



# MARTEL ROBERGE POST 47

## Quarterly Newsletter

Oct-Dec 2005

The busy fall season is now in full swing. We have Veterans Day coming up on 11 Nov 2005 and what better time to drop in to our Canteen and re-new old friendships. On 19 Nov 2005 we will be holding our annual Turkey Shoot in the Canteen from 1pm to whenever all of the Turkey Baskets are raffled off. This event is a lot of fun, so come on down and enjoy the afternoon.

We will also be holding our annual Christmas Party for the Children in December so make sure you fill out the application form and drop it off in the Canteen. We have included this form in this Newsletter.

Hall rentals have been going very well. If you are planning on renting one of the halls, do it as soon as possible to insure that you get the date that you want. All Post #47 members receive a one hundred dollar discount on

both of our halls, so take advantage of these savings.

The American Legion Post #47 is your Post !!! The main purpose is to serve the Veterans and their families. If you need assistance in obtaining any Veterans benefits or have any questions pertaining to your rights, simply give us a call.

Remember we still have Hospital beds, walkers, wheelchairs, crutches and other health care apparatus for you at no co\$. To obtain any of these items just call 603.742.9670 and leave a message for the Service Officer.

In closing, enjoy the holidays and try to attend one of our monthly meetings held at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

***Ken Shorey***

***Post #47 Commander***

## Softball Update:

Well, as most of you know, we currently field a Men's Softball team @ Post #47...The games are played in Gonic, NH and we play every Sunday...last year we came in dead last, barley eking out three wins in the entire season, but when the Playoffs came around the squad brought their **A game**, we ended up taking home some hardware -- 4<sup>th</sup> place...Not bad for a 1<sup>st</sup> year squad, but that was then and this is now, and as everyone knows the past is in the past, and that's a good place for it...This year we came in with a new resolve...In the off season, we managed to obtain the services of a cagey, veteran, Coach that goes by the name of Lenny Barron. Now the Skipper needs no introduction, as he is known by all both far and near, but he was a key factor to bringing this ragtag squad together, heck he had the pleasure of coaching most of our players in their misguided youths...This year we finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place out of 9 Teams, with a record of 6 wins and 10 losses...We doubled our Win column by **%50** which is a solid improvement from last year...But the record doesn't really speak to the reality of the Team...Yes we did not go from Last to first, but we improved in many ways...Coach set the bar high, the practice regime was difficult, and Lenny was faced with multiple challenges...He had to manage many games in which we had several key players missing, due to other commitments, but yet he juggled

the line-up as best he could and made no excuses...

This Year we played every team well. We did suffer a few beatings, but then again they were few and far between...The bottom line is when we fielded our full team the Teams we encountered, knew they were in a game. Our Team would never give up and we fought the good fight, even when we were down by more than a few runs late in the game...I respect this Team, quite simply because **"They play hard, and after the game they still support each other"**! Heck we even learned to let go of all of the games distractions and after a few ice cold, tooth cracking, adult beverages we even managed to like each other. At the end of the day we all respected the efforts that each and every one of us poured out during the struggle...

Last Weekend we rolled into the first round of the Playoffs against the number 3 Team in the League, TLC -- we had our full roster of regular players, and we performed admirably, rumor has it that we played the best game of our Season. The Umpire even stated to me directly, after the game that **"that was the best game of the Tournament thus far, two good teams playing hard and keeping it clean, and no whining"!!!** In that game we jumped out to an early lead and held that lead most of the game. Then in 6<sup>th</sup> inning the other team hit their stride and pounded that ball all over the field, we lost the lead, but we did not give up.

The top of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning was upon us and our last @ bat beckoned us...And yes we answered the call, coming through with some key offensive events of our own...Hence the pressure was on the other team to come up with 4 runs to tie and 5 to win. In the bottom of the final inning the first man up for TLC slammed a single into left field, then Jake handled a terrifying line shot down the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line and caught the runner off of first in a very slick double play, that really turned the tables and we held on to the 4 run lead...Victory never tasted so sweet, and we thoroughly enjoyed the fruits of our labor...We managed to stay in the Winners bracket as a lower seed team, which seemed to be the flavor of the day, as many lower seeded teams, knocked off the big Dogs, on that fateful day. The second game was not what we expected and we reluctantly took a forfeit, from a Team that had only 8 Players. That was kind of hard to believe, but what can you say, our team managed to wait the two hours and we sported a full roster, at game time, so why couldn't they...Hmmm a question for greater minds than mine...The bottom line is that we managed to stay in the winners bracket when the day was over, hence we are guaranteed a minimum of a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish, if my math is correct, and maybe a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> !!! Okay, now a reality check, next Sunday 9.25.05 we suit up against the number 1 undefeated team in the league, the infamous **HOGS** and they do look the part, now if I was a betting man I would most likely take the Hogs, as they have pounded most teams into

submission, during the regular season, us included, we did manage one time to give them a good game until the 5<sup>th</sup> inning of one game, but then they brought their **A game** and dusted us off in a fine manner...But our hope will spring eternal...The Post #47 team will suit up and show up. We will play hard and clean...And who knows maybe, just maybe we can catch them on an off day, and we will have the game of our lives, as that is what it would take to pull this off...I will not have any details to report, as this press release is off to the printer for submission, this week, but if you want or need any details of our last battle just ask any of the Players for a recap...Preferably not "**Running Rheinhold Holton**" as he tends to elaborate on just his game and any political office that he may be running for now or in the near future...

We had many heroes in the last game, the masterful pitching of "**Big John Amergan**" to the timely power hitting of "**Brian The Thumper Schoff**" – Brian belted a three run homer deep to center field, late in the game which gave us a much needed emotional charge...**Jim McCarthy** alias "**Big Daddy**" came through again, offensively speaking, with some timely hitting.

