



# THE COFFEY CUP

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## Commander's Corner

Dear Comrades:

Our next Monthly meeting will be held on 3 December 2024 at 19:00. I would like to see every member at the next meeting. The S A L will meet December 17th at 7:00pm.

The 2025 renewal campaign has started, please get your renewals in.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Veterans Day ceremonies.

On December 7th along with the VFW & DAV, we will hold a Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony. See flyers for time and new location.

The upstairs hall is now available for rent. The lounge is now open Tuesday through Saturday 15:00 till 22:00 Sunday 12:00 till 21:00 come on down. If you have any ideas, see the Jr Vice.

Welcome to Amy Deschenes Our new bar manager.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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. 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](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records).

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## We Have a New Bar Manager!

The House committee is pleased to announce that the post has hired a new bar manager for the Post Lounge. Her name is Amy Deschenes, and she started work Nov.27. Interim managers, House Committee chair Donald Dillaby and Marc Plante, have begun the process of turning over their parts in keeping the lounge operating to Amy .

Chairman Dillaby noted this has been an unexpectedly long and at times, complicated process having had a candidate selected only to have that person turn down the job.

This required the committee to restart the process of finding and interviewing candidates which took a bit of time to complete. The committee at its November meeting reviewed the draft calendars prepared by Sandy Silvagn, for the Entertainment committee: including a Yankee swap following the Post business meeting, with minimum of \$25 for gift. The Pearl Harbor Day observance on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> will be in a new location, technology park. There is an Army-Navy football Game watch party, Dec. 14, followed by the adult Christmas party. A children's Christmas party is set for Dec., 1. The Legion Rider's meat raffle is set for Dec., as well as a Budweiser promo for Bruins Game tickets is set for December.. In January, the Riders will have Cabin Fever Party, Feb, meat raffle.

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## Membership –

Welcome aboard to five new members voted in at the November 5<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

**Donald R. Mullen**, USAF, Vietnam

**Walter B. McGovern**, US Army, new Legion member.

**Bruce C. Eddy**, US Army/USCG, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, Gulf War.

**Joshua Benigno**, USAF, Active Guard, new Legion member.

**Daniel G. Dumont**, USAF, Vietnam, transfer from Post 200.

Our 2025 membership renewal goal number has been set at 275, up from 258 last year, as of 17 Nov. we are at 211 or 76.73%. District 2 is still in the lead for renewals, our post is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the district out of 12 posts. We must pick up the pace if we wish to make 100% by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Get that 2025 renewal in ASAP!

For any questions about your membership status,

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**Charitable Gaming News** - James E Coffey American Legion Post 3 charitable gaming at *The Lucky Moose Casino & Tavern* was completed on October 16, 2024. Results of our revenue will be forthcoming soon.



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## Chaplain's Corner —

Thanksgiving has passed, looking forward that our attitude of gratitude remains with us throughout this holiday season. May Christmas be a wonderful and blessed time of the year to both you and your family. With all the turmoil in the world, along with wars, as the wonderful Christmas song says, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me". The only sad part is that during this holiday season suicide rates rise. So, I ask each one of you to keep your eyes and ears wide open when our family, friends and fellow legionaries express hopelessness, overboard disappointment and depression. To address it maintain an open conversation along with getting help for this individual. If you're unsure please call the office here or call me. Again enjoy the holidays.

### Post Everlasting —

Sylvio Dion, 88, USA Res. Korea. He was a 6-year member of the Legion. Sylvio passed away on Nov 7. Due to a short notice John York and Herb Townsend attended the funeral mass. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sylvio's name to the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, The Alzheimer Association or a favorite of your choice. A sympathy card was sent to the family.

George H. Partridge, 83, USAF, Vietnam, He was a 25-year member of the Legion. George held many positions throughout the years at the post. Five members of the Post were present for both church and graveside services. John York, Don Vincent, Rene Nault, Steve Ordway and Herb Townsend. They provided pallbearing, flag folding and presentation, along

We were honored to provide George's just due military honors. Normally this is provided by active-duty military, but in this case the next of kin was unable to provide the funeral director his DD214. The question you should be asking yourself is does your next of kin know where they can find your DD214?



SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN  
LEGION

Another reminder that 2025 membership cards are in, and dues are \$25 (\$20 for dual members). If anyone has a new phone number or change of e-mail or address now is a good time to update.

December has some activities I think members may be interested in attending, such as on Tuesday 12/3/24 after the post meeting there will be a Yankee swap (\$25 minimum) snacks available. And 12/7/24 for a remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day at 9 am (location to be determined). We have the Army Navy game on 12/14/24 at 3 pm followed by the Annual holiday party at 6pm. All this in addition to the regular activities such as taco Tuesday, my personal favorite trivia on Wednesday starting at 6:30, thirsty Thursday and karaoke on Friday.

Your S.A.L. meetings fall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month 12/17/24 this month, please come by and give your support and input. I will be attempting to make phone calls in the next few weeks to introduce myself. So, if you see a phone call from a Florida phone number (941-685-8656) it will be me.

S.A.L. Commander Craig MacLeod

## House Committee Continued—

Problems with the Order Pad, Measured pourers, have been neglected being installed due to other plumbing issues that arose. Health Dept. hit list being addressed following a recent inspection report.

Plante is attempting to recruit workers to assist in the corrections and dealing with plumbing problems and other needed repairs completed, and Plante will fill sinks with water and drain to ensure that the repairs are indeed complete.

Finance Officer David Petrillo requested that Plante itemize the receipts to allow movement of money from one account to another for bookkeeping purposes.

Plante brought up voiding drinks on the receipts. Petrillo inquired about the repricing of drinks and Plante informed that he had begun but not finished.

Plante informed the committee that he intends to expand the tap cooler to 6 taps from the current 4, thereby getting a wider variation of draught beers available for patrons.

Commander John York brought up the issue of hall rental procedures need to indicate on the reservation form that the number of tables needed for the event is required. Commander York also brought up the sign in book for guest. Plante said he would write up a procedure that could be attached to the book.

Silvagni requested that the Riders get use of the Main hall for free.

Plante said that the group should not have to keep asking to get it for free but just to ask if the hall is available for use, and get it scheduled.

The committee approved a request from the Riders for a "nip on the tree" Raffle for Christmas.

## Donations Benefit Legion Programs

Giving Tuesday is a global movement that encourages generosity through actions and donations. Held since 2012 on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, it inspires people to make a difference, together, in their communities.

This year, Giving Tuesday is Dec. 3. One way you can participate is by making a gift to The American Legion, helping support and adding to the legacy of vital programs for veterans, their families and youth. For over 100 years, in communities across America and around the world, the Legion has maintained such programs, which make vital impacts.

In fiscal 2023-2024, accredited American Legion service officers obtained \$21,000,396,471.46 in VA benefits for veterans free of charge, a record; donations to the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation help provide high-quality training to these officers. And Legion youth programs, from Baseball to the Oratorical Contest, connect thousands of youths each year to values, community service, and respect and gratitude for America and patriotism.

Visit the direct American Legion Giving Tuesday link to get started. Whether you can give \$5, \$500 or more, your contribution will make a powerful impact. And after your act of generosity, spread the word about it on social media, using the hashtags #GivingTuesday and #AmericanLegion. In addition, if your post, unit or squadron conducts a Giving Tuesday activity, post it on Legiontown.

According to the movement's website, everyone has the power to "transform the world through radical generosity." But the American Legion Family already knows that.



## Veterans Day Activities





**JOIN US**

***James E. Coffey Post 3***

# ***YANKEE SWAP***

**DECEMBER 3, 2024**

After the post meeting

**\$25- Minimum**



***Snacks available***



**GROVER GAMING**  
Join us for our  
**Grover Gaming  
Tournament!**

James E. Coffey  
**American Legion Post 3**  
Nashua, NH

**Thursday, December 5th**  
**Starts @ 6:30 pm**  
Prizes for winners and so much more!  
1st place - \$150; 2nd place - \$100; 3rd place - \$50  
Plus - **PLAYERS KEEP WHAT THEY WIN!**

**How it Works**

3 Rounds of Play @ \$20 per Round  
(participants are not required to play all 3 rounds)

Play any game - \$0.50 wagers only

Show scorekeeper your voucher at the end of each round

Prizes awarded to the 3 players w/ the  
highest accumulated scores!

