

GENERAL ORDER NO. 12

1 June 2019

COMMANDER'S FINAL MESSAGE

Wow, this year has really gone by fast. It seems like yesterday that we were raising our hands and taking the oath of office.

I want to personally thank all the VFW and Auxiliary officers and members for the support you have given me and your dedication to the VFW and our Veterans. Thank You for the hospitality and friendship you have provided Lisa and me throughout the years.

We have accomplished a lot this year and most of all we have tackled many new challenges and implemented new changes which will benefit our members and the Department for years to come. We have done an outstanding job on our programs, legislative efforts, and membership.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars achieved 100% membership. This is the first time since 1992 that our national organization has achieved this historic milestone! You should be extremely proud. This year we made history and each of you were part of that history. The Department of Massachusetts was paramount in supporting the VFW by achieved 100% membership on May 22, 2019 and this couldn't have been done without the hard work of many. Thank You!

I am grateful for the support and trust you have provided me. I look forward to my continued service to the VFW and our Veterans!

Together We **Built** a Stronger VFW!



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MAY TOP INDIVIDUAL RECRUITER:

Bill LeBeau (14 Members)

MAY TOP POST:

None (5 or more Members)



Congratulations to the following Posts for attaining 100%+ in Membership for 2018-2019:

City	Post	Percent	City	Post	Percent
ABINGTON	5737	100.49%	NEEDHAM	2498	111.55%
AMHERST	754	101.07%	NORTH ADAMS	996	113.39%
ARLINGTON	1775	102.70%	NORTH BILLERICA	8819	107.25%
ASHBURNHAM	5509	100.00%	NORTH BROOKFIELD	3439	101.23%
ASHLAND	2331	100.58%	NORTHFIELD	9874	105.17%
ATHOL	650	101.51%	NORWOOD	2452	100.00%
ATTLEBORO	115	113.00%	OAK BLUFFS	9261	102.83%
BEDFORD	1628	100.00%	PITTSFIELD	448	100.00%
BELLINGHAM	7272	100.00%	PLYMOUTH	1822	102.06%
BELMONT	1272	101.39%	PROVINCETOWN	3152	100.00%
BOSTON	15022	101.63%	QUINCY	613	102.18%
BOSTON	144	106.89%	RANDOLPH	3389	100.00%
BOSTON	1018	108.81%	REVERE	4524	102.35%
BOURNE	5988	103.42%	REVERE	6712	103.35%
BRADFORD	675	100.00%	ROCHDALE	7556	137.50%
BRAINTREE	1702	105.49%	SALEM	1524	106.56%
BROCKTON	1046	102.18%	SCITUATE	3169	106.84%
BURLINGTON	7423	100.00%	SHARON	7238	100.00%
CAMBRIDGE	8818	104.96%	SHELBURNE FALLS	8503	101.56%
CLINTON	523	106.84%	SHREWSBURY	10278	104.76%
DARTMOUTH	9059	100.00%	SOMERSET	8500	105.00%
EAST DENNIS	10274	105.00%	SOMERVILLE	529	115.18%
EAST DOUGLAS	7554	100.00%	SOUTH BOSTON	561	100.00%
EASTHAMPTON	3422	103.17%	SOUTH BOSTON	6536	108.10%
EASTON	2547	100.00%	SOUTH HADLEY	3104	142.46%
FAIRHAVEN	2892	107.95%	SOUTHBOROUGH	3276	100.00%
FALL RIVER	486	100.00%	SOUTHWICK	872	101.03%
FOXBORO	2626	105.26%	STONEHAM	620	100.00%

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City	Post	Percent	City	Post	Percent
FRAMINGHAM	929	126.82%	STOUGHTON	1645	101.03%
FRANKLIN	3402	115.09%	SUDBURY	8771	100.00%
GARDNER	905	106.60%	SWAMPSCOTT	1240	100.00%
HALIFAX	6258	107.81%	SWANSEA	2045	106.15%
HAMPDEN	9397	115.18%	TEWKSBURY	8164	100.00%
HOUSATONIC	8183	100.00%	TOWNSEND	6538	102.85%
HUDSON	1027	101.37%	UXBRIDGE	1385	102.56%
HULL	1787	100.00%	WALES	2596	104.54%
LEE	893	101.35%	WALPOLE	5188	101.08%
LEOMINSTER	1807	113.75%	WALTHAM	10334	101.49%
LEXINGTON	3007	107.69%	WALTHAM	2152	101.63%
LITTLETON	6556	124.39%	WATERTOWN	1105	109.09%
LOWELL	662	100.74%	WEBSTER	654	107.14%
LUDLOW	3236	110.27%	WEST BOYLSTON	6907	100.90%
MANSFIELD	3264	114.06%	WEST ROXBURY	2902	100.00%
MASHPEE	5489	102.77%	WEST SPRINGFIELD	6714	103.00%
MEDWAY	1526	100.41%	WESTFORD	6539	102.98%
MELROSE	2394	101.53%	WESTMINSTER	7389	107.44%
METHUEN	8349	102.25%	WESTPORT	8502	100.00%
MIDDLEBORO	2188	107.42%	WEYMOUTH	1399	100.00%
MILFORD	1544	106.25%	WINCHENDON	2158	100.00%
BEVERLY	545	100.00%			

