

Our Family Newsletters

June 2025

Nonantum Post 440



News:

- *Next Members Meeting is Tuesday, June 3rd @ 5:30pm*
- *Sons of the Legion Meeting is Tuesday, June 3rd @ 5:30pm*
- *Ladies Auxiliary Meeting is Tuesday, June 3rd @ 5:30pm*

6:45pm Dinner to be served

From our family to yours!

From your Commander:

Comrades,

It is wonderful to be able to put out a newsletter once again. It is important to get as much information out to the members as possible. Hopefully more members will get more involved. Starting with as little as attending the monthly meetings. We meet every month on the first Tuesday of the month except in July and August at 6:15PM, in the main meeting room. The meetings last about one and a half hours with a collation after. Please try to attend.

Coming into our busy season it is the right time to get involved. On March 15th the American Legion celebrated its 106th birthday. As promoted by our State Commander Isaack, "This anniversary isn't just a time for reflection; it's a prime opportunity to promote the organization and its mission. by using this occasion to highlight the Legion's impact, communities can engage more veterans, strengthen membership, and spread awareness of the valuable services the organization provides." With that being said, let all of us try to be more involved. Come to a meeting, attend a fundraiser or come to the member's lounge and socialize with other veterans.

Our beautiful building that opened in 1972 and has needed some major updating. In the past couple of years, we have updated the lounge and 3 bathrooms that have been completely remodeled. As luck would have it the updating had to come to an end as the facade on the California Street side started to fall off. This caused us to put our financial resources into a new direction. As luck continues to go in the wrong direction the roof started to leak. We were able to get it patched but we have been told it needs a complete new roof. We are planning a number of fund-raising events in the coming months please keep checking our calendar on our web site. You will find something you would like to attend.

Scholarship Application are out; you may pick up one at the post or see copy enclosed. Please fill one out and return it to Post 440 295 California St. Newton, MA 02458 C/O Scholarship Committee or email it to me at dngentile@gmail.com.

Remembering our Vietnam Veterans. April 30, 2025 was the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. We should also remember our Men and Woman of World War 2 that on May 8th 2025 was the 80th anniversary of the Victory in Europe for Allied Forces.

If you have any ideas about fund-raising or just fun things you would like to see at our Post please let me know. My email is dngentile@gmail.com.

Don Gentile
Commander

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 440

Serving, helping, and meeting the needs of our nation's veterans and military families.

April-May-June 2025

Current Spring Events

The April 2025 Ham-O-Rama started with a little rain outside but we were all inside busy handing out hams, veggies, tulips and a whole lot of pies! The Post 440 has the best donators, volunteers, and of course the best supporters who come to these events. Our Auxiliary does so much for Veterans and Veteran Programs, and we have you, our members and neighbors, to thank for helping to make it all possible. Friends and families together, winning Easter Dinner and some great raffles! We hope you and your family enjoyed the Holiday. Thank you for showing up!

The "Shot heard round the world" at the Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19th, 1775, was the start of the American Revolutionary War. From that date to July 4th, 1776, the signing of The Declaration of Independence, many Patriots fought for our new country's Independence, and it cost many their lives.

But they endured. They were our first American Veterans. We need to remember our original Patriots stood tall for freedom of oppression, rights of the countrymen, acceptance of individual faiths, ownership of land, and dependence from foreign nations. They helped to create The United States of America and allowed future generations the opportunity to participate in their country's governing body. The USA is a nation like no other and protecting our values is vital. As America celebrates its 250th Anniversary, please pause to remember and thank all of our Veterans.

AL District 5 Bowling Fundraiser Sat April 26th

On Friday, May 2nd the ALA will host a GIFT CARD BINGO night at the Post. Doors open at 6pm and the games start at 7pm. Come, bring a friend and a pizza! You could win any number of gift cards or scratch tickets! Admission is \$10 for 10 games with additional games to purchase for \$5. We will also have a \$250 multi lottery ticket scratch board you could win! Only \$10 per a raffle ticket!

AL District 5 Auxiliary meeting & luncheon is Saturday May 10th at the Post 440 at 11am.

