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American Legion

WE ARE OPEN!

Post 32 is pleased to announce that as of April 1, 2016, we reopened and are up and running. Good things have already started, as you'll see browsing our new Newsletter. We have a new website www.post32nh.org where we will be posting this newsletter, calendar of events and other news.

Please take a moment to send Larry Heath your name and email address at heathlg@comcast.net. In the future, we will email you letting you know when newsletters are uploaded to the website. For those who do not have email and would like the newsletter, please contact the Post at 778-0165 and a printed copy will be sent via USPS.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On April 13, 2016, American Legion officers were sworn in for Post 32 - District 3. We are pleased to announce the following offices have been filled:

- Commander:** Wilbert Brown
- Senior Vice Commander:** Open Position
- Junior Vice Commander:** Preston Shaffer
- Chaplain:** Open Position
- Adjutant:** Larry Heath
- Finance:** Larry Heath
- Sargent at Arms:** Donna Randall
- Child and Youth:** Open Position
- Service Officer:** Open Position
- Historian:** Open Position

The Trustees of the Legion are:
Senior Club Trustee: Larry Heath
Trustees: Donna Randall and Preston Shaffer



Left to Right: Wilbert Brown, Preston Shaffer, Larry Heath and Donna Randall

If anyone is interested in volunteering for any open Legion position, please contact **Larry Heath** at 642-8601 or fill out an application and bring it to the Legion.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

We want to thank the Newfields Elementary School's thoughtfulness for the flowers and the hand-drawn flag brought to the Legion for Memorial Day!



MONTHLY MEETING NIGHTS

LEGION - 4th Tuesday each month - 7 PM

SAL - 3rd Thursday each month - 7 PM

AUXILIARY - 4th Tuesday each month - 7 PM

CURRENT EVENTS

- The Auxiliary is putting on a "Christmas in July" - July 31 - 6:30 PM to closing
- The Legion is sponsoring the Annual Summer Barbeque - Stratham Hill Park - August 14 - check the Calendar of Events on our website for latest updates
- Legion sponsored Yard Sale - date to be determined. We will be looking for contributions - please check your basements for goodies to donate!

PAST EVENTS

A BBQ Grill and Smoker was donated to the Legion by Cheryl Archambeault and Dave Bosworth for a raffle held on May 28th. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Sherman Philbrick.



Other Post's Events of interest:

Henry J Sweeney Post 2 in Manchester is hosting a "Swing into Spring" event featuring the fabulous Freese Brothers Big Band on the third Tuesday every month highlighting the great music of that era. Everyone is welcome to join them at their 251 Maple Street, smoke free quarters. (Admission is also free!) 7:30-9:30 PM. For information, call 623-9145.

MEMBERSHIPS

Help your Legion by getting the word out that we are up and running, and eager to participate in our community again.

Post Membership dues renewal date:

Reminders sent by December 31st

Online new membership application form:

https://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=EDMS+webrtn=DMS_CHEC+ml=LANSA:XHTML+partition=TAL+language=ENG

Online renewal membership form:

<https://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=EDMS+webrtn=NETINTRO+ml=LANSA:XHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG>

Who is eligible to join?

If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces during any of the war eras, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving -- you are eligible for membership in The American Legion!





Sons of the American Legion

SWORN IN

On April 13, 2016, officers for the Sons of the American Legion were sworn in for Post 32. We are pleased to announce the following offices have been filled:

Commander: Michael H. J. Collins

Senior Vice Commander: David Bosworth

Junior Vice Commander: Craig Goodwin

Adjutant: Open Position

Finance: Michael H. J. Collins

Child and Youth: Open Position

Sargent at Arms: Kenny Thibodeau

Adjutant: Open Position

Chaplain: Open Position

Historian: Open Position



*Left to right: Michael Collins,
Dave Bosworth, Craig Goodwin
and Kenny Thibodeau*

Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

S.A.L. members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion comprise the Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 4.2 million.

Online new membership application form:

https://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=EDMS+webrtn=DMS_CHECK+ml=LANSA:XHTML+partition=TAL+language=ENG

SAL EVENTS

The SAL holds a meat raffle every Saturday with the drawing to be held at 6:00 PM. Come on down, relax, sip your favorite beverage and GOOD LUCK! **Maybe you'll be having some grilling fun this summer!**

Tickets on sale all week, each week.





