



DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

GENERAL ORDERS #6 December 2022

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

December 3 Wreaths at Boscawen
December 7 Pearl Harbor Day
December 25 Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

IN PERSON CHRISTMAS PARTIES AT MANCHESTER, WHITERIVER VA'S AND NH VETERANS HOME WILL NOT TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR!

- 1) The Department wishes to Thank all who made the Eastern Conference a huge success.
- 2) **PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD CITATIONS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, FIREFIGHTERS AND DISPATCHERS** Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects emergency medical technicians, law enforcement and firefighter personnel to receive VFW Public Servant Awards. New this year, the dispatcher category has been added. Post Safety Chairmen are encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to their Department Headquarters by Jan. 1.
- 3) **SCHOLASTIC AWARDS BANQUET** will be held at the Concord Holiday Inn **on Jan 14, 2023**, flyer attached.
- 4) The Next Council Meeting will be January 14th at the Concord Post (Auxiliary) and the VFW will be at the NH National Guard Heritage Room. Finance Committee 9am, VSO Meeting 930, COA 10am.
- 5) Commander in Chief Tim Borland will be the National Representative for the January Meeting and The Scholastic Banquet. We should have a good showing for his visit. We will have a schedule of events for his visit soon.
- 6) **Attention of all members is directed to Section 901 of the National bylaws**, "Discipline of Members." Members who have committed offenses recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States may be subject to disciplinary action. Members are reminded that acts of Sexual Harassment, Racial or Sexual Discrimination, and all other conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline or conduct determined to be unbecoming of a member will not be condoned. In general, harassment and discrimination consist of any form of verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct that is sufficiently severe and/or pervasive enough to have the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment or otherwise interfering with another's ability to participate in VFW events. All members will be treated with dignity and respect.

7) 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. Community Service reporting should be done on the dashboard on OMS, Post QM, ADJ and Commanders have access.

8) 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

9) Post Commanders: Sections 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure outline the various things for which the Post Relief Fund can be used. Several years ago, the phrase "To foster true patriotism through historical and education programs," was added to this section. This allows the Post to use the relief funds for the Voice of Democracy program or other Americanism programs that are educational. This does not include Post building projects, hall remodeling, color guard uniforms or any other expenditure that does not follow these guidelines.

10) Convention Book Advertising: Consult Tele-Communications from Londonderry, NH is soliciting ads for our State Convention book throughout the State. Any business calling your Post respectively inquiring about the as solicitation, please inform them that they are the sole company that sells ads for the Department of New Hampshire.

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 Cell: 603-496-1918 and E-mail: nhvfwstateheadquarters@gmail.com

12) Section 220 of the National By-Laws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers or Committee Members" states: "Any elected Post Officer or committee member removed, by reason of failure to pay current dues or under the provisions of this section shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office or committee in the same administrative year in which the officer or committee member is removed."



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 November 30, 2022

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name
483	Stephen	J	Ribak
483	Timothy	M	Demers
808	Armand	J	Sirois
816	William		Jordan
1088	Robert	W	Loeffler
1088	William	H	Stevens
1670	Richard	E	Dubois
2520	Fernand	O	Landry
3968	Mark	D	Jewett
4368	Charles	V	Asselin
4479	Grover	R	Eaton
7217	Herbert	A	Clark
8214	Raymond	J	Wieczorek
8401	Robert	C	Le Blanc
15030	William	W	Fredette
15030	Raymond	A	Corliss
15030	Robert	M	Gallagher
15030	Michael	B	Bresnahan
15030	Richard	M	Westrick

Greetings VFW Family,

We have been made aware our account for the New Hampshire House at the National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids is very low. The account should have a 10,000.00 balance but is currently around \$2,000.00. I know we collect money at each of our meetings to support this effort but I have heard many Posts send these funds directly to Eaton Rapids. Those funds then go into the general fund. Please forward the funds to Chris Peirce so you Post gets proper credit and the money will go into the NH House fund.

