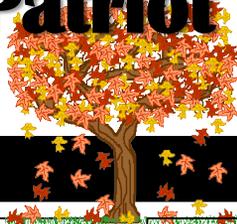




Post 100 Patriot



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COMMANDER'S CORNER



As August comes to an end and we enter early Fall, the Post had yet another successful summer season. This year's Clam Bake was a complete success as we sold out for the first time in memory. Special thanks to all the volunteers! We experienced a great team effort from many of our SAL, Auxiliary and Legion members who helped with setup, selling tickets, cooking, serving and cleanup. We couldn't have done it without you all and it makes me proud to be the Commander of such a great organization! Again, the raffles put together by Marcia Godbyr were a big success this year! Keep up the good work everyone as September promises to be another busy month!

Commander Don Mitchell

THE END OF SUMMER...

Labor Day is a U.S. national holiday held the first Monday in September. Unlike most U.S. holidays, it is a strange celebration without rituals, except for shopping and barbecuing. For most people it simply marks the last weekend of summer and the start of the school year. Labor Day came about because workers felt they were spending too many hours and days on the job (in the 1830s, manufacturing workers were putting in 70-hour weeks on average. Later, in 1890, hours of work had dropped, although the average manufacturing worker still toiled in a factory 60 hours a week). These long working hours caused many union organizers to focus on winning a shorter 8-hour work day and getting workers more days off, such as the Labor Day holiday, and reducing the workweek to just six days. If you work all the time and never really take a vacation, start a new ritual that honors the original spirit of Labor Day. Give yourself the day off; Don't go in to work. Shut off your phone, computer and other electronic devices connecting you to your daily grind. Then go to a barbecue, like the original participants did over a century ago, and celebrate having at least one day off from work during the year!

POST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2: Labor Day	
September 2: SAL Meeting	6:00p
September 7: Annual Steak BBQ	1:00p
(hosted by SAL)	
September 9: Legion Meeting	6:30p
September 20: Meat Raffle	6:00p
(hosted by Legion)	
September 21: Auxiliary Meeting	10:00a
September 21: Auxiliary Booze Barrow Drawing	
September 29: Music Bingo	12:30p
(hosted by Auxiliary)	

THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

- 9/02/1945: V-J Day -Japan signs formal surrender
- 9/03/1777: US Flag flown 1st time in battle
- 9/08/1892: Pledge of Allegiance adopted
- 9/11/2001: Patriot Day
- 9/18/1947: U.S. Air Force Birthday
- 9/20: POW/MIA National Recognition Day

Happy Birthday U.S. Air Force!

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CONGRATULATIONS/SPECIAL THANKS:

Happy Birthday wishes go out to:

09/08	Carrie Hanson	09/19	Jackie Murphy
09/13	Leona Savard	09/21	Deb Mitchell
09/15	Tricia Pellerin	09/26	Karen Martin
09/16	Sue Dumas	09/28	John Aguiar



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

* Flea Market, Horse Shoe Tournament, Chili/Chowder Competition, 50/50 & Raffles

September 7 th	District 4 Leadership Class, Jutras, Post 43, Manchester
September 14 th	Multi events* held by LeClair-Caron-Pelletier, Post/Unit 13, Greenville
September 21 – 22	POW/MIA Spirit of the Eagle 24-hour Vigil – Plaistow – Opening ceremony at 11:30a
October 12 th	Department Fall Conference
October 12 th	Post 100 Auxiliary Fall Community Yard Sale - 8:00a – 3:00p
October 27 th	Post 100 Music Bingo (hosted by the Auxiliary) – 12:30p – 3:30p

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest members: Eugene Paul Carter, and our 9 transfers: George Garland, Robert Rogers, Joseph Oconnell, Edgar St. Onge, David Cate, William Zemetres, Aubrey Ian Perin, Robert Belanger and Edward Tandus

PLEASE NOTE! Changes to our membership requirements (see additional information in the “Legion Act 2019” section of this newsletter):

We invite you to become a member of the American Legion if you or a family member* is a U.S. Military veteran currently serving or have served at least one day of active duty since December 7, 1941 and was HONORABLY discharged.

As a reminder, watch for Membership Renewal forms in the mail for 2020, or check your email for reminders/opportunity to pay your dues online.



