



CHENEY-ARMSTRONG POST # 5 NH

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G. Jarvis Coffin, Adjutant

Robert A. Benoit, Chaplain

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John H. Franklin, Sr. Vice Commander

Richard L. Loudon, Finance Officer

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Alan J. Zeller, Sergeant-at-Arms

John Franklin, Historian and Liaison for US Naval Sea Cadets

Henry Emery, Jr. Vice Commander and Committee Chairman of Veteran Affairs

Dear Post 5 Members,

August 7th, 2016

August 7th, 2016: Post meeting at 2pm in the Peterborough Community Center on 25 Elm Street.

Please park and enter from the Front door of the building from now on.

September 4th, 2016: Post Pot Luck Picnic at MacDowell Dam at noon rain or shine. *Please let us know if you are coming to the picnic.563-8376☺*

October 2nd, 2016: Monthly Post meeting- the Post tries to meet the first Sunday of each month.

November 6th, 2016: Monthly Post meeting- **Daylight Savings Time Begins**-(fall back, spring forward)

November 11th, 2016: Veterans' Day which falls on a Friday- Church Service at All Saints at 9 am with coffee and donuts to follow. 10:30 am Parade musters at Veterans' Way next to Bellows-Nichols. Parade steps off at 10:40am at marches to the Memorial Gates.

December 4th, 2016: Christmas Pot luck at noon in the Monadnock Center on Grove Street.

January 1st, 2017: Meeting is canceled. **Happy New Year!!!!!!!**



In Memory: Raymond C. Dickie, of Peterborough, died on June 8th, 2016 at the age of 89. Ray joined the Navy to see the world during WWII. He spent his time in the mountains in Iowa. He was a member of the American Legion for 67 years. The Post gave \$25 to the Sea Cadets.

Greetings Commander Thomas:

Enclosed is a modest but heart-felt contribution to Post #5 in memory of Raymond Dickie, who, we understand, was actively involved and committed to the members and work of the Post throughout his life, even participating in the Memorial Day Parade last year.

Although we did not personally know Mr. Dickie, we are friends of his daughter Donna Shuman of Marblehead.

We are hoping that this contribution, as small as it is, will in some way offer tribute to Mr. Dickie and express our love for his daughter as well as our respect for the good works of the American Legion in Peterborough.

Sincerely,

Jessica and Andrew Barnett

Dear Cheney-Armstrong Post 5 & Unit 5,

Thank you so much for your donations in Ursula and Ray Dickie's names. I know that they loved being a part of the Post and Auxiliary.

Sincerely, Monika and Larry Kemp

Dear Post 5,

Thank you so much for your kind words about my Dad. Thank you for your donation in his name to the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Monadnock Squadron in his name. Thanks for your kindness to Dad and Uschi. Sincerely,

Donna Dickie Shuman



William Chevalier, of Peterborough, died on July 2nd, at the age of 80. Bill served in the Army during the Korean War era as a Nike Missile Technician. He held a Master's Degree in Physics from Brown University and a MBA from the University of New Hampshire. He worked for NASA as a physicist on the Lunar Lander for the Apollo 11, and worked for the Department of Defense for 29 years, retiring as an Operations Research Analyst. He was a member of the Post for 25 years. The Post donated \$25 in Bill's name to the UNH Football Fund

William C. Severn, died on July 5th, at the age of 83, in the NH Veterans Home in Tilton NH. Bill served in the Navy during Korea on a submarine. When he lived in Sharon he was the Post Adjutant. He was a member of the Post for 28 years.

G. Jarvis Coffin, of Peterborough, died in Rivermead on July 10th, at the age of 86. He served with the United States Marine Corps in Korea as a 1st Lieutenant. Jarvis had been the Post Adjutant for 9 years. A donation was given in his name to the Hancock Historical Society.

Dear Cheney-Armstrong Post 5 Members:

August 1st, 2016

Thank you for your donation of \$25.00 to the Hancock Historical Society, generously given in memory of G. Jarvis Coffin, Jr.

At the memorial service for Jarvis, Peter Coffin spoke of his father's defining characteristics, including his strength of character. One pure expression of that strength was his community service. Jarvis supported many organizations, including the Hancock Historical Society where he served as president in 2003, 2004 and 2005. He promoted outreach and education and the Society is better off today for his stewardship.

