



DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

GENERAL ORDERS #8 February 2023

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

- 1) The Next Council Meeting will be April 29th 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. **This is a change to the published schedule.**
- 2) Joint Testimonial for State Commander Rideout and State President Dot Mattson will be held at the Concord Holiday Inn on April 29, 2023. **This is a change to the published schedule.**
- 3) LOVE GIFTS FOR COMMANDER AND THE PRESIDENT'S TESTIMONIAL For the State President gifts should be sent to Department Treasurer Carol Harvey, 18 Sylvan Way, Wells Me 04090 and for the Department Commander gifts should be sent to Senior Vice Commander Denis Querrard, 30 Laurel St, Whitefield NH 03598.
- 4) Commanders on all levels are reminded that according to Section 105 of the National Bylaws, a member whose dues are unpaid after their anniversary date ceases to be a member in good standing and loses all rights of membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They shall not attend meetings or conventions and shall not participate in Post, County Council, District, Department or National functions.
- 5) Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Trustees." Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager, Bingo Chairman and VFW Riders Groups. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster and Adjutant records.
- 6) **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.
- 7) **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: nhvfwwstateheadquarters@gmail.com
- 8) **2022 STATE CONVENTION** *Save the date and MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!!!!! Date: 2-4 June 2023 (Friday – Sunday) *For those looking for an extended weekend, the 2nd is also encouraged! Location: Town & Country Inn and Resort 20 State Route 2 Shelburne, NH 03581 (603) 466-3315 *Make sure to tell them you are with the VFW.

9) 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.

10) **CONVENTION ADS:** We request that all Ads (as pdf's) be submitted by April 1, 2023, to Quartermaster, Chris Peirce PO Box 186, Franklin, NH 03235-1606 and make checks payable to Department of NH VFW.

Full Page - \$125.00, Half Page - \$75.00, Quarter Page - \$50.00, Eighth Page - \$25.00

11) **Reporting Deadline** for Administrative year 2022-23 will be April 15, 2023

12) **Program Chairman** Deadline for Awards to State Headquarters is April 20, 2023

13) **"Citizen of the Year" nominations are now being accepted, please forward to State Adjutant Lloyd.**

14) **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



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 January 31, 2023

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Sur
168	Emile	J	Dumont	
483	Armand		Lagasse	
799	Robert	E	Williams	
808	James	B	England	
816	Ernest	L	Messier	
816	Donald	R	Noyes	
1088	Louis	G	Rizzo	
1631	Robert		Jewell	
1631	George	C	Mosher	
1670	Carl	E	Moorehead	
2520	William	O	Adams	
3041	Albert	L	Woods	
5245	Herbert	J	Hodge	
5791	William	B	Wacome	
6808	Donald	W	Hutchinson	
8270	Richard	L	Cogswell	
8546	William	E	Kingdon	
8546	John	A	Russell	Sr.
8546	Dale	W	Higgins	
11373	Preston	T	Walsh	
11490	Richard	H	Lord	
15030	Frank	P	Nitkowski	
15030	Ronald		Lai	
15030	William	P	Porter	

Greetings VFW Family,

NH Veterans have been having a rough time lately. We have experienced multiple losses due to suicide. This is frustrating as we are trying to improve outreach and streamline the process for getting help to our Veterans. Our VFW family has not been immune to this issue. I am looking for ideas on the local level. Ideas on what we can do on the Post level to reach out and make a connection with vulnerable Veterans.

We had a great Voice Of Democracy / Patriots Pen / Teacher Of The Year banquet. As always it is inspiring to listen to our young Patriots. I congratulate the winners and all the students that participated. Thank you to all the Posts that participated.

We also welcomed CIC Tim Borland to NH. for the Council Of Administration and the VOD / PP Banquet. We were able to tour the State House in Concord as well as meet with the Governor. We then visited the State Veterans Cemetery as well as the Laconia Post and then Franklin Post for dinner. Thank you for rolling out the welcome mat.

