

# THE COFFEY CUP

AMERICAN LEGION POST 3

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## Commander's Corner

### Greetings members:

This past month we made several changes at the post.

We have purchased a pizza oven and plan to start using it to offer various items.

The dart league is in full swing. They have brought numerous new faces into the club and a new level of energy.

There is a new TV and a new electronic bulletin board. The Riders conducted the two burger burns this month. They were a success in all respects.

Next month they will be run by the Sons. Check the calendar for details.

Summer is in full swing and there are lots of events around the city.

Come on down and enjoy the deck in the warm summer sun. Don't forget Friday night is karaoke and it's always a fun time.

The legion baseball team is hard at work check the website for the schedule. See you around the post!

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Commander

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## From the adjutant:

**Notification, pursuant to Article IX, Section 1 of the Post 3 By-Laws**, all members are hereby notified that there will be a vote of the full membership on By-Laws changes at the Regular business meeting of Post 3 on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The proposed changes will be sent to all members via mass e-mail prior to the August meeting and also published in the August Coffey Cup newsletter.

## VA Announces new Mission Statement

On Thursday, VA announced an updated version of its 1959 mission statement:

*"To fulfill President Lincoln's promise to care for those who have served in our nation's military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors."*

The new mission statement is inclusive of all those who have served in our nation's military—including women Veterans—as well as Veteran families, caregivers, and survivors. VA currently serves more than 600,000 women Veterans, the fastest growing cohort of Veterans. VA also serves more than 50,000 Veteran caregivers, more than 600,000 Veteran survivors, and millions of Veterans who did not serve in combat.

In crafting the new mission statement, VA surveyed roughly 30,000 Veterans. Among Veterans surveyed, the new version of VA's mission statement was chosen over the current version by every age group; by men and by women; by LGBTQ+ Veterans; and by white, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian and American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans.

"Whenever any Veteran, family member, caregiver or survivor walks by a VA facility, we want them to see themselves in the mission statement on the outside of the building,"

## VA Mission Statement from pg1

In addition to two rounds of surveys, VA conducted dozens of small-group engagements with Veterans to understand what was most important to them in a VA mission statement, then incorporated that feedback into quantitative research. The new mission statement reflects that VA serves all of the heroes who have served our country, regardless of their race, gender, background, sexual orientation, religion, zip code or identity.

The previous mission statement was: "To fulfill President Lincoln's promise 'to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan.'" The previous mission statement is posted in roughly 50% of VA's facilities. Over the coming month, VA's new mission statement will Replace the previous version

Secretary McDonough hosted an event commemorating the new mission statement, featuring speeches from a woman Veteran, a caregiver and a survivor about what it means to feel included in VA's mission.

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**The Coffey Cup Deadline is the 21st of the Month!**

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### From the SAL Commander's Desk Squadron 3 – Sons of the American Legion

Dear SAL Members,

I hope this message finds you well as we move into the summer season. Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent events, including the Memorial Day Parade and the Flag Day ceremony at the Elks. Your continued support strengthens our mission of service and remembrance.

#### Membership Reminder:

2025 dues are now past due. Please submit your \$25 membership fee (or \$20 for dual members) if you haven't already. We're also working to update our member contact info—please let us know if you've changed your phone number, email, or mailing address.

#### Upcoming Event:

We have one major event coming up—our **Meat Raffle on Sunday, July 20th at 2:00 PM** at the Post. This is a great opportunity to support our squadron, enjoy some camaraderie, and win some great prizes. Bring a friend and help make it a success!

#### Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 15th at 7:00 PM** at the Post. All members are encouraged to attend. Your voice and input are vital to the continued success of our squadron.

#### 2025 Squadron 3 Officers:

##### Commander:

Craig MacLeod

##### Sr. Vice Commander (Interim):

Benjamin Martin

##### Adjutant / Finance Officer:

John Puliafico

##### Sergeant-at-Arms:

Christopher Tsoulakas

**Chaplain:** Kenneth Coyle

If you have questions, updates, or ideas, feel free to reach out to me directly:

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Thank you for your continued dedication to the Sons of the American Legion and to our veterans. Let's keep up the great work and build a strong year together.

For God and Country,

**Craig MacLeod**

Commander, Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 3

### Chaplain's Corner -

I would like to give a shoutout to the Army on its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The parade was a tribute to the contributions and service of our great Army. New recruits and active-duty Army personnel received the privilege of being sworn in by our Commander in Chief.

Earlier that day Post 3 performed and observed our annual Flag Day ceremony at our local Elks Club. Our presentation detail was comprised of Miguel Preciado, Rene Nault, Chris Ditullio, Don Vincent, and John York. Charles Braley stood in as bugler. Steve Ordway, Roger Mathews and Marc Plante manned the burn pit. Nashua High School ROTC filled in as color guard. In attendance was other Post Legionaries, along with our Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. Great job everyone. All thanks for your support.

### Post Everlasting

Currently at this time we have no passing of a Post member.

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Please keep in your prayers for Angelo Roucco as he is fighting Cancer and going through chemotherapy. Also, prayers for our President and military leaders for decisions over handling the issues in the Middle East. If we want peace keep in mind what President Reagan said “Peace thru Strength.”

Last month I visited and received a tour of the NH Veteran’s Home in Tilton. I’m planning to visit the last Thursday each month. If anyone wishes to go along, please contact me at least a week prior to the visit. (603)320-2020 or reneault@comcast.net.

Finally, please be safe during our 4<sup>th</sup> of July in handling both alcohol and fireworks.

**Membership –**

Congratulations to 4 new members who were voted into Post 3 on 3 Jun 2025.

