



# Monthly Newsletter



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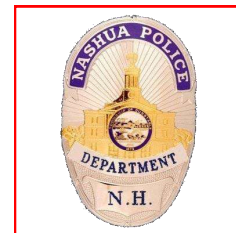
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## POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

Welcome to May!! This year is flying by, but I am excited for warmer weather. I would first like to say thank you to all the members who came out to April's meeting. It was the largest meeting we have had in a while. I would also like to welcome Julia, Drew and Miguel to our Post. Drew and Julia are new members and Miguel was a transfer. Welcome!! I also want to thank Sr Vice James Cline and Past Post Commander Steve Ordway for complying that list of activities we as members can do. There was a lot of choices but great ideas. I don't know about you, but I am excited for the fishing trip!

Remember this is YOUR post if you want to provide input, please attend a meeting. It can be done virtually through WebEx or in person. Our new email addresses for Post Officers are now live and will be used soon. Stay tuned for more information on that.

May 4<sup>th</sup>, (May the Fourth be with you...Star Wars reference) is Loyalty Day. We need volunteers to help set up and taken down. I also want members to attend as we honor our Student Awardees, First Responders and teachers! We are meeting at the Post for 0730 and the ceremony will began at 1000 hours.

Our May Meeting our new Post Officers will be installed. Please attend and thank you to the new Post Officers who have been elected.

Yours in comradeship,

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## State Commander's Message



### Greetings & Salutations from CDR Denis Querrard MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 27<sup>th</sup>

**“Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them.” – Franklin D. Roosevelt**

Let us remember our Veterans and families on Memorial Day; the VFW will be hosting the Memorial Day Ceremony at The New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery on 30 May 2024 at 11:00 am. Come out and join us!

I wish to Thank everyone who attended the COA and Testimonial on April 13<sup>th</sup>, it was a good time had by all; good food, good friends, and best of all your Dept. Commander was wearing a Lava-Lava gifted by our past National Commander William ‘Doc’ Schmitz, 2019-2020.

**Thank you for all you do, the Veterans you help, the communities you serve!**

Let us ‘Take Action’ for the third annual VFW Day of Service on May 4th 2024 as part of the VFW’s #StillServing campaign; lets unite veterans across America to show the nation the impact veterans make in their communities!

Sign up here - <https://todaysvfw.org/day-of-service/>

We only have two months left to the finish line...

The Department is only at 95.19%; District 6 is at 97.22%; how is your post doing on membership and when is your next membership drive? We are inching up in the numbers; please do not wait till June!

**Congratulations to Derry Post 1617 for reaching 101.73%!!**

You need new members to keep your post alive; the Department need new members to give our organization credibility before the state and federal legislature.

**Recruit, Renew, and Retain!**

**Get your message out there and report what you do!!**



## STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### **“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans”**

**Greeting Members,**

**As we are nearing the end of this VFW and VFW Auxiliary year. I am hoping many Auxiliaries have put all their reports in for this year and wish you the best at Department Convention this year.**

**As we go into May, Loyalty Day is coming up at different Posts. We also have Memorial Day and this year the VFW has the program at New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery. Hope to see many attend.**

**Membership, we are only 63 member away from 100% in membership, so if you have not paid your 2024 dues please do so ASAP.**

**As we continue to work together, we will continue to help our veterans, sisters and brothers of this great organization.**

**Thanks,  
Kim Copson  
President**



## DISTRICT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

May is here and Spring is approaching. Most posts should have had elections and most importantly submitted election reports to national and department. I hope you also elected delegates for the Department and National conventions and sent the appropriate fees to the Department Quartermaster. While official reporting ended April 15, and awards are based on reports submitted by then, any reports submitted between now and June 30, will still count for 2023-2024. The department convention will be held in Gorham again and reservations need to be made for the hotel and banquet fees are also due. Please contact me if help is needed with any of this.

District meetings for the 2024-2025 year will be held again as joint meetings with the Auxiliary. Schedules will be posted soon. Coordinated activities in my opinion are important to the success of the VFW. The Department schedule is posted, so now we will plan accordingly.

