Next Meeting:

27 July at 7:00 PM

June Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Dave Larkin. 9 members present and 3 guests from the Boy Scout Troop 260.

Colors advanced, prayer offered, POW/MIA empty chair recognized, prayers offered for those lost and unaccounted for and the Preamble recited.

The meeting was suspended so Commander Larkin could present a Certificate of Appreciation to Beth Sulin who led the efforts with Will Collard, 1st Vice Commander of our Post, for the Spaghetti Dinner. The Boy Scout Troop presented the Post with a check for $1,450, which are the funds raised by the Spaghetti Dinner. The Post thanked the Troop for their great work and help for the Post.

The meeting was reconvened.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 2017 meeting were read. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Minutes be approved as read; seconded by Will Collard and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer’s Report was read. Greg d’Arbonne made a motion that the Treasurer’s Report be approved as read, pending audit; seconded by Bob Canada and unanimously approved.

Sick Call and Employment: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

• Flag Retirement Ceremony will be rescheduled for the latter part of October, early February.
• Bob Glover will write checks for $150 to the Boy Scout Troop 260 and $150 to the Community Church as approved at the May Meeting.

New Business:

• Fourth of July Parade:
  o Greg d’Arbonne will check with Bill Graham to see if Bill’s sound system will be available for the events at the end of the parade.
  o Currently, two Veterans, Dave Larkin and Del Porter, need rides for the parade. The cars for them to ride in will meet them at the Legion Hall at 9:30 AM.
  o Greg d’Arbonne will take the two flag stands to the Ballfield and leave his car there before the parade, and Bruce Moran will pick him up and bring him back to the Post prior to the parade.
  o The uniform will be Legion hat (if member has one), white short-sleeve shirts (golf shirts or button-down shirts), dark slacks and comfortable walking shoes. No jackets or ties.

Correspondence: Honor Flight New England sent a letter stating there is a highway in Rhode Island now named “Honor Flight New England Parkway”. They also solicited for funds for a brick walkway, with bricks going for $100 apiece. Del Porter reported they are now taking Korean War Veterans to DC.

For the Good of The Post:
• Bob Glover reported that his computer was hacked with “ransomware” and the culprits tried to steal the money out of the Legion account as well as his own personal account. Bob successfully saved the Legion account funds but they stole his personal funds. Bob opened a new account for the Post and is working with the bank to recover his personal funds. Greg d’Arbonne warned the members that if this happens to them, they need to use a camera to capture the messages they see on their computer and to alert the FBI immediately as this is a Federal crime.
• Bob Glover stated he recently attended his Air Force unit reunion and said he had a great time.

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM. The next meeting is 27 July at 7 PM.

News For & From Members

Passing of Robert Bramley

It is with deep sorrow we report the passing of Robert “Bob” Bramley, a member of our Post. Robert passed away on February 18, 2017 and we were just notified of his passing. From his obituary online:

Robert G. Bramley, 75, a longtime resident of Brookline, passed away peacefully at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack in the arms of his wife Kathy. He is remembered as a devoted father by his daughters Katie and Mary. He will be missed by his grandson Finn and son-in-law Bruce. He leaves behind his sister Gail, niece Laurie and grandniece Cheyenne.

Bob proudly served in the US Air Force for four years as a flight engineer on the C-130. Following his honorable discharge, he attended Bentley College. He was actively engaged in the appraisal of commercial and industrial real estate for more than 50 years. In February of 1981 he proudly established R. G. Bramley & Co., Inc. in Nashua. He served as Past President of the Former New England Chapter #7, American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

Bob delighted in living at the lake, boating, golf, watching the birds at his window, his two granddogs Purdue and Fali, drinks and good food with family and friends, and especially Fourth of July Fireworks.

At Bob’s request, no services are planned. Memorial donations may be made to the Brookline Ambulance Service, 3 Post Office Drive, Brookline, NH 03033.

He was proud of his accomplishments, enjoyed his work, and treasured his family.

Our condolences to his family.
Lieutenant Commander Ron Merryman Says Hello

While Greg d’Arbonne was traveling to Europe recently, he ran into Post member Lieutenant Commander Ron Merryman who is currently serving overseas with the US Navy in support of the US Central Command Theater of Operations. Ron was just returning to his station after visiting his mother who had some surgery recently. He says hello to everyone and thanks everyone for their prayers for him and the Troops overseas. He said he is doing well and wishes everyone the best.

Stay safe Ron and look forward to your return home soon!

Boy Scout Car Wash Fundraiser, 22 July

This Saturday, 22 July, between 8AM and 2PM, Life Scout Matthew Stoffolano will be holding a carwash as a fundraiser for his Eagle Scout project. The address is 28 Tarbell Street, Pepperell, MA. If you can get over to Pepperell to get your car washed to support Matthew’s project, it is greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Please Make Sure You Renew ASAP

If you are a member who pays annually for your membership, we ask that you renew as soon as possible so we can meet our numbers for the year now and not have to rush at the end of the year (which is June). You can renew at a meeting or you can renew online (https://www.members legion org/CGI- BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLRENEW+webrtn=wr_memberdata+ml=LANSA:XHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion.org-header), but please renew! Thanks!

