



## DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

### GENERAL ORDERS #1 JULY 2022

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

- 1) **JOINT STATE OUTING 2022:** The Annual Joint State Outing will be in Littleton at the VFW Post Home, August 13. More Information to follow
- 2) **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:** The Council of Administration will be at the Littleton VFW Saturday August 13, 2022, at 10:00 AM, Finance Committee meetings at 9:00 AM, Veterans Service Committee at 0930. State Outing starts at noon. **UNIFORM OF THE DAY WILL BE CASUAL**
- 3) **ONLINE REPORTING:** Online reporting Didn't archive, and we have lost with the company that was monitoring the system. So, we are looking at a new program. You can continue to use the old system for now. 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: 11373 Password: abc123
- 4) **2022 Department and National Membership programs are attached. They go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**
- 5) **2022-2023 Tentative Schedule is attached**
- 6) **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](mailto:nhvfwstateheadquarters@gmail.com)
- 7) Roster books will be available at the August Council Meeting
- 8) **DEADLINE:** The deadline for information going into the General Orders is the 20th of each month. Send all requests to State Adjutant - Paul Lloyd, PO Box 955 Concord NH 03302-0955. Adjutant contact info is: Phone: 603-715-5579, Fax: 603-715-2405, Cell: 603-496-1918 and E-mail: [nhvfwstateheadquarters@gmail.com](mailto: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 June 30, 2022**

Post	First_Name	MI	Last_Name	Sur	
808	Dorlon	H	Picard		
816	George	E	Mc Avoy		
1698	Blaine	A	Warman		
4485	Frederick	W	Harvey	Jr.	Past State Commander
5791	John	E	Cantara		
8401	Wilfird	J	Ott		
8497	Carleton		Le Drew	Sr.	
10675	Richard	A	Nelson		
15030	William	D	Field		

### **From the Adjutant's Office**

As we start the new administrative year, We need to buckle down and get our paperwork in order. Some Posts are not following through with the 990's, Articles of Incorporation etc.

990's are to be filed every year rather you do the ecard or the long form.

Every Post and District must be incorporated and should review and restate every 5 years.

If Posts and Districts have bylaws, they should also review and update every 5 or so years.

We have had Posts not file the State required paperwork, A-9, A-12's for Property owning Non Profits (attached) because "they have never done that before" or "their accountant told them they do not need to file those". Both reasons are wrong, state law is very clear to keep your property tax free you must file both forms with your town.

It is permissible to use an accountant to do the books BUT that doesn't relieve the Commander or the Quartermaster from their responsibilities of making sure that documents are filed properly.

I am here to help anyone that has questions.

Respectfully,

Paul

Greetings VFW Family,

At this time our nation is facing a great deal of financial uncertainty. We all have felt the pain of inflation the past few months. Our Posts are not immune from this pain. Therefore it is imperative that each Post's leadership team sit down and review their Posts financial standing and come to terms with what is surely to be a large increase in heating and electricity costs. Please make any required adjustments now and do not wait until the Post is in crisis.

Everyone must also take a look at their Relief Fund if the current rate of inflation continues we could all see a demand for the fund unlike we have seen in recent times. We must be able to look after our Veterans during difficult times.

Membership must be a year round effort. Posts must attain 102% for All State this year. I have also set a goal for the Department to reach 102% in membership. While it will not be easy it is attainable if we all work together. Every member is a recruiter!

This years Special Project will be a joint effort by the VFW and our Auxiliary and is focused on PTS / Veteran Suicide Prevention. I am asking everyone to help with this effort so we can assist as many NH Organizations that help with these issues as possible. If you have fund raising ideas please let us know.

Every Post should have representation at each COA and District meeting. These are a good way to discuss ideas and learn from other Posts in the State. Please look at the schedule and plan on having representation at each one.

I will also take this time to remind all that as an organization based on the Military remember to use your Chain of Command. Much time is wasted by not using your Chain Of Command! Also many of the questions that do come up could have been answered by attendance at COAs and District Meetings.

I want to thank the Membership for their trust & confidence in me to lead the Department. As a Team lets make the coming year on of the best yet. Remember a Veterans have no better friend than the VFW.

Questions comments or concerns can be forwarded to: [rideout4rep@gmail.com](mailto:rideout4rep@gmail.com)

Department Commander

Leon H Rideout



## **Greeting and Salutations from the Senior Vice Commander...**

**It is the start of Term 2022-2023 and Thank You for your support!**

**It was great to see everyone who attended the VFW Department Convention in Shelburne, NH.**

I attended the 102nd Massachusetts State Convention June 10-11 2022 and conveyed congratulations to the incoming officers of the ensuing year from New Hampshire, and networked with many of our counterparts. It was a worthwhile experience and found that many of our neighbors to the south hold New Hampshire in high esteem from having lived, worked, and enjoyed the company of many VFW friends here in our state.

