NEWSLETTER – JULY 2026

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HENNIKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 78

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For God and Country

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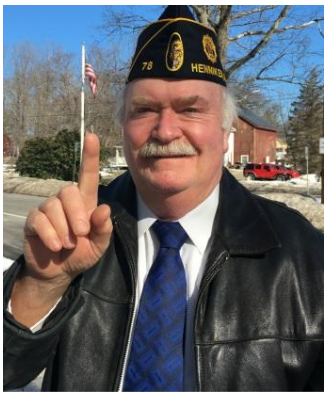
COMMANDERS NOTES



Fellow Legionnaires:

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred writings that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.'" (Benjamin Franklin, June 28, 1787, Constitutional Convention, from James Madison's notes).

In the Declaration of Independence we read these familiar words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident.....". Thomas Jefferson then goes on to elaborate these truths. The underlying foundation can be summed up in two short axioms. First, that all human rights are given by God - not man. Secondly, that we individually and we as a nation are here at this particular time and place for a unique and special purpose - Divine providence. And I would add a common theme of Rush Limbaugh's that all this is carried out by the ordinary person. Indeed, the divine uses the humble to shame the proud, and the weak to topple the strong.

I have heard it said from time to time that the Declaration of Independence is our everyday ordinary thanksgiving. The Pilgrims may have initiated the dinner but our Lord has provided the banquet. Happy Thanksgiving!

"We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid." Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)"

John Coburn, Commander Post 78

SICK CALL

- Cindi Nadelman
- Greg Champlin
- Jim Nash
- Gene Fox
- Aaron Aldridge

BIRTHDAYS

Bowdyn Egner	July
David Currier	July
David Tille	July
Greg Tully	July
Kaylyn Oder Drabble	July
Lucas Blanchette	July
Sean Durgin	July

MEETING DATES

All meetings are held at 129 Centervale 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, July 21st 7:00pm
- Tuesday, August 18th 7:00pm
- Tuesday, September 15th 7:00pm

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER

ELECTED 2026 POST 78 OFFICERS – CONGRATS!

Commander: John Coburn
1st Vice Commander: Raeyln Viti
2nd Vice Commander: David Tille
Adjutant/Finance Officer: David Currier
Service Officer: Cindi Nadelman
Chaplain: VACANT
Sgt. at Arms: Eugene Fox
Historian: Jacob Simpson Marshall
Judge Advocate: Derek Pelkey
Imm. Past Commander: David Tille

POST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 18th 12pm-6pm Honor's Legacy Bash Fund Raiser @ Henniker Brewing. Proceeds benefit service dogs and Veterans.

Friday, August 7th 2026 – PURPLE HEART DAY. An event is being planned for Woodman Memorial Park @ 6:00pm to celebrate Henniker Purple Heart Community.

Saturday, August 15th 2026 – New England Run for the Fallen, 9:15-10:00am, NH Rte. 202/9 Junction of Old West Hopkinton, Sgt. Russell Durgin mile marker. Greet the runners on their way to Kittery, ME.

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.

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and working together is success"
~ Henry Ford

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.

BE THE ONE

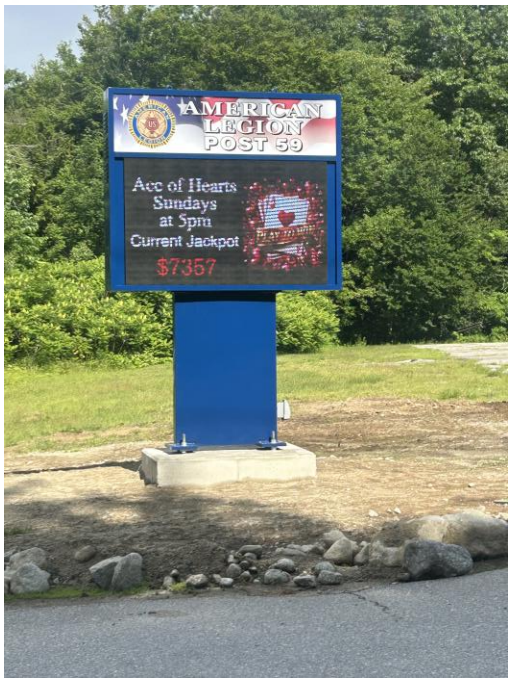


Figure 1 -Hillsboro Post 59 installed their new electronic Post sign recently. The fund raising and installation went well and it looks great. Congratulations!

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.

Please follow the American Legion Family on Social Media

Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/NHLegion
Instagram:
https://www.instagram.com/americanlegionnh
LinkedIn:
https://www.linkedin.com/company/legionnh/
TikTok:
https://www.tiktok.com/@americanlegion_nh
American Legion Gaming.
https://americanlegion.gg/

Figure 2 - Department of NH - District 5 held a joint installation of officers on Saturday, June 27th at the Peanacook Post 31 followed by a Bar-B-Que. The event was well attended including Commander Coburn & Adjutant Currier.

Figure 3 - Members of Post 78 assisted with the decoration of the Stg. Russell Durgin Rte 114 bridge over 202/9 for Memorial Day. Adjutant Currier & Gregg Tully, a member of the post and, also Russell's step-brother displaying the new banner provided by Skate Murdough. This is the 20th anniversary of Russell being Killed-in-Action in Afghanistan. Where is all this time going?

Figure 4 - At the Department of NH Convention in Nashua, Henniker Post 78 received four membership awards. Gold Award for attaining 100% 2026 Membership on or before 12/31/25, the 2026 Award for achieving all-time-hiigh. CDR Myron Crossley congrats CD Coburn.

WALKING WITH HONOR PROJECT

Henniker Post 78 is now a sponsor of the Walking with Honor program which was started by Faith Harris a member of our post. We are so proud to now be a sponsor of this program.

Figure 5 - Scouts for Troop 529 assist Sgt @ Arms Gene Fox with the burning of the flags at our ceremony