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

9/11 (Patriot Day)

On it's 18th anniversary and in honor of the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks, Americans are called on to observe Patriot Day with a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 AM EST. Kindly observe the day with ceremonies and activities, including remembrance services. Flags should be displayed at half-staff in honor of the individuals who lost their lives.



LEGION UPDATE



No meeting until September 9th (Summer break).

The Annual Clambake held on 8/10 was a HUGE success! Sincere thanks to all who volunteered their time at this event! Thank you to everyone who donated towards our raffle baskets: Pine Valley Golf Course, Hoodcroft Golf Course, John & Laurie Perrone, Pelham Plate & Glass, John & Silvy Aguiar, Hannaford's Market, Ac-Cue-Rate Pool, Beaver Valley Farms, John "Pilgrim" Martin, Big Dan, Sue Dumas, Glenn & Karen Schaffer, Wanda Allen, Lori Meade, Jackie Murphy & Ralph Edwards, Paula Green & Michelle, Debbie & Paul Kazalski, Ron Metzler, Bill Tarmey, Patty Pearse, Marcia & Fred Godbyr, Mobil Gas, Mike's Xpress Pizza, JoAnn Matthews and the Classy Edge Barber Shop! Special thanks to Marcia Godbyr for coordinating the efforts for the raffles that were held!

REMINDER! Check your mail for Membership Dues letters (en route). Dues will remain at \$25.00.

AUXILIARY UPDATE



The Auxiliary is still on summer hiatus until September 21st @ 10:00a.m.

'Barrow of Booze fundraiser continues up until our next meeting. \$10 a chance for a 4 cu. ft. wheelbarrow of liquor as well as a TON of "Harpoon" products. Anyone interested, please purchase your tickets at the bar or contact Laurie on 603.234.7839.

Music Bingo Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, September 29th from 12:30 – 3:30. Please join us!

Keep watch out for your membership renewal forms for 2020; Email reminders from National have already been sent out to those of you who supplied an email address. 2020 Membership Drive begins on 9/1. Hope to see all our members (both old and new) at our next meeting in September, at which we will be having a Breakfast Reception. Please join us for this meeting so you can introduce yourselves to fellow members and meet others in our Unit.

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION (SAL) UPDATE



No meetings to be held until Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m.

The SAL donated 16 backpacks filled with supplies (according to grade) to the children of the Pelham Food Pantry.

Remember: Annual Steak BBQ to be held on Saturday, September 7th at 1:00p. Please join us!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves!" – Abraham Lincoln

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Because we value your input on topics that you feel are important and any other comments you may have, we encourage our members to provide us with any questions, comments or ideas for future publications.

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please contact us at alpost100@gmail.com.

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!

AMERICAN LEGION 100TH ANNIVERSARY RIFLE RAFFLE

Gun Lovers, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!

Only 100 being made; NH has received #1! \$20 a chance or 3 for \$50.
All proceeds are to benefit the Dept. of NH American Legion.

Checks to be made payable to:

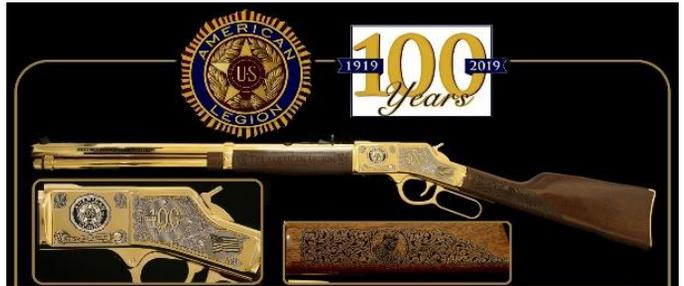
Dept. of New Hampshire Rifle Raffle

Mail to:

Sweeney Post 2 – Rifle Raffle

251 Maple St., Manchester, NH 03103-5401

Drawing to be held at Fall Conference



FIREARMS, ETC.

NOTE: Firearms and possession of or use of drugs are STRICTLY prohibited from our facilities (both indoors and outdoors). Also, please note, members and/or guests are NOT allowed to bring alcohol onto the premises.

FREE 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):

ALPost100



FIND US ON FACEBOOK!



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 Monthly Raffle and may be purchased any time through the year! 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 (2019).





EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Bill Tarmey attended an Eagle Scout presentation on June 20th at Pelham's Fish and Game Club in support of Michael Grosman, whose project was the installation of Post 100's Bocce Court. THANK YOU MICHAEL!



