



CHENEY-ARMSTRONG POST # 5 NH

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Dear Post 5 Members,

September 3rd, 2017 & October 1st, 2017

September 3rd, 2017: Post and Auxiliary Potluck Picnic at noon at MacDowell Dam rain or shine.

Arthur Hixson will be cooking pulled pork. Please let us know if you can come to the picnic. We need a head count. 😊 **563-8376** So far 58 😊 Our Department Commander David Meaney and District Commander Paul Comeau will be our guests. Commanding Officer of US Naval Sea Cadets Monadnock Squadron Jane LaRoche and her husband Paul will also be our guests.

PLEASE TELL US IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE PICNIC/ call and leave a message- 563-8376

October 1st, 2017: Post meeting at 2pm in the Peterborough Community Center on 25 Elm Street.

November 5th, 2017: Post meeting at 1400 at the Peterborough Community Center

November 11th, 2017: Veterans' Day falls on a Saturday. 9:00 am Remembrance Service at All Saints Church on Concord Street. The Veterans' Day Parade musters at 10:30 am at Veterans' Way next to Bellows-Nichols and steps off at 10:40 am and marches towards the Memorial Gates by way of Main Street. If it rains the program will start at 10:45 inside the Peterborough Town House. The South Meadow Middle School Band with band leader Ed Lowy will accompany the Veterans.

December 3rd, 2017: Christmas Potluck Dinner at noon at the Monadnock Center on Grove Street.



New Members: **Keith Clements**, of Sharon, served in the Army during Lebanon/Grenada; **Andre Rousseau**, of Peterborough, served in the Air Force during Vietnam; **John A. Rapsis** of Falls Church VA who is moving to Hancock, served in the Army from 1985 to 1997 during Panama and the Gulf Wars; **Myron Steere III** (Mike) of Greenfield, served in the Army during Vietnam. While Mike was in the Army he met his wife Sally who was an Army nurse. **Joseph A. Leroux**, of Peterborough, served in the Army during the Persian Gulf; **Jeffrey A. Householder**, of Peterborough, served in the Navy during the Persian Gulf and his wife Teresa Householder joined the Auxiliary. (6 new Post members this month)

Sick Call: **John McKenna** and **Willy Oja** of Dublin

Congratulations to Gail and **John MacLean** on their marriage on 7/7/17.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES- MAKE CHECK OUT TO POST 5, NH

PO Box 172, Peterborough NH 03458-0172

Membership: So far 158 have paid their dues. Our tentative goal for 2018 is 190 while we are waiting for National to tell us what we need. So at the moment we are at 83.15 %. **Please pay your \$35.00 dues as soon** as you can. If everyone paid their dues then we would have 185 members. We are waiting on 27 members to pay their dues. If there is a problem please let us know. We are also trying to collect the Auxiliary's \$20 dues. So far 30 have paid their dues. National has not sent out the bills yet, they are trying to save money on their mailings. Please help us!

The Peterborough Fire & Rescue Association thanks you for your kind and generous donation of \$100.00. The Peterborough Fire & Rescue Association exists to support the members of the Peterborough Fire and Rescue Department. These men and women serve our community 24 hours a day responding to emergencies. Your generosity will help us continue to support our local first responders. Thank you

Dear Cheney-Armstrong Post 5,

August 2nd, 2017

Thank you very much for your recent gift of \$25.00 in memory of Mr. Alexander Bass. I very much appreciate that you have chosen to honor Mr. Bass' memory with a special gift to ASF. The family will be notified of your kind gift.

The contributions of our members and donors has assisted ASF in our critical conservation efforts as we endeavor to restore the wild Atlantic salmon to its native rivers.

Again, than you for your gift. Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Kirsten Rouse

Executive Director of Development

August Post Meeting: There were 15 members plus 4 Auxiliary members present. **Duane R. Bishop JR**, of Peterborough, Army, Lebanon/ Grenada was introduced to the group. He joined in June. He also has a son who served. We discussed the GAR Hall and the monuments there. No one has heard a word about what is happening to them.

