



## Monthly Newsletter



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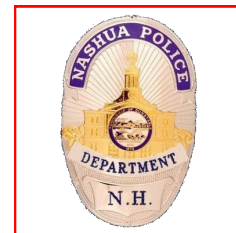
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## POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

We did it! We met the National Commander-in-Chief goal of 101% for membership! I want to thank everyone who helped get us to that goal. With that, the only thing we have left to complete this the Day of Service which will be our Loyalty Day Celebration. Our Post will then be eligible for All-American, which is a goal I have been wanting to accomplish since being Commander, so thank you very much! Clayton will be taking over as Commander, and I want you all to support him as much as you have supported me over the last few years. Now, I am not going anywhere as I will be the Senior Vice but taking a little bit of a break from the Commander role.

As a reminder Poppy Drive is coming up Memorial Day weekend and as always, we NEED volunteers. Loyalty Day is May 2 and we need help setting up and members to attend! Please come support our teachers, students and first responders.

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

**No Article Submitted**

## 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



## POST AUCILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi!

I know I haven't written anything for the Post newsletter before now. I guess I'm never sure what to write.

As you know when I came back the Auxiliary was in suspension. With a lot of hard work, we are now out of suspension and now are in PIP, which is a step in the right direction. The Auxiliary now can raise money, aka Buddy Poppies, Meat raffles etc. Those will be in the near future.

We always have enough members to have a meeting but would love to fill our chairs like you had the night I visited. We would love to have your better half's in our meetings or if they are not yet members, please have them join us.

Remy McKeating joined us once, which was great. I hadn't seen her since my last term as President, like 15 - 20 years ago. I hadn't realized she hadn't been back either in a long time. It would be great to have Remy attend regularly again, a bit of memories there with her and I.

Again, I/we look forward to working with the Post. Let me know if you need anything from us.

Please email me at [vwfauxiliary483@gmail.com](mailto:vwfauxiliary483@gmail.com) if there is anything that comes up!

Thank you!  
Bonnie

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Greetings from the Chaplain's Desk

Deceased Members:

None

Hope this report finds everyone doing well and enjoying good health. I know everyone is looking forward to dusting off the ole grills and looking forward to some fun activities with family and friends. It's been a long winter and I know we are all looking forward to better weather ahead. As we look forward to our activities, don't forget about our veterans who may not have anyone to call them. Remember to call them and keep them in you plans and prayers. They appreciate your calls and check ins. If you are aware of anyone in distress, please let the post know so that we may reach out to them and offer any assistance that we may be able to do. Take care of each other and stay safe.

Yours in Comradeship  
Herbert CT Townsend  
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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	124	6	1	39	172	170	101.18%	3		NASH UA	NH	1

**2024-2025 GOAL 101%**

**RENEW EARLY (IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR EXPIRATION DATE)**  
(Just moves it our one year)

### DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

LOCATION	POST #	%
NASHUA	483	101.18%
DERRY	1617	85.57%
HUDSON	5791	102.38%
MERRIMACK	8641	101.73%
PELHAM	10722	88.52%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	102.86%
HOLLIS	11373	93.18%
<b>TOTALS</b>		94.98%

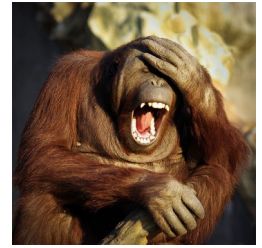
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**New membership year—"Let's Recruit"!!!!!!**



## FUN PAGE



## JOKE OF THE MONTH

A lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a sheriff. He thinks he's smarter being a big shot lawyer from New York and has a better education than an sheriff from West Virginia. The sheriff asks for license and registration. The lawyer asks, "What for?" The sheriff responds, "You didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign." The lawyer says, "I slowed down and no one was coming." "You still didn't come to a complete stop. License and registration please," say the sheriff impatiently. The lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you can give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket." The sheriff says, "That sounds fair, please exit your vehicle." The lawyer steps out and the sheriff takes out his nightstick and starts beating the lawyer with it. The lawyer says, "Do you want me to stop or just slow down?"