Membership continues to be a challenge The Department of New Hampshire currently stands at 92.61 % but we are 200 Members behind last year. The CIC challenged all Departments to hit 94 % in January. While we did not hit that mark lets set our goal for February to 94.5%

Everyone is a recruiter talk to your friends neighbors and co workers lets grow our family. I will send a Congratulations to Paul Lloyd who leads in recruiting with 7 new members !! The following Posts are already at or above the 102% goal they are Emerson Hovey Post 168, Keene Daley Whipple Post 798, Hinsdale Memorial Post 4234, Mount Prospect Post 4483, Charlestown Memorial Post 8497 and Whitefield Post 10675. There is two Posts very near the goal Lee Memorial Post 10676 at 101.96 % and Merrimack Post 8641 at 100 %. Keep working your members the 102% is attainable by every Post in the state with hard work.

Please redouble your efforts at reaching out to your Post members who can not get out due to inclement weather and be prepared to assist with any needs they may have.

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

Department Commander

Leon H. Rideout



Greeting and Salutations from the Senior Vice Commander...

A few passed events in support of our mission and membership:

January 6th (FRI) - 8th (SUN) Thank you! VFW District 6 Commander and Merrimack VFW Post 8641 Commander Paul Roy for inviting the Military Order of the Cootie, Supreme Commander – Dwight M. Hora, to the great state of New Hampshire and for coordinating a lousy 'Welcome' at your post. A very lousy time was had by all as he visited with Pup Tent 1 & Pup Tent 3 Cooties while spreading his lousy germs at the District 6 Meeting.

It has been over 25 years since the Cootie Supreme Commander has been up here in NH.

Thank you, Glenn Della-Monica, for hosting an awesome whisky tasting event at the Cootie Supreme Commander Welcome event and Nikki Wesoly for being our bartender and hostess for the evening.

January 7th (SAT) District 6 Meeting – Good dialogue and great questions being asked. Thank you, Paul Roy, awesome job on leading your district, I look forward to see what you accomplish next year.

January 8th (SUN) 'Week Enders' Pup Tent 3 - A lousy breakfast and a lousy time with the Supreme 'Cootie' Commander.

January 13th (FRI) had the honor of riding shotgun with the Dept, Commander Leon Rideout, as we escorted Timothy Borland our Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to meet Governor Sununu in Concord and tour the capital, we also toured the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery and met with Director Shawn Buck – and guess what, he is now a member of the VFW; nothing like increasing our rolls while making our rounds... we continued on and visited with Laconia Post 1670 and ended the evening at Franklin Post 1698 for an outstanding catered dinner. Thank you, Post Commanders, members, and Auxiliary for your gracious hospitality and warm welcome!

January 14th (SAT) NH VFW COA & Scholastic Awards Banquet – As one of the VFW's premier programs, it was a pleasure to see the parade of winners of our Voice of Democracy – Patriots Pen – & Teacher of the Year! Thank you all! For those who participated and Paul Lloyd for bringing this all together!

January 28th (SAT) District 1 Meeting & Scholastic Awards Presentation – Thank you, Peter McGillan, Great job on leading your district, they have begun nominations and I look forward to seeing who the officers will be for our next term and all they will accomplish next year.

They recognized Mackenzie Southard of Howard Shawney Post #816, Littleton for his efforts at the District level by purchasing a National Home life membership (\$50), Outstanding!

Thank you, White mountains Post# 2520, Berlin, for holding our District meeting and the District 1 Auxiliary for the great food afterwards.

January 29th (SUN) Haverhill Memorial Post# 5245 Annual post dinner – Thank you for the invite!! Prime Rib dinner with all the sides and dessert too... if anyone left hungry it was on them. It was great connecting with the post members and seeing how awesome the Post and Auxiliary work together!

