



Post 100 Patriot



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COMMANDER'S CORNER



I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all who came down and supported our Turkey Raffle this year, as well as those who donated their time and/or raffle prizes. I'd also like to thank all of our members for your regular support of our Post, and especially to those who we know we can always rely on when we need someone! As we approach the holidays, it's great to see acts of kindness and caring, such as our Sock, Hat and Glove drive for the Homeless, the Christmas Card Drive for our troops overseas and mostly, to those who contributed to our Christmas Party for the Homeless Veterans at CareOne in Lowell. Great job everyone! Wishing you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE!

The holiday season is upon us! So with the hustle and bustle of shopping preparing for the festivities, take a moment to remember the purpose of the holiday. And think about what the holiday means to you:

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- Decorating the tree, writing letters to Santa, baking cookies while the pleasant aromas of almond and vanilla hung in the air, constructing the handcrafted gifts for those most loved and attending midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.
- Good smells of pine, cinnamon and the sound of laughter, twinkly lights, warm company and an extra sense of peace in your heart.
- Bright lights, children's anticipation, squeals and the delight evident in someone's eyes when they open a gift that was painstakingly crafted, or hand-picked, just for them.
- Memories of those who are no longer here to share it, but the sense that they ARE there, just the same.
- Loving reunions with family and spending time with the people you love

But to all of us, 3 words should come to mind: Faith, Hope and Love. Faith that there is a higher power who watches over us each and every day. Hope of a better today and the tomorrows still to come. And love of family and good friends preparing a meal and breaking bread as one. These three emotions are the reasons that this particular time of year fills many hearts with magic.

And while you think about all of these wonderful things, remember those who are away, serving our country, WISHING they could enjoy each of these with their loved ones. Continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers!

POST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 4:	SAL Meeting	6:00p
December 6:	Meat Raffle (hosted by SAL)	6:30p
December 7:	Ken Dunne Benefit	2:00p
December 9:	Legion Meeting	11:00a
December 10:	Homeless Veterans Christmas/Pizza Party	5:00p
December 14:	Auxiliary Xmas Lunch	1:00p
December 25:	Christmas Day (CLOSED)	
December 31:	New Years Eve	



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CONGRATULATIONS/SPECIAL THANKS:

Happy Birthday wishes go out to:

12/11 Denise Foley
 12/13 Laurie Perrone
 12/22 Donald Boyer
 12/26 Lisa Ruiz



Happy Belated Birthday wishes go out to Daniel Genoter (11/4) and Jody Marr (11/19)!! Sorry we missed you in last month's newsletter! (Just received your birthdates).

NOTE: Unfortunately we do NOT have everyone's birthdates, but if you are celebrating your special day this month, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!** If you would like to be included in this section of our newsletter, **PLEASE provide your information** to Laurie Perrone, 603.234.7839 or email to alpost100@gmail.com. We'd LOVE to add you to our list! AND as always, Post 100 would like to thank EVERYONE who continues to support us regularly with our ongoing events and volunteer your time and/or services – member or non-member. We encourage other members to assist when available. Volunteerism is what helps to keep our post functioning! If you are interested in volunteering at any of our upcoming events, please see Commander Don Mitchell.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

December 7, 1941 – Japan attacks Pearl Harbor
 December 13, 1636 –Birth of the National Guard
 December 20, 1989 - U.S. Invasion of Panama



Happy 383rd Birthday!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official, save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country. In either event, it is unpatriotic not to tell the truth, whether about the president or anyone else!" – Theodore Roosevelt

MEMBERSHIP

REMINDER TO ALL: 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Legion, Auxiliary and SAL) IS NOW DUE! 2019 cards expire on 12/31/19. Please submit to your respective Adjutant/Membership Coordinator ASAP. Don't let your membership lapse!

Welcome to our newest members: Carlos Ruiz (Legion) – transfer from MA

Thinking about becoming a member? If you or a family member* is currently on active duty serving the U.S. honorably anywhere in the World or have served honorably during WW I, WW II and any time after December 7, 1941.

