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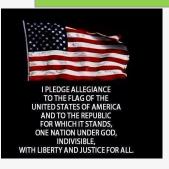
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## **POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**



#### Comrades.

First, I'd like to welcome Doug ad Caleb into our Post. As we enter March and look toward spring let's try to think of ideas of things we can do together. In July we will be attending the Silver Knights v. War Dogs at Holman Stadium but I want to do more events together.

Upcoming dates to remember;

May 4 – Loyalty Day, All encouraged to attend Memorial Day weekend – Buddy Poppy Drive, volunteers needed 4<sup>th</sup> of July – Ceremony in front of City Hall, All encouraged to attend.

As always this is YOUR Post, if you ideas, thoughts, comments or anything to improve the Post, bring it up at a meeting during Good of the Order. If you can not attend in person, you can call in or attend via video using WebEx. Next meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup> 1900 hours.

Yours in comradeship,

Chris DiTullio Commander Nashua VFW Post 483 Sr. Vice Commander, District 6 978-987-8009 Cditullio007@yahoo.com





## **State Commander's Message**



#### From the desk of Commander Denis Querrard

As we enter the month of March, a contingent of Department of NH VFW Officers will be in Washington DC to lobby our states Congressional Leaders on veterans' issues and our VFW's Legislative priority goals for 2024. We will represent New Hampshire and storm the Hill!

17 March – Happy St Patrick's Day! "Wherever you go, whatever you do, may the luck of the Irish be



#### there with you!"

Do you have a VFW member of the year? Please let the Department of NH Adjutant 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/

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

How close is your post to 102%? The Department is at 90.86; District 6 is at 92.54%; 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. Two Posts in District 6 are 100% or above; four Posts need less than 10 members for 100%; one Post needs 17; and the largest Post in the District needs 31...

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.

Recruit, Renew, and Retain!

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



#### STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### "Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans"

#### **Greeting Members**,

I will be in DC Sunday through Tuesday for Washington Conference and VOD Parade of Winners. I am looking forward to walking in our NH winner with Department Commander Denis.

Bob and I went on the mid winter cruise and we had a fantastic time. We had a C of A first for business and then our Ambassadors addressed how we are all doing on programs and sending in communication to them. NH is doing good.

The cruise was a great time to relax and meet with our counterparts from other states to talk about what they have been doing and are continuing to do for all our veterans. It was so fantastic that we have planned a cruise for October of 2025!!

I look forward to visiting some more auxiliaries in March 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,

Spring is upon us! Remember to report everything you do. April 15 is the deadline for reporting for the 2023-2024 year. This deadline allows time to prepare and order awards for the upcoming conventions. Also, nominations and elections of officers for the 2024-2025 year. Please make sure you fill out the required paperwork after your elections.

Membership is going well, but we can do better. Aim for making 102% by June 30. Sooner is better, but it's important to strive for that goal. Thank you for everything you are doing.

P.S. 2024-2025 District nominations and elections are coming also. Thanks to all who volunteer for these roles, and I would love to see new blood in the ranks.

Isaac Miller Commander, District 6



#### DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone!! Welcome to March. The year is just flying by.

#### District Encampment

This is the last District meeting of the 2023-2024 year. We will be nominating and voting on officers for the 2024-2023 year.

Merrimack 8641 Sunday April 14th 2024 9:30 am

#### Training:

There will be training in Delegates and Alternates on March 9th at the post in Franklin. I encourage you to attend.

#### Reporting

The Program Reporting System will be temporarily shut down on April 10, 2024 in order to extract and organize the information for the year-end reports to National and to determine the awards to be given at Convention for each program

#### **Important Dates in Military History**

- March 3 Navy Reserve Birthday. ...
- March 13 K-9 Veterans Day. ...
- March 25 National Medal of Honor Day. ...
- March 26 Anniversary of the U.S. Victory at the Battle of Iwo Jima. ...
- March 29 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

#### Membership 92.56%. What can I do to help you reach 100% membership??

- Remember 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

Derry 92.27% Hudson 100% Nashua 92.79% Pelham 97.06% Merrimack 85.5%

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

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# STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

# CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER



2024-3 Dept. NH VFW National Legislative Committee Member, VAVS VAMC

Manchester VFW Representative, Certified National Recruiter, Homeless Chair

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Dept NH VFW Adjutant Paul Lloyd and I were invited to visit Rep Ann Kusters staff at the Concord office to go over their upcoming plans for veterans' issues. They provided us with a list of legislation that she has co-sponsored. HR 3009, Military Suicide Prevention in the 21st Century Act. HR 4157, Not just a Number Act. HR 5530, VA Emergency Transportation Access Act. HR 1179, Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act. HR 2830, Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act of 2023. HR 3504, VA Medical Center Security Report Act of 2023.

