



DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

GENERAL ORDERS #9 MARCH 2023

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

COMMANDER RIDEOUT HAS ISSUED A CHALLENGE, ANY POST THAT REACHES 100% OR MORE IN MEMBERSHIP BY MARCH 17TH WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER INTO A RAFFLE FOR \$200.00 OF THE COMMANDER'S MONEY

- 1) The Next Council Meeting will be April 29th at the Concord Post (Auxiliary) 9am, 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 Sr Vice President Kim Copson 8 North Ave. Apt A. Derry NH 03038 and for the Department Commander gifts should be sent to Senior Vice Commander Denis Querrard, 30 Laurel St, Whitefield NH 03598.
- 4) **Attorney Charitable Trust Registration exemption:** Not ALL VFWs are exempt. They have to file the pre-registration review form (even if registered). They will review it and respond accordingly. The Post will receive a letter either approving or denying. I have attached the form.
- 5) Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Nominations are to happen at the March Meetings and remain open until the April meetings. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1.
- 6) Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31.
- 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: nhvwstateheadquarters@gmail.com

9) 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.

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: nhvwstateheadquarters@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 February 28, 2023

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Sur
1617	Frederick	E	Wells	Jr.
1631	George	J	Roberts	
1631	Winton	N	Prusia	
1631	Bruce	E	Moran	
1670	Charles	N	Stewart	III
2520	Laurent		Bilodeau	
3041	Nelson	L	Fontaine	
3968	Thomas	F	Parker	
4234	Bertha	C	Brabury	
4234	Arthur	J	Nadeau	
4234	Paul	M	Pelkey	
4483	Frederick	J	Welch	
4483	Robert	A	Haskell	
8270	James	J	Kelly	
8497	Roland	V	Stoodley	
8546	Stephen	R	Miller	
15030	Richard		Jacques	

Greetings VFW Family,

February seemed to fly by!! We have had a good membership month with the Department sitting at 94.99 % as of the morning prior to writing this. The list of Post at 100 % or more is growing. That being said we have more work to do to meet the goal of 102%. I want to throw out a challenge to all Posts. All Posts that are at 100% or more by March 17th will be entered in a drawing for \$200.00 of the Commanders money!! We have many Posts are very close to meeting that 100% number. Lets work your expiring / unpaid lists and look for new members in your communities. Can we get to 20 Posts at 100% or higher by March 17th? You will have a chance make your Posts wallet a bit greener for St Patrick's Day!

Keep reporting the work you do in your community's do not wait until the end of the reporting year. Each Post should have people designated to do reporting and it should be done each month.

Posts should be starting the process of assembling next years leadership team. Once again don't wait until the last minute. Ensure that you have mentors in place if there will be new members in leadership. As a leader your job is not done until all pertinent knowledge has been passed on.

I will ask all of you to keep checking on those that have a hard time getting out in the cold weather. Make sure they have everything they need. Continue buddy checks with all your Post members. It is imperative that we take care of each and every member of our VFW family.

If you are having an event and want Department representation please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan a schedule.

I want to thank all of you for your continued work and dedication to the VFW.

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

Department Commander
Leon H. Rideout



Greeting and Salutations from the Senior Vice Commander (SVC)...

It was a slow month of February, for me in support of our VFW mission and membership; on a personal note, it has been a very busy month for me as a tax accountant. There have been a lot of changes post Covid and we are back to the norm of paying taxes and wondering where all the money went...

A few upcoming events...

March 04-09 **Legislative Conference; Washington DC** – Dept. Commander Leon Rideout, SVC, and our Dept. Legislative Chair, Jorg Dreusicke, will be bringing VFW legislative priorities to the 188th Congress. Our Legislative Chair has been doing a great job, and has been busy, getting our delegation appointments with our NH legislatures to bring our VFW legislative priorities home.

March 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.

- ☐ **08 April 2023 – POW Ceremony; Boscawen, NH**
- ☐ **20-23 April 2023 – VFW Dept. SVC & Quartermaster Training, Kansas City, KS**
- ☐ **29 April 2023 – Dept. of NH Spring COA & CDR's Testimonial; Concord, NH.**
If you are unable to attend Dept. CDR Leon Rideout Testimonial and wish to send him gifts, please reach out to me at 603-254-0709, to discuss plans of how I can get them from you; if you choose to mail them, please mail them to me at:
DENIS QUERRARD, 30 LAUREL ST, WHITEFIELD, NH 03598-3311
- ☐ **02-04 June 2023 – State Convention; Shelburne, NH.**
Make your reservations early, rooms fill quickly! It should be a good time by all!
- ☐ **10-18 June 2023 – Laconia Bike Week 100th Anniversary; Laconia, NH.**
- ☐ **22-27 July 2023 – National Convention; Phoenix, AZ.**

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 community service 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 we 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 and report it!!

