

# Gerry No. 5 VFA

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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

## **Stay Cool!**

"Summer is filled with breaking rules and standing apart, ignoring your head and following your heart."-Unknown



It's late summer and feeling quite tropical! The TV weather people were really geeking out about seeing cumulus formations normally only seen in the tropics. Well yes, it's hot but it's also been humid, something we don't

always have to deal with. We've had few sea breezes so far to give us much relief. I'm going to be afraid to open this month's electric bill for sure. We're already seeing back to school sales and I do feel badly for the kids. It seems school just let out and now it's almost time to go back. Almost is the key word. We still have August to make the most of these days no matter how hot and humid. We went on vacation in May but we are ready for a couple of days away with a pool and a beach right now. Trying to find an empty hotel room is another matter altogether. But this is the month to relax in the sun with a cold libation nearby and just relax. I hope many of you are doing that. I try to get in a few hours each week and I wish we knew someone with a working boat who would take us out for a short ride. Maybe we'll take the ferry into Boston. That's a nice ride.

While 70-80% of the US is taking a vacation this month, the rest of us take advantage of close to home events – cookouts, the beach, a pool if you have one, or just sitting outside in shorts and a tank top (that would be me). Soaking up the Vitamin D naturally. There's also those who are working – think of the road and construction crews rushing to finish projects before summer is over. We know the area around the Gerry is having utility work followed by road paving. Salem is finishing up the reconstruction of the intersection at Jefferson and Loring with new signals and who knows what is going on elsewhere. There are also festivals galore! Sail Week just ended in Marblehead. Heritage Days is coming up in Salem. The Salem Willows Muster will be there on August 4<sup>th</sup> and so will the Gerry No. 5. This will be our only muster outing of the season. We'd appreciate your support that day in representing us.

We do know that traffic is bad everywhere. I send my condolences to those who drive into Boston but appreciate the creative writing of the highway alerts ("it's bad and it's going to get worse"). Almost everywhere I see people with boats, surfboards, bicycles, you name, it heading for the water or the mountains. It's what we do here in New England. I remember down South where the word "swelter" takes on a whole new meaning, just looking for air conditioning and a cold drink. So, our heat is not Louisiana hot, humid, and hazy. Be thankful. It's one of many reasons this girl ventured to Massachusetts many years ago.

This is also a month to ponder and pontificate because the Fall and many holidays will be upon us before we know it. There's also a mid-term election coming up in November. I, thankfully, subscribe to nomorobo which blocks most of those moneyseeking calls but my mail box is full of letters requesting the same. Thank you, Salem, for recycling!

Last week I was blaming all the craziness on the full moon and eclipse. It has been a very active summer and not all in a good way. Now what do I blame my summer respiratory virus on? Maybe air conditioning but I couldn't live without it. I've only had central air for five years but I'm addicted.

Think there's nothing to do on this lovely but hot summer days? Think again! You have your refuge here at the Gerry. Don't forget there's always sports on TV and our in-house activities – pool, golf, cribbage, dice, Follow the 5 of Clubs, and the Lottery. There's also solitude should that be your need. Remember to check your weekly event updates or the web site information.

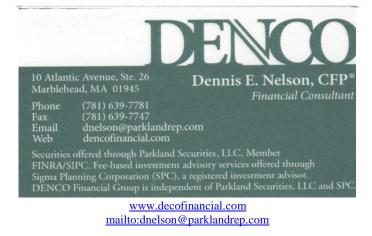
Be sure to check your mail for an important announcement discussed later in the newsletter.

So, whether you spend your summers on the water, vacationing, or just hanging out, don't forget

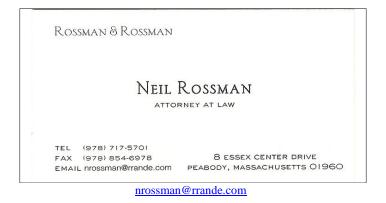
we're here for your pleasure whether it be a cold one or air conditioning. Remember you never need an excuse to visit. We highly recommend you visit regularly.

"Cause a little bit of summer is what the whole year is all about." ~ John Mayer

Have Questions About Social Security? The decisions you make now can have a tremendous impact on the total amount of benefits you stand to receive over your lifetime. We can help. Give us a call.



"Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love makes the ride worthwhile." ~Franklin P Jones



"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes." ~ Mahatma Ghandi



## Gerry No. 5 Announces \$10,000 Raffle

Who doesn't want to win something, especially \$10,000?! The Gerry prides itself on being a benevolent and philanthropic organization. In this spirit, we are holding a Gerry 5 Celebration and Fundraiser culminating in a dinner event (see announcement under Events) on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Every member will soon receive a mailing with the dinner announcement, a \$10,000 Raffle Ticket, and a letter from the Board of Directors explaining the purpose of the raffle and how to purchase the ticket (\$100 each). We hope to raise funds from this effort to cover some of the shortfall we've experienced since a loss of a large revenue stream last year.

There will be one prize of \$10,000 paid to the winning ticket drawn on September  $22^{nd}$ . You must return the ticket stub along with your \$100 payment to the Gerry **no later than September 17, 2018**.

We hope as many members as possible will participate in the raffle. **You do not need to be present to win.** You may purchase additional tickets should your family or close friends wish to participate. Members may also opt to share their ticket with other members/family/friends to make it more affordable and then split the winnings (like an office buying lottery tickets). But you must return the ticket stub (each has a membership number and name printed on it) along with payment to be entered. Should you wish to purchase for someone else please add their name to the ticket stub when submitting. If purchasing for someone under 21, the check will be made out to you. You may indicate on the ticket stub if the ticket is a gift if you so wish.

There is no obligation to purchase the ticket. If you are not interested or simply unable to participate in any way, do NOT return the ticket stub. Ticket stubs returned without payment will NOT be entered in the raffle until payment is received. **Deadline for payment is September 17, 2018**.

We sincerely hope you will participate. We need you to participate and support the Gerry 5!

The winner will be drawn at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> dinner event. Tickets for this event are being sold separately. If you are not in attendance and you win, the money will be sent to you in a secure manner.

Thank you very much! Please consider the opportunity and purchase a ticket!

Gerry No. 5 VFA Anniversary Raffle Drawing: September 22, 2018 Ticket #0025	Gerry No. 5 Veteran Fireman's Association Anniversary Raffle	
Your name goes here	\$10,000.00 Prize - \$100.00 Donation to Enter	
Name: Address:	Drawing - September 22, 2018	
Phone:	need not be present to win	
Return this stub to be Entered	Ticket #0025 Keep this ticket for your records	

Please contact Joan Champlin with questions or for additional tickets at 781-631-5214.

# **GERRY NO. 5 EVENTS**

Any pop-up events will be announced via email, web site, and our Facebook pages. Enjoy your August!



Save the Date - Celebrate the Gerry – Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>



\$10K Raffle Winner will be drawn following the dinner and <u>need not</u> <u>be present to win</u>!

# **OTHER EVENTS**

# Save the Date – Frank Camarda Open, Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

The Frank Camarda Open is looking forward to its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Far Corner's Golf Course in Boxford, MA. For more information please email padramac@msn.com or call 978-766-7492.

# **Membership Information**

The following applicants were voted membership at the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting: Lauren James and Bob LaPointe, both of Marblehead.

The new applicants read at the August meeting are: Deborah Frangillo, Talman Hauch, Janet McDonald, and Kari Osborne all of Marblehead. They will be voted on at the September meeting if sponsor and orientation requirements are met.

*Reminder!* At least *one* sponsor is required to be in attendance at the meeting in order for a candidate to be voted on. We also ask our sponsors to please ensure the applications are legible when submitted.

Please note the members read and posted for voting does not include members previously read and still being processed. Questions should be directed to <u>GerryMembership@gmail.com</u>.

#### Passages

Margaret Jean Graves, wife of Emerson (Sham) Graves, member, and mother of Todd Graves, member, passed on July 22, 2018. She was 81. Born in Marblehead, she was married to Emerson for 59 years. Her passions spread far and wide as she was an avid skier throughout the New England region. But above all, her true passions were her friends and family as she made sure to fill her days by spending time with them.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

#### Want to Share Gerry Member News?

Do you have any news to share with your fellow members? This could range from announcing an engagement or a new baby or a wedding, to tidbits about your vacation or recent activities or a funny story. "All the news that is fit to print" is out motto. We do not charge for this but a small donation is always appreciated. Please contact the Secretary with any questions.

#### Sound Bites

"Yeah, you guys leave and I have to stay when the real crazy people show up." "Can you believe preseason starts in a week? Where did the summer go?" "It's like Florida outside...without any breeze. Sunny and soupy."

