

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

GENERAL ORDERS #7 January 2023

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- 1) **SCHOLASTIC AWARDS BANQUET** will be held at the Concord Holiday Inn on **Jan 14, 2023**.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 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) The attention of Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders is directed to Section 103 of the Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the manner in which applications for membership will be handled. Applications for membership of new, reinstated or transfer members must be voted on by the members present at a regular Post meeting.
- 6) 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, one of which ends Dec. 31, 2022. 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.
- 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) 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

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

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

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

15) 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:

nhvfwwstateheadquarters@gmail.com

16) District Meetings

January 7	District 6	Hudson Post	10am	SVC Denis
January 22	District 5	Winchester Post	10am	Chap Darwin
January 22	District 7	Somersworth Post	10am	JVC Andy
January 28	District 1	Berlin Post	10am	CDR Leon
January 29	District 4	Franklin Post	10am	Chap Darwin



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 December 31, 2022

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Sur
168	William	E	Gardner	
483	Robett	L	Courtenanche	
808	Arthur	L	Brassaw	
1617	Douglas	B	Crooker	
1617	Richard		Flibotte	Jr.
3041	Ronald		Chase	
3968	Paul	H	Janey	
5245	Charles	A	Irwin	Jr.
8497	Francis	W	Mc Kane	
10722	Dominic	A	Musto	Jr.
15030	Arthur		Wilson	

Greetings VFW Family,

I would like to thank all who responded to the need to replenish the NH House Funds, there has been a great response. We must continue to build the fund, so we do not ever go into the negative again. I would like to set a goal of a 15,000.00 balance by the end of the administrative year.

We need to mention membership again while we are doing well percentage wise that is using VFW math for membership (Which will be going away) In actual numbers we are 179 Members behind last year. We must stay ahead of Gods recruiting plan and actually grow our membership.

I also want to address Posts that have not recruited any new members some in several years. That is no longer acceptable with the previous mentioned VFW Math for Membership Posts have achieved 100% despite actually shrinking in membership again this will be going away. Also, by failing to recruit new members you are depriving your Post of new energy and ideas. In fact, you are guaranteeing your Posts demise. We as the VFW are here for all Veterans not just Veterans from certain eras. As the Commander In Chiefs motto states, Every Veteran Counts. If you are in one of the Posts and there are several that have not added a member, I Challenge you to bring in 2 new members this year. You need to be the spark that will reinvigorate your Post!

I hope you all had a Wonderful Christmas, and I am looking forward to an even better New Year! Thank You all for the work accomplished so far.

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


Department Commander
Leon H. Rideout




Greeting and Salutations from the Senior Vice Commander...

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!!

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

December 3rd (SAT)  **Blue Star Mothers of NH Wreaths for Boscawen** – A rainy day for wreath placement with family and friends; a solemn day to honor our veterans and their family members who are laid to rest in our NH State Veterans Cemetery.

December 7th (WED) **National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day** – I had the honor to preside over ceremonies in Lancaster, NH as Post Chaplain with fellow Members and Auxiliary of John W Weeks Post 3041. Another somber occasion to remember the 2,403 service members and civilians whose lives were cut short on that tragic morning of December 7th, 1941.

December 17th (SAT)  **Wreaths Across America – Wreath Day Ceremony 2022** – I had the opportunity to represent the State of NH VFW at the wreath laying ceremony at the historic Hills House in Hudson, NH in support of Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791 and Auxiliary who helped set up this event to remember and honor our veterans; by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

December 25th (SUN) **A VERY MERRY BELATED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!**

A few upcoming events in January, come on out and let us have a good time together!

January 6th (FRI) - 8th (SUN) **Military Order of the Cootie Supreme Commander Welcome to NH** – Supreme 'Cootie' Commander – Dwight M. Hora, will be making his lousy presence known for the weekend visiting Pup Tent 1 & Pup Tent 3 Cooties while spreading his lousy germs at the District 6 Meeting. Thank you, VFW District 6 Commander and Merrimack VFW Post 8641 Commander Paul Roy, for all the Crummy effort you put into delousing our Supreme Commander and making him feel so unwelcome!! I have heard that it has been a long time since we have seen one of their kind up here in NH...