As a grassroots organization, with our Posts leading the way in our communities; with so much being done, for so little recognition... Thank you! We will never be able to recognize everyone, but reporting goes a long way to making that happen, and recognition within your posts, helps to keep your membership strong. Publicity, Promotion, and Communication needs to happen so we can see what you are doing across the state; Please update your Facebook pages as you plan and do events; Please promote yourself through Newspaper, Radio, and voice of mouth!

Get your message out there!!

A few upcoming events...

February 12th (SUN) **'Week Enders' Pup Tent 3** meeting at John W Weeks Post 3041, Lancaster: 0800.
If you are interested and eligible, please reach out to your post and submit an application.

February 15th (WED) **Sinking of the USS Maine** - Observance of the sinking of the USS Maine on February 15, 1898 (which led to the formation of the organization which is now known as the Veterans of Foreign War.)

The Maine arrived on Jan. 25 in Havana Harbor, and the presence of the ship seemed to have a calming influence on the situation. However, on Feb. 15 the Maine was attacked in the harbor with a loss of 266 crewmen. The cause was thought to be a mine placed near the magazine of the ship. This incident was one of the chief causes of the Spanish-American War, which erupted on April 3, 1898, and ultimately resulted with the independence of Cuba. We honor those comrades who served in our Nations cause in the Spanish-American War and especially those veterans of the Spanish-American War who formed the Veterans of Foreign Wars 111 years ago.

- ☐ **04-09 February 2023 – Legislative Conference; Washington DC**
- ☐ **08 April 2023 – POW Ceremony; Boscawen, NH**
- ☐ **20-23 April 2023 – VFW Dept. SVC & Quartermaster Training, Kansas City, KS**
- ☐ **29 April 2023 – Spring Dept. of NH COA & CDR's Testimonial; Concord, NH.**
- ☐ **02-04 June 2023 – State Convention 02-04 June 2023; Shelburne, NH.**
- ☐ **10-18 June 2023 – Laconia Bike Week 100th Anniversary; Laconia, NH.**
- ☐ **22-27 July 2023 – National Convention; Phoenix, AZ.**

We have experienced a lot of loss in the last few months; family members, post members, and friends; those losses are felt strongly by all and all, and our condolences will never be enough to replace them in our lives... and then there are those we have lost due to the scars of war and trauma.

We have lost way too many Veterans to Suicide across the Nation and our State; that we have lost three VFW members in the last few months speaks volumes about how our current efforts are not enough and maybe we can do more to reach out, and do those 'Buddy Checks'; if you haven't seen them around in a while, give them a call, or even better yet, stop by and visit, ask them out for a cup of coffee or have a meal together.

If you know someone that may need help, don't be afraid to step up and say anything; If you need help, reach out to someone and talk... open that line of conversation, and don't hold it in. Suicide is never the solution; your family, friends, and loved ones will never be able to find solace with your absence, nor will we be able to enjoy everything you brought into our lives.

Veterans Suicide and Crisis Lifeline - 988 then Press 1

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

Thank you for your service and all that 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

February 2023

Comrades,

I had the opportunity to attend, with our National Legislative Chairman Jörg Dreusicke, a roundtable discussion with Congressman Chris Pappas, and other VSOs, on Veterans issues Nationally and in the State. The primary discussion was on the bipartisan bill, the Faster Payments to Veterans' Survivors Act, which will improve VA's processes for identifying, locating, and paying survivors of recently deceased veterans. It was a great meeting.



Again, I think each of us should familiarize ourselves with our current Legislative Priorities for 2023. Check them out at this link:

<https://www.vfw.org/-/media/vfwsite/files/advocacy/prioritygoalsbrochure.pdf>

Please contact or visit your congressional representatives and stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 117th Congress. These priority goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary.

Switching gears...Membership.

