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Commander's Corner

Dear Comrades:

Our next Monthly meeting will be held on 6 February 2024 at 19:00.

The 2024 renewal campaign is going well, please get your renewals in.

Congratulations to the Post, Auxiliary & Sons for the 2nd year in a row all have reached 100% in the Membership goals.

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. 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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Albert Savage, to Post Everlasting

Long time Post 3 member, Albert W. Savage, 95, of Nashua, NH passed away January 15, 2024 at Granite Hospice House after a period of declining health. Born in Nashua, NH on March 1, 1928, he was the son of the late Carl and Ellen Savage. Upon graduating from Nashua High School, he attended UNH as a freshman and joined the ROTC program. Toward the end of WW II, he enlisted in the US Army. He was a member of the James E. Coffee Post #3, the American Legion, and the Catholic War Veterans Post #1624. Following his service, he graduated from Nashua Business School.

Al worked at the former Nashua Beef Co. for 42 years, rising to the position of Vice President and co-owner. In later years, he helped organize and became co-owner and VP of the Country Club, USA in Chelmsford, Ma. On September 12, 1953, Al married Marion Philibert, who became not only the love of his life but also his partner in building a legacy of exemplary service to both the community and to the veterans.

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Membership – Welcome aboard to 2 new members of the post, voted in at the Jan meeting.

Mark C. Tavenner, US Army, Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf War; Xfr from Post MA0183

Rene R. Nault, USAF, Vietnam, Lebanon, Panama, Gulf War, retired 19 yrs. New Legion member
At the Feb regular business meeting, we will be holding a swearing in ceremony for all new Legionnaires.

If you are a new Legionnaire and have not raised your right hand to be sworn into the American Legion, then you need to attend this meeting. Please notify the adjutant at donpvincent@hotmail.com with your intentions to attend or not attend.

Our 2024 membership renewal goal has been set at 258 renewals. As of 24 Jan 2024, National has us at 264 renewals or 102.33%. We have reached our goal with Silver Star Membership Award status. We missed a Gold Star Award by just 18 days

- Let’s get gold next year! Your 2023 card expired on Dec 31, 2023. Get that 2024 renewal in ASAP! I still have 67 members on the roster that do not have 2024 cards.

Chaplain—Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

Special Intention: Our special prayer intention this month is for new, active members to the American Legion, people who are willing to share of their time and talents to continue the great mission of the American Legion and particularly our Post to enhance the well-being of America’s veterans, their families, our military, and our communities. Many hands make light work.

Post Everlasting: Albert W. Savage, 88, USA, Korean War, passed away on January 15th after a period of declining health. His life of service included active memberships in the Elks Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Lions Club, and the Catholic War Veterans, in addition to the American Legion.



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Al Savage from Pg 2

Al dedicated his life to service. He was made an Honorary member of the Nashua Council #122 Knights of Columbus, the Nashua Lions Club (72 yrs), and the Nashua Lodge of Elks, serving in several leadership roles for over 70 years. He helped organize and run many youth programs, including Little League baseball, Elks Biddy Basketball, Elks Pop Warner Football, Elks Hoop Shoot Program, Boy Scouts of America, Elks Trojans Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, and many more. He and his wife Marion worked side by side, tirelessly serving toward the betterment of area youth, and underprivileged children and families.

Al was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Citizen of the Year for Service in Youth & Community (1974), the 1981 Citizen of the Year Award from the Nashua Chamber of Commerce, (presented to both Al and his wife), the International Association of Lion's Club "*Medal of Honor*" (1999), and the "*Elks Distinguished Citizenship*" Award (2009). In 2010, Al was recognized by the Governor for his year-round volunteering. He was presented with a life membership to the Nashua Lions Club in 2017 and in 2020 Al and the late Marion Savage were inducted into the Nashua Athletic Hall of Fame by the City of Nashua. Al loved working hard, leading and serving, family barbeques at his home, golf, singing patriotic songs, and photography. He always had a big smile for everyone.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Marion, of 66 years, his sister Andrea Savage, his granddaughter Jennifer Spinelli, and great-grandson Nicholas Anthony Diaz. He is survived by his two sons Carl and Kenneth Savage and his daughter Kathy Glenn. Also surviving are his five grandchildren, Shaun, Adam, Matt, Carrie, and Erica and eight great grandchildren, Sierra, Madison, Logan, Aviana, Ava, Ryan, Grace, and Austin.