* Parent, sibling, child, spouse, grandparent or grandchild

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LEGION UPDATE



The Legionnaires met on Sunday, November 10th. Open meeting due to lack of quorum and presentation of 3 plaques and medals to WW2 veterans/members (Fran Walsh, Frank Maglio and Bob Malburne).

Homeless Veterans Party at CareOne in Lowell is scheduled for December 10th.

Pelham Elementary School breakfast/discussion with students scheduled for Thursday, 12/12 @ 8:30a.

Post 100 received an award from the Pelham Good Neighbor's 50th Anniversary Dinner at Harris' Pelham Inn for our continuous support.

Paul E. Kazalski would like to thank those who volunteered at the Turkey Raffle. We did well thanks to everyone's participation and donations. Special thanks to the beautiful girls who sold tickets. "I hope we can all stick together and help one another."

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th at 11:00a.



AUXILIARY UPDATE



The Auxiliary met on Saturday, November 16th @ 10:00a.m.

We committed to sending 50 signed Christmas cards on behalf of Post 100 to the Troops overseas. (UPDATE: Laurie doubled that number to 150 due to the outpouring of support!)

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Veterans Day Weekend Poppy Drive!

Made donations to the following: American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund, VA Shelf, Post 100's Christmas Party for the Homeless Veterans at CareOne in Lowell, MA and to Ken Dunne and family in support of his upcoming fundraiser.

No meeting in December. We will instead go out for our annual Christmas Luncheon on 12/14 @ 1:00p. Please let Laurie know if you plan to attend. \$20 Yankee Swap and canned good for the Food Pantry.

Congratulations to the winners of November's monthly raffle drawing:

- \$50 – Rachel DiLoghio; \$25 – Paul Pellerin; \$10 – Celeste Bergeron; \$10 – Kenneth Hanson

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- \$50 – Linda Lunn; \$25 – Cory Holmes; \$10 – Robert Plourde; \$10 – Mike Buco

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 18th at 10:00a.m.

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION (SAL) UPDATE



The SAL met on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Ken Dunne on sick list (in hospital). Benefit for him and his family is Saturday, 12/7 @ 2:00p. All SAL members should attend.

Discussed sending postcards out to membership with events, etc.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00p.

FUNCTION FACILITIES

Prime dates still available for your parties in both our function hall and outdoor pavilion! PERFECT for birthday parties, graduation parties, showers, family reunions, fundraisers, etc. Please call Lori with questions or to reserve. NOTE: Members renting are required to show their card at time of rental request.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

Please feel free to check out Post 100's website!!! Please visit AmericanLegionPelham.org. Let us know what you think!

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS CELEBRATED

On November 5th, Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02) joined Vietnam War veterans and veterans advocates at a reception honoring and thanking veterans for their service and acknowledging the recipients of the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Pin. The pin program recognizes the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and was approved by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008. The program coincides with the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration, which began in 2012 and will conclude in 2025. From July 2019 to the present, Kuster has mailed 70 pins to Vietnam Veterans in New Hampshire's 2nd Congressional District.

"The brave men and women who went to Vietnam put their lives at home on hold to serve and sacrifice for our nation," said Kuster. "Far too many Vietnam veterans didn't receive the welcome home they deserved, and this pin program is an important way to remind them that we have not forgotten them and are forever grateful for their service and unshakable devotion to our country and the American people. I'm honored to recognize all of the selfless veterans and pin recipients in my district, including those who joined us today, and I will continue working to ensure all current and past service members have access to the care and support they deserve."

"On behalf of the comrades of the John H. Hargreaves Memorial Post 10722 VFW and our comrades of the American Legion Post 100, Pelham NH, we thank Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster for her visit and presentation to our Vietnam War Veterans and all Veterans that served in that era," said Jörg Dreusicke, National Legislative Committee at the VFW. "Our country has come a long way in honoring and respecting our Veterans when they come home from deployments that put our Veterans in harm's way to serve our country's interests. We are grateful and humbled by your recognition of our sacrifices and service."



WI-FI AVAILABLE!!!

Post 100 offers free Wi-Fi to our members and guests! Check your email, surf the web and update your Facebook status while visiting us! Connect to "American Legion" and enter the following password (case sensitive):

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Remember to visit our Facebook page. Current events and Legion news is published regularly to this site. Search for "American Legion, Post 100" and be sure to "Like" us!!