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"

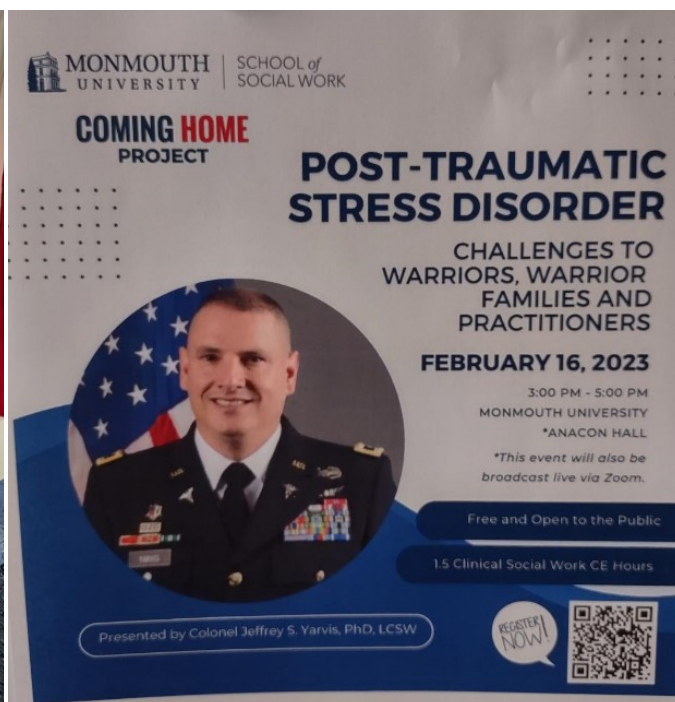
Denis Querrard – Senior Vice Commander, Dept. of NH

From the Desk Of the Department Junior Vice Commander

March 2023

Comrades,

I have been reflecting the past couple months about the Comrades we have lost recently to suicide. It pains me. When I heard a friend was coming to New Jersey, from Texas, to give a presentation I felt I had to go. His presentation focused on Veterans/Warriors and their families. The number one take away for me is that there is hope. There are so many programs out there for help; be it individual therapy, group therapy and other programs. I think our charge is to support Veterans who are struggling and to help connect them to services in our communities. Comrades in and out of our formations. Our Department does a phenomenal job linking with these agencies or non-profits. From the VA to Camp Resilience to Veterans Counts and the Liberty House (to name a few). We as friends and Comrades just need to familiarize ourselves with the resources available in New Hampshire as any one of us could be that one person to help a Veteran/Comrade/friend in distress.



Some Resources -

Veterans Crisis Line - 988

Veterans Crisis Line - <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

VA - National Center for PTSD - <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/>

Camp Resilience - <https://www.camp-resilience.org/>

The Liberty House - <https://libertyhousenh.org/>

VA REACH Out Program - <https://www.va.gov/REACH/challenges/>

Veterans Count - <https://vetscount.org/military-veterans-services/>

Easter Seals NH Military and Veterans Services - <https://www.easterseals.com/vt/our-programs/military-veteran-services/military-veterans-services.html>

*** These are only a few. Again, please familiarize yourself with available resources as we might be able to make a difference in a Veterans life.

Switching gears...Membership.

Today vs. Yesterday				
	New Hampshire		National	
Date	Count	Pct	Count	Pct
02-20-2023	4,875	94.51	896,752	95.12
02-19-2023	4,875	94.51	896,504	95.10
Change	0	0.00	248	0.02

	New Hampshire	National
2022 Year End Total	5,158	942,686
Current 2023 Total	4,875	896,752
Needed for 100%	283	45,934
Current %	94.51	95.12

As of February 20th we are 94.51% towards our goal of 102.5%. We have four months to do this! Only 283 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 92.53%. 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



Department Quartermaster Comments

Greetings Comrades,

A bleak time of year but Spring is just around the corner. We do still have business going on. There is a raffle going on to raise funds for the Commanders' Testimonial, see the attached flyer. Tickets for the actual Joint Testimonial can be purchased from Paul Lloyd or you can Venmo me for them, make sure you let us know your meal choices. Another tradition that gets overlooked is Thank You gifts for the Commander, they used to be called "Love Gifts". Small monetary gift that a Post or individual can make, recognizing how much effort a Commander puts in to running our Organization. You can send it to the Testimonial Chairman, Paul Lloyd or the State Quartermaster.

