



Post 100 Patriot



Welcome Spring

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



As a successful winter comes to close, everyone deserves a special thanks for their continued support of our Post. With Spring comes elections of our 2018-2019 season Officers for the Legionnaires, our Auxiliary and our S.A.L. Congratulations to

Laurie Perrone who has been elected Madam President and all new/returning officers of the Auxiliary. S.A.L. elections will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00p; Legionnaires' elections to be held on Sunday, April 14th at 11:00 a.m. Installations for all of our Officers will be held on Friday, April 26th at 6:00 pm. I hope to see many of you at the meetings, as this is an opportunity to let your voice be heard. Enjoy the warmer weather coming our way!

Commander Don Mitchell

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

AT LAST, the long awaited arrival of Spring - the season of new beginnings! Fresh buds bloom, animals awaken and the earth seems to come to life again. Many of us have been suffering from the Winter Blues, and FINALLY we can look forward to nicer weather, longer days, bluer skies, the singing of Peepers and, of course the end to our pale, chalky skin! Time to ditch the heavy layers of clothing! Unfortunately, Spring also brings dreaded ALLERGIES! Ughhhhh!



With Spring comes Easter...some celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord while others think it's about Peter Cottontail, Cadbury Eggs and new clothes. But for most, it's about wearing our Sunday best, having dinner and spending time with family and friends, and holding egg hunts for the kids.

We at Post 100 would like to wish you a Happy Easter and a Happy Spring!!

POST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3:	SAL Meeting	6:00p
April 12:	Meat Raffle (hosted by Legion/Auxiliary)	6:30p
April 14:	Legion Meeting	11:00a
April 19:	Meat Raffle (hosted by SAL)	6:30p
April 20:	Auxiliary Meeting	10:00a
April 26:	Post 100 Installations	6:00p
April 27:	Spring Cleanup	9:00a
April 28:	Music Bingo (hosted by Auxiliary)	1:00p

PATRIOTS' DAY:

This year, Monday, April 15th commemorates the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, two of the earliest battles in the American Revolutionary War which ultimately led to America's independence from Great Britain.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." - Elmer Davis

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CELEBRATIONS/ACHIEVEMENTS/SPECIAL THANKS

Happy Birthday wishes go out to:

04/01	Cheryl Chartier
04/02	Julie St. Onge
04/06	Silvy Aguiar
04/14	Susan Landry
04/18	Laura Bailey
04/23	Joy Croteau
04/29	Judy Paladino



Special thanks go out to Marcia Godbyr and Laurie Perrone for hanging the drapes on the interior doors of our function room. Also, THANK YOU to all who helped with the setup and planning of Bill Tarmey's party!

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.

MEMBERSHIP

Post 100 welcomes our newest members to Post 100!:

LEGION: Phillip Meyer

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 any eligible war era, we invite you to become a member of the American Legion:

- World War I
- World War II
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Panama
- Gulf War/War on Terrorism

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12 th	Purple Up Day for Military Kids
May 18 th	Department President & Commander's Testimonial Dinner, Post 51, Epping, NH
May 19 th	Wounded Vet Run Motorcycle Ride
June 23 rd	5 th Annual PFC Eric Currier Motorcycle Run
June 21 – 23	Department Convention, Manchester Downtown Hotel, Manchester, NH

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).



LEGION UPDATE



The Legionnaires met unofficially on Sunday, March 10th due to lack of quorum.

Hosted Guest Speaker Nate Boutwell who has accepted the responsibility to chair the Vietnam War Moving Wall event in Pelham from May 23rd – 27th. The Town has approved the use of the Village Green as the official location of the Wall. Post 100 gave our full support, along with the VFW Post 10722. More information will be forthcoming.

REMINDER for upcoming New Officer Nominations/Elections:

- Nominations/Elections – April 14 meeting; Installations – April 26

Next meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 14th at 11:00 a.m.

AUXILIARY UPDATE



REMINDER: 2018 membership has expired; if you have not yet paid your dues, please do so! Thank you!

The Auxiliary met on Saturday, March 16th.

Annual Soup Off was cancelled due to lack of response. 2nd Music Bingo Fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, April 28th from 1:00p – 3:30p.

Advertisement for Girls State (being held in June) book was paid for and submitted to Department.

Incoming officers were elected. Still have a couple of open positions if anyone is interested. See Linda P.

