

Our Family Newsletters

October 2026

Nonantum Post 440



News:

- *Members Meeting is Tuesday, October 6th @ 6pm*
- *Sons of the Legion Meeting is Tuesday, October 13th @ 6pm*
- *Ladies Auxiliary Meeting is Tuesday, October 13th @ 6pm*

From our family to yours!

From your Commander:

Comrades,

I would like to thank all who attended the Installation of Officers Brunch on Sunday, September 20th. It was a great success. I would also like to applaud both President Cottens and Commander Pasquarosa for all they did to make it so.

The September meeting was well attended; however, I would like to see a much greater turnout. With more attendees you get more and different ideas on how to better serve the veterans in need and our community. We need help in all our committees. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th at 6 PM. Please try to attend.

On October 13th at 5:30 PM there will be a Memorial Brick Unveiling, (on the brick walkway to the right of the member's entrance), in Loving Memory of Richard Spalding, a member of the Legion and Past Commander of the Sons, who was killed in a tragic accident. Please try to attend.

Prior to our last meeting, past-Masters from the Masons Newtonville Lodge (Steve Cohan) arrived as a guest to present a donation to the Post in the amount of \$200.00 to recognize the past Newton Mayor when Post 440 opened its new building. He was a member of the Lodge at that time. The donation was gratefully received by Commander Gentile.

On Friday September 25th the DAV celebrated its 106 birthday. After World War 1, DAV was founded to give voice to the veterans forever changed in wartime service. Through more than a century of service, they have made powerful progress for veteran's rights. Please support the DAV when ever you can.

We have a DAV chapter within the Post 440. For information on joining please contact myself.

Commander
Don Gentile

From your ALA President:

The ALA Unit 440 had installation and first meeting and it was attended by many new faces. We are excited for the 2027 season.

We'd like to thank Post Commander Donnie Gentile, Sons Squadron Leader Paul Pasquarosa, and all of the American Legion Family for the wonderful turnout at the Awards Night.

The ALA sponsored two Girls to Girls State and gave out two scholarships and one merit award, and we recognized two Veterans we signed up for HONOR FLIGHT, Jack Stone and Gary Demay.

Our August Beach Party was a huge fundraising success and we've already started giving back donations to many Veteran's programs.

We would like to remember our friend and member Yolanda Cellucci who recently passed away. Yolanda was a great supporter of our Veterans and The Salvation Army. She will be missed.

And, we have already started to prepare for our fall events. The Turkey Shoot is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, 2026!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, OCT 13 at 6:00pm. This is our new meeting time. Our meeting starts right after the ceremonial brick service at 5:30 for past SAL Cmdr Rich Spaulding.

Donna Cottens
AL Auxiliary Unit 440 President



From your Sons Commander:

I want to begin by congratulating Commander Donnie Gentile and Auxiliary President Donna Cottens on another term leading the Legion and Auxiliary.

I am excited and honored to work alongside them in the year ahead. My compliments and thanks go to the Auxiliary for the wonderful food and thoughtful care they provided at our September 20 installation brunch. I also want to thank the Newton Police and Newton Fire Honor Guards for adding pomp and circumstance to our ceremony, as well as Florence Public Cover and Jim Blake, representing the district and department, respectively, for joining us.

We have an ambitious agenda this year, with many plans we hope to bring to life. We will begin with a joint meeting with the Auxiliary on Tuesday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. Just before the meeting, at 5:30 p.m., we will unveil a memorial brick honoring the late Richard Spalding, an Air Force veteran and past squadron commander. (See attached flyer.) Immediately after the meeting, the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion will gather in the members' lounge for some mangia mangia and an opportunity to share what is coming up in our respective groups. I hope you will join us for the tribute, the meeting, and the fellowship afterward. Let's not forget our annual BOO BASH, hosted by Oldies 103's Mike "Behind the Mic" Callahan. It will take place on Saturday, October 31—Halloween night—and is always a SPOOKY good time. (See attached flyer.)

We're also excited to put our FLAGS OVER NEWTON & NEEDHAM back up for Veterans Day and to participate in Newton's ceremony here at the Post, honoring our veterans on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. We also have an exciting event coming up for all Post 440 Legionnaires.

On November 14th, we will tour the Lexington battlefield, where the "first fight" took place. Our own Jerry Marrocco will narrate the tour. Please see the attached flyer for details on how to reserve your place and join us for this historic Post 440 outing.

