

# THE COFFEY CUP

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## Commander's Corner

Comrads, the winter is upon us, Don't forget to check in on your neighbors.

As we continue our mission, I would like to Remind you there is a clothing drive being conducted at the post. These items will go to support local shelters in Nashua. This is just another example of taking care of our fellow members and our community.

This year holds hope and prosperity for everyone. Continuing with our mission of providing more entertainment there are several events scheduled at the post this month, so come on down and enjoy the lounge. Superbowl will be interesting.

The committee has approved the purchase of a popcorn machine. Keep an eye for the new machine.

Check the calendar and website to keep up on all the details.

Finally, check in on a fellow veteran this month. A simple call can make a difference. Let's continue to be the strong network that holds our veterans and their families together. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment. We are stronger together.

See you around the Post!

Commander  
Sanders Silvagni

## Post 3 Officers to be Elected in April

It is that time of year again. We will be holding officer nominations at the March business meeting with officer elections at the April business meeting.

The elected officers of this post are:

Post Commander

Post Senior Vice Commander

Post Junior Vice Commander

Post Finance Officer – two year term

Post Trust Officer

Post Assistant Trust Officer

Post Executive Committeemen (there shall be three elected at the Annual Meeting.)

Post Trustees (there shall be three trustees, one elected at the Annual Meeting)

If you wish to run for an office, you must announce your candidacy in writing (i.e. with a campaign poster to be placed in the newsletter and on social media). Even if you are an incumbent officer, you must make it known that you will accept a nomination for reelection or that you are campaigning for a different position. The membership body cannot make informed nominations without this information.

There are only two issues of the newsletter March and April, before we make nominations so you must act fast!

Send your campaign flyer to the newsletter editor, Don Dillaby, [ddillaby@hotmail.com](mailto:ddillaby@hotmail.com).

Additionally, there are two vacant commander appointed officer positions due to recent resignations.

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## From the Adjutant:

### Visitations -

The Department of NH Commander, Wayne Perra, is scheduled to visit our post at the February 3 business meeting.

The Department Vice Commander in charge of District 2, Paul Evans, is scheduled to visit our post at the March 3 meeting. Come out to the meetings and meet your Dept. NH officers.

### Membership –

Congratulations to the six new members voted into Post 3 at the January business meeting.

**Daniel W. Stone**, USAF, 1995-2025, Retired 30 years, Global War on Terror, (New Legionnaire)

**Thomas G. Bolton**, USCG, Global War on Terror, (New Legionnaire)

**Michael B. Braley II**, USA, Global War on Terror, (New Legionnaire)

**Thomas K. Bean**, USAF, Panama, (New Legionnaire)

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**The Coffey Cup Deadline is the 21st of the Month!**

**Kenneth R. Michael**, USAF, Vietnam, 1962-1982, retired Capt.(O3E) (New Legionnaire)

**Norman M. Gravel**, USA, Global War on Terror, transfer fm NH0002 Sweeney to NH0003

Our 2026 membership renewal goal number is 270, as of 12 Jan we are at 253 renewals or 93.70%. Early renewal on your part earns membership awards for your post. We did not qualify for the Gold Membership award.

We need 17 more renewals to qualify for the Silver award, so get your 2026 renewals in ASAP. Your 2025 cards expired on 31 December 2025. Thank you to all who have already renewed.

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For any questions about your membership status, contact the Post 3 adjutant directly at:

Donald P. Vincent

Adjutant, James E. Coffey Post 3, American Legion  
[donpvincent@hotmail.com](mailto:donpvincent@hotmail.com)

**Chaplain's Corner -**

**Post Everlasting** – Richard M. Kiley, US Army, Vietnam, passed on 3 January. His funeral mass was held on 16 January at the Parish Of The Resurrection and was attended by Adjutant Don Vincent and Ron Poirier, Past Commander, Past Chaplain. Richard will be interred at the NH Veterans Cemetery in June.

