



## DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

### GENERAL ORDERS #5 October 2022

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

November 6, Daylight savings ends  
November 10, Happy Birthday US Marine Corps  
November 11, Happy Veterans Day  
November 24, Happy Thanksgiving

- 1) **Eastern Conference:** NH is hosting the Annual Conference at the Doubletree in Manchester 4-5 November.
- 2) **VOD/PATRIOTS PEN AND TEACHERS AWARD CHAIRMAN CHANGE.** New Chairman is Paul Lloyd please send all district entries to PO Box 955, Concord, NH 03302-0955 or e-mail: [nhvfwwstateheadquarters@gmail.com](mailto:nhvfwwstateheadquarters@gmail.com).
- 3) **SCHOLASTIC BANQUET** will be held at the Concord Holiday Inn on Jan 14, 2023, more info will be sent out when received.
- 4) **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.
- 5) **REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Request for a Department Representative for a special event, must be submitted in writing to the Department Adjutant, PO Box 955, Concord, NH 03302-0955 or e-mail: [nhvfwwstateheadquarters@gmail.com](mailto:nhvfwwstateheadquarters@gmail.com)
- 6) **All Commanders/Quartermasters/Adjutants:** Changes to election reports are to be done via OMS for both Posts and Districts. Please note that you do not need to forward a copy of the election report to the State Adjutant office as it is automatically received from National once the election report has been updated
- 7) **DISTRICT MEETINGS DATE CHANGES:** District Commanders are reminded to notify the State Adjutant office ASAP of any changes in District meeting dates so that the respective Department Representative can be notified in plenty of time.
- 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 Cell: 603-496-1918 and E-mail: [nhvfwwstateheadquarters@gmail.com](mailto:nhvfwwstateheadquarters@gmail.com)

**9) All Commanders:** Several changes to the National By-laws were passed at the National convention. It is recommended that Post Commanders purchase a copy of the National By-laws book which is available from the VFW National Supply Catalog; item #4108, cost of the book is \$8.50. You can also download copy off VFW.org

**10)** Members are reminded that under the subscription dues model, an annual members dues expire on the last day of the month of which they paid the previous year. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary month to avoid a lapse in continuous membership.

Officers and committee members, whose membership is not in good standing by reason to pay current dues by the end of anniversary month, shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office the remainder of the administrative year.

In addition, every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and sign up new and recover former members at all times during the year.

**11)** Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages and smoking/vaping in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting as set forth below:

It is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit alcoholic beverages or the use of smoking/vaping products in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of smoking/vaping products in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings are unacceptable and are prohibited.

It is the intent of the Commander-in-Chief's decision, regarding this response, to include Post, County Council, District and Department meetings, whereas it is held to be objectionable. Please refer to section 1001 (25) of the National Manual of Procedure.

## **12) Roster Corrections**

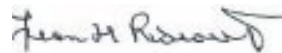
Keene Post 799 Quartermaster  
Christian Kadlik,  
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Milton Post 8393 Commander Peter Hayward address is 4 Gold St, Milton, NH 03851-4708

Winchester Post Commander Donald Hill's phone number 603-499-5631



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 October 31, 2022**

Post	First_Name	MI	Last_Name	Sur	
483	Francis	L	Brown		
799	Dana	L	Castle		Current Post Quartermaster
808	Kenneth	P	Drouin		
1088	Donald	T	Hughes		
1631	William	L	Perry		
1631	Warren	J	Miner	II	
1698	James	C	Pitts		
3968	John	F	Hensel	Jr.	
3968	Clarence	T	Nelson	Jr.	Past Post and District Commander
4368	Bryan	M	Lestico		
4479	Donald	E	Reynolds		
4485	Paul	F	Thiem		
5791	Wayne	A	Farrow		
8214	John	A	Nordle		
8641	Roy	F	Lovering		
9552	Douglas		Caney		
10722	George	K	Squires		
15030	Cecil	H	Warburton		
15030	Robert	E	Norton		
15030	Roger	Z	Tremblay		
15030	Kenneth	C	Gray		
15030	Leo	A	Huppe		

Greetings VFW Family,

The schedule continues to be busy and productive. As we move into November we will be hosting the Eastern Conference Nov 4 – Nov 6. I hope to see many of you there.

