



MARTEL ROBERGE POST 47

Quarterly Newsletter

Nov-Dec 2006

A special upcoming event is on the horizon. **“The Annual Turkey Shoot”**, will be held this year on Saturday November 18th @ 1pm, in the Canteen area.

Turkey baskets with all the fixings to make a complete Thanksgiving feast, will be awarded. These scrumptious baskets will be raffled off in rapid succession. It’s a fun afternoon usually lasting two to three hours.

In December we will be putting on our annual **“Children’s Christmas Party” !!!** Be sure to sign the children\grandchildren up whom qualify, simply fill out the application enclosed in this Newsletter and drop it off @ the Canteen area prior to the Party.

Everyone knows the benefits of being a Legion member, but I’ am not sure you realize all of the different organizations that your American Legion Post #47 supports locally. Past year projects include, The American Legion Boys State fund, South Berwick Rescue Squad, Strafford

County Homemakers, Little League Baseball, American Legion Baseball, Somersworth High School awards program, South Berwick Little League, Marshwood High School Boosters Club, Camp Waban, Seacoast Shipyard Association, American Legion Legacy Scholarship, Emergency funds program for members, various local Youth School trips, Babe Ruth Baseball, Somersworth High School Booster’s club, Rollinsford Grade School Awards\Year Book program, and the Salvation Army.

My hope is that everyone is getting out there and enjoying the colorful New England Fall season. In closing, if I can be of any assistance with any questions that you might have concerning your veterans benefits just simply give me a call or leave a word\message @ the Canteen and I’ll respond back to you.

Ken Shorey
Post #47 Commander

Sons Of The American Legion

We now move into our planning session, for the fall and winter Season. We have completed some grounds keeping projects around the Gold Star Park as well as the Gazebo.

I want to thank Kevin Eastman for completing the seed project on the new loam that was surrounding the Gazebo. We plan on painting the gazebo soon, and a painting party will be forming so look for the sign up sheet if you can assist.

The Sons of American Legion Membership 2007 card's are in and you may pay your dues at the post or mail them to me directly at the address below:

Gary Trudeau
Po Box 398
Berwick Maine, 03901

I hope we can get some new members to become involved in our upcoming fund raising projects. New ideas are always welcome.

We are still missing some **2006** members and I have mailed you your **last notices**. We have target membership dates and number's to meet. Please get those dues to me early this year for your 2007 Memberships so I can get my records updated for the upcoming membership mailings.

We want to let all the Post members and families know that the Sunday breakfast is still going strong with all of the new help. So come on down and support **"The Children's and Youth Fund"** **The breakfast is on the Third Sunday of each month.**

Please remember our Comrades in the war on terror. We must never forget the reason we are eligible to be proud members of **"The Son's of The American Legion" !!!**

Welcome from your SAL Post 47
Officers

Commander: Brian McGlone
Adjutant: Gary Trudeau
1st Vice: Mark Lamprey
2nd Vice: Joseph Bernier
Finance: Thomas Lord
Sgt, Arms: Steven Serwacki
Historian: Joseph Rousselle
Chaplain: Andrew Egan

SAL Adjutant

Gary Trudeau

American Legion Auxiliary

As we head into another year, our new Department President Karyl Horn asks that you “T.O.O.T. THE HORN”. Since the Civil War the bugle and /or trumpet was essential to all military communications. Sound signals were used to rally the ‘men’ in times of war and peace. Her theme is to sound or “T.O.O.T. the horn” to rally our troops, our veterans, our youth and the communities we live in. She believes that in order to survive, we as a Legion Family need to work **T**ogether so that **O**ur **O**rganization **T**hrives and continues its good works for many years to come.

Her special project this year is the NH Veterans Fund. This fund was started in 1989 to help veterans and their families. To date, the veterans fund has provided over \$14,000 to help Legion families and veterans with direct financial assistance.

In June, Marion Grant, Kitten Clark and I attended the Department Convention. We had the honor and privilege of helping to record a “Song for Kira” Last year’s Department President Kathy Fernald had a wonderful project called “Songs of Love” This organization writes songs for children who are terribly ill. Their parents fill out a form with information pertaining to the child and their special interests. This information is then set to music and is then given to the child so they can listen and have

something else to concentrate on while having yet another sometimes painful treatment that will hopefully help them to get better. John Beltzer, from Songs of Love, came to our meeting, handed out copies of the song and then started our rehearsal. The sound man took readings, we rehearsed until we had it right and then we recorded a song for a little 4 year old girl named Kira. President Kathy began by introducing us and told Kira who we were. John started and sang the verses and we joined in on the chorus. It was the most wonderful experience that any of us have ever had.

