

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

GENERAL ORDERS #12 June 2022

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

- 1) **2022 STATE CONVENTION** Date: 3 – 5 June 2022 (Friday – Sunday)
- 2) **Candidates for 2022-23**

Commander Leon Rideout, John W. Weeks Post 3041
Sr Vice Commander Denis Querrard, John W. Weeks Post 3041
Jr. Vice Commander Andy Corrow, Lee Post 10676
Quartermaster Chris Peirce, Franklin Post 1698
Surgeon Timm Grant, Laconia Post 1670
Judge Richard Tripp, Salem Post 8546
Chaplain Darwin Beeman, Charlestown Memorial Post 8497
Chaplain Lenny Perkins, Derry Memorial Post 1617

By Command:

Russ Norris
Department Commander

Official:

Paul Lloyd
Department Adjutant

Final Roll Call Department of New Hampshire

Chaplain Andy Corrow

"May our Comrades Rest in Eternal Peace"

Deceased List for May 31, 2022

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Sur	
8497	Raymond	W	Lee		
4485	Frederick	W	Harvey	Jr	Past State Commander, Past Chairman Eastern Conference
4479	Paul	E	Shea		
3041	Frederick	H	Rhodes		
3041	Reynold	J	Stone		
808	Earl	T	Russell		



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Comrades,

It is with a heavy heart that I sit to draft my final comments as the VFW Department of New Hampshire Commander. My year of riding this raging bull is quickly coming to an end. To be allowed to serve as your Commander for the last 12 months has truly been an honor. The position comes with a tremendous burden that anyone who has ever held a Command understands. It is a lonely calling. There are many extremely complex decisions that must be made that only the Commander can make. I have borne witness to the absolute best our organization has to offer, and I have also witnessed the very ugly, darkest, worst corners within our organization. I started this year with the pillars of integrity and excellence. I look forward to completing this year knowing that our integrity remains above reproach, and we have produced excellence in all our endeavors.

There are so many thanks that I want to publicly deliver. First, our members are truly our center of gravity. You all are what keep our organization vibrant and successful across the department. It is your volunteerism, hard work, and dedication to our mission that make us the nation's premier veteran service organization. I want to thank each and every Post Commander in the state. You are where the rubber meets the road. You shoulder the arduous day-to-day operations within our communities. You are the closest to the fire in implementing and leading our programs with the schools, police, fire, politicians, and most importantly, our members. You know best how to employ our organization within your community. I have butted heads with a few of you, but only because we are both passionate about getting veterans and their families the assistance they need- just in different ways. You have chosen to take on the mantle of leadership and have performed superbly. Our District Commanders are the conduit between the Posts and the Department. They have the enviable task of ensuring that Posts have whatever they need from the larger organization and that the Department receives timely information in order to mass efforts or resources where needed. For me to



specifically identify any one of them would be a disservice to all of them. Each of them has performed herculean acts throughout the year. Your Department Officers work

tirelessly to address a myriad of requirements and (from time to time) brushfires. There are many people I seek advice from, but there are two that I want to thank explicitly.

Paul Lloyd is a sterling example of a true comrade. He is knowledgeable, even tempered, steadfast, empathetic, reliable, and a man of integrity. His counsel above all others helped me through some of the most onerous challenges I faced. I hope that you reconsider a run for National Commander- I would serve for you anytime. Department Inspector Tim O'hearne is a true leader. Tasked with the evaluation of adherence to our mission and by laws, Tim left no stone unturned. I knew Tim to be a man of great character, so I asked him to shoulder the Department Inspector position for this year. Not only has he been steadfast and determined in the execution of his duties, but he has taken the additional steps of becoming a teacher to help those with discrepancies know where to go to get back on track. Tim has taken every opportunity to show others where to go to ascertain records and information to make better decisions. Tim has served with unwavering integrity and an uncompromising moral fortitude this year. Our organization is in a much better place going forward thanks to his attention to detail.

Lastly, I want to thank my Auxiliary President Rita McCabe. Rita has been a stalwart partner throughout this year. She and I communicate often on a range of items so we can ensure New Hampshire's veterans and veteran community get the best possible support from our VFW/AUX team. Congratulations to Rita for leading the NH Auxiliary through an amazing year.