Isaac Miller  
Commander, VFW District 6



## DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Hello Everyone!! Welcome to May.**

**2024-2025 District Officers**

Congratulations to the incoming District officers for the ensuing year. I am honored to be elected as District President for another term. I look forward to another amazing year!!!

President Trish St Germain

Senior Vice Alina Newcombe

Junior Vice Nikki Wesoly

Secretary Dot Mattson

Treasurer Julie DeRubeis

Chaplain Sandy Hodgkins

Conductor Kim Copson

Guard Rene Plante

Patriotic Instructor Tracy Kelly

\* Trustee (3 Year) Nikki Wesoly

\* Trustee (2 Year) Rita McCabe

• Trustee (1 Year) Alina Newcombe

• National President Visits NH

I had the privilege of meeting National President Carla Martinez and playing a little scrabble with her. She is a wonderful person. I hope some of you had the opportunity for speak with her.

### Department of NH Convention

June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024- C of A Town and Country

June 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2024 Department of NH Convention

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming convention at the Town and Country. You should have received information on rooms and banquet dinner. If not please let me know.

### Important Dates in Military History

May 1, 2024 – Silver Star Banner Day – Per Congressional resolution, it is an “Official Day to honor wounded, ill, and injured Veterans”.

May 10, 2024 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day – This date recognizes the service and sacrifices of military spouses.

May 13, 2024 – Children of Fallen Patriots Day – A day to honor the children left behind by the brave men and women who gave their lives while defending our freedom.

May 18, 2024 – Armed Forces Day – Observed on the third Saturday every May, this is a day dedicated to paying tribute to men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

May 27, 2024 – **Memorial Day** – A solemn occasion to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military. Learn more about Memorial Day here.

**Membership 94.23%. What can I do to help you reach 100%?**

**Reminder if members are not paid by 12/31/2023 they are no longer a member in good standing.**

**Incentive Reminder- For each Auxiliary who converts or enrolls 10 Life members will be put in a drawing for \$500**

Derry 94.42%  
Hudson 102.24%  
Nashua 92.79%  
Pelham 97.06%  
Merrimack 88%

“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans” and “Banding Together for Our Veterans”  
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## **STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE & CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER**



**2024-5 Dept. NH VFW National Legislative Committee Member, VAVS VAMC Manchester  
VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair**

Rev 4-23-24

Our VFW year is ending, and your new or reelected officers should be getting up to speed as to what we will be accomplishing next year. Congratulations to the new and reelected officers. May you have a good, productive term. Now is the time to look back, see what worked and build on that.

In July, at your first VFW member meeting, remember to propose and vote on what your post will be authorizing your officers to perform without getting monthly approvals. The VAMC is always looking for volunteers, and they are constantly in need of funds to sponsor veterans' projects that crop up during the year. Having the authority to donate \$100 without authorization is

Keep an eye on the politics, both national and local. Your vote determines the outcome of where this country is going. You may think you're too busy to bother and that your vote and input doesn't count, but you are very wrong if you do not vote yourself. Every vote you don't conduct gives your opposition the advantage. Pay attention, participate, and be an advocate for your beliefs. Be willing to tolerate as much compromise as it takes to advance your cause forwards. Respect opponents' positions, they have the right to disagree. Don't lose elections because you focus on one issue and ignore the whole package. Politics are dirty, if you are not flexible, you will be broken every time.

Finally, we must do a better job of not only getting our younger veterans into our VFW, but once in, to keep them in. They join all types of smaller groups that spark their interest, we need to steal those ideas and incorporate them into our organization. Young veterans have young families, they don't sit at a bar and while their time away. We need to come up with family friendly places and ideas where our veterans' families can come and enjoy some camaraderie.

Jörg Dreusicke  
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 National Legislative Committee Representative  
 Certified National Recruiter  
 Homeless Chair  
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## POST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

Sisters and Brothers,

Our next meeting will be held at the Post home, 8 East Pearl St, Nashua on Friday, May 3 at 1:00 pm. Department Jr. Vice President Tracy Kelley will be in attendance to continue to assist and mentor us. Our newly elected officers will be installed at that time. They are....

Brenda Byrne - President  
Diane Ordway - Sr. Vice President  
Gloria Kane - Jr. Vice President  
Renee Plante - Treasurer  
Loretta Murray - Chaplin  
Carolyn Marineau - Conductor  
Bruce Byrne- Guard  
Bruce Byrne - Trustee #2  
Gloria Kane - Trustee #3

Appointed officers.....