With appreciation and gratitude,

Timothy J. Lord, President

Hancock Historical Society

The Post did Honors at **Bill Chevalier's** funeral at St. Peter's Cemetery on July 7th and at **Joseph Petrone's** funeral in Dublin on July 30th. **Andy Benoit** said a prayer at Bill's and **Gary Babcock, Andy Benoit, Arthur Hixson** and **Wayne Thomas** fired. **Dick Loudon** said a prayer at Joseph's funeral and **Brian Barden, Lewis Hansen, Richard Loudon** and **Wayne Thomas** fired. Thank you

J. Alden Wilcox, of Woodsville, NH lost his wife Marion on July 28th. They had been married for 71 years. Marion was 92. The Post donated \$25 in her name to the North Haverhill Methodist Church.



Charles James "JIM" Grant died on July 26th, 2016 at the age of 74. Jim was married to his wife Lillian for 52 years. Jim, a native of Peterborough, was an educator, father, grandfather, husband, and humanitarian. He lost his 5- month battle against mesothelioma, an incurable disease caused by a simple asbestos fiber he inhaled sometime in the past 50 years. He was on the Peterborough Fire Department for over 50 years. He started SDE and was Chairman of the Peterborough Patriotic Committee.

Member Russ Armstrong's Father Albert Armstrong, a WWII Navy veteran, died at the age of 95 on July 30th at the NH Veterans' Home.

Sick Call: Ralph Tibbetts of Rindge; **David Geoffrey**, and **Alan Zeller**, of Peterborough; **Willy Oja** of Tilton; **Ray Eaves** of Hancock;

Membership:

So far 124 have paid their dues plus 8 PUFL's which brings us to 132 members for 2017. Keep your last year's card because it is good until December 31st, 2016. If you read our letter and paid your dues early. ☺ So far we have lost 13 members in 2016. Thank you all for your prompt dues payment. The Post pays National and State \$26.50 & District \$.50 leaving **\$8 for the Post**. We currently have 23 WWII members and 34 Korean members. If anyone has a suggestion for a new member please let us know. Going into the 2017 year we only have 186 on the roster. **Please pay your dues if you have not done so.** ☺ If you do not wish to belong please let us know. It will save us a lot of time bugging you about paying your dues. If you have a problem paying your dues please let us know. Dues are \$35.00.

New Members: Larry Schongar, of Peterborough, Vietnam, Navy; **Raymond F. Turner**, of Peterborough, Korea, Army; **Clyde E. Cilley**, of Frankestown, Vietnam, Army; **Richard Heidbreder**, of Lyndeborough, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, and Gulf War, Marines/Army; **Charlie Moore**, of Jaffrey, Gulf War, Coast Guard;

June meeting: Since Wayne has been Commander there has always been a quorum of Officers. At the June meeting there were 5 out of 9 officers present. There was a total of 13 members and 2 Auxiliary present. Under new business it was decided that for this year \$200 would be donated to the Peterborough Food Pantry and \$200 would be donated to the Monadnock Food Pantry out of Poppy money because Veterans benefit. The Monadnock Pantry was run by Audrey White and Gary Armstrong of Colonial Square for 17 years. They have stepped down and on Sunday June 12th All Saints members brought bags of groceries for the food pantry to the Service to honor them.

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your \$200.00 annual donation and your continued support of the Monadnock Area Food Pantry. We will continue to work for the children, seniors, and veterans in our region. Monetary donations are critical for continued success of feeding families in the Monadnock Region. The donations help us purchase foods we do not receive in our regular food donations such as eggs, cheese, hamburger, and bread. And, I am proud to say we have never had to close for lack of food. Thank you very much again, and if you have any questions, please call me at (603) 924-0111. You are

welcome to visit the pantry at any time.

Sincerely, Meredith E. White (Director)

Dick Loudon looked into giving a donation to the Senior Lunch on Fridays at the Peterborough Community Center. They said that they always like donations and were pleased that the Post thought about them but at the moment they were okay. Dick also found out that the official announcement that the Monadnock Food Pantry (All Saints Church) would be closing at the end of September. Everything is being merged into the Peterborough Food Pantry. Hopefully some of the funds which we gave to the MFP will come to the PFP.

