



Monthly Newsletter

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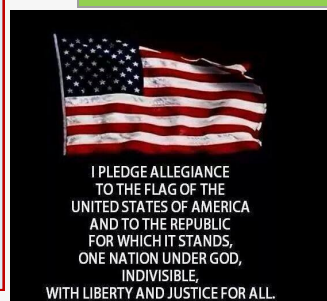
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POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

Greetings and hello February! I want everyone to start thinking about spring and what you would like to see the Post do as a group. We also have Loyalty Day on May 4 coming up and I would like to see a lot of members in attendance. It is a great event to honor those civil servants and students. What makes this year special is our student who won at district level, Thatcher Debowski, also won at Department level at the scholastic banquet on January 20. He will go on to compete against the other 52 Departments for a chance to win at the National level.

Also, May 4, is the VFW's Day of Service and I want to see us do something for that day. So, start thinking and come forward with ideas. Please come to a meeting and join the conversation.

Yours in comradeship,

Chris DiTullio

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State Commander's Message



From the desk of Commander Denis Querrard

We are at the second month of the new year, hopefully everyone is doing well, staying safe, and looking forward to warmer weather! I look forward to seeing everyone out and about! Tax season is here and the IRS is accepting tax returns as of 29 January for e-filing.

Thank you for all you do, the Veterans you help, the communities you serve!

Do you have a VFW member of the year? Please let the Department know who you think is leading from the front and supporting one or more of the purposes of our Congressional Charter.

See award criteria for nominations in the GO's.

Do you have a Junior ROTC Cadet who should be recognized for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership? Please contact Issac Miller (Derry Memorial Post 1617)

Email: cath_ike@yahoo.com (720) 560-9593

See award criteria for nominations in the GO's.

Please start planning for the third annual VFW Day of Service on May 4th 2024 as part of the VFW's #StillServing campaign; lets unite veterans across America to show the nation the impact veterans make in their communities! Sign up here - <https://todaysvfw.org/day-of-service/>

How close is your post to 102%? The Department is at 88.87%; District 6 is at 89.77%; how is your post doing on membership and when is your next membership drive?

Hopefully the post leadership has been going through their membership rosters and working through their list of expired members and have reach out to them. Valentines Day is on February 14! How about reaching out and doing buddy checks and let them know how much you care, see how those expired members are doing and see if they need assistance.

You need new members to keep your post alive; the Department need new members to give our organization credibility before the state and federal legislature. I leave in March to go to Capital Hill to testify before our NH State Senators and Congressman, how many veterans will I be representing in the fight to keep your Veteran Benefits and deliver our 2024 Legislative priority goals.

Recruit, Renew, and Retain!

Get your message out there and report what you do!!



STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans"

Hello,

The year is flying by. On January 20, 2024 we had our C of A, hope it was informative to everyone that attended. Then that evening we had the VOD/PP Banquet. It was wonderful and great to be able to recognize the students and teachers for all that they do and will continue to do. Congratulations to the winners and best of luck to both of them. Our VOD winner was sponsored by the Nashua Post.

Now, Bob and I are getting ready for the mid year cruise, which we are very excited for. We will definitely be sharing pictures and stories when we get back.

I know that Tracy and Trish have worked diligently on the reporting system. It is up and running. Please check the GO's for information about the reporting system and if you have any questions, I am sure Tracy or Trish would be happy to assist.

I look forward to visiting some more auxiliaries in February as well. I will be in touch with the president's of the Auxiliaries I would like to visit.

We are getting there with membership, if you have not paid your 2024 dues you will need to ASAP.

As we continue to work together, we will continue to help our veterans, sisters and brothers of this great organization.

**Thanks,
Kim Copson
President
Dept. of NH
2023-2024**



DISTRICT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

Winter is upon us. Please be safe when traveling in inclement weather. Stay home when possible. This is a great time to do buddy checks on your membership. This time of year, people become isolated. This isolation can also be created with the rising energy costs and the lack of fuel to keep warm. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

On another subject, if you missed the scholastic banquet, you missed an opportunity to meet and hear from some outstanding young students. The Voice of Democracy Department finalist is sponsored by Nashua VFW. He will be going to Washington DC in March to determine who will win 1st place in the nation.

Our next District meeting will be March 30, at Pelham at 10am. We will be nominating, electing and installing our 2024-2025, District 6 officers and we will have several vacancies to fill. Please come out and support your District.

Isaac Miller

Commander, District 6



DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy February. The new reporting system is up and running. You should now be entering reports. The website information is a work in progress so please be patient. If you have any questions or need assistance reach out to Tracy Kelly or Trish St. German.

District Meeting

- Next District meeting will be held in Derry Sunday January 28th 2024 9:30 am. I can't wait to see everyone!
- Our next school of instruction will be on Delegates/Alternates.

