



## Monthly Newsletter

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**ISSUE: 3**

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## POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

Thanks to those who helped with the Folds of Honor Golf Tournament as you know this is something our Post has participated in since 2009 and without those stepping up and participating, we would not be able to.

As I mentioned in our last meeting, I want the members to do something together at least once a quarter. It could be anything, but we NEED to do something. I am open for ideas and volunteers for the Entertainment Committee.

The Nashua Silver Knights General Manager, Cam Cook, will be at our next meeting in September. I would like to see a good turn out of members to be at the meeting as he will be presenting us with the check from the 50/50 raffle and uniform auction.

As always, any ideas to better the Post and make improvements are welcome.

Take care,

Chris DiTullio

Commander

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## State Commander's Message



**Greeting and Salutations from Commander Denis Querrard**

**Wishing the U.S. Air Force a Happy 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday on September 18<sup>th</sup>!**

It has been a busy month of August and I can appreciate all the hard work that the Posts are doing! The warm summer days are coming to an end and the leaves on trees are starting to turn shades of red and yellow...

Our VFW membership goals are a lofty 102% and that will require some heavy lifting by our posts to get out and about to 'reinstate' and 'recruit' new members. We have been tasked with a mission to raise our membership numbers above a million members across the VFW Internationally; to be the lobbying force before Congress and Senate that we need to be, to protect the benefits we have fought for and continue to fight for, as these federal legislative bodies look to cut costs and balance budgets at the expense of Veterans.

I visited District 6 at the Derry Post on August 12<sup>th</sup> and was happy to see everyone there and connect with old friends. Thank you Derry Memorial Post 1617, and Post CDR Isaac Miller, for your hospitality and use of your post.

A shout-out to District 6 CDR Paul Roy for running a tight ship! Your efforts and successes are always appreciated!

As a grassroots organization, our Posts lead the way in our communities; with so much being done, for so little recognition...  
Thank you!

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





## STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

**The first C of A is in the books. It was great to have District Council Member #1, Brenda Blair, from Maine there as our National Representative. It was great to see many members and guests, from both the VFW and Auxiliary. I would like to say thank you to Littleton VFW and Auxiliary for hosting the state picnic. It was a good day.**

**As we move into September please remember to check your calendars and the Department Website for upcoming events.**

**Any VFW or Auxiliary that is doing any fundraising for the Department Commander and Department President special project, please let me know so if I can I would love to attend.**

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

**Thanks,  
Kim Copson  
President  
Dept. of NH  
2023-2024**



## DISTRICT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Hey there Comrades!

Well, the summer is nearly over and winding down, but there is still a lot of things to do as we prepare for the coming months. My summer vacation was great. Sometimes we all just need to disconnect and refresh our mind, body and soul. I caught lots of Smallmouth Bass, and had a great visit with the Nashua post (my one VFW thing that I did during vacation.)

Great ideas often spawn from great conversations, and I was given an idea recently that I wanted to share. Car shows, old home days, parks and rec events, senior center events or anything else similar are a great place to set up an information table and talk to people about the VFW and our programs. We all have varied interests, so find something you like to take part in and get out there and set up a table. It was also brought up, by a different person, that to ensure we have the transparency and teamwork that I have been advocating for, the District officers need to visit with posts and be more active. I have taken this advice to heart, and the District Jr Vice visited Hollis in June, and I have visited with Nashua (finally!). In addition to Post inspections every Post will see a District officer at least once during this term to better the communications between the Post and upper leadership; as well as better support the Posts and their officers.

Please, keep sharing your ideas on ways that we can all be more effective as VFW officers!

September, October and November are great months full of important dates. September 2<sup>nd</sup> is VJ Day. The Thunder over NH Airshow is the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Pease. Reach out to Paul Lloyd or Jorg if you are able to do some recruiting at the air show VFW tent. September 11<sup>th</sup> services should be held by everyone. Happy birthday to the US Air Force on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Department POW/MIA Remembrance Service will be at Boscawen on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am (Blues/Greys).

Start planning your "Veterans in the Classroom" events for November! There is always tons that can be done to be an active part of the community and we are the District to set the example, so let's get out there! Next District meeting is October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hudson VFW 10am. Send us an email with your OTI ideas. Have some fun, and keep up the hard work!