Adjutant:

By-Laws Change – At the 6 Dec. Executive Committee special meeting, the committee approved a change to the Post 3 By-Laws, Article 6, Section 4, which designates the date of the "Annual Meeting". The change was submitted by the By-Laws Committee.

The proposed change will move the Annual Meeting from May to April and will be voted on by the general membership during the 6 February business meeting.

The reason for the change is that the 2024 NH Dept. Convention dates are May 16-19, 2024. Our Post Officer elections would be the first Tuesday in May which is the 7th of May. Officer installation would be on Thursday May 9th. That is only 7 days prior to the convention. That is not enough time for the adjutant to get the required new officer and convention delegate documents up to the Department of NH.

The proposed change is:

From: **Article 6, Section 4, Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in May of each year. Election of the Post officers shall take place at this meeting.

To: **Article 6, Section 4, Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each year. Election of the Post officers shall take place at this meeting.

Article 6, Section 5, Installation of Officers would remain unchanged.

Annual membership dues – Also, at the 6 February business meeting, as required by the Post 3 By-Laws, we will be voting to change the Post 3 annual membership dues from \$35.00 to \$40.00 per year. This change was approved by the Executive Committee at their 17 Oct 2023 meeting and would be effective for the 2025 membership year dues.

This change is necessary because National is going to raise the dues for the 2025 Membership year by \$5.00 beginning 1 July 2024. National dues will go from \$18.50 to \$23.50 per member. Dept. NH dues will stay at \$8.00 per member for now but may go up at the next Dept NH convention. That means that each renewal transmittal will cost \$31.50 leaving only \$3.50 revenue for Post 3.

All members are encouraged to attend and vote your opinion at this meeting.

Chaplain—Buddy Check:

Members of our Post visited an infirmed, long-time Post 3 member, Irwin Bluestein, 88, a Korean War veteran now living at Blaire House in Tewksbury. The short visit gave Irwin an opportunity to speak with new friends, talk about his service time with colleagues, and break up some of the monotony of his normal routine. It was a visit that proved rewarding for the visitors as well as for Irwin. Please contact Don Vincent or Dave Petrillo if you'd like to participate in our Buddy Check program. There's lots of lonely veterans out there who can use a visit from a friend.

May the souls of our faithfully departed rest in peace, and may our Heavenly Father grant health and peace to our ill and bereaved. Amen.

Dave Petrillo, Chaplain, (914) 438-9564

Custodian Opening at The Lounge

The Lounge at Post 3 is seeking a part-time custodian for the post home and The Lounge.

Duties and responsibilities include general cleaning of the building and keeping the areas in good order.

This can include vacuuming, mopping, sanitizing restrooms, taking out trash and recycling and washing and cleaning windows, doors, and mirrors. Occasional setting up and taking down tables and chairs. The building is 3 floors with no elevator. This position requires flexibility and an independent work ethic. This is only a 15 hour per week position however, hours may vary daily. This job is 5 days per week. Pay commensurate with experience.

If interested, please contact the post commander or 2nd vice commander, listed below.

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LADIES AUXILIARY

MONTHLY MEETING



FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7PM

James E. Coffey Post 3
11 Court St
Nashua, NH



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



Donald N. Desrosiers, PC

Passes to Post Everlasting

Donald N. Desrosiers, 90, passed away peacefully after a sudden decline in health on Wednesday January 17, 2024. He was born in Nashua, NH on September 19, 1933, and is the son of the late Archie and Yvonne (Lavoie) Desrosiers. Donald spent many years in Nashua, before moving to Mont Vernon with family in 2015.

