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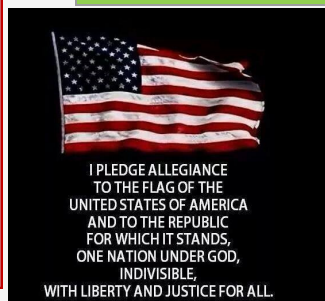
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POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades, Happy New Year!! Welcome to 2024! What a year 2023 was and I wish you and your families nothing but the best in the new year. There are a few dates in January to keep in mind. January 13 is the District meeting and January 20 is the C of A and Scholastic Banquet. Our next meeting in January 23.

I want to thank Senior Vice Commander James Cline for the information he provided at our last meeting regarding PTSD and for volunteering to be part of the Entertainment Committee along with Comrade Steve Ordway. I am looking forward to seeing what ideas we can come up with for entertainment.

Again, I want to wish you all a healthy and great new year!

Yours in comradeship,

**Chris DiTullio
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State Commander's Message



Greeting & Salutations from Commander Denis Querrard **HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2024!**

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends and everyone got what they wanted from Santa Claus...

The start of a new year is here, I would like to again thank the New Hampshire VFW membership and its Auxiliary for all the hard work they put into our posts, community activities, and taking care of our Veterans. The weather has been warmer than expected and as we head into colder weather, hopefully everyone is ready to get back into the swing of things.

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 showing the nation the impact veterans make in their communities! Sign up here - <https://todaysvfw.org/day-of-service/>

Congratulations to Lee Memorial Post 10676 for reaching 111.66%; Charlestown Memorial Post 8497 for reaching 103.03% and Brown Knight Memorial Post 8268, Bennington, on reaching 103.33%! They are in the running for All-American Posts! How close is your post to 102%?

Our post leadership needs to start going through their membership rosters; go through your list of expired members and reach out to them. This is a good time of year to do a buddy check and see how those expired members are doing and see if they need assistance. VFW membership goal of 102% is still on the forefront. We need new members to keep our posts alive in the state of New Hampshire; we need new members to give our organization credibility before our state legislation; and ultimately, we need members to add to our numbers as we go before Congress and the Senate and fight to keep our Veteran Benefits that we have all earned.

Recruit, Renew, and Retain!

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



STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans”

Happy New Year!! Hope everyone's holidays with family and friends was wonderful.

Last month I forgot to mention that I made a visit to Nashua in November, thank you again for adjusting your meeting time for that meeting so I could make the visit. December I made a visit to Pelham and Raymond. Great meetings and many items covered by all the auxiliaries.

Also, Bob and I got to visit the White River Junction VA, Manchester VA and Veterans Home in Tilton for all their Christmas celebrations. It is great to see the smiles on the veterans faces when you give them a small gift and/or cards and wish them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

I look forward to visiting some more auxiliaries in January as well. I will be in touch with the presidents of the Auxiliaries I would like to visit.

We are getting there with membership, hopefully all members not paid for 2024 will get their dues in ASAP. Trish thank you for all you are doing to get the membership to 100% plus. Also, thank you to all the auxiliaries for your efforts as well with the membership.

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



Thanksgiving and Christmas has come and gone. We are looking forward to usher in the new year and see what 2024 will bring us. Please turn in your tickets for the 30 guns in 30 days raffle to me Department Quartermaster Chris Peirce. January will be very busy with activities both post, District and department level. I hope you will break away to join us as we honor those students whom excelled in Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen and also the teachers chosen to represent our department at the national level. It certainly hope all posts are represented at our next District meeting so I can share all of this information with you. Happy New Year!

January 13- District 6 meeting, 10am Merrimack Post

January 20- C of A meeting 11am (SNHU) Directions were sent by dept Adjutant and the scholastic banquet will follow starting at 3pm. Past National Commander Tim Borland.

Isaac Miller

Commander, District 6



DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Can you believe the program year is half over!! This is going to be a great year for all our Veterans and Families! How? Because of all of YOU! All of you work so hard to make sure every day! I am so proud of all of you and the work you do.

Scholastic Banquet

- The next C of A will be held January 20 2024 at SNHU 10am . The Scholastic banquet will also be at SNHU beginning at 2pm. More information to come.
- Next District meeting will be held in Derry Sunday January 28th 2024 9:30 am. I can't wait to see everyone!

District Meeting

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School of Instruction

- Our next school of instruction will be on Delegates/Alternates. Please let me know if there is any other suggestion you have for school of instruction.