So as my year draws to a close, I want to commend you all for serving with the highest integrity, keeping your honor clean, and executing anything like we execute everything- with excellence. Because our veterans, their families, and our veteran community deserves nothing less.

Semper Fidelis, Semper Deinceps- Russ

Comrades,

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Department Convention. I urge all of you to attend. I understand that you may not be able to attend all of the convention, but every Post should have representation at the Saturday business session. Do not abdicate your Posts voice!!

Please continue to work the VFW programs and let finish this year strong. A strong finish this year will lead to a running start for next year.

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

Department Sr. Vice Commander
Leon H Rideout



Greeting and Salutations from the Junior Vice Commander...

I hope everyone was able to get out and about this **MEMORIAL DAY to honor the men and women of service and sacrifice, our countryman who gave their all for the freedoms that we so now enjoy and to allow others to take for granted those same freedoms...**

This will be the last of my commentary for the General Orders as your VFW Junior Vice Commander; I will hopefully be representing all of you as your VFW Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

June 3-5 2022 - NH STATE CONVENTION Come One, Come All! Friday evening, June 3rd, I hear is our Convention Rally of which will be a combination of a Hawaiian, Patriotic themed event and Saturday morning, June 4th, will be our General Meeting, Nominations, and Election of Officers. I look forward to seeing everyone out and about.

June 10-11 2022 - MASS STATE CONVENTION I will be attending the 102nd Massachusetts State Convention and conveying our congratulations to the incoming officers of the ensuing year and networking with our neighbors to the south of us. It is always an experience to learn from the success and setbacks in the service of our fellow Veterans.

June 14 2022 - VFW Salutes Flag Day and the US Army's 243rd Birthday Happy Birthday Army!

Flag Day: On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

In 1916, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 became a nationally observed event by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson. However, it was not designated as National Flag Day until August 3rd, 1949, when an Act of Congress designated June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

So, Wave Old Glory from the front porch, apartment balcony or window; Discuss the meaning of the flag at your local school; or host Flag Day festivities too include retirement ceremonies (burning) for used and worn-out flags

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, you make it happen each and every day, and we take care veterans and their families. Thank you for all you do!

"No One Does More for Veterans"

Denis Querrard – Junior Vice Commander, Dept. of NH



From the Department Quartermaster:

Comrades,

As my term of office is quickly coming to an end, I would like to express what a fantastic honor and privilege it's been working for you, as your State Quartermaster, for these past 9 years !

I didn't know a heck of a lot about this position when I stepped into it after being your State Commander, even though I had been a Post Quartermaster for many, many years and had a solid financial back-ground. But I learned quickly !

And I want to thank Dana Hussey particularly, for the tremendous amount of help getting started and set up – it will always be appreciated.

And to everyone who helped along the way. Paul Lloyd for his continued help and support, and *all* the Past Department Commanders and Officers and every single Member of this Department. You are the back-bone of this organization and without you we would not exist.

I know I've helped many of you along the way – I'd like to think it was many more !

I've always tried to be fair and impartial even when I'm harping on things like missing reports (still 4 audits missing now, by the way !! lol).

I know I can be a pecker-head at times and I may have rubbed some people the wrong way – but it's always been for the good of the Department.

So, if you're in that category – please forgive me.

I have been 100% totally honest, open, and aboveboard with all aspects of this position which I have – and still do – thoroughly enjoy and have done my utmost best to serve YOU.

But it's time to pass the baton !

Younger blood, fresher minds, and new ideas is what this organization needs – and I know you will be getting that with Chris Peirce as your new Quartermaster.

But, you're not getting rid of me that easily either ! I'll still be around and, in the picture, – I've been appointed Chief of Staff for this coming year.

So Happy Trails Good Luck to *All* the Newly Elected And keep up the good fight !