Renee Plante - Secretary  
Loretta Murray - Patriotic Instructor

We will be joining our Nashua VFW Post for their Loyalty Day Celebration on Saturday, May 4 at the Nashua Senior Center, 70 Temple St. The ceremony, to celebrate Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners, Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Police Officer, Outstanding Firefighter and other recipients will begin at 10:00am. A light luncheon will follow. Auxiliary members are welcome to attend.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATE CHANGES:**

June meeting will be held on Friday, June 14 (Flag Day) at 1:00pm. Our regular scheduled meeting conflicted with the Department convention. Since our meeting will now be held after convention, the 2024 - 25 officers will assume their roles at our June meeting.

July meeting will be held on Friday, July 12 at 1:00pm. We voted to move this meeting out one week to allow us to hold a Buddy Poppy drive during the Independence Day weekend.

**IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

The 2025 yearly dues will be increased from \$20.00 to \$25.00 going forward. Please pay your 2025 dues as early as possible after the Department convention in June.

Department Convention is June 7 - 9 at Town and Country Inn and Resort in Shelbourne, NH. The banquet will be held on June 8 and tickets are \$50.00 per person. Deadline to reserve tickets is May 20. Please contact me for more information regarding room rates and banquet tickets.

Respectfully,  
Brenda Byrne  
President - Nashua VFW Auxiliary #483  
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Deceased members:

**Daniel T. Dube**

Mr. Dube a long time member of Post 483, recently passed away after a period of declining health. I attended his wake and condolences were sent out to his family.

Hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to better weather. I know many of our spring projects have been put on hold and we're anxious to get to them.

Get well wishes continue to go out to comrade Chuck Ashworth, who is recovering from recent illness. Remember to keep him in your prayers as he continues to recover.

If you are aware of any of our veterans, who may need assistance, please advise the Post so that we may reach out to them.

Yours in Comradeship  
Herbert CT Townsend  
Chaplain  
Post 483

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Herbert "C.T." Townsend  
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Chris DiTullio Commander  
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Lewis Chipola-Quartermaster  
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Scott Gagnon  
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Steve Ordway

### DISTRICT 6 & C of A MEETING SCHEDULE

#### Council of Administration Meetings

**19 August 2023: Littleton Post 816 1000**

**28 October 2023 Kingston 1300**

**20 January 2024: TBA 1300**

**13 April 2024: Mountain View Grand Resort 1000**

#### DISTRICT 6 MEETING SCHEDULE

**12 August 2023: Derry 1000**

**21 October 2023: Hudson 1000**

**13 January 2024: Merrimack 1000**

**30 March 2024: Pelham 1000**

#### District 6 Auxiliary Schedule

**27 August 2023: Nashua 0930**

**5 November 2023: Pelham 0930**

**28 January 2024: Derry 0930**

**14 April 2024: Merrimack 0930**

All District 6 meetings are shown in BLUE and scheduled for 1000 unless otherwise noted, dress is blues and grays unless otherwise notified. Auxiliary meeting shown in GOLD.



# MEMBERSHIP



## CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	R S	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
6	123	5	2	52	182	204	89.22%	3		NASH UA	NH	0	72	87.50

**2023-2024 GOAL 102%**

**RENEW EARLY (IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR EXPIRATION DATE)**

## DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

LOCATION	POST #	%	RETENTION
NASHUA	483	89.22%	87.50%
DERRY	1617	102.31%	93.55%
HUDSON	5791	98.78%	78.72%
SALEM	8546	92.97%	90.24%
MERRIMACK	8641	102.91%	89.36%
PELHAM	10722	99.17%	75.68%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	94.74%	50.00%
HOLLIS	11373	100.00%	91.91%
TOTALS		97.41%	82.12%

## MEETING REMINDER

- 25 July 2023
  - 22 August 2023
  - 26 September 2023
  - 24 October 2023
  - 28 November 2023
  - 19 December 2023
  - 23 January 2024
  - 27 February 2024
  - 26 March 2024
  - 23 April 2024
  - 28 May 2024
  - 25 June 2024



## FUN PAGE



## JOKE OF THE MONTH

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

There is nothing permanent except change.