Post 100 Vice-Commander Paul E. Kazalski & Adjutant Bill Tarmey spoke with the Auxiliary regarding the Vietnam Moving Wall coming to Pelham on Memorial Day weekend. It needs to be maintained 24 hours/day. Would like the Auxiliary to help with the book (to locate particular names, etc.). Most Vietnam vets will visit at night ("sacred time"). See Laurie Perrone if you would like to volunteer.

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

\$50 – Donna Holmes; \$25 – Claire Hayes; \$10 – American Legion, Post 100; \$10 – Arnelis Guzman

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m.

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION (SAL) UPDATE



The SAL met on Wednesday, March 6th.

Nothing to report, other than nominations and elections for this year's officers will be held at the next meeting (scheduled for Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.).

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

April:	Month of the Military Child	4/12/1861: Civil War ends
4/05:	Gold Star Wives Day	4/19/1775: Battle of Lexington and Concord
4/06/1917:	U.S. enters WWI	4/30/1975: Vietnam War ends

CIGAR SMOKING

PLEASE NOTE: Cigar smoking is NOT allowed in our smoking area.



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!

BURIAL FLAGS

If anyone has a burial flag from a loved one (veteran) that they would like to have flown outside of Post 100, we will proudly fly that flag in their honor. Drop off the flag (ATTN: COMMANDER) with the deceased's name pinned. We will announce the name of the person for whom the flag flies in our newsletter.

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!!

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.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



**AMERICAN LEGION
POST 100
PRESENTS**



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



**SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH
1PM - 3:30PM**

\$25 PER PERSON

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32 WINDHAM RD · PELHAM, NH

GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE!

**Purchase online at www.paypal.me/LPerrone1
or call 603.234.7839**

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



Post 100 Luck of the Draw Dart Night

*Meets every Thursday evening
@ 6:30p; first dart @ 7:00p*

*Everything new!
(Board, backboards, lights & runners*

*\$10 Buy-In
501 / cricket / choice*

*Non-Smoking Hall
Cash Bar
Keno / Lottery*

Boston's 9th Annual WOUNDED VET RUN

SUNDAY, MAY 19 (RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 26)

ADVANCED TICKET PURCHASE AND INFO AT:

www.TheyFoughtWeRide.com



CORY REMSBURG



JARRED LUCE



JD WILLIAMS



PAUL GARDNER



HUNTER JOSSELYN

MOTORCYCLE RIDE

\$20 PER RIDER/PASSENGER/WALK-INS

Registration starts 8:30 am - Kickstands up 12:30 pm

PURPOSE: To support five of New England's most severely wounded Veterans
Leaving 12:30: Boston Harley-Davidson, 650 Squire Rd., Revere, MA
End 2:00 pm: Anthony's of Malden, 105 Canal St, Malden MA with:

CEREMONY • FOOD • BEER TENT • VENDORS

All donations can be sent to

"Boston's Wounded Veterans" 60 Paris St., E. Boston, MA 02128

Call/Andrew for questions: 903-340-9402 Vendors email: Jennifer: jennBWVR@gmail.com

All donations directly benefit these wounded veterans and charities of their choosing.



**Those who do not ride please join us
 at ANTHONY'S to welcome
 bikers and veterans!**



PURPLE UP!!

For Military Kids

April 12, 2019



April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child", the celebration of our brave military kids which began back in the early 1980's as a way to thank, honor, and recognize their contributions to our country as a member of a military family

On Wednesday, April 15th everyone across the state and Nation are encouraged to wear something purple as a visible way to show support and thank the children of our military for their strength and sacrifices they make as they follow their parent(s) around the country and the world in service to our nation!

Why purple you ask?

Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military - the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue.



Post 100 Annual Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 27th
9:00am - 2:00pm

Once again, Post 100 will be having our annual Spring Cleanup! We're looking for volunteers to come down to help rake leaves, plant flowers, and clean both the outside and inside of our facility and pavilion.

If you are interested in volunteering a few hours to help, please see Bill Tarmey or contact Laurie on 603.234.7839.

As always, Thank You!!

Save the Date



**9th Annual PFC Eric Currier
Memorial Motorcycle Ride**
Sunday, June 23 • Derry Salem Elks
Registration 8 - 10:00 • Kickstand up at 10:30

Details to Follow

6 YEARS AGO TODAY:

The 'Post 100 Patriot' was introduced. Since that day our monthly newsletter has been informing our members and guests of upcoming events and on-goings within Post 100, as well as special thanks and historical dates in history, etc. In addition, we have offered an area for business owners to advertise their business card monthly. If you have ideas for this newsletter, PLEASE let us know. OR, if you would like to have this emailed to you on a monthly basis, please contact us at alpost100@gmail.com.