During the meeting Wayne told the members that our printer which is at least eight years old is on its last leg. But we intend to use it until it stops for good. It has been repaired once and we were told that it was not a happy machine. So, we wanted the Post to be prepared with the cost. Auxiliary member Karen Loudon has a background with printers and researched our options for a professional color printer. We have narrowed it down to Staples and two different printers which are \$479.99 and \$639.99. So we are going to start looking for coupons and discounts.

We have inventoried the Post guns- the 1901 M1 Garands and 1903 Springfields for the Federal Government. There are a total of 7 complete guns and some pieces of other guns.

Thank you, Jeff Allen for your donation to the Scholarship Fund.

Since last November, 36 American Legion departments have submitted 180 submissions to The American Legion's Veterans Memorial Identification Project. The project allows Legion Family members to upload photos and detailed information about veterans' memorials and monuments in their area. For more information, visit: www.legion.org/memorials

Sea Cadet summer activities: This has been a fairly busy time for our cadets, starting in April when one cadet attended a week-long training on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) training session. In July, two League cadets successfully graduated from Orientation at Camp Edwards, Mass. One of them earned the Unit Commendation ribbon for being a member of the honor division; he was also a member of the color guard. Earlier in the month, two cadets graduated from recruit training at Fort Devens, Mass., and one officer and four cadets staffed RTC. Another officer and a cadet were staff at N.H. Field Operations, and another cadet attended the training. One of our cadets received a citation from the VFW for his year-long project of raising and lowering the flag at Monadnock Region High School in Swanzey, and was instrumental in getting the school to replace a worn-out flag. In August, cadets and officers have the opportunity to staff concession stands at an air show in Maine that will feature the Navy's Blue Angels; we don't know yet how many will volunteer.

ALA granite Girls State: Congratulations to the 61 young women who completed the week.

Two New Hampshire teens had the opportunity to meet President Donald Trump last month while representing the state at Boys Nation.

Patrick Rochford of Litchfield and Yosua Siagian of Dover were selected to attend Boys Nation, a training camp for young leaders interested in civics, politics and federal government operations.

The two student senators were part of a group of 98 teens who participated in the prestigious program in Washington, D.C. — all of them selected from Boys State programs throughout the country.

“We had a private meeting with President Trump in the Rose Garden. It was a really neat experience, and a great opportunity,” said Rochford, 17, who will be attending Northfield Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts this fall.

Throughout the eight-day program, boys were separated into two political parties, debated contentious issues and elected their own party leaders while proposing bills and voting on legislation that was either signed or vetoed by the Boys Nation president.

During their trip, Boys Nation participants had the opportunity to tour the National Mall, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institution and Capitol Hill.

Rochford and Siagian were selected from a pool of nearly 20,000 incoming seniors who attended the 50th annual Boys State programs.

Driver's License can show Veteran status: Enjoying military and veteran discounts and deals at restaurants and movie theaters may be the easy part.

For those ineligible for military retiree cards or Veterans Identification Cards, providing proof of military service can be difficult.

Some veterans keep their DD Form 214 with them all the time. But the form is not a photo ID, and poses an identity theft threat. Carrying a copy instead of the original may not help, since a copy could be viewed as insufficient proof of service.

Getting a veteran designation on a driver's license or on a state-issued ID offers another way to provide proof of military service. Some states offer an active military indicator as well.

Check with local branches of state Bureau of motor Vehicles, Department of Motor Vehicles, or Department of Transportation for availability of the designation, fees, and other details. This information may also be listed on the websites of those branches.

But keep in mind: It is up to the businesses offering the discounts to determine whether an active military or veteran indicator on a driver's license or state-issued ID is sufficient proof of service.

Some of you have not given us a copy of your DD- 214 which all Posts need to prove to the IRS if they check us out that you served during a conflict or war. This is a very important document for your spouse if something should happen to you.

GAR Hall: Is currently being gutted and the inside is being made over for a micro brewing company which will be called Post and Beam. The outside of the building is to remain untouched because it is on the NH State Historical Registry. As for the cannons, cannon balls and Civil War Union soldier they were included in the sale of the building under a preservation easement which means they are still owned by the town of Peterborough and the town can move them at any time by a legal process.

www.100NightsofRemembrance.org Sunday September 10th, 2017 -10th Anniversary of the 100 Nights of Remembrance at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen.

