



Gerry No. 5 VFA

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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

See You in September

"September tries its best to have us forget summer." ~ Bernard Williams

September? Already? I have a faint memory of a few people saying they were going to welcome Fall after some of the heat we had. Be careful



what you wish for because we know what comes next. I knew we were in trouble when I saw Halloween items on sale right after mid-July. The first day of Fall is Monday, September 23rd. Tick, tick, tick. And, the deadline for members and returning vendors to get their special Craft Fair discount is Tuesday, September 24th.

School is back in session. It's almost Fall and with it come the harvests and Halloween is here in 55 days. There are 110 days until Christmas. Sounds like a lot but we know how that goes so please don't shoot the messenger. Hope everyone had a great summer and got to play and enjoy it a bit. We worked but tried our best to get out and enjoy those perfect days. We did get the vacation blues mid-July but of course every place we checked was booked. That's okay. We'll enjoy Fall up north in Oct. Fall is my favorite time of year. As a kid growing up in Louisiana, we dreamed of these New England Fall days with the color turning leaves, the crisp cool air, and wearing all those new school clothes. Those corduroys and long sleeve shirts had to wait for winter for us to unveil them. Kind of anti-climactic.

It's also football season! Woohoo! Patriots, LSU, BC, now this makes us happy. Football pools and fantasy leagues are up and running as of this week. Did you buy in? pick your team? I do We've started planning our schedule around Patriots games. I'm all in on the Going for #7. We like Brady's new do too. It's looking like no post season for the Red Sox. No magic this year for them. And, for us TV junkies (and who isn't nowadays), Fall TV brings new shows.

Where so I start? DVR and on demand will be busy and I just realized I have Amazon prime tv to go with Netflix and premium cable. It's a busy time of year and we're just getting started.

Busy is the word for the Gerry as well. Function Hall bookings are going well into next year already. Our regular events are coming back after summer hiatus. We're working on some new things...updates to keep up with your ideas and requests and much needed maintenance. And we have another \$10K raffle. The goal this time is to paint the building! We still have other repairs and enhancements on the punch list that we'll pursue as budget and weather permit. November brings the Craft Fair and Thanksgiving and that's the cue to Sprint for Santa and 2020.

We've got club business ramping up too with elections and bylaw voting coming in December! Stay tuned. Interested in running for office, get the word out! We have all the officers and 3 directors up for re-election this year. Remember the Secretary and Treasurer are appointed positions and require special skill sets. If you are interested in these positions, you must present a resume when nominated. Note that neither of our incumbents have indicated they wish to leave the position,

We've stayed busy at the Gerry with functions and there's always refuge after a hard day on the deck or in the Clubroom. As always, we have many opportunities for you to enjoy the club. There's always sports on TV. We also have our in-house activities – pool, golf, cribbage, dice, bags, The Lottery, and good company. There's also solitude should that be your need.

Check your weekly event updates or the web site information for any changes or additions. You never need an excuse to visit. We highly recommend regular visits! See you soon!

"And then the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep, and Autumn awakened."
~Raquel Franco

Have Questions About Social Security?

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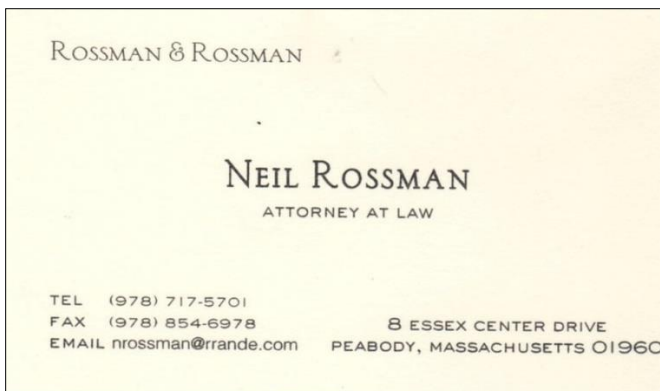
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"Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love makes the ride worthwhile." ~Franklin P Jones



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"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

Please note that regular events and times are subject to change or TBD as we transition the kitchen to a new management structure. Please read the event updates, web site, and Facebook pages for updates or call with questions.

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Calling All Crafters – 7th Annual Craft Fair Tables Now on Sale!

November 16, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. we will hold the 7th Annual Gerry 5 Veteran Fireman's Association Holiday Craft Fair.

Please accept this invitation as a past seller and/or member to participate in our 7th Annual Craft Fair. Get to work on your crafts and please join us once again on November 16th. We're looking forward to another successful year and a fun day.



The application for returning vendors and members is available at the

Club (see the Manager or Bartender) or on the Gerry web site on the Library Page under Member Documents (<https://gerry5.com/library>). Remember that tables/spaces are limited to an estimated 21. First come, first served. Please submit your application with payment ASAP. The deadline for returning vendors and members is **September 24th**. After this date, we will open registration up to the public as necessary and the prices increase a little. The deadline for new vendors is **October 21st**.