Valentines for Veterans- The due date is SATURDAY 2/10th
Contact: Madeline Dreusicke, Hospital Chairman
madelinelavfw@aol.com

Important Dates in Military History

- Four Chaplains Day Feb. 3
- USO Birthday Feb. 4
- National Salute to Veteran Patients Week of Feb. 12
- Coast Guard Reserve Birthday Feb. 19

District Encampment

- Merrimack 8641 Sunday April 14th 2024 9:30 am

Membership 90.38%

- Reminder if members are not paid by 12/31/2023 they are no longer a member in good standing.
- Incentive Reminder- For each Auxiliary who converts or enrolls 10 Life members will be put in a drawing for \$500
- February incentive Starting January 20th 2024 to February 29th 2024 11:59pm Auxiliaries who add new, new life, rejoin, or lapse member (didn't pay dues by 12/31/23) will receive \$4.00 per paid member not already in Malta on 1/20/2024. See the GO for Details

Derry 87.55%
 Hudson 96.27%
 Nashua 92.79%
 Pelham 100.98%
 Merrimack 83.50%

"Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans" and "Banding Together for Our Veterans"

Trish St. German District 6 President 603-540-8203 trishvfw@gmail.com



STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE & CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER



**2024-2 Dept. NH VFW National Legislative Committee Member, VAVS VAMC
Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair
Rev 1-22-24**

I'm writing this article the night before the First in the Nation Primary. If you're a Republican, you have choices. If you're a Democrat, your party is sticking it to you and insulting all the NH voters. Elections have consequences, vote wisely. Election day, I will have spent the day outside the voting polls here in Pelham proudly wearing my VFW hat and supporting the candidate of my choice. And when it's all over, I'll support whatever candidate my party chooses.

Along with our Dept NH VFW Cdr, Sr. & Jr Vice and National Council Member, we are getting ready to "head to the hill" in March for our VFW Legislative Conference in Washington DC, to visit our four federal legislators, and to honor the VFW National winners of the Patriot Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher Awards.

The Manchester VA Community Living Center is putting on a Holliday Ball on Wed. Feb 14, 6 pm. The VFW was sponsoring it, but VA monetary policies prevented them from using our Christmas money to pay for this event. Any VFW member or Cootie that would like a place to spend some time keeping a bunch of veterans entertained are invited to swing by. No masks or shots required. If you are sick, stay home. Entry is through the Seacoast (backside) entrance. Park in the lower big parking lot. Ring the bell and someone will let you in. They have about 22 veteran residents and some staff.

Your local VFW post can sponsor BINGO again. The cost is \$40 for their BINGO funny money, and whatever it costs for you to bring sugar free snacks, fresh fruit, and sugar free soft drinks. If your post wishes to get involved, contact Kristina Totman, VA Rec. Therapist at 603 624 4366 ext.6267 or email her at: kristina.totman-marshall@va.gov

Jörg Dreusicke

VAVS VAMC Manchester VFW Representative

National Legislative Committee Representative

Certified National Recruiter

Homeless Chair



POST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Deceased comrades:
None to report

Hope this report finds everyone doing well and recovered from the holidays.

Talked with past Commander James Brown who is recovering from recent illness and hospital stay. Wishing Jim a speedy recovery as we all miss him here at the post.

This winter weather can be unforgiving, so remember to check on the well being of friends and neighbors. If you are aware of any of veterans needing assistance, advise the Post, so that we may reach out to them.

Wishing everyone good health and good fortune.

Your in Comradeship
Herbert CT Townsend
Chaplain Post 483

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DISTRICT 6 & C of A MEETING SCHEDULE

Council of Administration Meetings

19 August 2023: Littleton Post 816 1000

28 October 2023 Kingston 1300

20 January 2024: TBA 1300

13 April 2024: Mountain View Grand Resort 1000

DISTRICT 6 MEETING SCHEDULE

12 August 2023: Derry 1000

21 October 2023: Hudson 1000

13 January 2024: Merrimack 1000

30 March 2024: Pelham 1000

District 6 Auxiliary Schedule

27 August 2023: Nashua 0930

5 November 2023: Pelham 0930

28 January 2024: Derry 0930

14 April 2024: Merrimack 0930

All District 6 meetings are shown in BLUE and scheduled for 1000 unless otherwise noted, dress is blues and grays unless otherwise notified. Auxiliary meeting shown in GOLD.



MEMBERSHIP



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	R S	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
6	123	4	0	43	170	204	83.33%	3		NASH UA	NH	0	72	76.39%

2023-2024 GOAL 102%

RENEW EARLY (IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR EXPIRATION DATE)

DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

LOCATION	POST #	%	RETENTION
NASHUA	483	83.33%	76.39%
DERRY	1617	91.33%	83.87%
HUDSON	5791	93.90%	68.09%
SALEM	8546	85.16%	70.73%
MERRIMACK	8641	99.42%	85.11%
PELHAM	10722	85.00%	48.65%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	84.21%	30.00%
HOLLIS	11373	93.62%	72.73%
TOTALS		89.86%	66.95%

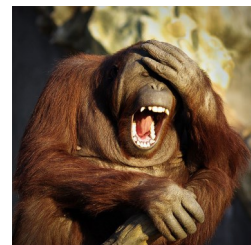
We are entering a critical time. We must recruit new members who want to participate. We have lost 9 members this year to death. In order to sustain us in the future we need to add new members to our ranks. We have too many old members who do not participate in our activities.