Memorial Day Monday May 26th. Events to be scheduled by AL Post.

On Friday June 6th the ALA will be hosting "Counterfeit Cash" A Johnny Cash & Friends Tribute Band. Come to the Post and enjoy the music of "The Man in Black". Doors Open at 7pm.

Light Snacks will be provided. Cash Bar. Raffles. Tickets are \$25, on sale starting May 2nd.

Winners of the two ALA Nonantum Unit 440 to be announced.

Flag Day is Saturday, June 14 this year. Old Glory celebrates its 248th year as our Nations Flag.

ALA is sponsoring three girls to Girls State this summer. June 20th to June 25th at Stonehill College.

Information meeting May 4th at noon at the Baldwinville AL Post. Must register by May 1st.

ALA 440's Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025 @ 5:30pm.

Donna Cottens
President

Sons of the Legion Squadron 440

Fellow Legionnaires,

Congratulations to Our Veterans, Commander Gentile, his Board, President Cottons and her Board the Sq. 440 Board and all Members and Associates for another outstanding season.

No need for me to be redundant on events as their respective messages are loud and clear. Our steady drumbeat of many, many events does its part to fuel the existence of our Beloved Post.

Come to meetings to kick off your additional presence in our post missions, among the few unapologetic supporters of our God, our Country, Our Constitution, Truth, Justice and The American Way that is left in our City...

Accolades to The Flag Pole Committee for restoring Old Glory to its proper status and grace with an external halyard. Thank you!! Congratulations! Every day without it displayed seemed like an eternity and I know we all fielded calls from the Community regarding this. Thank You.

Now more than ever the importance of serving within our Squadron, The Post and Community, Is paramount. The very success we have been trusted with by the Post 440 original founder's counts on you, your family and the community to include yourselves in perhaps 1 or 2 additional events. The building they rallied for and built has upkeep costs that are front and center Right now! Contact myself, Donna or Donny to add yourself as a cog in our big wheel of projected success.

Take the time to understand and appreciate the reward of a unified post for all of our causes and all of our missions. Reward your fellow with acknowledgement and involvement- all of our building and Management Staff, Members, Officers, Vendors, Supporters and on and on. That one extra gesture can make an unrecognized world of difference to the recipient...who we appreciate and fuel Our own existence here at Our Post 440.

Many who read this will remember a quote from Martin Treptow a barber from Cherokee Iowa who enlisted in The National Guard and was called to active duty in WW1. He was killed in The Second Battle of Marne attempting to deliver a message between battalions. On his body was found a diary with a Pledge that reads

"America Must Win This War. Therefore, I will Work, I will Save, I will Sacrifice, I will Endure, I will Fight Cheerfully and Do my Utmost, as if The Whole Struggle Depended on Me Alone"

Come to a Meeting, Join a Committee, and serve on a Board and Get Involved.

D.J. Snyder
Commander S.A.L. Sq 440
dj1@djsnyder.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Counterfeit Cash Fundraiser
Friday, June 6th @7pm
\$25.00 per ticket



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 All Members Meetings 5:30pm Coalition 6:45pm	4 Cribbage 1:30 Members Lounge Wednesday Night Blues Jam 8pm	5 Line Dancing 12:30pm Play Chess 7pm	6 Counterfeit Cash Fundraiser 7pm	7 Saturday Night Live 8pm
8	9	10	11 Cribbage 1:30 Members Lounge	12 Line Dancing 12:30pm Play Chess 7pm	13	14 Saturday Night Live 8pm Flag Day
15	16	17	18 Cribbage 1:30 Members Lounge	19 Annual Awards Ceremony 6pm Line Dancing 12:30pm Play Chess 7pm	20	21
Happy Father's Day	BINGO 6:30pm	Bunker Hill Day	Cribbage 1:30 Members Lounge		Summer Solstice	Saturday Night Live 8pm
22	23	24	25 Cribbage 1:30 Members Lounge	26 Line Dancing 12:30pm Play Chess 7pm	27	28 Saturday Night Live 8pm
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BINGO 6:30pm						