Always Yours is Comradeship, Service & Patriotism,

Greg

From the Desk of the Department Chaplain -

Comrades,

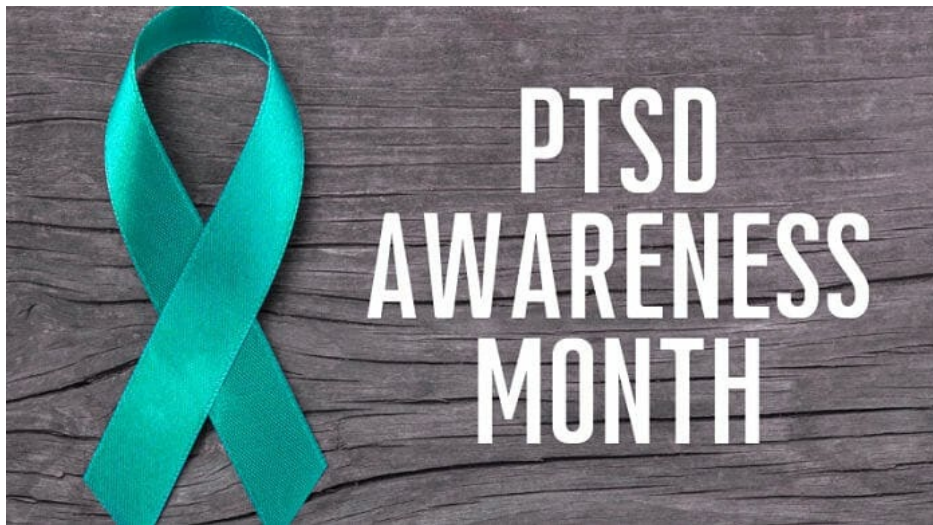
I hope the month of June finds you happy and healthy. We have a lot to be grateful for and we will celebrate that gratefulness this month!

June is National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month, and is intended to raise public awareness about issues related to PTSD, reduce the stigma associated with PTSD, and help ensure that those suffering from the invisible wounds of war receive proper treatment.

Monday, June 27, 2022 is also PTSD Awareness Day.

<https://veteran.com/ptsd-awareness-month/>

Click on the link above or paste it in your browser to see the calendar of events for the month.



A Prayer for Those Suffering with PTSD -

Almighty Father, I call to You in the hope that You might intercede on behalf of all those suffering with Post Traumatic Stress. God, may their future not be marred completely by PTSD. Please grant some semblance of better days ahead. Please be merciful and let Your Son's gospel be sealed in their heart. Let Your glorious light supply a ray of hope. May You be glorified in supplying a suffering creature with steadfast hope in Christ's salvation. Amen.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Department Chaplain for the past year.

If you have a question please contact me at the e-mail below. If I don't have the answer I will get it!

Have a great month!

Andrew Corrow

Department Chaplain, vfwpost10676@yahoo.com

From the Desk of the Department Membership Chair -

Comrades,

We are about 1 month from the end our year. **We need to step up our game with regards to recruitment of new members and the reinstatement of former members.**

We NEED your assistance with manning the table at Laconia Bike Week 11 - 19 June. Adjutant Lloyd had sent out the SignUp Genius and it has been in the GOs for the past two months. Additionally it has been advertised at the CoA and when I have been on the road at District meetings. However, to date very few folks have signed up. Please...we need your assistance. We are all in this together. The future of our organization depends on all of us being recruiting and retention officers. Please consider volunteering 2 to 4 hours during the week of 11 - 19 June in Laconia. Thank you for your consideration.

I probably sound like a broken record but so be it. We need to reach out to those former members by phone or e-mail. Bring them back in to the fold! All of us have our own personal Veterans networks. Please reach out to those that are not members of the VFW. We have an incredible story to tell! There is no one better to tell it than you! This mission will be won at the tactical (Post) level.

We are currently at 92.57% (As of May 16th). We are 368 members short for 100%. We can do this! This is important to your Post and for the future of our great organization. Thank you for all you do!

We have 14 Posts that need less than 10 new/reinstated members to be 100%!

05/16/2022

VFW Posts Needing to Recruit 10 or Fewer Members to Reach 100%

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Department	District	Post	City	State	Needed	Currently Unpaid
New Hampshire	1	5245	North Haverhill	NH	7	5
New Hampshire	1	6808	Groveton	NH	4	1
New Hampshire	1	10675	Whitefield	NH	2	1
New Hampshire	4	4483	Plymouth	NH	3	0
New Hampshire	4	8401	Bedford	NH	3	8
New Hampshire	4	9552	West Lebanon	NH	4	5
New Hampshire	4	10640	Bristol	NH	6	3
New Hampshire	4	11490	Contoocook	NH	1	0
New Hampshire	5	4234	Hinsdale	NH	1	0
New Hampshire	6	5791	Hudson	NH	7	28
New Hampshire	6	11373	Hollis	NH	3	2
New Hampshire	7	2181	Exeter	NH	6	1
New Hampshire	7	7217	Northwood	NH	9	7
New Hampshire	7	8270	Ossipee	NH	4	3

As of May 16th:

New Hampshire

5,727

5,359

93,574

We have two Department Membership/Recruiting events coming up. What are you doing at your Posts to attract/recruit members!