Bocce Ball Court American Legion

I chose to create the bocce ball court in order to provide an outdoor community space and activity for the community and the veterans at the American Legion. It is 76' x 10' with a stone dust top. The majority of the materials and tools were graciously donated by members of the American Legion and Brox Industries.

I hope the Legion continues to enjoy the wonderful game of bocce.

Michael Grosman

Skills learned – Communication
Challenges – Coordinating different groups of people
Total Project Value - \$3,600

LEGION ACT 2019

LEGION ACT 2019 - PLEASE NOTE! Changes to our membership requirements:

In the past, one was invited to become a member of the American Legion if you or a family member* was currently on active duty serving the U.S. honorably anywhere in the World or have served honorably during any of the eligible war eras: WW I, WW II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama and Gulf War/War on Terrorism

Recently, Congress and the White House agreed to expand definition of the war eras to include ALL who served since December 7, 1941. The newly signed **LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act)** 2019 honors those veterans, their spouses and descendants who had previously been excluded.

More than 1,600 members of the U.S. Armed Forces were killed or wounded in periods of time not designated as "war eras" since the end of World War II. American Legion membership (Legion, Auxiliary and SAL) eligibility is now offered to any U.S. Military veteran (or their family members) serving now or who served at least one day of active duty since Dec. 7, 1941 and was HONORABLY discharged.

BLUE WATER NAVY VETERANS

Also notable is that American Legion-supported legislation won the long fight for Blue Water Navy veterans to receive VA disability benefits for illnesses linked to exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. The law, signed by President Trump in June, will extend disability benefits covering medical conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure to those who served on ships off the coast of Vietnam.

OTHER NEWS

A landmark decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in favor of The American Legion, allowing the Bladensburg World War I Veterans Memorial to remain where it has stood since 1925. The cross-shaped memorial honors 49 World War I veterans who never returned home to their community in Prince George's County, Md



**American Legion
Post 100
Annual Steak BBQ**



Saturday, September 7th
32 Windham Road, Pelham, NH
Starts at 1:00 p.m.
Serving from 2:00 - 4:00pm

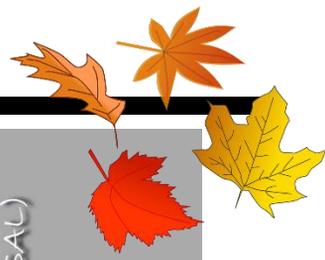
Join us for made-to-order rib-eye steaks,
Baked Potato, Corn-on-the-Cob, Salad and a
whole lot of fun under our outdoor Pavilion!
Bring your appetites and your family &
friends!

Tickets - \$20 per person donation
Available in advance at the post or at the door

Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

RAFFLES * LIVE MUSIC**

For additional information, call the Post at 603-635-8345



**LAST CALL FOR TICKETS!
SEE LAURIE IF YOU'RE
INTERESTED!**

Post 100's Auxiliary is holding a
Summer Fundraiser....

**Win a
BARROW OF BOOZE**

Tickets are \$10 each and can be
purchased anytime from June 9th
through September 21st

Winner will be drawn at Auxiliary's
September meeting (9/21 at
approximately 10:30am) and will be
notified by phone!



SAVE THE DATE!!!



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
POST 100
PRESENTS**



MUSIC
BINGO!
THIS AIN'T YOUR MAMA'S BINGOSM
DJ EDNA



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
12:30PM - 3:30PM**

\$25 PER PERSON

SING · DRINK · WINSM

32 WINDHAM RD · PELHAM, NH

CONTACT LAURIE FOR TICKETS: 603.234.7839

GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE!

**Purchase online at www.paypal.me/LPerrone1
or call Laurie**

(All tickets purchased in advance are entered into a drawing)

In Loving Memory

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me, too.
But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.

And said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love
But when I walked through heaven's gates I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you
Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow for today will always last,
And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past."

So when tomorrow starts without me don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me I'm right here in your heart.



Alric "Ric" L. Andrews
10/22/1950 - 09/01/2013

Saturday, October 12th ~ 8:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

American Legion Bill Edwards' Pavilion
32 Windham Road, Pelham, NH 03076



Rental fee is \$10 per table. To reserve yours, or if you have items you would like to donate items, please email us at alpost100@gmail.com or call (603) 234.7839.