### Paul Roy

Commander, District 6 NH VFW

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## DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

It was wonderful to see some of you at the August C of A and summer picnic.

### Department of NH Scheduled Training

**Auxiliary and District Presidents** an in- depth training scheduled for Saturday, **September 16th** at the Jaffrey Post from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Secretaries, Treasurers, and Trustees** an in-depth training is scheduled just for you on Saturday September 9th at Franklin Post from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

It is important that you confirm your attendance at this most important training if you have any questions. Please contact the Training Coordinator, Linda Meader, (nhsecvfwaux@gmail.com or 603/731-8212).

### Other News

If you have not heard, National has voted raise dues \$5.00. This means National dues for annual members will now be \$10.00 per member.

Ways and Means calendar raffles have been distributed if you need them contact Department President Kim Copson.

### **Membership**

Auxiliary	Current Percent
Nashua 483	27.03%
Derry 1617	50.21%
Hudson 5791	64.18%
Merrimack 8641	46.00%
Pelham 10722	100.00%
<b>Total - District 6</b>	<b>54.49%</b>

**"Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans" and "Banding Together for Our Veterans"**

### **District 6 Meetings 2023-2024**

Nashua 483	Sunday	August 27th 2023 9:30 am
Pelham 10722	Sunday	November 5th 2023 9:30 am
Derry 1617	Sunday	January 28th 2024 9:30 am
Merrimack 8641	Sunday	April 14th 2024 9:30 am *Encampment

*Trish St. Germain*  
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## STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE & CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER



**2023-9 Dept. NH VFW National Legislative Committee Member, VAVS VAMC Manchester  
VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair**

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Town hall meetings, parades, flag waves, door knocking. Primary season is here in NH, and I hope you are actively supporting the politicians of your choice. Let them know you are a veteran and that you also are a member of the VFW, and that you care about what they are campaigning on. If you don't personally go and vote, you voted by default for whoever wins. Elections have consequences. Please, hold your nose and vote for the person most closely aligned with your political ideals. No candidate will ever be 100% aligned with your beliefs, so you must choose wisely. Don't let single issues overshadow the big picture. That's what the primary is all about, weeding out those candidates that just won't make it.

I'm in the process of setting up our Fall VFW Legislative Meetings with our congressional delegation in Washington DC. We will have our VFW Legislative Committee Meeting the week of Sep. 11 to 14. I will lead our VFW delegation to visit the offices of US Senators Shaheen, Hassan, and US Congress Representatives Kuster and Pappas to go over the Legislative Priorities that the VFW will provide us with. In the past, all our delegation has been very supportive of our VFW Priorities, and we will urge them to continue that path.

The Dept NH VFW is supporting the Annual Harbor Homes Stand Down at the Double Tree Hotel in Manchester for our homeless vets that are in our VA system. We will have our table set up and will distribute needed items that the Dept NH VFW purchased for this event. Thank you for your generous recommended donations that make this possible. I will also attend our Liberty House Ambassador's meeting to catch up on how their fundraising efforts have progressed.

We have several Dept. NH VFW recruiting events planned where we will have a table and invite veterans to join the VFW. Sun. Sep. 10 at the Pease Airshow, and again on Sat. Sep. 23 at the Seacoast Veterans Conference. You don't have to be at a formal recruiting event to recruit qualified veterans into the VFW. You can do so anytime you meet a veteran and chat with them. You don't have to sign them up and harass them, just ask them to go to [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) and click on the JOIN link.

Jörg Dreusicke

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## POST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



From the Desk of:

Brenda Bryne  
Auxiliary President

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Brenda Bryne, 2023-2024 Auxiliary President for Nashua Post 483. I look forward to working with all Auxiliary members.

I would like to congratulate all the incoming Auxiliary officers.

Upcoming events are listed below.

- Auxiliary meeting for Post 483 is scheduled for Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> at our post home. 8 E. Pearl St @ 1:00 PM.
- 
- August 19<sup>th</sup> C of A and Department Outing @ Littleton Post 816.
- 
- Meeting is @ 10:00 AM
- 
- Outing is @ 12:00 PM – Tickets are \$25 per person.
- 
- Tickets can be purchased from Chris Pierce, Department Quartermaster
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – District 6 Meeting (Auxiliary Members only) @ Nashua Post 483 @ 9:30 AM
- Meeting is being hosted by the Nashua Auxiliary. Donuts and coffee will be available.