Important Dates in Military History

- 1/16 Desert Storm (Persian Gulf) Began (1991)
- 1/27 Vietnam War Cease Fire (1973)
- 1/31 Panama Campaign Ended (1990)

District Encampment

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

Membership 82.31%

- Reminder if members are not paid by 12/31/2023 they are no longer active.
- Incentive Reminder- For each Auxiliary who converts or enrolls 10 Life members will be put in a drawing for \$500

Derry 81.12%
Hudson 86.57%
Nashua 91.89%
Pelham 100.98%
Merrimack 66%

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

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STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE & CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER



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

Rev 12-18-23

Our Dept. NH VFW and Auxiliary VA Hospital and the NH Veterans Home VFW Christmas Parties went off as planned, thanks to all of you that donated your time and money to provide the resources and to attend the parties. The residents and staff were very appreciative.

As we start this new year, we all should take a few moments, look back and learn from our past experiences. Appreciate our accomplishments, and work to improve what we didn't do well.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Jörg Dreusicke
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POST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Message from the Desk of:

Brenda Byrne, Auxiliary President Nashua 483

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

All our Auxiliary Members of 483 extend our sincere wishes to all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year 2024!

Request to all members, please push to get as many new members as possible as we have been notified we, the Dept. of NH Auxiliary are the lowest in the Country.

Remember our next monthly meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2024 @ 1 P.M. being held at our Post home.

I not sure if it's too late to get banquet tickets for the VOD event or not but if interested let me know I'll see what I can do. It's being held Jan 20th, 2024 at SNHU Hooksett. Tickets are \$45 per person.

The Mid-Year Conference is also on January 20th at 10 A.M. The VOD Banquet to follow in the afternoon.

Reminder about the Chowder/Chili event for Ways and Means is being held at the Franklin VFW on Saturday, January 6th, 2024.

We would like to thank everyone for buying tickets for our Christmas raffle. We did very well and with that money it helped with other funds from the Auxiliary in making a happier Christmas for a total of 20 individuals. They were all so grateful. So were extend our thanks to all of you that help make it possible.

I would like to take this time to apologize for not getting a newsletter out last month. Health was an issue.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Greetings from the Chaplains Desk

Deceased Members:

None

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas Holiday and wishing all good health and happiness in the New Year.

Be mindful of the blessings that have come our way and thankful for our way of life and the support of our family and friends. Don't forget to check in on our neighbors and friends who may be homebound and need support.

Let the Post know if we may be of any assistance to anyone.

Yours in Comradeship
Herbert CT Townsend
Chaplain Post 483

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Steve Ordway

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	41	168	204	82.35%	3		NASH UA	NH	0	72	73.61%

2023-2024 GOAL 102%

RENEW EARLY (IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR EXPIRATION DATE)

DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

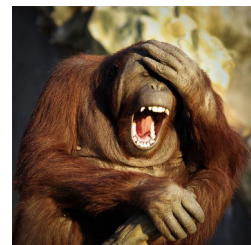
LOCATION	POST #	%	RETENTION
NASHUA	483	82.35%	73.61%
DERRY	1617	89.60%	80.65%
HUDSON	5791	91.46%	61.70%
SALEM	8546	83.59%	65.85%
MERRIMACK	8641	94.77%	70.21%
PELHAM	10722	83.33%	43.24%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	84.21%	30.00%
HOLLIS	11373	91.49%	63.64%
TOTALS		87.76%	61.11%

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

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Permanence, perseverance and persistence in spite of all obstacles, discouragements, and impossibilities: It is this, that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak.

Thomas Carlyle

DID YOU KNOW

the meaning of 'Blue Chip' comes from blue casino chips which have a high value

MIND TWISTER

It's good to stretch me and push my limits. The more you use me, the stronger I get. When I am sharp, I'm at my best. What am I?



VETERANS INFORMATION

VFW Tells Subcommittee to Streamline Appeals Process: VFW National Veterans Service Director Michael Figlioli testified at a House Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs oversight hearing to examine the VA appeals process. Figlioli stated the VFW's views on how to improve decision-making processes at the VA Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA) and the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. "It is the VFW's position that communication and coordination between the BVA, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), and accredited representatives are critical during the remand process," he said. "Clear and concise directives that the decision-maker must comply with from the BVA to the VBA help streamline the further development of cases." He continued, "Effective collaboration between these entities is essential to ensure that the remand process serves its in-