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

There is nothing permanent except change.

[Heraclitus](#)

## DID YOU KNOW

The word 'testify' derived from a time when men were required to swear on their testicles

## MIND TWISTER

In British Columbia, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?



## VETERANS INFORMATION

**White House Executive Order Advances Research, Access to Emerging Treatments:** The VFW praised a new White House executive order aimed at accelerating research and access to emerging treatments for serious mental illness, calling it a potentially transformative step for veterans. The order directs federal agencies, including the VA and FDA, to streamline research, reduce barriers and expand clinical access to innovative therapies such as psychedelic-assisted treatments. VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore emphasized that veterans have long advocated for alternative treatment options beyond traditional medications. The policy signals a shift toward a more proactive, innovation-driven approach and could help address conditions like post-traumatic stress disorder and depression where current treatments

**VFW Speaks at Roundtable with House Leaders:** VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci participated in a veterans organization roundtable hosted by House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., and House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Ranking Member Mark Takano, D-Calif. The focus was on the cost of war, toxic exposures and current legislation. Gallucci stressed that at a time when service members are in harm's way in the Middle East and around the world, Congress must not forget its duty to Honor the Contract. He mentioned how passing the Major Richard Star Act is critical, as more than 400 service members have been injured in the current conflict with Iran and some of them could soon be medically retired. The Star Act would ensure that their retirement benefits are not offset by any disability compensation they may receive for their combat injuries. Leader Jeffries concluded the discussion by agreeing that Congress must Honor the Contract.

**VFW Joins in Seeking Solutions to Veteran Homelessness:** House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Ranking Member Mark Takano, D-Calif, hosted a roundtable to discuss preventing and ending veteran homelessness. VFW National Legislative Service Associate Director Joe Grassi joined 13 other participants representing a broad coalition of nonprofit organizations dedicated to advancing practical, real-world solutions to the issue. Grassi emphasized that stable, affordable housing enables veterans facing homelessness to address health needs, secure employment and maintain family stability. He noted that VA allowing expiration of the Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchase program in July 2025, combined with failure to implement the VA Home Loan Program Reform Act (Public Law 119-31) in the interim, has resulted in a dramatic increase in VA home loan foreclosures, compounding housing instability for some veterans. He further explained that the VFW supports expanding veterans' eligibility for the Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing program and timely assignment of VA case managers, along with increasing access to mental health care for veterans experiencing homelessness and veterans at-risk of be-



# CALENDAR



## May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <b>Loyalty Day 1000</b>
3 <b>ROTC Fundraiser Five Guys</b>	4 Charitable Gaming Gate City Casino	5 Charitable Gaming Gate City Casino	6 <b>Cootie Meeting Hudson 1900</b>  Charitable Gaming Gate City Casino	7 Charitable Gaming Gate City Casino	8 Charitable Gaming Gate City Casino	9 Charitable Gaming Gate City Casino
10 Charitable Gaming Gate City Casino	11	12 <b>Auxiliary Meeting 1830</b>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 <b>Poppy Drive</b>	23 <b>Poppy Drive</b>
24 <b>Poppy Drive</b>	25 <b>Memorial Day Ceremonies 0800</b>  <b>Memorial Day Parade 1030</b>	26	27	28	29	30 <b>Traditional Memorial Day</b>
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### ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

You cannot take a picture with a wooden leg; you need a camera.



# POST NEWS



**IF YOU USE FACEBOOK  
GO TO  
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Scan this QR Code and pay your dues with your phone. Just select the membership page on the Zeffy site.



The Jr. Air Force ROTC is holding a fundraiser at Five Guys on 3 May 2026. Lets support them as they support us. Go buy a hamburger, fries and a milkshake and they get 20% of the cost. Just tell them you are there to support the ROTC.

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## 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



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**"He who hesitates is lost"**

. It originates from Joseph Addison's 1712 play *Cato*—originally



## QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



We have reach the National goal of 101%. We are at 101.17%. Let's not stop recruiting now. Keep up the search for more new members. We need the help.