Donald proudly served his country in the Air Force military police during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged after serving. Following his discharge, Donald worked for the Nashua Fire Department as a driver and moved his way up to becoming a Chief Inspector. He also served as Commander of the American Legion J.E. Coffey Post 3 in Nashua, as well as the Director of Boys State.

In his free time, Donald loved to be outside doing yard work, especially mowing his lawn and hedge trimming. He enjoyed watching various sports games, but his favorite was the Yankees and Patriots

. Donald was a fun and loving person that enjoyed socializing and meeting with others. Donald also enjoyed his time spent at the Nashua Senior Center for lunch and the Nashua Firefighter's Retirees events. In the 1960's he was a trophy winning member of the Firefighters bowling team. He was a good man with a humble soul and will truly be missed. Above all else, Donald enjoyed spending time with family and friends the most.

Donald is survived by his two children Donna Maurer, and Douglas Desrosiers and his wife Adele; his grandson Noah Desrosiers; and his four siblings, Cecile Demonaco and her husband Carmen, Larry and his wife Ann, Robert and his wife Pat, and Norman. Donald was predeceased by his wife Jessie (Cudworth) Desrosiers, his brother Raymond Desrosiers and his sister-in-law Claire.

Donald's family would like to thank Home, Health, and Hospice for their kindness and the health care they provided. It was truly an honor to have cared for my father in the last years and days of his life. God blessed us with more time for his care.

January SAL Meeting Cancelled Due to Weather

Unfortunately we had to cancel our January meeting due to the weather. Let's try again in February on the 20th at 7 PM. It would be great to see more of you at the meeting.

Dues have been coming in but there are still some of you who haven't paid for 2024. Dues are **\$25** for SAL only members and **\$15** for SAL dual members (you also have a Post membership).

Dues can be brought to our meeting, or mailed to / dropped off at the Post.

Please be sure the envelope indicates "**Attention SAL Adjutant**" and checks should be made to "Coffey Post # 3 SAL".

Questions for the adjutant: John Puliafico (jd0406@comcast.net)



VETERANS COFFEE TALK

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

At the
Nashua Senior Activity Center
70 Temple Street

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

For More Info Call 603-759-2478

Schedule for 2024:

February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12

August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13

February 2024



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Thirsty Thursday 4-7PM	2 KARAOKE NIGHT 6PM	3
4 NFL PRO BOWL	5 LOUNGE CLOSED	6 POST MTG. 7PM AUXILARY MTG. 7PM	7	8 Thirsty Thursday 4-7PM ENT. COMMITTEE 5PM	9 KARAOKE NIGHT 6PM	10
11 NFL SUPER BOWL SUNDAY	12 LOUNGE CLOSED	13 HOUSE MTG. 7PM	14 VALENTINES DAY RIDERS MTG 7PM 	15 Thirsty Thursday 4-7PM	16 KARAOKE NIGHT 6PM	17
18 AUXILARY MEAT RAFFLE 2PM	19 DAV MTG. 7PM	20 SAL MTG. 7PM	21	22 Thirsty Thursday 4-7PM	23 KARAOKE NIGHT 6PM	24
25	26 LOUNGE CLOSED	27 LOUNGE CLOSED	28	29	1	2
3	4	<u>LOUNGE OPEN WED-SAT. 3-10PM, SUNDAY 12-9</u>				
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP @ legion.org or contact Don Vincent @ 603-577-1075						



VITA/TCE Program Offers Free Tax Preparation Services to Qualified Taxpayers



Free tax preparation services are available starting in early February 2024 for Greater Nashua residents through a partnership led by United Way of Greater Nashua, the IRS and other community partners and volunteers.

Tax preparation will be done by trained and IRS-certified volunteers at four sites in Nashua and Hudson.

All sites require that the taxpayer **schedule an appointment in advance** to have their return processed. Details on how to make an appointment for each site, along with dates and times when the sites will be open, is included at right.

