



DISTRICT 6 NEWSLETTER

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LONG MAY IT WAVE OVER THE LAND OF THE FREE

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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



From the desk of Commander Denis Querrard

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

Thank you for all you do, the Veterans you help, the communities you serve! Do you have a VFW member of the year? Please let the Department know who you think is leading from the front and supporting one or more of the purposes of our Congressional Charter.

See award criteria for nominations in the GO's.

Do you have a Junior ROTC Cadet who should be recognized for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership? Please contact Issac Miller (Derry Memorial Post 1617)
Email: cath_ike@yahoo.com (720) 560-9593

See award criteria for nominations in the GO's.

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

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

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

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

Recruit, Renew, and Retain!

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



STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans”

Hello,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



DISTRICT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

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

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

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

**Isaac Miller
Commander, District 6**



DISTRICT 6 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



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

District Meeting

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

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

Important Dates in Military History

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

District Encampment

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

Membership 90.38%

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

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

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

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



NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN VAVS REPRESENTATIVE TO MANCHESTER VA CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER

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

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

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

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

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

**Jörg Dreusicke
VAVS VAMC Manchester VFW Representative
National Legislative Committee Representative**

DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

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



LEGACY LIFE



RENEWAL
REMINDER

GOLD PAYS YOUR POST \$18.00

SILVER PAYS YOUR POST \$12.00

BRONZE PAYS YOUR POST \$6.00

BRAIN TWISTER

The captain of a ship was telling this interesting story. "We traveled the sea fare and wide. At one time two of my sailors were standing on opposite sides of the ship. One was looking East the other West. And at the same time they could see each other clearly." How is this possible?

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR MEMBERSHIP



VOD, PP & Teacher District 6 Winners

Patriot Pen

1st Pl: Caleb Kulian (Pelham)

2nd Pl: Melody Marina (Hollis)

3rd Pl: Livie Ward (Hollis)

Voice of Democracy

1st Pl: Thatcher Dembowski

2nd Pl: Trey Baker (Hampstead)

3rd Pl: Ashlyn Walsh (Pelham)

Teacher

K-5: Stefanie Day (Pelham)

6-8: Keith Lewis (Pelham)

9-12: Nicholas Ellis (Nashua)

STATE WINNERS

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY: THATCHER DEBOWSKI (Nashua VFW Post 483)

PATRIOT PEN:

TEACHER K-5:

TEACHER: 6-8

TEACHER: 9-19



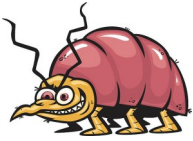
HAMPSTEAD TOWN ORGANIZATIONAL MEET & GREET

VFW Post 11254 and the Hampstead Patriotic Purposes Committee was represented by Comrades Jerry Gaff (L) and Richard Haycock (R) at the Annual Hampstead Town Organizational “Meet & Greet” (formerly the Town Forum) at the local library on 20 January. About 60 citizens were attracted by our large “Do You Qualify?” poster & stopped to learn about what Post 11254 and the Patriotic Committee do for local veterans & the community. Many stated that they have attended our Memorial Day and Veterans Day events. We discussed eligibility for membership with several and most people who stopped by were provided a card that lists contact information for further information about membership. A very productive and educational event for us as well as the local citizens.



The Hudson Post was very busy in December when we held a Toys for Tots Meat Raffle. In addition to our usual raffle prizes, attendees could play Meat Raffle and win money and meat/chicken/pork. We raised, in conjunction with our Toys for Tots donation buckets at the Veterans Hall bingo, \$14,455!

Our Post Canteen is now staying open on weekends so Comrades can stop in for some conversation, liquid therapy, and Lucky 7 machine playing.



COOTIE CORNER



Listen Cooties! Old Man Mountain Pup Tent #1 NH held a successful Red Cross Blood Drive on January 6 th . We managed to suck 19 pints from our very willing donors. We also handed out poppies, sold some Knife Raffle tickets, and did some recruiting for the VFW. We swapped stories with some vets and generally had a lousy time! Thanks to Chuck Chapman, Jorg Dreusicke, and Glenn Della Monica for their support of Pup Tent #1 NH. Those of you who don't regularly attend the scratch, blood drives are a good way to keep in touch with other Cooties in our Pup Tent. I'll be looking for you at the next blood drive!

The 2024 Knife Raffle continues. See the flyer, share it on your FB, print it out and post it at your Post. Hospital Chair Don Cisney had once again donated a Randall Fighting Knife with leather sheath. Tickets are only \$20. We need all of you lousy vermin to get with it and promote the raffle.



See you at the Scratch on February 7, 1900 hours at the Hudson Post.



Yours in the LOTCS,
Christina Madden
Seam Squirrel

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Teacher: "Kids, what does the chicken give you?" Student: "Meat!" Teacher: "Very good! Now what does the pig give you?" Student: "Bacon!" Teacher: "Great! And what does the fat cow give you?" Student: "Homework!"



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

DID YOU KNOW?

the Internet was originally called ARPANet (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network) designed by the US department of defense



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.

Indira Gandhi



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DISTRICT 6 & C of A MEETING SCHEDULE 2023-2024

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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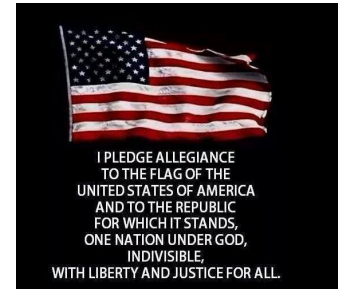
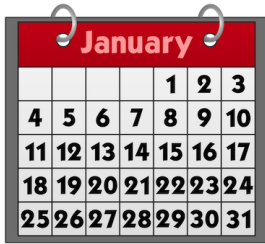
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February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VFW Post 10722 Meeting 1900 Post 10722 Aux Meeting 1900	2 Post 483 Aux Meeting 1300	3
4	5	6	7 Cootie Meeting 1900 Post 1617 Aux Meeting 1900	8	9	10
11	12 VFW Post 5791 Meeting 1900 Post 5791 Aux Meeting 1900 Post 8641 Aux Meeting 1800	13 VFW Post 8546 Meeting 1830	14 VFW Post 1617 Meeting 1900	15	16	17 VFW Post 11254 Meeting 0830
18 VFW Post 11373 Meeting 1400	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 VFW Post 8641 Meeting 1900	27 VFW Post 483 Meeting 1900	28	29		

ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

The sailors were standing back against the sides of the ship so they were looking at each other. It doesn't matter where the ship is. (of course it does not apply to the North and South Pole).



VETERANS INFORMATION



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

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



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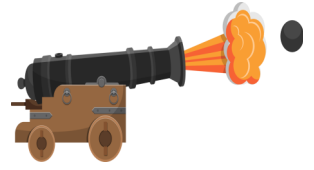
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BATTLE OF THE MONTH



IWO JIMA

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

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

The Japanese combat deaths numbered three times the number of American deaths, but unique among Pacific War Marine battles, the American total casualties (dead and wounded) exceeded those of the Japanese.^[10] Of the 21,000 Japanese soldiers on Iwo Jima at the beginning of the battle, only 216 were taken prisoner, some of whom were captured only because they had been knocked unconscious or otherwise disabled.^[4] Most of the remainder were killed in action, but it has been estimated that as many as 3,000 continued to resist within the various cave systems for many days afterwards until they eventually succumbed to their injuries or surrendered weeks later.^{[2][7]} Despite the fighting and severe casualties on both sides, the American victory was assured from the start. Overwhelming American superiority in numbers and arms, air supremacy, the impossibility of Japanese retreat or reinforcement, and sparse food and supplies for the Japanese, permitted no plausible circumstance in which the Japanese could have won the battle.^[11]