State convention will be here sooner than you think, get your orders in for the Convention book. This is a great way to thank the outgoing officers and welcome the incoming ones. Also, a way to get out the word about your Post officers or something you have accomplished to help our VFW mission. When you decide what you want to say, please include your message or artwork in a PDF format and send it to Paul or myself. Deadline is April 15th, so we have time to get it to the printers.

A quick money saving opportunity for all the Veterans that enjoy our National Parks. You may have seen the Lifetime pass offered by the National Parks Service. Several groups have shared the information, such as the VFW and VA. I went over to the Army Corps of Engineers site in Hopkinton and got mine. If you have the Veteran identifier on your license or a DD214 is an easy process, takes ten minutes and your are all set. No cost if you do it in person.

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/11-8-2022-lifetime-pass.htm>

Trustee reports, December was the last Quarter, this month ends the next one. Like I have said most Posts get things in on time, if there is a problem just let me know. Right now I am missing or have not heard from Bennington, Raymond and Northwood. Again, 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. We cannot say it enough, Trustee Reports are important. So many problems that Posts have could have been fixed before they got out of control if everyone was working together.

Donations: We are doing good on our donations as a whole, some Posts still have not made theirs. It is a little late for any Holiday party donations, but everything goes to the respective causes even if they are late. To clarify, the donations were chosen by the Council of Administration over the years, they are a collective choice by our department and every dollar raised goes to them.

Poppies: I still have Poppies and like Greg before me I always have some with me. The Dashboard will show you how many each Post has purchased but to make All American you need to purchase 5 per member, so keep that in mind.

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

Regards,
Chris Peirce
Department Quartermaster

**2023-3 Dept. NH VFW National Legislative Committee Member, VAVS VAMC
Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair**

Rev 2/23/23

For our **VFW Legislative Committee** conference in Washington DC, March 5 to 9, I have two confirmed visits scheduled, one with Rep Kuster and one with US Senator Shaheen. I'm sure the other two will get back to me shortly so that Cdr. Leon Rideout, Sr. Vice Dennis Querrard and I can pay them a visit in their DC offices. We will be discussing our VFW Legislative Priorities for the 118th congress. VFW CIC Tim Borland will address the combined Veterans Affairs Committee on Wed, March 8, 10am. You can follow our progress online at vfw.org, that event will be live streamed.

The **Manchester VAMC** work is progressing with the water damage repairs in the main building. It will be a while till that's back to normal. Only a limited amount of volunteers have been called back at this time. If you wish to volunteer onsite for positions at the VAMC, you must be a registered volunteer. To register as a volunteer and find out what positions they are accepting, please contact Stella Lareau, VAVS Supervisor at stella.lareau@va.gov or call 603-624-4366 ex.6419.

The Dept NH VFW and National VFW are in the process of arranging a **VFW membership drive** at the Pease Airshow Sep 9–10. We hope that other state departments will join us to recruit members for their state. The last VFW membership drive Andy Corrow and I conducted at the Pease airshow we had quite a few out of state VFW applicants. It was a fantastic show, and I hope to see you there. Meanwhile, here at home, if you know a veteran that qualifies for the VFW, invite them to join us. If you can't do it, give that person my contact info and I'll gladly do it for you.

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Comrades,

I do want to thank members of the Department for the efforts put into building the Membership in the Department of NH. As years go by, we witness the total members numbers falling to new lows. This year we have the opportunity to gain in number. I am Not big on numbers for examining our well being but I am going to share some numbers that have jumped out to me today. Having talked with most Post Commanders or QM about their membership recruiting I find that in most Post, membership is entirely on the Post Quartermaster. This needs to be revisited at ALL Post meetings. Every member needs to feel part of the membership team. In most Post meetings that I have visited, often I don't even hear the word Membership. So !!!!

