

# Veterans of Foreign Wars

## DERRY, NH | Post 1617

### Quarterly Newsletter

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April, May, June 2018

## “WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS”

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### VA BINGO

April 25, May 23, June 27

#### Last Meat Shoots Before Summer & Open Juke Box:

7:30 pm start

Buy raffle tickets for dinners, desserts, gift cards, win some free drinks on Commander too!

April 13, May 11, & June 15 (Surf & Turf)

#### \*\*ELECTIONS\*\*

April 4—Auxiliary, meeting starts 7:00

April 11—Post, meeting starts 7:30

May 20 – INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

#### Penny Socials

April 15  
May 20

2:00 PM, in Canteen  
Prizes and Raffles!

**Council of Administration**  
**April 14**  
Followed by Department  
Testimonial Dinner

#### Baffle Raffles!!!

April 22, May 27,  
June 24

2:00 PM, in Canteen  
Win Prizes! Gift Cards,  
Food Baskets, 50/50 &  
Meat Tray Raffle !!!

**Joe Pappas Blues Band**  
**Sat. April 21**  
8-11pm

#### BUDDY POPPY

May 18-19  
Market Basket

Londonderry, 9am-3pm

**Derry Humane Society Fundraiser**  
**Sat. June 2**  
Bands, Raffles and more!  
7-11pm  
(kitchen help needed)

#### LOYALTY DAY

Sunday, May 6  
1:00 pm

We will honor and celebrate community supporters and individuals that support the VFW and our efforts

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**May 26**—Flags at Forest Hill  
**May 28**—Cemeteries and Parade  
Open House to follow at Post

#### SAVE THE DATES!

**July:** Post/Aux summer outing, date TBD

**Aug 11:** Poker Run

**Aug 25:** Londonderry Blues Festival Support Vetscount.org. Auxiliary may be participating in a booth to raise funds to support this group. More to come...

### Commander's Corner

Leonard Perkins, Post Commander

Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

With all the weather and doings this year, I hope this finds you and your families well. This next year will be our 90th Muster as a post and we look to have a dinner next February.

We are fast approaching our busy season in the community and working on fundraisers. Our Buddy Poppy Drive will be at Market Basket of Londonderry 18-19 May. We are starting a scratch ticket board fundraiser along with our Buddy Poppy Drive. Memorial Day parade and activities planning has started. Right behind we will be doing our annual Flag Retirement in June.

In need of volunteers for the committees below:

- Jack of Diamonds Post Fund Raiser – Friday Nights
- Memorial Day parade – next meeting to be announced
- Comrade Demond Harris has stepped up for both planning the 90th Muster event and cooking along with Comrade Carl Morrison cooking.

We are looking to hold our post outing at the Derry/Salem Elks club pavilion, again. Kids are free. A family event where the kids and adults both will have fun. We only ask that you pay your annual dues, life members are considered to be paid. \$10 for a non-member to attend. We look to give away the BBQ grill donated by Home Depot, Londonderry. Should you wish to contact me use the email and cell number below, please.

Respectfully yours,

Leonard “Lenny” Perkins, [vfnhpost1617@outlook.com](mailto:vfnhpost1617@outlook.com), Post: (603) 432-9702, Cell: (978) 317-6513

### President's Message

Sandra Hodgkins, Auxiliary President

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am so thankful for all of you who took the time to help during our busy Veteran, Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Whether it was setting up a function, cleaning up, donating items or your time or participating in fund raisers with your monetary support I appreciate every one of you. We continue to grow and make our auxiliary stronger by working together helping our veterans and families, communities, and youth. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you so much for all you do.

Membership is also important and we need you to pay your yearly dues if you have not yet done so. The cost is \$17/year. If you do not pay by December 31 you will NOT be a member in good standing. It not only takes your privileges away but hurts our auxiliary by not being 100% paid. If you are experiencing a hardship you must bring it to my attention and we can work something out. We do not want to lose you! National has started sending new dues cards out and you should be receiving them if you have paid. Please keep us posted if you have not.

