Department Adjutant Job: The job description for the Department Adjutant has been posted on the Department website (www.legionnh.org) since late July. I have told Internal Affairs that I will be leaving the Adjutants position on December 1. If Internal Affairs has hired a new Adjutant by that time, I will stick around to help train that person. I encourage members to apply via a resume to this office ATTN: Internal Affairs. The Department Adjutant can have a meaningful, positive impact on this Department for years to come. I am willing to sit down and talk with anyone interested in applying for the position.

Dave Meaney, PDC/PDA
Acting 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:** The American Legion Department of New Hampshire Legion College Class of 2019 will be held on November 16/17, 2019 @ Wilkins Smith Post 1 in Laconia NH. The application can be found on the Department Website (www.legionnh.org). The class will be made up of a max of 30 students. Please enclose a check for $25.00 for tuition, made payable to The American Legion Department of New Hampshire. The check must accompany the application. The Application Deadline is November 9th. You must complete the online “Basic Training Course”. Mail your completed application, with payment to the Department of New Hampshire, 121 South Fruit St Suite 103, Concord, NH 03301. Classes will be held from 8-4:30 Saturday and from 8-1:00 on Sunday. Business Casual for November 16 and Uniform (Blue/Gray & Hat) for Graduation November 17th. For more information, contact Lisa Buck at Lisabuck922@gmail.com or contact the Department Adjutant at www.adjutantnh@legionnh.org

**Fall Conference:** The Fall Conference was held at Wilkins Smith Post 1 Laconia on October 26, 2019. According to the feedback received, it was a successful conference with people pleased to just have the Chairman present their plans for the year and no outside speakers. 57 Legionnaires (representing 30 American Legion Posts) and two Sons of the American Legion attended. I wish more posts would attend. National Vice Commander Frank McDonald (MA) was the Commander’s guest.

**Buddy Checks:** As American Legion members, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. As a way 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. 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.
On a beautiful Spring day in April 2018, a mother and her four-year-old son were walking hand and hand alongside the ocean in Outer banks, North Carolina. Then, an Angel from heaven swooped down and took WESLEY BELISLE into her arms and said, ”COME WITH ME, GOD NEEDS A LITTLE ANGEL IN HEAVEN TO PLAY ON THE PLAYGROUND WITH OTHER LITTLE CHILDREN.”

This horrifying event was a national news story. The little boy was washed out into the ocean and found five days later, washed up on shore, 30 miles north of where he perished. Horrible and terrifying days devasted family and friends of the Manchester, NH family. One can only imagine what the family went through.

Now the family of Wesley is having a playground built in his memory at the GREEN ACRES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in Manchester where he would be attending kindergarten this fall. A foundation has been formed for receiving donations. You can donate by visiting the web site: WESLEYSWAYFOUNDATION.ORG

This little boy is the great-grandson of Past Department Commander Leo Belisle who served as Department Commander in 1964-65 and his great-grandmother is Simone Belisle long time members of Merrill-Follansbee Post and Unit 37 in Hookset.
Please make a donation on behalf of Children & Youth from your Post, Unit or Squadron or consider making a personal donation to make this playground a fun-loving place for all children to enjoy.

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