As in each newsletter there is an application for membership in the Flyer section. You can print as many as you need. Please have them filled out completely. If you have questions on what to put in the application, just ask.

We have gotten the opportunity to have a recruiting/information table at Gate City Casino during our 4-10 May Charitable Gaming dates. Looking for volunteers to staff the table each evening from about 1800 to 2200. This is a great chance for us to recruit. We only need one member for each night.

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## BATTLE OF THE MONTH



# Battle of the Wilderness

The **Battle of the Wilderness** was fought on May 5–7, 1864, during the [American Civil War](#). It was the first battle of [Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant](#)'s 1864 Virginia [Overland Campaign](#) against [General Robert E. Lee](#) and the [Confederate Army of Northern Virginia](#). The fighting occurred in a wooded area near [Locust Grove, Virginia](#), about 20 miles (32 km) west of [Fredericksburg](#). Both armies suffered heavy casualties, nearly 29,000 in total, a harbinger of a [war of attrition](#) by Grant against Lee's army and, eventually, against the Confederate capital, [Richmond, Virginia](#). The battle was [tactically](#) inconclusive, as Grant disengaged and then continued his offensive.

Grant attempted to move quickly through the dense underbrush of the [Wilderness of Spotsylvania](#), but Lee launched two of his [corps](#) on parallel roads to intercept him. On the morning of May 5, the [Union V Corps](#) under [Major General Gouverneur K. Warren](#) attacked the Confederate [Second Corps](#), commanded by [Lieutenant General Richard S. Ewell](#), on the Orange Turnpike. That afternoon the [Third Corps](#), commanded by Lieutenant General [A. P. Hill](#), encountered [Brigadier General George W. Getty's division \(VI Corps\)](#) and Major General [Winfield S. Hancock's Union II Corps](#) on the Orange Plank Road. Fighting, which ended for the evening because of darkness, was fierce but inconclusive as both sides attempted to maneuver in the dense woods.

At dawn on May 6, Hancock attacked along the Plank Road, driving Hill's corps back in confusion, but the [First Corps](#) of Lieutenant General [James Longstreet](#) arrived in time to prevent the collapse of the Confederate right flank. Longstreet followed up with a surprise flanking attack from an unfinished railroad bed that drove Hancock's men back, but the momentum was lost when Longstreet was [wounded by his own men](#). An evening attack by [Brigadier General John B. Gordon](#) against the Union right flank caused consternation at the Union headquarters, but the lines stabilized and fighting ceased. On May 7, Grant disengaged and moved to the southeast, intending to leave the Wilderness to interpose his army between Lee and Richmond, leading to the [Battle of Todd's Tavern](#) and [Battle of Spotsylvania Court House](#).





# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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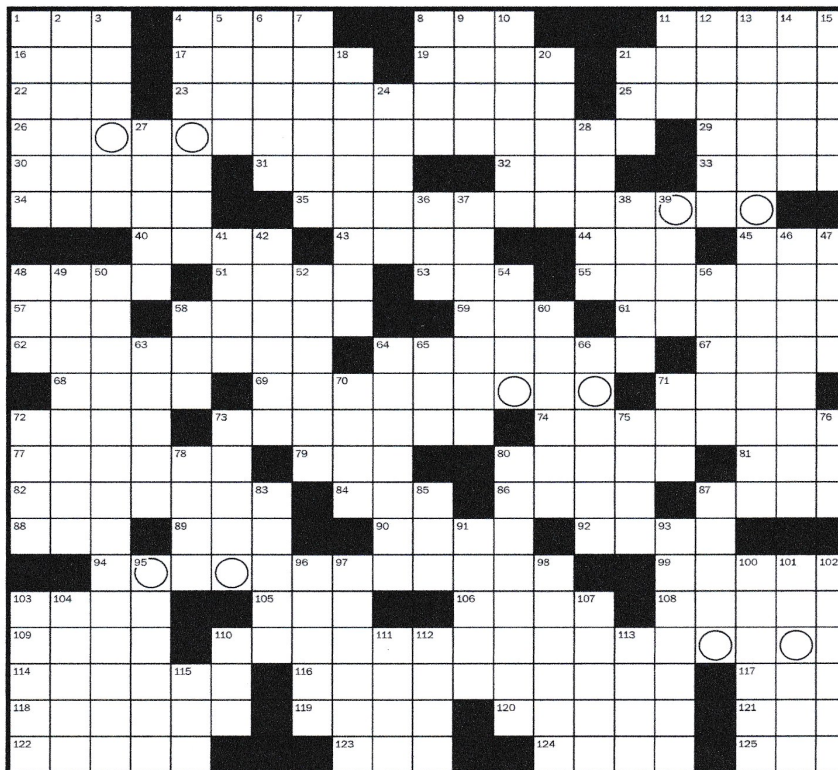
**Across**

