



NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2025
DAVIS-WOODMAN-DURGIN
HENNIKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 78
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For God and Country

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COMMANDERS NOTES



In November we will be nominating members for leadership roles in our Post with the Election being held at our December meeting and installation being at our January 2026 meeting.

Our major fund raising event is the Road Race on Sunday, November 2nd and we'll need

help in making that a success. Details are in the calendar of events. Please let us know if you are available to help out. Also, please repost the event that is listed on our Legion Face Book page on your personal Face Book page to get the word out so that we have more people signing up to run or walk.

Join us via Zoom if you can't physically be present at the meeting. The Link will be sent out Tuesday afternoon the day of our meeting.

David Tille, Commander Post 78

SICK CALL

- Cindi Nadelman
- Greg Champlin
- Jim Nash
- Dave Currier

BIRTHDAYS

Aaron Aldridge	October
Jonathan Morton	October
U.S. Navy Birthday	October

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." – Anonymous

MEETING DATES

All meetings are held at 129 Centerville Road off the Old Concord Road Suite 3 (Rear of the Henniker Brewing Co building) 7:00pm the third Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted.

- Tuesday, October 21st 7:00pm
- Tuesday, November 18th 7:00pm
- Tuesday, December 16th 7:00pm

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER

2025 POST 78 OFFICERS

The following Officers were elected in December and were sworn in at the January meeting for 2025 by District 5 Officers.

- Commander:** David Tille
1st Vice Commander: Jonathan Morton
2nd Vice Commander: VACANT
Adjutant/Finance Officer: David Currier
Service Officer: Cindi Nadelman
Chaplain: John Coburn
Sgt. at Arms: Eugene Fox
Historian: Cordell "CJ" Drabble
Judge Advocate: Derek Pelkey
Immed. Past Commander: Sukari Statton Bill



*“Coming together is a beginning,
staying together is progress and
working together is success”
~ Henry Ford*

BE THE ONE

POST EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 25 – Department Fall Convention, Post 49 Tilton, 9:00AM

Sunday, November 2nd 2025 10:00am Annual Henniker American Legion Post 78 Road/Trail Race – Hugs from VETS. Sponsored by Delta Dental, NEC Veterans Affairs, NEC Adventure Bound and Henniker Brewing Company. See Legion Face Book page for details and registration link.

Tuesday, November 8th thru Friday, November 7th – National Command Wiley’s New Hampshire visitation. Details can be found on Department Web Site on October 13th.

Monday, November 10th 2025 2:00pm NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE, Simon Center Great Room ceremony for becoming a Purple Heart College.

ZOOM IN TO THE MONTHLY MEETING

If you are unavailable to attend the monthly meeting in person please watch for a separate email with an invite link to attend the meeting via Zoom. We’ve had a number of members who have availed themselves of attending the meeting using Zoom. It’s pretty straight forward and only requires your computer to be connected to WiFi and a camera and microphone on your computer.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE NEWSLETTER

The Department of New Hampshire Newsletter can be found on their Web Site:

<https://legionnh-nh.newsmemory.com/>

There is a lot of useful information and news about what’s going on around the state.

DISTRICT 5 MEETING DATES

Saturday, 12/13 – District 5 Meeting, Penacook Post, 10:00am start, Social 9:00am.

Saturday, 3/7/2025 – District 5 Meeting & Elections, Deerfield Post 103, 10:00am start, Social 9:00am.

ADVOCATING FOR VETERANS SINCE 1919

Founded by an Act of Congress after World War I, The American Legion fiercely advocates for the unique needs of every generation of veterans, service members, and their families who pledge to protect our nation. Today, we are committed to destigmatizing mental health support, offering peer-to-peer resources, and empowering everyone to Be The One in the fight to prevent veteran suicide.

RESPECT FOR TRADITION, AN EYE TOWARD THE FUTURE

Created in 1919 by Eric Fisher Wood, every part of The American Legion emblem carries deep

meaning. This emblem is more than a symbol — **it is a badge of pride, honor, distinction, and service.**

The American Legion brandmark was designed to reflect the timeless symbolism of our emblem while adapting to modern applications. It honors our mission and values while making a meaningful connection with today's service members and veterans.



LEVEL UP THE LEGION - JOIN OUR GAMING (e-SPORTS) COMMITTEE

The Department of New Hampshire is launching **American Legion Gaming** - and we need **YOU** to help make it happen!

