



DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

GENERAL ORDERS #3 SEPTEMBER 2022

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

- 1) **Every Post chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2022-23 year:** Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, “Buddy” ® Poppy and Veterans and Military Support Programs. Additionally, it is necessary that all Post and Department Commanders comply with all provisions of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure and Ritual.
- 2) **Patriot Day, September 11:** Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11, is designated as “Patriot Day.” The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States.
- 3) **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
- 4) **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
- 5) **POST COMMANDERS:** Are reminded that Section 203 – Regular Meetings – All Posts shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. Failure to comply can result in immediate revocation of the Post Charter notwithstanding the provisions of Section 211 of the Manual of Procedures.
- 6) **OFFICERS DUTIES:** Article II, Section 218 – Officers and Chairman, Duties and Obligations -
(a) Officers – (1) Duties of Commander - item (k) – “Assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District conventions or meetings.” Post Commander must attend District meetings. Failure without just cause to perform these duties may result in removal from office. All Post Senior and Junior Vice Commanders are urged to attend all District meetings planned. The Post Commanders should employ all elected Post Officers and post members to attend District meeting
- 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) **Post Inspections:** Section 518 provides that the Department Inspector shall require that each Post be inspected in accordance with Department and National guidelines. The purpose of the inspection is to assure that the Post operates in a manner that supports the purposes set forth in the Congressional Charter, complies with the By-Laws, preserves the financial integrity of the Post and protects the interest of the member. Every Post is expected to be inspected at least once each year. It is the duty of the District Inspector to notify the Post Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant and Trustees of the date and time that the inspection is scheduled. The inspector should allow you enough time to prepare for the visit. The Post inspection will go a lot smoother if it is conducted at some time other than a Post meeting night. If, for any reason, a Post cannot be inspected thoroughly, a report stating the facts must be submitted. It is the responsibility of the Post Quartermaster and Post Adjutant to provide the records necessary to complete the duties of Inspector. When the inspection of a Post is completed, the Post Inspection Form will be made out in triplicate. The yellow copy will be mailed to the Post Commander and a copy should be retained for your files.

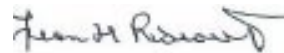
9) **DEADLINE:** The deadline for information going into the General Orders is the 20th of each month. Send all requests to State Adjutant - Paul Lloyd, PO Box 955 Concord NH 03302-0955. Adjutant contact info is Cell: 603-496-1918 and E-mail: nhvwstateheadquarters@gmail.com

10) DISTRICT MEETINGS:

October 8	District 6	John H Hargreaves (Pelham) Post	10am	Commander Leon
October 22	District 1	John W Weeks Post	10am	JVC Andy
October 23	District 5	Hinsdale Post	10am	Commander Leon
October 23	District 7	Kingston Post	10am	Chaplain Darwin
October 30	District 4	Manchester Post	10am	SVC Denis



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 August 31, 2022

Post	First_Name	MI	Last_Name	Sur
799	Edward	O	Chabot	
816	Richmond	P	Trainor	
816	Robert	J	Whitcomb	
1670	Roger	P	Dionne	
1698	Clarence		Keyser	Jr.
2520	Earl	S	Hawkins	
2520	Sylvio	P	Lemelin	
3041	Thomas		Coco	
3041	Lonnie	D	Jay	
3968	Joseph		McCarthy	Jr.
4368	D	J	Philbrick	
4483	Richard	P	Carter	
4485	Joseph	R	Dupuis	
4485	Stephen	J	Hitchens	
5613	Michael	A	Given	
5791	James	H	Sartori	
5791	Andrew	F	Hirst	
7217	Allan	G	Holmes	
8214	Roger	G	Beaulieu	
8270	John	E	Smith	
8393	Cortez	W	Willey	
8393	James	P	Smith	
8401	Paul	G	Deloid	
15030	Ivan	T	Fogarty	

Greetings All,

It has been a busy month for most. We had an excellent Department Picnic at Littleton Post 816 s facility in Littleton NH. I want to thank the crew there for their hard work in preparation and hosting this event. It was a great success and a fantastic meal. I want to also thank all those that made the trek to attend.

I am happy to report we are trending ahead of last year in membership! I thank everyone for their attention to this subject. There are several events upcoming that Department will be set up at please come and lend a hand if available. It is also vital that each Post looks at local events that can be potential recruiting opportunities. Recruiting is a 365 day a year effort. I am confident that with everyone's help we can meet our goal of 102% this year.