Those wishing to have their taxes prepared by the volunteers are asked to have all their documents available when making their appointment. Information on which documents are needed are listed at the bottom of **IRS Form 3676-B** located at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3676bsp.pdf>

Volunteers have been trained to assist taxpayers for both the **VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)** and the **TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly)** Programs. They will assist taxpayers in identifying any credits (Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, etc.) they may be entitled to.

The VITA Program offers free help to people who generally earn \$64,000 or less, people with disabilities and limited English-speaking taxpayers. The TCE Program is generally for people aged 60 or older and focuses on tax issues unique to seniors. While there is no income limit on TCE prepared returns, priority is given to low-to-moderate income households. The sites in Nashua and Hudson can prepare tax returns for both programs.

IRS **Form 3676-B** also contains information on the specific types of returns the trained volunteers are able (or not able) to process in the VITA and TCE programs; please refer to this list to see if you qualify.

Additional information about the tax preparation services available in Greater Nashua through the United Way of Greater Nashua-sponsored program will be provided as it becomes available. Anyone with questions can contact United Way at (603) 824-0205 or email vita.uwnashua@gmail.com.

For information on tax preparation services available in other New Hampshire communities, call 2-1-1 or go to <https://nhtaxhelp.org>.

NASHUA SITES

United Way of Greater Nashua

20 Broad St., Nashua

Call 2-1-1 to make an in-person appointment

Opening Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 (in-person); Tuesday, February 6, 2024 (drop-off)

Appointment Day & Times:

Tuesdays: 10am-1:30pm / Thursdays: 9:45am-12:45pm

Final Appointment Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 (in-person); Tuesday, April 9 (drop-off)

Nashua Senior Activity Center

70 Temple St., Nashua

Call 2-1-1 to make an in-person appointment

Opening Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Appointment Day & Times:

Wednesdays, 9:00am-12:45pm

Final Appointment Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

HUDSON SITES

Rodgers Memorial Library

194 Derry Rd., Hudson

Call (603) 886-6030 during library hours beginning January 30 to make an in-person appointment

Opening Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Appointment Days & Times:

Mondays, 9:15am-2:00pm

Saturdays, 9:15am-12:00noon

Hudson Senior Center

19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson

Call (603) 578-3929 Monday-Friday beginning January 30 to make an appointment to drop off your tax forms

The Hudson Senior Center will allow taxpayers to drop off their tax forms to be processed, then return later to pick up their completed return.

Opening Date: Friday, February 2, 2024

Drop Off Day & Times: Fridays, 9:30am-12noon

Rodgers Memorial Library and the Hudson Senior Center will not accept any walk-in clients.



Vouchers for Veterans



A Benefit for Vouchers for Veterans



ATTENTION VETERANS



Veterans and active duty residing in Maine or NH may go to any or all of the following Winter Farmers Market locations and receive \$20 in market vouchers at each visit as a thank you for your military service.

Farmers receive face value of each voucher redeemed.

***Stratham NH 10am-2pm Saturday Jan.13, Feb.10, March 30, April 20**

***Berwick ME 10am-1pm Sunday Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14**

***Rollinsford NH 10am-2pm Saturday Jan 20, Feb. 17, March 16,**

***Portland ME 9am-1pm Saturday Jan.27, Feb.24, March 30, April 13**

**NEW in 2024: Salem Winter Farmers Market held at LaBelle Winery
Rte 111- Derry, NH. Get vouchers first Sunday of the month
Jan 7, Feb 4, March 3, April 7**

**For directions and other information on all participating Farmers Markets, go to
www.vouchersforveterans.org**

Veteran must show proof of military service with an acceptable ID such as a DD-214 -Active Duty Card- NH or ME Drivers License with Veterans designation or Medical card from U.S. Dept. of Veterans affairs - Retirement Card etc Proof of residency also required.

Veteran must be present to receive Vouchers. Vouchers have no cash value. Vouchers are not transferable. Vouchers are not based on need.

info@vouchersforveterans.org

603-817-6030