[Heraclitus](#)

## DID YOU KNOW

lemons contain more sugar than strawberries

## MIND TWISTER

A man wanted to encrypt his password but he needed to do it in a way so that he could remember it. He had to use seven characters consisting of letters and numbers only (no symbols like ! or <). In order to remember it, he wrote down "You force heaven to be empty." What is his password?



## VETERANS INFORMATION

**VFW Shares Testimony Despite Cancelled Hearing:** VFW National Legislative Director Patrick Murray was slated to testify on more than two dozen issues before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. However, the chance to speak was taken away. "Just because the hearing was cancelled due to politics completely unrelated to veterans, it doesn't mean we don't still have something to say about proposed bills," Murray said.

**Veteran Wins Supreme Court Case on VA Education Benefits:** The Supreme Court sided with James Rudisill in the case *Rudisill v. McDonough* by a 7-2 ruling. This decision could impact up to 1.7 million veterans, allowing those who accrue benefits under both the Montgomery GI Bill and the Post-9/11 GI Bill to use both benefits. Previously, a veteran could earn a maximum of only 36 months of education benefits, and had to either use the Montgomery GI Bill or transfer the entitlement to the newer and more expansive Post-9/11 GI Bill. The court found that Mr. Rudisill, who served in the U.S. Army during three separate time periods, accrued 48 months of benefits under the two different programs. VA is currently reviewing the decision. The VFW will provide updates as we learn the full impact of




**VFW Claims Assistance for K2 Troops:** Veterans with prior service in Uzbekistan at the Karshi Khanabad Air Base, known as K2, who need assistance with their VA disability claims should contact a VFW Service Officer. The VFW is ready to assist K2 veterans who currently have health conditions they believe were caused by toxic exposures during their service in Uzbekistan. This includes veterans who have had VA claims denied, have claims in appeal, or who have never applied. Contact the VFW at [vfw@vfw.org](mailto:vfw@vfw.org) or find a [VFW Service Officer](#) in your area.



# CALENDAR



## May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Cootie Meeting 1900 Hudson	2	3 Auxiliary Meeting 1300	4 Loyalty Day Ceremo- ny Senior Center 1000
5	6	7	8 V-E Day	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Armed Forces Day	20	21	22	23	24 Poppy Drive	25 Poppy Drive
26 Poppy Drive 	27 Memorial Day Cere- monies and Parade 0800 	28 Post Meeting 1900 Post Elections	29	30 Traditional Memorial Day 	31	

### ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

Try to pronounce the sentence like these characters: u472bmt.

## POST NEWS

**BREAKING  
NEWS**



**IF YOU USE FACEBOOK**

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**VFW POST 483 Nashua**

Our Annual Poppy Drive will be 24-26 May. Again, we will be at the Market Baskets in South Nashua and Somerset Plaza on 24-25 May. Also, we will be at the Coliseum Ave. Liquor Store 24-26 May. We need volunteers to fill the slots. You decided to do all three locations instead of just doing the Market Baskets on Memorial Day weekend and the Liquor Store on another weekend. So step up and fill the slots.

We also have a new website for the Post. It has now been up for several months. If you haven't checked it our log on and see it. There is a lot of information there that you may be interested in. Log into [vfw483.org](http://vfw483.org) to see the website.

We have discontinued service from Comcast. Their costs were just to high. We now have Fidium Fiber Optic internet and phone service. We are now saving a considerable amount of money each month. Wifi is available at the post if you log into it when there. Signs are posted with the passwords to log on.

We also have two additional ceremony dates this year. They are July 4th and September 11th. We will hold a ceremony on 4 July in front of City Hall at 0900 to honor Independence Day. On 11 September we will join the Nashua Fire and Police Departments with a ceremony remembering 9/11, at the Hollis Street Fire Station. Time to be announced. Plan on supporting these ceremonies.

