

District 6 Department of New Hampshire



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MEMBERSHIP

Current membership statistics are as follows for District 6:

	Membership	Retention Rate
483 Nashua	77.36%	51.16%
4368 Milford	77.21%	44.09%
5791 Hudson	77.41%	46.53%
8214 Manchester	72.83%	32.07%
8401 Bedford	72.09%	42.25%
8641 Merrimack	68.53%	27.38%
10722 Pelham	81.25%	45.45%
11373 Hollis	87.76%	33.33%
District Percentage	75.28%	44.28%

As of: 30 October 2012



Special points of interest:

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Commander:

David Lane

Sr. Vice Commander:

Mark McCabe

Jr. Vice Commander:

Jorg Dreusicke

Quartermaster/Adjutant:

Kevin McKeating

COMMANDER'S COMMENT

November is upon us; the holiday season is just a few weeks away. VAVS White River and Manchester, along with the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton are preparing for their Christmas parties. Please, if you are sending donations to help with these parties, send them as soon as possible to support these functions.

At the last District meeting it was mentioned that some are having a hard time finding the Department of New Hampshire General Orders. I will admit it is at times frustrating to navigate the Web site looking for them. Here is the link:

<http://nhvfw.org/category/dept-of-nh-general-orders/>

Now instead of looking for the link you can paste it into your browser and go directly to the Orders. Once you get there just save it as one of your

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 6 Nov-Election Day
- 11 Nov-Veterans Day
- 15 Nov-VOD packet due to District
- 20 Nov-Articles for State Newspaper due to Adjutant
- 22 Nov-Thanksgiving Day
- 2 Dec- District VOD Banquet, Pelham 1300

GENERAL ORDER HIGHLIGHTS

<http://nhvfw.org/department-news/3820/>

This is the link to the Department General Orders. You may have to hit control and click link at the same time to go to the General Orders.

1. Scholastic Awards Banquet 19 Jan 2013, Sheraton Harbor side, Portsmouth 6pm
2. C of A 19 Jan 2013, Saturday at VFW Post 168 Portsmouth 10 am.
3. Veterans Day- Boscawen Cemetery, 11 Nov at 11 am.
4. Hospital Christmas Parties. White River Dec 2, Veterans Home 9 Dec, and Manchester 16 Dec all beginning at 12:30 pm.
5. EMT, Law Enforcement and Firefighter awards due to Dave Quellette by 15 Dec.

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WE WANT YOU!

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LADIES AUXILIARY



No article submitted.



New Hampshire Veterans Home

Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the New Hampshire Veterans Home on Tuesday, 13 Nov 2012 at 11:00 am. Preceded by a Coffee Social at 10:15 am. VFW members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to (603) 527-4400 if you are going to attend. The Veterans there would be happy to see as many of us as possible to show they are not forgotten.



REMINDER

This is a reminder to all post commanders that it is your responsibility and duty to attend District meetings. If for some reason you cannot attend you should notify the District Commander that you will not be there and assign one of your Jr. Officers to attend in your stead with your post report. Posts not attending for two consecutive meetings the commander can be removed.

DEPARTMENT SURGEON'S CORNER

TREATMENT

Treatment depends on many things, including your Gleason score and your overall health. Your doctor will discuss your treatment options.

For early-stage prostate cancer, this may include:

1. Surgery (radical prostatectomy)
2. Radiation Therapy, including brachytherapy and proton therapy.

If you are older, your doctor may recommend simply monitoring the cancer with PSA tests and biopsies.

If the prostate cancer has spread, treatment may include:

1. Hormone therapy (medicines to reduce testosterone levels)
2. Surgery
3. Chemotherapy

Surgery, radiation therapy, and hormone therapy can affect your sexual desire or performance. Problems with urine control after surgery and radiation therapy. Discuss your concerns with your doctor.

GET A PSA TEST TODAY!!!



POST NEWS



NASHUA VFW POST 483

- 3 Nov Veterans Dinner Dance 6 pm \$15
- 8 Nov Post Supper 5-7 pm \$7
- 8 Nov BAE Veterans Day program (3 plant locations)
- 11 Nov Veterans Day Parade 10:30 am
- 9-12 Nov Ladies Aux Poppy Drive

16-18 Nov Post Poppy Drive

PELHAM VFW POST 10722

- 2 Nov-Stews, Chicken Pie, Gumbo
- 24 Nov-Festival of Trees, Bake Sale 12-9 pm
- Pasta, Lasagna, Eggplant Parm-dinner 5:45-7 pm; Show 7:15-8:30 pm.

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MENS AUXILIARY



Nashua Post 483's Men's Auxiliary Breakfast is held on the first Sunday of each month from 0800 to 1100. All you can eat for \$6.50. Eggs to order, omelets, pancakes, home fries, bacon, sausage, SOS, corned beef hash, bagels, OJ and coffee. Best breakfast in town. Can't beat it!

