THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE AMERICAN LEGION

**Department Adjutant:** Hello to The Department of New Hampshire, American Legion Family. My name is Padraic (Paddy) O’Hare, the new Department Adjutant. I am a tri-member of Somersworth Post #69, Unit #69, and Squadron #69. My door is always open here at Department Headquarters and I can be reached at 603-856-8951 Ext-4. I look forward to serving with you in promoting The Four Pillars of The American Legion and with you, strengthening The Department of New Hampshire.

Padraic R. O’Hare,
Department Adjutant

**Membership:** If your post or District needs assistance with membership reach out to the 2020 Membership Team and we will gladly assist. You are a member of our Membership team so lend your support to the Department. Check with your Post to find out what your American Legion post has done in your community. This information is on the individual Consolidated Post Report (CPR) filled out each year. It can provide you with the necessary information to attract those potential members that want to know what the local post is doing for their community and youth.

**Renew – Recruit - Reconnect**
**Department Legion College:** Was held at Laconia Post of NH on November 16 and 17th 2019 for a total of 12 hours of training. Class of 2019 consisted of 15 legionnaires from 13 Posts. There were 5 instructors who helped develop and implement the class. Subjects included Post Officers, Parliamentary, Manuel of Ceremonies, Post Management, Consolidated reports, Public relations, Membership, Legion Programs, Resolutions, Districts, Leadership, Dept Training and Legislation. Students paid $25.00 to cover cost. There is a Pre-requisite of ALEI completion. The next scheduled class is 5/16/20 at Lebanon Post 22. Students were impressed by amount of knowledge provided, the enthusiasm of the instructors, and the ability to ask questions and share knowledge amongst Posts. This year’s graduates: Russell Fabian Post 58, Lois Sturtevant Post 25, Garrick Locke Post 42, Wayne Mitchell Post 2, Thomas Clough Post 99, Shawn Carboni Post 2, Robert O’Neil Post 33, Patricia Bushway Post 35, Bruce Wentworth Post 34, Trent Boehmler Post 24, Wayne Perra Post 43, Richard Pond Post 80, Michael Hartt Post 88, Todd Connor Post 42. Thanks to instructors Lisa Buck, David Meaney, William Roy, John Graham, Thomas Wiley, Wayne Aldrich, Leo Paquin, Robert St. Pierre and Department Commander Ollie Brooks. Special Thanks to Laconia Post 1 for hosting this event. We are already planning for a second college to be held in May.

**Buddy Checks:** As American Legion members, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. The goal is to reach out to members and former members who may need help, the National Executive Committee passed Resolution 18 during Spring Meetings in May 2019. The resolution calls for Buddy Checks to be conducted Legion-wide on the weeks of The American Legion’s birthday, March 15, and Veterans Day. But as a local post, why not do it on a regular basis, SAY ONCE A QUARTER! The idea is to reconnect with veterans who may need assistance but don't know where to go or who to ask. For expired members, they may have just been waiting for a personal call or visit to renew. These contacts may be made by a personal visit, phone or email, or a combination. The important part is to reach out to veterans in your community to let them know you care and can provide whatever assistance they may need. It's what we do for our battle buddies. More info at www.legion.org/membership/buddycheck.

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