Membership is moving along with 3 Posts over the 100%. Charlestown Post 8497 is now at 103.22 %, Hinsdale Post 4234 at 101.88 %, Portsmouth Post 168 at 101.82%, Thank You and Congratulations to those Posts! Many other Posts are closing in on the 100% mark keep up the great work.

I have repeatedly stated your best recruitment tool is a robust Community Service program and letting others know what your accomplishments are. Part of each VFW program is properly reporting!! If you do not report it It didn't happen! The VFW has to be more than the bar down the street. Your Canteen is a tool to raise funds so you can work your VFW programs! And yes a great place to foster the fraternal side of our family. We do have to recognize though there are many very successful Posts without a Canteen so lets insure the canteens are fulfilling there function.

I want to thank the Laconia Post 1670 for Hosting the Fall Conference. Thank you to all that attended the Conference and COA.

We will continue to have Commanders Call on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each Month. This call is for Post Commanders and up. If another Post officer wishes to join it is acceptable. The call however is not open to the general membership as we are trying to limit them to 1 hour. We will do our best to answer questions as they arise and the goal is to improve Communication at all levels in the Department of NH.

Many of you know that PDC Commander Joe Clark has stepped back from serving on the National Council. We all him a great deal of thanks for the dedicated work he has performed over many years for our Organization. Looking forward to seeing him at future functions. Thank You Joe !

I am also honored to have been elected as Joe's replacement on the Council. Thank You for your Trust and Confidence in me. I will give it my all.

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...

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

October 9<sup>th</sup> (SUN) **'Week Enders' Pup Tent 3 meeting** at John W Weeks Post 3041, Lancaster: 0800. We laughed, we cried, we scratched! Outstanding breakfast by our favorite Seam Squirrel Leon Rideout.

October 15<sup>th</sup> (SAT) **NH VFW Fall Conference & COA** –Those that came, we thank you! Those that didn't, you missed out on a lot of good food, information, and updates.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> (SAT) **District 1 Meeting** – A great meeting by Dist. 1 CDR Pete McGilan with Andrew Corrow our Junior Vice CDR in attendance; we started our meeting with Amy Swansiger, Director of the Berlin Vet Center who came out to give us a presentation of what they are doing for Vet's in the North Country and ended with Glenn Della-Monica our OTI Chairman providing OTI training. – Thank you, John W Weeks Post 3041 Auxiliary, for providing outstanding food afterwards! –

>>> *Our winner of the Glock 22 Gen5 (40 S&W) raffle is Eric Thompson of Whitefield.*

October 30<sup>th</sup> (SUN) **District 4 Meeting** – at the Queen City Memorial Post 8214, in Manchester. Thank you, District 4 CDR, Dept Adjutant, and PSC Paul Lloyd for having me at your meeting. I have nothing to report currently as this report needs to get the Dept. Adjutant for the GO's.

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

November 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (FRI-SUN) **VFW Eastern Conference** – Come join us and see what the VFW is doing with our National Officers - Commander-in Chief Tim Borland, Senior Vice CIC Duane Sarmiento, Adjutant General Dan West, and Quartermaster General Marc Garduno in attendance.

November 11<sup>th</sup> (FRI) **Veterans Day** - From the end of World War I, when at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the fighting ended with the signing of an armistice; to 1954, where Congress, at the urging of veterans' organizations, named November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day, to celebrate the service of all veterans those who have served in our nation's military.

***Thank you for your service!***

November 13<sup>th</sup> (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.

November 18<sup>th</sup> (FRI) **Native American Appreciation Day** at Manchester VAMC at 1230. Please come and show support for their rich culture, accomplishments, heritage, and contributions to military service.

November 19<sup>th</sup> (SAT) **Joseph J. Jaffrey Memorial Post 7217 belated 75th Birthday!!** (District 7). 3:00-6:00pm at Jaffrey Memorial Hall; Jaffrey Memorial VFW, 12 Hathorn Road, Jaffrey.

