

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWSLETTER VT, POST 91



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Commanders Corner



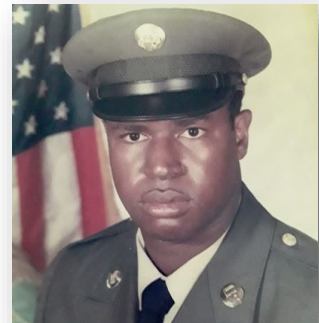
Commanders Journey

Goodbye 2023, Hello 2024. We lost some of our legion fail and gained some new ones. Our new cook Kim is doing an outstanding job as our lunch service has really picked up with a high of 61. Color Guard breakfast, Thursday night dinners, Auxiliary, SAL and Regulars breakfasts are all doing well. A shout out to our bar poker team for making Saturday a great day to visit the post again. Overall it is a great hob by all our volunteers for making out Legion a place where friends and family gather for good times. Please remember to renew your membership for 2024 for there will be a lot of activities planned for inside and outside so join us for a great year.

For God and Country

Henry Lingo Post Commander

Vietnam Veteran and Friend



Auxiliary



Happy New Year to our Colchester 91 American Legion Family!

We are so thankful for all that we were able to accomplish in 2023 and hope to continue helping our Veterans, service members, their families and community into 2024.

We are in dire need of volunteers. All of our activities, fundraisers, bingos, meals are not possible without YOU! Do you have one morning a month? How about an afternoon quarterly? We are struggling to find help to hold our events. Out of our 300+ members, we would be so grateful to hear from you and see how we can continue to make a difference.

A huge thank you to our Maggie Rutledge who has stepped down after over a decade from chairing Auxiliary Bingo held the second Sunday of each month. Our VP Sue Brennan has graciously stepped up to continue this event. Any volunteers to help set up, call, hand out/sell cards would be most appreciated!

Shirley Patrick, our Auxiliary Treasurer wears many volunteers hats which includes running our Breakfasts held the First Sunday of the month. From shopping, to prep, to organizing her kitchen crew. Amazing dedication, and could sure use a few extras hands to help make the work lighter.

If in-person or mobility concerns are too much right now, please consider what you might be able to assist with, even from a distance! We can all reach out and make a real difference to our Veterans and Community. Everyday, and especially during and after the holidays. With the mix of cold and dark days, local weather disasters, financial hardships, cost of living concerns etc, the world can cause someone to feel more alone. Remind them by reaching out, dropping off a snack, sending a handwritten note, inviting them out on an errand, anything that let's them know they are not alone and they do matter.

Please reach out to any of our unit officers, drop a note in our box or email alavtunit91@gmail.com a quick note to offer support and let us know that you care and are willing to assist. If you are already doing good deeds, we would love to hear about them! Help us help others so that we may all have a safe and Happy 2024

~Danielle Many

ALA Colchester Unit 91 President

ALA Dept of VT Membership Chair

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Auxiliary



Our Amazing Auxiliary Members in attendance at our December Monthly Unit Meeting 12/21/2023. Held every third Wednesday



Submitted by our Chaplin Patty Ward; We had a very successful Children's Holiday Party. Thank you to Dave and Barb Liberty for making sure Mr. and Mrs. Clause came to the party with all of the elves. Also

Sons of the American Legion



To start with I just want say that I hope everyone had a safe holiday season.

What's new from the Sons is January to the March meeting we will be having a

mid-winter raffle. First Prize will be a \$200.00 Visa gift card, Second prize is a \$100.00 Gift card, and then third will be a \$50.00 gift card. The Sons next breakfast will be January 21, same time 9:00am to 11:30am come hungry.

Memberships are due so please renew as soon as possible. If any Son in good standing comes to a meeting, you will get a free beverage after the meeting. If you would like to become an officer see Commander Steve Stone for information.

Commander Steve Stone

Color Guard



We have had a great 2023 showing the colors. We are looking for new members to share this experience. We do two parades on Memorial Day and the 4th of July. We participate in services on Memorial Day, 9/11 Ceremony and Wreaths Across America. We present the colors at the Federal Court House for the immigration services. It is a ceremony everyone should see where immigrants become new US Citizens.

The Post provides the Color Guard uniforms. It is not necessary to attend every event as some members may be working on the day of events. If you would like to join the team just fire off an email to gilhooly@comcast.net

For God and Country

Dan Patrick & Bob Gilhooly

Color Guard Commanders

Thursday evening dinners

Thursday dinner will be on the third Thursday of the Month

Jan Dinner Roast Beef
\$14



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 - Legion Family



Lunch served Monday through Friday 11:30 to 1:30

Pub Food Fridays 4:30 to 6:00



Public Welcome

Hours of operation Mon.—Fri 11:00am-7:00pm Fri.—Sat 11:00—8:00 Sun 9:00am—7:00pm

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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