- 1. Salad follower?
- 2. Like clothes after a spin cycle
- 3. Dream state, briefly
- 4. Savors the sun
- 5. \_\_\_ carte menu
- 6. Cookies that debuted with lemon meringue variety
- 7. French friend
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- 13. Puzzle pieces?
- 14. "Bleeding Love" singer
- 15. ewis
- 16. "Otello" baritone
- 17. Herd word
- 18. Like mackerel
- 19. Natural rope fiber
- 20. Support for a fractured joint?
- 21. Supermodel Heidi
- 22. Use a keyboard
- 23. Caterpillar roll ingredient
- 24. Calendar col.
- 25. Ye \_\_\_ Apothecary
- 26. Snoop (around)
- 27. Snoop
- 28. Leave for a minute
- 29. Beach volleyball team, e.g.
- 30. Kitchen gloves
- 31. First woman to be head writer on "SNL"
- 32. Applies, as influence
- 33. Head of the class
- 34. Pair in a ring
- 35. Crush it, informally
- 36. With competence
- 37. Sew angry?
- 38. Wild guess
- 39. Org. that sells "I Read Banned Books" bookmarks
- 40. Headache remedy
- 41. Texas symbol
- 42. Primps
- 43. High-end camera initials
- 44. Was victorious in
- 45. Sense of self
- 46. Cobbler container
- 47. Poorly lit
- 48. Flabbergasts
- 49. California roll ingredient
- 50. Donkey
- 51. Gymnast Suni with six Olympic medals
- 52. Direction in a Steinbeck title
- 53. Hindi film star \_\_\_ Rukhshan
- 54. Mass celebrations?

- 55. Shanghai salutation
- 56. Prop for Zach Galifianakis's talk show
- 57. "\_\_\_ out!"
- 58. Home run run
- 59. Poor skiing condition
- 60. Graph lines
- 61. Needs size EEEEE shoes?
- 62. Benefit
- 63. Ability to spot details
- 64. Moo \_\_\_ pork
- 65. Scottish monster, affectionately
- 66. Chow for a Clydesdale
- 67. American Red Cross visitor
- 68. Yoga chants
- 69. Coin receivers
- 70. Sound of disapproval
- 71. Apprehends
- 72. "I don't wanna"

**Down**

- 1. Deli staples with cream cheese
- 2. Vronsky of "Anna Karenina"
- 3. Mathematical comparisons
- 4. Be good at everything
- 5. Upper limbs
- 6. First MLS player to win consecutive MVP awards
- 7. Can opener
- 8. Zen garden tool
- 9. Mideast dignitary
- 10. A maximis ad \_\_\_
- 11. Sweater weather sound
- 12. Seattle-based retail giant
- 13. "Now's not the time"
- 14. Pay respect, in a way
- 15. Actress Spacek
- 16. Channels that provide ocean access
- 17. Freezer aisle waffles
- 18. Playbill word
- 19. Suffering
- 20. Slithering reptile
- 21. Crosses one's fingers
- 22. Where a QR code may lead
- 23. Toy ball blaster
- 24. "Who cares if they do"
- 25. Holly genus
- 26. Foot or stone
- 27. Parts of e-bikes
- 28. Root vegetable high in vitamin C
- 29. Tiny
- 30. Words of praise
- 31. Rapper in the "Fast & Furious" franchise
- 32. Risky late-night coffee order
- 33. Thin parts on tanks
- 34. Cooler named for a cryptid