Please remember that Stand-down is being held in Manchester the first week of September.

I want to thank the members for working our recent Buddy Poppy drive over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It was a very successful drive. Please continue to recruit new members.

The Auxiliary sends “get well” wishes for any of our members who may have been ill recently and also offer our “condolences” to anyone who may have lost a loved one recently.

Until next time, please stay well and stay safe from the high temperatures.

Should you have any questions please call myself @ 603-930-0589 or Shirley Labonte @ 603-582-3620.

Thank you,  
Brenda Brynes  
483 Auxiliary President





## MEMBERSHIP



### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	R S	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
6	0	1	0	9	10	204	4.90%	3		NASH UA	NH	0	72	20.83%

**2023-2024 GOAL 102%**

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

### DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

LOCATION	POST #	%	RETENTION
NASHUA	483	4.90%	20.83%
DERRY	1617	26.01%	72.58%
HUDSON	5791	3.66%	29.79%
SALEM	8546	2.34%	17.07%
MERRIMACK	8641	7.56%	30.04%
PELHAM	10722	5.00%	18.92%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	0.00%	0.00%
HOLLIS	11373	4.26%	27.27%
TOTALS		8.12%	30.06%

### MEETING REMINDER

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



## FUN PAGE



## JOKE OF THE MONTH

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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

Henry James

## DID YOU KNOW

Buckingham Palace has over 600 rooms

## MIND TWISTER

A woman was found dead in her den.  
She was slumped over on her desk, holding a gun was in her hand.  
A cassette tape recorder was on her desk.  
When the police entered the room, they pressed the play button on the tape recorder.  
This is the message they heard : "I can't go on. I have nothing to live for."  
Then the sound of a gun shot was heard.

### Question :

How did the police immediately determine that the woman had been murdered and had not committed suicide?

## VA NEWS

### **Applications Now Being Accepted for 2023-2024 VFW-SVA Legislative Fellow-**

**ship:** The application process for the 2023-2024 class of VFW-SVA legislative fellows is now open. VFW members who attend an accredited institute of higher learning will be chosen for the semester-long program that focuses on real policy issues faced by veterans, service members, and their families. The capstone of the program is participation in the 2024 VFW Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. Alumni of the program have become more active at all levels of the VFW and SVA, and have been instrumental in chan

**National Defense Authorization Act Concerns:** In comments regarding the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024*, VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci stated that housing for military families is a major concern. Though service members receive a basic allowance for housing, it has not kept up with the market. Also, only 37% of active duty family respondents were likely to recommend military service according to the latest Blue Star Families survey. Gallucci said, "There's a realization that in order to encourage Americans to volunteer to join the military, the benefits package needs to take care of their families, that you can't have service members in poverty and expect to maintain the all-volunteer force." nging laws to improve care and benefits for veterans.







**President Implements UCMJ Reforms:** President Biden has enacted historic Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) reforms aimed at holding more offenders accountable for crimes. Passed as part of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022*, changes to the military justice system include placing prosecutorial decisions for cases like sexual assault and child abuse in the hands of independent prosecutors instead of unit commanders, as has been the status quo. The new rules come on the heels of recommendations from the 2021 Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault in the Military, and years of effort by advocates and lawmakers to increase process fairness and justice for victims of sexual assault and other serious offenses.



## CALENDAR



# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Aux Meeting 1300	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6 Cootie Pup Tent #1 Meeting 1900 Hudson 	7	8 Vets Coffey Talk 0930	9
10	11 Legislative Conf. Washington, D.C.  Mayor's Veteran Council 1400 	12 Legislative Conf. Washington, D.C. 	13 Legislative Conf. Washington, D.C. 	14 Legislative Conf. Washington, D.C. 	15	16
17	18 	19	20	21	22	23 POW Ceremony Boscawen 1100  First Day of Fall
24	25 Visit to Langdon Place	26 Post Meeting 1900  Raffle Drawing 2000	27	28	29	30

## ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

The cassette started at the beginning of the woman's utterance.  
Someone else had to be in the den to re-wind the tape.