As we approach calendar year 2027, the Sons of the American Legion are focused on growing our membership and strengthening our support for Post 440. Please renew your membership today, then help us reach our goal of 227 members by inviting an eligible family member or friend to join. Know someone who wants to support our veterans but cannot attend meetings or events? Give them the gift of a Post 440 membership. Every renewal, new member, and gifted membership helps us serve our veterans and community—and brings us closer to our goal. I'm excited to once again lead this merry band of men and look forward to a year of progress across all branches of our Legion family. TOGETHER WE CAN! God bless America!

Paul Pasquarosa Commander, Squadron 440 Nonantum, MA

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Play Cards in the Members Lounge 2pm	Live Music Members Lounge
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Bingo 6:30pm	E-Board Meeting 6pm Members Meeting Follows E-Board	Blues Jam 8:00pm Open Pool Playing 4:00pm	Senior Dance 12noon Newton Jazz Jam 7:30pm	Play Cards in the Members Lounge 2pm	Live Music Members Lounge
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Bingo 6:30pm	Auxiliary Meeting 6pm Sons of the Legion Meeting 6pm	Open Pool Playing 4:00pm	Senior Dance 12noon	Play Cards in the Members Lounge 2pm	Live Music Members Lounge
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Bingo 6:30pm		Open Pool Playing 4:00pm			Annual Boo Bash

In Loving Memory of **RICHARD SPALDING**

**H.A.C. MEMBER
AND PAST COMMANDER OF SQUADRON 440**

VETERAN ★ LEADER ★ FRIEND ★ BROTHER

*"His Service,
Friendship and Spirit
Will Never Be
Forgotten."*

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*A Life Well Lived
A Legacy That
Lives On.*



**SQUADRON 440
NONANTUM,
MASSACHUSETTS**



*Always a Part
of Our
H.A.C. Family*



MEMORIAL BRICK UNVEILING

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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
@ 5:30 PM**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 440
295 CALIFORNIA STREET
NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

VETERAN
FRIEND
LEADER
MENTOR
BROTHER

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Please Join Us

As We Honor Richard's Life, Service and Lasting Legacy

HONOR ★ REMEMBER ★ CELEBRATE ★ FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

PRESERVE
EDUCATE
HONOR
SERVE



VETERANS



FAMILIES



COMMUNITY

HISTORY
LIVES HERE.

★ Join Your Legion Brothers and Sisters ★

FIRST FIGHT: THE BATTLE OF LEXINGTON

APRIL 19,
1775
WHERE
LIBERTY
BEGAN

— WALK THE GROUND. KNOW THE STORY. —

Narrated by Gerry Marrocco



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2026



MEET AT THE CHATEAU
PARKING LOT
9:15 A.M.
Bus leaves at 9:30 A.M.



TOUR BEGINS
10:00 A.M.
Lexington Visitors Center
1875 Massachusetts Ave.
Lexington, MA 02420

We will start with a brief tour of the Visitors Center, including the diorama room and a room dedicated to all 5 ships named U.S.S. Lexington. The tour will continue in front of the Visitors Center and briefly stop outside of Buckman Tavern, the Lexington militia's headquarters, then proceed to the Battle Green and later to the Old Burying Ground. The tour will explain the events leading up to the American Revolution, what the area looked like then, and a detailed retelling of the Battle on the Green. Specific monuments and witness houses will be pointed out. In the Old Burying Ground participants will see the grave of an unknown Red Coat Soldier, a monument to Captain Parker, the Lexington militia's captain, a former governor of Massachusetts grave, etc.



\$50. Per person includes bus ride, tour & buffet lunch

**MUST RESERVE
SEAT TO BE ON BUS.**

Or meet us at the Lexington Green.

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*Buffet Lunch
in Private Dining Room
Following the Tour.*

TO BOOK YOUR RESERVATION
Contact Kathy Jones
burtonjones@gmail.com
Venmo \$50.00 to: @Katherine-Jones-216

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SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE AT THE LEGION PRESENTS

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TWIST CONTEST JUDGED
BY CINDY PELLETIER

BOO BASH

WITH MIKE "BEHIND THE MIKE" CALLAHAN

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST, 2026
8PM-11:30PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 440
295 CALIFORNIA STREET, NEWTON

\$15 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR

PROCEEDS BENEFIT VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

