



# MARTEL ROBERGE POST 47

## Newsletter

Nov-Dec 2007

As many of you have noticed, construction on our elevator is on going and has been painfully slow. The building that contains the elevator is completed. We are now waiting for the elevator to be installed. I wish I could give you a date for completion but at this time we are at the mercy of the elevator company.

Memorial Bricks are being installed in the walkway as soon as we receive the order. One of the reasons for the delay between your orders and installation is that we have to wait on ordering the Bricks until we have at least 10 Brick orders. The next orders to come in will be installed before Veterans Day. Space is still available for your Bricks with order forms at the Canteen.

A special upcoming event is on the horizon. "**The Annual Turkey Shoot**", will be held this year on Saturday - November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm, in the Canteen area.

Turkey baskets, with all the fixings to make a complete Thanksgiving feast will be awarded. These scrumptious baskets will be raffled off in rapid succession. It's a fun afternoon usually lasting two to three hours.

On Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 we will be putting on our annual "**Children's Christmas Party**" !!! Applications are included with this Newsletter. Simply fill out the application and drop it off at the Canteen or mail them to Post #47 P.O. Box # 111, Rollinsford, N.H. 03869 - prior to the Party.

Don't forget to renew your memberships in Post #47. The higher the number of Veterans in our membership, the more strength we have in maintaining your benefits. If you have a Son or Daughter serving in the Military at the present time, they are eligible for memberships, so sign them up !!!

I would like to remind you again of our supply of Hospital beds, walkers, canes, crutches, and other items for your use @ NO CO\$. Give us a call if you need any of these items...

In closing, try to attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month @ 7pm...

**Have a great and safe Holiday Season...**

**Ken Shorey**

**Post #47 Commander**

**Sons Of The American  
Legion**

**Membership:** We have just completed another successful year with respect to our 2007 membership drive. At the National level we made our goal of 100% !!! The 2008 renewal cards are in the mail, and National will be sending out renewal notices in early November 2007. The dues are \$15.00 for a regular Membership, and \$5.00 for a junior and or a dual member, membership. Remember, that it is your dues that support the many SAL projects at Post #47. In the near future we will be hosting some fund raisers so keep your eyes open for the upcoming events...

We want to let all the Post members and families know that the Sunday breakfast is still going strong. We appreciate all of the effort from our volunteers. So come on down and support ***“The Children’s and Youth Fund” -- The breakfast is on the Third Sunday of each month.***

**Your SAL POST #47 Officers:**

Commander: Brian McGlone  
Adjutant: Gary Trudeau  
Finance: Thomas Lord  
Sgt, Arms: Steven Serwacki  
Historian: Joseph Rousselle Jr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Jake Smith

**Please remember our Comrades in the war on terror.** We must never forget the reason we are eligible to be proud members of ***“The Son’s of The American Legion” !!!***

In closing, I have been traveling quite extensively this past year. I have had the honor of meeting, and visiting with many Veterans throughout this fine State. Recently I had the privilege to travel to The National Headquarters, and I can assure you they are working hard to keep our SAL values intact.

I expect great things from the newly elected National leaders, and as always I will keep you abreast of all of the issues that affect the SAL.

**Have a Safe and happy  
holiday season...**

**SAL Adjutant**

**Gary Trudeau**

### **American Legion Auxiliary**

Each year, across the Nation, The Legion Auxiliary Members work on many programs: ***Americanism, Veterans Programs and The Children's Fund project.*** Units like Rollinsford report to the State Office which in turn reports to the National Organization.

The total fund\$ raised and the time donated on an hourly basis will be tabulated and reported on a yearly basis. This is where we need your help. All of the various programs mentioned above, need to be tracked by us in the Auxiliary.

**Veterans' Programs:** Time spent visiting Veterans in the VA Hospital; driving these honorable Vets to their various Medical appointments and taking them shopping can all be tabulated. Purchasing American Flags, and or Stamps for our Veterans' may also be calculated.

