



DISTRICT 6 NEWSLETTER

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Again not getting input from the Posts in District 6. You all are doing events and other activities. Tell everyone what you are doing. Send input in for the January District 6 newsletter between now and 25 December.

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POST MEETING LOCATIONS AND TIMES

NASHUA VFW POST 483: 8 E. PEARL ST., NASHUA, NH 03060, 1900 4TH TUESDAY

DERRY VFW POST 1617: 18 RAILROAD AVE., DERRY, NH 03038 1900 2ND WEDNESDAY

HUDSON VFW POST 5791: 15 BOCKES ROAD, HUDSON, NH 03051 1900 2ND MONDAY

SALEM VFW POST 8546I: 38 MILLVILE RD., SALEM, NH 03079 1900 2ND TUESDAY

MERRIMACK VFW POST 8641: 282 DANIEL WEBSTER HWY, MERRIMACK, NH 03054 1900 4TH MONDAY

PELHAM VFW POST 10722: 6 MAIN ST., PELHAM, NH 03076 1900 1ST THURSDAY

HAMPSTEAD VFW POST 11254: HAMPSTEAD CIVIC CLUB 11 MAIN ST., HAMPSTEAD, NH 03841 0830 3RD SATURDAY

HOLLIS VFW 11373: BROOKLINE AMERICAN LEGION 1900; 3RD SUNDAY. IN PERSON OR ZOOM. ZOOM DETAILS ON HOLLIS VFW WEBSITE.



STATE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greeting & Salutations from Commander Denis Querrard

Happy 385th Birthday Army National Guard on December 13th!
Happy 4th Birthday U.S. Space Force on December 20th!
'A date which will live in infamy' – December 7th 1941
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

I hope everyone has enjoyed their Thanksgiving with family and friends and as we start the holiday season and head into Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the New Year, let us be thankful for those same friends and family who support us in so many ways.

As we close out 2023 and head into 2024, I would like to 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. Please report what you do, put it on Facebook, take pictures, and let everyone see how awesome our posts are!!

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/>

As we close out the year, please make your donations sooner than later... annual budgets for 2024 are determined by the donations received in 2023. Please donate or set up a fundraiser for the Commanders and Presidents Project assisting Homeless Veterans at Liberty House in Manchester; if you organize a fundraiser please reach out and let me know, if possible, I will be there!

Congratulations to Charlestown Memorial Post 8497 for reaching 103.03% and Brown Knight Memorial Post 8268, Bennington, for reaching 100%! They were both in the running for the drawing of \$500 and Brown Knight Memorial Post 8268 Won, Congratulations!!

I would love to see Posts from District 6 get to 100% by the New Year and everybody reach 102% by February 2024! Hampstead Post 11254 & Hollis Post 11373 need less than 10 members to reach 100%. Please go through your list of expired members and reach out, this is a good time of year to do a buddy check and see how these expired members are doing and see if they need assistance. VFW membership goal of 102% is still on the forefront. Please let the Department know if you have any recruiting events planned.

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

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Safe travels while enjoying your family and friends,
Best Wishes, from my house to yours!



STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans”

Wow! Here it is December already, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. Now onto more holiday festivities and celebrations.

I made a visit to N. Haverhill and Franklin in November. Great meetings and many items covered by both auxiliaries. Continue the great work you do. Also, thank you to Franklin for the donation that you presented at your meeting for my special project and also from the member that made a personal donation as well.

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

I would like to wish all a continued Happy Holiday season with family and friends. Please take a moment to remember all our soldiers, sailors, airman and their families that are not together this holiday season.

As we continue to working 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,

I attended the Council of Administration meeting in Kingston and I want to congratulate the posts that made All- American and All- State. Also , I picked up tickets for the 30 guns in 30 day raffle for the Department of New Hampshire. I distributed 25 tickets to each post and I have some left over if needed. If any posts have any leftover to sell, let me know. Please send ticket stubs and money to State Quartermaster, Chris Peirce.

