



DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

GENERAL ORDERS #2 August 2022

General Orders are to be read at each Post Meeting and placed on file

- 1) **JOINT STATE OUTING 2022:** The Annual Joint State Outing will be in Littleton at the VFW Post Home, August 13.
- 2) **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:** The Council of Administration will be at the Littleton VFW Saturday August 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM, Finance Committee meetings at 9:00 AM, Veterans Service Committee at 0930. State Outing starts at noon. **UNIFORM OF THE DAY WILL BE CASUAL**
- 3) **ONLINE REPORTING:** For Online Reporting, go to <https://nh.vfwportal.net/public/>, your sign on is your Post number and your password is abc123 all lower case, it will never change. Example: Sign On: 3041 Password: abc123
- 4) **REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Request for a Department Representative for a special event, must be submitted in writing to the Department Adjutant, PO Box 955, Concord, NH 03302-0955 or e-mail: nhvfwstateheadquarters@gmail.com
- 5) **POST COMMANDERS:** Are reminded that Section 203 – Regular Meetings – All Posts shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. Failure to comply can result in immediate revocation of the Post Charter notwithstanding the provisions of Section 211 of the Manual of Procedures.
- 6) **OFFICERS DUTIES:** Article II, Section 218 – Officers and Chairman, Duties and Obligations - (a) Officers – (1) Duties of Commander - item (k) – “Assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District conventions or meetings.” Post Commander must attend District meetings. Failure without just cause to perform these duties may result in removal from office. All Post Senior and Junior Vice Commanders are urged to attend all District meetings planned. The Post Commanders should employ all elected Post Officers and post members to attend District meetings
- 7) **POST BY-LAWS:** Posts are reminded to look at when you last updated your by-laws. If it has been more than 5 years, you need to look at them and update them. Please use the current template as provided by National Headquarters or contact the State Adjutant who will email you the current template. Once completed, please forward 3 original signed copies to State Headquarters for review and then forwarding to National for approval. Several Post and Districts have submitted them to date and have been approved by National.
- 8) **TRUSTEE’S REPORT OF AUDIT:** Posts are reminded to forward their Trustees’ reports at the end of each quarter of current year: June 30, Sep 30; Dec 31 and Mar 31; send these reports no later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarter to the Department Quartermaster. (Article II, Section 218 – Officers and Chairman, Duties and Obligations - (a) Officers – (1) Duties of Commander - item (j)

9) DISTRICT MEETINGS DATE CHANGES: District Commanders are reminded to notify the State Adjutant office ASAP of any changes in District meeting dates so that the respective Department Representative can be notified in plenty of time.

10) Roster books will be available at the August Council Meeting

11) DEADLINE: The deadline for information going into the General Orders is the 20th of each month. Send all requests to State Adjutant - Paul Lloyd, PO Box 955 Concord NH 03302-0955. Adjutant contact info is Phone: 603-715-5579, Fax: 603-715-2405, Cell: 603-496-1918 and E-mail: nhvwstateheadquarters@gmail.com

12) DISTRICT MEETINGS:

August 6	District 6	Merrimack Post	10am	Chaplain Darwin
August 21	District 5	Winchester Post	10am	SVC Denis
August 21	District 7	Maple Wheadon(Raymond)	10am	Commander Leon
August 28	District 4	Laconia Post	10am	JVC Andy



Paul Lloyd
Department Adjutant



Leon Rideout
Department Commander

Final Roll Call Department of New Hampshire

Chaplain Darwin Beeman

"May our Comrades Rest in Eternal Peace"

Deceased List for July 31, 2022

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Sur
483	Ralph	B	Orlando	
1088	William	P	Donovan	Jr.
1617	John	A	Gilbertson	
1617	Edmund	L	Hafey	
1670	Alan	C	Beard	
1698	Dennis	G	Harbour	
2520	Robert		Lowery	
3968	Wesley	L	Clark	
3968	Robert	A	Cohen	
3968	Keith	R	Monroe	
4368	Fred	C	Boulter	
4485	Clyde	L	Rand	Sr.
5245	John	S	Cobb	
5613	Robert	F	Wiesenauer	
5791	Conrad		Trombley	
7217	Robert	T	Madison	
8268	Gifford	A	Merchant	
8393	Roy	E	Cochrane	
8641	Edward	R	Putnam	
8641	Lawrence	W	Russell	
8641	Ronald		Serrats	
11254	Henry	C	Santacrose	
15030	Charles	A	Bevilacqua	

