



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,
March 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 03246

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Mailing address for Post -

American Legion Post 1
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Laconia, NH 03247

Commander's Message –

Welcome to the March 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. At our March meeting we will vote for the officers for the coming year. 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. 254 members have paid to date resulting in 75% 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 come to the meeting on the 10th and make your nominations known.

Post News:

Welcome new members to Post 1:

- Michael Watson
- Patrick Sullivan

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.

New L.E.D. sign Fundraiser – Be a part of our Legion home upgrades. Please donate to our project to purchase and install a modern, L.E.D. sign to illuminate our Post activities. This will replace the current sign and will be able to be updated via computer.

Post Officer Nominations - 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
- Commander – Wayne McLean
- 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 was held at the Laconia post on Saturday, February 8, 2025. It was a huge success. Thanks to everyone that came and supported the tournament!
- The American Legion Auxiliary hosted a meat raffle on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the Post. Thanks to everyone that came out and supported their efforts. It was appreciated.
- The Sons of the American Legion prepares and sells food at Bingo every Thursday night. Come have a meal and support the SAL.
- The Sons of the American Legion will be hosting a meat raffle on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 1:00 pm. Please come out and support the SAL.

- Installation of Post officers will occur on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:30 pm followed by dinner.
- The American Legion Auxiliary (Ho, Ho, Ho's) will be hosting a pool tournament on March 29, 2025. Sign up at 11:00 am.
- There will be a special event in April as a fundraiser for the new pavilion. More information will be forthcoming.
- 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.

Current sign



Facsimile of new L.E.D. sign





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 the February 10, 2025 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 January 13, 2025, meeting were read and approved.
- The post treasury report was read and approved by unanimous consent.

New Business –

- Discussion over new security system for the Post – Adjutant acquiring quotes.
- Discussion over new POS (Point of Service) system for the bar to allow us to accept credit cards for purchases – Adjutant acquiring quotes.
- Motion was approved to conduct a fundraiser to build a new outdoor pavilion.
- Motion was approved to conduct a fundraiser to acquire and install L.E.D. sign to replace existing sign.

Old Business –

- Nominations discussed for upcoming election of officers. Additional nomination of Wayne McLean for Commander received at this meeting.

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

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