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families and I hope you have a very Merry Christmas. Let me know of any Christmas parties and I'll try to attend. The next Council of Administration meeting has been posted in the State Commander's general orders as well as the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and teacher's award banquet. I hope to see you all there. Thank you to Nashua, Pelham, Hollis, Hampstead and Derry who submitted entries. Nashua and Pelham stole the show this year with submissions to the Department. Hopefully, the District will have a Department and National winner. Thank you Tracy Kelley for helping me with the District judging.

Yours in Comradeship,

District Commander

Isaac Miller



DISTRICT 6 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Happy December!

This past month I had the opportunity to visit Pelham. Thank you for making me feel welcome. You had a great meeting!

Can you believe the program year is half over!! We are now in full swing of the holiday season. This can be a difficult time of year for veterans and your members check in on them so they know how much you care. Best Wishes and Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Dates to Remember

- 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!

December Reminders

- December 1, 2023 - Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday
- December 7, 2023 - Pearl Harbor Day
- December 13, 2023 - National Guard Birthday
- December 16, 2023 - National Wreaths Across America
- December 20, 2023 - Space Force Birthday

District Inspections:

Due to scheduling conflicts some visits have changed. Please see below for new dates

TBD - Merrimack January 5th- Nashua

District 6 Meetings 2023-2024

Derry 1617 Sunday January 28th 2024 9:30 am
Merrimack 8641 Sunday April 14th 2024 9:30 am *Encampment



Membership- District 6 is at 76.67%

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

School of Instruction-

We have already completed a few schools of instruction on National Programs, Red Flags Auxiliary (Healthy Auxiliary), MALTA, Online Academy, National Programs, Organizational Knowledge. I hope you have found them helpful. 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.

“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans” and “Banding Together for Our Veterans”

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Our Dept. NH VFW Auxiliary Hospital Charman Madeline Dreusicke has drafted me to be her designated driver till she heals enough to drive herself around, so she keeps me busy. One of my many driving assignments was on Monday before Thanksgiving, we delivered 78 Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets that you VFW and Auxiliary folks donated the money for to purchase, to the Sullivan Towers in Manchester where the VASH program is located. There the eight case workers each got their specific number of bags loaded in their cars and they were off distributing your VFW Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to the families they serve. It took a lot of coordination between the VFW communities to advertise the program, donate the money, purchase the specific items, and then pack the individual bags for each family. Then some "friends of the VFW " donated a company cargo van and driver to help us deliver the bags from our Pelham VFW post to the Manchester VA.

Recently, an elderly local couple had a car that they wanted to donate to a veteran, and because the VFW is very prominent in the area, they called the Pelham VFW. That hasn't happened in a long time, people are not donating cars as often as they used to. As it happens, I just signed up a young female VFW member that has the usual amount of mental and physical baggage combat veterans have to drag around, and she needed a car so she could get back on her feet. Problem solved. She has a car; the donors have a tax write off and are very happy that their car went to a local veteran. Normally I contact the VA when I get a vehicle, they have a list of veterans that need donated cars. PLEASE, if you know someone that has a serviceable vehicle that they want to donate to a veteran, contact me ASAP.

The holiday season brings additional stress to a lot of veterans that have family issues, health issues, money problems, or just about anything that people normally just shrug off. Please, if you have buddies that suddenly act differently, take the time to be a real friend and help them get over these stressful times. All it takes is to pay them a visit or give them a call. Keep your opinions to yourself, and keep your eyes and ears open to listen to their perception of the world they live in. A smile, a hug, and knowing that someone cares go a long way.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all!

