



Wilkins/Smith|Post 1

LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE



POST LEADERSHIP

Commander –
Douglas Morrison

1st Vice Commander –
Frank Mello

2nd Vice Commander –
Toby Knowlton

Adjutant –
Mark Vrooman

Treasurer/Finance -
Earlon L. Beale

Sergeant-at-Arms –
Raymond Peavey

Judge Advocate –
Wayne McLean

Chaplain –
Vacant

Service Officer –
Vacant

CANTEEN HOURS

Your Canteen is open
every weekday from
12:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

On Saturday and
Sunday, it is open 9:00
AM until 9:00 PM.

Come in and share some
enjoyable conversation
and make new friends!

Come out and play the
e-gaming machines or
buy a lottery ticket. All
profits support the
Legion mission!

POST MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of
Post 1 will be held the
second Monday of each
month.

**No regular post
meetings in July and
August!**

The next meeting is

Monday,
February 10,
2025, at
6:30PM.

The Executive Board is
scheduled to meet at
6:00 pm. All elected
officers are expected to
attend.

POST CONTACT INFORMATION

Physical location of Post –

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Laconia, NH 03247

Commander's Message –

Welcome to the February 2025 issue of our newsletter!

Bingo is every Thursday night, and we appreciate all the members that come out to assist but we can always use more help. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

Nominations for officers for the upcoming year began at our January meeting and will continue through our March meeting. Come out and make a difference at your post!

For God and Country,

Doug

Adjutant's Message –

Greetings Post 1!

Newsletter –Please let me know if there are items of interest or changes you would like to see made to it.

POST MEMBERSHIP

Membership for 2025 commenced on July 1st. Memberships for 2024 expired on December 31, 2024. You must have a valid card to enter the Post so get your 2025 renewal in today! Membership dues have increased for 2025 to **\$40.00** per member. 250 members have paid to date resulting in 74% paid towards the goal of 338.

Membership renewal can easily, and safely, be done through your www.mylegion.org account or on www.legion.org (click on the renew button). You can also mail your renewal directly to: American Legion Post 1, PO Box 494, Laconia, NH 03247

If you know of eligible veterans, please ask them to join. Applications are available at the canteen or from your Adjutant.

Family members should notify me directly if a Post member is sick, hospitalized or has departed so we can let the membership know. Please notify me at 603-303-9732 or simply send a note to the Post address. We would like to post this information to the membership.

Nominations for officers for the upcoming year began at our January meeting. Please send any nominations to the Adjutant or come to the meeting on the 10th and make your nominations known.

Post News:

Nominations for Post Officer positions began at our January meeting on January 13th. The election of officers will take place at our March 10th meeting.

The following are the current nominations received for officer positions –

- Commander – Herman Chamberlain
- Senior Vice Commander – Frank Mello
- Junior Vice Commander – Toby Knowlton
- Adjutant – Mark Vrooman
- Finance Officer – Earlon Beale
- Sgt-at-Arms – Ray Peavey
- Judge Advocate – Wayne McLean
- Trustee – Ed Higgins (2-year term 2025-2027)
- Trustee – Mark Maheux (2-year term 2025-2027)
- Trustee – Don Vachon (1-year term 2025-2026)

No nominations were received for Chaplain or Service Officer

Other Post Happenings:

- The Department pool tournament will be held at the Laconia post on Saturday, February 8, 2025.
- The American Legion Auxiliary will be hosting a meat raffle on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the Post.
- The Sons of the American Legion prepares and sells food at Bingo every Thursday night. Come have a meal and support the SAL.
- The next District 7 meeting will be March 8, 2025, at Tilton Post 49.
- NH Department Convention will be held in Lebanon, NH on May 15-18, 2025.

Bingo – Every Thursday night at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Post members are encouraged to come out and assist with Bingo operations. We can always use help!

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Minutes of the January 13, 2025, board meeting.

The Post Executive Board held a meeting at 6:00 pm.

Meeting called to order by Commander Morrison.

- Roll call taken by Adjutant Vrooman. Approximately nine members were in attendance.
- The minutes from the December 9, 2024 meeting and the Special Meeting of December 16, 2024 were read and approved.
- The post treasury report was read and approved by unanimous consent.

New Business –

- Discussion over bar patron suspension as recommended by the Bar Committee. This was processed accordingly by the Commander and Adjutant.

Old Business –

- A new cooler was received from Coca-Cola for the function hall.
- Discussion ensued over the results of the Special Meeting and the vote to merge buildings with the Laconia VFW. A motion was made to withdraw from further discussion over a possible building merger with Laconia VFW. After much discussion, a motion was passed by the majority vote.
- A brief discussion was held about installing an outdoor pavilion. This was raised during previous meetings and will continue to be discussed.

Sgt at Arms Peavey collected \$13 for the Post.

- The meeting was closed by order of Commander Morrison at 7:00 pm.
- Next full membership meeting is Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm.