



American Legion Post 47

Commanders Message

Due to fact that we have decided to put out an “End of September/ October Newsletter” in order to hopefully start and maintain a bi-monthly newsletter, this month’s letter was hastily put together. Hopefully you will find it interesting and informative. Commander Shorey is out of town as of this writing so I have been elected to pitch-hit for him. If you haven’t been to the post lately you’ve been missing out on a great benefit of your membership. There are things going on almost everyday. Sunday is “Football Sunday” with reduced prices on drinks and free pizza, as well as a big screen TV to watch the game on. Monday we’ve been pitching horseshoes in our new pit. Tuesday the volleyball enthusiasts have been playing at 6:30 in the new volleyball court. Wednesday, is open dart night with a good friendly crowd playing and socializing. Thursdays are the 225 club drawings at 6:30, and fine dining at “Franks Grill” from 5:30 to 7:30. Fridays see the “Friday Suppers” beginning again, followed by karaoke with Dave Williams. Saturdays in October see the beginning of our dances with live bands in the “Couples Lounge”.

Speaking of the 225 Club, congratulations to John Marr for the two very successful clubs he has run. Due to his efforts, and the participation of its members, the proceeds have been used to purchase much needed round tables for our main hall and the dolly’s used to store them. Anyone who has been to a function in the hall lately will notice the attractiveness and friendlier atmosphere the tables’ project. The next ambitious project is an elevator for our upstairs facilities. While this will be awhile in the coming, it’s certainly something that is needed. So, please consider joining the next club, and do you (great prizes and an excellent outing), and the post, a good deal.

Another exciting development is that the post has been approached by and given approval to the National Model Boat Association to hold its national convention in 2005 at the post home and to use the basin to hold their races and events. This will bring participants from all 50 states to their weeklong competition and should be an exciting time and a great opportunity to see the top competitors in this sport.

As you can see we are working hard to make Post 47 the kind of place that you can enjoy coming to and spending some relaxing time at. Many of you don’t realize what a gem you have in your membership and the respect and envy that other posts in the state have for your post. Please come down and take advantage of the privilege that you earned through your service to the US and your membership in the best post in the State!

Yours in Comradeship,
Ron Tancrede – Judge Advocate
For
Ken Shorey – Commander



SAL Adjutant Letter

I can't believe where this summer went. The start of our New Membership Drive has started again for your 2004 cards.

If you did not get a 2003 card let me know. Usually this is because you have changed your address and not contacted your Post 47 adjutant. If a new card is needed, call me at home 207-698-4613 or leave a request at the Rollinsford Post care of Sal Adjutant Gary Trudeau. I plan to have a membership drive at the end of September. Please get your \$15.00 in early. Juniors \$5.00 and Dual Members \$5.00 check's to SAL Post 47.

Things are on the final stages on work on the gazebo grounds and work around the volleyball court and horseshoe pits. We had a good start to games this year, and hope to get more players for next season. Horseshoe's was slow but interest was there for Monday night games, and we may also put in another set of pits?

As fall comes quickly, we will be working on the grounds around the ball field and cleaning out the post storage areas. The new heating system installation is well under way and we hope to have a calm winter this year. We are still playing darts on Wednesday nights at 6:30, with random teams, and its lots of fun! Cribbage to start again on Thursdays.

I hope everyone had a great summer and that you visit us more often this year.

SAL Post 47 adjutant Gary Trudeau





ADJUTANT'S CORNER

We're in the middle of our dues renewal season. One notice has been sent from National and we have about half of our membership renewed for 2004. Dues are payable in advance in the American Legion so we MUST have everybody on board before the end of the year.

The Early Bird deadline is Veterans Day, Tuesday November 11 and this is a target for all of us to meet.

Dues are still 19.00 and are payable to:

"Post #47 American Legion—PO Box 478—Rollinsford, NH 03878"

Or you may drop them off at the Post and your card will be mailed to you right away.

We're always looking for additional members and you should encourage your friends and relatives to join the American Legion if they are eligible. The Legion is more respected now than ever before in the halls of Congress and we must remain strong to delay any more hits on the entitlements that have been earned by veterans. Our VA Medical facilities are in dire need of protection and funding and we cannot allow ourselves to become complacent at this time in life.

For God & Country

Joe Caouette
Adjutant



Auxiliary Letter

If you didn't make it to the membership supper on September 9th you really missed a good time. President Sandy Neylon and Department Secretary-Treasurer Sandy Jenkins were our special guests for the evening. Also present were Joe Bernier, SAL Commander, Allan Hatch, District 3 SAL Historian, Senior Vice-Commander Spike Allard and his wife Irene.