Jörg Dreusicke
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DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

LOCATION	POST #	%	RETENTION
NASHUA	483	80.88%	66.67%
DERRY	1617	87.28%	77.42%
HUDSON	5791	89.63%	55.32%
SALEM	8546	75.00%	36.59%
MERRIMACK	8641	90.70%	55.32%
PELHAM	10722	82.50%	40.54%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	78.95%	20.00%
HOLLIS	11373	87.23%	45.45%
TOTALS		84.60%	49.66%



LEGACY LIFE



RENEWAL
REMINDER

GOLD PAYS YOUR POST \$18.00

SILVER PAYS YOUR POST \$12.00

BRONZE PAYS YOUR POST \$6.00

BRAIN TWISTER

A man is headed to a mountain along with a lion, a goat, and a basket of vegetables. On the way, he needs to cross a river and the boat can only carry two things at a time. If he takes the vegetables, the lion will eat the goat. If he takes the lion, the goat will eat the vegetables. How does he cross the river?

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR MEMBERSHIP



POST 483 POPPY DRIVE



Dick Mohrmann, 98 yr old WWII veteran with Commander DiTullio accepting a donation.



Lew Chipola receiving a donation.



Frank Wallent and Steve Ordway with little girl making a donation.



Jr. Vice Marc Plante receiving a donation.



Nashua VFW Post Voice of Democracy and Teacher winners for 2023-2034. On to State Competition



Voice of Democracy winner Thatcher Debowski VFW Post 483



Teacher winner Msgt. Nick Ellis VFW Post 483



COOTIE CORNER



Cootie Corner December 2023

Listen Cooties! Tis the season to be jolly, so here's wishing you a very lousy Cootie Christmas! For all you bloodsucking cooties, we have another Cootie Red Cross Blood Drive on January 6, 2024 at the Hudson Post, 9 AM to 1:30 PM. The holidays and the college football will be over by then, so crawl over to Hudson to help out with the blood drive and have some fun with your fellow blood suckers. We'll have lunch courtesy of the Seam Squirrel, and rumor has it that the Canteen will be open!

We continue to mourn the passing of John Kotheimer. We held a joint VFW Post 5791/Pup Tent #1 funeral ceremony on November 8th during calling hours at the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. Thank you to all the Cooties who attended. John's name will be added to our Cootie Remembrance plaque which hangs in the Hudson Post Hall.

Now, get out there and have a truly crummy Christmas!

Yours in the L.O.T.C.S.,

Christina Madden
Seam Squirrel



JOKE OF THE MONTH

During my stay at an expensive hotel in New York City, I woke up in the middle of the night with an upset stomach. I called room service and ordered some soda crackers. When I looked at the charge slip, I was furious. I called room service and raged, "I know I'm in a luxury hotel, but \$11.50 for six crackers is ridiculous!"

"The crackers are complimentary," the voice at the other end coolly explained. "I believe you are complaining about your room number."



"My doctor told me to avoid any unnecessary stress, so I didn't open his bill."

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

DID YOU KNOW?

the Amazon rainforest produces half the world's oxygen supply



When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

QUOTE



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Council of Administration Meetings

19 August 2023: Littleton 1000

28 October 2023 Kingston 1300

20 January 2024: TBA 1300

13 April 2024: Mountain View Grand Resort 1000

DISTRICT 6 VFW 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 MEETING 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.

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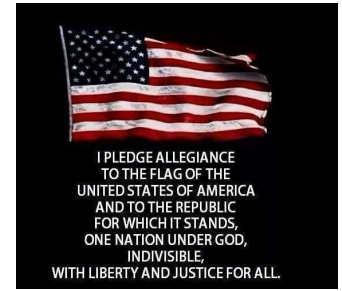
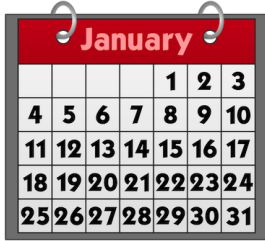
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December 2023



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Post 483 Aux Meeting 1300 Pelham Theme Dinner 1730	2
3 VAVS White River Christmas VFW Post 483 Pearl Harbor Ceremony 0900	4	5	6 Cootie Pup Tent 1 Meeting 1900 Post 1617 Aux Meeting 1900	7 VFW Post 10722 Meeting 1900 Post 10722 Aux Meeting 1900 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9
10 NH Veterans Home Christmas	11 VFW Post 5791 Meeting 1900 Post 5791 Aux Meeting 1900 Post 8641 Aux Meeting 1800	12 VFW Post 8546 Meeting 1830	13 VFW Post 1617 Meeting 1900	14	15	16 VFW Post 11254 Meeting 0830
17 VFW Post 11373 Meeting 1400 VAVS Manchester Christmas	18 VFW Post 483 Meeting 1900 VFW Post 8641 Meeting 1900	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
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ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