### Other News...

November 10<sup>th</sup> (THU) The US Marine Corps will be celebrating 247 years of service to this nation!!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. MARINE CORPS!**

**Do not eat too much cake or Crayons!!**

## **!!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 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

## November 2022

Comrades,

I had the privilege of attend the Jr. Vice Commander's Conference in Kansas City October 13 - 16. The conference provided outstanding training on the Jr. Vice duties and responsibilities. More importantly it gave me the opportunity to meet, interact and network with my peers across the country. It was an amazing experience.



VFW state Jr. Vice's Class of 2024. We had just completed a tour of the VFW National Headquarters as part of the Junior Vice Commander's Training Conference. Very impressive.

My intent was to learn as much as I could. That was accomplished and then some!

One thing I learned amazed me. Our Director of Membership, Rick Butler, briefed that there were 3000, out of our nearly 6000, Posts that didn't recruit one...yes you read that right...one annual or Life Member. How is that possible! Well, it happened. We as an organization can do better. New Hampshire is doing better than we were in 2018. Currently, as of October 18th, we are sitting at 84.49%. In 2018, on this date, we were sitting at 79.76%. We just need to keep it up! Thank you!

Another interesting fact from Rick Butler. Out of 5800+ VFW Posts across the country, only 300 have ordered recruiting and membership information/brochures. If you need help ordering please let me know. You can order from My VFW. It's the very last link on the Membership Quick Links. Almost everything is FREE. Yes, FREE. You will need to pay a \$5.00 shipping fee.



#### Membership Quick Links

- [Online Membership System \(OMS\)](#)
- [MemStats Report](#)
- [Programs Dashboard Tool](#)
- [Programs Dashboard Tool Training](#)
- [Renew My Membership](#)
- [Become a Life Member](#)
- [Become or Upgrade to Legacy Life](#)
- [Membership Recruiting and Retention](#)
- [Request a Duplicate Card](#)
- [Access Department/Post VMail](#)
- [Membership Recruiting Brochures Order Form](#)

## Switching gears...

The VFW is the number one voice in Congress. Our leadership has testified in front of Congress more than any other Veteran Service Organization; 28 times this year. Our/your engagement with your members of Congress is crucial in helping us get vital pieces of veterans legislation passed into law. Some of the VFW's recent victories:

**Honoring our PACT Act**

**Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act (FY22 NDAA)**

**S. 2102, Dr. Kat Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act & S. 2533, Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act**

Much of this was done because of your voice! Please reach out to our Congressional representatives. If you're not one to reach out by phone or personal letter the next best thing is signing up for the Action Corps Weekly.

The VFW Action Corps is what gives the VFW its strength in advocating for our nation's heroes.

The VFW Action Corps Weekly is an e-newsletter published nearly every Monday to help keep patriotic Americans, who care about the military and veterans' communities, well informed of important changes and updates to care and benefits for service members, veterans, and their families.

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/register> (Click here to register)

[https://heroes.vfw.org/page/28363/action/1?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=legislative-action-corps&qclid=Cj0KCQjwnbmaBhD-ARIsAGTPcfU0L5sd8GkmKmjX\\_Uq5WtxqTNMYqj9eBVdJuG1BMoFKPoTGtpWx4h4aAq22EALw\\_wcB](https://heroes.vfw.org/page/28363/action/1?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=legislative-action-corps&qclid=Cj0KCQjwnbmaBhD-ARIsAGTPcfU0L5sd8GkmKmjX_Uq5WtxqTNMYqj9eBVdJuG1BMoFKPoTGtpWx4h4aAq22EALw_wcB) (Click to sign up, contact your legislators or to review current legislation)

The General Election is on November 8th. Please get out to vote! Make your voice heard!

## **"Every Veteran Counts!"**

A couple items on my calendar for this month:

1. October 22 - Department representative at the District 1 meeting in Lancaster.
2. November 4 - UNH Veterans Day ceremony and UNH ROTC Hall of Fame induction in Durham.
3. November 4 - 6 - Eastern Conference in Manchester.