Department now has 10 Post that are at 100% or more, Congratulations! Twenty-Two (22), need less than Ten (10) and of those 22, we have (15) which need less than (5). Sadly Eight (8) Post need more than 10. Two of those Post, needing (20) or more, I have had no response from Post Commanders nor QM. Closing out on these numbers I will say we need 268 members as of today for 100%, if every Post should make 100% we will have only 249, hoping that of the 51 at Large will put us over the needed members. We can do better my friends. We need to for the sake of our Veterans and their families. They need our help in Washington as we know.

With election season upon us it may be the right time for members to get officers in place that want to work for the good of their Post, and their communities. Going to CofA's and District Meetings it's apparent some are not performing.

We are members of the greatest Combat Veterans in the world and it's hard to believe we have hundreds of prospective members in this state that have Never been asked to join the VFW. With nice weather in the bloom we need to be discussing recruiting at our monthly meetings. You need not be an Officer to get a list of your unpaid or even reinstated list. If needed, please contact Department of NH Adjutant Paul Lloyd and I am sure he will work with you.

Let's get out and plant those membership seeds.

In Comradeship, Billy

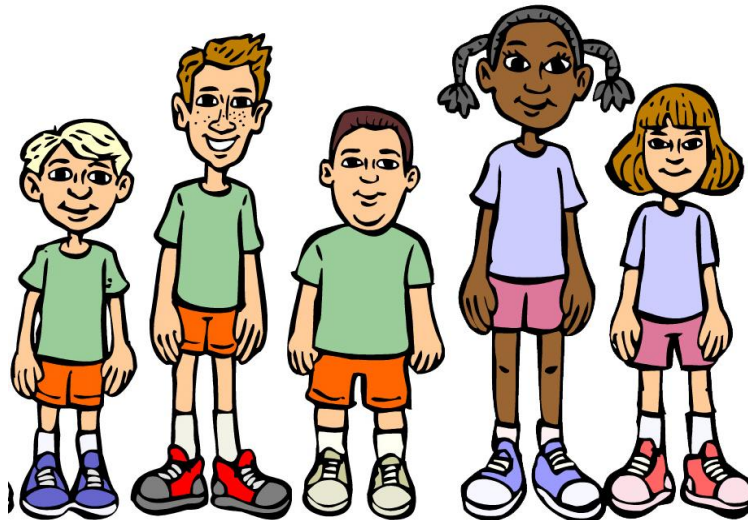
List of some youth activities

Alpine Skiing
Archery
Baseball
Basketball
Bicycling
Boating
Boy Scouts
Cheerleading
Dancing
Equestrian
Girl Scouts
Golf
Gymnastics

Hiking
Horseshoes
Ice Hockey
Ice Skating
Karate
Kite Flying
Kayaking
Lacrosse
Music
Pickleball
Racketball
Roller Skating
Rowing

Sailing
Snowboarding
Soccer
Static Platform Diving
Surfing
Swimming
Table Tennis
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball
Wrestling
Water Skiing
Water Sports

Comrades this is just a small list of activities, you can also incorporate Church, School, Rainy day indoors and Group activities, the list is endless.



YOUTH ACTIVITY CHAIRMEN
TIMM GRANT

VFW YOUTH ACTIVITIE PROGRAM

March 2023



Comrades the time is growing close, April 15 is the shut off date for the Online Reporting , if you are unsure how to access the reporting platform all's you need to do is go to vfwnh.org then click on resources, from there drop down to reports & forms once you click on that another page will come up then click on the **big blue** button, from there you will see a spot to put in your post # and the password, the password that you will use is **abc123** after that you will see all the programs available, click on your choice.

Comrades we as members of the VFW all have something to do with youths, whether it be your own kids, Nieces, Nephews, Grand kids, Nabors children. Every child out there is involved with some kind of daily activity, whether it be School, Church, community, or just Family gathering and doing some form of activity, it doesn't have to be a sporting event it can be something like tapping trees for Maple sugaring season. Comrades you will have a short list of Activities add to it to suit your post or terraign location.

TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

In honor of

State Commander Leon Rideout and State President Dot Mattson

Will be held at the

Concord Holiday Inn

Rooms are \$129.00 plus tax, deadline is March 29, 2023

Call the Hotel directly at 603-224-9534

Ticket Reservation Form

Must be postmarked no later than April 10, 2023

\$25.00 Per Person

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Reception 5:00 pm –5:55 pm, Banquet seating 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

VFW / Aux name, number, and location: _____

Home or cell phone number: _____

Number of Tickets Requested _____ x \$25.00 = _____ Total Enclosed

Please make checks payable to Department of NH VFW and mail with this form to:
NH VFW Quartermaster Chris Peirce, PO Box 186, Franklin, NH 03235-1606

Names of all, for whom tickets are purchased, must be listed below. Tables will only be reserved for parties of 8 who purchase their tickets together. Please print clearly.