- 35. Younger siblings, stereotypically
- 36. Month that's rarely abbreviated
- 37. "Slow down" light color
- 38. Like crosswords
- 39. Yorkie, for one
- 40. Pollution stat
- 41. Makes amends (for)
- 42. Give an expensive coat to
- 43. Adjust, as an alarm
- 44. Dad, in Korean
- 45. Liability opposite
- 46. Basketball Hall of Famer Steve
- 47. Actor Coddry
- 48. \_\_\_ blue: biology stain
- 49. Furniture prohibited in many apartment leases
- 50. OutKast hit
- 51. Small rug
- 52. \_\_\_ crisp oil
- 53. Hold back, as information
- 54. Gets back to
- 55. Stand firm
- 56. Sauce made with pine nuts
- 57. Genesis mountain
- 58. Convinced of
- 59. "Song Sung Blue" Oscar nominee
- 60. Respiratory condition
- 61. "Quiet, you"
- 62. Followers of Bacchus
- 63. Boot
- 64. "Congo Square" singer-songwriter \_\_\_ Marie
- 65. Laugh syllable
- 66. Bits of butter
- 67. Game whose board has 42 territories
- 68. "Stay out of this," for short
- 69. Put down



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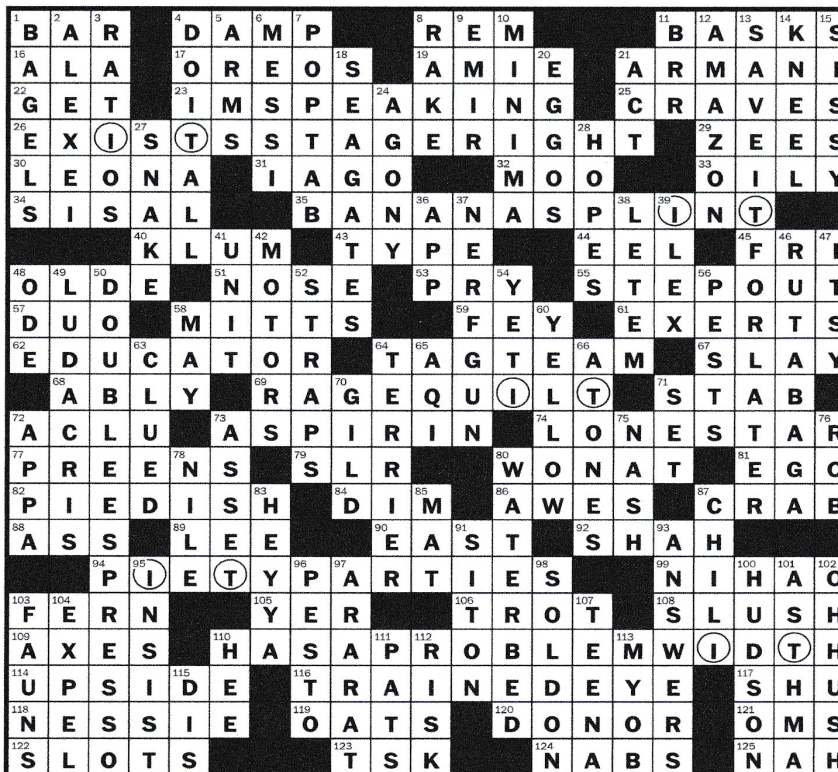
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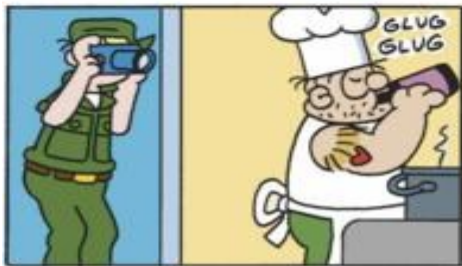
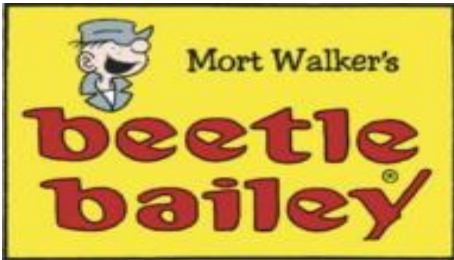
- 1. Deli staples with cream cheese
- 2. Vronsky of "Anna Karenina"
- 3. Mathematical comparisons
- 4. Be good at everything
- 5. Upper limbs
- 6. First MLS player to win consecutive MVP awards
- 7. Can opener
- 8. Zen garden tool
- 9. Mideast dignitary
- 10. A maximis ad \_\_\_
- 11. Sweater weather sound
- 12. Seattle-based retail giant
- 13. "Now's not the time"
- 14. Pay respect, in a way
- 15. Actress Spacek
- 18. Channels that provide ocean access
- 20. Freezer aisle waffles
- 21. Playbill word
- 24. Suffering
- 27. Slithering reptile
- 28. Crosses one's fingers
- 36. Where a QR code may lead
- 37. Toy ball blaster
- 38. "Who cares if they do"
- 39. Holly genus
- 41. Foot or stone
- 42. Parts of e-bikes
- 46. Root vegetable high in vitamin C
- 47. Tiny
- 48. Words of praise
- 49. Rapper in the "Fast & Furious" franchise
- 50. Risky late-night coffee order
- 52. Thin parts on tanks
- 54. Cooler named for a cryptid