## **Some of the latest news...**

Members of the U.S. Senate have announced that they will not approve nominees to the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission. Without the Senate's approval of the nominees, no Commission will be established and the process as outlined by the *VA MISSION Act* will not move forward. Earlier this year the Department of Veteran Affairs had released their recommendation on the future of the VA Healthcare System, which included closing VA clinics in Littleton and Conway, and moving outpatient surgical care from the Manchester VA Medical Center to community providers.

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, H.R. 3967, the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022, known as the Honoring Our PACT Act, passed in the U.S. Senate. Procedural issues have delayed the finalization of the landmark toxic exposure as the bill heads back to U.S. House of Representatives for a re-vote before it goes to the White House for President Biden's signature. The legislation approves nearly 300-billion dollars for expanded veteran medical coverage for on-duty toxic exposures and it would also help older veterans of the Vietnam War era.

**July 15-21 2022 - VFW 123rd & Auxiliary 109th National Conventions** This will be our first full convention since COVID-19; we will be heading back to Kansas City, Missouri, the hometown of the VFW National Headquarters. Convention delegates also elect new leadership, as well as recognize prominent individuals and organizations for their support of veterans and military personnel. I hope to see many of you there!

As a reminder, the VFW is providing grants that are exclusive to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries for qualifying service projects. VFW #StillServing Community Support Grants have been designed to aid VFW Posts and Auxiliaries with projects that support, enrich and give back to their communities. The application period is open and will close on **July 31, 2022**. Eligible applicants may apply for up to \$1,000 each at VFW.org; please log in first, then cut & paste: <https://vfw.org/community/community-initiatives/post-grants>

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

**"No One Does More for Veterans"**

Denis Querrard – Senior Vice Commander, Dept. of NH

# From the Desk Of the Department Junior Vice Commander

## July 2022

Comrades,

I look forward to serving you this year as your Junior Vice Commander.

Our Department is strong and getting stronger. My intent this year is to get out to as many Posts as possible to witness your strengths as you support Veterans and your communities. We need to capitalize on each of our strengths and best practices in order to make our organization stronger.

We can't remain strong without membership. As I reflect on my past year as your Membership Chair I feel that we can do better selling the story of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. As of June 20th we were at 95.72%. We need to work hard this year recruiting and retaining our members. We need to continue to work on recruiting the next generation of Veterans in order for our organization to grow into the future. We need to start now...not next year.

Many of us helped man the membership tent at Laconia Bike Week. Some of my interactions with Veterans tell me that we are not selling our story. When asked if he would consider joining the VFW, one Veteran said to me "I don't drink". As hard as we try to sell our incredible story of the work we do in our communities in New Hampshire, and what is done all across the Nation and in the halls of Congress, about how the VFW is helping Veterans on a daily basis, the word is not always getting out. We can do better. We need to let Veterans know what is being done in their communities and across the country for the good of our organization.

I encourage everyone to familiarize yourself with Nationals "Fact Sheet". This will help you develop your "60 second elevator pitch". Use this but most of all use examples of what you do in your communities from building wheelchair ramps, supporting disabled Veterans, promoting Americanism through our participation in parades and Patriotic ceremonies and VOD and PP. This list could go on and on. What if every member in the state could recruit just 1 member each? That would be phenomenal.

<https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Media-and-Events/Press-Room/VFWFactSheet.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20210618T204753Z>



## 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.*



I pledge my support to this year's Membership Chair, Bill Ryan, as we embark on working to recruit the next generation of the VFW. I would also like to thank all of you that have assisted me during my year as your Membership Chair. Thank you to those of you who came out to Bike Week especially Jörg Dreusicke and Timm Grant for their countless hours manning the booth. I could not have done it without you.

Again, I look forward to serving as your Junior Vice Commander. Please let me know if you have any questions of me.

Andrew J. Corrow

Department of New Hampshire, Junior Vice Commander

United States Army (Retired)

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## STATE QUARTERMASTER

Greetings Comrades,

I would like to thank everyone for their support in my new position. Greg Lynch has been keeping us running for the past nine years and I will do my best to keep the train running on track.

So, let's start the new year right.

Start by having a meeting with the Trustees, QM and Commander to see where the post is at financially. Review when the best time is to have your meetings. Remember if you have a canteen, you should be meeting monthly, but everyone must meet quarterly. Catch up on any outstanding issues. Plan out expenses and requirements like being Bonded or when insurances are due. Most things happen the same time every year and are predictable. Remember the new requirement to provide the Department with a copy of your 990 every year.

