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State Commander's Message



Greetings VFW Family,

As we move into May we are beginning to prepare for the next administrative year. The Posts need to elect and install their new slate of officers prior to the state convention which is June 2-4th. This is not an optional exercise. I encourage members to take on these vital roles. We as a Department are only as successful as our Posts. If you see something you would like changed in your Post now is the time to step forward and be that change! The VFW is a TEAM effort.

We have made some gains in membership during April though slower than March but we have reached 98.46 % and are chasing Massachusetts who is at 98.68%. Lets push past them and become the top New England state!! The Post that has the most new or reinstated members during April will be awarded \$200.00. There is still time to get those members on your rolls.

For the Month of May we will again be putting a Commanders Challenge out. All Posts that reach 102% or more by May 31st will be put into a drawing for a \$500.00 reward. We have several Posts that have already achieved the 102% and many more that are only a member or 2 away from our stated goal. New members are the life blood of our organization. If you do not bring new members into your Post you are signing its death warrant. Recruit Recruit for new energy and ideas.

While reporting has ended for this administrative year insure you are tracking your Community service and work on behalf of Veterans for the upcoming year. Remember if you don't report it it did not happen!!

Please plan on attending the Department of New Hampshire's 103^{-d} State Convention on June 2-4th at the Town and Country Resort Shelburne NH. It is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with many other Posts from across the state. And is an opportunity to exchange ideas and learn what is and is not working from other Posts. We will also be offering District Commander and Quartermaster training during the convention. You are encouraged to attend as you can not have to much knowledge. I would also encourage you to bring Corn hole boards for a possible impromptu game or two. Lets Keep letting people know Veterans Have No Better Friend than The VFW.

Questions comments or concerns can be forwarded to: rideout4rep@gmail.com

Department Commander Leon H. Rideout



DISTRICT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

Here we go! This is the best time of the year for us all. The sun is shining, days are longer, and a new term is ready to begin. Elections at the post and district levels have been completed; don't forget to submit your election reports!

It's time to have some fun with your community. May 1st (as close to) is when we are all holding Loyalty Day Ceremonies. May 6th is the VFW #dayofservice. I hope that you have planned something to do with your members out in the community! Do a road cleanup, park cleanup, be creative and do something positive and have fun doing it. Make Memorial Day something extra special, and let the news know so that more people see that you are having an event. Have poppy drives, but hand out poppies everywhere you go, too.

Congratulations to all the newly and reelected officers. Thank you for reelecting me for another term. Remember that no matter what position you hold, you have an obligation to seek out someone to learn from you, so that you may pass on the knowledge and skills for your position to the next person. This is how we ensure everyone knows the rules, duties and responsibilities and foster growth and positive change in our organization. If you have been doing the same thing for more than 3 years, start looking to teach someone how to do what you do.

This summer is going to be packed full of activities in District 6, so share them on the District Facebook and with the Adjutant. Attend other posts events! You never know where you might find a great idea to bring back to your post. Let's work together and do something great this year and have a ton of fun doing it!

District Meeting dates have been selected based on the Council dates. I kept us on Saturdays, so that church goers can attend. Bring your members to the meetings! We will have great training at each one starting with QM/Trustee training in August. It is VITAL that Trustees are following the "trust but verify" principle. Trustees are the ones who ensure money is handled properly and everyone is kept honest. We can all benefit from QM and Trustee training.

Email me if your post wants to host a meeting and the date.

August 12th, 2023 October 21, 2023 January 13, 2024 March 30, 2024

Keep looking ahead and plan community or family friendly events for your members. HAVE FUN!

Yours in comradeship,

Paul Roy Commander, Merrimack NH Post 8641 Commander, NH District 6 Hungry Cootie, MOC Old Man Mountain NH PT #1 Office: (603) 424-7719 Cell: (603) 264-8502



STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Dear Comrades,

We have lots of events coming up over the next month: Loyalty Day, Buddy Poppies, and Memorial Day celebrations. Please be on the lookout for details and of course, we are always looking for people to help out during these events. I know we sound like a broken record, but it's because we have the same people doing everything. We can't make changes without your ideas and help implementing them. There are only so many hours in the day and we are all volunteers who have other commitments, so please come out and help.

I'd like to thank you for having me as your Commander this past year. I couldn't have done it without help from our other officers, and especially our Quartermaster Lew (who we know actually does most of the work around the Post!). Please join me in congratulating Chris on being the next Post 483 Commander- I'm sure he will do an excellent job, or at least keep everyone in line as our local Police Officer!

