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Commander's Corner

Dear Members:

Our next monthly meeting will be held on 6 October 2020 at 19:00. I hope to see you all there. The work on repairing the roof is ongoing.

Please check on a veteran. If you have any question, concerns or comments about the Post or why we are doing or not doing something the meeting is the place to bring these topic's up.

We still have positions open: Chaplain, three seats on the Executive Board, Trustees, and House Committee.

Remember this is your Post, if you want to see changes you must get involved.

I will be at the Post Home on Mondays from 1630 to 1730. Anyone can contact me by phone or email.

Commander John E York.

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AROUND POST 3

House Committee Cleaning and Painting!

There has a lot of “cosmetic” work being done in the Post Home during the past month, primarily through the efforts of committee member Bob “Wink” Winkler.

When you come up to the front door of the post home, you should immediately notice that the outside entry way has been painted, giving the post a bright new look. Winkler and Sr. Vice Commander Don Vincent also removed the old mail box from the outside entry.

Winkler has also painted and patched holes and gouges in the walls of the foyer and the stairway to the second floor meeting hall. There is still work to be done in the foyer requiring some more patching of holes, sanding and painting.

He has also painted all of the interior hand rails from the entry way to the meeting hall and down to the basement. The hand rails at the outside entrance were also painted.

He has also made sure that the entry fire door to the lounge/meeting area on the first floor now closes fully.

Speaking of doors, the rear fire exit door from the basement meeting hall has been adjusted so that it will open easily when the crash bar is pushed. Winkler said he will sand both sides of the door, fill the holes left when the new crash bar was installed, and paint the door white to match the front entryway.

The downstairs ladies’ room door has been rehung so that it closes properly. A leak that was discovered in the downstairs ladies’ room was traced by committee member Don Dillaby to a leaking shutoff valve located above the ceiling does not appear to be leaking as much. Winkler tightened the packing nut on the valve, however, it may require the services of a plumber to remove the valve and cap the line.

Dillaby and Vincent also determined that hot and cold water feeds and drain piping which had serviced the old bar in the lounge which had been cut and capped, were in the ladies’ room entry as well.

Winkler has also been putting reinforcing patches on areas of the rubber roof where the roof sheathing connects to the trusses that holds the deck up, in preparation for construction of a new deck.

That job, which he expected to finish before the end of the month, was done at no cost to the post, he said, because he was using material he already had at his home.

Jr. Vice Commander Dillaby did a preliminary check of the walk-in cooler located in the basement and determined that while the refrigeration compressor appears to be working, the system may have lost its refrigerant and will need to be serviced if the walk-in is needed again. Winkler also has swept the cement floor in the area of the walk-in cooler.

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Around Post 3 Cont:

If you head up to the second floor meeting hall you will find Winkler has swept the floor of the meeting hall, as well as the kitchen. In the kitchen he disassembled the old range which had been condemned by the Fire Marshall's office, and brought the pieces outside where it was removed by a scrap metal dealer.

Glasses and other items which were stored on tables in the meeting hall were removed and placed in the cabinets of the kitchen. Other items deemed not of any use were taken to the dumpster by members of the House Committee.

In the lounge area, some parts of the flooring had become loose and Winkler has nailed them down. He is also planning to reseal the glass in the entry that leads to the deck area that was damaged by the fire.

There is still more work to do to get the post home looking good and Winkler said he can always use some help if other post members have some spare time to help with the work. You can reach him at 603-883-5212 or email bandbduo@yahoo.com.

SERVICE OFFICER

Veterans helping Veterans

I would like to thank all the people involved in me receiving a lift for my house so that I can get to Doctors appointment etc.

First the American Legion Post 3, the VFW 483, and the Nashua Elks Lodge 720, and my friends who donated money, time, and worked at my house to set me up so that the lift can be installed. Steve Ordway, Al Savage, Donald Vincent, The Habitat for humanity who did the cement base and Home Depot for donating the cement.

Barney Barbera

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Membership

Our goal to achieve 100% for 2021 has been set at 270 renewals. As of 12 Sept, National's report had us at 180 renewals or 66.67%. That puts us in 7th place in our District. We have fallen behind! Keep in mind that there are membership awards to the post that achieves 100% renewals first. So don't procrastinate, get those 2021 renewals in to me ASAP.

Coronavirus Meeting Policies

We have resumed regular monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be Tuesday October 6 at 1900 hours.

We are observing COVID-19 protocols.

Please bring a face covering with you and wear it for the duration of the meeting.

We will have hand sanitizer for your use when you enter the building and before you take your seat.

Sit at least six feet from the nearest person to maintain social distancing.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, including:

a. Fever.

b. Respiratory symptoms such as sore throat, runny nose, nasal congestion, cough, or shortness of breath.

c. General body symptoms such as muscle aches, chills, and severe fatigue.

d. Changes in a your sense of taste or smell.

If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, please do not attend the meeting.

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

PDC Dionne Recovering from Surgery

As some of you may have heard, PDC and ANEC Bob Dionne had bypass surgery on September 3rd. We're happy to report that he is doing good and will probably be in the hospital for a few more days. We're sure Bob could use words of encouragement or get-well wishes as he recovers from this major surgery.

Post 3 mailed a get well card to him at: Bob Dionne, 379 Huse Rd., Unit 13, Manchester, NH 03103.

House Committee:

A major clean-up in the post on the 3rd floor, the basement floor, and the entrance is in progress. So far, Bob Winkler has done the majority of the work by himself. He could use some help. If you are willing and able to volunteer to do housekeeping type work (i.e. sweeping, mopping, counter cleaning, organizing etc.) or minor maintenance work (i.e. painting, refinishing hardwood floor etc.), please contact the House Committee chairman, Sr. Vice Commander Donald Vincent at: donpvincent@hotmail.com, mobile: 603-809-9482 via text or phone call.

Leave your contact information and Don will get in touch with you when a work party is scheduled to do work at the post.

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Post 3 got a call on the office answer machine on 1 September from Henry Billings, a member of Maj. Charles A. Ransom American Legion Post 186 in Midlothian, Virginia. Billings said that their post was in possession of memorabilia belonging to the first commander of James E. Coffey Post 3, Lt. Col. William E. Sullivan.

The items included a medal, rank insignia and some campaign ribbons. They want to return them to our post. He said the person in possession of the memorabilia was Tom Levisor. Historian Don Vincent called Levisor and gave him the details for mailing the items to Post 3.

On 14 September Post 3 received the memorabilia from Post 186 in Virginia. Vincent ordered and received a shadow box to display the items. He has mounted the items in the box and it is now hanging on the lounge wall that displays the Post 3 charters and the plaques. (see the photos below)