Queen of Hearts

How to play

- Drawings will take place every Thursday at 5:00pm (First Drawing will be March 6th)
 - And then every week after that @ 6pm (Come on down and play)
 - The Queen of Hearts Board has 54 slots
 - Deck of Cards are placed randomly in envelopes and sealed by members
 - The envelopes will then be numbered 1-54 (including Jokers)
 - The envelopes will be placed in the #’d slots
 - The winning raffle tickets picked will determine which envelope is opened
 - There will be one winner per week and the game continues until the Queen of Hearts is revealed.
 - Anyone can play
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- Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
 - Available from the Bartender on Duty
 - Print information CLEARLY on ticket
 - Name, # Envelope and Phone Number
 - Once your ticket(s) are filled out, please don’t fold them, just drop them in the Raffle Bin

Prize Payouts

Any Playing Card #2-10	10% of Weekly Sales
Picture Cards (J/Q/K or Ace)	20% of Weekly Sales

Queen of Hearts

50% of the Jackpot



AMERICAN LEGION NONANTUM POST 440
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Affiliated Member: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

High School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Name of school you are planning to attend: _____

Tuition: _____

Instructions:

- A: Official transcript of grades received during four years at High school –
MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION
- B: Enclose your own letter stating your reasons for applying for a scholarship
and a summary statement of such facts as your particular interests and
activities. Also, include how you expect to use the monies received from
this scholarship.
- C: Scholarship winners to be announced by August 1, 2025
- D: Scholarship monies to be distributed after completion of first semester and
a transcript of first semester grades are turned in with a 3.0 or better GPA

Dead line for application is June 15, 2025

Remembering the Vietnam Veteran

50 Years too Late

They came back with scars unseen and many, missing parts
Home was not the same for them, we broke so many hearts
Years go by, people grow, they think they see a different light
So, they asked the Vets forgiveness, to make them feel alright

Now 50 years have passed, we have learned and understand
Just how brutally we treated them, here, in their homeland
With so many gone now, when we finally know their plight
We say Thank You, and they forgive us, they believe it's right

They were drafted young Americans, who simply had no choice,
The many countless horrors adding pain to their often-quiet voice
They will be the first to stand to recognize another mangled Vet
and the old wounds that we gave them, they'd rather just forget

Why when it's almost too late, when most of them are gone, forgot
We have to scramble to include them, from facts we were not taught
God forgive US all as we honor why they stood and fought.
And pray for every one of them because our freedoms cannot be bought.

Remembering our Vietnam Veterans November 1, 1955 – April 30, 1975
On the 50th Anniversary of The End of the Vietnam War - April 30, 2025

American Legion Nonantum Post 440

295 California Street, Newton, MA

***LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
SATURDAYS!***



Music/Dancing

8-11:30 PM

\$10 ADMISSION (PER PERSON) FOR OUR VETERAN PROGRAMS

April 19 Acoustic Roadshow

April 26 Craig Carter & The Hurricane

May 3 Boston Soul Revue

May 10 The Blues Dogs

May 17 Kevin James Graham

May 24  **Monday, May 26 - Remember and Honor
Our Fallen Heroes**

May 31 Racky Thomas & Friends

June 7 The Enchanters

June 14 Classic Groove (Flag Day – Honor the flag )

June 21 Sweet Wednesday



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1ST WEDNESDAY LEGION BLUES JAM



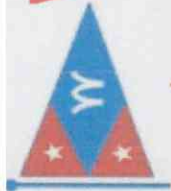
FREE

8-11:30 p.m.

May 7

Brad Faucher

"Made possible by donation in
memory of SAL Member Larry Young"



Watertown Yacht Club and American Legion Post 440



invites

VETERANS OF POST 440 for a RIVER CRUISE & COOKOUT

Entertainment....Games

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Bus will leave from Post 440 at 9 am

Cruise departs from the Galleria Mall at 10 am

PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE INCLUDED!

Space is limited.

Deadline to sign up is Monday, June 30

No Smoking Or Vaping On The Bus or the Boat!

Thank you for your service!



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Branch of Service

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