



## Monthly Newsletter

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## POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



**Comrades, Hello and welcome to 2026! 2025 was a good year but let's make 2026 even better. Let's focus on the VFW's commitment to recruitment and retention. Let's always remember the values of selfless service and honor to help those who need it most.**

**Thank you to all those who volunteered for something last year. Whether it was Buddy Poppy's or helping a fellow Veteran, THANK YOU! This is how we are Still Serving. I know the winter months can be long and depressing. Please check in with family, friends and Veterans to make sure everyone is safe and healthy.**

**Let's bring on 2026!! As always, if you have any ideas, comments or concerns please let me know.**

**Yours in comradeship,**

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## State Commander's Message

Greetings Comrades

I hope that all of your comrades have had a Merry Christmas with family and friends. Each of my kids had their family Christmas's at home with their respective families with my wife and I making our rounds to two of our three kids. Possibly by the time the Go's get to you New Years may have come and gone by. I hope that all of you have a joyous and safe New Years eve celebration.

Today's date, the state membership is 87.87%, which is fantastic. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work up to this point but keep in mind that we're only halfway there. For any posts that as of this date haven't recruited a new member, now is the time to get motivated and get moving. If your post has at least one member don't stop. As a department we're ONLY 13.13% below both the Department and National goals of 101%, which is easily obtainable. I am both proud and elated on where we're at and I'm sure we'll make it.

In this quarter I have attended 8 post meetings and plan on attending at least four in January. I attended wreath laying ceremonies in Boscawen and Hudson. Both ceremonies were well attended. I would like to thank the Hudson post for a well organized ceremony. It has been a busy quarter for your state line officers.

Please don't forget to check in with your post comrades that can't or are unable to attend post meetings or gatherings. December was an exceptionally cold month so perform a buddy check and see how all your members are doing. Some of our fellow veterans don't get out much so hearing a friendly voice would be welcome

Don't forget about the upcoming C of A meeting along with the VOD/PP ceremony and teacher of the year. Let's show our youth and future leaders of America that us cranky old veterans are behind them and support them. I would like to see that every post is represented at the C of A. I realize that it is a long drive for some but at least once a year let's show our pride for being a Veteran of Foreign Wars. LET'S REPRESENT.

**Darwin Beeman**

VFW Dept. Commander

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## RENEWAL INFORMATION

If you want to renew your membership by sending your dues to the post for processing, you can scan the QR Code below and pay your dues by selecting the membership form on the Zeffy site. Once the funds are transferred to the post account your membership will be renewed. You can also renew online at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) or send your payment to the post by check or pay in person with cash.



## RENEW EARLY



## Carolyn Marineau



Carolyn M. (Sullivan) Marineau, 88, of Nashua, NH passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 11, 2025. Born in Nashua January 30, 1937, she was the wife of the late George Marineau and daughter of the late John & Victoria Sullivan. She was a graduate of Fitchburg State College and was a long-time teacher for the Nashua Public School system beginning her teaching career at Temple Street Elementary and then as a substitute teacher until retiring. She spent many years involved assisting with costumes for the Nashua Actorsingers and as a member of the Women's Auxiliary of VFW Post 483 of Nashua. She loved dancing, Irish music and enjoyed spending many summers at York Beach.

Carolyn is survived by her daughters Maureen (Marineau) Crozier and Marcia (Marineau) Alleyne, both in Lynn, MA, Son-in-law Edgar Alleyne, Grandson Alexander "Xan" Alleyne, brother John F. Sullivan Jr. and best friend Raelene Liljeberg, and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her brother Richard Sullivan, Son-in-law Brenton Crozier and best friend John Liljeberg.

There are no calling hours. A service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at the NH State Veteran's Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH. To leave an online message of condolence, please visit [www.farwellfuneralservice.com](http://www.farwellfuneralservice.com) Arrangements are in the care of the Farwell Funeral Service, 18 Lock Street, Nashua.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Greetings from the Chaplain's Desk

Deceased Members:

None

Hope this report finds everyone doing well and that you had an enjoyable and festive holiday. Hopefully good Health and joy will follow us into the new year. The holidays have put us in a good frame of mind so let's continue to foster that good attitude and relationship towards friends, family and neighbors throughout the new year. Remember that all the good deeds that you do, will come back to you tenfold, in blessings and rewards. If you do good, then good will come to you.

