



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

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COMMANDERS NOTES



2025 was a very successful year for our Post. Achieving Purple Heart Community status for the town, Flag Retirement ceremony and our record setting membership accomplishment of five consecutive years of attending our all time high (ATH) membership. And, of course

our record breaking funding raising Trail Race in November.

As I step down, it's truly been a pleasure serving as your Post Commander the last 3 years. We have accomplished a lot together serving our veterans and community and I look forward to another roll in the Post leadership team. Happy Holidays!

David Tille, Commander Post 78

Greg SICK CALL

- Cindi Nadelman
- Champlin
- Jim Nash
- Dave Currier

BIRTHDAYS

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| Cindi Nadelman | December |
| Jacob Simpson Marshall | December |
| Owen Payeur | December |
| Ted Kehr | December |
| U.S. Army National Guard Birthday | December |
| U.S. Space Force Birthday | December |

"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, December 16th 7:00pm
- Tuesday, January 20th 7:00pm
- Tuesday, February 17th 7:00pm

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER

POST ELECTIONS THIS MONTHS MEETING

We will be conducting our officer elections this month and still have a position or two to fill. Please consider being part of the TEAM.

2026 POST 78 OFFICERS NOMINATED

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

*Merry Christmas &
 Happy New Year!*

2025 POST 78 OFFICERS

The following Officers were elected in December 2024 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

POST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, 1/31/26 Dept. Mid-Winter Conference, Post 7 Rochester, 9:00am

Saturday, 2/14/26 Department Pool Tournament, Post 59 Hillsboro, 11:00am

Saturday, 2/14/26 District 4 Oratorical, Londonderry High School, 8:00am

Saturday, 2/28/26, District 6 Oratorical, 165 Main Street, New London, 9:00a

Saturday, 3/7/26 High School Oratorical, St. Anslem's College MHT, 8:00am

Saturday, 3/28/26 Junior Oratorical, St. Anslem's College MHT, 8:00am

Dept. Cribbage Tournament - March 2026, Post 2, Manchester



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

DISTRICT 5 MEETING DATES

Saturday, 12/13 – District 5 Meeting, Post 31 Penacook, 10:00am start, Social 9:00am.

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

AMERICAN LEGION

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.

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. We have now exceeded our all-time-high (ATH) of 47. We are now at 48 members or 111.63% of our goal. 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!

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

This week, we are asking Legionnaires to contact Congress to urge them to *Include Section 1092 in the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act!* This legislation would update and preserve the Chaplains Hill Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. Due to unclear language in past NDAAs, Arlington National Cemetery officials have delayed updates and preservation efforts of the memorial. This legislation would ensure that previous mandates for maintaining the memorial are carried out.

*The American Legion appreciates all the emails you have sent so far. **Go to the [Action Center](#) to quickly email a letter of support to your members of Congress.***

Have you had a recent meeting or phone call with your member of Congress? Report your contact today! Click [here](#) to register your Congressional contact and demonstrate the power of The American Legion advocacy in action.

NEED TO FIND YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS?

<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/Address>

ARMY / NAVY GAME - SATURDAY, 12/13, 3:00PM

To the players and coaches in “America’s Game,” presented by USAA, pride, service and leadership are fundamental.

Pride. Service. Commitment.

Those were among the values echoed by players and coaches throughout Media Day on Dec. 3, leading up to the Army-Navy Game, presented by USAA.

Landon Robinson, a Navy defensive lineman, was recruited via social media during the onset of COVID. Now, he plans to be an officer in the Marine Corps.

“Throughout that process, that’s where I really fell in love with the idea,” Robinson said of choosing the Naval Academy over 30 other Division

I offers. "You play great football. It's great academically. And it's really going to develop me more as a person and as a leader in the future. It's a 40-year decision, not a four-year decision. It's truly an honor to be here and truly an honor to have the opportunity to serve my country."

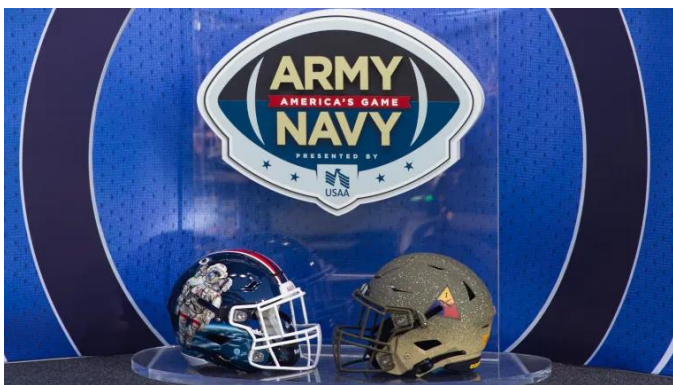
Army linebacker Kalib Forner is looking forward to wearing the special uniform paying tribute to the service branch's 250-year history.