1. **Concord Gun Show - Everett Arena - May 28th, 2022**

Douglas N Everett Arena
15 Loudon Road
Concord, NH 03301

Table currently being manned by Jörg Dreusicke, Lew Chipola and Andy Corrow

If you can come out to provide assistance let us know.

2. **Laconia Bike Week Membership Drive ~ 11 (SAT) - 19 (SUN) June 2022**

This is an all hands on deck mission. It is a full week and we NEED as much participation as possible.

We will be manning the booth 9 hours each day and will require Posts to assist to make this a success! Please sign up at the link below and distribute to your membership:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4caea623a0fe3-laconia2>

Please let me know if you have any questions of me. Please contact me for information and guidance. If I don't have the answer I will get it for you.

Andrew Corrow

Department Membership Chair

vfwpost10676@yahoo.com

2022-6 National Legislative Committee Member, Dept. NH VFW VAVS VAMC
Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter
Rev 5/25/22

Politicians are crisscrossing the state running for office. Please offer your VFW post to them to host Town Halls. You should attend political gatherings wearing your VFW hat to let them know that you are a VFW member, and we are watching how they vote.

The Dept. NH VFW **Laconia Bike Week Membership Drive** is set for Sat June 11 to Sun June 19, 2022.

We will need volunteers to help man our VFW Recruiting Booth from 9 am to late afternoon every day. You can come for two-hour slots or spend the day.

Our VFW booth is located at the corner of Lakeside Avenue and Rt 3 in Weirs Beach. We are at the entrance to the Weirs Drive Inn Theater, across from the Weirs Beach Welcome Sign. It's right in the center of all the action, super busy and a lot of fun.

We are there, rain or shine. It's especially entertaining on hot, sticky, sunny days. In the past, a few of us had a great time taking turns enjoying the scenery, handing out Poppies, making new acquaintances and of course, signing up new, or reinstating VFW members throughout the state. It's really a great time and worth your time and effort.

Please sign up at our very easy to use SignUpGenius page: [DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VFW: Laconia Bike Week Membership Drive ~ 11 \(SAT\) - 19 \(SUN\) JUNE 2022 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/DEPARTMENT_OF_NEW_HAMPSHIRE_VFW:_Laconia_Bike_Week_Membership_Drive_~_11_(SAT)_-_19_(SUN)_JUNE_2022/)

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 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 at 603-624-4366 ex.6269 to see what they could use and how you can contribute.

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

Comrades,

As the year comes to a close, I want to thank you for your support. I am humbled by what we achieved as individuals and together. Your continued support for our veterans is far and away the best!!

This month's monthly prevention topic for national health observance is "[Sleep Well](#)". [Whole Health](#) is VA's cutting-edge approach to care that supports your health and well-being. Whole Health centers around **what matters to you**, not what is the matter with you. Learn more on how to improve your health your way working with the VA.

There is a new powerful tool available from VA on "My HealtheVet" to help veterans better understand their health habits and overall health with [Healthy Living Assessment](#).

The practice of [Whole Health](#):

- Places each Veteran at the center of his or her own health care
- Shifts the focus of care toward health and well-being
- Utilizes Mindful Awareness to promote self-care and healing
- Emphasizes the importance of relationships and partnerships
- Incorporates a range of conventional and complementary approaches

See you at the Department convention.

Available at these locations

- [Manchester VA Medical Center](#)
- [Portsmouth VA Clinic](#)
- [Somersworth VA Clinic](#)
- [Conway VA Clinic](#)

[VA whole health](#)

Take advantage of programs like quitting tobacco use, preventing disease, managing your weight, and maintaining your mental health at the link below can help you and your loved ones.