New Hampshire Union Leader by Alex Hall, Coach Cam Calato kept waiting for the magic to run out for his Newmarket Post 67 Junior American Legion team throughout the state and Northeast Region 1 tournaments. It just never did.

Newmarket, which has been a program for five years, had never qualified for the state tournament before this past season. It capped its fifth campaign with a program-best 17-4 mark and as the New Hampshire and Northeast Region 1 champions.

Newmarket defeated Stratford, Conn., 8-4, in Bangor, Maine, on Aug. 6 to become the first New Hampshire team to ever win the Northeast Region 1 title.

The Junior American Legion does not have a World Series tournament. Its inaugural World Series will take place next summer.

Newmarket went 3-0 in the single-elimination regional tournament after a 4-0 run through the double elimination state tournament.

After beating Alton and Lebanon in its first two state tournament games, Newmarket defeated Nashua in both the semifinals and finals to capture the crown. Nashua scored three runs in the seventh inning of the championship game but Newmarket shut the door on the comeback try and held on for a 4-3 triumph July 31 at Gill Stadium in Manchester.

Standing at the podium after being the first woman elected as American Legion national commander, Denise Rohan had one question for the delegates to the Legion's national convention in Reno, Nev.: "Are you ready?"

The Wisconsin resident challenged Legionnaires to work together to continue the organization's 98 years of service to the nation, and its veterans, military and their families.

"Are you ready to continue to join forces as part of the nation's largest veteran service organization's family?" Rohan asked. "Are you ready to Purple Up and show the nation that we are a family that not just takes care of our own members, we stand ready to take care of our active-duty military and their

families, we take care of our veterans and their families and, in reality, when you look at our four pillars and all of our programs, are you ready to continue to take care of our entire nation's families?"

Rohan said her theme this year will be "Family First," and that the theme is based on The American Legion's motto of "For God and Country."

"I believe we were put here, where you are today, and in the positions you hold currently for the greater good," Rohan said. "We are not here to judge one another. We are here to nurture and take care of one another. Families grow through love and support for one another. As an American Legion family – we need to treat each other in that same spirit – like part of our larger extended family."

Taking a cue from the U.S. armed forces, Rohan chose the color purple for her membership shirts. "I chose purple for this year's membership shirts to show that we are joining forces as an American Legion family," she said. "Just like all branches of the military started working together and joined forces, they purpled up over the last several years, it is time for The American Legion family to also purple up as we all work together for the common good."

A 33-year Legionnaire and current member of Post 385 in Verona, Wis., and U.S. Army veteran, Rohan has served as post and department commander. *But when her husband, Mike, was first approached about joining The American Legion and Denise identified herself as an eligible veteran, she said she was informed 'Women join the Auxiliary.'*

"That post that denied me membership 37 years ago, they have a picture of me on the wall with a sign that reads 'She could have been a member of our Post. Remember, women are veterans too!'" Rohan said. "It is a great reminder that since the birth of The American Legion back in 1919, our leadership knew that a veteran was a veteran regardless of race, religion or gender. Women could vote for national commander before they could vote for the president of the United States. I know that women have been and continue to be in leadership positions in this organization."

Rohan urged delegates to keep up the support for military families as service members continue to be deployed across the world. "The American Legion family will stand tall next to our heroes and their families," she said. "There are National Guard and reserve families living in your home towns who are feeling alone and afraid. Please continue to step up and make connections with those families. And, whenever possible, make that connection before the family member is deployed.

"Get to those Yellow Ribbon events that are happening prior to deployment. Get to know the Family Readiness Group leader for your units and let the families know what we do, who we are and what assistance we can offer on a daily basis."

Rohan shared the story of being at a Veterans Day event in a community a few years ago. The main speaker, a Gold Star father, shared the story about his son who had been killed in Afghanistan. During his speech a girl in the choir began crying and was escorted to the back of the room.

"When the program was over, the mother, who I had never met, sought me out in the crowd," Rohan said. "She wanted to say thank you to The American Legion on behalf of her family. You see, one of the times that her husband had been deployed there was a fire in her home, and they also had a broken water heater. The local American Legion stepped up, helped her apply for Temporary Financial Assistance and then came to her home and helped make repairs.

