



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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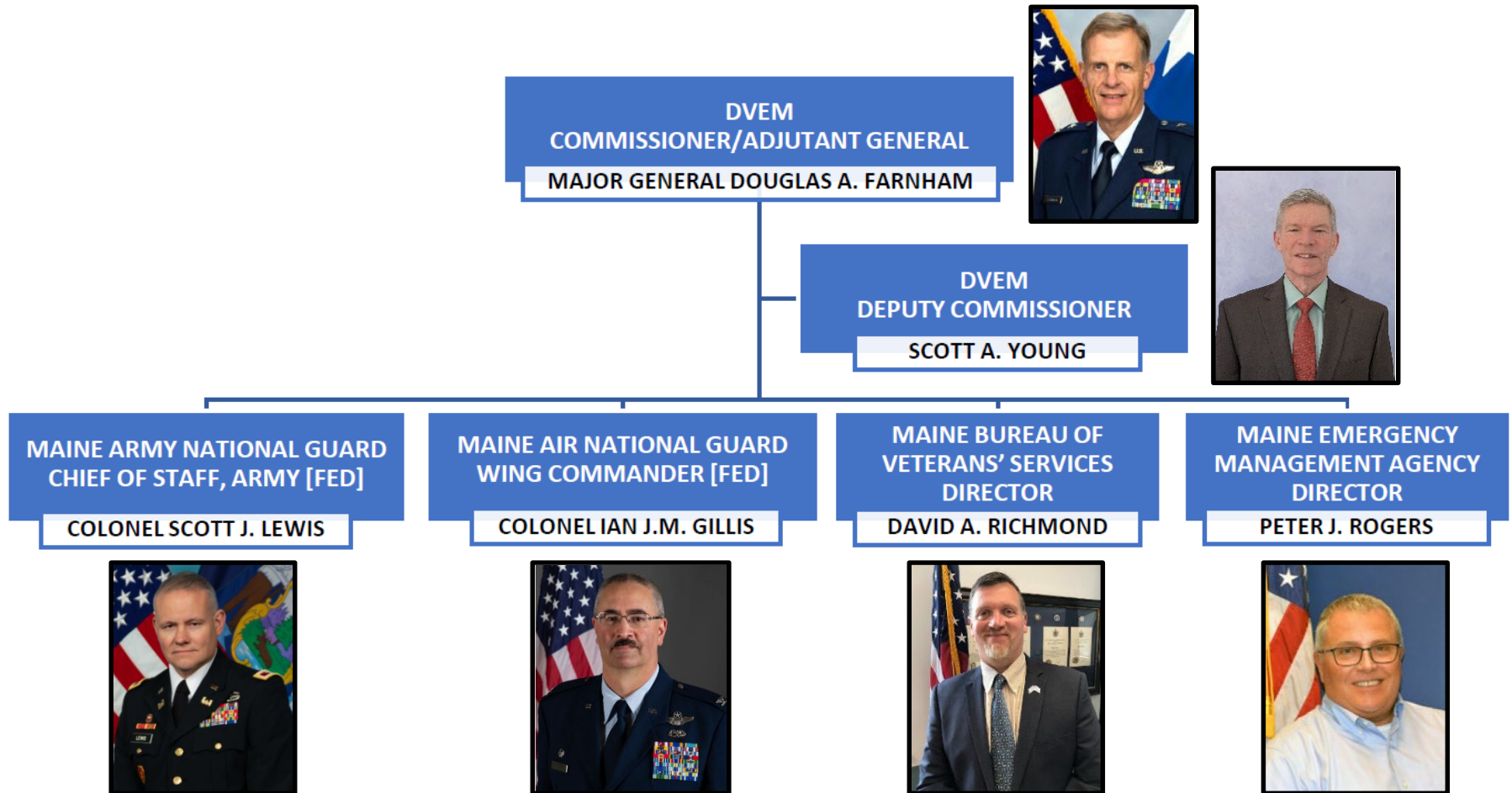


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- **Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services**