The evening started out with a moment of silence to remember those who lost their lives on 9-11-01, and acting Chaplain Jamie Nye gave the opening prayer. We had no trouble in getting everyone to answer the call to dinner. The buffet table was just loaded down with absolutely delicious food and we had a heavenly dessert all provided by the great cooks of Unit 47. Did I mention that "another table" had to be set because our turnout was so fabulous? Thanks go out to Marion Grant, Kitten Clark, Jamie Nye and Darlene Rines for setting up the hall and decorating the tables. A BIG THANK YOU to all the auxiliary members who cooked.

After dinner Sgt-at-arms Darlene escorted Jamie and Kitten to the podium for a presentation. Darlene and Jamie presented Kitten, our treasurer, with \$750 which was the proceeds from the Luau fundraiser that they worked so hard on in July. Congratulations on a job well done ladies!!

A lot has happened since our last letter. Just prior to the Department Convention in June, the Auxiliary Unit accepted the resignations of President Loretta Alty, Chaplain Marge Bailey, and 1st Vice President Joan Doyon. The Executive Board has had a meeting with Secretary Marion Grant as Chairman. We can continue without a President as long as we have a Secretary and Treasurer. Past Department President/Unit Secretary Marion Grant will preside over the meetings and in her absence other Past Presidents will preside at her request.

Department Convention went well except for when Aggie Roussin fell and broke her wrist. She seems to be on the mend now. We did not bring home any awards this year but there is always "next year".

The District 3 fall conference will be held on a date, time and place to be announced. It is important that all Unit chairman attend to hear about all the new fall programs.

Department President Sandy's project this year is "Make a wish Foundation". The children involved with the program have but a short time to be with their families and it is the foundations goal to make a wish come true for them. As always, the Auxiliary will be working for the Veterans. The Christmas gift shelf at the VA Hospital in Manchester is always a major project for us. We will accept donations of "new" gifts to be taken to Manchester where the Veterans are allowed to select Christmas gifts for their families. Also, the "Samaritans" boxes for children overseas will once again be sponsored. Pick a shoebox; fill it with small gifts for boy or girl ages 1-10. Wrap it in Christmas paper, making sure the top will be able to be taken off, you need to enclose a check for \$5.00 to defray the cost of shipping. All these boxes will be taken to a pick up point in November and prepared for shipping.

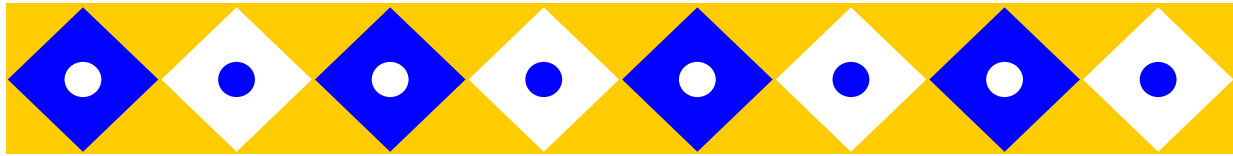
Our Friday night suppers started on Sept 12th. Kitten had a wonderful dinner of Grilled Lemon Chicken and home made pumpkin pie. We didn't have the greatest turn-out, but, now that the news is out that the suppers have started again, I expect a bigger crowd next time.

It was with great sadness that we said a final farewell to two of our members. Past Department President Julie Eldridge and Unit member Pat Bennett. Our deepest sympathies go out to their families.

Remember, our meeting nights are always the **second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm**. We would love to see you there.

Try not to miss the December meeting. It will be another Pot luck supper and a penny sale afterward. Everyone is invited; bring a new Christmas item for the penny sale table. See you there.

Bettie Trundy, Past Unit President



SAL Letter

This is the second newsletter of the 2003 year. We have a few projects going at this time I would like to share with you. The SAL has ordered and received SAL hats, T-shirts and Jackets. These items are for sale at the Legion for anyone to purchase, all with the SAL logo. Please help support the post and purchase any of these items soon. They would make a great Christmas gift too! We are continuing work on the Gazebo project along with the volleyball area.

According to our Post marketing person, Steve Dore, hall rentals are very strong throughout the years end. The first annual golf tournament to be held this fall will be postponed until next spring so as to better prepare for the best event we could put on for our players.

As a reminder, anyone is welcome to our meetings which are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 7PM. We are open to any and all ideas to help the SAL and the post. Have a safe holiday season and God Bless America.

Joe Bernier
Commander

E-MAIL

Do you have e-mail?

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, please notify

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Auxiliary Chaplain at
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YOUR CORNER

Do you have a special event planned, or a milestone occasion you would like to share? If so, this section is for you. Let us know via e-mail at sassyjj72@yahoo.com, or drop a note at Post 47.