



CHENEY-ARMSTRONG POST # 5 NH

Wayne E. Thomas, Commander

G. Jarvis Coffin, Adjutant

Robert A. Benoit, Chaplain

Bernard F. Wynn, Children & Youth Officer

John H. Franklin, Sr. Vice Commander

Richard L. Loudon, Finance Officer

Cles V. Staples, Service Officer

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,

February 7th, 2016

February 7th, 2016: Post meeting at Peterborough Community Center at 2 pm.

Feb. 21st at 12:30 is the annual inspection for the Sea Cadets at South Meadow Middle School. All Legionnaires and their significant others are cordially invited to attend.

May 21st, 2016: Armed Forces Day- Poppy Day please let us know if you can give out Poppies. Two of the places we are going to give out Poppies on Friday and Saturday. The Poppy Fund is at \$00.00.



In Memory of: David R. Elder, 89, of Dublin passed away on December 9, 2015. David was a member of the American Legion for 37 years. He was the fifth child of 12 born to George and Thelma Elder. He spent his childhood in West Medway MA. He enlisted in the US Navy and served as a Signalman First Class on various vessels from 1944 to 1946 in the Pacific. From 1949 to 1958 he owned and operated the I.G.A. grocery store in Dublin. David started the first Boy Scout Troop (49) in Dublin in 1949 and served as Scoutmaster for 15 years. He was also a member of the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years. In 1958 he became the Dublin Postmaster until 1978 and then served as the Jaffrey Postmaster until his retirement in 1988. David served as Selectman to the town of Dublin, Cemetery Superintendent for Dublin, Deacon of the Dublin Community Church and served as secretary-treasurer of the Jaffrey Lions Club for several years. He is survived by Vera (Larson) Elder his wife of 65 years and four sons. \$25 was contributed to Alzheimer's Association in his name.

Thank you for your support of the Alzheimer's Association. Your 2015 donation of \$25 in memory of David Elder which was received on 12/29/2015 is appreciated now more than ever. Alzheimer is the only cause of death among the top ten in America without a way to prevent it, cure it or even slow its progression. In NH alone, 22000 individuals who are aged 65 or older have the disease. Your gift allows us to continue in our mission to eliminate Alzheimer's disease. Sincerely, Donna McCullough

Cosimo J. Culotta, 93, of Saranac Lake NY, formerly of Peterborough, died on January 30th.

Cosimo entered the Army at 17 in 1939 and was assigned to the 84th Infantry Division. He served 1777000 days on the front in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany fighting in the battles for the

Rhine, the Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge) and Central Europe.

Richard Alan Day Jr., of Leonardtown MD, lost his wife Barbara on November 25th, 2015. Richard and Barbara met on Pine Street in Peterborough in 1938. They were married for 69 years. After WWII their family lived in London for a few years and then in 1957 Richard was offered a fantastic job at Fort Meade in MD until he retired in 1984.

Sick Call: Chester Soule of Peterborough will be moving to Summerhill Assisted Living;

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$25, made in memory of Robert Fellows, which we received on November 30, 2015. We are touched that his family has chosen to remember him in this way.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful donation.

With gratitude,

Ryan Owens, Executive Director of Monadnock Conservancy

Dear Cheney-Armstrong Post #5 Peterborough,

December 30th, 2015

Thank you for your donation to the Mount Crotchet Firefighters Association on 05/20/2015 in memory of Clifton Foote. Donations received by the Mount Crotchet Firefighters Association are used to fund equipment and training for the Frankestown Fire Department. Your \$25.00 donation allows the Frankestown Fire Department to purchase new equipment, supplies, and train our volunteer firefighters to be safe and efficient. Clifton was a great fire chief and a humble man. He'd be proud and embarrassed by the support his friends have shown to the fire department.

Once again thank you for your support. We are at your service. Sincerely, Mark Pitman, Treasurer

SEASONS GREETINGS! *From Honor Flight New England, Wishing you a joyous holiday season, and a happy and healthy New Year! Thank you for your support, dedication and generosity throughout 2015. Many WWII Veterans made the trip to their memorial this year, and we're looking forward to the honor of escorting more Heroes in 2016. None of this would be possible without all of you! Best wishes this holiday season, Joe, Sheila and Jamie (**Donald Carle, Dick Freeman** and **Arthur Pendleton** did this!)*

Membership as of December 15th is at 184 which is 96%. We still need 6 new members. Welcome new member **Christopher S. Nuttle**, of Jaffrey, he served in the Navy during Grenada/Lebanon. We also have two new members in the Auxiliary: Michelle Nuttle of Jaffrey and Donna Harris of Peterborough bringing the Units membership to 41. If you know of anyone who is eligible to join the American Legion please ask them or let us know. Just by joining makes you an active member. It makes the American Legion stronger with Congress when it lobbies for Veterans' needs.