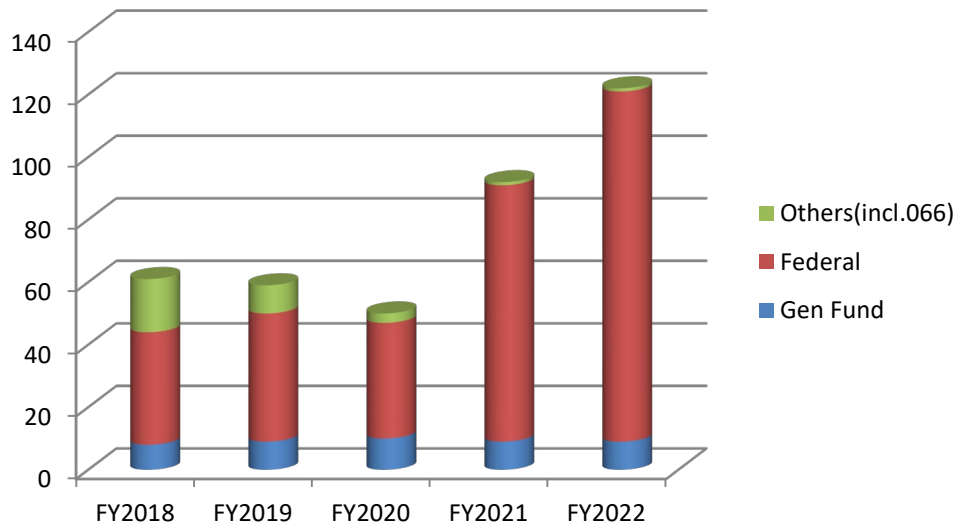
DVEM Organization Chart





DVEM Annual Expenditures

Average Federal: \$62 million per year
 Average State: \$9 million per year



	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Gen Fund	8	9	10	9	9
Federal	36	41	37	82	112
Others(incl.066)	17	9	3	1	1
Total	61	59	50	92	122
GF % Share	13%	15%	20%	10%	7%



Joint Force Headquarters - Maine





Governor's Essential Ten Capabilities



Security
488th Military Police
B/3-172nd Infantry (Mountain)
251st Combat Engineer
101st Security Forces Squadron

Signal
265th Combat Communications Squadron
243rd Engineering Installation Squadron
101st Communication Flight

Engineering
133rd Engineer Battalion
136th Vertical Engineer
262nd Horizontal Engineer
251st Combat Engineer
185th Engineer Support Company
243rd Engineering Installation Squadron
101st Civil Engineering Squadron

Command & Control
Joint Forces Headquarters
120th Regional Support Group
52nd Troop Command
121st Public Affairs Detachment
195th Army Band
101st Air Refueling Command Post
101st Civil Engineering Squadron's Mobile Emergency Command Center

Logistics
120th Regional Support Group
286th Combat Service Sustainment Bn
101st Logistics Readiness Squadron
101st Civil Engineering Squadron

Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive (CBRNE)
11th Civil Support Team
521st CBRNE, Enhanced Response Force Packages (CERFP) Joint/Tri-State Mission
101st Civil Engineering Squadron

Transportation
1136th Transportation Company
101st Air Refueling Wing

Maintenance
152nd Maintenance Company

Medical
C/1-126th MEDEVAC
MEDCOM
101st Medical Group

Aviation
142nd Air Assault
C/1-126th Medical Evacuation
2/C/1-224th Security & Support
DET 14 Operational Support (Fixed Wing)
101st Air Refueling Wing

■ Army ■ Air





Maine National Guard Unit Locations and Authorized Military Personnel



Total Personnel

Army: 1,750

Air: 1,067

Augusta  
416 Soldiers / 28 Airmen
Joint Force Headquarters
consisting of both
Army and Air Staff
Medical, Recruiting, Maintenance
(Federally Owned)