INTRODUCING.....

The new Post 100 Newsletter

All members of Pelham's Post 100 are very important to us and are key to our mission of being a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. This newsletter has been created as an information source to update each of you on current news and events within Post 100's membership. The "Post 100 Patriot" newsletter will be issued monthly, and will feature topics such as:

> Post Calendar of Events

A listing of upcoming events

> Membership

Update on membership changes within the post, such as:

- Departing members
- New members

> Celebrations and Acknowledgements

Recognition of special events for our members

- Information on members (or their family) who have either been stricken with tragedy (illness, hospitalization, etc.) or celebrate a happy occasion.

> Questions and Comments

Ideas/suggestions on improvement/comments

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

The warmer weather is finally among us!! With that comes baseball, the blooming of flowers and trees, the singing of Peepers and, of course, the disappearance of that dreaded snow from this past winter. FINALLY! It's also time to cleanup the grounds of our Post. Over the next few weeks we will be scheduling a Spring Cleanup – anyone wishing to come down and lend a hand should let Bill Tarmey know. Also, if you know of a local high school student who is looking for Community Service hours, please let Bill know.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 6:** **Tiny's Birthday**
- April 12:** **Meat Raffle 6:00p – 8:30p**
(hosted by Sons)
- April 13:** **Psychic Fair 10:00a - 4:00p**
(hosted by Auxiliary)

REMINDER: Breakfasts being held every Sunday morning through 4/6 from 8:00a – 11:30a.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I am an American; free born and free bred, where I acknowledge no man as my superior, except for his own worth, or as my inferior, except for his own demerit." - Theodore Roosevelt

FUNCTION FACILITIES

Prime dates available for both our newly renovated hall AND outdoor Pavilion. Hall is PERFECT for birthday parties, showers, etc.; Outdoor Pavilion is GREAT for graduation parties, fundraisers, BBQs, etc. Please see Rusty with questions or to reserve.

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TOP O' THE MORNIN' TO YA!:

On Sunday, March 17TH, Post 100 hosted our Annual St. Patty's Day dinner, featuring delicious corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, turnip, etc. As always, it was a successful day, and we'd like to thank everyone who came out to join us, and a HUGE THANK YOU to our leprechaun volunteers!



Happy St. Patrick's Day



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BILL!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On Sunday, March 23rd, Post 100 hosted a Surprise 80th Birthday Party for our Finance Office, Bill Tarmey, an integral part of our organization! Thank you to all that came out to celebrate with us!



AMERICAN LEGION CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

A group of 20 officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I were asked to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., proposed an organization of veterans, which we know today as The American Legion.

On March 15, 1919, a group of about 600 members of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) gathered in Paris, France, in what was later recognized as the first American Legion caucus. This war-weary group of U.S. military personnel, veterans of World War I, came together as an organization committed to service to veterans, current service members, and community involvement eventually growing into one of the United States largest and most influential not-for-profit groups.

The original purpose of The Legion was to “preserve the memories and incidence of our association in the great war,” helping those who had served in foreign wars to reintegrate into their hometowns while still remaining connected to those with whom they had served abroad.

The Legion served as a support group, a social club and an extended family for former servicemen. After two planning caucuses held by a committee of officers who had the confidence and respect of their military comrades, they designed a constitution to govern the group and set up headquarters in New York City to begin work on its programs of relief, employment and Americanism.



The Congress of the United States officially chartered this organization on Sept. 16, 1919.



AUXILIARY TO ALSO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS THIS YEAR!

After the formation of The American Legion, several existing women's organizations wanted to become the official affiliation of The American Legion. The women who had served so faithfully during the trying days of the war wanted to continue to serve. After careful consideration the committee agreed that a new organization should be made up of the women most closely associated with the men of the Legion, and that these women would serve with the Legion, in peace as they had in war. The committee decided to build a new organization from the ground up, so the Auxiliary could then carry forward the phases of Legion activities more suitably performed by women. During The American Legion's first convention on Nov. 10, 1919, members and officials “birthed” the American Legion Auxiliary.

At the Legion's second convention in September 1920, the Legion sanctioned the Auxiliary. The Legion's Committee on Women's Auxiliary presented some recommendations to the Legion, one being that the women decide upon their name. And the women did just that at the Auxiliary's first convention in 1921, omitting the word “women's” – thus becoming the American Legion Auxiliary. In less than one year, 1,342 local units of the Women's Auxiliary to The American Legion had been organized in more than 45 states.

