



THE COFFEY CUP

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Commander's Corner

Dear Comrades:

Our next Monthly meeting will be held on 2 January 2024 at 19:00. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. The 2024 renewal campaign is going well, please get your renewals in. The lounge is now open Wednesday through Saturday 15:00 till 22:00 Sunday 12:00 till 21:00 come on down. Our entertainment committee is planning several events, Check the calendar. If you have any ideas, see the Jr Vice. If you have any question, concerns, or comments about the Post, or why we are doing or not doing something the meeting is the place to bring these topic's up. We still have positions open. Remember this is your Post if you want to see changes you must get involved. The link for anyone needing a copy of their DD214 is www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records. Anyone can contact me by phone or email.

Commander John E York.

Cell Phone 6032620609

Proposed Bylaws Change

At the 6 December Executive Committee special meeting, the committee approved a change to the Post 3 Bylaws, Article 6, Section 4, which designates the date of the "Annual Meeting". The change was submitted by the Bylaws Committee. The proposed change will move the Annual Meeting from May to April and will be voted on by the general membership during the February business meeting.

The reason for the change is that the 2024 NH Department Convention dates are May 16-19, 2024. Our Post Officer elections would be the first Tuesday in May which is the 7th of May. Officer installation would be on Thursday May 9th. That is only 7 days prior to the convention. That is not enough time for the adjutant to get the required new officer and convention delegate documents up to the Department of NH.

The proposed change is:

From: **Article 6, Section 4, Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in May of each year. Election of the Post officers shall take place at this meeting.

To: **Article 6, Section 4, Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each year. Election of the Post officers shall take place at this meeting.

Article 6, Section 5, Installation of Officers would remain unchanged.

Annual membership dues –

Also, at the February business meeting, as required by the Post 3 Bylaws, we will be voting to **Bylaws Change—pg 2**

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\$35.00 to \$40.00 per year. This change was approved by the Executive Committee at their 17 Oct 2023 meeting and would be effective for the 2025 membership year dues.

This change is necessary because National is going to raise the dues for the 2025 Membership year by \$5.00 beginning 1 July 2024. National dues will go from \$18.50 to \$23.50 per member. Dept. NH dues will stay at \$8.00 per member for now but may go up at the next Dept NH convention. That means that each renewal transmittal will cost \$31.50 leaving only \$3.50 revenue for Post 3.

All members are encouraged to attend and vote your opinion at this meeting.

Donald P. Vincent

Adjutant, James E. Coffey Post 3, American Legion

Membership – Welcome aboard to 3 new members of the post, voted in at the Dec meeting.

Michael R. Corrigan, USAF, Persian Gulf War, War on Terror, Xfr fm NH0002 Sweeney Post

Tiffany N. Martin, USAF, Global War on Terror, on active duty. New Legionnaire.

Clayton D. Proffer, USAF, Global War on Terror, on active duty. New Legionnaire.

At the Feb regular business meeting, we will be holding a swearing in ceremony for all new Legionnaires.

If you are a new Legionnaire and have not raised your right hand to be sworn into the American Legion, then you need to attend this meeting. Please notify the adjutant at donpvincent@hotmail.com with your intentions to attend or not attend.

Our 2024 membership renewal goal has been set at 258 renewals. As of 22 Nov 2023, National has us at 234 renewals or 90.70% of our goal. We are still 24 renewals short of our goal. Are you one of the 24?



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House Committee -

The Post 3 House Committee reviewed the video recording and log entries of The Lounge regarding a fight between a member of the SAL and a guest of another member in November at its meeting 12 December.

The committee approved issuing disciplinary letters to the two individuals involved, barring them from entering The Lounge. The member who signed-in the guest had been barred from entering The Lounge until the review by the House Committee, was reinstated following the review.

The committee reiterated that such incidents involving members and guests will not be tolerated.

Finance Officer Dave Petrillo reviewed the financial reports of the lounge, and the post, and presented a new balance spreadsheet, which will make the financial report easier to review.

The committee adopted a process for dealing with items which have been on the agenda for two or more meetings. Such items will be entered into a "punch list" for further tracking until completed. This included a problem with the south-side door latch sticking, which Don Vincent and Sandy Silvagni will be addressing with Tri State Glass.

Silvagni presented the Entertainment Committee report, proposing the possibility of hiring a DJ on the second Frida of the month to give Mike Fortin a break for that week in The Lounge. The fee for the proposed DJ would start at \$175 for the first few bookings. It was suggested hiring him for a number of dates so he could plan his calendar. A gradual increase in the fee would be based upon future bookings, Silvagni explained. He reported that the calendars for January and February are already set, but the discussion of the March calendar is ongoing.

In other business, Silvagni noted that the Post 3 American Legion Riders are planning to run a raffle, donating 25 percent of the proceeds to post to fund purchase of new chairs for the Function Hall. He also suggested the post run a gun raffle to supplement the chair fund. The committee did not come to any agreement on what type of raffle to conduct and no vote was taken.

