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Dear Post 5 Members,

May 6th, 2018

May 6th: Post meeting at 2pm at the Peterborough Community Center which is located on 25 Elm Street opposite the bowling alley. Please enter the building by the front door which is on the street side off of the oval driveway. It is also the entrance of the food pantry. Come meet the Post's Boy State and Girl State candidates. Officers will be sworn in. Dress code for officers is dark jacket and tie.

May 18th & 19th, 2018: Armed Forces Day- **Poppies** will be given out.

Tuesday, May 22th, rain date Friday, May 25th, Veterans and some 7th grade SMS students under the direction of Ed Lowy the SMS Music Director, will be putting out flags at 8 of the Peterborough Cemetery's as we approach Memorial Day. We meet at SMS at 8 am and will start with the old Catholic cemetery. We are looking for Peterborough veteran volunteers to help. We put out about 800 flags.

May 23rd at 11:00 am in the Catholic Cemetery on High Street there will be a committal service for Henry Emery. Henry was a WWII veteran and served in the Army Air Corps. He was the Post's Junior Vice Commander for many years and hand delivered letters to the shut-ins. The Post is going to fire and Andy Benoit the Post Chaplain is going to be in charge of the Service.

May 28th, 2018: Memorial Day:

PETERBOROUGH: Memorial Day and Auxiliary's Bake Sale in Peterborough. **We need baked goods please! You can drop them off early in the morning on the tables opposite the Peterborough Town House or inside if it is raining.** If it has nuts please label it! Muster at 8:00am at the Peterborough Community Center on Elm Street; step off will be at 8:30am. The ceremony will be outdoors with seating. The South Meadow Middle School Band under the direction of Ed Lowy will be accompanying us. If the weather does not cooperate it will be in the Upper Town House at 9 am. *You do not need to be in uniform.* If you need a ride let us know. Wayne Thomas 563-8376

DUBLIN: The Parade will form at Yankee parking lot at 11 am and step off at 11:15 am and march to the cemetery for a service. Afterward, a closing ceremony will be held at the flagpole in the center of town. All veterans are encouraged to participate as this is their day. If you have any questions please call **Brian Barden- 563-8006.**

HANCOCK: Muster on School Street at the Elementary School at 1:30 pm and step off at 2:00 pm. All Veterans are welcome ☺ any questions please call Ken Davis- 525-3505.

June 3rd: Post meeting

June 14th, 2018: Flag Day, flags will be retired at 10:00 am at the gazebo in back of Peterborough Diner

July 1st: Post meeting

September 2nd: Post Potluck picnic at MacDowell Dam at noon. Rain or Shine. Dress warmly.

December 2nd 2018: Post Potluck Christmas dinner at noon at the Monadnock Center for History and Culture in the Bass Hall. Dress is casual.

Sick Call: Richard Alan Day Jr. of Leonardtown MD (Wayne and Dee visited him in April); **John Jordan** of Peterborough; **Arthur Pendleton** and **Raymond Lee** of Temple;

New members: Michael N. Clifford of Dublin, served in Vietnam in the Navy; **Samuel J. Norton** of Peterborough is currently serving in the Navy in CA. We currently have 194 Post members and are 10 short of our all-time high. Please help us recruit. If you will not help us but have names and addresses we will follow up for you. People have offered to recruit but don't realize you have to knock on the person's door and ask them.

My name is Samuel Norton and I am a Seaman in the United States Navy. I was born and raised in Peterborough, NH. I enlisted in the Navy in the summer of 2015 to serve my country and to do my part in making a difference in the world. I have been in the Navy for 2 1/2 years now. I spent about a year at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA where I was studying to become an Arabic linguist. Unfortunately I was not performing to the standards they have set for such a rigorous training program. However, I am now assigned to the USS America (LHA-6) and am stationed out in San Diego. We have just completed our maiden deployment which took place in various operating area within 5th and 7th Fleet. I am very proud to be a military service member and I would not trade the experiences I have had over the last few years for anything in the world.

