



# Post 100 Patriot



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

With yet another year behind us, let's take a moment to reflect on 2019. During our last year, Post 100 made some new changes:

- Purchased a new Ice Maker, new high-top tables and stools for our Canteen area; replaced sump pumps, new fence and trees along roadway, new flooring in bar area; painted outdoor steps and guardrail; repairs to men's Pavilion bathroom and parking lot; Cigar smoking has been banned.
- Assumed sponsorship of Pack/Troop 25 (Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts).
- Purchased new dart boards, etc. for new LOD Dart League.

Fulfilled our value of Good Citizenship by making donations to the following organizations:

- PFC Eric Currier Memorial Bike Run, Vietnam War Moving Wall, Operation Care for Troops, Home Base, JarHeads Motorcycle Club (in memory of those killed in vehicular accident)
- Community - Pelham Police Dept., Pelham Fire Dept., Pelham High School scholarships, purchased flags for veterans' graves at Gibson Cemetery (Memorial Day services)
- Advertised in Girls State bulletin, Dept. Convention book, Pelham Old Home Day booklet

Rewards/Recognition:

- 5 awards at 2019 Dept. Convention: Jackson M. Hunt Memorial Flag Award, Silver Star Membership Award, Silver Brigade Membership National Award, Big 10 Membership Award, Special Recognition for Vietnam Moving Wall, )

We welcomed some of our newest members:

- William Pultar, John Flaherty, William Callahan, Katherine Stowe, Phillip Meyer, Eugene Paul Carter, George Garland, Robert Rogers, Joseph O'Connell, Edgar St. Onge, David Cate, William Zemetres, Aubriey Perin, Robert Belanger, Edward Tandus
- Cynthia Kirkpatrick, Tara Flaherty, Deborah Pacheco, Brenda Huls, Donna Lemieux, Elaine Hall, Patricia Bernard, Paula Fowlie (Auxiliary)
- Vic Comtois, Daniel Pacheco, Donald Mitchell (SAL).



And, unfortunately, we are also reminded of our dearly departed friends:

- James Zaker, Milton Monoxelos and Sandra Sapienza

In this New Year, may you change your direction and not dates, change your commitments and not the Calendar, change your attitude and not the actions, and bring about a change in your faith, your force and your focus and not the fruit. May you live up to the promises you have made and may you create for you and your loved ones the most Happy New Year ever

# HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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**COMMANDER'S CORNER:**



Happy New Year to All! 2019 was a successful year thanks to the efforts of all of our volunteers who donated their time and effort, and also our valued employees who work hard to make Post 100 a success. I am looking forward to continued success in 2020. The new year brings election of officers which is an important part of the Post moving forward, so ask you all to consider running for an officers position in your respective organization within Post 100. Hopefully we can fill all openings. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Post 100.

*Commander Donald Mitchell*

**POST CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- January 1: New Year's Day
- January 8: SAL Meeting 6:00p
- January 10: Meat Raffle (hosted by SAL) 6:30p
- January 12: Legion Meeting 11:00a
- January 18: Auxiliary Meeting 10:00a
- January 24: Meat Raffle (hosted by Legion & Auxiliary) 6:30p



**MEMBERSHIP**

**REMINDER: 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Legion, Auxiliary and SAL) IS NOW DUE!** 2019 cards are now expired (effective 12/31/19) – if you have not yet paid your dues, you will be required to sign in as a guest until your dues is received. Please submit payment to your respective Adjutant/Membership Coordinator **ASAP**.

Welcome to our newest members: Raymond J Descheneaux (Legion)

To those of you who aren't yet a member - Thinking about becoming one? If you or a family member\* is currently on active duty serving the U.S. honorably anywhere in the World or have served honorably during WW I, WW II or any time after December 7, 1941, you are eligible to join the American Legion! And of course, we'd LOVE to have you join our Post. Simply submit an application along with your (or your family member's) honorable discharge paperwork (DD-214). Please also include payment for annual dues (please ask if you are unsure what the dues is for the organization you intend to join). For the American Legion, contact Bill Taremy; for the Auxiliary contact Laurie Perrone; for the Sons of the American Legion, contact Paul E. Kazalski. Or see any Post officer. We'd love to have you become a member of our growing American Legion, Post 100 Family!

\* Parent, sibling, child, spouse, grandparent or grandchild

**MESSAGES AND EMAILS?**

Are you reading our newsletters through your email? Are you receiving regular emails from us, informing you of upcoming functions, events, etc.? If not, then chances are we don't have an email address for you! Sure, picking up a hard copy of this at our Post is great, but knowing we're getting other news out to our members regularly would result in all of our members KNOWING what is going on in THEIR club.

Please take a moment to provide us with your email address. Rest assured, we will NOT share it with other organizations, etc. – this is STRICTLY for Post 100. You can either email us at ALPost100@gmail.com (and give us your name in the body of the email) OR you can call Laurie on 603.234.7839 or leave a note for her with one of our bartenders. We'll add you immediately to our distribution and be sure you're made aware of all upcoming news. And AS ALWAYS, thank you for being a member of Post 100!