MEETING REMINDER

25 July 2023
 22 August 2023
 26 September 2023
 24 October 2023
 28 November 2023
 19 December 2023
 23 January 2024
 27 February 2024
 26 March 2024
 23 April 2024
 28 May 2024
 25 June 2024



FUN PAGE



JOKE OF THE MONTH

A new small business was opening and one of the owner's friends arranged for flowers to be sent to mark the occasion and wish the owner luck.

And for the Finale...

The flowers duly arrived at the new business site and the business owner read the accompanying card to find it said, "Rest in Peace." The business owner rang his friend and told him what the card read. The friend was angry and called the florist to complain.

After he had told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was, the florist said, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should consider this: Somewhere there's a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new location.'"

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get. Forrest Gump

DID YOU KNOW

the opposite sides of a die always adds up to 7

MIND TWISTER

I have no voice, yet I speak to you.

I tell of all things in the world that people do. I have leaves, but I am not a tree. I have pages, but I am not a bride. I have a spine, but I am not a man. I have hinges, but I am not a door. I have told you all. I cannot tell you more. What am I?



VETERANS INFORMATION

VFW Attends SVA NatCon 2024: VFW members were recognized for their outstanding commitment to the student veteran community during Student Veterans of America's (SVA) 16th Annual National Conference (NatCon), held this year in Nashville, Tennessee. Denny Cosmo of Bristol Community College received the SVA Chapter Advisor of the Year Award. Eric D'Arce, of Suffolk County Community College, was named as a Student Veteran of the Year finalist. D'Arce also serves as VFW Post 2913's Jr. Vice Commander and District 11 Legislative Chairman. Additionally, VFW-SVA Legislative Fellow Jamie Springston was selected as a finalist for Student Veteran of the Year. During the conference, VFW-accredited service officers assisted hundreds of student veterans at a claims clinic on site. VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci addressed the conference's general session stating, "Service organizations like SVA and VFW are vital to veterans to thrive through transition and beyond."

VFW National Home for Children: The National Home was founded in 1925 as a place where the families left behind by war could remain together. Today's families face different challenges, and the National Home has evolved over decades to meet those needs. The community is open to the families of active-duty military personnel, veterans, and relatives of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members. Families may consist of one or both parents with one or more children. If your family needs help, please contact the helpline by calling 800.313.4200.

Veterans Coffee Talk: The monthly Veterans Coffee Talk is held on the second Friday of each month at the Nashua Senior Center, second floor, at 0930. We have guest speakers who come and discuss their departments or jobs. They will also answer your questions. If you would like to meet other veterans and hear the speakers come out to the Talk.



CALENDAR



February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Lew Chipola Radio 0800	2 Auxiliary Meeting 1300 James Cline Radio 1100	3
4	5	6	7 Cootie Meeting 1900 Hudson VFW	8 Lew Chipola Radio 0800	9 James Cline Radio 1100 Veterans Coffee Talk 09300	10
11	12	13	14	15 Lew Chipola Radio 0800	16 James Cline Radio 1100	17
18	19	20	21	22 Lew Chipola Radio 0800	23 James Cline Radio 1100	24
25	26 Langdon Place 1330	27 Post Meeting 1900	28	29 Lew Chipola Radio 0800 Commander's Call 1900		

ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

A book

POST NEWS

**BREAKING
NEWS**



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GO TO

VFW POST 483 Nashua

We now have a VFW tent for our use. Our old tent was not a VFW tent. When we went to set it up at the Winter Stroll we found it broken and unusable. Someone put it away broken. The new tent cannot be used for private functions. It only can be used for our official post functions.



Our tent has three removeable sides.

VOD, PP & Teacher District 6 Winners

Patriot Pen

1st Pl: Caleb Kulian (Pelham)

2nd Pl: Melody Marina (Hollis)

3rd Pl: Livie Ward (Hollis)

Voice of Democracy

1st Pl: Thatcher Dembowski

2nd Pl: Trey Baker (Hampstead)

3rd Pl: Ashlyn Walsh (Pelham)

Teacher

K-5: Stefanie Day (Pelham)

6-8: Keith Lewis (Pelham)

9-12: Nicholas Ellis (Nashua)

There are two new Patriotic Days that will be honored with a ceremony. They are the 4th of July, (Independence Day) and 9/11. The 4th of July Ceremony will be held at City Hall at 0900. The 9/11 Ceremony will be held at the Fire Station on E. Hollis St. Time to be announced.





QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



The Quartermaster/Adjutant/Service Officer hours at the Post are Tuesdays and Thursdays 1000 to 1400.