Legionnaires,

Your Department needs you to step up. We are 1178 members short of 100%. Please make every effort to make it happen. If we make it to 98%, by May 9th, we may be able make some money for the Department through our efforts in the Reconnect program. Please help your Department. Post Adjutants and Membership Chairman, please contact your non renewed members and find out why they have not renewed. We can get it done. Thank you for all your efforts thus far!

Dave Meaney

Department Commander

Thank you to Augusta Petrone, of Dublin, for your generous gift to the Post General Fund. Thank you **Laurance Foley**, of Dublin, for your generous donation to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you Kathy and **Carl Plourde**, of Temple, for your generous donation for the 2018 Poppy Fund. Thank you **Steve Dupere** for your generous donation to the General Fund. Thank you Vicky and **Phil Prairie**, of Whitinsville MA, for your generous donation to the scholarship fund.

Jr. Oratorical on April 7th: There were 6 contestants at St Anslem's and our candidate Daniel McCall of Peterborough won! Daniel received \$500 for first prize. 4th prize went to the Great Brook Candidate from Antrim Post 50 also from District 2 who received \$200. *"Good news! Daniel won the competition today! He learned from the from the Commander of District One, on what he needed to do to control*

his nerves and improve. It was such a fabulous experience, from start to finish. We appreciate all your encouragement and support. I know he is planning on writing you a letter, but thought you might want this 'hot off the press' news!" said Chris McCall his Mother.

Dear all of the American Legion's Cheney-Armstrong Post 5,

April 11th, 2018

I am writing this letter to thank you for sponsoring me in the New Hampshire Junior Oratorical Contest. This contest expanded my current knowledge of the inner workings of the Constitution and gave me many topics of great interest. I learned about the Black Panthers, the events surrounding the passage of the 15th Amendment, and the obscurity of the 3rd Amendment – among many others.

While I have experience on stage, I had not realized that public speaking is a very different skill. In our school system, we rarely speak in front of an audience. This contest let me get experience in that field. I feel that this contest has helped me very much educationally. Many jobs require leadership, and leadership requires being able to talk to a crowd without freezing up.

Thank you again for this opportunity. I was proud to represent Post 5 and District 2 in the New Hampshire Junior Oratorical Contest.

Sincerely, Daniel McCall

THE 2019 ORATORICAL CONTESTS WILL BE HELD AT ST. ANSELM COLLEGE. THE HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST WILL BE MARCH 16, 2019 AND THE JUNIOR'S CONTEST WILL BE APRIL 13, 2019



“Did you know that National Poppy Day[®] is May 25, 2018? Please join us and wear a poppy in honor of our American veterans. The poppy flower flourished in France and Belgium after World War I. Scientists attributed the growth of the poppies to the enriched soil from lime in rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful, red poppy — a symbol of resilience shown by our nation's service members.”

Poppy Fund Sites: **Still Need Volunteers!!!!!!** Hancock (Andy Benoit); Delay's Harvest Store in Greenfield Saturday (Wayne and Dee); Carr's Store in Dublin Saturday (Cles Staples and Hank Campbell); Dublin General Friday (Gary Babcock and Lewis Hansen), Dublin General Saturday (Alan Zeller); Alltown in Peterborough- Friday noon and Saturday (Sheldon Spector), (Wayne and Dee)at Alltown Friday morning; Nonies on Saturday, go early because of the parade “Children of the Arts” (Dick Loudon and Virginia Moore); Dunkin' Donuts at the lights (Jim Schmidt); Dunkin' Donuts opposite Bellettetes (Russell Armstrong); Shaws' (Ron Bowman, Gary Babcock, Gordon Stone, Steven Dupere). *There are members who are unable to help with giving out Poppies but wish to give. Feel free to send us a couple dollars in an envelope. Anything will help the cause. Remember this money can only be used for Veterans or their families.*

Kelsey Nyland (Girls State about ten years ago) of Peterborough, is getting her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Genna Weidner, from Dublin, Girls State 2014, is graduating from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the fall of 2018. Because she has finished all of her academic requirements, she is

participating in the graduation ceremony at UMass this spring, and will finish her honors thesis in the fall. She is graduating with a History major from the UMass Commonwealth Honors College. After graduation, Genna plans to work for history museums for a year, and will then attend a graduate program in history.