**Note:** Mr. McCarthy solidified a most memorable moment for the Post; on his way to capture the honor of "**Offensive Player of the Year**" he had a batting average of **%740** during the year earning him this highly coveted piece of hardware!!!

**Andrew J. Egan**

**Post #47 Sr. Vice Commander**

## **ADJUTANTS CORNER**

The dues renewal notices came out of National a few weeks ago and we have about 50% of our members renewed through the US mail. We really need to make an exerted effort right now to get our 2006 dues paid.

This will save us scouring around at the end of the year, around the holidays, when everybody is busy with seasonal issues. If you are down at the Club, please put **\$19.00** in a manila envelope and that will be placed in my mailbox behind the bar. Your card will be mailed to you promptly.

***For God and Country***

***Adjutant***

***Joe Caouette***

## **OLD INKJET CARTRIDGES AND USED CELL PHONES**

What to do with them? We will have a container to collect old inkjet cartridges and used cell phones that will be beneficial to the National American Legion family and help the environment at the same time. This is a "Soldier to Soldier" program that decided to select the American Legion as the contributing organization. Start cleaning out your attics, storage areas, etc.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

If you have something that you would like put into the newsletter that would benefit the post, please contact:

***Mark Lamprey or Andrew Egan.***

***"THE NEWSLETTER TEAM"***

## **Honor\Color Guard Update:**

***"Smokin Lamps"*** Mark Lamprey fired up his smoker on two separate occasions this past summer and enthralled the Members of Post #47 with some *good ole fashion barbeque*, this was a fund raiser for the Team.

I would like to thank all of the people that donated their time and effort to this fine endeavor. Cheryl, from Salmon Falls Grocery, Frank, Minnie, Sally Hayes, Sally Barron, Susan Sullivan, Isabella, Jeanette...And if I missed anyone I apologize in advance...But you know whom you are and the Team really appreciated the effort...

## **SAL ADJUTANTS LETTER**

Presently we have some exciting projects in the queue. We are continuing to upgrade and work on the gazebo area.

The SAL and the American Legion members, in a joint effort, are presently working on upgrading The **Gold Star Memorial park**. This project will include new shrubbery, and a fresh coat of paint on the flagpole, as well as new fencing.

The Shrubs and Granite Post for the new fence are being donated by Salmon Falls Nursery, thanks to **Mark Pendergas**.

**Kevin Schoff** will be providing, and operating the various heavy equipment to make this project happen. Many thanks in advance, to all of you for this noteworthy effort.

If you would like to be involved in this noble effort, we will post work plans on the bulletin board. So keep an eye out and you can come and join our work crew. Mark Lamprey, Legion JR Vice Commander\dual Member will be the project manager concerning this endeavor.

As your Post Adjutant I have been working on getting our 2006 membership into full swing. In my last newsletter I stated that we had a State membership due increase from \$4.00 to \$8.00 !

I plan on having a membership drive weekend on October 8/9 2005

Card dues will remain at \$5.00 for Dual and Junior Members. It is \$15.00 for regular members. Dues can be left at the SAL mailbox at the Post or Mailed to me at P.O. Box 398 Berwick, ME

New members can now get their DD 214 info on line at **<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>** Please try and get dues in early so we can meet our goals set from National Committee.

We continue to have the Sunday breakfast on the third Sunday of the month. I would like to thank our Post Color Guard Team for posting the colors @ The Rollinsford Family Fun Day. Kudo's to Marc Couture for mowing the outfield area and the band "**Street Smart**" whom played some hot tunes...

A fall raffle will be announced to help raise money for our first SAL Scholarship fund. Details will be at the Post after our next Meeting. Meetings are still on the third Tuesday at 7:00pm all are welcome to attend. Any ideas or membership problems can be solved by contacting me at 207-698-4613.

**Gary Trudeau**  
**Post #47 SAL Adjutant**

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Martel-Roberge Unit 47**

Summer is slowly winding down and **“Fall”** is in the air. We missed a lot of our members at the annual Membership Supper. Our Department President Kathy Fernald and her husband Nate joined us for dinner. President Kathy’s theme is **“Spread the Seeds of Kindness”**

The Presidents project this year is **“Songs of Love”**. “Songs of Love” is a non-profit organization whose mission is to give encouragement and love to those who need it most through the Medicine of Music. They create personalized songs for chronically and terminally ill children and young adults. The songwriters and artists donate their talents and recording studios to produce a unique song, which includes the child’s name, family members, friends and interests. We would like to increase funding to this organization, but more importantly, awareness of this program in New Hampshire by many of us becoming Music Messengers. Music Messengers pay personal visits to ailing children, through friends, neighbors, hospital, schools or wherever they may be and help each child and family fill out the profile sheet for their song. A “Song of Love” is then created and delivered to the child within 30 days. The songs are beautiful, creative and the children and their families love them. Many seeds of kindness will be scattered.

Do you know of a child that would benefit from this program?

The unit will be working with the Department of New Hampshire to carry out their programs and achieve goals in Membership. We have received only 55 membership dues so far this year. Have you paid your dues for 2005-2006? If not, won’t you take a minute and send them in. There is a sense of pride when our unit name is called at the mid-winter conference, for attaining our quotas by the target date.

Department Fund Raising Chairman, Patty Smith reminds us that the annual fundraiser this year will include the calendar drawings. These popular calendars are available for a \$20.00 donation. There is a drawing every day of the year. Please send in your donation to the Department Headquarters for your calendar. The address is American Legion Auxiliary, 25 Capitol Street, Room 432, Concord, NH 03301-6312.

Remember to **“Spread Some Seeds of Kindness”** this year.

**Bettie Trundy,  
Unit President**