American Legion Auxiliary

INSTALLATION - AUXILIARY

President: Valerie Hilton

Senior Vice President: Open Position

Junior Vice President: Erica Raymond

Chaplain: Denise Raymond

Secretary: Anita Shaffer

Treasurer: Open Position

Sargent-at-Arms: Donna Johnson

Historian: Cheryl Archambeault



Left to right Valerie Hilton, Anita Shaffer, Erica Raymond, Donna Johnson, Denise Raymond and Cheryl Archambeault



AUXILIARY EVENTS

Christmas in July - July 31st 6:30 PM to closing



Join us for a pot luck dinner, dancing, raffles, games, and for those who wish to participate, a Yankee Swap with a \$20 maximum. To sign up to bring a Pot Luck dish, sign up sheet is at the bar. Gift basket raffle – tickets \$2 each or \$5 for three.

SEE YOU THERE!!

Signup sheet for the Pot Luck dinner will be at the canteen.

Raffle Basket contains:

- Bottle of Louis M. Martini Cabernet Sauvignon
- Two crystal wine glasses
- \$100 gift certificate to one of four restaurants: Surf Restaurant - Portsmouth, Local Kitchen Wine & Bar - Nashua, Buckley's - Merrimack, or Buckley's Bakery & Café - Merrimack
- \$30 gift certificate for a refresher facial at Aesthetica in Greenland
- \$30 Amazon gift card
- \$10 Starbucks Card
- 2 American Legion Post 32 Coffee Mugs
- One pound of Dunkins Donuts Coffee

Ticket Prices: One for \$2.00 - Three for \$5.00
Tickets go on sale June 11th at the Canteen.
Signup sheet for the Pot Luck dinner will be at the canteen.



ARTICLE OF INTEREST

(Reprinted from www.usflag.org)

The History of Flag Day

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be

held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself." Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as **National Flag Day**.

Poster commemorating the 140th Flag Day on June 14, 1917.



MILITARY TRIVIA FACTS

<http://www.military.com/>

1. 30 of the 43 Presidents served in the Army, 24 during time of war, two earned the rank of 5-star General (Washington and Eisenhower) and one earned the Medal of Honor (T. Roosevelt)

2. Less than 28 percent of Americans between the ages of 17-23 are qualified for military service, that's only about 1-in-4.

3. The U.S. Air Force was part of the Army until 1946. It was called the Army Air Corp.

4. Only one President (James Buchanan) served as an enlisted man in the military and did not go on to become an officer.

5. The Department of Defense employs about 1.8 million people on active duty. It is the largest employer in the United States, with more employees than Exxon, Mobil, Ford, General Motors, and GE combined!

6. The Department of Defense owns worldwide 29,819,492 acres of land worldwide.

7. The United States has 737 military installations overseas alone.

8. The Navy's bell-bottom trousers, are commonly believed to be introduced in 1817 to permit men to roll them above the knee when washing down the decks and to make it easier to remove them in a hurry when forced to abandon ship or when washed overboard. In addition, the trousers may be used as a life preserver by knotting the legs and swinging them over your head to fill the legs with air.

9. The Coast Guard seizes 169 pounds of marijuana and 306 pounds of cocaine worth \$9,589,000.00 every day.

10. The Coast Guard is smaller than the New York City Police Department.

11. The Marine Corps motto, "Semper Fidelis," was adopted in 1883 as the official motto. It is Latin for "Always Faithful".

12. The nickname "Leatherneck" originates from the stiff leather stock that early Marines wore around their necks, probably to protect their jugular vein against saber blows.

13. The English Bulldog, also known as "Teufel-hunden," or "Devil Dogs," is the unofficial mascot that symbolizes the ethos of the Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines. The U.S. Marine Corps earned this unofficial mascot during World War I, when many German reports called the attacking Marines "teufel-hunden," meaning Devil-Dogs. "Teufel-hunden" were the vicious, wild and ferocious mountain dogs of German Bavarian folklore.

14. The U.S. Army was in charge of exploring and mapping America. The Lewis and Clark Expedition was an all Army affair. Army officers were the first Americans to see such landmarks as Pike's Peak and the Grand Canyon.

15. The Air Force's F-117 fighter uses aerodynamics discovered during research into how bumblebees fly.

So there they are, 15 facts you didn't know, but now you do. Now you can amaze your friends and family with your knowledge of military trivia.

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Manchester, NH 03104

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State of NH American Legion

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