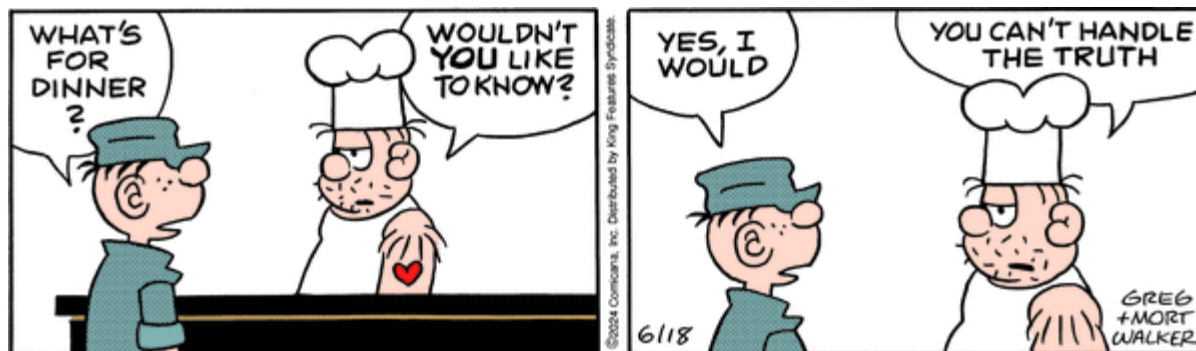
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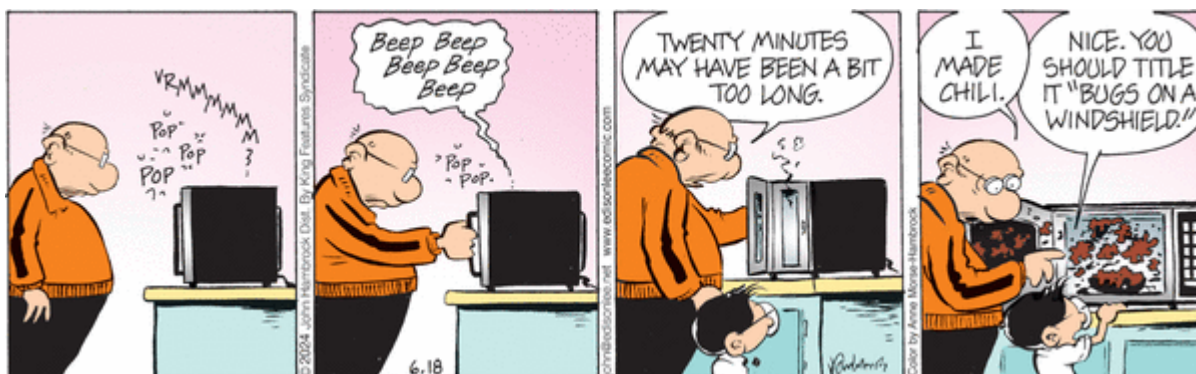
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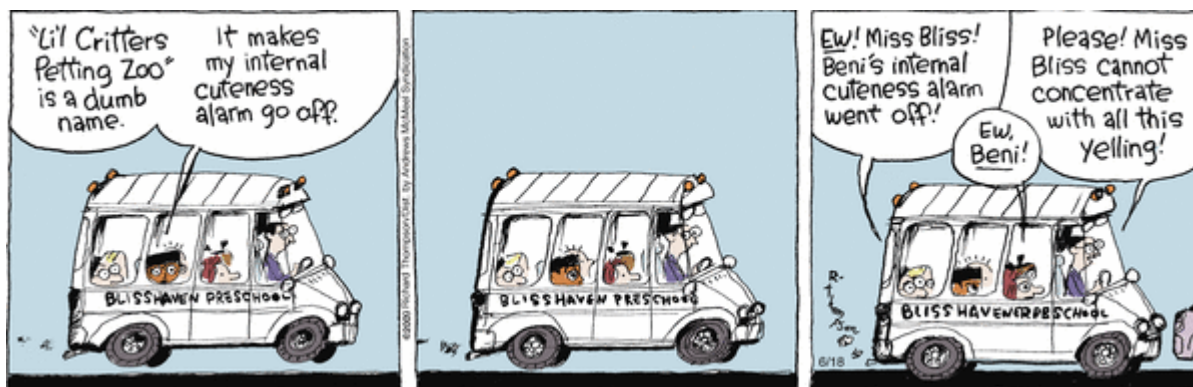
Beetle Bailey by Greg Walker, Brian Walker and Neal Walker