Thank you: *What an unexpected and wonderful surprise to receive Cheney-Armstrong's most generous donation to the Peterborough Food Pantry. At this time of year when donations fall off, we really appreciate your timely and loyal support. School will be out soon and we will be able to provide more to our families with your donation, particularly those who won't have the school lunch program to rely on. And, as always, we are on the ready to serve any veteran in need. With Gratitude- Jim Hassinger, Board Member*

Thank you from the Peterborough Fire & Rescue Association for your kind and generous donation. Jennifer M. Roggenkamp, president of PFRA

Dear Post 5 NH and Unit 5 NH American Legion,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$25.00 to Susan G. Komen in memory of Ursula S. Dickie. Your generous gesture will go a long way toward helping us create a world without breast cancer.

Sincerely, Judith A. Salerno, President and CEO

Donations to the Post: Thank you to Jocklyn Armstrong Carter; **Norman Petts; Doug Whiton; Russel Armstrong; Jerry Allen:** In the July financial report **Dick Loudon** reports that we are in a much better financial condition than we were earlier this year. For 2016, our Poppy Fund collected \$2,915.03 in donations. So far, we have spent \$977.50 from the Poppy Fund. We forgot to post what **Joseph Brennan** collected at Roy's Market: \$203.43. Thank you Joe. A thank you letter explaining the gift of poppies was sent to the Ledger but we have never seen it printed.

I just wanted to get in touch with the Post and let you know that I attended the Girls' State orientation this morning in Milford. It was very helpful to get some more tips and info about the week and I am really looking forward to it! I already briefly met two girls there who were very nice and it made me even more optimistic about the many more girls I will meet at Girls' State. There was also information given about scholarships, which I plan to apply for once school is over this coming week and I will have a bit more time. Thank you for your continued support throughout this process, I'm so grateful for the opportunity! Michelle Jarest
June 11, 2016

Dear Cheney-Armstrong Post #5 NH Members,

July 26th, 2016

I would like to express my appreciation for your sponsorship of my participation in Boys' State. My primary interest in politics had always been at the federal level, so it was a bit of a transition for me to focus on state and local politics instead. However, as I learned more, I became significantly more interested in politics at those levels, and I believe that I have developed a strong understanding of the

functions of them both through listening to guest speakers and counselors as well as through my own participation. I held the offices of town clerk, clerk of my party, and clerk of the House of Representatives, so I had to be especially engaged in order to keep notes on what was going on, which I believe strengthened my experience further. I became friends with many of the other students there, and enjoyed the opportunity of being surrounded by peers who share the same interests as me. Overall, it was a life-changing experience that further ignited my commitment to engagement in politics at all levels, and I would once again like to thank the American Legion for providing me with this wonderful opportunity.

Sincerely, *Zac Beymer*

Flag Day: In 1916, 100 years ago, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed it National Flag Day. It was a beautiful day to retire flags in Depot Square in Peterborough on June 14th, 2016. Flags came from Peterborough, Hancock, Dublin, Dunbarton and Nelson. Auxiliary present were Alice Emery, Pat Stone, Ann Marie Beckley, Carmen DuHaime and Dee Thomas. Leon St. Cyr's sister and brother-in-law came from Nelson and Paul Tobin from Temple. Thank you to the members present- **Gordon Stone, Henry Emery, Bob DuHaime, Bruce Beckley, David Clow, Gary Babcock, Andy Benoit, and Wayne Thomas.** We retired about 1400 flags.

South Meadow Middle School held its graduation on June 14th. Wayne presented the American Legion Award to a girl and boy in the eighth grade who exemplifies outstanding qualities in the areas of citizenship, cooperativeness, reliability, leadership and attitude, personal and social growth. The awards were presented to Shannon Allen of Peterborough and Maximilian Heck of Greenfield.

