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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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Commander Comments

Greetings Legion family

Hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. As we move into the fall months and members return from vacations and settle in, I hope to see more of you at the Post. We have lots of activities coming up including but not limited to dances, dinners, free band concerts and the cribbage league.

We have an outstanding website that is constantly being updated, so if you have any questions about what is going on at the Post check it out. We also have an e-mail blast whenever something is coming up, to be included send your e-mail address to the Post at almpost2@comcast.net and you will get added to the list. The website is www.sweeneypost.org.

Please show your support by attending our monthly membership meetings, the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. You are the ultimate voice, everything we do is predicated on you the member.

Until I see you at the Post
Respectfully yours,

Bill Whitmore
Commander

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

We are considering having an Arts & Craft Fair at the Post on November 9, 2014, 1000-1500. This would be comprised of Post members who have talents that are unrecognized by us.

If you have an expertise in areas such as pottery, woodworking, painting, jewelry making, needlework or any other type of skill, let us know. We would like to put together a show at the Post featuring your work and making it available to the public for display and purchase.

If you would be interested, please contact Bill Whitmore or Mile Lopez at the Post by September 15th.

Bill Whitmore 603-289-2562

Mike Lopez 603-623-9145

Adjutant's Notes

We are in the midst of our renewal season and we have not seen the returns we are looking for, but we know you, the members, will come through and not only renew your membership, but will also sign up new

members to keep your Post the biggest and best in the state.

Commander Whitmore would like to see our Post attain a membership of in excess of 1400 members and it can be done with your support. If every member would just enlist one new member or reinstate an expired member we would double membership! This is no misprint. Can you imagine a Post of over 2000 members?

In every renewal packet you will find the necessary material to enlist a new 1900member. In the packet is "Why you should Belong" and Your Legion Benefits brochure. Also in the packet is membership renewals form as well a Legion Insurance form.

Please give it your all to get new members. How? "Just Ask". More than likely someone asked you to join.

You can also renew on line by logging at legion.org. Or you can call the Post at 603-623-9145 and we will renew your membership over the Phone via credit card or contact us on line at almpost2@comcast.net.

Of course, you are always welcomed to come to the Post and receive your membership card on the spot and we will also laminate your card at the same time. Not to mention you can enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members.

Calendar-September

09/27/2014 Dance 1930 Rico Barr

October

10/01/2014-AOH Meeting 1900

10/04/2014-Dance 1930 TBA; Mohegan Sun Trip 0700-1900

10/06/2014-Pointers F&G 1930

10/11/2014-Dance 1930 Manchuka

10/18/2014-Dance 1930 Bert Scott

10/20/2014-E Board 1900

10/21/2014-Freese Brothers Band 1930

10/22/2014-Auxiliary Meeting 1900

10/24/2014-Past Post Commanders Dinner 1800

10/25/2014-Dance 1930 the Visitors

10/27/2014-LAOH Meeting 1900

10/28/2014-Legion General Meeting 1900

10/30/2014-NAFRE Meeting 1330

10/31/2014-Lucas Tree Service 0600-1200

November

11/01/2014-Dance 1930 TBA

11/03/2014-Pointers F&G Meeting 1930

11/05/2014-Teamster Breakfast 0800-1000

AOH Meeting 1900



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- 11/08/2014-Dance 1930 Bert Scott
- 11/09/2014-Breakfast 0730-1900; Crafts Fair 100-1600
- 11/12/2014-VFW Meeting 1900
- 11/15/2014-Dance 1930 Bushwhack Roast Pork Dinner 1800
- 11/09/2014-Craft Fair 0900-1500
- 11/17/2014-E Board 1900
- 11/16/2014-Battler of the Blues Bands 1300-1900
- 11/18/2014-Freese Brothers Band 1930
- 11/20/2014-NAFRE Meeting 1330;
DAV Meeting 1900
- 11/21/2014-Turkey Shoot 1600-2000
- 11/22/2014-Dance 1930 Rico Barr
- 11/24/2014-LAOH 1900
- 11/25/2014-Legion General Meeting 1900 Pre Budget Meeting**
- 11/27/2014-Breakfast 0600-1000
- 11/28/2014-Baseball Banquet 1800
- 11/29/2014-Dance 1930 Manchuka
- December**
- 12/01/2014-Pointers F&G Meeting 1930
- 12/03/2014-AOH Meeting 1830
- 12/06/2014-Dance 1930 TBA
- 12/09/2014-Teamsters XMAS Party 1200-1500
- 12/10/2014-VFW Meeting 1900
- 12/13/2014-Dance 1930 Bushwhack
- 12/15/2014-XMAS Concert National Guard Alumni Band 1900
- 12/18/2014-DAV Meeting 1900
- 12/20/2014-Dance 1930 Bert Scott
- 12/21/2014-Childrens XMAS Party 1300
- 12/23/2014-Legion General Meeting 1900 Budget**
- 12/31/2014-New Year's Eve 1800 Bushwhack

Announcements

The positions of Historian and Senior Vice Commander and are now open for nomination at the next general meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 1900.