Brilliant Mind of Edison Lee by John Hambrock



Cul de Sac by Richard Thompson





Flyers and posters for your posts events are posted in this section of the newsletter. If you want to advertise your events, please send your flyer or poster via email to the editor to have it posted in this newsletter.



Flag Day at Langdon Place, Jr. Vice Commander, Marc Plante and Quartermaster, Lew Chipola assisted the veterans with their Flag Day Ceremony.



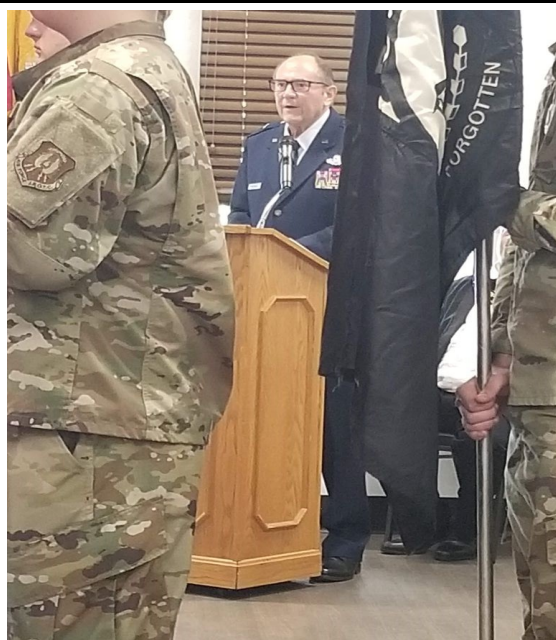
Jr. Vice Commander, Marc Plante at Langdon Place for their Flag Day Ceremony. Veterans were pinned with American Flag Pins.



Chorus and some of the people attending the Flag Ceremony at the Elks.



History of the flag presentation by the Nashua High School Jr. Air Force ROTC Cadets



Guest Speaker, Brigadier General Richard Mitchell.



New ceremony starting this year

*On the 4th of July, at 9:00 A/M, in
front of City Hall, Nashua, NH*

Supported by the Veteran Organizations of Nashua, NH

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

American Legion

Disabled American Veteran (DAV)



See the Betsy Ross Flag raised

IF YOU'VE EARNED THESE



European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



Southwest Asia Service Medal



Afghanistan Campaign Medal



Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon w/ Gold Border



Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal



Korean Service Medal



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal



Iraq Campaign Medal



Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon



American Defense Service Medal



Korean Defense Service Medal



Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal



Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal



Combat Action Ribbon



American Campaign Medal



Army of Occupation / Navy Occupation Service Medal



Navy Expeditionary Medal



Kosovo Campaign Medal



Air Force Combat Action Medal



Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal



Combat Infantryman Badge



Combat Medical Badge



Combat Action Badge



SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia

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AT: _____



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NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
First Middle Initial Last

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

DATES OF SERVICE _____ to _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ PHONE _____
MM / YY MM / YY MM / DD / YYYY

MILITARY SERVICE ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN NAT. GUARD/RESERVE BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINES COAST GUARD

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

WW II	VIETNAM SERVICE	AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present)	HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY
OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE	DESERT SHIELD/STORM	IRAQ (2003 - 2011)	Location _____
KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)	BOSNIA/KOSOVO	SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA	Dates _____
KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)	GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY	EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS	

Payment Authorization - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

ANNUAL MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00.

I authorize the VFW to charge the \$45.00 initial payment and I understand that I will be billed for the remaining 11 monthly installment payments.