<https://www.va.gov/health-care/wellness-programs/>

Here are some specific wellness events going on at the Manchester VA

<https://www.manchester.va.gov/calendar.asp>

Leonard "Lenny" Perkins
Department Surgeon
Lperk17889@aol.com



- \$25/Rider: Register online or day of at H-D of Rochester 7 Crane Dr.(Rt 111 Rochester,NH
- Registration/Check-in: 9:00am - 11:00am
- Safety Meeting 11:15am -11:30am
- Kickstands up at NOON!

REGISTER ONLINE AT
<http://www.vfw.org/rochester>

SCAN THE
CODE TO
REGISTER



We're headed to Iron Tails Saloon to raise funds for the VFW's Unmet Needs Program.
If you can't ride with us, join us there for the after party! Raffles, food, entertainment and more!
Iron Tails Saloon 559 ME-109, Acton, ME 04001





**Department of New Hampshire
STATE CONVENTION
Town & Country Motor Inn, Shelburne, NH
June 3-5, 2022**



THURSDAY JUNE 2, 2022

- 4:00 pm AUXILIARY REGISTRATION OPEN IN THE LOUNGE (4-6PM)**
- 6:00 pm DINNER WITH NATIONAL REPS AND LINE OFFICERS (separate dinners
and By invitation only)**
- 8:00 PM AUXILIARY COUNCIL MEETING**

FRIDAY JUNE 3, 2022

- 8:30AM - REGISTRATION.....Lounge**
- 9:00AM. - OPENING CEREMONIES..... Shelburne Room**
- 9:15AM - JOINT AWARDS..... Shelburne Room**
- 11:30 AM- LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**
- 1:30 PM- DISTRICT COMMANDER OTL..... Shelburne Room**
- 1:30 PM - AUXILIARY MEETING Rose Room**
- 3:00 PM - CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS Lamp Lighter Room**
By-Laws
Rules
Resolutions
- 4:00PM - REGISTRATION CLOSED**
- 4:00 PM MEMORIAL SERVICE REHEARSAL Shelburne Room**
- 7:00PM - PATRIOTIC RALLY... (HAWAIIAN THEME)Shelburne Room**

SATURDAY JUNE 04, 2022

- 8:00AM - REGISTRATION OPENS Lounge**
- 8:00AM- MEMORIAL SERVICE.....Shelburne Room**
- 9:15AM - BUSINESS SESSION(VFW). Lamplighter Room**
(AUX). Rose Room

Committees Reports:

- Rules.....
- By-Laws.....
- Resolutions.....
- Registration.....
- Credentials.....
- Department Quartermaster report Greg Lynch
- Cooties Report..... Richard Tripp

10:00AM - **INTRODUCTIONS** - Guests / Past State Commanders
 Updates from Congressional Delegation
 Updates from DMAVS
 Politicians

11:00AM - **REGISTRATION CLOSED**

11:00AM - **FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT**

11:15AM NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION 2022-2023 STATE OFFICERS

12:00 PM LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LUNCH

1:30 PM POST OFFICER OTI..... Lamplighter room

4:30PM. - **SOCIAL - COCKTAIL HOUR VIP Reception.....** Lamplighter Room

5:30PM - **CONVENTION BANQUET** Shelburne Room

SUNDAY, JUNE 05, 2022

9:00AM - **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.....** Shelburne Room

10:30 am **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING** Shelburne Room

Noon **STATE COMMANDER’S / PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION...** Dining Room

**Department of New Hampshire
Veterans of Foreign Wars
STATE CONVENTION
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
SHELBURNE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUNE 3-5, 2022**

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Richard Tripp (8546)
Co-Chairman: Jorg Druesicke (10722)
Members: Mason Bass (1631)
Isaac Miller (1617)
Timm Grant (1670)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Greg Lynch (1088)
Co-Chairman: Chris Peirce (1698)
Members: Susan Cuddy (8214)
Ron Preble (10640)

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: Bill Ryan (5613)
Co-Chairman: Lew Chipola (483)
Members: Wayne Mitchell (5245)
Tom Clough (8214)
Jason Kelley (8641)

RULES COMMITTEE

Chairman: Andy Corrow (10676)
Co-Chairman: Darwin Beeman (8497)
Robert Blad (1698)
Dan Milligan (3041)
Joshua Denton (168)

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Tim O'Hearne (8497)
Co-Chairman: David Tinkham (8393)
Members: Floyd Burlock (2520)
Peter J. Don Konics (5386)
Paul McCoy (4479)

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Richard Tripp (8546)

SARGENT AT ARMS

Travis Bill

Come join the State Commander and State President on Friday June 3rd, have some fun and enjoy some music by Boyd. This years rally will be a Hawaiian theme. Show your spirit and wear Your Hawaiian best.