January 6th (FRI) **Military Order of the Cootie Supreme Commander Welcome event** – at 7:00 P.M... The Merrimack VFW Post 8641 will be hosting a free whisky tasting event by Glenn Della-Monica; to coincide with a meet & greet with our Supreme 'Cootie' Commander – Dwight Hora.

January 7th (SAT) **District 6 Meeting** – at 10:00 A.M... I will be department representation at Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791. I look forward to seeing all our District 6 Posts being there.

January 8th (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.

January 14th (SAT) **NH VFW COA & Scholastic Awards Banquet** – As one of the VFW's premier programs, come out and see who the winners are for our states Voice of Democracy – Patriots Pen – & Teacher of the Year! Timothy Borland our Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be here as well.

January 28th (SAT) **District 1 Meeting & Scholastic Awards Presentation** – at 10:00 A.M... White Mountains VFW Post #2520 in Berlin. I look forward to seeing all our District 1 Posts being there.

!!MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP!!

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

January 2023

Comrades,

I had the privilege to attend, and participate in, the Wreaths Across America ceremony hosted by Hudson Memorial Post 5791 on December 17th. What a phenomenal job done by the Post to highlight the mission of this organization. To Remember, honor and teach. Thank you to all who participated across the Hudson community, the state and our great Nation. It was an amazing experience.



The mission to Remember, Honor and Teach lasts all year long, far beyond the single day in December when wreath-laying ceremonies take place. All throughout the year, Wreaths Across America works in a number of ways to show our veterans and their families that we will not forget—we will never forget.

Switching gears...Membership.

Today vs. Yesterday				
	New Hampshire		National	
Date	Count	Pct	Count	Pct
12-25-2022	4,665	90.44	862,026	91.44
12-24-2022	4,665	90.44	861,985	91.43
Change	0	0.00	41	0.01

As of December 25th we are 90.44% towards our goal of 102.5%. We have six months to do this! 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 87.91%. 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!"

A couple items on my calendar for this month:

1. January 14 - Council of Administration, Concord.
2. January 14 - Scholastic Awards Banquet, Concord.
3. January 22 - Department representative at the District 7 meeting, Somersworth.



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



Department Quartermaster Comments

Greetings Comrades,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and you are looking forward to a great new year.

30 Guns in 30 Days Raffle, we had a great response to this year's raffle with many more requests than tickets. Some of what makes our raffle great is the fact there are only so many tickets. Remind everyone to watch the daily drawings on Merrimack Firearms Facebook page. We will Post the winners on the NH VFW page also on a weekly basis.

Now we will move on to charitable gaming and see how well we can do. As we have discussed at our COA meetings, we need to increase our income.

On the business side.

The New Hampshire Charitable Trust Unit has updated their forms on their website. They are not accepting any old forms so check there before sending anything to them.

<https://www.doj.nh.gov/charitable-trusts/>

Trustee reports, December ended a Quarter, so it is time again. Remember if you have problems let me know. Posts have thirty days after the end of the quarter to get the audit done and turned in. Mail it or email it, if you don't have all the signatures, email me a copy and let me know when you get everyone to sign.

Right now, I still need reports from the following Posts: Whitefield 10675, Contoocook 11490, Keene 799 and Hudson 5791. If the Commander has not talked with you, he will be.

Donations: we had an amazing response to helping support our New Hampshire House at the National Home. As you know not every Department has a house and it is a credit that a small State like New Hampshire has one and can maintain it. Also, our donations to Manchester, White River and the Veterans Home for their Holidays brightened a lot of our fellow Veteran's Christmas season.

Poppies: no change on the VFW store selling them but I have plenty and I will have them at the COA and Scholastic Banquet if anyone needs them. Like I said they did send them in boxes of 2,000 so if you want 1,000, please understand they will be either in an open box or a bag. Same price as always, \$125 per 1,000

National is still entering the poppies on the Dashboard. A couple of Posts have purchased Poppies recently and they will get them up, just a little delay.

Any questions, concerns or oversights on my part please reach out so we can it resolved.