Commander Whitmore urges all members who are interested in assuming these positions to attend this meeting.

Commander Whitmore also encourages all members to become involved with your Post whether as officer, committee member or involvement in any of our programs.

We always need help in many facets of the Post and volunteers are never turned away!

LADIES AUXILIARY

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. The Auxiliary had an organizational meeting on Wed., Aug. 27th at 7PM. Chairmen are selected for the various programs, such as Children & Youth. Our meetings are held on the fourth Wed. of the month at 7PM, except for Dec. when we gather for dinner at a selected restraint. Breakfasts resume this Sept. & the schedule is 7:30AM-11AM on Sun. Sept. 14th, Oct. 12th, Nov. 9th & Dec. 14th. Sue Bessette

Heads the kitchen crew & can always use some help. Her Phone is 315-0936. Put on an apron & lend a hand. The Children's Party will be held on December 21, 2014, for ages 1-8 years old. The 2015 Aux.

Membership renewal notices are sent from National Headquarters after the National Convention. Elaine Smith is the Auxiliary

Membership Chairman and can be reached at 623-9783 if you have any questions. Our goal is to reach 100% paid membership by Dec. 31st, 2014. The dues are \$20.00. The Junior Membership is \$4.00. Juniors are Aux. members from birth until 18 years old. Marilyn Cashin has enrolled the most junior members in our Unit and encourages them to be active in our community. Sign up your Grand-daughters and help us reach our goal.

Mary Steele is our Unit Chaplain. She sends cards, attends Wakes & visits members in Rehab when she can. Her Phone number is 669-0767. She will be happy to assist you. Please plan on attending our Unit meetings to learn about the Auxiliary Programs and get acquainted with the other members. Hope to see you there.

Yours in Service,

Janis Michon
Sweeney Auxiliary-Unit 2-Pres.

Membership Cards are ready for the Auxiliary
If you would like to pick yours up
Please contact me 603-703-6776

Thank You
Elaine Smith
Membership Chairman



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SAL Membership Dues

As most of you know the new membership year began on July 1st which means that your 2015 Membership Cards are now available. It is very important that all SAL members get their dues paid as quickly as possible. This will give you full privileges at the post along with helping us report the successful rate of paid up membership to the state. Remember, you can pay by cash, check or by using your credit card. As always, thank you for renewing your membership quickly and for supporting the SAL.

A Call to Arms,

New Hampshire's largest American Legion Post needs your and my help to maintain this standing as our organization and many others throughout the Country are experiencing a steady decline in membership and it is time for each and every one of us to do our part to rectify this situation. The World War II veterans are leaving us at an alarming rate followed closely by the Korean era and even the Viet Nam war vets. While we cannot reverse the laws of nature we can take positive action to turn things around. First and foremost we have to address the most immediate problem; membership. I will start by issuing a challenge to each and every one of you to bring one (1) new member to the post. This pertains to Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL. They can be a brand new member, a transfer or a former member of any post whose membership expired. I have done this myself by signing up 14 over the past few years. It is not that difficult, I assure you. All you have to do is ask. If I can do it so can you. Try it, you will surprise yourself.

Next step: get involved. Everyone has ideas and suggestions; some good, some not so good, but you will never know until you attend a meeting and find out. It is an embarrassment to have such a large number on the rolls and so few show up on the fourth Tuesday. Show up, speak up or don't complain. Your voice counts!

Attend club activities. Your Post has a wide variety of events throughout the year with something for everyone. Yes everyone. Dances every Saturday night, great Monthly breakfast every second Sunday, pool and cribbage events, monthly dinner/dances, meat raffles, Holiday parties, BBQ, great canteen prices, and much, much more. All events at your Post's newly renovated smoke free facility.

We need everyone's support to continue to be New Hampshire's # 1 veteran's organization. See you there! More info 623-9145 www.sweeneypost.org

Mohegan Sun Trip

The Post will be sponsoring a trip to Mohegan Sun on Saturday, October 4, 2014, 0700-1400. The bus leaves promptly at 0700.

The trip includes:

- \$10.00 voucher for food or merchandise
- \$10.00 betting voucher
- 50/50 raffle on the way to Mohegan Sun
- Refreshments on the bus.

All the above for only \$30.00 per person. Invite your friends. Tickets can be purchased at the Post or by phone with credit card. 623-9145



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