



MARTEL ROBERGE POST 47

Quarterly Newsletter

March May 2016

From the Commander's Desk

Once again I am wishing a happy spring to the Legion Family. How good are your memories? During the winter of 2015, February came in 2nd on the record books for cold and 3rd for the most snowfall. These records were set in the 1870's. This year our meteorological winter set an all time record for warmth. Given a choice, I opt for the latter.

As I did last year, I am pleased to report that Post 47 is alive and well. In 2015 our Department (State) Commander, John Graham, challenged the post commanders to get voter listings and "beat the bushes" to beef up membership. We visited and called vets and were able to sign them up, mainly due to the fact that they had never been asked to join. Thanks to Ken Shorey, Joe Caouette, Mariann Germain, and Mike Hall, a recruiting table was also set up and manned during the October breakfast. All kinds of pertinent Legion information were given out; guess what? We got transfers and enlisted one particular vet who is regular attendee at our breakfasts, but had never been seriously approached. There is another Legionnaire who lives here in Town, but belonged to the Dover post. All it took was giving him a transfer application and asking him to fill it out. We all know someone who has served. I encourage everyone to ask just one person and the benefit would be to have an even greater post than we have now. Please remember that this also applies to the Sons, the Auxiliary and Riders. We are all in this together. Thanks in advance for doing your share.

For those of you who are not regular attendees, I am announcing that this is my last year as Commander. I will be frank in saying that I thought it would be a daunting task, but having the caliber of people that we enjoy here at Post 47 made it quite enjoyable. I gave it my best for three years and it was a privilege to serve. I will be reverting to my prior role as Chaplain. Leadership, in my opinion, is guiding or directing individuals in tasks that you would be willing to do yourself. Freeman Lane, our newly elected Commander, is a person with that skill. He is always there, quietly doing whatever needs to be done. I urge everyone to welcome and support him in his new role. He was an exemplary first vice commander and will be a good leader. Congratulations Freeman. Let's all rally behind him and give him our support.

A special thanks goes out to my mentors: Bernie Mushorn, Joe Caouette, and Ken Shorey. "Couldn't have done it without you." We continue to change in a positive direction. If you have not been to a meeting in a while and would like to join us, we meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M., and our Canteen is also Smoke Free.

Ron Chabot
Commander, Post 47

S.A.L. Commanders Corner 2016

Steve Serwacki

Punxsutawney Phil predicted that spring would come early this year--let's hope that the infamous groundhog is right! I am writing this article on one of the warmest Days of the winter, and can't wait for the warm weather to come back for good.

February has come and gone, and now it's time for all members to pay their dues (\$20) for 2016 so that a new membership card can be issued for entrance into the canteen. You must show a paid up 2016 membership card when the bartender requests to see the card. A list of paid up members will be behind the bar. SAL dues are not increasing in 2016.

March is a month of celebration, with Easter Sunday and the promise of new growth and a fresh beginning. We look forward to the start of the Major League Baseball season, and all of the fun events that come with the onset of spring.

The Adjutant will be placing a list of SAL elected officers in the lounge at the beginning of April. Most of the Officers have served many consecutive terms and will continue to be a part of the decision making process of Post 47, but new ideas are always welcome and I would like to see some of you run for office to bring a fresh approach. We must follow the Post Bylaws as standard operating procedure, but there is plenty of leeway for change and improvement.

Other News and Thanks

Huge shout out to Master Chef Bubba Duke and his assistants for all of his hard work preparing delicious home cooked meals in the Canteen during these past Fall and Winter months. A different home cooked special was prepared every week along with regular menu items. We hope he will be back in the Fall to continue the tradition. Thank you Bubba and crew for all of your time, hard work and awesome meals!! BRAVO ZULU

Congrats to the POST 47 Dart team "MAHAM"!

1st place in regular season and 2nd place in play offs!

Great job from Captain Chris Anderson, Asst Captain Lledan Baker, Tripp Thompson, Rick Halterman, Rob Pelletier, Chris Hall, Scott Young and Brian Schoff.

"Reminder" For suggestions or comments please contact

Canteen Stewart: Todd Villamil or write up comment and put in suggestion box in the canteen entrance.

"Canteen committee reviews them on the third Monday of each month."

Martel-Roberge Post #47 American Legion Scholarship Application

(ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE)

Joseph R. Robinson Scholarship. . \$1000.00

Honore D. Ouellette Scholarship. . \$1000.00

Post # 47 Memorial Scholarship. \$1000.00

Joseph Caouette Scholarship. . \$1000.00

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Tel. Number: _____

1. I am a graduating member of the Senior Class of:

School: _____

City: _____

2. I agree that the Scholarship will be used for school expenses.

3. If requested, I will meet with the Scholarship Committee.

4. I am a senior whose parents, grandparents, or guardian is a legal resident of the Town of Rollinsford N.H. and I reside in said Town, or I am a senior whose parents, grandparents, or guardian is a member in good standing of Post #47 American Legion, and Unit #47 Auxiliary, or Squadron #47.

5. Documentation of enrollment into the second semester must be provided before awarding of any of the above Scholarships.

6. I have made applications to the following school or schools:

7. I have been accepted by (any acceptable school or further education):

8. On a separate sheet, give a brief description of the need for this scholarship and goals to be pursued at the next level, of education.

1. Signature: _____

Date: _____

The following MUST accompany the application:

1. A transcript or photo static copy of High School Grades.
2. Occupations of parents, grandparents, or guardian.
3. Number of children in family.
4. (2) Letters of endorsement (i.e. Teachers, Principals or prominent members of the community.
5. ELIGIBILITY ESTABLISH THROUGH: _____ Tel. _____

NOTE: Application must be returned by MAY 16, 2016

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Son's of The American Legion Scholarship Application

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Joseph Stevens Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund . . . \$1000.00

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Address: _____

Tel. Number: _____

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School: _____

City: _____

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BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

We are raising money to help pay for the restoration of the American Legion Post# 47 Rollinsford, NH "Gold Star Park" !!! The Bricks will be placed in a walkway leading to the Monument. You may use all 4 lines up to 21 characters per line but we recommend using 3 lines and limiting it to 18 characters per line. This makes for a fine looking Brick. You can see some actual examples of Bricks that others have already purchased and engraved, in our Canteen Area @ the Post. This way you can see for yourself just how the final product will look. We also recommend using all CAPITAL LETTERS...

Co\$t = \$40.00 per Brick.

Yes, we'd like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick as follows:
 ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE CHARACTER (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)
 ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

4 x 8 Brick

EXAMPLE

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

American Legion Post# 47
 P.O. Box # 478
 Rollinsford, NH 03869

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email Address: _____ Amount Paid: _____

This is an ongoing program; hence Bricks can always be added to the walkway after our original installation date which will take place around mid July of 2016. Ideally we would like to place a majority of the Bricks that people have ordered\purchased in JULY of 2016 so if you wish to be included in the original installation please get these Forms\\$\$\$ to me by

July 2/2016.



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