We can no longer depend just on Charitable Gaming for our income. Starting last year there now must be two charities participating at the same time. This cuts our income in half. We must venture into other areas to raise money to continue our mission to support veterans and the community. Ideas are welcome for fundraisers. Come to the post meeting and make your suggestions.

We have been invited to a Silver Knights vs. the War Dogs, a team made up of veterans and retirees that travel the country playing against teams like the Silver Knights. The game will be on 25 July 2023, at Holman Stadium at 1800. Tickets will be \$6 each, or a luxury box for \$500. The luxury box is catered. We will discuss this at this month's meeting.

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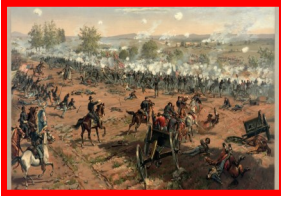
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BATTLE OF THE MONTH



IWO JIMA

The **Battle of Iwo Jima** (19 February – 26 March 1945) was a major battle in which the [United States Marine Corps](#) (USMC) and [United States Navy](#) (USN) landed on and eventually captured the island of [Iwo Jima](#) from the [Imperial Japanese Army](#) (IJA) during [World War II](#). The American invasion, designated **Operation Detachment**, had the purpose of capturing the island with its two airfields: [South Field](#) and [Central Field](#).

The Japanese Army positions on the island were heavily [fortified](#), with a dense network of [bunkers](#), hidden [artillery](#) positions, and 18 km (11 mi) of tunnels.^[c] The American ground forces were supported by extensive [naval artillery](#) and had complete [air supremacy](#) provided by U.S. Navy and Marine Corps aviators throughout the battle.^[9] The five-week battle saw some of the fiercest and bloodiest fighting of the [Pacific War](#).

The Japanese combat deaths numbered three times the number of American deaths, but unique among Pacific War Marine battles, the American total casualties (dead and wounded) exceeded those of the Japanese.^[10] Of the 21,000 Japanese soldiers on Iwo Jima at the beginning of the battle, only 216 were taken prisoner, some of whom were captured only because they had been knocked unconscious or otherwise disabled.^[d] Most of the remainder were killed in action, but it has been estimated that as many as 3,000 continued to resist within the various cave systems for many days afterwards until they eventually succumbed to their injuries or surrendered weeks later.^{[2][7]} Despite the fighting and severe casualties on both sides, the American victory was assured from the start. Overwhelming American superiority in numbers and arms, air supremacy, the impossibility of Japanese retreat or reinforcement, and sparse food and supplies for the Japanese, permitted no plausible circumstance in which the Japanese could have won the battle.^[11]

The action was controversial, with retired Chief of Naval Operations [William V. Pratt](#) stating that the island was useless to the Army as a staging base and useless to the Navy as a fleet base.^[12] The Japanese continued to have early-warning radar from [Rota](#) island, which was never invaded.^[13] Experiences with previous Pacific island battles suggested that the island would be well-defended and thus casualties would be significant.

[Joe Rosenthal's](#) [Associated Press](#) photograph of the [raising of the U.S. flag](#) at the top of the 169 m (554 ft) [Mount Suribachi](#) by six U.S. Marines became a famous image of the battle and the American war effort in the Pacific.^[14]





CROSSWORD PUZZLE



1/7/24, 4:17 PM

LA Times, Sun, Jan 7, 2024 - "Following Protocol"

The Washington Post Sunday January 7, 2024

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By Jordan Hildebrandt / Ed. Patti Varol

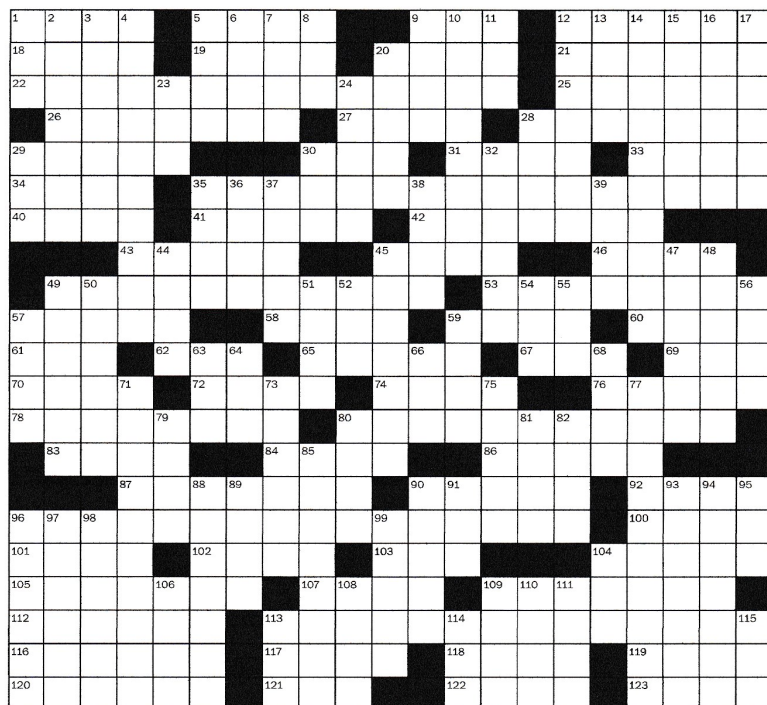
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ACROSS

