



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 –
Vacant

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,
January 13,
2024, 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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Mailing address for Post -

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Laconia, NH 03247

Commander's Message –

Welcome to the January 2025 issue of our newsletter! Happy New Year!

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 begin at our January meeting.

For God and Country,

Doug

Adjutant's Message –

Greetings Post 1!

Newsletter – We continue to bring you information we hope you can use. 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.

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.

There were no nominations received for Honorary Life memberships for 2025.

Nominations for officers for the upcoming year begin at our January meeting. Please send any nominations to the Adjutant or come to the meeting on the 13th and make your nominations known.

Post News:

- Sons of the American Legion will be hosting a meat raffle at the Post on January 11, 2025, at 1:00 pm.
- Nominations for Post Officer positions begin at our January meeting on January 13th. Please come to the January 13, 2025, meeting to nominate your favorite Legionnaire for a post officer position or begin thinking about how you can make an individual contribution to the Post and serve as a Post Officer or Trustee.

Other Post Happenings:

- The Sons of the American Legion prepares and sells food at Bingo every Thursday night. Come have a meal and support the SAL.
- Coca-Cola will be installing a new cooler in our function hall on January 13, 2025. As part of the agreement with Coke, we will be serving only Coke products going forward.
- Thanks to everyone that came out and supported the Christmas luncheon on Christmas Eve. It was a tremendous success.
- The Department of New Hampshire Mid-Winter Conference will be held at Rochester Post 49 on January 24, 2025.
- 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!

Editor's Note: The views expressed in this Newsletter are deemed interesting enough by the Editor to include in the newsletter. Full responsibility is taken, and the content does not reflect the opinion of the members of the Post, the Department of NH, or the American Legion. Please contact the Adjutant if these articles offend you. E-mail addresses are for the use of the members to pass information and not to be sold or freely passed to others without formal consent of the member. No funds solicitation is authorized via email.

The American Legion Post 1 recently made donations to two local organizations to help those in need.



Mark Vrooman and Earl Beale make a \$1,000 donation on behalf of the American Legion, Post 1, to Jack McKee, St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.



Earl Beale and Mark Vrooman make a \$1,000 donation on behalf of the American Legion, Post 1, to Salvation Army Captain Chris West for The Carey House.

Minutes of the December 9, 2024, 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 November 2024 meeting were read and approved.
- The post treasury report was read and approved by unanimous consent.

New Business –

- Discussion over cooler replacement. Coca-Cola will provide us with a new cooler (free of charge) if we use Coke products ordered from them. Adjutant will work with Coca-Cola to solidify agreement. There is no contract or ongoing commitment.
- Honorary life member nominations are due 12/31/2024.
- Nominations for Post officer positions commence at the January meeting.
- Frank Mello was nominated and approved to serve as Senior Vice Commander to fill term vacated by Herman Chamberlain.
- District 7 meeting was held in Wolfeboro on 12/7/2024. Mark and Earl attended on behalf of the post.
- Agreement to Donate \$1,000 to St. Vincent de Paul and \$1,000 to the Carey House (Salvation Army)

Old Business – Letters mailed to all members notifying them of the special meeting for December 16, 2024.

- Sgt at Arms Peavey collected \$9 for the Post.
- The meeting was closed by order of Commander Morrison at 6:30 pm.
- Next full membership meeting is Monday, January 13, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of the December 16, 2024, Special Meeting

Special Meeting was called to order by Commander Morrison at 6:00 pm.

- A quorum was present. Motion was made and carried to dispense with the normal order of business and go into special meeting session.
- The special meeting commenced following Article VII, Section 1 of the Post 1 Bylaws. The special meeting considered the merger of buildings with the Laconia Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 1670.
- A presentation was provided by Adjutant Vrooman and Sgt-at-Arms Peavey. Both individuals were appointed by the Commander to represent the Legion in discussions with the VFW.
- The special guest in attendance was Department Vice Commander Debra Eldridge.
- Members of the VFW were present as well as members of the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.
- Following the closure of the meeting, a vote occurred to determine if Post 1 should remain as is and do not merge buildings or move forward with joint building merger with Laconia VFW. Twenty-five votes were cast. Twenty votes were in favor of moving forward; four votes were to remain as is; one vote could not be counted as both choices were checked.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.