FBI Briefing on Combating Malign Influence: VFW National Legislative Service Associate Director Joe Grassi was in attendance for a virtual briefing by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on malign foreign and domestic influence targeting veterans and military family communities. The event was hosted by the nonpartisan, nonprofit organization We the Veterans. The presentation covered foreign and domestic groups aiming to sow public discord and undermine national institutions by pursuing veterans and military families through social media to achieve their detrimental objectives. The briefing also provided an in-depth look at the specific tactics involved and what the vet-

Certain Health Care Costs Covered for Camp Lejeune Families: Families of veterans exposed to contaminated drinking water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune are now eligible for reimbursement of health care costs associated with Parkinson's disease in addition to the list of serious health conditions currently covered. Learn more or apply for health care reimbursement under VA's Camp Lejeune Family Member Program. To apply for disability benefits related to Camp Lejeune, find a VFW Accredited Service



CALENDAR



January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day	2 30 Guns in 30 Day drawing begins	3 Cooties 1900	4	5 Auxiliary Meeting 1300 Pelham Theme Dinner 1730	6 Cootie Blood Drive Hudson VFW 0900
7	8 Mayor's Veteran Council 1400	9	10	11	12 Veterans Coffee Talk 0930	13 District 6 Meeting Merrimack 1000
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 C of A 1100 Scholastic Banquet 1400
21	22	23 Post Meeting 1900	24	25	26	27 Vietnam War Ends
28	29 Langdon Place 1330	30	31 Last Day for 30 Guns in 30 Days drawing			

ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

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POST NEWS

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Pearl Harbor Day



Members before the ceremony having coffee and donuts.



Members before the ceremony having coffee and donuts.



Ceremony participants at the Post .

Veterans Coffee Talk Friday, 12 January, 2024 at 0930, at the Nashua Senior Center.

Mayor's Veterans Council meeting Monday, 8 January 2024, at 1400 in the Mayor's Office.

More pictures on pages 21 & 22



QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



We now have a Zeffy account and a QR Code for donations. Donors that do not carry cash can now donate with their phone. We will receive 100% of the donation transferred to our bank account.

We had a very successful Buddy Poppy Drive for Veterans Day. We collected \$7,892.37. Thanks to all the members who staffed our locations. Everyone did at least two shifts and one did three. We need more volunteers for Poppy Drives to make it easier on those that volunteer. Step up and help your comrades and your Post.



The Post is in need of new members. We have suffered several losses to death and they need to be replaced with new members. This year alone we have lost 9 members so far. The best recruiters are the members of the Post. Talk to veterans that are eligible to join the VFW and bring them in. There is always an application attached to the monthly newsletter. You can make as many copies of the application as you need to. Help the Post and recruit.

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BATTLE OF THE MONTH



Battle of Khe Sanh

The **Battle of Khe Sanh** (21 January – 9 July 1968) was conducted in the [Khe Sanh](#) area of northwestern [Quảng Trị Province, Republic of Vietnam](#) (South Vietnam), during the [Vietnam War](#). The main US forces defending [Khe Sanh Combat Base](#) (KSCB) were two [regiments](#) of the [United States Marine Corps](#) supported by elements from the [United States Army](#) and the [United States Air Force](#) (USAF), as well as a small number of [Army of the Republic of Vietnam](#) (ARVN) troops. These were pitted against two to three [divisional-size](#) elements of the [North Vietnamese People's Army of Vietnam](#) (PAVN).

The US command in [Saigon](#) initially believed that combat operations around KSCB during 1967 were part of a series of minor PAVN offensives in the border regions. That appraisal was later altered when the PAVN was found to be moving major forces into the area. In response, US forces were built up before the PAVN isolated the Marine base. Once the base came under siege, a series of actions were fought over a period of five months. During this time, KSCB and the hilltop outposts around it were subjected to constant PAVN [artillery](#), mortar, and rocket attacks, and several infantry assaults. To support the Marine base, a massive aerial bombardment campaign ([Operation Niagara](#)) was launched by the USAF. In the first three months, over 114,810 tons of bombs were dropped by US aircraft and over 158,900 artillery rounds were fired in defense of the base; while U.S. forces lost 1 KC-130, 3 C-123, 35 helicopter destroyed; 23 aircraft and 123 helicopter damaged.^[22] Throughout the campaign, US forces used the latest technology to locate PAVN forces for targeting. Additionally, the logistical effort required to support the base once it was isolated demanded the implementation of other tactical innovations to keep the Marines supplied.