- 1 Totally wiped
5 College Board exam for jrs.
9 Fondant colorer
12 Dream big
18 Roman aqueduct section
19 Active volcano on Sicily
20 Timely benefit
21 Bedouin, e.g.
22 HTTP 504: Knight fails to return to castle before portcullis closes for curfew
25 Soft cotton fabric
26 Literary comparisons
27 Organs that affect balance
28 Boutonniere counterpart
29 Bed cover
30 "Turn up the heat!"
31 Fade, say
33 Triangles on a map, typically: Abbr.
34 Flower in some O'Keeffe paintings
35 HTTP 403: Knight not approved to embark on second search for the Holy Grail
40 Snap veggies
41 Sign into law
42 Push notifications
43 DOJ staffers
45 Ryan of "Star Trek: Picard"
46 Puglia lang.
49 HTTP 419: Knight's squire's apprenticeship no longer in force
53 Gets fit
57 Routine material
58 Store securely
59 Blues label based in Memphis
60 Icy layer
61 "Pressure" singer Lennox
62 Tennis unit
65 Some fossils
- 67 Citi player
69 16th POTUS
70 Baby carrier
72 Spindly
74 Villain's hideaway
76 "The Sparks Brothers" director Wright
78 Commuters' region
80 HTTP 500: Knight fails to tip waitstaff at banquet
83 Meh
84 Lump of soil
86 Finnish tech giant
87 Lowered a lot, as prices
90 New cadet
92 Rowdy crowds
96 HTTP 405: Knight illegally aims for opponent's head during joust
100 French friend
101 Fairy tale meanie
102 White peg in Battleship
103 Car port?
104 Waterfall on a doughnut production line
105 Fuel mining site
107 Angry speech
109 Toyota sedan
112 Suggest
113 Medieval protocol for knights, or an alternate title for this puzzle?
116 Rise
117 "Sadly ..."
118 Spark interest?
119 For a ___ pittance
120 Hi-fi system
121 Civil rights initialism
122 Brouhahas
123 115-Down votes

DOWN

- 1 Sack
2 Error remnant
3 Probiotic yogurt brand
4 Rap anthem by Grandmaster Flash & the Furious Five
5 Ring out
6 Warm compress target, maybe



- 7 Termite eaters
8 Mai ___ cocktail
9 "Monsters, Inc." factory product
10 "Pinky promise?"
11 Isengard attacker
12 Weapons expert
13 Sweet and ___
14 Make the grade
15 "Better get a move on!"
16 Royal tenures
17 "Ready Player One" author Cline
20 Santa costume need
23 Sharp quality
24 Warrant
28 Attention
29 Swing dance move
30 "The Graham Norton Show" airer
32 Recruit
35 Big bash
36 Agate kin
37 Speaks with a sore throat
38 "No good ___ goes unpunished"
39 Swab for 27-Across
- 44 Model/activist Holliday
45 Like tiaras
47 Parmesan substitute
48 ___ support
49 Like a sponge
50 With hands on hips
51 Teensy
52 Fishy topping
54 Goofy sort
55 Splitting tool
56 Coeval
57 Spielberg shark thriller
59 Sister on "Succession"
63 Flow partner
64 You, in Montréal
66 Driveway-patching gunk
68 Actress Hatcher
71 Place for a pick-me-up?
73 Cheesy layered snack
75 Keep up on the issues?
77 One prone to histrionics, informally
79 Hershey caramel candy
80 Faygo or Fanta
81 Get-up on Sunday morning?
82 ___ out a living
- 85 "Time to blow this popsicle stand!"
88 Come clean about
89 Sulky mood
90 Ninth planet, until 2006
91 Fishy topping
93 Ill-fated "Grey's Anatomy" resident George
94 Nutty
95 Match at the poker table
96 Coffee-and-chocolate concoctions
97 Narcissist
98 Hypnotic state
99 Areas of expertise
104 Sen.'s domain
106 Greenhouse unit
108 Genesis figure
109 Included in an email thread
110 "How terrible!"
111 Divests (of)
113 Uber or Lyft alternative
114 Tampa's st.
115 Affirmative



CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION



1/7/24, 4:18 PM

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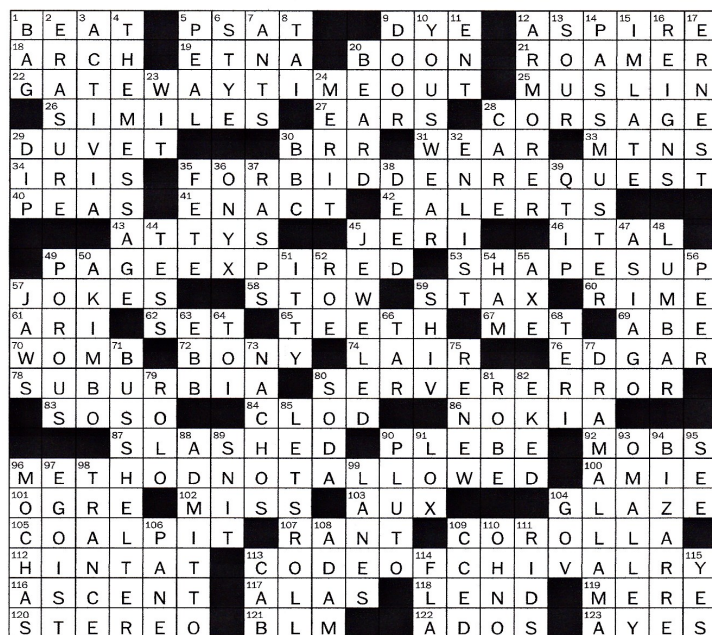
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ACROSS

- 1 Totally wiped
- 5 College Board exam for jrs.
- 9 Fondant colorer
- 12 Dream big
- 18 Roman aqueduct section
- 19 Active volcano on Sicily
- 20 Timely benefit
- 21 Bedouin, e.g.
- 22 HTTP 504: Knight fails to return to castle before portcullis closes for curfew
- 25 Soft cotton fabric
- 26 Literary comparisons
- 27 Organs that affect balance
- 28 Boutonniere counterpart
- 29 Bed cover
- 30 "Turn up the heat!"
- 31 Fade, say
- 33 Triangles on a map, typically: Abbr.
- 34 Flower in some O'Keeffe paintings
- 35 HTTP 403: Knight not approved to embark on second search for the Holy Grail
- 40 Snap veggies
- 41 Sign into law
- 42 Push notifications
- 43 DOJ staffers
- 45 Ryan of "Star Trek: Picard"
- 46 Puglia lang.
- 49 HTTP 419: Knight's squire's apprenticeship no longer in force
- 53 Gets fit
- 57 Routine material
- 58 Store securely
- 59 Blues label based in Memphis
- 60 Icy layer
- 61 "Pressure" singer
- 62 Tennis unit
- 65 Some fossils
- 67 Citi player
- 69 16th POTUS
- 70 Baby carrier
- 72 Spindly
- 74 Villain's hideaway
- 76 "The Sparks Brothers" director Wright
- 78 Commuters' region
- 80 HTTP 500: Knight fails to tip waitstaff at banquet
- 83 Meh
- 84 Lump of soil
- 86 Finnish tech giant
- 87 Lowered a lot, as prices
- 90 New cadet
- 92 Rowdy crowds
- 96 HTTP 405: Knight illegally aims for opponent's head during joust
- 100 French friend
- 101 Fairy tale meanie
- 102 White peg in Battleship
- 103 Car port?
- 104 Waterfall on a doughnut production line
- 105 Fuel mining site
- 107 Angry speech
- 109 Toyota sedan
- 112 Suggest
- 113 Medieval protocol for knights, or an alternate title for this puzzle?
- 116 Rise
- 117 "Sadly ..."
- 118 Spark interest?
- 119 For a ___ pittance
- 120 Hi-fi system
- 121 Civil rights initialism
- 122 Brouhahas
- 123 115-Down votes
- 1 Sack
- 2 Error remnant
- 3 Probiotic yogurt brand
- 4 Rap anthem by Grandmaster Flash & the Furious Five
- 5 Ring out
- 6 Warm compress target, maybe

DOWN



- 7 Termite eaters
- 8 Mai ___ cocktail
- 9 "Monsters, Inc." factory product
- 10 "Pinky promise?"
- 11 Isengard attacker
- 12 Weapons expert
- 13 Sweet and ___
- 14 Make the grade
- 15 "Better get a move on!"
- 16 Royal tenures
- 17 "Ready Player One" author Cline
- 20 Santa costume need
- 23 Sharp quality
- 24 Warrant
- 28 Attention
- 29 Swing dance move
- 30 "The Graham Norton Show" airer
- 32 Recruit
- 35 Big bash
- 36 Agate kin
- 37 Speaks with a sore throat
- 38 "No good ___ goes unpunished"
- 39 Swab for 27-Across
- 44 Model/activist Holliday
- 45 Like tiaras
- 47 Parmesan substitute
- 48 ___ support
- 49 Like a sponge
- 50 With hands on hips
- 51 Teensy
- 52 Fishy topping
- 54 Goofy sort
- 55 Splitting tool
- 56 Coeval
- 57 Spielberg shark thriller
- 59 Sister on "Succession"
- 63 Flow partner
- 64 You, in Montréal
- 66 Driveway-patching gunk
- 68 Actress Hatcher
- 71 Place for a pick-me-up?
- 73 Cheesy layered snack
- 75 Keep up on the issues?
- 77 One prone to histrionics, informally
- 79 Hershey caramel candy
- 80 Faygo or Fanta
- 81 Get-up on Sunday morning?
- 82 ___ out a living
- 85 "Time to blow this popsicle stand"
- 88 Come clean about
- 89 Sulky mood
- 90 Ninth planet, until 2006
- 91 Fishy topping
- 93 Ill-fated "Grey's Anatomy" resident George
- 94 Nutty
- 95 Match at the poker table
- 96 Coffee-and-chocolate concoctions
- 97 Narcissist
- 98 Hypnotic state
- 99 Areas of expertise
- 104 Sen.'s domain
- 106 Greenhouse unit
- 108 Genesis figure
- 109 Included in an email thread
- 110 "How terrible!"
- 111 Divests (of)
- 113 Uber or Lyft alternative
- 114 Tampa's st.
- 115 Affirmative