Thank you to Arthur Hixson for cooking hot dogs and hamburgers at a Veteran's home that *Monadnock Strong* a nonprofit to help Veterans in crisis started and run by **Kerry Close** was building a ramp and lift so that a house bound Veteran and wife could get out. Kerry had orchestrated a week's work detail of volunteers to help this family in need. When Wayne, Dee and Arthur participated the ConVal Hockey team, Clark Construction, and Mathewson Construction were all hard at work. The Post also donated a flag for the family. We know that the Peterborough Fire Department, the Peterborough Police, and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts were also involved.

Dear Cheney-Armstrong Post 5, July 5th, 2016 *I would like to thank you all so much for your support and sponsoring me to attend Granite Girls State. Today was my first day and I am having so much fun! I am rooming with two girls who are both very kind and energetic and we are getting along well! I am running for a party platform position currently and I also took place in the POW/MIA ceremony this evening. Again, I am so grateful for this wonderful opportunity.*

Sincerely, Michelle Jarest

Bricks: So far we have placed 8 bricks in the Walkway for Memorial Day. The brick money has helped a great deal with the Post checking account.

Lead Candidate for National Commander 2017/2018 is Denise Rohan of Wisconsin.

The NH Auxiliary President Cheryl Fournier's Project is to raise enough money for a new Bingo Board for the NH Veterans Home in Tilton. Cost is between \$3000 and \$5000. The Post contributed \$100 out of poppy money and the Auxiliary contributed \$50. The Veterans Home was established in

1890 as the Soldiers' Home for Civil War Veterans. The home is still on its original site and 126 years later is still a home for our Veterans. **Dear Cheney-Armstrong Post 5,**

Thanks for donating to the Department of NH Auxiliary, Department President's project. The Veterans will be very happy to see their new Bingo Board at the NH Veterans' Home in Tilton.

Sincerely, Department President Cheryl Fournier **Dear Cheney-Armstrong Unit 5,** *Thank you for donating to my project this year which is the BingoBoard for the NH Veterans' Home in Tilton. They will be very pleased. Recreation and Entertainment are very important to the well-being of the residents.*

President Cheryl Fournier

Greenville which is part of District 2)

Sincerely,

Department

(Chery is from New Ipswich and a member of

The Department Commander's Project is to raise enough money for the Bingo Board and for the NH Food Bank. The Post is giving \$100 and the Auxiliary is giving \$50 towards the Bingo Board. We told Commander Wiley that the Post contributed to the two local food pantry's already.

Anyone interested in joining the New Hampshire Veterans Association can contact them at www.thenhva.org

Sea Cadets and officers (some of us, anyway) have been busy in July. Three cadets attended recruit training at Ft. Devens, MA, one of whom was a member of the honor division. Also, one officer (the CO) and eight cadets, including PO1 LaRoche who was Assistant Recruit Division Commander of the honor division, staffed the training. In addition, one officer and one petty officer will staff recruit training at Ft. Drum, N.Y. in August. One cadet will attend League Orientation at Camp Niantic, CT in August. Also one cadet will attend Petty Officer Leadership Academy in Maine, and an officer and a petty officer will staff Field Operations N.H. Two recommendations for promotion have been forwarded to national headquarters: one to PO1 and one — PO1 Patrick LaRoche — to Chief Petty Officer. We anticipate the ceremonies will be held on one of our drill days in September (17th or 18th — stay tuned). John Franklin

Dear Cheney-Armstrong Post 5:

July 21, 2016

On behalf of the Monadnock Squadron I would like to thank you for your generous donation to the youth of Naval Sea Cadet Program in memory of Ray Dickie. The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps is America's premier youth organization for young men and women between the ages of 11 and 18. Cadets involved in our program commit to a drug- and alcohol-free lifestyle, agree to train once a month with their local unit, participate in additional summer trainings, and do coursework outside of normal drill routines.

As you are well aware, Ray and Ursula were ardent supporters of the Monadnock Squadron and of the young men and women in the program.

The trainings our cadets attended this summer include recruit training (both as staff and as recruits), petty officer leadership academy, small arms training, and League Cadet Orientation to name a few. Four cadets received financial assistance, either in whole or in part, in order to participate in the required trainings. The opportunities provided to these young men and women are huge, and the support of organizations such as yours allows us to assist cadets in pursuing their Sea Cadet careers. Again, we thank you for partnering with us in the commitment to our area youth.

