



CHENEY-ARMSTRONG POST # 5 NH

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Dear Post 5 Members,

April 1st, 2018

April 1st: Post meeting is canceled because it is Easter. It is also April Fool's Day ☺

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 candidate. Officers will be sworn in. Dress code for officers is dark jacket and tie.

May 19th, 2018: Armed Forces Day- **Poppies** will be given out. **We need volunteers**. So far we have Sheldon Spector, Cles Staples, Ron Bowman, Gary Babcock, Andy Benoit, Alan Zeller, Dick Loudon, Russell Armstrong, Virginia Moore, Jeff Householder, Gordon Stone, Wayne and Dee Thomas.

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: meeting

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

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

In Memory: Jessie Bontecou Elliot, of Peterborough, a longtime member of the Auxiliary and married to Wade Elliot.

Sick Call: Richard Alan Day, of Leonardtown MD had a stroke and is coming home this week.

New Member: Daniel P. Cheshire, lives in Harrisville, is currently serving in the NH Air National Guard. He is married to Cindy and they have two children. We currently have 193 Post members and the Auxiliary has 43.

We would love members to recruit new members. We are so close to our all-time high which was 204. We can make it with your help. ☺

To the membership of the Department of NH: YOUR Department needs your help!! We need 759 memberships to make our 95% goal due April 11. Help your Department make its goal! This is not about me, it is about your Department. We can do it, but it takes an effort by the rank and file membership!

Sorry to say we missed the 90% goal by .13 of a point or 21 memberships. Very disappointing because if we had hit 90% your Department would have gotten around \$2,000 from National. We lost that deal, but I would still like to hit the 100% by the May 9, 2018 target date and you, the membership, can make that happen! Please put maximum effort into getting the job done.

We need to get the Districts going. There is no reason for any Districts to be in the 70-80 percentile range. All Districts should be close to or over the 90% range at this point at this time. Three Districts have met that percentile goal, but the other five Districts are lagging.

Dave Meaney *Department Commander*

March 4th Post Meeting: John reported that he was three fourths done with the Post history for the Centennial. The slate of officers was voted in to be sworn in at the Post meeting on May 6th. Reminder jacket and tie ☺ \$100 was donated to the Department President's Project- "It's Never 2 Late"; \$100 was donated to the Veterans Heritage Learning Center at the Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen and \$50 went to Canine Companions which was the Junior Auxiliary President's Project. The Auxiliary donated \$25.00 to all three projects.

Post 5 and Unit 5 Members,

March 7th, 2018

Michael W. Horne, Director of the Veterans Cemetery, has made me aware of your donation which we wish to acknowledge with gratitude. We thank you for your donation to the Veterans Heritage Learning Center. Your contribution will assist us to construct the Veterans Heritage Learning Center, a multifunction addition to the Administration building that will have displays and videos to help educate visitors of all ages of New Hampshire's rich military history.

Thank you for your generous donation for the Heritage Learning Center.

On behalf of all veterans and those who visit the cemetery to remember loved ones, thank you very much.

Sincerely, MajGen Gretchen Dunkelbereger (USAF ret)

President NH Veterans Cemetery Assoc., Inc.

After two years of trying to get permission to give out Poppies at AllTown this was our response!!!! ☺
Good Morning Wayne!

We require the sites get company approval but would certainly support that effort! I happen to be a life member of the Legion, VFW and DAV! We are also a corporate sponsor for MA Fallen Heroes and have recently sponsored the 5K event in Merrimack supporting veteran causes!

You and your post are welcome at any of my sites! I will inform store of same! Thank you for your service and support of veteran causes!

Respectfully;

Rick Woolverton

Global Partners LP/GDSO

Senior Director of Operations

To show good faith I am suggesting that we donate \$50 of our 2018 Poppy money to the MA Fallen Heroes. Massachusetts Fallen Heroes is a multifaceted organization aiming to honor the fallen, support Gold Star families, and empower veterans through advocacy. <https://www.massfallenheroes.org/>

Our Mission

As a group of Combat Veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, we are committed to memorializing our fellow service members who did not return home to their families. So far, we've raised funds, created a first-of-its-kind memorial, developed the Veteran's Edge program to assist Veterans, and created a network of support and programs for our Gold Star Families.

Our four main goals are to honor the memories of our fallen, support our Gold Star Family members, empower our Veterans, and educate our communities.

Wayne is going to ask for a donation of \$50.00 out of the 2018 Poppy Fund for '**Operation Care for Troops**', a grassroots organization, ships packages to deployed troops, soldiers, and sailors in Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, Syria, Kuwait, etc. OCT works to provide requested but not always available items - the belief being a "little bit of home" makes their job and deployment a little easier.

OCT is a community involved organization from schools and summer camps writing letters for the troops to a local retirement community folding the socks. Further, OCT responds with requested items to troops and sailors in a relief situation.

'Operation Care for Troops' supports "Stand-Down Day" held annually in Nashua, NH for southern NH homeless and displaced veterans. At this event, OCT supplies a care package designed for the needs of the homeless veteran. In December, OCT works with the NH VASH program by supplying Holiday stockings for the children of service families in transition and displaced veterans.

In summary, the primary goals of OCT involve scheduled events - specifically four packing events; "Stand-Down Day"; and building Holiday stockings for VASH children. OCT also responds to special requests from deployed US military and personal.