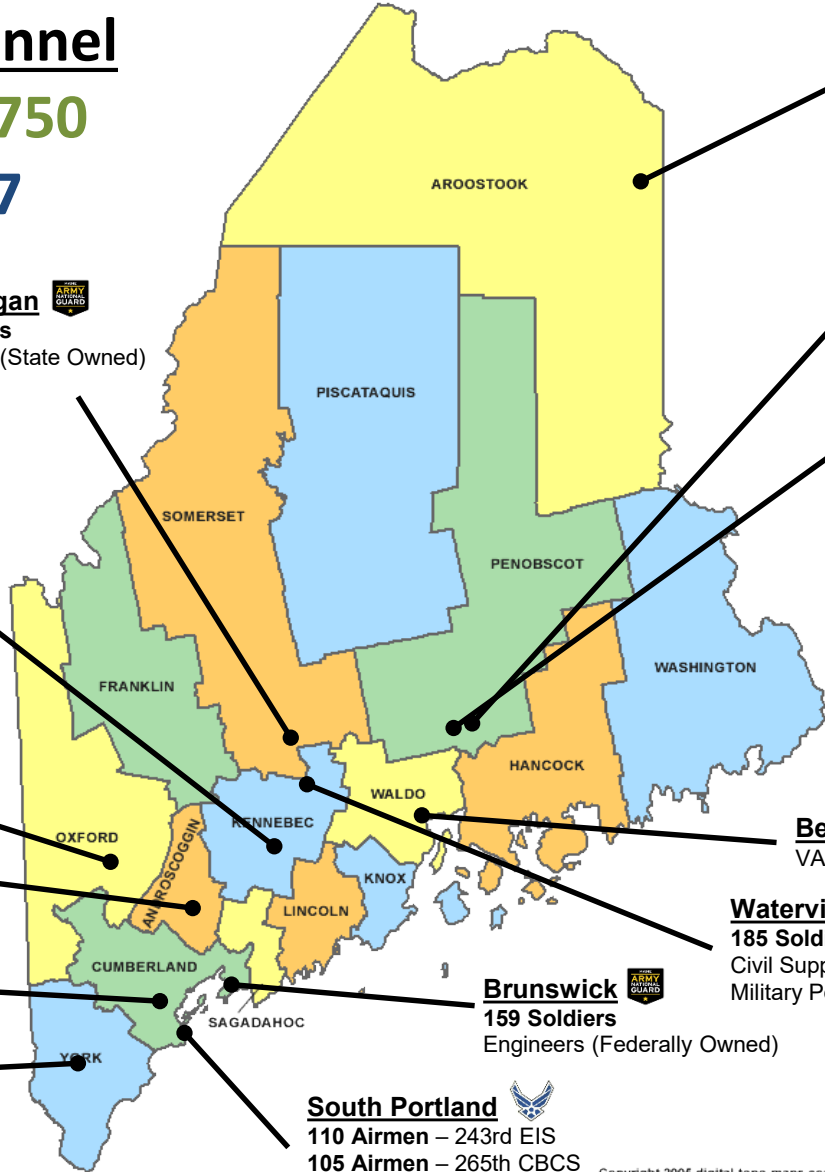
Skowhegan 
55 Soldiers
Engineers (State Owned)


Norway 
93 Soldiers
Sappers (State Owned)

Lewiston 
99 Soldiers
Engineers (State Owned)

Westbrook
Being Renovated

Sanford 
98 Soldiers
Engineers (State Owned)



Presque Isle 
90 Soldiers
Heavy Engineer (State Owned)

Brewer 
140 Soldiers
Infantry (State Owned)


Bangor  
485 Soldiers – Transportation, Aviation,
Logistics, Band
824 Airmen – 101st ARW
(Federally Owned - Bldg 255, 260,100,
AFRC, RTI)

Training Land
T2R9 (Woodville)
Plymouth
Gardiner
Gilead
Caswell
Auburn

Belfast
VACANT

Waterville 
185 Soldiers
Civil Support (Federally Owned)
Military Police (State Owned)

Brunswick 
159 Soldiers
Engineers (Federally Owned)

South Portland 
110 Airmen – 243rd EIS
105 Airmen – 265th CBCS
(Federally Owned)