Today vs. Yesterday				
	New Hampshire		National	
Date	Count	Pct	Count	Pct
01-21-2023	4,774	92.55	879,327	93.27
01-20-2023	4,774	92.55	879,065	93.25
Change	0	0.00	262	0.02

	New Hampshire	National
2022 Year End Total	5,158	942,686
Current 2023 Total	4,774	879,327
Needed for 100%	384	63,359
Current %	92.55	93.27

As of January 21st we are 92.55% towards our goal of 102.5%. We have five months to do this! Only 384 to go! It is going to take all of us to accomplish this goal. Every member is a recruiter! We can do this! At this point in 2018 we were 90.77%. We are above where we were 4 years ago. Lets honor our Commander-in-Chief's goal of every member recruiting 1 person this year. Thank you all for your hard work!

"Every Veteran Counts!"



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

Greetings Comrades,

Well, another 30 Guns in 30 Days raffle has come to a close. We had a great response this year and raised over 11,000 dollars for our Service Office. Hopefully we can do it again next year. Most of the winners have already picked up their prizes, we had one person that won twice, and it looks like Lancaster might have sold the most winning tickets.

Here are this year's winners and their prize.

Sam Grenier	Rossi R92
Eric Baird	Ruger Mark IV
Ross Farrow	Springfield 1911
Jason Beeman	Taurus TX22
William Fowle	Armscor 206
D. Kimber	Henry Survival Rifle
Ed Dingman	Henry Big Boy 45
Nick Digeronimo	Rock Island STK 1000
Don Pierce	CZ Scorpion 3 Plus
Eric Baird	Glock 48 9mm
Jacob Noel	Rem 700 SPS Rifle
Rich Gagnon	Rem 870 TAC-14
Roger Dryer	Ruger 57 Pistol
Mike Bickford	Ruger AR 556
Glenn Laroche	Ruger American 450
Lesia Romano	Savage Stance 9mm
Joseph Miller	Maverick 88 12 GA
Mike Caron	S&W Shield 9mm
Jerry Martin	S&W SD9VE
Randy Miles	Keltec P17
Bruce Jondro	Savage Stevens 320 Shotgun
Larry Greenwood	Ruger Security 9
Paul McCoy	Heritage Rough Rider
Dave Cusman	Ruger Mini-14
Jim Carney	Century Arms VSKA
Phil/Tracy Merrill	Stoeger Condor 12 GA
Eric Chase	Charter Arms Pink Lady
Adam Boyer	Ruger 10/22
Sandra Morris	Bodyguard 38 SPL
Melissa Goddy	Benelli Supernova

Poppies, I am hearing that people don't realize I still have poppies. I will keep carrying them until the store takes over. Still 125 dollars per 1,000 poppies. Remember, to achieve All American you need to purchase five poppies per member in the Post. If you are looking at the Dashboard and it shows you purchased poppies but show "Unmet" that is why.

Trustee Reports, I am missing over a dozen Posts, the holidays are over. Let's get them in and if you are having issues let me know. Also please do not send them to me as a .jpg, I would appreciate it if you scanned them into a pdf, thank you.

A financial note of interest to any homeowners in the crowd. NH passed House Bill 1667 (Chapter 121, Laws of 2022) back in October which basically allows Active-Duty Military in the state the ability to receive the local Veteran property tax relief. Not a lot of Active Duty here but to the few that are, this is a nice benefit. Unfortunately, this statutory change to Property Tax Credits for Veterans requires readoption. Veteran homeowners should know that towns and cities in NH have a credit between 50 to 750 dollars for eligible Veterans.

I would suggest checking with your local town or city officials to see if RSA 72:28, II has been readopted yet or is on track to be by March 31, 2023. I have attended my city of Franklin's Council meeting and seen it proposed and scheduled for a vote. Good way to show your members that you are looking out for them and reminding your local officials that the Veterans in the community are paying attention.

