Dear Post 5 Members,

November 1st, 2020: Meeting is CANCELED
Most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in November. In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time. In the European Union, Summer Time begins and ends at 1:00 a.m. Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time).

NOVEMBER 11TH, 2020 VETERANS’ DAY will be like Memorial Day. There will be a brief ceremony at the Post Office Bridge over the Nubanusit River on Grove Street at 10:40 am. Safe distancing and MASKS are required.

December 6th, 2020: Christmas Dinner in Bass Hall has been CANCELED!!!!!!!

January 3rd, 2021: Meeting is CANCELED because it is a holiday weekend!

February 7th, 2021: Meeting is CANCELED

Lois Hixson, 85, of Hancock, wife of Arthur Hixson and mother of Rodney Hixson, died on August 12th at home. Lois married Arthur at the age of twenty and they were married for 65 years and had six children including twins. She was a member of the Auxiliary. The Post and the Auxiliary both donated $25.00 in Lois name to Home Healthcare, Hospice and community Services in Keene.

Anne Theresa Franklin, 94, of Peterborough, wife of John Franklin died on August 30, 2020 after a nearly lifelong battle with heart disease. Anne and John were married for 51 years. She was predeceased by her twin sister Mary. Anne worked for a number of employers, including a lawyer and chemist. Most notably, she worked for Bert of “Bert and I” fame. She met John on a blind date in the spring of 1968 and after a whirlwind courtship they married in September of that year in the
Base Chapel at Naval Air Station South Weymouth, MA. The Post and Auxiliary both donated $25.00 to the Cheney-Armstrong Unit 5 at her request. A thank you to Mr. and Mrs. John Richards of Peterborough who donated to the Unit in Anne’s name.

**Member Samuel J. Norton**’s Uncle, Thomas Vincent Norton, a native of Peterborough, died on September 3rd, 2020 at the age of 57.

Post Everlasting: George Peter Keaveny, of FL served in the Army during Vietnam, died on July 30th.

**Dear Friends at Cheney-Armstrong Post 5 and Unit 5,**  
August 26th, 2020  
Your gifts to General Support at Home Healthcare Hospice & Community Services in memory of Lois Hixson is greatly appreciated. We will let the family know of your kindness. I am sure your thoughtful gesture will be treasured. Your support gives the gift of comfort, care, and support by enabling HCS to care for the people of the Monadnock Region where they want to be in the familiar and comfortable surroundings of their home and communities.  
By choosing to support General Support, you are part of our tradition of taking care of our neighbors in their time of need Indeed, we could not do what we do without the generous support of a caring community. Thank you for your kind gift that will help so many!  
Please be sure to look at our new website, hcsservices.org  
Sincerely, Maura McQueeney  
President/CEO


**Sick call:** Robert Blanchette, of Inverness, FL; Ralph Tibbetts, of Rindge; David Geoffrey, Clifford Jarest, Joseph Labrie, Bill Pellerin, Leon St Cyr and Gordon Stone and Pat Stone and Bernie Wynn of Peterborough; Willy Oja and Laurance Foley of Dublin; Bill St. Cyr of Orlando FL; Phil Prairie of Whitinsville MA; Terry Farrell of Hernando Fl; Alice McKenna of Dublin, Alice Emery and Rachael Belville of Peterborough.

Brian Barden, Andy Benoit and Wayne Thomas did military honors for Albert Perry, 78 who served during Vietnam in the Air Force and then in the National Guard, formerly of Peterborough on October 2nd. Albert grew up on Concord Street and was a childhood friend of member James Murray who drove up from Virginia. Janet Petty gave the Post a nice donation for showing up in the rain. Her donation was put into the Scholarship Fund.

**We have not been sending out monthly newsletters because we have been unable to have monthly meetings or events and have tried to save money on postage and envelopes. We are not sure members read their emails. But Wayne, Dick and Dee have been continuing to work tirelessly to keep this organization going. We have sent this letter out as a hard copy so that hopefully everyone will read it.**
Wayne stepped up more than 15 years ago to be the Post Commander and 14 out of 15 years we had 100%. Two of those years we broke our all-time high which was 204 and is now 216. But now we cannot go house to house to recruit new members and the membership is falling quickly. Wayne has had to change his priorities because someone in his family is very sick. It is time for Wayne to **STEP DOWN** and someone to step up. We are working with some Auxiliary members to step up and take control of the Auxiliary.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2021 FOR THE POST OR UNIT PLEASE HELP US AND DO IT 😊**

Currently 166 members have renewed for 2021 which is 77.2%. **32 current** members have not paid their dues. If there is a financial problem please let us know. A nonmember donated money to cover people’s dues if there is a problem. If you wish to pay your dues online go to legion.org and click on renew. So far 40 members have paid online which cuts down on the dues process and hopefully more will be able to do it next year 😊. After you pay your dues, we will send you a membership letter with your membership card enclosed. Look for the card in the envelope. 36 members of the Unit have paid their $25.00 dues for 2021. Thank you.