This is the one standout event where we get to help our friends and members sell their beautiful, creative wares and help us raise funds for the Gerry 5 at the same time. The Gerry 5 VFA relies on the Craft Fair

as one of its feature events of the year to help support our 15 scholarships and the Angel Fund which focuses on helping sick children and their families in time of need. **We sincerely hope you will join us.**

We'll have the kitchen offering breakfast snacks and delicious lunch items. This is always a fun day and hopefully profitable to you in sales and networking.

Once again we'll be asking our sellers to donate an item for our raffles, if possible. Remember to put your business card or contact information with the item as the winner may want to contact you to thank you or to purchase more. Questions? Please feel free to contact me at gerry5vfa@yahoo.com or ziggyii@comcast.net.

Planning on just shopping? Please **SAVE THE DATE** of **NOVEMBER 16, 2019!**

\$10,000 Raffle Opportunity – Paint the Club!

Yes, we're doing it again! Last year's raffle was a success and helped the Gerry raise funds for general operating expenses. This year we are focusing on raising funds toward painting the outside of the building.

Each member has been mailed a raffle ticket and a letter explaining the details of the raffle. The winner will be drawn at an event on **Saturday, November 2nd**. The deadline for purchasing raffles tickets is November 2nd (please mail entries in plenty of time to be received by this date).

GERRY NO. 5 VETERAN FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION	
<p>\$10,000 RAFFLE PAINT THE CLUB!</p> <p>Saturday, November 2, 2019 Drawing 9:00 p.m. Fee: \$100.00</p> <p>Gerry No. 5 VFA 210 Beacon Street Marblehead MA 01945 Net proceeds go to the Gerry No. 5 VFA toward painting the building. NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN</p> <p>TERMS ON REVERSE keep for your records TICKET # 1</p>	<p>\$10,000 RAFFLE PAINT THE CLUB! TICKET # 1</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>RETURN STUB TO ENTER</p>

We understand that not everyone may be able to participate, so we are also accepting donations of any amount to the Club. These donations do **NOT** pay for entry into the raffle.

Contact Joan Champlin with questions.

We thank you in advance for your participation.
Good Luck!

“F-E-A-R has two meanings: Forget Everything and Run or Face Everything and Rise. The choice is yours.” ~ Zig Ziglar



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EVENTS



NFL Regular Season for the Patriots starts on Sunday, September 8th. Raising the 6th Championship

banner then starting the run for #7 against the Steelers! **GO PATRIOTS!**

Stadium Bar and Grill Sunday, September 8th

Time and menu TBD

Managers Pool Tournament, Sunday, September 8th, 1:30 p.m.

Open to members and guests only. \$10.00 to enter. Show up and pay to play. Blind draw. Prizes.

The Patriots don't play until 8:00 p.m. but the other NFL games will be on during the tournament. Join us for Stadium Bar & Grill, football, and shoot some stick if you're interested.

Questions? Ask Art Dodge.



Friday Fish Fry - September 13th

Time and menu TBD



Meat & Trivia Returns September 21st!

We're Back! This marks our 5th year of Meat and Trivia Contests. Please join us as we compete for great cuts of meat and trivia prizes. We're excited to be back.

Three rounds of meat contests that require the purchase of tickets (6 for \$5.00). Multiple winners each round. The fourth round, called the losers round, consists of all non-winning tickets from the first three contests. You **MUST** be present to win any of the four contests.

Trivia is **free to play** and the questions are fun, interesting, and sometimes controversial. We're freshening up the questions and introducing new ones every month. There are three old standbys that we ask each month due to popular request. Three rounds of 15 questions plus a tiebreaker for each. Prizes for each team (1 -many people). Grand prize for the team that scores the most overall points at the end.

Members and your guests please join us! You are welcome to bring snacks for yourself or to share. It really is a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

See you on September 21st! Net proceeds go to benefit the Gerry's Charities and Scholarships.



The following applicants were held over: Kevin Conley, Mark Paster, and Rick Wyman, all of Marblehead.

The following new applicants were read and posted at the September meeting and will be voted on at the October meeting if all orientation and sponsor requirements are met: Caron Bremer and Richard Lavoie of Marblehead.

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

Please note applicants read and posted for voting do not include those previously read or still being processed. Questions should be directed to GerryMembership@gmail.com.