We also have the 30 Guns in 30 Days Raffle going on. If you have tickets, please push to sell them. If you believe you cannot sell all the ones, you have please make arrangements to get them back to Chris so we can redistribute them where they are selling. Thank you to the many that are selling tickets!! Response has been good so far. Remember the first drawing is on January 2nd so make sure all tickets are in on time.

Each of the Veterans Homes have Christmas Parties for their residents. I encourage all Posts to donate towards these efforts so we can help spread the Holiday Spirit to the Homes residents. You can also sponsor a resident so they will have some gifts on that special day. Again, please forward the donations to Chris so you get the appropriate credit.

We are in the Holiday Season, and I am proud to say many Posts are stepping up to the plate providing meal boxes for Thanksgiving for those that are struggling. We have many Posts with Toys For Tots programs that are kicking into high gear so it is a very very busy time of year. Let the press know about your programs get some pictures to let your communities know what the VFW is about!! One last note Report these events!

As Department Commander I could not be prouder of the efforts in Community Service I have seen recently. All of you working as Posts and as the New Hampshire Team are shining and Making Department shine as well. Let's keep this momentum going throughout the rest of 2022 and into 2023

I hope you all get to spend some well-deserved time with your Families and have a Blessed Holiday Season!

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

Department Commander
Leon H. Rideout



From the Desk Of the Department Junior Vice Commander

December 2022

Comrades,

National Wreaths Across America Day is December 17th!

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission is to Remember, Honor and Teach by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.



<https://veteran.com/wreaths-across-america/>

On December 17, 2022 at 10:00 am, Wreaths Across America will be at the Old Fort Cemetery on Shawmut Street in East Concord, New Hampshire, to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Additionally, the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery will have a wreath laying event on December 3d. If you have not attended this event in the past I highly recommend you do at some time.

10:30 AM - Wreaths for Boscawen

Event start:

Sat, 12/03/2022 - 10:30am

Event end:

Sat, 12/03/2022 - 12:00pm

Location:

New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery

All are invited to attend. Please visit <https://www.bluestarmothersofnh.org/wreaths-for-boscawen> for more information or to make a donation.

I wanted to touch on this again this month. The 118th session of Congress begins at Noon on January 3d. This is a great time to reach out as our lawmakers will be back in session and starting up again. This is a great time to make our VFW voice heard.

The VFW is the number one voice in Congress. Our leadership has testified in front of Congress more than any other Veteran Service Organization; 28 times this year. Our/your engagement with your members of Congress is crucial in helping us get vital pieces of veterans legislation passed into law. Some of the VFW's recent victories:

Honoring our PACT Act

Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act (FY22 NDAA)

S. 2102, Dr. Kat Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act & S. 2533, Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act

Much of this was done because of your voice! Please reach out to our Congressional representatives. If you're not one to reach out by phone or personal letter the next best thing is signing up for the Action Corps Weekly.

The VFW Action Corps is what gives the VFW its strength in advocating for our nation's heroes.

The VFW Action Corps Weekly is an e-newsletter published nearly every Monday to help keep patriotic Americans, who care about the military and veterans' communities, well informed of important changes and updates to care and benefits for service members, veterans, and their families.

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/register> (Click here to register)

https://heroes.vfw.org/page/28363/action/1?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=legislative-action-corps&gclid=Cj0KCQjwnbmaBhD-ARIsAGTPcfU0L5sd8GkmKmJX_Uq5WtxqTNMYqj9eBVdJuG1BMoFKPoTGtpWx4h4aAq22EALw_wcB (Click to sign up, contact your legislators or to review current legislation)

"Every Veteran Counts!"

Please let me know if you have any questions of me.

Andrew J. Corrow

Department of New Hampshire, Junior Vice Commander

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Department Quartermaster Comments

Greetings Comrades,

Starting with a good note, Christine Madden of the Hudson Post 5791 won the Legacy Life raffle. So, congratulate her on Gold Legacy Life membership the next time you see her at one of the many events Christine and the Hudson Post are involved in.

