



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 –
Vacant

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,
October 13,
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 –

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 October 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 in October. 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.

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!

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.

Sons of the American Legion Officers – Squadron 1

Commander – Richard Paquin

Senior Vice Commander – Kim Brummer

Junior Vice Commander – Brett McCrea

Adjutant – Charles Stitt

Treasurer – Charles Covey

Sgt-at-Arms – Frank Sollazzo

Chaplain – Mark Roy

Meetings 1st Sunday at 11:00 am

Legion Auxiliary Officers – Unit 1

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:

Officer positions remain unfilled at the post. The Service Officer, Judge Advocate, and three Trustee positions are vacant. Please see any post officer for nomination information.

Membership - renewals for 2025 – 275 paid for a total of 81% of goal of 338. Membership renewals for 2025 are down significantly compared to the previous year. **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 early to ensure uninterrupted membership. Please contact the Adjutant for more details.

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. We have currently raised \$5600 towards the project. Thank you to all who have donated so far.

New Website – the American Legion Post 1 has begun work on a new post website. The web address will be www.post1NH.org. If you go to the site now, you will only get a message that the site is under construction. We hope to go live with the site by October. Stay tuned for more information.

Other Post Happenings:

Friday, October 17, 2025 – Chili Cook Off at 6:00 pm – come out and participate and win prizes!

Saturday, October 18, 2025 – Sons of the American Legion Meat Bingo at 1:00 pm.

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.

Legion Happenings- In Pictures



Post 1 donated \$500 to Make-a-Wish New Hampshire on 8/20/2025.

Pictured are - Nikki Lahey, NH Make-a-Wish and Mark Vrooman, Adjutant



Honor Guard detail at Steve Earle's funeral ceremony on 9/26/2025 at NH Veterans Cemetery. Pictured – Shirley Brummer, Earl Beale, Kim Brummer, Mark Vrooman and Frank Mello. Not pictured but present Ray Peavey, Sgt-at-Arms.



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 September 8, 2025, meeting.

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

Meeting called to order by Commander McLean.

- Roll call taken by Adjutant Vrooman. Approximately eight members were in attendance.
- The minutes from August 18, 2025 and September 1, 2025 were read and approved.
- The post treasury report was read and approved by unanimous consent.

Balloting on applications for membership – none

New Business –

- Request zero waste to provide side door dumpster
- It was discussed to not charge the Ho Ho Ho group for the use of the facility for 9/20/2025. Approved unanimously.

Old Business –

- Discussion on whether to hold a Halloween party this year. No further action taken.
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- Sgt at Arms Peavey collected \$8 for the Post.
 - The meeting was closed by order of Commander McLean at 7:25 pm.
 - Next full membership meeting is Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm.
 - The Executive Board will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm.
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