Trip 1: He takes the goat with him, leaving the lion and the vegetables behind. On reaching the other riverbank, he drops off the goat. Trip 2: He then comes back for the lion, leaving the vegetables behind. On reaching the bank this time, he drops the lion, and again takes the goat along. Trip 3: He drops off the goat again and takes the vegetables with him to the other shore. Trip 4: Lastly, he comes back alone for the goat.



Veteran Information



VFW Participates in Veterans Day Events: VFW National Commander Duane Sarmiento took part in activities in the Washington, D.C., area on Veterans Day, Nov. 11., beginning with a visit to the White House. From there Sarmiento headed to Arlington National Cemetery where he and VFW Auxiliary President Carla Martinez laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The VFW then hosted a reception at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, while VFW Washington Office staff laid a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial during an afternoon ceremony.

House Subcommittee Hearing on Pending Legislation: VFW National Legislative Associate Director Quandrea Patterson testified before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs regarding pending legislation related to fiduciary fraud and VA Board of Appeals processes. She conveyed the VFW's support to restore benefits to veterans and their families when they fall victim to abuse or fraud by fiduciaries. She also spoke about a bill to establish presumptions of service connection for diseases associated with firefighting. Patterson said, "This would prevent PFAS from becoming another situation like Blue Water Navy or Camp Lejeune in which veterans became sick and died waiting decades for their conditions to be properly recognized and appropriately treated." She stated VFW's support for a bill that limits the authority of VA to deny the claim of a veteran for benefits on the sole basis of failure to appear for a medical examination, commenting that "restarting a claim for this reason is unnecessary and veterans would benefit from a process that does not place so much power in a missed appointment."

Don't Feed the Sharks: The VFW has issued a Claim Shark factsheet for you to share with fellow veterans and social media communities. A Claim Shark is an individual or company that charges hefty fees to "assist" or "consult" veterans with filing their VA benefit claims. This practice is illegal! Like the VFW said last year during testimony before Congress, "In our opinion, any group that fails to adhere to VA's well-established standards of accreditation and fee arrangements should be met at the door by Capitol Police, not offered a seat at the same table as hard-working, VA-accredited advocates who are held to professional and ethical standards designed to protect veterans."



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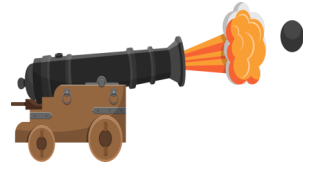
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BATTLE OF THE MONTH



Attack on Pearl Harbor

The **attack on Pearl Harbor**^[nb 3] was a surprise **military strike** by the **Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service** upon the **United States** against the U.S. **naval base** at **Pearl Harbor** in **Honolulu, Hawaii**, just before 8:00 a.m. (local time) on Sunday, December 7, 1941. The United States was a **neutral country** at the time; the attack led to its formal entry into **World War II** on the side of the **Allies** the next day. The **Japanese military leadership** referred to the attack as the **Hawaii Operation** and **Operation AI**,^[nb 4] and as **Operation Z** during its planning.^{[12][13][14]}

The attack was preceded by months of negotiations between the U.S. and Japan over the future of the Pacific. Japanese demands included that the U.S. **end its sanctions against Japan**, cease aiding **China** in the **Second Sino-Japanese war**, and allow Japan to access the resources of the **Dutch East Indies**. Anticipating a negative response from the US, Japan sent out its naval attack groups in November 1941 just prior to receiving the **Hull note**—the U.S. demand that Japan withdraw from China and **French Indochina**. Japan intended the attack as a **preventive** action. Its aim was to prevent the **United States Pacific Fleet** from interfering with its planned military actions in **Southeast Asia** against overseas territories of the **United Kingdom**, the **Netherlands**, and those of the United States. Over the course of seven hours there were coordinated Japanese attacks on the U.S.-held **Philippines**, **Guam**, and **Wake Island** and on the **British Empire** in **Malaya**, **Singapore**, and **Hong Kong**.^[15]

