



MARTEL ROBERGE POST 47

Quarterly Newsletter

Apr-Jun 2005

Spring is just around the corner and activities on the Legion grounds look good for the coming year. There will be horseshoes, volleyball games, and our Legion softball team. Come enjoy our great facilities. The "Foundry Park" by the river is in excellent shape due to the efforts of Ed Charpentier. Come on down some day or evening and have a picnic or just enjoy the wildlife and the scenery. On a more serious note, I would like to remind all of you fellow legionnaires and veterans that when a member of ours passes on, Post 47 holds a memorial muster at the funeral parlor. We usually do this at 7PM. This is a solemn ceremony and takes 10 to 15 minutes. The response of the immediate family is always in appreciation of our gathering to memorialize their family member. I for one know how much this means to everyone. I would like you to consider giving a little of your time to attend one of these musters. It's the least we can do

to recognize one of our fellow comrades. Give me a call or let one of my officers know that you could be available from time to time. Don't worry, I won't call you every other day, but we really do need some more volunteers to take care of this solemn obligation. My home phone number: (603) 742-6152 or call the Legion at (603) 742-9670 and leave your name and phone number. **Lets not leave this for someone else to do!!!!!!!** Kudos to our new breakfast crew as they continue with breakfast the 3rd Sunday of every month. They never missed a beat after taking over for Leo Doyon and his crew who have done such a great job for many, many years. Enjoy the spring and if there is anything I can do to be of assistance to your needs as a legionnaire, please call me.

Ken Shorey

Post #47 Commander

ADJUTANTS CORNER

Applications for the 2005 Post #47 Scholarships are included in this issue. Remember the deadline is May 15, and we **must** have them in by then. The selection committee needs time to meet and make selections and notify the schools and recipients prior to High School Awards Day.

BOYS STATE: 2005

The 2005 New Hampshire American Legion Boys State session is scheduled for River College in Nashua June 26 to July 1, 2005.

To be eligible, a young student must have completed his Junior year in school and be ready to enter the Senior class in the Fall, have a scholastic average of 80 or better, be of good character and health, and have outstanding leadership, character, and good citizen qualities.

Applications are available from the Adjutant.

NATIONAL COMMANDER VISITS NEW HAMPSHIRE

National Commander Tom Cadmus will be visiting the Granite State the first week of April and a Testimonial Dinner in his honor will be held at the Rochester American Legion Post on Sunday, April 3 with a Social at 2:00 PM followed by Dinner at 3:00 Tickets are available for 18.00 per person.

OLD INKJET CARTRIDGES AND USED CELL PHONES

What to do with them? We will have a container to collect old inkjet cartridges and used cell phones that will be beneficial to the National American Legion family and help the environment at the same time. This is a "Soldier to Soldier" program that decided to select the American Legion as the contributing organization. Start cleaning out your attics, storage areas, etc.

For God and Country

Joe Caouette

Adjutant

SAL ADJUTANTS LETTER

We now move into the planning for the spring season. Officer elections were held on March 15, 2005 and we filled all positions except for SAL Chaplain. New members have been getting involved and we hope to continue this. Installation of Post #47 Officers is on April 1st 2005. Our membership has grown to an all time high again. I want to thank all the old and new members for getting us our 4th 100% membership for 2004. We are on target for 2005. I have sent notices to all members, but we still have a few to find. We have

a 95% membership rate as of March , 2005 and I hope to reach 250 members for the 2005/2006-card issue period. Membership helps pay for our post activities, our troops, and local students. Next year our dues to the state will go up to \$8.00!

Every 3rd Sunday of the month the Legion puts on a delicious breakfast, so come on down, and enjoy a great time. Did you know that all proceeds go to help support the children's youth fund? We have a new crew cooking, and they have done a great job, but as always we welcome any constructive criticism.

Gary Trudeau

Post #47 SAL Adjutant

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

It finally looks like our long winter is just about over and we can start to think warmer thoughts.

We did have some happy times in December. Loretta Keefe and I went to the Veterans Hospital in Manchester and delivered gifts donated by Marge Bailey, Agnes Roussin and myself to the Veterans gift shelf. Each year all residents of the hospital are allowed to select from the donated items, (one gift for each member of their family, free of charge) have them gift wrapped, tagged and ready to present to their loved ones for the holidays. Loretta and I helped to arrange the gifts in boxes and then put them on HUGE carts that were taken onto the floors. The residents appreciate being able to select the gift of their choice for their loved ones.