## POST NEWS

## BREAKING NEWS



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VFW POST 483 Nashua

We collected \$1,811.96 at our fundraiser for the Nashua Children's Home. We were 3 members short in manning the Market Basket. Thanks go out to James Cline, Don Vincent, Steve Ordway, Angelo Ruocco, Lew Chipola and Marie Chipola for covering the slots. We have to do better when we have this type of fundraiser. More members have to volunteer to help.

We were honored at Holman Stadium on Friday, 28 July at the Silver Knights home game. Only seven members showed up. We had 15 free tickets. Many who were at the June meeting said they were attending did not show. Dick Mohrmann, Steve Ordway, Don Vincent, Angelo Ruocco, Lew Chipola, John York and Commander Chris DiTullio were present.



Katie Boots fire training class. She finally has finished. I think the one with the red square around the head is her.



Some of the members that were present with some of the player from the Silver Knights.





## QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



September is the third month of the new membership year. For us to try to make "All American" status again this year, membership is one of the biggest blocks to achieve. The goal is 102%. This means we have to recruit new members. Up to this time not many of us have recruited new members. Only 2 or 3 people have recruited a new member. This will not work. We must have more members recruit new members.

September is our last chance to sell raffle tickets for the Henry Rifle. Anyone that has not taken tickets to sell should pick up some and sell them. This creates income for the post. Every ticket not sold is lost money. The drawing will be at the end of the Sep-

Commander DiTullio wants the post to get move involved in the community. We have submitted an application to the Greater Nashua Downtown Association to participate in the Nashua Winter Stroll in November. If we are granted this opportunity we will have our tent set up on Main Street. We will have to staff the tent. Volunteers will be needed. This presents a good time to recruit. Let's support Commander DiTullio's program.

The Post conducted the annual Flag raising at the Nashua Country Club for the Folds of Honor Foundation on Sunday, 20 August. We have done this since it's inception in 2009. See pages 25-26.

### Members in picture below (left to right)

Bob Anderson, 2 yr Trustee; Don Vincent, 3 yr Trustee; Steve Ordway, 1 Year Trustee; Lew Chipola, Quartermaster; Chris DiTullio, Commander; Gia Bonilla, Gate City Casino; C.T. Townsend, Chaplain; Marc Plante, Jr. Vice.



Receiving the check from Delaware North for 3 days of Charitable Gaming. L to R; Bob Anderson, Don Vincent, Steve Ordway, Lew Chipola, Chris DiTullio, Gia Bonilla, C.T. Townsend, Marc Plante.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Greetings;

Deceased Members:  
None

Hope all our members are doing well and enjoying What's left of our summer. There is still time for a few more Cookouts and get togethers.

Condolences were sent out to former Commander James Cline on the loss of his father.

Get well wishes and prayers continue to go out to Barry Palmer in his recovery process.

Remember to stay safe when entertaining family and friends.

Always look forward to seeing everyone and remember to let the post know if anyone is in need of any assistance.

Yours in comradeship,  
Herbert CT Townsend  
Chaplain  
Post 483

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

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### DISTRICT 6 & C of A MEETING SCHEDULE

Council of Administration Meetings

19 August 2023: Littleton Post 816 1000

28 October 2023 Kingston 1300

20 January 2024: TBA 1300

13 April 2024: Mountain View Grand Resort 1000

### DISTRICT 6 MEETING SCHEDULE

12 August 2023: Derry 1000

21 October 2023: Hudson 1000

13 January 2024: Merrimack 1000

30 March 2024: Pelham 1000

### District 6 Auxiliary Schedule

27 August 2023: Nashua 0930

5 November 2023: Pelham 0930

28 January 2024: Derry 0930

14 April 2024: Merrimack 0930

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

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## BATTLE OF THE MONTH



# Battle of Atlanta

The Battle of Atlanta was a battle of the [Atlanta Campaign](#) fought during the [American Civil War](#) on July 22, 1864, just southeast of [Atlanta, Georgia](#). Continuing their summer campaign to seize the important rail and supply hub of Atlanta, [Union](#) forces commanded by [William Tecumseh Sherman](#) overwhelmed and defeated [Confederate](#) forces defending the city under [John Bell Hood](#). Union [Maj. Gen. James B. McPherson](#) was killed during the battle, the second-highest-ranking Union officer killed in action during the war. Despite the implication of finality in its name, the battle occurred midway through the Atlanta campaign, and the city did not fall until September 2, 1864, after a Union siege and various attempts to seize railroads and supply lines leading to Atlanta. After taking the city, Sherman's troops headed south-southeastward toward [Milledgeville](#), the state [capital](#), and on to [Savannah](#) with the [March to the Sea](#).

