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The American Legion

Henry J. Sweeney Post 2 – 251 Maple Street – Manchester, NH 03103 - (603) 623-9145

POST 2 FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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2013 OFFICERS

Commander	Daniel Beliveau
Sr Vice Commander	Bill Whitmore
Jr Vice Commander	Dave Quinn
Adjutant	David McCloskey
Finance Officer	Charles Leveille
Service Officer	Bill Roy
Chaplain	Al Heidenreich
Historian	Mike Lopez
Sgt at Arms	Francis Madden
Judge Advocate	David Nixon
Executive Board	Leo Cote
	David Jobin
	Joe Dutile
	Gail Prince
Canteen Committee	Mike Lopez
	Bill Whitmore
	David Jobin

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

From the Flag Pole

To all Legionnaires, SALS and Auxiliary,

First I would like to thank you all for the trust you have placed in me by selecting me for Commander, I will do my best to live up to your expectations. This will be a challenging year we have quite a bit of work to do on the post facilities, and I believe we can accomplish great things if everyone pitches in a little. (Remember many hands make light work)

There was an interesting article in the April issue of the Legionnaire about civility in politics; we should all strive to live by that example in our interactions with each other and leave politics and personal feelings at the door. Remember the reason our organization was founded in 1919, as outlined in the preamble to the constitution and the four pillars: Defense, Veterans, Youth and Patriotism.

Spring has finally sprung after an extra-long winter; we are all ready for some nice outdoor activities be it the beach, lake, BBQs in the back yard or any number of activities. We are entering the patriotic time of the year, with Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day right around the corner. We should remember that Memorial Day is not about barbeques and the beach but about remembering those, who can no longer enjoy these activities, that made the ultimate sacrifice to make and keep us free, as well as our young men who still maintain the vigil and stand a post to keep those who would do us harm at bay.

Some of the activities coming up in the near future are:

4 May Auxiliary Chicken cordon blue dinner dance \$12.50/PP

12 May Mother's Day Breakfast 0730 to 1100

17 May Sharkey Madden Testimonial Dinner \$12.50/PP

19 May Spring Clean-up 0900 Donuts and coffee will be available in the AM and a BBQ at noon for all those who participated.

19 May Bedford Memorial Parade Time TBD

25 May Danville Memorial Parade Time TBD

27 May Manchester Memorial Day activities to include firing volleys and taps at all memorial squares in Manchester, Mass at St Joseph's cemetery depart Sweeney About 0700, followed by the Parade 1330 corner Webster and Elm. BBQ to follow parade

Membership Meeting 28 May 1900,

Flag Day activities 10 June Time TBD

Daniel Beliveau
Commander

'We sleep soundly in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm.'

SR VICE COMMANDER

Dear Members,

Many thanks for the opportunity to serve you as an officer at our Post.

I have high hopes and expectations for the upcoming year, as Sr. Vice Commander one of my primary responsibilities is membership. If for some reason you have not paid your 2013 dues yet it is imperative you do so now. Two primary reasons are, first and foremost, we need the support of every member, and secondly the State of N.H. Liquor Commission says it is mandatory for canteen privileges to be given to paid members only.

Respectfully,
Bill Whitmore
Sr Vice Commander

JR VICE COMMANDER

It is my privilege to have been sworn in as your Jr. Vice Commander for the coming year. As the Jr. Vice, my responsibilities encompass the Post facility including its maintenance and upkeep and responsibility for all fixtures and equipment.

While this is my responsibility, I need your help in making sure that the Post looks great and that entire facility functions as intended.

How can you help?

1. Notify me personally by phone (603) 361-7033 or email dquinn@nhesgr.com of anything in the Post that you observe in need of repair or maintenance.
2. Come down to the Post on **May 19** to help out with the exterior spring cleanup (more information to follow)
3. Offer your suggestions for items or procedures that you feel will help to improve our Post
4. Do your part in helping to keep the Post picked up when you stop by

With everyone pitching in, our Post will be a facility that all members can enjoy and be proud of.

One of my assumed duties is that of webmaster for the Post website and our periodic eBlast messages. All of this is an attempt to keep you up to date with regards to what's happening at your Post and to make it easy for you and the public to get that information, so if you have suggestions for website or eBlast content, please send it along to post2news@sweeneypost.org and visit our website at www.sweeneypost.org on a regular basis.

Also don't forget to encourage other members and folks who have an interest in keeping up with Post activities, to send us their email address so they can also stay informed.