Regards,
Christopher Peirce
Department Quartermaster

POST	LOCATION	NATIONAL HOME *	VAYS WT. RIVER	VAYS MAN.	NH VETS HOME *	VMS *	CDR.'S SP. NH Vets PROJECT Cemetery	V.O.D.	PATRIOT'S TEACHERS PEN	AWARD	MAN. VA X-MAS.	WT. RIVER VETS HOME X-MAS.	X-MAS.	RELIEF FUND	HOMELESS VETERANS	EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND	TOTAL
DISTRICT #1																	
816	LITTLETON	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,485.00
2520	BERLIN	\$ 200.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,130.00
3041	LANCASTER	\$ 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	\$ 160.00
5245	N. HAVERHILL																
5366	BARTLETT																
6808	GROVETON																
10675	WHITEFIELD																
DISTRICT #4																	
1631	CONCORD	\$ 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	\$ 500.00
1670	LACONIA	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 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	\$ 1,400.00
DISTRICT #5																	
1698	FRANKLIN	\$ 525.00	\$ 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	\$ 875.00
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	\$ 95.00
4483	MANCHESTER	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,682.00
8401	BEDFORD	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,100.00
W. LEBANON																	
9552	BRISTOL	\$ 630.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,255.00
10640	CONTOOCOOK																
11490																	
DISTRICT #5																	
799	KEENE	\$ 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	\$ 160.00
CLAREMONT																	
3968	WINCHESTER	\$ 70.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,093.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,443.00
4234	HINDSDALE	\$ 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	\$ 300.00
4368	MILFORD	\$ 227.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 507.00
5613	JAFFREY	\$ 483.00	\$ 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	\$ 633.00
8268	BENNINGTON																
8497	CHARLESTOWN	\$ 340.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,050.00
DISTRICT #6																	
483	NASHUA	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 385.00
1617	DERRY	\$ 400.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,886.00
5791	HUDSON																\$ 1,600.00
8546	SALEM	\$ 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	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 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	\$ 1,080.00
10722	PELHAM	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 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	\$ 1,800.00
11254	HAMPSTEAD	\$ 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	\$ 400.00
DISTRICT #7																	
168	PORTSMOUTH	\$ 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
1088	KINSTON	\$ 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	\$ 95.00
4479	RAYMOND	\$ 250.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 700.00
SOMERSWORTH																	
4485	NORTHWOOD	\$ 25.00	\$ 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	\$ 100.00
8270	C. OSSIFEE																
8393	MILTON	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,050.00
10676	LEE																
Total From Posts \$ 10,353.00 \$ 640.00 \$ 640.00 \$ 865.00 \$ 640.00 \$ 2,573.00 \$ 715.00 \$ 815.00 \$ 815.00 \$ 765.00 \$ 1,110.00 \$ 1,035.00 \$ 1,285.00 \$ 830.00 \$ 865.00 \$ 1,015.00 \$ 24,811.00																	

**2023-2 Dept. NH VFW National Legislative Committee Member, VAVS VAMC
Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair**

Rev 1/23/23

As your **VFW Legislative** Committee member, I reach out to our NH Federal elected politicians and ask them to sponsor or support bills that the VFW has as their priorities. If you have issues that require their attention, contact me for assistance in reaching out to them.

Dept. NH VFW Jr. Vice Cdr. Andy Corrow and I were invited to attend a roundtable with Congressman Chris Pappas at the Sweeney Post in Manchester at 11:30am on Tuesday Jan 17 to meet with Congressman Chris Pappas (NH-01), who as a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, announced that President Biden has signed his bipartisan legislation, the "Faster Payments to Veterans' Survivors Act", into law. This legislation will improve the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) processes for identifying and locating paying hard-to-find survivors of recently deceased veterans and ensure they get the benefits and support they are owed and have earned.

We discussed other veterans' issues, and he again pledged his support going forwards depending on what committee assignments he will hold in the 118th congress.