**Elections from page 1**

They are Chaplain and Service Officer. These are very important positions.

If you would like to step up and help your post, email the commander at [spiderjack82@gmail.com](mailto:spiderjack82@gmail.com).

Or the adjutant at [donpvincent@hotmail.com](mailto:donpvincent@hotmail.com)



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Post Finance Officer Dave Petrillo, is presented with a Letter of Appreciation by Commander Sanders Silvagni Following the January 6 business meeting.

From left to right are Adjutant Don Vincent, Juniorr Vice Commander Miguel Preciado, Senior Vice Chris DiTullio, Post 3 Commander Silvagni, Petrillo, Chaplain Rene Nault and Sergeant-at-Arms Steve Ordway.



February in New Hampshire always reminds us that winter still has plenty to say. Between cold mornings, snow, and the occasional tease of milder days, it's a month that tests our patience but also signals that spring isn't too far off. As we push through the heart of winter, it's a good time to stay connected and keep our Squadron moving forward.

Our meeting was held on Tuesday the 20th. Members present were Craig MacLeod, John Puliafico, Michael Hainsworth, and Christopher Tsoukalas. We also had a guest appearance from Niguel Preciado from the American Legion. While we did not quite make quorum, we had productive discussion, including upcoming elections. One nomination was made, with Christopher Tsoukalas nominating himself to continue as Sergeant-at-Arms.

A reminder to all members that 2026 dues are now due. Dues are \$25 for members and \$20 for dual members. Please make every effort to get these paid in a timely manner.

Our current officers are as follows:

Commander – Craig MacLeod

Senior Vice Commander – Benjamin Martin

Adjutant / Finance Officer – John Puliafico

Sergeant-at-Arms – Christopher Tsoukalas

Chaplain – Kenneth Coyle

Final voting for officers will take place in March for installation in April. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 PM at the Legion. We strongly encourage as many members as possible to attend, as we need to finalize elections. Several positions are available, and anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to step forward.

Additionally, we will be finalizing details for our March meat raffle, making the February meeting the last opportunity to prepare and organize for this event.

For God and Country,

Craig MacLeod

SAL Commander

## House Committee Report

**SAL-** Still working on membership, nothing new to add.

**Finance Report-** Expenses were usually high due to employee pay, entertainment and Square POS upgrade. Sales were down but seems like this was not just a Legion issue. Seems like bar business is slow everywhere. Money has been spent for improvements and we are not over budget but spending should be monitored.

**Bar Manager-** Square was updated and new terminal for hall is being set up. Looking to add another bar tender to help cover vacancies. A paint night would be a good rental exposure. Will be looking into digital drink chips, that are pre-paid and will expire. We are required to report cash tips, needs to show in Square.

**Auxiliary-** SAL and Auxiliary will assist each other to clear out the office space to be used by both and the DAV. They are working on reviewing and updating by-laws.

**Entertainment-** 90 day snapshot of entertainment was discussed. Possibly hosting music "Bingo" with Perfect Entertainment on some Saturdays was discussed. We will speak with the regulars who frequent Saturday nights for their opinion. Would not be every Saturday, only night we do not have live entertainment. Dart League and Cornhole League will continue. Grover Gaming will hosting a tournament on May 28, during the Department Convention at our Post.

**House-** Taco Tuesday will return, back by popular demand. New procedure will be put in place for it moving forward. First Tuesday in February will be the relaunch. Hot dogs will be Thursdays and Wednesdays. It is not the responsibility for the bartenders to hand out membership cards. That is the responsibility of each organization. Queen of Hearts has started and going well. Vote was passed to fund the account with \$1000. Yahtzee will no longer be played. The money from that, will be moved into the Queen of Hearts. Direct TV was purchased for the three TVs in the lounge. After some issues, they are fully operation. NESN 360 as NESN is not included in the Direct TV subscription. 10 more Mugs will be purchased. Heat has been an issue in the woman's rest room in the lounge. A heater was purchased as a temporary solution. Some discussion over purchasing a Golden Tee Video Arcade for the lounge was had. More research is needed due to cost. Once all remaining pull tabs are spent, no more will be ordered and the game will be discontinued. A vote for a popcorn machine was made and passed. Pest control companies were reached and debated. A vote was made passed for a company to be hired. All key fob have been acquired. They will be programmed and passed out to membership.



