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Commander's Corner

Dear Comrades:

Our next Monthly meeting will be held on 5 December 2023 at 19:00. F

Following the meeting we will have our Yankee swap with the Aux & SAL.

Please join us on 3 Dec 23 at 9:00 am on the main street bridge for our Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony.

The 2024 renewal campaign is going well, please get your renewals in. The lounge is now open Wednesday through Saturday 15:00 till 22:00 Sunday 12:00 till 21:00 come on down.

Our entertainment committee is planning several events, Check the calendar. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. If you have any ideas, see the Jr Vice.

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

The link for anyone needing a copy of their DD214 is www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records. Anyone can contact me by phone or email.

Commander John E. York.

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Barney Charles Barbera

June 30, 1942 ~ November 9, 2023 (age 81)
Barney Charles Barbera, 81, died peacefully at his home on Thursday, November 9, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. He is the beloved husband of Priscille (Richard) Barbera with whom he shared 59.5 years of marriage.

Barney was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 30, 1942, and was the son of the late Baldassare and Ernestine Dorothy (Lamarie) Luce. He received his education from Manhattan Aviation School, Radio Television Electronics School, and Air Force Institute of Technology graduating with his bachelor's degree.

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Membership – Welcome aboard to eight new members of the post.

Wesley M. Sonner Jr., USAF, Persian Gulf War, transfer from Post 23, Milford.

James A. Geddes, USN, Vietnam. Reinstated former member, transfer from Post 124, Nashua.

Matthew L. Rogers (Mick), USAF, Gulf War, Global War on Terror, transfer from Post 200.

Charly Smith, US Army, Vietnam, 27-year PUFL member, transfer from Post 142, Ashburnham, MA.

Dawn M. Shanahan, US Army, Massachusetts National Guard, a new Legionnaire.

Edward F. Smith Jr., USMC, Lebanon/Grenada, a new Legionnaire.

Randyll K. Twardosky, US Army, Global War on Terror, a new Legionnaire.

Elise L. Jewett, USN, Global War on Terror, a new Legionnaire.



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Our 2024 membership renewal goal has been set at 258 renewals. As of 22 Nov 2023, National reports we are at 208 renewals or 80.62% of our goal.

We are still 50 renewals short of our goal. Are you one of the 50?

Your 2023 card expires on Dec 31, 2023.

It is time to renew for the 2024 membership year.

You should be getting renewal reminder notices in the mail.

Let's get a jump start on the 2024 membership year.



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Barbera obit Continued:

He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from September 22, 1959 until he was honorably discharged on September 20, 1963 with the rank of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Mission 3 Pilot, Search and Rescue. During his time in the Air Force, Barney was a pilot and retired into Civil Service with the rank of GS-13 .

During his time working for the United States Air Force, he was employed as a Program Manager, Director of Business Management and Director of Financial Management where he over saw many projects that required him to travel to places such as California and the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Most recently, he worked as a Cost Analyst in the Office of the Comptroller, ESD, Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, MA for 20 years until his retirement.

Barney was very proud of being a US Veteran and had many different affiliations with veteran agencies. He was a member of the American Legion and Post #3 for the last 19 years, holding the positions of Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplain, Sr. Vice Commander, Treasurer and Commander, currently he was serving as the Finance Officer. While a member of the American Legion, Barney also participated in many committees including Awards, Boy State, Budget, By-Laws, Children & Youth, House Committee, Post Insurance, and Scholarship Committee.

He served on the Nashua Parade Committee for 14 years, treasurer for 12 years, as well as Chairman of the Mayor's Veteran's Council. Other activities include Boy Scouts of America; the Nashua Senior Activity Center and served on Senior Council; and instructor for the State Department of Fish and Game. Life time member of the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans of America, member of the American Comptrollers Association and Cost Analyst Association.