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

The city of Manchester recently made news with their closing down of homeless encampments. The city and state operate facilities that offer temporary shelter to those that don't have a place to sleep or stay. The homeless population that illegally disrupts neighborhoods where they put in their encampments, need to realize that in those neighborhoods, they are infringing on those people's rights to live their own lives and to enjoy the fruits of their hard labors. We all have compassion for the less fortunate among us and go out of our way to help them back on their feet. But we can't enable bad behavior. As a society we have some very basic rules to obey, and the most important rule is that we cannot interfere with someone else's right of self-determination, as long as that behavior doesn't interfere with someone else's rights. Some homeless persons chose that way of life. But if they decline our help, then they have to deal with the consequences of their choices. There is no easy answer to this problem, and we will continue to help those that ask and deserve our help. Sometimes the hard choice of saying no to someone who is using our good faith to enable their bad behavior seems cruel and harsh, but in the long run tough love is true love. **Liberty House** is a great example of that philosophy. If you get accepted into their program, it's their way or the highway. They have a phenomenal success rate because they do care, with passion, compassion, and a strict resolve. Please check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com>

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VFW STATE SURGEON



Greetings Comrades another month has passed and February is upon us and soon spring will be here.

Comrades in the General Orders this month you will find some useful info on Toxic Exposure Screening Information provided by the Veterans Affairs, it talks about open burn pits/ airborne hazards, Gulf War exposures, Agent Orange, Radiation, Camp Lejeune water contamination and Other exposures, please take the time to go over the information and share it with your Post members.

BE VIGILANT OF PACT ACT SCAMS

Also take a look at the pamphlet provided to help you avoid scams along with some good tips.

CAMP LEJEUNE HEALTH and DISABILITY BENEFITS

The pamphlet provided will help guide you with info on health and disability info along with contact information.

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TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING INFORMATION

VA is committed to providing screening, health care, and resources to Veterans with toxic exposure concerns from military service.

TOXIC EXPOSURES

While toxic exposure is defined by law, generally there are several types of possible exposures or hazards Veterans may have experienced during their military service. Some common examples appear below.

- » **Open Burn Pits/Airborne Hazards:** Contaminants or substances in the air including smoke and fumes from open burn pits and fine particulate matter.
- » **Gulf War related exposures:** Veterans may have been exposed to a variety of environmental hazards including pesticides and oil well fires.
- » **Agent Orange:** An herbicide used to thin-out thick foliage commonly found in jungles and fields.
- » **Radiation:** Exposure from sources such as nuclear weapons.
- » **Camp Lejeune contaminated water exposure:** Between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, Veterans and their families may have been exposed to contaminated drinking water.
- » **Other exposures:** There are other potential toxic exposures that may occur during military service.

MANAGE YOUR HEALTH

Proactively developing a long-term health care plan with your care team can help detect conditions early and treat or lessen the effect of complications resulting from exposure(s).

TALK WITH A VA PROVIDER:

- » Call **1-800-MyVA411** then **press 8**, or a local VA clinical care team
- » **Send a secure message** to your clinical care team through your patient portal:
My HealtheVet at: www.myhealth.va.gov or My VA Health at: patientportal.myhealth.va.gov
- » Discuss exposure concerns at your next VA appointment

ENROLL IN VA CARE:

- » Online www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction
- » Call 877-222-VETS (8387)
- » Visit your nearest VA medical center and enroll in person: www.va.gov/find-locations



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REGISTRY HEALTH EXAMS

Registry health exams are no-cost voluntary environmental exposure medical exams. VA has several health registries – these include: Agent Orange, Airborne Hazard and Open Burn Pit, Gulf War (includes Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn), Ionizing Radiation, Depleted Uranium Follow-Up Program, Embedded Fragment Surveillance Center.

- » You may be eligible to participate in one or more of these health registries. *Note: The registry evaluation is not a compensation exam or required for other VA benefits.*
- » Registries can alert you to possible health problems related to your military service and help VA better understand and respond to these health problems more effectively.

