



Gerry No. 5 VFA

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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

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Membership Renewal Clock is Ticking! Do Not Get Read Out!



The 2024 Membership Renewal forms are being mailed this month. Renewals and dues payments have a deadline of **February 7, 2024**.

We strongly encourage members to renew as they are able (sooner rather than later preferred) but prior to the deadline. Membership renewals are **officially due in January 2024 with February 7th as the final deadline**.

Members who desire to Resign may do so using the Membership Renewal form. Resignation provides members with the ability to rejoin when they are ready to do so by paying the going rate for membership dues. Resigned members remain in good standing.

Non-payment of dues will result in your membership status becoming “read out”. This means you are no longer a member in good standing and have lost your membership privileges.

To rejoin as a “reapplicant”, you must go through the membership process like a new member including having sponsors, paying the going rate for dues and our administrative fee, and being voted on by the membership. All “Read Out” members will be notified of their status following the closure of the membership renewal period (February 7, 2024).

Thank you to the members who make extra donations when paying their dues. We deeply appreciate your dues payments and any additional donations, no matter how large or small.

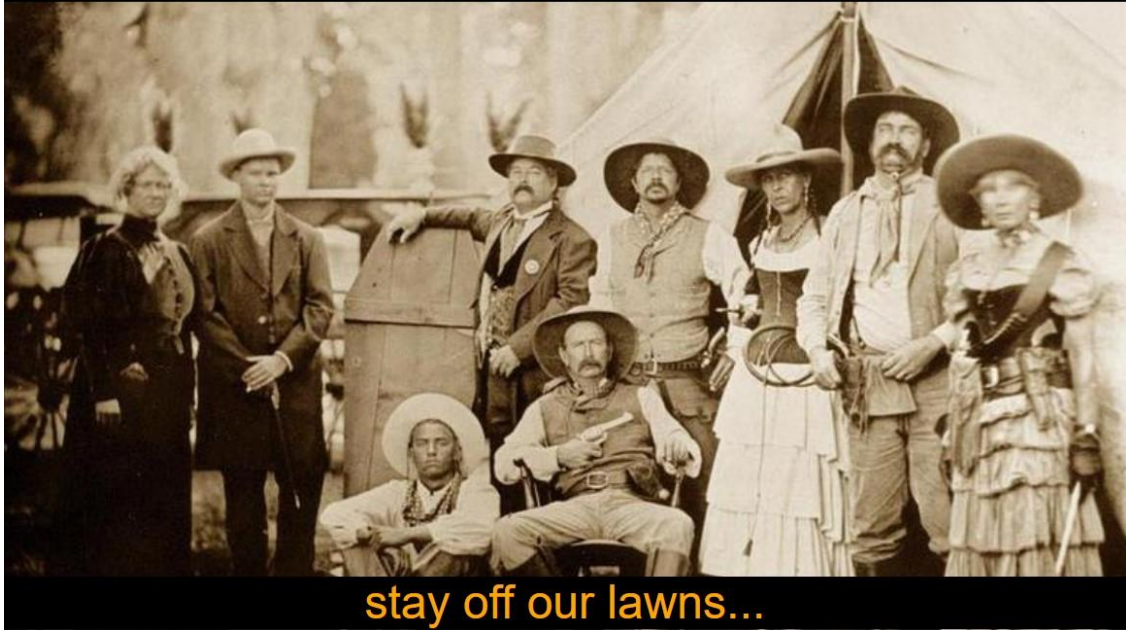
DON'T GET READ OUT! PAY YOUR DUES NOW!

[MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM](#)

JOIN US FOR ACOUSTIC MONDAYS – January 8th & 22nd, 5 – 7 p.m.

Featuring *The Old Men of Marblehead*. Free to attend! Destress after the Monday blues with OMOM!

The Old Men of Marblehead



From starting out playing on the docks of Marblehead (no...really) to being one of New England's favorites ole time music and fun bands. The infectious sound of *The Old Men of Marblehead* brings spirit, joy, passion, and most of all, fun to all with their performances.

Whether you join us to sing, eat, play, sing along, clap, stomp your feet, hoot and holler, dance, or just listen, you'll enjoy American Roots, Country, Rock, Folk, you name it...and some good ole fashion fun!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The following were voted membership at the January 3rd meeting: Penny Blaisdell, Harriet Carotenuto, Christopher Diak, JoAnn Fratini, Pamela Giblon, John Howard, Margot Hunson, Brian Kane, Bob Kliss. George Ladd, Andrew Laflin, Cate Mann, Jamie Slavet, George Ulrich, James Weed all of Marblehead, John Lazarou of Lynn, Nicole Milano of Salem, and Johnny Gold of Swampscott.

The following applicants were read and posted for voting at the February 7th meeting: Patricia DeCotis, Ron Grenier, Jack Marotta, Craig Murray, and Brendan O'Brien all of Marblehead.

The current membership stands at 791. 300 members have renewed their membership as of the date of this writing and we've received \$2,705 in donations so far.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, January 7, 2024, Jets @ Patriots, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 15th; Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Wednesday, January 17th, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7th, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Members Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Super Bowl Sunday February 11th

Passages

George Osgood, member, passed on December 18, 2023 at the age of 80 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. A life-long resident of Marblehead, he excelled in football playing at Marblehead, Cushing Academy and UMass Amherst. His achievements included a long career in steel work and his projects included many area landmarks such as the Gillette Building, the Western Electric building, the Pentucket Bridge, and the MBTA Savin Hill bridge. He became a senior field engineer and supervised steel erectors for the Surrey Nuclear Power Plant. He supervised the erections of 54 floors of Tower A of the NY WTC. He later helped with recovery efforts following 9/11. He ran Marblehead Steel Erection & Supply for over 25 years working pm projects throughout New England. George also had a long career in real estate, developing commercial and residential properties including three of his own homes. At ease with machines, he loved them ranging from dirt bikes to construction equipment. He had a vast skill set. He loved to travel and embraced adventure.

Our heartfelt condolences to family and friends.

Remember there are always things to do at the Gerry. Whether you want to socialize or just relax, we're here for you.

Gerry Gear Available! Existing inventory at an all-time low but we can order items for you (a minimum order may be required). See [Gerry Gear in Stock](#) (bottom of page) or information at the Gerry. Order forms are available with a catalog coming (I promise). For orders or queries, contact Secretary or Manager.

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 based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or marital status.

Comments? Questions? Complaints? Please address these to the manager or the Board in writing, via email, or in person.

Thank you for reading!