On Sunday December 6th, Cheney-Armstrong Post 5 NH had their annual Christmas Dinner in Bass Hall at the Monadnock Center. Sixty Veterans, spouses and friends enjoyed a delicious turkey and potluck dinner and camaraderie.

Cadette Girl Scout Leader Nisa Simila from Troop # 12288 stopped in with Cadette Anni Simila. The Scouts had cooked ten dozen cookies, written letters and decorated the cookie bags to be delivered to ten Veterans who could not attend.

Our thanks to the helpers at the dinner- Ursula and **Ray Dickie, Leon St Cyr, Susan and Paul**

Sturges, Donna Harris, Lois and **Arthur Hixson**, **Dick Loudon**, Jane and **Ron Bowman** and Karen Spector. Ursula Dickie cooked a delicious third turkey. Yum! Karen Spector cooked 96 cupcakes to accompany meals to be delivered. There were 25 meals given out.

Winner of the \$250 Poppies in the Garden Raffle was **Russ Armstrong**. Winner of the 50/50 Raffle was Lisa Oja who did not take the winnings which totaled \$81. Thank you Lisa.

Someone left their kitchen towels- a beige and white one with strawberries at the Christmas dinner.

Gifts to the Post- Our thanks to **Jeff Allen**, **Bryant Crocker**, Carmen and **Bob DuHaime**, and Karen and **Sheldon Spector** for their generous donations in December and January.

Pearl Harbor 1941: On December 7th, 1941, I well remember where I was at in Peterborough. I was at a Congregational Church Piano Recital!!! Listening to two prominent women play and I was bored almost to death. My mother insisted I go with her as it was a concert sponsored by the interfaith church Alliance. Two awful hours of those two overstuffed women trampling on the keys was boring beyond belief. It got over about 4pm and mother let me escape. I had gone about halfway up to the library when I met Bob Gooch and Dick Dart. They were all excited as they had been listening to a football game on the radio in Jack Emmes's Gas Station where Eddie Fontaine worked. The radio was talking about a Jap strike on Pearl Harbor and terrible loss of life and many sunken ships!!! They wanted to know where Pearl Harbor was. I told them Hawaii, home of the US Pacific Fleet. (**Richard Alan Day** wrote this) Dick Dart wrote, since Pearl Harbor was a NAVY BASE it was NOT ON ANY MAP, therefore, MOST people had NO IDEA where "PEARL HARBOR" WAS!!!!!! In fact, I remember telling the radio: "Never mind that stuff give us back the IMPORTANT GAME"----That my New York Giants were playing!!!!!!!

All four entered WWII, **Richard Alan Day** entered the Army, Eddie Fontaine the Marines, and Dick Dart and Bob Gooch the Navy. Thank you for your service!

Dear Cheney- Armstrong Post 5 and Unit 5, December 18th, 2015

Hello, my name is Mykala Garabrant, I have just successfully finished one semester of college! I wanted to wish everyone who was responsible for my scholarship a very Merry Christmas.

My first semester was incredible. I had a wonderful time and I am looking forward to the next three and a half years! This is exactly what I want to be doing; all of the classes I am taking are what I have been wanting to learn. I finished the semester with a GPA of 3.42.

I get to work with horses and be at the barn every day. Every week day we have a lesson at a scheduled time, we also have a chore to do, and two stalls to clean. The program does require a lot of work but I am completely okay with that. I love being busy and doing things around the barn.

I tried out for and made the English Equestrian Three Day Eventing team. The Eventing team includes a combination of dressage, stadium jumping, and cross country jumping. We have had a couple of practices and we will start competition in 2016.

Without your help I would not have had this opportunity to go to college.

Sincerely,

Mykala R. Garabrant

Hi Wayne,

December 18th, 2015

Today was so amazing! The veterans all looked to be having a great time and today had a huge impact on my students. I will be sure to send some pictures your way. Also, we had a surprise homecoming for one of our students. WMUR caught wind and showed up at school this morning. The event will be

featured on the 6 o'clock news tonight.

It was very successful and I am so happy that we were able to honor so many fabulous men and women. Thank you so much for all of your help. I am already looking forward to next year.

Sara Cox Norby

Here is a link from the last night

<http://m.wmur.com/news/peterborough-6thgrader-reunited-with-sister-serving-in-army/37030806> copy this to your address line on your browser and press enter and the broadcast will come on.