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Maine National Guard Tuition Waiver



State FY 2022

Total Funds spent: \$254,762.89

Total Funds waived by schools: \$451,853.32

Total Number of Servicemembers using the program: 114

Army Guard cost waived by schools: \$201,626.65

Army Guard personnel: 60

Air Guard cost waived by schools: \$250,226.67

Air Guard personnel: 54

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State Partnership Program





Civilian Support Programs



Maine National Guard Counterdrug Program

- Two missions:
 - 1: Investigative and case analysis support
 - The Maine Drug Enforcement Agencies - 8 Districts
 - Maine Intelligence Analysis Center (MIAC)
 - High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
 - Federal DEA office in Portland
 - 2: Civil Operations
 - Goal is to support community-based organizations (CBOs) – drug demand reduction
- -FY23 Budget: \$1,049,079.90 \$642,255.56 (Army – 8 Personnel) \$407,160.30 (Air – 4 Paxes)

Weapons of Mass destruction - 11th Civil Support Team (CST)

- 22-person team located in Waterville, Maine
- Capabilities:
 - Full suite of chemical, biological, and radioactive analysis equipment, On-site analytical lab, technical decontamination, specialized communication, and medical team.
- Support provided to National and State security events:
 - Waterfront Concert Series, Maine State Police, Governor’s inauguration, Boston Marathon



MENG COVID Response



- MENG undertook a 25-month long mission, supporting 35 different mission types across ME, utilizing 600 + SM.

MENG COVID Mission Highlights

- Supported the administration of **208,474** vaccines
- Supported **50,698** COVID tests at sites throughout ME
- Processed **184,944** samples at the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory
- Investigated/traced **23,853** cases of COVID w/the CDC
- N-95 Fit-Tested **4,245** personnel and training **381** community trainers
- Responded to **4** deadly outbreaks in long-term care facilities
- Provided logistical support for over **880,000** pieces of FEMA-donated PPE
- Collaborated support for more than **8,000** resource requests statewide
- Managed warehouse inventory/storage/distribution of **12** million items
- Provided staffing to decompress **17** overwhelmed Maine medical facilities
- MENG **LNOS** embedded at local level, w/MEMA SEOC, and w/JFHQ EOC



MENG Deployments



Army National Guard

FY21

Oct 2020 to Oct 2021 : 125 Soldiers from 262 EN to SWB Mission

Jan 2021 to Mar 2021 : 60 Soldiers from 488th MPs to DC for Capitol Response

FY22

Mar 2021 to Mar 2022 : 124 Soldiers from the 172nd Infantry to AFRICOM

Oct 2021 to Dec 2022 : 125 Soldiers from 488th MPs to SWB Mission

May 2022 to Mar 2023 : 84 Soldiers from 120th RSG to Poland

Upcoming:

Feb 2023 to Dec 2023 : 36 Soldiers from 3-142 AV to CENTCOM

Jun 2023 to Mar 2024 : 4 Soldiers from 641 AV (OSACOM) to AFRICOM

Sep 2023 to Sep 2024 : 11 Soldiers from 146th Cyber to NORTHCOM

Oct 2023 to Oct 2024 : 27 Soldiers from 1-224 AV to NORTHCOM

Air National Guard

FY21

150 deployers from 101ARW and 265th CBCS to various CENTCOM, EUCOM locations

Assisted with the transport and logistics of the Capitol Response mission

FY22

234 deployers from 101ARW and 243 EIS to various CENTCOM, EUCOM and AFRICOM

Upcoming/Ongoing:

