Happy Veterans Days!

Traditionally Post 18 celebrated Veterans Day with a ceremony held at the Wright Museum. This year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic it will not be possible to hold the ceremony at the Wright Museum. In view of this development, Post 18 working with WCTV Wolfeboro Community Television videotaped a small Veterans Day ceremony at the Legion Hall. The ceremony will be broadcast on WCTV on Veterans Day. A video will also be available on You Tube on 11 November 2020 at 11:00. The link for this ceremony will be https://youtube/SB1O0PbL.30. Please tune in and invite your friends and relative to do the same.

The Post 18 Auxiliary will continue its tradition of selling poppies again this year to honor those veterans who have passed.

A number of merchants are offering special Veterans Day discounts. Attached is a list of some of these merchants. Of special
note is Hannaford Super Markets which is offering 10% off “your full shopping trip” on Veterans Day. Just identify yourself to cashier as a veteran to receive the discount.

The next meeting of Post 18 will be on Monday, 16 November 2020 at **18:00 not 19:00.** It was decided at last month’s meeting to meet an hour earlier in view of fact that it is darker earlier and that the weather in November can be more challenging.

At our 16 November meeting, there will be nominations for all Post 18’s leadership positions. Elections will be held in January 2021 and installation of new officers will be in February 2021. The following are the positions that will be open:

1. Commander
2. 1st Vice Commander
3. 2nd Vice Commander
4. Finance Officer
5. Adjutant
6. Chaplain
7. Sergeant at Arms

Please come and plan on participating in the nomination process.

On Saturday, 14 November 2020 Post 18 will be retrieving old flags from veterans’ graves in the Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro area. All members are encouraged to come to the Legion Hall at 09:00 for coffee and donuts. We will then disperse to the various cemeteries in the Wolfeboro area to retrieve old flags from veterans’ graves. In May before Memorial Day, we place new flags on all the veterans’ graves.

Please come and help this process of honoring all our deceased veterans. If you have a deceased friend or relative who is a veteran and is not honored by a flag on his/her grave, please let us know and we will place a flag holder and flag on the grave.

One of the lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic is that many people are isolated from one another and as a result they become depressed, even suicidal. To stem this problem, Post 18 is joining
with the National American Legion Leadership to institute a “Buddy Check” system. The idea behind the Buddy Check System is for veterans to reach out to fellow veterans to make sure that their compatriots are okay. If a fellow veteran needs assistance, then one’s veteran buddies can take steps to help out. Over the next several weeks, members of the Post 18 Buddy Check Committee will be contacting each Post 18 member to check on their well-being. If you need help, please don’t hesitate to reach out to your buddies on the American Legion.

Once again Post 18 is collecting children’s toys for Christmas as a part of “Dave and Friends Area Toy Drive”. For the last several years, “Dave and Friends” have collected both toys and money for the purchase of toys to give to local children in need. Our current plan is to in-gather all the toys at the Annual Post 18 Christmas Party scheduled for **7 December 2020 at 18:00**. This is a pot-luck affair co-sponsored with the Auxiliary held in the Legion Hall. Family and friends are invited!

Given the current spike in Covid-19 cases, we may have to cancel the Christmas Party. Should this be the case, we will still make arrangements to gather toys. Details will be forthcoming.

In the future we are planning to have speakers at our monthly meetings so please stay tuned for details on this development.

Post 18 **needs help** to support a number of projects. Among the projects we have the following:

1. Assist in our fund raising campaign to renovate our 160 year old Legion Hall
2. Help catalog old artifacts such as pictures, articles, military paraphernalia, etc. in our Legion Hall
3. Establish a formal database of all veterans’ graves in the Wolfeboro/Tuftonboro area
4. Set up a web page for Post 18
5. Plow the Legion Hall parking lot in the winter
If you can assist in these or any number of other projects, please contact either Tom Southern at (317) 432-1517 or tsputhern@aol.com or Paul Vivian (703) 798-8978 or paulhv@aol.com

Have a Happy Veterans Day!

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Socially Distancing at Post 18 Meetings