Once again, I'm grateful for this opportunity to serve our Post. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any time.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Quinn
Jr. Vice Commander

Major Kitchen Repair

We have been informed that the existing exhaust hood and fire suppression system in the kitchen has failed inspection and we are not in compliance with current building and fire codes. This means that the existing system will have to be replaced in its entirety and a committee has been formed to research and solicit bids for a new hood, makeup air and fire suppression system.

This represents a significant unexpected capital improvement for the Post and will take several months to complete. We have also been informed that we can continue to operate the kitchen during this replacement process, so that all upcoming events can proceed as scheduled.

Refurbishing Completed

New flooring was installed in March throughout the Post, stop in and see the new look. We also upgraded our security system.

ADJUTANT

Please be advised that as the incoming Adjutant I'm extremely enthused about the job, and although I'm looking forward to stepping up to the challenge, I am also humble enough to realize I have a much better shot of success by reaching out for the assistance of the members. So, as I know there is much to accomplish going in to my new position, there are also a lot of little things that need to get done to maintain the direction the post is going, and that I can't get that kind of stuff, no matter how many of the manuals I may read. That is where I would like your help and feel very strongly that I can count on it.

May I heartfully congratulate the incoming Officers as they assume their new positions for this year and extend my appreciation to the outgoing Adjutant for his instruction/training, as well as a big thank you for a tremendous job over the last few years. I'm sure I speak on behalf of the entire Organization. Thanks Master Sergeant Lopez.

Post records are an important part of sustaining an efficient Post. If you change your address, phone number, or have an email address that we don't have, please call 623-9145 or email almpost2@comcast.net and let us know. We try and keep our records up-to-date and the only way we can, is with your support. Sick call, (Hosp, Nursing home, rehab) deaths, etc. please contact me and/or contact the Post.

Lastly, we are always looking for new members, so if you know anyone that may join up, let's bring'em down and sign'em up. Growing our Membership should be the goal every member of the Post. We really do have a great group of Officers, Executive Board, & Committees coming on, and I just must say that I have a sincerely good feeling about the assemblage we've selected to lead us into 2013-14 American Legion year.

In Comradeship,
Dave McCloskey
Adjutant

Magazine Drive

In our last newsletter we asked for magazine donations for the VA hospital, as usual the Post members donated generously and it was a great success.

Thank you all and once again you showed that the American Legion supports our veterans.

SAL COMMANDER

Greetings Legionnaires and Auxiliary members,

I want to start by saying thank you to all our members for supporting the Post, Unit, and Squadron activities. Your help and participation means everything. Please keep supporting Sweeney Post in all its efforts.

The Sons of the Legion at Sweeney Post are in need of membership participation. We need volunteers to be officers and to help with our functions. We are still looking for a Chaplain and Historian. I realize this problem is not only with the Squadron, but the Post as well. We need your help to stay alive. Without a strong membership backing the organization we will crumble and no longer be able to serve our community, state, and nation, and most importantly - our veterans. Don't let this great Legion family dissolve and fizzle out. Step up and help out. Come to our meetings and learn about the functions of the Post, Unit, and Squadron. Learn how your respective organization serves you and helps to prosper this great country of ours. Everyone is familiar with Legion Baseball, but are you aware of the other programs the Legion offers, such as the Legacy Fund, Boys/Girls State, the oratorical competitions, Operation Comfort Warrior, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, or the Fisher House Foundation? This list could go on and on. These are just a few of the great programs run by the American Legion that help our community, state, and nation. We can't do it without volunteers though. This country has always prospered because of people who weren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and use a little elbow grease to get things done. If we let that tradition die out we will all suffer. Come to a meeting and find out what YOU CAN DO to help Sweeney Post and the American Legion.

Thank you all for your service to our country and our organization. I look forward to seeing you at future Sweeney events and meetings.

Yours in service,
Matthew Whitmore
Henry J. Sweeney Squadron 2 Commander & Adjutant

Naturalization Ceremony

On Thursday May 30th at 9:00 AM a Naturalization Ceremony will take place at the Post. The ceremony will be conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Post members are welcome to attend.

Memorial Day

On Monday May 27th we will be doing our yearly pilgrimage called the "SQUARES".

The Post Honor Guard and Post members visit 22 monuments located around Manchester, these monuments honor military personnel who served with great distinction from WW I through Afghanistan.

At each site three volleys are fired by the honor guard and a bugler plays taps, very moving experience.

If you care to join us we leave the Post at 7:00 AM, dress is Legion attire or military uniform.

