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Dear Post 5 Members,

October 2nd, 2016

October 2nd, 2016: Monthly Post meeting- the Post tries to meet the first Sunday of each month. Post meeting at 2pm in the Peterborough Community Center on 25 Elm Street. [Please park and enter from the Front door of the building from now on.](#)

November 6th, 2016: Monthly Post meeting- **Daylight Savings Time Begins**-(fall back, spring ahead)

November 11th, 2016: Veterans' Day which falls on a Friday- Church Service at All Saints at 9 am with coffee and donuts to follow. 10:30 am Parade musters at Veterans' Way next to Bellows-Nichols. Parade steps off at 10:40am at marches to the Memorial Gates.

December 4th, 2016: Christmas Pot luck at noon in the Monadnock Center on Grove Street.

January 1st, 2017: Meeting is canceled. **Happy New Year!!!!!!!**



In Memory: Lee A. LaFleur, of Peterborough, died on September 5th, 2016, was a member of the Post for 29 years. Lee served in the Army during the Korean War. He was married to Pearl for 58 years. Lee's family owned the Monadnock Lumber Company that owned most of Depot Square at one time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Lee's memory to Cheney-Armstrong, American Legion Post 5, PO Box 172, Peterborough NH 03458. The Post gave \$25 in Lee's name to the Post Scholarship Fund. The Post fired and Andy said a prayer at the Gravesite. Thank you **Gary Babcock, Andy Benoit, Arthur Hixson and Wayne Thomas**, and **Henry Emery** presented the medallion and flag.

Dear Cheney-Armstrong Post 5,

September 27, 2016

Thank you for your assistance with my Father's funeral. There were many people who commented on the whole impressive military honors displayed. Quite a few attendees jumped when the gun salute went off for a few laughs afterwards. Enclosed is \$50 in cash and a check we received to be forwarded to the Post.

Sincerely, and thanks again. Art LaFleur

Our sympathy to Norman Petts of Port St. Lucie FL, whose brother Philip Petts, age 79, died on

August 28th, 2016 in Manchester.

Dear Members,

On behalf of the North Haverhill United Methodist Church of New Hampshire family we want to thank you for your gift in memory of Marion Wilcox. We so appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Blessings, *Althea Page, Treasurer*

To Members of Cheney-Armstrong,

September 20th, 2016

I have recently received a list of Contributors in Jarvis' memory to the Hancock Historical Society. You are among them.

Thank you so much for your kindness and loyalty.

Gratefully, Bobbie Coffin

Sick Call: Richard Parks Sr., Bob Weathers, Brian Henderson and Pearl LaFleur of Peterborough; **Ray Eaves**, Hancock; **John McKenna**, Dublin; Carol Bader of Peterborough; **New Member: JoAnna Slobodnjak**, of Dublin; so far 165 members have paid their dues for 2017. Thank you ☺

Members on the move: Bonnie and **Andy Benoit** moved to 1 Sand Hill in Peterborough. Ethel and **Francis Abbott**, Judy and **Joseph Brennan**, Mary Lou and **Robert Weathers** are moving to Scott-Farrar on Elm Street in Peterborough this month.

Post Picnic: We had 58 at the picnic. It was a beautiful day with old and new friends and wonderful food. **Arthur Hixson** cooked pulled pork and chicken and everyone brought tasty dishes. Athena Chisholm made beautiful patriotic cookies that everyone delighted in. We had three new members there- **Robert Cypher** and Maribel of Hancock, **Richard Heidbreder** and Athena of Lyndeborough, and **Leo Plante** and Veronica of Dublin. We also got a brand new member at the picnic- **JoAnna Slobodnjak** of Dublin. The Department Commander Tom Wiley introduced himself and thanked the Post for their contribution to his two projects. Tom told us that he had been a drill Sargent and not shy. Jane LaRoche gave a certificate to **Arthur Hixson** thanking him for cooking for the Sea Cadets in Greenfield. The winner of the 50/50 was **Jean Slobodnjak** which she donated back to the Post. Total contributions to the picnic came to \$255 which meant the picnic cost the Post \$31.27. Yea!

Thank you for contributions to the Post Scholarship Fund: Bernie Woods, Andy Benoit,Jane and Paul LaRoche and Nathaniel Fontaine.

In Memory of **Lee LaFleur:** Susan Hopkins, Art LaFleur and Post 5 donated to the Scholarship Fund.

\$100 out of the Poppy Fund was donated to the National Commander's Project. The Legion's TFA program has provided more than \$15,200,000 in cash grants to eligible veterans with minor children since its establishment in 1925. The grants – which benefit nearly 650 families and 1,500 children yearly – help families in financial need meet the costs of shelter, utilities, food, clothing and medical expenses. Newly elected American Legion National Commander Charles E. Schmidt, of Oregon, has made it his mission during his tenure to raise \$1 million for The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program. "It is our job to take care of veterans and to take care of their families," Schmidt said. "Touching the lives of veterans and their families is who we are." Supply wounded warriors with comfort items during recovery Grant scholarships to children whose parents died

on active-duty or incurred a 50-percent VA disability since Sept. 11, 2001. Identify the unmet needs of U.S. military personnel, veterans and their families, and provide the necessary resources to meet them.

