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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's Comments

Greetings, fellow Comrades!

As our season blooms with great weather there are a few things I would like to address.

First, we are doing great with memberships new and renewals but we cannot stop here. If everyone can strive to get one new member we will be looking great going into the next fiscal year. We continue to grow because of all of you who put in the effort to bring someone to the Post and see what we are all about.

Next we are working on our Legion Rider program here at Sweeney Post #2. That is getting it on board and finding a great time spot for our meetings to be held. If anyone has any ideas feel free to contact me I think a Saturday or Sunday morning around 9 or 10 am would work best so that if the weather is really nice, we then can follow the meeting with a ride. We are also looking to fill positions in the rider program, if your passion is out on the road then help us plan and keep everyone happy with fun filled rides.

Our S.A.L. has been working hard at raising money Meat Raffles, Pig Roast, Surf and Turf Dinner, and assisting Sweeney Baseball raise funds to continue with our program. These events are always a great way to get out of the house and pull in to Sweeney and see what is going on, meet new people and catch up with some old Comrades.

Sweeney Post is hosting the Department of NH Legion Baseball Tournament here across the street at Gill Stadium July 21st through July 27th.

Continue to check out the calendar for upcoming events. Please join us at any time for our many Bands and Dances. Remember our General Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month, your attendance matters in how the post is run, and what you would like to see happen in the future at Henry J. Sweeney Post #2.

Your Comrade and Commander,  
Norm Gravel

## 2017 Sweeney Post #2 Baseball Schedule

Thursday, June 14	7:00PM	Laconia
Friday, June 16	7:00PM	Post 79
Sunday, June 18	Noon	Lebanon
Tuesday, June 20 ★	7:00PM ★	Plymouth
Thursday, June 22	7:00PM	Milford
Saturday, June 24	Noon	@ Bedford
Sunday, June 25	Noon	@ Post 79
Wed., June 28	7:00PM	Keene
Thursday, June 29	6:00PM	@ Concord
Saturday, July 1	12:30	@ Lebanon
Thursday, July 6	5:30PM	@ Milford
Friday, July 7	7:00PM	Concord
Monday, July 10	7:00PM	Bedford
Tuesday, July 11	5:30PM	@ Keene (Walpole, Hubbard Park)
Thursday, July 13	5:00PM	@ Plymouth

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## Upcoming Baseball Functions and Fundraisers

### Annual Jumbo Reilly Golf Tournament

Friday, June 2nd at Pembroke Pines GC \$110.00 pp

### Surf and Turf Dinner Dance

Saturday, July 29th Tickets on sale soon

### Casey Heron Annual Tournament

Friday, August 18th at Derryfield CC

Thank you for your support of our baseball program. All funds raised enable us to continue the program. Also, this season's schedule will be printed within this bulletin and posted at the Post on the bulletin board. Our season starts June 14th at 7:00 pm at Gill Stadium against Laconia. Please come cheer us on!!!

### Adjutant

Our officers for the year are as follows:

Commander	Norm Gravel
First Vice Commander	Dan Beliveau PPC
Second Vice Commander	Patrick Graham
Adjutant	William R Roy
Finance Officer	David Quinn
Service Officer	Leonard Morin
Chaplain	Bill Morin
Historian	David McCloskey
Sgt. at Arms	Grosenbeck, James
Judge Advocate	Michael Lopez PPC/GC
Executive Board	Gail Prince
	Al Heidenreich PPC
	Anthony J. Violanti
	Dick Provencher

  

Canteen Committee	Patrick Graham
	Ron LeMay PPC/GC
	Dick Provencher

We thank them for their commitment and dedication. We have openings for other committees, the kitchen, working at the Post and just come to our monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM or just contact the Post at 603-623-9145 or [alm-post2@comcast.net](mailto:alm-post2@comcast.net).

We will also be having a raffle to help with our charitable works. The raffle will be for one-hundred five dollar NH scratch tickets, donations are \$10.00 per chance. The last winner, a member from our Post, won \$305.00 in lower tier prizes! Top prize can be as high as \$103,000.00!

Tickets for the above will be in this bulletin and available at the bar or from the officers.

Congratulations to our newest Gold Card members, Dennis Smith PPC and Bill Morin, who received their honorary life memberships at the St Patrick's dinner dance on March 18, 2017.

Also at this function membership awards were presented to Al Heidenreich PPC, Norm Gravel PPC and Mike Lopez PPC/HLM/GC for service above and beyond in membership recruitment.

### Historian

Please be advised that as Post Historian I'm looking forward to the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion, and more specifically the Centennial Celebration of OUR Post, Henry J. Sweeney Post #2. The task as Chair of the Committee is one I take quite seriously, and I will be working with the National, as well as Department, in the months ahead to draft a plan for success. I invite any and all members interested in serving on the Committee to contact me, and for those who don't wish to serve in that capacity, do not fret, we will need assistance in many other ways throughout the culmination leading up to this great event. Please do not hesitate to step up, as everyone has something to contribute.

In Comradeship,  
 Dave,  
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[dmaclocal301@comcast.net](mailto:dmaclocal301@comcast.net)

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### Elaine Smith Auxiliary

Hello Auxiliary Members...  
 Just a couple of things...  
 We need 40 to at least make our 100%...I know that we can do this. Secondly...I have sent to national 25 new Auxiliary Members this year, so I am say to everyone Thank You, I appreciate everyone's hard work.

Lastly, we have a survey for our Auxiliary Members to fill out. President Jan and some of the Auxiliary officers would like know why members are not attending Any meeting, but showing up to functions...