3 GSU Personnel at Ramstein AFB for European Deterrence Initiative 22-1

GSU Data: FY 23 30 Deployed currently

101st ARW: FY 23 2 Deployed currently

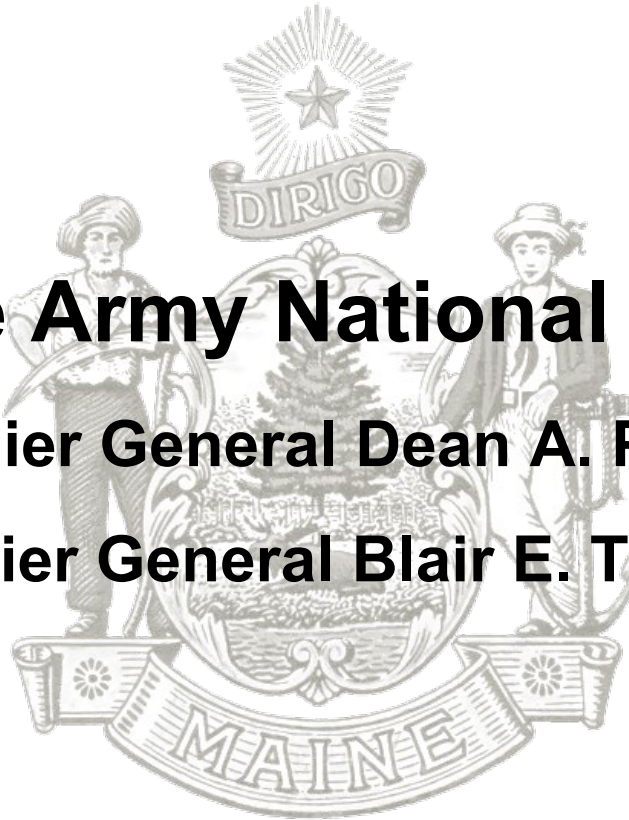
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Maine Army National Guard

Brigadier General Dean A. Preston

Brigadier General Blair E. Tinkham





MEARNG Economic Impact

(Federal Funds for FY22)

- **Payroll \$69.6 Million**
 - **\$55.2 Million for Full-Time personnel**
 - **\$14.4 Mil for Drilling Guardsmen**
- **Facilities Modernization, Refurbishment, and Maintenance \$18 Million**
- **New Construction and Design \$21.7 Million**
- **Supply and Services \$6 Million**
- **Total Impact ~ \$115 Million**



MEARNG Manning

(As of Jan 19, 2023)

- **Authorized: 1,918**
- **Assigned: 1,754 (91.4% fully manned)**
- **Total Full Time Employees: 497**

Active Guard Reserve (AGR): 208

Federal Technicians: 187

Title 5 Civilians: 53

State Employees: 49



MEARNG Recruiting and Retention

Highlights: FY22 was the most challenging recruiting year since the inception of the all-volunteer force in 1973.

- The Maine Army National Guard received 117 new enlistments in FY22, achieving 48% of its mission.
- The Maine Army National Guard completed 245 re-enlistments, achieving 90% of its mission.
- FY23 is trending very close to FY22 at the national level, and lower in Maine.

Challenges:

- Maine has a declining population in the military recruiting age demographic (17-24 years old) and is projected to continue to decline for the foreseeable future.*
- Only 23% the recruiting age demographic are qualified for military service (fit to serve).
 - ASVAB scores have declined 9% since 2020, primarily attributed to remote schooling.
 - 66% of individuals that take the ASVAB cannot achieve a score that qualifies them for military service.
 - Additional disqualifying factors such as failure to meet physical standards (exceeding allowable body-fat %), legal and illegal drug use, and medically disqualifying conditions continue to rise.
- Maine has a relatively small and declining younger veteran population; 83% of qualified applicants grew up in households where a parent served in the military.
- The measured propensity, or interest, to serve has declined to 9% of the recruiting age demographic.
- The Maine Army National Guard has been shrinking since its post-WWII high of 4988 personnel.

* Maine Population Outlook,

2018-2028, April 2021, Office of the State Economist



MEARNG Recruiting and Retention

Legislative Support:

- Fund programs focused on increasing the physical fitness, academic proficiency and resiliency of high school students
- Continue to support the Maine National Guard tuition waiver program
- Provide funding to support facility upgrades to provide units with their authorized space, mitigate code violations & increase energy efficiency.
- Continue to endorse programs and initiatives that support families and employers of Maine National Guard Service Members.