Alex McCall, Boys State 2017, from Peterborough, wrote to thank the Post for sending him to Boys' State last June. My senior year has gone very well so far. I was able to take some really interesting classes, such as AP Chemistry and AP Calculus. I also raced varsity on the alpine ski team, and placed 54th in giant slalom at the state race. As well as ski racing, I am on the varsity baseball team, and have a good feeling about this season, as our team is really strong this year. I taught ski lessons at Crotched Mountain this winter, and am Lifeguarding during the summer.

Next year, I plan to attend either Northeastern University or UMass Amherst to study Mechanical Engineering. I really look forward to continuing my studies as well as learning about engineering. I am not planning on playing a sport while at college, but may join an intramural team at some point.

Natasha Kipka, Girls' State 2017, from Dublin, wrote that her senior year has flown by. "I honestly cannot believe I'm graduating in less than 2 months." Senior year consisted of some easy classes (except for trigonometry), late nights at friends' houses, and of course, applying to colleges. I applied to three schools, University of New Hampshire, University of Arizona, and finally Johnson and Wales University (which is in Providence RI). I recently made up my mind that Johnson and Wales University would be the right college for me! I will be starting in the fall of 2018 with a major in Business Administration. (Natasha Kipka is currently on the ConVal Varsity tennis team as the number two singles player.)

Just to remind you that the Boys and Girls State Candidates are nominated by the social studies teachers from ConVal. Occasionally we have students apply as well. They usually fall into the top ten of their class.

Anna McGuinness, of Hancock, is the 2018 candidate for Girls State. She is 17 years old, and a junior at ConVal High School. Her favorite subject is history - she participates in History Club and takes many high level classes in the subject. She also participates in the YMCA's Youth and Government program, where she was elected Speaker of the House this year. She enjoys engaging in government in whatever way she can, and never turns down the opportunity to discuss and debate. Anna loves theater, and can be seen in most shows that are put on at ConVal. She hopes to go to college for history and eventually go on to law school. Anna was part of the cast of Jane Eyre at ConVal in April. Her parents Matthew and Emily McGuinness are both veterans and used to be members of the Post.

"My name is Augustus George, I'm 16 years old, a resident of Hancock New Hampshire, and a student at ConVal High School. I am FTM transgender which means I was assigned female at birth but now identify as male. My bill is about making gender therapy, hormone treatment, and surgery more accessible to trans youth. After high school I am going into film making and acting, right now I am looking at TISCH, Julliard, and the New York Film Academy. Last summer I attended a summer intensive at the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts which focused on training the students in acting for film and TV. In the future I plan on building a career in the film industry, not just in acting but in editing, producing, directing, and writing. I am interested in attending Boys State because I try to involve myself in local politics as much as possible. For example, over the past year I have been following HB1319 the anti-discrimination bill for transgender individuals, attending all the rallies and testifying at the hearings. Being involved in local politics isn't just important to me but it's something I see as necessary. As a trans person the world is constantly aiming to challenge my rights and my

existence and the way for me to combat this is to speak out and share my experience with whoever will listen." The advanced placement classes I have taken so far are AP World History, AP US History, and AP Language and Composition. Next fall I will begin my fourth year of Spanish classes; a language I'm very dedicated to becoming fluent in. I'm on my sixth month of taking piano lessons. I decided to learn to play back in September because it's always something I wanted to do and I feel it makes me more versatile as a performer. I have a black belt in Taekwondo and have been practicing martial arts for eight years. And lastly, I'm excited to go to Boy's State.