The attack commenced at 7:48 a.m. **Hawaiian Time** (6:18 p.m. GMT).^[nb 5] The base was attacked by 353 Imperial Japanese aircraft (including **fighters**, **level and dive bombers**, and **torpedo bombers**) in two waves, launched from six **aircraft carriers**.^[16] Of the eight U.S. Navy **battleships** present, all were damaged, with four sunk. All but **USS Arizona** were later raised, and six were returned to service and went on to fight in the war. The Japanese also sank or damaged three **cruisers**, three **destroyers**, an anti-aircraft training ship,^[nb 6] and one **minelayer**. More than 180 US aircraft were destroyed.^[18] A total of 2,403 Americans were killed and 1,178 others were wounded, making it the deadliest event ever recorded in Hawaii.^[19] Important base installations such as the power station, **dry dock**, **shipyard**, maintenance, and fuel and torpedo storage facilities, as well as the submarine piers and headquarters building (also home of the **intelligence section**) were not attacked. Japanese losses were light: 29 aircraft and five **midget submarines** lost, and 64 servicemen killed.^[not verified in body] **Kazuo Sakamaki**, the commanding officer of one of the submarines, was captured.

Japan **announced declarations of war** on the United States and the British Empire later that day (December 8 in Tokyo), but the declarations were not delivered until the following day. The British government **declared war on Japan** immediately after learning that their territory had also been attacked, while the following day (December 8) the United States Congress **declared war** on Japan. On December 11, though they had no formal obligation to do so under the **Tripartite Pact** with Japan, **Germany** and **Italy** each declared war on the U.S., which responded with a **declaration of war against Germany** and **Italy**. There were numerous historical precedents for the unannounced military action by Japan, but the lack of any formal warning (required by part III of the **Hague Convention of 1907**), particularly while negotiations were still apparently ongoing, led President **Franklin D. Roosevelt** to proclaim December 7, 1941, "**a date which will live in infamy**".





CROSSWORD PUZZLE



11/15/23, 1:40 PM

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The Washington Post

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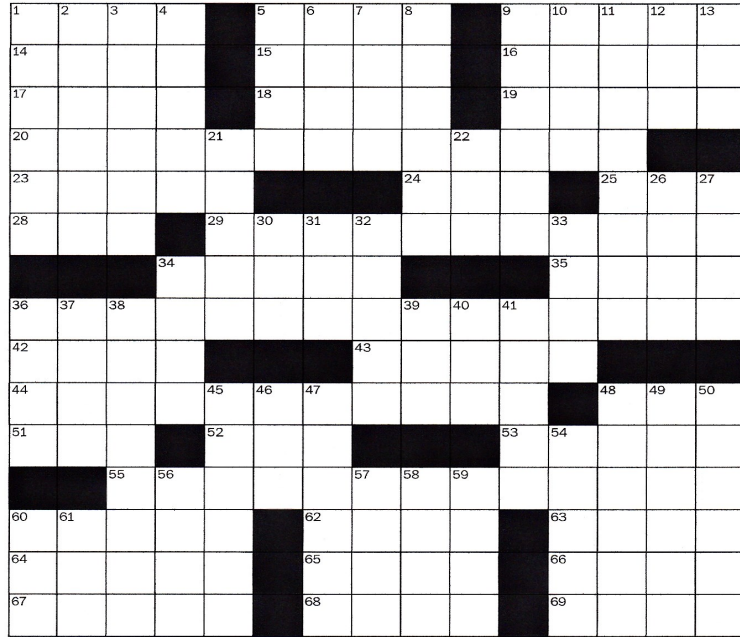
ACROSS

