



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 -**
Ed Higgins
- Sergeant-at-Arms –**
Raymond Peavey
- Judge Advocate –**
Vacant
- Chaplain –**
William Davies
- Service Officer –**
Rebecca Gibbs-Fahey

CANTEEN HOURS

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

On Saturday, it is open 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM.
On Sunday, it is open 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

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

Two pool tables are available for daily use.

Six e-gaming machines, pull tabs and NH Lottery/Keno available on site.

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 regular meeting is **Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:30PM.**

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

Regular post meetings can now be attended via ZOOM. See link on page 3.

POST CONTACT INFORMATION

Physical location of Post –

American Legion Post 1
849 N. Main St
Laconia, NH 03246

Telephone # -
603-524-9728

Email –

post1laconia@gmail.com

Mailing address for Post -

American Legion Post 1
PO Box 494
Laconia, NH 03247

Commander’s Message –

Welcome to the November/December 2025 issue of our newsletter!

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

There is a lot happening at the Post. Please be sure to view the sign and watch for more details.

Thanks to everyone that support our events.

Come out to Post 1 and see what is happening!

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. The newsletter is now being distributed bi-monthly starting with the November/December issue.

POST MEMBERSHIP

The new membership for 2026 commenced on July 1st, 2025. Membership dues remain at **\$40.00** per member for the 2026 membership year. Thank you to everyone that already renewed early! Dues for 2026 are due no later than December 31, 2025.

You can still pay your dues for 2025 to keep continuous years of service. Please see the Adjutant for your membership card!

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.

American Legion Trustees

Ed Gaudet

Doug Morrison (Honorary)

Chris Richards

Don Vachon

Sons of the American Legion Officers – Squadron 1 (dues \$25.00)

Commander – Richard Paquin

Senior Vice Commander – Kim Brummer

Junior Vice Commander – Brett McCrea

Adjutant – Charles Stitt

Treasurer –

Sgt-at-Arms – Frank Sollazzo

Chaplain – Mark Roy

Meetings 1st Sunday at 11:00 am

Legion Auxiliary Officers – Unit 1 (dues \$30.00)

President – Shirley Brummer

1st VP – Charlene Gilbert

2nd VP – Connie Moulton

Secretary – Paula Sollazzo

Treasurer – Bethany Moody

Sgt-at-Arms – Jennifer Sullivan

Chaplain – Mary Huntoon

Historian – Penny Oday

Meetings 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

Post News:

- Our new Service Officer is Rebecca Gibbs-Fahey. Rebecca is an Air Force Veteran and recently joined our Post. Congratulations on being elected as Service Officer!
- Chris Richards was recently elected to a Trustee position through 2027. Congratulations Chris!
- Don Vachon was serving as a Trustee and has agreed to a longer term and was elected to serve through 2028. Congratulations Don!

- Thank you to everyone that participated in the Veterans Day Ceremonies. Your support for veterans is awesome!
- Thank you to everyone that made the Thanksgiving Day dinner a huge success!
- Kevin Field is back as bar manager. Welcome back Kevin! Thank you, Connie, for all you have done to keep things moving forward!
- Thanks to John Paul and Dan for all the work on the new pavilion. It looks great!
- Welcome new member Carl Ess (US Army Veteran).
- Welcome returning member Rick Milligan from Post 33.
- Post 1 donated \$200 to the Laconia Football Team for new uniforms.
- Post 1 donated \$225 to the Belmont/Gilford Hockey Booster for uniforms.
- Post 1 donated \$1,000 to St. Vincent DePaul.
- Post 1 donated \$1,000 to The Carey House.
- Post 1 donated \$250 for Thanksgiving turkeys for veterans in need.

Membership - renewals for 2025 – 275 paid for a total of 81% of goal of 338. **Please contact the Adjutant for information on renewing your 2025 membership to ensure continuous years of service.** 2026 membership renewals are now underway. Be on the lookout for membership renewal documents in the mail. Please renew it by December 31, 2025, to ensure uninterrupted membership. Currently 198 members have paid for 2026 towards our goal of 310, for a total of 64%. Send in your dues renewal at your earliest convenience.

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 the new pavilion. Brick application is included in this newsletter. We have currently raised \$6000 for the project. Thank you to all who have donated so far.

New Website – the American Legion Post 1 has a new website. The web address is www.post1NH.org. If you go to the site now, it is now live. Stay tuned for more updates.

Other Post Happenings:

Zoom – our next meeting is Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm.
Here is the link to the meeting if you cannot attend in person –

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88966191251?pwd=vxLayggMHBLPMZ3rJTqGmOuSk7QPSN.1>

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Legion Happenings- In Pictures

Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest – Well done team!



Navy and Marine Corps 250th Birthday Celebration – Thank you Sgt-at-Arms Ray Peavey for providing the cakes!



Veterans Day – November 11, 2025

Raising the flag and veteran pinning ceremony at Mountain Ridge Center Nursing Home, Franklin, NH

(Casey, Wayne and Mark)



Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial with the Laconia VFW



DJ/Karaoke Night November 14, 2025





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