



# MARTEL ROBERGE POST 47

## Quarterly Newsletter July - Sept 2005

In my March newsletter I asked for volunteers to take part in musters at funeral parlors for our deceased Post 47 members. Today, 10 June, I've just returned from Robert "Bob" Demers burial, and we not only had several Post 47 members, but our own Post 47 Honor Guard Team was present and provided full military honors. Mr. Demers was a long time member and provided much support during his membership time at the Post. As of today several other Post 47 members have passed on in the last three months, but I really wanted to comment on this latest funeral muster.

At Bob's funeral viewing we had over twenty-five Legion and Auxiliary members present for the muster, along with our newly formed Honor Guard Team. The ceremony was impressive and much appreciated by the Demer's Family. During the funeral six members of Post 47 served as pallbearers. The Honor Guard team, in full uniform, participated in the funeral as well as the services at the cemetery. The American Flag was folded and presented to Mrs. Demers. The Honor Guard fired a volley, a traditional salute to our fallen comrade, and a member of the Honor Guard Team played taps. I want to thank everyone who participated, especially the

Honor Guard Team who presented full military honors, in a most professional manner. By the way, anyone interested in joining the Honor\Color Guard Team please let us know either drop me a note at the Post or give me a call at 603.742.6152 !

The new Veterans Administration, VA Health Clinic opened in June 2005 in Somersworth, NH on Route 108 near the Tri-City Dodge facility. I would like to add that this is a truly impressive facility. Many of you now have to travel to the Pease or Manchester V.A. for health care, now you may have a much shorter trip if you can transfer to the Somersworth location.

In closing enjoy the summer and come down to the Post Canteen where the air conditioner assists in maintaining a cool, friendly environment. You may also take in our park alongside the river for a Picnic with lots of shade and beautiful scenery.

And remember, if you have any questions concerning the legion or Veterans benefits, give me a call, and I'll get you an answer or find someone who can.

**Ken Shorey - Post #47 Commander**

## **SAL ADJUTANTS LETTER**

We are now moving into our spring planning mode of operation. Some of the projects will be horticultural in nature i.e. the Legion grounds as well as maintenance on the Gazebo. We will also work with the rental group to supply addition support when it comes to weddings.

We have been getting new members involved and we hope to continue this through the next year also. Keep it up guys !

Our membership has grown to another all time high ! I want to thank all of the old and new members for getting us our fourth 100% membership for 2004 and we are on target again for 2005. I have sent out notices to all members and we still have a few to find. We are at 130% as of June 1, 2005 !

I hope to reach the 250 members for 2005/2006 cards. Your Membership helps to pay for our Post activities and donations will help support our troops and local students.

Next year our dues to the State will go up to eight dollars for the 2006 cards.

I want to thank all of you for exceeding our membership goals once again we were awarded the over 100% membership ribbon for 5 years in a row.

We want to let all members and family know that the Sunday breakfast is still going strong. So come on down and support The Children's and Youth Fund and see some old friends. We have some new cooks and any comments are welcome, hope to see you here on the Third Sunday of each month.

It is off to convention in Nashua, NH hope to see some of you there. It is a great time to meet up with some old friends and work on next years Sal planning.

In closing, we hope to pick up some of the SAL State Awards this year...I just hope all of my paperwork was correct and was submitted on time...

***Gary Trudeau***

***Post #47 SAL Adjutant***

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Martel-Roberge Unit 47**

Memorial Day has come and gone and we now look forward to our summer. The Unit and Legion attended the Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Church in Rollinsford. There was a very nice turnout for this annual event and I would like to thank all the ladies for attending.

The day was made very special by the appearance of the newly formed Legion Color\Honor Guard Team. After the mass, we all met at the Legion and had a wreath laying ceremony at the Gold Star Mothers Park. The Color Guard fired a volley followed by taps.

Our year is coming to a close very soon, and Kitten Clark and I will be attending the Department of New Hampshire yearly convention in Nashua, NH.

The convention opens with a Memorial Service for all those members who have passed away this past year. It is a lovely and moving service as all the names of the deceased are read by District. All of District 3 will stand as the roll is called. This past year we have lost five (5) members and the names of Rita Joncas, Noella Demers, Linda Marr, Virginia Beard and Jeannette Fontaine will be read. We will miss these ladies, but very fond memories of each of them remain with us.

The next time we meet will be in September for our membership supper, I hope all of you will be able to attend and meet our new Department President. As always, our meeting is on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.

I would like to thank all the officers of this unit for their help and support this year. To the members who faithfully attend the meetings thank you for being there, we couldn't do it without you.

Until then, have a safe summer

**Bettie Trundy**

**Unit President**

## **ADJUTANTS CORNER**

The 2006 membership cards are in my possession. I know It's early, but the Legion dues are payable in advance and you should be getting an invoice billing from National about mid-July. We've kept our dues at \$19.00 a year for this year. I just can't think of a better deal that this !

- **FAMILY DAY**  
**Saturday, August 13 2005 !**
  
- **National Power Model Boats contest at the Salmon Falls River will be the last week of July 2005 !**

*Joe Caouette*

## **HONOR GUARD UPDATE**

Well the Uniforms finally arrived and the Team made four appearances over the Memorial Day weekend. We also provide full military honors for Robert "Bob" Demers. Thank-you for your support and for letting us provide you the rich tradition of a Legion Color\Honor Guard service.

On behalf of the American Legion Post #47, our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and loved ones of:

**Robert "Bob" Demers**

Note: Color\Honor Guard Fundraiser  
**Friday, 22 July 2005 4pm - 8pm**  
A "Smokin Lamps" barbeque style meal with all of the fixins watch for upcoming flyers\details !!!

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

We have approval to tear out the large shrubs/trees by the flagpole. Mark Pendergas of Salmon Falls Nursery will be donating the new shrubs to replace the old ones that we will tear out. Keep your eyes open for a work party date. Thank you to the Salmon Falls Nursery for the donation.

## **Softball Update**

Well after a ssslllooowww start the Team has managed to rip off two come from behind wins in a row, due to some timely hitting and a defiant defense. Coach **Lenny Barron** has got the boys of summer firing on all eight cylinders. We play every Sunday in lovely Gonic, NH -- A schedule is posted on the bulletin board. The Post #47 Team Roster is below...

**Andrew Egan** – Legion Member  
**Jake Smith** - SAL Member  
**Kevin Eastman**  
Alias "**Bandit**" - SAL Member  
**Brian Schoff** – SAL Member  
**Pete Eastman** – SAL Member  
**Rheinhold Holton** - SAL Member  
Alias "**Running Rebel**"  
**Patrick Gorman** – SAL Member  
**John Amergan** – SAL Member  
**Kevin Schoff** – SAL Member  
**Wayne McPherson** – SAL Member  
**Dave Springer** – SAL Member  
**Jim McCarthy**  
Alias "**Big Daddy**" – SAL Member  
**Brendan Sullivan**  
**Dave Bailey**

## **Newsletter Team**

- Note: If you have something you would like put into the newsletter that would benefit the post, please contact:

**Mark Lamprey**  
**Andrew Egan**