## American Legion Auxiliary Unit #3

Unit #3 held our January meeting on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. This was adjusted from our normal meeting night of the first Tuesday of the month.

At this meeting, we agreed to invite SAL to share our space in the office that is shared with DAV, if SAL would be interested. Over the next few weeks/months, we will be cleaning out the office and organizing it. Please let an Auxiliary board member know if you would like to help with this!

We voted to purchase a laptop computer and a printer for Auxiliary use to streamline our processes. Along with this purchase, which will take place before our next meeting, we will be creating an email address specifically for the Auxiliary. We will announce the email address when the laptop has been purchased and the email address has been created.

Our Meat Raffle will be held on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and will begin at 14:00 (2:00PM). We will send an email the week before with a list of the meat raffle prizes (subject to change on the day of the event). Please plan on attending to have a great time, but also to show your support for your Auxiliary and your Legion! There will be plenty of meats to be won and laughs to be had!!!

Keep in mind that nominations for Officers for the 2026-2027 year will begin very soon, so if you are interested in a position, learning more about the different positions within the Auxiliary or would like to know more about our Auxiliary and how you can contribute, *please* attend our upcoming meetings! The Auxiliary supports our Veterans and our post, and we need members to volunteer not just their time, but their ideas as well. Please consider attending our next meeting!

Auxiliary meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM (subject to change when necessary). Our February meeting is on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and will begin at 7:00 PM. We encourage ALL Auxiliary members who can attend to do so!

Let's remember to spread the word about Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL. If you know someone who is eligible for membership (or may be eligible for membership), please invite them to the Post and have them speak with other members! Every member is important to the success of Post 3 and to the continued support of our Veterans and our community!

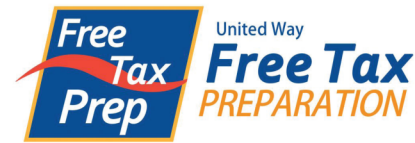


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# VITA/TCE Program Offers Free Tax Preparation Services to Qualified Taxpayers



Free tax preparation services are available starting in early February 2026 for Greater Nashua residents through a partnership led by United Way of Greater Nashua, the IRS and other community partners and volunteers.

Tax preparation will be done by trained and IRS-certified volunteers at four sites in Nashua and Hudson.

All sites require that the taxpayer **schedule an appointment in advance** to have their return processed. Details on how to make an appointment for each site, along with dates and times when the sites will be open, is included at right.

Volunteers have been trained to assist taxpayers for both the **VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)** and the **TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly)** Programs. They will assist taxpayers in identifying any credits (Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, etc.) they may be entitled to.

The VITA Program offers free help to people who generally earn \$67,000 or less, people with disabilities and limited English-speaking taxpayers. The TCE Program is generally for people aged 60 or older and focuses on tax issues unique to seniors. While there is no income limit on TCE prepared returns, priority is given to low-to-moderate income households. The Nashua and Hudson sites prepare tax returns for both programs.

Those wishing to have their taxes prepared by the volunteers are asked come to their appointment with all documents needed to complete their return. These documents are listed on **IRS Form 3676-B** located at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3676bsp.pdf>. It is not necessary to have these documents when making the appointment.

IRS **Form 3676-B** also contains information on the specific types of returns the trained volunteers are able (or not able) to process in the VITA and TCE programs; please refer to this list to see if you qualify.

Additional information about the tax preparation services available in Greater Nashua through the United Way of Greater Nashua-sponsored program will be provided as it becomes available. Anyone with questions can contact United Way at **(603) 882-4011** or email [info@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:info@unitedwaynashua.org).