Respectfully,

We were talking to Bernie Cutter who now lives in Goshen NH and he happened to mention five classmates from Peterborough signing up and going to Navy boot camp together. They were **John Franklin**, Bernie Cutter, Wayne Westover, Billy LeBritton and Ronald Salomon (we may have misspelled their names) who enlisted on September 5th, 1955 and trained in Bainbridge MD.

Mykala Garabrant of Peterborough was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of Findlay, Findlay OH. To make the list a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. The Post, Auxiliary and the Department gave her a scholarship towards her freshman year.

Dear Post 5, I have some exciting news, which I think you might already know but I made the dean's list for the spring semester!! I have my letter from the school and I plan on copying the letter and sending it out to those who helped me with my tuition last year. I also was granted \$5000 from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, which I'm sure you guys were a part of so I would like to say thank you very much. For me to be granted that money puts me over halfway to where I need to be for this next school year as far as tuition.

I have been working at the University farm; I clean stalls, turn the horses out, have painted quite a bit, and many other things. Upon being in Ohio my instructor Sue King asked me to ride a horse who is in her training program. This means that I get paid to ride this horse and take care of him. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity and things are going very well with it. I also have another horse I have been working with as a project. I do not get paid to work with that horse but the long term plan is to sell the horse which then I would get half of the money he is sold for. I am averaging 13-14 hour days and love every minute of it! I again would like to thank you because if you had not stepped in to help me I may not have gotten to where I am now. I want you to know how appreciative I am. Mykala

Hello RSVP Friends, Happy summer to you!

Already, RSVP is looking ahead to fall. We will be holding our fourth 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance event on Thursday, September 8 to assist veterans and immediate military family members (including widows/widowers) with home repair, weatherization, safety, and seasonal projects. We are looking for:

1. Volunteers - special skills as well as willing laborers who will work in teams to complete projects.
2. Projects for veterans and military families - Projects should be able to be completed in four hours with a team of 2 - 6 volunteers. Examples from previous years were wood stacking, yard/garden cleanup, replacing decking boards/railings, painting/staining, window and power washing. Volunteer labor is free of charge, but required materials are the responsibility of the home owner. Project requests must be received by August 19 for consideration. The National Day of Service and Remembrance is now the nation's largest day of charitable engagement. It was developed to provide a permanent and constructive way for individuals to annually remember and pay tribute to those lost and injured on 9/11, and to help recall and rekindle the spirit of unity, compassion, and service that existed in America following the 9/11 attacks.

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer or if you would like assistance with a project. We also encourage you to share this with others in your social networks. Thank you in advance for your support! Warm regards, Kathy

Kathy Baird, Program Director
 Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center
 64 Main St., Suite 212
 Keene, NH 03431
 (603)357-6893 www.monadnockvolunteercenter.org

CHENEY-ARMSTRONG POST 5 AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDERS

1920	FRANK B. FOSTER	1954	ARTHUR E. WHEELER	1988	ARTHUR KOSKELA
1921	ROBERT E. WALBRIDGE	1955	ROSARIO PELLETIER	1989	DANIEL H. O'ROURKE
1922	FRANK B. HILLS	1956	THOMAS A. BOUDREAU	1990	DANIEL H. O'ROURKE
1923	GAYLE MONTGOMERY	1957	WALTER H. O'MALLEY	1991	DANIEL H. O'ROURKE
1924	HARRY F. SMITH	1958	ANTHONY J. GATTO	1992	FRANK HOBSON
1925	HARRY WRIGHT	1959	STANLEY F. EMERY	1993	ELMER ROTH
1926	GEORGE WOOLLETT	1960	ROBERT C. VAUGHAN	1994	JAMES K. NAGLIE
1927	PAUL F. CROWELL	1961	ARTHUR KOSKELA	1995	JAMES K. NAGLIE
1928	WENDELL D. CROWELL	1962	ALBERT A. QUINN	1996	JAMES K. NAGLIE
1929	CHARLES W. AMES	1963	THOMAS A. BOUDREAU JR.	1996	SCOTT W. SLEEPER
1930	WILLIAM R. CALDWELL	1964	WARREN H. PIERCE	1997	SCOTT W. SLEEPER
1931	HOWARD E. PAIGE	1965	RICHARD K. WHEELER	1998	SCOTT W. SLEEPER
1932	JAMES E. WAITE	1966	WARREN H. PIERCE	1999	SCOTT W. SLEEPER
1933	ARTHUR L. DIAMOND	1967	CHESTER F. DUTTON	2000	SCOTT W. SLEEPER
1934	CHARLES G. O'CONNOR	1968	HAROLD E. SMITH	2000	JAMES K. NAGLIE
1935	LLOYD T. GOODWIN	1969	WARREN H. PIERCE	2001	JAMES K. NAGLIE
1936	PAUL M. CUNNINGHAM	1970	ALFRED M. RUSS	2001	ROBERT A. LAMBERT
1937	HAROLD D. WESTOVER	1971	PHILIP M. JACKSON	2002	ROBERT A. LAMBERT
1938	EARL C. BAGLEY	1972	PHILIP M. JACKSON	2003	ROBERT A. LAMBERT
1939	ARTHUR C. VAUGHAN	1973	RALPH B. WORCESTER	2004	ROBERT A. LAMBERT
1940	WILLIAM H. RAMSEY	1974	RALPH B. WORCESTER	2005	ROBERT A. LAMBERT
1941	GEORGE C. KEELER	1975	RALPH B. WORCESTER	2006	ROBERT A. LAMBERT
1942	WILFRED G. FONTAINE	1976	DANIEL H. O'ROURKE	2006	WAYNE E. THOMAS
1943	ALBERT C. POPPLE	1977	RICHARD A. OZENICH	2007	WAYNE E. THOMAS
1944	KENNETH B. WETHERBEE	1978	RICHARD A. OZENICH	2008	WAYNE E. THOMAS
1945	ARTHUR LE BRITTON	1979	DONALD L. RAJANIEMI	2009	WAYNE E. THOMAS
1946	HOWARD L. WHITCOMB	1980	THOMAS W. LOW	2010	WAYNE E. THOMAS
1947	HERBERT W. COLLIER	1981	THOMAS W. LOW	2011	WAYNE E. THOMAS
1948	CARL L. LANG	1982	THOMAS W. LOW	2012	WAYNE E. THOMAS
1949	ARTHUR C. VAUGHAN	1983	ROBERT A. LAMBERT	2013	WAYNE E. THOMAS
1950	ARTHUR C. VAUGHAN	1984	ROBERT A. LAMBERT	2014	WAYNE E. THOMAS
1951	RUSSELL K. AMES	1985	ROBERT A. LAMBERT	4015	WAYNE E. THOMAS
1952	CHESTER W. JACKSON	1986	STUART F. HOBSON	2016	WAYNE E. THOMAS
1953	ALFRED GRIMES	1987	BERT McCLARY JR.	2017	WAYNE E. THOMAS
				2018	
				2019	CENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN LEGION

Highlighted years are current members for 2017.

A Sad Bit of History: On August 28th, 1976, nearly 40 years ago, a C-141 USAF cargo plane took off from McGuire AFB in New Jersey. It was departing on a training flight to RAF Mildenhall in England. It was about one year after the end of the Viet Nam war, so many of the Air Force and Air Force Reserves flights were training missions to various parts of the world. The normal crew for a C-141 was six, but this flight had eighteen, since it was a training flight, and everyone enjoyed going to England for a week-end. Most of the crew were Viet Nam veterans on this Air Force Reserves flight. England had been having an unusually dry summer, much like we have had this year. And continued hot and dry weather was forecast for the arrival at Mildenhall. When the plane approached its destination, some huge thunderstorms developed. Unfortunately, neither the plane's nor the ground's radar equipment were working. The plane entered one of these massive storm clouds, and crashed. All eighteen on board were killed instantly. Ironically for us. The plane crashed in the small English town of Peterborough. There is a monument in the field where the plane crashed to commemorate the event and honor the victims.