March 24 we will be planning a wonderful dinner to honor our auxiliary and members. Please plan to join us. In order to receive your years of service awards pin you MUST RSVP please. Drop us a line at the canteen or contact me or Dot Mattson so we can put yours on order. We will be gathering records in the next month to verify who qualifies.

Please see all other events posted in this newsletter. Keep the calendar handy so you can attend some. We would love to see you. Let us know how you are doing and God Bless You ALL! Happy New Year!

In your service,

Sandy Hodgkins

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1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>April Fools' Day</i> <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	2	3	4 <b>Aux Mtg.</b> 7:00 pm <b>*ELECTIONS*</b>	5	6 <b>DJ Sharon (Karaoke)</b> 7-11 pm <i>Army Day</i>	7 Eagle Scout Court of Honor
8 <i>Orthodox Easter</i>	9 <i>National Former POW Recognition Day</i>	10	11 <b>HC Mtg.</b> 6:00 pm <b>Post Mtg.</b> 7:30 pm <b>*ELECTIONS*</b>	12	13 <b>MEAT SHOOT</b> 7:30 pm	14 C of A Aux 10am Post 1pm Dept. Testimonial Dinner 6pm
15 <b>Penny Social</b> 2:00 pm	16	17 American Legion Mtg. <b>**Income Tax Day**</b>	18	19	20 <b>Open Juke Box</b> 7-11 pm	21 <b>Joe Pappas Blues Band!!!</b> 8-11pm
22 <b>BAFFLE RAFFLE</b> 2:00 pm <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24	25 VA BINGO <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>	26	27 <b>Boyd Mattson (Karaoke)</b> 7-11 pm <i>Arbor Day</i>	28
29 <b>District 6 Encampment</b> Merrimack, 10am	30	<b>A P R I L</b>				

## VFW POST 1617 & AUXILIARY

**18 RAILROAD AVE**

**DERRY, NH 03038**

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG  
US POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT #33  
DERRY, NH 03038

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<b>M A Y</b>		1	2 <b>Aux Mtg.</b> 7pm	3	4 <b>DJ Sharon (Karaoke)</b> 7-11 pm	5
6 <b>Loyalty Day</b> 1:00 pm <i>Nurses Day</i>	7	8	9 <b>HC Mtg.</b> 6:00 pm <b>Post Mtg.</b> 7:30 pm	10	11 <b>MEAT SHOOT</b> 7:30 pm	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	14	15	16 Planning for Humane Soc. Fundraiser 6 pm	17	18 <b>Open Juke Box</b> 7-11 pm <b>BUDDY POPPY</b> Market Basket 9-3	19 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> <b>BUDDY POPPY</b> Market Basket 9-3
20 <b>Installation of Officers</b> 11am <b>Penny Social</b> 2:00 pm	21	22	23 VA BINGO	24	25 <b>Boyd Mattson (Karaoke)</b> 7-11 pm	26 <b>Flags at Forest Hill Cemetery</b>
27 <b>Baffle Raffle</b> 2:00 pm	28 Cemeteries, Parade Open House 12-2 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> (observed)	29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31		

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<b>JUNE</b>					1 <b>DJ Sharon (Karaoke)</b> 7-11 pm	2 <b>Derry Humane Society Fundraiser</b> 7-11pm (upstairs hall)
3	4	5	6 <b>Planning Meeting</b> 6:00 pm <b>Aux Mtg.</b> 7:00 pm	7	8 <b>Open Juke Box</b> 7-11 pm <b>Department Convention</b>	9 <b>Department Convention</b>
10 <b>Department Convention</b>	11	12	13 <b>HC Mtg.</b> 6:00 pm <b>Post Mtg.</b> 7:30 pm	14	15 <b>MEAT SHOOT Surf &amp; Turf</b> 7:30 pm	16 <b>Flag Retirement</b>
17 <i>Father's Day</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>First Day of Summer (FINALLY!)</i>	22 <b>Open Juke Box</b> 7-11 pm	23
24 <b>Baffle Raffle</b> 2:00 pm (LAST ONE BEFORE SUMMER)	25	26	27 <b>VA BINGO</b>	28	29 <b>Boyd Mattson (Karaoke)</b> 7-11 pm	30