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	VETS HOME	VETERAN'S	HOMELESS	EMERGENCY	TOTAL		
		HOME *	WT. RIVER	MAN.	HOME *		PROJECT		PEN	AWARD	X-MAS.	X-MAS.	X-MAS.	RELIEF. FUND	VETERANS	RELIEF FUND		
DISTRICT #1																		
816	LITTLETON																	
2520	BERLIN	\$ 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	\$ 1,485.00		
3041	LANCASTER	\$ 200.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,130.00		
5245	N HAVERRHILL																	
5386	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	\$ 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	\$ 1,400.00		
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	\$ 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	\$ 95.00		
3041	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	\$ 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	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 300.00		
9552	W. LEBANON															\$ 1,100.00		
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	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 755.00		
11490	CONTOOCOOK																	
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	\$ 160.00		
808	CLAREMONT										\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00					
3968	WINCHESTER	\$ 70.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,093.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,443.00		
4234	HINDDALE	\$ 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	\$ 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	\$ 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	\$ 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	\$ 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	\$ 385.00		
1617	DERRY	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 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	\$ 2,600.00		
5791	HUDSON	\$ 400.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,600.00		
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	\$ 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	\$ 700.00		
DISTRICT #8																		
4485	SOMERSWORTH																	
7217	NORTHWOOD																	
8270	C. OSSIPPEE																	
8393	MILTON																	
10676	LEE	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,050.00		
DISTRICT #9																		
Total From Posts																		
		\$ 9,507.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,533.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 995.00	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 790.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 23,365.00

From your Department Chaplain

Comrades

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the holiday season safely with the family and friends that are in your life. As all of you proceed into the new year, please set new but obtainable goals to achieve one after another.

A Prayer for a New Beginning of your Year!

Lord, give me the courage to begin again - to overlook the difficulties and to overcome any obstacles as they present themselves at any given moment. Help me be patient enough to know it takes time to start over, and wise enough to ask family and friends for assistance as I may need it. Also, as I look to the future, may I reflect on the past and remember the lessons it taught me. And God, may I always look to you for strength and guidance.

I hope that each and every one of you have a great year. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.



God bless each and every one of you and your families .

Darwin Beeman
Department Chaplain
luckytwobealive@comcast.net
603-372-2200
"Can Do "

**2023-1Dept. NH VFW National Legislative Committee Member, VAVS VAMC
Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair**

Happy New Year! Hopefully it will be another good year of **VFW Legislative** lobbying for our list of VFW priorities with our Washington DC representatives. We are in the process of getting set up for our spring legislative meeting in Washington DC with our two Senators and two Congressional reps. At these meetings we will go over our VFW Priority List of Legislations and ask them to sponsor or support these bills.

I delivered the list of items requested by the recreation department at the **Manchester VAMC**. I also shopped for and delivered Christmas presents for one of their newly admitted CLC residents. All these items were paid for by the Dept NH VFW with your local VFW post "recommended" donations to the Manchester VA Christmas Party Donations. Unfortunately, I couldn't visit the CLC floor, they had severe covid restrictions in place when I was dropping off these presents. But the staff expressed their absolute delight at your generosity, and the much-anticipated room that we purchased these items for will have a nice plaque attached to the wall thanking the Dept NH VFW for their donations of those items.

The Manchester VAMC volunteer access is on hold again until they repair the current flood damage that has displaced so many persons operating in the main building as volunteers. The VAMC is doing business as usual, just be aware that they had to move things around to accommodate everyone affected by the recent 2nd and first floor flood damage.

If you wish to volunteer onsite at positions that the VAMC can use your help at, you must be a registered volunteer. To register and find out what positions they need, please contact Stella Lareau, VAVS Supervisor at stella.lareau@va.gov or 603-624-4366 ex.6419.

The **Liberty House** Christmas Tree Jubilee was a great success. Please check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/597018822084099>

Jorg Dreusicke
VAVS VAMC Manchester VFW Representative
National Legislative Committee Representative
Certified National Recruiter
Homeless Chair
jdreusicke@aol.com
603-553-0395



DEPARTMENT OF NH VFW SURGEONS BULLETIN

Comrades, the new year is upon us and time is passing by quickly. Starting January 1, 2023 VA Life is open for enrollment, this is a great program for you and your family (protect your family).