SCHEDULE A REGISTRY EXAM WITH YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR

- » Online www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/coordinators.asp
- » Call 1-800-MyVA411, then press 8
- » Visit your local VA Medical Center

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- » Visit www.va.gov/PACT or call 1-800-MyVA411, then press 8
- » Information on military environmental exposures: www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/index.asp
- » Exposure benefits information: www.va.gov/disability/eligibility
- » Download the free VA Exposure Ed mobile app: mobile.va.gov/app/exposure-ed

VA PRESUMPTIVE CONDITIONS

Veterans may be eligible for disability benefits and/or compensation if they have a health condition that results in disability and was connected to their military service. For many health conditions, you need to prove that your service caused your condition. For some conditions, we automatically assume (or “presume”) that your service caused your condition. We call these “presumptive conditions.” We consider a condition presumptive when it’s established by law or regulation. If you have a presumptive condition, you do not need to prove that your service caused the condition. You only need to meet the service requirements for the presumption.

BENEFITS

- » Veterans with presumptive diseases may be eligible for benefits such as disability compensation
- » Surviving spouses, dependent children and/or parents of deceased Veterans may be eligible for benefits such as dependency and indemnity compensation and accrued benefits
- » Veterans who had claims that were previously denied can file supplemental claims
- » **To File a Claim for Benefits**
 - Submit online: www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim
 - Access VA benefits: www.ebenefits.va.gov
 - Call VA Benefits hotline: 800-827-1000 for help filing a claim
 - Locate a local Veteran Service Officer www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp



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VA MANCHESTER Toxic Exposure Resources for Veterans

After your toxic exposure screening, you may have questions or need additional information. You can reach out to these local VA staff if you have specific questions.

- For **benefits and claims or presumptive** related questions, please contact:
Veterans Benefits Administration 800-827-1000
- For **VA health care enrollment and eligibility** related questions, please contact:
VA Manchester Eligibility 603-624-4366 ext 6799
- For **VA Environmental Health Registries** related questions, please contact:
Mark Collins, RN 603-624-4366 ext 2872

If you are a Veteran in crisis, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive 24/7 confidential support. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to connect. To reach responders, **Dial 988 then Press 1**, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or text **838255**.

Local Area Benefits Assistance

For help with your claim for VA benefits, reach out to local support.

- Schedule an appointment online with your local Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) office online at vets.force.com/VAVERA/s or contact:

Manchester Regional Office 800-827-1000
- Work with an accredited VA benefits representative on your claim. Visit www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vso-search or reach out to your local Veterans Service Organization:

New Hampshire VSO Office, 603-624-9230 ext 301

Learn More

Scan the following codes with your mobile device to access additional resources and information.

<p>Presumptive Conditions Associated with Agent Orange</p>  <p>https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/index.asp</p>	<p>Presumptive Conditions Associated with Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pits</p>  <p>https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/index.asp#presumptive</p>
<p>Presumptive Conditions Associated with Gulf War Exposures</p>  <p>https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/medically-unexplained-illness.asp#connection</p>	<p>Other Presumptive Conditions Associated with Gulf War Exposures</p>  <p>https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/infectious_diseases.asp</p>
<p>Presumptive Conditions Associated With Camp Lejeune</p>  <p>https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp#compensation</p>	<p>Other Presumptive Conditions Associated with Radiation</p>  <p>https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/radiation/diseases.asp#presumptive</p>
<p>Toxic Exposure Screening Information</p>  <p>https://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/education/toxicexposurescreeninformation.asp</p>	<p>VA Mobile Exposure Ed App</p>  <p>https://mobile.va.gov/app/exposure-ed</p>



BE VIGILANT OF PACT ACT SCAMS



On August 10, President Biden signed the PACT Act into law. This law helps millions of Veterans and their survivors by:

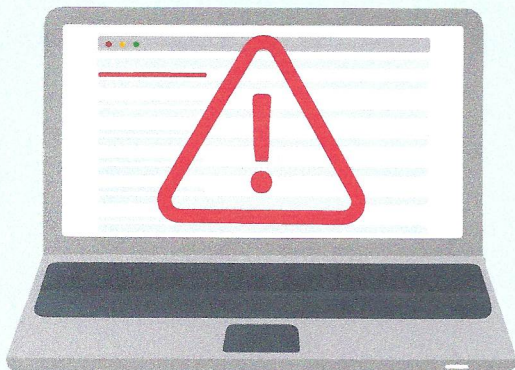
- Extending **VA health care** eligibility for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and Post-9/11 (Post-September 11, 2001) eras
- Expanding **benefits** eligibility for Veterans exposed to toxic substances and their survivors



How to Apply for PACT Act Benefits

We want Veterans and survivors to apply now for their PACT Act-related benefits. You can learn more and sign up at www.va.gov/PACT, or call us at 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411).

