



### CHENEY-ARMSTRONG POST # 5 NH

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Dear Post 5 Members,

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** Post meeting at the Peterborough Community Center on Elm Street at 2pm. **May**

**20<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** Armed Forces Day on Saturday- **Poppies** are to be given out. **We need Volunteers**

☺**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017:** Christmas Potluck Dinner



Jocklyn **Armstrong** Carter, age 73, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine died on February 21, 2017. She was a life member of the Auxiliary and very proud of her Peterborough roots. She and her husband Tim returned for Memorial Day over the last six years and walked in the Parade with us and she participated in the Reading of Peterborough's War Deceased. Jocklyn was named for her father John "Jock" Armstrong who was the first of twelve men from Peterborough to die during WWII. Jocklyn was born after her Father died. The Post and Unit both contributed \$25 each to the West Hamstead Public Library in Jocklyn's name. She had been the Director of the Children's Department there. A bit of history, **John Parkhurst Armstrong** was born in 1917, graduated from Harvard in 1940 and immediately after entered the Naval Reserve and was commissioned as ensign the following November. He was on the battleship "West Virginia" at Pearl Harbor, was transferred to the "South Dakota" (Battleship X) and was in charge of her communications at the Battle of Guadalcanal. He transferred to the Navy Air Force, was assigned to a picked bomber squadron and was killed when his faulty Dauntless plane crashed at Daytona, Florida November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1943. He was married in Brooklyn, New York on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1942 to Eleanor Gatch, the daughter of Admiral Thomas Leigh Gatch and their daughter Jocklyn was born on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1944 in Washington DC. The Cheney-Armstrong Post 5 is named for **William Cheney and John Armstrong.**

**There are** currently 188 members in the Post and 39 members in the Auxiliary. Please help us find new members.

**Sick Call-** Alice and **John McKenna** of Dublin; **Francis Abbott, Alex Bass, Bill Clark, Bonnie Pomasko, Raymond Turner** and Mary Lou White of Peterborough; and **Benson Walen** of Rindge;

**Members on the move:** **Wilfred Brassard**- San Antonio; **Clifford Jarestand Richard Ozenich** have moved to Scott-Farrar.

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**, at the monthly meeting there were 13 Post members and 3 Auxiliary members. The current slate of officers was nominated for next year and reelected.

**Donations:** Thank you to Augusta Petrone of Dublin and Karen Baird of Hancock for their generous donations to the Scholarship Fund.

*Dear Commander,*

*December 12, 2016*

*The Post offered their help “in any way” and I know that was not an idle offer. Thank you for guiding me through the maze of details and paperwork, producing a really meaningful and beautiful burial service, which included impressive uniformed military, complete with flag, and our friends and neighbors participating in the Honor Guard- close- to- Joseph’s- age! Thank you all!*

*Augusta Petrone*

*Dear Post 5 NH,*

*February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*Thank you for your recent \$25.00 donation to Francestown Land Trust in honor of Vic Hyman. Vic was a strong supporter of FLT and greenspace in the Francestown area seems a fitting part of his legacy. So we at Francestown Land Trust thank you sincerely.*

*Greg Neilley, Treasurer*

*Dear Cheney-Armstrong Post 5 NH,*

*February 15, 2017*

*On behalf of the Cheshire Health Foundation, thank you for your gift of \$25.00 to the Kingsbury Pavilion Cancer Care Fund in memory of Carol Brassard. Please know that we will notify the family of your kind gesture.*

*A memorial gift to Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene is a wonderful way to celebrate the life of someone special to you. We are honored to be the beneficiary of such a meaningful sentiment.*

*We are humbled by the generosity of our local community and supporters like you. It is because of the long tradition of generous community giving and involvement that our nonprofit hospital and clinic plays such an integral role in the lives of our friends and neighbors.*

*Thank you for believing in the importance of our work.*

*With gratitude,*

*Jim Boden, Director of Annual Giving*

**Fidelity Bond-** which covers the Commander, Adjutant and Finance Officer has been paid. \$157.00

**Poppies:** All Town Market does not allow soliciting ☺ So far Carr’s- **Cles Staples**; Hancock- **Andy Benoit**; Shaw’s- **Henry Emery, Arthur Hixson, David Geoffrey**; Delay’s Harvester in Greenfield- Dee and **Wayne Thomas**; Dublin General Store- **Alan Zeller** on Friday & **Dick Loudon** on Saturday; Shell Station- **Sheldon Spector** Friday and Saturday; Nonie’s- **Leon St. Cyr** and **Bernie Wynn**; Duncan Donuts (opposite Belletetes) - **Gary Babcock**;

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is the American Legion’s 98th Birthday.

**If anyone in the Post** has some anecdotes or interesting history about the Post John Franklin is working on the history of the first 100 years of Post #5 for the Department. Please send it to John Franklin, 3 Mountain View Drive, Peterborough NH 03458. Thank you

**WWII Members in the Post:** John McKenna (93) of Dublin; Stuart Clark (92) of Frankestown; Lester von Herzog (94) of Greenfield; Arthur Hollenbeck (92) of Harrisville; Bernard Gale (97) and Richard Freeman of Hancock; Donald Carle (91) of Keene; Francis Abbott (93), Joseph Brennan (92), Bryant Crocker, Clifford Jarest (93), Gordon Kemp (92), John Jordan (96), Chester Soule (94), and Robert Weathers (92) of Peterborough; Henry Emery of West Peterborough; Raymond Lee and Arthur Pendleton (94) of Temple; Alden Wilcox (93) of Woodsville; George Eastman (99) of Portland Maine; Richard Allen Day (93) of Leonardtown Maryland; and Floyd Wakefield of Charlotte North Carolina. (22 total) George Eastman turned 99 on Valentine's Day, Raymond Lee had a birthday on March 4<sup>th</sup>, and Chet Soule has a birthday on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday ☺

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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