MILCON Project – Presque Isle Northern Maine AFRC



MILCON Project – Saco Future FMS #1



Infrastructure Improvement Projects

Westbrook Armory – Renovation



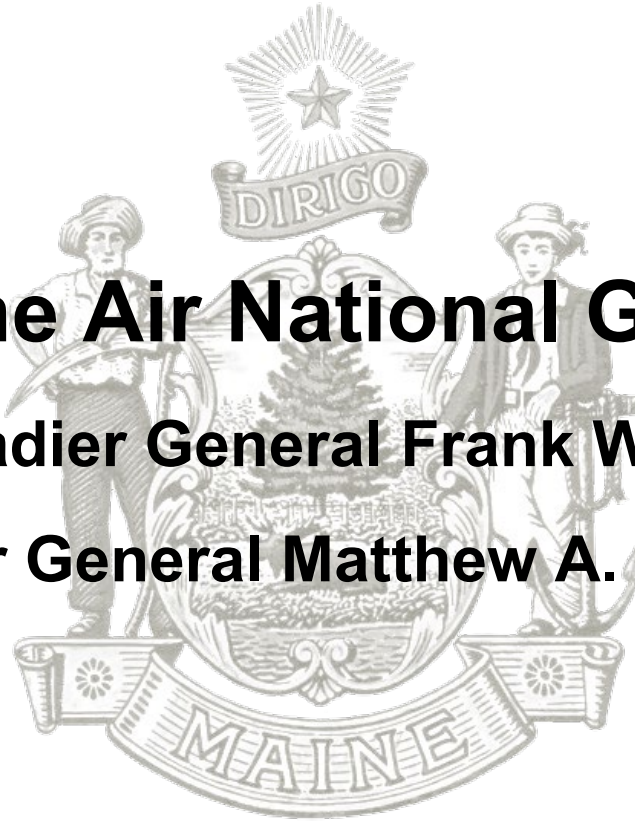
Auburn FMS #2 – Maintenance Bay



Bangor AFRC – Future Renovation



Norway Armory – Future Renovation



Maine Air National Guard

Brigadier General Frank W. Roy

Brigadier General Matthew A. Bourassa



MEANG Economic Impact

Total Military/Other Personnel Employed by ANG: 1,228

Federal Full Time: 453

State Full Time: 70

Total Military/Other Payroll: \$63,686,558

Est. Value of Indirect Jobs Created: \$19,117,900

Total Expenditures: \$66,638,278

Total Financial Impact: \$86,368,243

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MEANG Recruitment & Retention

Recruitment Challenges/Opportunities

FY 2023 Gain/Loss Totals:

Gains: 28 PAX

Losses: 21 PAX

NET: +7

Retention Rate 98% (+/-)

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Challenges:

- Falling ASVAB scores due to lack of test familiarity
- Military not seen as alternative to college
- Overall lack of emphasis on trade schools

Opportunities:

- Offer regular ASVAB test opportunities in HS to all students
- More access to ASVAB study guides in schools
- Constant MEANG exposure in HS



Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

David Richmond, Director





Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services | Purpose

Purpose of Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services (MBVS)

The Bureau serves as the primary source of information for veterans in the State regarding all services, benefits, and honors administered by the State and to the maximum extent possible, services and benefits provided by the VA, veterans' service organizations, and other organizations dedicated to serving veterans.



Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services | Cemetery System

Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System:

MBVS is responsible for the maintenance and operations of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System which includes four cemeteries across the state:

- Civic Center Drive, Augusta – Opened 1970 (166 Acres)
- Mount Vernon Road, Augusta – Opened 2001 (98 Acres)
- Caribou – Opened 2003 (33 Acres)
- Springvale – Opened October 2010 (88.5 Acres)



Marketing & Outreach Program:

- To increase, to the greatest extent practicable, awareness of services and benefits available to veterans and family members of veterans and to encourage veterans to seek the benefits and services to which they are entitled.

Objectives:

- Identify Maine veterans.
- Increasing awareness of Bureau for veterans and their families.
- Encourage veterans to self-identify and pursue entitled benefits.