This March 4 to 7, I along with our Dept NH VFW Cdr. Dennis Querrard, Sr. Vice Cdr. Andy Corrow & Jr. Vice Cdr. Darwin Beeman and National Council Member Leon Rideout, will "head to the hill" for our VFW Legislative Conference in Washinton DC to visit our four federal legislators to go over our VFW Talking Points. We plan to address the following topics and urge Congress to pass the following: Cracking Down on Predatory Claims Companies Pass H.R. 1139 / S. 740, GUARD VA Benefits Act, to reinstate penalties for charging veterans and survivors unauthorized fees relating to claims for VA benefits.

VA Benefits Data for Suicide Prevention Pass H.R. 4157 /S. 928, Not Just a Number Act, to direct VA to incorporate benefit usage data into its annual suicide prevention report, and to examine moving the office of suicide prevention to the enterprise level at VA.

Transition from Service Pass H.R. 3933/ S. 2888, TAP Promotion Act, to require accredited representatives from national, state, and local organizations to be included in TAP classes.

Retirement and Military Personnel Pass H.R. 1282 / S. 344, Major Richard Star Act, either as a standalone bill or via the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 to enable Chapter 61 retirees who sustained combat-related injuries to receive their vested DOD retirement pay and VA disability compensation without offset. We will also attend the ceremonies to honor the VFW National winners of the Patriot Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher Awards.

At the VAMC in Manchester 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

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## **POST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



## **NO ATICLE SUBMITTED**

#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**







**Greetings from the Chaplains desk:** 

**Deceased members:** 

None

Hope this report finds everyone doing well and in the Best of health. Hopefully, we have all survived winters wrath, with the worst behind us. Spring is just around the cornerand we can look forward to brighter days.

We are thankful for all the able-bodied members who come out to support our post. Remember, we are here to serve and support our veterans and families.

Wishing everyone continued good health and recharged spirits.

Yours in Comradeship Herbert CT Townsend Chaplain Post 483

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

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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 Re-

sort 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								3	NASH UA	NH	0		

2023-2024 GOAL 102%

## **RENEW EARLY (IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR EXPIRATION DATE)**

#### **DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP**

LOCATION	POST #	%	RETENTION
NASHUA	483	85.29%	79.17%
DERRY	1617	94.80%	85.48%
HUDSON	5791	95.12%	72.34%
SALEM	8546	87.50%	78.05%
MERRIMACK	8641	101.74%	89.36%
PELHAM	10722	91.67%	56.70%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	89.47%	30.00%
HOLLIS	11373	100.00%	90.91%
TOTALS		92.92%	72.76%

We are in great need of new members. Especially ones that will come out and support our activities and attend meetings. We have suffered many losses due to deaths in the last two years. We must replace these lost comrades. You are the only ones that can help[ us accomplish this task.



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**

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

## **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

It is better to be feared than loved, if you cannot be both.

Niccolo Machiavelli

## **DID YOU KNOW**

the cheetah is the only cat that can't retract it's claws

#### **MIND TWISTER**

A man wanted to work, but he could not log in to his computer terminal successfully. He tried twice, but still his password did not work. He suddenly remembered that the passwords are reset every month for security purposes. So, he called his boss and said, "Hey boss, my password is out of date." His boss replied, "Yes, that's right. The password is different. Listen carefully. I am sure, you can figure out the new one. The new one has the same amount of letters as your old password, but only four of the letters are the same.""Thanks boss."With that, the man could correctly log into his station. What are both the new and old passwords?