We're looking for volunteers who:

- Love video games (PC, console, or mobile) - or have an interest
- Are comfortable using **Zoom** for virtual meetings
- Want to help connect veterans, families, and the community through gaming

What you'll do:

- Aid Posts in planning and hosting events and online tournaments
- Bring gaming to Posts across NH
- Help reach younger veterans and build camaraderie in new ways
- Help explore partnerships and sponsorship opportunities to grow the program

Volunteer today and be part of a groundbreaking Legion program in New England!

Email paulevans.mail15@gmail.com to join!

VETERANS RESOURCE PAGE

Did you know that there is a **Veterans Resource page on the Department website**? It is packed with information on Travel and Recreation, VA

Loan info, TriCare info, PTSD Info, Woman's Veterans info as well as a list of available resources.

To access this information, go to the Department website = legionnh.org = select the Department tab on the left-hand side, then select Veterans Solutions. A wealth of information can be found on the webpage. Please take a look.

The infographic features a dark blue background with a blurred image of a person in a white lab coat. The text is white and yellow. It includes three data points with corresponding icons: a folder icon for claims received, a checkmark icon for enrollments, and a money bag icon for benefits delivered. At the bottom, there is a logo for Congresswoman Maggie Goodlander and a small note about the data source.

The PACT Act is delivering for New Hampshire veterans...

- 9,235** PACT Act related claims received
- 1,911** new enrollments under PACT Act
- More than **\$22 million** in benefits delivered to New Hampshire veterans

CONGRESSWOMAN MAGGIE GOODLANDER

Data from VA, as of July 18, 2025

2026 MEMBERSHIP GOAL

Our 2026 Membership Goal is 43 members and on Thursday, October 2nd we reached 46 members or 106.96% of our goal which is the first place position for the Department. To exceed our all time high (ATH) of 47 we only need two additional members. There is currently one member who hasn't paid her dues yet and so we need someone to recruit a new member. If you know someone who might be interested let Adjutant Currier know so he can send them an application and follow up. Let's break 50 for 2026 Membership!

AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

November 8–9, 2025 ■ American Legion Post 47, 551 Foundry Street, Rollinsford, NH

Building the Next Generation of Leaders The American Legion College is designed to:

- Develop strong, confident leaders at every level.
- Strengthen teamwork and communication.
- Inspire the next generation of Legionnaires.
- Provide practical leadership training from the Post to Department level.

Who Should Attend? - Post, District, and Department Officers. - New members ready to take on leadership roles. - Legionnaires who want to sharpen their leadership skills and carry forward our mission.

Why Attend? - Learn effective leadership practices tailored for the American Legion. - Network with other Legionnaires across New Hampshire. - Gain tools to support membership growth, veteran outreach, and the Be The One mission. - Be part of shaping the future of the American Legion in our state.

■ Registration Information Contact: Myron Crossley: MyronPost47@gmail.com

National commander calls on Congress to end government shutdown, pass the Pay Our Military Act during remarks to National Executive Committee.

Amid the second week of a partial government shutdown – one that will see members of the U.S. military go unpaid until a budget compromise is reached – American Legion National Commander Dan K. Wiley had strong words for those responsible for the government impasse.

During the opening of The American Legion National Executive Committee’s Fall Meetings in Indianapolis, Wiley called on the U.S. Congress to live up to its sworn oath just as members of the military do every day.

“I can’t help but if Congress would do its job half as well as our military – no ... one-tenth as well as our military – our country would be far better off,” Wiley said. “Passing a budget is a constitutionally mandated responsibility of Congress. Our troops take an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution, and they do their job. Congress also

takes an oath to the Constitution. It’s time they do their job.

“Too many times over the past decade – regardless of which party’s in power – the government has operated under continuing resolutions. Our military absolutely hates continuing resolutions. They are bad for planning, they are bad for strategizing, and they are bad for readiness.”

But a government shutdown is worse, Wiley said – especially one in which every branch of the U.S. military is going without pay and thousands of veterans in the federal workforce may lose their jobs.

“The effects of all this will be quite visible in your departments, particularly those with large military communities and federal workforces,” Wiley said. “If there ever is a time to ramp up our efforts to Be the One and do Buddy Checks to check on our brothers and sisters, now is the time.”

Wiley also noted the shutdown’s effect on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. “While the VA is still seeing patients and its hospitals are open, its regional benefits offices are closed,” he said. “Outreach to veterans has ceased. So have ground maintenance at VA cemeteries, transition program assistance and the GI Bill Benefits hotline.”

Wiley said the top priority is to reopen the government. But Congress also must pass the Pay Our Military Act, which would pay every branch of the military for the duration of the shutdown or until Jan. 1, whichever is earliest.

Wiley asked Legionnaires to use the organization’s Grassroots Action Center to urge congressional support for both bills: H.R. 1932 and Senate Bill 876.

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