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- 5 Prepare, as avocados for guacamole
- 9 Impulsive speed
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- 15 ___ gobi: vegetarian curry dish
- 16 Grouch on TV
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- 62 Sweetheart
- 63 Ductwork sealer
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION



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ACROSS

- 1 Crunchy sandwiches with mayo
- 5 Prepare, as avocados for guacamole
- 9 Impulsive speed
- 14 Uncommon
- 15 ___ gobi: vegetarian curry dish
- 16 Grouch on TV
- 17 Off-Broadway award
- 18 Prefix with second or bot
- 19 Beach shoe
- 20 Present surroundings?
- 23 Taco topping
- 24 Lav
- 25 Faux ___
- 28 Sci-fi aviators
- 29 Audio cassette successor
- 34 Common ___
- 35 Little bit
- 36 Jeans option
- 42 Away from shore
- 43 Nose-in-the-air type
- 44 One with pressing needs?
- 48 Fuss
- 51 Horn-heavy genre
- 52 Communication syst. in which an ILY gesture means "I love you"
- 53 Rubber-__ shoes
- 55 Shredded, or an apt description of 20-, 29-, 36-, and 44-Across
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Flyers



Post 483 booth at the Nashua Winter Holiday Stroll. Post Commander DiTullio, Past Commander Anderson, Quartermaster Chipola and Jr. Vice Plante manning the booth.



Some of the crowd forming in front of City Hall. Strange things show up!!!



Ice sculptures in front of Nashua City Hall



Crowd with candles.

As you know, the VFW has been a vocal opponent of predatory claim shark companies who charge veterans illegal fees for sub-par VA benefit claims assistance. Make no mistake, the proliferation of these illicit organizations is a threat not only to the VFW's cornerstone Veterans Service program, but an even greater threat to the VA benefits system as we know it. Over the last few months, we have ratcheted up the pressure on these companies by passing legislation to crack down on their practices at the state level and working to help veterans bring litigation against them. We have trained your service officers to know how to handle claim sharks and continue to seek out veterans who need help getting out of these predatory contracts.

The Claim Sharks felt the pressure from the VFW and this week launched their latest salvo, trying to normalize and legitimize their financial exploitation of our nation's disabled veterans – they even named VSOs like the VFW as their “threats.” While we should be flattered that they recognize the threat we pose, now is the time where we come together to decisively defeat this scourge. Like the VFW said last year before Congress, “any group that fails to adhere to VA's well-established standards of accreditation and fee arrangements should be greeted at the door by Capitol Police, not offered a seat at the same table as VA-accredited representatives who are held to certain professional and ethical standards.”

Bottom line: Predatory claim shark companies are engaging in illegal activities. There is no gray area here, no matter how much money they want to throw at it. Their latest collusion is a desperate attempt to avoid accountability.

Your VFW has aggressively pursued this issue in all corners of government, solidifying the veterans' community's stance on this issue. You will see more from the VFW in the coming weeks, asking you to take action with your Congressional representatives, your state legislatures, and your communities. In the meantime, please read up on the facts and familiarize yourself with this issue, if you have not already. I have attached a branded VFW Fact Sheet on claim sharks for you to use and distribute widely to veterans. Please feel free to post the dark version on your social media and print off the light version for use in your community.

For more than a century, your VFW has been on the forefront of advocating for veterans and their earned benefits. In the last year alone, more than 550,000 veterans received more than \$13 billion in benefits from VA through the diligence and professionalism of the VFW's global network of VA-accredited service officers. Not a penny of this \$13 billion went to line the pockets of the VFW. It all went to the veterans, as the law requires.

Comrades: This fight may get a little messy in the coming weeks, but we will uphold the principles of our charter “to assist worthy comrades...and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans.” The VFW will stop Claim Sharks and we are eager to serve alongside you in this fight.