Not only our police force, but also our military personnel throughout the world put their lives on the line daily to protect our freedom. (Submitted by **Dick Loudon**)

The rendering of Military Funeral Honors for an eligible veteran, free of charge, is mandated by law. An honor guard detail for the burial of an eligible veteran shall consist of not less than two members of the Armed Forces. One member of the detail shall be a representative of the parent Service of the deceased veteran. The honor detail will, at a minimum, perform a ceremony that includes the folding and presenting of the American flag to the next of kin and the playing of Taps. When available taps will be played by a bugler, however there are so few buglers available that the military services may choose to provide an electronic recording of taps. The veteran's parent Service representative will present the flag. *Funeral Honors Eligibility*

Military members on active duty or in the Selected Reserve.

- Former military members who served on active duty and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former military members discharged from the Selected Reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty. *Verifying Eligibility*

The preferred method for verifying eligibility is the DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. If the DD Form 214 is not available, any discharge document showing other than dishonorable service can be used. **This is one of the reasons why we have asked for a copy of your honorary discharge (DD 214).** *Requesting Military Funeral Honors* Families of eligible veterans request funeral honors through their funeral director. The funeral director will contact the appropriate Military Service to arrange for the funeral honors detail.

Things to do When a Veteran Dies

Contact the Funeral Director of your choice to arrange for interment.

Contact the Pastor of your church to arrange for the services you desire.

Bring to the Funeral Director, a copy of the Veteran's discharge, separation notice or DD-214, VA Claim Number, if known, and Veteran's social security number.

The Funeral Director will apply for any burial entitlements from the Department of Veterans Affairs toward burial expenses and also the allowance from Social Security for burial.

The Funeral Director will apply for the flag to drape the casket.

If the Veteran is a member of the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Post Commanders should be contacted for the Ritual Service, firing squad, if any, and casket bearers, if needed.

If the Veteran had G.I. Insurance, contact the Veterans Service Officer for assistance in completing the forms. If it is commercial insurance, contact an agent of the company that insured the Veteran.

Spouse should contact Social Security Office to file for benefits that may be available for self and for children.

The Veterans Service Officer will assist the spouse and children in obtaining any benefits to which they may be entitled such as, survivor's death benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and headstone if burial is in a private cemetery. Bring to the Veterans Service Officer the following information when applying for benefits:

1. Certified copy of the deceased Veterans service record (discharge).
2. The Department of Veterans Affairs Claim Number if there is one.
3. Social Security numbers of the deceased Veteran, spouse and dependent children.
4. G.I. Insurance policies, if any.
5. Certified copies of marriage, birth certificates of children and, if any, prior marriages existed, the information regarding when, where, and how dissolved (death or divorce).
6. Certified copy of death certificate of Veteran.

VETERAN'S DATA RECORD

Full Name: _____

Home Address:

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Place of Birth:

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Spouses Full Name: _____

Spouses Birth Date: ____/____/____

Place of Spouse Birth:

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Present Marriage:

Date: ____/____/____ City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Location of Marriage Certificate: _____

Children's Names: _____/_____/_____

Previous Marriages (Names, Dates, Places): _____

Date of Enlistment: ____/____/____ Place: _____

Date of Discharge: ____/____/____ Place: _____

Type of Discharge: _____

Recorded at: _____ City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Branch of Service: _____
 Social Security # _____ Service # _____ V.A. Claim Number: _____
 Receiving Compensation \$ _____
 Pension Amount \$ _____
 Veterans Records Maintained at _____
 Personal Records Located at _____
 Home - Bank - Lock Box Number _____
 Will Date: ___/___/___ Located at: _____
 Government Life Insurance Policy # _____ Amount \$ _____
 Commercial Life Insurance Policy # _____ Amount \$ _____
 Bank Accounts – BankNumberBank Accounts – BankNumber
 Mortgage - Bank or Loan Company
 Miscellaneous:

YOU HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO CERTAIN VETERANS BENEFITS. This form will make it easier for your family to file for benefits in case of emergency. Retain a copy of this form in a place readily accessible.

“Do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you will be criticized anyway!” Eleanor Roosevelt

The thing one fears most is fear.

Doing what you love is freedom. Loving what you do is happiness.