The fall of Atlanta was especially noteworthy for its political ramifications. In the [1864 election](#), former Union general [George B. McClellan](#), a [Democrat](#), ran against [President Lincoln](#), on a peace platform calling for an [armistice](#) with the Confederacy. The capture of Atlanta and Hood's burning of military facilities as he evacuated were extensively covered by Northern newspapers, significantly boosting Northern morale, and Lincoln was re-elected by a significant margin.



Maj. General William T. Sherman, Union Commander



Confederate defenses around Atlanta, GA.



Maj. General John Bell Hood, Confederate Commander





# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



8/9/23, 11:27 AM

LA Times, Wed, Aug 9, 2023

## The Washington Post

LA Times, Wed, Aug 9, 2023

By Jon Pennington / Ed. Patti Varol

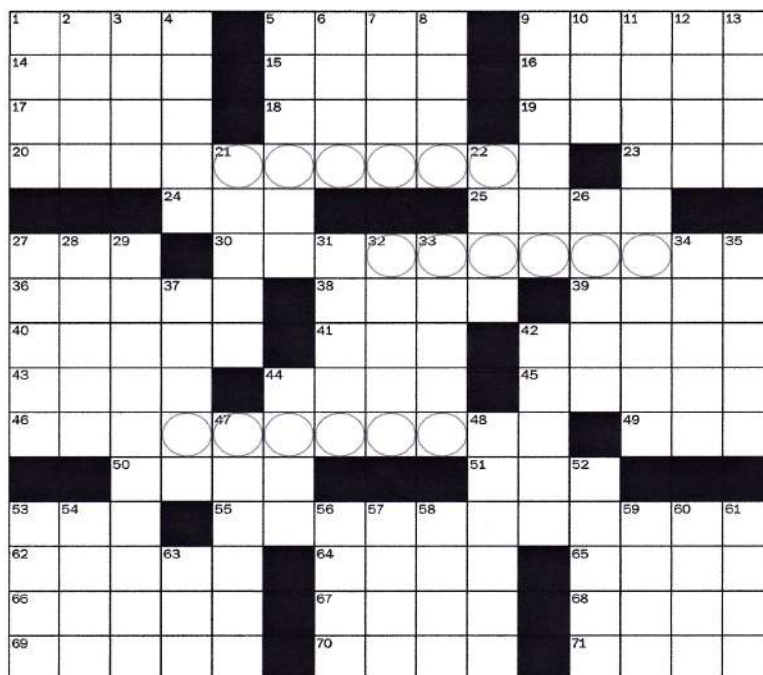
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### ACROSS

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5 Golden Rule preposition  
9 Green pasta sauce  
14 Hammer or sickle  
15 Amphibian that can regrow an appendage  
16 Was sore  
17 Much of an atlas  
18 Way out  
19 Unceasingly  
20 Orange-yellow hue in 1970s kitchens  
23 Aliens, for short  
24 [Error in original text]  
25 Mapmaker's right  
27 Crockpot topper  
30 Place to purchase Pixel phones  
36 People of Pennsylvania's Lancaster County  
38 Taxing trip  
39 Way off  
40 Come-from-behind victory, perhaps  
41 Coastal inlet  
42 Curly-tailed watchdog  
43 Venison  
44 Chums  
45 Splinter groups  
46 Make drowsy with a lullaby  
49 Bull's-\_\_  
50 Many a techie  
51 Karaoke aid  
53 "I've got it!"  
55 First track on Prince's "Purple Rain," and a hint to each set of circled letters  
62 Kingly  
64 Pound or kilogram  
65 Flute's orchestral neighbor  
66 French pancake  
67 Church area with pews  
68 Underhanded plan  
69 Feast with bitter herbs  
70 Got older  
71 Cargo hauler