Although Barney was involved with various organizations, his true passion was fishing. He was a 45 year member of the New Hampshire Bass Busters Club and was an avid fisherman and camper;

as a member of the Rush-N-Geo Camping Club. He also enjoyed golf, playing pool, and playing poker. Above all, his most cherished time was spent with his family who he loved deeply. In addition to his wife, Priscille, he is survived by his five children, Annamaria Barbera of Weare, NH, Anthony Barbera of Dracut, MA, Lisa Simpson and her husband David Brookline, NH, John Barbera and his wife Tina of Tewksbury, MA and James Barbera and his wife Krista of Hudson, NH; his 10 grandchildren, Jessica, Mason and his wife Samantha, Lindsey, Amber, Bradley, Kyle, Nicholas, Joshua and his wife Ashley, Elizabeth, and Melissa; as well as his two great-grandchildren, Caleb and Charlotte; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his two siblings, Joyce Arias and Albert Barbera.

Chaplain – Post Everlasting

Nashua Post 3 Past Commander and District 2 Officer, Barney Barbera passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday evening, 9 November. Our comrade had been in the hospital since April of this year.

His wake was Monday Nov 20th 4-7 PM.

Funeral was at St. Joseph The Worker Parish 10 AM Tuesday morning, Nov 21st.

He was interred at the State Vets Cemetery in Boscawen, Tuesday afternoon Nov 21st. at 3PM (Section D5 Right, Niche Row A15).

“Father, we entrust our brother to your mercy. You loved him greatly in this life; now that he is freed from all its cares, give him happiness and peace forever.”



My Health, My Care: 24/7 ^{Online} Access to VA

House Committee

At its November meeting, the House Committee reviewed the revenue, and expenditures of the various gaming accounts along with the Lounge operations from the month of October. Revenue is continuing to improve.

A problem with the Lounge ice machine was addressed by a service call to our refrigeration vendor, The machine has been cleaned, sanitized and returned to operation.

We have contacted Tri-state Glass, the vendor who reinstalled the south side entry and replaced the glass damaged by the fire to obtain and install a replacement latch for the ramp entry door.

The main hall floor reconditioning has been completed. It was noted that a number of electrical outlets were not working and in some cases were too close to the floor to permit sanding and Sandy Silvagni replaced some of the outlets and removed and added outlets to all four walls in the hall.

Outlets in the ladies' and men's room for the hall have yet to be replaced, but are on the list of items still to be addressed.

Silvagni has added a deadbolt to one of the mini-bar doors for the third floor hall, which will improve security to the bar area.

Still to be addressed is developing a plan to improve lighting in the front stairway to the main hall as well as the area adjacent to the third floor restrooms. In both cases, fluorescent fixtures in the ceiling have failed and replacement of them will require setting up staging. A plan to install different lighting fixtures in each of the areas is being developed. The aim is to improve the lighting in both area.

The committee approved the purchase of four additional surveillance cameras to encompass the dugout area of the post home. The cameras are awaiting installation.

As part of the expansion of video surveillance system, an ethernet switch, which will permit the additional cameras to be installed in the dugout and any additional cameras deemed necessary, was authorized and carried out by the committee. It too is awaiting final installation.

A future major item the committee will consider is the replacement of folding chairs for Main Hall, which is estimated to cost \$3,000 to \$2,500 .

JP Pest Control was contacted by chairman Donald Dillaby

after apparent termite damage was discovered in a section of the Lounge trophy case. JP Pest control determined that appeared that termite activity was dormant, however, he recommended checking again in the spring of 2024.

Legion Opposes the PLUS Act

By Daniel J. Seehafer, National Commander

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

Let me say this in the clearest terms possible: Veterans should feel safe and confident when filing for claims, knowing that no matter who they choose for representation, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has reviewed, approved and accredited that party.

That is why The American Legion opposes the PLUS (Preserving Lawful Utilization of Services for Veterans) Act. If enacted, the PLUS Act would transition our system of securing benefits for disabled veterans to an unregulated profit-driven industry.

Currently, there are unaccredited third parties that present themselves to veterans as legitimate claims service companies to assist veterans in obtaining their earned benefits. The PLUS Act aims to legalize these companies by allowing automatic accreditation after 90 days regardless of whether VA has completed its verification process. The VA-accreditation program exists to ensure that veterans and their family members receive appropriate representation on their VA benefits claims. The American Legion wants to hold bad actors accountable, not give them a free pass to prey on veterans.