August 2nd, 1943: Australian Coastwatchers sent coded message noting the sinking of John F. Kennedy’s PT 109
 August 4th, 1790: U. S. Coast Guard Birthday; 1955: Prototype U-2 made its first planned flight; 1964 Vietnam War began
 August 6th, 1945: U.S. dropped atomic bomb on Hiroshima
 August 7th, 1944: The first fully automatic computer, the “Harvard Mark 1.” Formally began operations.
 August 9th, 1945: U.S. dropped atomic bomb on Nagasaki
 August 11th, 1972: Last U.S. ground combat unit departed Vietnam
 August 12th, 1898: Spanish- American War ends. 1981: IBM introduced the IBM PC
 August 13th, 1961: Construction of Berlin Wall began
 August 14th, 1944: Spy Velvalee Dickinson sentenced to ten years for providing intelligence to Japan via “Doll Code” steganography in messages. 1982: President Ronald Reagan declared this day Navajo Codetalkers Day.
 August 14th- 15th, 1945: Japan announced its surrender known as Victory over Japan Day Formal surrender took place aboard the U.S.S. Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay. August 16th, 1858: First exchange of telegraph communications occurred with congratulatory messages between Queen Victoria and President James Buchanan.
 August 20th, 1968: Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia
 August 22nd, 1956: Chinese fighters shot down U.S. Navy reconnaissance plane over Shengsi Islands, killing all 16 crew
 August 26th, 1914: Russian Navy seized an undestroyed codebook from grounded German ship Magdeburg; given to the British government , 1914
 August 29th, 1949: Soviets detonate their first atomic bomb.

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National American Legion Convention is in Cincinnati, Ohio in August.

PHONE SCAM SEEKS DONATIONS IN NAME OF WOUNDED-VETERANS GROUP:

The Military Order of the Purple Heart, a congressionally chartered service organization for active-duty and combat-wounded veterans, is warning about a telephone scam being conducted in its name. Unknown individuals have been cold-calling people across the United States, often from 315-516-2512, and requesting donations for the upcoming presidential election. The callers say they're doing so on behalf of MORPH and mention the name of the group's national commander, Robert Puskar. "The public should be informed that these calls are a hoax, a MORPH statement said. "MORPH remains an apolitical organization and, as such, 'shall not contribute to or otherwise support or assist any political party of candidate for public office.'" The statement asks people to contact local authorities if they receive such calls. MORPH was formed in 1932 "for the protection and mutual interest of all combat wounded veterans and active-duty men and women who have received a Purple Heart, the statement said. The group also helps with Veterans Administration claims, homelessness and employment assistance. (Jon Anderson, August 2, 2016, Stars and Stripes Publishing)

Exciting Announcement about Your No-Cost LegionCare Coverage: If you enrolled in the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) LegionCare No-Cost AD&D Program prior to 1/1/2015, your coverage was set to expire on August 31, 2016. We know that many of you have not re-upped for the program. LegionCare is such an important benefit that we couldn't have you lose it through overlooking this.

The Legionnaire Insurance Trust took action to make sure this wouldn't happen. We negotiated with the insurance company and are pleased to announce that if you signed up for LegionCare coverage and remain a member of the Legion Family, you will no longer have to worry about any expiration. Your coverage is now one and done.

If you have never signed up, you still need to do so. When you do, you'll never have to sign up again.

Here's a brief review of LegionCare: All dues-paying Legion Family members have the opportunity to enroll in LegionCare, a complimentary NO COST accidental death benefit provided to you by the Legionnaire Insurance Trust. LegionCare provides you with:

- \$5,000 in Accidental Death Coverage for covered accidents that occur if you are traveling on official Legion business.
- \$1,000 for all other covered accidents.
- 24/7 protection that covers members at home, at work and while they are travelling away from home.

Plus, LegionCare is now available to all members of the Legion Family including the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members 18 years and older.

You are guaranteed this NO COST benefit with no health questions, no hidden qualifications as long as you sign up one time. There is no reason for you or your members to pass up your opportunity for this important benefit.

If you haven't signed up for LegionCare at all yet, you can enroll now on www.TheLIT.com. Don't miss out on this valuable benefit provided to you by the Legionnaire Insurance Trust.

To Enroll, visit www.TheLIT.com or call 1-800-235-6943.

* For purposes of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust, a member of the Legion Family, with current year's dues paid, could be eligible for the \$5,000.00 Accidental Death benefit if he/she is traveling to, attending, or returning from an official function at which the he/she represents his/her Post, District,