Greetings VFW Family,

Many of us have just returned from the 123rd National Convention held in Kansas City Missouri. Tim Borland of Arizona was elected as Commander In Chief for the year 2022-2023, his theme is Every Veteran Counts. The Department of NH had a good showing with approximately 36 members of our VFW and Auxiliary attending. Attendance is a great opportunity to meet with others and see what is working for others. I believe we were able to gain knowledge that we can apply to our Department and make it better in the coming years.

It is not too early to start planning on attending the 124th National Convention Phoenix, AZ July 22, 2023 – July 27, 2023.

I would like to congratulate our Auxiliary and Department Auxiliary President Rita McCabe on reaching the Circle of Excellence and the many many Awards they received at National. Outstanding effort across the board for our Auxiliary's.

Congratulations to John W Weeks Post 3041 Lancaster and John H Hargreaves Memorial Post 10722 for receiving the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2022. The VFW's commitment to Community Service is key to retaining and increasing membership.

The following Posts achieved All American Status for the 2022 calendar year. Laconia Post 1670, Concord VFW Post 1631, Kingston Memorial Post 1088, Charlestown Memorial Post 8497. I want to thank each Post and its members for their hard work and dedication that it takes to attain this award, Congratulation!!!

Please keep your program reports coming in and look for recruiting opportunities. Thanks to all that make NH such a great Department!!

Remember a Veterans have no better friend than the VFW.

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

Department Commander
Leon H. Rideout



Greeting and Salutations from the Senior Vice Commander...

It was a busy month of July;

July 12-13, 2022, I attended the 2022 Summer Together with Veterans (TWV) SUMMIT, themed - Implement Mobilize Plan Act Collaborate Train (IMPACT), in Broomfield, Colorado. I was representing the Lakes Region Veterans Coalition to hone skills and knowledge about the community-based approach to suicide prevention, exchange ideas about best practices for applying this approach in our communities, network with other communities implementing TWV, & celebrate achievements of TWV communities.

July 15-21, 2022, I attended the 123rd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, MO with your New Hampshire delegation to vote in new leadership for the current term; and pass bylaw changes that will help perpetuate our organization into the future; where we elected Timothy M. Borland, of Benson, Arizona, the first Iraq War Veteran to lead our organization as VFW Commander-in-Chief.

July 21-24, 2022, I attended the 103rd Supreme Convention in Kansas City, MO (Overland Park) where your State Commander Leon Rideout and I attended the convention representing Pup Tent 3, the Weekenders, of Lancaster, NH, and where we voted in our newest Supreme Commander, Dwight Hora; and I, Eastern Black Pup Tents Supreme Council of Administration member.

July 29th, I will have attended the Remembrance Ceremony for the 69th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement, held at the Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen at the Korean Conflict Monument.

July 31st, the VFW line officers will have participated in the honor ritual for the Past Department Commander (1979-1980) Fred Harvey, at his celebration of Life and Memorial Service in Wells, ME. We will have honored a great man who achieved All American Status; Eastern Conference Chairman 85-86; Post Commander of Post 1772, Rochester; and District 3 Commander. Fred Harvey was a great mentor to us all, especially for the past and current line officers, and he will be missed by all.

Upcoming events in August...

August 13th 2022; New Hampshire VFW & Auxiliary COA and State Cookout at Howard Shawney VFW Post 816, 600 Cottage St., Littleton, NH. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Some of the latest news...

Last month (July) we were looking forward to the passing of the PACT Act; On June 16th, H.R. 3967, the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022, known as the Honoring Our PACT Act, passed in the U.S. Senate. The legislation approves nearly 300-billion dollars for expanded veteran medical coverage for on-duty toxic exposures and it would also help older veterans of the Vietnam War era.