News of Interest to Veterans

Military Exchange (PX/BX) Shopping for All Veterans

The Army, Air Force and Navy exchange will start allowing all honorably discharged veterans to shop online, (think Amazon, but only cheaper with no taxes). The target start date is Veterans Day, November 11, 2017 but, you must register first. Registration begins June 1, 2017. You must call 1-844-868-8672 after June 1 to register. Here is the site with more information:

https://www.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1049558/dod-opens-online-exchange-shopping-to-veterans/

New Hampshire Gold Star Families Monument Project

My name is Stephanie Ouellette and I am writing to you on behalf of the NH Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Project. As you might remember we are part of the Hershel “Woody” Williams Congressional Medal of Honor Education Foundation working in NH to build a monument that pays tribute to New Hampshire’s fallen military heroes by honoring those they left behind, their families. My brother Michael Ouellette was killed in Now Zad Afghanistan in 2009. He left behind a legacy of service and sacrifice that my family, I and many others across the country carry with us as we honor him and the brave men and women like him that sacrificed their lives. This monument is not just about my family or any one singular family; it’s about all of the families who are left behind. There is no simpler way to remember those men and women then by honoring the sacrifice of their loved ones.

America has many memorials and monuments scattered across this country honoring our military, paying tribute to those who have faithfully served in our Armed Forces and to those who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms.

To this day, there remains one component of our military community that goes largely unrecognized; the families who have lost a loved one in service to our country, our nations Gold Star Families.
The NH Gold Star Family Memorial Monument Project is dedicated to recognizing and honoring the families of NH fallen military heroes who have sacrificed more than most of us as they carry on the legacy of service and sacrifice their loved ones left behind, and illustrate that America has citizens in every community willing to make such sacrifices. Gold Star Families preserve the memory of our fallen and stand as a stark reminder that our freedom is not free.

We are excited to partner with The Hershel “Woody” Williams Congressional Medal of Honor Education Foundation, Inc., a charitable 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization that pursues specific endeavors and goals through the vision of Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams. The Foundation encourages, with the assistance of the American public and community leaders like you, to establish permanent Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments in communities throughout the country and provide scholarships to eligible Gold Star Children. Its founding principal is to honor our nation’s Gold Star Families encompassing all wars and conflicts, those who have sacrificed a loved one in the service of their country, pay tribute to their loss of that loved one, and ensure that future generations never forget how truly costly our freedom is and those who pay for it.

The NH Gold Star Families Monument will be installed at the NH State Veteran’s Cemetery in Boscawen along the Memorial Walkway. The monument is stunning black marble that features two sides. One side bears the verbiage: Gold Star Families, a tribute to those Families who sacrificed a Loved One for our Freedom. The other side tells the story of our loved ones through the four granite panels: Homeland, Family, Patriot, and Sacrifice. The scenes on each panel are a reflection of what makes NH unique, pay tribute to New Hampshire’s rich military history, and honor all those who paid for our freedoms with their lives. At the center of this tribute is the most distinct feature of the monument, a cut-out which represents that Loved One who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom.

A dedication ceremony is tentatively scheduled for September 24, 2017 pending the monuments full funding and completion.

We are currently just over half funded and are trying to raise the last $25,000 needed to make this monument a reality and I was reaching out to see if you have any suggestions of who we could reach out to for funding and or donations.

Please feel free to reach out to us at NHGSFMP@yahoo.com, check out the link below, visit our Facebook page, or reach out to me personally. http://www.hwwmohfoundation.org/manchester_nh.html

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully, Stephanie Ouellette, Gold Star Sister of Cpl. Michael Ouellette USMC, 603-391-1087

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**Vietnam Veterans from New Hampshire**

During the recent Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home ceremony at Alvirne High School in Hudson, the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) was asking for assistance with finding information on a number of fellow veterans that have no information on file with VVA. Please scan the list and see if you know any of these KIA's family members. If you have any info, please contact Ray Goulet, President Chapter 41. (Ray's contact info is at the bottom.). Also, please share this list with all members of your respective organizations.
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Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
Central New Hampshire

Ray Goulet
President
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This year marks 100 years since Camp Devens was carved out of the “wilderness” with 43,700,000 feet of lumber, 3,260,000 square feet of wallboard, 8,938 doors, 20 carloads of nails, and 20 miles of roads. It’s an anniversary worth celebrating as the beginning of a century that would leave indelible marks on well over a million soldiers, civilians, and local residents.

Together We Win: WWI Dinner Dance
Saturday July 15, 6-10 PM
Bull Run, Shirley, MA

TICKETS
This fundraiser is a dinner and dance at the historic Bull Run Restaurant featuring a live dance band playing music of the era. $80/person; $150/couple.

