



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,
September 8,
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 September 2025 issue of our newsletter!

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

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

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.

Post News:

Membership - renewals for 2025 – 274 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 \$5500 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:

- Thank you to Richie for getting the pavilion area ready for construction. See the pictures below.
- September 6, 2025, SAL Cornhole Tournament at 11:00 am.
- September 6, 2025, Meat Bingo from Our Hearts to Your Hands, at 3:00 pm.
- September 13, 2025, Member appreciation day, starts at noon.
- September 20, 2025, Ho Ho Ho Down BBQ and Music starts 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



New Pad for the Pavilion Project! Richard Paquin hard at work spreading sand!





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 August 18, 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 July 14, 2025, meeting were read and approved.
- The post treasury report was read and approved by unanimous consent.

Old business –

- Point of Sale Terminals (POS) – Mark is continuing the review after discussion with Ed and Bank referral.
- Pavilion project – currently raised \$5500 dollars with brick sales and fundraisers. 22 bricks have been sold.
- Security system – William referred company and met with Mark and William to discuss options. Quote will be provided.
- Gutter quotes – Mark will revisit costs with both vendors to seek best deal.
- Electrical quotes – 3rd vendor to be researched for quote – vendor is Potter Electric.

New business

- Request to donate \$500 to the Laconia Historical Society. Motion made by Mark and seconded by William. Motion carried unanimously.

- Request to donate to Jake DeWare Kindness Project Golf Tournament for \$300 tee green sponsorship. Motion made by Toby and seconded by Dough. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on brick placement for pavilion. No action taken.
- Discussion about having a gun raffle to use towards the pavilion. That was approved. Ray will work with Frank to finalize. Tickets would be \$10.00 and we would sell 100 of them.
- Ray attended the District 7 meeting on August 2, 2025 in Conway. Ray reported on the following: The Legion College is in November for new officers; training for officers ongoing; make-a-wish commander's project; Post Vigil in September 2026 at the Loudon Post; The Fall Conference is at Tilton, Post 49 October 25, 2025 and The Mid-winter conference is at Rochester Post in January 2026.

Sgt at Arms Peavey collected \$8 for the Post.

- The meeting was closed by order of Commander McLean at 7:05 pm.
- Next full membership meeting is Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm. The executive board will meet at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Adjutant