Providing aid to veterans & their dependents

Veteran's Emergency Financial Assistance Program (VEFAP):

- Provides financial assistance for a veteran who is a resident of Maine and demonstrates a financial need or hardship. Funded at \$250,000 annually.

Educational Benefits:

- The Bureau assists veterans and their families obtaining educational benefits under the GI Bill and other educational assistance programs.

Maine Veterans' Dental Network (MVDN):

- Provides connection to financial assistance to any veteran who is not 100 percent service-connected to the VA, doesn't have dental insurance, and cannot afford to pay for dental care out of pocket. (funded through grant from NE Delta Dental)



Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services | VSOs

Veteran Service Offices:

- The Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services operates full-time and part-time offices across the State of Maine that are dedicated to connecting veterans and their families to their entitled benefits. Our offices in Augusta, Bangor, Caribou, Lewiston, Machias, Portland, Springvale, and Togus are staffed by our Veterans Services Officers (VSOs).
- VSOs are experts on federal, state, and local veteran resources and are dedicated to aiding veterans in navigating the complex web of services and benefits available to them and their families.



Homeless Veteran Coordination:

- Program of partnerships with human services-based volunteer organizations to provide transitional housing to homeless veterans and coordinate efforts to remedy and prevent homelessness among veterans. State funding to this program is \$100,000 annually.

Mobile Homeless Veterans Stand Downs:

- Held in October: Ellsworth, Augusta, Portland, Springvale.
- 75 Veterans assisted in 2022.
- Provide homeless or at-risk veterans with:
 - ✓ Access to housing.
 - ✓ Winter clothes.
 - ✓ Non-perishable foods.
 - ✓ Other available resources.



Recognition Program:

Coins & Certificates:

- MBVS issues commemorative certificates, coins, and medals honoring Maine's veterans serving in different conflicts. Includes specific recognitions for: WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Women Veterans, and Forever Coin (*post Vietnam conflicts*).

Gold Star:

- This medal is presented to the surviving family of Maine servicemembers who died while serving their country.

Silver Star:

- Medal awarded to members of the Armed Forces that were authorized the Purple Heart for wounds received while serving in a combat theater and meet the criteria for receiving a Purple Heart or they were a POW.



2022 Notable Accomplishments:

Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant:

- \$750,000 from U.S. Veterans Affairs to support local veterans.

Maine Veterans Dental Network (MVDN):

- Recent \$200,000 Grant from Northeast Delta Dental.
- VA Abraham Lincoln Pillar of Excellence Award for Innovative State Program for connecting underserved veterans to oral healthcare.

Veterans and Family Outdoor Expo:

- National Governor's Challenge focused on reducing veteran suicide by connecting veterans and their family members to their benefits, screening, connection to clinical service and promoting safe storage of firearms and medications.



Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services | Population

Maine Veteran Population Statistics

Veteran Population (as of 9/30/2022)	Maine	National
Number of Veterans	107,750	18,592,457
Percent of Adult Populations who are Veterans	7.78%	5.56%
Number of Women Veterans	10,290	2,049,469
Percent of Women Veterans	9.55%	11.02%
Number of Veterans age 65 and Over	55,011	8,542,614
Percent of Veterans age 65 and Over	51.05%	45.95%



Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services | 2022 Year In Review



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Veterans' Services

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



OUR DEDICATED TEAM WORKED HARD LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO OUR VETERANS.
HERE'S A RECAP OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN 2022.

State Approving Agency	State Park/ Museum Passes	Claims Filed	
1697 GI Bill Programs Approved	456 Passes Issued	 6 Field Offices	1698 Claims Filed
Recreational Licenses	Veteran Recognition	9 Veterans Services Officers	980 Claims Completed
199 Licenses Granted	257 Certificates & Coins Presented		\$29.3 Million Total Value of Claims Completed
Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System		VDEB (Education Benefit)	
1101 Burials Completed		316 Students Enrolled	
		\$1,790,954.39 Value of Waived Tuition	



Questions