Yours in Comradeship,

Duane Sarmiento

Commander-in-Chief



DON'T FEED THE SHARKS



DontFeedTheSharks.org

What is a "Claim Shark"?

- A Claim Shark is an individual or company that charges hefty fees to "assist" or "consult" veterans with filing their VA benefit claims – this practice is illegal!
- Claim Sharks are not VA accredited, meaning they aren't required to adhere to the well-established professional and ethical standards of VA accreditation, so their advice can often be misleading or even fraudulent.
- Like a "Loan Shark," once you're in, you can't get out, and may be subject to new and hidden fees whenever you get a new rating, no matter who does the work.

Some of their predatory practices are:

- Promising or guaranteeing an increased disability rating or percentage increase.
- Advertising expedited VA claims decisions.
- Requesting login credentials to access a veteran's personal information through secure VA websites like eBenefits or VA.gov.
- Using confusing tactics or ambiguous language to mislead claimants or coerce them into signing a contract.
- Telling veterans to forego VA exams and offering health consultations within their own network of doctors.

Who are the Claim Sharks?

- Trajector Medical
- Vet Benefits Guide
- Veterans Guardian
- VA Claims Insider
- Telemedica
- Patriot Angels
- Veteran Care Services
- VetComm
- VA Claims Academy
- Vet Assist

Veterans can protect themselves by:

- Always working with VA accredited representatives.
- Attending all exams ordered by VA.
- Not signing contracts.
- Not agreeing to fees or payments from future benefits.
- Not agreeing to pay for medical consultations or opinions.
- Not providing access to Protected Health Information or Personal Identifiable Information.

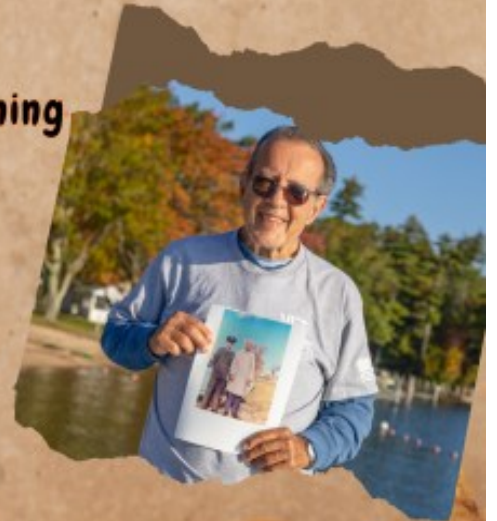
Who is NOT a Claim Shark?

- VA accredited veterans service organization representatives, like the VFW
- VA accredited claims agents
- VA accredited attorneys
- Attorneys assisting with Camp LeJeune lawsuits who do not charge excessive fees



sneak preview of the fabulous 2024 retreat lineup.

- Jan 26 - 28: Veteran Winter Retreat
- Feb 16 - 18: Veteran Couples ❤️
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- Feb 27 - Mar 1: 🛡️ First Responder Armor Up!
- Mar 8 - 10: Veteran Women 🕊️
- Mar 22 - 24: Veteran Resiliency & Wellness
- Apr 12 - 14: Veteran Resiliency & Wellness
- Apr 23 - 26: 🛡️ First Responder Armor Up!
- May 14 - 17: 🛡️ First Responder Retiree Armor Up!
- Jun 4 - 7: 🛡️ First Responder Armor Up!
- Jun 21 - 23: Veteran Family 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦
- Jul 18 - 20: 🐎 Veteran Equine Assisted Learning
- Aug 6 - 9: Veteran Caregiver
- Aug 16 - 18: Veteran Family 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦
- Sept 12 - 15: Veteran Couples ❤️
- Oct 3 - 5: 🐎 Veteran Equine Assisted Learning
- Oct 11 - 13: Veteran Couples
- Oct 15 - 18: 🛡️ First Responder Peer Support
- Oct 28 - 31: Veteran Women 🕊️
- Nov 5 - 8: Veteran Resiliency & Wellness
- Nov 22 - 24: Veterans Creative Wellness



For More Info?