### DOWN

- 1 Home of the Bonneville Salt Flats  
2 Civil rights icon Parks  
3 Pinot \_\_  
4 Some Balkans  
5 World Heritage Site gp.  
6 On deck  
7 Snappable stick  
8 "Homeland" actress Miranda  
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION



8/9/23, 11:28 AM

LA Times, Wed, Aug 9, 2023

## The Washington Post

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### ACROSS

- 1 Caterer's coffee servers
- 5 Golden Rule preposition
- 9 Green pasta sauce
- 14 Hammer or sickle
- 15 Amphibian that can regrow an appendage
- 16 Was sore
- 17 Much of an atlas
- 18 Way out
- 19 Unceasingly
- 20 Orange-yellow hue in 1970s kitchens
- 23 Aliens, for short
- 24 [Error in original text]
- 25 Mapmaker's right
- 27 Crockpot topper
- 30 Place to purchase Pixel phones
- 36 People of Pennsylvania's Lancaster County
- 38 Taxing trip
- 39 Way off
- 40 Come-from-behind victory, perhaps
- 41 Coastal inlet
- 42 Curly-tailed watchdog
- 43 Venison
- 44 Chums
- 45 Splinter groups
- 46 Make drowsy with a lullaby
- 49 Bull's---
- 50 Many a techie
- 51 Karaoke aid
- 53 "I've got it!"
- 55 First track on Prince's "Purple Rain," and a hint to each set of circled letters
- 62 Kingly
- 64 Pound or kilogram
- 65 Flute's orchestral neighbor
- 66 French pancake
- 67 Church area with pews
- 68 Underhanded plan
- 69 Feast with bitter herbs
- 70 Got older
- 71 Cargo hauler

### DOWN

- 1 Home of the Bonneville Salt Flats
- 2 Civil rights icon Parks
- 3 Pinot --
- 4 Some Balkans
- 5 World Heritage Site gp.
- 6 On deck
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# 1st Annual Doug (Gunny) Crooker

Scholarship

## Golf Tournament

### Join the FUN

October 14, 2023

At:  
Hidden Valley  
Golf Club

Enjoy  
The Award Luncheon



### Individual Prizes

17th hole	Long Drive
Golf Galls	
8th & 12th	Closest to Pin
Golf Balls	

### Team Prizes

1st Place	\$200.00
2nd Place	\$100.00
3rd Place	\$75.00

Luncheon only \$25.00  
Seats are Limited

All Proceeds will go to VFW Scholarship Fund

Luncheon to follow at  
VFW Post 1617  
18 Railroad Ave  
Derry, NH 03038

Awards and Raffles and 50/50

Guarantee  
your spot  
by  
registering

## Register NOW !

☐

\$150 Per Player

Includes: Greens Fee, Cart & Luncheon

☐

\$100 Hole Sponser

Player

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Person:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Deadline 10/1 Limited 100 Players

Date: 10/14/2023

7am Check in

Awards, Lunch, Raffles 50/50

Mail Form: 1st Annual Doug (Gunny) Crooker

VFW Post 1617 Derry NH 03038

Attn: Dave Dyson & Pam Perkins

Make check payable to: VFW Post 1617

Memo: Doug Crooker Golf

# Custom Corn Hole Boards

\$5.00 each

Or

3for \$10.00

Drawing will be Live 10/14

After Golf Tournament

Made by: Boyde Matson



(\$250.00 Value)



## **Free Picnic for NH Veterans and Their Families!**

**Hudson VFW Post 5791 is hosting its Seventh Annual Veterans Appreciation barbecue for *ALL* NH veterans and their families.**

**When: Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 3 PM**

**Where: Hudson VFW Post 5791, 15 Bockes Rd, Hudson, NH**

**Open to anyone who has served in any branch of the U.S. military. Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, Retired, and widows or widowers. You don't have to be a member of the VFW, American Legion or any other veterans' organization to attend.**

