

## Dates to Remember

**VFW Post # 8393 Meets on the Fourth Monday of Every Month at the Emma Ramsey Center, Route 125, Milton, NH Meeting at 7:00 PM, Snacks 6:30**

01 May: Law Day  
01 May: Loyalty Day  
02 May: National Day of Prayer  
05 May: Orthodox Easter  
06 May: Nurses Day  
07 May: Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces (1945)  
08 May: VE Day Declared (1945)  
10 May: Military Spouses Day  
12 May: Mothers Day  
15 May: Women's Army Corps Founded (1942)  
15 May: Peace Officers Memorial Day  
18 May: Armed Forces Day  
19 May: District 3 Encampment  
22 May: National Maritime Day  
27 May: Memorial Day (Observed)  
30 May: Memorial Day



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**Monthly Communication**  
**May 2013**

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**End 68 Hours of Hunger:**



On Saturday 27 April 2013 Commander Hayward and Quartermaster Graham presented a check for \$600.00 to Mr. Jim Ricker of the End 68 Hours of Hunger Organization.

## From The Commander:

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#### Milton Memorial Post 8393 will be marching in the:

**Wakefield Pride Day** (Armed Forces Day) Parade at 11 am 18 May starting at the Paul School and ending at the Fire Station.

#### Memorial Day Parades:

**Farmington:** 12 noon on 26 May starting at the Cemetery and ending at the Town Hall.

**Milton:** 11 am 27 May starting at the American Legion Hall and ending at Veterans Park.

Commander Hayward encourages all members, who are able, to participate in the Parades.

**STATE CONVENTION:** The State Convention will be held June 7-9, 2013 at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH. Room rate is \$99.00 plus tax, phone 603-888-9970 for a reservation. There are 8 handicap rooms available. As always let them know you are with the VFW.

#### DEPARTMENT OF NH V.F.W. ANNUAL PICNIC

AT LITTLETON VFW POST 816

Saturday July 6, 2013

Committee Meetings at 9:00 AM, CofA at 10:00AM in Pavilion, Ladies meeting upstairs hall. 12 til 2pm Lunch- Pulled Pork sandwiches, hot dogs, Italian sausage w/peppers and onions and coleslaw.

4-6PM dinner - Bar-B-Q (bone in) Chicken Breast, Corn on Cob, Potato Salad, Pork Spare Ribs and Watermelon

**Donation \$25.00 Per Person includes 3 drink chips. Tickets will be handed out on the day of the Picnic. (Saturday evening Live Band to be announced)**

Make checks payable to Littleton VFW Post 816 and mail to Dan Green Law, PO

Box 157, Bethlehem, NH 03574 ( **indicate whose name to hold tickets in**)

**Sunday July 7, 2013 Breakfast at the Post 8 -12 \$6.00 Per Person**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION:** The 114th VFW National Convention will be July 20-24, 2013 in Louisville, Kentucky. New Hampshire will be staying at the Marriott. Room rates are Single/Double \$148.00, Triple \$158.00 and Quad \$168.00. All rates come with 15 % tax. Please see enclosed convention registration forms and make your registration early.

**Deadline for VFW rate is June 13, 2013. You can make your reservation on line at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).**

**STATE COMMANDER'S SPECIAL PROJECT: VETERANS FOUNDATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.** State Commander Greg Lynch has chosen the Veterans Foundation of New Hampshire as his special project. It is the Commander's goal to raise as much money as possible this year in support of this worthwhile organization which is trying to help raise money for our Service Office. Please help the Commander in this worthy cause.

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**Peace Officers Memorial Day** and Police Week is an observance in the United States that pays tribute to the local, state, and Federal peace officers. The Memorial takes place on May 15, and Police Week is the calendar week in which the Memorial falls. The holiday was created on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked the president to designate May 15 to honor peace officers. John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. Amended in 1994, Bill Clinton, through Public Law 103-322, directed that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff on May 15. According to a proclamation by George W. Bush in 2002, "Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week pay tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. These observances also remind us of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime, especially to acts of extreme violence and terrorism."

**Armed Forces Day:** Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May. Many events across the United States take place on Armed Forces Day to honor Americans in uniform who served their country in times of war and peace. Those who are honored on this day include people who serve the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in May because of their unique training schedules.

**National Maritime Day:** May 22 is National Maritime Day in the United States each year. This day reflects the gratitude that Americans have for the maritime industry and the benefits it brings to the country. It also recognizes ships and seafarers who have held a special place in the nation's history. Many communities and organizations in the United States observe National Maritime Day in a variety of ways. Activities and events include open houses and special celebrations hosted by seaports. Some businesses may host special luncheons while other people attend memorial observances at merchant marine memorials. This day pays special tribute to the benefits that the maritime industry provides for the United States, as well as people who served as merchant mariners in service to their country.

**Memorial Day** is a United States federal holiday which occurs every year on the final Monday of May. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, living or dead.