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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## DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VFW SURGEONS REMARKS



Greetings Comrades, hope all is well with you and your family and friends. This Fall has been very busy for most, the Fall Conference held at the Laconia post went well. In the November's Surgeon's notes i am going to leave you with some [Useful Websites](#)

Department of NH VFW [www.nhvfw.org](http://www.nhvfw.org)  
Board of Veterans Appeals [www.va.gov/vbs/bva/](http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/)  
Center for Minority Veterans [www.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans](http://www.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans)  
Veterans Legal and Benefits information [www.valaw.org](http://www.valaw.org)  
VA WAR-Related illness and injury center [www.warrelatedillness.va.gov](http://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov)  
Homeless Veterans [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless)  
VA National HIV/AIDS Program [www.hiv.gov](http://www.hiv.gov)  
VA Public Health Smoking Cessation Program [www.publichealth.va.gov/smoking](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/smoking)  
VA Mental Health [www.mentalhealth.va.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov)  
National Cemetery Administration (Burial and Memorials) [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov)  
Center for Women Veterans and U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs [www.va.gov/womenvet](http://www.va.gov/womenvet)  
National Foundation for Women Legislators [www.womenlegislators.org](http://www.womenlegislators.org)  
NH Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services [www.dmavs.nh.gov/veteran](http://www.dmavs.nh.gov/veteran)  
Veterans Heritage Learning Center [www.VHLC.org](http://www.VHLC.org)  
American Lung Cancer Association [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity;  
The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty**

**Winston Churchill**

*Dept of NH VFW  
Surgeon Timm Grant*



**2022-11 Dept. NH VFW National Legislative Committee Member, VAVS VAMC  
Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair**

Rev 10/24/22

As your **NH VFW National Legislative Committee** member, I'm happy to report that another bill, the *Solid Start Act*, sponsored by our NH US Senator Maggie Hassan was recently signed into law. This bill builds on and strengthens a program started by the Trump administration. It requires the VA to contact every veteran three times by phone in the first year after they leave active-duty service to check in and help connect them to VA programs and benefits in accordance with each veteran's needs. The new law strengthens the *Solid Start Program*, and it makes it permanent for generations of veterans to come.

The **Manchester VA** is 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 at the CLC and how you can contribute.

Our **NH VFW membership** team is in as many places as possible to recruit VFW members, and we urge each one of you to recruit. Out of 42 posts, 18 posts recruited new members, and only 25 individuals of those posts recruited 44 new members. We must do better than that. If we all just recruit one member, we can double in size. Think about it, do you really not know of at least one veteran that you could ask to join the VFW?

I represented our **Dept NH VFW Homeless Veterans Program** at the Liberty House Ambassador's Meeting last week, and their **Christmas Tree Jubilee** could use more support. Liberty House is inviting VFW posts, local businesses, groups and individuals to donate and decorate an artificial Christmas tree with gift certificates and/or merchandise. Get CREATIVE with your decorating skills or do a themed tree!! On December 9th & 10th, we will be opening our doors to friends and supporters to view the trees and to purchase raffle tickets. Raffle winners will be given a call on December 11th to pick up their Christmas tree and gift certificates and/or merchandise. If you have any questions, reach out to Stephanie at 603-669-0761 Please check out their Facebook page: **(20+) Liberty House's First Annual Christmas Tree Jubilee | Facebook**<https://www.facebook.com/events/597018822084099>

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## **30 Guns in 30 Days NH VFW Annual Raffle**

Guidance to the District Commanders for our annual fund raising to support our Service office.

Ticket sales run from October 15<sup>th</sup> Fall Conference to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

Drawing start January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 thru January 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

Tickets are limited to 1,375 and are disbursed per the following list;

District 1; 200 tickets #0001 to 0200

District 4; 200 tickets #0201 to 0400

District 5; 200 tickets #0401 to 0600

District 6; 200 tickets #0601 to 0800

District 7; 200 tickets #0801 to 1000

Merrimack Firearms; 250 tickets #1001 to 1250

Commander; 50 tickets #1251 to 1300

Chris Peirce (Venmo); 75 tickets #1301 to 1375

Enclosed are the Rules, Prize list, and Flyer. Copies will also be posted on the webpage.

I will reach out at the end of November to see who has tickets left and who needs more.