In March 1968, an overland relief expedition (Operation Pegasus) was launched by a combined Marine–Army/ARVN task force that eventually broke through to the Marines at Khe Sanh. American commanders considered the defense of Khe Sanh a success, but shortly after the siege was lifted, the decision was made to dismantle the base rather than risk similar battles in the future. On 19 June 1968, the evacuation and destruction of KSCB began. Amid heavy shelling, the Marines attempted to salvage what they could before destroying what remained as they were evacuated. Minor attacks continued before the base was officially closed on 5 July. Marines remained around Hill 689, though, and fighting in the vicinity continued until 11 July until they were finally withdrawn, bringing the battle to a close.

In the aftermath, the North Vietnamese proclaimed a victory at Khe Sanh, while US forces claimed that they had withdrawn, as the base was no longer required. Historians have observed that the Battle of Khe Sanh may have distracted American and South Vietnamese attention from the buildup of [Viet Cong](#) (VC) forces in the south before the early 1968 [Tet Offensive](#). Nevertheless, the US commander during the battle, General [William Westmoreland](#), maintained that the true intention of Tet was to distract forces from Khe Sanh.





CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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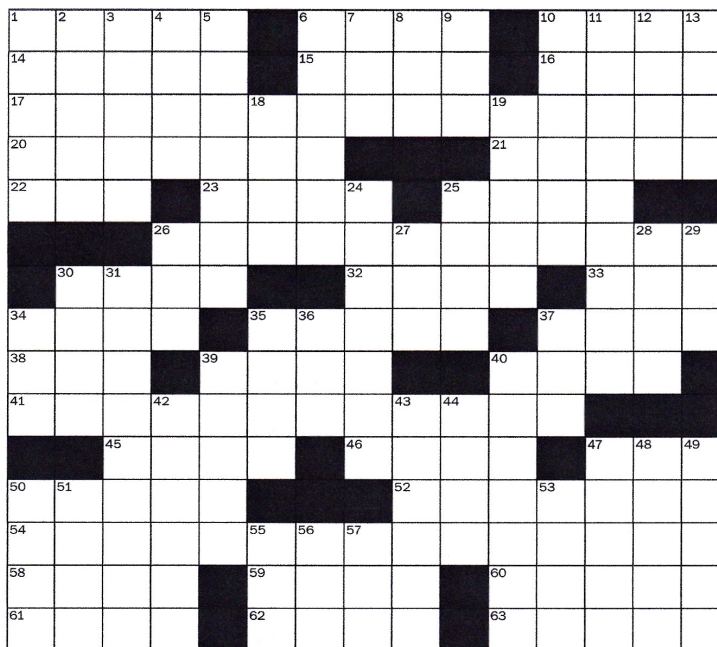
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- 6 Therefore
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- 16 Mauna Loa flow
- 17 Sure-footed circus performer
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- 2 Redheaded Disney princess
- 3 George of "Just Shoot Me!"
- 4 Presented with great resolution
- 5 "Discover the West Coast Perspective" pub.
- 6 Sportscaster Gary who called Orioles games from 2007 to 2020
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- 13 Tavern projectile
- 18 Snorkeling site
- 19 Tequila source
- 24 Disconnects
- 25 Soupçon
- 26 Half a colon
- 27 Junior
- 28 Bread served with saag paneer
- 29 Salmon ladder spot
- 30 Beach recess
- 31 Souvenirs caught at stadiums
- 34 Taos winter hrs.
- 35 SAG-AFTRA president Drescher
- 36 Maize unit
- 37 Title for Mo Farah
- 39 "Just to clarify ... "
- 40 Ouija users
- 42 In a spooky way
- 43 Film composer Danny
- 44 Glossary entry
- 47 Tolerate
- 48 Aquarium fish
- 49 "Twilight" author Stephenie
- 50 Nature Conservancy giveaway
- 51 Still alive for the semis, say
- 53 Lose one's cool
- 55 Look at
- 56 Cape ___
- 57 O'Shaughnessy poem that begins, "We are the music makers, / And we are the dreamers of dreams"



CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION



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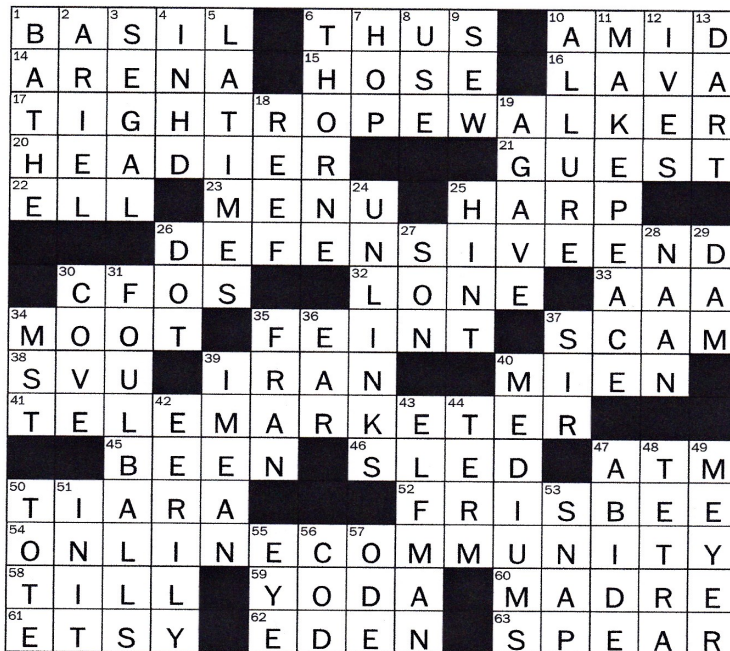
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- 13 Tavern projectile
- 18 Snorkeling site
- 19 Tequila source
- 24 Disconnects
- 25 Soupçon
- 26 Half a colon
- 27 Junior
- 28 Bread served with saag paneer
- 29 Salmon ladder spot
- 30 Beach recess
- 31 Souvenirs caught at stadiums

- 34 Taos winter hrs.
- 35 SAG-AFTRA president Drescher
- 36 Maize unit
- 37 Title for Mo Farah
- 39 "Just to clarify ..."
- 40 Ouija users
- 42 In a spooky way
- 43 Film composer Danny
- 44 Glossary entry
- 47 Tolerate
- 48 Aquarium fish

- 49 "Twilight" author Stephenie
- 50 Nature Conservancy giveaway
- 51 Still alive for the semis, say
- 53 Lose one's cool
- 55 Look at
- 56 Cape ___
- 57 O'Shaughnessy poem that begins, "We are the music makers, / And we are the dreamers of dreams"



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PEARL HARBOR DAY PICTURES



Nashua High School Jr. Air Force ROTC color guard.



Post Commander DiTullio welcoming address.



Post Chaplain Townsend giving the opening prayer.



Nashua Mayor Jim Donchess speaking.



WWII veteran Dick Mohrmann and Vietnam veteran Bob Bonopane toss the wreath into the Nashua River



Members saluting while Taps is played by Bob Guessferd.

PEARL HARBOR DAY PICTURES



Rifle salute fired by VFW and American Legion members.



Some members enjoying coffee and donuts at the post following the ceremony.



Some of the people that came out on a cold rainy day for the Pearl Harbor



More ceremony participants enjoying the coffee and donuts following the ceremony.



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Blood Drive

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VFW Hudson Memorial Post 5791**

**15 Bockes Rd
Hudson, NH 03051**

Saturday, January 6, 2023

9:00am to 1:30pm

**Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
VFW5791 to schedule an appointment.**

Come give Jan 1 thru 31 for chance at trip for 2 to Super Bowl LVIII in Vegas! rcblood.org/SuperBowl



Veterans Benefit Dinner Public Welcome All proceeds benefit veterans programs.

When: Friday January 5th, 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 : Oriental foods and desserts!

**50/50 Raffle
and Basket
Raffle!**

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Make a donation to Nashua VFW Post 483 to help us provide the assistance to our comrades in need of help. It's easier then ever. If you have a cell phone, just scan the QR code above and it will take you to the Zeffy website where you can make a donation. Your help is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. Nashua VFW Post 483 is designated by the IRS as a 501 (C 19) charity. You can declare your donation on your income tax-

The Internal Revenue Code section 501(c) includes two subsections [501(c)(19) and 501(c)(23)] which provide for tax-exemption under section 501(a) for organizations that benefit veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Internal Revenue Code section 7701(a)(15) defines "Armed Forces of the United States" to include all regular and reserve components of the uniformed services which are subject to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Air Force, and each term also includes the Coast Guard.



IF YOU'VE EARNED THESE



European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



Southwest Asia Service Medal



Afghanistan Campaign Medal



Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon w/ Gold Border



Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal



Korean Service Medal



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal



Iraq Campaign Medal



Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon



American Defense Service Medal



Korean Defense Service Medal



Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal



Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal



Combat Action Ribbon



American Campaign Medal



Army of Occupation / Navy Occupation Service Medal



Navy Expeditionary Medal



Kosovo Campaign Medal



Air Force Combat Action Medal



Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal



Combat Infantryman Badge



Combat Medical Badge



Combat Action Badge



SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia

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AT: _____



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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)