- 56. Younger siblings, stereotypically
- 58. Month that's rarely abbreviated
- 60. "Slow down" light color
- 63. Like crosswords
- 64. Yorkie, for one
- 65. Pollution stat
- 66. Makes amends (for)
- 70. Give an expensive coat to
- 71. Adjust, as an alarm
- 72. Dad, in Korean
- 73. Liability opposite
- 75. Basketball Hall of Famer Steve
- 76. Actor Corrdry
- 78. \_\_\_ blue: biology stain
- 80. Furniture prohibited in many apartment leases
- 83. OutKast hit
- 85. Small rug
- 87. \_\_\_ crisp oil
- 91. Hold back, as information
- 93. Gets back to
- 95. Stand firm
- 96. Sauce made with pine nuts
- 97. Genesis mountain
- 98. Convinced of
- 100. "Song Sung Blue" Oscar nominee
- 101. Respiratory condition
- 102. "Quiet, you"
- 103. Followers of Bacchus
- 104. Boot
- 107. "Congo Square" singer-songwriter \_\_\_ Marie
- 110. Laugh syllable
- 111. Bits of butter
- 112. Game whose board has 42 territories
- 113. "Stay out of this," for short
- 115. Put down

# Funnies

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





**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.**



## Nashua High School AFJROTC

Needs your support! Please join us on

**May 3, 2026**

11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

at the following location

**341 Amherst St, Nashua, NH 03063**

**WE WILL DONATE **20%** OF FUNDRAISER SALES  
+ ADDITIONAL \$1 FOR EVERY MILKSHAKE**

Please present this flyer or identify yourself as part of the fundraiser at time of purchase in order for your transaction to count. Thank you for supporting our cause.



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## HISTORY OF MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY

Military Spouse Appreciation Day, celebrated annually on the Friday before Mother's Day, was established by President Ronald Reagan on May 23, 1984, via Proclamation 5184 to recognize the sacrifices and unwavering support of military spouses. It became an official part of National Military Appreciation Month in 1999.

### Key Historical Facts:

- **Establishment (1984):** President Ronald Reagan recognized that military spouses have, since the American Revolution, provided the essential support behind the homefront, often managing families alone during deployments, training, and frequent moves.
- **First Proclamation:** Proclamation 5184 was signed in 1984, and the first "Military Spouse Day" was celebrated on May 23 of that year.
- **Standardizing the Date:** Later, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger standardized the date to be the Friday preceding Mother's Day.
- **Congressional Recognition (1999):** Congress officially made this day part of National Military Appreciation Month.
- **Symbolism:** The day highlights the strength, sacrifice, and patriotism of spouses who often put their own professional and personal goals aside to support their service members.