**Milton Memorial Post 8393 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Milton NH held the monthly meeting at 7pm on 22 April 2013 at the Emma Ramsey Center, Milton NH and Nominated and Elected of Post Officers for the coming year those officers are:**

**Commander: Peter Hayward, Senior Vice Commander: Leonard Arkerson, Junior Vice Commander: Richard Bowden, Quartermaster: Robert Graham, Chaplin: Paul Carlson, Judge Advocate: John Calo Surgeon: Robert Ferris, Trustee One Year: Charles Montgomery, Trustee Two Year: Douglas Shute Trustee Three Year: Pat Smith**

**Law Day:** On May 1 the United States officially recognizes Law Day. It is meant to reflect on the role of law in the foundation of the country and to recognize its importance for society. Before President Dwight D. Eisenhower declared May 1 to be Law Day, U.S.A., the first day of May was known in some parts of the world as May Day: a day to remember the struggles of workers in their fight for better wages and working conditions. Law Day was originally the idea of, Eisenhower's legal counsel for a time, who was serving in 1957-1958 as president of the American Bar Association. Eisenhower proclaimed May 1 to be Law Day, U.S.A. in 1958. Its observance was later codified by Public Law 87-20 on April 7, 1961

**Loyalty Day** is observed on May 1 in the United States. It is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom. The holiday was first observed in 1921, during the First Red Scare. It was originally called "Americanization Day," and it was intended to replace the May 1 ("May Day") celebration of the International Workers' Day, which commemorates the 1886 Haymarket Massacre in Chicago. Loyalty Day is celebrated with parades and ceremonies in several U.S. communities, like Batavia, Illinois, although many people in the United States remain unaware of it. Although a legal holiday, it is not a federal holiday, and is not commonly observed.[]

**The National Day of Prayer** (36 U.S.C. § 119) is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". Each year since its inception, the president has signed a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. The modern law formalizing its annual observance was enacted in 1952. The National Day of Prayer is celebrated by Americans of many religions, including Christians of many denominations, such as Baptists and Catholics, as well as Sikhs, Muslims, Hindus, and Jews. On the National Day of Prayer, many Americans assemble in prayer in front of courthouses, as well as in houses of worship, such as churches, mosques, synagogues, and temples. Luncheons, picnics, and music performances revolving around praying for the nation are also popular observances. Traditionally, the President of the United States issues an official National Day of Prayer proclamation each year as well.[]

**Orthodox Easter:** Many Orthodox Christians in the United States celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Orthodox Christian date for Easter Sunday often occurs at a later date than the Easter date observed by many western churches. The day is also known as Pascha, Easter and Easter Day. Many Orthodox Christian churches, including the Greek Orthodox and the Russian Orthodox churches, celebrate the "miracle of Easter" on the Easter Sunday date in the Julian calendar. Many people see Easter as the most important event in the church calendar. Orthodox Easter preparations begin with 40 days of strict fasting prior to Easter Day. Many Orthodox Christians attend liturgies during the Holy Week that leads up to Easter Sunday.

**National Nurses Day**, also known as National RN Recognition Day, is always celebrated on May 6th and opens National Nurses Week. National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, the birth date of Florence Nightingale. National Nurses Week is one of the nation's largest health care events, recognizing the contributions and commitments nurses make and educating the public about the significant work they perform. The American Nurses Association (ANA) supports and encourages National Nurses Week through state and district nurses associations, educational facilities, and independent health care companies and institutions.

**Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces:** On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Reims, France, to take effect the following day, ending the European conflict of World War II. The New York Times published an Associated Press story under the headline "The War in Europe is Ended!" It reported, "[The Germans] were asked sternly if they understand the surrender terms imposed upon Germany and if they would be carried out by Germany. They answered Yes. Germany, which began the war with a ruthless attack upon Poland, followed by successive aggressions and brutality in internment camps, surrendered with an appeal to the victors for mercy toward the German people and armed forces."

**Victory in Europe Day**—known as V-E Day or VE Day—was the public holiday celebrated on 8 May 1945 (in Commonwealth countries, 7 May 1945) to mark the date when the World War II Allies formally accepted the unconditional surrender of the armed forces of Nazi Germany and the end of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich, thus ending the war in Europe. The formal surrender of the occupying German forces in the Channel Islands was not until 9 May 1945. On 30 April Hitler committed suicide during the Battle of Berlin, and so the surrender of Germany was authorized by his successor, President of Germany Karl Dönitz. The administration headed by Dönitz was known as the Flensburg government. The *act of military surrender* was signed on 7 May in Reims, France, and on 8 May in Berlin, Germany.

**Military Spouse Day** or Military Spouse Appreciation Day is celebrated on the Friday before Mother's Day in the United States. Many United States citizens take this day to acknowledge the significant contributions, support, and sacrifices of spouses of their Armed Forces.

President Ronald Reagan recognized the profound importance of spouse commitment to the readiness and well-being of military members and declared May 23, 1984 the first Military Spouse Day with Proclamation 5184, dated April 17, 1984. The US Secretary of Defense, Caspar Weinberger standardized the date by declaring the Friday preceding Mother's Day as Military Spouse Day. Each year, the US President normally commemorates this day with a ceremonial speech and proclamation.

**Mothers Day** is celebrated to honor all mothers and express gratitude for the hardships they bear in bringing up a child. Most countries including US, Australia, Canada and India celebrate Mothers Day on the second Sunday of May. Mothers Day came into being due to the efforts made by Ms Julia Ward Howe and Ms Anna Jarvis. The Resolution for having a dedicated Mothers Day was signed by US President Woodrow Wilson on May 8, 1914. Since then people across the world have been celebrating Mothers Day with joy and devotion.

**The Women's Army Corps** (WAC) was the women's branch of the United States Army. It was created as an auxiliary unit, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on 15 May 1942 by Public Law 554, and converted to full status as the WAC in 1943. Its first director was Oveta Culp Hobby, a prominent society woman in Texas. The WAAC organization was designed by numerous Army bureaus coordinated by Lt. Col. Gilman C. Mudgett, the first WAAC Pre-Planner. However, nearly all of his plans were discarded or greatly modified before going into operation because he expected a corps of only 11,000 women.

The WAAC was modeled after comparable British units, especially the ATS, which caught the attention of Chief of Staff George C. Marshall. In 1942, the first contingent of 800 members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps began basic training at Fort Des Moines Provisional Army Officer Training School, Iowa. The women were fitted for uniforms, interviewed, assigned to companies and barracks and inoculated against disease during the first day.



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