AUXILIARY MONTHLY DRAWING FOR 2019

Tickets are still available for the Auxiliary's 2020 Monthly Raffle are now available! If you have not already purchased your \$10 ticket(s) and are interested in doing so, please see an Auxiliary member or contact Laurie on 234.7839! If your name is pulled, it goes BACK into the bucket for another opportunity to win – 4 chances per month. Ticket is good for the entire year.





Fundraiser for Ken Dunne & Family



Join us on Sunday, December 7th
As we try to help Ken fight “the Battle
Royale” and help with the costs for his
treatment

American Legion Post 100
32 Windham Road, Pelham, NH
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 per person, 2 for \$20

Live Music ~ Food ~ Raffles

For tickets contact: Bill Scanzani (508) 878-8165
Or Kelsey Kerr (603) 327-7670

Pelham Good Neighbor Fund

FOOD

DRIVE



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, December 14th

9:00a – 1:00p

Hannaford Parking Lot

Swing by, lend a helping hand, enjoy the coffee and donuts and share in
the Christmas Spirit of giving! Please dress accordingly!





Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season!



HOLIDAY HOURS:

Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve):	2:00p – 6:00p
Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day):	Closed
Tuesday, December 31 (New Years Eve):	2:00p – 9:00p
Wednesday, January 1 (New Years Day):	1:00p - 6:00p

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On December 21, 2011, at the age of 20-years old, Ellie Morin accidentally overdosed. Her family was devastated and struggled to find a place to put their grief. From there, Project Ellie was born. Her mom, dad, brother and sister wanted to find something to do on the day of her passing that would give them something meaningful to honor her and help bring them healing. On Dec. 21, 2014, family and close friends roamed the streets of Boston and handed out gift bags they created to homeless people they encountered. These bags were filled with hats, gloves, socks, gift cards and food items. They have continued to do so every Dec. 21st since then.

The outpouring of support from family and friends has helped transform Project Ellie into something bigger than a single night event on the streets of Boston, but rather a program about kindness, something that mirrors Ellie's spirit.

From Friday, November 22nd through Sunday, December 15th, the Auxiliary will be hosting a drive to help support this GREAT cause! Remember, not everyone is as fortunate as we are to have a roof over their heads, heat, lighting, etc.

Please consider donating NEW Mens or Womens socks, hats, gloves, mittens, etc. Place them on the Christmas Tree in our lounge area, or, if the tree becomes full, there will be a box provided, as well. NOTE: Gift cards to Dunkin Donuts (\$10) are also welcomed. Please call Laurie on 603.234.7839 with any questions.

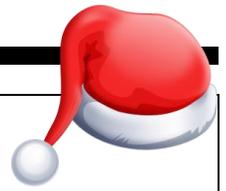
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OUR 2019-2020 OFFICERS



LEGIONNAIRES:

Commander: Don Mitchell
1st Vice Commander: Paul E. Kazalski
Jr. Vice Commander: Open
Adjutant: Bill Tarmey
Finance: Bill Tarmey
Sergeant-At-Arms: Bob Malburne
Judge Advocate: Open
Chaplain: Susan Leblanc
Service Officer: Ron Meltzer
Children & Welfare: Dan Dubriel

Executive Board

Don Mitchell
Paul E. Kazalski
Bill Tarmey
Advisors:
• Susan Leblanc
• John Martin
• Ron Vigneault



LADIES AUXILIARY:

Madam President: Laurie Perrone
Vice President: Suzanne Dumas
Secretary: Laurie Perrone (Acting)
Treasurer: Marianne Lannan
Chaplain: Marianne Lannan (Acting)
Sergeant-At-Arms: Susan Murgo
Historian: Natasha Hale
Poppy Chairperson: Natasha Hale
Membership: Laurie Perrone (Acting)



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Commander: Charlie Brettell
1st Vice Commander: Ken Dunn
Jr. Vice Commander: Glenn Schaffer
Adjutant: Paul E. Kazalski
Finance: Bill Wilson
Sergeant-At-Arms: Russ Kerr
Chaplain: Greg Pelletier