If you are ever in the Mason area, please feel free to stop by and say hi! -Katie Boots

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE





Greetings District 6 VFW Auxiliary Members!

A big thank you to all District 6 Auxiliaries and Members! You made this year the best one yet! Thank you for all you do to support Veterans and their families! Continue your path to supporting New Hampshire Veterans and their families. Remember that communication is the key and check in on your members who you have not heard from in a while!

REPORTING

Thank you all for submitting your reports before the deadline! It was great to see such an awesome response from District 6!

MEMBERSHIP

VFW Auxiliary District 6 achieved 100% Membership! Don't forget to keep working on membership! We are still the ONLY District in the state to achieve not only 100% for the District but each Auxiliary having 100% and more!

2023-2024 DISTRICT 6 MEETINGS

Thank you all for a great discussion at our last district meeting on Sunday, April 23rd at Derry Post #1617. As a recap, a motion was made, discussed, voted and passed to have our District 6 Meetings to be held the Sunday after the Council of Administration Meeting at 9:30 AM. Locations are TBD.

DISTRICT 6 ELECTED OFFICERS 2023-2024

Congratulations to all newly elected officers. Thank you for the past 3 years serving as your President. I am looking forward to my new position of District Treasurer for 2023-2024. I extent my congratulations to Trish St Germain as the newly elected District 6 President.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Are you attending the Department of NH VFW and Auxiliary State Convention, June $1^{sr} - 4^{TH}$ at the Town and Country in Shelburne, NH? It is a great opportunity to see the Cross of Malta performed, awards presented for the Auxiliaries outstanding work this past year, and elections for the position of Guard. I look forward to seeing you all there.

DISTRICT 6 MEETING

I look forward to seeing you at our up-coming District 6 meeting: Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 Location: TBD Time: 9:30 AM

Best regards, Julie DeRubeis District 6 VFW Auxiliary President 2022-2023 / julie.derubeis@gmail.com / 603-546-5533





FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



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CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER

I have nothing new to report for our legislative activity this month. Primary season is approaching, and you are encouraged to participate in the political process. If you have the time, interest, and inclination for a thankless job, you could always run for a local political office. Who knows, you may like it, and be quite good at it.

The Manchester VAMC work is progressing with the water damage repairs in the main building. If you wish to volunteer onsite for positions at the VAMC, you must be a registered volunteer. To register as a volunteer and find out what positions they are accepting, please contact Stella Lareau, VAVS Supervisor at <u>stella.lareau@va.gov</u> or call 603-624-4366 ex.6419.

The end of our VFW membership year is rapidly approaching. We only have until June 30 to reach our mandatory membership goals. It's every post Commander's duty, responsibility, and obligation to grow his post membership to 102% as set by the State Commander, and as stipulated by our Dept NH VFW By-Laws ARTICLE IX: Posts: Section 2) Post Commander er Responsibility: Post Commanders shall be responsible for the growth of their posts, increasing membership, forging a relationship with their communities, and ensuring that all programs are completed and reported. And it's up to you, the members of every VFW post, to do your duty and recruit at least one person into the VFW to assist your post Commander to fulfill his mission.

On Sat. May 13, 2023, 10 AM, Liberty House is conducting a Touch-a-Truck Benefit at Catholic Charities, 100 William Loeb Drive, Manchester, NH 03109.

Your children can explore vehicles like:

fire engine race car and simulator bearcat tractor police cruiser

delivery truck WWII Military Truck antique cars and more!

There'll be plenty of local food trucks, arts and crafts, balloon-making, and entertainment for all ages! Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family. Children under age 2 are free! Registration is on-site - see you there!

I hope to have seen many of you on Sat, Apr 29, 5 pm at the Concord Holiday Inn for the Commanders and President Testimonial.

If you missed that one, there is still time to book your hotel and banquet meal for our NH VFW State Convention, June 2 to 4, at the Town and Country Inn and Resort in Shelbourne, NH

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POST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



May 2023

The Easter raffle was a success, along with the winner they also received a small easter basket made special which they loved.

The time has come again for us to thank our heroes from our city. We have a Loyalty day coming up in May to do just that. We thank the teacher of the year, Police men, firefighters, also winner of voice of democracy, patriots pen ,youth leader and recognition to Bob Bartis and George Russell Broadcasting. We are also giving a certificate of appreciation to Jerry Leavitt, Humana. Winners for their service to this city. After the program we get to meet all of these wonderful people , when all is done they have lunch. Everyone should respect them.

Testimonial for Dot Mattson Department President is in Concord this week.

Coming up is the Memorial day parade in Nashua, we gather at Hollman stadium and march to Elm street where we will have a lunch to everybody in the parade.