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VFW JROTC Cadet of the Year Award Nomination Criteria



VFW award for special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership for Junior ROTC Cadets. This award seeks to recognize a remarkable cadet who will become a leader in their community and serve their country.

Criteria: Possession of individual characteristics contributing to leadership including:

- A. Positive attitude toward the JROTC program
- B. Outstanding military bearing and conduct both in and out of uniform
- C. Personal attributes (self-confidence, initiative, flexibility, judgement).
- D. Patriotism (commander or member of color guard, drill team with or without arms, flag protocol instruction team, and actively promote Americanism). Shows devotion to school, community, America. An individual(s) who practices service through repeated acts of support.
- E. Courtesy (dependability, punctuality, human relations, respect, cooperation).
- F. Growth potential (capable of assuming high leadership responsibilities in JROTC Unit with additional training and experience).
- G. Demonstrated leadership potential, military bearing, and scholastic achievement.
 - Attainment of a grade of "B" in JROTC with an overall average of "C" in all subjects for the previous semester. Must not have a failing grade in any subject for that period.
 - Must be active in at least one other student co-curricular activity or club: i.e. music, athletics, student government, junior achievement, etc.
 - Must not have been a previous recipient of the award.

Eligibility: Any 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student that is currently enrolled as a JROTC Cadet actively engaged in the JROTC program, and one who meets the criteria for the award.

Award: JROTC cadet of the year will receive a trip the National VFW convention to accept the award. Recipient will receive airfare and lodging for two nights.

P.O.C. Issac Miller (Derry Memorial Post 1617) Email: cath_ike@yahoo.com (720) 560-9593

VFW Member of the Year Award Nomination Criteria



Purpose: The award is to recognize a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has exemplified in their actions and accomplishments, the true spirit of our organization in serving the needs of their Post, and Community, and who has dedicated themselves in a professional manner to addressing the Pillars of our Organization. Post & District officers are encouraged to submit their nomination to **Department Adjutant Paul Lloyd**, with a narrative write up on a comrade from their Post or District, that is leading from the front and supporting one or more of the purposes of our Congressional Charter.

Eligibility: This award is intended to recognize a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has been a member a minimum of one full membership year, and has received a nomination for their activities during the award Year according to the Award guidelines. **Award candidates holding any of the following elected or appointed office during the award year, are not eligible.** (Specifically – Department (State) Commander, QM, Adjutant, Service Officer, or Chaplain) In addition, Past State Commanders, Current & Past National Council members are ineligible from nomination.

Type of Recognition: The National award will consist of a National Cap with title of Member of the Year & citation presented at National Convention by the Commander-in-Chief. The award winner will additionally receive full room and travel for the duration of the National Convention for the award presentation. Each department winner will receive a citation from the Commander in Chief.

Criteria: This award recognizes exceptional performance as a member of the VFW. Examples of service that would be considered in judging the nominee include the following:

- Nominee presents themselves in a professional and helpful manner within the Organization and within the Community.
- Nominee shows an active interest in their Department by attending meetings and showing a willingness to consider leadership roles.
- Nominee participates in activities and events within the Department to help raise awareness of the Organization in the Community.
- Nominee has shown a willingness to work together with other VFW, Auxiliary, and Riders Members in a spirit of cooperation to accomplish the same goals.
- Nominee volunteers for and participates in activities and events that address the needs of target groups and individuals in the Community.
- Nominee has demonstrated actions which contribute to improving the quality of life for those we are intended to serve, whether they are children or adults, and whether they are homeless, hospitalized, handicapped, in need of a job or education.
- Nominee encourages members of the Community to support VFW programs and continually encourages others to become members.
- Nominee must have been submitted for #StillServing campaign recognition at <https://todaysvfw.org/>

Process: Any VFW member in good standing may be nominated as a Member of The Year candidate using the Member of The Year Nomination Form, and forwarded to the Department Commander.



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When: Friday February 2nd, 2024
Doors open at 5:30pm,
Dinner served at 6pm.