**Michael C. McEachern**, transfer from NH0051 (Epping) to NH0003, USMC, Gulf War, present.

**Rene G. Noel**, transfer from NH0090 (Raymond) to NH0003, US Navy, Vietnam

**Gail W. Goodapple**, New Legion member, 2025, USAF, Vietnam, present.

**Harold Martinez**, New Legion member, 2025, US Army, USMC, Lebanon/Grenada

Our 2025 membership renewal goal number has been set at 275, as of 19 Jun we are at 298 or 108.36%.

We have exceeded our goal and earned the **Silver Membership Award**. Thank you to all who have renewed.

We are the 9<sup>th</sup> post in the state to achieve 100%. For any questions about your membership status, contact the Post 3 adjutant directly at:

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Gail Goodapple, USAF, Vietnam, receives her certificate of initiation as a new Legionnaire from Commander Sanders Silvagni and Sr. Vice Commander Christopher DiTullio at the 3 June 2025 business meeting



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## House Committee:

At its monthly meeting, the House Committee approved a plan to have the lounge open on July 4th.

The committee noted that the weekly 50/50 raffle did not generate much more money than the daily one.

The cable TV contract with Comcast has been officially disconnected, and Fidium Fiber was installed, however there have been some connection issues which are being addressed.

An Ice machine cleaning scheduled has been established and posted near machine. The initial cleaning on the schedule was June 19<sup>th</sup>.

A maintenance request is to be scheduled to fix the keg cooler.

The Nashua VFW will be purchasing an automated external defibrillator (AED) and donating it to the Post. It will be placed it in the lounge.

Hall rentals need to updated to the calendar on the web site more frequently. Either the adjutant or bar manager should be able to do this.

The lounge voicemail will be updated to direct callers to the website for basic information, such as hours of operation. Eliminating one phone line and having voicemails go to an email address.

A motion was made and accepted that all house committee members should be active in handling member complaints about staff the lounge. If they are bartender complaints, they will be forwarded to the bar manager.

The committee approved and purchased a pizza oven for the lounge. Frozen pizzas or pizzas from another source will be added to the fare at the lounge

New bar stools have been delayed due to vendor issues.

A subcommittee was was created to review and establish Queen of Hearts games..

Key card access access system was discussed for the door at the ramp. The commander will be researching this project.

Discussion was made to update our Facebook page and create an Instagram page. Both social media platforms will be managed by a house committee member.

The committee is also entertaining a proposal to have Dom's food truck park in the Post driveway during Post events.

Approved was the purchase a larger TV to be placed over the cooler in the lounge. The current TV will be moved near front entrance an used as a digital billboard and replace the antiquated Post Officers billboard.

## Women in Military Service memorial dedication



Post 3 Trustee Mary Licking at the memorial dedication



Post 3 Adjutant Don Vincent & Sgt At Arms Steve Ordway



Londonderry Sea Cadets carry the Post 3 colors in the parade



Post 3 Commander Sanders Silvagni rides in WWII jeep

# BURGER BURN



**DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

***JULY 11 & 25 2025***

***4-7PM***

**JAMES E COFFEY POST 3 NASHUA NH**

# SONS MEAT RAFFLE

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*JULY 20, 2025*

*AMERICAN LEGION*

*POST 3*

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The Boston Vet Center and the Cathleen Stone Island Outward Bound school are offering a Veteran expedition in Boston Harbor. Join other Veterans for sea kayaking, camping, and team building, while enjoying a part of Boston that is beautiful, wild, and free.

Expedition is Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> through Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>. An optional course tour is available June 8<sup>th</sup> for interested veterans. The trip is zero cost. All food, gear, and instruction will be provided.

Contact the Boston Vet Center to learn more and enroll.

Marika Solhan | 857-203-6461

[www.va.gov/boston-vet-center/](http://www.va.gov/boston-vet-center/)





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# July 2025



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> POST & AUXILARY MEETINGS 7PM	2 <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> 630PM	3 <b>Thirsty Thursday</b> 4-7PM ENT. 5PM	4 <b>KARAOKE NIGHT</b> 8PM <b>HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	5
6 <b>BLOODY MARYS \$5 ALL DAY</b>	7 CLOSED	8 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 4-7PM HOUSE COMM. 7PM	9 <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> 630PM	10 <b>Thirsty Thursday</b> 4-7PM	11 <b>KARAOKE NIGHT</b> 7PM <b>BURGER BURN 4-7PM</b>	12
13 <b>BLOODY MARYS \$5 ALL DAY</b>	14 CLOSED	15 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 4-7PM SAL 7PM	16 <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> 630PM	17 <b>Thirsty Thursday</b> 4-7PM	18 <b>KARAOKE NIGHT</b> 7PM <b>MEATBALL SUBS</b>	19
20  SAL MEAT RAFFLE 4PM <b>BLOODY MARYS \$5 ALL DAY</b>	21 DAV 7PM RIDERS MEETING 7PM CLOSED	22 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 4-7PM	23 <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> 630PM	24 <b>Thirsty Thursday</b> 4-7 PM	25 <b>KARAOKE NIGHT</b> 7PM <b>BURGER BURN 4-7PM</b>	26
27 <b>BLOODY MARYS \$5 ALL DAY</b>	28 CLOSED	29 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 4-7PM	30 <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> 630PM	31 <b>Thirsty Thursday</b> 4-7 PM	1 <b>KARAOKE NIGHT</b> 7PM <b>MEATBALL SUBS</b>	2
3	4 CLOSED	<p><b>LOUNGE OPEN TUE-SAT. 3-10PM, SUNDAY 12-9</b>  <b>VETS COFFEE TALK HELD AT 70 TEMPLE ST. NASHUA SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER</b>  <b>FIREWORKS WILL BE AT HOLMAN STADIUM AT DUSK ON THE 4TH</b></p>				

