



Wilkins/Smith|Post 1

LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE



POST LEADERSHIP

Commander –
Wayne McLean

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 –
William Davies

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!

Two pool tables are
available for daily use.

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,
June 9, 2025, at
6:30PM.

The Executive Board is
scheduled to meet at
6:15 pm. All elected
officers are expected to
attend.

POST CONTACT INFORMATION

Physical location of Post –

American Legion Post 1
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Laconia, NH 03246

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Mailing address for Post -

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Laconia, NH 03247

Commander's Message –

Welcome to the June 2025 issue of our newsletter!

There are many new things going on at the Legion Post and we are so thankful to all our members (Legionnaires, SAL, and Auxiliary).

There is also plenty of time to purchase a brick for the new pavilion. Please see the Adjutant for more information.

Thank you to all the volunteers that worked on the preparation for the new sign. The concrete footing and the new wiring have been installed, and we are anxiously awaiting the delivery of the new sign at the end of June.

There is a lot happening in June. Please be sure to come out for our activities on June 14th as well as a flag retirement ceremony at 6:30 pm.

For God and Country,

Wayne

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

The new membership for 2026 will commence on July 1st, 2025. Membership for 2025 commenced on July 1st. Membership dues remain at **\$40.00** per member for the 2026 membership year.

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.

Post News:

Membership - renewals for 2025 – 272 paid for a total of 81% of goal of 338.

Welcome transfer member John Klecker who resides in Gilford.

New Pavilion Fundraiser - Be a part of our expansion (Post 1 Pavilion) to serve future generations of Veterans, their families and our community by purchasing a customized, laser engraved brick. All bricks will be incorporated into the patio design surrounding and under our soon to be built pavilion. See information later in this newsletter. A building permit application has been approved by the City of Laconia. We have currently raised \$4500 towards the project. Thank you to all who have donated so far.

New L.E.D. sign – The City of Laconia approved our Zoning Board Application and issued a building permit for our new sign. The new sign will arrive around June 23, 2025. A group of volunteers helped to install new wiring and a new concrete footing on May 24, 2025 (pictures are below).

Memorial Day – Thanks to all who came out to honor the fallen. Many thanks to the SAL and Aux members that came out as well. Your participation in the events are greatly appreciated (see pictures below).

Other Post Happenings:

- NH Department Convention was held in Lebanon, NH on May 15-18, 2025. Wayne McLean, Earl Beale and Mark Vrooman attended the convention for the Post. Wayne Perra was elected the new Department Commander.
- There was an adoption of the amendment to the Post by-laws at the May meeting to incorporate technology and allow the use of ZOOM and other technology platforms to allow those who want to attend the meetings remotely. We should have plans in place by the fall meetings to make this happen.
- The scholarship application process yielded 3 recipients from the Laconia High School and 1 recipient from the Gilford High School. Congratulations to all the winners!
The winners were: Nathaniel Hobby, Kali Muzzey, Paxton Perley from Laconia and Cameron Drouin from Gilford.
- **Flag Day** - We will be holding a BBQ with horseshoe pits and cornhole on Saturday, June 14, 2025 – this is open to the public. This is from noon – 6:30 pm. Following the activities, we will hold a flag retirement ceremony at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Post Everlasting:

Lawrence Evans Sr. – died in 2024 at the age of 99. He was a 78 year member of the American Legion Post 1. He resided in Georgia and was a WWII veteran.



Removing the hedges, digging a trench, placing new conduit, and a new footing and finally pouring concrete! Thanks to all the volunteers that made it happen!





Memorial Day ceremonies at the cemeteries in Laconia and Veterans Square.



Pictures from the convention in Lebanon.

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.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 1 - BRICK FUNDRAISER

We invite our Post 1 American Legion Family to be a part of our expansion of our American Legion Pavilion to serve future generations of Veterans, their families and our community by purchasing a customized, laser engraved brick. All bricks will be incorporated into the patio design surrounding and under our soon to be built pavilion. All questions should be sent to our email address – post1laconia@gmail.com. The American Legion appreciates your continued and generous support of our effort to enhance the functionality of our Post into the future.

Donation – 1 brick = \$100.00 2 bricks \$175.00 3 bricks \$250.00

4"x8" bricks can be personalized with up to 3 lines of text – 15 characters per line

ALL TEXT IS CENTERED BOTH HORIZONTALLY & VERTICALLY ON THE BRICK – ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDER ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA DASH).

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Donor's Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Paid by Cash or Check _____

Thank you for supporting your American Legion Post 1 Family

Use one form for each brick ordered

Minutes of May 12, 2025, meeting.

The Post Executive Board held a meeting at 6:15 pm.

Meeting called to order by Commander McLean.

- Roll call taken by Adjutant Vrooman. Approximately nine members were in attendance.
- The minutes from the April 10, 2025, meeting were read and approved.
- The post treasury report was read and approved by unanimous consent.

New Business –

The cleaner has resigned. Thank you, Tammy, for all your work. Motion made that bar manager will supervise the new cleaner. Approved.

William Davies nominated to be Post Chaplain. Motion made to cast a ballot for William Davies. Approved. Congratulations William and welcome to the Executive Board.

Old Business –

- Pavilion Project – Fundraising ongoing with brick sale.
- By-laws change to incorporate technology in Post meetings - adopted.

Sgt at Arms Peavey collected \$12 for the Post.

- The meeting was closed by order of Commander McLean at 7:20 pm.
 - Next full membership meeting is Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:30 pm.
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