LADIES AUXILIARY
MONTHLY MEETING



FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7PM

**James E. Coffey Post 3
11 Court St
Nashua, NH**



My Health, My Care: 24/7 ^{Online} Access to VA

Buddy Checks

Indinapolis -Craig Annis, a service officer for American Legion Post 64 in Phoenix, was reading an article in *The American Legion Magazine* about Buddy Checks. With a large population of older veterans in the post, Annis thought it was a great opportunity to call and check in on them.

"It just seemed like the right thing to do, and to get in contact with a lot of our members who don't necessarily come to the meetings," he said.

Post 64 has 139 members. And over the course of two months, Annis made over 100 phone calls. For those with no phone number listed, he sent emails and mailed letters.

"I have to tell you, I'm 78 years old. I was a salesman all my life. I owned my own company for 20 years and retired, and I don't know that I've ever in my lifespan had such a rewarding experience in terms of talking to men and women who have served and are now on the latter stages of their life. They were so appreciative to just be contacted," Annis said.

The phone calls resulted in members coming to Post 64's November meeting who have never been before, helping a few with burial information in a national cemetery, answering questions about the PACT Act, helping with other service benefits and sharing when post meeting days and times were, along with upcoming events. The phone calls also led Annis to learn that several members lived alone or that they were no longer able to drive. The post is now discussing about picking up members who want to come to meetings but can't drive or getting a 10-12 passenger van.

"The vast majority were just thankful to have had somebody call from our post," Annis said. "A couple of members that are way younger than I am, were like, 'Craig, that's really nice of you to take the time to call me. I really appreciate that.'"

Before making the calls, Annis broke the membership list down by date of birth, calling the older members first. Between October and November, he spent over 100 hours connecting with post members.

"I know that sounds like a lot of hours, but if you break that out, I would typically work maybe two to three, at the most five hours a day, and had many days that I just took a break or had other things going on in my life. The rewarding part of it is it's never, 'Oh darn, I have to sit and make calls.' It was exciting to look forward to who you might get to meet and what you might find with needs, and that's sort of what a service officer does.

"It's just a wonderful sense of accomplishment after you've talked to, you know, older members, middle-aged members, younger members, and when they all get back to you say, 'Hey, thanks for taking the time.'"

Other Post 64 members have expressed interest in making Buddy Checks as the plan moving forward for Post 64 is to conduct them at least quarterly. Annis hopes other posts see the value of calling their members and start their own Buddy Checks.

"I think if we keep getting the word out there about what the value is with Buddy Checks, hopefully more and more posts will realize it's a simple process and easy to do," he said. "We all like to know that somebody's thinking about us. You know, that's a natural need that I think we all have. We want to know somebody cares."

Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony



Unit 3 Children's Christmas Party



Post 3 Christmas Party







VETERANS COFFEE TALK

Join us with host,
Lewis Chipola Chairman,
City of Nashua, Mayor's Veterans Council

At the
Nashua Senior Activity Center
70 East Pearl Street

Second Friday each month from 9:30 -10:30

For More Info Call 603-759-2478

Schedule for 2024:

January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12

August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13

This month our guest speaker will be Nashua Police Chief Kevin Rourke

January 2024



AMERICAN LEGION, JAMES E. COFFEY POST 3, NASHUA NH.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 NEW YEARS DAY LOUNGE CLOSED	2 POST MTG. 7PM AUXILIARY MTG. 7PM LOUNGE CLOSED	3	4 Thirsty Thursday ENT. COMMITTEE 5PM 4-7PM	5 KARAOKE NIGHT 6PM	6
7 NFL POTLUCK 12-5PM	8 LOUNGE CLOSED	9 HOUSE COMM. 7PM LOUNGE CLOSED	10 RIDERS MTG 7PM 	11 Thirsty Thursday 4-7PM	12 KARAOKE NIGHT 6PM	13
14 NFL POTLUCK 12-5PM	15 DAV MTG. 7PM LOUNGE CLOSED	16 SAL MTG. 7PM LOUNGE CLOSED	17	18 Thirsty Thursday 4-7PM	19 KARAOKE NIGHT 6PM	20
21 LEGION MEAT RAFFLE 2PM	22 LOUNGE CLOSED	23 LOUNGE CLOSED	24	25 Thirsty Thursday 4-7PM	26 KARAOKE NIGHT 6PM	27
28 NFL POTLUCK 12-5PM	29 LOUNGE CLOSED	30 LOUNGE CLOSED	31	1	2	3
4	5	<p><u>LOUNGE OPEN WED-SAT. 3-10PM, SUNDAY 12-9</u></p> <p>RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP @ legion.org or contact Don Vincent @ 603-577-1075</p>				