"When we put on the uniform and represent a unit, the men and women who have served in that unit take great pride in that," he said. "But this year we're representing the Army as a whole, the veterans of the Army, the people that currently serve in the Army. It means a great deal for us to represent the entire Army for this game."

Tune in to watch America's Game on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. Eastern on CBS. **The American Legion is [the first veterans service organization to sponsor the game in its 126-year history through an Associate Level Sponsorship.](#)**

It's conceivable during the Army-Navy Game that one William V. Campbell Trophy finalist will tackle another. Or the former will sprint past the latter for a long run.

Andon Thomas, an Army linebacker, and Blake Horvath, Navy's quarterback, are among the 16 finalists for the Campbell award, often referred to as the "Academic Heisman." This year's recipient will be announced Tuesday before the Dec. 13



Army-Navy clash.

Thomas has a 3.98 GPA and is studying chemical engineering with a goal to eventually return to West Point to teach the subject. Even though he grew up in a military family, Thomas wasn't

interested until he visited West Point during the summer before his senior year.

"I just knew it was right in my heart, my soul," he recalled. "After talking to people, I committed shortly thereafter. It's been a great blessing. Being able to play football at the highest level is truly a blessing. But also playing for something more meaningful, playing for the United States Army and being able to serve after is tremendous."

West Point is a hard place, Thomas said.

"One thing I've really learned coming to the academy is being able to ask for help and being vulnerable," he explained. "You can't do West Point by yourself. I've been able to ask my peers, mentors, coaches, officers, teachers, literally everyone who's been able to help me."

Horvath, who has a 3.69 GPA, is studying operations research and plans to be a Navy pilot.

"It's really special to not only be recognized for what's done on the field, but off the field as well," he said. "I think my parents are more proud of that than anything. My mom and dad have always preached to me to be a better person than you are an athlete."

Horvath demonstrates leadership on the field, in the classroom and will eventually in the Navy.

"It's really special to represent something that's bigger than ourselves, bigger than just our team," he said. "We're representing the whole Navy and really the whole Marine Corps on top of that. Being able to represent them is really special for our team and so we hope that we represent them well."

Forner's twin brother, Liam, also plays for Army. Their family has a long military history. Both parents are Navy veterans and their grandfather received a Purple Heart for his service in the Vietnam War.

"It is pretty awesome looking back and seeing my family history, from my grandfather to my parents who were both enlisted in the Navy," he said. "And to finally join that line of sacrifice, commitment and service, it's very special."

This year, Navy enters the game ranked 23rd in the nation with a 9-2 record while Army is 6-5. But

records don't matter in this historic rivalry. The most recent example being last year as Navy upset Army, 31-13, when the Cadets were ranked 22nd in the nation.

"In college football, this one's special, it's unique, it's different," Navy head coach Brian Newberry said. "For me, it's an honor and privilege to coach in the game, to be a part of it first and foremost. But it's an opportunity to shine a spotlight on our players. The stories show what these guys do on a daily basis, show who they are and how they do things. An opportunity for us to shine a spotlight on the Army, the Navy, Marine Corps, our armed forces." Army coach Jeff Monken agrees.

"It's a great source of pride for all of us, for coaches, for the players to be able to represent our men and women who serve and have served for 250 years, defending the freedoms of this nation," he said. "It really is an honor and a privilege. This is really a special game."

CAMP RESILIENCE

Camp Resilience has spots available in the retreats below. Any help you can provide in spreading this message to Veterans, Service members and First Responders in your network would be greatly appreciated!

MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDER RETREATS

LODGING, MEALS, AND ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE AT NO COST

At Camp Resilience, we are excited to announce that we have openings for some transformative retreats designed specifically for veterans, service members, and first responders. Join us for our **Bushcraft Retreat for Veterans and First Responders** from **January 23-25**, and our **First Responder Armor Up Retreat** on **February 10-13** and **First Responder and Veteran Couples Retreat** **March 5-8**.

- January 23 – 25 - Bushcraft Retreat for Veterans and First Responders
- February 10 – 13 – First Responder Armor Up Retreat
- March 5 – 8 – First Responder and Veteran Couples Retreat

Please note:

- *Camp Resilience retreats are not intended to be therapy.*
- *Participants must be able to self-regulate during emotionally challenging peer facilitated discussions, educational workshops, and outdoor experiential learning activities.*
- *Participants should be absent of disruptive behavioral tendencies, freedom from active drug/alcohol abuse or dependence and absence of active suicidal behavior*
- *Lodging, meals, and activities are provided at no cost to the participants.*
- *Additional 2026 Retreats will be added to the schedule. Check back on our website periodically for details.*

Stay connected - Follow us on social media for current happening, updates, opportunities and more!

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A REVERSE BUDDY CHECK

I had a call from Post Member, Jim Nash who is retired and now living in Reno, Nevada with his wife Tina and son's family. He was calling to catch up with the Post's activities. He's doing well with some health issues but he wanted to be remembered to Post members and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Jim is a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member and enjoys reading the Monthly Newsletter. Great to hear from you Jim! Stay well.

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