18th Army Band Reunion Concert
Sunday July 16, 2-4 PM
Quadrangle at 94 Jackson Road, Devens
Retired and former members of the 18th Army Band, long stationed at Fort Devens will join members of other local bands to perform a traditional afternoon outdoor band concert. Free and Open to the Public.

WWI Living History Weekend
Saturday August 5, 10 AM to 5 PM
Sunday August 6, 10 AM to 3 PM
Quadrangle at 94 Jackson Road, Devens
Explore three WWI encampments for an overall experience of The Great War. Central Powers, Allied Powers, and the Red Cross. Admire World War I equipment and period vehicles. Living History participants will represent U.S. and European soldiers, civilians, and even President Woodrow Wilson! Free and Open to the Public.

For more information please call us at 978-772-1286, email us or visit our website.

Preserving and sharing the stories of the men and women who lived, trained, and worked at Camp Devens and Fort Devens.
**Veterans in Agriculture**

Farm Equipment Workshop

"Connect with fellow Vets & Farmers"

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

10:00am-2:30pm

Grafton County Extension Office
3855 Dartmouth College Highway
Route 10, North Haverhill NH

![New Hampshire Farm Bureau](image)

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**About Us -**

This is the first planned program involving New Hampshire Farm Bureau's new “Veterans in Agriculture” Committee, UNH Cooperative Extension, and others supporting Veterans.

"By Veterans For Veterans" is a guiding principle of our group.

**Our Mission -**

"Recruit, Educate, Support, and Promote Veterans and their Families in Agriculture."

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**Help us out by attending this workshop and passing the word along to Veterans and potential Farmer Mentors who want to grow NH Agriculture.**

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### About The Day’s Program

**Morning**

Grafton County UNH Extension Conference Room. (Phone: 787-6944)
(First floor of the Nursing Home building. Enter through north side stairway.)

10:00 Coffee and Meet

10:30 NHFB Veterans in Agriculture
   - Glen Putnam, Chair, Navy Reserve and Owner Winsome Farm Organics
     [www.winsomefarmorganics.com](http://www.winsomefarmorganics.com)
   - Veterans in Agriculture, Plans and how you can be involved.
   - Resources available through membership in NH FB’s 3000+ member families. [www.nhfarmbureau.org](http://www.nhfarmbureau.org)

   Steve Turaj, UNH Cooperative Extension, Field Specialist, Army Veteran
   - Agricultural Cooperative Extension as a partner, how we can help.
     [www.extension.unh.edu/Agriculture](http://www.extension.unh.edu/Agriculture)
   - Other resources you may not know about . . . .

**Lunch Provided - Thanks to ATTRA NCAT**

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**Afternoon**

1:15 We will meet at Blackmount Equipment, a family owned and operated John Deere dealership, Route 10, 2924 Dartmouth College Hwy, North Haverhill, NH

Bob Taylor, General Manager

- Will give us a look at farm equipment, pass along advice on sizing tractors, implements to your farm, safety thoughts, and financing.
  [http://blackmounteq.agandturffarmer.com](http://blackmounteq.agandturffarmer.com)

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* Depending on time available and interest, we will include a look at the Grafton Country Farm and its potential for future workshops. [http://www.co.grafton.nh.us//ag-departments/farm/](http://www.co.grafton.nh.us/agit-departments/farm/)

Thank you to the Grafton County Commissioners.

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**Advance Registration Appreciated**

[In order to plan for lunch](#)

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**Veterans in Agriculture, Farm Equipment Workshop**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

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**Contact Information: **

Steve Turaj, UNH Cooperative Extension, 603-651-5500.

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If you require special accommodations to participate in our programs, please contact the Grafton County office at 603-787-6944.
SPIRIT OF THE EAGLE
POW / MIA 24 HR. VIGIL

SEPTEMBER 16 - 17, 2017
11 AM - 11 AM
NH VETERANS HOME
139 WINTER ST. TILTON, NH

STAND A WATCH IN MEMORY OF THOSE
WE WILL NEVER FORGET.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR A WATCH CONTACT
MELISSA GREENWOOD @ 603-345-6774 OR MDGREENWOOD@HOTMAIL.COM

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Buying a New Car - Old Man’s Method

A retired older couple returned to a Mercedes dealership where the salesman has just sold the car they had been keen on buying to a beautiful, leggy, busty blonde in a mini-skirt and a halter top.

The old man was visibly upset. He spoke to the salesman sharply: "Young man, I thought you said you would hold that car until we raised the $55,000 asking price. Yet I just overheard you close the deal for $45,000 to that lovely young lady there. And if I remember right, you had insisted there was no way you could discount this model."

The salesman took a deep breath, cleared his throat and reached for a large glass of water.

"Well, what can I tell you? She had the cash ready, didn't need any financing help, and, Sir, just look at her, how could I resist?", replied the grinning salesman sheepishly.

Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man.

"There you go," she said. "I told you I could get that idiot to lower the price. See you later Dad, Happy Father’s Day."

Once again.... don't mess with seniors.

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