### ELECTED POST OFFICERS 2024-2025

**Commander: Chris DiTullio**

**Sr. Vice: James Cline**

**Jr. Vice Marc Plante**

**QM/Adjutant: Lewis Chipola**

**Chaplain: Herbert "C.T." Townsend**

### APPOINTED POST OFFICERS 2024-2025

**Judge Advocate: Angelo Ruocco**

**Service Officer: Lewis Chipola**

**House Committee Chairman: Herbert Townsend**





## QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



We have held two fundraisers, one for the Henry Rifle and the other for a Solo Fire Pit. Support for the raffle was not great. Only a few members stepped up to sell tickets. These raffles are very important to help us raise the funds we need to continue stay solvent. When we hold raffles support them by selling tickets and purchasing one for yourself. Every dollar raised helps us.

Volunteers needed for the Memorial Day Poppy Drive. Get involved in post activities. We need your help!

### State Commanders Special Project

Raffle for a 1911 Hero Custom 45 ACP pistol. Tickets are \$10 each. All proceeds go to Liberty House. See page 27 for flyer with details.

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## BATTLE OF THE MONTH



# Battle of Spotsylvania Court House

The Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, sometimes more simply referred to as the Battle of Spotsylvania (or the 19th-century spelling Spottsylvania), was the second major battle in [Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant](#) and [Maj. Gen. George G. Meade's 1864 Overland Campaign](#) of the [American Civil War](#). Following the bloody but inconclusive [Battle of the Wilderness](#), Grant's army disengaged from [Confederate General Robert E. Lee's](#) army and moved to the southeast, attempting to lure Lee into battle under more favorable conditions. Elements of Lee's army beat the [Union army](#) to the critical crossroads of the Spotsylvania Court House in [Spotsylvania County, Virginia](#), and began entrenching. Fighting occurred on and off from May 8 through May 21, 1864, as Grant tried various schemes to break the Confederate line. In the end, the battle was tactically inconclusive, but both sides declared victory. The Confederacy declared victory because they were able to hold their defenses. The United States declared victory because the [Federal offensive continued](#) and Lee's army suffered losses that could not be replaced. With almost 32,000 casualties on both sides, Spotsylvania was the costliest battle of the campaign.

On May 8, Union [Maj. Gens. Gouverneur K. Warren](#) and [John Sedgwick](#) unsuccessfully attempted to dislodge the Confederates under Maj. Gen. [Richard H. Anderson](#) from Laurel Hill, a position that was blocking them from Spotsylvania Court House. On May 10, Grant ordered attacks across the Confederate line of earthworks, which by now extended over 4 miles (6.4 km), including a prominent [salient](#) known as the Mule Shoe. Although the Union troops failed again at Laurel Hill, an innovative assault attempt by Col. [Emory Upton](#) against the Mule Shoe showed promise.

Grant used Upton's assault technique on a much larger scale on May 12 when he ordered the 15,000 men of Maj. Gen. [Winfield Scott Hancock's](#) corps to assault the Mule Shoe. Hancock was initially successful, but the Confederate leadership rallied and repulsed his incursion. Attacks by Maj. Gen. [Horatio Wright](#) on the western edge of the Mule Shoe, which became known as the "Bloody Angle", involved almost 24 hours of desperate hand-to-hand fighting, some of the most intense of the Civil War. Supporting attacks by Warren and by Maj. Gen. [Ambrose Burnside](#) were unsuccessful.

Grant repositioned his lines in another attempt to engage Lee under more favorable conditions and launched a final attack by Hancock on May 18, which made no progress. A reconnaissance in force by Confederate [Lt. Gen. Richard S. Ewell](#) at Harris farm on May 19 was a costly and pointless failure. On May 21, Grant disengaged from the Confederate Army and started southeast on another maneuver to [turn](#) Lee's right flank, as the Overland Campaign continued and led to the [Battle of North Anna](#).







# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



4/5/24, 2:33 PM

LA Times, Fri, Apr 5, 2024

## The Washington Post

**LA Times, Fri, Apr 5, 2024**

By Laura Dershowitz / Ed. Patti Varol

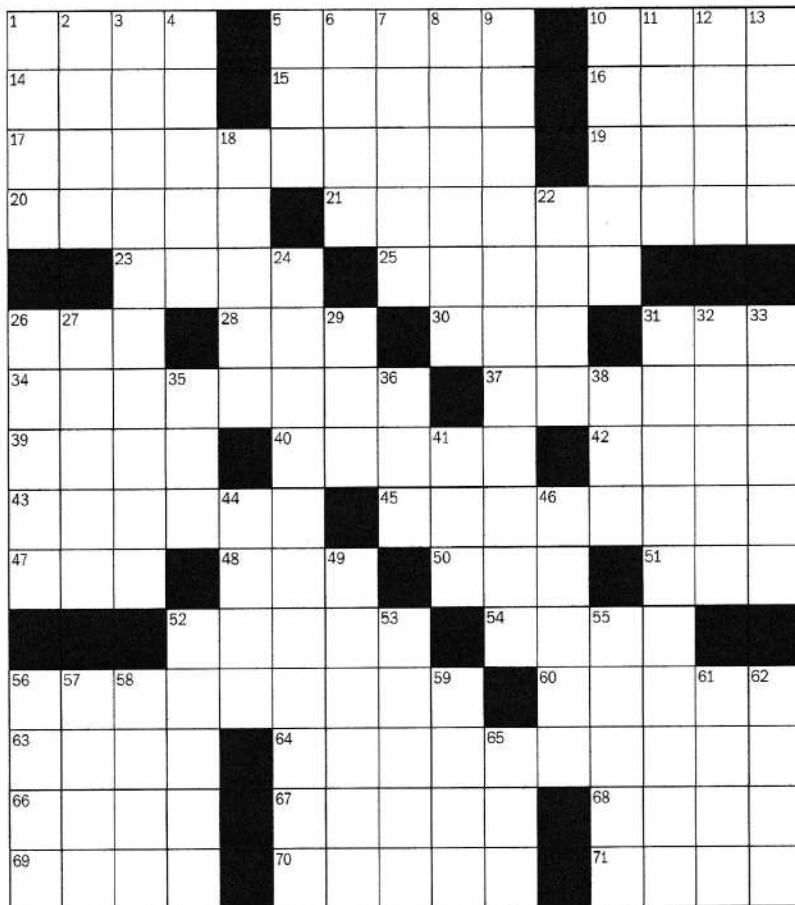
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Use a Keurig, say
- 5 Name associated with a philosophical razor
- 10 Branded tees or mugs, maybe
- 14 Traditional wisdom
- 15 "I'm not seeing it"
- 16 Follow
- 17 Bookworm
- 19 Alan of "Marriage Story"
- 20 Lunch option on the Shinkansen, say
- 21 Took away (from)
- 23 "Who knew?"
- 25 With diffidence
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION



4/5/24, 2:34 PM

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## The Washington Post

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By Laura Dershewitz / Ed. Patti Varol  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Use a Keurig, say
- 5 Name associated with a philosophical razor
- 10 Branded tees or mugs, maybe
- 14 Traditional wisdom
- 15 "I'm not seeing it"
- 16 Follow
- 17 Bookworm
- 19 Alan of "Marriage Story"
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## MOC Pup Tent #NH1

Randall Made Model 14 Attack Knife 0-1 Blade Micarta Handle

Retail Value \$595

### Model 14 – Attack

Vintage Style



Only Two Hundred Tickets To Be Sold  
\$20 / Ticket



All proceeds used to  
assist veterans in the  
homes and the  
hospitals

“Keep ‘em Smilin’ in Beds of White!”

Venmo payments to @Jorg-Dreusicke



## **Building Manager – Hudson NH**

Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791 is looking for a responsible, dependable, self-starter for the position of Building Manager of Veterans Hall (also known as the Bingo Hall), 14 Melendy Road, Hudson, NH. This is a salaried position with variable hours which can range from 20-30 hours/week.

### **Responsibilities:**

Ensure building **and** all systems are maintained in good repair.

Ensure building, grounds and parking lot are kept clean and safe.

Answer and respond to emergency calls/alarms 24 hr. a day. **Respond to security alarm calls as needed.**

Perform and/or coordinate scheduled inspections of building **and** equipment.

Make repairs as needed or coordinate needed repairs with appropriate tradesman.

Allow building access to contractors as needed.

Primary liaison for all vendors, cleaners, caterer and renters. Resolve issues as quickly as possible.

**Inspect the work of all contractors, including, but not limited to, the cleaning contractor.**

**Be able to provide at least three estimates for all major work (over \$1000) needed for consideration by the Bingo Committee**

Communicate issues to Quartermaster **and** Bingo Committee Chairperson.