Congratulations to the following Districts for attaining 100%+ in Membership for 2018-2019:

District	Percent
5	100.38%
6	100.13%
7	102.10%
11	105.19%
15	100.63%
18	102.24%

District Commanders Contest - Congratulations District 5, 15, and 18

- Division 1 (1001-2000) 100% of last year's membership (**District 15**)
- Division 2 (2001-2500) 100% of last year's membership (**District 18**)
- Division 3 (2501-3500) 100% of last year's membership (**District 5**)
- Division 4 (3501 and over) 100% of last year's membership (None)

Reinstate Members Award

Post with the most reinstated members by June 1, 2019 will receive \$200.00 VFW Store Gift Certificate. Congratulations Robert Hardy Post 529.

Congratulations to the top recruiters in the state:

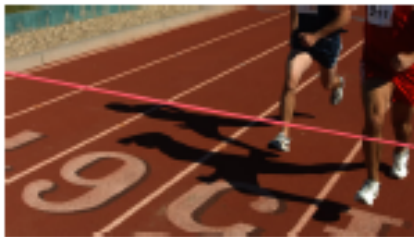
Name	Post	District	Members
Robert W. Hardy Jr	529	18	54
Keith Jackson	6538	15	52
Michael A. Raymond	2498	5	33
Michael J. Slater	3104	7	21
Anthony F. Manfredi Jr	5988	12	20
William G. LeBeau	7556	8	18
Eric Segundo	3236	7	17
Jered S. Sasen	9397	7	15
Kim F. Emerling	1524	10	15
Gerard J. Milch	2188	12	15
Christopher D. Golden	662	15	10





COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

Commander-in-Chief B.J. Lawrence has laid down a challenge to all VFW Posts for the month of June 2019!



The finish line is in sight!

For the month of June, there will be two membership challenges set forth by the Commander-in-Chief for every VFW Post!

From June 1st through June 30th, the top ten Posts in each Division that increase their membership percentage the most will be entered into a drawing for \$1000 to be deposited into the Post account! New members, renewing members, reinstated members - they all count towards this challenge!

In addition, every Post who increases their New/Reinstated Member Percentage by at least 2% in June will be entered into a series of drawings for a \$5000, a \$3000, and a \$2000 prize! For each increase of 2% in the Post's New/Reinstated Member Percentage, they'll get another entry in the drawings! We're in the home stretch now, let's MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Membership percentages will be figured from June 1st through June 30th. Be aware that the year-end processing on June 30th often ends before the close of the business day, and the final numbers will be figured from when we close down the Online Membership System that day. The specific time will be noted when you log into the Online Membership System. All membership numbers for this and other contests will be final as of that time.

Election Reports: Per Section 213 of the National Bylaws, Posts that have not submitted a properly completed Post-Election Report by June 1 are in arrears and shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustments of such deficiencies. Posts that have registered delegates for the Department and National Conventions will not receive credentials until the Post has satisfied their arrearage.

National Convention Dues: Attention is directed to the provision of Section 222 (d) of the National Bylaws, "Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee." Post Quartermasters are encouraged to register their delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS). Posts failing to comply with this provision will be considered delinquent and in arrears.

Installing officers are directed to see to it that the Post-Election Report forms have been completed and submitted to National Headquarters. If a Post-Election Report form has not been forwarded to National Headquarters at the time of installation, the installing officer shall complete and forward such report at the time of the installation of Post Officers no later than June 1. We encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post-Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters. Additionally, Section 413 of the National Bylaws requires that a properly completed District Election Report be submitted to National Headquarters prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

Proof of Eligibility for all Newly-Elected and Appointed Officers: Post, District, Department Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded of the requirements of Sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedure with regard to proof of eligibility for all newly-elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

Trustees Report of Audit: Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 (a) (11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, one of which ends June 30.

