

Post #5 Newsletter

January 2025



**" A House divided
against itself cannot
stand."**

Abraham Lincoln

Membership Meeting:

First Thursday of the month
at 7pm

Auxiliary Meeting:

Second Thursday of the
month at 6:30pm

**Sons of the American
Legion Meeting:**

First Monday of the month
at 6:30pm

**House Committee
Meeting:**

Third Monday of the
month at 6:00pm



Commander's Corner

Hello fellow Veterans and welcome to the return of the Post 5 American Legion newsletter. I'm halfway through my second year as Commander of Post 5 and would like to thank everyone who has stepped up to take over an office that we needed. Chad Mulverhill as my 1st Vice, Dan Tardie as 2nd Vice, David Robinson as Sargent at Arms and of course Thurlly Tracey for continuing to be a big part as Adjutant. I would also like to thank Chad for stepping up and taking over the Financial Officer position. We have made great progress over the last few months in improving the Post and a lot of it has to do with the staff and volunteers who have stepped up to help and I would like to Thank You all. I'm not going to name people in fear of forgetting someone so THANK YOU ALL. As we get ready to start the New Year, I look forward to seeing everyone at the Post. Don't forget to stop by and have some lunch Monday - Friday from 11:30-1:30 or Dinner on Friday night from 5-7. So, here's to another year hope everyone has a safe and happy year.

Jay Mills, Commander of Post 5

The Auxiliary

Auxiliary Unit 5 has been very busy throughout the last part of the year with several club activities. In November, we held our 29th annual Craft Fair and book sale which was strongly attended. Many Unit volunteers assisted with this popular event and contributed to our success.

In early December, we partnered with the VFW Auxiliary and our Post to have a Children's Christmas Party, wrapping gifts after our monthly meeting. Many thanks to Casy Martin for her coordination of this event.

As in previous years, we filled stockings to be distributed to local Veterans. Visits were made to Pine Heights, Thompson House and Bradley House to distribute to our Veterans who reside there, including several Legion members. It was wonderful to see some of these former "regulars" from the club and they appreciated being remembered.

Leading up to Christmas Eve, we held a scratch ticket raffle which supported our many state and local Veterans charities. Donations for the 4th quarter totaled over \$1500 and included support for our Department President's Project, which is the Rev. George and Rev. Isadore Fox Memorial Museum. One of the immortal Four Chaplains, Rev. George L. Fox, was a resident of Vermont, and preached at a church in Gilman. We also supported local charities which benefit our Veterans.

As always, we continue to offer support for the Friday night dinners as well as having many active members of the Auxiliary serving on the Activities Committee and coming up with many fun ideas for the club. And a big shoutout to Linda Thurber for adding a dessert table to our Fish Fry dinner to further support that event.

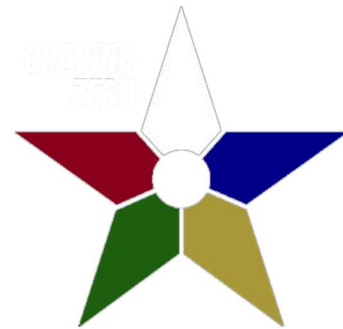
Currently we are planning for the new year which includes Mid-winter conference on January 17 and 18. We will also be hosting a dinner at the Post on Friday, Jan. 31.

A reminder that our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and all Unit members are invited to attend and learn more about our mission and programs.

In the spirit of service, not self,

Lori Nelson

President, Unit #5



CHASING ZERO

Judge Advocate

The Friday Night Suppers continue to be occasions of good food, comradery, and fun for the Legion Family and our many guests and the opportunity for us to serve.

For some of us the hearty fish fry and baked pies are the best and most nourishing meal we will have all week—and the price is right.

For some, getting together with Veterans and friends of Veterans is a weekly event looked forward to with joy and laughter.

For some, the opportunity to serve others is an occasion that is rewarding.

And for all, there is great fun, a raffle drawing at 7:00 p.m. and the opportunity to multiply the joys of the family and divide our sorrows.