Our Christmas supper turnout was small but the food was wonderful and the Penny Sale was the hit of the night. We send a big THANK YOU to Elaine Roberge for donating the two Santa Claus dolls. One was on the penny sale table, the other used as a door prize.

The unit will have to try to come up with other ways of raising funds. We have had two

Friday night suppers but they were not a success. The unit voted to discontinue their efforts. If anyone has any ideas for a fundraiser, we would appreciate your input.

Membership Chairman, Marion Grant reminds you that if you have not paid your dues by January 1st, you are no longer eligible for membership privileges, one of which, is to use the club facilities, another is to receive discounts on room rentals. It is not too late to send in your payment to Marion for this year.

Our dues for next year will be \$12.00. The National Organization has raised our dues by \$2.00, which necessitates our increase. In order to do this, we have had to change our by-laws accordingly. The first reading and the changes were voted on at our February meeting. We had a final vote in March.

In the March meeting officers were elected for the 2005-2006 year.

The installation of officers will be on Friday, April 1st at 7:30pm in the Legion upstairs hall. A light dinner will follow.

Our National Defense Chairman Joan Doyon, is asking that you Safeguard your identity. Identity theft is often in the news these days. It occurs when someone steals your identity by using basic information about you obtained from your everyday transactions. Identity thieves can then use your Social Security number, credit card numbers and bank accounts to obtain goods and services for themselves. This fraudulent activity can damage your reputation and/or credit. The best way to fight this crime is to avoid becoming a victim in the first place. Here are some tips on how to prevent identity theft:

- Keep accurate records and review your financial statements upon receipt
- Request credit reports from the three national credit bureaus annually.
- Be careful to whom you release your Social Security number, credit card numbers, address and phone numbers.
- Establish secure passwords for telephone or online transactions.

- Keep your financial records in a secure/fireproof place.
- Record your credit card numbers and relevant customer service phone number for easy access.
- Choose Personal Identification Numbers (PIN's) and passwords carefully, and change them frequently.
- Shred or destroy all outdated financial statements and receipts.

With the growth of identity theft, the American Legion Auxiliary is concerned about protecting your identity too. If you suspect that your identity has been stolen, you should call the Federal Trade Commission's Identity Theft Hotline at (877) 438-4338.

For God and Country

Bettie Trundy

Unit President

All Elections were held on March 15th here are the results:

LEGION

Commander	Kenneth Shorey
Senior Vice	Andrew Egan
Junior Vice	Mark Lamprey
Adjutant	Joseph Caouette
Service Officer	Richard Eaton
Chaplain	Richard Wasson
Historian	Richard Wasson
Sergeant at Arms	Bernard Mushorn
Judge Advocate	Louis Trundy
Child & Youth Officer	Leo Doyon
Canteen Committee	Richard Eaton 3 Yrs
Canteen Committee	Bernard Mushorn 2 Yrs

SAL

Commander	Brian McGlone
Adjutant	Gary Trudeau
Senior Vice	Lenard Barron
Junior Vice	Joseph Bernier
Finance	Thomas Lord
Sgt at Arms	Steven Serwacki
Chaplain	Open
Historian	Joseph Rousselle

AUXILARY

President	Bettie Trundy
Senior Vice	Joan Doyon
Junior Vice	Agnas Roussin
Secretary	Loretta Keefe
Treasurer	Kathleen Clark
Historian	Marion Grant
Chaplain	Marge Bailey
Sgt at Arms	Loretta Alty

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WILL BE ON APRIL 1ST AT 7:30PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HONOR GUARD UPDATE

What is the noise upstairs for the past month on Tuesday and Thursday nights?

No we are not practicing for a production of **“RIVERDANCE”**.

That’s Andrew Egan, Mark Lamprey, Troy Osborne, Dick Hayes, and Alan Hatch practicing posting of the **“COLORS”**.

Contrary to popular belief we have learned our left foot from our right foot and are off to a great start of a long time tradition. We are always looking for people to join us. Male, Female, Legion, SAL, Auxiliary. So if you are interested, see any of the people above for our next practice time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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

**JOHN D. BUZZELL
JOHN W. CROTEAU
TORAL ISAACSON
JOHN A ROSSI
ALBERT M. ENGLAND**

If you have something you would like put into the newsletter that would benefit the post, please contact Mark Lamprey or Andrew Egan. **THE NEWSLETTER TEAM**

Talk to you again in July enjoy the Spring, I think it has finally sprung.