Changes to our donations, the finance committee and council have changed the yearly donations by removing a few of them. These choices reflect more in line with our current efforts and causes. To clarify, the donations we make are ones that the Council has chosen over the years, and they do change occasionally. The Department merely collects the donations and all the money raised goes directly to them. Point, if you wait till the spring to make your donations it does not help Christmas parties for this year, remember to make donations early.

Poppies, I have plenty on hand but in the future, you will be able to order them directly from the VFW store. Remember poppies help in a couple ways, the actual poppies are put together by disabled Veterans, a percentage of the sales goes back to our organization, and they are still a great way to do fundraising. I know a few Posts that still bring in thousands of dollars in donations in a weekend.

I look forward to working with everyone. We have challenges and are looking at multiple ways to increase funding, streamline operations and keep our VFW organization strong for the future.

Best regards,  
Chris Peirce  
Quartermaster  
Dept of NH



## DEPARTMENT SURGEON ACCOUNTS



**JULY 2022**

Comrades it is my honor to serve you as your Debt. Surgeon, I will provide some health and wellness info throughout the serving year.

July is a great month for fitness & exercise in the great outdoors. With all the lakes , mountains, parks and many walking & riding trails that New Hampshire offers, one should take the opportunity and explore. For more info on state parks go to [www.nhstateparks.org](http://www.nhstateparks.org) there you will find a list of parks around the state, providing swimming, hiking, biking, camping, canoeing/kayaking, and many more outdoor activities. Now is the time for all Veterans to shed that extra winter insulation and get back in shape.

July will bring a host of issues as the heat rises throughout the summer, everyone should be aware of signs of Heat exhaustion and heat stroke and the importance of hydration, always have plenty of water nearby. It's also a good idea to check your UV index in your area - see the UV Alert Map. [www.maproomblog.com](http://www.maproomblog.com)

Firework safety. Both before and after 4th of July festivities, fireworks pose a serious health and safety risk, particularly to kids. promote the facts about Fireworks safety conditions. For more info go to [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

July 28 - World Hepatitis Day - There are five different hepatitis viruses, hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E. All these viruses cause short term, or acute infections. For more information visit [www.hepatitis.va.gov](http://www.hepatitis.va.gov)

I hope the information I provided will lead y'all to a Safe and Healthy Summer.  
Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Email [timmgrant9@gmail.com](mailto:timmgrant9@gmail.com)

**2022-7 National Legislative Committee Member, Dept. NH VFW VAVS VAMC**  
**Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair**  
Rev 6/24/22

The **Laconia Bike Week Membership Drive** was a great success. Andy Corrow, our outgoing Membership Chair and incoming Dept. Jr. Vice Cdr. gets the credit for setting up and organizing this event, with the coordination of the National Membership Rep Kevin Jamison. We also had a few posts send members over to help recruitment which was greatly appreciated. Thanks go out to Tim Grant and Brad the Laconia VFW for being there most of the time and assisting in any way possible. We had several new members sign up on the spot with filled out applications, copies of the DD 214, and payment. In this generation of veterans most have access to a picture or copy of their DD 214 on their phone, they email it to us and we can access it when we enter their info on the computer. We had about 25 applicants where we are now waiting for them to send us a copy of their proof of VFW eligibility so we can process their membership.

Following the 84-14 Senate vote on the *Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022*, also known as the **Honoring our PACT Act**, the US House has postponed their vote till after the recess.

**Please contact your congress rep and ask them to push for a vote on this bill.**

**Anne Kuster-(202) 225-2946      Chris Pappas-(202) 225-5456**

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

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## Membership Department

Comrades welcome to a new year with your Membership Team. The Department has been extremely business with membership, continuing the day after installation. With my problems Department Officers showed myself what can be accomplished with a Team effort, and I want to thank them One and ALL. I will not mention any names because I am sure this brain would forget someone and with their great accomplishment along with National it is not my intent not to mention anyone.

### **NOW, the fun begins at the Post, and District levels:**

Last year the Commander wished not to harp on everyone about membership but for those who know me fully expect that to change. For those blessed to be Post/District officers for the 2018-19 year will well remember the daily calls and emails about membership efforts. I have made a promise to Commander Rideout that we WILL hit 102%. So, like I was asked back then (What do I need to do to have you stop calling me?) Very-very simple answer. Make your members feel important and needed by working your membership. Get your Post to 100% NOW! Show them your excitement and it may payoff with their wanting to help with recruiting.