Diane Ordway

President of Auxiliary 483

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DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

LOCATION	POST #	%	RETENTION
NASHUA	483	97.01%	94.44%
DERRY	1617	106.17%	96.77%
HUDSON	5791	90.29%	80.85%
SALEM	8546	96.95%	87.80%
MERRIMACK	8641	103.07%	89.36%
PELHAM	10722	95.76%	70.27%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	92.11%	60.00%
HOLLIS	11373	95.74%	72.73%
TOTALS		97.87%	81.53%

We have a good chance of hitting 100% this year. We only have 4 members that have to renew by the end of June. If that happens we will be just 2 short of 100%. I would be outstanding if we can recruit at least two, but more for safety in this time. We can do it if you all recruit. Everyone knows someone who is eligible. Talk to them.



Welcome new transfer Life Members Corey Knecht, Jarrod Rivers and to our post.





FUN PAGE

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A worldwide survey was conducted by the UN. The only question asked was: "Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?" The survey was a huge failure. In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant. In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant. In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant. In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant. In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant. In South America they didn't know what "please" meant. And in the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can do anything you decide to do. You can act to change and control your life; and the procedure, the process is its own reward.

Amelia Earhart



MIND TWISTER

A man wanted to work, but he could not log in to his computer terminal successfully. He tried twice, but still his password did not work. He suddenly remembered that the passwords are reset every month for security purposes. So, he called his boss and said, "Hey boss, my password is out of date." His boss replied, "Yes, that's right. The password is different. Listen carefully. I am sure, you can figure out the new one. The new one has the same amount of letters as your old password, but only four of the letters are the same.""Thanks boss."With that, the man could correctly log into his station. What are both the new and old passwords?



the average bed contains over 6 billion dust mites

VFW Letter to Speaker McCarthy Urging Veteran Protections: The House passed a budget resolution to reduce the amount of federal spending for the next fiscal year (FY). The resolution sets overall spending at 2022 levels, but does not specify that veteran care and benefits would not be reduced. VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci sent a letter to Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy urging him to ensure protections for veterans are addressed. Gallucci wrote, "Plainly stated, the *Honoring our PACT Act of 2022* did not exist when funding levels were set for FY 2022." The PACT Act was not passed into law until after budget levels had been established, so the VFW wants to ensure the monumental advances secured through that legislation are protected.

Veteran Benefits Bill Hearing: The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a pending legislation hearing to discuss 14 bills on veteran and survivor benefits. VFW National Legislative Deputy Director Kristina Keenan provided a statement for the record in support of these proposals. In particular, she conveyed the VFW's strong support of the *GUARD VA Benefits Act of 2023*, which would reinstate criminal and financial penalties for unaccredited representatives who prey on veterans.

VA Online Financial Literacy Seminars: The VA Office of Outreach, Transition and Economic Development has partnered with Prudential to host free monthly online financial literacy seminars for veterans, transitioning service members, spouses, family members, and caregivers. Income management topics include budgeting, saving, investing, taxes, life insurance, and preparing for retirement.





May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 National Loyalty Day	2	3 Cootie Pup Tent 1 Meeting Hudson 1900	4	5 Auxiliary Meeting 1300	6 Post Loyalty Day 1000 Senior Center
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23 Post Meeting 1900 and Installation of Officers	24	25	26 Poppy Drive	27 Poppy Drive
28 Poppy Drive	29 Cemetery Visits 0800	30	31			
	Memorial Day Pa- rade 1100					

ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

The old one was "out of date." The new one is "different." Both passwords contain the letters d, f, e, and t.

POST NEWS

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Loyalty Day is 6 May 2023, at the Nashua Senior Center, 70 Temple St., Nashua, NH, at 1000. All members are welcome to attend. Great chance to bring an eligible friend to see how we award local people in our community.



Our Memorial weekend Poppy Drive will be 26-28 May 2023. We will be at the Markets Baskets in S. Nashua and Somerset Plaza 26-27 May and at the DW Highway Liquor Store 26-28 May. We always can use more volunteers to help.

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, 29 May 2023. Form at Holman Stadium at 1015 for kickoff at 1100. Lunch will follow at the Elm Street School.

Prior to the Memorial Day Parade we will be conducting ceremonies at local cemeteries. We will begin at 0800. Report to the post anytime after 0700 for coffee and donuts. Depart post approximately 0745 for the first cemetery.



VFW Department of NH State Convention is 2-4 June 2023, at the Town & Country Hotel in Shelbourne, NH. The new State Officers will be elected.





QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER

We are quickly coming to the end of this membership year. The year ends 30 June. We need to bring is some new members before this date. It is the job of every member to help support the post's programs. Recruiting is one of them.



Post installation will be held at the 23 May meeting. Plan on attending.

Commander: Chris DiTullio

Sr. Vice: James Cline Sr.

Jr. Vice: Mark Plante

Chaplain: C.T. Townsend

Quartermaster: Lewis Chipola

3 Year Trustee: Donald Vincent

Past State Commander Mark McCabe will be the installing officer. All members who have signed up for the Poppy Drive should attend the meeting to pick up their poppies, tables, can and chair for the drive. All members are always encourage to attend the monthly post meetings. Come out and join the discuss and planning for our events. You input is always welcome.





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER







Greetings from the desk of the Chaplain:

Deceased members: None

Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying good health.

Asking everyone for their continued prayers and support for, comrade

Barry Palmers, continued recovery and return to good health.

If anyone is aware of any member in distress or experiencing any difficulty,

Please advise the Post so that we may reach out to that veteran or family.

Continue to stay safe and look out for one another

Yours in comradeship, Herbert CT Townsend Chaplain Post 483

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Herbert "C.T." Townsend 603-345-5033 Members: Katie Boots-Commander 603-689-4072 Lewis Chipola-Quartermaster 603-521-7708 Scott Gagnon 781-983-2876 Steve Ordway

DISTRICT 6 & C of A MEETING SCHEDULE

Council of Administration Meetings

13 August 2022: Littleton Post 816 1000

15 October 2022 Laconia Post 1670 1300

14 January 2023: Concord Post 1631 1000

29 April 2023: NG HQ Bldg. B

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Battle of the Coral Sea

The **Battle of the Coral Sea**, from 4 to 8 May 1942, was a major <u>naval battle</u> between the <u>Imperial Japanese</u> <u>Navy</u> (IJN) and naval and air forces of the United States and Australia. Taking place in the <u>Pacific Thea-</u> <u>tre</u> of <u>World War II</u>, the battle is historically significant as the first naval action in which the opposing fleets neither sighted nor fired upon one another, attacking over the horizon with <u>aircraft carriers</u> instead.

To strengthen their defensive position in the South Pacific, the Japanese decided to invade and occupy Port Moresby (in New Guinea) and Tulagi (in the southeastern Solomon Islands). The plan, Operation Mo, involved several major units of Japan's Combined Fleet. Two fleet carriers and a light carrier were assigned to provide air cover for the invasion forces, under the overall command of Admiral Shigeyoshi Inoue. The U.S. learned of the Japanese plan through signals intelligence and sent two U.S. Navy carrier task forces and a joint Australian-American cruiser force to oppose the offensive, under the overall command of U.S. Admiral Frank J. Fletcher.

On 3–4 May, Japanese forces <u>successfully invaded and occupied Tulagi</u>, although several supporting warships were sunk or damaged in a surprise attack by the U.S. carrier <u>Yorktown</u>. Alerted to the presence of enemy aircraft carriers, the Japanese fleet carriers advanced towards the <u>Coral Sea</u> to locate and destroy the <u>Allied</u> naval forces. On the evening of 6 May, the two carrier fleets closed to within 70 nmi (81 mi; 130 km) but did not detect each other in the darkness. The next day, both fleets launched airstrikes against what they thought was the enemy fleet carriers, but both sides actually attacked other targets. The U.S. sank the Japanese light carrier <u>Shōhō</u>, and the Japanese sank a U.S. <u>destroyer</u> and damaged the <u>fleet oiler Neosho</u>. On 8 May, both sides finally located and attacked the other's fleet carriers, with the Japanese fleet carrier <u>Shōkaku</u> damaged, the U.S. fleet carrier <u>Lexington</u> critically damaged and later scuttled, and the fleet carrier <u>Yorktown</u> lightly damaged.

Both sides having suffered heavy aircraft losses and carriers sunk or damaged, the two forces disengaged and retired from the area. Because of the loss of carrier air cover, Inoue also recalled the Port Moresby invasion fleet. Although the battle was a tactical victory for the Japanese in terms of ships sunk, it has been described as a strategic victory for the Allies. The battle marked the first time since the start of the war that a major Japanese advance had been turned back. More importantly, the damage to *Shōkaku* and the aircraft losses of *Zuikaku* prevented both ships from participating in the <u>Battle of Midway</u> the following month.



<u>Shigeyoshi Inoue</u>, commander of the Fourth Fleet of the Imperial Japanese Navy





<u>Frank Jack Fletcher</u>, commander of U.S. Task Force 17



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