There is some confusion about billing. So far members should have received their first renewal notice in late June for $35.00. If they did not pay their dues than a second notice was sent out in September 2020. Both these bills came from NATIONAL with the return address to be sent to the POST. Members also receive other mailings from National looking for donations. Also, the Department of NH in Concord sends out raffle tickets, address stickers and if you donated $50.00 to the Department you received a Commander’s Special Donors Pin. If you participate with National and the Department it does not benefit the Post. The Post does not send out letters for solicitations but at the bottom of our newsletter we usually have a line asking for donations to the General Fund, Poppy Fund and Scholarship Fund.

**PLEASE READ THIS!**

**DD214 or Discharge Papers**, recently a WWII- Korean War Marine Veteran from Dublin died and his family were desperate to have Funeral Honors and had to postpone his funeral because they could not prove he had served. We are trying to help the family **BUT** it takes time. The Post has reminded all of its members to have a copy of his discharge papers and give a copy to someone responsible in their family. Hang it on the refrigerator. This is extremely important and it also means that the government will pay for a foot stone and also pay a little towards burial. The IRS has also requested that American Legion Posts have a copy of the discharge papers to prove that the member is a veteran and we have asked everyone for a copy. **We recently** had another request from a daughter of a deceased WWII veteran to help her get her Father’s DD214 or discharge papers. We still do not have a copy of everyone’s DD214 and the government wants the Posts to have a copy. But more important your significant other or children need a copy because that is one of the things the undertaker asks for. This is a very important document. So if you do not have one go to: https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records It does not cost you anything. If
you need help give us a call and we will help you. It is easy to do and will take about a month to receive the information.

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VA: Not all people can join the VA automatically. If you served on the ground during a conflict then you can automatically join. If you make too much income then it is a problem joining the VA. Most Veterans need hearing aids and that is a way to get into the VA. The hearing aids are state of the art and batteries are supplied for life. So, if you are WWII, Korea, Vietnam than you handled **LOUD** guns and that ruined your hearing. It takes a little while but with **Yael Cohn’s** help you can get in. Her phone number is 1-802-251-2212 and she is in Brattleboro and works in Keene once a week. She sometimes takes a while to get back to you but will call and leave a message. Some of you have tried before and say you can’t get in but you can. Wayne tried four times and finally with her help he got in. Think about boot camp and your training how close you were to loud noises. It may take a while to get in but it is worth it!

2020 is the year that all posts and the Department must file a Nonprofit Report by December 31, 2020. Each Post should have received a letter from the State of New Hampshire, Department of State, notifying them of same. This letter contains your Business ID as well as information for filing online. If you do not file this annual report and thereby remain in good standing with the State, you are jeopardizing your status as a non-profit organization with the IRS (not a good thing). It's simple, quick and you need to do it. Five-year forms and renewal fees for the Post and Unit have been filled out with the Department of State to remain as a nonprofit organization.

**The Department Commander’s Project** this year is the NH Food Bank and the Post donated $200.00 to his project. The Post has been very fortunate to receive donations from members this year towards the Poppy Fund, Scholarship Fund and General Fund. Thank you to John Clark, Jack Nieskins, Bill St. Cyr, Kathy and Carl Plourde, Jeff Allen, Augusta Petrone and Anonymous. We have received approximately $25.00 from Shaws’ for the last two months from their Give Back Where It Counts Program. (This involves buying their Shaw’s tote bags for groceries and we would have received a lot of money but the virus made shoppers use plastic bags.) It was nice of them to honor us. 😊

**The Auxiliary President’s Project** for 2021 is at the Manchester VA. It is a Creative Arts Program started in 2011 and has aided in the physical and emotional needs of the Veterans of NH. It is a way to help veterans recover from and cope with physical and emotional disabilities. The Auxiliary donated $50 and the Post donated $100.