Name

Name

REMEMBER - Your order form and payment must be postmarked by Friday, April 10, 2023

NEW HAMPSHIRE VFW STATE CONVENTION
To be held at The Town and Country Inn and Resort Shelbourne, NH
2-4 JUNE 2023

Reservations may be made by calling 603-466-3315 or 800-325-4386

Rates: Lodging for Double Occupancy per day is \$105.00 plus tax and \$3/service fee
Lodging for Single Occupancy per day is \$86.00 plus tax and \$3/service fee
Thursday and/or Sunday, available at \$ 82.00 plus tax and service fee for doubles and
\$ 70.00 plus tax and service fee for singles.

Banquet Menu for 3 June 2023

Roast Prime Rib of Beef, au jus.

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Broiled Fresh Filet of Boston Haddock

Tossed Green Salad

Baked Potato

Apple Crisp w/Vanilla Ice Cream

Saturday Banquet tickets are \$50.00 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 20 May 2023

(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 \$50.00 = _____

Number of Prime Rib dinners: _____

Number of Chicken Cordon Bleu dinners: _____

Number of Broiled Fresh Filet of Boston Haddock: _____

Contact person. _____

Phone _____ email _____

Post number _____ District _____

**Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland has issued a challenge
to all VFW Posts for the Month of March 2023
with a Renew & Reinstate idea!**

This month, we want to focus on members we continue to lose out the back door. We need to be focused on lapsed members.



What do we mean by focus on lapsed members?

Simple, reach out to those members who joined last year and years before who have let their memberships lapse. Do a buddy check; let them know what we do and why their membership is important. We recommend posts to hit the unpaid and relocated lists, make phone calls and door to door visits if necessary.

The Post in each membership division that renews and reinstates the most members during the month of March will receive a \$500 award deposited into their Post accounts. But that's not all! The Posts who finish in 2nd – 10th place in each division will be put into a drawing for an additional \$500. That's eleven more Posts who can also win some needed cash! Same thing applies if you were to reinstate or renew a comrade for a life membership, it will be counted.

A simple phone call or buddy check will show those that let their membership lapse that the VFW cares. Thank them for their service; let's do our part to show them that

EVERY VETERAN COUNTS!

This contest will count the number of members who are renewed or reinstated between March 1 and March 31st. Members processed through the Online Membership System before close of business will be processed that day; membership applications sent in via fax or mail will be processed when received.



Mail completed form to:
NH Attorney General's Office
Attn: Charitable Trusts Unit
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301-6397

FORM NHCT-10

REQUEST FOR PRE-REGISTRATION REVIEW

CHARITABLE ENTITY INFORMATION

Entity Name			
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
Contact Name			
Contact Address	City	State	Zip
Contact Phone Number			
Contact Email			

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- ☐ Submit a copy of your governing document – articles of agreement, constitution, trust instrument.
- ☐ Submit a copy of your Internal Revenue Service (IRS) letter of determination of tax classification
(*Note: if you have not applied to the IRS for a tax-exempt classification, submit a summary of the organization's activities and sources of revenue*).
- ☐ Submit your most recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990; Form 990-EZ; Form 990-PF; or audited financial statement. If the forms are not available, you may submit a current financial statement showing the entity's revenue and expenditures.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

1. If this entity is based outside of New Hampshire, does it target New Hampshire residents for fundraising or conduct operations in this state?

☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Does the entity currently hold or accept, or intend to hold or accept, gifts or donations of money or other property restricted to a charitable purpose in New Hampshire?

☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Does the entity currently, or does it intend to, solicit money or other property from the public for any charitable purpose in New Hampshire?

☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Does the entity currently present itself, or intend to present itself, to the public as an organization that donates money or services to charities, or that was established for charitable purposes in New Hampshire?

☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Does the entity engage in activities that are not social, fraternal, or otherwise intended solely for the pleasure, recreation, or advancement of its members and guests in New Hampshire?

☐ Yes ☐ No

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief subject to the penalty of making unsworn false statements under RSA 641:3 and RSA 641:8.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Print Title *(must be signed by the president or treasurer of a charitable trust, or trustee, if an express trust)*