## CONGRATULATIONS/SPECIAL THANKS:

Special thanks to Post 100's Honor Guard, which has participated in 2 funerals in the last month. Thank you for everything you do!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to:

01/03	Beanie
01/05	Rich Martin
01/10	Paula Green
01/12	Cynthia Kirkpatrick
01/13	Debra Sutphen, Deborah Tenczar
01/20	Karen Foote
01/22	John "Pilgrim" Martin
01/31	Lisa O'Rourke



NOTE: Unfortunately we do NOT have everyone's birthdates, but if you are celebrating your special day this month, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!** If you would like to be included in this section of our newsletter, **PLEASE provide your information** to Laurie Perrone, 603.234.7839 or email to [alpost100@gmail.com](mailto:alpost100@gmail.com). We'd LOVE to add you to our list! **AND as always**, Post 100 would like to thank EVERYONE who continues to support us regularly with our ongoing events and volunteer your time and/or services – member or non-member. We encourage other members to assist when available. Volunteerism is what helps to keep our post functioning! If you are interested in volunteering at any of our upcoming events, please see Commander Don Mitchell.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1/17/1991 - Operation Desert Shield ends/Desert Storm begins

1/25/1950 - Korean War begins

1/27/1973 – Paris Peace Accords signed, ending the U.S. War in Vietnam

1/31/1990 - U.S. invasion of Panama begins



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Our flag honors those who have fought to protect it, and is a reminder of the sacrifice of our nation's founders and heroes. As the ultimate icon of America's storied history, the Stars and Stripes represents the very best of this nation."* – Joe Barton



## QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Because we value your input on topics that you feel are important and any other comments you may have, we encourage our members to provide us with any questions, comments or ideas for future publications.

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please contact us at [alpost100@gmail.com](mailto:alpost100@gmail.com).



## LEGION UPDATE



The Legionnaires met on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Discussed details of Homeless Veterans Party at CareOne in Lowell on Tuesday (December 10<sup>th</sup>). Dracut House of Pizza will be providing/donating the food.

Also discussed upcoming Elementary School breakfast/discussion on Thursday, 12/12 @ 8:30a.

Went over changes to By-Laws. To be reviewed and voted on at next meeting.

REMINDER: Annual dues is due! Please submit to your adjutant before 12/31/19.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.

## AUXILIARY UPDATE



The Auxiliary did not hold a meeting in the month of December, but instead held their annual Christmas Luncheon with those members available to attend. We met at Scola's in Dracut and we were joined by Laurie Perrone, Marianne Lannan, Sue Dumas, Debbie Kazalski, Pat Colarusso, Shannon Catizone, Laura Bailey and Natasha Hale. A nice time was had by all, great food and a lot of fun at our Yankee Swap. Canned goods and non-perishables were donated to the Pelham Food Pantry Drive.

Thank you to those who helped support our Gift Wrap Fundraiser! We decided NOT to hold this event this year, but our "regulars" reached out to us and we were able to coordinate a date! Thank you Marcia, Patti, Laurie & Sue for your wrapping efforts!

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m.



# **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**



## SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION (SAL) UPDATE



The SAL met on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Discussed details of upcoming benefit for Ken Dunne and his family scheduled for Saturday (12/7). Hoping for a good turnout and would like for SAL members as well as other members of the Post to attend and support this family in need.. There will be a ton of raffles, as well as one BIG prize (brand new dirt bike).

Discussed sending out a postcard or newsletter of some sort to our membership so that they are informed on what is going on, upcoming events, etc.

Donation made to the Manchester VA Veterana Home in Tilton, NH.

Due to New Year's Day falling on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.

## **FUNCTION FACILITIES**

Prime dates still available for your parties in both our function hall and outdoor pavilion! PERFECT for birthday parties, graduation parties, showers, family reunions, fundraisers, etc. Please call Lori with questions or to reserve. NOTE: Members renting are required to show their card at time of rental request.

## **CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!**

Please feel free to check out Post 100's website!!! Please visit [AmericanLegionPelham.org](http://AmericanLegionPelham.org). Let us know what you think!

## **WI-FI AVAILABLE!!!**

Post 100 offers free Wi-Fi to our members and guests! Check your email, surf the web and update your Facebook status while visiting us! Connect to "American Legion" and enter the following password (case sensitive):

**ALPost100**



## **FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**



Remember to visit our Facebook page. Current events and Legion news is published regularly to this site. Search for "American Legion, Post 100" and be sure to "Like" us!!

## **AUXILIARY MONTHLY DRAWING FOR 2020**

Tickets for the Auxiliary's 2020 Monthly Raffle are now available! If you have not already purchased your \$10 ticket(s) and are interested in doing so, please see an Auxiliary member or contact Laurie on 234.7839! If your name is pulled, it goes BACK into the bucket for another opportunity to win – 4 chances per month. Ticket is good for the entire year!