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





CROSSWORD PUZZLE



1/7/24, 4:17 PM

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

The Washington Post Sunday January 7, 2024

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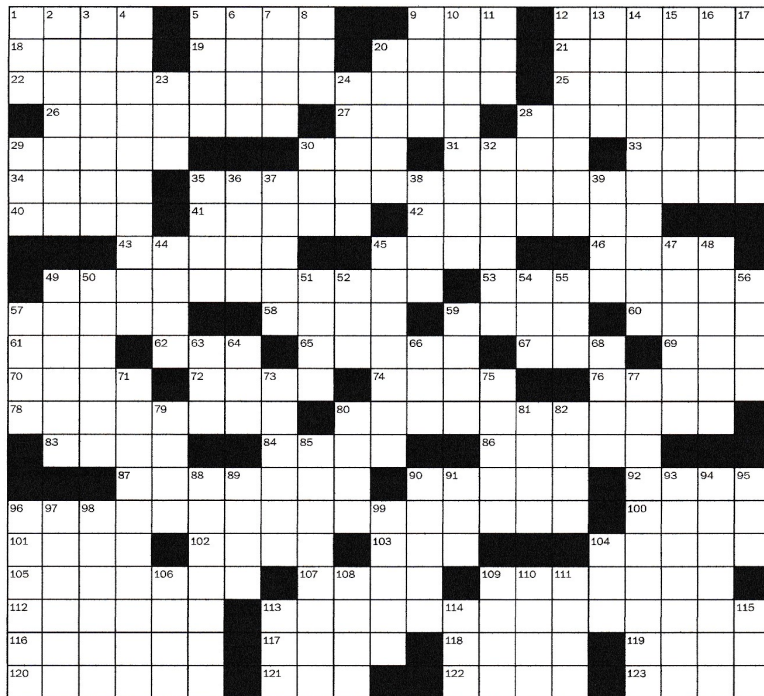
ACROSS

- 1 Totally wiped
- 5 College Board exam for jrs.
- 9 Fondant colorer
- 12 Dream big
- 18 Roman aqueduct section
- 19 Active volcano on Sicily
- 20 Timely benefit
- 21 Bedouin, e.g.
- 22 HTTP 504: Knight fails to return to castle before portcullis closes for curfew
- 25 Soft cotton fabric
- 26 Literary comparisons
- 27 Organs that affect balance
- 28 Boutonniere counterpart
- 29 Bed cover
- 30 "Turn up the heat!"
- 31 Fade, say
- 33 Triangles on a map, typically: Abbr.
- 34 Flower in some O'Keeffe paintings
- 35 HTTP 403: Knight not approved to embark on second search for the Holy Grail
- 40 Snap veggies
- 41 Sign into law
- 42 Push notifications
- 43 DOJ staffers
- 45 Ryan of "Star Trek: Picard"
- 46 Puglia lang.
- 49 HTTP 419: Knight's squire's apprenticeship no longer in force
- 53 Gets fit
- 57 Routine material
- 58 Store securely
- 59 Blues label based in Memphis
- 60 Icy layer
- 61 "Pressure" singer Lennox
- 62 Tennis unit
- 65 Some fossils

- 67 Citi player
- 69 16th POTUS
- 70 Baby carrier
- 72 Spindly
- 74 Villain's hideaway
- 76 "The Sparks Brothers" director Wright
- 78 Commuters' region
- 80 HTTP 500: Knight fails to tip waitstaff at banquet
- 83 Meh
- 84 Lump of soil
- 86 Finnish tech giant
- 87 Lowered a lot, as prices
- 90 New cadet
- 92 Rowdy crowds
- 96 HTTP 405: Knight illegally aims for opponent's head during joust
- 100 French friend
- 101 Fairy tale meanie
- 102 White peg in Battleship
- 103 Car port?
- 104 Waterfall on a doughnut production line
- 105 Fuel mining site
- 107 Angry speech
- 109 Toyota sedan
- 112 Suggest
- 113 Medieval protocol for knights, or an alternate title for this puzzle?
- 116 Rise
- 117 "Sadly ..."
- 118 Spark interest?
- 119 For a ___ pittance
- 120 Hi-fi system
- 121 Civil rights initialism
- 122 Brouhahas
- 123 115-Down votes