30 Guns in 30 Days Raffle, our annual raffle is in full swing. Merrimack Firearms and I am already sold out of tickets. If you have unsold tickets that you do not think you can sell, please get them back to your District Commander or myself. I have at least 100 requests for more tickets so they will get sold. Send the stubs and money back to me, remember common sense do not send cash through the mail. If a Post wants, I can pick them up, all I ask is don't wait till after Christmas to get everything back to me.

Remember this is our largest fund raiser for the Department and goes to help keep our Service office going. Good luck to all entries and remember to watch the drawings daily starting January 2nd on Merrimack Firearms Facebook page.

On the business side.

Trustee reports, as everyone knows Posts have thirty days after the end of the quarter to get the audit done and turned in. Most Posts get their reports in on time or let me know they are on the way. The Commander is instituting the policy of if we do not have a copy two weeks after the end of those thirty days the Post will receive a warning. Further actions depend on the situation. In all cases where I have seen a Post have a problem, Trustees should have caught it. The goal is for everyone to work together to make sure the Post's funds are handled properly and used as the members intend not to point fingers or criticize.

Right now, I need reports from the following Posts: Bartlett 5386, Whitefield 10675, Contoocook 11490, Keene 799 and Hudson 5791

Donations, a reminder to everyone that the Council removed some items from our list. They are good causes but not as relevant to our mission as others. Here are the current items we as a Department donate to. Please remind everyone that everything donated goes to that cause, we just collect and donate as an organization.

National Home	Commander's Special Project	Manchester X-MAS
VAVS White River	NH Veterans Cemetery	White River X-MAS
VAVS Manchester	Voice of Democracy	Veterans Home X-MASS
NH Veterans Home	Patriots Pen	Veterans Relief Fund
VMS	Teachers' Award	Homeless Veterans
Emergency Relief Fund		

Department Quartermaster Comments

Poppies, National is still planning on moving Poppy sales to the VFW Store but they still have some issues to iron out. So, we are still operating as normal. I just received 20,000 Poppies so let me know if or when you need them. They did send them in boxes of 2,000 so if you want 1,000 like most Posts get, please understand they will be either in an open box or a bag. Same price as always, \$125 per 1,000 and if you would like them mailed to you it is 10.00

Check the Dashboard, National is entering the poppies so if something is incorrect or missing, please let me know.

Bonds, all bonds are in for the year, if you need to increase the amount of any bond let me know as it is a different form, simple but different.

Any questions, concerns or oversights on my part please reach out so we can it resolved. I appreciate everyone's patience as I learn more every day. My upmost respect for all our officers at every level and especially our Quartermasters.