## **KEN DUNNE FUNDRAISER**

The SAL coordinated a benefit fundraiser for Ken Dunne and his family on Saturday, 12/7 @ 2:00p. We had a great turnout and would like to thank everyone who volunteered in the planning, setup, coordinating raffles, ticket sales, raffle donations, etc. We would also like to thank those of you who came down to show your support! With your help, we raised \$8,400 for the Dunne family.

Special thanks goes out to Kelsey Kerr for all of your assistance with this, and to Russell Kerr for the donation of the motor bike!

Congratulations to all of the winners of the raffles, and to John & Silvy Aguiar, winners of the dirt bike



## CAREONE HOMELESS VETERANS CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, members of Post 100 visited the homeless veteran residents of CareOne in Lowell, MA for the annual Christmas Party which we sponsor for them. Volunteers visited with these veterans, listened to their stories, shared pizza and presented them with Christmas presents including sweatshirts, t-shirts, throw blankets, puzzles and a hat signifying their branch of service. In addition, one female veteran received a beautiful warm robe, as well. **Special thanks to our employee, Wanda Allen, for joining us. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated!!**



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# 2019 In Review



## **HAPPY NEW YEAR, YOU PARTY ANIMAL!**

You say you're feeling a bit sickly this morning? You hear a strange thumping sound? Don't worry, that's a good sign. It's your heart pounding, and it means you're still alive.

And you have deep feelings of guilt and anxiety, although you aren't quite sure why? Don't let it bother you. You didn't do anything that terrible. After all, you're not in jail. Sure, there was the unfortunate business with the nice rug at the house party you went to. Big deal-so you dropped your cigarette. And when you tried to pick it up you spilled a little creamy food. And when you tried to pick up the food, you spilled your drink. Then you lost your balance and toppled into that nice woman's lap. There's no reason to be embarrassed. After all, it was a perfectly natural reaction for you to put out your hands to grab something as you fell. Unfortunately, what you grabbed was the frontal abdomen of that woman. But you didn't intend it to be a lascivious gesture. If her husband had been any kind of real sport, he would have laughed it off. On the other hand, it would have been better if you hadn't remained in her lap for almost five minutes. And you shouldn't have tried to swallow her earring.

So forget it. Her husband didn't land one solid punch. And it was prudent of you to withdraw to the washroom until he cooled off. Of course, it was an inconvenience for others when you locked yourself in and went to sleep in the tub. You do remember that, don't you, the way they shouted and pounded on the door and finally had to take it off the hinges? Ah, those are the kind of madcap antics that give everyone at a party a chuckle. And it was wise of you to go outside and take a walk around the block to get some fresh air. There's nothing like a blast of cold, arctic oxygen to clear the head. Incidentally, that may be why the tip of your ear is still blue. If it turns black, you might call the doc.

Try to think about the cheerful moments. Do you remember how you finished your walk and went inside and poured yourself a tall drink, wolfed down a slab of pizza, told some dirty jokes and grabbed a woman and started dancing and crooning romantically in her ear? And how that surprised everyone at the party? Especially since they didn't know who you were, because you walked into the wrong house. Hey, mistakes happen! Actually, they were friendly until you felt sick and stuck your head in their dishwasher. It must have been lousy pizza. At least, that's what you told the host before he tossed you down the front steps. But, what the heck, you were going that direction anyway.

But all's well that ends well, and you made it back to your party in time to put on a funny hat, twirl a couple of noisemakers and stand on the dining room table and sing "Auld Lang Syne." Of course, by then everyone had gone home except the host and hostess, who were getting ready for bed, and your wife, who was sitting on the couch looking at that cigarette burn you made on the coffee table and weeping hysterically. And remember how you kept insisting that you were okay and could drive. You probably could have, too, if you hadn't walked into that tree and broken your glasses. If you use tweezers, you can get those splinters of bark out of your nose.

The thing to do now, though, is just relax and enjoy the peace and quiet of your home. You do notice how quiet it is, don't you? That's because your wife respects your need for tranquility. All she does is come in, sit down, stare at you for a while, walk out, come back in, sit down and stare at you some more. A very compassionate person. It might please her if you pick up your overcoat. It's there on the floor, just inside the front door. And a few feet beyond is your suit coat. Then your shirt and tie. Just follow the trail and you'll get to your shoes and socks. And don't worry about the crick in your neck. That comes from sleeping in a chair. Of course, it wouldn't hurt as much if the chair hadn't been upside down.

As for your throbbing headache, okay, here's what I recommend. Go in the kitchen right now. Break an egg into a glass. Now give it three or four big dashes of Worcestershire sauce. Sprinkle in some garlic powder. More, more! That's it. Now give it four or five good squirts of Tabasco sauce. If you have a fresh pepper mill, give it about six twirls. Fine. Now stir it up real good and drink it down fast in one or two gulps.

That's the way. Now how do you feel? What? You say it's awful and your mouth and stomach feel like they're on fire? See? I told you it would help. You don't even notice your headache anymore!!!

***Happy New Year!***