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Veterans Benefit Dinner Public Welcome All proceeds benefit veterans programs.

When: Friday December 1st, 2023
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: Italian dinner, salad and desserts!



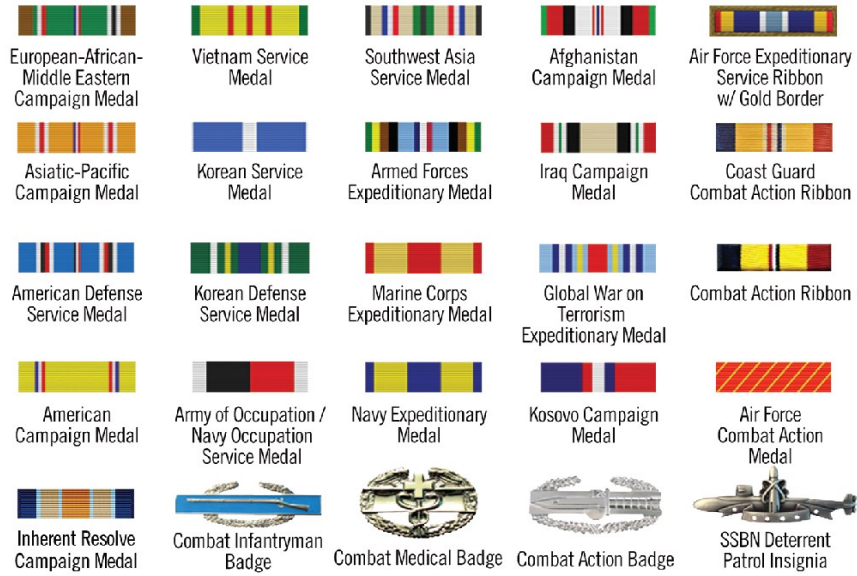
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PLEASE CONTACT: _____

AT: _____



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www.vfw.org

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

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 MALE

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	_____
KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)	GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY	EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS	Dates _____

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: _____

<i>Life Member Options</i>		
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

NEW Post # _____	FORMER MEMBER # _____
TRANSFER from Post # _____ State _____ to Post # _____	
RECRUITER _____	ID# _____
<small>(Please print)</small>	
QUARTERMASTER (Signature) _____	

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate 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 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 in 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 -- in 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.

_____	_____	_____
Committee Member	Committee Member	Committee Member

Applicants Signature & Date _____

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

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 withdraw)

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 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. 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

Table with 2 columns: Applicant's Signature and Recommended and Verified (PRINTED) by. Includes fields for Cootie No., Accepted into Pup Tent on Date, and Degree accepted dates.

VFW CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Post Name Post No. Located in 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)



VFW NATIONAL HOME

LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBER INFORMATION

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Name:

Address:

City: State: ZIP Code:

Date of birth: *Email: *Mobile Phone:

Membership Type:
 Associate (not a member of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary)
 Life Member (must be a member in good standing of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary or a unit of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary.
Complete affiliation information below. If no Post or Auxiliary number is provided, an Associate Membership will be issued.)

VFW & VFW AUXILIARY INFORMATION

(Required if a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member)

I am a member of VFW Post _____ in the Department of _____ VFW

I am a member of VFW Auxiliary _____ in the Department of _____ VFW Auxiliary

RECRUITER (Not required)

Recruiter name: _____ Recruiter Post or Auxiliary number: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Apply online at:
www.vfwnationalhome.org/membership One-time membership fee \$50

Check enclosed and made payable to VFW National Home
 Charge my Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

Name on card: Card number:

Signature: Expiration date:

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A LIFE MEMBER

BEING A LIFE MEMBER or an Associate Life Member of the VFW National Home is one way you can create a bond between yourself and the mission of the National Home. Your support and encouragement honor our veterans and today's military by helping their children and families in times of need. Life Members in good standing with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary may vote for trustees representing their National Home District and proposed Bylaw or Articles of Incorporation changes.

*These fields are required for electronic voting.