Entertainment Committee

Support your Post on Saturday Night

The Entertainment Committee is looking forward to your support of our Smoke-Free Saturday Night dances with a live dance band every Saturday night from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm.

For your convenience please keep the following dates open for a dinner and dance starting at 6:00 pm.

DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR
MAY 4	CHICKEN CORDON BLUE	WOMAN'S AUX
JUNE 1	CHICKEN BBQ	WOMAN'S AUX & SAL
JUNE 15	BASEBALL FUNDRAISER	SWEENEY POST BASEBALL
JUNE 20	SURF & TURF	SWEENEY POST BASEBALL
SEPT 21	ITALIAN DINNER	SAL
OCT 19	EARLY BIRD DINNER	SWEENEY POST
NOV 9	ROAST PORK DINNER	ENTERTAINMENT COMM
DEC 31	NEW YEARS EVE GALA	
		**NO DANCE ON DEC 28TH



Sweeney Post Baseball

Dear Members of Sweeney Post

Baseball season is approaching quickly and we're very excited about the potential this year's team brings to the diamond. We would like to encourage you all to join us in supporting the young men and the coaching staff this season. Every member should be receiving a schedule and pass for home games in this newsletter. Please consider donating the \$10 for the season pass and help support the team.

You should also see the flyer for the 14th Annual Jumbo Reilly Golf tournament. Please consider a foursome, hole or t-shirt sponsorship. If you cannot attend and would like to donate a small prize it would be greatly appreciated.

The baseball committee would like to thank all the volunteers that help in the kitchen and other fund raisers throughout the year. Without you guys none of this could happen. Thank You As a reminder the baseball team will be sponsoring a fund raising dance on July 12th in the hall. It will feature the band "Ten and Out". I will have tickets at the bar soon.

Sincerely
Paul Lemire, Athletic Director

2013 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Time
06/09 - Sunday	Nashua	7:00 pm
06/12 - Wed	@ Londonderry	5:15 pm
*06/14 - Friday	Merrimack	7:00 pm
*06/18 - Tues	Bedford	7:00 pm
*06/22 - Sat	@ Laconia	1:00 pm
*06/24 - Monday	Post 79	7:00 pm
*06/26 - Wed	Concord	7:00 pm
*06/28 - Friday	@ Goffstown	5:15 pm
*06/29 - Sat	@ Jutras	7:00 pm
*07/02 - Tuesday	@ Merrimack	5:00 pm
*07/03 - Wed	Laconia	7:00 pm
*07/07 - Sunday	@ Lebanon	1:00 pm
*07/09 - Tuesday	@ Bedford	7:00 pm
*07/10 - Wed	@ Post 79	7:00 pm
*07/13 - Sat	@ Keene DH	12:00 pm
*07/15 - Monday	@ Concord	7:00 pm
*07/16 - Tuesday	Lebanon	7:00 pm
*07/20 - Sat	Jutras	1:00 pm
*07/21 - Sunday	Goffstown	7:00 pm
07/23 - Tuesday	@ Nashua	5:15 pm
07/24 - Wed	Hudson	7:00 pm

***District Games** Home Games - Gill Stadium

Auxiliary News

Congratulations ladies we have surpassed our 100% membership goal for this year. Thank you for your renewals and welcome to our new Auxiliary members!

Tuesday, April 23rd, the following officers were installed for 2013 - 2014.

President	Jan Michon
Vice President	Sandy Searles
Secretary	Elaine Smith
Treasurer	Marilyn Cashin
Historian	Patricia Bryan
Chaplain	Mary Steele
Sgt at Arms	Carol Ducasse

Special thanks to Eileen Byrne who has served as Vice President many of her 25 years of membership and also to Melva O'Keefe who has served as 2nd Vice President. We appreciate your dedication. Eileen will continue her service to veterans at the VA hospital and Melva will assist in the kitchen when she can.

Our unit is preparing for poppy distribution. Here are some interesting poppy facts.

"In the spring of 1919 amidst complete devastation, the poppies bloomed in abundance on the battlefields of France where so many of our men had fallen in battle. A replica of this poppy has become the Memorial Flower of the American Legion Auxiliary. "

The American Legion adopted it at the National Convention in Cleveland, September 27-29, 1920. The American Legion Auxiliary followed at the Kansas City organizing convention in October 1921.

"At the time the American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy, it pledged 100% of the profits from the poppy distribution to welfare relief for servicemen and service women and their families, fulfilling the true meaning of the poppy, an emblem of faith; faith which is being kept with all who died through service to the living."