**The Children's Fund:** Consist of funds via donations, or items that you have given to the local Schools. Volunteered time to the Scouts and the local 4H club may also be counted, under community services.

**Education:** Please record, time and talent given to the local School activities, and or money donated to the various scholarships program\$.

**Ladybug Program:** The President of Auxiliary has chosen the Ladybug as her theme, and she wants you spread your wings and fly high this year. Anytime spent on this program will also apply to the bottom line on volunteerism, concerning hours \donation\$.

**Membership:** The National Organization has recently mailed out the membership notices, as of 1 October 2007 – Please respond to these mailings, pay your due\$, and let me know if you have any trouble with this process.

***In closing, please have a pleasant fall and a happy Holiday Season...***

**Unit President**

**Marion Grant**

**American Legion Adjutant's Column:**

The American Legion dues are payable in advance and the deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 is looming large. Just make out a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to "American Legion Post #47" and snail mail to "American Legion Post #47 , P.O. Box 478 – Rollinsford, NH 03869 or you may drop off your payment at the Canteen in an envelope entitled American Legion Dues to Joe Caouette. This will be placed in the Adjutant's mailbox for action.

Did you know that The American Legion has been sending their National Champion Legion Baseball Team to the first game of the World Series ??? Major League Baseball has been inviting the Champion Legion Team for the past fifty years; this just goes to show you how close the relationship is between these two fine organizations. American Legion Baseball has its own niche @ the Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame and I have had the privilege to attend this festive occasion in the recent past. I have personally witnessed "The American Legion Player of the Year" recognized @ Cooperstown, in a very moving ceremony.

I was also fortunate, as your Post #47 Adjutant to be currently attending The World Series in Boston with our National Champions.

On another matter, The ***Children's Christmas Party, which is on Sunday - December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007*** has not had the attendance that we had hoped. Please try to make arrangements to participate in this year's function. As stated previously in this Newsletter, we have an Application attached in this Newsletter, so that you may register early for this wonderful event.

On Sunday – December 30<sup>th</sup> 2007 – 12 Noon @ Post # 47 we will be hosting the Scholarship Awards Program. Please take some time to witness a solid community program in action.

***In closing, The Best of the Holiday Season to all...***

***For God & Country***

***Post # 47 Adjutant***

***Joe Caouette***

## **Post # 47 Honor Guard**

### **Gold Star Brick Memorial Program**

The Brick Program is an on-going project. We have recently received our fourth order, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Brick shipment. We are now approaching 100 custom Bricks. The Team's goal is to have this last shipment installed before Veterans Day. Come by and take a look, and we believe you will be impressed with the projects present status. As this is a revolving, self-sustaining financially speaking, lifelong project, we shall continue to take Brick orders.

Attached is an updated Brick Form, if you desire a Brick simply fill out the form and drop it off @ the Post #47 or complete the process via on-line per the instructions. All proceeds go to the upkeep, and modernization of The Gold Star Memorial Park " ! Benches, fences and a new flag pole are some of our future goals that we are striving for...

In closing, the Honor Guard is looking for some addition members, if you are interested please contact Richard "Dick" Hayes @ 207.384.2505 !!!

**In Memory for our fallen  
Comrades !!!**

**Richard "Dick" Hayes**



### **Newsletter Committee**

If you have something that you would like to add to this Newsletter please write it up and give it **Andrew J. Egan or S.A.L. Adjutant, Gary Trudeau, the Newsletter team @ Post # 47 !!!**

### **Other News !!!**

Rab Eaton, will be starting up his Annual **"Whist Tournament"** which will be every Thursday @ 7pm, starting 17 Jan 2008. Keep your eyes peeled for the sign-up sheets, which will be around the Canteen Area. Sign-up dates are from Thursday, 13 Dec 2007 – till game day Thursday, 17 Jan 2007...Come on down for a great time !!!

**Happy Holidays !!!**

**Post #47 Financial Analyst**

**Rab Eaton**