Join us.

Thomas W. Costello and Linda Thurber

For The Friday Night Crew

The Band

By Martha Price



Since 1990, the Brattleboro Post 5 American Legion Band has captivated audiences across New England with its vibrant performances. As Vermont's only American Legion Band, our ensemble unites talented volunteer musicians for both concert and marching events, sharing music that celebrates community and patriotism all year round.

Our members come from 35 towns across five states and two countries, bringing diverse backgrounds and experiences that enhance each performance. Whether you're a seasoned musician or dusting off a high school instrument, we welcome you to join our ranks! Experience the joy of making music with us—by becoming part of our concert ensemble, cheering us on at an upcoming show, or joining in a local parade. Come, be part of the magic!

Find more information about the band at our website or drop in on a rehearsal on Wednesday night at 7pm at the Post 5 American Legion!

A note from the Sgt-at-Arms

We are doing pizza night the last Thursday of every month at 7pm. It is primarily focused on Veterans who have served from 1990 until present but everyone is welcome. It is really informal and organic in nature. We don't have any agenda beyond comradeship and a sense of community. See you there!

Dave Robinson

!!Volunteers Needed!!

If you'd like to volunteer to help out on a committee, kitchen, activity or with any ideas, please contact Mike Tessier or Meaghan Fagley or leave a note at the office with your contact info. Additionally, we are currently looking to fill multiple officer positions for Post #5 so please reach out to any current officer to inquire about openings and what would be a good fit. Many hands make for light work!

Club Manager – House Committee

I want to thank everyone for their work and dedication this past year. Our team of bar, kitchen, maintenance, committee, office and volunteer staff is what makes this club work and they have truly made 2024 a success. Each and every day these folks work hard to serve our customers with drinks, tickets, and some very tasty food. Some of them even entertain you with their knowledge of what's happening in this ever-changing town of Brattleboro.

The House Committee continues to work hard to make improvements with the operation of the club. Our present members include Meaghan Fagley, Jay Mills, Gordon Bristol, Linda Thurber Tom Costello and Mike Tessier. One of the biggest challenges given to us by the Executive Committee, was to make the club profitable. With the decline in membership (that all Legions are facing) and negative impacts from Covid and inflation, the club was losing money and had been taking on new debt over the last few years. In order to achieve our goal of profitability, improvements were made to bar, kitchen, utilities, insurance, advertising, contract and staffing expenditures. Our lunch and event menus were also updated and improved. After a year plus of hard work, I am proud to announce we have been profitable for the last several months and have started paying down our debt. Also, with the help of the Finance committee, we now have our "first of a kind" Post 5 budget!

Our Activities Committee, led by Meaghan Fagley has working diligently to book our Wantastiquet Hall for private events, club sponsored events and fun activities. (see Calender). We have also purchased some Dart boards and will be installing them in the back room very soon. The Auxiliary has donated a new TV monitor which will be put up in our entrance way and it will show our upcoming events and other important information.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to another successful year at Post 5.

Club Manager- House Committee Chair
Mike Tessier

Current List of Upcoming Events:

January:

- 1/3 – Fish Fry with the Inlawski Brothers!
- 1/10 – Apple cider roasted pork
- 1/17 – Bea's Pizza
- 1/24 – SAL chicken dinner
- 1/31 – Auxiliary dinner

February:

- 2/7 – Fish Fry with the Inlawski Brothers!
- 2/9 – Super Bowl Sunday funday pot luck – bring an app to share!
- 2/14 – Prime Rib Valentine's Day specials (lunch and dinner). Pre-orders are required
- 2/17 – Winter Carnival family BINGO
- 2/21 – Bea's Pizza
- 2/22 – Y2K party with DJ Chase
- 2/28 – SAL chicken dinner

March:

- 3/7 – Fish Fry with the Inlawski Brothers!
- 3/14 – All day corned beef dinner
- 3/21 – Bea's Pizza
- 3/28 – SAL chicken dinner