Make checks out to NH VFW, send monies and ticket stubs to Chris Peirce

For Venmo use; **@NH-VFW-20**

# NH VFW “30 Guns in 30 Days”

## 2023 Gun List

MANUFACTURER	MODEL	TYPE CAL/GA
HERITAGE	ROUGH RIDER	REVOLVER
ROCK ISLAND	STK 1000	SEMI AUTO PISTOL 9MM
KELTEC	P17	SEMI AUTO PISTOL 22LR
ARMSCOR	206	38 SPL
SPRINGFIELD	1911 GARRISON	SEMI AUTO PISTOL 9MM
GLOCK	G48	SEMI AUTO PISTOL 9MM
SMITH & WESSON	SD9VE	SEMI AUTO PISTOL 9MM
SMITH & WESSON	SHIELD	SEMI AUTO PISTOL 9MM
RUGER	57 CENTERFIRE	SEMI AUTO PISTOL 5.7MM
M&P	BODYGUARD	38 SPL
RUGER	SECURITY-9	SEMI AUTO PISTOL 9MM
SAVAGE	STEVENS 320	SHOTGUN 20GA
STOEGER	CONDOR O/U	SHOTGUN 12 GA
RUGER	AR	SEMI-AUTO RIFLE 5.56
CENTURY ARMS	MODEL VSKA	SEMI-AUTO RIFLE 7.62
MAVERICK	88 PUMP ACTION	SHOTGUN 12 GA
HENRY	US SURVIVAL	SEMI-AUTO RIFLE 22LR
RUGER	MINI-14 RANCH	SEMI-AUTO RIFLE .223
SAVAGE	STANCE MC9MS	SEMI AUTO PISTOL 9MM
HENRY	CARBINE 45C	LEVER ACTION RIFLE 45
RUGER	10/22	SEMI-AUTO RIFLE 22LR
ROSSI	MODEL R92	LEVER ACTION RIFLE 357
REMINGTON	MODEL 700SPS	BOLT ACTION .308
BENELLI	SUPERNOVA	SHOTGUN 12GA
CHARTER	PINK LADY	REVOLVER 38 SPL
RUGER	BUSHMASTER	BOLT ACTION .450
TAURUS	TX22 COMPETITION	SEMI-AUTO 22LR
RUGER	MARK IV 22/45	SEMI-AUTO 22LR
CZ-USA	SCORPION 3 PLUS	SEMI PISTOL 9MM
REMINGTON	MODEL 870 TAC	PUMP SHOTGUN 12 GA

MERRIMACK FIREARMS, 280 Daniel Webster HWY Merrimack NH 03054

New Hampshire Veterans Of Foreign Wars

# ***30 GUNS in 30 DAYS***

**RAFFLE**

~ Proceeds to benefit NH VFW Service Office ~

**Drawings start January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023  
for 30 consecutive days !**

**ONE \$20.00 Entry puts you in all 30 Drawings !**

**but, the more you buy - the better your chances !**

***\*\* Only 1375 tickets will be sold \*\****

**All Guns are New from Merrimack Firearms in  
Merrimack, NH and each Daily Winner will be drawn  
there and the video placed on their Face -book Page  
as well as announced on the NH VFW Page**

**~ The List of Guns and the Rules are available~  
VFWNH.ORG**

**Tickets available at any NH VFW and Merrimack Firearms  
directly or Chris Peirce at *1sgpeirce@gmail.com***



**Department of New Hampshire  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
2023 Annual 30 Guns in 30 Days – Gun Raffle  
RULES AND INFORMATION**