Regards,
Chris Peirce
Department Quartermaster

POST	LOCATION	NATIONAL	VAVS	VAVS	NH VETS	VMS *	CDR. S. SP.	NH Vets	V.O.D.	PATRIOTS	TEACHERS	MAN. VA	WT. RIVER	VET'S HOME	VETERAN'S	HOMELESS	EMERGENCY	TOTAL
		HOME *	WT. RIVER	MAN.	HOME *		PROJECT	Cemetery		PEN	AWARD	X-MAS.	X-MAS.	X-MAS.	RELIEF. FUND	VETERANS	RELIEF FUND	
	DISTRICT #1																	
816	LITTLETON																	
2520	BERLIN																	
3041	LANCASTER	\$ 200.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,030.00
5245	N. HAVERHILL																	
5386	BARTLETT																	
6808	GROVETON																	
10675	WHITEFIELD																	
	DISTRICT #4	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 500.00
1631	CONCORD	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 400.00
1670	LACONIA																	
1688	FRANKLIN	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 375.00
4483	Plymouth	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 95.00
8214	MANCHESTER	\$ 542.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 982.00
8401	BEDFORD																	
9552	W. LEBANON																	
10640	BRISTOL	\$ 130.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 755.00
11490	CONTOOCOOK																	
	DISTRICT #5																	
799	KEENE																	
808	CLAREMONT																	
3968	WINCHESTER	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 450.00
4234	HINSDALE	\$ 150.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 300.00
4368	MILFORD	\$ 83.00																
5613	JAFFREY																	
8268	BENNINGTON																	
8497	CHARLESTOWN	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 450.00
	DISTRICT #6	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 85.00
483	NASHUA	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,600.00
1617	IDERRY	\$ 400.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,600.00
5791	HUDSON																	
8546	SALEM	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 460.00
8641	MERRIMACK																	
10722	PELHAM	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 800.00
11254	HAMPSHIRE	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 80.00
11373	HOLLIS	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 400.00
	DISTRICT #7																	
168	PORTSMOUTH																	
1088	KINGSTON	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 95.00
4479	RAYMOND	\$ 250.00																
4485	SOMERSWORTH																	
7217	NORTHWOOD																	
8270	C. OSSPEE																	
8393	MILTON																	
10676	LEE	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,050.00
	Total From Posts	\$2,160.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 695.00	\$470.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 545.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 745.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 11,507.00
Misc.	In From Others*																	
	TOTALS	\$2,160.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 695.00	\$470.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 545.00	\$570.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 745.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 11,507.00

Trustee Reports						
District	Post	Town	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1	816	Littleton	x		x	
1	2520	Berlin	x	x	x	
1	3041	Lancaster	x	x	x	
1	5245	N. Haverhill	x	x	x	
1	5386	Bartlett				
1	6808	Groveton	x	x	x	
1	10675	Whitefield	x	x		
1		District 1	x	x		
4	1631	Concord	x	x	x	
4	1670	Laconia	x			
4	1698	Franklin	x	x	x	
4	4483	Plymouth	x	x		
4	8214	Manchester	x	x		
4	8401	Bedford	x	x	x	
4	9552	Canaan	x			
4	10640	Bristol	x	x	x	
4	11490	Contoocook	x			
4		District 4	x	x		
5	799	Keene	x			
5	808	Claremont	x	x	x	
5	3968	Winchester	x	x	x	
5	4234	Hinsdale	x	x	x	
5	4368	Milford	x		x	
5	5613	Jaffrey	x	x		
5	8268	Bennington	x		x	
5	8497	Charlestown	x	x	x	
5		District 5	x	x	x	
6	483	Nashua	x	x	x	
6	1617	Derry	x	x	x	
6	5791	Hudson				
6	8546	Salem	x	x	x	
6	8641	Merrimack	x	x	x	
6	10722	Pelham	x	x	x	
6	11254	Hampstead	x	x	x	
6	11373	Hollis	x	x	x	
6		District 6	x	x	x	
7	168	Portsmouth	x	x	x	
7	1088	Kingston		x	x	
7	4479	Raymond	x	x	x	
7	4485	Somersworth	x	x	x	
7	7217	Northwood	x	x	x	
7	8270	Ossipee	x	x	x	
7	8393	Milton	x	x	x	
7	10676	Lee	x	x	x	
7		District 7	x	x		



DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VFW SURGEONS MESSAGE - DEC 2022

Greetings comrades, as we head into colder times it is important to know that there are some surprising health benefits of cold weather. Although cold weather is often associated with health issues such as cold and flu, you may be surprised to know the cold has some health benefits.

Fewer Allergies: Plants and trees don't make pollen in the winter, so allergy sufferers generally feel better in the cold weather.

Less bug-borne disease: Insects like mosquitoes and ticks are hard to find in cold weather, greatly reducing our risk of catching the nasty disease they may carry.

Reduced inflammation: cold weather can reduce inflammation and pain. People that exercise in the cold temperatures recover faster from workouts. This suggests that working out in the winter cold may result in less inflammation and soreness than in the summer.