For those new Post Commanders and Quartermasters, I am going to cut and paste from this years Membership Book the expected work to be done to get our Department membership back where it needs to be. If you have questions, please feel free to contact any State Officer or myself and we can help you with your recruiting efforts. This is All hands-on deck effort! Be Proud and Drive ON Billy

### **Commanders Membership Program:**

Every Post Commander and Quartermaster who meets or exceeds the minimum standards by June 30, 2023, will be considered for the title of All State Commander and Quartermaster. Each member of the All-State Post Commander and Quartermaster team will receive an official "All-State Post Commanders and Quartermaster's Cap" with Lapel Pin. (White hats will not be handed out until the Department outing in August 2023).

## Minimum Requirements for Judging:

- Posts **must have an active Facebook page.**
  - That page must be updated at least weekly with reposts from the national postings and local community goings-on. This is tracked on the National Dashboard.
- Posts must be at least **102%** in membership to qualify.
- Each Post must recruit and/or Reinstate members so that the Post earns **102%**.
- Posts must report in all Programs, total reports must exceed **150**.
- Posts must have a 10% increase in total impact in Community Service.  
(\$ Donated + Hours = Total Impact) \* Baseline has been established within the KPI Tools for Community Service.
- Must purchase **2** new life membership from the National Home (\$50.00 each)
- Post must purchase at least **1000** Poppies, or the number purchased in the previous year, whichever is greater.
- Post must be in compliance with the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
- Posts must **participate** (i.e., submit a package for competition, in at least 1 category) in Voice of Democracy (VOD), Patriots Pen (PP), and National Teacher of the Year program. There is NO “buyout” option in lieu of submitting a competing package.
- Posts must participate (i.e., hold a competition and present an award) for the Police, Fire, and EMT of the year programs.
- The Post must make all Department contributions by **October 31st, 2022.**
- Posts must be **25+** members to qualify for All State.
- All Post Officers (CDR, SVC, JVC, QM, and ALL Trustees) must attend at least 1 OTI session. The OTI will be held in four different locations with one central catch up session. Some OTI’s will be simulcast via ZOOM to increase proliferation of the training.
- Posts must have a minimum retention rate of **90% as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**



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**2022**  
**New Hampshire VFW & Auxiliary**  
**August COA and State Cookout**

**Location;**     **Howard Shawney (Littleton) Post 816 (600 Cottage St.)**  
**Date:**         **Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**COA MEETINGS**

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

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

**PICNIC- COOKOUT**

**12-1 Lunch Hamburgers and Hotdogs, etc.**

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ VFW/Aux \_\_\_\_\_

Home or cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Deadline for tickets is August 1, 2022**

**Make Checks out to VFW Post 816**

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

Area Hotels:  
Littleton

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

Franconia

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

Campgrounds

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



DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.

2022-2023

**"TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS"**  
(Updated 4/8/2022)

July 27	Korean War Cease Fire
July 16-22	<b>National Convention, Kansas City</b>
August 13	State Picnic – Littleton Post 816
August 13	<b><u>Council of Administration Meeting 10:00AM</u></b> – Littleton Post 816
August 14	Cootie Picnic, Lancaster
August 19-21	National Council Meeting, Kansas City, MO
September 17	National POW/MIA Day Ceremony, Boscawen, NH
September 12-15	Fall Legislative Committee Meeting
October 15	<b><u>Fall Conference/Program Review- 0900- 1200- Laconia</u></b>
October 15	<b><u>Council of Administration Meeting 1:00PM -</u></b>
November 4-6	Eastern Conference, Manchester NH (NH is the host)
November 11	<b>Veterans Day</b>
December 4	VAVS Christmas Party, White River
December 7	<b><u>Pearl Harbor Day</u></b>
December 11	Christmas Party, NH Veterans Home
December 18	VAVS Christmas Party, Manchester
January 14	<b><u>Council of Administration Meeting 10 am Concord</u></b>
January 14	<b><u>Scholastic Awards Banquet, (VOD)</u></b>
January 27	Vietnam War Ends
Feb 26- March 2	Voice of Democracy/Legislative Conference, Washington, DC
April 8	Former POW recognition Ceremony
April 22	<b><u>Council of Administration Meeting</u></b>
April 22	<b><u>State Commander / President's Testimonial-</u></b>
May 1	Loyalty Day, No Department Level Program, Post and District only
May 8	V-E Day, 1945
May (TBD)	VFW/AUX JVC trip to National Home
May 15	Armed Forces Day
May 29	<b>Memorial Day – Boscawen</b>
June 1-4	<b>State Convention, Town and Country, Shelburne</b>
June 6	D-Day Allied Invasion of Europe, 1944
June 14	Flag Day
July 22-27	<b>National Convention, Phoenix, AZ</b>