On a sad note we were informed of the passing of long-time posts auxiliary member Carolyn Marineau. Carolyn was a dedicated and longtime supporter of the post. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

We ask that you continue to look out for friends and neighbors during this winter season. Anyone that is aware of a veteran who is ill, or in need of our support, please advise the Post, so that we may reach out to them.

Wishing everyone good health and good fortune throughout the new year.

Yours in Comradeship  
Herbert CT Townsend  
Chaplain Post 483

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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, 24 August 2025, Hudson VFW Post 5791

Sunday, 19 October 2025, Pelham VFW Post 10722

Sunday, 25 January 2026, Merrimack VFW Post 8641

Sunday, 19 April 2026, Derry Post 1617 (Encampment)



## MEMBERSHIP



### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	R S	City	State	N/R LM
6	123	4	1	30	158	170	92.94%	3		NASH UA	NH	0

**2024-2025 GOAL 102%**

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

(Just moves it our one year)

### DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

LOCATION	POST #	%
NASHUA	483	92.94%
DERRY	1617	74.87%
HUDSON	5791	92.66%
SALEM	8546	79.00%
MERRIMACK	8641	93.06%
PELHAM	10722	85.25%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	91.43%
HOLLIS	11373	88.64%
TOTALS		86.82%

### MEETING REMINDER

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

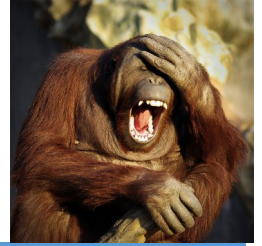
**New membership year—"Let's Recruit"!!!!!!**





## FUN PAGE

### JOKE OF THE MONTH



A priest and a nun are on their way back from the seminary when their car breaks down. The garage doesn't open until morning, so they have to spend the night in a B&B. There is only one room available. The priest says, "Sister, I don't think the Lord would mind if we share this one room. I'll sleep on the sofa and you can have the bed." "I think that would be fine," the nun agrees. They prepare for bed, say a few prayers, and settle down to sleep. Ten minutes pass and the nun says, "Father, I'm very cold." "OK," says the priest, "I'll get a blanket from the closet." Another ten minutes pass and the nun says again: "Father, I'm still terribly cold." The priest says, "Don't worry, I'll get up and get you another blanket. Another ten minutes pass, and then the nun murmurs in a soft and sultry voice, "Father, I'm still very cold. I don't think the Lord would mind if we acted as husband and wife for one night." "You're right," says the priest. "Get your own damn blankets, you annoying woman!"

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

But man is not made for defeat.  
A man can be destroyed but  
not defeated.

Ernest Hemingway

### DID YOU KNOW

India has the most post offices  
than any other country (over  
100,000)

### MIND TWISTER

Find a number less than 100 that is increased by one-fifth of its value when its digits are reversed.





## VETERANS INFORMATION

**VFW Testifies on Pending Legislation:** VFW National Legislative Service Acting Director Nancy Springer testified at a Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs hearing on pending legislation. In her written statement, Springer addressed all 24 legislative proposals and bills under the Committee's consideration, while highlighting three key measures during her oral testimony. She emphasized that this legislative triplet would eliminate automatic claim denials due to a missed medical examination, enable a more efficient and timely appeals process, and allow veterans to access available military medical treatment facilities, improving continuity of care and timely medical evaluations.

**VFW Addresses House Bipartisan Working Group on Veterans' Employment:** VFW National Legislative Service Associate Director Joy Craig participated in a congressional breakfast hosted by the House Bipartisan Working Group to discuss policies that strengthen veterans' employment and military-to-civilian transition. Craig emphasized that transition is a core Department of Defense responsibility and called for early VA benefits enrollment for all separating service members to prevent the "deadly gap" following discharge. Key priorities included modernization of education benefits, enhanced Veteran Readiness and Employment counseling, expanded hiring incentives for veterans and military spouses, and stronger oversight of the Transition Assistance Program to ensure full access to earned benefits.