We still have 18 tickets for the legacy life membership raffle we need to get these sold asap so we can get the drawing done. 10.00 per chance forward your money and name to Chris Pierce.

With the passage of the Pact Act there is an estimated 3.5 million more Veterans eligible for care and possible compensation through the VA. It is critical that your Post Service Officers become familiar with this act. Our Post need to be a conduit of information and guidance to those that may be seeking it. This Act will benefit many Widows and Widowers of Veterans so our reach needs to wide.

Ensure the work your Posts are doing in your Community is being reported! I have told many of you that if it is not reported then it wasn't done! Reporting is not optional!

Remember a Veteran Has No Better Friend Than 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...

Another month come and gone...

August 13th >> We had our New Hampshire VFW & Auxiliary COA and State Cookout at the Howard Shawney VFW Post 816, Littleton, NH. It was a resounding success due to PSC Dan Greenlaw, Littleton Post Commander Leon Currier, his post and the Auxillary. thank you for the great food and the use of the pavilion. A Massachusetts delegation was also in attendance - a shout out to National Council Dept. of MA, MA PSC Eric Segundo; National Home Trustee District 1, MA PSC Keith Jackson; MA PSC Russel Jobe; & MA PSC Doug Wood.

August 14th >> The Annual NH Cootie Picnic sponsored by the 'Week Enders' Pup Tent 3 was 'Lousy' and there was plenty of food & drink

August 17th >> Federal Prison Benefits Fair at Berlin Federal Prison Training Center; I attended with State Commander Leon Rideout, District 1 Commander Pete McGillen, & Berlin White Mountain Post 2520 Commander Floyd Burlock. It was a great opportunity to network with other Veteran organizations and reach out to some of our North Country veterans who have served

August 21st >> District 5 Meeting and annual Winchester Post 3968 Picnic, it was great mixing business with pleasure. Thank you, Tom St. Pierre, for having me at your meeting as your Dept. Representative and to Post Commander Donald Hill and his post and Auxiliary for having a great social gathering afterwards. I learned a few new things from Tom O'Hearne about post inspections as I Inspected Charlestown Memorial Post 8497 afterwards. Thank you!

A few upcoming events in September...

September 1st- 5th **Lancaster Fair**, the largest fun-filled family event in the Great North Woods. District 1 and John W Weeks Post 3041 has a table reserved and looking forward to seeing veterans from all across the state and potentially some new ones as we recruit and pass out Buddy Poppies.

September 8th (THUR) **SVAC Annual Picnic** event at Barnyard Venue, 285 CANDIA ROAD, CANDIA NH: 5PM to 9 PM.

September 11th (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.

September 11th (SUN) **Closing Ceremony for 100 Nights of Remembrance**: 1830 at NH Veterans Cemetery Circle of Flags. Taps will be played at 1900.

September 17th (SAT) **NH Veterans Cemetery POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony**: 1000 in the chapel.

September 24th (SAT) **NH Veterans Cemetery 25th Anniversary Event**: 1000-1500. This happens once a lifetime, come on out and join in the celebration.

September 24th (SAT) **NH Veterans Home 5th Annual Craft Fair**: 0930-1530; Pavilion Entrance - Colby Road, Tilton, down the road from the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen; you can do both!!

September 24th (SAT) **Seacoast Veterans Conference**: 0830-1430; Service Credit Union, 3003 Lafayette Road Portsmouth; educating veterans to better their health and well-being.

!!MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP!! Do I need to say more?

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

September 2022

Comrades,

It was great to see everyone and break bread at the State Picnic in Littleton. Thank you Howard Shawney Post #816 for hosting, for your hospitality and wonderful food.

As I mentioned at the CofA. I am heading down to Washington DC with our National Legislative Chairman, Jörg Dreusicke, September 12 - 15 for the Fall Legislative Committee Meeting. I'm excited to see the Legislative side of our organization. We do so much locally in our state and in our communities that sometimes we forget that there is another side of our organization advocating for us in the halls of Congress.

I think each of us should at least familiarize ourselves with our current Legislative Priorities. Check them out at this link:

<https://www.vfw.org/-/media/vfwsite/files/advocacy/prioritygoalsbrochure.pdf>

Please contact or visit your congressional representatives and stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 117th Congress. These priority goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary

"Every Veteran Counts!"