Time : 7 pm - 11 pm

Location : Shelburne Room

Cash Bar





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	National Convention, Kansas City
August 13	State Picnic – Littleton Post 816
August 13	<u>Council of Administration Meeting 10:00AM</u> – 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	<u>Fall Conference/Program Review- 0900- 1200- Laconia</u>
October 15	<u>Council of Administration Meeting 1:00PM -</u>
November 4-6	Eastern Conference, Manchester NH (NH is the host)
November 11	Veterans Day
December 4	VAVS Christmas Party, White River
December 7	<u>Pearl Harbor Day</u>
December 11	Christmas Party, NH Veterans Home
December 18	VAVS Christmas Party, Manchester
January 14	<u>Council of Administration Meeting 10 am Concord</u>
January 14	<u>Scholastic Awards Banquet, (VOD)</u>
January 27	Vietnam War Ends
Feb 26- March 2	Voice of Democracy/Legislative Conference, Washington, DC
April 8	Former POW recognition Ceremony
April 22	<u>Council of Administration Meeting</u>
April 22	<u>State Commander / President's Testimonial-</u>
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	Memorial Day – Boscawen
June 1-4	State Convention, Town and Country, Shelburne
June 6	D-Day Allied Invasion of Europe, 1944
June 14	Flag Day
July 22-27	National Convention, Phoenix, AZ

NH VFW STATE QUARTERMASTER

Comrades,

I am honored to announce my candidacy for the office of State Quartermaster. Our long serving Department Quartermaster Greg Lynch has decided to move on after many years of dedicated service to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of New Hampshire.

Like so many of us, I have many roles in the VFW. I am currently serving as the Department Assistant Quartermaster, a Trustee, Chairman for Homelessness, Suicide Prevention and Veterans Home. I also have positions at both the District and Post levels.

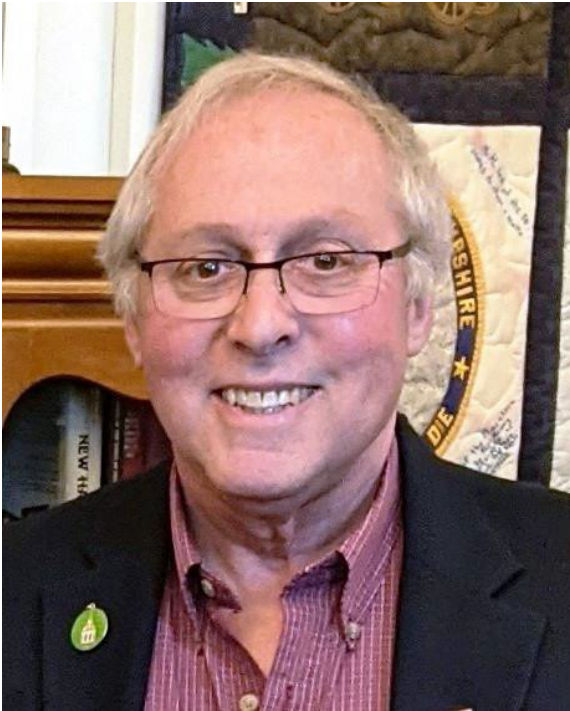
Additionally in support of NH Veterans, I am the Vice President of the Lakes Region Veterans Coalition and a Board member of NH Cares (CVEB)

I have a long history of serving our great organization as a Post Commander, District Commander, and State Commander. I have been on and still am a member of the Finance and Budget Committees. I have served as a member or Chairman of many committees at many levels including the Iraqi - Afghanistan Veterans Committee for National.

All this shows, I hope, that I am committed to our organization. I understand the work required and the challenges that we face as an organization.

Yours in service,
Christopher Peirce





RICHARD TRIPP

Candidate for the office of Department of New Hampshire Judge Advocate 2022 - 23

Veterans' of Foreign Wars eligible as a result of my service aboard the USS Enterprise (CVAN-65) in the Tonkin Gulf 1971-75. Initially joined Post 1175 in Atchison, Kansas in the 1980's and later transferred to Post 1617 in Derry, New Hampshire in the 1990's before transferring to Post 8546 in Salem, New Hampshire.