Dear Post #5 and Unit #5, Thanks for your donation to my special project this year "The Liberty House" Jessie Bernard Department Auxiliary President

Dear American Legion Members:

December 22nd, 2015

I wanted to send you a note to thank you for putting a tree in the Tree Festival in the Peterborough Recreation Center. Our grandson Ryan Moreria just turned 8 and has Asperger's Syndrome so he has different likes etc. and he loved your tree. He lives in Nashua and when he came down the next weekend I asked him what tree he like the best. He said the American Flag tree so I told him to come into his bedroom and he was so surprised to see the tree there. I told him he had won the tree. It was my name on the ticket but he picked that one for one of the tickets. I'm sending a picture of my grandson and the tree.

Thank you to all the members for what they have done for our country.

Sincerely, Cathy Buffum

Harrisville, NH

January 21st, Wayne attended the District 2 meeting in Greenville. Five Posts out of twelve were represented: Nashua #3, Peterborough #5, Greenville #13, Antrim #50, and Nashua #124. The Department Commander John Graham and Department Vice-Commander Tom Wiley were present.

U.S.N.S.C.C. For the first time in the history of Monadnock Squadron, a drill was canceled due to bad weather: We managed to cram everything we needed to do into Sunday's drill, including promoting our first female to petty officer status. Rachel Brown of Gilsum made PO3, while Austin LaFreniere of Marlow made PO2.

Current strength is as follows: There are 21 Sea Cadets (four females) and four League Cadets (three females), for a total of 25 cadets. As for adults, we have five officers, two instructors, and two auxiliary members.

Our annual inspection is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30. Following the personnel inspection, there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to chat with the cadets. The event will be held at South Meadow School in the center atrium.

If there are any Post members who would like to make a presentation to the cadets, whether it's a classroom session, an indoor or outdoor physical activity, or merely reminiscences about your military experiences (regardless of branch of service, by the way), please contact the squadron executive officer, LTJg John Franklin, at 924-3662 or jfranklin6@myfairpoint.net. 1/18/2016

Wayne and Dee attended the Department of NH Mid-Winter Conference in Rochester NH representing the Post and Auxiliary on Saturday January 30th. One of the speakers was the Administrator of Liberty House who told us that **Nine** years ago he was homeless. We copied his biography from their brochure to share. "Stealing a line from Lou Gehrig's famous speech, Keith Howard refers to himself as "the

luckiest man on the face of this earth,” because of his chance to help fellow veterans recover from substance abuse, bad breaks and even worse choices. Formerly a homeless veteran himself, Keith began his career as a military journalist, moving on to radio news, teaching, school administration, improvisational theater acting and directing, and novel writing. Keith holds a bachelor’s degree in English and a master’s degree in school administration.” Keith told us that Liberty House was one of six organizations that had been contacted by the Trump Foundation to share in the six million dollars raised for Veterans when Trump did not participate in the Fox debate in January. Keith said that he had cut his salary to help offset the loss of Federal funding and that if money did come from the Trump Foundation it would go a long way.

Thank You For Remembering Our Veterans

LIBERTY HOUSE IN MANCHESTER

Big news for 2016! In order to remain true to our mission of providing a safe

and sober transitional housing community for homeless American veterans, Liberty House will no longer be receiving federal funding from Housing and Urban Development. Why? HUD has embraced the principles of Housing First, a new school of thought for ending homelessness that puts the focus on getting people housed, regardless of sobriety or interest in employment. While we respect the intentions of HUD and Housing First, we cannot comply with guidelines for funding that would require us to allow individuals actively using drugs or alcohol to stay in our house. Our sobriety requirement is important to our residents, former and present, and we'll need all the assistance our supporters can provide as we raise funds to cover the \$40,000 previously provided by HUD.

Our pantry is stocked, our garage is filled with coats, hats, and heavy socks, our tree is trimmed courtesy of Girl Scout Troop 10405 and overflowing with warm gifts for our veterans because of you! Thank you to all our donors this holiday season. Because of you, everyday there are 5 fewer families without food, 10 fewer homeless men and women shivering without coats, gloves, and boots, and there are 10 veterans who have a safe place to live while they get back on their feet. A place where they know they don't have to worry about food or clothing- it will be there because you have provided for them.

You have shown our veterans they are not forgotten, and that is the best gift we've received all year.

Keep meeting the candidates. VOTE on 9 February!!! "Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote." ~George Jean Nathan

3X5 U.S. FLAGS for sale \$25.00 & **Ball Caps** with Post 5 Peterborough American Legion for \$20.0

Respectfully Submitted,
16 Lower Jaffrey Road, Dublin NH 03444
wayneanddeethomas@gmail.com

Wayne E. Thomas
603-563-8376 cell- 603-759-3134