## VETERANS INFORMATION

VFW, Senators, and Partners Support Afghan Allies: The VFW hosted Sens. Amy Klobuchar, Jerry Moran, Richard Blumenthal, and Chris Coons, along with other veteran organization partners at the VFW Washington Office for a press conference addressing the need to help Afghans who assisted U.S. troops. The participants called on all lawmakers to support our wartime Afghan allies by voting in favor of an amendment to the legislation.

VFW Updates County Service Officers on Claim Sharks: VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci joined the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) conference to discuss the scourge of predatory Claim Sharks, and ways the VFW and NACVSO's network of accredited representatives can work more closely to provide quality claims representation for veterans. The VFW accredits thousands of county service officers around the country to help reach communities so veterans can easily access their earned benefits. NAVCSO leaders have worked with the VFW on the Claim Sharks issue and asked for an update before advocating on Capitol Hill. Learn more about the VFW's efforts to combat Claim Sharks.

Senate Hearing on Vet Centers Supporting Mental Health: The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs held an oversight hearing on how Vet Centers support the mental health needs of service members, veterans, and their families. The witness panel consisted of two representatives from VA and one from the Government Accountability Office. "Due to recent efforts by this committee, more veterans are eligible for services at Vet Centers than ever before. That's why it's critically important the Vet Center program is delivering high-quality services to the veterans who utilize it," said Chairman Jon Tester.

VFW Washington Conference App Now Available: In anticipation of the Washington Conference being held next month, the VFW has launched its mobile app to give event attendees the tools needed to make the most of their visit to our nation's capital. The app is available for download at both the <a href="Apple App Store">Apple App Store</a> and the <a href="Google Play Store">Google Play Store</a>. View our <a href="VFW Events App Quick Start Guide">VFW Events App Quick Start Guide</a> for downloading assistance.



## **CALENDAR**



# **March 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Aux Meeting 1300	2 Legislative Conf. Washington, D.C.
3 Legislative Conf. Washington, D.C.	4 Legislative Conf. Washington, D.C.	5 Legislative Conf. Washington, D.C.	6 Cootie Pup Tent #1 Meeting-Hudson 1900	7	8	9
			Legislative Conf. Washington, D.C.			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Post Meeting 1900	27	28	29	30 District 6 Meeting Pelham 1000
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## **ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER**

The old one was "out of date." The new one is "different." Both passwords contain the letters d, f, e, and t.

#### **POST NEWS**





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VFW POST 483 Nashua

Our Loyalty Day Ceremony this year will be on 4 May 2024, at the Nashua Senior Center. It will begin at 1000. Volunteers will be needed at 0800 to help setup the room. This year we have a Police Officer, Firefighter, Paramedic, Teacher, Youth Leader, Citizen, JROTC cadet and of course our Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen winners. Our Voice of Democracy winner Thatcher Debowski also won both District and State and will be going to the National competition. This is a great honor for our post.

Our Memorial Day Poppy Drive will be on 24-26 May 2024. We will again this year be at the Market Baskets on DW Highway, S. Nashua, and the Somerset Plaza store on Amherst St. We will need volunteers to sign-up for a 3 hour slot. Sign-up sheets will be at the post at the March and April meetings. Come out and help us raise money for our Post Relief Fund.

The Mayor's Veteran Council has added two additional ceremonies to the schedule this year. We will be doing a Fourth of July and 9/11 ceremonies. The Fourth of July will be at City Hall on 4 July, at 0900. The 9/11 ceremony will be on 9/11, at the E. Hollis St. Fire Station. This will be done in coordination with the Fire and Police Departments. Time to be announced.



Thatcher Debowski, has won the VOD for the State of New Hampshire. He was sponsored by Nashua VFW Post 483. He will be going to National competition.



## **QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER**



We now have a raffle for a Solo Fire Pit going on. We need more members to step up and sell tickets. We have had poor support for our fundraisers this year. If you don't understand the need to raise money, it won't be long before we may not be able to continue to survive. We cannot depend on Charitable Gaming to sustain us any longer. We now have to split the proceeds with another non-profit. That means we only get half of what we got in the past. Our expenses are high. They include maintenance of the building, utilities, and the VFW Programs that we must support. We need your help when we hold fundraisers.