Sea Cadet report:Monadnock Squadron conducted its eighth Chief Petty Officer pinning ceremony since its founding in 2010. We also promoted one person to PO1; he will probably become our next chief and graduates from high school in June. Three potential cadets took a look at our program at the September drill: 10- and 12-year-old brothers and a soon-to-be 13-year-old boy. All are in the process of signing up for the program. Warrant Officer Shane Maxfield conducted his annual cold weather survival program in September; we anticipate putting the information to practical use this winter, weather permitting (not enough snow last winter to build shelters).

Respectfully submitted, John Franklin

Saturday September 24th, Wayne and Dee attended the fall conference for District 2 in Greenville. On Saturday October 1st, Wayne and Dee attended the National Commander's visit and barbecue in Greenville.

200 Quilts will be displayed at the Monadnock Quilt Guild 2016 Show

More than 200 quilts made by local quilters will go on display on October 8 and 9 at the South Meadow School in Peterborough. The quilts represent quilters from fourteen Monadnock towns and seven nearby communities. The Festival of Quilts will be open from 10am-5pm on Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for all, with children under 12 free. SMS is handicapped accessible.

In addition to the main quilt exhibit, there will be a boutique of handmade items and quilts for sale, door prizes, raffle baskets of quilting items, a café serving light refreshments and lunch, activities for children, and demonstrations of quilting techniques. A special raffle of wall hangings will be held to benefit the Childhood Cancer Lifeline of New Hampshire.

An added feature to this year's show will be an exhibit of over 60 special "Quilts of Valor" to be donated to the national group providing quilts to armed services members. This year The Monadnock Quilters Guild is celebrating its 35th anniversary of fostering the love of quilting and the supplying of quilts to those in need. Almost 90 members range in age from 20's to the 90's! They meet the third Friday of the month. More information on the Guild and the show can be found at the MQG [website. www.monadnockquiltersguild.org](http://www.monadnockquiltersguild.org)

Free Insurance from the Legion- (We have put this in the letter before) The American Legion has recently amended the administration of the free accidental death insurance policy. Those signing up will be automatically covered for five years. The policy covers any activity at \$1,000, and when it is relating to the Legion such as driving to a meeting, it is \$5,000. Members have two options:

1. Online signup at www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare. Those signing up online can download the policy as proof of insurance.
2. Phone: 1-800-235-6943, Customer Service Hours Monday - Friday 8AM - 7PM (EST). Have your membership card in hand since they need your membership number. Call up to make sure you are current or signed up and ask for a letter of proof for your files.

A nationwide project to locate, assess conditions and restore World War I monuments and memorials – many of which were erected by American Legion posts – can “incite a national conversation” about

the Great War and its many impacts, says Daniel Dayton, United States World War One Centennial Commission executive director. “We’re three generations out, and we can’t afford to miss this generation.” Dayton and American Legion Past National Commander Marty Conatser, adjutant for the Legion’s Department of Illinois and its more than 750 local posts, were among the speakers at the Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the World War One Centennial Commission in September. The Chicago event brought to the Pritzker Military Museum & Library state World War I centennial representatives from across the Midwest, including Deborah York of Tennessee, great-granddaughter of Medal of Honor recipient Alvin York, a first-generation member of The American Legion. Tuesday’s meeting was streamed live online to a nationwide audience. “If we all work together, we can build a great puzzle,” said York, who lives near Pall Mall, Tenn., home of the Sergeant Alvin C. York State Historic Park, which has undergone numerous renovations and improvements, including construction of an authentic World War I battle trench, frequent battle re-enactments, a visitor center modeled after Sgt. York’s General Store and more. “We can make something really beautiful because we come at this from so many different angles.” “Honor and remembrance are in the DNA of The American Legion and have been since its founding nearly a century ago,” Conatser told the group. “Through the decades, The American Legion has been the official caretaker and supporter of innumerable memorials and monuments across the land and beyond our shores.” “Thousands of hometown American Legion posts were named in honor of World War I troops who gave their lives to win peace in Europe,” Conatser said. “The earliest American Legion members were dedicated to the fourth line in the Preamble to our Constitution: ‘to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars.

October Dates:

- 2, 1780 British Major John Andre hanged as a spy, for his role in supporting Benedict Arnold’s treason.
- 6, 1937: Yom Kippur war in Middle East began 7, 2001: Operation ENDURING FREEDOM began in Afghanistan
- 9, 1985: U.S. fighters intercepted the aircraft carrying four terrorists who hijacked the cruise ship AchilleLauro
- 12, 2000: al-Qaida suicide bombing the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen 13: [Columbus Day](#)
- U.S. Navy Birthday: 1775** 21, 1962: President Kennedy ordered naval quarantine of Cuba after intelligence discovered offensive missile sites on island
- 23, 1983: Terrorists destroyed the Marine compound in Beirut, killing 254
- 25, 1983: U.S. forces landed in Grenada during Operation URGENT FURY
- 26, 1918: First combat employment of Native American (Choctaw) codetalkers
- 31, 1737: Birth of James Lovell, Revolutionary War cryptographer [Halloween](#)

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