DOWN

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



- 7 Termite eaters
- 8 Mai ___: cocktail
- 9 "Monsters, Inc." factory product
- 10 "Pinkie promise?"
- 11 Isengard attacker
- 12 Weapons expert
- 13 Sweet and ___
- 14 Make the grade
- 15 "Better get a move on!"
- 16 Royal tenures
- 17 "Ready Player One" author Cline
- 20 Santa costume need
- 23 Sharp quality
- 24 Warrant
- 28 Attention
- 29 Swing dance move
- 30 "The Graham Norton Show" aier
- 32 Recruit
- 35 Big bash
- 36 Agate kin
- 37 Speaks with a sore throat
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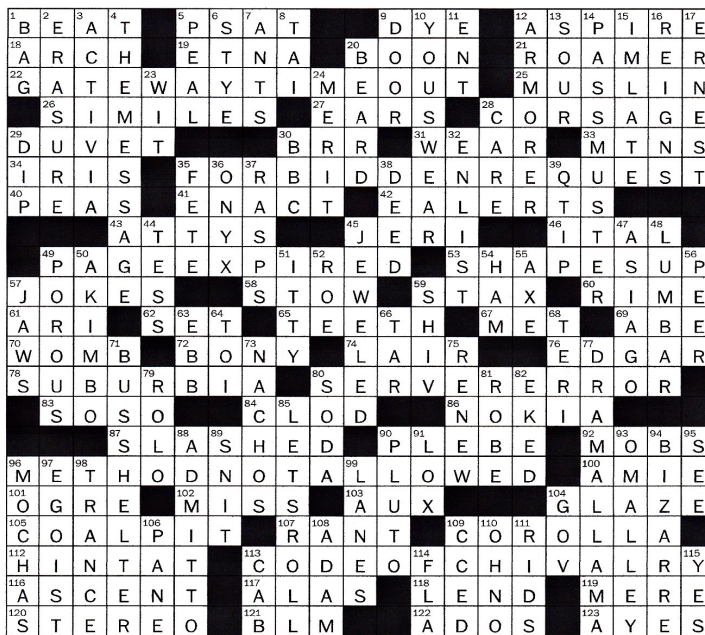
ACROSS

- 1 Totally wiped
- 5 College Board exam for jrs.
- 9 Fondant colorer
- 12 Dream big
- 18 Roman aqueduct section
- 19 Active volcano on Sicily
- 20 Timely benefit
- 21 Bedouin, e.g.
- 22 HTTP 504: Knight fails to return to castle before portcullis closes for curfew
- 25 Soft cotton fabric
- 26 Literary comparisons
- 27 Organs that affect balance
- 28 Boutonniere counterpart
- 29 Bed cover
- 30 "Turn up the heat!"
- 31 Fade, say
- 33 Triangles on a map, typically: Abbr.
- 34 Flower in some O'Keeffe paintings
- 35 HTTP 403: Knight not approved to embark on second search for the Holy Grail
- 40 Snap veggies
- 41 Sign into law
- 42 Push notifications
- 43 DOJ staffers
- 45 Ryan of "Star Trek: Picard"
- 46 Puglia lang.
- 49 HTTP 419: Knight's squire's apprenticeship no longer in force
- 53 Gets fit
- 57 Routine material
- 58 Store securely
- 59 Blues label based in Memphis
- 60 Icy layer
- 61 "Pressure" singer Lennox
- 62 Tennis unit
- 65 Some fossils

