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Commander's Corner

Dear Members:

Our next Monthly meeting will be held on 5 October 2021 at 19:00. Hope to see you all there.

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 topics up.

We still have positions open: Chaplain, three seats on the E-board, Trustees, House Committee.

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

The 2022 Renewals have gone out so please return them ASAP.

Due to health reasons, I will no longer be at the Post Home on Mondays.

Anyone can contact me by phone or email.

Commander John E York.

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House Committee Report

The House committee met 14 September and here is what is happening:

Repairs and painting of the post home were reviewed.

Bob Winkler reported he has painted the outside of the handicap ramp below the ramp surface and it requires a second coat of paint as well as something to cover the seams between the sheets of plywood.

Chairman Dillaby reported on preliminary meeting with Lafayette Club president John LaRose regarding consulting with the committee about what is needed to be done to reopen the lounge.

Dillaby reported the signage for sinks is still pending. Don Vincent stated he had contacted Hampshire Fire several times regarding a missing sign and a non-operating alarm bell on the sprinkler system that need to be replaced or repaired. The company still has not returned his calls.

Winkler reported he has cleaned the third floor and it can be refinished as it cannot be sanded down any more. Frank Horan has worked on the wainscoting and Winkler said the walls need to be repaired near the south wall chimney.

Winkler has painted the spot over the stairs in the back hallway. Chairs have been consolidated in the storage area on chair racks. Additional chair racks in the attic will be disposed of.

Desbris in the parking area has been swept up, Winkler noted and will be disposed in the dumpster.

YOUR OFFICERS

- Commander—John York**
- Sr. Vice Commander—Donald Dillaby**
- Jr. Vice Commander— Vacant**
- Adjutant — Donald Vincent**
- Finance Officer — Barney Barbera**
- Service Officer — Barney Barbera**
- Chaplain — Vacant**
- Sergeant At Arms — Steve Ordway**
- SAL Commander — Bill Tennant**
- Auxiliary President — Harriet Lemery**

Winkler is to get quotes for construction of back bar shelving, which will duplicate on the left, the shelving currently on the right.

The bottle/can cooler has been reinstalled at the rear of the bar area and the committee wants to turn on both the bottle/can cooler and the beer tap cooler.

Dillaby reported he had contacted Affiliated HVAC regarding what will be needed to get the walk-in refrigerator operating properly. He is still waiting for a schedule for the analysis after making several calls.

Membership

Department of New Hampshire has updated the 2022 membership status and Members should renew their memberships as soon as possible for the year 2022. The membership renewal drive began in July.

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3	Nashua	1582	275	157	118	57.09%
5	Peterborough	216	200	123	77	61.50%
10	Wilton	215	133	63	70	47.37%
13	Greenville	281	106	18	88	16.98%
23	Milford	408	206	135	71	65.53%
48	Hudson	793	297	141	156	47.47%
50	Antrim	175	66	33	33	50.00%
65	Weare	237	130	87	43	66.92%
74	Brookline	71	55	32	23	58.18%
98	Merrimack	323	252	88	164	34.92%
116	Dunbarton	57	22	18	4	81.82%
124	Nashua	75	28	4	24	14.29%
District Totals		1770	899	871	50.79%	

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**Adjutant
Dept of NH News:**

Our HQ Department Clerk, Melissa Greenwood, is returning home today from the hospital. Cards and letters would be appreciated. Her address is 512 W. River Rd #113 Hooksett, NH 03106. Thank you. The VA is in dire need of vehicles that people could donate for veterans in their HUD-VASH Program. We are looking for vehicles that are drivable and could pass inspection with minimal expenses (brakes, batteries, tires). If you have a vehicle that you could donate, please contact me for details. These donations are a tax write-off. POC Jörg Dreusicke VAVS Rep Manchester VAMC jdreusicke@aol.com 603-553-0395.



Transfers to Post Everlasting

Post 3 member, Thomas M. Burns, passed away at home in Nashua on 17 Mar 2021. He was a Korean War US Army veteran. Tom was buried at St. Patrick's cemetery in Hudson on Sept. 13, 2021. Post 3 sent a card to his family.

Hannaford Supermarkets Vets Day Discount

Hannaford Supermarkets is offering a 10 percent discount fo veterans making purchases on Veterans Day November 11.

Last year we offered our veterans and military members a 10% discount at all of our stores, Doug Richard, Field Merchandising Specialist for Hannaford. “We will be doing this again this year all day on **November 11th, 2021**. Although last year was a huge success, we’re hoping to reach more of those eligible,” he added..

James E. Coffey’s Last Letter

An artifact believed to be the last written communication of Post 3’s namesake, James E. Coffey, is being prepared for display along with other photos, uniforms, patches and flags representing the history of hundreds of service members who were or are members of James E. Coffey Post 3, The American Legion.

As we approach the 103rd observance of Veterans Day 2021, in Nashua, it may be appropriate to remember the sacrifice of James E. Coffey, the first of a number of local young men to die in the “war to end all wars,” World War I, and for whom Post 3 has been named

Coffey, who had enlisted in the US Army in June of 1917, was one of the first of the young men from Nashua to join the Army. Assigned to Company D, 103rd Infantry of the famed 26th “Yankee Division” within months following training by September of that year found himself and a number of other Nashuans deployed to France.

In the early morning of May 10, 1918, During the Apremont battle in St. Agnant in the Toul sector in France, where he was serving in the front lines when the Germans put down a heavy barrage, which included poison gas shells. Coffey became a victim of a poison gas attack about one o'clock on the morning of May 10, 1918 and died later that same day.

The month before, April 14, Coffey wrote what is believe to be his last letter from France to his friend, Pearl McDermott, of Nashua, which Post 3 now has as a direct connection to James Coffey.

The letter which has been preserved was given to Post 3 by Robert Paine, who received it from Henry Barber, also serving in France with Coffey, and who later married Pearl McDermott.

Along with the envelope it came in, the letter is to be displayed at the Post 3 home along with many other items from the various conflicts in which Nashuans served since World War I to the present.

VETERANS' COFFEE CLUB

with Barney Barbera, Chairman of City of Nashua
Mayor's Veterans' Council



Come find out about VA benefits you may not know about and share memories of your time in the service. Feel free to bring photos to share.

2nd Thursday of the month

(Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Dec. 9)

Time: 9:00am-10:00am

Place: Nashua Senior Activity Center

2nd floor Education Room

Free and open to the public!

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