"The public is given an opportunity each year by donating what they wish to wear a poppy and pay tribute to all who died in service to our country."

Support the rehabilitation and welfare of our veterans and their families. Special thanks to our ongoing Poppy Chairman, Eileen Byrne.

Please mark your calendar for our Sunday, May 12th, Mother's Day Breakfast and June 9th. Breakfast is served from 7:30 am - 11:00 am. There will be NO BREAKFASTS in July and August. Enjoy the summer.

Saturday, June 1st there will be a Chicken Bar-B-Q Dinner Dance, tickets are \$12.50 each. This is a joint Auxiliary - Sons of the American Legion fundraising event to raise money for the Easter Seals "Veterans Count" program.

"Bee there for our Veterans". Thank you Commander Greg Hunt, the Legion officers and members, SAL Commander Brian Smith, SAL officers and members, and all the Auxiliary officers and members for contributing to the Auxiliary programs. This concludes another successful year. Thanks for "beeing" there.

Yours In Service,
Jan Michon
Unit 2 President

2013 Dance Schedule - 66th Year

DATE	BAND	EVENT
MAY 4	Bushwhack	Ch Cordon Bleu - Aux
11	Manchuka	
18	Bert Scott Band	
25	Fred Manzi Trio	
JUNE 1	Bushwhack	Ch BBQ - Aux & SAL
8	The Visitors	
15	Ten and Out	
22	Fred Manzi Trio	
29	Bert Scott Band	
JULY 6	Bushwhack	
13	Manchuka	
20	Fred Manzi Trio	
27	Bert Scott Band	
AUGUST 3	Bushwhack	
10	Rico Barr	
17	The Visitors	
24	Bert Scott Band	
31	Fred Manzi Trio	
SEPT 7	Bushwhack	
14	Fred Manzi Trio	
21	The Visitors	Italian Dinner - SAL
28	Bert Scott Band	
OCTOBER 5	Bushwhack	
12	Manchuka	
19	Fred Manzi Trio	Early Bird Dinner
26	Bert Scott Band	
NOV 2	Bushwhack	
9	The Visitors	Roast Pork - Legion
16	Manchuka	
23	Bert Scott Band	
30	Fred Manzi Trio	
DEC 7	Bushwhack	
14	The Visitors	
21	Fred Manzi Trio	
31	Bert Scott Band	New Years Eve - Baseball

April 23, 2013 Installation of Officers

Daniel Beliveau, Commander



Bill Whitmore, Sr. Vice Commander



Dave Quinn, Jr. Vice Commander



Sweeney Post #2 - Newly installed officers



Sons of the American Legion Officers



Jan Michon, Auxiliary President



Long time members recognized by Commander Hunt

60 yr Member - Jack Meisel



60 yr Member - John Beserdetsky



50 yr Member - Evangelos "Joe" Poulos



14th Annual John "Jumbo" Reilly GOLF TOURNAMENT

(To benefit the Sweeney Post Baseball Team)

JOIN
the Fun

TAKE
a Shot at Winning the
Tournament

ENJOY
the Awards BBQ

WIN Valuable Prizes

PROCEEDS
to Benefit the
Sweeney Post
Baseball Team



Individual Prizes

- Longest Drive** (17th Hole)
\$25 pro shop certificate
- Closest to Pin** (8th & 12th Hole)
\$25 pro shop certificate

Team Prizes

Awarded to top three gross teams

- 1st Prize \$75.00 pro shop credit**
- 2nd Prize \$50.00 pro shop credit**
- 3rd Prize \$25.00 pro shop credit**



Register Now!

I want to participate in the
13th Annual Sweeney Post Golf Tournament:

- \$100 per Player: includes greens fees, cart and BBQ dinner.
- \$400 per Foursome.
- \$100 Hole Sponsor: Includes signage at tee.
- \$200 T-Shirt Sponsor

Player(s)	Handicap
1. _____	()
2. _____	()
3. _____	()
4. _____	()

Contact Person: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Sponsors, indicate how your signage should read:

Register early - field limited to 120. Deadline 5/30/13
Date: Friday, June 7th, 2013
Registration: 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start
Lunch/Awards/Raffle: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Derryfield Country Club, Manchester, NH
Format: Scramble, Four Person.
Return form to: 14th Annual Sweeney Post Golf Tournament
 C/O L & B Construction Management LLC
 171 Londonderry Turnpike
 Hooksett, NH 03106 • 603-518-5638 • 603-518-5668
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