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#### **BATTLE OF THE MONTH**



The **Battles of Lexington and Concord** were some of the leading military engagements of the <u>American Revolutionary War</u>. The battles were fought on April 19, 1775, in <u>Middlesex County</u>, <u>Province of Massachusetts</u> <u>Bay</u>, within the towns of <u>Lexington</u>, <u>Concord</u>, <u>Lincoln</u>, <u>Menotomy</u> (present-day Arlington), and <u>Cambridge</u>. They marked the outbreak of armed conflict between the <u>Kingdom of Great Britain</u> and <u>Patriot militias</u> from America's thirteen colonies.

In late 1774, Colonial leaders adopted the <u>Suffolk Resolves</u> in resistance to the <u>alterations made to the Massachusetts colonial government</u> by the British parliament following the <u>Boston Tea Party</u>. The colonial assembly responded by forming a Patriot provisional government known as the <u>Massachusetts Provincial Congress</u> and calling for local militias to train for possible hostilities. The Colonial government effectively controlled the colony outside of British-controlled <u>Boston</u>. In response, the British government in February 1775 declared Massachusetts to be in a state of rebellion.

About 700 <u>British Army regulars</u> in <u>Boston</u>, under <u>Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith</u>, were given secret orders to capture and destroy Colonial military supplies reportedly stored by the Massachusetts <u>militia</u> at Concord. Through effective <u>intelligence</u> gathering, <u>Patriot</u> leaders had received word weeks before the expedition that their supplies might be at risk and had moved most of them to other locations. On the night before the battle, warning of the British expedition had been <u>rapidly sent</u> from Boston to militias in the area by several riders, including <u>Paul Revere</u> and <u>Samuel Prescott</u>, with information about British plans. The initial mode of the Army's arrival by water was signaled from the <u>Old North Church</u> in Boston to <u>Charlestown</u> using lanterns to communicate "one if by land, two if by sea".

The first shots were fired just as the sun was rising at Lexington. Eight militiamen were killed, including Ensign Robert Munroe, their third in command. The British suffered only one casualty. The militia was outnumbered and fell back, and the regulars proceeded on to Concord, where they broke apart into companies to search for the supplies. At the North Bridge in Concord, approximately 400 militiamen engaged 100 regulars from three companies of the King's troops at about 11:00 am, resulting in casualties on both sides. The outnumbered regulars fell back from the bridge and rejoined the main body of British forces in Concord.

The British forces began their return march to Boston after completing their search for military supplies, and more militiamen continued to arrive from the neighboring towns. Gunfire erupted again between the two sides and continued throughout the day as the regulars marched back towards Boston. Upon returning to Lexington, Lt. Col. Smith's expedition was rescued by reinforcements under <u>Brigadier General Hugh Percy</u>, a future <u>Duke of Northumberland styled</u> at this time by the <u>courtesy title</u> Earl Percy. The combined force of about 1,700 men marched back to Boston under heavy fire in a <u>tactical withdrawal</u> and eventually reached the safety of Charlestown. The accumulated militias then blockaded the narrow land accesses to Charlestown and Boston, starting the siege of Boston.





## **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



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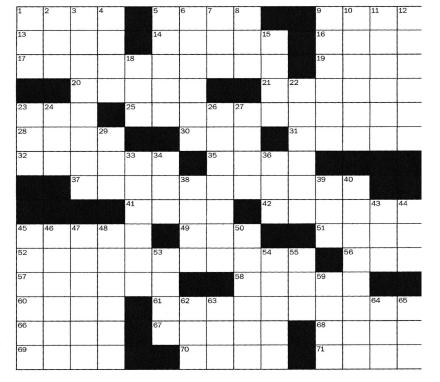
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- 2 Intense music genre
- 3 Making a gift of
- 4 Misrepresent, as data
- Braided bread often filled with chocolate or cinnamon
- 6 Make aware
- 7 Swindle
- "Just wait a \_\_\_"
- Tennis and golf legend Gibson
- 10 Showed displeasure like a dragon
- 11 Burning
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- 15 "Inside the NBA" analyst, familiarly
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#### DOWN