FIVE REASONS WHY LIFE INSURANCE IS IMPORTANT

1. It Can Help To Protect Your Family
2. It Can Replace Lost Income
3. It Can Help Your Loved Ones Pay Off Debt
4. It Can Cover Funeral Expenses
5. It Can Help To Pay For Future Education Expenses

This program is new to our Veterans and it should be taken very seriously. After all, the most important part of your life is your family and protecting them in case something happens to you.

Read the material provided by the VA and the rate sheet.

VFW STATE SURGEON
Tim Grant

January
2023



VA U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife)

Protect the ones you love, those who matter most.

Jan. 5, 2021

**Public Law
116-315
is passed**

New VA Life Insurance Program

Public Law 116-315 establishes VALife as a **new VA Life Insurance program**.

Dec. 31, 2022

**S-DVI programs
are closed
to new
enrollment**

VALife Program

What is VALife?

Guaranteed acceptance whole life insurance coverage that requires no proof of health.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible if you:

- Are aged **80 or under** and have a VA disability rating, or
- Applied for **VA disability rating before age 81** and received an initial **rating after turning 81**.

Is there a time limit to apply?

- **Age 80 or Under:** No time limit to apply.
- **Age 81 or Over:** Must apply within two years of receiving a rating for a new service-connected condition applied for prior to age 81.

How much coverage can I get?

Up to **\$40,000** (in increments of \$10,000).

When does my coverage take effect?

Full VALife coverage takes effect **two years** after enrollment.

How much are premiums?

In most cases, premiums are **generally lower than** rates offered for guaranteed acceptance coverage by private insurers.

[Click here](#) for the full premium rate chart.

How are claims paid?

Beneficiaries receive:

- **Premiums paid plus interest** if insured dies within two years of enrollment.
- **Full coverage amount** if insured dies more than two years after enrollment.

Jan. 1, 2023

**VALife
becomes
effective**

**First day to
convert S-DVI
to VALife**

Impact on Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI)

What happens to S-DVI when VALife starts?

S-DVI programs will close to new enrollment (**no new applications will be accepted**) after **December 31, 2022**.

Can I apply for VALife if I have S-DVI?

If you have S-DVI, you can apply for VALife. If you apply before December 31, 2025, you can keep S-DVI during the initial two year enrollment period for VALife.

Do I have to switch to VALife?

No, you may **remain** in the S-DVI program.

Dec. 31, 2025

**Last day to
keep S-DVI
and apply
for VALife**

VALife opens for enrollment on January 1, 2023.

Sign up to receive updates about the program at [VA.gov/life-insurance](https://va.gov/life-insurance).

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

Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife)

Protect the ones you love, those who matter most.

VALife Premium Rate Chart

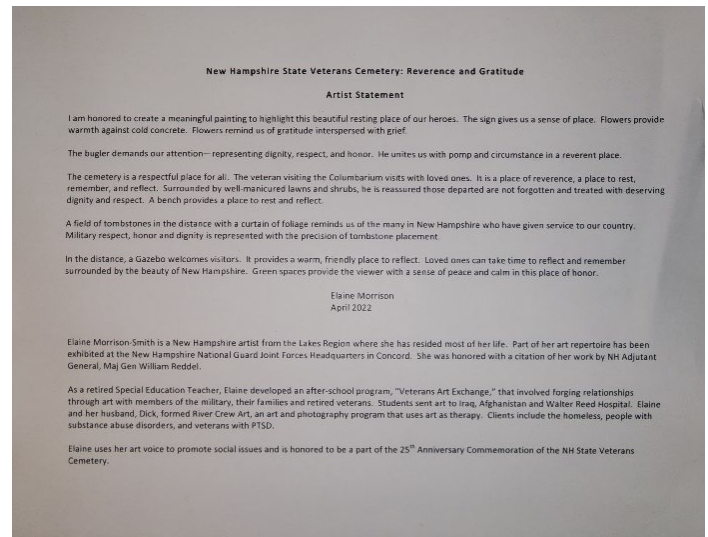
Monthly Premium Rates Per \$10,000 at Select Ages. Maximum coverage amount: \$40,000.

[Click here](#) for the full premium rate chart.