A couple more items on my calendar for this month:

1. August 28 - Department Representative at the District 4 meeting in Laconia.
2. September 12 - 15 - Fall Legislative Committee Meeting, Washington DC.
3. September 17 - POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony, State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen.
4. September 24 - Seacoast Veterans Conference, Portsmouth.
5. October 13 - 16 - Junior Vice Commanders Training in Kansas City, MO

 **NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.** 



National POW / MIA Recognition Day 2022 September 17

10:00 AM - POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony (Chapel)

Event start:

Sat, 09/17/2022 - 10:00am

Event end:

Sat, 09/17/2022 - 11:00am

Location:

New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery

All are invited to attend.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday in September. It honors those who were prisoners of war (POWs) and those who are still missing in action (MIA). It is most associated with those who were POWs during the Vietnam War. National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29, the date in 1973 when the last US combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam. This day was established by an Act of Congress, by the passage of Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act. It is one of six days that the POW/MIA Flag can be flown. The POW/MIA flag was first recognized by Pub.L. 101-355 and made into 36 U.S.C. § 189 in 1990.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_POW/MIA_Recognition_Day

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 Quartermaster Comments

Greetings Comrades,

On the business side.

Trustee reports, the regular culprits are behind, and their District Commanders have it on their plate to assist them in getting them turned in. To the Posts that are on time and legible, thank you. I can send out the electric form if anyone wants it, either form is acceptable, but I admit if they were all the same it would streamline things. As part of our efforts to improve operations the Trustee reports will be forwarded to the Department Inspector for review, so Commanders you may have questions from him at some point. Also, the Inspector and I agree if you cannot get all the signatures on time, send me a copy to work with and follow on when you have all the signatures. This does not mean you are off the hook of getting all your Trustees to review your books, just a way to keep things moving.

Quartermaster Bonds, the vast majority have been turned in and we are working with the remaining handful. Couple points, you are not required to Bond the Commander or any officer other than the Quartermaster. You can if you want but it should only be an officer dealing with your funds. Also, it is easier to overestimate the amount you need then to increase it later. The amount you have is an item that you should track and make sure your bond covers it.

Canteen Manager/Employee Bonds, these forms and amounts are different than the QM Bonds. I was advised to wait till the end of August to send that information out to prevent confusion with the QM bonds. I do not think we prevented anything and the Posts that got ahead of the curve and already sent in paperwork for Canteen Managers I will work with. Next year we will try sending everything out at the same time and see how that works.

On a good note, Nancy who works with John Barret in our Service Office recently got married, congratulate her if you stop in.

The Department did send \$1,000 to the Department of Kentucky to help our comrades down there deal with the recent flooding. Sometimes nature strikes and VFW Posts can become a center for the community to operate out of. Helping our fellow Veterans is why we are here.

Regards,
Chris Peirce
Department Quartermaster

STATE ADJUTANT NOTES

1. E-mail is our primary source for communicating I have received a lot of emails asking to be unsubscribed or removed from the e-mail list especially from adjutants and senior vices and a few post commanders and I haven't done that because this is the primary source for us to communicate with the posts. Yes there are a lot of emails but that's how we communicate if you don't want to read the emails that's one thing but I will continue to leave you on the distribution list so that your post gets the information that we need you to get and you need to disseminate to your members.
2. New Hampshire will be hosting the upcoming Eastern Conference November 4th through the 6th it will be at the DoubleTree in Manchester this is the opportunity for us to shine in front of the whole conference, the other eleven departments will be in we will have a business session on Saturday and then a banquet on Saturday night on Friday night we will have a get together basically a beer bash just entertainment for folks to sit around and socialize and network. The committee will need assistance, will need some volunteers to help with the registration on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning we will also need help on Thursday night to fill the bags for the delegates that will be coming into town for the conference. there'll be more information coming out, but we will need to put our best foot forward and to do that we are going to need everybody's help on this.
3. Still waiting for a number of posts to submit and file their nine 90s, A-12's and A-9's with this office. I will have a detailed list in the Octobers General Orders but if you haven't filed it with us get it to us thank you.

Respectfully,

Paul Lloyd

State Adjutant

**2022-9 Dept. NH VFW National Legislative Committee Member, VAVS VAMC
Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair**

Rev 8/25/22

As our **VFW National Legislative Committee** member representing NH, I'm in the process of setting up meetings with our US Senators and Congressional Reps in their Washington DC offices when we meet for our Fall VFW National Legislative Committee Conference this September. I will be accompanied by Andy Corrow, Dept NH VFW Jr. Vice Cdr. We will personally thank our four reps for voting to support passage of the Pact Act, which will benefit our newer and Vietnam era veterans with the many problems of being exposed to toxic environments.

