



MARTEL ROBERGE POST 47

Quarterly Newsletter

Jan-Mar 2005

Fellow Legionnaires, another year is here and your Post #47 is trying again to keep our Newsletter coming to you. Two of our American Legion Members, Mark Lamprey and Andrew J. Egan, have taken on the task of gathering the information needed to put together an informative Post #47 Newsletter. The Newsletter will keep everyone updated on all of our upcoming events. Presently we are planning on producing a quarterly publication that will be mailed out to all of our Legion family, American Legion Members, Son's of the American Legion as well as the Auxiliary.

The Newsletter will also be available on our web site, for those of you that have access to the *World Wide Web, WWW*. This site will also provide other timely information, such as a calendar of events and much more. The address to the Web Site is;

www.post47.org

If you would rather read the Newsletter via the *WWW* on your own computer system then simply send an email to the Following address, which is also, located on the Post #47 Web Site info@post47.org we will gladly take you off the mailing list so that we may save the Post a few coins on the mailing list. \$\$\$

So how long has it been since you visited the canteen area? Come on down for a game of cards, pool, darts or just to say hello and shoot the breeze with old friends. It's

your Canteen and Legion Post, so make the most of it!

Again, I'll remind all of you that if you or your family is in need of a hospital bed, wheelchair, walker, cane, or crutches then give us a call and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. Monthly meetings for American Legion members are on the second Tuesday of the Month starting at 7pm and lasting for about 1 hour. We need your input to help you with your requests and needs.

Ken Shorey
Post Commander

This Newsletter is dedicated to the Memory of
Linda Marr

Born Oct 17, 1950 - Died Dec 5th, 2004

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

We're winding down our membership renewal season and it's time to reach for the panic button. American legion dues are payable in advance and we still have close to 100 members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2005. The deadline is December 31st, then a 30-day grace period, which is followed by a non-member status. The American Legion relies on member numbers to propel our efforts in retaining veteran's rights and incentives that's been earned by our service to the nation. Congress listens to us simply because we are united and unified in our ventures. What gets their attention is the large number of veterans that are in our ranks. IF you do not have your 2005 card, would you kindly write a check for \$19.00 payable to the " Post 47 American Legion and drop off or send to:

Post #47 American Legion PO Box 478,
Rollinsford, NH 03867-0478

SCHOLARSHIPS:

The 2004 scholarships will be presented to the recipients at a short ceremony at 12:00 noon on Sunday December 26, in the auxiliary function room at your post. The 2005 scholarship applications will be in the next newsletter and you should

know that the post authorized three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarships for 2005. The Honore D Ouellette Memorial scholarship, The Joseph Robinson Memorial scholarship and the Post #47 Memorial scholarship. That should be a pretty attractive incentive to assist our young scholars in their pursuits in life.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

An interesting Legion function is the annual mid-winter conference to take place in Laconia on Saturday, January 29, 2005.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Post 47 is a member of District 3, American Legion of New Hampshire and we should be taking part in the affairs of this group. The next 2 meetings of the district are Jan 14 in Dover, and Feb 11, in Seabrook .All members are invited to attend the district meetings.

For God & Country

Joe Caouette, Adjutant

SAL NEWSLETTER

Fellow SAL Members,

It's been a long time since our last communication to our members, but now with the return of the newsletter, we can keep you better informed. You can also find information on our web site that is being rebuilt. www.post47.org

This past summer was an active one for us. Our area of concentration was the gazebo and the surrounding grounds. We cut all of the tall grass, loamed and seeded the area in front of the gazebo with the special help of Kevin Eastman. We also gave the gazebo 2 coats of white stain with the aid of Joe "spray gun" Bernier. We placed landscaping rocks in front of the gazebo to discourage vehicles from driving around the area. A special thanks to Kevin "Kabota" Schoff for his help.

Did you know Post 47 has a softball team that plays in a Sunday morning league? Most of the team is made up of SAL members. Our team came in 4th this past summer.

We are currently involved with our annual winter raffle. Tickets are available at the canteen for \$5.00 per chance. Come on down and get a few chances.

- 1st prize is a 9 hp arien snow blower
- 2nd prize is a gas powered mini snow blower
- 3rd prize is an emergency vehicle starter

The third Sunday in January will be the first breakfast for the new crew made up of members from the Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary. Breakfast will be served every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Our meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of each month, so come to a meeting; we are always looking for new people to become active. Our meetings are at 7pm and last approx. 1 hour.