Our team is working hard to protect all veterans from the PLUS Act. In September 2023, The American Legion sent a letter of opposition to the congressional representatives sponsoring the Plus Act and I personally voiced our opposition during my congressional visits just last month.

However, there is legislation that would help veterans elude the clutches of bad actors. In an effort to protect our nation's veterans, The American Legion supports the Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding (GUARD) VA Benefits Act. The legislation would reinstate criminal penalties for unaccredited claim representatives who charge unauthorized fees while assisting veterans with filing a claim for VA disability compensation benefits.

The American Legion continues to muster support to protect all veterans and their families from claims sharks. Join us in [telling Congress to support the GUARD Act](#).

On November 9, members of American Legion Post 3, VFW Post 483 and other veterans were guests of Birch Hill Elementary School for their annual Veterans Day Program. The program began with a history of the poppy as a symbol of veterans' sacrifice and continued with songs honoring veterans concluding with a flag retirement ceremonies



Students of the Birch Hill Elementary school assemble with their guests, members of various veterans organizations as part of Veterans Day observance at the school.



Students thank the veterans for their service in the hallway as they pass by at the conclusion of the program.



The student body with one of the upper classes singing a patriotic song.



Legion and VFW dual member, Steve Ordway presenting the retired school flag to retired former Birch Hill Elementary School secretary Karen Green. Karen is the wife of Legion Post 3 Past Commander, Karl Greene who passed away while in office as commander of our post.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 03
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

1PM TO 3 PM



FOR CHILDREN (FAMILY) OF AMERICAN LEGION, VFW, AND DAV
WHO ARE **AGE 10 AND UNDER**

SANTA WILL BE THERE WITH A GIFT FOR EACH CHILD
PIZZA LUNCH AND A DRINK

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM BELOW AND DROP OFF AT THE LEGION
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023.

Children's Christmas Party – American Legion – December 10, 2023		
Child's name _____	gender _____	age _____

Adult Name: _____	Phone #: _____	



VETERANS COFFEE TALK

Join us with host,
Lewis Chipola Chairman,
City of Nashua, Mayor's Veterans Council

At the
Nashua Senior Activity Center
70 East Pearl Street

Second Friday each month from 9:30 -10:30

For More Info Call 603-759-2478

Schedule for 2023:

8 December

**AMERICAN LEGION
JAMES E. COFFEY POST 3,
VFW POST 483 and the
DAV of Nashua with their respective
Auxiliaries
Welcome you to our**

Annual Holiday Party

**UGLY SWEATER
CONTEST!!
BRING YOUR BEST!
THIS IS A 21+ EVENT**

POTLUCK !

**DECEMBER 16, 2023 - 6 PM
11 COURT ST. NASHUA NH
TRIVIA GAMES AND PRIZES**



December 2023



AMERICAN LEGION, JAMES E. COFFEY POST 3, NASHUA NH.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 6PM	2
3 PEARL HARBOR OBSERVANCE 9AM AT THE MAIN ST. BRIDGE	4 LOUNGE CLOSED	5 LOUNGE CLOSED POST MEETING 7 PM AUXILARY 7PM YANKEE SWAP	6	7 Thursday 4-7PM ENT. COMMITTEE	8 6PM	9
NFL SUNDAY	11 LOUNGE CLOSED	12 LOUNGE CLOSED HOUSE COMM. 7PM	13	14 Thursday 4-7PM	15 6PM	16 POST HOLIDAY PARTY 6PM
10 AUXILARY CHILDRENS RESERVATIONS REQ. HOLIDAY PARTY 1PM	18 LOUNGE CLOSED	19 LOUNGE CLOSED SAL MEETING 7PM	20	21 Thursday 4-7PM	22 6PM	23
17 MEAT RAFFLE 2 PM	25 CHRISTMAS LOUNGE CLOSED	26 LOUNGE CLOSED	27	28 Thursday 4-7PM	29 6PM	30
24 CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN 12-6						
31 NEW YEARS EVE OPEN 12-6	1	Notes LOUNGE OPEN WED-SAT. 3-10PM, SUNDAY 12-9 Renew your membership @ Legion.org or Contact Don Vincent at: 603-577-1075				