# **PEARL HARBOR DAY**

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**DECEMBER 7, 2024 at 9am  
Millyard Office Park Boat Ramp,  
Technology Way, Nashua NH.**

***The American Legion, VFW and  
DAV of Nashua welcome you  
to join us in a celebration of  
the remembrance of Pearl  
Harbor and all the brave souls  
that lost their lives that day.***

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***A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY***



JAMES E. COFFEY POST 3 NASHUA

***DECEMBER 14, 2024***  
***3 PM***

**ARMY**  
**VS**  
**NAVY**  
**GAME**



**JAMES E. COFFEY POST 3, VFW POST 483 OF NASHUA AND THEIR  
AUXILIARIES WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE**

# **Annual Holiday Party**

***SATURDAY DECEMBER 14,  
2024  
6PM***



**11 COURT ST NASHUA NH**



# ***KIDS XMAS PARTY***

***COME SEE SANTA***



***CRAFTS FOR THE KIDS***  
***PIZZA***

***SUNDAY DECEMBER 15,***  
***2024, 1:00PM***

**JAMES E. COFFEY POST. 11 COURT ST NASHUA NH**



**SEE  
BARTENDER OR  
ANY AUXILIARY  
MEMBER FOR  
SIGN UP INFO.**

# *LEGION RIDERS* **MEAT RAFFLE**

*SATURDAY 4PM*  
*DECEMBER 21, 2024*

*AMERICAN  
LEGION POST 3*  
11 COURT ST.  
NASHUA NH

**DJ BERNIE  
TO FOLLOW  
THE RAFFLE**

**FREE  
BURGER  
BURN**



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MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD AND ABLE TO PASS THE FEDERAL BACKGROUND CHECK



# December 2024

November '24							January '25						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> YANKEE SWAP POST MTG 7 PM AUXILARY 7PM	4 <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> 630PM	5 THIRSTY THURSDAY 4-7 PM GROVER TOURNAMENT 630PM ENTERTAINMENT 5PM	6 <b>KARAOKE NIGHT</b> 6PM	7 PEARL HARBOR DAY
8 W/ POTLUCK 12-5PM	9 LOUNGE CLOSED	10 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 4-7PM HOUSE COMM. 7PM	11 <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> 630PM	12 <b>Thirsty Thursday</b> 4-7PM	13 <b>KARAOKE NIGHT</b> 7PM	14 <b>ARMY NAVY GAME 3PM</b>  <b>HOLIDAY PARTY 6PM</b>
15 <b>KIDS HOLIDAY PARTY 1:00 PM</b> 	16 LOUNGE CLOSED DAV 7PM RIDERS 7PM	17 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 4-7PM SAL 7PM	18 <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> 630PM	19 <b>Thirsty Thursday</b> 4-7PM BUD PROMO NIGHT	20 <b>KARAOKE NIGHT</b> 7PM	21 MEAT RAFFLE RIDERS 4PM
22 W/ POTLUCK 12-5PM	23 LOUNGE CLOSED	24 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> TACOS 4-7PM	25 CHRISTMAS LOUNGE CLOSED	26 <b>Thirsty Thursday</b> 4-7PM	27 <b>KARAOKE NIGHT</b> 7PM	28
29 W/ POTLUCK 12-5PM	30 LOUNGE CLOSED	31 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> TACOS 4-7PM NEW YEARS EVE	1	2	3	4
5	6	Notes <b>LOUNGE OPEN TUE-SAT. 3-10PM, SUNDAY 12-9</b> Renew your membership @ Legion.org or Contact Don Vincent at: 603-577-1075				