- A limit of 1,375 tickets will be sold for this raffle.
- One ticket will be provided for each \$20.00 purchase from the New Hampshire VFW.
- All tickets are non-refundable, including any ticket held by a winning ticket holder that fails the required background check.
- The last day to obtain tickets is when all 1375 tickets are sold. If available they will sold during the raffle.
- All guns being raffled are new, factory made standard type guns. No custom or designs are included.
- By obtaining a raffle ticket, you attest that you are a law-abiding citizen of good moral character, may legally possess the gun(s) won, have intention of using the gun(s) won only in a legal and safe manner and will obtain or have already obtained instructions on the safe use and operation of the gun(s) won.
- One gun will be raffled each day beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 and continuing for 30 days thereafter.
- Winning ticket holders and the guns won will be posted on the Merrimack Firearms Facebook page as well as the NH VFW website.
- Proceeds of the raffle will benefit the VFW Department of New Hampshire Service Office.
- A ticket holder must be at least 18 years old and a legal resident of the United States.
- Raffle is void where prohibited.
- All Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (BATF) rules apply.
- All gun transfers will be done through Merrimack Firearms, a Federal Firearms Licensed (FFL) dealer – and all applicable Federal and State laws will apply, including with respect to each winning ticket holder, the laws of the State of their legal residence.
- Primary gun transfers will be done through Merrimack Firearms in Merrimack, New Hampshire.
- In the event a winning ticket holder needs to have the gun won transferred out of state they need to pay any transfer fee(s).
- Winning tickets will be drawn by and at Merrimack Firearms.
- Winning ticket holder must pass all applicable background checks and must be at least: A) 18 years old to take possession of a rifle or shotgun or B) 21 years old to take possession of a hand gun.
- If the winning ticket holder of a handgun is under the age of 21, they must have a parent take ownership of the gun or switch out the handgun for a rifle or shotgun.
- A winning ticket holder may be required to verify that ownership of the gun won is legal in their state and/or city or town prior to taking possession of that gun.
- A winning ticket will still be eligible for all the remaining drawings.
- A winning ticket holder will be notified using the contact information on the ticket stub. In the event that neither Merrimack Firearms nor the VFW can contact the winner – it will be the sole responsibility of the winning ticket holder to contact Merrimack Firearms in Merrimack, NH to claim their gun.
- Guns are not transferable – the winning ticket holder must claim the gun.
- The VFW is not liable or responsible for any warranty, representation, or guarantee to any gun won – including its quality, condition or suitability or fitness for a particular purpose. Any and all warranties, representations, and guarantees, if any, are subject to the manufacturer's terms, and the winning ticket holder must look solely to such manufacturer for any such warranty, representation and guaranty and must deal directly with such manufacturer if a problem arises.
- EACH GUN WON MUST BE CLAIMED AND ITS TRANSFER MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ITS RAFFLE DATE.

## ***Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/Teacher of the Year***

Let's start getting excited about Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen and get the word out now! Here are this year's themes, I know we can make this year better than ever.

**\*\*\*NOTE: Who can enter?**

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 and Patriots Pen is open to students in 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students, Oct. 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public private or parochial high school, middle school or home study program in the United States, its territories, and possessions: or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although **U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.** Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

### ***2022-2023 Themes***

***VOICE OF DEMOCRACY (9-12 Grade) Why is the Veteran Important?***

***PATRIOTS PEN (6-8 Grade) My Pledge to Our Veterans***

Program brochures designed to be duplicated for distribution can be viewed at:

**[www.vfw.org/uploadFiles/VFW.org/Community/Teacher%20Award%20Brochure.PDF](http://www.vfw.org/uploadFiles/VFW.org/Community/Teacher%20Award%20Brochure.PDF)** or ordered through the VFW Store.

**\*\*\*\*Important Dates to Remember: \*\*\*\***

### ***Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen***

**1 November**> All 1st Place School Winners due to the **Post** for **Post Judging**

**15 November**> All 1st Place **Post Winners** due to **District** for **District Judging**

**\*\*1 December**> All 1st Place **District Winners** due to **Department** for **Final Judging**

***District to Department – One entry per District – with student's head and shoulders photo, and all personal information filled out on entry form. This applies to all entries to Department. Including your Districts posts participation report, form will be provided to be filled out and returned with your first-place entry.***

**30 December**> Completion of Department Judging

**15 January**> Department Winners to National (Complete Package)

### ***Teacher of the Year***

**1 November**> Teacher Nominations Due to the Posts

**15 November**> Teacher package due to the District for Judging

**1 December**> Teacher Packages forwarded to Department for Final Judging

**30 December**> Completion of Department Judging

**30 December**> District Participation Reports due to Department Chairperson

### ***NOTICE!!! Requirements for Teacher of the Year Entries***

- Completed Teacher VFW Entry Form
- Nomination Letter (Up to 350 words)
- Teacher Resume (1 page up to both sides)
- Up to five (5) pages (both sides) of supporting documentation
- A good quality head and shoulders Photo