



NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2017

HENNIKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 78

For God and Country

INSTALLATION OF NEW POST COMMANDER

District 5 Commander Todd Connor and 1st Vice Commander Garrick Locke installed and swore in Gregg Champlin as Henniker American Legion Post 78 Commander at the regular December meeting of the Post. Gregg, a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, retired from the NH Emergency Management Agency and took up the challenge to lead the post through our re-organization year.



Figure 1 District 5 Commander, Todd Connor congratulating Gregg Champlin as the new Commander of Henniker Post 78

RAFFLE SUCCESS

The Post had its first successful Holiday Raffle with the raffling off of a \$100 Basket of Cheer

and a \$50 Basket of Cheer. Ticket sales exceeded over \$600 and the proceeds will help the Post in Developing Children & Youth Programs in Henniker and help in offsetting some initial organizational expenses. Thank you to all who contributed to this success.



Figure 2 Darlene Hardy of Bradford who bought her ticket at the Henniker Community Center Craft Fair picked up her first prize \$100 Basket of Cheer from Post JAG Dave Currier.





Figure 3 Ann & Edward "Scot" Gould of Henniker who bought their ticket at the Edmunds Hardware picked up the 2nd prize \$50 Basket of Cheer just in time for the holiday.

2018 American Legion Legacy Scholarship application now online

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship application for 2018 is now online for new and returning applicants to fill out. The Legacy Scholarship is available for children whose parents lost their lives while honorably serving on active duty on or after 9/11, as well as for children of post-9/11 veterans with a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher.

The renewable scholarship will award up to \$20,000 for the expense of graduate or post-graduate tuition, books, room and board, meal plans, transportation and other supplies needed to achieve a higher education.

The application deadline is March 1. Apply online at: www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy.

The Legacy Scholarship is a needs-based one. The grant amount each scholarship recipient will receive will be based on his or her financial need after all federal and state aid is exhausted.

Recipients will have a year to use the grant and may reapply to the scholarship up to six times. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount of financial aid granted to each awardee (this includes returning applicants) will be determined on donations to the scholarship fund and one's financial needs.

Scholarship recipients are selected by The American Legion's Committee on Youth Education during the organization's annual Spring Meetings in May. All applicants, whether recipients of the Legacy Scholarship or not, will be notified immediately thereafter.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

As we proceed into 2018, we all need to be asking our veteran friends to become members of the Post. One of the only things fellow veterans are waiting for is to be asked to join by a friend or associate who is a member. Those who are members of other posts outside of town can very easily transfer to their new Home Town Post. All it takes is completing a simple form, which are available from Post Adjutant Eric Harding. We can all start by making sure that our 2018 dues is paid by January

POST 78 OFFICERS

Commander: Gregg Champlain
1st Vice Commander: Doug Paul
Adjutant: Eric Harding
Finance Officer: Maria Harding
Chaplain: John Coburn
Sgt. At Arms: Adam Burritt
Historian: Derick Pignone
Judge Advocate: Dave Currier

NEXT QUARTER MEETING DATES

All meetings are held at the Henniker Community Center at 7:00pm the Second Tuesday of the month.

[Tuesday, January 16, 2018](#)

[Tuesday, February 20, 2018](#)

[Tuesday, March 20, 2018](#)

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY
NEW YEAR!