Website: Still working on it. It is going to include the Post History which **John Franklin** is working on and current activities. Wayne and Dee worked with **Jeff Householder** and gave him all the information for the site. Now Jeff with the help of his wife Teresa is putting it together. The **Website** for the Post is legionpost5nh.com/ If anyone has any unique or vintage pictures to lend the Post to put in the website it would be greatly appreciated. If anyone has any constructive comments please let us know.

Monadnock Squadron conducted several semiannual events at April's drill. All cadets who were present successfully completed the Physical Readiness Test. Also, the squadron conducted a required session on hazing, bullying, fraternization, and sexual harassment. Also discussed were summer training availabilities, including recruit training at Fort Devens, which will run July 2–14. We were scheduled to travel to Durham to conduct swim qualifications on Sunday, April 15, but a gloomy weather forecast caused us to cancel the event because of the distance some cadets had to travel just to get to Peterborough, never mind predicted bad travel conditions for the car-pool trip to UNH. We enlisted a new cadet and are in the process of signing up an additional adult, who is a Registered Nurse and a mother of a cadet. Respectfully submitted, John Franklin, executive officer.

TEMPLE, N.H. —The remains of a Marine killed in World War II will be returned to his family in New Hampshire, 75 years after his death. Sgt. David Quinn was recently identified through advances in DNA. He was buried with full military honors in his hometown of Temple, where generations of the Quinn family have lived since 1780.

Sgt. Quinn was a member of an amphibian battalion in World War II. He was killed in a battle that claimed 1,000 Marines and sailors on a Japanese island. He died just four months after he was married. Over seven decades would pass before he was identified. "His body had been lying in Honolulu, in the Punchbowl, the National Cemetery of the Pacific, and had been there since 1949, unknown. It was in an unidentified, unknown grave." "A cousin of David's, a Marine in Hawaii, got to accompany him the whole way home," said Donna Quinn.

Sgt. Quinn was laid to rest in a space in his family's plot that has been waiting all these years.

Peterborough NH- On 12 March 1944 the pilot Second Lieutenant Vernal J. Bird and the gunner **Staff Sergeant Roy F. Davis**, (a native of Peterborough) were the crew of an A-20G Havoc bomber that failed to return to its base in northeastern New Guinea after attacking enemy targets on the island. Their loss was recorded Missing Air Crew Report (MACR) 4111. Attempts to locate the aircraft or evidence of the crew- both during the war and after- were unsuccessful. A military review board ultimately declared both men to be presumed dead, and on 30 June 1949 the War Department officially determined that the remains of both men were non-recoverable.

In September 2001 a team from the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI); a predecessor to JPAC and subsequently the DPAA located an aircraft crash site in a remote area of Papua New Guinea. A native Papuan living in the area turned over four aircraft data plates that he claimed to have recovered from the wreckage. And the team subsequently recovered a human bone fragment from a test pit at the site. The data plates were consistent with a Wright Cyclone engine from a U.S. Army Air Forces A-20 Havoc bomber, and one bore the Air Corps number AF42-154482, which correlates exclusively to one of the engines installed on the MACR 4111 aircraft. The remains and non-biological evidence were accessioned into the laboratory on 10 October 2001 as a case number CIL 2001-160. The bone fragment was subsequently sub-designated as CIL 2001-160-I-01. On 15 July 2013 the Scientific Director of JPAC-CIL identified the remains designated as those of 2nd Lt Vernal J. Bird. On 19 August 2011 a JPAC team relocated the crash site and evaluated it for future recovery. The team found significant amounts of aircraft wreckage. From 22 February through 18 March 2016, a DPAA Recovery Team excavated the crash site associated with MACR and recovered possible human remains, possible osseous remains, and possible material evidence (including numerous life support items). Identification tags for both individuals associated with the incident were also recovered and retained. The material evidence was accessioned into the DPAA Laboratory as CIL 2016-037 on 4 April 2016. The possible human and osseous remains were repatriated and accessioned into the DPAA Laboratory as CIL 2016- 072 on 13 May 2016. Subsequently, CIL 2016-037 was consolidated into CIL 2016-072.