Also as a reminder, if you have not paid your dues, please do so.

Happy Holidays

Lenny Barron, 1st Vice

Gary Trudeau, Adjutant



American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 47 !

Dear Members,

In checking the membership roster, we find that several have not paid your dues for the year. Our dues are only \$10.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for Juniors.

I know you may not be active in the unit, but it is the number of members that make it possible to carry out our many projects that we do for the community, and especially for children and youth. Without members we would not have this organization.

If you have had an address change due to moving or the emergency 911 system, or want to send in your dues, please contact Marion Grant, Membership Chairman, at 1-207-698-1187 or PO Box 618, Berwick, Me.

There are also many benefits that go along with this membership. Visa card, Auxiliary supplemental insurance plans, Medicare supplement insurance, Major medical and short term "gap" insurance, Life insurance, Cancer insurance, Travel accident insurance, Long distance phone service, eye glass discounts, car rental discounts, moving discounts and **MOST** important The Discount Prescription program (you use your card to get these benefits) at participating drug stores.

We would love to have you continue as members of Unit #47, so won't you please retain your membership today....

Please remember starting the first Friday in January, the unit will be having a pot luck supper. We are going to have limited sources for revenue this year, won't you support us by coming out and bring a dish to put on our table?

As always, our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.

See you there.

Bettie Trundy

Unit President

HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD

Hello Everybody,

Presently we are working with the Portsmouth Legion to put together a Post 47 Honor/Color Guard Team.

Portsmouth won the nationals last year and is willing to help us get started. To date we have 5 people that are committed to this fine endeavor. All members of the Post 47 Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary are welcome to join. We will be getting instructions on procedures for different events from our friends in Portsmouth. Our intentions are:

- To promote a spirit of remembrance and respect for those who have served our nation in uniform.
- In support of our mission to present the flag of the United States of America in the most respectful and military manner possible.
- To pay homage to our veterans at funerals, memorials, and other services held in their honor.
- To represent the veterans of all U.S. wars in public gatherings such as parades and sporting events.
- To further the community's awareness of the sacrifices made by the veterans of all U.S. wars.
- To participate in local school programs that promotes patriotism and remembrance.

- To support all National, Department, and local programs of the American Legion

If you would like to be part of this honorable team and want more info, contact Mark Lamprey, and or Andrew J. Egan, or go to www.post47.org and e-mail us at info@post47.org



For God & Country

Mark Lamprey, Legion member
Andrew J. Egan, Legion Member

*Rheinhold “The Running Rebel”
pictured below, manning the bag
@ 1st base for the Post #47
Softball Team...No relation to
Bill Buckner !!!*



Softball update: In the 2004 Softball Season, the Post #47 proudly sponsored and fielded a Men's Softball Team that played in Gonic, NH ! The Team faced many challenges this past season, but we improvised and overcame a multitude of difficulties. Yes we actually brought some iron home, which is proudly displayed by the beer taps, in the Canteen area. The Team went from dead last to an outstanding, overall fourth place. Now that was quite an outstanding feat, as we dropped the first 9 games in a row, and it did not look good for the Team, as we struggled for that first allusive victory...

That magical day began, on one of those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. The Coach, Pete Eastman was not present at this game and the managerial duties were delegated to his younger brother. Bandit, our fearless, fleet footed,

shortstop\leadoff batter and he took control. And it was on that glorious day, the Legion team had its first sweet taste of victory and it was quite an impressive effort. We pummeled that Team and 10 run ruled the poor fellows, which basically means they called the game after the 5th inning due to the beating that we were administering. Way to go TEAM !!!

Next Year: The 2005 Year looks promising, as the team works hard in the off season conditioning program, by pumping out those 12 ounce curls, trying to stay lean and mean. We are working on starting up our own League, next year which would mean that we would play our Games at the local Post #47 Field, located in beautiful Rollinsford, NH !

Presently the front office is working on obtaining the savvy, coaching skills of one “*Lenny Barron*”. Lenny has a keen, mind for the game. And yes folks this is a two for one deal, as we will also be getting the much needed statistical support from his loving Wife, Sally whom will keep the Team on track via her wireless notebook system.

In closing, a special thanks to our families, friends and those special fans that cheered us on during the Season.

Andrew J. Egan

*American Legion Member Post #47
Softball Team Player...*