With the passage of the Pact Act, anybody and their brothers are offering to help get you the benefits you deserve if you hire them. Representative Pappas just introduced a bill in Congress to go after these scammers. Please contact your VFW Service Officer John Barrett john.barrett1@va.gov 603-222-5780 before you sign onto something that will cost you money that John does for free, and he does it right. The VA works SLOW, this is a painfully slow process, John can only tell you of any progress on your claim if he has news to share. Your high priced lawyer will have the same results, except you get to pay him for his time that he spent telling you that he's working hard for you as he's waiting for the VA to respond.

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

Our NH **VFW membership** team is actively attempting to be in as many places as possible to recruit VFW members, and we urge each one of you to reach out and invite any and all veterans that you run into to join the VFW if they qualify. If you know of an opportunity in your neighborhood or region to conduct a VFW membership drive, please contact us to see if we can conduct something.

Jorg Dreusicke
VAVS VAMC Manchester VFW Representative
National Legislative Committee Representative
Certified National Recruiter
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NH VFW Department Membership
September 2022

Comrade's, we are off to kind of a slow start, and I realize we are enjoying the final few weeks of summer, but we must maintain our focus on Membership year-round. Each year we lose members out the back door because we show no concern toward them until its time to renew their membership.

The month of September the Department has several membership opportunities around the state. If you read your email from the Department Adjutant, you will see one close to your Post. It would be helpful if you could recruit a couple members to join them in the membership effort. Just show up and offer your assistance and they will gladly have you join the effort.

The emailing has started to let Post Commanders and Quartermaster's know of expiring members from their Post. You need to get your Post a membership Team together to contact as many as possible to assure them the organization does care about them and their families. "Many Hands make small work".

Please take out the Commander's Membership Program and look at it carefully. Every "Must" is in black and white. Every Post must reach 102% to make All State. Follow the book step by step and you will be pleasantly surprised. One concern already is the lack of a Monthly Membership written report to me by the 10th of each month as Department Membership Chairman. Last month I received only two. As of this month I will be reporting to the Department Commander and Department Adjutant those Post failing to send in the report.

Department contributions are due to the Dept. QM by October 31,2022. OTI Benefits everyone and notice is sent in plenty of time to visit or in some cases it is available with Zoom. Officers of the Post have different training and it is mandatory. John Barrett did a District 5 training for the Service Officer, and it was amazing.

I am not going to waste your ink on a bunch of graphs as you already should know where you stand in Membership. If you are NOT showing work in progress, I will ask the Department to join me in assisting you.

Questions or concerns always feel free to contact me and I will do my very best to work with you.

In comradeship, (Drive On)

Billy

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VFW SURGEONS NOTES



Greetings comrades from the confines of lake Winnepesaukee. September is suicide prevention awareness month. Suicide is a problem that touches the lives of many Americans. Some of us may know someone, such as a fellow Veteran, coworker, or family member who has attempted or died by suicide.

WARNING SIGNS of SUICIDE

- ★ Frequently talking about self-harming or portraying themselves in a negative way
- ★ Feeling hopeless
- ★ Loss of interest in activities that once brought joy
- ★ Withdrawal from friends and activities, increased alcohol/drug use, difficulties in sleeping or eating, decreased self-care.
- ★ Preparing for death, such as preparing/updating a will, giving away possessions, or taking steps to access lethal means, such as purchasing a firearm/weapon.

Starting July 16, 2022 the new suicide crises line has been established, the number is **988**.

For additional information you can visit VeteransCrisisLine.net/about/988.

After activation, Veterans/families can still use the original crisis line number- **1-800-273-8255** then press 1 to connect to responders. The Crisis Life Line is available 24 hours, seven days a week.

TREVOR LIFELINE.

The trevor project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ+) young people under 25.

The Trevor Lifeline is a crisis intervention and suicide prevention phone service available 24/7 at **1-866-488-7386**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

WHEN VETERANS/FAMILY TAKE THEIR LIFE, IT WASN'T BECAUSE THEY WERE WEAK. IT'S BECAUSE THEY TRIED TO BE STRONG FOR TO LONG.

-Jennifer Betts-

*Dept. Surgeon
Timm Grant*