'Operation Care for Troops' is operated by volunteers with all funds used to support it's mission and goals. Further, OCT is a 501(c)3 and has received a Bronze rating by GuideStar.com.

Operation Care for Troops PO Box 1604 Nashua, NH 03061

Deborah A. Chichlowski-Luszey Operation Care for Troops (603)321-5541

Wayne is going to ask for \$100.00 for the Liberty House in Manchester. The State Commander was just informed that the Liberty House food shelves are just about bare. They could use non-perishable food donations and monetary donations. 75 W Baker St, Manchester, NH 03103 (603) 669-0761

Thank you Dick Hammond of Concord for your generous donation towards POSTAGE!

We owe member John Sewall an apology for continuing to say he served in the Air Force. John served in the Army during Vietnam. *“Finally, I noticed in your last email that you still are listing me as Air Force. I love the Air Force dearly; however, I love the 187th Inf in the 82nd, and 1st, Bn 15th Inf, 3rd Inf Div even more. Semper fi,”* John Sewall

High School Oratorical: The winner was a home schooled girl from Chichester - superb presentation. Dist. 2 candidate was 2nd place. (Last year he placed second as well.) 7 Districts had candidates, so an excellent contest. Only Jim Ward and I were there from Dist. 2, but that's ok, as we enjoyed it and gave as much support as we could, talking with many of the contestants. There is hope yet for our country, with these fine young folks coming along! Steve Roy- Commander of Post 50 in Antrim.

Junior Oratorical: Post 5 was represented in March by Daniel McCall who is in seventh grade at South Meadow School. He lives in Peterborough and is the youngest of three boys. He is on the cross country and basketball teams, plays cello and trumpet, performs in local theater, and loves to take care of his chickens and dogs.

Well today was a great learning experience for Daniel. (Daniel represented the Post at the District Jr. Oratorical.) *He was a bit overwhelmed by the process but held on and is headed to St Anslem's for the State Competition on April 7th! I really want to thank you for this opportunity. He has learned so much about the Constitution, our history, and public speaking. He spent every one of his many snow days researching and writing. He loved it and looks forward to the next level!* Chris McCall

Peterborough member Jeff Householder's daughter Lindsey got married at the end of March in MO. Jeff has been working on a website for the Post.

Sea Cadets, including the CO and XO, in March got certified in adult, child, and infant CPR. The April drill will take place on the second weekend (14 & 15 April) in order to take advantage of an opportunity for cadets to participate in swim qualifications at the UNH pool in Durham on Sunday, April 15. On the preceding Saturday, the squadron will conduct its semiannual physical readiness test, which all cadets must pass in order to participate in summer trainings. Also, the Saturday drill will include a session on hazing, bullying, and sexual harassment, which is required twice a year. Respectfully submitted, LTJG John Franklin, NSCC, executive officer.

V/R, John

Congratulations to Cadet Chief Petty Officer Patrick LaRoche who received the DAR Outstanding Sea Cadet Medal at the annual inspection of the Monadnock Squadron. Patrick is the son of LTJG Jane LaRoche and Paul LaRoche Jr. and is a senior at ConVal High School.

The financial audit and budget report for 2017 for the Monadnock Squadron was submitted for the Post Commander's approval and it was accepted.

Mar 8, 2018 - The *American Legion* turns 99. The *American Legion* celebrated its 99th birthday on March 15. It is the day in 1919 when the first *American Legion* caucus, held by members of the *American Expeditionary Force*, convened in Paris. ... Preparations for the celebration of The *American Legion's* 100th anniversary are underway.

We have printed this before but thought it was worth repeating:

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb.

After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10' and 6' 2' tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30." Other requirements of the Guard:

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives.

They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn.

The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform.

Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV.

All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred.

Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment.

They respectfully declined the offer, 'No way, Sir!' Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson.

The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

Part of State Adjutant Daniel Yoder's Letter: 3 March 2018 Office Phone 856-8951, Email: adjutantnh@legionnh.org

Hello legionnaires and Veteran advocates, today is Thursday, March 1, 2018 which is National Horse Protection Day, National Peanut Butter Lover's Day, Plan a Solo Vacation Day and World Compliment Day. It is also Purim to those of the Jewish Faith.

SOME HISTORY

On this day in 1781, the Articles of Confederation are finally ratified. The Articles were signed by Congress and sent to the individual states for ratification on November 15, 1777, after 16 months of debate. Bickering over land claims between Virginia and Maryland delayed final ratification for almost four more years. Maryland finally approved the Articles on March 1, 1781, affirming the Articles as the outline of the official government of the United States. The nation was guided by the Articles of Confederation until the implementation of the current U.S. Constitution in 1789.

1961: Newly elected President John F. Kennedy issues an executive order establishing the Peace Corps. It proved to be one of the most innovative and highly publicized Cold War programs set up by the United States.

1872: President Grant signs the bill creating the nation's first national park at Yellowstone. Native Americans had lived and hunted in the region that would become Yellowstone for hundreds of years before the first Anglo explorers arrived. Abundant game and mountain streams teeming with fish attracted the Indians to the region, though the awe-inspiring geysers, canyons, and gurgling mud pots also fascinated them.

On this day in 1917, the text of the so-called Zimmermann Telegram, a message from the German foreign secretary, Arthur Zimmermann, to the German ambassador to Mexico proposing a Mexican-German alliance in the case of war between the United States and Germany, is published on the front pages of newspapers across America.

Respectfully submitted,

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