COMMANDER’S CORNER

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped us with our most recent fundraiser – the (2) 55” smart televisions. This particular fundraiser was a great success, and on behalf of all of our veteran members (Legionnaires) of Post 100, THANK YOU to everyone who bought and/or sold tickets for this event. Special thanks to Laurie Perrone who gave us the idea for this fundraiser and went out and purchased the TVs for us. I ask that everyone please keep Charlie Brettell in their thoughts, hearts and prayers as he mourns his beloved wife, Marianne.

MEMBERSHIP

REMINDEER: 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Legion, Auxiliary and SAL) IS NOW DUE! 2019 cards have expired. Please submit to your respective Adjutant/Membership Chairperson ASAP. Don’t let your membership lapse!

Welcome to our newest members: Michael Taddeo, Christopher Iannotti (Legion) & Nicole Iannotti (Auxiliary)

Members we have lost – “Until we meet again….":
Arthur Daneau, Francis (Mike) Deschenes (12/26), Daniel St. Amand (1/22) - (Legion)
Marianne Brettell (1/26) - (Auxiliary)

Thinking about becoming a member? If you or a family member* is currently on active duty serving the U.S. honorably anywhere in the World or have served honorably during WW I or since December 7, 1941, you are eligible to apply for membership.

POST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2:  Groundhog Day
February 5:  SAL Meeting  6:00p
February 7:  Meat Raffle  6:30p  (Legion/Auxiliary)
February 9:  Legion Meeting  11:00a
February 12:  Lincoln’s Birthday
February 14:  Valentine’s Day
February 15:  Auxiliary Meeting  10:00a
February 17:  Washington’s Birthday/President’s Day
February 21:  Meat Raffle  6:30p  (hosted by SAL)
February 23:  Celebration of Life  1:00p  for Marianne Brettell
February 29:  Music Bingo  1:00p  (hosted by Auxiliary)

CONDOLENCES

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we share the news of the passing of Marianne (Perigny) Brettell on Sunday, January 26, 2020. A kind woman who was member of our Auxiliary since 1988. Loved by many, she will be greatly missed! Rest in everlasting peace, Marianne!

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

02/09/1945 - Battle of Iwo Jima begins
02/28/1961 - Vietnam War begins
02/28/1991 - Operation Desert Storm ends

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HAPPY FEBRUARY!

Although February is the shortest month of the year, to us it is cold, snowy and icy, which causes it to seem to drag on forever as we anxiously await the arrival of Spring. But there’s more to it than just THAT:

February is American Heart Month. Help raise awareness about heart disease and stroke. They say laughter is good for the heart because it helps blood vessels function better, so have a good belly laugh and pump up your heart!

February 1st - National Freedom Day - Beginning in 1949 when Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the holiday, reminding us of what our country stands for and to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as U.S. citizens.

February 2nd - Groundhog Day, the day we hope Punxsutawney Phil doesn’t see his shadow as he emerges from his hole, indicating Spring being just around the corner.

February 14th - Valentine's Day, a day when people show feelings of love, affection and friendship by exchanging candy, gifts, cards and romantic dinners. NOTE: Guys, do NOT forget this day...TRUST ME!!

February 17th - “Random Acts of Kindness Day”. Take this opportunity to volunteer within your community, organize a clothing, coat or shoe drive or, or just “Pay It Forward”.

February 20th is Love Your Pet Day, an opportunity for pet owners to lavish their fur babies with goodies and treats! Take your pooch for a long walk or indulge your kitty with some catnip. And if you’ve been considering adopting (rescuing) a pet, Love Your Pet Day is the perfect opportunity to visit your local animal shelter.

Regardless, STAY WARM MY FRIENDS! And keep thinking SPRING!!
**LEGION UPDATE**

The Legionnaires met on Sunday, January 12th. 15 members present (all paid for 2020).

Mobile Gambling - Discussion held re: new bill signed by the Governor requiring the Town to approve at Town Meetings. We approved endorsing the article.

Sign-in for non-members: Discussed the procedure of signing in - it was agreed upon that it is the responsibility of the bartender on duty. A sign will be placed at the entrance to remind all guests.

Ceiling repairs in meeting/function room approved. Work to start immediately.

Approved construction of a 10 x 10 office in basement to secure SAL files and records on site.

Approved discussion of Queen of Hearts drawings – more talks going forward. Some mentioned this should be a joint fundraiser. Also discussed a pancake breakfast fundraiser. To be further reviewed.

Approved purchase of a trumpet for Honor Guard.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9th at 11:00a.

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**AUXILIARY UPDATE**

The Auxiliary met on Saturday, January 18th @ 10:00a.m.

Christmas cards for Troops overseas. Thanks to all, we sent 150 cards out to Troops currently serving overseas! Also, thank you to all who supported our sock/hat/glove drive for the homeless!

Once again, Unit 100 donated 10 cases of Girl Scout Cookies to the Troops serving overseas.

Plan to hold another Music Bingo in February, preferably on a Saturday. Will look at 2/29

Discussed holding a Community Spaghetti Dinner. Possible date – 4/18 from 5 - 8.