**VFW Highlights Data Security Concerns on Capitol Hill:** VFW National Veterans Service Deputy Director Chris Macinkowicz spoke at a House Committee on Veterans' Affairs roundtable focused on VA's growing challenges with artificial intelligence and the urgent need to safeguard veterans' data. Macinkowicz stressed that AI must be treated as a tool, not an employee, and called for strong oversight, clear guidelines and robust security protocols to protect sensitive information. He urged lawmakers to move quickly to establish transparent, enforceable standards for AI use across VA operations, noting that these safeguards are essential to maintaining veterans' trust.

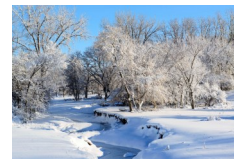
**VFW Submits Statement for House Oversight Hearing:** The House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health conducted an oversight hearing titled, "Putting Families First: Strengthening CHAMPVA for Survivors and Dependents." VFW National Legislative Service Associate Director Meggan Coleman submitted a statement for the record that emphasized the urgent need for sustained momentum in Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) technological innovation stating, "The VFW calls on Congress and VA leadership to continue building on the existing modernization foundation. VA should further streamline internal processing systems by utilizing the digital infrastructure already in place for VA community care and TRICARE."



## CALENDAR



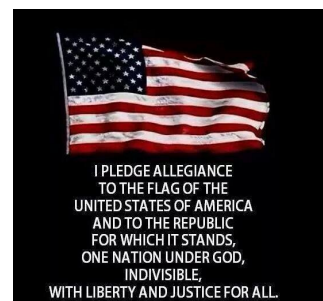
## January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Years Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 Cootie Meeting Hudson VFW 1900	8	9 Veterans Coffee Talk 0930	10
11	12 Mayor's Veterans Council 1400	13 Auxiliary Meeting 1830	14	15	16	17 C of A Concord VFW 1000  VOD Banquet Con- cord Double Tree
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 District 6 Meeting Merrimack VFW 1000	26 Visit Langdon Place 1330	27 Post Meeting 1900	28	29	30	31

## ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

45 (1/5 of 45 = 9, 9 + 45 = 54)



## POST NEWS

**BREAKING  
NEWS**



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your dues with your phone.  
Just select the membership  
page on the Zeffy site.

Veterans Coffee Talk at  
the Nashua Senior Cen-  
ter on the second Friday  
of each month at 0930.  
All veterans are wel-  
come to attend.

Visit our website at [483.org](http://483.org)  
and see all planned events  
and special days on the cal-  
endar. Many links to infor-  
mation you may need.

### Auxiliary Meeting Dates

8 Jul 25 1830  
12 Aug 25 1830  
9 Sep 25 1830  
8 Oct 25 1830  
11 Nov 25 1830  
9 Dec 25 1830  
13 Jan 26 1830  
10 Feb 26 1830  
10 Mar 26 1830  
14 Apr 26 1830  
12 May 26 1830  
9 Jun 26 1830



Opening ceremony of our Pearl Harbor Day on 7 December.



Firing detail at Pearl Harbor Day

## POST NEWS

We need new members! Our numbers are dwindling. It's everyone responsibility to recruit. Help your post if you want it to survive. You can also help it by renewing your membership early. By renewing early all you are doing is extending your expiration date by 1 year. Your expiration date will not change. We ask you to renew early and bring in a new member. Also it is important for you to attend as many meetings as you can. If you cannot attend you can join the meeting virtually on WEBEX. The link is sent out by email prior to the [post](#) meeting. If you have not provided the post with an email address and you have one please send it to the post Adjutant at [nashuavfwpost483@gmail.com](mailto:nashuavfwpost483@gmail.com) so you can be added to the email list. You can access the link by left clicking the word "post" in blue underlined. This will take you to the link. Click the link and punch in the ID and password. ID is 126 096 8690 Password is PApJ3jWMj47



Bugler at Pearl Harbor Day



ROTC Color Guard at Pearl Harbor Day.





## QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



**We are entering a new time for us. We stand in a position to make the goal for membership for the first time in a while. All it takes is for our members to renew their memberships as they have done so far. We still have 18 members that must renew by 30 June 2026. For every new member we recruit will add to our membership. We have the opportunity to make All American this year. Membership is the key. Participation is important for us so we can accomplish the mission we must in order to qualify for All American. Its all in your hands, the members.**

**If you are unable to attend a post meeting, you can attend virtually on Webex. Normally about a week prior to our post meeting the link for Webex will be emailed to you along with the code and password to join the meeting.**

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## BATTLE OF THE MONTH



### Battle of Princeton

The **Battle of Princeton** was a battle of the [American Revolutionary War](#), fought near [Princeton, New Jersey](#) on January 3, 1777, and ending in a small victory for the Colonials. General [Lord Cornwallis](#) had left 1,400 [British](#) troops under the command of Lieutenant Colonel [Charles Mawhood](#) in Princeton. Following a surprise [attack at Trenton](#) early in the morning of December 26, 1776, General [George Washington](#) of the [Continental Army](#) decided to attack the British in New Jersey before entering the winter quarters. On December 30, he [crossed the Delaware River](#) back into New Jersey. His troops followed on January 3, 1777. Washington advanced to Princeton by a back road, where he pushed back a smaller British force but had to retreat before Cornwallis arrived with reinforcements. The battles of Trenton and Princeton boosted the morale of the patriot cause, leading many recruits to join the Continental Army in the spring.

After defeating the [Hessians](#) at the [Battle of Trenton](#) on the morning of December 26, 1776, Washington withdrew back to [Pennsylvania](#). He subsequently decided to attack the British forces before going into winter quarters. On December 29, he led his army back into Trenton. On the night of January 2, 1777, Washington repulsed a British attack at the [Battle of the Assunpink Creek](#). That night, he evacuated his position, circled General Cornwallis' army, and attacked the British garrison at Princeton.

On January 3, Brigadier General [Hugh Mercer](#) of the Continental Army clashed with two regiments under the command of Mawhood. Mercer and his troops were overrun, and Mercer was mortally wounded. The British demanded a surrender, believing Mercer to be Washington. After he declined, Mercer was stabbed 7 times with a bayonet. Washington sent a brigade of militia under Brigadier General [John Cadwalader](#) to help them. On seeing the flight of Mercer's men, the militia began to flee. Washington rode up with reinforcements and rallied the fleeing militia. He then led the attack on Mawhood's troops, driving them back. Mawhood gave the order to retreat, and most of the troops tried to flee to Cornwallis in Trenton.

In Princeton, Brigadier General [John Sullivan](#) encouraged some British troops who had taken refuge in [Nassau Hall](#) to surrender, ending the battle. After the battle, Washington moved his army to [Morristown](#), and with their third defeat in 10 days, the British evacuated [Central Jersey](#). The battle (while considered minor by British standards)<sup>[7][8]</sup> was the last major action of Washington's [winter New Jersey cam-](#)







# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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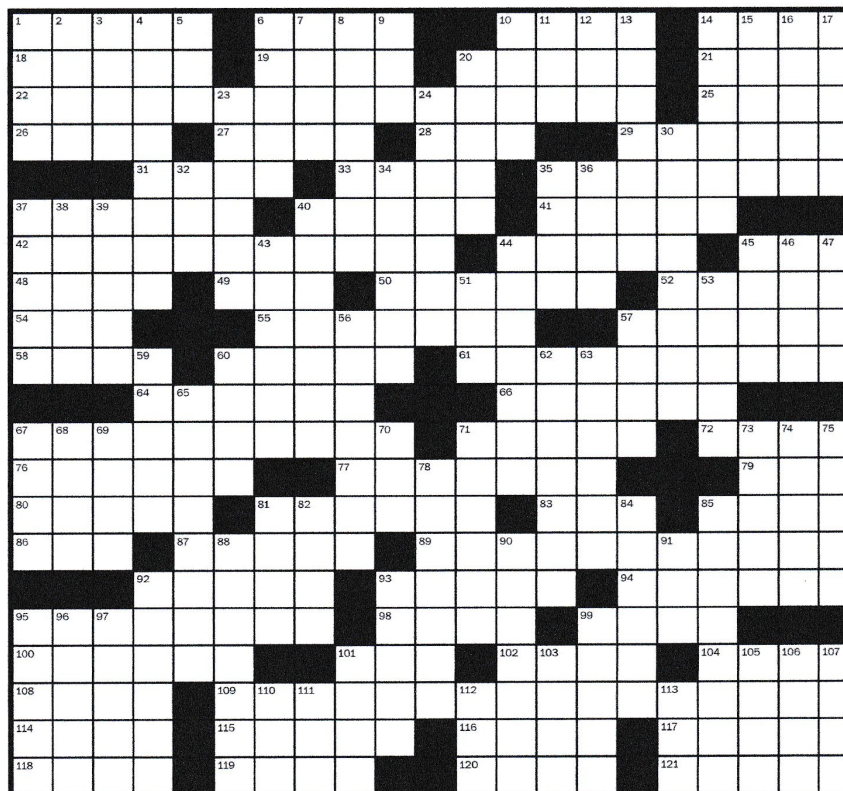
### Across

1. Béla Fleck's instrument  
2. Pricey German imports  
3. Italian wine  
4. Chaps  
5. Not very approachable  
6. Source of a scoop  
7. Overly caffeinated, perhaps  
8. Social sci. major  
9. Big shot in the bulb industry?  
10. K  
11. Henry VI's school  
12. \_\_\_ of Man  
13. Luv  
14. Take in  
15. Cards  
16. Squandered  
17. Big shot in the sci-fi awards industry?  
18. Put on a pedestal  
19. Fort \_\_\_, Florida  
20. Wash and wear?  
21. Big shot in the paver industry?  
22. Shrewd  
23. Stocky antelope  
24. Green house?  
25. Trending  
26. Fabled messages  
27. "If I were in your \_\_\_ ..."  
28. Withdraw, with "out"  
29. Salty one  
30. Salty five  
31. Skills assessment  
32. Spots  
33. Big shot in the podiatry industry?  
34. "Daaaaang!"  
35. Drawing (in)  
36. Big shot in the treasure-hunting industry?  
37. Make fast again  
38. Concert gear  
39. Old sub titles?  
40. Positively reinforces  
41. Shri! bark  
42. Home of the world's largest irrigation project  
43. Source of some travel observations?  
44. Put away  
45. Arequipa's land  
46. Baton Rouge sch.  
47. Drywall supports  
48. Big shot in the champagne glass industry?  
49. Battery terminal  
50. Blah  
51. Edmonton NHL team

95. Big shot in the cab industry?  
96. Folk-rock supergroup, familiarly  
97. Soapy residue in a sink  
98. Come out  
99. Sanskrit honorific  
100. Ruler who commissioned the Taj Mahal, for one  
101. Slight advantage  
102. Game that can only be played right-handed  
103. Big shot in the refrigeration industry?  
104. "Tell Mama" singer James  
105. Per \_\_\_  
106. Serpentine  
107. Place for a cross  
108. Show the way  
109. Actor Postlethwaite  
110. Scandinavian capital  
111. Plot inconsistencies

### Down

1. Hay bundle  
2. Came down to earth  
3. Off-limits  
4. Anthero played by Keanu Reeves  
5. Many times o'er  
6. Sprinkle with holy water, e.g.  
7. Combo, say  
8. Make a parting gesture  
9. Chicago WNBA team  
10. Like the subject of a Carly Simon classic  
11. Gerund maker  
12. Medical research org.  
13. Umbrella shape, typically  
14. Does not disturb  
15. Sneeze sound  
16. Closers  
17. Gives the cold shoulder to  
18. Asks for more catnip, perhaps  
19. Advanced, as gadgets  
20. "Infected be the air \_\_\_ they ride": Macbeth  
21. Part of some security checkpoints  
22. Vex  
23. Jean Valjean's story, familiarly  
24. Get well  
25. Large garden planters  
26. Head monk  
27. Fall in folds  
28. Money makers  
29. Descriptive piece of HTML code  
30. Zeroing (in on)