On 27 July 2022; The PACT Act was set for a procedural vote in the chamber with an expectation of final passage before the end of the week. However, dissenters cited a provision they said was added to the PACT Act right before the debate of the bill on the Senate floor, which stated that any discretionary budget funds related to burn pits could become classified as mandatory spending. 25 senators who voted for the PACT Act last month changed their vote on the exact same bill thus not receiving enough votes to end debate (through a cloture vote), thus further delaying passage of the bill. There are limited days left before the August recess and the momentum could be lost on the bill all together.

Tell your senators to ensure swift passage of the PACT Act. No senator should leave for their vacation or campaigns in August before they pass this important legislation.

There is a lot of work to do, and you make it happen each and every day, as we take care of our veterans and their families. Thank you for all you do!

“No One Does More for Veterans”

Denis Querrard – Senior Vice Commander, Dept. of NH

From the Desk Of the Department Junior Vice Commander

August 2022

Comrades,

I just returned from the VFW National Convention. This was my first one. All I can say is wow. It was very professionally executed. I wouldn't expect anything less from the most professional Veterans organization on the planet. More importantly I learned a lot. It helped increase my understanding of our great organization and it has made me think a lot. The networking contacts I made were also invaluable. Networking is so critical to our organization. We can learn from all of our counterparts and gain valuable guidance and mentorship from our senior officers. This isn't a competition. We are all in this together. Why not harvest all the best practices from across the country and plant them right here in New Hampshire. One Team on Fight!

Our new Commander-in-Chief, Tim Borland, had a great speech after the installation of the National officers. He is the first Iraq War (OIF) Veteran to be installed as the VFW C-in C. My largest take away from that was the importance of membership, recruitment and retention. One comment that stuck out was that there were hundreds of Posts, last year, that made 100% however, they did not bring in one new member. Additionally, we lost nearly 76,000 members last year. I know I harped on this a lot last month and I would like to touch on it again. His saying, "Every Veteran Counts!"

We can't remain strong without membership! Of course 100% is important...but it's not as important as bringing in new members. We NEED to grow the Department with that next generation of Veterans. I challenge you to make that a priority each and every day. Chief Borland told a story of a conversation he had with a Veteran on an airplane. He carries a membership application with him where ever he goes (as should each one of us). He signed that Veteran up right there. If each of us can bring in just one member...just one this year we will be in great shape.

I have a busy Fall ahead of me. However, I am really looking forward to being exposed to how our great organization operates in the halls of Congress. I'll be heading down to the Legislative Committee meeting in Washington in September with our National Legislative Chairman Jorg Dreusicke. I will give you a report upon my return.

September 12 -15: Fall Legislative Committee Meeting in Washington, DC

In October I'll head back to Kansas City for some training and interaction with Junior Vice's from across the country and learn from our very dynamic new National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt. Looking forward to it.

October 13 - 16: Junior Vice Commanders Training in Kansas City, MO

See you all at the Department picnic, in Littleton, on August 13th.

Again, I am really looking forward to this journey serving as your Junior Vice Commander. Please let me know if you have any questions of me.

Andrew J. Corrow

Department of New Hampshire, Junior Vice Commander

United States Army (Retired)

vfwpost10676@yahoo.com

 **NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.** 



Greetings Comrades

Business side, I have received most of the Quarterly Trustee reports, if you have not sent them in, please send them, or bring them to the picnic. We are almost completely caught up from past reports and it would be nice all around if we could keep up. The Quartermaster address going forward is:

NH VFW Quartermaster
PO BOX 186
Franklin, NH 03235-1606

The information for Bonding is in a dedicated email going out to the Posts, additionally it includes information on bonding Canteen Managers if you need it.

From the Quartermaster side, I am redoing the Budget format, we are bringing it into a clearer modern format, identifying items by line number to better track expenses and improve our understanding of our operations. Part of this process will include the budget committee looking at income, expenses, and possible changes to better handle taxes. This is not an overnight process but one that many understand should be done to keep our organization functioning efficiently and able to succeed in the future.