Due to our Treasurer absent with the flu, we will pick winners from both the January AND February Monthly drawing at our next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th at 10:00a.m.

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**SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION (SAL) UPDATE**

The SAL met on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Discussed Christmas Party for Veterans in Lowell. Success once again!

Talked again about format on meetings. Voted on and we must adhere.

Discussed a possible office for paperwork, etc. To be discussed with Legion.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th at 6:00p.

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**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Because we value your input on topics that you feel are important and any other comments you may have, we encourage our members to provide us with any questions, comments or ideas for future publications.

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please contact us at alpost100@gmail.com.
FUNCTION FACILITIES
Prime dates now available for your events in both our function hall and outdoor pavilion! PERFECT for birthday parties, graduation parties, showers, family reunions, fundraisers, etc. Please call Lori with questions or to reserve. NOTE: Members renting are required to show their card at time of rental request.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!
Please feel free to check out Post 100’s website!!! Please visit AmericanLegionPelham.org. Let us know what you think!

BURIAL FLAGS
If anyone has a burial flag from a loved one (veteran) that they would like to have flown outside of Post 100, we will proudly fly that flag in their honor. Drop off the flag (ATTN: COMMANDER) with the deceased’s name pinned. We will announce the name of the person for whom the flag flies in our newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS
February 9  Dept. Pool Tournament - Post 51, Manchester, 11:00a
March 14  Mohegan Sun Bus Trip - Sweeney Post 2, 215 Maple St., Manchester, 7:00a – 7:00p $35
March 15  Dept. Cribbage Tournament - Sweeney Post 2, 215 Maple St., Manchester, 10:30a
March 28  Dept. Spring Conference - Sweeney Post 2, 215 Maple St., Manchester 9:30a (coffee)
July 24  Annual Korea Memorial Service - NHSV Cemetery, Boscawen 3:00p
June 23rd  5th Annual PFC Eric Currier Motorcycle Run
June 19 – 21  Department Convention, Manchester Downtown Hotel, Manchester, NH
June 19 – 24  Granite Girls State - St. Anselm’s College, Manchester, NH
June 21 – 26  Granite Boys State - St. Anselm’s College, Manchester, NH

WI-FI AVAILABLE!!!
Post 100 offers free Wi-Fi to our members and guests! Check your email, surf the web and update your Facebook status while visiting us! Connect to “American Legion” and enter the following password (case sensitive):

ALPost100

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!
Remember to visit our Facebook page. Current events and Legion news is published regularly to this site. Search for “American Legion, Post 100” and be sure to “Like” us!!

AUXILIARY MONTHLY DRAWING FOR 2019
Tickets are still available for the Auxiliary’s 2020 Monthly Raffle are now available! If you have not already purchased your $10 ticket(s) and are interested in doing so, please see an Auxiliary member or contact Laurie on 234.7839! If your name is pulled, it goes BACK into the bucket for another opportunity to win – 4 chances per month. Ticket is good for the entire year.
Loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend

Marianne T. (Perigny) Brettell, 63, a lifelong resident of Pelham, died unexpectedly on Sunday, January 26th at her home. She was the beloved wife of Charles H. Brettell with whom she celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on November 11, 2019. Born in Lowell, Massachusetts, July 14, 1956, a daughter of the late Normand and the late Therese (Generaux) Perigny, she attended Pelham schools and was a graduate of Alvirne High School with the Class of 1974. Marianne was currently employed as a Secretary at the YMCA in Merrimack, NH. Previously, she worked as a Dispatcher at Casella Waste Systems in Salem, NH and Arrow Container in Pelham, NH.

Among her many activities, she loved socializing with family and friends, particularly at the American Legions in Pelham and Merrimack and although not a golfer, Pine Valley Golf Links in Pelham. She was a loving and caring person who made a positive and lasting impression on anybody she ever met. She also enjoyed camping and gardening. She was a very active member of the Pelham American Legion Post 100 Auxiliary. Her greatest joy however, was the quality time she was able to spend with her husband, children, step-children, granddaughter and step-grandsons.

In addition to her husband Charlie, Marianne is survived by a son Paul Pellerin, Jr. and his wife Tricia of Pelham, NH; a granddaughter Hannah Pellerin; a step-daughter Kristen Brettell and her companion Eric Guerrieo of North Billerica, MA; a step-son Brian Brettell of Sandown, NH; three step-grandsons Brian, Nicholas and Austin Brettell; two sisters Diane Frost and her husband Jack of Ohio and Judy Lagasse of Pelham, NH; two brothers Kenneth Perigny and his wife Donna of Salem, NH and David Perigny and his wife Cheryl of Pelham, NH; and many nieces and nephews. She was also sister of the late Robert Perigny.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no calling hours. Relatives and friends are invited to attend her Life Celebration at the AMERICAN LEGION POST 100 in Pelham on Sunday, February 23, 2020 from 12 to 4 P.M. E-condolences at www_pelhamfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by the PELHAM FUNERAL HOME (603) 635-3333.

Contributions in her memory may be made to:
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Web: http://www.stjude.org
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