44. Holiday singer  
45. Tender prelude?  
46. State bird of Hawaii  
47. Space race initials  
48. Third in a ring  
49. Wife of Hagar the Horrible  
50. Shows up for duty  
51. Four Tops singer Benson  
52. Until midnight  
53. IRS tracking info  
54. Render obsolete  
55. Blue, in Burgundy  
56. Had to pivot to plan B, say  
57. Out of room  
58. Wading bird in Egyptian art  
59. Japanese-Peruvian fusion chain  
60. Third key in a reboot sequence  
61. Sleeve style  
62. "Poppycock!"  
63. Prep chef's knife  
64. San Antonio team  
65. Enters the room airily  
66. Grand Slam Tokyo discipline  
67. Paradise  
68. Multiple ages  
69. Tree on South Carolina's flag  
70. "In summary ..."  
71. Government Grant?  
72. Simu of "Barbie"  
73. Overseas  
74. Hanging in the theater  
75. Put off  
76. Really get into a role  
77. Airline that grew from a crop-dusting operation founded in 1925  
78. Panasonic subsidiary  
79. Swivel around  
80. "Inferno" setting  
81. Tuning knob  
82. Out of the park  
83. Pulls the plug on  
84. Individual  
85. Province between Man. and Que.  
86. Prefix with cache  
87. Bat wood





# CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION



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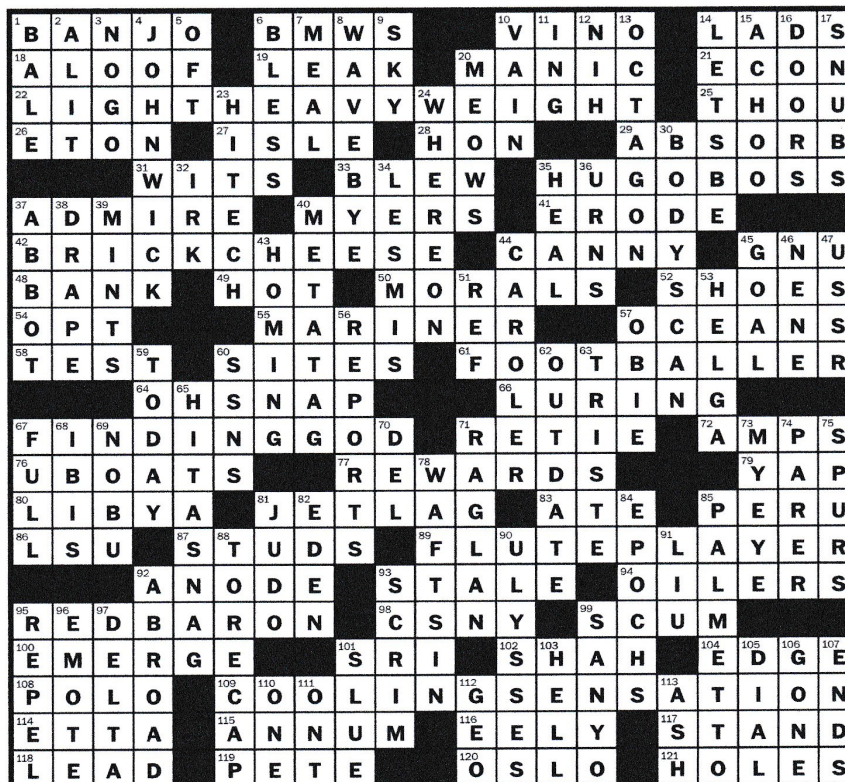
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8. Social sci. major
9. Big shot in the bulb industry?
10. K
11. Henry VI's school
12. \_\_\_ of Man
13. Luv
14. Take in
15. Cards
16. Squandered
17. Big shot in the sci-fi awards industry?
18. Put on a pedestal
19. Fort \_\_\_, Florida
20. Wash and wear?
21. Big shot in the paver industry?
22. Shrewd
23. Sticky antelope
24. Green house?
25. Trending
26. Fabled messages
27. "If I were in your \_\_\_ ..."
28. Withdraw, with "out"
29. Salty one
30. Salty five
31. Skills assessment
32. Spots
33. Big shot in the podiatry industry?
34. "Daaaaang!"
35. Drawing (in)
36. Big shot in the treasure-hunting industry?
37. Make fast again
38. Concert gear
39. Old sub titles?
40. Positively reinforces
41. Shrill bark
42. Home of the world's largest irrigation project
43. Source of some travel observations?
44. Put away
45. Arequipa's land
46. Baton Rouge sch.
47. Drywall supports
48. Big shot in the champagne glass industry?
49. Battery terminal
50. Blah
51. Edmonton NHL team