Poppies, I have delivered some and will have them with me at the picnic. Also, I hope to sell the last few tickets to the Legacy Life raffle, once those are sold, we will hold the drawing.

Finally, the Department will be doing the 30 Guns in 30 Days raffle again this year and we are starting the process to do Charitable gaming. Any suggestions for other raffles or fund raisers you would like to see, let anyone on the Council know.

Regards,
Chris Peirce
Quartermaster
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of New Hampshire



DEPARTMENT SURGEONS NOTES

Afternoon comrades, hope all is well with you and your family & friends.

As we venture into the month of August there's no better time to focus on habits that build a healthier, happier YOU.

August is another great month for your daily Exercise program, even if you can't do it well . If you've been putting it off, make your move during National Wellness Month by incorporating just 30 minutes of moderate activity per day.

Strive for better sleep, practice good sleep hygiene by avoiding alcohol or caffeine late at night before bed, and setting aside enough time to complete your sleep cycles. Even a few extra minutes of shut eye each day can lead to positive changes in your mood, energy, appearance, and overall health.

Drink plenty of water. Hydration is key to a healthy body, besides quenching your thirst, water lubricates your joints and helps your body transport the nutrients it needs for energy and healing.

Guide and Service Dogs and the difference between them. A guide is trained to assist blind and visually impaired people by avoiding objects. A service dog is trained to help those with physical or hearing disabilities. The VA supports guide and service dogs for veterans. If anyone feels that they would benefit by having a service / guide dog then contact your local VA hospital for more info.

www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/. For more additional information you may contact the America's VetsDogs www.vetdogs.org , National Association of Guide Dog users www.nagdu.org

Also Available are your local VA centers for more information.

[Manchester VA Medical Center](#), [Portsmouth VA Clinic](#), [Somersworth VA Clinic](#), [Tilton VA Clinic](#), [Conway VA Clinic](#), [Keene VA Clinic](#), [Littleton VA Clinic](#) and [White River Junction Medical Center](#)

Calling all able people who love to volunteer for a good cause.

The VA Recreational Therapy program will begin having outing on Saturdays, if anyone is interested in volunteering or knows someone who would be interested in helping out on Saturdays can contact stella.lareau@va.gov

Stella M. Lareau, Chief, Center for development and civic engagement,
(formally voluntary services)
Manchester VA Health care system (135)
718 Smyth Road
Manchester, NH 03104 W: 603 624 4366 X 6419 C: 603 851 4703 or you can
contact our dear and special friend Jorg Dreusicke who is always willing to help
jdreusicke@aol.com or 603 553 0395 cell
This is a great time to enjoy the outdoors and meet new people.

SENATE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator Maggie Hassan, (D-NH) Jon Tester (D-MT) Joe Manchin (D-WV) and
Mike Rounds (R-SD) Worked to end the Asset and Infrastructure Review
(AIR) Commission process that threatened NH Veterans' care.

Some of the recommendations to the commission was the closing of VA
clinics and moving outpatient surgical care from VA Medical centers to
community providers, this process was directed at the entire VA System
NationWide. Maggie Hassan and some of her colleagues in Washington
were able to prevent the closure of many VA facilities, **LITTLETON** and
CONWAY Clinics will remain open to our veterans in need.

Senators Hassan and colleagues are ending the AIR Commission by
announcing that the Senate will not approve nominees to the commission.

Without the Senate approval of the nominees.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Give Everyone Equal Status In Your Mind. Because It Will
Prepare You To Learn From Everyone.**

**Department Surgeon
VFW, NH
TIMM GRANT**

William Ryan
139 Forest Road
Lyndeborough, NH 03082-6208
(603) 732-6534

Good day Comrades,

With the National Convention now behind us we are in full throttle to jump on Commander Rideout's year.

As soon as I get access to Post membership, I will be contacting District and Post Commanders as well as Quartermasters on a weekly or in some cases daily.