I served in multiple positions at Post 1617 before becoming Post Commander for five years. Held multiple positions in District Seven before becoming District Commander for three years. Following Post 1617 being transferred to District Six I served as District Commander there. I currently serve as District Six Adjutant/Quartermaster and Post 8546 Quartermaster.

I held multiple department level appointments. I am currently serving as Department Judge Advocate, Department Trustee and Military Order of the Cooties Liaison.

I am a member of the Military Order of the Cooties where I have served in multiple positions, multiple times, to include Puport Seam Squirrel and Grand Commander.

My non-VFW qualifications are I have served two terms as a town councilor in Derry, New Hampshire and am in my second term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. I am also currently serving on the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.

I ask for your support, and your vote, for the office of Department of New Hampshire Judge Advocate at the Department Convention. Thank you.

Richard Tripp

LEONARD L. PERKINS – Candidate Dept of NH VFW Chaplain 2022-2023



Leonard “Lenny” Perkins lives in Derry, NH. A retired Senior Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force after 32 years; 23 as a member of the Massachusetts Air National Guard. Have been active in the VFW leading efforts regarding youth programs, membership and fundraising. Been a member of Derry Memorial VW Post 1617 since 2006. Became a life member 2012. Became a Legacy Life Member, Bronze, 2019. Member of the Military Order of the Cootie. Has served the VFW in positions from Post to Department. I am excited to serve as Chaplain for Department of NH VFW this coming year supporting our members. Darwin and I have spoken and wished each other good luck. I ask for your continued support volunteering to serve our great organization.

Positions:

Dept of NH Surgeon 2021-2022

Dept of NH Publicity Chairman 2019-Present

Dept of NH Web site admin 2019-present

Dept of NH All-State Committee 2020-2021

Dept of NH Safety Chairman 2016-2018

- Grew reporting levels within the program

Dept of NH VFW D6 CDR 2020-2021

Dept of NH VFW D6 CDR 2020-2021

Dept of NH VFW D6 JVC 2018-2019

Post 1617 Adjutant 2021-2023

Post 1617 Commander 2016-2020

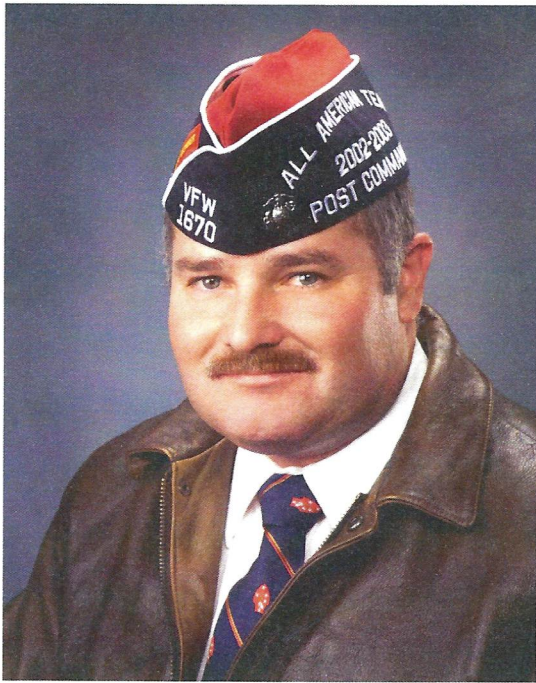
- Lead post to 1st time as All-American Post 2017-2018
- Post also achieved All-state Post 2017-2018, 2020
- 100% post all four years
- Grown the post membership each year 5-11%

Post 1617 Quartermaster 2015-2016

Hold an Associate degree in Electronic Technologies from the Community College of the Air Force. Completed Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration Management Information Systems Concentration May, 2009, and completed Masters of Business Administration from SNHU July, 2012. Works 2 jobs and volunteers time with the VFW, Masonry and Scottish Rite.

Am married to his lovely wife Rola, an Auxiliary Life Member, and has 4 sons Jonathan, Jeremy, Julian, Joswha. The younger two participate in VFW and auxiliary events.