95. Big shot in the cab industry?
98. Folk-rock supergroup, familiarly
99. Soapy residue in a sink
100. Come out
101. Sanskrit honorific
102. Ruler who commissioned the Taj Mahal, for one
104. Slight advantage
108. Game that can only be played right-handed
109. Big shot in the refrigeration industry?
114. "Tell Mama" singer James
115. Per \_\_\_
116. Serpentine
117. Place for a cross
118. Show the way
119. Actor Postlethwaite
120. Scandinavian capital
121. Plot inconsistencies

### Down

1. Hay bundle
2. Came down to earth
3. Off-limits
4. Antihero played by Keanu Reeves
5. Many times o'er
6. Sprinkle with holy water, e.g.
7. Combo, say
8. Make a parting gesture
9. Chicago WNBA team
10. Like the subject of a Carly Simon classic
11. Gerund maker
12. Medical research org.
13. Umbrella shape, typically
14. Does not disturb
15. Sneeze sound
16. Closers
17. Gives the cold shoulder to
18. Asks for more catnip, perhaps
19. Advanced, as gadgets
20. "Infected be the air \_\_\_ they ride": Macbeth
21. Part of some security checkpoints
22. Vex
23. Jean Valjean's story, familiarly
24. Get well
25. Large garden planters
26. Head monk
27. Fall in folds
28. Money makers
29. Descriptive piece of HTML code
30. Zeroing (in on)