**You could not imagine** my surprise when I received the beautiful pewter snowflake ornament from Unit 5.

*I will cherish it always and have fond memories of my years as Department President 2019*-
2021.

Thank you so much, Linda Dupont, State Auxiliary President

After a three-month stand down order from National Headquarters, the cadets of the Monadnock Squadron were able to begin training again in August. We’ve taken The Black Rose out twice on day trips, as overnight trainings are still prohibited for our region. We launched out of the town wharf in Mattapoisett, MA, and conducted our training on Buzzards Bay. Cadets have learned to navigate, operate at the helm, and stand (really sit) watch for obstacles. The older cadets have really excelled on the sailboat. We are limited in the number of cadets on the sailboat at once due to social distancing requirements, but most cadets have all remained active through the pandemic. We did graduate one senior this year and will properly acknowledge his participation at a later time.

As we come into the fall, we’re searching for a new space to hold monthly drills, as the school is not allowing outside groups to use their facilities. We have a few good options, so I'm confident we'll find space.

Respectfully, LT Jane LaRoche, NSCC Commanding Officer Monadnock Squadron

Two more bricks were placed in the Memorial Gates Walkway. Bricks cost $75.00 and the only requirement is that the person be a Veteran. Thank you, Wayne, for placing the bricks and thank you Alan Zeller for cleaning up the Walkway again. Holly Macy from Boughs of Holly makes the wreaths and takes care of the gardens. William St Cyr of Florida and Bill MacDuff of Peterborough each had a brick put in.

Member notes: Joshua Klein has moved permanently to Hancock. Cindy and Rodney Hixson’s daughter Emma graduated from ConVal on August 8, 2020 and will attend NHTI in the fall studying Early Childhood Development. Emma is the Granddaughter of Lois and Arthur Hixson of Hancock.

Wayne asked Father Gerry Belanger if he was retired? He wrote back that he was going to be at the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Meredith NH for three or four more years and fortunately he has a wonderful staff that handles a lot of the day to day workload.

Congratulations Philip Cayford of Dublin for becoming a PUFL, (Paid Up For Life), in the American Legion.

David Duval and his wife Nancy have moved to Concord Street in Peterborough. In doing Membership, we realized that David Duval and Bob Lambert both have been members of the Legion for 50 years. Congratulations 😊

We wish Jacob Greenlaw, of Dublin, the best because he is getting married this month and moving to Portsmouth. Alice and David Geoffrey celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on October 11th.

Tom Kelly of Peterborough just became a PUFL.

Boys State and Girls State are going to be held June 20th-25th at St Anselm. They are hoping to combine some of the programs for boys and girls.
Jaydyn Vaidya our 2019 Boys State Representative is now going to attend Harvard online. ConVal had its 2020 graduation on August 8th. The graduating class donated $6800 to End 68 Hours of Hunger program.

This Post needs-

Adjutant- The Post does not have one and needs someone to step up to do it after the Covid crisis. The Adjutant has a big job in the Post which includes some of the things Wayne does now as Acting Adjutant.

Membership Chairman- We need to have 215 to reach our goal for this year. Last year we did not reach our goal and our all-time high is 216. We can reach it if each one of you spoke to your Veteran neighbor. So far 162 have paid their dues and 36 current members have not paid yet. If you have a problem with the dues please let us know or be courteous enough to let us know you do not wish to belong. This is very important to have a Post. We need a membership chairman.

Commander- This is SOME of what Wayne does with the help of Dick Loudon and Dee. Runs Veterans’ Day, Memorial Day, Decorates the cemeteries with the help of a few Veterans and SMS students (860 flags 2020 which Wayne did alone because of the virus), presents awards at SMS, goes to District and State meetings, gets Boys and Girls State candidates, gets Oratorical contestants, does all the membership and recruits alone, runs meetings, does funerals, places bricks in the brick walkway, writes the monthly newsletter, writes thank yous, sets up Poppy Day, collects flags for Flag Day, organizes the annual MacDowell Picnic and the Christmas Dinner at Bass Hall, calls as many Veterans as he can reach each year, writes year summary and sends it out with membership cards, runs the Auxiliary, goes to the Post Office and fills out State paperwork. The time has come for MEMBERS to step up and take over some of these duties because we no longer can keep up. Wayne has done this for 15 years and the Post is in a good place now with over 200 members and a strong Auxiliary. We would be remiss in not thanking our current officers for their contributions and support.

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Respectfully submitted,

Wayne & Dee

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