- 1 "A Christmas Carol" cry
- 2 Intense music genre
- 3 Making a gift of
- 4 Misrepresent, as data
- 5 Braided bread often filled with chocolate or cinnamon
- 6 Make aware
- 7 Swindle
- 8 "Just wait a \_\_"
- 9 Tennis and golf legend Gibson
- 10 Showed displeasure like a dragon
- 11 Burning
- 12 Pricey German wheels, informally

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- 15 "Inside the NBA"
- ad often analyst, familiarly
  - 18 Thanksgiving vegetable
  - 22 Naturally bright
  - 23 "Survivor" network
  - 24 "\_\_ we having fun yet?"
  - 26 Never ever
  - 27 "Get out!"
  - 29 Dairy farm sound
  - 33 Events with a lot of insult comedy
  - 34 Put in

- 36 Allows
- 38 Two-time Emmy winner Remini
- 39 Snooze
- 40 Generous pour
- 43 Gloss target
- 43 Glos
- 45 Sandal style
- 46 "Gosh darn it!"
- 47 Treating unkindly
- 48 Object in a game of fetch

- 50 Connective tissue
- 53 Spanish "thing"
- 54 Well-groomed
- 55 Trifling sum
- 59 Crypto artworks, for short
- 62 Nickname for Edward or Theodore
- 63 Not let go to waste
- 64 "Go-To Dinners" cookbook writer Garten
- 65 Capture



Flyers and posters for your posts events are posted in this section of the newsletter. If you want to advertise your events, please send your flyer or poster via email to the editor to have it posted in this newsletter.

# Get your raffle tickets now for a

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# Bonfire Smokeless Fire Pit Ultimate Bundle 2.0 (Portable)



Included with the stove are . . .

- Sticks: Pro-grade tools for fire
- Shield: Keep pops and embers from escaping
- Bonfire Handle: Move your fire pit with ease
- Shelter: Weather resilient fire pit protection
- Lid: Place over a cooled fire to keep ash contained or use as temporary protection from the elements
- . Fire Pit Tools: Tend your fire easily
- Carrying Case: Take your fire pit everywhere you go

TICKETS: \$10 each Only 300 tickets will be sold!

Three easy ways to get your tickets:

- > Scan the QR code
- > See any Post 483 member for tickets.

> Make your check payable to "VFW Post 483" and note "Stove Raffle" on the check's memo line. Mail your check to 8 E. Pearl Street, Nashua, NH 03060. Tickets will be mailed to you.

Presence not needed to win.

Drawing: Saturday, May 4, 2024
Immediately following the Loyalty Day ceremony at the Nashua Senior Center

Any questions, email nashuavfwpost483@gmail.com



Proceeds benefit the Nashua VFW Post 483 Veterans Programs



#### GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS REUSABLE BAG PROGRAM

## **Announcement Email**



**SUBJECT LINE:** We've been selected by the Shaw's GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS ReusableBag Program!

**PREVIEW TEXT:** For all of March 2024, we receive \$1 for every GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag purchased at Shaw's!

Dear Friends,

We are so excited to share that Nashua VFW Post 483 has been selected to benefit from the Shaw's GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program, which makes it easy for shoppers to contribute to their local communities.

For the month of March 2024, whenever a \$3.00 GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag is purchased at the Shaw's located at [location], \$1 will be donated to Nashua VFW Post 483. This is a great way to broaden awareness and help our cause.

The Shaw's GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program, which launched in March 2019, is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities where shoppers live and work. Since inception, the program has donated almost \$380,000 to more than 2,700 nonprofit organizations.

Let's get started! Share the news with friends and family. Call, send emails, and post on social media. The more people who purchase the GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag in March 2024, the greater the donation we will receive from Shaw's!

To learn more about this program, please visit shaws.2givelocal.com.

Best.