Brain function: (**VETERANS PAY ATTENTION**) There's evidence suggesting our brains work better at cooler temperatures. A study has found that people study better when it's cold.

Increased fat burn: besides your body using more calories to stay warm, research suggests being cold can increase your ability to burn more fat. Exercising in cold weather boosts your body's energy for hours afterwards, so you end up burning more calories.

Better enthusiastic health: We are less likely to be out and about in cold weather, causing us to spend more time with family and friends. Social interactions like these have been shown to reduce stress, making us more relaxed and happier.

Five tips for winter wellness:

- 1 **Take the time for extra sleep**
- 2 **Get outside and exercise**
- 3 **Stay social**
- 4 **Eat protein at each meal**
- 5 **Focus on fruits and vegetables**



Quote of the month.

What good is the warmth of summer's, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.

John steinbeck

**DEPT SURGEON
TIMM GRANT**

**2022-12 Dept. NH VFW National Legislative Committee Member, VAVS VAMC
Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair**

Rev 11/22/22

I'm writing this article just before Thanksgiving, and by the time you read it I hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving, filled with good memories and activities.

Elections are over, congratulations to those that were elected. Now comes the hard part of working to make our lives and livelihoods better. Please contact your elected representatives and give them your inputs. They represent you, and you have the right and obligation to let them know what you think.

The **Manchester VAMC** will be very pleased with the items I purchased on behalf of the Dept. NH VFW for their Community Living Center (CLC) recreation department as part of our contribution to their Christmas Party. In the past we would attend these events and hand out small presents, but ever since Covid, access to the CLC has been severely restricted so we thought donating the residents the list of items requested by the staff would be a great way to wish them a Merry Christmas all year round. We purchased eight recommended items that will aid the staff in their treatment of residents that have mental stress issues.

The Liberty House **Christmas Tree Jubilee** starts December 9th & 10th to view the trees and to purchase raffle tickets. Raffle winners will be given a call on December 11th to pick up their Christmas tree and gift certificates and/or merchandise. If you have any questions, reach out to Stephanie at 603-669-0761 Please check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/597018822084099>

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NH VFW Department Membership
December 2022

Top of the Day, Comrades:

Now that we have all put on a few pounds from Thanksgiving dinners, we have the perfect reason to get out and recruit new members, reinstate former members, and keep our roosters from going south through your efforts to renew Post memberships. We have been fed well and need to lose that extra weight so exercise yourself with recruiting and keeping your members informed.

The last few weeks our numbers have slowed forcing us to make phone calls and emails. We have several Post Officers with expiring date coming fast. Nothing disappoints us more than Officers not leading by example.

Read the Commanders Membership Program and you will see that a drawing will be held December 31st for Post with the most combined New or Reinstated members. Also, New Member's drawing Post that recruit at least 10 new members will be entering into drawing for \$100.00. A quarterly drawing of \$50.00 to the member who has recruited/reinstated the most members by Dec 31st.

Last Quarter Raymond Post won the \$100.00 drawing and Tim Ohearn (District 5) won the \$50,00. Great work. These will be awarded at the next CofA.

Hoping each of you have a great Christmas and New Year and if you or a Veteran you know needs any type of assistance please let the Department Adjutant aware.

Questions or concerns always feel free to contact me and I will do my very best to work with you.

In comradeship, (Drive On)

Billy

As we enter the traditional season of giving, the Commander-in-Chief has announced a new membership incentive!

We want to end 2022 on a strong note for membership, and to encourage that we will be providing a \$10 grant directly to every Post and Department for each New or Reinstated member they bring in during the month of December 2022!



Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland wants to see our membership grow this year, and there's no better time to go out and spread the word than right now! Posts will receive a grant of \$10 per member deposited via ACH into the Post account for each New and Reinstated member. Departments will also receive this \$10 grant for members-at-large who are submitted with recruiter credit attached.