Please fill out the survey and return it to the Auxiliary Box at the Post. Thank you,

Elaine Smith  
Membership

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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



**HENRY J. SWEENEY POST #2**  
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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone or Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dates of Service

### Branch of Service

- April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 (World War I)
- Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II)
- June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War)
- Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)
- Aug. 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon/Grenada)
- Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990 (Panama)
- Aug. 2, 1990 to today (Gulf War/War On Terrorism)

- US Army
- US Navy
- US Air Force
- US Marines
- US Coast Guard
- US Merchant Marine  
(Dec 7, 1941 – Aug 15, 1945)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete, print out and sign this application and return with your check for annual membership dues of \$35.00 made payable to Henry J. Sweeney Post #2 and mail to the address shown above.

**THANK YOU** for deciding to become a member of **Henry J. Sweeney Post #2**  
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### Sweeney Post Baseball Looking for Volunteers

Sweeney to host the American Legion State Baseball Tournament, July 21st through July 27th. Looking for volunteers.

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### Post Facilities

Our ladies and mens rooms have refurbished, the outside of our building will be repainted this year and our storage area has been rearranged. We have als replaced our hot water heater with a state of the art "on demand" system.

We will be holding a "Post Clean Up Day" on June 3, 2017, 9:00 AM. Bring your rakes, brooms, cleaning supplies, etc. help "spruce up" your Post.

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### Memorial Day Activities

Sergeant at Arms Jim Grosenbeck is asking for volunteers to assist honoring our fallen comrades on this special day on May 29, 2017.

We will be firing volleys at the memorial sites located throughtout the city and we will need volunteers to meet at the Post at 6:30 AM. Breakfast and lunch will be given to the volunteers.

The parade will commence at 2:00 PM and we will need people who will be participating in the parade to arrive at the Post at 1:00 PM. Bing the kids, they can march also.

The honor guard is also looking for volunteers to assist in memorial sevices and flag education services during the year.

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### Boys State

The Granite Boys State will be held at Rivier University in Nashua June 25-30, 2017, any high school boy entering to his junior year is elligible to attend this event. For more information contact Bill Roy at 603-623-9115.



### Legion Riders "We ride with Legion pride"

Our first inguaral meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM. If you are a mortorcycle inthusiast and want t be a part of this group please come on down.

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### Hall Rentals

Don't forget members get special rates when renting our hall. If you are having any event give us a call.

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### Department Convention

The Department Convention will be held at the Days Inn in Lincoln NY May 18-21, 2017. Any member can attend the convention, but only the elected delegates from the Post can paricipate.

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### Kudos

We would also like to thank Joe Dutile and Leo Cote for all their years on the Executive Board and the sage advice they have provided to the Board over all those years. Joe and Leo have stepped down from the Board, again we thank you.



## Events & Activities ★ May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 <b>6:00 pm - 11:00 pm SAL Meat Raffle and Entertainment</b>	6 <b>7:30 pm - 11:00 pm Saturday Night Dance</b>
7 11:00 am - 12:30 pm VFW Auxiliary Meeting <b>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm American Legion Riders Motorcycle Meeting</b>	8 <b>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm E Board Meeting</b>	9	10 <b>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm VFW Meeting</b>	11	12	13 <b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Veteran Benefits Seminar</b> <b>6:00 pm - 12:00 am Retirement/Birthday Party</b>
14 Mother's Day	15 <b>11:00 am - 1:00 pm Carol Shea Porter veteran Q&amp;A</b> <b>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm SAL Meeting</b>	16 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Freese Brothers Band	17	18	19	20 <b>10:00 am - 3:00 pm VFW Auxiliary Fund Raiser</b>
21	22	23 <b>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Legion General Meeting</b>	24 <b>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Auxiliary Meeting</b>	25	26	27 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm Saturday Night Dance, Bushwhack
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

## Events & Activities ★ June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <b>6:00 pm - 11:00 pm SAL Meat Raffle and Entertainment</b>	3 <b>7:30 pm - 11:00 pm Saturday Night Dance</b>
4 11:00 am - 12:30 pm VFW Auxiliary Meeting <b>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm American Legion Riders Motorcycle Meeting</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <b>5:30 pm - 8:00 pm SAL Flag Ceremony</b> <b>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm E Board Meeting</b>	13 <b>1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Naturalization Ceremony Setup</b>	14 <b>9:00 am - 11:00 am Naturalization Ceremony</b> <b>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm VFW Meeting</b>	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 <b>11:00 am - 1:00 pm Carol Shea Porter veteran Q&amp;A</b> <b>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm SAL Meeting</b>	20 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Freese Brothers Band	21	22	23	24 <b>7:30 pm - 11:00 pm Saturday Night Dance, Visitors SAL Chix BBQ Dinner</b>
25	26	27 <b>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Legion General Meeting</b>	28 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Auxiliary Meeting	29	30	

### Events & Activities ★ July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm Saturday Night Dance
2 11:00 am - 12:30 pm VFW Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm American Legion Riders Motorcycle Meeting	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm SAL Meat Raffle and Entertainment	8
9	10 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm E Board Meeting	11	12 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm VFW Meeting	13	14 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm Stuck In Time Band	15
16	17 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Carol Shea Porter veteran Q&A 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm SAL Meeting	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Legion General Meeting	26 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Auxiliary Meeting	27	28	29 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Baseball Surf N Turf Dinner/Dance - Bushwack Band
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### Events & Activities ★ August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm SAL Meat Raffle and Entertainment	5 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm Saturday Night Dance
6 11:00 am - 12:30 pm VFW Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm American Legion Riders Motorcycle Meeting	7	8	9 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm VFW Meeting	10	11	12
13	14 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm E Board Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
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