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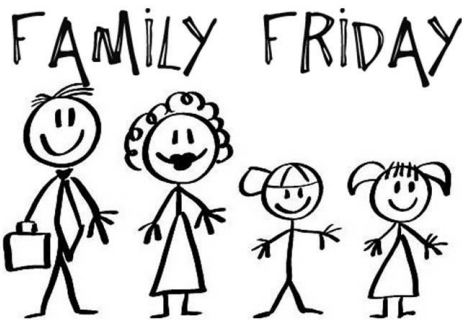
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"Servicing Eastern Massachusetts"

Family Friday September 27th

Time and menu TBD



Fourth Friday of the Month
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Membership Information

The following applicants were voted membership at the September 4th meeting: John Barnes of Marblehead.

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Passages

Robert Colantuno, member, passed on August 11, 2019 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Born in Lynn, he was co-captain of the Lynn English High School basketball team, and attended Arizona State University prior to joining the U.S. Navy. Bob is a Vietnam veteran having served as a submariner on the USS James Polk and the USS Pollack. He was a recipient of the Meritorious Citation for Operations in the defense of the US. Bob attained an associate degree at Salem State. He was a member and officer of the US Postal Workers Union. He retired from the US Postal Service after 41 years of service.

An avid golfer, he was a member of the Wenham Country Club and his retirement residence at the Villages in Florida.

Bob was will be remembered and missed by the Gerry 5. We offer our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Sound Bites

"Whatever you do, don't send him to the store. You never know what he'll come back with."

"It smells like a funeral in here." "Well, we just had one, what do you expect – roses?"

"Well now that the Red Sox tanked, thank heavens we have the Patriots!"

"Let's paint it pink. That should attract some attention!" "Over my dead body." "That can be arranged."

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Family Event Reminder

Attending a Gerry family event such as the 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. We ask those without children to have patience as well. Shoes must always be worn on the premises. Teach your children well.

Reminder! Each month a copy of the Club's latest **financial statement** is updated and available for members to review. Ask the manager or bartender should you wish to review.

MEMBERS ONLY - Meeting Night!

Remember member meeting night is for Members Only and guests are not allowed 7:00 p.m.- closing.

Attention 50/50 Members!

The monthly 50/50 drawing is held at the end of each monthly member meeting. You must have paid for that month in order to participate! Proceeds go to the Gerry 5 VFA Scholarships and Charities.

Interested in playing? Please see Joan Champlin.

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. Disciplinary action will be taken at the discretion of the bartender on duty per House Rules.

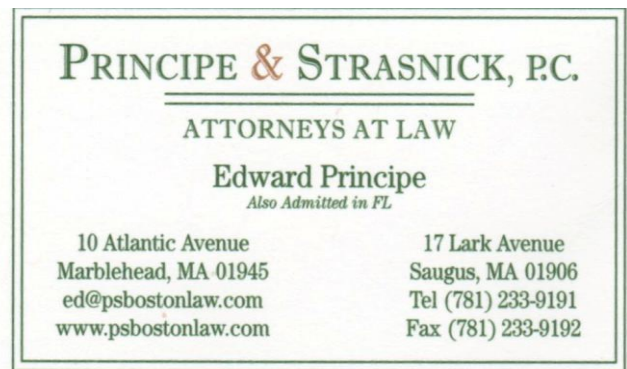
Please do not enter the kitchen or pantry area or use it as a shortcut to/from the Clubroom.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR! While enjoying our deck, please remember we do have neighbors and the general public passing by. Please be respectful and 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 have a reservation.

Please be mindful of Function Hall 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.



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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.

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



Just because marijuana is now legal for recreational

use, it doesn't mean you can light up on the deck. Remember we have neighbors, please take it elsewhere.

Gerry 5 Member Business Sponsorships and Classified Ads

Advertise with the G5! A G5VFA business sponsorship includes the monthly newsletter, all event updates, the Gerry website, and G5TV. Rates are yearly 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 is listed at the end in the Members Services section. Size is limited to that of a standard business card. Fill out a sponsor form [G5 Business Sponsor Form](#) and attach a business card or your particulars with payment.

Classified ads are monthly at the following rates:

Member	Non-Member
\$20.00	\$40.00

Submit a description of the item(s) or service(s) being offered, including any pictures, contact information, and how many months to run the ad to the attention of the Secretary. Submissions must include payment in advance. Please use this form: [classified ad](#). Contact Manager, Art Dodge, or Secretary, Kathy Tankersley Bernier with questions.

Very Important? Have you moved? Changed your e-mail address or phone number? Please let us know. Leave your information at the Club or e-mail gerry5vfa@yahoo.com or ziggyii@comcast.net with changes. Thank you!



Gerry 5 Logo Apparel – Updated Inventory–

Great quality merchandise! We have items in-stock available for sale - 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 at: gerry5.com/library under Member documents.

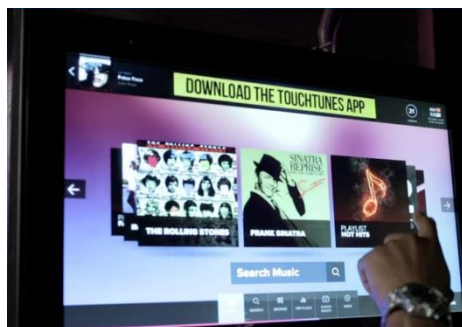
Don't see what you're looking for? We can order items but we need a minimum number of items to do so (6 embroidery or 12 screen print).