Remember that a New member is a veteran who has never belonged to the VFW before, and a Reinstated member is one who rejoins after their membership has been lapsed for more than two full years.

When we reach out during the holidays to touch base with and check on our fellow veterans and their families, make sure that we're doing our part to take care of each other. Now is the time to show everyone out there what the Veterans of Foreign Wars is about, because when it comes to membership, *EVERY VETERAN COUNTS!*

This contest will count all New and Reinstated members processed by the Post from December 1, 2022 through close of business on December 31st. Please check the alerts in the Online Membership System (OMS) for updates regarding when processing will close for the end of the calendar year. Deposits will be made through ACH deposit in January 2023.

NEW HAMPSHIRE VFW SCHOLASTIC BANQUET

To be held at Holiday Inn Downtown Concord, NH 14 January 2023

Reservations may be made by calling 603-224-9534 or 1-888-HOLIDAY

Rates: Lodging for Double Occupancy per day is \$129.00 plus tax

Deadline for hotel rooms is 15 December 2022

Banquet Menu for 14 January 2023

Braised Boneless Beef Short Ribs.

New England Haddock

Served with Chef's selection of fresh seasonal vegetable and starch.

Rolls and Butter

Tossed Salad

Red Velvet Cake

Saturday Banquet tickets are \$40.00 per person.

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

Quartermaster Chris Peirce, PO Box 186, Franklin, NH

03235-1606

Please include the order slip below with your check. Deadline for tickets is 31 Dec 2022

(please detach here and return with your payment - thank you)

List names of all attendees for banquet tickets being ordered with this payment:

Total number of tickets ordered: _____ x \$40.00 = _____

Number of Braised Boneless Beef Short Ribs dinners: _____

Number of Broiled Fresh Filet of Boston Haddock: _____

Number of Vegetarian _____

Contact person. _____

Phone _____ email _____

Post number _____ District _____



PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD CITATIONS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, FIREFIGHTERS AND DISPATCHERS

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects emergency medical technicians, law enforcement and firefighter personnel to receive VFW Public Servant Awards. New this year, the dispatcher category has been added. Post Safety Chairmen are encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to their **Department Headquarters by Jan. 1**. The Department must select a single candidate for each of the four awards and submit those to **VFW National Headquarters by Feb. 1**.

VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Public Servant Citation:

Any individual, who actively gives emergency medical treatment, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to give emergency medical care, provide rescue and civil disaster assistance to our nation's citizens.

VFW National Law Enforcement Public Servant Citation:

Any individual who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility. This award does not apply to individual employed by private companies or security services.

VFW National Firefighters Public Servant Citation: Any individual who actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation's citizens.

VFW National 911 Dispatcher Public Servant Citation:

Any individual who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with providing the vital link between callers in distress and emergency response teams by obtaining essential information to send the appropriate responders to the right location.

NOTE: "NEW" First Responder Medal is available through the VFW Store. To review this item please click on the following link: <https://www.vfwstore.org/products/32134>

Criteria for these awards – Candidates must have demonstrated:

- 1) Recognition by their colleagues or those they serve.
- 2) Consistent excellence in the performance of their duties.
- 3) Consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibilities and skills within their profession.

Documentation required for all Candidates:

- 1) Public Servant Award Citation Post Entry Form
- 2) Nomination letter containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
- 3) Include justification outlining background in field, accomplishments and awards.

If you have any questions contact Tammy Beauchamp at 816.756.3390 Ext. 6287, e-mail, tbeauchamp@vfw.org .

Note: All Department Public Servant Citations must be requested through the VFW Department Public Servant Award Request Form through Formstack. VFW Programs staff will email the form link to Department Adjutants and Quartermasters at the beginning of each program year. **Deadline for Department submissions to National is February 1, to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentations.** If there are any questions email tbeauchamp@vfw.org or call 816.756.3390 ext. 6287.

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