# **Suggestions Please!**

We are looking for suggestions on ways to improve your experience at the Club. Members are welcome to submit their ideas to the Manager, Secretary, or any member of the Board. All suggestions are welcome. Thank you!



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# **NOTICES & REMINDERS!!**

#### **MEMBERS ONLY - Meeting Night!**

Please remember that member meeting tonight is Members Only and no guests may be in the Club between 7:00 p.m. and closing. Thank you!

#### Attention 50/50 Members!

Please note that all payments must be made in advance of the monthly member meeting. If payment is not received, you are not valid for competition that month. Please contact Joan Champlin to make payment or with any questions.

**R E S P E C T**! Just a little respect please for your fellow members. The Gerry has zero tolerance for disrespectful language and acts while at the Club. Discipline may be taken at the discretion of the bartender on duty per House Rules.

Working in the Kitchen? Thank you! *Otherwise, please do not enter the kitchen or pantry area* or use it as a shortcut to/from the Clubroom.



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#### **Family Events**

Attending a Gerry family event such as the muster fish fry or Family Friday? Please remember these are multigenerational events that include all ages. Children are welcome but we ask parents to mind them. The Gerry wants all attendees to enjoy themselves but not at the detriment to others. We ask those without children to have patience as well. Also, shoes must be worn at all times on the premises. Teach your children well.

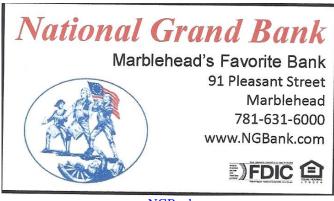
**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**! While enjoying our deck, please remember we do have neighbors and the general public passing by. Please be respectful. Remember to smile - you're on candid camera!

Please ensure all **Function Hall events** are booked through the Manager, Arthur Dodge, or confirmed directly by him to ensure you do have a reservation.

**Please be mindful of Club events**. If you are *not* invited to a Function Hall event, please do not take advantage of the food or entertainment. Remember to use the Club Room bathroom facilities during these events.

**Complaints?** Please put your complaint in writing or attend a Board of Directors meeting to present it in person. Date and time of specific events are greatly appreciated.

**FUNCTION HALL RENTALS** - Remember the Function Hall is available at reduced prices for members - parties, meetings, dances, celebrations, funerals, weddings, dinners...Contact Art Dodge at 781-631-5214.



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Just because marijuana for recreational use is now legal, doesn't mean you can light up on the deck. Remember we have neighbors, please take it elsewhere.

*Looking for a Gift Idea?* How about a Gerry 5 Gift card?! Gift cards are available for purchase at the Club.

# **Gerry 5 Member Business Sponsorships and Classified Ads**

Advertise your business or skills! We offer business sponsorships for the monthly newsletter, both electronic and print editions. This includes all event updates, the Gerry website, and G5TV. Rates are by the year as follows:

Member	Non-Member
Prime - \$100.00	Prime - \$200.00
Regular - \$50.00	Regular - \$100.00

A prime location is within the body of the newsletter. A regular sponsorship listed in the members' services section. Size is limited to that of a standard business card. Please fill out a sponsor form <u>G5 Business Sponsor Form</u> with contact information and attach a business card or your particulars.

Classified ads are run on a monthly basis at the following rates:

Member	Non-Member
\$20.00	\$40.00

. A description of the item(s) or service(s) being offered including any pictures, the seller's contact information, and how many months to run the ad should be submitted to the Gerry to the attention of the Manager or Secretary. Submission must include payment in advance. Please use this form: <u>classified</u> <u>ad</u>.

Need help with a business card or classified ad? The Secretary will gladly assist in providing a proof for your review. We look forward to doing business with you!

Contact the Manager, Art Dodge, or Secretary, Kathy Tankersley Bernier with questions.

#### Moved? Changed your e-mail address or phone

*number*? Please let us know! We need to keep our member records as up to date as possible. Leave your information at the Club or e-mail <u>gerry5vfa@yahoo.com</u> or <u>ziggyii@comcast.net</u> with changes. Thank you!