While Military Spouse Appreciation Day was established in 1984, the need to support military families has been recognized throughout history.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day continues to be a day of national recognition, often highlighted by special messages from military leadership and sometimes a new presidential proclamation for the current year.



*National  
Military Spouse  
Appreciation Day*



*May 8, 2026*

*5:00 PM*

*New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery  
110 Daniel Webster Hwy, Boscaawen, NH 03303*

**See next page for continuation!**

## *National Military Spouse Appreciation Day*

**May 8, 2026**

**5:00 PM**

### *Honoring the Strength Behind the Service*

We gather today to recognize and celebrate the unwavering dedication, resilience, and sacrifice of military spouses. Your support strengthens our service members, our families, and our nation.

## *Program Agenda*

### **Opening Remarks**

CDR Peter S. Burdett, USN (Ret.)

### **Governor Kelly Ayotte Remarks**

Military Spouse Appreciation

### **Guest Remarks**

Jake Sullivan

Husband of U.S. Representative Maggie Goodlander

### **Recognition Ceremony**

Distribution of Yellow Roses and "Spouse Pins"

Presented by:

Lt Col Larry Miller, USAFR (Ret.)

President, MOAA-NH Chapter

Assisted by Pat Miller

MOAA-NH Chapter Surviving Spouse Liaison

### **Closing Remarks**

LTC Shawn P. Buck, USA (Ret.)

Director, New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery

### *A Tribute to Military Spouses*

Military spouses serve in ways both seen and unseen. They endure long separations, frequent relocations, and the challenges of military life with courage and grace. Today, we honor your sacrifices, your strength, and your commitment.

### *With Gratitude*

Thank you for your service to our service members, our communities, and our country.

**"Behind every strong service member is an equally strong military spouse."**

### *Special Recognition*

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of:

**USAA** – for providing the Military Spouse Pins

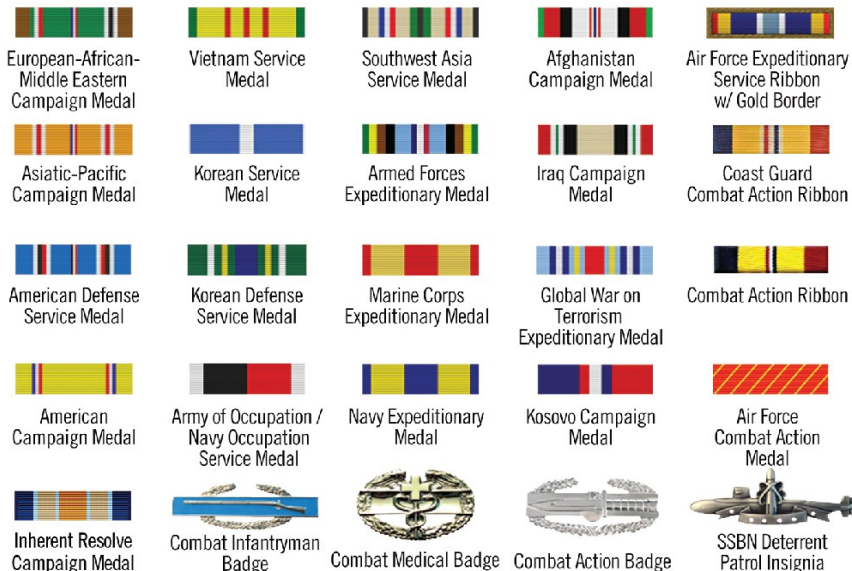
**Oak Glow Farm** – for donating the beautiful yellow roses

*National  
Military Spouse  
Appreciation Day*



*May 8, 2026*

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



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[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

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# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

<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

**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 -- 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 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 withdrawl)  
 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.)