Place your order at the Club or email the Secretary. Full payment is due when merchandise is delivered!

View the catalog for other items

at: <https://www.sportswearcollection.com/Default.aspx?site=CRGHPGYDZS>

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



TOUCHTUNES Internet Jukebox

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

(dates/times subject to change)

September 2019

Sep 8	Stadium Bar & Grill Manager's Pool Tournament	TBD 1:30 p.m.
Sep 9	Entertainment Committee	6:30 p.m.
Sep 13	Muster Fish Fry	TBD
Sep 15	Stadium Bar & Grill	
Sep 18	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Sep 21	Meat & Trivia Contest 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	
Sep 22	Stadium Bar & Grill	
Sep 23	First Day of Autumn	
Sep 24	Deadline for Craft Fair Registration for returning sellers and members	
Sep 27	Family Friday	TBD
Sep 29	Stadium Bar & Grill	
October 2019		
Oct 1	Orientation	7:30 p.m.
Oct 2	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Members Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Oct 6	Stadium Bar & Grill	
Oct 10	Blood Drive in memory of Karen Rideout Rogers 10:00 a.m. – 8 :00 p.m.	
Oct 11	Muster Fish Fry	5:30– 7:30 p.m.
Oct 13	Stadium Bar & Grill	
Oct 14	Columbus Day	
Oct 16	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Oct 19	Meat & Trivia Contest 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	
Oct 20	Stadium Bar & Grill	
Oct 25	Family Friday Kids' Halloween	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Oct 27	Stadium Bar & Grill	
Oct 31	HALLOWEEN	

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.

Anti-Discrimination 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.

Anti-Harassment Statement: The Gerry No. 5, in accordance with Mass General Law, does not tolerate harassment of any form on the premises including verbal, physical, or visual actions that vilifies or shows hostility based upon a person's sex, age, race, etc. This includes sexual harassment (uninvited advances, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, inappropriate physical conduct, etc.). Any member experiencing this type of behavior should report this to the manager, bartender on duty, or a member of the Board of Directors immediately.

Officers

President- Bill Moynihan
Vice President- Dirk Martin
Treasurer-Dennis Nelson
Secretary-Kathy Tankersley Bernier
Foreman-Vacant
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Board of Directors

Joan Champlin
Charlie Dalferro
Mark Lausier
Tom Murray
Steve Shepard

Manager: Art Dodge

2019 Patriots Schedule

Preseason		
Thurs, Aug 8th	@ Detroit	W 31-3
Sat, Aug 17 th	@ Tennessee	W 22-17

Thurs, Aug 22 nd	Carolina	W 10-3
Thurs, Aug 29 th	NY Giants	L 29-31
REGULAR SEASON		
Sun, Sept 8 th	Pittsburgh	8:20 p.m. NBC
Sun, Sept 15 th	@ Miami	1:00 p.m. CBS
Sun, Sept 22 nd	NY Jets	1:00 p.m. CBS
Sun, Sept 29 th	@ Buffalo	1:00 p.m. CBS
Sun, Oct 6 th	@ Washington	1:00 p.m. CBS *
Thurs, Oct 10 th	NY Giants	8:20 p.m. FOX/NFL/Amazon
Mon, Oct 21 st	@ NY Jets	8:15 p.m. ESPN
Sun, Oct 27 th	Cleveland	4:25 p.m. CBS*
Sun, Nov 3 rd	@ Baltimore	8:20 p.m. NBC*
Sun, Nov 10 th	BYE	
Sun, Nov 17 th	@ Philadelphia	4:25 p.m. CBS*
Sun, Nov 24 th	Dallas	4:25 p.m. FOX*
Sun, Dec 1 st	@ Houston	8:20 p.m. NBC*
Sun, Dec 8 th	Kansas City	4:25 p.m. CBS*
Sun, Dec 15 th	@ Cincinnati	1:00 p.m. CBS*
Sat/Sun Dec 21/22	Buffalo	TBD *
Sun, Dec 29 th	Miami	1:00 p.m. CBS*
Post Season		
Sat, Jan 4 th	NFC/AFC Wild Card	
Sun, Jan 5 th	NFC/AFC Wild Card	
Sat, Jan 11 th	AFC/NFC Divisional	
Sun, Jan 12 th	AFC/NFC Divisional	
Sun, Jan 19 th	NFC/AFC Championships	
Sun, Jan 26 th	Pro Bowl NFC @ AFC	TBA, ESPN

Sun, Feb 2 nd	Super Bowl LIV	TBA, FOX
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