If you would like to hear our song, please attend our October meeting and see and hear all about Kira Corning.

You will be very proud to know that the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New Hampshire raised \$8,400 for this most worthy cause.

It is time to start collecting items for the Veterans Christmas gift items. You can bring items to the meetings in October and November. Please make sure that the items do not have the odor of smoke about them. This is one of the problems we encountered last year and we have to be careful of allergies etc. No food items or candy are allowed. No aftershave, cologne, or any item that may contain alcohol. The first Sunday in December is when we will be headed for

Manchester so donations need to be in prior to that day. This is when we put our items in gift boxes and set them up on display. The Veterans then are invited to come and select gifts for their family members and have them wrapped. Those veterans unable to leave their rooms will have a selection brought to them so that they too may have a gift for their loved ones on Christmas Day.

On September 9th I will be heading for Tilton to attend a Unit Workshop at the NH Veterans Home. This workshop will be devoted to helping understand the membership program, and how to present and write up reports on our various programs at years end. It should be an interesting and informative work session.

This year we will also be filling decorated shoe boxes for the Samaritans Purse organization. Pick a boy or girl between the ages of 5 and 10. Fill a shoe box with items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, comb, brushes, small toys, tablets, crayons, pencils, jewelry, etc. Put a check made out to Samaritans Purse for \$5.00 inside to help cover the transportation costs. Bring your decorated shoe box, (do not seal the box,) to the Auxiliary November meeting. We will see that the boxes are delivered to the pick up point. It is a nice feeling to know that you are going to give a small child something nice for Christmas. These boxes are shipped all over the world. Won't you start filling a box today?

President Karyl and Poppy Chairman Jean Talford are looking for anyone who would be interested in making poppies. We are having some difficulties finding enough volunteers to make those flowers so that all unit orders can be filled. If you can help, we would appreciate it very much if you would let us know. If we have enough volunteers from our unit, perhaps we could meet one night a month and work together. Let me know if you are interested.

As always, we would love to see a few more members turn out for our monthly meetings. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. We meet downstairs in the lounge, and usually are done in an hour. You'd be surprised what you can accomplish in an hour.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Auxiliary member Phyllis Nelson. She will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Henry Ford said, ***“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success”***

Let us work together and make this organization a great success

Unit President

Bettie Trundy

GENERAL INFORMATION !

Rab Eaton, will be starting up his Annual "**Whist Tournament**" which starts on **January 11th 2007**, look for sign-up sheets which will be hanging around the Canteen area **sign-up dates are from 22 Dec 2006 – 10 Jan 2007 !!! Good Luck !!!**

Gold Star Brick Program

The engraved bricks are available for purchase @ \$40.00 per Brick. We have some for display in the Canteen area, for your viewing pleasure.

As you may or may not know we are planning on installing a brick Walkway in the Gold Star Memorial Park. The brick walk way with your engraved Bricks will start from the newly installed Granite Posts to the Stone Monument, which immortalizes our fallen, combat comrades.

Now to clear up some confusion you do not need to put "***In Memory of***" whomever. The Bricks can display something as simple as your Company logo, or for someone else you wish to memorialize, or simply recognize.

Some folks have purchased Bricks to honor themselves, indicating information such as their name, branch of service, dates of Service, unit\organization. Use your imagination !!! Or just find Dennis Libby's brick if you need any self-promotional ideas, as he certainly has that skill set down...

Now if you have any questions about the Brick Program contact **Sr. Vice Commander, Andrew J. Egan @ 207.432.0194** for any assistance in filling out the Brick Form or for any general questions that you may have concerning this project.

We plan to **start installing the Bricks in July of 2007 !** So get your order in today, so that your Brick may be in the memorial walkway...

Newsletter Committee

If you have something that you would like to add to this Newsletter please write it up and give it **Sr. Vice Commander, Andrew J. Egan or S.A.L. Adjutant, Gary Trudeau, the Newsletter team @ Post # 47 !!!**