Sadly, a good percentage of us are almost to the top of the ladder and we need to have good younger members in our ranks to carry on the great success of the VFW in support of Veterans and their Families.

This past year with unplanned health issues I have been held close to home but within a couple of weeks you will be seeing me about and can be sure I will have each Post membership information with me. This past year several Post needed less than 10 members to obtain 100% but for one reason or another failed to do so. I do not intend on waiting to the spring of 2023 to push you in assisting your members to want to continue their membership in the VFW.

Commanders, in your District Reports be sure to let your District know where you stand in membership and what your plans are to reach 102% ASAP. These reports are sent to the Department Adjutant and be sure they will be read, and information passed along.

It was nice to see NH in first place in membership Nationally but as soon as life members are place on rosters we fall almost to the bottom. To preserve our status we need members to pay dues yesterday. If you have a Comrade that needs help in paying, then help carry them off the battlefield and give them that little support which might just change their life for the good, giving each of us a sense of pride helping fellow Veterans.

In closing, please take pride in being a member and leader of this great organization, not only for the tittle but your abilities to want individuals to be part of your Post. Make them as well as yourself feel you have given 100%.

Drive On, Billy

**2022-8 National Legislative Committee Member, Dept. NH VFW VAVS VAMC
Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair**

Rev 7/24/22

From Jul 15 to July 21, our Dept NH VFW officers and delegates and I attended the VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. We had over 30 people representing the NH VFW and VFW Auxiliary.

I attended all regular business sessions and memorial service and several seminars on membership and legislative updates.

Our new VFW Commander in Chief Tim Borland personally has been recruiting over 100 members per year, so you know what his priority is. If every one of you reading this sentence recruits just one member this year, we would double in size. Please do your part.

The Pact Act needs to be pushed through congress again to correct a small but fatal constitutional error. The Senate version included a spending provision that only a member of the House can put in the bill, so this technical error must be rectified. If the bill was passed in this original form, it would have been declared unconstitutional at the first court challenge.

The **Manchester VA** is actively looking for volunteers to fill their many needs. Please contact **Stella Lareau** VAVS Supervisor at stella.lareau@va.gov or 603-624-4366 ex.6419. The Community Living Center (CLC) at the Manchester VA is still restricted to visitors. If you or your VFW post wishes to participate, contact Valerie Carter valerie.carter2@va.gov at 603-624-4366 ex.6269 to see what they could use at the CLC and how you can contribute.

Jorg Dreusicke
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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



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2022

New Hampshire VFW & Auxiliary August COA and State Cookout

Location; Howard Shawney (Littleton) Post 816 (600 Cottage St.)
Date: Saturday August 13th

COA MEETINGS

- 9:00** VFW Finance Committee Meeting
- 9:30** Veteran Service Committee
- 10:00** VFW Council of Administration (under the pavilion)
Auxiliary Council of Administration (at the Post)
- 12:00** Lunch

Uniform is Casual, (It is a Picnic) - No cut-off shorts

PICNIC- COOKOUT

12-1 Lunch Hamburgers and Hotdogs, etc.

5 pm Dinner T-bone Steak or Chicken Cordon Bleu, corn, potato salads \$25.00

NAME: _____ VFW/Aux _____

Home or cell phone number: _____

Number of Tickets Requested (Chicken Cordon Bleu) _____ x \$25.00 = _____

Number of Tickets Requested (T-Bone Steak) _____ x \$25.00 = _____

Deadline for tickets is August 1, 2022

Make Checks out to VFW Post 816

Send to Dan Greenlaw, VFW Post 816 at 600 Cottage St, Littleton, NH 03561

Area Hotels:
Littleton

Littleton Motel	603 444-5780
Eastgate Motel	603 444-3971
Maple Leaf Motel	603-444-5105
Country Squire Motel	603-444-5610
Hampton Inn Hotel	603-444-0025

Franconia

Gail River Motel	603 823-5655
Best Western Hotel	603 823-7422

Campgrounds

Apple Hill (Bethlehem)	603 616-3264
KOA -: Lisbon Rd., (Littleton)	603-838-5525