

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWSLETTER VT, POST 91



Colchester, VT

Jan. - Feb. 2018

Commanders Corner



Happy New Year and I hope you and your family had a great holiday season.

The road project has stopped for the winter and the project will resume after the Colchester schools get out in June. Therefore all parking spaces are available until then. Stop in and enjoy the Post.

Post 91 Regulars, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Motorcycle Riders will be sending a donation to Post 11 in Arcadia, Florida to help that Post rebuild after the hurricane this past year. We will be sending \$1,100 to help rebuild their Post.

The NASCAR pool for 2017 raised over \$900 for the Post 91 Building Fund!! Thank you for your support.

Thank you for all those who help and volunteer at the Post. If you have any suggestions to help the Post please use the suggestion box or tell an officer of the Post what you would like to see happening.

I will be away on leave of absence from 12/31/2017 until 01/01/2018. In my absence Frank Fenton will be the Commander.

For God and Country

Dick Studley, Commander

Adjutants Corner

Greetings American Legion Post 91 Family

If I didn't get a chance to see you in December, I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you are in the sunny south somewhere, enjoy the warm weather and think of the rest of us up here when you hear the temperature is colder than crazy..

We had a year of struggles with the road construction cutting into our revenues here at the Post. The construction has wrapped up for the season and will resume in June after school is out. We still have our three driveway openings as we always have so please come out and support your Post. Daily lunches, Tuesday evening Bingo, Wednesday Queen of Hearts Drawing, Thursday night dinners, the pub menu on Fridays before the band starts, Saturday Bar Poker and Sunday Breakfasts are doing well and can always do better with more patronage. Don't let cabin fever set in, venture in to the Post, sit with friends and enjoy yourself. Come to the Post and support our events and help build the bottom line to make the Post stronger.

If you are looking for something to do on a Wednesday evening, attending your respective monthly meeting will give you a say in the operation and give up to date information of what is happening at the Post. If you are looking for things to do any other time, we can always use your help as a volunteer for events. We want to be able to offer more, but this place runs on the power of the folks that step forward to lend a hand.

We are doing all right with membership, but it goes without saying we could do great with more members. We can start by looking around our own families and seeing who is eligible to join not only the Legionnaires, but also our Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. And while we are on the topic of membership and volunteers, let's include the Legion Riders and the Color Guard as a great way to show your support and a place to give of your time.

May 2018 bring new hope and new beginnings and a renewed pride in our organization and peace and comfort to you through the new year and beyond.

For God and Country,

Bill Schmitt
Adjutant

Auxiliary



Happy New Year Ladies, hope 2018 is a banner year for you, your families and the Auxiliary. Many resolutions are made Dec. 31st, hoping some of them are to keep dues current, attend meetings (3rd Wed, @ 6:00 pm) and to volunteer more. We're always in need of Breakfast (1st Sunday) and Dinner (3rd Thursday). It baffles me that we have over 200 members, and yet, we've had the same handful volunteering for as long as I can remember. I know you all cook breakfast and dinner, and yet I can't get anyone to step up at least one function a year. Your club cannot exist or function without volunteers. On a lighter note all of the above resolutions are easier to keep than the old standby - losing weight, Right Ladies? Please let's pull together and step up. You can call Theresa 324-1537, Maggie 310-3401 and my number is below. Anyone volunteering that day will be glad to walk you through that event.

OK now - the Children's Christmas party was a lot of fun of course - who doesn't enjoy getting presents and seeing Santa, we had 35 sign up. They also received some Reindeer food to sprinkle on the lawn, you know it doesn't hurt to spoil them too.

Mid-Winter Conference is Jan. 26-27 in Bennington. If our Vermont weather holds out, I hope many of you attend. Would love for some of our older Junior Members to attend with your Mom or Grandmother, as you ladies are the future of our American Legion Auxiliary. For 2918 I would like for our Jr's to become more involved.

1. Our next bingo is Jan. 14th @ 2:00 pm.
2. We've adopted a National Guard family for Christmas so they can have a Wonderful Holiday.
3. We're collecting non-perishable food items for Lakeside Food Shelf.
4. We're also collecting thru Feb., gently used coats and jackets (men's, women's, kid's only)
5. Used cell phones are collected all year, they are stripped down, parts sold and calling cards are bought for our service members that are deployed.

Thanks to all who have volunteered in 2017, and continue in the New Year. Also for the same 10-12 that have been volunteering.

For God and Country

Gail Wixson, Sr. Vice President

355-6805

Color Guard

The Color Guard participated in several INS ceremonies where immigrants become new citizens of the United States. Our participation is always appreciated and it is a very rewarding experience. Members performed a rifle salute and taps at the Veterans Day ceremony and the Wreaths Across America ceremony, both at the Colchester Veterans Cemetery.



You are invited to come and join us for 2018. You will find it a very rewarding experience.

For God and Country

Denis Berthiaume

CG Commander

Other News Items

- Please take note that our Sunday breakfast hours have shifted. We will now serve from 9:00 am to 11:30 am as we usually have hungry customers in before 9:30 and very few after 11:30.
- We are going to have a Super Chili Bowl contest at the Post on Feb. 4th prior to the Super Bowl. Judging will be at 3:00 pm. You can enter your best and win a prize. A sign up sheet will be posted at the Legion Jan 1. Judging will be by popular vote. You can enter a chili or come and enjoy the entries and vote for your favorite. Details will follow on Facebook and the Web Site.
- NOTICE if you have paid your 2018 dues and you get a notice from National American Legion requesting you pay your dues IGNORE the notice. Some glitch in the system caused hundreds of these notices to be sent out.

Thursday evening dinners

Dinner is served every Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00

Volunteers from different parts of the Legion Family are responsible each week:

1st Thursday - The Sons

2nd Thursday - Legionnaires

3rd Thursday - The Auxiliary

4th Thursday - The Color Guard

5th Thursday - Legionnaires and Sons alternate



Sunday Breakfast

Breakfast is served each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 11:30

Volunteers from each Legion Family are responsible for breakfast each week

1st Sunday - The Auxiliary

2nd Sunday - Legionnaires

3rd Sunday - The Sons

4th Sunday - The Color Guard

5th Sunday - Legionnaires and Sons alternate



Lunch served Monday through Friday 11:00 to 2:00

Mexican Wednesdays 5:00 to 7:00

Pub Food Fridays 5:30 to 7:00



Public Welcome



Hours of operation Mon. 10:00am-8:00pm Tues.-Thurs. & Sat. 10:00am - 10:00pm

Fri. 10:00am—11:00pm Sun. 9:30am – 8:00pm

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Kitchen and waitress staffs for Sunday breakfast and Thursday dinners are all volunteers. Please be patient, respectful and appreciative of the service they provide for the club and patrons