"The mom said she is confident that had it not been for The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance program and the Legionnaires who helped repair their home, her husband may not have returned home safely. With things being taken care of at home, she knew that she did not need to trouble her husband with those issues. He could concentrate on his mission and could have one less worry on the battlefield, thanks to The American Legion family. Because that's what we do and that's

who we are.”

Rohan said that along with Temporary Financial Assistance, she also will ask Legion family members to provide financial support to the Legion’s service officers program. “We witnessed history here yesterday as President Trump signing The Veterans Appeals Modernization Act of 2017 here on our stage,” she said. “This will help claims and appeals get processed faster, but we need trained service officers to assist in getting claims properly submitted. The faster we can get veterans the benefits they earned, the faster they can go on to lead happy, productive lives. It doesn’t just help the veteran; it helps the entire family.”

Rohan also said it’s time for Legion posts to start inviting the community in to show all the great work they are doing. She said hosting a Veterans Day meal is a perfect opportunity to do so.

“Make sure to include current and expired members, members of your holding post, Blue Star and Gold Star mothers, student veterans, military recruiters, members of the National Guard and reserve along with their families, veterans in local care facilities or hospitals and their families,” Rohan said. “Let’s light up social media with the world’s largest Veterans Day celebration this nation has ever seen. Let’s feed the entire community, because putting on great community meals is another great part of who we are and what we do.

“To make a difference in someone’s life, you don’t have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care enough to be there.”

Rohan was employed with the University of Wisconsin Madison as the assistant bursar of student loans until her retirement in 2012. She managed the University of Wisconsin Madison, University of Wisconsin Green Bay and University of Wisconsin Colleges’ \$120 million loan portfolio made up of approximately 200 different federal, institutional and state programs in compliance with all laws, regulations and policy.

Determine eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery- Previously, eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery could only be determined after the death of the veteran or family member. Now, veterans can find out if they are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery before the time of need. This “pre-need” eligibility determination helps families plan in advance and streamline access to burial benefits that veterans have earned through military service for themselves and their eligible family members. Anyone interested in applying for a pre-need eligibility determination for burial in a VA national cemetery may submit VA Form 40-10007, found online at www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-10007.pdf

Milford Labor Day Parade: Welcome home Vietnam Veterans.... 50 years

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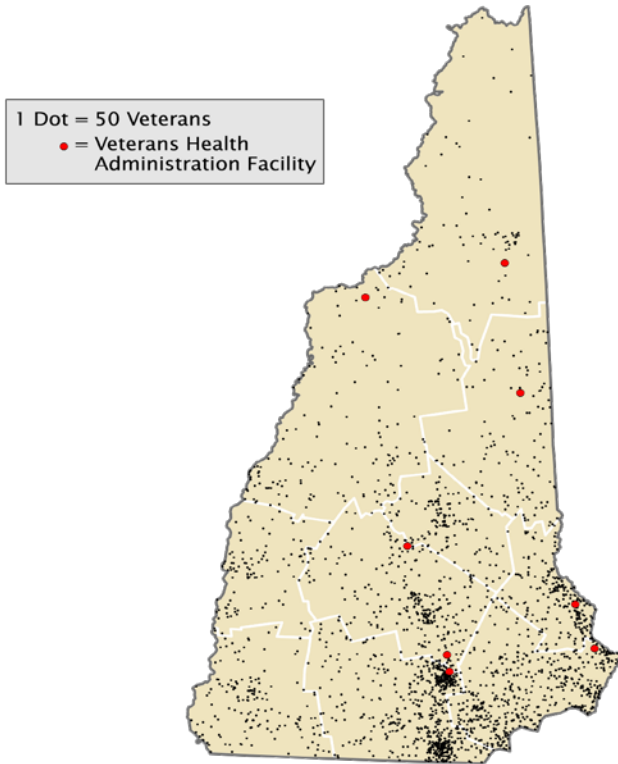
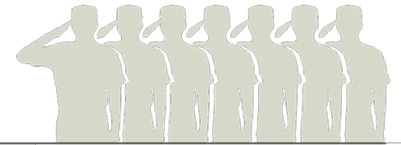
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Respectfully Submitted,