Credit Card # _____

(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE _____ AMOUNT \$ _____ Signature: _____

NEW Post # _____ FORMER MEMBER # _____

TRANSFER from Post # _____ State _____ to Post # _____

RECRUITER _____ ID# _____
(Please print)

QUARTERMASTER (Signature) _____

Life Member Options

AGE as of DECEMBER 31*	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debt entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Call VFW Customer Service at 1-800-963-3180 or write to VFW at VFW P.O. Box 119028, Kansas City, MO. 64171 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file for you, explaining why the payment could not be processed, and providing alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW Life Membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a Life Membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an Annual membership card at the time of enrollment. The member may elect to receive a monthly statement by mail or may set up a payment profile to make the monthly payment automatically using a credit/debit card or bank account. A payoff amount will be printed on each monthly invoice, allowing the member the option to pay in full. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The Life Membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted.

Delinquencies will be handled as follows: Up to 30 days - continue to bill, 31 to 120 days - delinquency can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward, More than 120 days - member is dropped from the Installment Plan, all monthly payments made to date, are applied to future years annual dues.

VFW PLEDGE I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:

I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy. I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order. Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval, rejection.

Applicants Signature & Date _____

\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

Committee Member _____ Committee Member _____ Committee Member _____

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Recruited/Recommended by: _____ Recruiter Member ID _____

Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (if already a member) _____

☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life Membership

☐ Rejoin Membership ☐ Rejoined Previous Member ID No. _____ Previous Auxiliary _____

☐ Member at Large in Department of _____ ☐ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Male ☐ Female ☐

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

POST-AFFILIATED (*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

☐ LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____

☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____ ☐ Paying ☐ Nonpaying

☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE (Fill out Life Membership Information below.) Previous Auxiliary _____

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

NON-AFFILIATED (*Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post (if applicable) _____

Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____

Dates of Service: _____ to _____ Location: _____

Investigating Committee Signatures

1 ☒ _____ 2 ☒ _____ 3 ☒ _____

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date _____ Obligated Date _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY ☐ Check here if this is a gift. Credit cards may NOT be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Life Membership Fee _____

Name on credit card _____

Billing address for card _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Credit Card No. _____

CVV Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature ☒ _____ Date _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY

☐ ACH (Bank withdrawal)

Name of Bank _____

Bank Routing No. _____

Account No. _____

Attach voided check HERE.
(Required)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age by 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise.

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. National, and am at least 18 years of age. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature ☒ _____ (Must be signed by all members.)



MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



New Cootie

Reinstated Cootie

Date: _____ Cootie No. _____ Recruited By: _____

Pup Tent Name, Number and Location

Applicant's Name (Print): _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Notify in Emergency: _____

DOB: _____ Branch of Service: _____ Rank (Highest): _____

Enlistment Date: _____ Discharge Date: _____

Hat Size: _____ Present Occupation: _____

Dues paid to December 31, 20____ or VFW Life Member # _____

VFW Post Name and Number

Located in: _____
City State Zip

I certify that I am an active member of the VFW of the U.S.
and am desirous of becoming a member of the MOC –
"The Honor Degree of the VFW".

Applicant's Signature

Recommended and Verified (PRINTED) by:

Cootie No: _____

Cootie No: _____

Accepted into Pup Tent on Date: _____

1st Degree accepted Date: _____2nd Degree accepted Date: _____3rd Degree received and title of Cootie bestowed
on this Date: _____

VFW CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

_____, _____ Located in _____
Post Name Post No. City, State and Zip

This is to certify that Comrade _____

Name of Applicant

Has been a member of the VFW for the preceding six (6) months, and that he has fulfilled one of the
following qualifications as indicated:

(1) Held the following Office in the Post: _____

OR

(2) Served on the following Post Committee: _____

Certified to by a majority of the members present at a meeting of this Post held on (Date): _____

Attest:

Post Adjutant (PRINT)

Post Commander (PRINT)

Post Adjutant (Signature)

Post Commander (Signature)