Attend Bingo Committee meetings as needed.

### **Qualifications:**

High school or higher diploma.

Must possess Driver's License, cell phone **and** reliable transportation.

Ability to pass background check.

### **Preferred Skills:**

Organized self-starter possessing good communication skills.

Basic Maintenance skills including, but not limited to, unclog toilets/sinks, replace light bulbs, clean/replace air filters, etc.

Mechanical experience a plus.

Experience with bingo equipment a plus.

Must be willing to work flexible hours, including night and weekends if necessary, **since Bingo is primarily an evening operation.**

Contact Charlene Vance at [cshay35@gmail.com](mailto:cshay35@gmail.com) to submit a resume and set up an interview.





**\*\*\*\* ATTENTION COMRADES \*\*\*\***

We have secured our spot for the Membership Tent at the Weirs Beach Drive-in for the 2024 Bike Rally this **June 8<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>**.

We will need help staffing this “Recruiting/ Information Tent from **09:00 – 17:00 hours daily**. Please visit the site below on [Signup.com](https://signup.com) to enter which days and times you would like to volunteer.

The days are broken down in **2 hour** increments with **3 slots** for each. You may select as many slots and days as you please. This roster is only to ensure coverage, if the times and days are full, please feel free to show up regardless.

<https://signup.com/go/uzhAQFP>

Call or text Dennis Manning at (603) 731-1561 w/ questions.



# Loyalty Day



## VFW Veterans Dinner – Public Welcome All proceeds benefit VFW veterans programs.

**When:** Saturday, May 4th, 2024  
Doors open at 5:30pm,  
Dinner served at 6pm.

**Where:** **St. Patrick's Hall**  
12 Main St., Pelham, NH 03076

**Admission:** \$10 per ticket. Children free.  
Also, please bring a small canned  
good to donate to the VA food pantry.

**What :** Pasta dinner and desserts!

50/50 Raffle  
and Basket  
Raffle!

Visit our website at <https://pelhamnhvfw.com/>

Sponsored by John H. Hargreaves Memorial Post 10722 and Auxiliary, Pelham NH



# Loyalty Day

## 2024

### Nashua VFW Post 483

**4 May 2024**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**Nashua Senior Center**  
**70 E. Temple St.**  
**Nashua, NH 06060**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- HONOREES**
- Police Officer
  - Firefighter
  - Paramedic
  - Teacher
  - Jr. Air Force ROTC Student
  - Voice of Democracy Students
  - Patriot Pen Students
  - Citizen

**Light Luncheon to follow the program**







## DEPT. OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Fundraiser for Commanders Special  
Project; Benefiting

**Liberty House**

<https://libertyhousenh.org/>

Donation: \$10.00 per ticket

Drawn: June 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 (FRI) at  
VFW State Convention Patriotic Rally

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN



**LIBERTY  
HOUSE**

A Program of Catholic Charities NH

Empowering  
Veterans Facing  
Homelessness &  
Other Challenges

## 1911 HERO CUSTOM .45 ACP

With military-inspired colors; stainless steel frame, barrel, & slide; custom engraving; green & red fiber optic sights; Kryptek® Highlander grips and more.

MSRP: \$1,124.00

<https://www.kimberamerica.com/hero-custom-1>

### CONTACT

- > DEPT OFFICERS
- > DISTRICT COMMANDERS
- > POST COMMANDERS
- > POST ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER

FOR TICKETS

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Memorial Day  
Let us not forget

This is what it's about





# IF YOU'VE EARNED THESE



# THEN YOU BELONG HERE

**JOIN THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

**PLEASE CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AT:** \_\_\_\_\_



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

*www.vfw.org*

**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 MALE FEMALE

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	Date _____
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 \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Life Member Options</i>		
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

NEW Post # _____	FORMER MEMBER # _____
TRANSFER from Post # _____	State _____ to Post # _____
RECRUITER _____ <small>(Please print)</small>	ID# _____
QUARTERMASTER _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	

**Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions:** You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit 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 -- in 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.

_____	_____	_____
Committee Member	Committee Member	Committee Member

Applicants Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.



## 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 withdraw)  
 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.)