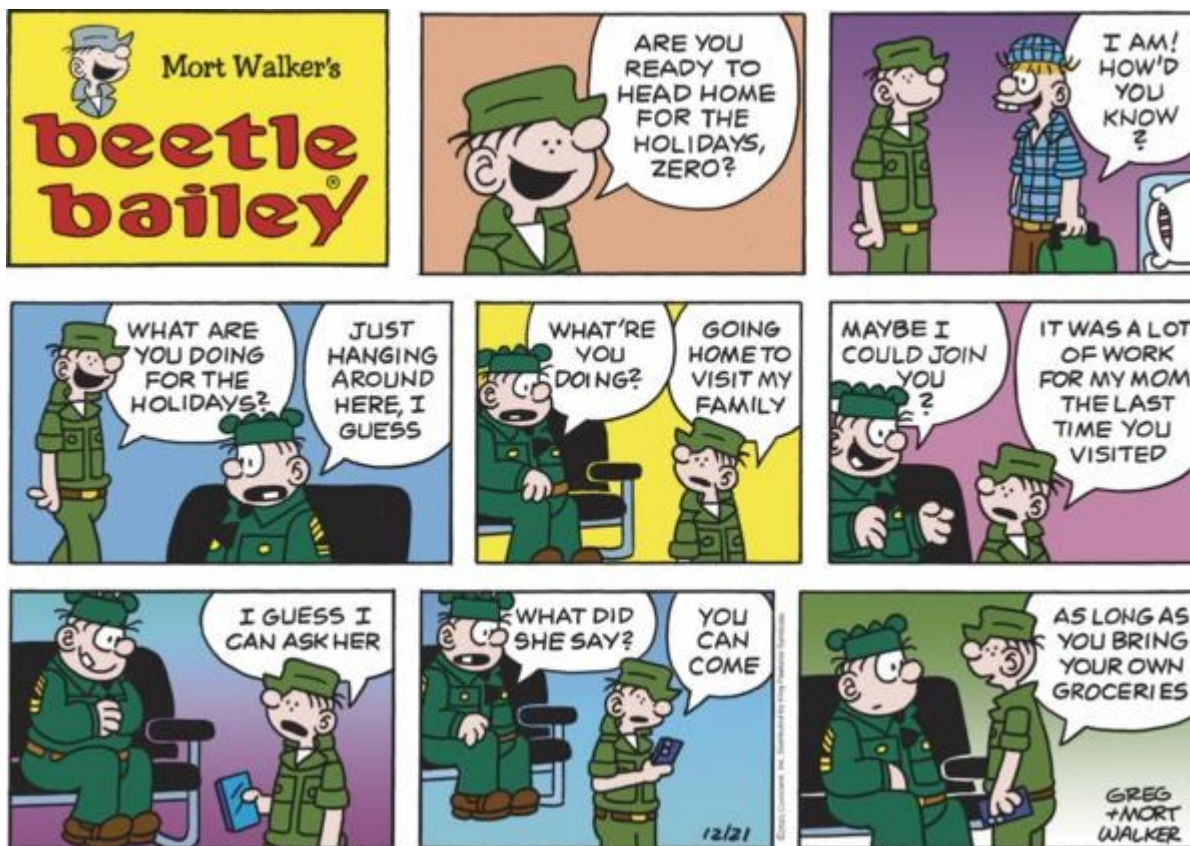


44. Holiday singer
45. Tender prelude?
46. State bird of Hawaii
47. Space race initials
51. Third in a ring
53. Wife of Hagar the Horrible
56. Shows up for duty
57. Four Tops singer Benson
59. Until midnight
60. IRS tracking info
62. Render obsolete
63. Blue, in Burgundy
65. Had to pivot to plan B, say
67. Out of room
68. Wading bird in Egyptian art
69. Japanese-Peruvian fusion chain
70. Third key in a reboot sequence
71. Sleeve style
73. "Poppycock!"
74. Prep chef's knife
75. San Antonio team
78. Enters the room airily
81. Grand Slam Tokyo discipline
82. Paradise
84. Multiple ages
85. Tree on South Carolina's flag
88. "In summary ..."
90. Government Grant?
91. Simu of "Barbie"
92. Overseas
93. Hanging in the theater
95. Put off
96. Really get into a role
97. Airline that grew from a crop-dusting operation founded in 1925
99. Panasonic subsidiary
101. Swivel around
103. "Inferno" setting
105. Tuning knob
106. Out of the park
107. Pulls the plug on
110. Individual
111. Province between Man. and Que.
112. Prefix with cache
113. Bat wood



# Funnies

Beetle Bailey *by Greg Walker, Brian Walker and Neal Walker*



ANDY CAPP

by Smythe





**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.**

# NEW HAMPSHIRE VFW SCHOLASTIC BANQUET

To be held at the Concord DoubleTree on 17 January 2026

## Banquet Menu

Mixed Green Salad

- 1) Roast sirloin of beef, marinated and slow roasted with cabernet demi-glace\* or
- 2) Panko crusted chicken stuffed with prosciutto, provolone, roasted red pepper and served over bacon horseradish cream sauce

Served with Chef's vegetable du jour

Dessert: Chef's mini dessert selection

**Saturday Banquet tickets are \$55.00 per person.  
(Deadline January 5, 2026)**

Mail checks made out to Dept. of NH VFW to:

Quartermaster Paul Lloyd, PO Box 955, Concord, NH 03302-0955

Please include the order slip below with your check or  
email if using Venmo @nh-vfw-24

**(Don't mention tickets in the memo, they will charge you a fee).**

Please let us know if there are Special needs.

Any Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of tickets ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Roast sirloin of beef dinners: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Panko crusted chicken: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegan \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Post Number \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

# 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

# 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](http://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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Degree accepted Date: \_\_\_\_\_2<sup>nd</sup> Degree accepted Date: \_\_\_\_\_3<sup>rd</sup> 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)