[Please support my candidacy for Dept of NH VFW Chaplain 2022-2023](#)



TIMM GRANT

**Candidate
Department of New Hampshire
Surgeon
2022 - 2023**

I'm a native of Gilford New Hampshire. After graduating from Gilford High I entered the Marine Corps and became eligible for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Due to my service with the 2nd Battalion 8th Marines and two Combat tours in Lebanon. While serving I was also involved in the Invasion of Grenada.

I joined Post 1670 in 1999 and immediately started getting involved with many programs within the organization, (consistently involved with youth activities) I held the Adjutant position for many years plus assistant Quartermaster became Commander for a combined 4 years and achieving All American Commander and All State Commander in 2003, District Commander for two years 2020 -2022

Life outside the VFW, I retired from Roy Jorgenson Associates in 2012 and moved back to Gilford NH, at the age of 52. I felt it was important to get back involved in the VFW again. Some of my hobbies consist of swimming, skiing, hockey, scuba diving, platform diving, hiking, and camping.

Duties of department Surgeon section 518. The surgeon will assist Post Surgeons, in an advisory capacity and promote state wide programs. The Surgeon shall perform such other duties as may be incident to their office.

I am asking for your support and your vote, for the office of Department of New Hampshire Surgeon at Department Convention. THANK YOU

TIMM GRANT

Manchester VAMC Veterans Needs List:

- Food Pantry Suggested Items and Personal Care Items
 - No scented hygiene items
- Sweatpants, male/female, all sizes
- Tops, male/female, all sizes
- Undergarments, male/female, all sizes

Available Volunteer Positions:

- Business Office
- Pharmacy
- Transporters
- Dispatchers
- Optometry (reminder calls)
- Logistics
- Warehouse (2)
- Drivers
- Drivers for Recreational Therapy (short and long trips)
- Recreational Therapy (monthly mailings, reminder calls)

Manchester VAMC Recreation Therapy Needs List:

- Lego Architecture Series Kits
- Fishing Rods and Reels
- Fly Rods
- Lures, etc.
- Disposable Tablecloths
- DVDs- new release of any genre
- Wood for wood burning
- Tabletop decorations any holiday
- Window and unit decorations any holiday
- Fishing Rods and Reels
- Archery Supplies
- Kayaking Equipment
- Pickleball Paddles and Balls

Recreation Therapy is Looking for Volunteers! We are looking for volunteers who would like to help teach and or facilitate in the following recreation/leisure activities:

- **Fishing:** I would love to develop a program opportunity for Veterans to engage in fishing (spin casting); whether it's to learn the skill of fishing or to reconnect with a favorite past time or hobby. We are looking for a volunteer who can help teach the skills if necessary. So please reach out to me if you know of anyone who would like to volunteer for a program like this!
- **Dance:** (any style): This is a program that will not only help to build our Arts and Humanities program offerings; but it's also a fun way to relieve stress and move the body while having fun! So, I am looking for a volunteer who would like to help teach any style:

Please reach out to Sara if you have questions : 603-624-4366- ex:2321

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WE RIDE



FOR VETERANS

POKER RUN

RAIN OR SHINE

SATURDAY
25
JUNE

SCAN
THE CODE
TO REGISTER



WE ARE RIDING TO RAISE VITAL FUNDS

FOR THE VFW'S UNMET NEEDS PROGRAM

**TWIN STATES H-D & ELKS LODGE
BPOE #2099 LEBANON, NH**

**REGISTRATION/
CHECK IN
9:30A**

@ TWIN STATES H-D

STOPS

AT:

- VFW Post #8497 @ Lovers Lane Rd. Charlestown, NH 03603
- Wheelock Terrace @ 32 Buk Rd. Hanover, NH 03755
- Keene VFW Post #799 @ 459 Winchester St. Keene, NH 03431

**LAST STOP
& AFTER PARTY**

- Elks Lodge BPOE #2099 @ 150 Heater Rd. Lebanon, NH
- After party begins at 1 PM. All poker hands must be in no later than 2 PM. Prizes for High & Low Hands, raffle prizes, & 50/50 drawing at 2:45 PM. Must be present to win

**PRE-REGISTER ONLINE OR
IN PERSON DAY OF RIDE**

**RIDE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
& FOOD AT AFTER PARTY!**

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