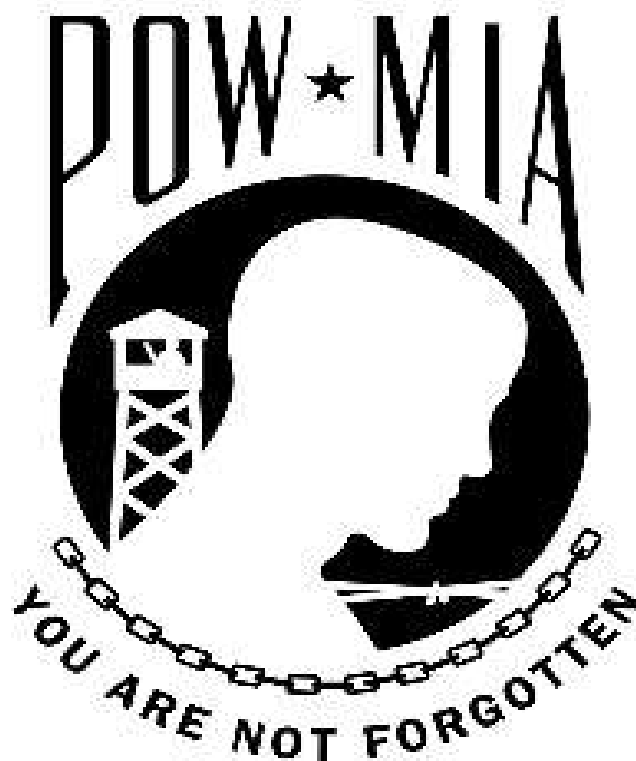
**Bring your spouse, kids, and grandkids.**

- **FREE hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and all the fixings**
- **All Veterans who attend will be entered into a drawing for Gift Cards!**
- **Cornhole, horseshoes, bocce**
- **Games and activities for kids**
- **Come meet your fellow veterans**
- **Representatives of VSOs will be there**



*Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
Department of New Hampshire  
invites you to its*

## ***POW/MIA Recognition Day***



*Saturday, September 23, 2023 ■ 11:00 a.m.  
New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery at Boscaawen*





## PICTURES FROM THE FLAG RAISING



## PICTURES FROM THE FLAG RAISING



The members present, missing is Frank Wallent changing to play in the tournament. L to R: Marc Plante, Steve Ibanez, Steve Ordway, Don Vincent, Commander Chris DiTullio, Herbert Townsend, Bob Guesferd (American Legion Bugler) and WWII member Dick Mohrmann (seated). Dick is 98 years old and still an active member.



Dick Mohrmann being interviewed by Paula Lochhead of the Nashua Historical Society.





# KEVLAR



BRIDGING THE GAP TO CONTINUED SERVICE



## A Free Info Session for Military Veterans and Transitioning Service Members

Learn how you can use the G.I. Bill and other funding sources to pay for training

Find the path to become a Firefighter or EMS Provider that works best for you

Speak to Military Veterans who became Firefighters and EMS Providers

Learn what the Fire and EMS workforce can offer you and your family

**RSVP** →

**Date:** September 16, 2023  
**Start Time:** 09:00  
**End Time:** 12:00

**Location:** N.H. Fire Academy & EMS  
98 Smokey Bear Blvd  
Concord, NH



got questions? email [kimberlym.mcculloch@dos.nh.gov](mailto:kimberlym.mcculloch@dos.nh.gov) or text (603) 340-3408



**PARKS & REC.**

# **WHEELS & WINGS**

Saturday, September 23rd

10am-2pm

Nashua Airport



[www.nashuanh.gov](http://www.nashuanh.gov)



*Join Us*

## **WOMEN VETERANS' TOWN HALL & HEALTH FAIR**

**Saturday - September 9, 2023  
10:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Manchester VA Medical Center  
Mountain Waiting Room  
718 Smyth Road  
Manchester, N.H. 03104  
Please use the Mountain Entrance**



**Join our Medical Center Director, Chief of Staff, Women Veterans Program Manager, and facility leadership to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of VA Women's Health Care. We want to answer your questions and listen to your feedback.**

**Learn more about the programs and services available to you at our Health Fair immediately following the Town Hall. Meet our staff and engage with health care team members invested in your world-class care at the Manchester VA.**

**RSVP not required. Questions? Contact Tanya Pinter at (603) 624-4366 ext. 2498**

**VA**



**U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs**



# 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 SSGN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 KOREA DUTY (1955 - present) GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY

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 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.

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)