Dates to Remember

01 June Field Training (AKA OTI) Grafton Post 1497 at 9 AM
02 June Field Training (AKA OTI) Plymouth Post 1822 at 9 AM
6-9 June State Convention, Doubletree by Hilton Leominster, MA
9 June Council of Administration, Doubletree Hotel Leominster, MA
15 June Field Training (AKA OTI) Saugus Post 2346 at 9 AM
15 June 100 Year American Legion Massachusetts Parade
22 June Quartermaster/Service Officer Training, Medway Post 1526 at 9 AM
23 June Field Training (AKA OTI) Westford Post 6539 at 9 AM
26 June Storm the Hill Rally, Statehouse Boston, MA at 9 AM
July 20-24 National Convention Orlando, FL

District Meetings

12 June District 12 Meeting East Wareham, MA 7:30 PM

Candidates for Department High Office 2019-2020

Department Commander - Jeff Najarian, Post 1788
Department Sr. Vice Commander - Russell Jobe Post 6538
Department Jr. Vice Commander - Doug Wood Post 6539
Department Quartermaster - John Larney Post 1526
Department Chaplain - Fr. Joseph J. Gallick Post 697
Department Judge Advocate - Michael Raymond Post 2498
Department Surgeon - James Morrissey Post 3264
Department Surgeon - Christine Tron Post 545

I wish you and your family good health and happiness with many blessings.

Thank you all for your support!

////Original Signed////

Keith M. Jackson

State Commander

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**Every Member Counts and
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Your Ticket to FREE Summer Fun!
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FRIDAY 28
JUNE

Lyric Stage Company of Boston
 Cape Ann Museum
 Clark Art Institute
 MIT Museum
 Nichols House Museum
 Norman Rockwell Museum
 Plimoth Plantation
 The Mount: Edith Wharton's Home
 Wenham Museum
 Worcester Art Museum

FRIDAY 05
JULY

Amelia Park Children's Museum
 Cape Cod Maritime Museum
 Children's Museum in Easton
 Edward Gorey House
 Falmouth Museums on the Green
 Jacob's Pillow
 Museum of Printing
 Pilgrim Hall Museum
 The Old Manse, The Trustees
 The Telephone Museum

FRIDAY 12
JULY

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
 Charles River Watershed Association
 Chesterwood
 Children's Museum of Greater Fall River
 Gloucester Stage Company
 Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center
 New England Quilt Museum
 The Patriots Hall of Fame
 Smith College Museum of Art
 Springfield Museums

FRIDAY 19
JULY

Boston Children's Museum
 The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University
 Battleship Cove
 Cape Cod Children's Museum
 Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association
 New England Historic Genealogical Society
 Peabody Essex Museum
 Sandwich Glass Museum
 Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History
 The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

FRIDAY 26
JULY

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
 Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate
 Cape Cod Museum of Art
 Commonwealth Museum
 Commonwealth Shakespeare Company
 Fitchburg Art Museum
 Historic Deerfield
 Larz Anderson Auto Museum
 The Gardens at Elm Bank (Mass Hort)
 Ventfort Hall Mansion & Gilded Age Museum

FRIDAY 02
AUGUST

Franklin Park Zoo
 Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood
 Chatham Shark Center
 Children's Museum at Holyoke
 Concord Museum
 International Volleyball Hall of Fame
 Lynn Museum
 Museum of Russian Icons
 Naumkeag, The Trustees
 Old State House

FRIDAY 09
AUGUST

Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park
 Davis Museum at Wellesley College
 Gore Place
 Hancock Shaker Village
 JFK Hyannis Museum
 Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists
 New Bedford Whaling Museum
 Old Colony History Museum
 Worcester Historical Museum
 The Greenway Carousel

FRIDAY 16
AUGUST

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum
 Berkshire Theatre Group
 Cahoon Museum of American Art
 Discovery Museum
 Fruitlands Museum, The Trustees
 Fuller Craft Museum
 Harvard Museums of Science & Culture
 Paragon Carousel
 Provincetown Art Association and Museum
 USS Constitution Museum

FRIDAY 23
AUGUST

The Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston
 Berkshire Museum
 Boston Athenæum
 Buttonwood Park Zoo
 Emily Dickinson Museum
 Fort Devens Museum
 Freedom Trail® Foundation
 Heritage Museums & Gardens
 Museum of African American History
 The Mary Baker Eddy Library & Mapparium

FRIDAY 30
AUGUST

Old Sturbridge Village
 Cape Cod Museum of Natural History
 Griffin Museum of Photography
 Hull Lifesaving Museum
 Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
 MASS MoCA
 Museum of the First Corps of Cadets
 Osterville Historical Museum
 Capron Park Zoo
 EcoTarium



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