For information on tax preparation services available in other New Hampshire communities, call 2-1-1 or go to <https://nhtaxhelp.org>.

## NASHUA SITES

### United Way of Greater Nashua

20 Broad St., Nashua

**Call 2-1-1 to make an in-person appointment**

**Opening Date:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026

**Appointment Day & Times:**

Tuesdays: 9am-12pm / Thursdays: 10am-2pm

**Final Appointment Date:** Thursday, April 9, 2026

### Nashua Senior Activity Center

70 Temple St., Nashua

**Call 2-1-1 to make an in-person appointment**

**Opening Date:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026

**Appointment Day & Times:**

Wednesdays, 9:00am-2:00pm

**Final Appointment Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026

## HUDSON SITES

### Rodgers Memorial Library

194 Derry Rd., Hudson

**Call (603) 886-6030 during library hours beginning January 30 to make an in-person appointment**

**Opening Date:** Monday, February 2, 2026

**Closing Date:** Monday, April 6, 2026

**Appointment Days & Times:**

Mondays, 9:30am-3:00pm

Saturdays, 9:30am-12:00noon

### Hudson Senior Center

19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson

**Call (603) 578-3929 Monday-Friday beginning January 30 to make an appointment to drop off your tax forms**

**The Hudson Senior Center will allow taxpayers to drop off their tax forms to be processed, then return later to pick up their completed return.**

**Opening Date:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026

**Closing Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026

**Drop Off Day & Times:** Fridays, 9:30am-3:00pm

**Rodgers Memorial Library and the Hudson Senior Center will not accept any walk-in clients.**



## 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!

GAMING

### We're looking for volunteers who:

- ✔ Love video games (PC/console) - or have an interest
- ✔ Are comfortable using **Zoom** for virtual meetings
- ✔ Want to help connect veterans, families, and the community through gaming
- ✔ Be willing to learn! You don't have to be an expert!




### 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



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***AT 7pm***

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***BARTENDER***

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EVERY FRIDAY***

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# February 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 BLOODY MARYS \$5 ALL DAY	2 PRO BOWL LOUNGE OPEN 3-9 PM DART TOURNEY	3 POST MEETING 7PM ENTMNT MITG 8PM AUX MITG 7PM TACO TUESDAY!	4 TRIVIA NIGHT 630PM	5 Thirsty Thursday 4-7PM	6 KARAOKE 7PM	7 LIVE MUSIC! RICH SMIDDY
8 SUPER BOWL LX Seahawks VS Patriots 630 PM	9 LOUNGE OPEN 3-9 PM DART TOURNEY	10 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7PM TACO TUESDAY!	11 TRIVIA NIGHT 630PM	12 Thirsty Thursday 4-7PM	13 KARAOKE 7PM	14 KARAOKE VALENTINE'S BASH
15 BLOODY MARYS \$5 ALL DAY	16 LOUNGE OPEN 3-9 PM DAV MEETING 7PM RIDERS MEETING 7PM DART TOURNEY	17 SAL MEETING 7PM TACO TUESDAY!	18 TRIVIA NIGHT 630PM	19 Thirsty Thursday 4-7PM	20 KARAOKE 7PM	21
22 BLOODY MARYS \$5 ALL DAY AUXILIARY MEAT RAFFLE 4PM	23 LOUNGE OPEN 3-9 PM DART TOURNEY	24 TACO TUESDAY!	25 TRIVIA NIGHT 630PM	26 Thirsty Thursday 4-7PM	27 KARAOKE 7PM	28
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8	9	<p><b><u>LOUNGE OPEN MON-SAT. 3-9 PM, SUNDAY 1-6 PM</u></b>                      NEW LOUNGE HOURS POSTED!                      HOT DOGS SERVED IN THE LOUNGE EVERYDAY                      VETS COFFEE TALK HELD AT 70 TEMPLE ST. NASHUA SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER                      Renew your membership @ Legion.org Or contact Don Vincent 603-809-9482</p>				