If you need help applying for benefits, [VA, accredited representatives, and Veteran Service Officers](#) are always standing by and ready to help. There's no cost for the forms, no fees to apply, and VA will never charge Veterans for processing a claim.



Tips to Avoid PACT Act Scams

Scammers are taking advantage of new opportunities to commit fraud. There's been an increase in PACT Act-related [phishing \(email\)](#), vishing (phone), and [social media scams](#) targeting Veterans to access their PACT Act benefits or submit claims on their behalf.

Veterans should be cautious of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service. To report suspected fraudulent activity, please contact at vaoghline@va.gov or call 1-800-488-8244.



Protect yourself against new scams with these tips:

- Do not provide personal, benefits, medical, or financial details online or over the phone. Federal agencies will not contact you unless you make a request.
- Do not click on online ads or engage with social media that seem suspicious.
- Check for "https://" at the start of website addresses.
- Enable multi-factor authentication on all accounts.
- Work with Veteran service providers you already know.
- Submit any suspected fraud to ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Visit the [Cybercrime Support Network](#) for additional [resources](#) to help Veterans, service members, and their families combat cybercrime.

www.VA.gov/PACT is the official source of PACT Act information.

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Download the VA Health and Benefits App
Call us at 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)
Find a VA at VA.gov/find-locations/

CAMP LEJEUNE HEALTH *and* DISABILITY BENEFITS

Benefits for Camp Lejeune Veterans and family members include health care for 15 conditions listed in the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012.

Veterans can receive disability and health care benefits for eight presumptive disease conditions associated with contaminants in the water at Camp Lejeune.

HEALTH

Health care and health care funding assistance to Veterans and family members who lived on Camp Lejeune and have one of the covered conditions.

Qualifying health conditions include:

- Bladder cancer
- Breast cancer
- Esophageal cancer
- Female infertility
- Hepatic steatosis
- Kidney cancer
- Leukemia
- Lung cancer
- Miscarriage
- Multiple myeloma
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Neurobehavioral effects
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Renal toxicity
- Scleroderma

FOR INFORMATION

VA Health Care 1-877-222-8387

VA Benefits 1-800-827-1000

CL Family Health Care 1-866-372-1144

www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/

[https://explore.va.gov/
disability-compensation](https://explore.va.gov/disability-compensation)

www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov/

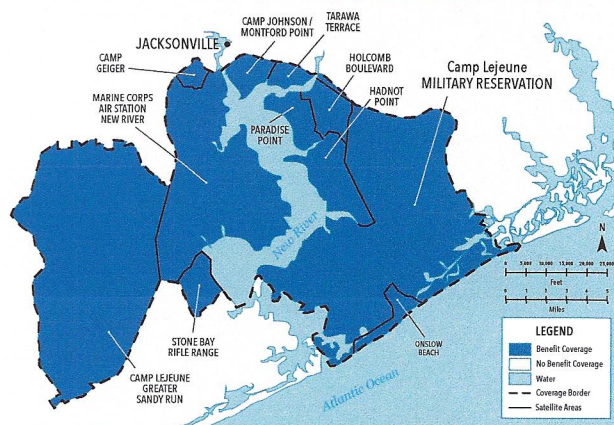
DISABILITY

The presumption applies to active duty, reserve, and National Guard members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune who later developed one or more of the following eight conditions:

- Adult leukemia
- Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes
- Bladder cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Liver cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease

Family members are not eligible for disability benefits.

CAMP LEJEUNE DISABILITY BENEFIT COVERAGE AREA



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Stationed at/lived on Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987.



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