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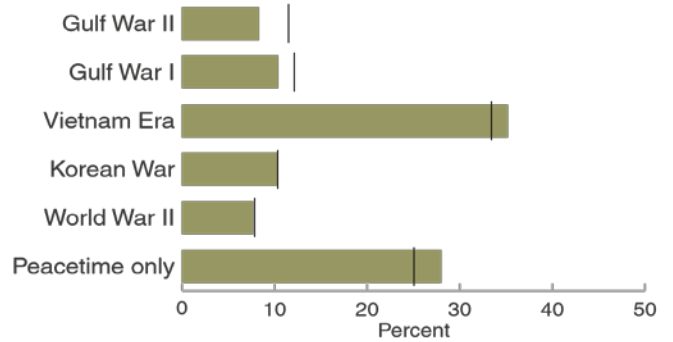
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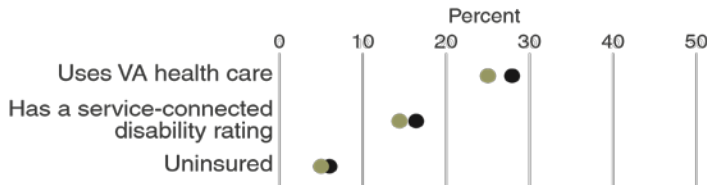
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Veteran Population	112,790	21,369,602
Percent female	7.4	7.3
Unemployment rate for veterans	3.8	5.3
Number of homeless veterans	171	49,865
Median household income (In 2014 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$69,664	\$61,884
Number of VA* facilities	8	1,356
Number of veteran-owned businesses	16,141	2,540,706

* VA = Department of Veterans Affairs

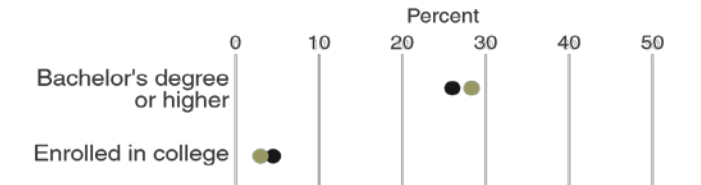
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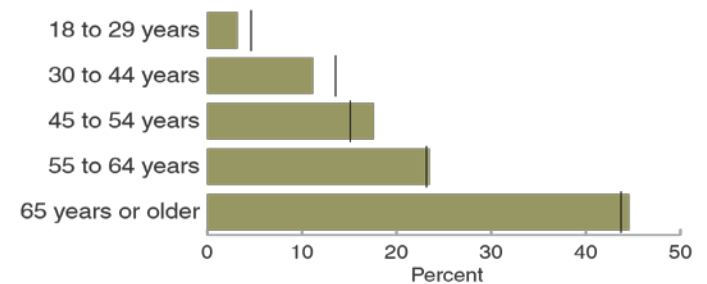
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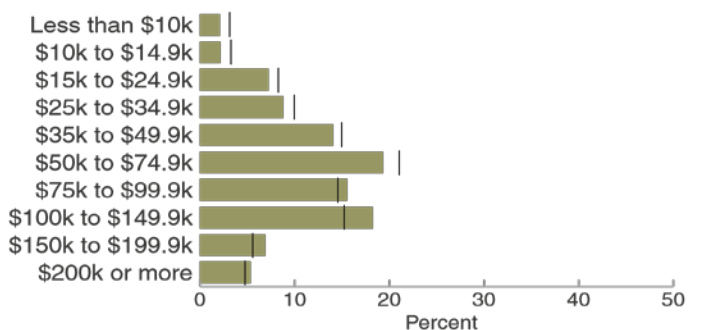
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Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–2013 American Community Survey and 2012 Survey of Business Owners; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014 Current Population Survey; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2014 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress; and Department of Veteran Affairs. www.census.gov/library/infographics/veterans-statistics.html

Only Veterans who served during Wars or Conflicts are eligible to join the American Legion or VFW.