Lewis Chipola

Post Adjutant/Quartermaster



# WE'RE SHAMROCKIN' THIS BAG



# shaws

This March, make your community feel lucky by purchasing a Give Back Bag. Throughout the month, each reusable \$3.00 Give Back Bag purchased at our selected Shaw's will send our organization a \$1 donation.

shaws.2givelocal.com GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program

Benefiting Organization:

X Nashua VFW Post 483 8 E. Pearl St. Nashua, NH 03060

At This Snaw's Location:

Shaws 300 Main St. Nashua, NH



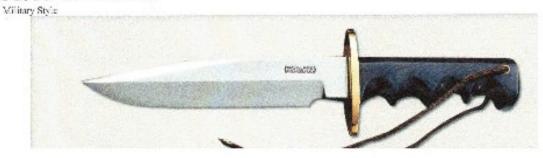




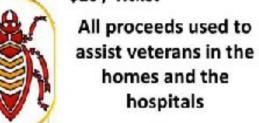
## MOC Pup Tent #NH1

## Randall Made Model 14 Attack Knife 0-1 Blade Micarta Handle Retail Value \$595

## Model 14 - Attack



Only Two Hundred Tickets To Be Sold \$20 / Ticket



"Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White!"

Venmo payments to @Jorg-Dreusicke









# VFW Veterans Dinner – Public Welcome All proceeds benefit VFW veterans programs.

When: Friday March 1st, 2024

Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner served at 6pm.

Where:: VFW Post 10722

6 Main St., Pelham, NH 03076

Admission: \$8 per adult

Children are free.

What: Ham dinner and desserts!



#### Visit our website at https://pelhamnhvfw.com/

Sponsored by John H. Hargreaves Memorial Post 10722 and Auxiliary, Pelham NH

## 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.

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





# Free Skiing/Riding Day for Veterans!

The Lakes Region Veterans Coalition and Gunstock Mountain Resort are partnering to offer free skiing/riding at Gunstock on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. This is offered at no cost to any interested Veteran!

This event includes lift passes, free equipment rental if needed and skiing or snowboarding instruction for veterans who have never skied or ridden before or need a refresher. It also includes a free lunch at the new Barrel Bar & Grille at Gunstock.

The event will start with lunch at 11:30AM followed by skiing or riding in groups based on ability level. However, Veterans can arrive as early as 9AM to ski/ride on their own or with other Veterans until lunch.

Again, this event is free for any interested veteran! Spaces are limited and will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested in attending, please contact us no later than Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you need equipment, please contact us by March 7<sup>th</sup>, if possible, as this will make the process of getting the equipment on March 18<sup>th</sup> much quicker and easier.

If you are interested, email us at info@lrvcnh.org or call 603-520-3989.

# IF YOU'VE EARNED THESE



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### VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiale electronic debit 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 list 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 1-800-98-3-3180 or write to VFW at VFW P.O. Box 119028, Karsas City, MO. 64171 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, dosed 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 member							
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VFW PLEDGE 1 do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:  1 will bear true allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America and 1 will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare that 1 will comply with the Congressional Charter By-Laws and Ritual of this order and 1 will always be loyal thereto that 1 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 1 had remained a member of same. All this 1 promise and pledge upon the honor of a true comrade and a citizen of our great republic.  I attest that 1 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.							
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\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards	your VFW magazine subscription.	Committee Member		Committee Membe	r Co	mmittee Memb	er

#### 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 Rejoined Previous Member ID No. Previous Auxiliary Rejoin Membership Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters Member at Large in Department of THESE FIELDS REQUIRED Name Date of Birth Address Female Male ZIP City State 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 (FII 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.) to Eligible Veteran\* Relationship VFW Post (If applicable) Name of campaign ribbons or medals: Dates of Service: Location: to Investigating Committee Signatures 2 X 3 X 1 X Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Accepted Meeting Date Obligated Date LIFE LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY Check here if this is a gift. LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY MEMBERSHIP Credit cards may NOT be used for initial payment of Annual Dues. ACH (Bank withdrawl) FEES Cash Check Visa MasterCard Discover AMEX Life Membership Name of Bank fees are not refundable. Life Membership Fee Attained age by 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership. Name on credit card Bank Routing No. Billing address for card Through 20 \$253 State ZIP Account No. City 21-25 5242 \$230 26-30 Credit Card No. 5219 31-35 36-40 \$213 Attach voided check HERE. CVV Code Exp. Date 41-45 \$201 (Regulred) 46-50 \$196 Signature X Date

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OBLIGATION In the presence of Aimighty 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 16 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.

Signature X (Must be signed by all members.)

I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.



### MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



New Cootie Reinstated Cootie

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