## Gerry 5 Logo Apparel –Order by July 23<sup>rd</sup>! <u>Embroidery & Screen</u> print!



Great quality merchandise! We have some in-stock items available - hoodies, long-sleeve t-shirts, regular t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, tote bags, polo shirts, vests. Please check the in-

stock list at the Club or on-line here: <u>gerry5.com/library</u> under Member documents or here: <u>Gerry Gear Inventory.</u>

Embroidery items (wind shirts, polos, vests, jackets) may be ordered as well as any screen print not in stock. We require a minimum order of 6 items for embroidery and 12 items for screen print.

Place your order at the Club or email the Secretary. A \$5.00 deposit is required and is non-refundable. View the catalog for other items at:<u>https://www.sportswearcollection.com/Default.asp</u> x?site=CRGHPGYDZS

Don't forget - these make great gifts any time of year. See the bartender, manager, or Secretary.

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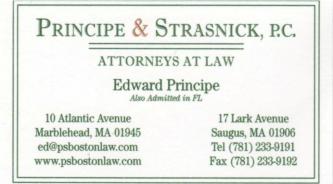


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#### Don't forget to Follow the 5 of Clubs!



The Gerry 5 VFA newsletter is published monthly in both hardcopy and electronic formats. Deadline for submission of information is Thursday following the member meeting.

Thank you for reading! ~Kathy Tankersley Bernier, Secretary

Calendar of Events				
August 2018				
Aug 1	Board Meeting Members Meeting	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.		
Aug 4	Salem Willows Muster			
Aug 15	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.		

September 2018			
Sept 3	Labor Day		
Sept 4	Orientation	7:30 p.m.	
Sept 5	Board Meeting Members Meeting	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	
Sept 7	Muster Fish Fry	5:30 p.m.	
Sept 15	Meat & Trivia Contest	3:00 p.m.	
Sept 19	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	
Sept 22	Gerry 5 Celebration Dinner \$10K Raffle	TBD	
Sept 28	Family Friday	5:30 p.m.	

**Privacy Policy**: The Gerry 5 VFA privacy policy protects all member and potential member data. Its primary purpose is for internal record keeping. We are committed to ensuring member information is secure and will never be shared for non-business purposes and will never be sold.

**Notice:** It is the policy and objective of the Gerry 5 Veteran Fireman's Association (Gerry 5 VFA) to provide a pleasant, inviting, and safe social facility to all who enter. The Gerry 5 VFA welcomes, and will not tolerate discrimination against, applicants, members and guests on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or marital status.

#### Officers

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**Board of Directors** 

Joan Champlin Charlie Dalferro Mark Lausier Paul O'Shaughnessy Jay Smidt

Manager: Art Dodge

2018 New England Patriots						
PreSeason						
Thur, Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Washington	7:30 p.m.				
Thur, Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.				
Fri, Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	@ Carolina	7:30 p.m.				
Fri, Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	@ New York	7:30 p.m.				
	Giants	1				
	Regular Season					
Sun, Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Houston	CBS, 1:00 p.m.				
Sun, Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	@ Jacksonville	CBS, 4:25 p.m.				
Sun, Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	@ Detroit	NBC,				
		8:20 p.m.				
Sun, Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	Miami	CBS, 1:00 p.m.				
Thur, Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	Indianapolis	FOX,				
		8:20 p.m.				
Sun, Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kansas City	NBC, 8:20				
		p.m.				
Sun, Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	@ Chicago	CBS, 1:00 p.m.				
Mon, Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	@ Buffalo	ESPN,				
		8:15 p.m.				
Sun, Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bay	NBC,				
		8:30 p.m.				
Sun, Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	@ Tennessee	CBS, 1:00 p.m.				
Sun, Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	BYE					
Sun, Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	@ NY Jets	CBS, 1:00 p.m.				
Sun, Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Minnesota	FOX,				
		4:25 p.m.				
Sun, Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	@ Miami	CBS, 1:00 p.m.				
Sun, Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	@ Pittsburgh	CBS, 4:25 p.m.				
Sun, Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Buffalo	CBS, 1:00 p.m.				
Sun, Dec 30 <sup>th</sup>	NY Jets	CBS, 1:00 p.m.				
Post Season Schedule						
Sat, Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	WILD CARD					
Sun, Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	WILD CARD					
Sat, Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	DIVISIONAL					
Sun, Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	DIVISIONAL					
Sun, Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	NFC	FOX,				
	Championship	3:05 p.m.				
Sun, Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	AFC	CBS, 6:40 p.m.				
	Championship					
Sun, Feb 3rd	Super Bowl 53	CBS, 6:30 p.m.				
	Atlanta, GA					

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