MEMBERSHIP

New Hampshire is about at the bottom of the list of states as far as membership goes. Let's get on the stick and get our membership up. We all know how hard it is to keep members. We must work harder at it and continue to recruit new members and retain them. Our membership is getting older each year. We have to attract the younger veterans to join and keep them if we are to survive into the future.

NATION DUES INCREASE PROPOSAL

National is requesting approval to raise dues for the 2014 membership years by \$10.00. The breakdown of the increase is as follows:

- \$1.00 back to Department Veteran Service Officer only.
- \$3.00 to Programs (determined by National C of A)
- \$6.00 to the Veterans Service Fund (this is the money National gives each Department toward their Service Officer.

Pelham Post 10722

- 1 Dec- Holiday Dinner & CCMA Theater Show; Pasta, Lasagna, Eggplant Parm, Dinner 5:45-8 pm; Show 7:15-8:30 pm.
- 2 Dec- District 6 VOD Banquet, at St. Patrick's Church Hall



AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASSES



AARP will be offering FREE Driver Safety Classroom courses to ALL military veterans and their dependents, from 1-30 Nov 2012. This is to recognize and thank all military veterans for their service. These classes will be held statewide. They are open to everyone and all ages; you do not need to be a member of AARP to attend this course. The fee (for non-veterans) is \$12 to \$14(AARP members or non-members). Again, for military veterans and their dependents, these courses are FREE and you do not have to be a member of AARP. Note, certain insurance companies recognize that completion of this course may qualify their members for a reduction in their auto insurance premiums. For a listing of classes in NH state locations, call 1-888-227-7669.

Submitted by: Andy Seremeth, Hollis Post 11373



JOKE OF THE MONTH

It was a dark, stormy night. The Marine was on his first assignment and it was guard duty. A General stepped out taking his dog for a walk. The nervous young Private snapped to attention, made a perfect salute, and snapped out, "Sir, Good Evening, Sir!" The General, out for some relaxation, returned the salute and said, "Good evening Marine, nice night, isn't it?" Well it wasn't a nice night, but the Private wasn't going to disagree with the General, so he saluted again and replied, "Sir, Yes Sir!" The General continued, "you know there's something about a stormy night that I find soothing, It's really relaxing. Don't you agree?" The Private didn't agree, but then the private was just a private, and responded, "Sir, Yes Sir!" The General, pointing to his dog, " This is a Golden Retriever, the best type of dog to train." The Private glanced at the dog, saluted yet again, and said, "Sir, Yes Sir!" The General continued, "I got this dog for my wife." The Private simply said, "Good trade, Sir!"



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DISTRICT 6 MEETING SCHEDULE 2012-2013

The Commander, David Lane, has announced the meeting schedule for District 6. Please note the dates and insure your post commander or his representative is at each meeting. If for some reason your post cannot be represented contact the Commander to inform him of your post's absence.

16 Sep 12 at Pelham 1000

28 Oct 12 at Nashua 1000

27 Jan 13 at Milford 1000

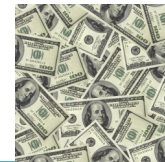
17 Mar 13 at Manchester 1000

4 May 11 at Hudson 1100



DUES INCREASE

Remember effective 1 January 2013, the dues owed to Department will increase by \$4 per member. This increase is to support the salary and cost for our State Service Officer, John Barrett. We all know how well John does his job. If you haven't adjusted your post dues yet, don't forget to do it prior to 1 January 2013.



GENERAL ORDERS CONT'D

5. Dues Notice-currently underway
6. District Planner-2012-2013 District meeting dates must be turned in to Department at the District Encampment.
7. VOD, Patriot's Penn and Teacher Awards will be done together this year.
8. New Premier Edition VFW Newspaper; the name of the paper will be The Granite State VFW. Anything you would like to place in the newspaper must be into the Department Adjutant by the 20th of each month.
9. New Scholarship program for children/grandchildren of VFW and Auxiliary members.
10. National Appointments
11. Military Order of the Cootie, The Grand Scratch is set for 17 Nov at Concord VFW Post.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY



Deadline for posts to get their VOD winners to District is 15 Nov.

District Banquet will be 2 Dec 2012 at Pelham VFW Post 11722. Held at Church across the street from the post.



Commander's Comments Continued

Favorites and you can just select it when you want without having to search.

Please remember this year's VOD will be at 1300 on 2 Dec 2012 in Pelham.

I would be remiss in my responsibilities if I were not to remind you that now is time to work on our membership numbers. Please remember that the first of the year the Department is raising the dues by \$4.00. Get them paid before we hit that financial cliff.

Again thanks to everyone for the help and support,

David Lane, Commander