Issue Age	VALife Premium Rate	Issue Age	VALife Premium Rate
20	\$11.40	55	\$40.10
25	\$13.20	60	\$50.00
30	\$15.40	65	\$62.00
35	\$18.30	70	\$78.00
40	\$22.00	75	\$99.50
45	\$26.60	80	\$127.50
50	\$32.50		

The VALife premium rates are based on your age and coverage amount. Once locked-in, premium rates do not increase over the life of the policy.

VALife opens for enrollment on January 1, 2023.
Sign up to receive updates about the program at [VA.gov/life-insurance](https://va.gov/life-insurance).



NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS COMMANDER LEON RIDEOUT'S SPECIAL PROJECT RAFFLE

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:
'SUPPORTING THE PREVENTION OF VETERAN SUICIDE &
AWARENESS'**



**LIMITED EDITION 25TH ANNIVERSARY PRINT:
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE VETERAN'S CEMETERY**

**DRAWING: JANUARY 14, 2023 (SAT) AT
NH VFW COA & SCHOLASTIC AWARDS BANQUET**

**DONATION: \$5.00 PER TICKET
ONLY 250 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!**

CONTACT FOR TICKETS: DENIS QUERRARD
CELL/TEXT: 603-254-0709
EMAIL: VFW.DQUERRARD@GMAIL.COM



FACT SHEET

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

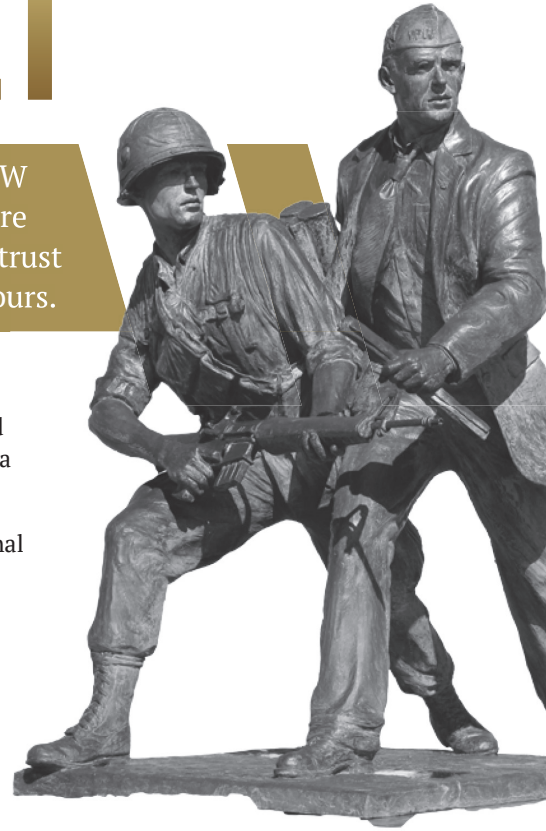
THE VFW'S VITAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Educate separating service members about their well-earned VA benefits through private benefits counseling sessions with a VFW Service Officer.

Provide training to VFW Service Officers on signs of emotional suffering so they can better direct veterans to programs and services.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

Deliver morale-boosting “welcome home” celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.



2,000+

Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

\$11.55 million

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 2,567 veterans and service members through VFW's “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” since January 2014.

\$11.2 billion

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits.

66

Number of VFW-SVA Fellows (student veterans) who have traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for veterans' rights.

20

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Nearly \$3 million

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

\$12.7 million+

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 45% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

3.4 million+

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.



The VFW by the numbers

1.5 million

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

5,773

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



1899

Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



Helping struggling military families

11,326

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through **VFW Unmet Needs** since 2004.

\$5,741,123

Amount of grants provided through **VFW Unmet Needs** covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

3,948

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.



Cutting red tape

115,000

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2022.

Nearly 13,500

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2022 resulting in more than \$64 million in disability compensation.

20+

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



Improving life in America

5.3 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$52.2 million

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.



Inspiring patriotism in young people

25,000+

Number of high school students who competed in the 2021–22 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

72,000+

Number of students who competed in the 2021–22 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.

Updated December 2022



JOIN THE VFW

Learn more about the VFW at vfw.org.

 @vfwfans

   @vfwhq