Where:: VFW Post
6 Main St., Pelham, NH 03076

Admission: \$8 per adult
Children are free.

What : Stews and chowders with cornbread
and desserts!

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and Basket
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VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
First Middle Initial Last

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

DATES OF SERVICE _____ to _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ PHONE _____
MM / YY MM / YY MM / DD / YYYY

MILITARY SERVICE ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN NAT. GUARD/RESERVE BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINES COAST GUARD

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

WW II	VIETNAM SERVICE	AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present)	HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY
OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE	DESERT SHIELD/STORM	IRAQ (2003 - 2011)	Location _____
KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)	BOSNIA/KOSOVO	SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA	Dates _____
KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)	GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY	EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS	

Payment Authorization - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

ANNUAL MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00.

I authorize the VFW to charge the \$45.00 initial payment and I understand that I will be billed for the remaining 11 monthly installment payments.

Credit Card # _____

(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE _____ AMOUNT \$ _____ Signature: _____

NEW Post # _____ FORMER MEMBER # _____

TRANSFER from Post # _____ State _____ to Post # _____

RECRUITER _____ ID# _____
(Please print)

QUARTERMASTER (Signature) _____

Life Member Options

AGE as of DECEMBER 31*	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debt entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Call VFW Customer Service at 1-800-963-3180 or write to VFW at VFW P.O. Box 119028, Kansas City, MO. 64171 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file for you, explaining why the payment could not be processed, and providing alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW Life Membership Installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a Life Membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an Annual membership card at the time of enrollment. The member may elect to receive a monthly statement by mail or may set up a payment profile to make the monthly payment automatically using a credit/debit card or bank account. A payoff amount will be printed on each monthly invoice, allowing the member the option to pay in full. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The Life Membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted.

Delinquencies will be handled as follows: Up to 30 days - continue to bill, 31 to 120 days - delinquency can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward, More than 120 days - member is dropped from the Installment Plan, all monthly payments made to date, are applied to future years annual dues.

VFW PLEDGE I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:

I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy. I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order. Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval, rejection.

Applicants Signature & Date _____

\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

Committee Member _____ Committee Member _____ Committee Member _____

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Recruited/Recommended by: Recruiter Member ID

Auxiliary No. City State Member ID (if already a member)

☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life Membership

☐ Rejoin Membership ☐ Rejoined Previous Member ID No. Previous Auxiliary

☐ Member at Large in Department of ☐ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

Name Date of Birth

Address ☐ Male ☐ Female

City State ZIP

Phone Email

POST-AFFILIATED (*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship to Eligible Veteran* VFW Membership ID

☐ LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary

☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary ☐ Paying ☐ Nonpaying

☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE (Fill out Life Membership Information below.) Previous Auxiliary

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

NON-AFFILIATED (*Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship to Eligible Veteran* VFW Post (if applicable)

Name of campaign ribbons or medals:

Dates of Service: to Location:

Investigating Committee Signatures

1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date Obligated Date

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY ☐ Check here if this is a gift. Credit cards may NOT be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Life Membership Fee

Name on credit card

Billing address for card

City State ZIP

Credit Card No.

CVV Code Exp. Date

Signature ☒ Date

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY

☐ ACH (Bank withdrawal)

Name of Bank

Bank Routing No.

Account No.

Attach voided check HERE.
(Required)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age by 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise.

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. National, and am at least 18 years of age. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature ☒ (Must be signed by all members.)



MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



New Cootie

Reinstated Cootie

Date: _____ Cootie No. _____ Recruited By: _____

Pup Tent Name, Number and Location

Applicant's Name (Print): _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Notify in Emergency: _____

DOB: _____ Branch of Service: _____ Rank (Highest): _____

Enlistment Date: _____ Discharge Date: _____

Hat Size: _____ Present Occupation: _____

Dues paid to December 31, 20____ or VFW Life Member # _____

VFW Post Name and Number

Located in: _____
City State Zip

I certify that I am an active member of the VFW of the U.S.
and am desirous of becoming a member of the MOC –
"The Honor Degree of the VFW".

Applicant's Signature

Recommended and Verified (PRINTED) by:

Cootie No: _____

Cootie No: _____

Accepted into Pup Tent on Date: _____

1st Degree accepted Date: _____2nd Degree accepted Date: _____3rd Degree received and title of Cootie bestowed
on this Date: _____

VFW CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

_____, _____ Located in _____
Post Name Post No. City, State and Zip

This is to certify that Comrade _____

Name of Applicant

Has been a member of the VFW for the preceding six (6) months, and that he has fulfilled one of the following qualifications as indicated:

(1) Held the following Office in the Post: _____

OR

(2) Served on the following Post Committee: _____

Certified to by a majority of the members present at a meeting of this Post held on (Date): _____

Attest:

Post Adjutant (PRINT)

Post Commander (PRINT)

Post Adjutant (Signature)

Post Commander (Signature)