- 67 Citi player
- 69 16th POTUS
- 70 Baby carrier
- 72 Spindly
- 74 Villain's hideaway
- 76 "The Sparks Brothers" director Wright
- 78 Commuters' region
- 80 HTTP 500: Knight fails to tip waitstaff at banquet
- 83 Meh
- 84 Lump of soil
- 86 Finnish tech giant
- 87 Lowered a lot, as prices
- 90 New cadet
- 92 Rowdy crowds
- 96 HTTP 405: Knight illegally aims for opponent's head during joust
- 100 French friend
- 101 Fairy tale meanie
- 102 White peg in Battleship
- 103 Car port?
- 104 Waterfall on a doughnut production line
- 105 Fuel mining site
- 107 Angry speech
- 109 Toyota sedan
- 112 Suggest
- 113 Medieval protocol for knights, or an alternate title for this puzzle?
- 116 Rise
- 117 "Sadly ..."
- 118 Spark interest?
- 119 For a ___ pittance
- 120 Hi-fi system
- 121 Civil rights initialism
- 122 Brouhahas
- 123 115-Down votes

DOWN

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



- 7 Termite eaters
- 8 Mai ___ cocktail
- 9 "Monsters, Inc." factory product
- 10 "Pinkie promise?"
- 11 Isengard attacker
- 12 Weapons expert
- 13 Sweet and ___
- 14 Make the grade
- 15 "Better get a move on!"
- 16 Royal tenures
- 17 "Ready Player One" author Cline
- 20 Santa costume need
- 23 Sharp quality
- 24 Warrant
- 28 Attention
- 29 Swing dance move
- 30 "The Graham Norton Show" aier
- 32 Recruit
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Flyers

DISTRICT 6 WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE FIRST PLACE VOD WINNER

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THATCHER DEBOWSKI

Thatcher is in the 12th grade and will be heading to college in the south for civil engineering.



VFW JROTC Cadet of the Year Award Nomination Criteria



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

Criteria: Possession of individual characteristics contributing to leadership including:

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

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

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

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

VFW Member of the Year Award Nomination Criteria



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

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


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

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

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

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

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Included with the stove are . . .

- **Sticks:** Pro-grade tools for fire
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- > 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.



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Drawing: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Immediately following the Loyalty Day ceremony at the Nashua Senior Center

Any questions, email nashuavfwpost483@gmail.com

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Veterans Benefit Dinner Public Welcome All proceeds benefit veterans programs.

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

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

Admission: \$8 per adult
Children are free.

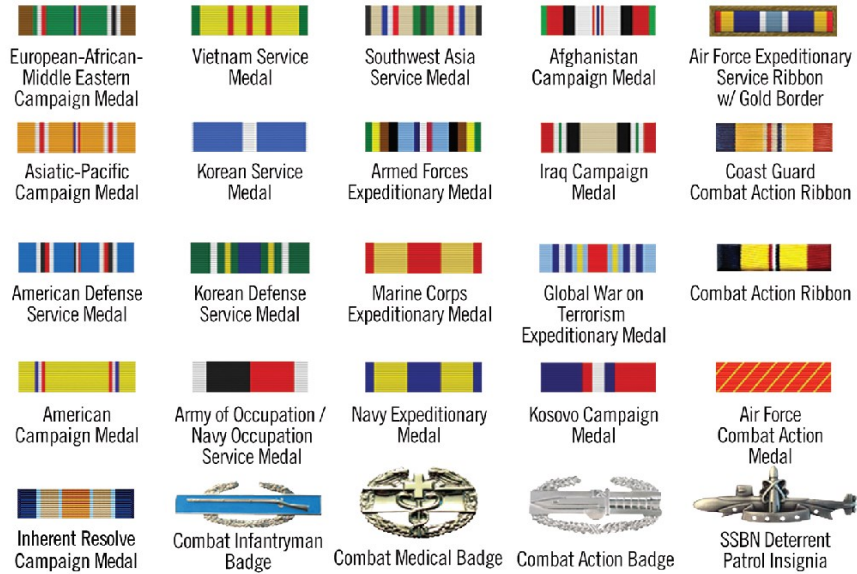
What : Stews and chowders with cornbread
and desserts!

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

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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 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: _____

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

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.

_____	_____	_____
<small>Committee Member</small>	<small>Committee Member</small>	<small>Committee Member</small>

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

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: _____ 1 st Degree accepted Date: _____ 2 nd Degree accepted Date: _____ 3 rd 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)



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.