Personal items found at the scene of Roy F. Davis of Peterborough were: dog tags, a watch, a chain link bracelet, aviation badge, ring, transit tokens, a piece of web belt and belt buckle, possible Australian coin, glasses, and life support field bag. In addition to there were five bone fragments, skull fragments and teeth. His younger brother Norman recognized them.

Roy will be accompanied home in June to be buried in the family plot of Ashby MA. His Mother mourned for 40 years and his Australian finance never married.

On Wednesday, April 4th, 2018, Capt. Thomas J. Hudner Jr., a naval aviator and Medal of Honor recipient, was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors in a ceremony that included a flyover by the squadron he flew with during the Korean War. Captain Hudner was the last living U.S. Navy recipient of the Medal of Honor from the Korean War. He died in November at age 93.

HUDNER, THOMAS JEROME, JR.

Rank and organization: Lieutenant (J.G.) U.S. Navy, pilot in Fighter Squadron 32, attached to U.S.S. Leyte.

Place and date: Chosin Reservoir area of Korea, 4 December 1950.

Entered service at: Fall River, Mass.

Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a pilot in Fighter Squadron 32, while attempting to rescue a squadron mate whose plane struck by antiaircraft fire and trailing smoke, was forced down behind enemy lines. Quickly maneuvering to circle the downed pilot and protect him from enemy troops infesting the area, Lt. (J.G.) Hudner risked his life to save the injured flier who was trapped alive in the burning wreckage. Fully aware of the extreme danger in landing on the rough mountainous terrain and the scant hope of escape or survival in subzero temperature, he put his plane down skillfully in a deliberate wheels-up landing in the presence of enemy troops. With his bare hands, he packed the fuselage with snow to keep the flames away from the pilot and struggled to pull him free. Unsuccessful in this, he returned to his crashed aircraft and

radioed other airborne planes, requesting that a helicopter be dispatched with an ax and fire extinguisher. He then remained on the spot despite the continuing danger from enemy action and, with the assistance of the rescue pilot, renewed a desperate but unavailing battle against time, cold, and flames. Lt. (J.G.) Hudner's exceptionally valiant action and selfless devotion to a shipmate sustain and enhance the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

“At the end of your life you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a Husband, A friend, a child or a parent” Barbara Bush

Johnny Carson was an Ensign in the Navy during WWII

Don Rickles Seaman 1st Class on a motor torpedo boat tender USS Cyrene WWII

Ed McMahon was a Colonel Fighter Pilot – during WWII he was a flight instructor in the Marine Corps and during Korea he flew the OE-1(Cessna O-1 Bird Dog) an unarmed spotter plane. He flew 85 missions.

“Any Nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure.” President Abraham Lincoln

One of the main reasons for the establishment of American Overseas Cemeteries was the death of Lt. Quentin Roosevelt. The youngest son of President Theodore Roosevelt became a pilot in the 95th Aero Squadron, part of the 1st Pursuit Group during WWI. He had one confirmed kill of a German aircraft he shot down on July 10th, 1918. Four days later, in a massive aerial engagement at the commencement of the Second Battle of the Marne, he himself was shot down behind German lines. The German military buried him with full battlefield honors. President Roosevelt said, “leave his remains where they are now” He was later moved alongside his brother, Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt Jr. to Normandy American Cemetery.

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Monthly Meetings:

The Post meets the first Sunday of the month at 1400 hours or 2 pm unless it is a holiday weekend.

Meetings are held in the Peterborough Community Center on 25 Elm Street, Peterborough. Please enter by the front door on the Elm Street side. All Veterans are welcome

Respectfully submitted, *Wayne E. Thomas,* Cell 603-759-3134

The Post would gratefully accept donations for the General Fund, Scholarship Fund or 2018 Poppy Fund. The Post is a non-profit so your gift is tax deductible. The Post mailing address is PO Box 172, Peterborough NH 03458-0172